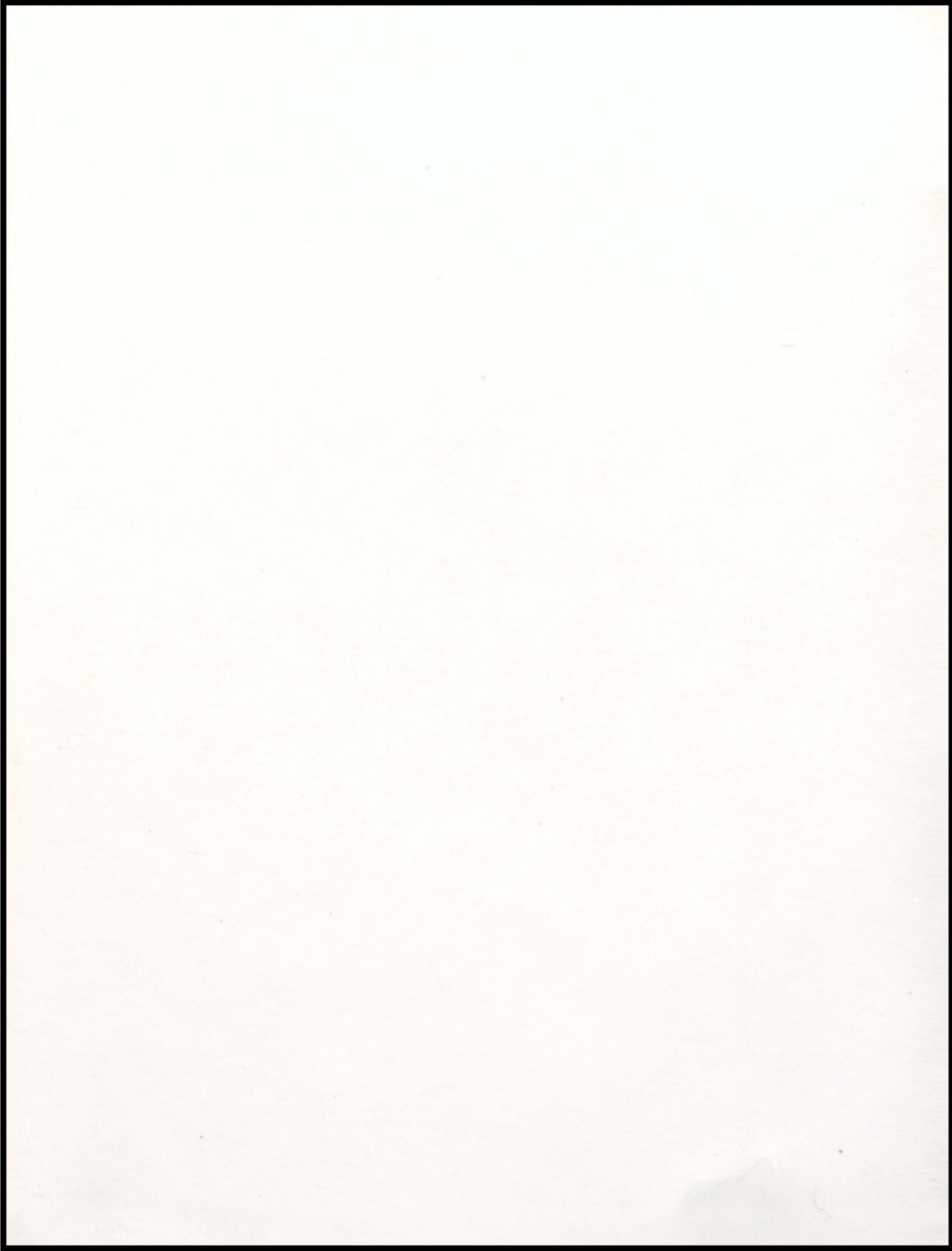


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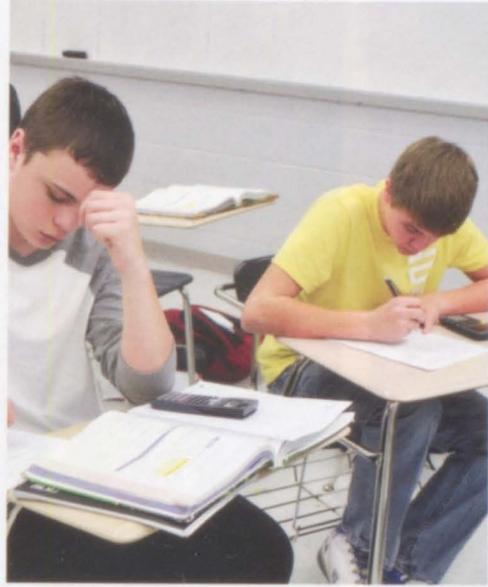
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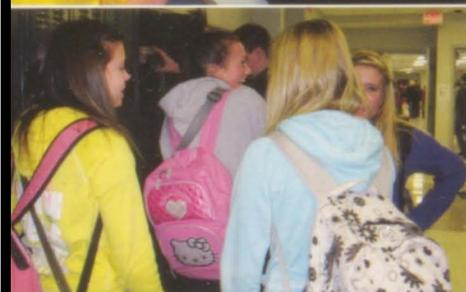
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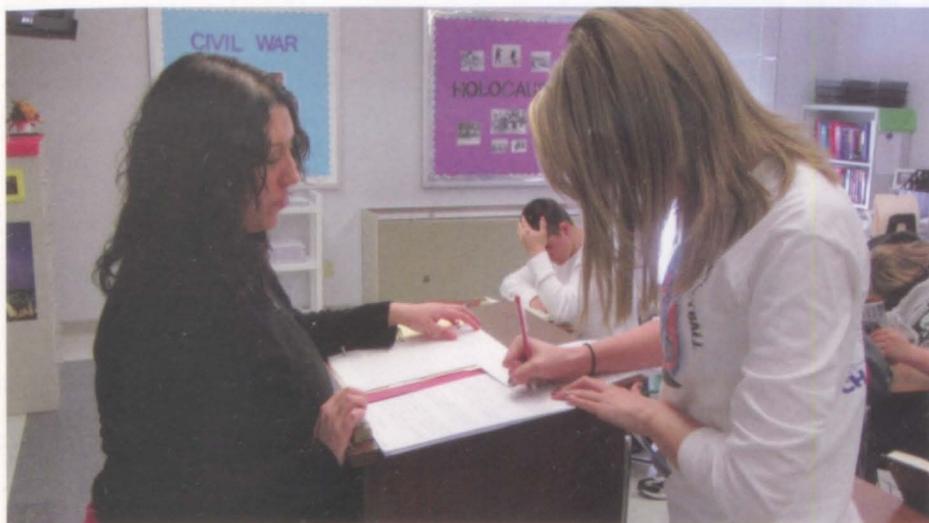


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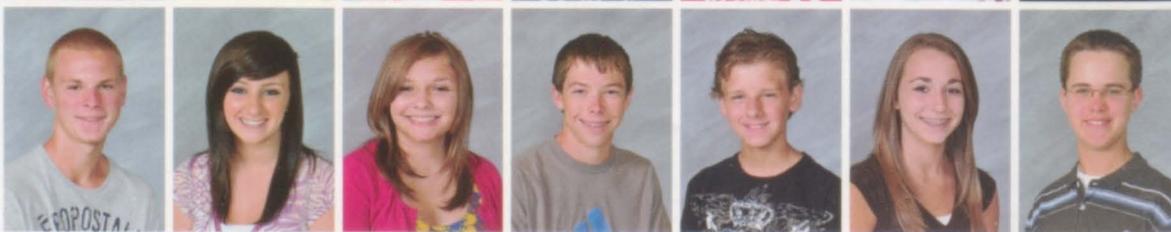
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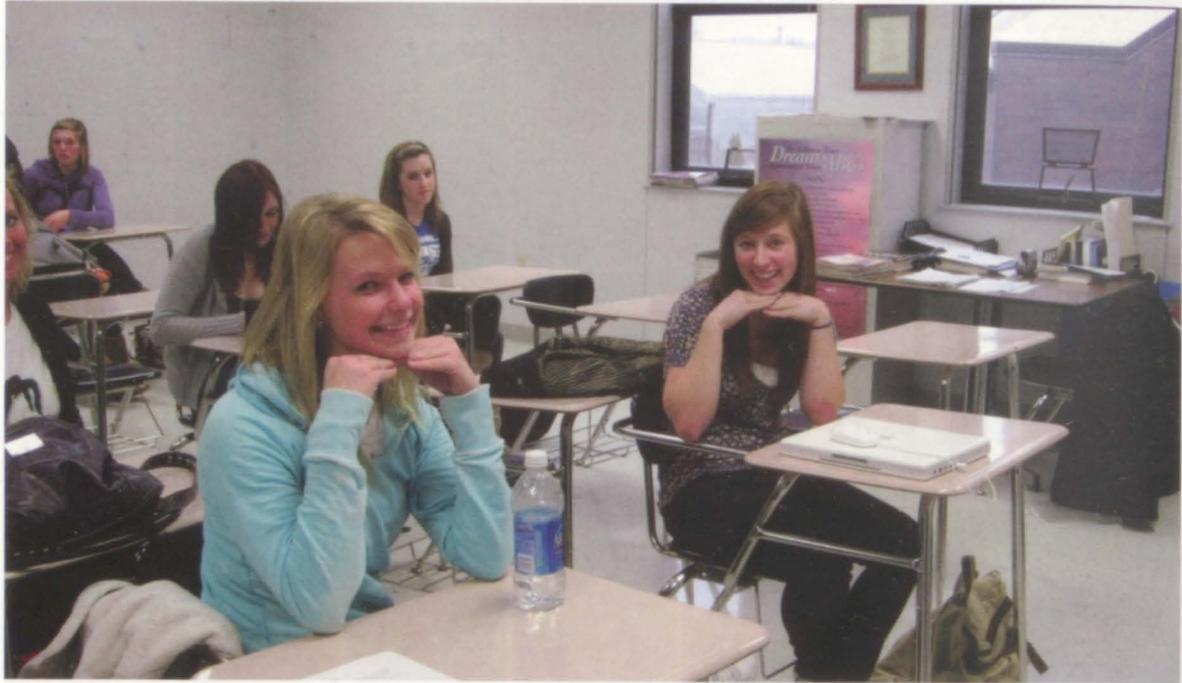
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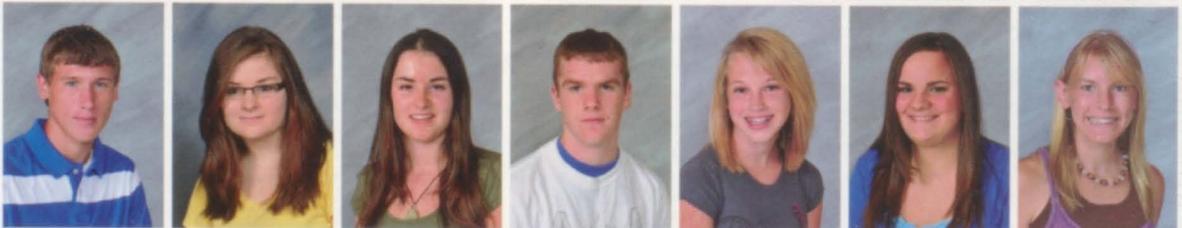
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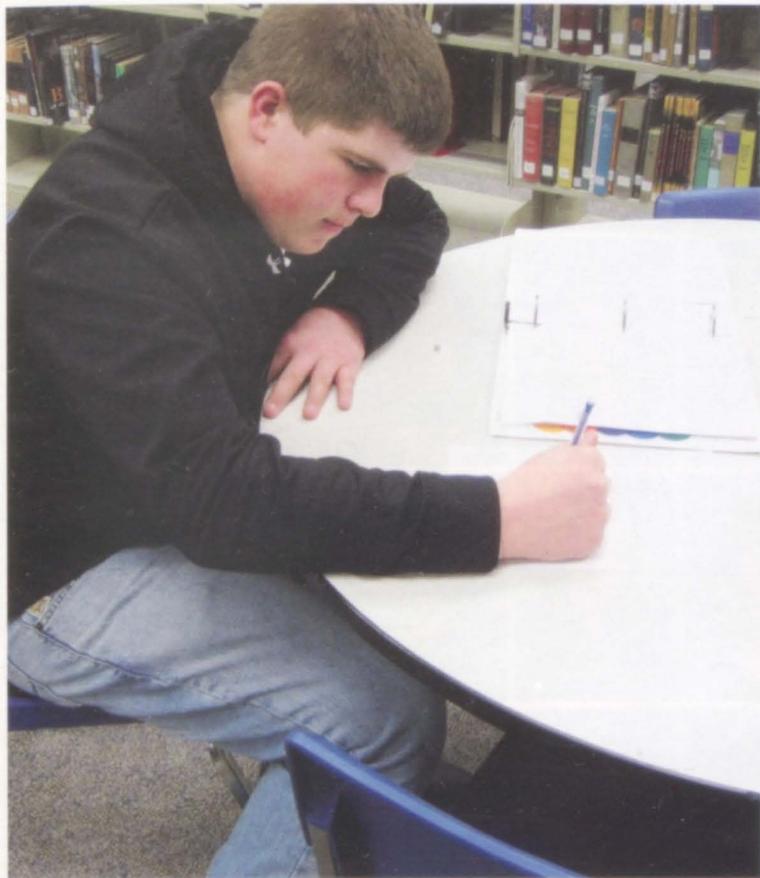


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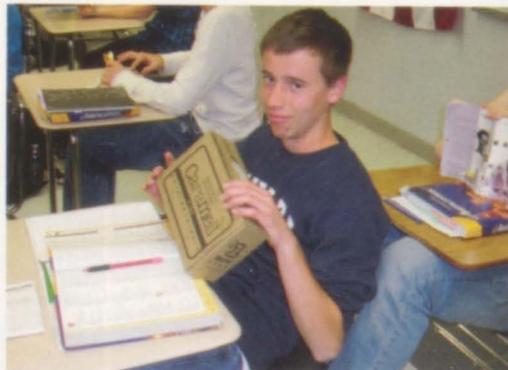
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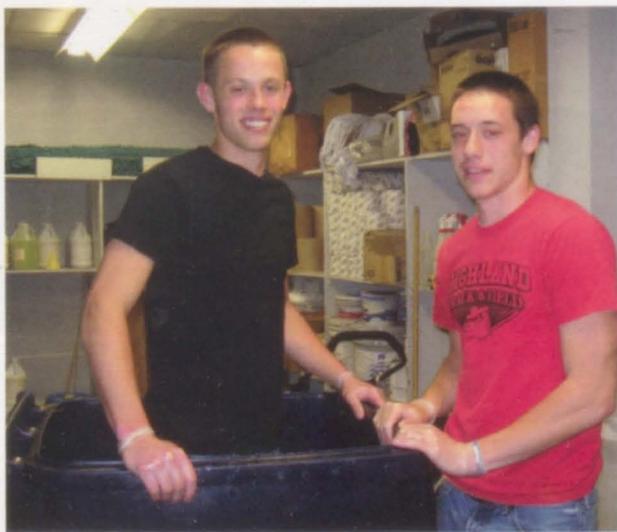
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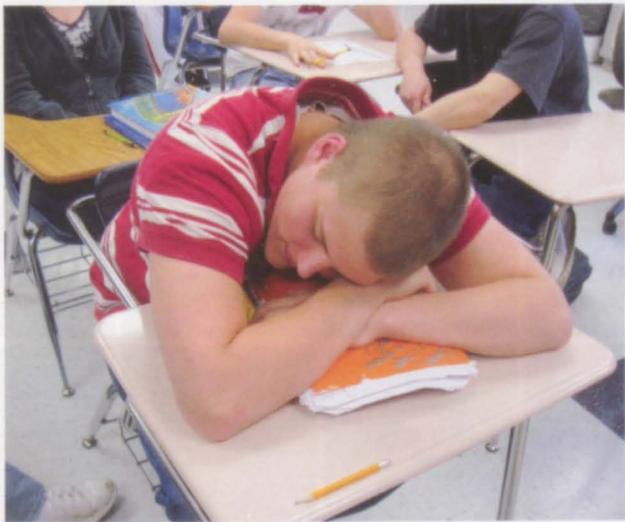
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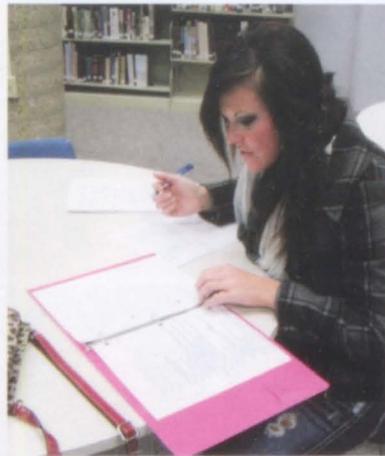


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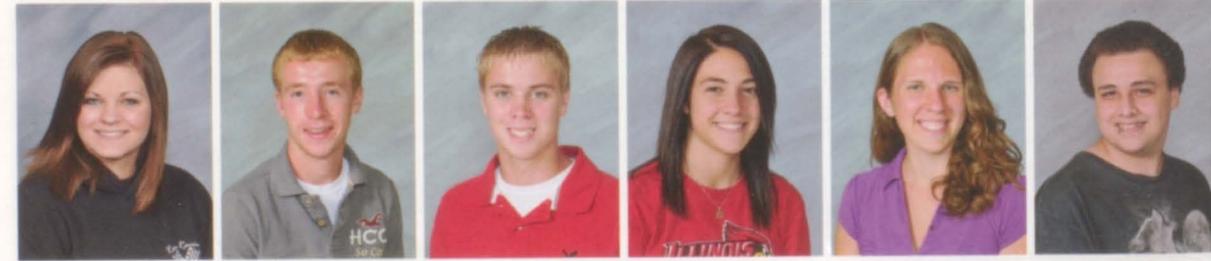
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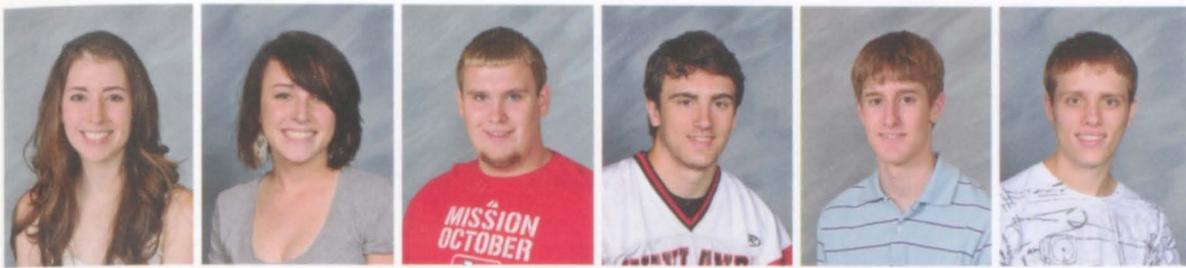


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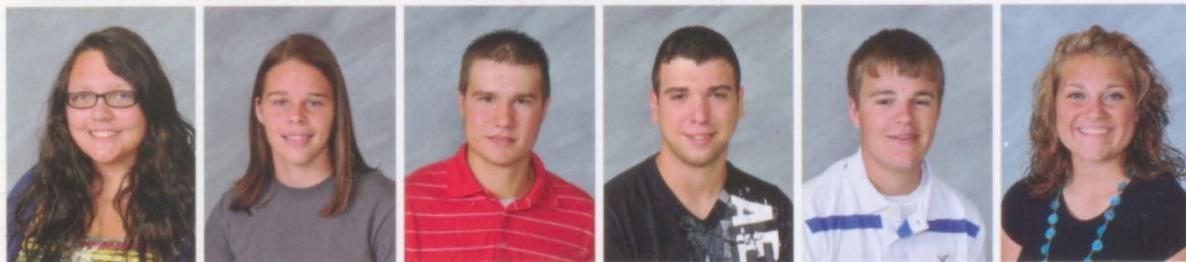
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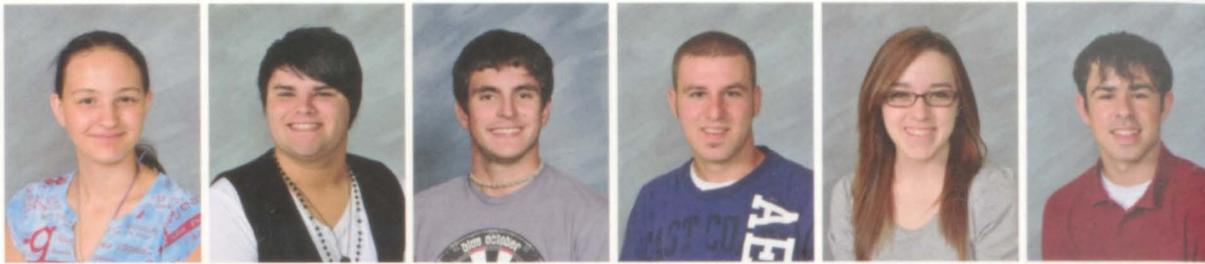


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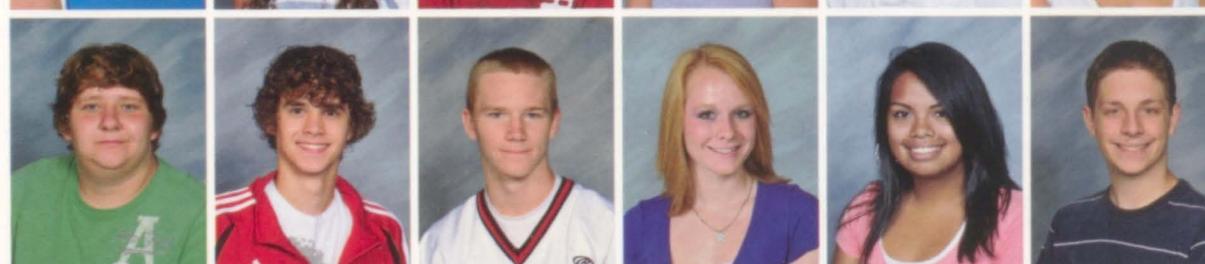
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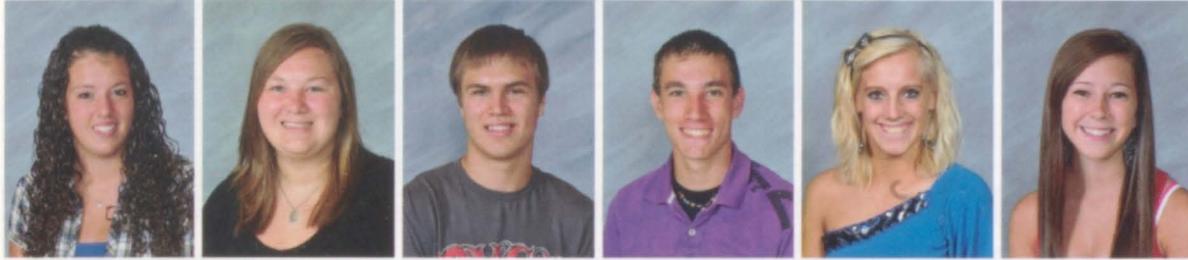
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Senior Choice Awards



Class Clown:

Ben Voytas and Nick Ammann

Class Brainiacs:

Petermeier Twins: Blake and John

Most Athletic:

Michael Buehne and Katie Hempen

Best Dressed:

Cody Lowe and Hannah Runge

Most Attractive:

Chad Mayes and Lindsay Compton

Most Likely to be Remembered:

Hunter Michael and Matthew Torre

Most School Spirit:

Ben Voytas

Most Likely to be Famous:

Nick Zobtist

Most Likely to be a Millionaire:

Nick Italiano

Most Opinionated:

Amanda McCubbins and Mitch McGill

Most Involved:

Leah Duncan

Most Likely to be the Coolest Old Lady or Man:

Hayley Welz and Sam Potthast

Couple Most Likely to get Married:

Derek Brinker and Tiffany Potthast

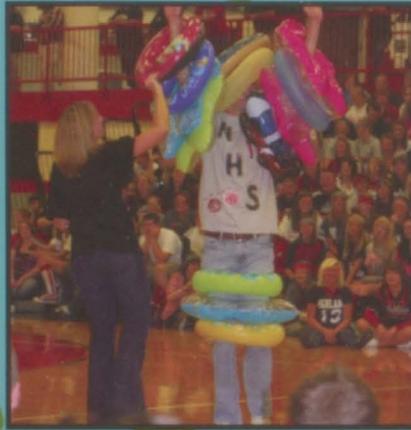


Student Life

“Planting Memories”



Trent Donaldson, 12, waves his hands in the air at the homecoming pep rally as Mrs. Basden helps put his floaties on.



Freshman girls show off their flashy corsages.



Seniors Sabrina Davis, Mariah Klenke, Tatiana DelValle, Logan Frank, Hannah Runge, and Karissa Iberg prepare for the powderpuff game.



Sophomores Madison Frank, Katie Douglas, Michaela Blackburn, Cori Rehkemper, and Shannon Ostrander spice up their picture by pretending to jump in the lake.



Seniors Austin Happold, Clayton Wilke, Kevin Kimmle, Logan Frank, Jacob Stieb, Karissa Iberg, and Nick Ammann jump in the air and pretend to fly before homecoming.

Homecoming 2010

By: Hannah Runge

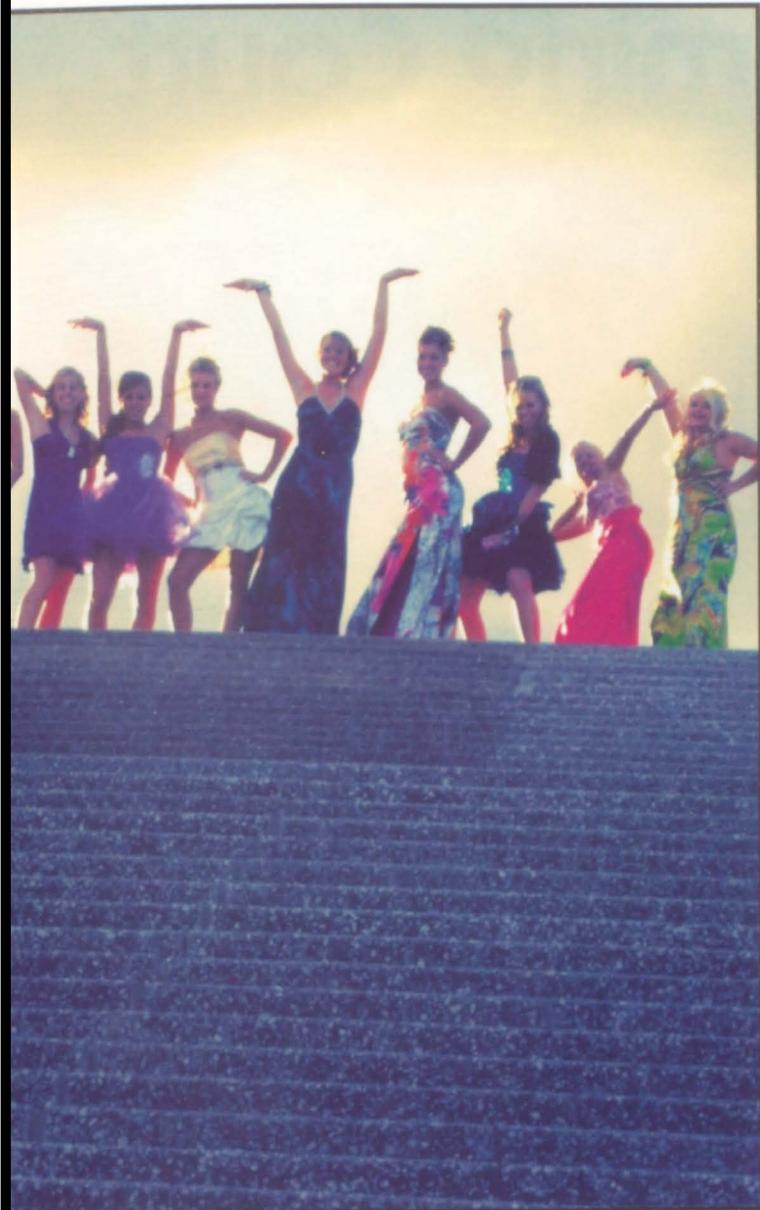
The theme for homecoming was "Cruising the Caribbean." We celebrated pre-homecoming by having a week filled with tropical activities. To contribute to the festivities, students dressed up according to certain themes. The most successful day was decade day. Seniors put on their neon leg-warmers and went through multiple cans of hairspray for the 80's. The juniors had flowers in their hair with assorted tie-dye for the 60's. For the 50's, sophomores dressed in leather jackets and poodle skirts. Finally the freshman dressed futuristic in metallic jumpsuits with silver hair for the year 2090. The main events of homecoming week were the powderpuff game, the homecoming parade, the power volleyball game, and the homecoming football game.

Seniors swept the competition winning the powderpuff game and the power-volleyball tournament. They also participated in the most dress up activities and received points for that as well.

This year, there were fewer night activities held than usual. However, there was a bigger festival on the square and more community involvement. Mrs. Basden, student council coordinator, said, "We chose to eliminate some of the usual activities because we wanted more student participation." After our Bulldogs were defeated 14-28 in the homecoming football game against Civic Memorial it was time for everyone to get their beauty sleep. The next day was filled with picking up tuxes and flowers, girls getting their hair and nails done, and taking millions of pictures. Most students traveled in large groups with friends. Emily Michael, 11, gathered with 20-30 of her friends and family and then traveled to Bar Louie in St. Louis for an early dinner. Nick Lampen, 12, got together with 36 of his friends and then commuted in two hummer limos to J.F. San Filipos. After dinner and pictures kids started arriving at the high school for the dance. When the doors finally opened the students and some parents piled in and experienced the gym that was transformed into a cruise line. Court was first; Leah Duncan won homecoming queen and Nick Zobrist won homecoming king.

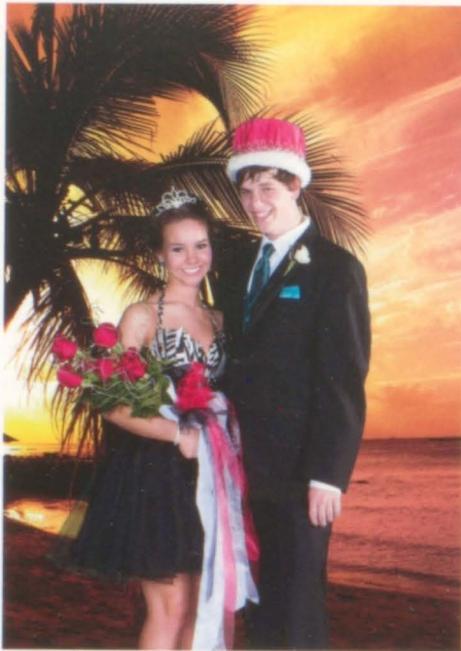
"When I won homecoming king, I felt like my last four years were definitely worthwhile," said Zobrist, 12.

Special Maid was Lindsay Compton and Special Escort was Michael Buehne. After the ceremony ended, the dancing begun. DJ Heartbreaker provided music, lights, videos, glow sticks and even dry ice to cool everyone off. There were multiple dance-off's between Hunter Michael and anyone who wanted to challenge him. Nick Zobrist and more graced the crowd with a "Lady Gaga" performance. When the dancing was over most kids left with friends while student council workers cleaned up the remains of the dance.



Seniors Morgan Schrage, Kaitlyn Levad, Hannah Runge, Lynn Martz, Hillary Zitta, and Shaina Rittenhouse dress up as leprechauns in a dress up activity.

Homecoming Court



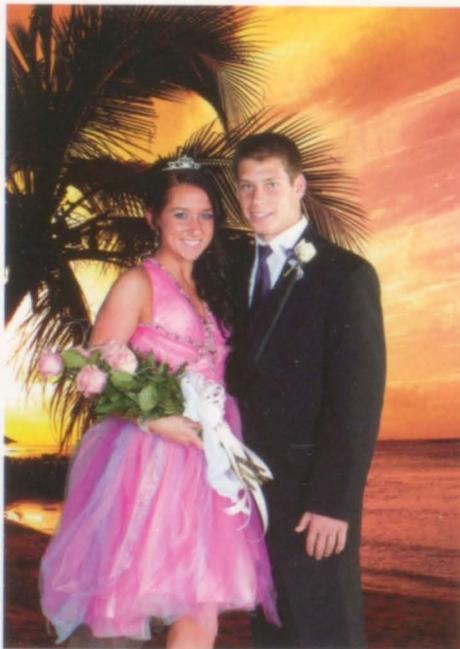
Homecoming Queen Leah Duncan and Homecoming King Nick Zobrist



Freshman Court: Jonathan Barth, Hailey Alghren, Hannah Hartlieb, Devin Delong, Amy Coyle, Caleb Mckee.



Sophomore Court: Greg Holthaus, Samantha Gutzler, TJ Hankins, Tate Gehrig, Shannon Ostrander, Austin McCloud, Alyse Duncan, Aaron Kelso.



Special Maid Lindsay Compton and Special Escort Michael Buehne



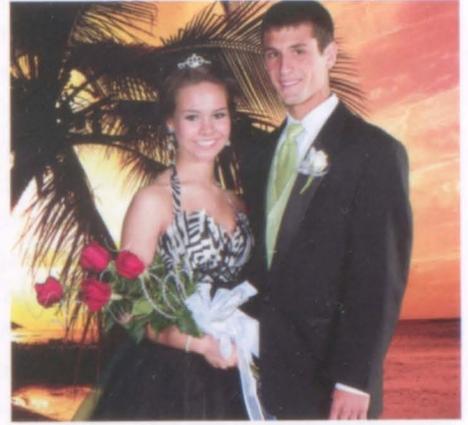
Junior Court: Colby Reilson, Kara Gruner, Matt Becker, Siarra Price, Tim Cochran, Sarah Trobaugh, Brianna Netemeyer, Riley Litzenburg, Kelsey Krump, Alex Fisher, Mariah Miranda, Larry Jones.



Christy Balkenbusch and Michael Buehne



Lindsay Compton and Ben Voytas



Leah Duncan and Nick Ammann



Candyce Frey and Chad Mayes



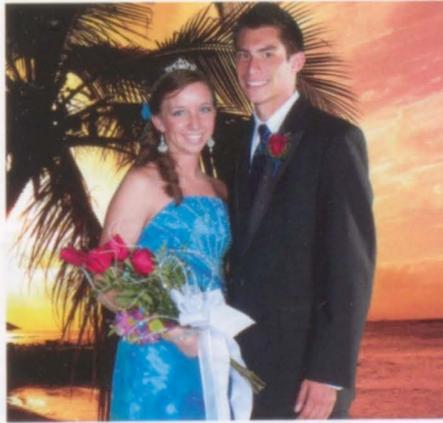
Alayna Gillespie and Kevin Kimmle



Katie Hemen and Nick Zobrist



Madi Laney and Trent Donaldson



Cassey Leitschuh and Julian Valencia



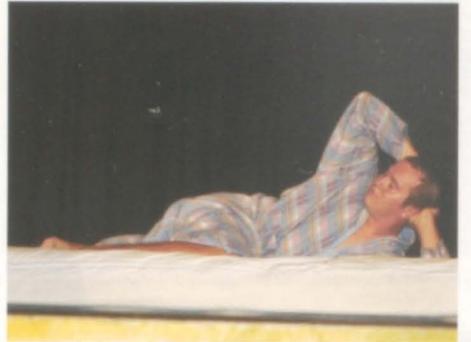
Kelsey Zobrist and Colin Duft

The second annual Mr. Irresistible contest was held by the drama club to raise money for their upcoming musicals and plays. The contestants who competed were boys who volunteered to represent their different clubs, sports, and organizations. The winner of the contest received prizes and earned money for the group he represented. The mistresses of ceremony were Leah Duncan, 12, and Siarra Price, 11. Three senior girls from surrounding schools were selected as judges. To start off the competition, the 12 contestants performed a dance to the hit song "dynamite". The first category was sport and leisure wear. Each boy modeled his favorite outfit that fit this section. Next was the talent portion of the night. The last category was the interview and the boys dressed in their formal wear. Each boy was asked three different questions that they would be evaluated on. During the judge's elaboration, the audience voted for People's Choice 2010, Chad Mayes. Mayes was later announced Mr. Irresistible. "What can I say? I'm kind of a big deal," said Mayes after he was crowned. First runner-up was Andrew Copeland and tied for second runner-up were Kevin Kimmle and Jacob Stieb. Mrs. Kloss, the event sponsor, said "The Mr. Irresistible contest gives the senior boys a fun way to show off their unique talents, and it gives the drama club a chance to gain experience with stage production!"



To start off the competition, the boys danced to the hit song "dynamite" by Taio Cruz.

Displaying his diva side, Nick Zobrist sports a tutu for his leisure wear. His talent was a dance performance to Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance".



Andrew Copeland blows the judges a kiss in his madrigal leisure wear.

Ben Voytas "poses" as Kate Winslet in the Titanic. Trent Donaldson uses Voytas for his talent of drawing.



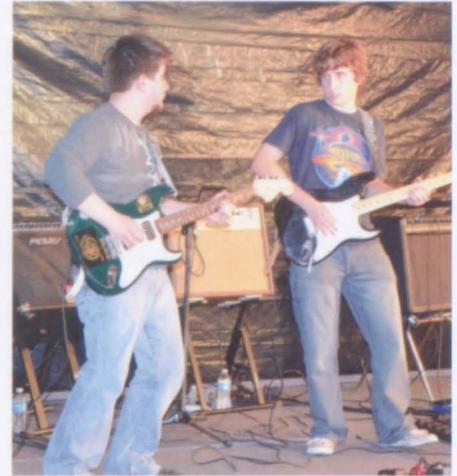
"I'm Kind of A Big Deal"

By: Sabrina Davis

Espresso Your Talent

By: Lynn Martz

Nick Italiano, 12, and Alex Kuczka, 11, play their winning song "Lenny."



Cassandra White, 12, sings "At Last" by Etta James for the audience.



Sam Potthast, 12, sings and plays his guitar to "Airplane Over the Sea" by Neutral Milk Hotel.



Joshua Weiss, 12, plays piano while Morgan Cundall, 12, sings "Speechless."

Andrew Copeland, 12, shows off his balancing skills for the crowd.

Coffee House Cabaret is an annual show put on to show the student body who has different talents. The kids who performed in it helped transform the commons into a coffee house atmosphere with coffee, pastries, and artwork created by the students. Amanda Wick, 10, Elizabeth Raynor, 12, and Kayla Frey, 12, were the announcers for the show. Amanda posed as a demonic girl who wanted to take over the world, Kayla was a legally blond wannabe, and Elizabeth was normal and down to earth. She wasn't sure exactly what her personality was. The girls plot was to find out who Elizabeth really was. Usually the cabaret is non-competitive and no one judges it. The new twist this year was that the winner got to perform at the Fabulous Fox Theater in St. Louis for a new television show called St. Louis Has Talent. The show was filled with people with all kinds of different talents. The judges must have saw something in Nick Italiano, 12, and Alex Kuczka, 11, when they played guitar to "Lenny" by Stevie Ray Vaughan because they were the lucky winners! Mitch McGill, 12, won second place. Sam Potthast, 12, got third. "The best part of Cabaret is discovering what awesome hidden talent our school has!" said Andrew Copeland, 12.



The boys follow Felix (Weiss) into the bathroom in Act I. In this act, everyone was afraid Felix would commit suicide if left alone.



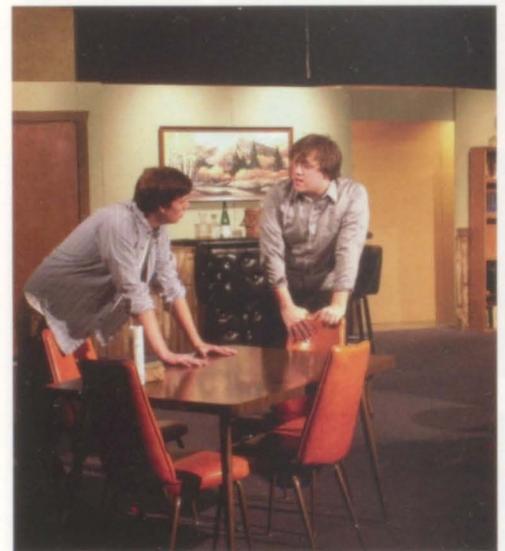
Felix (Weiss) stubbornly stands with his luggage, waiting for Oscar (Zobrist) to tell him to leave.

Odd Men Out

By: Megan Kujawa



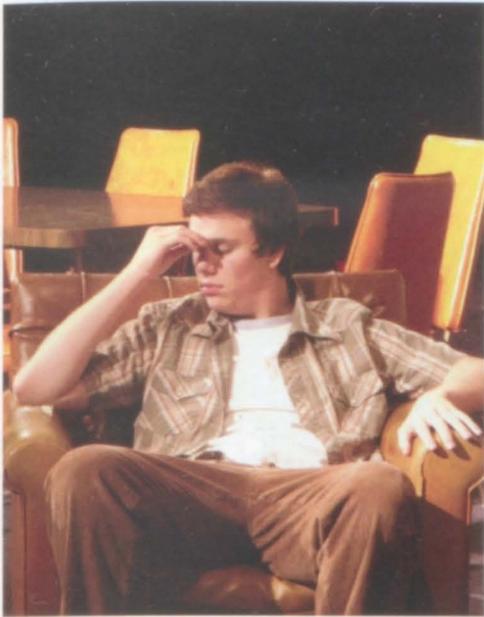
The Drama Club put on the Neil Simon's original play, *The Odd Couple*, at the end of September. The comedy followed two friends with contrasting personalities and their struggle to live together in a New York city apartment. "I picked this play because it is a classic comedy loved by many generations, but it was hard to find 1960's era props," said Mrs. Kloss, director of the play. Nick Zobrist, 12 played the divorced, lazy slob Oscar Madison, while Josh Weiss, 12, played his opposite, the neurotic, uptight Felix Ungar. The *Odd Couple* began at Oscar's apartment where he and four of his friends were playing poker. Felix arrived late and was in such a state of distress, that all of his friends (except Oscar) believed Felix was suicidal over the news of his wife filing a divorce. Oscar invited Felix to stay with him while he went through the divorce. However, soon after his invitation, Oscar realized it was a mistake. Eventually Oscar couldn't stand living with Felix, and kicked Felix out. But, before Felix left for good, the men came to an understanding and apologized, and leave each other with new understanding about living with someone. "It was a hard role to play because Oscar's personality is so different from my own," said Zobrist. "I had to change the way I walk and talk. It was a great reward to pull it off." The cast and crew began rehearsals in August and practiced three times a week for three hours each. With half the cast and crew being seniors, the last performance was an emotional one. "In Act III Nick has to throw a pillow at me and at our last performance we had an unplanned pillow fight. We kept throwing pillows because we weren't ready for it to end," said Weiss. Even through the heated arguments, the cast kept the audience laughing throughout all three acts.



Oscar and Felix have a heated argument over the table.



The cast gathers around Felix, listening to his speech.



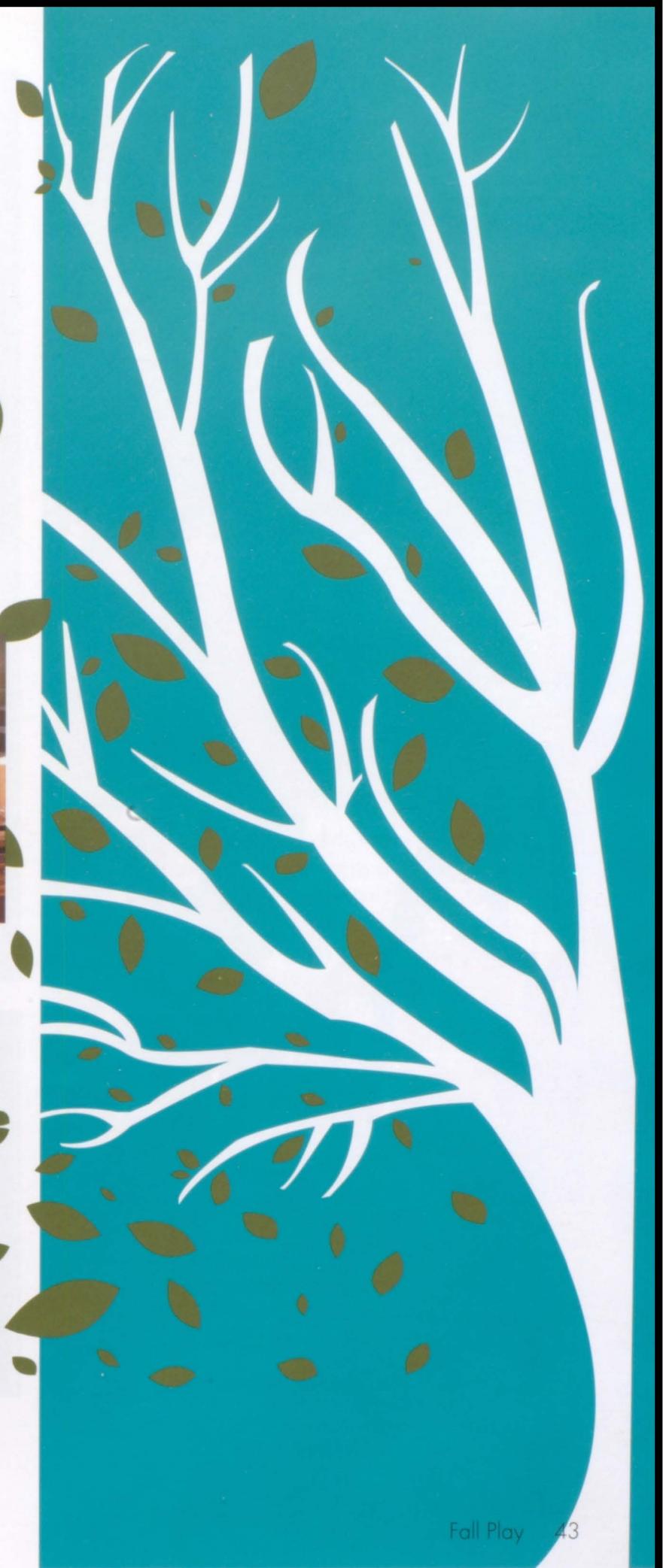
Zobrist's character gets annoyed with his roommate.



Felix, acting nervous around the girls, impatiently shouts for his friend to come clear the tension in the room.



Andrew Copeland, 12, is surprised as his missing friend stumbles into the apartment.



Cassandra White, 12, gets ready to hand over the reins to Logan Wolf so he can say the dinner prayer.

Seniors Nick Zobrist and Morgan Cundall dance together during the Pavane.

All the men of the kingdom got together after a sword fight to sing the song "We Are Men!"



Amanda Wick, 10, tells children her story of the oceans. Amanda played the beautiful mermaid, Aquafina, in the Madrigal Dinner.



Seniors Leah Duncan, Andrew Copeland, Cassandra White, Logan Wolf, and Morgan Cundall, sing to one of their many songs.



At dinner, the wenches explain to the audience how to properly eat. The head table singers find it amusing and laugh.

Under The Sea

By: Lynn Martz

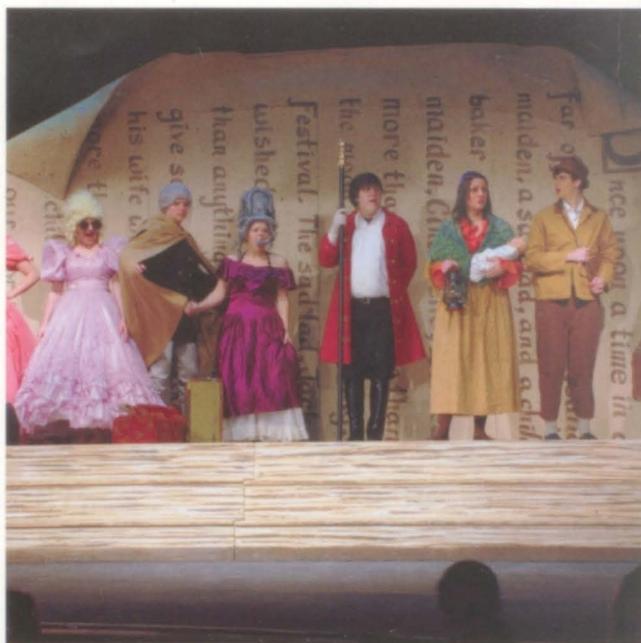
A cappella Choir consisted of two different choirs, Madrigals and Chamber choir. These two choirs took the annual trip to Kansas City for the Renaissance Festival. During the first day of the trip the choirs had to wear their 16th century apparel. The Madrigal singers wore huge fancy dresses and the Chamber choir dressed as wenches, gypsies, or ladies in waiting. The two choirs separated this day and had many places that they sang at. They sang at several spots during the day for the spectators that were at the festival. During the second day the choirs had the choice to dress up or not. Most of the people in Madrigals choose not to dress up again. "Ren-Fest is always a fun time. Even though this year it was pouring rain the first day it was still a lot of fun." Casandra White, 12. These two choirs also put on a Madrigal dinner around Christmas time. The show told the story of Christopher's love for this beautiful mermaid, Aquafina. Kyle Wiegand, 12, was Christopher and Amanda Wick, 10, was Aquafina. Christopher and Aquafina were visiting the kingdom so Christopher could introduce his newfound love to everyone. Although he didn't think that the flipping fins were unusual the rest of the kingdom was in shock. The show went on with the story of their love and included sword fights and a lot of singing. The Madrigal singers are known best for their amazing voices. The Madrigal dinner is something that is looked forward to every year. All three shows that they put on sold out. The Madrigal singers play a huge part in the dinner but without the wenches helping everyone, the gypsies dancing and jingling, the dung dealers shoving poo in your face, the ladies in waiting going gaga over every man they saw, and the fairies touching everything shiny that they saw, the show wouldn't have been what it was.



The fairies and the dung dealer gather around to sing one of the finale songs, "The Mermaid Song."



Listening to the plea of the baker (Zobrist), Cinderella (White) is annoyed at the thought of giving him her royal slipper.



Members of the cast line up in terror, ready to get out of their town because of the giant on the loose.

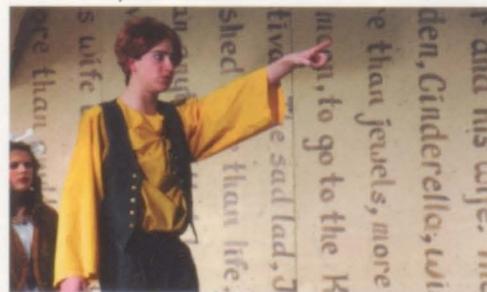
Singing in the Woods

By: Shaina Rittenhouse

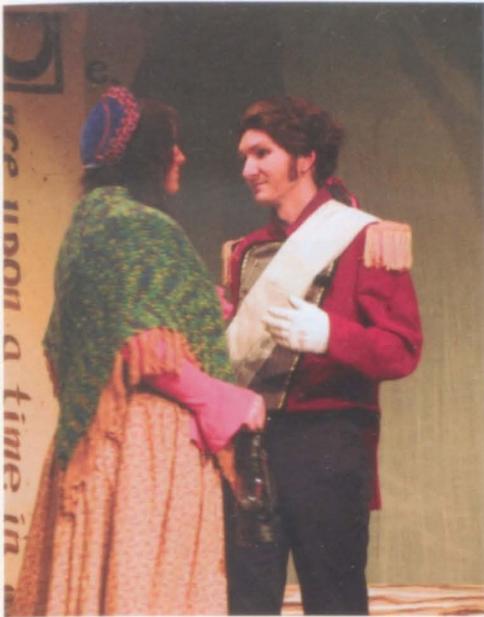
Putting a spin on several classic fairy tales, *Into the Woods* was a musical like nothing seen before on the Highland High School stage. "Into the Woods" was by far the most challenging musical we have ever produced," said the director, Chris Wilson. *Into the Woods* was based on the book by James Lapine. The play opens with three main characters and three wishes. Cinderella (Cassie White, 12) sat in one corner wishing to be able to attend the King's festival. In another corner was Jack (Will Thomae, 9) who wished for his cow to produce milk. The third was a baker (Nick Zobrist, 12), who, with his wife (Morgan Cundall, 12), wished for a child. To combine all three characters into one story, they were all forced into the woods. Cinderella went into the woods to visit her mother's grave. Her mother granted her a wish by giving her proper attire for the festival, which she then made her way to. Jack headed into the woods to sell his cow, following his mother's orders. The baker and his wife were told by their neighbor, the witch, that a curse was on them and the only way to break it was to go into the woods and fetch four specific items. After triumphs in the woods and encounters with characters such as Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel, the characters made their way safely out. In Act Two, Jack planted the beans he traded his cow for and accidentally killed a giant while chopping a bean stalk. The giant's wife was angered and killed several of the characters. In the end, the ghosts of the dead appeared and they all took note of the lessons learned in the woods. The cast and crew of the play was made up of over 40 students. Auditions were held in January. They then practiced three times a week until opening day in April. Senior Logan Wolf said, "I have enjoyed working with everyone in the cast and crew. I hope the show becomes a life-long memory for those who have participated and those who came to watch."



Cinderella's step-sisters, Siarra Price, 11, and Melissa Kapp, 10, walk with sticks and wear glasses because they were blinded by birds.



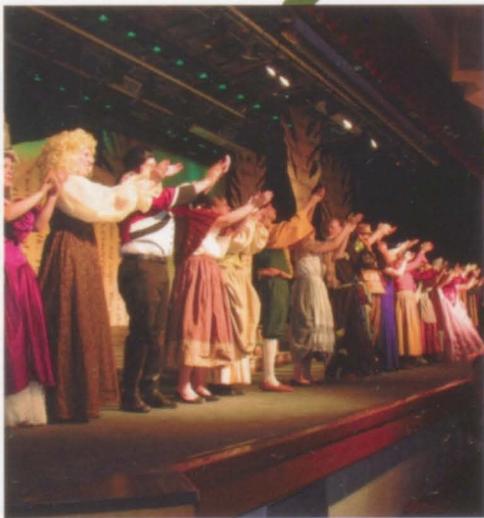
Jack (Thomae) points in fear at the Giant that is destroying everything including his magic bean stalks.



After a brief love affair, the Prince (Wolf) says goodbye to the baker's wife (Cundall).



The ingredients that the baker and his wife gathered turned the witch into a beautiful woman. The witch (Byrd) explains this to the baker's wife (Cundall).



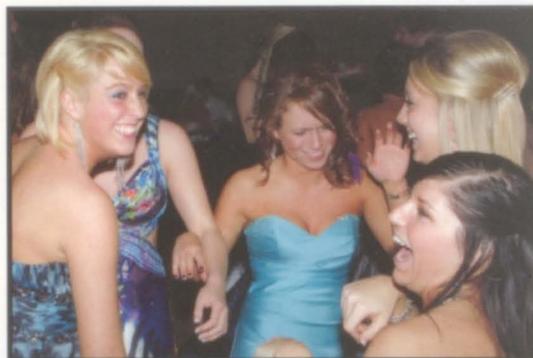
On closing night, the entire cast lines up to thank those who helped put on the show.



After being crowned King and Queen, seniors Franziska Sagurna and Matthew Torre share a dance.



Seniors Logan Frank, Kristi Kidd, Emilee Bramstedt, Breana Schneck, Karissa Iberg, and junior Kelsey Krump stop to take pictures after dinner in St. Louis. Senior, Lynn Martz and juniors Sarah Eilers, Abby Kosydor and Catie Lowe laugh as they dance at the KC Hall.



Enjoying the perfect Prom weather are juniors Austin Rittenhouse and Mark Keeven. After pictures they headed to St. Louis to eat dinner on the hill.



Before heading to dinner and the Prom, seniors Brianna Knackstedt, Taylor Blackwell, Ashley Wellen and Lindsay Compton gather around the fountain at the square for pictures.

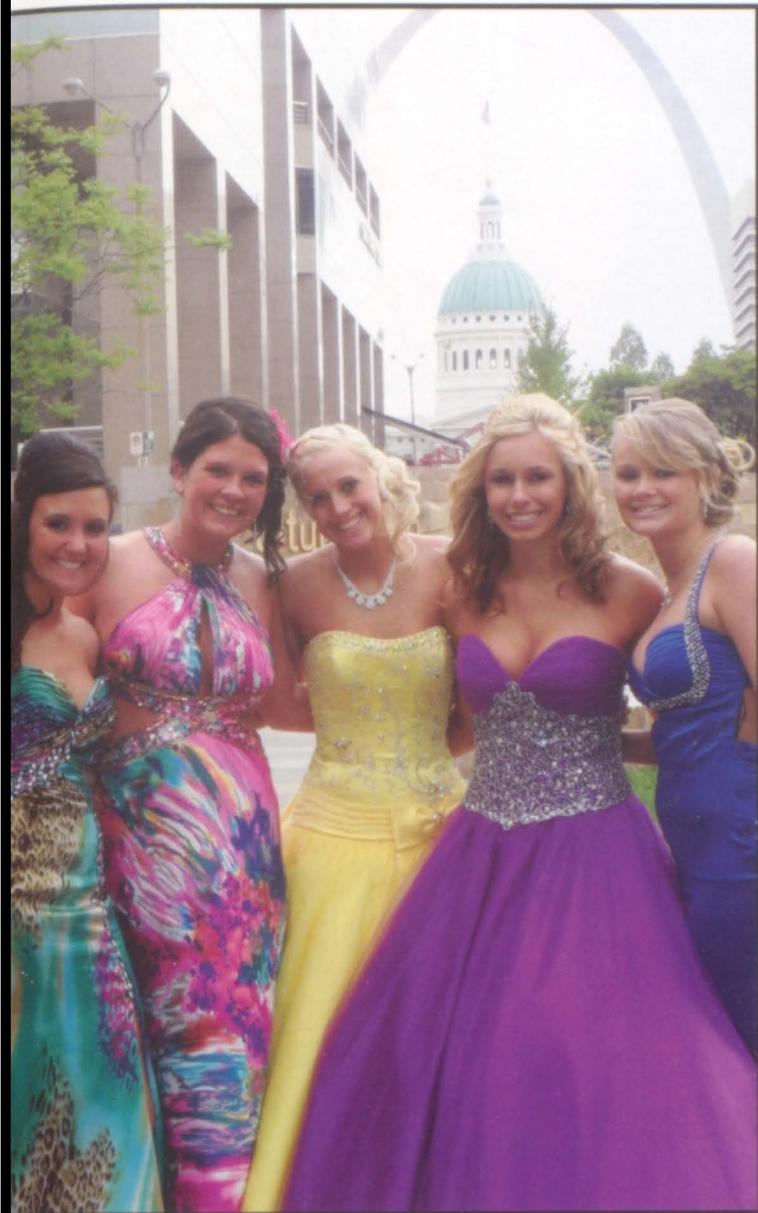


During the Post Prom, seniors Katie Hempfen, Suzi Wessel, Karissa Iberg, Logan Frank and Cole Stirewalt try to win the euchre tournament.

Into the Midnight Hour

By: Shaina Rittenhouse

After nonstop rain for what felt like forever, the 2011 Prom day was perfect 60 degree weather. Students were pleasantly surprised as they arrived to their destinations to take pictures before the big night. Most groups of kids also made dinner plans to which they traveled in style in either bus or limo. The Highland KC Hall was decked out with blues, purples, and silvers to help set the mood for the 2011 Prom. The decorations and much of the preparations were done by the junior class officers Shayna Painter, Katie Weis, Shannon Weiss and Elizabeth Foster, along with some parent and teacher volunteers. Weis said, "It was a lot of time and effort but shopping for Post Prom prizes was a lot of fun." As students filed into the building they were handed a ballot. This was a change to the voting process from previous years for Prom King and Queen. The Prom court was revealed on the ballot on which everyone attending placed their vote for King and Queen. The Prom Queen was foreign exchange student, Franziska Sagurna and King was Matthew Torre. There were snacks and beverages available to all of the guests at Prom. Immediately following the dance was the annual Post Prom where students in any class were welcome to attend and join in on different activities. Upperclassmen in attendance at Post Prom were also eligible for many prizes. Some of the prizes included iPads, flat screen TVs, mini fridges, and cash money valued up to \$1000. All prize winners were drawn randomly by parent volunteers. While both juniors and seniors were eligible for the big prizes, only seniors were eligible for the grand prize of \$1000, which was awarded to Josh Eilers. The night's festivities ended at three in the morning. The late night called for a lazy Sunday.



Junior Ben Wick and seniors Ben Voytas, Chad Mayes and Tyler Klostermann work up a sweat on the dance floor.



Prepping for the photo booth, seniors Hannah Runge and Shaina Rittenhouse try on various props provided at the Post Prom.



Feather earrings and hairpieces were very trendy.



Oversized shirts combined comfort and fashion.

More students made healthier choices by bringing their lunch to school.



Popular shoes were TOMS or flats. When one buys a pair of TOMS, another pair is donated to a child in need.

Remember...



TV SHOWS & MOVIES

- Jersey Shore
- Inception
- Glee
- Harry Potter 7
- Pretty Little Liars
- Toy Story 3
- The Office
- Black Swan



Floral shirts, dresses, and accessories were the rage.

Aviator sunglasses were brought back into style and were gender friendly.

Flowers, feathers, and bows could be found in girls' hair to complete the look of their daily outfits.



iPhones were the phone of the year. Students played Words with Friends, Angry Birds, and got on Facebook.

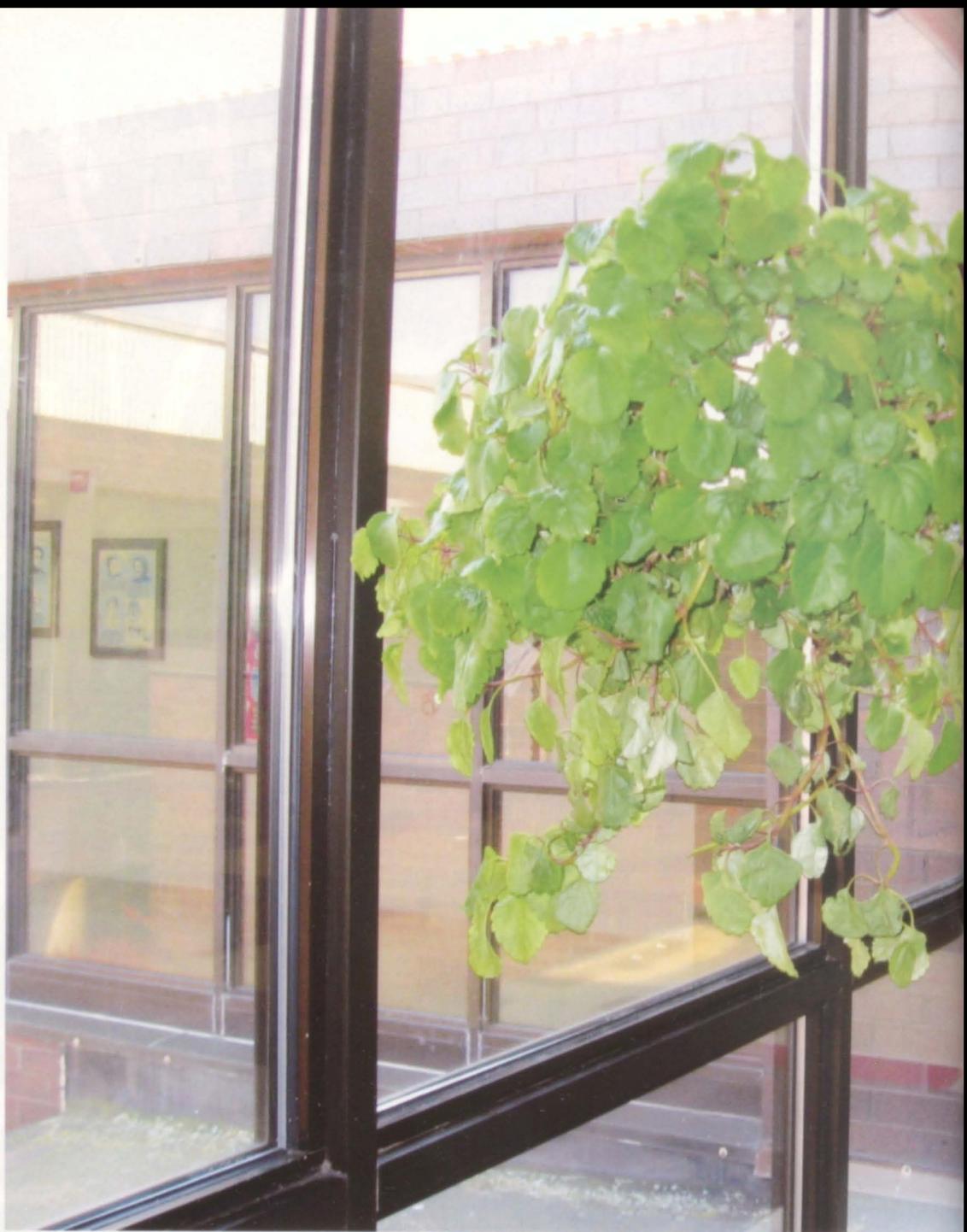
Colorful rings became a popular accessory for girls.

A popular trend for boys were v-neck shirts. Girls also wore v-necks.



Trends

By: Hannah Runge



Academics

“I’m Stumped”



English had more classes than any other subject in our school. It consisted of not only required classes but also a number of elective classes. Elective classes were designed to challenge self-expression and creativity. In order to graduate, students needed four English credits. They earned those credits by passing basic, regular, honors, or elective classes. This year the seniors had the option of taking Composition instead of their regular English course. In Composition class, students learned the difficult craft of writing by writing and rewriting until they created perfection. Another class in the English department taught by Ms. Swank was Public Speaking. Public Speaking is beneficial in college, so offering it to students in high school saves money and is more convenient. Students also had the opportunity to receive dual credit in both Public Speaking and Composition. Dual credit classes were classes you took in high school but received college credit for. Many literature alternatives to the regular English classes included Literature of the Holocaust, Literature in Hollywood, Gothic Literature, Greek Mythology, Science Fiction, and Drama & Stagecraft. Students enjoyed having such a wide variety of English classes in case they didn't enjoy the traditional English class. English is an important class to take because it challenges students to understand the English language even more.



Sam Johnson, 9, works on English while surfing the web and listening to music.

In Mrs. Meyer's class, Miranda Wagner, 9, intently takes some colorful notes.



Reaching for a book in the library, Cassey Leitschuh, 12, looks for a book to read for her English IV class.

Hiding away in a princess tent, Kayla Frey, 12, reads a classic.



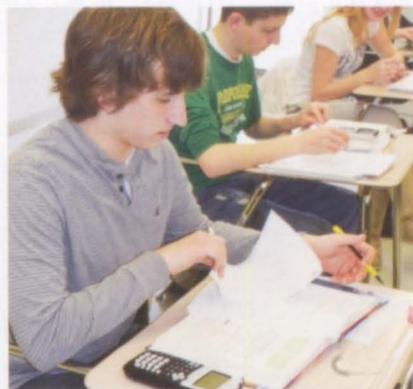
Reading Between the Lines

By: Hannah Runge

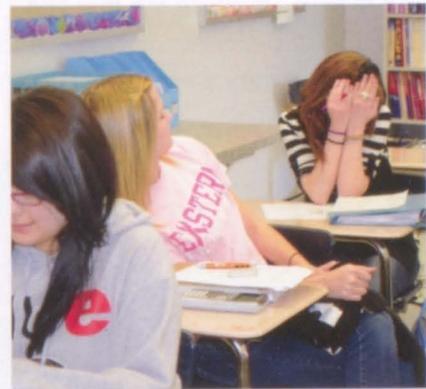
X Marks the Spot

By: Hayley Welz

Ashley Wellen, 12, uses her calculator to double check for math errors.



Nick Italiano, 12 and Kole Pabst, 12, review their notes before taking a calculus quiz.



Learning how to do integrals frustrates seniors T. DelValle, L. Poettker, and J. Luitjohan.

Classes offered in the math department ranged from algebra, where variables were solved in equations, to calculus, where slopes of non-linear graphs were determined. Geometry is also an essential class that the students were required to take. Finding the hypotenuse, learning the quadratic formula, and using SOH-CAH-TOA are methods that were used repetitively in mathematics. "I learned triangle formulas my sophomore year in geometry, but I didn't believe that we would actually have to remember how to solve for it. SOH-CAH-TOA came back to bite me in the rear when taking pre-calculus because we used this method all of the time," said Nick Ammann, 12. Highland required at least three math credits to graduate, but teachers recommended the students to take four years of math to help prepare the students to be successful in college. "Most colleges want high school students to take four years of math. If your out of math for a year, it is difficult to get back with the curriculum when you have to start back up in college math," said Mrs. Duncan. Seniors had the opportunity to take an Advance Placement Calculus class to dive in and get a head start with college-level mathematics. Math students were exposed to logical and critical thinking which are both important aspects of the brain that everyone needs to be successful.



Kirsten Morgan, 12, compares her homework with the students around her.

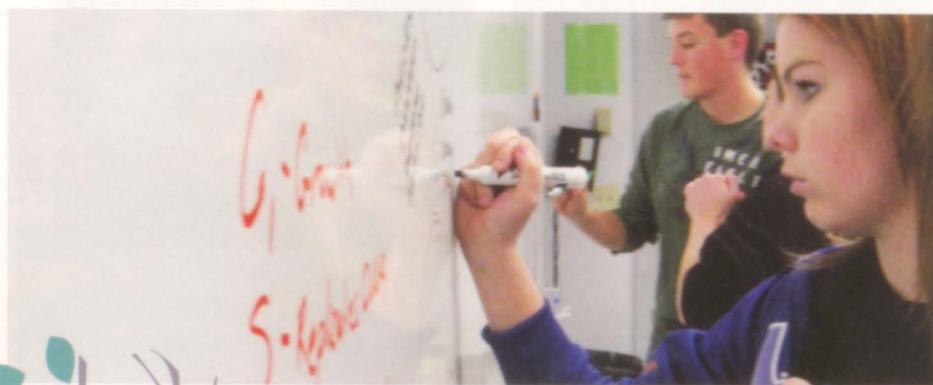
Working together, Alex Cranick, 9, Bradley Sperber, 9, and Devonn Delong, 9, solve factoring problems.

With our advanced curriculum, the students had a wide range of science classes to choose from. The classes offered were biology, anatomy, chemistry, integrated science, and physics. In biology and anatomy, the human body was studied. Several topics discussed were cellular respiration, DNA replication, and the many systems of the body, such as the muscular and cardiovascular. Chemistry involved material dealing with ions, solutions, and the periodic table of elements. Life science was introduced in the integrated science course. Lastly, physics offered topics of velocity, pressure, and light. To meet graduation requirements, the students earned two of the above five credits. The students took many notes and performed numerous labs to help them better understand the concepts. "My favorite science class is physics because Golder makes it more fun to learn new material," said Sabrina Davis, 12. If students wanted to push themselves a little further, biology and chemistry were offered in AP, or Advanced Placement, courses. Mikayla Miller, 11, said, "The lab I enjoyed most in AP Biology was the one on mitosis. It made me feel like I was in the movie Twilight." In the AP courses, the students occasionally had to participate in timed writings on the information they were learning. The discussions were also much more in depth.



Jumping from lab to lab, Chelsey Kloss, 10, and Austin Fischer, 10, figure out specific chemical reactions.

Chloe Potthast, 9, focuses on the lab she is attempting.



Kristin Hoyt, 9, demonstrates a problem on the board. Writing an answer out helps the students figure out any mistakes they made.

During a science experiment, Danielle Beiter, 10, and Victoria Maxwell, 11, play with fire.



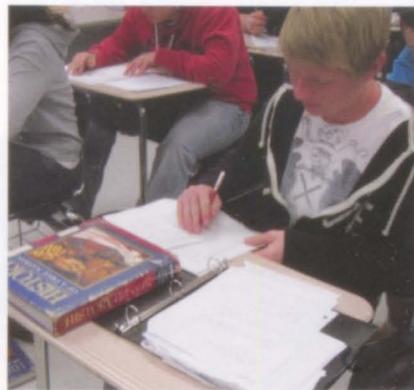
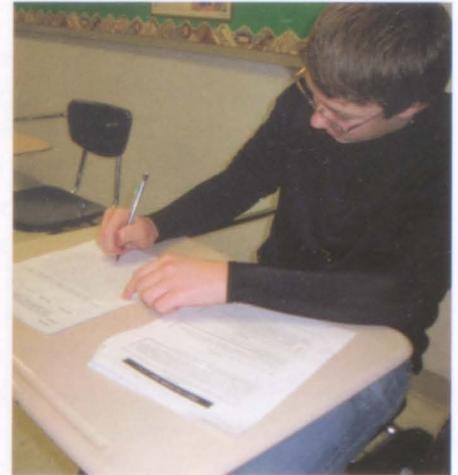
Let there be Life!

By: *Alexa Moss*

Around the World in 185 Days

By: Megan Kujawa

Kevin Knebel, 9, writes a practice DBQ in Honors World History class. Ms. Beyer gives these for practice on the AP Euro exam.



Studying for the Constitution test, Ryan Bowman, 11, fills out his study guide.

In Government class, Mr. Weber explains a graph on the projector.



Christy Balkenbusch, 12, and Jordan Durbin, 12, earn extra credit points in Mr. Holt's AP Economics class. This is Mr. Holt's example of incentives.

As an experiment in Psychology class, Chloe Potthast, 9, is fed unknown food by Mr. Strong while blind folded.

The Social Studies department offered many ways for students to earn their three credits required for graduation. Freshmen were required to take a World History class. Students covered the many centuries of history throughout the world varying from Chinese to European history. Juniors were required to take American History as well as pass the United States and Illinois Constitution tests. Multiple Social Studies classes allowed students to receive their final Social Studies credit. Geography and Eastern Geography were classes that had students pouring over maps and globes to help them learn the curriculum. Government class taught students the many types of governments practiced across the world, including our own U.S. government. Economics class got the students to think like economists and discover the working of an economy at the local level and at the world level. Mr. Strong offered two different types of Social Studies classes: Sociology and Psychology. Students recorded their dreams, and held class debates on controversial issues. These classes had students thinking "out of the box."

Students who took Spanish classes didn't just learn the Spanish language but also learned the Spanish customs and way of life. On Spanish holidays the classes celebrated too by learning the traditions and history. Spanish III celebrated Day of the Dead by making Day of the Dead bread and dressing up "los esqueletos," or skeletons. To build up the students' knowledge of the language, teachers gave frequent vocabulary quizzes in all four levels of Spanish. In Spanish I, students played vocabulary card games to help them memorize the words. Mrs. Twyford's Spanish II class held a fashion show to build their clothing vocabulary. Students also had to learn the grammatical rules of Spanish. First year Spanish students learned that an adjective comes after a noun in a sentence, opposite of the English sentence structure. Spanish IV students, however, concentrated on speaking the language by using their three previous years of Spanish knowledge in many oral presentations. Their speaking skills were tested when they went on a field trip to Chicago and visited the Spanish neighborhood, the Pilsen District. "The trip was the highlight of my year, and it had a very interesting ending," said Tyler Klostermann, 12.



Candyce Frey, 12, mixes ingredients together to make guacamole dip in Spanish IV. In Spanish I, students gather in groups for a project where they make up pretend families.



Paige Todd, 11, looks for the correct password to get into Mrs. Twyford's class. Her passwords are to help students broaden their Spanish vocabulary.

Using an English to Spanish translator, Jordan Barker, 10, looks a up a sentence to complete her worksheet in Spanish II.



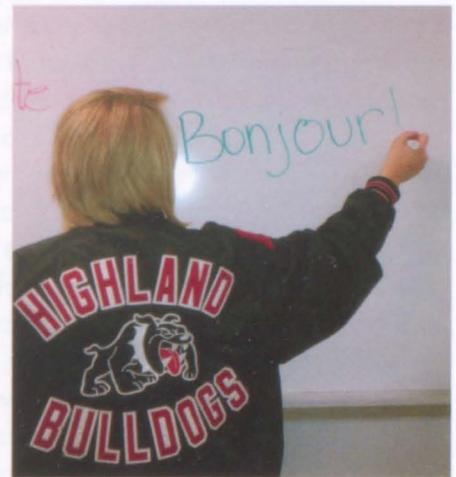
We Speak No Americano

By: Megan Kujawa

Bon' jore

By: Morgan Schrage

Students take turns writing in French.



Jazmin Olivares, 12, gets comfortable to start her homework.



Students get into groups to discuss their homework and to compare answers during class.

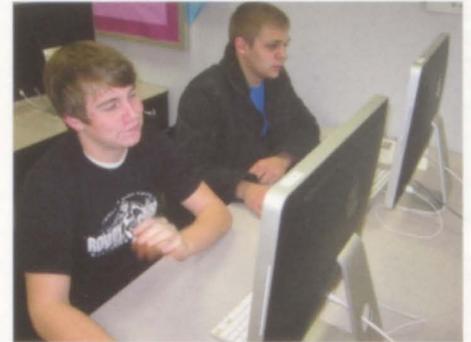


Students look up some unknown words in their French to English dictionary.

French students gather together in the hallway for a mid class stroll.

French was a popular elective this year. The French students selected the class so they could learn about not only the French language, but also the culture, including their holidays, currency, and even the food that they ate. The class was set up differently than most. The students gave presentations, watched movies, and listened to audio to help them learn to speak the language. During the first week of school the students were already learning how to count and recite the alphabet in French. Learning a new language was equivalent to being a pre-schooler in that language, and that is why it was so much fun. "I really enjoyed taking French. I wanted to try something different and it seemed really interesting. Plus Mrs. Schwarz is amazing!" said Sam Potthast, 12. The class also had the chance to take a field trip to The Fox Theater to see the Cirque Du Soleil which translates to Circus of the Sun in French. The students loved taking a break from the class work to see the show. The French teacher Mrs. Schwarz has great experience in the language since she grew up in France, where the language originated.

When it comes down to it, almost everything has to do with business. The business department at the high school offered courses such as Web Design, Web Graphics, and Desktop Publishing taught by Mrs. Perkes. "I want my students to develop some technical skills for everyday life. A big challenge I have to deal with is that each student's skill level is different. I get students who are very comfortable with a computer and some students who haven't had much practice," said Mrs. Perkes. Desktop Publishing was a class that introduced the computer program Photoshop. "I learned how to make ads more appealing and presentable," said Hannah Runge, 12. Mr. Cippichio offered a course that taught how to manage money called Consumer Education. "People need more money later in life, and they need to learn how to be wise consumers. I like to teach this key phrase: if you buy something today, you can't tomorrow," said Mr. Cippichio. Evan Duft, 10, said, "It was informational to learn how to balance a checkbook." Laura Lucco, 9, added, "I never fully understood how taxes, debt, and savings all went until taking this class." Over the years, our society has grown to be very technological. The business department has adjusted to the change with multiple computer courses added with consumer skills that we need to know for everyday life.



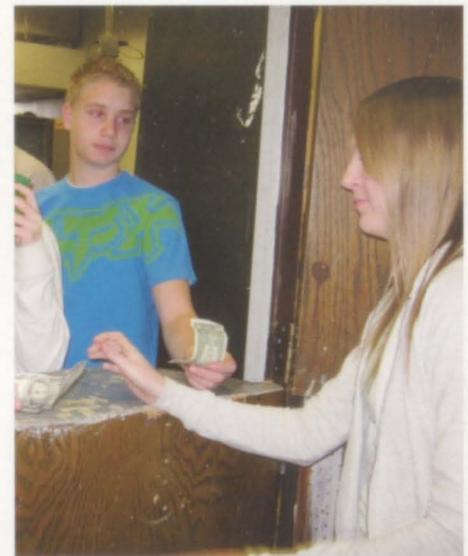
Julian Valencia, 12, Heidi Tyson, 12, and Jared Schmitz, 12, head to their jobs for Community Service.

Tanner Knebel, 12, and Ben Melosi, 11, concentrate on their work.



Austin Marcus, 12, and Tyler Rehkemper, 12, go around the school to recycle for Community Service.

Suzi Wessel, 12, works concessions for her Agriculture Business department selling Ski to Tyler Korte, 9.



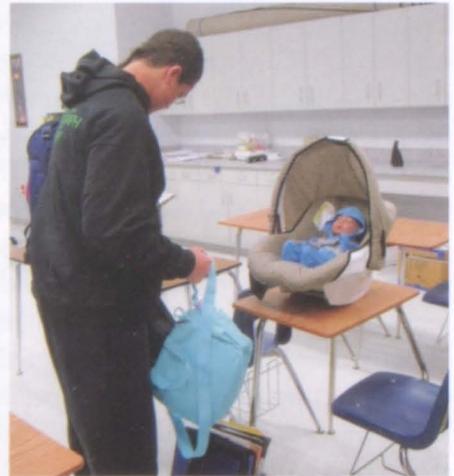
It's Just Good Business

By: Colin Duft

Home Improvement

By: Hayley Welz

Kodi Burdick, 9, prepares to take the baby home.



Katie Douglas, 10, flips a pancake and maintains a fluffy texture.



Audrey Davis, 11, and Bridget Leadbetter, 10, gather the ingredients before they prepare their meal.



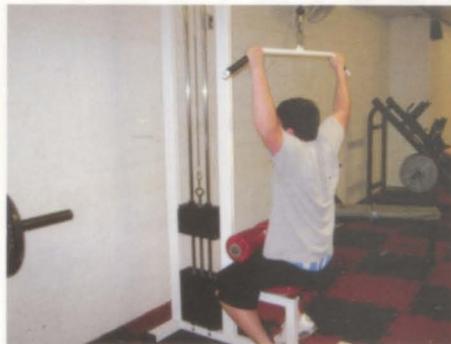
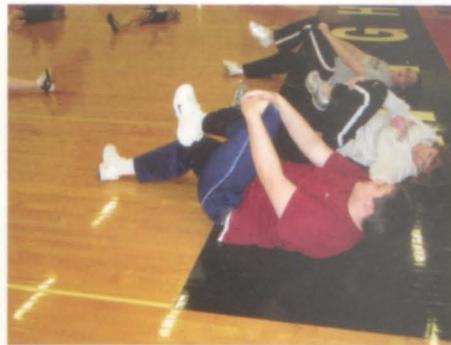
After an exhausting weekend with the mechanical baby, Jordan Barker, 10, returns the car seat and diaper bag she used.



A child learns his colors with the help of Kelsey Zobrist, 12, at the day care center.

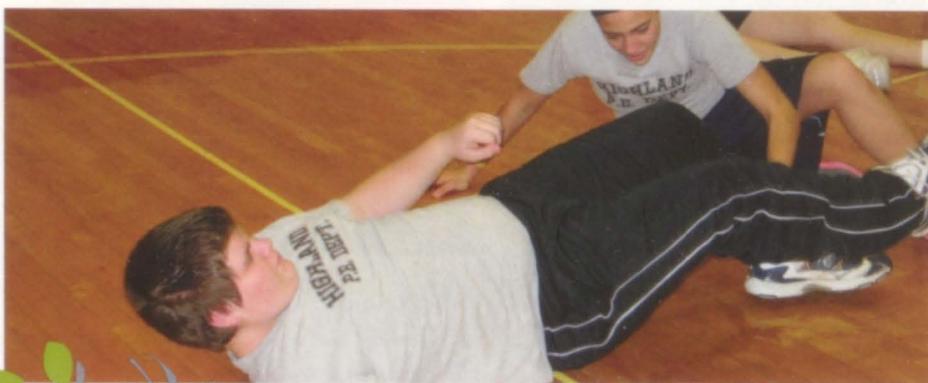
Students learned many life skills in the home economic classes. These classes included Foods I and II, Child Development, Child and Day Care, Adult Living, Parenting, and Resource Management. Each class had specific assignments that the students participated in. In the Foods class, students had to cook and prepare a three-course meal. "The food was incredibly good and it saved me money because I did not have to buy a school lunch," said Trent Donaldson, 12. The Foods students were also taught to set the table properly and use respectable manners. During Child Development, Adult Living, and Parenting, they discovered the hardships of becoming a parent and were required to take home a mechanical baby for a weekend. "I was frustrated taking the baby home for even one weekend, so I cannot imagine having a baby every day," said Christa Williams, 10. Students got the opportunity to visit a day care and observe child behaviors in the Child and Day Care Class. Resource Management demonstrated how to utilize budgets and financial aid. Home economics prepared students to face everyday decisions.

The Physical Education Department continued its new program that began last year. Years before, there were different classes for each area. The areas included conditioning, regular, aerobics, and aqua-aerobics. With the new system, one big class was divided into groups so that all aspects of P.E. were covered. For one to two weeks the groups focused on one area. Then, the groups alternated areas. This change enabled teachers to work together more, as well as have a better student to teacher ratio. Mr Houchins said, "The best part about our department was that we worked together as teachers to ensure the best possible environment for the students." Some of the regular sports that were played in P. E. were the traditional dodgeball and matball, as well as unusual sports like archery and ultimate frisbee. Nick Lampen, 12, said, "My favorite part of P.E. was dominating all of the freshmen in the various games that we played." The department also took classes to Hi-Top Bowl for bowling outings. The students were charged \$3.00 each time for shoes and were required to complete two games at each outing.



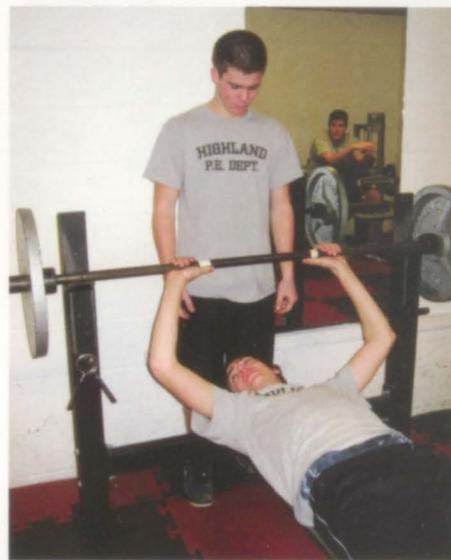
Mrs. Voss demonstrates a stretch for Scott Range, 11, on the gym floor.

Using the hang clean machine, Brett Gilomen, 12, exercises his arms.



A student helper in Mr. Elledge's class, Katie Hempen, 12, assists Christian Jenkins, 10, with a sit-up.

Aaron Eller, 10, spots Bret Eilerman, 10, as he attempts the bench press. The bench press exercises the body's core and arms.



Take a Lap

By: Tyler Klostermann

Great Art Picks Up Where Nature Ends

By: Sabrina Davis

Cassandra White, 12, puts the finishing touches on her project, "Society's Skeleton."



Studying her project at the drying rack is Sydney Wellen, 11.

Mariah Embry, 12, concentrates on portraying the apples in her painting.



To add detail to her drawing, Valerie Strasser, 11, uses shading.



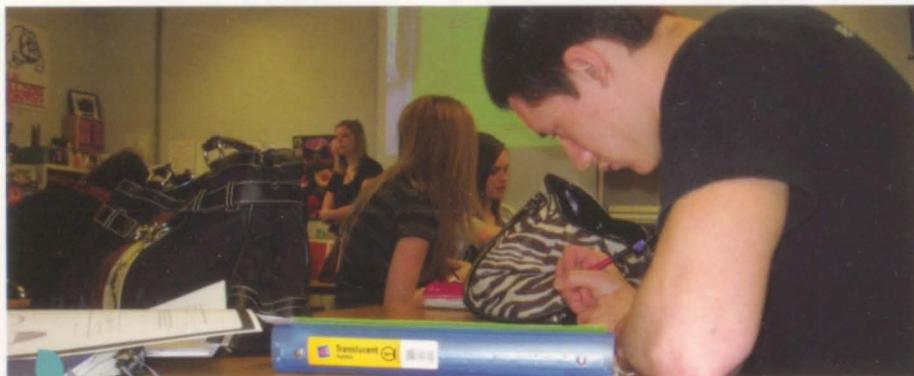
Using pastels, Megan Pickle, 11, creates a portrait.

Some students thought art was a blow off class, but the students who took art said otherwise. Each student had their own project to work on and complete by their deadline. Mrs. Burns retired in the year 2010 and Mrs. Wander-Vrell was her replacement for this year. It was her first year back after being gone for four years. During those four years, she taught art at the elementary school but this year she split her time and taught at the elementary school in the morning and the high school in the afternoon. "I love all aspects of art but I prefer to teach painting," said Wander-Vrell. For the art department, there were many different classes available to take such as Art I/II, Painting I/II, Ceramics, Advanced Drawing, and AP Art. AP Art students are in the same classes as the other art students, they just have more projects to complete.

For a small farm town like Highland, Agricultural classes were important to a lot of students. There were over 15 different classes available for a student interested in the agriculture industry. The classes ranged from Introduction to the Agriculture Industry to Floral Design, and went as high as Agriculture Business management. One popular class was Floral Design, where students learned the names of different flowers and plants and designed their own arrangements based on the lessons learned that day. Another is Agriculture Business Management. This class was a favorite among students because they sold candy and soda during certain passing periods. Technology and mechanics were brought into play in classes such as Ag Machinery Services I and II, Ag construction, Technology I and II, and Welding. In these classes students used service manuals to repair equipment and build basic skills and knowledge gained from the introductory courses. Classes like Home Repairs helped students learn skills that could be used in everyday life. Suzi Wessel, 12, said that "Being in Agriculture classes is beneficial to both students who plan to have a future in the Ag business and students who just need tips on things like how to fix the kitchen sink."



In his home repairs class, Ben Zuccarelli, 9, practices dry walling techniques.



While Mrs. Jackson presents the retail chapter in Floral Design, Cameron Smith, 12, jots down notes.

Austin Ingle, 10, helps support the wood while Lucas Rinderer, 9, drills. Both boys are working on the frame structure of their next project in woodshop.

The ag office is where Julie Sauls, 12, calculates the predicted crop costs in her Ag Business class.



Rub Some Dirt on it

By: Shaina Rittenhouse

Off to Work

By: Tyler Klostermann

Chris Bentlage, 11, and Josh Warren, 11 apply shingles onto the project house.



Claire Geiger, 12, uses a power saw to cut a board for the roof.

Josh Eilers, 12, installs a board above a doorway.



Installing insulation, Travis Vogelbacher, 11, helps Dustin Cameron, 11.

Adam Gantner, 12, and Cody Brown, 12, use hammers on the roof of the house.

The Construction Trade program's first four years were very successful, and this year was no different. The program was ran by Mr. Bruce Diebert who takes 35 students each year to a construction site to build a house. If the house was constructed properly, the house was put on the open market. The program is administered by the Business Education Alliance (BEA). The class is open to any junior or senior interested in construction or a career in construction after high school. Adam Gantner, 12, said, "The best part about construction was pulling together as a unit to meet our goal of a well constructed house." The house was located on the corner of Pine View Street, in a new subdivision close to the Korte Recreation Center. The house was built on time and was put up for sale at the end of the school year.

The Marching Bulldogs performed in competitions such as Belleville East where they got first in class in music, vocal, and percussion. They performed on September 11th in O'Fallon where they received third in class in the same categories. On September 18th they competed in Edwardsville and received fifth in class. At Eastern Illinois University on October 9th the band received a fifth in class and best drum majors. Finally on October 16th at the University of Illinois they got in the top 12 marching bands of everyone competing there that day and sixth in class. Included in the marching band were the drumline, flag corps, brass, woodwinds, and the pit band. This year the drum majors were Jessica Gibbs, 12, Theresa Reinhardt, 12, and Katelyn DeNap, 11. The drum majors acted as leaders for the band and conducted the field show. Carrie Hendrichs, 12, said "The things I will miss the most are the team work, seeing all the effort at band camp, and eating pie and ice cream." One of the field show songs was called "Midnight in Transylvania." For pre-game shows they played the song "Word Up" which was greatly enjoyed by everyone watching the football games. They also attended band camp where they learned the first part of their field shows and brought the band together to make them closer. Overall the band was very successful this season.



Drum majors, Jess Gibbs, 12, Theresa Reinhardt, 12, and Katelyn Denap, 11, at a band competition. Kendra Wiegand, 9, Abby Burroughs, 11, Logan Frank, 12, and Harmony Kapp, 11, at band camp.



Marching Bulldogs performing at a competition. Included in the picture are the Drumline and the Flag Corps.

Rachel Goestenkers, 12, toots her clarinet proudly at a home football game.



By: Hannah Runge

It's okay, I'm with the band.

Choir

By: Lynn Martz

The Jazz Choir before they begin their performance.



Olivia Russel, 10, and Devynn Byrd, 10, singing in A cappella Choir.



Students in Jazz Choir performing in a competition.



Amir Afshar, 9, sits on a chair full of balloons. He looks like Russell off of the movie UP!

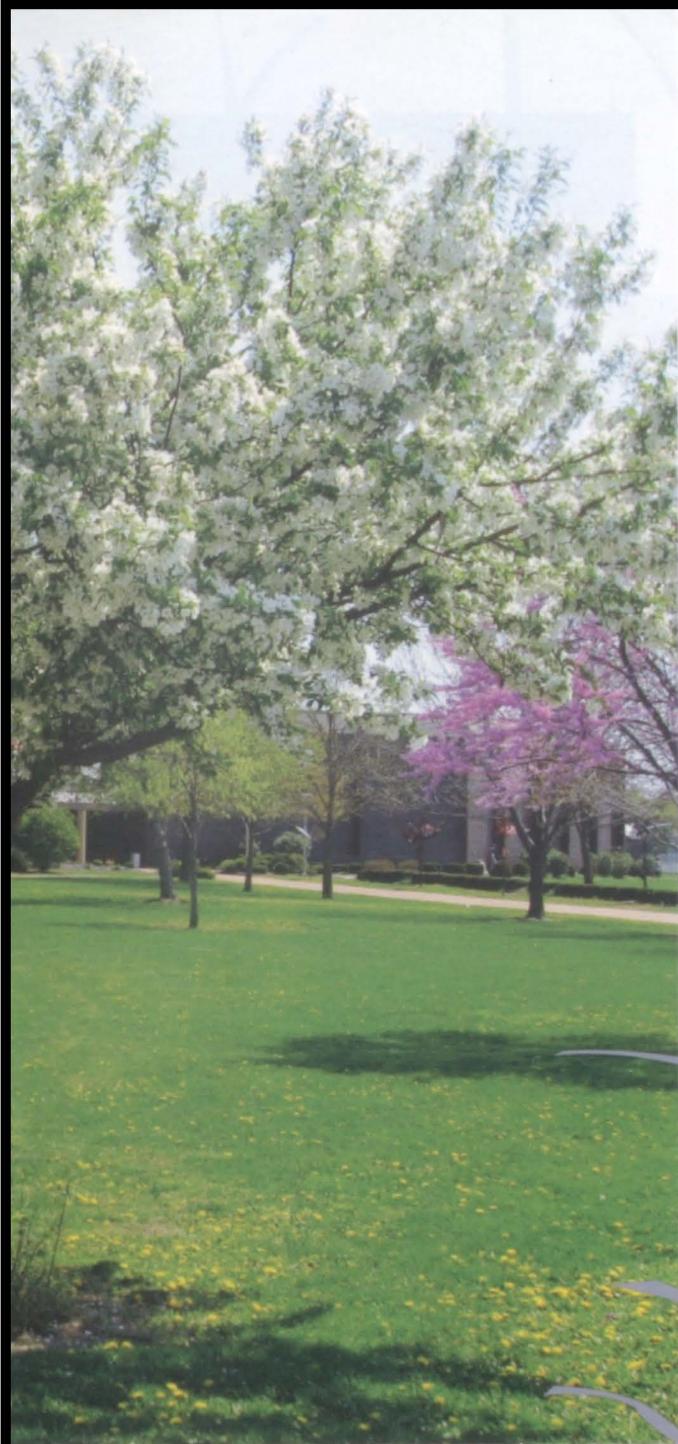
The Jazz Choir gets into their song "Lollipop" before the competition at Six Flags.

A cappella Choir was just one of the choirs at the school. NBA (No Boys Allowed), Mixed Choir, Jazz Choir, and the Onyx Choir were others. A cappella, Jazz, and Onyx Choir required an audition. For the first time, A cappella Choir qualified to perform at All State. Here the choir performed for a group of music teachers so they could give them ideas and tips for their own choirs. Jazz and A cappella Choir also had a contest in Eureka, Missouri at Six Flags called Music in the Parks. The annual trip was an overnight two day trip. During the first day, the choirs had to get up early and head to the park. For a few hours, they rode the roller coasters. The choirs then had to warm up and go through their songs. After warming up, they went to the contest room where they sang for the judges. The second day was a day of fun for the choirs. They got to spend the whole day from open to close in the park. A cappella Choir got best of day and a first overall. Jazz Choir received a first place as well. They also placed first overall in a competition in O'fallon. Director Lori Ruebhausen said, "Seeing a student have the light bulb moment and really understand is the best."



Clubs

“Squirreling Around”



The Student Council was responsible for organizing both homecoming week and the homecoming dance, which was themed "Cruising the Caribbean." Although homecoming was Student Council's biggest project, it was not the only activity they took part in. The members also sold candy canes to their fellow classmates to raise money for the Adopt a Family program. The family consisted of a single mother with three boys, two girls, and a baby on the way. Student Council met every Wednesday before a large event to help the members work on planning.



Brianna Netemeyer, 11, and Hailey Ahlgren, 11, help set up the front of the cruise ship. The biggest task was transforming the gym into a Caribbean.



"I love setting up for homecoming because it gets me even more excited for the big event," says Shayna Painter, 11. Painter and Alexa Moss, 11, put together the foundation of the cruise ship.



Juniors S. Painter, A. Moss, B. Netemeyer, H. Ahlgren, K. Weis, L. Scoggins, M. Miller, and B. Moore, stand in front of the waterfall they assembled.



Being a Co-Vice President this year, Ashley Vohlken, 12, works extra hard to make the night perfect. Vohlken set up what looked like the water under the cruise ship.

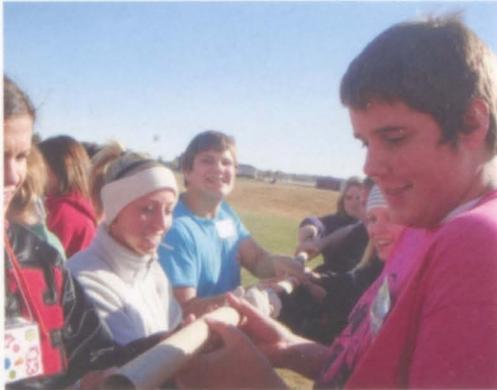
Busy Planning

By: Alexa Moss

Lifelines

By: Lynn Martz

During the Lifesavers Retreat, the students took a trip to Highland Hope Church. They did a marble activity to show them how to work better as a team.



Christy Hobbs, 10, and Josh Hinkel, 10, talk about the current problems happening.



Lifesavers were a group of students who helped other people. During their monthly meetings, they had guest speakers who gave various insights on what it was like for someone with a serious problem. Speaker Tracy Brown did an activity that explained what it was like for someone who suffered from depression. She turned off the lights and made the students sit far away from each other in a huge room. Brown told them stories and statistics about people with depression and helped them understand how depressed people suffer. The Lifesavers hosted an annual Lifesavers Retreat where students of all ages stayed at the high school for two nights and were informed of ways to help. "The retreat is always my favorite memory from Lifesavers," said Sarah Randall, 12. The retreat helped the students become better listeners and build lasting friendships in the process.

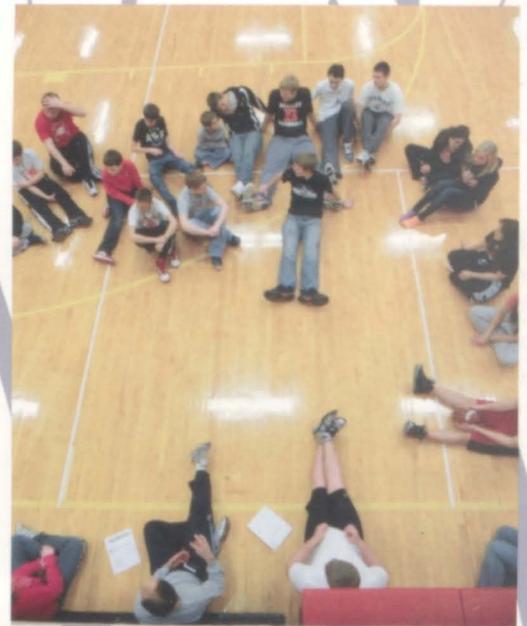


A boardwalk activity helped Lifesavers understand teamwork by helping other students not touch the ground.

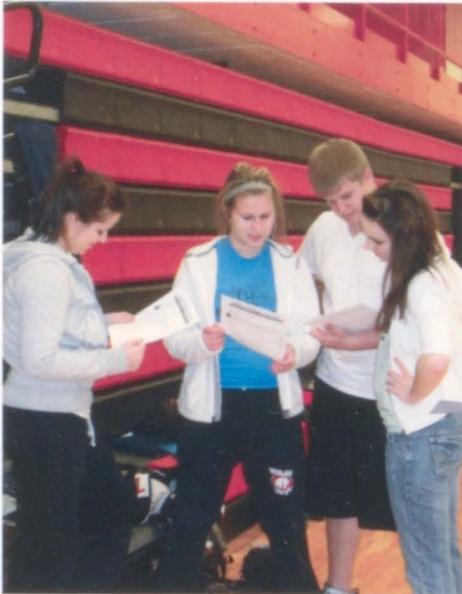
At the meetings, Lifesaver members do activities. A common activity is the trust fall.



"Strengthen your core." Colossians 1:11 was the Bible verse that served as the theme "Unleash the Power" for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) 2010-2011. FCA was a club that focused on making students stronger in both their faith and their sport. Even if a student wasn't involved in sports, he or she was always welcomed to come and focus on their faith. The club also gave back to the community by holding a shoe and blanket drive for children in Milawi, Africa, helping HIS Kids, and by Christmas caroling to raise spirits during the season.



Mr. Hawkins, a sponsor of the club, closing a meeting with a discussion. Most meetings were held at the high school. Each meeting started off with an activity and ended with food. The three F's were coordinated into each meeting: food, fun, and fellowship.



Leaders Kauhl, 12, Shelton, 10, Moenster, 11, and Duncan, 12, planning out their next meeting. Along with leaders Wheeler, 12, Lampen, 12, and Welz, 11, they coordinated and conducted each meeting.



Mikayla Miller, 11, and Mitch Moenster, 11, socializing and eating after the meeting.



Some members of the club along with Mr. Hawkins and Mrs. Twyford (the club sponsors) at Busch Stadium dinner.

Unleash the Power

By: Michaela Wheeler

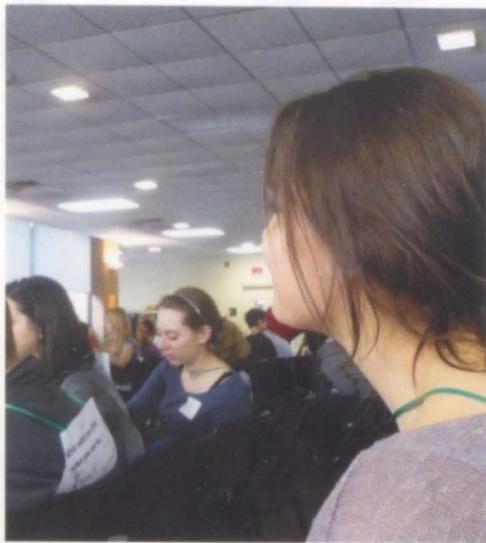
Meet me in St. Louie

By: Mikayla Miller

Corbin Sells, 11, at diversity day. The boys had to tell the girls that stereotypes of boys were not all correct.



As a Muslim speaker talks to the group on diversity day, Shannon Weiss, 11, listens to the hard life she speaker had after 9/11.



Focus St. Louis (Youth Leadership St. Louis) was an organization for a highly selected group of juniors. Six people were chosen after an application process and an interview. The purpose of YLSL was for teenagers in the area to gain an understanding of St. Louis, its problems, and diversity level. Then the group got to take charge by brainstorming solutions and ideas to improve the community. They met twice each month with 29 different high schools in the Metropolitan region. To get a feel for YLSL, the members went on an overnight retreat in September at a Lake of the Ozarks campsite. After the retreat, meetings were held in different places of St. Louis like the City Museum. "I liked being thrown into a situation and having to meet new people," said Shannon Weiss, 11.



Many members found new friends from different schools. For example, above juniors are Shannon Weiss, Rachel Pearson (Mehlville), Laine Fillman (Mehlville), Mikayla Miller, John Griffin (Parkway), Corbin Sells, Austin Welz, Dan Dixon (Mehlville).

Before leaving the retreat at the Ozarks, junior members Paige Workes, Mikayla Miller, Shannon Weiss, Austin Welz, Austin Hotzclaw, and Corbin Sells climbed the ladder to the slide.

With one year under its belt, the Junior Optimist Club was ready for a successful year. The club started off by selling pizza and drinks at the Thanksgiving Optimist Dance at Lindenthal. In January, the club helped with the Highland Shootout. "We did the small but helpful tasks like restocking the drinks and dumping the trash," said Ben Voytas, 12. During the second semester, the Junior Optimist decided to sell Optimist pizzas. "The pizza selling was a great way to raise money, but it was complete madness," said Hillary Zitta, 12, the club's president. The club sold a total of 268 pizzas.



Evan Duft, 10, and Tyler Stone, 10, check out the knives laying around the meat locker. The Junior Optimist had to wear gloves in order to handle the ice cold pizzas.



Chad Mayes, 12, uses his best persuading skills to try and get his engineering teacher, Mr. Durbin, to buy some Optimist pizzas from him.



Joel Mason, 10, double checks his stack of pizzas. Joel was one of the many helpers to sort the pizzas to their rightful sellers.



Mr. Hirsch attempts to organize the pizza boxes at Korte's meat locker.

Junior Who?

By: Colin Duft

Lead the Way

By: Michaela Wheeler

The LEO Club officers are President Rachel Goestenkors, 12, and Secretary Holden Seegers, 11. Not pictured is Vice President Josh Hinkle, 10, and Treasurer Mark McKinley, 11.



Leadership Experience Opportunity (LEO), sponsored by The Lions Club, was also known as the Junior Lions club. Earl Steiner, club adviser and coordinator, has been with the club for five years. To raise money, the club worked the nacho stand at the PB&J festival over the summer and held community barbecues in town. While holding their own fundraisers, the LEO club also raised money for the community. The LEO club held a Sadie Hawkins dance at the middle school, adopted a family during the Christmas season, shopped for the troops, and held a food drive during homecoming activities.

Greg Holthaus, 10, donates a sweatshirt for the LEO club's seasonal clothes drive.



President Rachel Goestenkors, 12, conducts a meeting in the high school commons. Meetings were held during EL once a month.



Claire Geiger, 12, gives her input on a discussed topic. Claire said, "LEO Club has helped me get involved with our community."

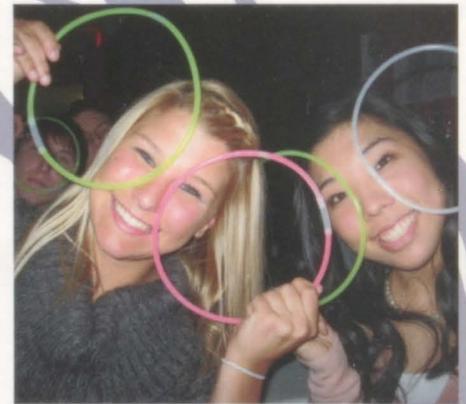
Membership to the National Honors Society (NHS) was earned by the effective demonstration of four qualities: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Members were selected by a panel of teachers, and were then invited to the 2010 Fall Induction Ceremony held in the high school commons. All members were required to maintain a 4.5 GPA and fulfill six community service hours. Members also hosted the annual Senior Citizen Prom. "This year the theme was cabaret. It was a lot of work setting up, but it was rewarding to see the happy, elderly guests," said President Ashley Vohlken, 12. Other senior officers included Vice President Sierrah Oldenkamp, Secretary Alayna Gillespie, and Treasurer Leah Duncan.



At the Fall Induction Ceremony, Chad Mayes, 12, and Ansley Watson, 12, serve punch and cookies to the guests after the new members were inducted into the club.



Seniors Sarah Wagner, Austin Happold, Hayley Peters, and Cheyenne Miranda discuss different themes for the NHS t-shirt design. Members met once a month to go over upcoming events.



Tiffany Potthast, 12, and Libby Niggli, 12, show off the glow sticks that were used as decoration at the Senior Citizen Prom. They volunteered at the dance to meet the six hour requirement.



As the band sets up, juniors Siarra Price, Brianna Netemeyer, and Kathryn Torre wait patiently at the Senior Citizen Prom.

We've Got Brains

By: Hayley Welz

Like A Van Gogh

By: Megan Kujawa

Zaine Smart, 12, models his painting off of the object in front of him. His painting was featured at the Coffee House Cabaret.



Nathan Clark, 12, and Alayna Gillespie, 12, admire some of the NAHS members' artwork.



The National Art Honors Society (NAHS) chose 13 members in the 2010-2011 school year. Members of NAHS sent in five pieces of their best and most recent work to a panel of judges during the application process. Along with an acceptance letter, a review of their art work was returned to those who were admitted into the honors society. NAHS members then competed in various art shows at SWIC and Edwardsville. Their work was also showcased in the Coffee House Cabaret. In partnership with Independent Impact, the members participated in community service projects. NAHS made and sold fashion jewelry in one of their fundraisers and donated the proceeds to charitable organizations.



As one of their fundraisers, Jazmin Olivares, 12, Mariah Embry, 12, and Alayna Gillespie, 12, create bracelets to sell.



Examining Briana Knackstedt's, 12, self-portrait, Mrs. Wander-Vrell offers some advice for the finishing touches.

Jobs for Illinois Graduates was what JILG stood for. JILG was a senior based class. It helped students to prepare for life outside of high school. "JILG taught me how to budget and how to prepare for when I move out," said Zaine Smart, 12. The students in JILG did a moving out project where they had to find prices on apartments along with prices for food and clothing. JILG also helped students learn how to properly create resumes and how to apply for jobs. Students did mock interviews as well. The students practiced interviews over the phone and in person with other classmates. Guest speakers came in from different colleges to talk to the kids and tell them what it was like to try and find a job and what you have to do to get one.



The students in JILG get back their moving in projects. This project helps the students understand the costs of getting an apartment, clothes, and food.



On the last day of school the JILG class play a game called the human knot. The students have to all join hands and try to get themselves untangled.



Seniors Michelle Harrison and Cody Lowe perform a mock interview.



Brooke Frey, 12, and Katie Crockett, 12, prepare to join hands in the human knot activity.

Doing The Job

By: Lynn Martz

There's Smart, and Then There's the W.Y.S.E Club

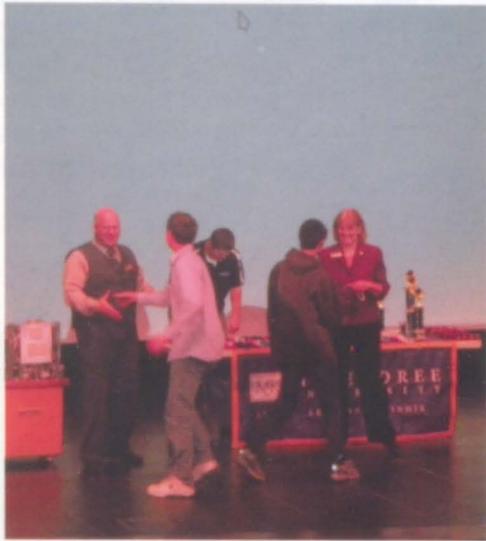
By: Colin Duft

The W.Y.S.E club holds up their trophies and medals in celebration of their first place victory.



After having much success last year at sectionals, the W.Y.S.E club strived even farther. At their regional at SWIC, the W.Y.S.E club finished at the top among 1,500 other schools. The competition is based upon the school's performance on tests of different genres such as math, english, chemistry, biology, computer skills, physics, and graphic engineering. The area the W.Y.S.E club placed first in was engineering. "My favorite test to take was the engineering test because it is my area of expertise," said Kevin Kimmle, 12. The W.Y.S.E club wasn't just taking tests at their competitions. Some members looked at the competitions as a social event. Austin Holtzclaw, 11, said, "I found it fun to meet other students from different schools at the W.Y.S.E competitions." At their sectional at McKendree, the W.Y.S.E club was able to pull off a first place victory.

Sam Holdeman, 11, and Logan Garthe, 11, accept their awards for performing well on their sectional tests.

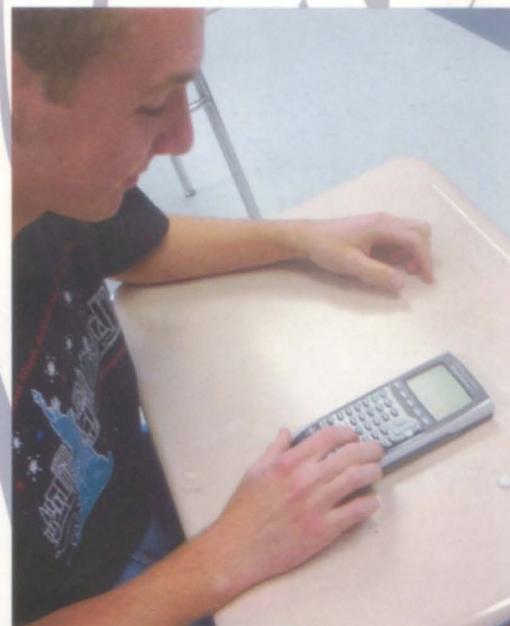


Blake Petermeier, 12, and Brandon Landham, 10, entertain themselves while waiting for the test results.



John Petermeier, 12, returns to his seat after being awarded his medal.

Five seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and three freshmen of the best math minds were selected for the Math Team. The Math Team participated in the Southwest Math Conference which consisted of four competitions during the fall. At the competitions, students took an individual test and a team test. Awards were given to the top eight individuals in each grade. After the four competitions, the team also competed at the Excellence in Mathematics in St. Louis in November. Then in February, the team participated in the ICTM Regional where they placed second overall. "The Math Team had an awesome year! We had the most number of students qualify for state compared to previous years," said Ms. Walker. The scores from the regional were finalized and many students qualified for state.



Getting ready for the competitions, Sam Holdeman, 11, explores a calculator to later help him with testing. Sam was a huge help this year, often placing in the individual test and team test.



Lauren Miller, 11, and Sarah Hickey, 11, test their calculations before the individual test at the State Competitions at the University of Illinois.



Members Aaron Uhe, 10, Mariah Voyles, 9, and Olivia Geiger, 11, go through formulas and try to cram before the State Competition.



Front Row: Amanda McCubbins, Mariah Voyles, Katie Brinker, and Morgan Fuehne. Middle Row: Lauren Miller, Kevin Wang, Aaron Uhe, Jeremy Keller, and Sarah Hickey. Back Row: Blake Petermeier, Logan Garthe, Same Holdeman, John Petermeier, and Jason Hooks.

Piece of Pi

By: Mikayla Miller

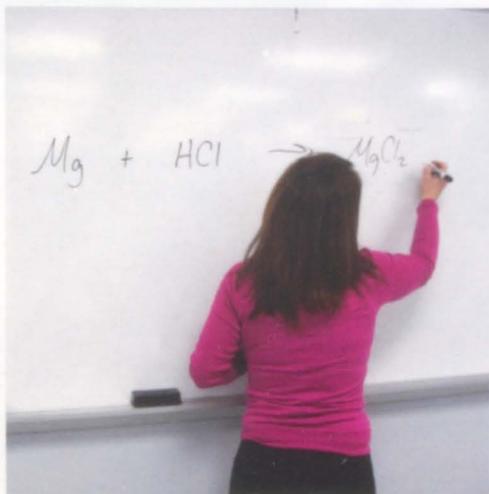
Einstein Minds

By: Alexa Moss

Brandon Lanham, 10, adds Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) to a substance to produce a chemical reaction.



Coach Kristie Simmons writes a practice problem on the board similar to those the students solve when they compete.



Science Olympiad was an academic competition consisting of 23 team events. The club encouraged active hands on group participation. The events reflected the nature of anatomy, physics, geology, chemistry, and technology. The club consisted of 12 students who met about once a week for about two months. They organized, planned, and got ready for the competition. Students prepared by collecting information, gathering supplies, building and testing their skills, and studying. "My favorite part of coaching Science Olympiad was seeing the students get excited when they win an event. The smiles on their faces were priceless," said Coach Kristie Simmons.



Lauren Miller, 11, and Caroline Menz, 9, look over the questions and equations from the previous competition.



Members of Science Olympiad include C. Stirewalt, A. Vohlken, B. Lanham, C. Menz, S. Holdeman, M. Fuehne, L. Miller, and K. Brinker.

Model UN simulated the operation of the actual United Nations (UN). The organization taught the workings of an international group and fostered public speaking, rhetoric, and formal writing abilities. Anyone can join the club but first must write a paper on a chosen topic. Each Tuesday they met from three to four in the English lab. At these meetings, each competitor was given a topic and was then responsible to research about it. The group went to McKendree University for conferences twice a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. There they debated about issues and moderators judged them based on how much information they knew. Sam Holdeman, 11, said, "This team did very well at fall conference and we hope to do even better in the spring."



The group researches different topics about the United Nations. Logan Garthe, 11, Sam Holdeman, 11, and Jencie Watson, 9, talk about certain issues of the world. They usually held their meetings in the English lab.



Jeremy Keller, 12, holds up a sign labeled Egypt. Students in Model UN had to discuss and debate topics from a specific country at conferences.



The president of Model UN, Amanda McCubbins, 12, and Ricky Newcomb, 12, speak to the club about the upcoming conferences at McKendree.



It is a tradition every year to go play at the Lebanon McDonald's Play area on the morning of the conference. S. Holdeman, 11, L. Garthe, 11, A. Holtzclaw, 11, A. Wick, 10, L. Foster, 10, and A. McCubbins, 12, and E. Wheeler, 11, participate.

Foreign Affairs

By: Mikayla Miller

Check Mate

By: Alexa Moss

Jordyn Robinson, 9, and Ricky Newcomb, 12, play a game of chess to practice for their upcoming matches.



J. Robinson, 9, B. Rey, 9, S. Holdeman, 11, D. Reagan, 9, R. Newcomb, 12, and E. Wheeler, 11, figure out different strategies to use on their opponents.



"Chess club is the perfect way to challenge your mind in a social atmosphere," said Caroline Menz, 10. The team generally met every Wednesday from three to five at the Highland Middle School, where they practiced for the upcoming competitions. "To prepare for our competitions we would just sit around and chat until someone wanted to play a game. We also spent our time playing Mario Kart," said senior Jeremy Keller. The practices usually consisted of the team members playing matches against each other to get their minds ready for future events. The Chaminade College Prep School in St. Louis hosted a tournament in which seniors Ricky Newcomb, Blake Petermeier, and John Petermeier tied for eighth, ninth, and tenth place.



Seniors J. Petermeier, J. Keller, R. Newcomb, and B. Petermeier celebrate after winning their first match.



Front Row: B. Petermeier, L. Lyons, J. Robinson, J. Kutz, B. Rey, and C. Menz. Back row: S. Holdeman, D. Reagan, E. Wheeler, R. Newcomb, J. Keller, and J. Petermeier.

When a student enrolled in their third or fourth year of Spanish, they were automatically admitted into the Spanish Club. The club took part in various fundraising and activities throughout the year. Students in their fourth year of Spanish had the opportunity to take a trip to Chicago to visit the Pilsen district and pick up on Spanish culture in America. Mrs. Deets, sponsor of the Spanish club, also offered her students different recipes which gave the students the opportunity to earn extra credit. One thing both Spanish three and four students could look forward to was the in-town field trip to the local Mexican restaurant, Don Ole. On this trip students were required to speak Spanish when ordering and waiters were instructed to do the same. The officers of the Spanish club were Ben Voytas and Chad Mayes (Co-Presidents), Michael Buehne (Vice President), Nick Howard (Treasurer), and Trent Donaldson (Secretary).



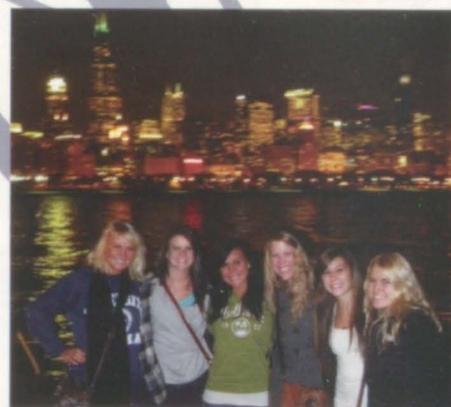
Senior Secretary of the Spanish club, Trent Donaldson, puts his money away after purchasing a churro from a vendor in Chicago.



Lemons, avocados, and onions are some of the ingredients Kayla Frey, 12, uses to prepare guacamole for her Spanish IV class.



On Dia de Los Muertos, Breanna Olliges, 11, chooses her slice of bread made by one of her classmates for extra credit in her Spanish III class.



The Chicago skyline was the last stop of day one on the Spanish trip. From left are seniors Hillary Zitta, Hannah Runge, Christy Balkenbusch, Shaina Rittenhouse, Morgan Schrage and Madi Laney.

Spanish in Club Form

By: Shaina Rittenhouse

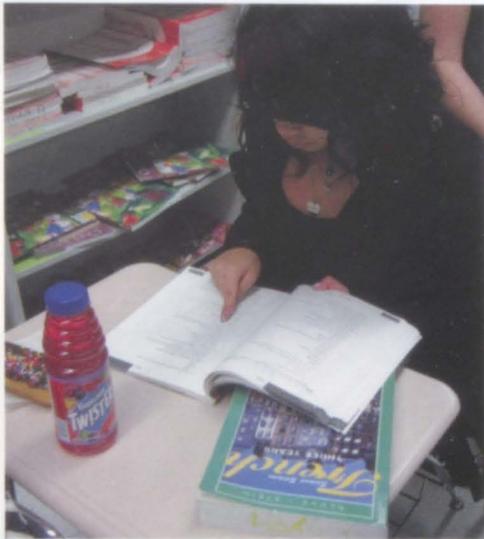
What the French toast?

By: Mikayla Miller

Hailey Ahlgren, 11, poses with the Eiffel Tower. The French club goes in depth with the history of the French culture.



Studying the French culture requires energy from a refreshment and a doughnut according to Jazmin Olivares, 12.



The French Club was for students who have taken a year of French. The students had the chance to enhance their knowledge about the French culture by joining. In the beginning of the year, they held a fundraiser by selling chocolate for the Cirque Dreams tickets which was a show of French acrobats. "My favorite part of French Club was when we all went to the Cirque Dreams show at the Fox. The performers jumped rope with three people standing on their shoulders," said Lauren Beckman, 11. The club held their meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. The President was Drew Loyet, 12, Vice President Katherine Mueller, 12, and Secretary Jessica Callahan, 12. They hosted a Halloween party at Spindler Park and worked concessions at basketball games.

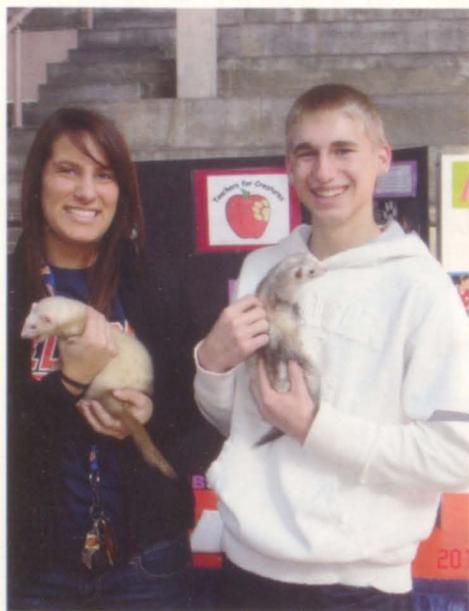


Working at the concessions, Brianna Kastelein, 12, hands candy to a customer at a basketball game.



President Drew Loyet, 12, talks with Mrs. Schwarz about ideas for French Club and other activities.

Every Saturday in February, 24 scholars met at our high school for Saturday Scholars. These students were chosen to participate in the club led by Hilary Wagenblast and Gina Hirsch. The students went on a field trip to Champaign for the U of I engineering day. This was one of the many trips they took. Jazmin Olivares, 12, said, "The experience is actually a fun one even though there are many lectures. The people we meet can be extremely interesting. I have even been hypnotized in one of my years of being a member!"



Elizabeth Foster, 11, and Jacob Weiss, 11, hold the furry little ferrets while on their trip at The University of Illinois.



Mitchell England, 10, takes a turn on the horse saddle during the U of I field trip.



Saturday Scholar members visit a cadaver laboratory as one of their several field trips. "My favorite part about the field trip was looking at dead things," said Elizabeth Raynor, 12.



Sophomore boys from Saturday Scholars look at a woman's heart at the cadaver.

Scholars...Hollaa

By: Morgan Schrage

Lead the New

By: Shaina Rittenhouse

Goldie Carter, 11, shows the newcomers the health room. Eighth graders and parents were invited to receive a tour of the building.



Sign-in sheets are being set on every other chair by Leah Duncan, 12. This was for an informational meeting for parents of incoming freshmen.



The Ambassadors were a group of students who were responsible for making freshmen and students new to the district feel comfortable. During the summer, just before the new school year, the Ambassador leaders had a training day where they got to know one another and learn techniques for helping newly enrolled students. The transition for freshmen was made easier when the Ambassadors hosted their annual Freshmen Day. At this event freshmen were given a walking tour of the building. Following Freshmen Day, new students arrived for a luncheon. Being in Ambassadors helped not only new students get to know each other, but also gave the leaders a closer relationship with each other.



A group of senior leaders straighten papers before parents arrive for parent and freshmen orientation.

First Row: Ansley Watson, 12, Andrea Kampwerth, 12, Leah Duncan, 12, Jazmin Olivares, 12. Middle Row: Ashley Vohlken, 12, Brittany Vice, 12, Kristen Ehlers, 12, Shaina Rittenhouse, 12. Last Row: Shayna Painter, 11, Brenden Ponce, 11, Goldie Carter, 11, Amber Atkins, 11, and Emily Comish, 11.



FFA was a club for students who showed interest in agriculture. The club furthered student's learning about the farming industry. Members of the FFA participated in different competitions such as livestock judging and meat judging. "Livestock judging is one competition that Highland's FFA strived to achieve good scores in," said Ansley Watson, 12. To raise money, the group hosted many different fundraisers. The biggest fundraiser was the FFA auction. It was held Thursday, February 24th at the high school. At the auction, members of the FFA were auctioned off to people in the community. Once purchased, the FFA member completed chores around the buyer's farm or home, serving as a form of community service.



To help celebrate National FFA week, Jared Thiems, 11, participates in a stick horse race around the cafeteria during his lunch period.



Ben Melosi, 11, and Daniel Ammann, 11, play a game of corn hole during the lunch activity that the FFA hosted.



Matt Vohlken, 9, cleans up after the FFA breakfast. Every year the members of FFA cook breakfast for the teaching staff.



Before the FFA breakfast, Kayce Zeller, 12, helps gather materials.

The Future Starts Here

By: Sabrina Davis

Bowling For Knowledge

By: Sabrina Davis

Blake Petermeier, 12, Kalen Wagoner, 12, John Petermeier, 12, Amanda McCubbins, 12, Amy Klobuchar, 11, Katie Brinker, 10, and Elizabeth Raynor, 12, after their second place win at the Greenville tournament.



Scholar Bowl was an academic team competition that was IHSA sanctioned. At each competition, the teams were asked a variety of questions on any subject, from calculus to pop culture. "In its most basic form, Scholar Bowl is an outlet for unbridled nerdiness," said Elizabeth Raynor, 12. The Scholar Bowl sponsors were Mrs. Meyer and Dr. Gaven. Varsity practices occurred every Tuesday. To feed the team members energy and humor, Mrs. Meyer gave them candy to start off practice. Their most intense match was the Regional Championship against Charleston. They were neck and neck for the whole match with the last question determining the winner, and Highland won! "This years team was phenomenal. They never failed to amaze me with their knowledge of the most abstruse concepts," said Mrs. Meyer.

During a match, Blake Petermeier, 12, watches his twin brother, John Petermeier, 12, while he ponders an answer for a question.

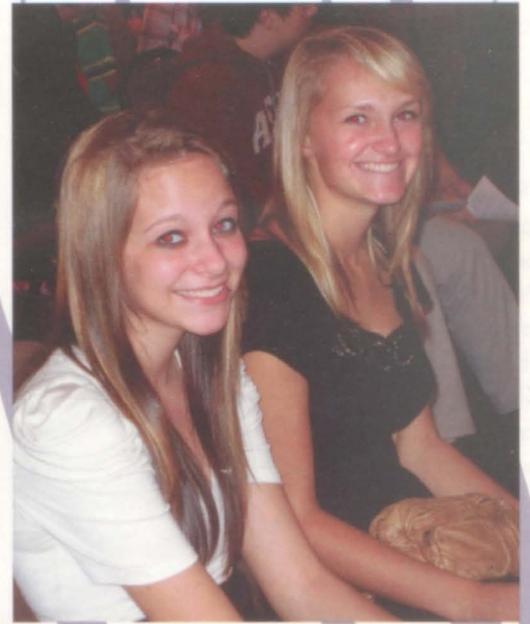


Winning the Regional Championship match was a huge success. Front Row: Amy Klobuchar, Amanda McCubbins, Elizabeth Raynor, and Blake Petermeier. Back Row: Katie Brinker, Kalen Wagoner, Sam Holdeman, John Petermeier, and Mrs. Meyer.

Blake Petermeier, 12, Captain Kalen Wagoner, 12, Elizabeth Raynor, 12, and Amy Klobuchar, 11, listen intently as Mrs. Meyer discusses the game plan during half time.



FCCLA stands for Family Career and Community Leaders of America. To start off their second year, the group traveled to Springfield for the Fall Leadership meeting, where each member listened to different speakers educate them on various issues. For example, one speaker discussed the negative effects of tanning on our bodies. To help raise money for their educational field trips, the members of the club sold caramel apple suckers. They also hosted a babysitting night on December 19th so parents could Christmas shop child free. Children of all ages were present and participated in activities such as arts and crafts and games in the gym. They had a movie for the kids to watch too.



Waiting patiently to listen to an inspirational speaker are Ashlyn Johnnessee, 11, and Taylor Jarvis, 11.



Nicholas Daiber, 11, and Shae Weber, 10, competitively eat two cupcakes and drink a cup of milk for National FCCLA week's cupcake eating contest.



This group of girls took a day trip to Springfield for the Fall Leadership Meeting.



Front Row: A. Burroughs, H. Kapp, B. Davidson, C. Frey, E. Fuhler, A. Kosydor, C. Lowe, K. Crockett, J. Zobrist. Middle Row: M. Raby, K. Shouse, C. Keller, D. Frey, K. Wendler, M. Hug, T. Blackwell, K. Iberg, L. Frank, K. Wiegand. Back Row: C. Barker, J. Kopych, H. Watkins, T. Isaak, K. Crockett, A. Sapronova, K. Knipp, S. Weis, J. Zbinden, K. Carter.

Kids Come First

By: Sabrina Davis

What's Up Doc

By: Morgan Schrage

Kirsten Morgan, 12, talks to Mrs. Duckworth about possible ideas for this year's T-Shirt design.



The hot club to join this year was FMCC (Future Medical Careers Club). This club was put together for students who were interested in the medical field. The club met every Friday during EL to discuss a variety of different medical careers. "FMCC is a great club because it gives us students a chance to learn about the medical field through job shadowing, field trips, and guest speakers," said Leah Duncan, 12, President of the club. They went on field trips to Barnes Jewish Hospital and the Saint Louis University cadaver lab, where they had hands-on experience with the human body. The club was led by Mrs. Duckworth who has been running it for over 25 years.

Seniors and officers Sarah Wagner, Cheyenne Miranda, Leah Duncan, and Hayley Peters at the annual Christmas meeting.



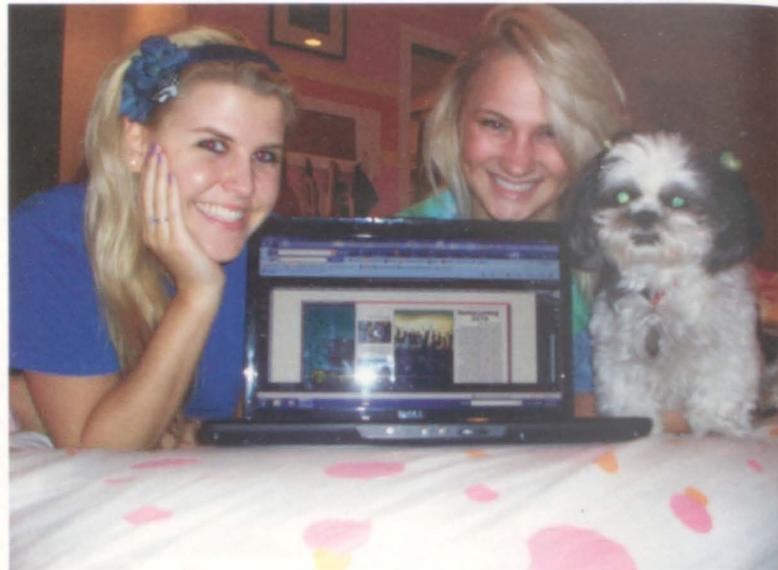
Hayley Peters, 12, performs CPR practice on Lyndsey Poettker, 12.



Taylor Kauhl, 12, and Kirsten Morgan, 12, learn how to properly apply a Band-Aid.



Hillary Zitta, 12, decides which layouts people will receive for the next deadline.



Editors Madi Laney and Hillary Zitta work on eDesign at home with Madi's dog, Molly. eDesign allowed the yearbook students to access their layouts and the book from any location with Internet service.

Don't You Forget About Me

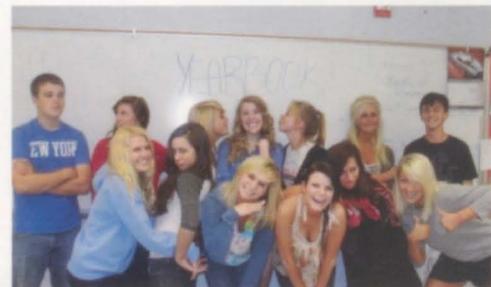
By: Hannah Runge



Yearbook was not just a class for writing layouts and taking pictures. In Yearbook, they captured memories and even made some of their own. Students of the 2011 Yearbook Staff set goals to sell as many ads as possible. They were assigned certain pages of the yearbook which were to be prepared and corrected to perfection on assigned due dates. The editors this year were seniors Madi Laney and Hillary Zitta. They chose the theme of the yearbook which was Branching Out. "There are many advantages and disadvantages of being an editor, but when I struggle it's always a positive to have friends in the class to cheer me up. I had a lot of confidence in this year's yearbook staff because we're all close and there was no tension," said Hillary Zitta, 12. The yearbook adviser, Mrs. Susan Martz, revised and corrected the layouts. Once perfected, the finished product was developed on the computer. This year's photographers were Lynn Martz, 12, Megan Kujawa, 12, and Shaina Rittenhouse, 12. They were assigned to take pictures for each sport, club, or class. At the beginning of the year the staff went on a field trip to a Herff - Jones workshop at St. Louis University (SLU). They were divided into groups and visited different seminars on how to learn everything they needed to create a yearbook. "I learned a lot at the workshop and of course it was nice to have a day away from school," said Mikayla Miller, 11. The purpose of the 2011 yearbook was to show students branching out and making memories last forever. This year's yearbook was also the first Iris edition printed in color.



Madi Laney, 12, and Sabrina Davis, 12, edit Sabrina's layouts.



The Iris Yearbook Staff take a break from the stressful work to take a picture.



A yearbook photographer, Shaina Rittenhouse, 12, finds the best angle as she takes a picture for the yearbook.



Micky Wheeler, 12, helps Megan Kujawa, 12, find a catchy title for her layout.



While working on the computer, Lynn Martz, 12, finishes the final touches on her layout.



Change is never easy; the Highland Bulldog Hockey Club learned that first-hand this year. The Bulldogs were forced to switch to the MVCHA Eastern Division conference due to the loss of the Waterloo hockey program. This change coupled with a multitude of injuries and a roster made up of primarily underclassmen made for a challenging year on the ice. The Varsity bulldogs ended their year with four wins, 13 losses and one tie. Taylor Heinold, 12, as team high scorer, represented Highland at the 1A-All Star Game.



Wes Gibbs, 11, handles the puck in the corner as Bret Eilerman, 10, looks on. Both Gibbs and Eilerman will return next season as the Club's top forwards.



During a game, Sawyer Bricker, 12, enters the penalty box. Bricker lead the team in penalty minutes all four years of his Varsity career. Bricker finished this season with 26 penalty minutes.



Caught out of position, Trevor Klostermann, 9, lunges to make a save. Klostermann started fifteen games.



Scoring leaders for the season, Taylor Heinold, 12, and Tyler Klostermann, 12, celebrate one of their goals. Heinold and Klostermann were first and second in scoring respectively.

Pass, Shoot, Score

By: Tyler Klostermann

Austin Stanek, 9, prepares to dump the puck in the offensive zone. Stanek was one of four defensemen on the team.



Kaleb Kampwerth, 10, uses a body check to eliminate the opposition's forward.



Coach Jeff Weinacht talks to the team during an intermission. Intermissions usually lasted 5 minutes.



R.J. Arend, 10, dives to cover the puck. Play is stopped once the puck is covered. Arend started 3 games this season.

Scoreboard

Triad	0-12
Columbia	2-5
Collinsville	2-12
Jerseyville	8-0
Civic Memorial	0-12
East Alton Wood River	3-5
Freeburg	2-5
Marquette	1-8
Roxana	3-3
Triad	0-8
Civic Memorial	2-14
Collinsville	2-4
East Alton Wood River	9-5
Freeburg	2-9
Marquette	2-8
Columbia	2-11
Roxana	5-1
Jerseyville	8-1



Fall Sports

“Down & Dirty”

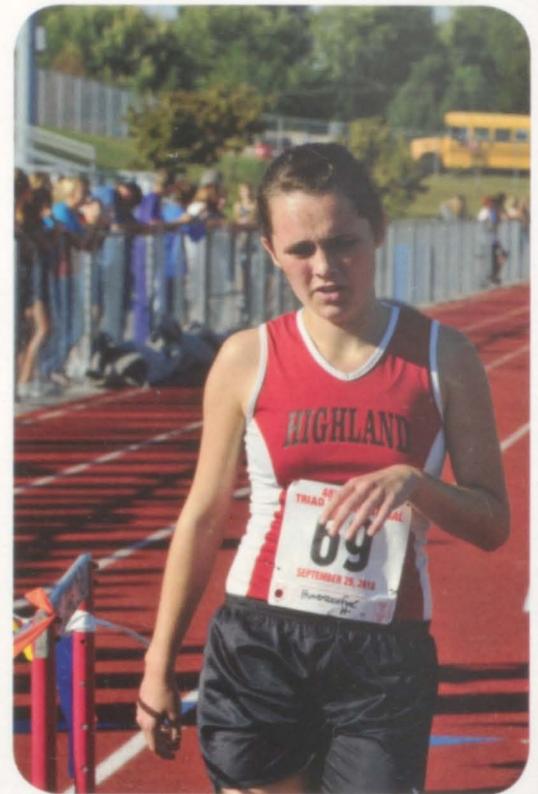




“Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what you put into it.” -Oprah Winfrey



Emily Holtzclaw, 9, makes her way up to her opponents from Freeburg. Holtzclaw placed 60th at State.



After sprinting through the finish line Jamie Hundsdorfer, 11, takes a sigh of relief after finishing her race.

Jared Schmitz, 12, Dylan Gregg, 11, and Aj Abert, 11, maintain a tight group as part of their strategy to win the race.



Mckinsey Shelton, 10, maintains a steady lead on her opponents.



The boys anticipate the shot of the gun to start the race. Their focus is to get out in front of the group with the best time.

Cross Country

By: Lynn Martz



"What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." said Katelyn DeNap, 11. This wasn't only a motto it was what the team lived by. The team started practicing in the summer. Boys and girls from freshman to senior woke up at 7:00am to run at the most four miles a day, five days a week. Camp Wartburg was a new thing that the team decided to do as a bonding experience. At this camp they went through different obstacles where they had to think together to solve problems. At the beginning of the school year the team practiced every day after school until 5:30. They boys and girls practiced together but competed in different sex groups. "The girls main goal was to beat triad." said girls team captain Alanna White, 11. The girls spent the year worrying about Triad. While they kept up a steady fight they ended up placing third, they also placed third in Edwardsville. For the boys their goal was to make sectionals as a team. "We ran our best every race and at regionals our best wasn't good enough to advance." said Schmitz, 12. A highlight was having their own teammate, Emily Holtzclaw 11, go to state. Holtzclaw placed 60th out of 167 runners. During the meets the runners had a three mile distance they had to go. But as a reward at the end of the week they all have Frisbee Friday!



Q: What was it like being the only senior?

A: I felt lonely. Jared Schmitz, 12.

Q: How do you get pumped up?

A: Listen to music. MaKenna Stewart, 11.

Q: What do you think about when you run?

A: What place I want to finish in. Molly Redman, 11.



Front Row: McKinsey Shelton, Emily Holtzclaw, Amber Hubbard, Jamie Hundsdorfer, Molly Redman, MaKenna Stewart, Middle Row: Austin Fisher, Bradley Sperber, Alex Trout, Alanna White, Emily Comish, Aaron Waters, Dylan Gregg, Nick Rouffini, Back Row: Coach Bradley, Jared Schmitz, Alexander Cranick, Dylan Gregg, Aaron Elledge, Coach Vance

Go to the Green

By: Hayley Welz



Q: What will you miss most about the 2010 season?

A: "The seniors because I became close to all of them." Emily Michael, 11.

Q: What did you like most about the golf matches?

A: "The gooey brownies!" Kayla Martin, 12.

Q: What was your most memorable moment?

A: "When Emily got hit in the head by a golf ball." Cody Gramlich, 11.

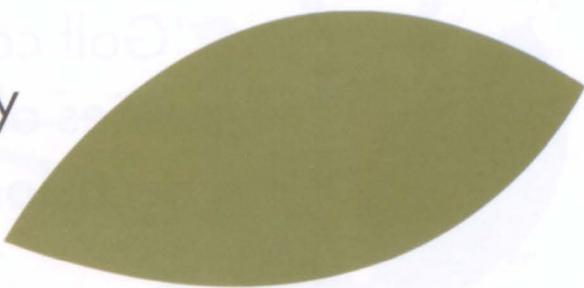
"This season was such an exciting one to begin. I knew we were going to have a good team, and with a final season record of 22-2, that prediction came true," said Coach Gina Hirsch. The lady bulldogs golf team kicked the season off by capturing second place out of thirteen teams at the Mascoutah Invitational. They also placed third for the Illinois/Missouri Competition at Eagle Springs, and took second at the Dick Gerber Invitational. For the fifth year in a row, the girls took home the Mississippi Valley Conference win. "This year the athletic directors voted to cut the number attending the conference match from eight to six. This put a lot of pressure on the team and the coach because all of the stroke averages were close to one another, making it difficult to choose the six girls who got to play," said Sara Trobaugh, 11. Trobaugh, Ashley Wellen, 12, Kayla Martin, 12, Hayley Welz, 12, Emily Michael, 11, and Hayley Vonder Haar, 11, helped the team advance and play in the regional match. The girls placed fifth at regionals and missed the opportunity to go to sectionals because only the top three placing teams got to go. However, Wellen, who shot an 86, was able to play at sectionals as an individual. Wellen did not place at sectionals, but she did make the first all-conference team. Martin made the second all-conference team. The JV team was undefeated and conquered first in the Yorktown Par Three Tournament. Coach Hirsch said, "We had nineteen girls who fought hard every day and it was a pleasure to coach them. I always say success is no accident. It takes many hours of hard work."



H. Welz, A. Wellen, K. Martin, E. Michael, T. Kahl, S. Trobaugh, and H. Vonder Haar get together for a motivational pep talk with Coach Hirsch before the MVC Tournament.

"Forget your opponents; always play against par."

-Sam Snead, Professional Golfer



At the driving range, Ashley Wellen, 12, warms up her swing before the rivalry match against Triad.



C. Keller, C. Rehkemper, E. Manley, M. Bargetzi, L. Sandifer, and S. Welz bring home a first place at the Yorktown Tournament.

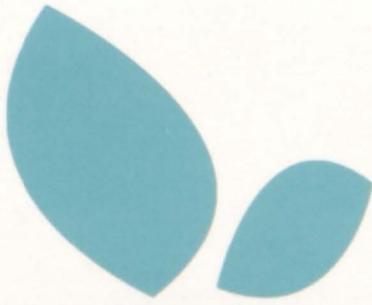


Cori Rehkemper, 10, reads the line between her ball and the hole to make sure she makes the putt.



Front Row: H. Kapp, K. Douglas, C. Rehkemper, M. Bargetzi, C. Pottast, S. Lammers. Middle Row: T. Kauh, H. Vonder Haar, L. Sandifer, A. Wellen, S. Trobaugh, K. Hirsch, C. Keller. Back Row: Coach Hirsch, E. Manley, H. Welz, E. Michael, S. Welz, K. Martin, C. Gramlich.

Scoreboard	
Mascoutah Inv.	3rd
Lockhaven Tourn.	4th
Yorktown Tourn.	5th
Eagle Springs	3rd
Belk Park MVC Tourn.	1st
Dick Gerber Inv.	2nd
IHSA Regionals	5th



"Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle."

-Author Unknown



Jack Martens, 10, prepares to hit his tee shot at the O' Fallon Invitational. Martens appeared in numerous varsity matches this season and typically scored well.



Chad Mayes, 12, practices putting at after school practice at the Highland Country Club. Boys and girls practices were both typically held at the Country Club.

Alex Young, 10, practices his swing before attempting his fairway shot during a regular season match. Young's consistency helped contribute throughout the season



Scoreboard

Alton Invite	17th
Mattoon Invitational	20th
Panther Invitational	6th
Edwardsville Invite	6th
Conference	2nd
Regionals	4th



Front Row: A. Young, D. Shelton, A. Fisher, A. Ferreebee, Middle Row: N. Italiano, C. Ehlke, T. Klostermann, K. Wagoner, AJ Hirsch, Back Row: Head Coach V. Hughes, Z. Boemler, D. Ammann, C. Stirewalt, C. Mayes, D. Descher, Assistant Coach J. Brauns

Play for Par

By: Tyler Klostermann



The boys golf team started off the year with over 20 players battling for a spot on the varsity team. Led by five seniors, the team opened the year with high expectations because of their many capable golfers. At their first tournament of the season, the Alton Invitational, the Bulldogs finished 17th out of 25 teams. Then they took 10 golfers to Mattoon, Illinois for the Mattoon Invitational where they took 19th place out of 40 teams. The mixture of numerous golfers and matches allowed many players to gain valuable varsity experience. Nick Italiano, 12, said, "Our roster was full of players capable of turning in a low score at any given match. We never had to rely on only four to six guys to score well." At the conference tournament, the team finished in second place and advanced to the regional tournament. With some disappointing scores at regionals, they didn't advance to sectionals as a team. However, four players did earn sectional births individually. Nick Italiano, 12, Kalen Wagoner, 12, Chris Ehlke, 10, and Jay Hargis, 10, all qualified. Ehlke placed well enough at sectionals to go to the state tournament, which was held at the Illinois State University golf course in Normal, Illinois. Ehlke, who gained valuable experience at the state tournament, ended up placing 60th. Coach Vince Hughes said, "I'm most proud of the fact that we continued our reputation of being the most knowledgeable and honorable group of golfers in the area."



Q: What was the highlight of your season?

A: "Pulling all nighters at tryouts." Cole Stirewalt, 12.

Q: What was your favorite part of practice?

A: "Having a good time with my friends." Drew Descher, 11.

Q: What was your prematch ritual?

A: "I said a prayer." Zach Reinerman, 10.



Kalen Wagoner, 12, hits his approach shot at the Alton Invite. Being a three year varsity player, Wagoner's hard work made him a top player in the post-season.

Bump it up!

By: Alexa Moss

To start off the season, the JV volleyball girls practiced Monday through Friday after school for two and a half hours. A famous drill the ladies performed was the "Butterfly" drill. This involved the fundamentals of passing and serving. Also, if the team made errors, they ran for their mistakes. After winning their first four conference matches against Civic Memorial, Triad, Jerseyville, and Mascoutah, the JV girls had high hopes for the season. "The hardest team to compete with was Waterloo. However, we played our best and really stepped up our game," said setter, Mckayla Parker, 10. The JV team attended two tournaments. With three wins against Waterloo, Carlinville, and Fort Zumalt, and two losses against Edwardsville and Francis Howell, the girls took third place at the Edwardsville tournament. The JV also took part at the O'Fallon tournament, where they won three out of their four games. The team won against O'Fallon, Columbia, and Salem, but lost in the championship to Freeburg in three matches. Coach Dawn Hubbard said, "Even though we lost in a hard fought championship match, I was very proud of what they accomplished." The JV volleyball girls ended their season with a victory against Mascoutah. Their final conference record was seven wins and three losses.



Q: What was your favorite part of practice?

A: Playing with the freshman. I was able to spike! Tara Stirewalt, 10.

Q: What do you like about being a middle?

A: It's easier to block and spike. Savannah Sells, 10.

Q: Which game was the most fun to play?

A: Waterloo. We really showed what we can do. Tate Gehrig, 10.



Emily Keeven, Ashley Walter, Mckayla Parker, Tara Stirewalt, Tate Gehrig, Savannah Sells, Alicia Hallemann, and Alexa Moss celebrate their season at the team's banquet.

“Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.”

-Michael Jordan, NBA all star



Ashley Walter, 10, spikes the ball after Mckayla Parker, 10, sets it during the Edwardsville tournament against Fort Zumalt.



The JV team talks strategies before they compete on their home turf.

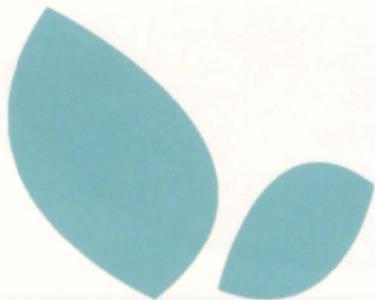
Tara Stirewalt, 10, concentrates on passing the ball up to her teammates. Stirewalt was the primary passer.



Front Row: C. Billhartz, S. Frank, T. Stirewalt, M. Parker. Second Row: A. Moss, K. Potthast, T. Gehrig, A. Hallemann. Back Row: Coach Christy Zeller, A. Walter, K. Zajac, S. Sells, M. Greene, Coach Dawn Hubbard, Coach Tina Beyer.

Scoreboard

Civic Memorial	25-16
Triad	25-22
Jerseyville	25-20
Waterloo	25-15
Mascoutah	22-25
Civic Memorial	25-18
Jerseyville	23-25
Mascoutah	25-11

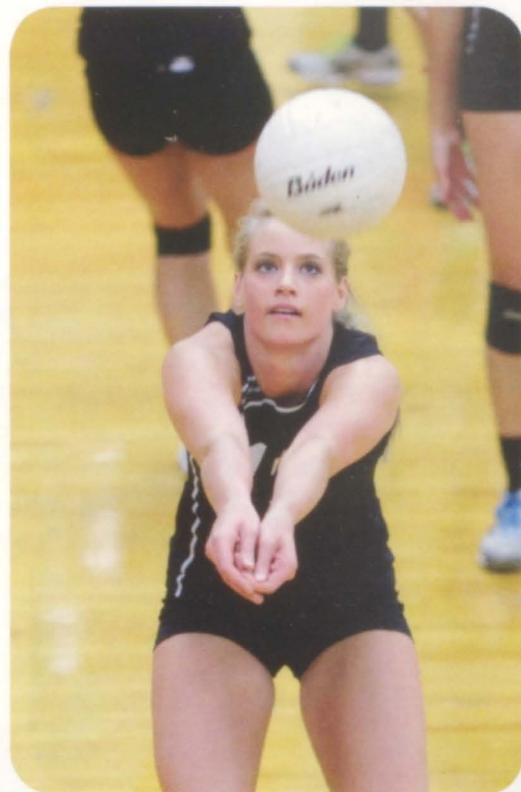


"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

-Archie Griffin, former NFL player



Just for fun, the team put their shoes in a circle to show off their neon color shoestrings. The girls all wore either green, blue, orange, purple, pink, or yellow shoe strings for their game and practice shoes.



Kristin Frey, 12, going in for a bump over the net. Kristin has made the All-Tournament this year, as well as last year. She said, "I am really going to miss high school volleyball."

Ashleigh Holtgrave, 11, Trina Isaak, 12, Kristen Frey, 12, Katherine Torre, 11, and Savannah Sells, 11, negotiate their next play in a huddle circle.



Scoreboard	
Civic Memorial	15-25
Triad	18-25
Jerseyville	25-12
Waterloo	21-25
Mascoutah	26-28
Civic Memorial	24-26
Triad	21-25
Jerseyville	25-13
Waterloo	25-27



Front Row: M. Parker, C. Lietschuh, C. Miranda, T. Stirewalt. Middle Row: S. Painter, A. Watson, A. Moss, A. Holtgrave, K. Frey, A. Weis, T. Gehrig. Back Row: Coach Christy Zeller, Coach Tina Beyer, S. Weis, T. Isaak, K. Torre, K. Torre, A. Walter, E. Keeven, Coach Dawn Hubbard.

“Boom, Roasted!”

By: Micky Wheeler



Practicing six days a week, the ten returning and 18 total varsity volleyball players started their season off with great intentions. Because there were no seniors last year, the seniors this year already had experienced a leadership role on the team. With Coach, Tina Beyer, the girls proved that while having fun one can be successful. Kristen Frey, 12, said, “I am going to miss my team and the fun times we had on the bus and at the away games!” Monday through Friday, and some Saturdays, in the high school gym, the girls dedicated two and a half hours to practicing. Cassey Lietschuh, 12, said, “My favorite part of practice was playing against the JV team at the end of practice and being crowned Queen of the Court. This was when the girls scrimmaged against one another in small groups and the winner of each game would excel on to the next round and once everyone had versed each other, the winner was crowned Queen of the Court. The girls tied for fourth place in the Mississippi Valley Conference and at Regionals the girls won against Jerseyville, but lost to Mater Dei. Cassey Lietschuh, 12, said, “The crowd was always there to cheer for every point we scored and when we needed encouragement. We loved it when they shouted, 'Boom, Roasted!' when we spiked the ball on the other team.” Working through the ups and downs throughout the season, the girls bonded and ended up with a 10-19-2 record. Katherine Torre said, “Our team had a lot of potential and we all were really good players which showed when we worked as a team!”



Q: Did you meet your goals this season? What were they?

A: “To get a higher jump, yes I did.” Emily Keeven, 10.

Q: How does your coach inspire you?

A: “She helped direct and correct me.” Katherine Torre, 11.

Q: What are you going to miss most?

A: “The girls, we've spent the past four years together.” Cheyenne Miranda, 12.



Seniors Cheyenne Miranda, Kristen Frey, Trina Isaak, Cassey Lietschuh, and Ansley Watson during the National Anthem. After the National Anthem, the girls would throw out stuffed volleyballs to the crowd to show off their spirit and get the crowd pumped up.

Kick it in Gear!

By: Mikayla Miller and Alexa Moss



Q: What did you like most about practice?

A: "The jokes the coach made. Josh Moore, 10.

Q: What was your hardest game? Why?

A: "Alton, we had to win in PK's." Thomas Foppe, 10.

Q: What was your most memorable moment?

A: "Being a stud in PKs in the JV tournament." Logan Meier, 10.

To kick off the JV boys soccer practices, the team ran laps around the two soccer fields. They often rehearsed many popular drills such as "The World Cup" and "Dailies." "The World Cup" involved a team of two. One partner went to the corner to kick to the other teammate who was in front of the goal to score off the corner kick. Dailies involved one partner who tossed the ball to the other player's foot to kick it right back to the tosser. The team took part in a Highland tournament where they won two games and lost one. "They did very well against Belleville in the Consolation," said Coach Brent Knebel. They went into overtime and made one more goal than Belleville. At the beginning of games the boys would warm up by dribbling the ball down the field. Then they would get a partner or in a triangular shape to practice passing the ball and to warm up their feet. During halftime, the parents of the players provided sandwiches and grapes to re-energize the boys. The JV soccer team consisted mainly of freshman and sophomores giving hope for future varsity teams. They ended their season with a conference record of five wins and five losses and an over-all record of ten wins and eight losses. Coach Knebel said, "I am really looking forward to seeing the JV boys playing on Varsity and starting out stronger and more successful."



Josh Moore, 10, struggles to steal the ball from their rival, Triad. Lucas Rinderer, 10, waits for Josh to get the ball for a pass.

"The vision of a champion is someone who is bent over, drenched in sweat, at the point of exhaustion, when no one else is watching."

-Anson Dorrance, Girls Soccer Coach at UNC



Mitchell Ponce, 10, kicks the ball safely to their goalie, Thomas Foppe, 10, to prevent a goal from the opposing team.

Forward, Nick Daiber, 11, waits as the defense plays the ball. Forwards stay by the midfield usually.

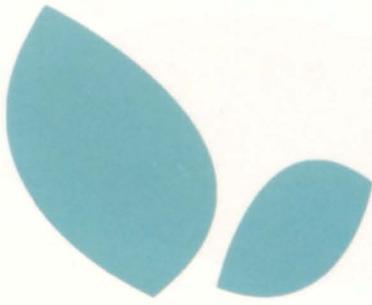


Traveling down the field to receive a pass, Brendan Stanfield, 10, tries to remain open.



Front Row: C. Reese, T. Foppe, J.K. Cygan. Middle Row: A. Zobrist, R. Rapien, L. Rinderer, B. Stanfield. Back Row: Coach Brian Lammers, J. Kennett, D. Buchanan, M. Ponce, B. Wick, Coach Josh Oswald.

Scoreboard	
Civic Memorial	W
Triad	L
Jerseyville	W
Waterloo	L
Mascoutah	L
Civic Memorial	W
Jerseyville	W
Mascoutah	W



“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination.”

-Tommy Lasorda, Former MLB Player



Nick Ammann, 12, and Julian Valencia, 12, dribble the ball up the field. The two forwards were accountable for many goals this season.



Austin Happold, 12, jumps in the air and heads the ball in order to block the opponent from stealing it.

The boys walk in for a huddle to listen to the coach walk through strategies and game plans during the full time out.



Scoreboard

Civic Memorial	3-0
Triad	0-2
Jerseyville	4-0
Waterloo	0-2
Mascoutah	4-0
Civic Memorial	5-2
Triad	1-1
Jerseyville	2-0
Waterloo	4-5
Mascoutah	4-0



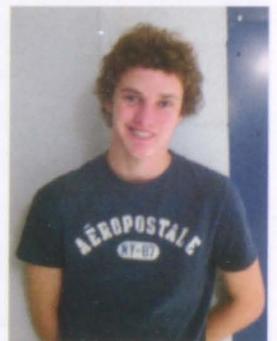
Front Row: J. Mason, A. Happold, K. Kimmle, T. Foppe, J. Weis, R. Bowman. Middle Row: L. Goestenkors, J. McClain, J. Stieb, J. Rinderer, J. Moore. Back Row: Coach Brian Lammers, N. Ammann, C. Wilke, L. Meier, T. Nave, J. Valencia, Coach Josh Oswald.*

Shot At Glory

By: Morgan Schrage



With a Final score of 3-0 in their first game against Civic Memorial, the soccer team began their season full of energy and enthusiasm. Practices were full of blood, sweat, and hard work. They spent over two hours everyday running drills, taking laps, and mocking game situations. "We mainly ran, and then ran some more." said Austin Happold, 12. The boys tough practices eventually paid off. The final scores from the regular season were eight wins and four losses. Troy Nave, 11, said "I just run hard, really hard." Post regular season the boys played against Civic Memorial and Triad in the regionals. They defeated them both and snatched the title of regional champions. After the astonishing victory, the boys then advanced to sectionals, but they lost 0-1 in the first round against the Waterloo Bulldogs, whom they beat earlier in the year. "Even though we expected a win in the sectionals, I am still extremely proud of the boys hard work throughout the season." said Coach Josh Oswald. The season ended with other achievements, such as Nick Ammann, 12, almost defeating the state record for most goals in a season only missing the record by a mere two goals. Jacob Stieb, 12, said, I had an amazing senior year playing soccer for the school, I enjoyed working hard but also having fun with all the guys. The team was awesome this year and I was glad I got to be apart of it!"



Q: How do you celebrate?
A: "I dance!" Ryan Bowman, 10.
Q: What helps you get motivated?
A: "Ammann's Inspirational speech." Joel Mason, 10.
Q: What do you do to get pumped up for a game?
A: "I like to wiggle my fro!" Logan Meier, 10.



Josh Rinderer, 11, attempts to intercept a pass against Triad's offense. Josh's defensive skills contributed greatly to the Bulldogs this season.

Rack em' UP

By: Mikayla Miller



Q: What was your favorite part of practice?

A: "The warm ups and hitting overheads."
Nastea Sapronova, 9.

Q: What are you going to miss most?

A: "Adventures with the chicas."
Jazmin Olivares, 12.

Q: What was your biggest accomplishment?

A: "When me and Lauren won first at Alton."
Lauren Beckman, 11.

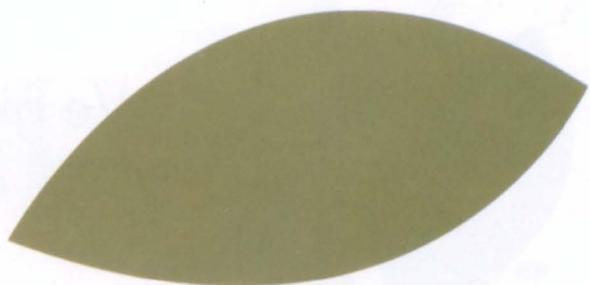
Matt Pellock led the girls tennis team to another successful season in his second year as the head coach. Expectations of this team were high because they had four returning varsity players including the number one spot, Valerie Strasser, 11. Coach Pellock wanted to expand on expectations; therefore, over the summer, he gave many girls tennis lessons. This was a new strategy for the coach. Also in the summer, the girls were encouraged to come every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to improve their skills before the season started. When it officially began in the beginning of August, the practices usually consisted of a 30 to 60 minute warm-up. The warm-up included forehands, backhands, volleys, overheads, and serves. The rest of the practice involved different drills or playing out a set against teammates. The team competed in many tournaments. They placed tenth out of 27 teams in the Edwardsville tournament and second at the Alton Invitational. At the end of the season the varsity girls played in the MVC tournament where they finished second closely behind Triad. At sectionals a doubles team and two singles played for state finals where unfortunately all were lost, but ended in fourth place. The girls had an overall winning season of 10-4. "This was an excellent season, with some notable achievements being our eight out of nine final appearances in our conference tournament, and our performance at the Alton tournament where we finished a close second to Triad. I'm very proud of what we were able to accomplish this season and we had a great group of senior leaders," said Coach Pellock.



Junior Bridgette Kastelein serves the ball to her opponent hoping for an ace. Bridgette contributed to both the JV team and varsity teams in their tournaments.

"If you wanted a soft serve you should have went to DQ."

-Team Motto



In between sets in her match against Alton Marquette, Valerie Strasser, 11, takes a drink. Highland has not beat them in many years.



Chloe Nance, 11, launches her serve. Nance played number four spot and was put number two singles at sectionals.



Waiting for the Triad match to end are L. Beckman, L. Miller, J. Olivares, J. Callahan, K. Ehlers, and M. Miller.



Front Row: K. Ehlers, K. Bray, M. Morland, N. Saponova, L. Beckman, J. Olivares. Middle Row: M. Miller, M. Barker, E. Fuhler, C. Nance, V. Strasser, B. Kastelein, K. Rausch. Back Row: L. Lyons, L. Miller, K. Rongey, J. Callahan, T. Jarvis, F. Sagurna, Coach Matt Pellock.

Scoreboard

Waterloo Gibault	9-0
O' Fallon	4-5
Greenville	9-0
Alton Marquette	0-9
Waterloo	8-1
Collinsville	9-0
Triad	3-6
Granite City	9-0
Mt. Vernon	7-2
Roxana	9-0
Mascoutah	9-0
Civic Memorial	9-0
Jerseyville	8-1
Belleville Althoff	2-7

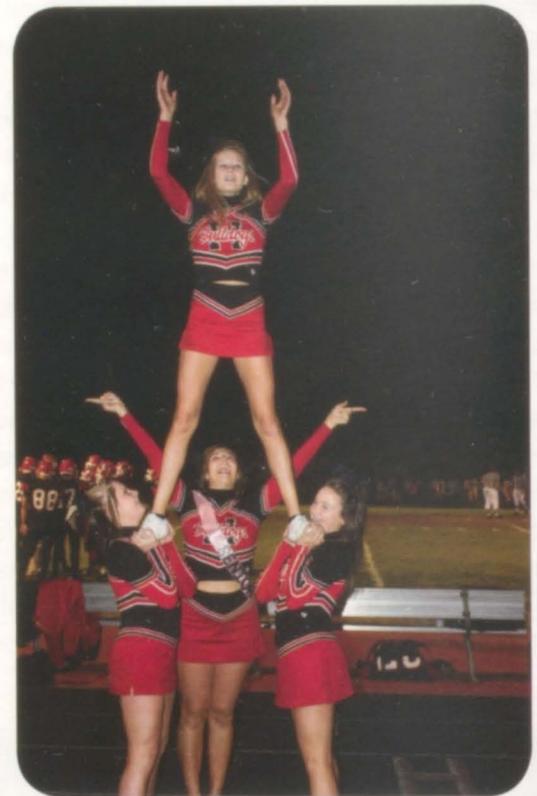


"We give all of our cheers and stunts 100% effort, 100% of the time."

-Logan Frank

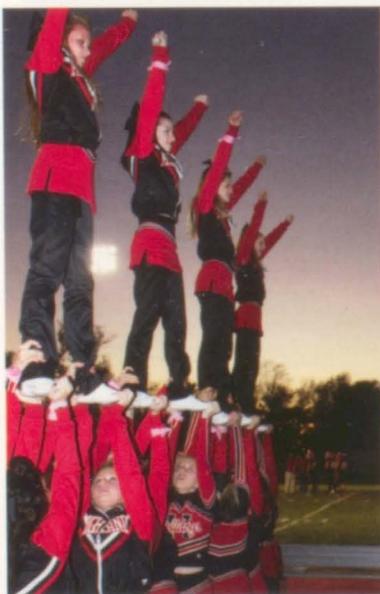


The girls perform "Here We Go" at a JV football game. At the beginning of their cheer, the girls start with stunts and then continue on with jumps and motions. In front is Mariah Miranda, 11, and behind her is Alex Kopp, 11.

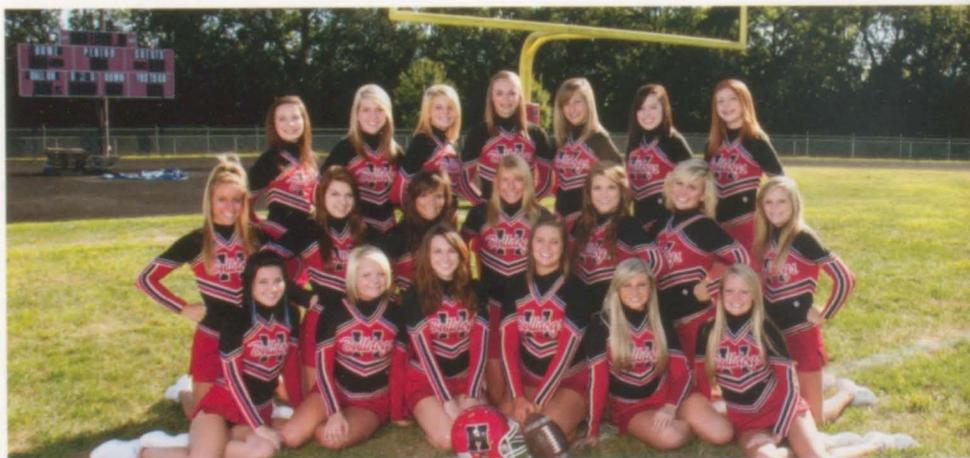


Alexis Barker, 9, Logan Frank, 12, Paige Micheletto, 11, and Paige Kannall, 9, doing a half extension.

Seniors: Alayna Gillespie and Logan Frank pose at Senior Night. The team awarded the two seniors with crowns and sashes to wear at their last football game.



The squad cheering to the crowd in stunts during kick off. The girls wore pieces of pink fabric around their wrists to support breast cancer awareness.



Front Row: A. Miller, P. Micheletto, A. Gillespie, L. Frank, M. Miranda, A. Kopp. Middle Row: L. Lucco, M. Caniff, S. Ostrander, K. Brinker, D. Byrd, M. Frank, A. Barker. Back Row: P. Kannall, C. Gibbons, D. Balint, E. Huelsmann, E. Imming, A. Coyle, A. Terveen.

Spirit's in the air!

By: Micky Wheeler

A total of 20 girls made up the 2010-2011 football cheerleading squad. At the beginning of the season the girls went to a camp to strengthen their skills. Throughout the season the girls did multiple fundraisers. They sold donuts, held a third through eighth grade cheerleading clinic, and hosted a car wash. With Sherri Eveland retiring as coach, Casey Fields filled the position. As a former Highland cheerleader Fields taught the girls a couple cheers that she had done in high school. Fields said, "I thought I was crazy for taking on 20 girls for my first year, but I couldn't have asked for a better squad." The girls began practicing five times a week and later decreased to three times a week. Madison Frank, 10, said, "Practices were always really fun and we always seemed to get a lot done." Once at a practice, the girls built a giant pyramid as a team bonding activity. The girls said that one game they won't forget was defeating Triad. "The game had gone into overtime and we had such a comeback after halftime; it was just so exciting," said Logan Frank, 12. As the season went on, the girls experienced each others' good and bad days. "Your teammates become your family. You have 20 individuals, 20 personalities, and all you can do is learn to love them all," said Laura Lucco, 9. Casey Fields said, "It was crazy at times but that's what made this group the best first team any coach could ask for!"



Alayna Gillespie, 12, and Logan Frank, 12, hold the homecoming banner for the football team to crash through.



Q: Was balancing school and cheerleading hard?

A: "Except for Homecoming week, it wasn't too bad." M. Miranda, 10.

Q: What makes cheerleading fun for you?

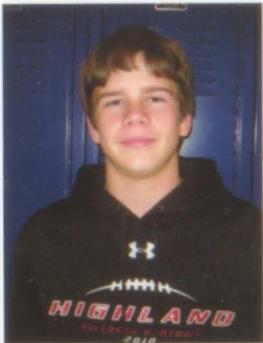
A: "The atmosphere of the crowd and stadium are great." A. Gillespie, 12.

Q: What will you always remember?

A: "My two seniors, Alayna, my guider, and Logan, my comedian." L. Lucco, 9.

Family Tree

By: Colin Duft



Q: What was your team's pre-game ritual?

A: "Pushing and yelling at each other." Austin Huelsmann, 10.

Q: Hardest part about practice?

A: "The conditioning drills." Joe Iberg, 10.

Q: Difference between JV and varsity games?

A: "Varsity is faster and more physical." Aaron Eller, 10.

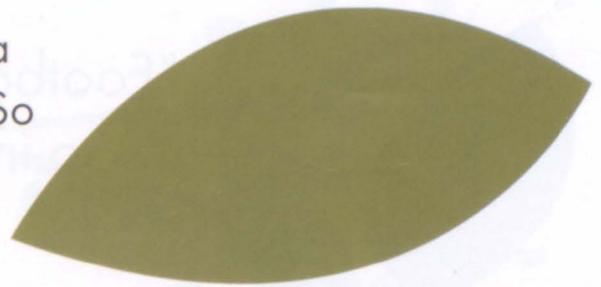
Jim Eveland took over as the JV football coach. Even though it was Eveland's first year with the team, he was very educated and confident about the sport. "Before I became the coach, I worked with younger players for 16 years," said Eveland. The Bulldogs adjusted well to their new leader. Instead of looking for leadership from one player, everyone relied on each other. "Football is played with eleven guys on the field. All eleven guys respected each other equally," Eveland said. According to some players, the practices were challenging. Cody Grey, 9, said, "Practices were physical, and I like to hit people." Practices included monkey rolls, which was a drill that required rolling into other players to gain endurance. Riley Litzenburg, 11, said, "We practiced open field tackling. This is when we had a player run at a defender with the ball and the defender had to tackle the ball carrier. Normally, we would use our larger players to carry the ball for more of a challenge." Size was an advantage the team had over other teams. Nolan Gerner, 10, said, "We were bigger than most teams we played. It helped with offensive blocking." Both the tough practices and the team's size helped the Bulldogs to a winning record of 5-3. Eveland said, "At the end of the season, the team learned about teamwork and giving respect."



The strong offensive line braces themselves to block for their punter on a fourth down. The line never gave up a blocked punt the entire year.

"Football is an honest game. It's true to life. It's a game about sharing. Football is a team game. So is life."

-Joe Namath, former Jets Quarterback



Aaron Uhe, 10, bursts through the defensive line to tackle the ball carrier. Uhe's favorite game was against Mascoutah.



Lowering his head, Brenen Dieson, 11, dodges Mascoutah's blockers and rips into the quarterback for the sack.

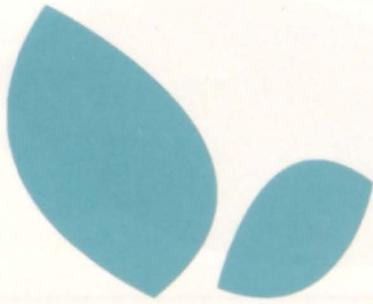


The offensive line clears the way for running back Nick Kernan, 10, as he runs for a big gain.



Front Row: J. Switzer, N. Kernan, A. Langenhorst, A. Huelsmann, M. Murphey, J. Iberg, A. Uhe, S. Holzinger, A. Schneider, A. Eller, Second Row: C. Hudson, Z. Bramstedt, G. Holthaus, T. Zappia, M. Turner, B. Swearingen, M. Keeven, B. Drieson, T. Korte, B. Amos, Third Row: B. Stearns, M. Moenster, R. Litzenburg, C. Reilson, A. Haberer, J. Bush, J. Norman, D. Brinker, B. Ohren, S. Weber, C. Morris, Back Row: M. Becker, N. Howard, M. Buehne, S. Jansen, M. Smith, G. Holt, A. Gantner, A. Westermann, S. Stille, T. Donaldson, C. Smith.

Scoreboard	
Belleville West	L
Marion	L
Centralla	W
Jerseyville	W
Triad	L
Civic Memorial	W
Waterloo	W
Mascoutah	W

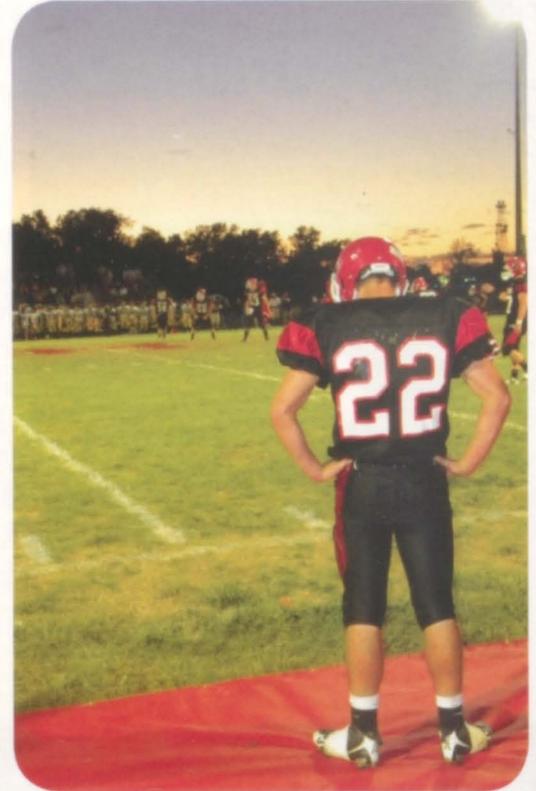


“Football is an incredible game. Sometimes it's so incredible it is unbelievable.”

-Tom Landry, former NFL coach



Cameron Smith, 12, fights for a first down against the Triad Knights. Cameron's touchdown later in the game was featured on the channel 5 news that night.

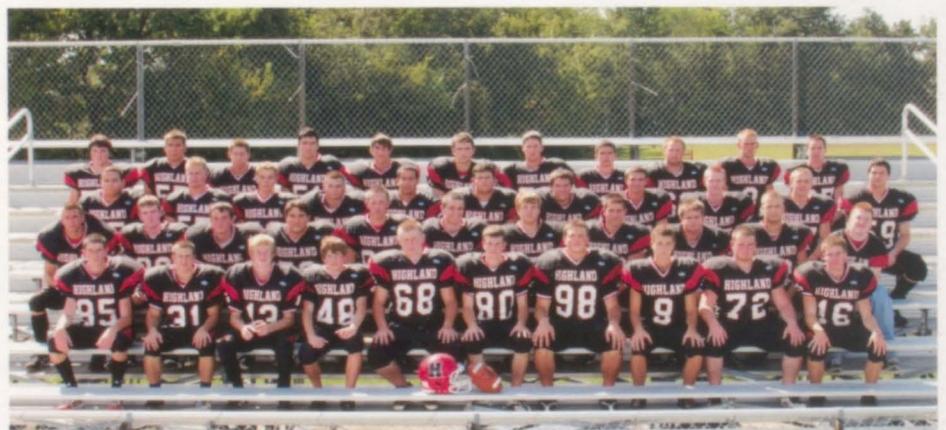


The defense takes the field while the offensive line catches their breath. This included senior running back Michael Buehne whose points for the season totaled 142.

The “Rowdy Crowd” followed the football team to all of their games. At this home game, Larry Jones, 11, holds a sign to motivate the Bulldogs.



Scoreboard	
Belleville West	7-21
Marion	14-27
Centralia	28-33
Jerseyville	28-14
Triad	37-31
Waterloo	21-34
Mascoutah	28-16
Charleston	42-21



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Boys of Fall

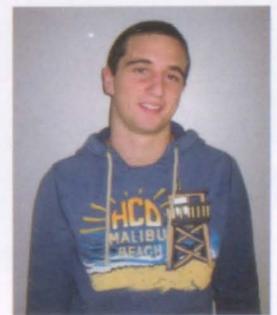
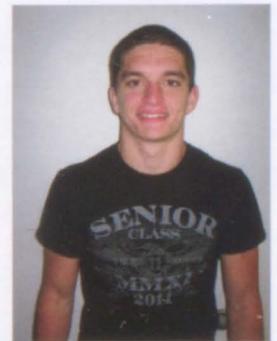
By: Shaina Rittenhouse



After losing to Belleville West, Marion and Centralia, the varsity football team started their season with a 0-3 record. They won their first game at Jerseyville in week four. "Winning against the Panthers gave us the confidence we needed to defeat Triad the following week," said Coach Ron Holt. Highland's victory over Triad was the second in a total of seven years. Senior Captain Grant Holt said, "It was looking bad until the fourth quarter when we came back from being down by twenty-one points." The crowd rushed the field when the game was over adding to the celebration. After the Triad game, Michael Buehne, 12, was awarded the St. Louis Rams' High School Player of the Week for his game winning touchdown against the Knights. Regarding practice the next week, Mitchell Moenster, 11, said, "We knew we had to work hard to beat Waterloo and secure a spot in the playoffs." Highland came close to a victory after scoring 14 points in the first half of their game at Waterloo. However, Waterloo came back in the second half taking away Highland's chance of an appearance in the playoffs. The Bulldogs went on to win their last two games at home against Mascoutah and Charleston. Charleston's game was senior night. Shane Stille, 12, said "Winning the last game we will ever play together was a bittersweet experience." The Bulldogs ended their season with a record of 4-4. Upon the season's ending Ron Holt resigned as head coach.



The Bulldog's offensive line gets into a 3-point stance ready to snap the ball. Awaiting the snap is Trent Donaldson, 12. The snap was made after Donaldson called a cadence.



Q: Why did you play football this year?

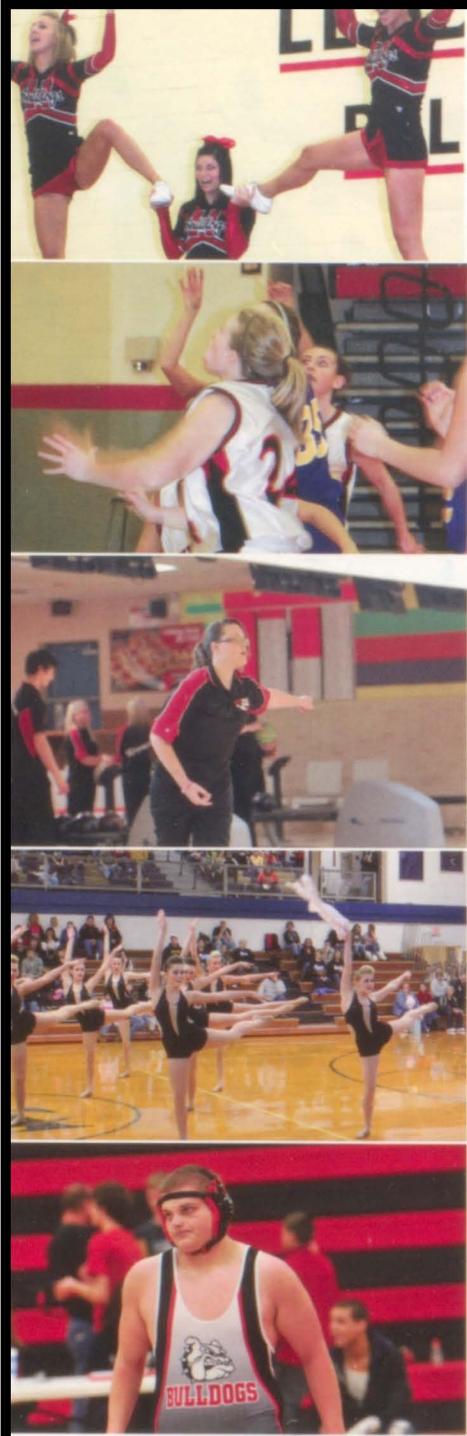
A: "I've played since I was 10 so it's a way of life." Riley "Chet" Litzenburg, 11.

Q: What are you going to miss most about football?

A: "Playing games under the lights." Alex Westerman, 12.

Q: Do you have inside jokes on the team?

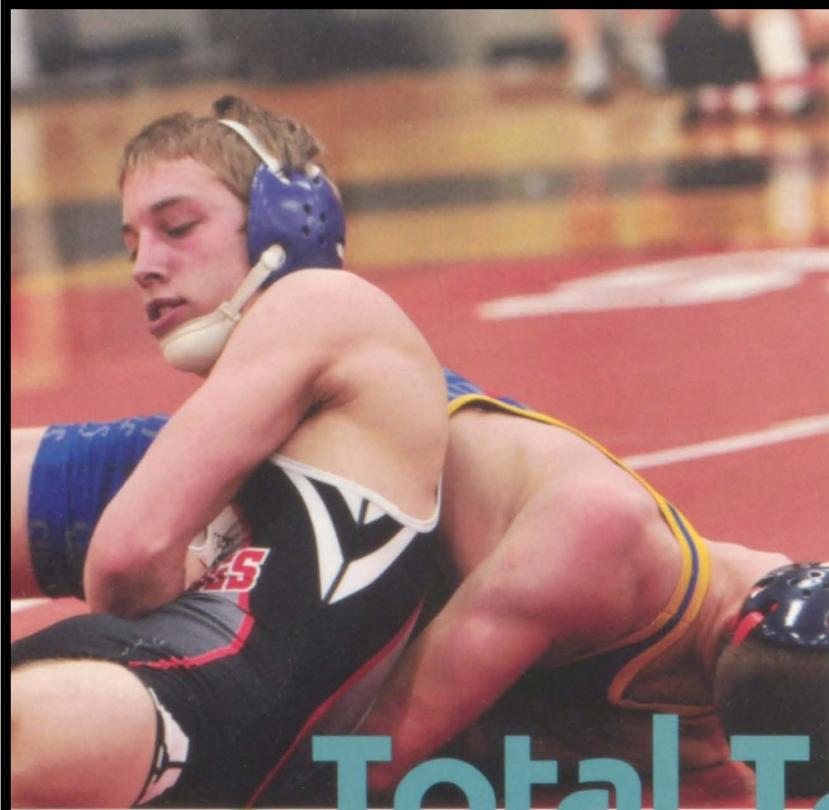
A: "The bird is the word." Blake Swearingen, 10.



Winter Sports

“Barkin’ Up the Wrong Tree”

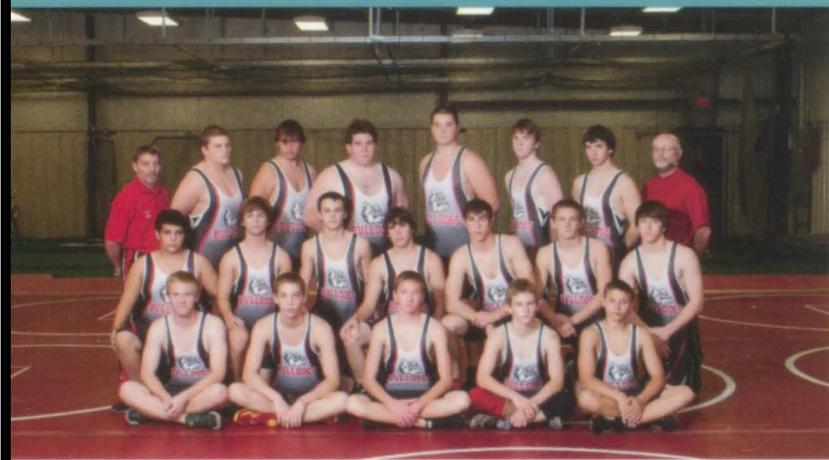




Locking his opponent in place, Dylan Anderson, 12, uses the pin to win his match. Anderson was the most successful wrestler during the season, making it to the State Tournament.

Total Take-down

By: Tyler Klostermann



Front Row: B. Ohren, D. Anderson, N. Ruffini, D. Dicken, S. Diaz.
 Middle Row: B. Zuccarelli, C. Singler, T. Henke, D. Burke, M. Smith, D. DeLong, S. Wheeler.
 Back Row: Coach Terry Ohren, D. Rosborough, S. Williams, K. Haegle, T. Farmer, Z. Bramstedt, K. Littlefield, Coach Ted Cipicchio.



Q: What was your favorite part of wrestling?
 A: "Going out to eat after all of the tournaments." Matt Smith, 12.



Q: What was the highlight of your season?
 A: "When I won conference." Dustin Rosborough, 11.

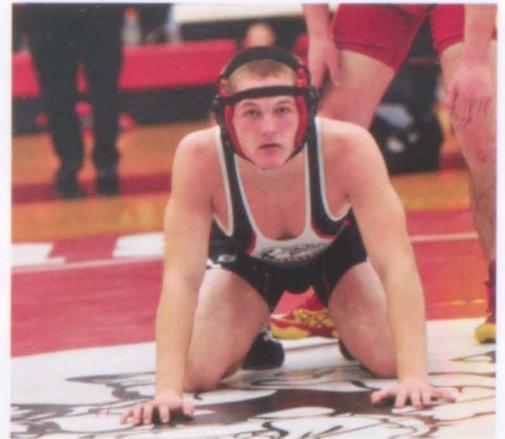


Q: What was your best personal match?
 A: "When I pinned the Waterloo kid in conference." Tanner Farmer, 9.

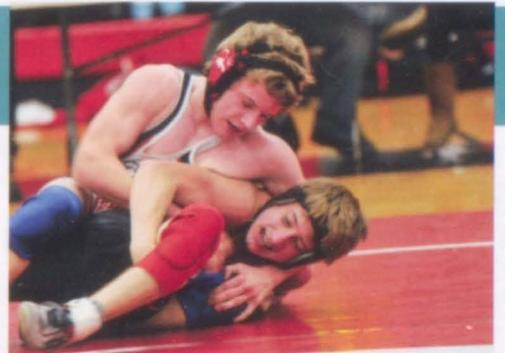
Zach Bramstedt, 10, uses a take-down against an opponent. Take-downs, along with other moves, were worth points in a wrestling match.



Devonn Delong, 9, starts his match against Centralia in the down position.



The wrestling team had high expectations this season. With a rotation of eight Varsity players lead by four seniors, the team was ready to make a run. Coming into the season, head coach Terry Ohren and assistant coach Ted Cipicchio knew what kind of potential their team had after having a rebuilding year last season. With few upperclassmen in the past, the team failed to compete at a high level as a unit. The team make-up was altered almost completely this season, with all of the Varsity positions being held by juniors and seniors. "Most matches had 14 weight classes and we only left three or four vacant on a regular basis. That was real encouraging for us and a lot different than in past years," said Cipicchio. Although overall the team didn't have a very successful regular season, they did manage to compete in most events. They finished the year with a 4-9 record and won the West Frankfurt Tournament. Regardless of their regular season results, the team began to wrestle better at the right time, the post-season. "The highlight of our year by far was the post-season," said Cipicchio. The team competed well in the conference tournament and only lost by nine points. The team also had six individuals who made it to the post season. Dylan Anderson, 12, Alex Westerman, 12, Brendan Ohren, 12, and Cameron Singler, 11, Dustin Rosborough, 11, and Tanner Farmer, 9, all made it out of their regional. Ohren, Westerman, Rosborough, and Farmer were all bounced out in their first match of the sectional tournament. Westerman later said, that "the highlight of my year was doing really well in the Civic Memorial Tournament and the Conference Tournament." Anderson made it through his sectional and advanced to the State Tournament, while Singler fell one win short of making it to State. At State, Anderson lost his first match and was eliminated.



Brendan Ohren, 12, pins an O'Fallon opponent. Ohren lettered three years in Varsity wrestling.

Scoreboard

HHS Intersquad Tournament: 2-1

Effingham Intersquad: 0-2

Civic Memorial Tournament: 0-2

Mascoutah Tournament: 1-2

West Frankfort Tournament: 2-1

MVC Tournament: 3-2



To prevent her opponent from getting the ball, Alena Miller, 10, guards her in a "man to man" defense.

Hoop! There it is!

By: Alexa Moss



Front Row: Kristin Hoyt, Alena Miller, Addison Rosen, Abby Rinderer. Middle Row: Molly Rinderer, Caitlynn Frank, Allison Ferguson, Sydney Lammers, Brooke Hug. Back Row: Coach Stephanie Harris, Kristin Potthast, Hannah Hartlieb, Shanna Welz, Emily Holtzclaw, Emily Manley, and Coach Chris Hartlieb.



Q: What was the most entertaining game?
 A: "Civic Memorial because it was very intense." Brooke Hug, 9.



Q: What was your biggest achievement this year?
 A: "Beating Triad." Abby Rinderer, 10.

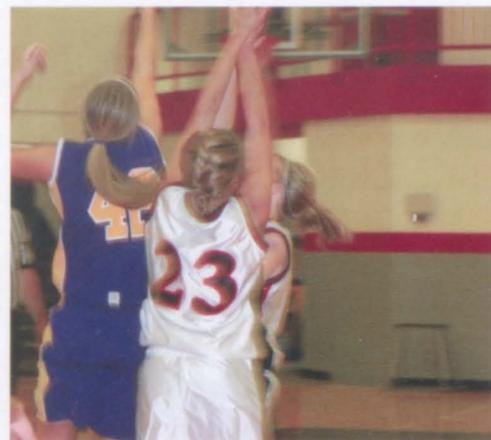


Q: What was your favorite drill during practice? Why?
 A: "Kentucky layups because they were difficult and pushed us." Emily Manley, 10.

Coach Chris Hartlieb talks to the girls about the different plays and which one will be the most effective in winning that particular game.



Abby Rinderer, 10, blocks her opponent from a shot.



In order to start off the JV girls basketball team with a win, the Lady Bulldogs had to practice everyday after school until 5. The practices focused on the basic principles of passing, shooting, defensive and offensive plays. The girls started off their practices by ball handling and free shooting. This helped the ladies focus on what they needed to improve. The JV girls also performed many drills that focused on the fundamentals of basketball. Some of the team's main drills were the Kentucky layups, which helped the girls with their shots underneath the basket, and the 5 and 50 drill. In the 5 and 50 drill, the team members would dribble up and down the court, each time doing a specific play in 50 seconds. The JV girls also practiced perfecting their plays so they would have them ready for the following games. The most popular drill was Texas, which was a one on one offensive play.

The season had both ups and downs. Although losing twice to Civic Memorial was a disappointment, the JV girls came back and beat their rival, Triad. The team was led by coaches Chris Hartlieb, Stephanie Harris, and Tim Martin. "Although we didn't have any tournaments this year, the games were enough to make our team so close. We had a lot of laughs and loved to joke around," said Allison Ferguson, 10. The JV girls ended their season with an overall record of 9 wins and 7 losses. "They played hard all year, did everything asked of them with a great attitude, and finished the year strong, winning 5 of their last 6 games," said Head Coach Chris Hartlieb.



Dribbling down the court, Emily Holtzclaw, 9, looks for an open teammate for a pass.

Scoreboard	
Triad	52-25
Jerseyville	44-51
Waterloo	46-21
Civic Memorial	42-47
Mater Dei	18-60
Mascoutah	38-31
Civic Memorial	18-55
Jerseyville	72-65
Waterloo	56-30
Triad	43-18
Mascoutah	43-36



Going in for the jump shot, Katie Hempen, 12, concentrates on her aim. Hempen averaged 13.8 points per game and scored 443 points this season.

Hot Shot

By: Hayley Welz



Front Row: M. Klenke, S. Trobaugh, S. Wessel, E. Manley.
Middle Row: K. Martin, C. Gramlich, K. Hempen. Back Row: Coach Chris Hartlieb, C. Potthast, Coach Stephanie Harris, T. Isaak, E. Michael, J. Callahan, E. Fuhler, Head Coach Matt Elledge.



Q: What was your favorite game?
A: "The Mascoutah Tournament game because we beat Mater Dei."
Trina Isaak, 12.



Q: What will you miss most about the season?
A: "Coach Elledge because he made it fun to play basketball."
Kayla Martin, 12.



Q: What is the hardest part about playing basketball?
A: "It's hard to stay in shape."
Codi Gramlich, 11.

Looking for the pass, Suzi Wessel, 12, dribbles around her defender to find an open shot. Wessel was brought into the game when the team needed a three-point shot.



Sara Trobaugh, 11, drives the ball down the court to set up an offensive play.



The Lady Bulldogs had high standards to live up to from previous years. The ladies exceeded their goals when they finished with a strong record of 29-4. This was the best record ever reached in the Highland basketball program. The team kicked off the phenomenal season placing second in the Salem Tournament where Katie Hempen, 12, was honored as MVP of the tournament, and Emily Michael, 11, made the second team all tournament. Highland conquered a first place at the Mascoutah Holiday Tournament, and both Trina Isaak, 12, and Hempen earned first team all tournament. The girls continued to show their talent when capturing second at the Highland Invitational, the toughest tournament of the season. Hempen received another first team all tournament, and a second team all tournament was awarded to Michael. With an undefeated conference record, the girls won the fourth consecutive conference title. After an impressive regular season, the team was expected by Head Coach, Matt Elledge, to do well in the post season. The regionals were hosted at Jerseyville High School and the lady bulldogs took home the victory by beating Jerseyville and Chatham. They advanced to the sectionals held at Salem High School and won the first game against Salem. However, the season ended after losing to Mater Dei by four points in the sectional championship. Although the state dream was shut down, the support from their fans remained. A parade of fans followed the Highland team bus around town after the sectional game to show their appreciation for the girls. "Any team can be a miracle team, but you have to go out to work for your miracles, and that is exactly what this team did. Winning four consecutive conference championships, four consecutive regional championships, and 100 games in the last four years are accomplishments that explain this team to a tee," said Coach Elledge.



Mariah Klenke, 12, blocks a pass. Klenke was a transfer from Mater Dei and was welcomed to the team.

Scoreboard

Triad	70-28
Jerseyville	75-37
Waterloo	65-14
Civic Memorial	57-38
Mascoutah	46-35
Civic Memorial	57-43
Jerseyville	69-42
Waterloo	61-16
Triad	53-44
Mascoutah	65-38



Michaela Blackburn, 10, Jessica Schrage, 10, Amber Korsmeyer, 10, Cori Rehkemper, 11, Karli Thornton, 9, and Morgan Bargetzi, 9, perform their Lyrical dance, After Midnight, at the Triad Regional. They received 1st for this dance at the regional.

I dance, therefore I am

By: Hannah Runge



Front Row: Michaela Blackburn, Peyton Gehrs, Amber Korsmeyer, and Morgan Bargetzi. Middle Row: Cori Rehkemper, Jessica Schrage, and Emily Capelle. Back Row: Morgan Reaka, Hanna Trout, Paige Lampe, and Karli Thornton.



Q: What is your favorite dance and why?
 A: "Lyrical because I can really express myself through the choreography and music." Cori Rehkemper, 10.



Q: What will you miss most?
 A: "The feeling I get before I walk on the gym floor during a competition." Jessica Schrage, 9.



Q: What was your favorite part of the season?
 A: "The very last week of practice when everyone was working together." Amber Korsmeyer, 10.

Jessica Schrage, 10, Peyton Gehrs, 9, Morgan Reaka, 9, Paige Lampe, 9, Emily Capelle, 9, Karli Thornton, 9, and Hanna Trout, 9, squeeze in lockers before performing at a regional.



JV performing their jazz routine, Little Bird, at the Lindbergh Regional. They received first at this competition.



Through the years, the dance program has consistently swept many regional competitions and brought home multiple state titles. This year the JV team was challenged. Instead of being grouped by how large or small the school is, every JV team was against each other, making it a lot more difficult to win. Luckily, the JV squad had talent. They received almost all firsts at all regionals and first in both Jazz and Lyrical at state. Sophomores and the team captains on the team were Amber Korsmeyer, Cori Rehkemper, Michaela Blackburn, and Jessica Schrage. These girls led this team to victory. As captains they helped clean routines, kept everything and everyone organized, and helped make everything easier on the coach. The entire Junior Varsity team was made up of freshmen and sophomores. The freshmen on the team were Peyton Gehrs, Paige Lampe, Emily Capelle, Morgan Reaka, Morgan Bargetzi, Hanna Trout, and Karli Thornton. The JV team also had a new coach this year, Alyssa Ruwe. "The new coach is amazing! She has done such a good job with keeping the team on good terms and making us all better individually and as a team," said Cori Rehkemper, 10. At every regional competition, the JV performed three dances and at the state level they were allowed to pick two of those three dances to perform. Their dances consisted of Jazz Dance, Lyrical, and Hip Hop. Their Hip Hop dance was a mix of popular songs and was upbeat. Their Jazz song was called Little Bird and had a slower tempo. Their most successful dance was Lyrical which was called After Midnight. They brought their Jazz and Lyrical routines to State where they earned first in both dances at the competition resuming their state champ title.



JV Hip Hop mix received first at the Triad competition.

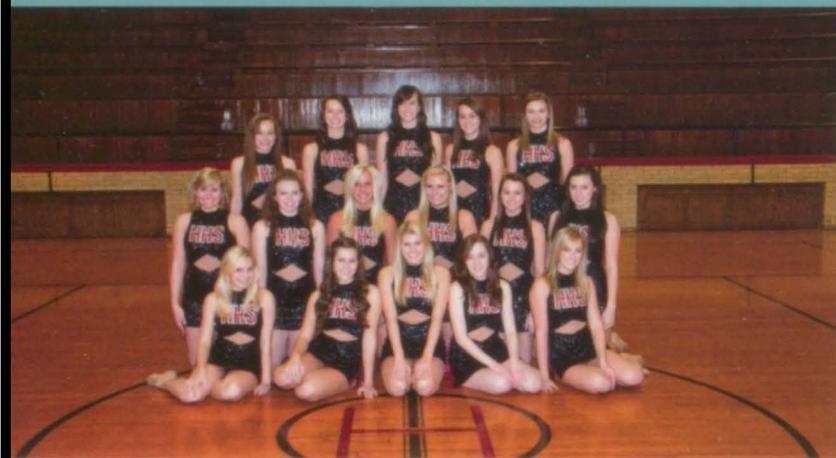
Scoreboard	
Lindbergh	1 st Jazz
	4th Hip Hop
Belleville East	1 st Jazz
	1 st Hip Hop
	1 st Lyrical
Altoff	1 st Jazz
	1 st Hip Hop
Triad	1 st Jazz
	1 st Hip Hop
	1 st Lyrical
Highland	2nd Jazz
	1 st Hip Hop
	1 st Lyrical
State	1 st Jazz
	1 st Lyrical



Every year the dance team goes right down the road to Triad for their annual IDTA regional. The ladies perform their Jazz routine to "Tainted Love." Hayley Welz, 12, said, "I liked this routine because it showed the team's technical ability and it was a fun and sassy routine that the crowd always enjoyed."

Foolish Games

By: Morgan Schrage



Front Row: Lyndsey Poettker, Morgan Schrage, Madeline Laney, Jenna Luitjohan, and Ashley Wellen. Middle Row: Madison Frank, Sarah Wagner, Hayley Welz, Brianna Netemeyer, Alyse Duncan, and Christa Williams. Back Row: Miranda Wagner, Brooke Terrill, Claire Munie, Carrie Eilerman, and Lauren Lutostanksi.



Q: What pumps you up?
A: "Morgan's sexy time playlist." Brianna Netemeyer, 11.

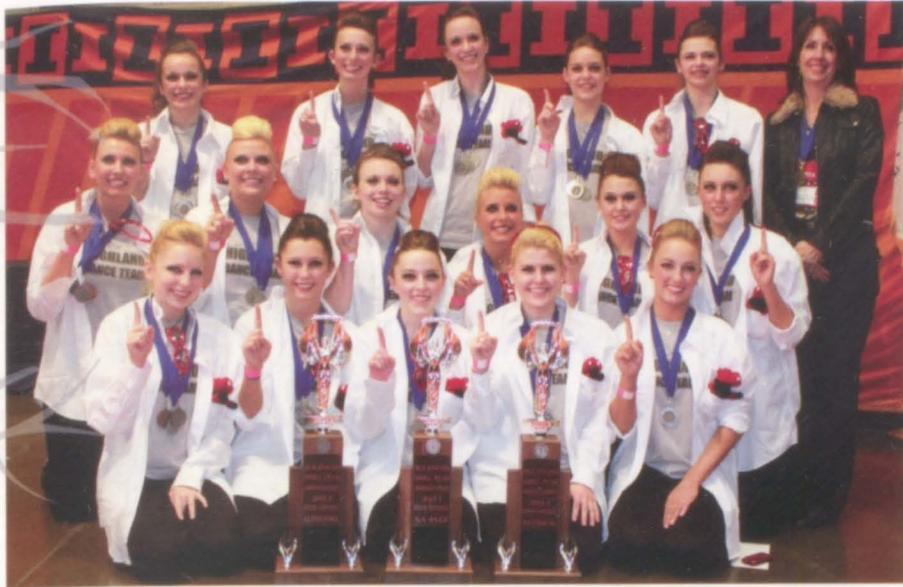


Q: What will you miss about dance?
A: "Conversations between Hayley and Deets." Jenna Luitjohan, 12.



Q: What is your favorite dance?
A: "Pom, because it's fun and upbeat." Alyse Duncan, 10.

The girls show off their first place trophies that they received at the IDTA State Finals. They won in the categories of Pom Dance, Jazz, and Lyrical.



At the Triad regional, the girls perform their undefeated Hip-Hop routine "So Sick."



The Varsity Girls Dance Team had an undefeated IDTA regional season and also earned three state titles. With 16 dancers and seven of them seniors, the girls worked hard for it, with five days a week of practice from May until March. The team started their season at a summer camp in Champaign called "Push the Limit." The girls performed solos, duets, and trios. The seven seniors also performed a group dance that received first place. The girls had their first performance at the Kirchenfest in August where they performed their never before seen Pom Dance routine. After the long winter practices, the competition season came quickly. When Brooke Terrill, 10, was asked how she pumped the team up, she replied, "Well, all I have to do is put on my unitard and ask the team who is ready to let the dogs out? Who? Who?" At their second regional at Althoff, the team had the four highest scores of the day which has never happened in the history of dance team. They also qualified all four routines for the IDTA State Competition at the same regional. The girls competed in four different categories: Pom Dance, Lyrical, Jazz, and Hip Hop. They also performed at the home Varsity Boys Basketball games, starting off by doing sidelines and the school song before the game started, and then performing one of their competition routines for the crowd during half time. The team captains were seniors Jenna Luitjohan, Madi Laney, Lyndsey Poettker, Morgan Schrage. The captains helped clean the routines to make them powerful and flawless. As the season came to a close after state, they celebrated it by going to their annual banquet at Michael's restaurant in Highland where they handed out Varsity letters, chevrons, and other awards. "I loved working with this group. They were hard working but also liked to have fun. Also I would like to add that I am not afraid to dance!" said Coach Michelle Deets.



The Captains are Lyndsey Poettker, 12, Jenna Luitjohan, 12, Morgan Schrage, 12, and Madi Laney, 12.

Scoreboard	
Belleville East	1st- AA Pom Dance AA Dance AA Hip-Hop
Althoff	1st- AA Pom Dance AA Dance AA Hip-Hop AA Lyrical
Triad	1st- AA Pom Dance AA Dance AA Hip-Hop AA Lyrical
Highland	1st- AA Pom Dance AA Dance AA Hip-Hop AA Lyrical
State	1st- AA Pom Dance AA Dance AA Lyrical



In a game against Triad, Caleb McKee, 9, shoots the ball. McKee, being a freshman on the JV team, had to step up his game to play the position. The team's last game against Triad was a deciding factor whether or not the team would win conference or have to share it. Falling to Triad, their ending record was 12-3.

Swooshh

By: Mikayla Miller



Being on defense, Nick Flanigan, 11, tries to block the pass from the Salem Wildcats. Salem was not in their conference but games like this gave them more practice for the games that counted.



Q: What did you accomplish most this year?

A: "We beat every team at least once this season." Aaron Elledge, 9.



Q: What was your favorite part of practice?

A: "Listening to Coach Brinkman." Austin McCloud, 11.



Q: What game was most rewarding?

A: "CM. They beat us pretty bad in the beginning of the season, but then we won the second time." Nick Flanigan, 11.

Recently being fouled, Austin Welz, 11, looks for an opening pass. Welz played on both Varsity and JV teams and was a real help to both winning records.



Austin McCloud, 11, takes his two free throw shots after being fouled.



The JV Boys Basketball team began their season in the beginning of November. Each player was encouraged to lift weights both in the summer and out of season. It was Brinkman's second year of coaching the Junior Varsity boys. The team consisted of mostly juniors and sophomores with some freshmen. Being on the JV team made the boys potential candidates for Varsity years to come. The practices were usually after school and the boys warmed up with shooting and stretching. Then, they did drills like the Flex, which gained offensive skills, and the Three Man Weave. In this exercise, the players passed, weaved, and shot in turn. They also did guard forward shooting, which had the players shooting from a different spot each time they got the ball. At the end of each practice the team ran. How much they ran depended on the accuracy of their free throws that practice. They played the conference teams twice, and were able to beat every team at least once. Ben Melosi, 11, said, "Even though I sat out most of the season because of my broken ankle, I saw each player improve their individual game." Their season ended after their loss to Triad, which determined the conference champions. Ending with the record 12-3, the coach, Terry Brinkman, said, "The team this year impressed me by winning against every team and it was an excellent season. We also accomplished being the Hawaiian Bulldogs. I am looking forward to next year." "Hawaiian Bulldogs" was given to the JV Boys Basketball team because Brinkman wore a Hawaiian shirt to a game once and the term stuck.



Racing to get open for a pass N. Flanigan, 10, and A. Welz, 11, offensively stand strong against the Knights.

Scoreboard	
Civic Memorial	42 - 44
Mascoutah	52 - 49
Wesclin	60 - 38
Jerseyville	46 - 22
Waterloo	67 - 74
Triad	61 - 49
Carbondale	42 - 38
Mascoutah	51 - 42
Taylorville	57 - 34
Waterloo	53 - 39
Jerseyville	59 - 32
Civic Memorial	69 - 46
Triad	46 - 55

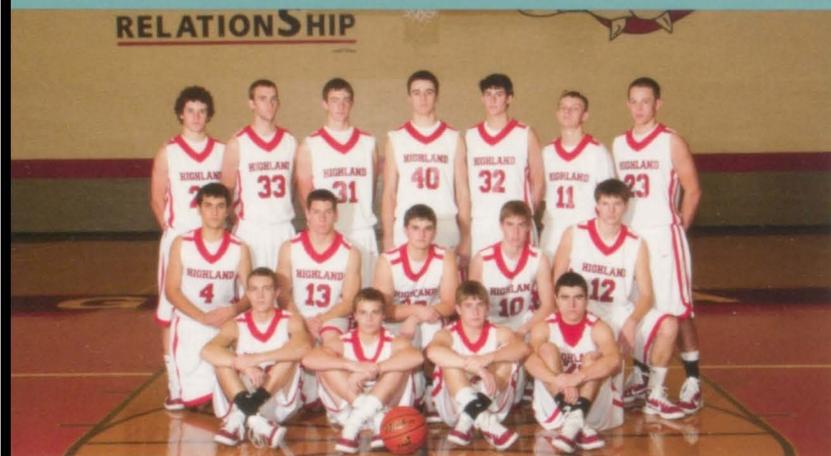


Soaring for the board, Austin Welz, 11, times his jump perfectly to out rebound the Triad forwards. Rebounding was a key factor in the win over Triad at Highland.

Ball is Life

By: Colin Duff

RELATIONSHIP



Front Row: A. Welz, J. Haberer, B. Melsoi, M. Carriger. Middle Row: N. Ammann, M. Buehne, D. Brinker, A. McCloud, N. Flannigan. Back Row: L. Meier, T. Donaldson, T. Vogelbacher, B. Sparlin, G. Hartlieb, H. Michael, M. Turner.



Q: What was your favorite part about basketball?
A: "Being a part of a good team." Derek Brinker, 12.



Q: How many dunks did you have?
A: "I'd guess around 15 or 16." Geoffrey Hartlieb, 11.

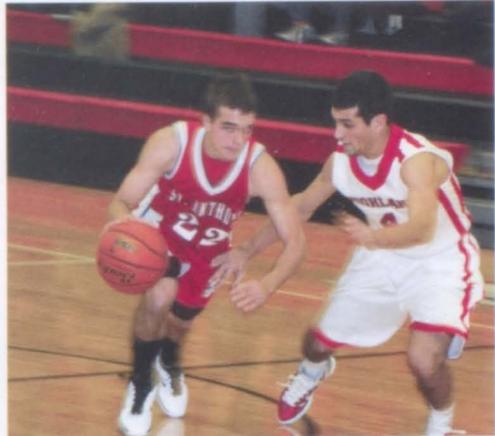


Q: Do you have a nickname?
A: "People call me 618 Hoopa." Hunter Michael, 12.

Michael Buehne, 12, lines up a pass at the top of the key. Buehne's knowledge of the game helped his passing ability and led the team with 5.2 assists per game.



Nick Ammann, 12, slides into position to cut off St. Anthony's guard.



The Boys Varsity Basketball team knew they weren't going to have a deep bench going into the season. Early injuries didn't help the problem. "Missing players at different times was our biggest obstacle. Injuries definitely shortened our bench," said Ben Sparlin, 11. After getting their feet wet in a tournament at Gibault, the rival game against Triad at home finally came. The game was a marathon ending up in a 76 to 69 overtime win. "The Triad game was a huge changing point in the season," said Mitch Carriger, 10. Never looking back, the team finished with a 17-11 record (four of those losses to ranked opponents). Michael Buehne, 12, said, "From the start to the finish, we improved most on our ability to score. Everybody played a part in putting points up on the scoreboard; it wasn't just a one man effort." At the last conference game, the rowdy crowd decided to dress in all white at Triad. "We wanted to show as much team spirit as possible. We liked to call it 'The White Out'," said Larry Jones, 11. Even with the fan support, Highland lost to Triad to end in a first place tie with Triad for the MVC conference. The last time Highland placed first in the MVC for boys basketball was back in the 2007-2008 season. That same year the team was unable to win a regional losing in the championship game to Jerseyville. This year, the team wasn't going to let that outcome transpire. Highland outdid Chatham on Chatham's home floor by a score of 63 to 54. Later that week, Highland took on Jacksonville. Highland had the ball with 18 seconds left to play with the score tied. Nick Ammann, 12, became the hero as he made the winning basket as time expired. This was the first regional championship for Highland Boys Varsity basketball in 15 years. Unfortunately, Highland lost to Centraila 57 to 50 in the Jerseyville sectional game. Even with the early Sectional loss, the boys were proud to know they accomplished something that hasn't been done in 15 years.



Posting up on Triad's big men, Trent Donaldson, 12, catches a pass from the wing.

Scoreboard	
Civic Memorial	57 - 32
Mascoutah	61 - 31
Wesclin	62 - 63
Triad	76 - 69
St. Anthony	62 - 63
Jerseyville	46 - 40
Waterloo	65 - 37
Carbondale	64 - 69
Taylorville	58 - 29
Waterloo	69 - 43
Jerseyville	59 - 48
Civic Memorial	62 - 40
Triad	41 - 48



The team after they were done performing at state. The girls were often given flowers and gifts from parents or boyfriends for a job well done. "I was proud of how well the team did at state, even though we didn't win we placed where we wanted to. The girls made my senior year a first place year for me," said Logan Frank, 12.

Lets Get Fired Up

By: Micky Wheeler



Front Row: E. Imming, H. Ridelberger, R. Molinari, A. Kopp, P. Kannall, K. Medina. Middle Row: M. Miranda, V. Loyet, A. Coyle, A. Barker, C. Brauns, D. Balint, K. Smithie. Back Row: A. Miller, L. Lucco, E. Huelsman, L. Frank, L. Wolfe, K. Growe, S. Fischer, C. Stock.



Q: What was your favorite part about cheerleading?
 A: "Becoming so close to my team that I would call them family." Laura Lucco, 9.

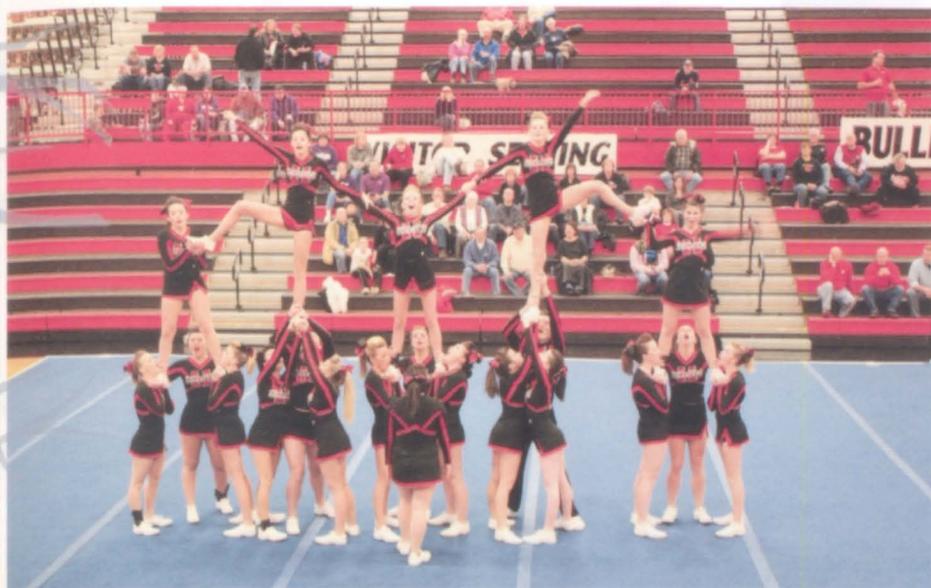


Q: What was your most memorable moment this year?
 A: "How much fun we had in the hotel together the night before state." Katie Medina, 10.

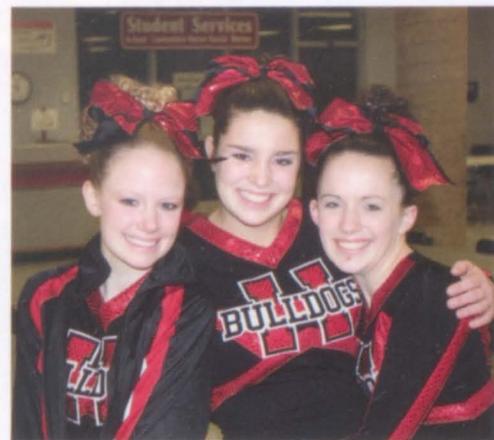


Q: What were you most nervous about with this year?
 A: "I was nervous about becoming a flyer." Alexis Barker, 9.

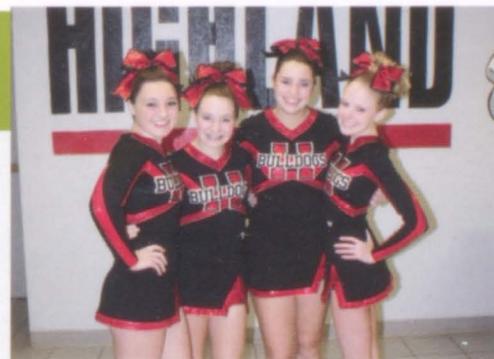
The squad performed at the Optimist Shoot Out. The girls showed off their mount in their routine. In a routine, a squad must have an opening, dance, cheer, and a mount. A mount is a series of connecting stunts.



A. Kopp, 11, L. Frank, 12, and K. Smithey, 10, waiting for their performance at Highland Regional.



Fourteen new members, eight rookies, and a determination to win, the Junior Varsity (JV) squad was ready to redeem themselves. "I was excited to see how the year would play out because over half the squad was new," said Logan Frank, 12. Starting their season off with multiple fundraisers and team activities, the squad began a close bond early on. They also attended Super Cheerleading and Dance Association (CDA), a camp held in Chicago, during the summer to learn new skills and tricks for the upcoming season. The girls started off cheering for the JV Boys Basketball team and then continued their season with competitions. Their first Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) competition was held in Highland in January. The squad received second place and qualified to advance to ICCA State. The following weekend, the girls performed at Mt. Vernon High School for another ICCA performance and received first place. "I was so pleased with the team for taking a second and first place at regionals and then qualifying for state! I couldn't be any more proud," said Coach Dena Willeford. The next two weeks were full of ups, downs, and multiple injuries. The girls reworked their routine various times to get it just right for their state performance. A week before their performance for state, Alexis Barker, 9, broke both of her hands. With a minor break in her left hand, Barker only had to wear a brace. But her right hand was put into a cast. Not wanting to let her team down or sit out for their performance at state, Barker decided to remove her cast and perform at state. With a remarkable routine, the team placed seventh out of the 14 teams in the large division. "At the end of this year, I was proud of my team and happy with how close we were with one another," said Kelly Growe, 11.



A. Miller, 11, P. Kannall, 9, L. Frank, 12, A. Kopp, 11, posing for a stunt group picture.

Scoreboard

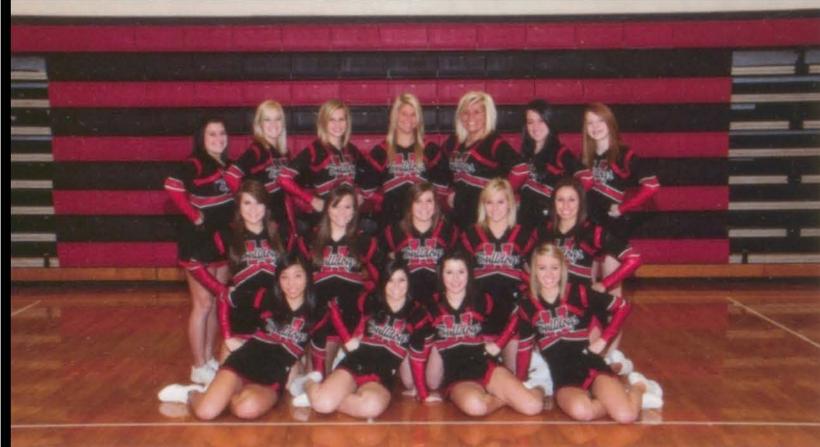
Highland ICCA Regional - 2nd
 Mt. Vernon ICCA Regional - 1st
 ICCA State - 7th



The squad performing at ICCA State. State was held in Springfield at the Prairie Convention Center. Here, the squad is showing off their ending portion of their mount in their routine. "I was excited to do the ending of our mount because that was what we fell on last year, and I wanted to prove to everyone that we could do it," said Emily Miller, 12.

Bring it on.

By: Micky Wheeler



Front Row: L. Niggli, C. Lowe, C. Rinderer, A. Kosydor. Middle Row: D. Byrd, S. Ostrander, D. Zobrist, M. Wheeler, K. Krump. Back Row: E. Miller, B. Schneck, M. Schantz, T. Pothast, M. Harrison, L. Compton, A. Terveen.



Q: What were you most nervous about this year?
A: "I was nervous about being initiated."
Amber Terveen, 9.



Q: Since it was your last year, what will you miss most?
A: "I will miss all the competitions."
Lindsay Compton, 12.

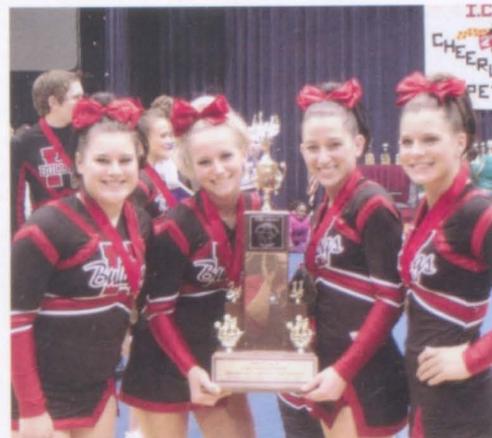


Q: What will you miss most about this year?
A: "I will miss all of the seniors next year. It won't be the same."
Devynn Byrd, 10.

The squad being greeted coming up the stairs after performing. The JV squad, family, and friends were there waiting to be the first ones to congratulate their Varsity friends.



Emily Miller, 12, Micky Wheeler, 12, Lindsay Compton, 12, and Danielle Zobrist, 12, showing off the teams 2nd place trophy.



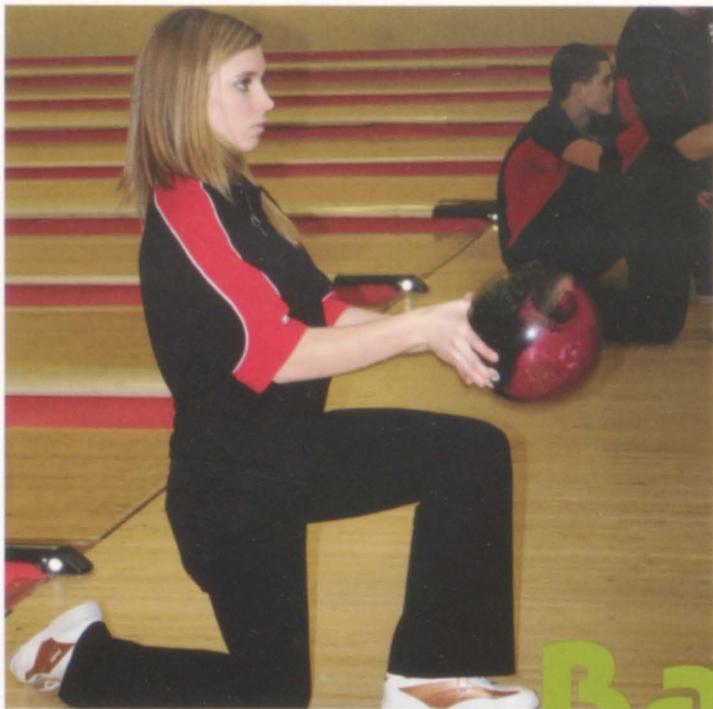
With five new members, the 2010-2011 Varsity Cheerleading squad was back to prove themselves. "After our big fall at ICCA state last year, I was excited to come back and show everyone what Highland can do," said Lindsay Compton, 12. The season began in October. Practices were five to six days a week, at least three hours each. When it was time for choreography, the squad's choreographer had backed out on the team. "When we were left with no choreographer, I was uneasy because that left us with nothing for our first regional," said Shannon Ostrander, 10. With the help of Terry Aebischer, the squad came up with a routine in time for competition in January. The squad placed second at Highland Regional and qualified for ICCA State. Two weeks later the squad went to Triad High School for their chance to qualify for IHSA state. They placed third and advanced onto state. The road to IHSA competition then began. With a couple falls, the squad tied for seventh in preliminaries and advanced onto the next day for finals. During their final performance, Breana Schneck's, 12, knee gave out due to a previously torn ACL. After being stopped and pulled off the floor, the squad was given 20 minutes to pull in Michelle Harrison, 12, and rework the routine for a second chance to perform. During the squad's second performance, Michaela Schantz, 9, was also injured with a severe concussion. After both performances the squad placed tenth out of the 85 squads in their medium varsity division. "Even though we may not have won IHSA this year, we won the respect and admiration of many other teams with our perseverance and determination! Nothing could make a coach more proud than that," said Coach Angie Fears. After revising their routine, the squad competed the following week at ICCA and placed second with few deductions.



The varsity parents made up a cheer to show off to their children and wish them good luck at state.

Scoreboard

- Highland ICCA Regional - 2nd
- Mt. Vernon ICCA Regional - 2nd
- Triad IHSA Regional - 3rd
- IHSA State - 10th
- ICCA State - 2nd



Before her match, Kaitlin Rutz, 9, practices throwing her ball and concentrates on watching her form.

Balls Will Roll

By: Sabrina Davis



Front row: Emily Krump, Kaitlin Rutz, Kayla Gruner, Cassey Leitschuh, Kara Gruner, Miranda Seaman. Middle Row: Colin Frank, Lauren Scoggins, Sabrina Davis, Anna Zobrist, Katie Manley, Jessica Chapman, Derek Frey. Back Row: Coach Pam Schrupf, Trevor Miller, Derek Holzinger, Clayton Wilke, Thomas Korte, Derek Gruner, Jordan Nungesser, Lucas Pinsker, Spencer Mueller, Shane Stille, Coach Laura Wander-Vrell.



Q: What was the best part of bowling season?

A: "When we played catch phrase on the bus rides." Cassey Leitschuh, 12.



Q: What was your favorite memory from this season?

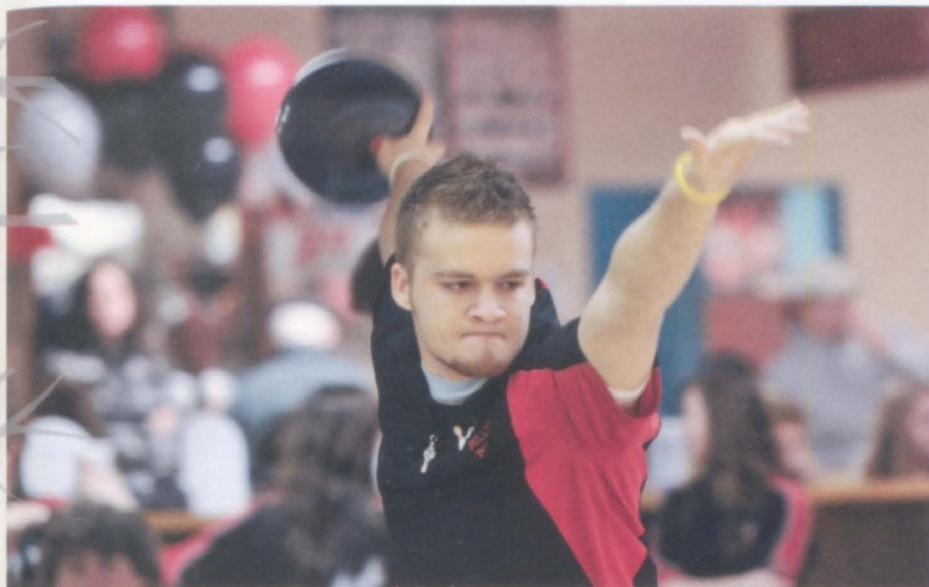
A: "Breaking a school record." Clayton Wilke, 12.



Q: Which tournament was your favorite?

A: "Sectionals because we worked together as a team." Anna Zobrist, 11.

Thomas Korte, 11, has his game face on. He concentrates on his mark before he throws his first ball.



Emily Krump, 10, Sabrina Davis, 12, Cassey Leitschuh, 12, Kayla Gruner, 12, Anna Zobrist, 11, Kara Gruner, 11, and Jessica Chapman, 11, after a winning match.



As a bowler, it takes a lot of practice and accuracy to get the ball to roll exactly how it is expected to and is harder than it sounds. It is just as much mental as it is physical and requires a lot of thinking. This year, the team improved by using different drills in practice. The team bonded well by spending more time together outside of practices, matches, and tournaments. Every Friday night before a tournament the team gathered at Cassey Leitschuh's, 12, house to spend time with the team by relaxing and focusing for the upcoming tournament. Over Christmas break, the bowlers had a Big Dog Tournament against their fellow teammates and competed for a golden bowling pin trophy. This year's winner was Lauren Scoggins, 11, and second place went to Jordan Nungesser, 12, who received a silver bowling pin trophy. Third went to Cassey Leitschuh, 12, who received a plastic trophy. This year was different than any other year because all four of the bowling teams tied in their divisions for first place with Mascoutah. "The girls Varsity match was very intense and you could tell that both teams wanted it badly! We put up a great fight and tied for conference champions," said Kayla Gruner, 12. Both Varsity teams placed fourth in their respected sectional. Clayton Wilke, 12, and Thomas Korte, 11, bowled well at sectionals and were able to compete in the state tournament. Korte placed 66th and Wilke went on to finish 17th, the highest finish in Highland's history. The season ended with an awards banquet where the team members received awards earned throughout the season. "The success of the season is accredited to returning players working in their off season to improve their skill, and to a great group of newcomers with a lot of ambition," said Coach Wander-Vrell.



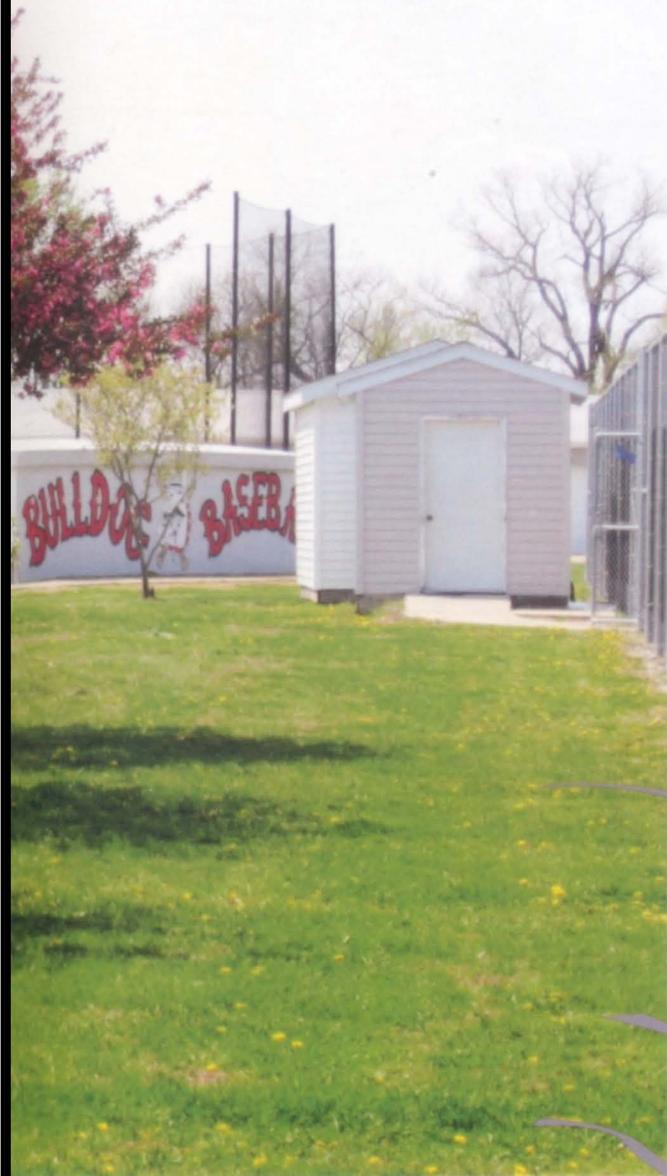
Seniors Clayton Wilke, Shane Stille, Jordan Nungesser, Cassey Leitschuh, Kayla Gruner and Sabrina Davis on senior night.

Scoreboard	
Boys Varsity	12-2
Girls Varsity	12-1
Boys JV	11-3
Girls JV	11-2



Spring Sports

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Q: How do you stay focused before a race?

A: "I take two deep breaths and stay calm." Katelyn Denap, 11.



Q: What is the hardest part of practice?

A: "Form runs because they are long and exhausting." Alanna White, 11.



Q: What is your favorite race?

A: "The 400 meter relay race because it is the last race of the day." Jennifer Ullman, 10.



Trying to keep herself from touching the beam, Emily Holtzclaw, 9, hopes to make it to the next round. Emily's highest jump of the year was five feet and 11 inches.

Emily Comish, 11, anchors for the 4 by 800 run at the conference meet. Taking long strides was a strategy for the distance runners.

Dashing to the Finish Line

By: Hayley Welz



Front Row: Jamie Hundsdorfer, Katelyn Lucia, Jennifer Ullman, Kaitlin Rutz, Cheyenne Miranda, and Lauren Fenton. Middle Row: Katelyn Denap, Molly Redman, Lena Giger, Makenna Stewart, Amber Hubbard, Sydney Wellen, Bridgette Kastelein, and Emily Rogier. Back Row: Tara Stirewalt, Alanna White, Harley Kohlbrecher, Emily Capelle, Emily Holtzclaw, Kristin Frey, Aryn Weis, Katie Brinker, Mckinsey Shelton, Emily Comish, and Coach Ted Cipicchio.



With only one returning senior, the Girls Track Team had many shoes to fill, and with a 72-13 record, the team was successful in doing that. The girls started the season strong at the Carlinville Invitational where they won a first place. They captured second at the next four big meets: Roxana Relays, Mascoutah Invitational, Buzz Bradley Sparta Invitational, and Nashville Invitational. The girls took home a third in the conference meet held at Civic Memorial. Aryn Weis, 11, placed first in the long jump, triple jump, 100 meter dash, and 200 meter dash, making her the fourth girl from Highland to win 4 gold medals in one meet. Weis tied with the school record by running the 200 meter dash in 25.8 seconds. Emily Capelle, 9, Tara Stirewalt, 10, Emily Holtzclaw, 9, and Cheyenne Miranda, 12, dominated the 4 by 400 meter run at the MVC meet. "The 4 by 400 relay race is what our team gets the most pumped up for because it is the last race of the meet and we always do well in it," said Emily Capelle. All of the first place finishers at the conference meet made the All Conference team. Jamie Hundsdorfer, 11, Molly Redman, 11, and Jennifer Ullman, 10, made the Second Team. Kaitlyn Lucia, 9, received honorable mentions. At sectionals, held in Troy, three of the Highland girls placed and advanced to state. Lena Giger, 9, qualified in the shot put, Weis qualified in the 200 meter dash, and Stirewalt qualified in the pole vault. Giger left the season on a good note when she attacked third at state and broke the school record throwing 42 feet and 2.25 inches.



Trying to keep her balance, Jamie Hundsdorfer, 11, jumps as far as she can.

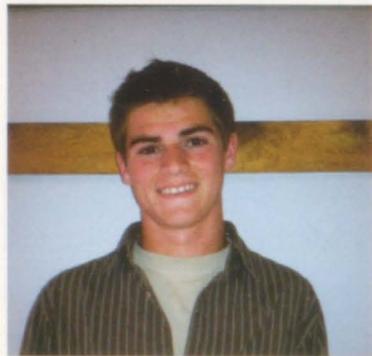


Aryn Weis, 11, pushes herself all the way to the finish line. She won the 100 meter race at the meet against Triad.

Scoreboard	
Carlinville Invitational	1st
Roxana Relays	2nd
Mascoutah Invitational	2nd
Sparta Invitational	2nd
Nashville Invitational	2nd
Conference	3rd
Sectionals	5th



Q: What is your favorite event?
 A: "My favorite event is the 4 by 4 relay." Josh Isaac, 10.



Q: What was your biggest accomplishment?
 A: "My biggest accomplishment was beating my personal record in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:16." Austin Fisher, 10.



At the IHSA Sectionals, held at Triad High School, the boys take a seat under the Bulldog tent and wait for the events to take place.



Q: Why did you join track?
 A: "I joined track because I thought it would help me stay in shape." Matt Roeper, 11.

Nick Ammann, 12, stalls in the air as he fights to break his personal record in the long jump.

Run Forrest Run

By: Morgan Schrage



Front Row: Nick Kernan, Ryan Busch, Alex Trout, Dylan Gregg, Colby Reilson, Alex Westerman, Josh Isaac, and Devin Thompson. Middle Row: Austin Langenhorst, Zach Bramstedt, Nick Daiber, Thomas Korte, Jonathan Medows, Dustin Buchanan, Austin Fisher, Logan Brave, Alec Haberer, and Matt Roeper. Back Row: Lance Still, Cameron Smith, Nick Ammann, Kodi Burdick, Tanner Farmer, Jacob Bush, A.J. Abert, Billy Cummins, R.J. Jackowski, Shae Weber, Alex Cranick, and Coach Bob Vance.



After the previous power-filled year, the Boys Track Team came back even stronger. With four seniors, nine juniors, eight sophomores, and 12 freshmen the team broke many records. Coach Vance said, "We are pleased with the progress the boys are making. We have several boys setting personal records at every meet. As a coach, that's all you can ask for." Cameron Smith, 12, set the 200 meter dash record with a time of 22.6 seconds at the Belleville West Invitational. The boys were also successful at the O'Fallon relay. Other meets the boys attended were the Granite City Invitational, Marion Relay, Collinsville Invitational, and the Madison County Championships. The boys competed in many events including the meter dashes, hurdles, long jump, high jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, relays, and the fairly new recovered event, the pole vault. At practice, the boys prepared by practicing all of the events that they would participate in during the upcoming meet. Nick Ammann, 12, said, "My favorite part about practice was when we worked on field events instead of running because obviously no one likes to run!" Although the boys liked to goof around, they also got serious when it came time to compete in their events. The boys ended with an astounding record in all of the events and even broke their own personal records that were set in the beginning of the season.



Cameron Smith, 12, clears a 6'3 pole in the high jump taking him to IHSA State.

Coach Vance shows his excitement about Cameron making to state.

Scoreboard	
Granite City	1st
Highland	3rd
Wood River	1st
O'Fallon Relays	11th
Belleville West	25th
Nashville	2nd
Granite City	7th
Madison County	7th
Marion	5th
Roxana	3rd
Collinsville	24th
MVC	6th
Triad Sectional	10th
IHSA State	56th



Q: Do you see yourself playing soccer after high school?

A: "Yes!" Christy Hobbs, 10.



Q: What was your favorite practice drill?

A: "The shooting drill because I am a striker so it helps me score goals." Jessica Hoffmann, 11.



Q: What was your most memorable moment from this season?

A: "Dancing in the hallway during the metro-east tournament." Alexis Barker, 9.

Angela Cruz, 9, fights to gain control of the ball. She uses her whole body to block the opposing Triad team member.

While waiting to be put back on the field, Megan Mettler, 9, Maddison Morland, 10, and Jessica Hoffmann, 11, take turns at the water jug to rehydrate.

Gotta Kick It Up

By: Sabrina Davis



Front Row: Harmony Kapp, Emilee Bramstedt, Kathryn Hobbs, Mariah Klenke, Kristi Kidd, Mariah Embry, and Abby Rinderer. Second Row: Alexis Barker, Devan Kaufman, Alicia Hallemann, Shayna Painter, Kelsey Crockett, Shannon Weiss, Emily Michael, and Megan Mettler. Third Row: Christy Hobbs, Alenna Miller, Toree Victory Loyet, Jordan Barker, Jessica Hoffmann, Angela Cruz, Maddison Morland, and Allison Ferguson. Back Row: Harry Painter and Bob Nave.



The Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Team practiced during season and out of season to stay in shape. Each member had a goal to practice hard and show determination to prove they deserved a spot on Varsity. The team worked together every week, Monday through Friday, at 3:15 unless there was a game that day. Before every game, they warmed up for 45 minutes by practicing drills. Some of the drills the team used included passing the ball back and forth, shooting goals, running, and a drill called First Touches. First Touches improved the girls' skills of receiving the ball and being able to pass on the first touch of the ball to their foot; keeping the ball on their foot at all times was important. Another thing the team worked on was foot-eye coordination. Keeping their head up while dribbling the ball down the field was necessary to stop the other team from stealing the ball. During games, each player did her part by playing her best on the field and supporting and cheering on the team while off the field. The team manager, Emilee Bramstedt, 12, said, "Even though they didn't win every game this year, they all tried and gave their all in every game! I am so proud of them!" Staying in shape when soccer was over was needed to get better for the next year, so several of the girls planned on playing soccer over the summer. "The 2011 Junior Varsity Soccer players did an outstanding job with very few numbers. The JV team had a winning record again this year and the girls have a lot to be proud of. Every player learned and improved from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Individual improvement while supporting the team is a primary indicator of true success," said Coach Durbin.



Jessica Hoffmann, 11, ready to block the kick made by the other team.

Goalie, Kelsey Crockett, 11, prepares to block the ball to keep Triad from scoring.

Scoreboard	
Civic Memorial	W
	W
Jerseyville	W
	W
Mascoutah	W
	W
Carlinville	W
Waterloo	L
	L
Triad	L
	L



Q: What was your most memorable part of your season?
 A: "Dancing and doing the John Wall before all of our games, and watching the team do the Cupid Shuffle when our game was in a rain delay."
 Mariah Embry, 12.



Q: How do you get pumped up for a game?
 A: "We buzz likes bees."
 Kelsey Crockett, 11.



Q: What do you think about when you play?
 A: "I think about how boring it is to stand in one spot for the next 80 minutes and wish it would go by faster."
 Mariah Klenke, 12.



The girls get pumped up before the game by doing their dogs on three cheer!

Allison Ferguson, 11, gains control of the ball and kicks it with precision and accurate form.

Dogs on Three!

By: Lynn Martz



Front Row: Harmony Kapp, Emilee Bramstedt, Kathryn Hobbs, Mariah Klenke, Kristi Kidd, Mariah Embry, and Abby Rinderer. Second Row: Alexis Barker, Devan Kaufman, Alicia Hallemann, Shayna Painter, Kelsey Crockett, Shannon Weiss, Emily Michael, and Megan Mettler. Third Row: Christy Hobbs, Alenna Miller, Toree Victory Loyet, Jordan Barker, Jessica Hoffmann, Angela Cruz, Maddison Morland, and Allison Ferguson. Back Row: Harry Painter and Bob Nave.



"All the girls on the team are like a huge family. We had our moments when things didn't go right but we all worked together like a big family," said Shayna Painter, 11. The Varsity soccer girls were a family and worked hard together to make them better as a team. "Our main goal this year was to win a regional game," said Kelsey Crockett, 11. Practices started well before the season did. Coach Harry Painter worked with the girls on a daily basis. They worked on passing, shooting, and running at practice. They started off the season very well by winning the Metro Cup tournament. The Varsity girls also won their first regional game this year against their rival school, Mater Dei. When they advanced to the next game against Triad, they had a disappointing loss, the final score being 3-0. Senior Katie Hobbs said, "The season went well and the whole team made it a memorable senior season."



Abby Rinderer, 10, runs up to steal the ball away and make a goal.

Junior Emily Michael defends the ball from her Triad opponent.

Scoreboard

Alton Marquette	3-2
Freeburg	3-0
Waterloo	3-1
Carlinville	1-0
Mater Dei	1-0



Q: What was your favorite match?
A: "Alton Marquette because I played well and killed my opponent." Lucas Pinsker, 10.



Q: What is your favorite shot?
A: "I would have to say my favorite shot is my backhand; it's just my shot." Kevin Wang, 9.



Q: What is your favorite part about practice?
A: "My favorite part about practice is making the team laugh. I have the funniest jokes." Ben Wick, 11.

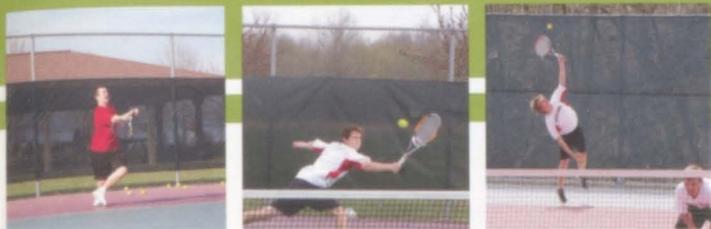


At the Edwardsville Invitational, Nick Italiano, 12, smacks a forehand winner down the line. Italiano went on to win his singles match in a close tiebreaker, 13 to 11.

Austin Holtzclaw, 11, follows through on his backhand against Hazelwood Central in the final match of the Edwardsville Invitational.

Advantage Bulldogs

By: Colin Duft



Front Row: Blake Perfetti, Kevin Wang, Jesse Soules, and Tyler Stone. Middle Row: Nick Italiano, Colin Duft, Ben Wick, Evan Duft, and Thomas Korte. Back Row: Ben Voytas, Lucas Pinsker, Austin Holtzclaw, Alex Stoff, and Coach Matt Pellock.



Losing six seniors wasn't easy to adjust with. The Boys Tennis Team lost four of their six Varsity players going into the 2011 season. Evan Duft, 10, and Colin Duft, 12, took the top spots at one and two. A key factor the team desperately needed was the return of Nick Italiano, 12, for his senior year. Italiano was no stranger to the game, playing Varsity tennis as a freshman and sophomore. Ben Voytas, 12, also came into the season with some Varsity doubles experience. Austin Holtzclaw, 11, and Tyler Stone, 10, took over at five and six. The team kicked off their season with a rough start at the Edwardsville Invitational finishing 28th out of 32. "It was a great learning experience for our younger guys. We competed in every match," said Coach Pellock. After getting their feet wet in the tournament, the tennis team went on to hold a strong record for the rest of April, only losing to Benton and Alton Marquette in regular season play. Finishing third place at the MVC Conference tournament, the tennis team focused on their doubles play. Their strategy paid off as Colin Duft, 12, and Evan Duft, 10, finished in the top half of their sectional, qualifying them for the state tournament. Highland Boys Tennis hasn't sent anyone to state since 2000. In Barrington, Illinois, Colin Duft, 12, and Evan Duft, 10, were able to knock off Plain Fields North in their first match, but fell to Highland Park and Lincoln Way North. Even ending the season on a loss, the Highland Tennis Team considers this season a major success.



Ben Voytas, 12, crushes the ball with his top spin serve in his doubles match.



Evan Duft, 10, returns the ball with a strong backhand against Civic Memorial.

Scoreboard

Jerseyville	5-4
Civic Memorial	5-4
Benton	1-8
Mascoutah	8-1
Triad	0-9
Centralia	1-8



Q: What do you think about when you're up to bat?
 A: "I think about where my opponents are on the field. That way it makes it easier to hit the gaps." Ashley Walter, 10.



Q: What is your favorite thing about playing a game?
 A: "I like how close we all are and how we work together as a team." Hannah Hartlieb, 9.



The freshmen infielders Sydney Lammers, Laura Lucco, and Kristin Potthast surround the pitcher, Emma Drury, to talk strategies before the game starts.



Q: What did you like best about playing short stop?
 A: "It's a very competitive position and it helps me get more playtime during a game." Laura Lucco, 9.

Kristin Potthast, 9, first baseman, gets into her ready stance to prepare for a hit that might come her way.

There's Nothin' Soft About It

By: Mikayla Miller & Alexa Moss



Front Row: Amanda Peterson, Kaylee Hester, Kristin Hoyt, and Hannah Hartlieb. Middle Row: Tate Gehrig, Sydney Lammers, Alyssa Voegle, Laura Lucco, and Kaitlyn Frank. Back Row: Kristin Potthast, Ashley Walter, Paige Ahlgren, Emma Drury, Kayla Shouse, and Coach Khourtney Lowder.



The Junior Varsity Softball Team hosted their tryouts in early March. The snows of March impacted the beginning of the season, often leading to practices at the Jakel building. Inside practices provided hitting stations for the JV players. The stations consisted of pitching machines to improve accuracy and to get used to different speeds, as well as soft toss to improve timing. As the season went on, practices were held outside. Warm-ups included either sprints, campus runs, or a jog around the tennis courts. The girls often played catch with a teammate, continually expanding distances between themselves. After warming up, the team split into two different groups: infield and outfield. The infield usually worked on "Situations." These helped the JV girls by allowing them to see the different plays they would encounter during a game. The "Tree Drill" was a famous drill that allowed the outfielders to work on their angles. Another drill that was often executed was "Tweeners." This drill focused mainly on communication. Winning the JV girl's first game was an excellent start. Beating Greenville 11 to 1 gave the team confidence and continued their winning streak. The season ended with an overall record of 16-2. Coach Lowder said, "The girls had an excellent season. They have faced some tough situations but were able to pull through and get a win. I'm hoping our success can carry on into next year as well!"



Laura Lucco, 9, eyes the pitcher while she waits for the next pitch.



Making the third out, Kristin Potthast, 9, releases the ball to the pitcher's mound to return with her team to the dugout.

Scoreboard

Triad	4-2
Jerseyville	22-2
Civic Memorial	11-0
Wesclin	5-2
Breese Central	0-6
Collinsville	10-4
Breese Mater Dei	5-0
Alton	21-0
Belleville West	2-1
Greenville	11-1
Duquoin	4-3
Alton Marquette	10-7
Belleville Althoff	3-0



Q: What will you miss most about the season?
 A: "I will miss playing for the softball team in general. I have developed a love for the sport and will never forget the team this year." Kelsey Zobrist, 12.



Q: From all your years of softball, what will you always remember?
 A: "Coach Schmitz added all of our wins/losses from our 7th grade year to our 12th grade year and came out with us, seniors, winning 135 games and losing only 41." Courtney Ernst, 12.



Q: What is your favorite part about practice?
 A: "I like warming up because we can socialize and talk about our day but still get ready for practice." Brooke Hug, 9.



At a home game, Courtney Ernst, 12, Tiffany Potthast, 12, and Brooke Hug, 9, congratulate one another with a high-five on a job well done. Kirsten Morgan, 12, said, "When something went wrong, we were always there, as a team, with positive reinforcement to keep each other going."

The girls lay on the beach in Florida. Over Spring Break the Varsity squad took a trip to Florida together.

Safe At Home

By: Micky Wheeler



Front Row: Mikayla Parker, Taylor Blackwell, Cassey Lietschuh, and Katie Weis. Middle Row: Kelsey Zobrist, Katie Sullens, Courtney Ernst, Codi Gramlich, and Brooke Hug. Back Row: Coach Sharon Schmitz, Tiffany Potthast, Trina Isaak, and Kirsten Morgan.



With seven seniors, the Varsity Girls Softball Team already had an advantage over having only two seniors the previous year. "These seven seniors, they want to win," Coach Schmitz said. "They want to go a long way, and this is their last shot." The ladies had a 23-7 record this season. With the loss of two seniors, Coach Schmitz was forced to make two unexpected fill-ins at the beginning of the season. "I think the girls are proving to themselves that it is not going to affect them. We're going to go on, we're going to win games," said Schmitz. Looking on the bright side, Schmitz was pleased with her two pitchers, Taylor Blackwell, 12, and Tiffany Potthast, 12. With these two it would have been difficult for the softball team to have an unsuccessful season. Blackwell's ERA of .89 and Potthast's ERA of .90 were two of the top ERAs in the Metro-East. Potthast also had 107 strikeouts in 116.3 innings, while Blackwell had 118 strikeouts in 78.7 innings. Aside from being the top pitchers, Blackwell and Potthast were also the top hitters. Following Blackwell and Potthast was Kelsey Zobrist, 12, with a batting average of .380. "Kelsey is stroking the ball very well. She is a long-ball hitter and quick on the bases too. She is just an all-around good athlete," said Coach Schmitz. The team tied for first with Civic Memorial in the Mississippi Valley Conference. The team then lost in regionals, 4-1, against Triad.



While at Universal Studios in Florida, the girls sit down as a team to eat lunch.



Kelsey Zobrist, 12, Taylor Blackwell, 12, and Cassey Lietschuh, 12, ready to ride the roller coaster, The Hulk, at Universal Studios.

Scoreboard

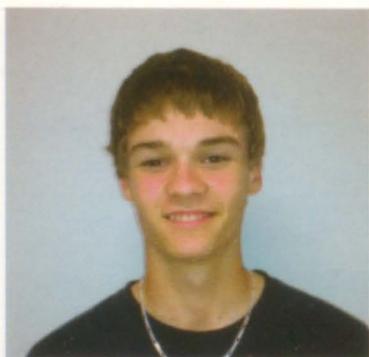
Triad	6-0
Jerseyville	6-3
Waterloo	12-0
Mascoutah	9-1
Waterloo	11-1
Mascoutah	5-1
Civic Memorial	4-2
Civic Memorial	4-5
Jerseyville	3-0
Triad	11-1



Q: Why did you join baseball?
 A: "I joined because I have always played the game and I think it's fun." Zach Reinarman, 10.



Q: What is your favorite part about practice?
 A: "My favorite part is the field drills and when we practice hitting." Clay Voss, 10.



Q: What is your favorite thing about Coach Houchins?
 A: "I like the way he walks and talks." Joseph Duncan, 9.



Zach Reinarman, 10, readies his stance as he watches the ball come flying toward him.

The boys sit in the dugout anxiously waiting for their teammate to step up to the plate and take his turn to bat.

Swingin' Away

By: Morgan Schrage



Front Row: Logan Perez, Jack Martens, Joel Mason, and Tyler Larson. Middle Row: Zach Reinarman, Greg Holthaus, Spencer Holzinger, and Austin McCloud. Back Row: Coach Caleb Houchins, Joseph Duncan, Clay Voss, Nick Flanigan, and Tyler Zappia.



The JV Baseball Team started off the season with a loss, but quickly recovered when they played Triad at home, the final score being 7-2. Coach Houchins had the boys focus on baseball fundamentals. They worked hard on hitting by staying in the batting cage for hours. They also improved their pitching and throwing skills by weight lifting after school in the off season. Their star hitter was Spencer Holzinger, 10, with a .320 batting average. Another notable player was Austin McCloud, 10, who was the team's lead pitcher, striking opponents out left and right. Tyler Larson, 10, said, "My favorite part about baseball was the team camaraderie that we had with each other." The eleven boys learned a lot about the small things regarding the game of baseball. They spent hours on the techniques of hitting, throwing, and catching. Couch Houchins said, "I like to focus on the small things about baseball, because when you put the small things together, it makes a big difference." The tactics that Coach Houchins used were effective because the boys ended with a record of 11-3. As the year came to a close, the boys agreed that they had a great year, and they can't wait to hopefully play at the Varsity level in the upcoming year.



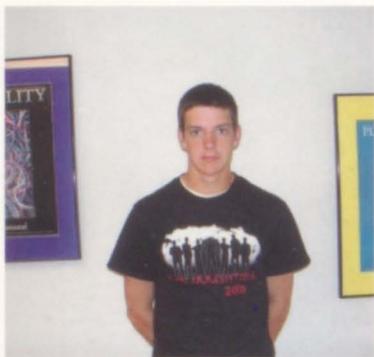
Austin McCloud, 10, throws a pitch in hope of striking out another player.



Jack Martens, 10, runs toward first base after he cracked a ball towards left field.



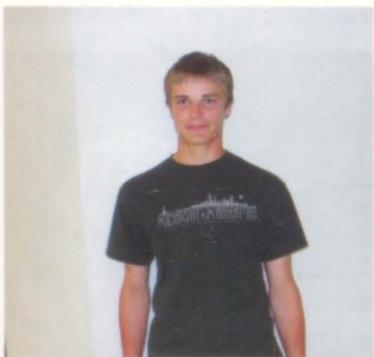
Zach Reinarman, 10, prepares for a catch.



Q: What was your favorite thing about practice?
 A: "All of the running the pitchers had to do after practice." Kevin Kimmle, 12.



Q: What is your favorite part about baseball?
 A: "Dominated people." Geoffrey Hartlieb, 11.



Q: What will you miss most about this year?
 A: "Mark Keller." Jake Haberer, 10.



Catching the ball, Aaron Kuper, 11, prepares to throw to a base. Kuper caught most of the games this season.

Mark Keller, 12, hits a line drive during a game against Triad. Keller was one of the best hitters on the team, leading them in batting average.

By: Tyler Klostermann



Front Row: Nick Lampen, Jake Haberer, Tim Cochran, Garrett Schumacher, Joel Mason, and Mitch Carriger. Middle Row: Kevin Kimmle, Brendan Dubach, Mark Keller, Chris Bentlage, Adam Beck, Derek Brinker, and Mitchell Ponce. Back Row: Coach Sam Weber, Zach Stieb, Mitchell Moenster, Geoffrey Hartlieb, Aaron Kuper, Cole Stirewalt, Coach Brian Carey, and Head Coach Joel Hawkins.



Nick Lampen, 12, delivers a pitch against Triad. Lampen led the team in earned run average this season.

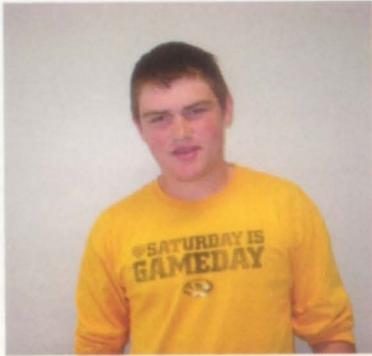
Zack Stieb, 10, makes a play at third base. Stieb started the majority of games as a sophomore.

Conference Scoreboard

Jerseyville	2-0
Triad	0-2
Civic Memorial	1-1
Waterloo	2-0
Mascoutah	1-1



Going into the season, the Varsity Baseball Team did not expect to continue its tradition of winning. With six returning seniors, and only five from the starting lineup, the team needed others to step up. Luckily, the sophomores and juniors were eager to step into starting roles. The team was led by senior shortstop Mark Keller and senior pitcher Nick Lampen. The team had a quick start out of the gate, going 3-1 in the first four games. Mid-season, the Bulldogs were in a chase for the MVC crown. Hitting wise, they were lead by Keller, who had a .500 average and Jake Haberer, 10, who hit 348. One of the top highlights of the season was the pitching outing by Nick Lampen against Waterloo. A conference rival, Waterloo was unbeaten going into the game. Lampen threw a complete game and recorded 13 strikeouts. After 6 weeks into the season, the team had compiled a 15-8 record and were 4-2 in conference, second to only Triad. As the season continued on towards the postseason, the team began to struggle in conference play. They dropped games with Mascoutah, Civic Memorial, and Triad. They finished 6-4 in conference, good for second place behind Triad. The team began the Regional Tournament as the 2 seed. They defeated Civic Memorial in the Semi-final before being eliminated by Triad in the Regional Final. The team finished the season with a 21-14 record.



Q: What is your favorite choice to use as bait?
 A: "My favorite would have to be the crankbait." Joey Bardill, 9.



Q: When is your favorite time to fish?
 A: "I like to fish when girls in bikinis are swimming around me." Jared Mettler, 11.



Q: Which type of rod do you prefer to fish with?
 A: "I always go with the Carbon Light Bass Pro model." Evan Welz, 10.

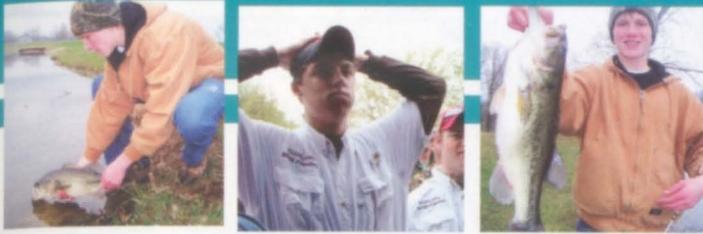


Taylor Weiser, 12, and Evan Welz, 10, proudly hold up their trophy fish. Weiser and Welz's five fish weighed the most at 12.13 pounds.

Coach Jon Rinderer pulls the boat into the dock after a successful morning of fishing. Jared Mettler, 11, and Joey Bardill, 9, caught five fish weighing 11.44 pounds.

It's Raining Fish

By: Colin Duft



Front Row: Eric Luitjohan, Evan Welz, Joey Bardill, A.J. Burns, and Shane Campbell. Back Row: Coach Scott Sautman, Coach Jon Rinderer, Jared Mettler, and Taylor Weiser.



A.J. Burns, 11, lands a fish at practice to prepare for the sectional.

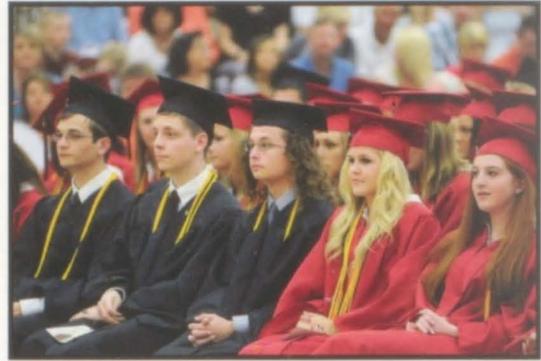
The Belleville News Democrat interviews Evan Welz, 10, on his performance in the sectional.



Fishing isn't easy when the weather doesn't cooperate. The Highland Bass Fishing Team wasn't going to let the rainy weather get in their way from going to the state tournament. Highland's team consisted of two boats. One boat held Taylor Weiser, 12, Evan Welz, 10, and Coach Jon Rinderer. The other held Joey Bardill, 9, Jared Mettler, 11, and Coach Scott Sautman. Because the weather was cloudy, the team went with blue and black jigs. "Usually when there isn't much sunlight, blue and black jigs work a lot better," said Evan Welz, 10. Their tactics on the blue and black jigs worked perfectly as both boats consistently caught fish throughout the competition. "We caught a lot bigger fish in practice. The weather may have played a role in that," said Jared Mettler, 11. When it was time to weigh in, Highland knew they had to out fish the tough competition of Edwardsville and Carlyle. Both of Highland's boats advanced to the state tournament. Rinderer's boat took the top spot with the fish weighing 12.13 pounds (a total of five fish), and Sautman's boat followed closely behind at 11.44 pounds.

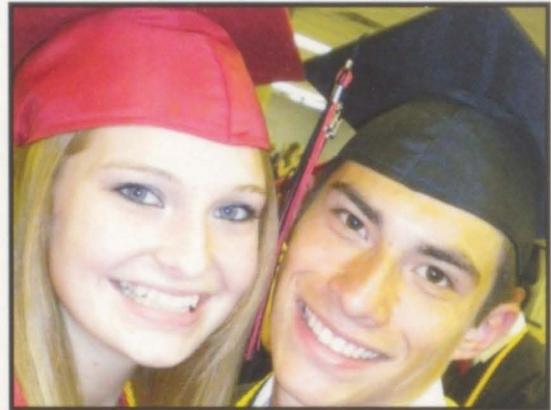
Scoreboard	
Sectional	12.13 lbs. 11.44 lbs.
State	12-1

Jeremy Keller, Kole Pabst, Blake Petermeier, Madi Laney, and Elizabeth Raynor

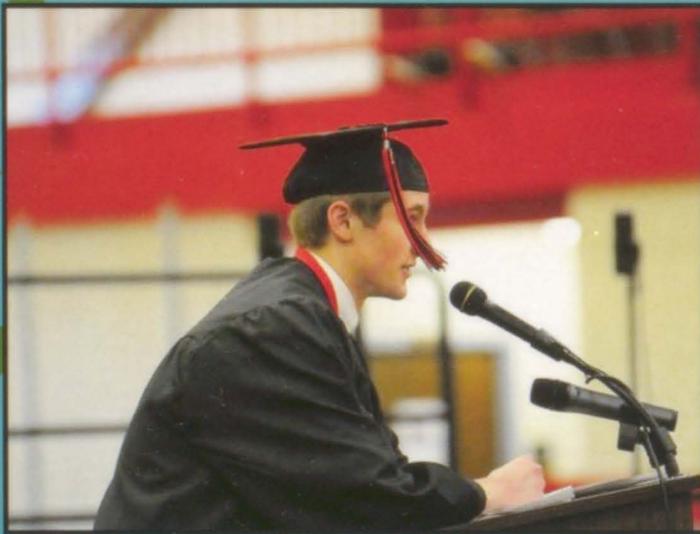


Matthew Torre

Kaitlyn Carter and Julian Valencia



Superintendent Mike Sutton and Hayley Peters



Salutatorian Jason Hooks



Libby Niggli, Cassey Leitschuh, Logan Frank, Chelsea Turner, and Kelsey Zobrist

Class of 2011

“ This year's graduation was very efficient, just like the class of 2011 has been and will be. Look out real world, here we come! ”

Nicholas Italiano

“ We left some pretty big shoes to fill. Our class was hardworking, respectful, responsible, and talented (Jason and Kalen's interpretive dancing, Ben's comedic abilities, and Hunter's mad dancing skills). ”

Kirsten Bray

“ I couldn't have had more fun with the class of 2011. I'm going to miss everybody and I'll never forget the time Nick Ammann and I did the Berney during lunch. ”

Alex Westerman

“ I personally loved John Petermeier's speech. The Lord of the Rings reference was amazing. ”

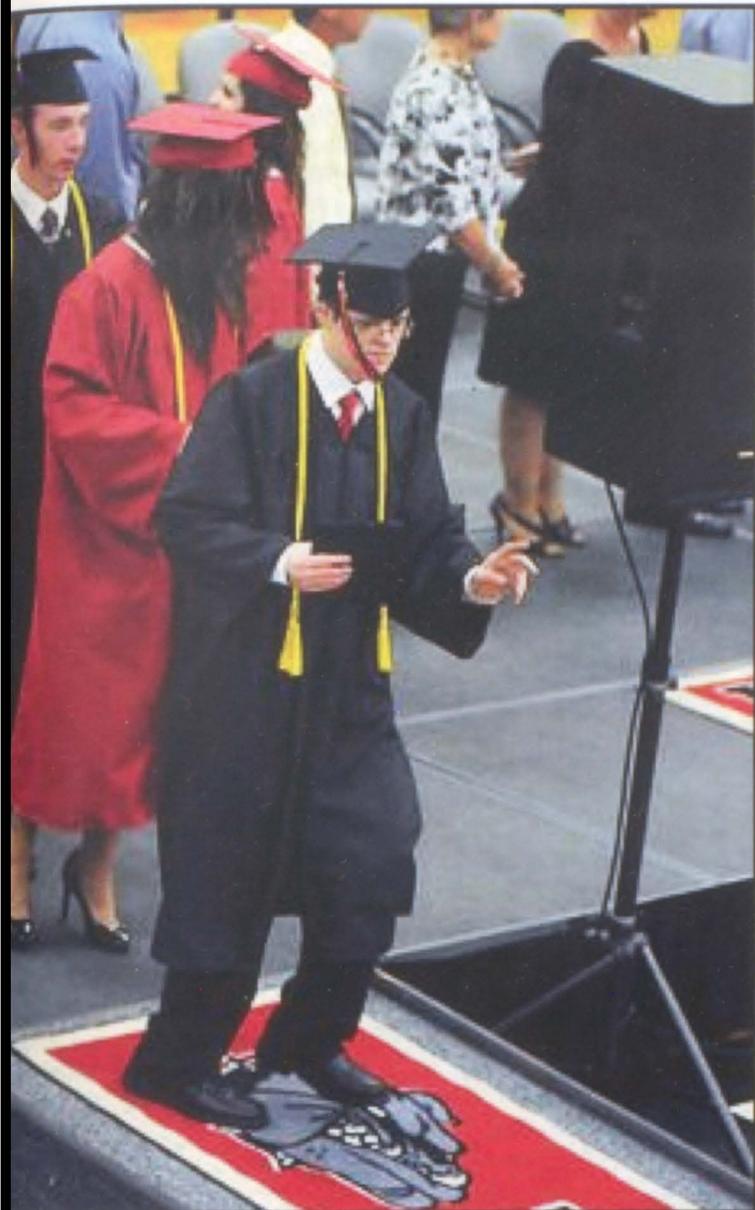
Amanda McCubbins

“ Well, that was fun. ”

Grant Holt

“ Even though we have all had our ups and downs, we come through and shine as a class. I will never forget all of the memories I made with the nice people that make the class of 2011. I consider every one of them my friends and I know we will all have a bright future. Great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget. ”

Emily Miller



Christy Balkenbusch, Alayna Gillespie, Jeremy Keller, Kole Pabst, and Blake Petermeier

Congratulations Kole!

We are so very proud of you and of all of your accomplishments, and look forward to sharing with you the next chapter in your life. Enjoy all that life brings to you and embrace the path that you choose.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Claire



Congratulations Ashley!

We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments at Highland High School. You have grown into a wonderful young woman. We know you will do great at Ole Miss. We love you!

Mom and Dad



Congratulations Kirsten!

We have watched you grow into a beautiful, caring young woman who looks for the good in everything. We know you will do well in the future and appreciate you letting us share your journey.

We love you!
Mom & Dad



Time passes so quickly, but memories last forever. We had so many great memories from T-Ball and campouts to golf, baseball and hunting. Your grandfather would be very proud of the young man you've become today. We are all proud of you and wish you the very best as you begin your college career... even if it is at Mizzou. Go Illini!

We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Tara



Michaela:

We are so proud of you. It's hard to believe you are graduating. Don't change! Your leadership characteristic will take you far in your upcoming journey. We are so proud of your accomplishments and the sweet young lady you have become. Keep reaching for your dreams and we will be there to cheer you on.

Love Mom, Dad, & Marissa



Ryan,

We wish you the best that life has to offer you after High School. We are extremely proud of you and wish you the best at SIUE next year. We know that you will succeed at anything you put your mind to. We love you!

Mom & Dad



Kaitlyn

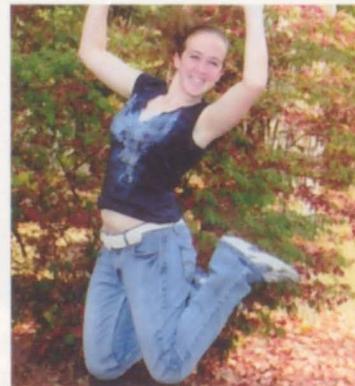
We are proud of you for so many reasons but especially proud of your courage to be your own person, knowing what you want and working hard to achieve it. Continue to be diligent, confident and honorable as you enter this new stage of your life and know that we will always be there to support, encourage and love you. Congratulations beautiful girl.

Love, Mom, Dad, Lukas, & Seth



You did it Katie! I'm so proud of you.

Keep up the great work.
Love Mom



Our beautiful Halie,
 The time has come for you to start the next stage in your life. Always remember to pull courage from your faith and set your goals from your passions. No matter where your life takes you, be assured that the one thing that will never change is our love for you. We are so blessed to have you as our daughter.
 Love, Mom & Dad



Austin,
 We are so proud of you! Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Always decide to be happy and hold tight to your dreams and you will go far. We are excited to see what your future holds!
 Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Kelsey!
 Your family is very proud of you! As you start the next phase of your life, always remember to reach for the stars, always stay positive and always set/achieve your goals. You can do anything!! We all love you and will always be there for you. Wishing you the best of luck on all your future endeavors.
 Love Always,
 Mom and Walter, Dad



Congratulations Trina!!
 We are very proud of you and everything you have worked hard for and accomplished. Remember we are always there for you and wish you the best of things in life to come.
 Love you!
 Mom, Dad, Tabitha, & Trevor

Samantha, our beautiful talented and amazing daughter! The world is your oyster, and as we pass the reigns over to you, we couldn't be more proud of the woman you have grown in to. We know you will do some amazing things and we look forward to this next stage in your life. Just keep loving life with all your heart!
 All our love, Mum and Dad
 XXX



Jason,
 We are so proud of the young man you have grown up to be and all the hard work and accomplishments you attained in high school! You are so intelligent, funny, caring, and kind to others. We know you will continue to succeed in college and beyond and we look forward to seeing what God's plan is for your life. We will always be there for you!
 We love you!
 Mom and Dad

Rachel
 Keep reaching for the stars. Remember the power of prayer.
 Love Mom & Dad



Dear Christy,
 Congratulations to our wonderful daughter on your graduation. Christy, we have watched you grow from a little girl into a beautiful, smart, and independent woman. We wish you peace, love, and happiness in life's journey. Always remember honey, we love you very much.
 Love, Mom, Dad, Brandy, and Nick

Alayna,

It is hard to believe it's your senior year! You have grown so much as an artist, musician, and writer. The numerous accomplishments over the years are amazing and you deserve to be proud of each and every one of them. We wish you continued success in your college years and beyond! We know you will continue to grow, change and enjoy all that is ahead of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Hayley-

We are very proud of you! We know you will do great at SIUE (We're counting on you to support us in our old age!).

Love,
Dad, Steif, Joe, the steppies, Grandma & Grandpa, Nana & Poppy



Congratulations Leah!

We are so proud of the fine young woman you have become. You're off on an adventure! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Katie, & Joseph



Emily,

You're an amazing, talented, caring young woman. You have the ability to be successful in whatever you do. We know you will have the faith, confidence, and ambition to be the best you can be. Hold tight to your love of music, reading, and writing. May God be with you in all your endeavors. We are extremely proud of you, and love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Melissa



Congratulations Jenna,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. What a beautiful young lady and dancer you have become. As you prepare for an exciting future at Drake, hold on to your dreams and make them all come true. Remember we will always be there for you. Good luck and remember once a Bulldog always a Bulldog! Be safe and God bless you.

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Ashley,

Words cannot express how proud we are of the young woman you have become. It has been rewarding to watch you grow and see all that you have accomplished. As you look forward to college, remember, hold true to yourself and always follow your heart and you will be successful with happiness and success. Remember that we are always here for you. Love you!

Mom & Dad



Our dear daughter Emily, Congratulations on all the achievements you have conquered on your road to being a 2011 Graduate. You have been a true compassionate leader and have laid the groundwork for your road ahead. Take those good values and leadership qualities with you as you expand your future at Eastern Illinois University. We are so proud of you! Good luck and may you cherish these memories forever! Love you, Mom, Dad, and Megan



Taylor,

First and foremost, we are very proud of you and love you with all our hearts. You have accomplished a lot and will continue to do so. Whatever you do in life, do it with all your heart. Don't settle for second best. And, remember always that we love you and will always be here for you.

Mom & Dad



Congrats Hillary!

You have worked towards and dreamed of this day for a long time. And we couldn't be prouder. You continue to push yourself and achieve everything that you put your mind to. Please continue to reach for the stars. We can't wait to see where you go from here! May God bless you and guide you on your journey. Love you for always,
Mom, Dad, BreAnne & Emily



Cody,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Class of 2011 is looking good.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Alyssa

Congratulations Kelsey!!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Kourtney



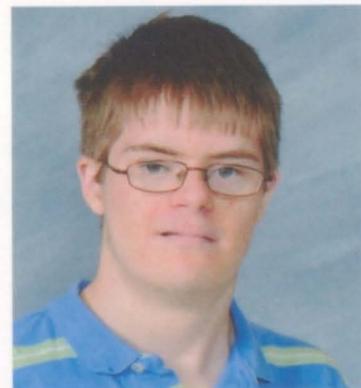
Sarah-
You are beautiful inside and out. There are no words powerful enough to describe how you have filled our lives with pride and joy. You have a great attitude and work ethic and will no doubt be successful in life. We love you so much!
Congratulations on a job well done!
Love, Mom and Dad

Shaina, in your eyes, days & weeks drag on and seem to take forever! For me the years have flown by, soon we will no longer be together.... Now that you're graduating and off to college it's time to set you free! But before I do I want you to know...I love you and I am as proud as any mom can be! Good luck with everything you do!
Love Mom



Tyler,
As you graduate and close this chapter of your life, look back on these last four years with pride and achievement. You're an amazing person who has accomplished so much and it is a pleasure to call you our son and brother. We wish you the best of luck at the University of Colorado and are excited to see what the future holds for you.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Trevor & Allison

Matthew-
We are so proud of you. You have grown up to be a polite, loving, and caring young man. You have changed our lives and so many others because of who you are. Please keep that wonderful personality, smile, and sense of humor that can light up any room, as well as put a smile on anyone's face. We love you.
Mom, Kathryn, Kristen, Michael, and Stephen



Courtney,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are a wonderful person and we are lucky to have a daughter like you. We love you and wish the very best for you in the future.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Sarah,
We are so proud of you!
We love you!
Dad, Mom and Kenny



Congratulations Mariah!
It's going to be exciting seeing
God's plans for your future
with your unique gifts and
talents. You are beautiful inside
and out and such a blessing.
Remember: "You can do all
things through Christ who
strengthens You." (Phil. 4:13)
We love you and are so proud
of you!
Butterfly Kisses,
Mom and Dad

Zaine,
You are so talented and gifted
in many creative ways. We
hope and pray that the future
is filled with great
opportunities and blessings
that help you achieve your
goals and dreams. We love
you and wish you the best
now and always.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Hayden, Joseph
& Vincent



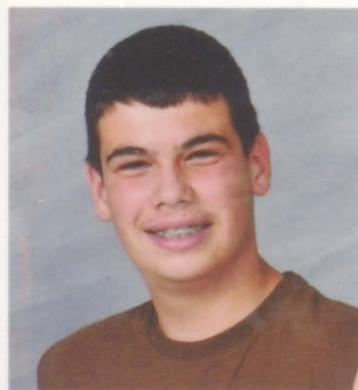
Melissa-
Wow- we are so proud of you and
can't believe that you're already
graduating. Where has the time
went. What a wonderful loving
young lady you have become. We
are proud of all your
accomplishments and hope that all
your dreams come true. "If you can
imagine it, you can achieve it- If
you can dream it, you can become
it! Keep smiling that beautiful
smile. Congratulations! We love
you!-Mom, Dad, Brooke, Tricia

Dominic, we are so very
PROUD of you and all your
HARD work and achievements.
We can't wait to see where
life takes you. You are
TRULY the BEST of the
BEST...Always reach for the
moon and you will land on
your STAR!
We love you, Mom, Steve,
Paige, Savannah, Hunter &
Grace



Congratulations, Hayley!
You have grown up to be such a
beautiful person! We are so
proud of you and all of your
accomplishments throughout
your high school tenure. We
wish you much happiness and
the very best at Mizzou. We are
confident you will succeed in
your future endeavors. God
bless you and we love you so
much! Love,
Dad, Mom & Shanna

We are so proud of all you have
achieved, and the person you
have become. Your loyalty,
kindness and humor are just
some of your strengths. We
admire your courage, honesty,
and independence. We cannot
wait to see you playing college
volleyball next year. We wish
you all the happiness in the
world. We love you with all our
hearts. Love: Dad, Mom, Nick,
Ethan, & Emma



Congratulations-
You did it Batman!

Love,
Mom, Jim, Dylan,
Carpenter & Hill Family

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jordan- You have taught us as much as we have taught you and we are grateful to God for you. Thanks for being such great Kid.

Love you always- Mom and Dad



KT

"IB", school years have passed too quickly, but you're always in a hurry! You were born 1/2 an hour after arriving at the hospital, rode wheels off your bike, broke your wrist, knee, and arm, but never slowed down. Keep your "irrikating" personality, quirky humor, but only happy memories. I wouldn't trade anything for the privileges I've had of witnessing you become an intelligent, beautiful woman. Remember to fear regret, not failure!
Love Daddy



Shaina,

They always say that time flies when you're having fun, and no truer words could apply when talking about our time with you! From the day you were born you have been a bundle of joy. You brighten the lives of everyone you meet. Keep that cheerful disposition as you move forward in life and the challenges you face will be easy to handle. We love you very much!
Mom & Dad



Lynn.

Congratulations on your graduation from high school. The rest of your life is now up to you and the next four years at WIU may be some of your best. So enjoy, but keep your wits about you. We love you.

Mom and Dad



Megan,

You have brought so much pride, joy and happiness into our lives. Who could have believed you would grow up so quickly into the beautiful, smart young lady you have become. As you move on into the next chapter of your life at Mizzou, we can't wait to see what new accomplishments and goals you will achieve!! We love you very much!!

Mom, Brad, Alana and Lucas



Our — heartfelt congratulations Madeline! You have grown into a mature young woman with a brilliant mind, an engaging spirit, and a charming personality who is also kind hearted, principled, and compassionate. Your captivating smile completes the package! Embrace your success and look forward to your future; walk with pride today, hope tomorrow and faith always. We're so proud of you!

All our love, Janet, Ron and Adam





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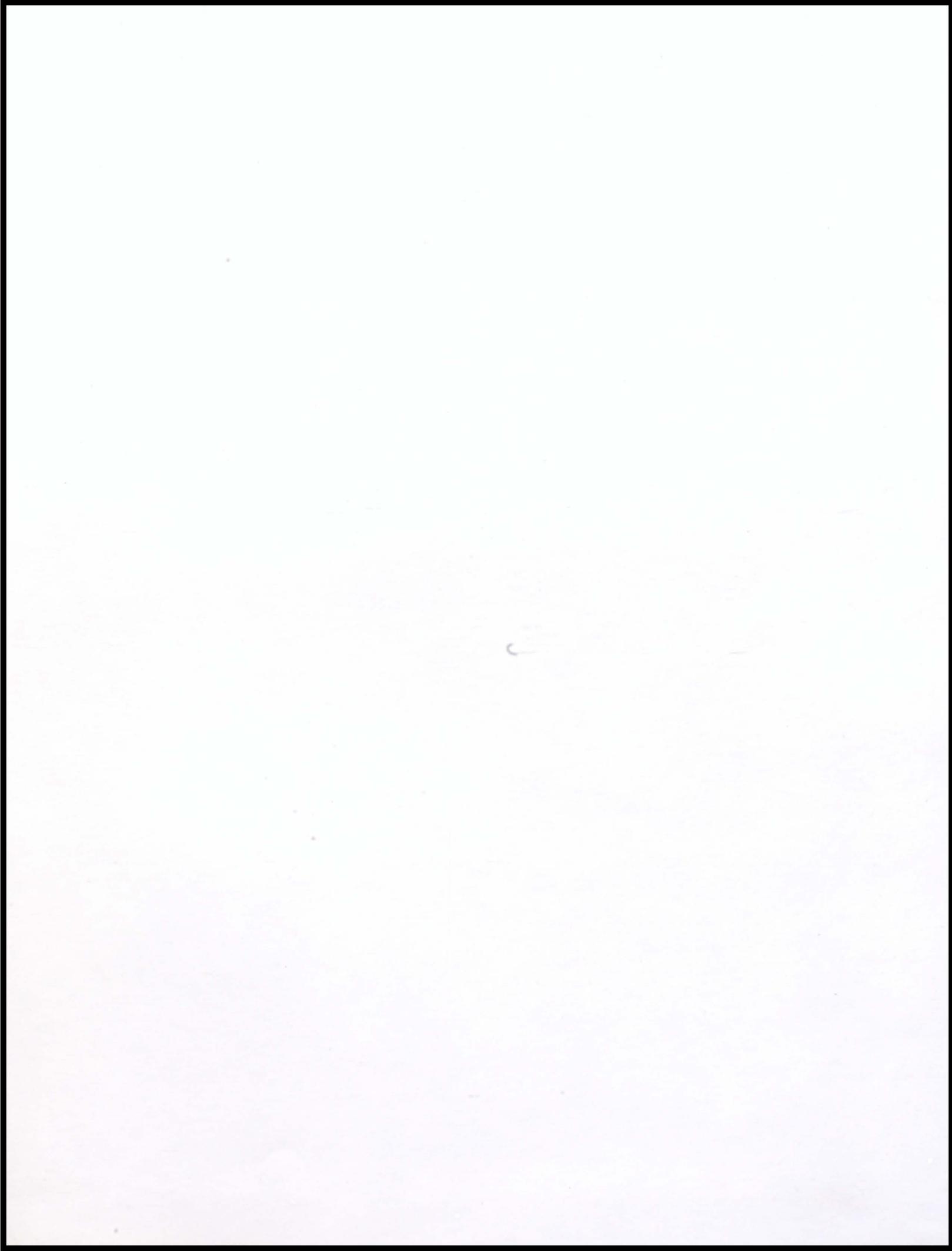
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