It Started
2011
2012
With a Blank Canvas...
It's a blank canvas, until you add the color.

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Fashion

Many fashion trends came about during this school year—some new and some modeled after trends from previous decades!

Girls stayed hydrated by carrying 32oz plastic water bottles.

A comfy trend was Victoria's Secret PINK brand leggings and yoga pants.

Girls wore multiple layers of denim.

Wearing full lace or lace-backed shirts was popular.

Girls wore their hair long and parted in the middle. Boys sported tall socks with slide-on sandals.

In the chilly months, English style riding boots were popular among girls. When paired with leggings or jeans, they were the perfect accessory!

Vera Bradley, a popular designer who is famous for her unique brightly colored prints, emerged on the shoulders of many students.

Chunky watches could be found on both boys and girls. The brand, FOSSIL, was a favorite.
Social Networking

In the Media

Movies:
*The Hunger Games
*Paranormal Activity 3
*Titanic 3D
*The Vow
*21 Jump Street

Music:
*Boyfriend- Just Bieber
*Springsteen- Eric Church
*The Motto- Drake & Lil' Wayne
*We Are Young- FUN

Ours- Taylor Swift
*Domino- Jesse J
*Call Me Maybe-Carly Rae Jepsen

TV Shows:
*Big Bang Theory
*Vampire Diaries
*Jersey Shore

Students spent a lot of their time using applications such as Instagram, a photo editor, Twitter, a social networking site, and Pinterest, a site that allows the user to discover new and interesting ideas on things from room decorating tips to gourmet meals.

Remember...

The “Highland Creeper” and his green truck.

The “camo-out” at the Highland vs. Triad basketball game.

The Cardinals winning the 2011 World Series.

Color changing during the Regional games at Triad High School.

Hail on Prom.

Snooki, from Jersey Shore, expecting her first baby.

Trends
On Wednesday, September 7, the third annual Mr. Irresistible contest was held by the drama club. Representing different sports, clubs, and organizations were 14 senior boys. The contestant crowned Mr. Irresistible received money towards the club or sport he represented. The judges were four senior girls from schools in the area. Siarra Price, 12, and Devynn Byrd, 11, were the mistresses of ceremony. Based on the boys' performances in the three different categories, the judges chose the winner. Mrs. Amy Kloss, the director of the competition, was impressed by the boys' performances. "This year's contestants brought a lot of energy to the stage. They created an unforgettable experience for the audience, to say the least!", said Kloss. The beginning of the contest was the traditional dance by all 14 of the contestants. This was followed by sports and leisure wear, the first category. Next, each contestant had to perform a special talent. These talents ranged from Brendan Dubach's magic show to Nathan Trout's rehearsed dance with pom-poms and a pogo stick. When asked if he ever got nervous about performing in front of an audience, Nick Daiber said, "No I wasn't nervous because I was confident with my performing abilities and it was just for fun." The last category was formal wear and interview where each boy was asked three different questions. During intermission, the judges deliberated while the audience voted for the People's Choice Award. The boys waited anxiously to hear who would be announced the winner. The contestant who was voted People's Choice was Ryan Bowman. Second runner-up was Corbin Sells, first runner-up was Nathan Trout, and finally Mitchell Moenster was crowned Mr. Irresistible 2011. "I was very shocked that I won, but I was excited too. I mean who wouldn't be excited that they were crowned the most irresistible guy in the school?" The contest was a great experience for the 14 contestants as well as the audience. After the competition, Corbin Sells was asked what his favorite part of the Mr. Irresistible contest was. He said, "Practicing for the dance and performing in front of an audience had to be my favorite part."
AJ Hirsch, 12, dances to "Jump On It" by Sugar Hill Gang. He said, "The performance could have been better if I would have added to it."

Logan Goldstein, 12, sings "You're Beautiful" by James Blunt with the help of classmates, Zach Goldsborough, 12, Sam McConville, 11, and Logan Perez, 11.

While modeling his formal wear, Jacob Bush, 12, charms the judges. Bush represented the Varsity football team.

Before answering the final questions for the hostesses, Ben Melosi, 12, displays his relaxed clothing style. Umbrella included.

From the well-known comedy Anchorman, Kuczka showcases his singing ability with "Afternoon Delight." Fellow contestants, Troy Nave, Corbin Sells, Nathan Trout, and Ryan Bowman assisted.

What inspired you to sign up for the contest?

"What inspired me? It was my shot to show the world how irresistible I truly am."

Larry Jones, 12
Who can forget the man in the green truck who tried to pickup small children?

This year's senior prank involved trashing the hallway with paper, some of which read "Senior class 2012".

The Hunger Games became the highest grossing non-sequel movie by raking in a total of $155 million on its opening weekend.

Smart MOVE!

Best Class You've Taken and Why!

"Sociology, because Strong is a Kooky cat!"  "P.E., because we didn't have to do anything."  "History, because Bradley teaches my class."

Brandon Koyanagi, 12  Jack Martens, 11  Connor Erwin, 9

After ten years, the eighth and final Harry Potter movie premiered in theaters on July 15th of 2011.
1. The St. Louis Blues made the playoffs.
2. The winners of the World Series was the St. Louis Cardinals in 2011.

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Fun Facts

By: Valerie Strasser & Alanna White

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Whitney Houston, who sold over 170 million albums, died on February eleventh, 2012.

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A lot of interesting things have happened in Illinois during the 2011-2012 school year. The Fun Facts spread was designed to recognize a few we thought were most memorable. Fun Facts was also created so that, years from now, the student body and staff could look back and remember “the good old days” in Highland, Illinois.

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10 things you wish you did this year

- Been more involved
- Tried harder in class
- Studied more
- Played more sports
- Done a senior prank
- Broken out of my shell
- Didn't take A.P. Calculus
- Taken Chemistry
- Made more friends
- Gotten a girlfriend

From your Senior Class
An Enchanted Evening

Filling the week with fairy-tale themed activities helped create a more "Enchanted Evening" theme for Homecoming 2011. To celebrate the upcoming weekend, the students participated in dress up days, the parade, and different sporting events. The variety of dress up themes differed from being nerds and jocks to togas and western costumes. The most successful day dressing up was by far decade day, ranging from the 50's to even 2090! The nightly events consisted of float building, powderpuff football, a bonfire, the annual Homecoming parade, power volleyball, and lastly, the football game. The girls' powderpuff game concluded with the seniors and sophomores fighting for the title, leaving the freshman and juniors behind. Many tackles and interceptions later, the seniors came out on top and defeated the sophomores. Next, the class floats each had to represent a different fairy-tale. With the seniors as Peter Pan, juniors as Jack and the Bean Stalk, sophomores as Rapunzel, and the freshman as Aladdin, the freshman came out on top with the seniors close behind in second. The power volleyball games were a match for the juniors and seniors. Competing in the final match, the juniors took the lead, leaving the seniors in second, once more. Lastly, with the students of HHS covered in red, black, and white, the Homecoming game finally arrived. Bringing the Homecoming events to a close, unfortunately we lost to Civic Memorial, but no spirit was lost because everyone was excited for what was in store for them on Homecoming Saturday.

By: Lauren Scoggins

The color guard team followed the band members while marching in the Homecoming parade on September 21st.

Huddling up, the freshman plan out their next attempt for a touchdown.

Sophomore Ellen Imming, juniors Devynn Byrd and Shannon Ostrander and seniors Alex Kopp and Allison Miller ride the Football Cheerleading float during the Homecoming parade.

Sophomore's powderpuff team huddle in the stands while the first game takes place.

Seniors Alexa Moss, Sierra Price, Hailey Ahlgren, Lauren Scoggins, Brendan Dubach and Corbin Sells receive second place for their senior float.

Student Life
concluding the final game, fellow senior students rushed the field to congratulate the senior ladies on their championship, leaving the underclassmen defeated.

Freshmen Megan Burns sang the parade in the yard while the walkers and walkers in the parade joined the rest of the school.

This was privileged to have the opportunity to have veterans participate in the parade.

Nothing but a win by the end of the Powderpuff game, expecting everyone to clear out for their final gathering for a picture while the seniors Powderpuff team.
Homecoming Court 2011

Special Maid Kelsey Krump and Special Escort Geoffrey Hartlieb

Homecoming Queen Shayna Painter and Homecoming King Austin Welz

Sophomore Court: Adam Harris, Emily Holtclaw, Joseph Duncan, Sydney Lammers, Laura Lucco, Logan Brave, Carrie Gibbons, and David Dinh.

Freshman Court: Logan Geiger, Call Byrd, Hunter Coker, Emily Deichmann, Cage Geiger, and Allison Schneider.

Senior Court

Kelsey Krump and Adam Beck
Benjamin Sparlin and Catelyn Lowe
Tim Cochran and Mikayla Miller
Matt Becker and Mariah Miranda
Geoffrey Hartlieb and Brianna Netemeyer
Austin Welz and Shayna Painter
Nolan Gerner and Katie Weis
Riley Litzenburg and Shannon Weiss
"My favorite part of Homecoming week was beating the Juniors in powderpuff football!"
-Paige Ahlgren, 10.

Juniors Christa Williams, Bret Ellerman, and Brooke Terrill take pictures at the entrance of Kaiser Mansion.

Sophomores Brooke Hug, Ellie Imming, Lauren Lutostanski, and Paige Ahlgren laugh at each other while trying to take a serious picture at the Latzer Homestead.

Seniors Lauren Beckman, Hayley Vonder Haar, Mikayla Miller, Emily Michael, Lauren Scoggins, Alexa Moss, Maria Foehner, Hailey Ahlgren, Sarah Trobaugh, Briana Moore, and Codi Gramlich take pictures at the home of Sierra Price.

Freshmen boys and their group take a picture at the Country Club in Highland. The Country Club was a popular place to take pictures for formal events.

Juniors Christa Williams, Bret Ellerman, and Brooke Terrill take pictures at the entrance of Kaiser Mansion.
An Enchanted Evening, filled the gym with sparkling trees over-head and a flower strewn floor set the atmosphere at Homecoming 2011. The hours upon hours spent by Student Council members, along with Tina Beyer and Liza Basden truly paid off. Cardboard trees were cut out by the members, covered in tissue paper, and strung with lights. Several columns were created, placing flowers on top with lights to illuminate an Enchanted Forest. After an eventful week, filled with sports and activities, students had a tightly packed schedule on Saturday which included picking up tuxedos, dresses, hair and make-up appointments, pictures, dinner, and finally, the dance. During the coronation, seniors Austin Welz and Shayna Painter were crowned Homecoming King and Queen and were given the privilege to start off with the first dance. DJ Heart Breakers from Indiana provided great music for the night. Neon colored glow sticks were thrown out, by the DJ, to the dancing students as a slide-show of pictures of different students was projected on a screen at the front of the gym. As the night came to an end, the majority of students continued to celebrate their night with friends elsewhere. "It was sad being at my last Homecoming, but I had a really great time!" said Emily Michael, 12.

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Juniors Maddie Sirko, Katie Medina, Brooke Gillespie and Sophomore Desiree Maurer take advantage of the beautiful scenery at Hard Rock Café for pictures before the dance.

A group of sophomore girls show off their colorful and flashy flowered corsages.
The climax of the play occurred when Harker (W. Thomae, 10) discovered Dracula’s coffin in the basement of the castle. When Dracula awoke, he threatened to harm Harker and his family.

After an attack by Dracula, Harker wipes blood off of Mina’s (S. Price, 12) hands.

Lucy (C. Ridgeway, 10) jolts awake in the middle of the night after being possessed by the Count.

Cast

Jonathan Harker: Will Thomae
Count Dracula: Mitch England
Mina Harker: Sierra Price
Lucy Wenstrom: Cheyenne Ridgeway
Gretchen: Carli Hueslmann
Monica (Fair Sister): Kelsey Neier
Lisa (Dark Sister): Vanessa Rivera
Georgette (Dark Sister): Kym Odle
Helga: Emily Dant
Mrs. Wenstrom: Emily Comish
Arthur Holmwood: Zack Wesselmann
Dr. Van Helsing: Samuel Frederickson
Greka: Alicia Burris
Coachman: Brian Murphy
Hati: Jordyn Robinson

Front row: Carli Hueslmann, Mitch England, Vanessa Rivera, Kelsey Neier, Kym Odle; Middle row: Sarah Eilers, Beth Augustin, Alicia Burris, Jordyn Robinson, Sierra Price, Cheyenne Ridgeway, Emily Comish, Emily Dant, Emily Gibbons; Back row: Amy Kloss, Danelle Frey, Brenden Ponce, Jordan Comish, Will Thomae, Brian Murphy, Samuel Frederickson, Zack Wesselmann, Morgan Fuhhue, Hannah Markezich, Katie Brinker.
Reign of Terror

By: Devynn Byrd

Dracula (M. England, 11) pins Harker (W. Thomae, 10) to the ground after Harker chained his wife to a cross for protection.

Dracula

The Drama Club put on the popular play, Dracula, in mid October. Dracula is an 1897 novel by Irish author, Bram Staker. In 1996 it was brought to life by American playwright, Steven Dietz.

In order to finalize a real estate transaction young English lawyer Johnathan Harker (Will Thomae, 10) traveled to Count Dracula's old neglected castle in Transylvania. Upon arriving Harker found that the elderly Dracula (Mitch England, 11) was a well educated and hospitable gentleman. After a few days of staying with the count, however, Harker realized he was effectively a prisoner in the castle. He soon saw that the Count possessed supernatural powers and diabolical ambitions. "It wasn't very difficult playing both sides of Dracula, only because he wasn't nice for very long. Fully understanding how to get into the evil character of Dracula took some practice, but I think I got a hang of it!" Said junior, Mitch England. Harker embarked on a long and dangerous journey to defeat the evil intentions of Dracula, and to destroy him for good. "The fighting scene at the end between Dracula and myself was the most difficult. You want dramatic scenes like that to look realistic, so the audience can feel the tension of what is going on, just as much as the characters are supposed to feel," said sophomore Will Thomae. The audience must have felt that tension because the cast of Dracula performed to a sold out crowd all three nights.
The full cast of this year's Madrigal Dinner got together after their last performance on a Sunday afternoon. "I'm really going to miss this group. We all became very close throughout the year," said senior Brian Murphy.

Juliet (Wilde, 11) sat on Romeo's (Wheeler, 12) lap as an attempt to convince her parents they were in love.

Amanda Wick, 11, looks to the post soprano for her cue to begin singing at the Renaissance Festival.

Jordan Barker, 11, a fairy, got into trouble with her enchanted friends by causing chaos and meddling her way into the story.
During the first semester of every school year A Capella choir is split into two different choirs, Madrigals and Chamber choir. In order to kick off the year, both of these choirs traveled to Kansas City, MO to perform multiple short shows throughout the day for the Renaissance Festival. Seeing that the festival stayed an authentic renaissance experience, the two choirs had to wear their 16th century apparel, along with speak and act as if they were living in that era. The Madrigals dressed as the upper class, whereas the Chamber choir dressed as wenches, gypsies, or ladies in waiting. The Renaissance Festival lasted 2 days, and the second day the singers had a choice to dress up or not. Most of them decided not too and enjoy the festivities as themselves. "Ren-fest is the best event of the year. You really do feel like you are living in the 16th century. It makes it really easy to get into character that way!" said Madrigal singer Taylor Riechmann, 11. Also during the first semester, these two choirs put on the annual Madrigal Dinner. The dinner is always right around Christmas and held in the cafeteria. The show told a reverse story of Romeo and Juliet. Romeo and Juliet were arranged to be married but neither of them loved each other. So in order for Romeo to be with the girl he truly loved and for Juliet to not have to marry at all, they both attempted to fake their own deaths. In the end it all worked out in their favor. The Madrigal Dinner is a show that is looked forward to every year. It supplied a mix of talented actors, wonderful singers, and tasteful food for an overall amazing experience.

Olivia Russell, 11, shows her affection for her Madrigal husband, Sam McConville, 11.
England, 11, interviews Thomae, 10, as one of the many goofy characters that he portrays throughout the show. This act was a part of the "Weekend Update" as seen on their version of SNL.

The Highland High School Jazz Choir performs the upbeat song "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)." This familiar tune was a hit with the audience, as many sang along.

The many faces of this year’s cabaret included the spunky characters of Emily Comish, 12, Melissa Kapp, 11, and Beth Augustin, 12.

1. Senior, Meghan Osterbur plays a song on the xylophone for her act.
2. Erica Ellis, 11, recites a poem in her act at the cabaret.
3. England, 11, Augustin, 12, and Thomae, 10, flash an "LTB" showing off an inside joke. These three students helped emcee the cabaret.
Coffee House Cabaret was an annual show put on by the students who showed off their many talents. The stars of the show transform the commons into a night club where the audience ate pastries, sipped coffee and viewed student art. Beth Augustin, 12, Mitch England, 11, Will Thomae, 10, and Amanda Wick, 11, were just a few of the Emcees who's characters brought the show to life. This year the theme for the Cabaret was "Thursday Night Live". Between every act, before they introduced the next, the Emcees did their own rendition of popular skits featured on Saturday Night Live. The students who wanted to have an act in the show had to audition in front of Mrs. Ruebhausen before being able to be apart of the cabaret. “This year was a lot of fun! There was a lot of hidden talent that really shone through!” said Coffee House Cabaret's coordinator, Mrs. Ruebhausen.

Sam McConville's band, like many other local bands from all over Highland, used Coffee House Cabaret as a way to show off their many different styles of music.

Logan Perez, 11, accompanies Anastasia Wilde, 11, as she sings an acoustic version of 'I Wanna Hold Your Hand' by The Beatles.
Good Grief, Charlie Brown!

This year's spring musical was, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown! Charlie Brown is known through every generation, therefore this musical was selected to attract audience members of all ages. You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown told the story of young, Charlie Brown, Samuel Fredrickson, 9, who tried to find his place in life. His fun and kooky friends, Sally Brown; Devynn Byrd, 11, Schroeder; Mitch England, 11, Lucy Van Pelt; Amanda Wick, 11, Linus Van Pelt; Darrin Reinhardt, 9, Snoopy; Will Thomae, 10, and all of his other "Peanuts" friends, helped Charlie find himself through familiar skits such as "Valentines Day", "Baseball Game" and "Book Report". This Broadway musical allowed the audience to see the comics and television episodes that they grew up watching, live on stage with real actors and catchy musical numbers. You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown brought large crowds, almost filling up the entire auditorium, all three nights. "This musical is the best musical I have seen Highland put on in a really, really long time!" Exclaimed choir director, Mrs. Ruebhausen.

By: Devynn Byrd

The cast takes their final bows after their very last performance on Sunday afternoon. "It was bitter-sweet. I was so happy that all of our hard work paid off and yet I never wanted it to end." said senior, Sierra Price.

Lucy (Wick) describes her favorite dress to Frieda (Price) by drawing an example of it on a paper bag that she put on Charlie's (Fredrickson) face.

Sally Brown, (Byrd) questions her teacher on how she had received a 'C' on her coat hanger sculpture.
While Schroeder (England) plays the piano, Lucy (Wick) sings about how she wishes to one day marry him.

During the song 'Beethoven Day', Linus (Reinhardt), Lucy (Wick), Snoopy (Thomae), Sally (Byrd) and Charlie (Fredrickson) gather around Snoopy's Beethoven T-shirt and recreate Mt. Rushmore with Beethoven's face included.

Snoopy (Thomae) sings his catchy tune 'Supper Time' while backup show dancers accompany him in an upbeat and fast tap dance.

At first I didn’t want to go to Prom but when I got there I had a blast and enjoyed every moment!" said junior Katie Smithey.

Prom 2012 was a humid day as meteorologists called for rain late afternoon. Pictures were taken without any disturbance from the weather, but as groups made their way to dinner, the rain and hail began to fall. On the way to St. Louis for dinner at Favazza’s, one group discovered a hole in the ceiling of their bus from the hail. Tornado sirens went off, but as the clock ticked toward seven, everything had calmed down. The Highland KC Hall was decked out with “A Touch of Class.” Elegant decorations and beautiful light displays transformed the, normally boring, KC Hall into a great place to celebrate Prom. Prior to the dance, senior class members voted for Prom royalty. This year, the junior officers changed the amount of awards given: there was a Prom King and Queen, and also a Prom Prince and Princess. The Prince and Princess were the runner-ups. Normally, only the King and Queen would be announced. Ben Wick and Alexa Moss were crowned King and Queen; whereas, Tim Cochran and Shannon Weiss were named Prince and Princess. The Queen was awarded with the traditional crown, but the King was given a top hat. The runner-ups each received a sash to wear and a pin. "I was surprised when I heard my name being announced, but at the same time, I was very excited. Anyone would be thankful for a privilege like that, but I would not have received the award without the votes of my classmates. Thank you, seniors! Being named Prom Queen was a real honor," said Alexa Moss.
Juniors Alex Young, Nick Flanigan, and Spencer Holzinger, discuss where they will be going after prom.

Tim Cochran is crowned prom prince; the runner up to Prom King.

Alanna White, 12, Jamie Hundsdorfer, 12, McKinsey Shelton, 11, Chloe Nance, 12, and Valerie Strasser, 12, use the dress up clothes provided to use in the photo booth.

Junior Emily Klobuchar and Senior Zach Goldsborough take advantage of the free refreshments provided by the KC hall.

While some attendants enjoyed the dancing aspect, others used the time to socialize.
Prom Court: 2012

King Ben Wick and Queen Alexa Moss

Prince Tim Cochran and Princess Shannon Weiss

Royalty Court Members at Prom 2012
In the photo booth at post prom, seniors Lauren Scoggins, Lauren Beckman, Alex Kuczka, and junior Shae Weber make good use of the dress up clothes.

By: Shannon Weiss and Valerie Strasser

Following the dance, most juniors and seniors headed back to the high school for Post Prom. The President of the Post Prom Committee was Amy Munie, and she received many donations from local businesses to fund the late night activities. For five dollars, high school students were supplied with food, drinks, fun, and many opportunities to win prizes. Some of the activities were an obstacle course, a euchre tournament, a mechanical bull, and dodgeball. After students participated in the games, they received tickets. To win the large prizes, students had to put numerous tickets in a jar, and then hope to be announced as a lucky winner. Some of the large prizes were an Xbox, a TV, iPads, a mini fridge, and a Blue-Ray disc player. There were small attendance prizes awarded, also: gift cards, jewelry, gym memberships, and clothing, just to name a few. Various amounts of money were awarded, but the $1000 could only be won by a senior. Mikayla Miller was the fortunate senior.

Mitch England, 11, is flung backwards by the bungee cord while racing Will Thomae, 10, and Beth Augustine, 12.

Battling with foam bats, Megan Widman, 10, and Mitch England, 11, prepare for round two.

Seniors Jordan Bartels, Alanna White, Emily Comish, and Logan Garthe mock fear in the photo booth at post prom.
For graduation, students needed to earn four English credits. For many, obtaining credits was not a problem since the English department offered more class options than any other subject. Basic, regular, and honors versions of the core classes were available along with many electives. Classes such as Scholarship Essay Writing and Public Speaking were offered as dual credit, which helped students' futures in college. Classes such as Literature in Hollywood, Literature of the Holocaust, Science Fiction, Greek Mythology, Shakespeare, and Creative Writing broadened student's literature horizons and enhanced their creativity. This year in Dr. Gauen's Creative Writing class was a school newspaper, "Paw Prints". The students were assigned to research and write articles on certain clubs and teams in the school. "I liked writing in the school newspaper because we got the chance for others to see our writing talents that they otherwise wouldn't have seen." said Maggie Baumgartner, 11.

Aron Schneider, 11, reads about FFA in the school newspaper, "Paw Prints" which was created in Dr. Gauen's Creative Writing class and kept students informed about clubs and teams.

Keshaan Mathews, 9, and Daniel Deibert, 9, jot down their thoughts on sacrifice during a quick write in Mrs. Kuhlman's English I class.

During a field trip to the SIUE library, Lucas Pinsker, 11, reads a biography on JFK. For his Honors III research paper, "The Starbucks on campus helped me focus while researching," said Pinsker.

In Drama and Stagecraft Alex Kopp, 12, and Alaina Kosyder, 11, apply make-up to Carrie Gibbons, 10, to make her look like a cat. This activity taught students how to properly use stage make-up.

Words With Friends

By: Tyler Stone
From parabolas in algebra to derivatives in calculus, students of all ages have been learning math skills throughout the year. Highland required at least three years of math credits to graduate, but teachers recommended four years to develop and prepare more knowledge to be successful in college. Sam Holdeman, 12, said, "I've learned firsthand that what they've taught us my freshman through junior year has helped me on the ACT, which is a big part when searching and applying for colleges now that I'm a senior." Algebra, geometry, pre-calculus, and calculus were some of the classes offered. New to the department was Brian James who taught geometry, pre-calculus, and Basic Algebra II. Hannah Hartlieb, 10, said, "I learned triangle formulas my freshman year in Geometry, but I didn't believe that we would actually have to remember them as I moved to more advanced classes."
With the science courses provided, students were given a wide variety of courses to take. Our advanced curriculum included biology, anatomy, chemistry, integrated science, and physics. Biology and anatomy were very similar in discussing topics about DNA, photosynthesis, cellular reproduction, and the different systems of the human body. Chemistry consisted of material that discussed ions, compounds, solutions, and acids and bases. In integrated science, most of the discussions and lessons fell along the topic of life science. Finally, physics covered material dealing with Newton's laws, pressure, force, and velocity. In order to graduate, students took at least two of these courses to meet the standards. If students wished to challenge themselves and advance further, students were given the option to take some courses in AP, or Advanced Placement. Chemistry and biology were two of these AP optional classes. Students enrolled in these courses are expected to take a number of notes and conduct many labs. "My favorite part of Biology is doing labs. We learn something new every day!" said Kaitlin Rutz, 10.

Senior Ryan Bowman tests dry-ice in water during a lab in Chemistry II.

Using ultra-violet glasses, AP Chemistry students examine different levels of light coming through the door window.

In Honors Chemistry, sophomores Shanna Welz and Miranda Wagner do a lab testing elements' reaction with fire.

Katelyn Helf, 12, takes part in a Chemistry II lab, testing metal's, specifically copper, ion reaction with fire.
Nick Flanigan, 11, and Joel Mason, 11, prepared for battle in Union Soldier gear in Ms. Kay's AP US History Class. "Ladies love a man in uniform," said Flanigan.

Using a new teaching technique, Mr. Strong stands on the desks to psychologically experiment the way students learn. Aryn Weis, 12, listens to his strategies.

Ms. Kay enjoyed dressing her students in period clothing in order to help them understand the culture of the Civil War era. Morgan Fuehne 11, shows off the typical woman's garb.

The Social Studies Department offered multiple classes, including exciting electives, to help students get the three credits necessary for graduation. Freshmen were required to take a World History class in which thousands of centuries were covered, from the Ancient Greeks to modern world policies. The juniors focused on passing the U.S. and Illinois Constitution Tests. A U.S. History class guided them in their studies. To obtain the third mandatory credit, students took one of the many electives provided.

The group listens intently while Mason Lee, 9, explains his portion of the work on their World History project. The assignment involved each group making a poster and presenting their findings in front of the class.

Students interested in leaning about the U.S. Government took Government class. Geography and Eastern Geography had students exploring the terrain of the Earth using maps and globes. In Mr. Holt's Economy class, Juniors and seniors learned how an economy is run at the local and world level. Sociology and psychology, provided by Mr. Strong, taught students to think objectively. They recorded dreams and held class debates on controversial issues. In Mr. Hawkins' Civil War class, students re-lived the tragedies of war through stories and literature. Another popular elective was Ms. Kay's European Monarchs class. "The class was like a trip back through time with Ms. Kay as our tour guide," Evan Duft, 11.
Spanish was an elective offered on many different levels for students. Students who took SWIC Spanish III and IV received college credit hours through SWIC. New this year was Honors Spanish III and AP Spanish IV. Students on the honors track eventually received college credit from the AP Spanish test. During class, teachers focused on enhancing students' vocabulary along with grammar concepts. Customs of Spanish speaking countries, especially around holidays, were also taught. In Spanish I, students learned the basics of the Spanish language. They focused on vocabulary words and grammar concepts. When asked why she took Spanish, Emily Deichmann, 9, said "I've heard the teachers are awesome and I absolutely love speaking it! It is a fascinating language!" In Mrs. Twyford's Spanish II class, students participated in a fashion show which included building on students' clothing vocabulary. Spanish III and IV students contributed all of their Spanish knowledge to various oral presentations. The key objective to higher level Spanish classes was to apply knowledge by learning to speak the language not just writing it.

As part of a culture study, SWIC Spanish IV students sing the Christmas carol, "Cascabels", or "Jingle Bells" to Mrs. Wagenblast's Spanish II class before the Christmas holidays. Christmas carols are also very popular in the Spanish culture.

In Spanish, Emily Deichmann, 9, said "I've heard the teachers are awesome and I absolutely love speaking it! It is a fascinating language!"

Broadening their grammar concepts, Brock Portell, 10 and Carrie Gibbons, 10, do an imperfect verb assignment in Mrs. Twyford's Spanish II class.

In Spanish I, Kelsey Koller, 9, receives help from Mrs. Wagenblast on the conjugations of the present tense verb of "estar" which means "to be".

Allison Miller, 12, takes a preterite and imperfect verb tense quiz in SWIC Spanish IV.
French was an optional course for students of any grade. French class was not only an opportunity for students to learn the language, but also about the customs and history of France, including their holidays. The class studied the grammar and vocabulary and practiced forming sentences. Students also gave oral presentations to help with the pronunciation of words. Several projects were assigned to give the students a hands on approach to learn the language. Paige Ahlgren, 10, said “I’ve always wanted to learn a foreign language and the class is really fun.” Starting in French I, students learned the basics such as numbers and common words. As they moved forward into French II and III, students learned grammar and expanded their words. Once they reached French IV, students formed sentences, wrote paragraphs, and even read French stories. The students wrote letters in French to a real class in France who replied in English. It allowed them to talk to French students their age and even ask questions about France. The Foreign Language Department offers a trip every summer. This year they are going to Italy and France.

French I reviews the conjugations of verbs in class and then discuss the answers.

French IV practiced forming verbs in class and Lauren Beckman, 12, uses a white board during her review.

During a French II class in her classroom, Mrs. Schwarz shows the endings of the verb “aller” meaning “to go”.

Projects were very common activities as a hands on approach to learning. Hailey Ahlgren, 12, works on a project during class designing her dream bedroom and labels the items in French.
The Business Department provided many different and challenging opportunities for every high school student. Business classes were set up to teach students about different concepts that will later benefit them in the real world. These classes included Co-Op, Business Ethics, Consumer Finance, and other related subjects. More programs offered were Computer Animations, Computer Concepts, and Web Design. In Computer Animations students designed their own different flash animations.

Abby Rinderer, 11, said, "Mrs. Perkes really helped me out with computer programs that I have never used before. Knowing many different graphic skills will help me when I leave the high school atmosphere." Some of these business classes were worth dual credit such as Spreadsheets and Databases and Word Processing and Business Presentations. Not only did those classes prepare students for their next step in life, but they prepared them how to present properly, learn new programs, and keep up to date with the society.

Marcus McGill, 9, and Allison Buchmiller, 9, calculate their monthly budgets to see if they exceeded their limits.

In Consumer Ed class Brian Murphy, 12, and Emma Sechrest, 10, practice endorsing a check.

Jesse Johnson, 10, Ben Menke, 9, Nicole Esquibel, 9, and Brian Murphy, 12, work in their handbook to figure problems and work on the computer to research different animations.
To make their holiday cake, seniors Mariah Miranda, Lauren Beckman, Lauren Scoggins, and Briana Moore mix up the batter during Foods II.

Amber Potts, 9, and Ashley Lauth, 9, care for a baby at the baby shower Mrs. Jones' class held on January 18, 2012.

First block Foods II students Claire Munie, 12, and Kelsey Krump, 12, place pieces of angel food cakes into a pan for their strawberry cake dessert.

"I am nervous, but I think I will be able to handle the task," said Molly Shutzenhofer, 9, while preparing to take home a computerized baby for a weekend.

From computerized babies to Thanksgiving dinners, the Family and Consumer Science Department was designed to help prepare students for real-life situations. Mrs. Judy Wagner taught Foods I, which excluded the senior class, and Foods II, which excluded the freshmen class. Mrs. Dawn Jones taught Child Development, Child and Daycare, Parenting, and also Foods I. Foods II student Sierra Price, 12, said, "You can learn how to cook, which will actually help in the future, especially for seniors who are going away for college next year." Throughout the year, students participated in special activities. In the Child Development class, every student took a computerized baby home for a weekend to care for it, or wrote a paper about teen pregnancy. In Child and Daycare, pupils were allowed to leave school and attend one local daycare for an hour and a half. Also, in Parenting, students wore pregnancy suits to stimulate the weight a woman gains over the three trimesters of gestation. If a student chose to perform this activity for an entire day, extra credit was awarded. Multiple situations were created in these classes for students to gain experience.

Real Life Lessons

By: Shannon Weiss

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On the top of the gym balcony, P.E. students had to run the mile. Matt Rinderer, 12, Claire Munie, 12, and Kelsey Krum, 12, complete the last lap of their mile with a slight jog and walk.

Every physical education class, students started with a three minute run in the gym. After breaking a slight sweat they began warm-ups. Following warm-ups, the students participated in many different activities which included dodgeball, wiffle ball, bowling, flag football, volleyball, and soccer. Dodgeball was a favorite of the students. The dodgeball rivalry between the upper classmen and the lower classmen brought together the whole P.E. class. Chloe Potthast, 10 said, "My favorite activity was getting to leave school for a field trip to the bowling alley. I really enjoyed just going there and having a fun time bowling with my friends." Although students had fun with games, the main emphasis was on keeping students active by getting them involved in activities from the low intensity to the higher more strenuous ones. However, some students interacted and helped out the Special Education P.E. classes. Students aided the Special Education class when learning new games or stretches.
With classes such as painting, drawing, and ceramics, the Art Department offered knowledge of different types of art. Under the instruction of Mrs. Wander-Vrell, students spent class time working on their individual projects. They were given a few simple guidelines and the rest was up to their interpretation. This allowed each student to create a unique piece of art that was truly their own. "My favorite thing about art is being able to express myself and my emotions in my work," said Logan Repucci, 10. The students used a variety of mediums to create their works of art including pen and ink, shading pencils, and pastels. In one particular assignment, the drawing students shaded a picture of their choice using nothing but words written in pen. After picking an object of their choice, students used pen and ink and a specific style of shading such as scribbling, stippling, or cross hatching to recreate their object. In sculpting class, students used clay to create Chinese tea cups among other projects. AP students spent their class time working on projects for their portfolios.

In ceramics, Mrs. Wander-Vrell demonstrates how to create a smooth edge on sophomore Emily Capelle's Chinese tea cup.

Juniors, Mitchel England and Danielle Mauer measure out bases for their Chinese tea cups during ceramics class.

For a unit over facial proportions, Corbin Sells, 12, uses a mirror to draw himself.

Displayed at Coffee House Cabaret is Cheyenne Ridgeway's, 10, painting project.
In a rural area like Highland, many students participated in the Agricultural classes. A popular class was Floral Design with Mrs. Barr. The students learned about different flowers and designs. Then towards the end of the block, they used what they learned by making their own arrangements. The finished products were delivered to lucky teachers around the school. Chloe Huelsmann, 12, said, "Floral Design is fun. I would take it over and over again if I could. I would recommend it to everyone." Another popular agriculture class among the students was Agriculture Business Management. During passing periods, students in this class sold candy and Ski. The money they raised went to the FFA fund. Other classes included Ag Machinery Services I and II, Ag Construction, Technology I and II, and Welding. These classes were very hands on. Students used manuals to repair equipment and build basic skills. Home Repairs was a class that helped both students who plan on having a future in agriculture and students who could use tips to help them out later in life, like how to fix a leaky faucet.

Before making an arrangement of flowers, students have to cut a piece of foam, like Brandon Callahan, 12, to keep the flowers in place.

Kim Weis, 9, cuts a piece of steel in half after watching a demonstration from Schmitz.

Robert Hosto, 12, puts a wire in the bottom of the daisy to keep the flower from falling over in the arrangement.

Mr. Schmitz shows his students in welding how to properly cut a piece of steel. Schmitt demonstrated how hot the welder needed to be and how important it is to cut the steel in a straight line.
A professional attaches the piping into the ceiling of the basement as Colin Frank, 12, watches.

To install for plumbing, Robert Reynolds, 12, and Zach Thompson, 12, cut a pipe.

To apply the siding on the house, seniors Colby Reilson and A.J. Burns use hammers.

Alex Trout, 11, hammers in a metal surrounding so the vent will fit properly and the heating and cooling systems will work correctly.

The Construction's Trade class was a group of students who were interested in a career of construction after graduation. The class was supported by the BEA (Business Education Alliance) and it was the fifth year the students have successfully built a house. Instructed and taught by Mr. Bruce Diebert, a group of 35 juniors and seniors constructed a house over the course of the year that was put on the market to sell after it was finished. Anyone was welcomed to buy the houses after they were built. The students obtained various skills from installing insulation within the house to the plumbing of numerous facilities. Students also contributed ideas to help style the interior design of the house. Bret Eilerman, 11, said, "My favorite part of building the house was setting rafters all day, and I learned that it takes teamwork, dedication, and time to accomplish such a big project." The house was located in the Prairie Trail subdivision on Daiber Road. After spending many hours constructing the house, it was finished on time and was put up for sale at the conclusion of the school year.

The House That Built Me

By: Codi Gramlich

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At the winter concert, the Symphonic Band performed in the Highland Middle School gymnasium for the enjoyment of their family and friends.

The wind and percussion section of the band perform the piece "Be Thou My First Vision".

The last week of July was used as a pre-band camp training session where the band practiced marching skills and learned how to read drill charts at Eastern Illinois University. At band camp 120 students attended "We lived band 24 hours a day", said Lauren Miller, 12. The goal of band camp was to prepare for a themed field show. The band chose The Divine Comedy, the tale of Dante’s journey through hell, purgatory, and paradise as their theme. The band marched at the McKendree Preview of Champions, at McKendree College, on October eighth, where they took home second place. It was their first trophy of the season. October 15 was one of the bands “double days”, where they played at Newton and Effingham.

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Band members in the clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, and tuba sections perform their second piece “First Suite in E Flat for Military Band” at the winter concert on December 13th.

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The Beat Goes On

By: Valerie Strasser
A Cappella choir was just one of the many choirs at our school. NBA (No Boys Allowed), Mixed Choir, Jazz Choir and the Onyx Choir were others. A Cappella choir competes at IHSA each year. This year they received firsts, which is the highest possible ranking, on all three of their pieces. At this contest Jazz Choir got two firsts and a second on their pieces. A Cappella Choir also joined Jazz Choir at the end of the year and went to another contest in Eureka, Missouri at Six Flags called Music in the Parks. During the first day the choir headed to Six Flags early to warm up and go through their music.

After warming up, they went to the contest room where they sang their songs for the judges. The second day was a day for fun for the choirs. They were able to spend the whole day from open to close in the park. A Cappella Choir received best of day and first overall. Jazz Choir also received first place.

Two days before IHSA contest, the choir rehearses their songs which included "Go Down Moses".

Amir Afshar, 10, "planks" on Brandon Baer, 11, in the choir hallway.

At the end of the year concert, Mrs. Ruebhausen prepares Onyx Choir for their performance.

Mrs. Ruebhausen gives directions to A Cappella choir on how to perfect different crescendos in order to do well at contest.
Clubs
A Helping Hand

By: Brianna Netemeyer

Student Council was responsible for many student friendly activities. The council’s biggest project was organizing and hosting the Homecoming dance. The theme was An Enchanted Evening. Along with building decorations, members planned dress-up activities throughout homecoming week to coordinate with the theme. Not only did Student Council focus on homecoming, they also participated in planning teacher appreciation week. Student Council was blessed with an adopt-a-Family for the Christmas season. The family included a five month old baby boy, a three year old boy, a six year old girl, and a 12 year old boy. Gifts were purchased for the family to enjoy throughout the Christmas holidays.

Constructing the waterfall at the back of the gym for Coronation, Council sponsor, Ms. Tina Beyer assists Hailey Ahlgren, 12, Alexa Moss, 12, and Lauren Scoggins, 12. Beyer has been a co-sponsor for eight years now. In her eight years of experience she has completed over eight homecoming sets and contributed countless hours of her time.

Preparing for the adopt-a-family, Briana Moore, 12, sorts the gifts for the family’s three year old boy.

Katie Weis, 12, places a flower on the archway for court members to walk through. Ashley Walter, 11, hands Weis the flowers for the archway.

Working together, President, Shayna Painter, 12, and Vice-President Brianna Netemeyer, 12, plan the set for An Enchanted Evening. Not only did Painter and Netemeyer plan the set, they also helped build the set and proceeded to help tear down the set after the dance Saturday evening.
Waiting patiently for the meeting to start is leader Kendra Wiegand, 10.

During their annual monthly meeting in the library, every member is separated into different groups called Listening Circles. In these circles, different questions are listed off in order to get to know one another. Questions range from what they did this weekend to personal questions. Trust is an important factor to Lifesavers.

Members Madison Hug, 10, Chloe Hulsmann, 12, Danielle Beiter, 11, and Kendra Wiegand, 10 sing the energizers as an ice-breaker during the monthly meeting.

While at the annual retreat, Alex Kuczka, 12, and Brandon Callahan, 12 surprise John Iberg, 11 with a wedgie for a little senior prank.

**It's a Lifesaver Thing**

*By: Lauren Scoggins*

Lifesavers consisted of a group of teenagers who were dedicated to helping, learning, and leading their fellow classmates. Every month, the members held a meeting filled with activities which surrounded the idea of learning about mental and physical disorders that people may suffer from in high school. Earlier in the year, the Lifesavers group held a retreat that everyone in the school was welcomed to participate in. The group members and leaders stayed three nights together at Highland Hope Church, growing relationships, friendships, and special trusted bonds. Another major factor in Lifesavers was learning the different signs and symptoms of one who may suffer from mental disorders. Along with learning these signs, comes with helping them along the way and how to deal with hard situations. The end of the year was concluded with a Senior Farewell, which consisted of their annual jell-o fight. “The thing I looked forward too the most was definitely the retreat! Every year is a brand new experience.” said Emily Comish, 12.
The Excellence in Mathematics competition is a team favorite due to the cool attendance prizes. This year's prize was a collapsible frisbee. Tyler Kimmle, 9, Luke Goring, 10, and Kevin Wang, 10, play with their new toys after completing the 60 minute test.


Logan Garthe, 12, and Katie Brinker, 11, show off their awards from the ICTM Regional at SIUE. Logan and Katie placed 3rd overall in the oral competition.

Subtracting the Competition

By: Christa Williams

The Math Team had an impressive year. Coached by Mrs. Valerie Kimmle and assisted by Mr. Brent James, the team attended a total of four Southwest Math competitions which were held at SWIC. Highland students took tests individually and as a team and were scored against students from Carbondale, Collinsville, Mascoutah, and Waterloo. In November, 13 Math Team members participated in a competition called Excellence in Mathematics at St. Louis Community College in Forest Park. This test was significantly more challenging than the previous four tests that the team had taken. Since this test was held over a long weekend, it was not mandatory. Because the competition included students from St. Louis, most students took the test only to gain exposure and experience of taking challenging tests and did not expect to come home with an award. However, Logan Garthe, 12, placed ninth in the Senior Division. The Math Team also attended the ICTM Regionals where they had to complete a written test as well as an oral test. "I was so proud of everything that the team accomplished this year" said Coach Kimmle, "it was also a nice addition to have my son participating on it!"

Before their first competition, Mrs. Kimmie teaches members Lauren Hammel, 10, Olivia Geiger, 12, and Alex Bruchhauser, 9, how to use a new type of calculator.
Model United Nations was a club that revolved around the current issues of the world. The purpose of the club was to imitate the actual United Nations (UN). Led by Mrs. Holly Ayer and Mrs. Patty Swank, the group met weekly to discuss and debate circulating events. At these meetings, each student was given a topic and was responsible for researching it. The team was able to work on developing their public speaking and formal writing abilities. In order to join the club, a paper had to be submitted on a chosen topic. In the fall and spring, the Model UN Team attended two annual invitational conferences. At these conferences, the team had a chance to debate with teams from surrounding schools while being judged by moderators on how much information they knew. The conference was organized by members of Mckendree’s collegiate Model UN group, and the team was able to learn a lot from them. Alaina Kosydor, 11, said, “The team did an outstanding job at the two competitions, and also had a lot of fun throughout the entire season!”
The French Club was available to students who had taken at least one year of French. Members were able to enhance their knowledge of foreign language and the French culture beyond what was taught in the classroom. President Jeremy Cantrell, 11, Vice President Ethan Renko, 11, Secretary Lauren Beckman, 12, and Treasurer Claire Boyer, 11, held meetings in the morning before school to come up with ideas and discuss activities with sponsor Mrs. Schwarz. To raise money for their activities throughout the year, the students held fundraisers including selling candy bars. The members also worked concession stands for school functions. The French Club hosted several cooking classes to allow students to prepare and even eat traditional French foods such as quiche and crepes. “French Club was an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the language and culture.” said Ethan Renko, 11.

The French Club officers, Claire Boyer, 11, Ethan Renko, 11, Jeremy Cantrell, 11, and Lauren Beckman, 12, during a meeting to discuss activity and fundraiser ideas in Mrs. Schwarz’s room.

Brandon Baer, 11, stirs ingredients to make French crepes during a cooking class in the Food’s room.

Bread, cheeses, and Nutella were some of the foods that were available to taste during a French Club cooking class. French Club sponsor, Mrs. Schwarz, sets up the tasting table for the students.

Members of the French Club pose in hand-crafted masks and hats that they designed themselves. The masks and hats were in honor of Mardi Gras and were made during a Mardi Gras celebration party that involved traditional foods such as king cake and rice.
The Spanish Club students focus on decorating sugar skulls by using icing, sprinkles, and other various edible treats. The skulls were made as a celebration for the Day of the Dead on November 2. They were judged on creativity and a winner was chosen.

Austin Fischer, 11, and Lexis Sandifer, 10, create a colorful porcupine.

Katelyn DeNap, 12, and Alex Bruchauser, 9, pose with their final products of porcupines. The porcupines were displayed around the school.

To create fun faces, Sarah DeVries, 9, and Rachel Dugan, 9, decorate their sugar skulls with icing.

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Celebracion

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Hypnotized, Mitch England, 11, is told to do various things such as act like a gorilla, eat like a deer and forget how to use the number five.

Full Alarm Saturday

By: Devynn Byrd

Eight students were selected this year to be a part of Saturday Scholars for their 2011-2012 term. Saturday Scholars was a group of students who got together on various Saturday mornings and attended different scholarly events. Members of this group included, Mitch England, 11, Alex Capalupo, 11, Katie Sullens, 11, Joshua Case, 10, Tanner Niggli, 11, Darren Reinhardt, 9, Jeremy Cantrell, 11, and Chris Klosterman, 10. The students experienced everything from being hypnotized by a professional hypnotist to visiting the Melvin Price Lock and Dam where they were able to go inside and see all of the locks and gears and everything that goes on behind the scenes. "Although waking up on Saturday mornings isn't really my thing, I enjoyed all of the activities that we did this year! I'm glad I got to be a part of it!" said junior, Katelyn Sullens.

Mitch England, 11, and Alex Capalupo, 11, take their pictures in a face-in-the-hole cut out at the Dam.
At practice, the scholar bowl team sets up a mock match and practices answering questions from various subjects to prepare for their competitions.

Scholar Bowl was a game of questions and answers on all topics of human knowledge. The game was typically played with a lockout buzzer system between two teams of four or five players each. A moderator read questions to the teams, the player to buzz in first with the correct answer, scored points for their team. The Scholar Bowl teams brought home many trophies and awards during the season including: a first and second place finish at the South Central Scholastic League Tournament, a third and fourth place finish at the IHSSBCA Tournabout at Greenville, a second and fourth place finish at the Greenville Comet Open, Team Champions at the 29th Annual Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Class AA Sectional Tournament, and Team Champions at the IHSA Scholastic Bowl Class AA Tournament. The teams were in the South Central and Metro East Quad Leagues, and placed first in both. The top scorers for the year were Varsity Team Captain, Sam Holdeman, 12, and Lauren Miller, 12. "This year’s Varsity team was truly a dream. They understood the concept of teamwork and were ready to share the limelight. They were fierce and steady competitors, never giving up, even in the most challenging circumstances," said second year Scholar Bowl coach, Suzanne Meyer.

The Varsity Scholar Bowl Team, A. Dickman, 11, L. Garthe, 12, S. Holdeman, 12, Z. Goring, 10, A. Klobuchar, 12, L. Miller, 12, K. Brinker, 11, and their coaches Mrs. Meyer and Dr. Gauen, are presented with their first place medals at the 29th Annual Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Class AA Sectional Tournament.

Scholar Bowl's many awards and achievements are on display in the upper hall.

Zach Goring, 10, portrays the moderator in the mock match by reading off questions for the teams to answer. Lauren Miller, 12, Katie Brinker, 11, and Luke Goring, 9, wait for the question to be read before buzzing in with an answer.
Six students, Devynn Byrd, Nick Flanigan, Jeremy Cantrell, Katie Brinker, Abby Rinderer and Austin Fischer, were chosen from the junior class to represent Highland for this year’s Focus St. Louis organization. They all went through an application/interview process where they were chosen out of many hopeful applicants. Focus St. Louis was a group of students who met monthly and learned more about their community and also ways to better improve their leadership skills. The students in Focus and their sponsor, Ms. Hall, traveled to St. Louis twice a month and experienced things that many people don’t get to experience. “We were able to tour the St. Louis jail, eat lunch with poverty stricken and hear their stories; we also were fortunate enough to meet many famous professors in the country at St. Louis University. Those were just a few of the things that we were able to do! It was such an amazing experience!” said Austin Fischer, 11.

Byrd, 11, and Rinderer, 11, model their hand made glitter mustaches.

The group poses in front of a sculpture carved completely out of stone at the City Museum.

After visiting the City Museum, Brinker, Fischer, Flanigan, Byrd, Cantrell and Rinderer and Ms. Hall took a trip to Cahokia Mounds before heading back to school.

On the final meeting of Focus St. Louis, Flanigan, Byrd, Brinker, Rinderer, Cantrell and Fischer met at the City Museum. There they had the opportunity to celebrate a completed year by spending the day having fun in the museum.
After a day of organizing the frozen Optimist Pizzas at the Korte Meat Locker, Austin Holtzclaw, 12, puts them in his car to ship off to a customer. With the money the Optimist Club earned, they plan on making improvements to the high school grounds in years to come, such as landscaping the ticket office area at the football stadium. "It is really gratifying to know all of the money we have raised will better many aspects of this school. Although we may not be the largest or most influential club, the money we earn has helped improve the educational and recreational atmosphere," said club president, Austin Holtzclaw, 12. Along with the pizza fundraiser, the club sold 50-50 tickets at the Senior Night basketball game.
"I was told that I could benefit others and that's what I like to do. I like to make a difference." - Lifesavers

Kendra Wiegand, 10

"To be closer with God and all of my friends go." - FCA

Jordan Twyford, 10

Top 10 Moments

1. The French cooking classes
2. Going to the Mills
3. Ice skating at Forest Park
4. Lifesavor’s Retreat
5. Organizing Homecoming Week
6. FCA spiritual speakers
7. Going to Jail for Focus St. Louis
8. Going to State for a Math Competition
9. Going to watch “West Side Story” at the Fox
10. Selling heart cookies for Valentine’s Day
Jobs for Illinois Graduates (JILG) was a program offered to high school seniors who wanted to start building their job skills. It helped students prepare for life outside of high school. The program allowed each student to become a member of the Illinois Career Association (ICA), a leadership organization that taught citizenship skills through community service. In class, students explored careers with research projects and by creating job portfolios. The students also created their own resumes that they could use to get a job and performed mock interviews to prepare. "JILG has provided me the skills I need to be successful in the work field" said Larry Jones, 12. Guest speakers were also common during the class because it allowed the students to learn from someone outside of their school. The guest speakers came in from different colleges and told the students about qualifications they would need to obtain a job after high school.

Creating his job portfolio, Larry Jones, 12, researches online in the lab for information that will help him with interviews.

Filling out a practice application form for a job with assistance from D.J. Frey, 12 is Mitchell Moenster, 12. The students had to fill out applications and create resumes to use during their mock interviews to practice for real interviews.

JILG sponsor, Mr. Vance, looks over a student's portfolio on a computer in the lab to recommend changes.
Students who applied to be members of the Highland High School chapter of the National Art Honor Society (N.A.H.S.) had to submit a five piece portfolio of their art work and a one page paper about the impact of art on society. Their work was then judged by a variety of art teachers and college art students from the area and the members were chosen. The N.A.H.S. members also do charity work for the community every year and this year’s project was putting on a “Full Bowls” project by making soup bowls from clay and selling them. All the profits would go to the Highland soup pantry. The members started by “throwing” the clay on the wheel, then they let them dry for a day. Next, they painted and glazed the bowls, and finally the bowls were fired in the kiln. “We have to make a lot of bowls for this to work. I want to have at least two hundred bowls ready by next school year, which is why we are starting so early”, said Mrs. Wander-Vrell.

Junior Taylor Reichman adds finishing touches to her bowl.

Carefully, senior Nick Daiber removes fired pottery from the kiln which will later be painted and glazed.

Painting a base coat on a strip of wood is Sydney Wellen, 12.

Mrs. Wander helps Megan Pickle, 12, to work clay on the throwing wheel.

60 Clubs and Organizations
Directing the participants to their first destination in the Harrisburg Project, Austin Holtzclaw, 12, and Siarra Price, 12, prepare paperwork for the next group.

President Lauren Beckman, 12, and NHS leaders Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Wagenblast review last minute details of the Harrisburg Project on March 28th.

Honored Students

By: Valerie Strasser

Students chosen for the National Honor Society (NHS) exhibited outstanding academic commitment and community involvement. The members also performed community service hours to maintain their involvement in NHS. For the required community service hours some students volunteered at the Coffee House Cabaret helping out at the snack table by cutting cakes and serving desserts to tables. The main service project was designed to help the relief fund for victims of the tornado in Harrisburg, Illinois. NHS president Lauren Beckman, 12, set up routes throughout the high school with stations where the participants figured out clues and performed tasks that led to their next destination. At each station, NHS members were posted as guides to help the participants. This event was also put on to help incoming freshmen learn the layout of the high school in a fun and social way. At the spring celebration the old officers handed their candles off to the new officers and the seniors announced their college plans and said their farewell. The new officers cut and served cake and punch, attendants viewed a slideshow, and the members of NHS presented Mrs. Nelson with a retirement gift, since this was her last year as a teacher and as an NHS supervisor. "Working with NHS means working with the brightest students. It is always a joy. It is always a privilege," said Mrs. Nelson.
FCA co-sponsor, Joel Hawkins leads a group of students in prayer at one meeting. This meeting's activity was a bonfire at Mitchell Moenster's grandparents' house. Hawkins included a prayer in every FCA meeting.

"Game Changer"

By: Brianna Netemeyer

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), was a large group of students who met weekly to engage themselves in fun and fellowship. Weekly meetings were either coed or split into separate meetings for boys and girls. FCA leaders were Austin Welz, 12, Mitchell Moenster, 12, Morgan Barker, 12, Nick Daiber, 12, Abby Rinderer, 11, and McKinsey Shelton, 11. Each leader contributed to the meetings by showing the strength in their faith through their participation in sports or other activities. Each meeting had a fun activity planned, such as bonfires, flag football, and capture the flag. The group's favorite activity was a Thanksgiving feast hosted by co-sponsors, Mrs. Karen Twyford and Mr. Joel Hawkins. FCA's season began with a kick-off banquet titled, "Game Changer" at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The banquet showcased former Cardinal's catcher, Mike Matheny who spoke to attendees about his experience with Christ's involvement through sports. In Eureka, Mo., FCA girls attended a weekend retreat, Girls Weekend. Girls in FCA groups throughout the Metro-East area attended Camp Wyman for many activities which included the subject of faith.

Leaders, A. Rinderer, 11, M. Moenster, 12, and A. Welz, 12, lead a meeting that includes future FCA members. Students from the Middle School were in attendance for a night filled with food, fun, and fellowship.
F.F.A. is a National Organization that was founded in 1928 by farmers who wanted to educate the world about agriculture. However, their goal was to teach young farmers that agriculture is not just planting and harvesting, but science and business too. The Highland Chapter began the year by welcoming the new members with their annual BBQ held at the high school. Many F.F.A. members chose to compete in livestock and meat judging competitions. The Varsity Judging Team received first place at a competition in Jerseyville. This club also had many fundraisers, but their biggest one was the F.F.A. Auction that was held on Thursday, February 23rd in the high school commons. The members auctioned themselves off to businesses and people in the community to do chores for a total of four hours. Not only did the members participate in judging competitions and auctions, but also the annual lock-in. This year's lock-in was held at the YMCA in Edwardsville, where members of F.F.A. Chapters from many different schools gathered for a long night of events.

Aryn Weis, 12, participates in a meat judging competition in Jerseyville. Weis and four other members of the meat judging team also received first place as a team.

Juniors Aaron Eller, Kyle Gruner, Bret Eilerman, and Devin Ammann cook bacon and sausage for the annual teacher breakfast.

Dan Ammann, 12, speaks at the annual F.F.A. auction. This event was the club's biggest fundraiser of the year. The Advisor of F.F.A., Don Schmitz is accompanied by Katie Weis, 12, Amy Raymond, 11, Jacob Weis, 12, Caleb Brink, 12, Dan Ammann, 12, Chelsea Ammann, 11, and Elizabeth Foster, 12.

During National F.F.A. Week in February, the officers organized lunch and dress up activities for each day. Many F.F.A. members dedicated time to decorate their display case with the message 'I Believe'.
Worldwide Youth in Science in Engineering (WYSE) consisted of about 17 students. At competitions members took individual based tests on various subjects: biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, math, and physics. Before WYSE competitions, members did much independent study to prepare themselves for success. Each student took a test at each competition in a subject(s) that he had studied. Some also competed together as a team. While at regionals, which were held at SWIC, WYSE members placed first as a team. Most members placed individually as well. Members advanced on to sectionals which were held at McKendree University on March 12. In the team division, members swept Mater Dei by 40 points earning them the trip to state at the University of Illinois. On April 3, at the state competition, Joshua Chase, 10, earned himself an honorable mention. Chase received first place in Engineering Graphics earning a $2,000 scholarship to attend the University of Illinois. Olivia Geiger, 12, placed third in Engineering Graphics and Lauren Miller, 12, placed fifth in English.

Livening up the bus ride home from Regionals are, Aaron Uhe, 11, Kevin Wang, 10, Jordan Lynn, 9, Amy Klobuchar, 12, and Alex Bruchhauser, 9, along with their pillow pets.

At the state competition, Morgan Fuehne, 11, Emily Gibbons, 11, and Joshua Chase, 10, prepare to take their exam in a lecture hall at the University of Illinois.

Front Row: Kevin Wang, 10, Lauren Miller, 12, Amy Klobuchar, 12, Morgan, Fuehne, 11, Emily Gibbons, 11, Hayley Vonder Harr, 12, Katie Brinker, 11. Back Row: Logan Garthe, 12, Joshua Chase, 10, Aaron Uhe, 11, Sam Holdemann, 12, Olivia Geiger, 12, Austin Holtzclaw, 12, Caroline Menz, 10. Not Pictured: Alex Bruchhauser, 9, Jordan Lynn, 9, and Tyler Kimmie, 9.
Not many people know what the Ambassadors Club did, but the new students and freshmen were familiar with them. The Ambassadors were a group of students from all grades who showed around new students. The Ambassadors were also responsible for showing around freshmen before the school year started at freshmen orientation, where they were given a walking tour of the building. The students also met their teachers and practiced walking through their schedules. Also before the new school year, the Ambassador leaders had a training day where they learned techniques for helping newly enrolled students. The leaders participated in team building activities and organized the tours for freshmen and new students. When new students came into the district, many leaders became guides and helped students get the hang of their new surroundings. Guides walked the students to and from classes for a week or two or until the students were comfortable with their schedule. The guides also helped new students find friends, and made the students aware that they were available if they needed anything.
The Yearbook Staff, also known as yerds, gathered information about important events that happened throughout the school year. The class began with the difficult task of selling advertisements to help pay for the book. Then, they went to a Herff Jones Workshop at St. Louis University where they learned about special techniques that would help create the memory book. The class also won a special prize at the convention for the best staff cheer. After returning, the staff was in business. Layouts were assigned by the editors, and pictures were taken at every sporting event, scholar bowl match, and school dance. During class, the staff headed to the lab to work privately on their layouts. If a member forgot a certain rule that needed to be followed, there were plenty of people in the class to point it out. Every page in the book was peer-edited, examined by the editors, reviewed by Mrs. Martz, and then finally submitted to Herff Jones. Cheyenne Stock, 11, said, "I'm really glad I joined yearbook because I learned about a lot of different groups I had never heard of before. It was a great class to experience. Plus, you were able to spend an entire 90 minutes with Mrs. Martz! If you were not in yearbook, you were missing out!"
Alanna White, 12, sketches out the cover design. She and three other artistic students brainstormed and created the book's theme.

Editor is a demanding job. Every class period, Mikayla Miller, 12, checks the layouts, submitted by the staff, for spelling and grammar mistakes. She also helps design the pages in the yearbook.

Staff

Editors: Mikayla Miller, 12 and Alexa Moss, 12

Junior Members: Devynn Byrd, Tyler Stone, Christa Williams, Cheyenne Stock

Senior Members: Codi Gramlich, Emily Michael, Briana Moore, Brianna Netemeyer, Shayna Painter, Lauren Scoggins, Valerie Strasser, Sarah Trobaugh, Shannon Weiss, Alanna White

Before editors can submit layouts, Mrs. Martz must review them. Martz points out one mistake in Lauren Scoggins's layout, but she can easily fix it later in the class period.
In Family Career and Community Leaders of America (F.C.C.L.A.), students learned life skills such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and communication. The first event the club participated in was a trip to Springfield, Illinois where the F.C.C.L.A. State Conference was held. The Students observed demonstrations and listened to speakers talk about different careers. Senior, Kelsey Crockett, said, "I have taken the trip to Springfield every year and each year I learn something new. I can honestly say I feel more experienced and knowledgeable about my lifestyle choices." To raise funds for the club, F.C.C.L.A. members sold heart-shaped cookies for Valentine's Day and they also hosted a babysitting night in the high school gym. Children of all ages were present and participated in activities such as crafts and games.

On the ride up to Springfield are Megan Raby, 11, and Jordan Kopcych, 11. The trip taught the students positive lifestyle choices like breathing techniques, yoga, and healthy dieting.

At Springfield in a F.C.C.L.A State Conference, Kelsey Crockett, 12, Danelle Frey, 12, Sara Ellers, 12, and Katie Wendler, 12, participate in numerous activities with other school's F.C.C.L.A members.

Casandra Rode, 11, Ashley Hosto, 11, Morgan Semansin, 11, Shannon Frank, 10, and Kaitlyn Frank, 10, listen to the state president of F.C.C.L.A. give a speech before having the students break off into individual group activities. While participating into these activities, the members got a chance to meet students from other schools.

F.C.C.L.A. members ride in the homecoming parade. They passed out play-dough to children along the parade route.
For St. Josephs Hospital Mariah Voyles, 10, and Kristin Hoyt, 10, cut out the background for the bulletin board.

While creating ideas for the FMCC sweatshirts Katie Sullens, 11, Amanda Petersen, 10, Morgan Semanisin, 10, Addison Korsemeyer, 9, and Taylor Rogiers, 9, cut out possible designs to put on the front and back.

Dylan Gregg, 12, and Sarah Hickey, 12, come up with ideas on what to do with the hospital grant for Madison County to fight obesity.

Standing in front of the Fall leaf bulletin board are the four officers: Kristin Hoyt, 10, Kaitlyn Frank, 10, Mariah Voyles, 10, and Kaelin Hirsch, 10.

Doctors of the Future

By: Sarah Trobaugh

FMCC (Future Medical Careers Club) ran by Mrs. Duckworth drew in many different students this year. The club met once a month in the morning during SPARC. This club was put together for students who were interested in seeking careers in the medical field. The club went on many field trips to the Barnes Jewish Hospital Medical Centers and also heard guest speakers from SIU School of Dentistry, SLU Physicians, and a Dietitian came in and taught the students about his job. The FMCC students took part in helping Madison County Health Department receive a grant to fight obesity. They helped explore the element, sodium. Co-president, Kaitlyn Frank, 10, said, “FMCC is a good club to get involved with if your wanting to go into the medical field because we get the opportunity to observe and learn different occupations.” There were different job shadowing opportunities for any juniors and seniors who wanted to pursue medical careers.
RJ Arend, 11, passes the puck up the rink to his teammate to clear it out of their defensive half against Jerseyville. The team defeated the Panthers 5-4 at the E. Alton Rink.

Struggling to break free from the pack, Kaleb Kampwerth, 11, pushes past his opponent to go on a quick offensive attack.

Jacob Troxell, 10, quickly skates back to assist his team on defense after just entering the game. Troxell and his team defeated Roxana 2-0 at the East Alton Rink.

Front Row: Shayne Korte, Lucas Sowell, Shane Skelt, Austin Zurliene, Jacob Troxell, Brandon Troxell, Tyler Versen

Brandon Troxell, 11, rushes back to assist their goalie Trevor Klosterman, 10, on defense. The team fell to Wood River 2-3 at the East Alton Ice Arena.
Brandon Troxell, 11, swings around the back of their goal to make an important defensive clear. Despite their efforts, the Bulldogs fell to the Eagles.

Making contact with the Civic Memorial opponent, Shayne Korte, 9, fights for possession of the puck in hope of a quick offensive break.

He Shoots, He Scores!

By: Briana Moore and Shayna Painter

The Bulldogs Hockey team's season was unfortunately not the icing on the cake, but the young team made up of all underclassmen worked together well. After losing a few seniors last year and having none this year, the team knew that they would have to work extremely hard to have a successful season. Under the coaching of Jeff Weinacht, the boys played a total of 19 games at either the East Alton Rink or the Fairview Heights Rink. Starting their season off in November with a game against Columbia at the Fairview Heights Rink, the team fell short for the loss. The team had a string of losses but they kept their heads held high and fought for the wins. They defeated Roxana 2-0 and Jerseyville 5-4, and tied Freeburg 2-2. Before playoffs, the team had an overall season record of 2-15-1. About a week after the regular season ended, the team headed to playoffs at the Fairview Heights Rink at the end of January. Their opponent was the Freeburg Midgets. Putting up a fight, the Bulldogs fell short by two goals and were defeated by the Midgets 4-6. Although they may not have had the season they were hoping for, the players look forward to next year's team. It looks promising since it will be the almost the same group of boys and the chemistry between them will be strong.
Clubs and Organizations
Fall Sports
Q: What will you miss most?
A: "The sense of camaraderie and how we acted like a family. We were all really close," Emily Comish, 12.

Q: What is your most memorable moment?
A: "Making the all-conference team all four years. Not many people accomplish that, it really is a great honor," Jamie Hundsdorfer, 12.

Q: What was your greatest accomplishment?
A: "At the Jacksonville invitational during my sophomore year I won the third man race. It was exciting," Molly Redman, 12.

Rounding the final turn at the Edwardsville Invitational held at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on September 28th, A.J. Abert, 12, quickened his pace for a fast finish.

At the Edwardsville Invitational, held at SIUE on September 28th, Alex Cranick, 10, maintained a steady pace to run a 17:15 for the 5K race.

During one of their many meets at Triad High School, Bradeley Sperber, 10, and Zach Bramstedt, 11, ran the race together to help keep each other going.
For most of the runners, the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams started putting in miles at the beginning of summer. The teams practiced for an hour every weekday morning until school started. Then the boys and girls practiced every day after school until 5:30. What made this season different from ones of the past for the girls team was having so many young runners as well as experienced ones. "I've never had four seniors before. It was nice having them there to answer questions the new runners had that I couldn't answer," said head coach, Doug Bradley. Bradley said the boys had a rebuilding season, "It gave them the opportunity to run without pressure and just work on improving as individuals." Under the senior leadership of A.J. Abert, 12, the boys placed seventh at regionals taking the last advancing spot to sectionals. "It was awesome leading a group of fellow peers to sectionals. I loved pushing my teammates to their limits" said Abert, 12.

The girls placed fourth at the regional meet also earning themselves a trip to sectionals. "It was exciting making it to sectionals, but we were more excited that we beat Triad. It was the first time we beat them all season," said girl's team captain Alanna White, 12. The season ended for both teams at the Decatur-MacArthur Sectional, where neither team cracked the top five, nor did any individual crack the top 15, to advance to the state meet in Peoria.

Creating a sea of red, the Girls Varsity team kicked off the season at the Alton Invitational at Gordon Moore State Park.
To give yourself the best possible chance of playing to your potential, you must prepare for every eventuality. That means practice," said Coach Gina Hirsch. After school each day, the Girls Golf Team prepared for their next match. Practicing their short game every day brought this year's team success. Starting off the season, the Girls' Golf team took first place at the Madison County Tournament at the Woodlands in Alton. Following this first place finish, the girls captured several more victories including second place at the Mascouhtah Invitational, fourth place at the Yorktown Tournament, second place at the Gary Bair Invitational, and for the sixth year in a row they were MVC Champs. "We have all worked hard and put a lot of hours in so we could play to our best abilities," said Codie Gramlich, 12. The team won regionals for the first time in four years. Moving on to sectionals the team fell one stroke short of heading to the state tournament. Senior, Casey Keller said, "Being able to move on to the State Tournament as a team would have been one event I would have changed. Knowing it hadn't been done in a long time." The girls ended their season with a record of 27-4.

By: Sarah Trobaugh

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Through the heat, Seniors Codie Gramlich and Hayley Vonder Haar walk with their O'Fallon opponent to the next tee box at Tamarack Golf Course. The girls finished second, losing by one stroke.
Concentrating, Casey Keller, 12, lines herself up as she prepares to strike the ball through the rough at Legacy Golf Course. Keller helped her team finish with a first place victory at Rolling Hills, Alton.

Seniors S. Trobaugh, H. Vonder Haar, E. Michael, and C. Gramlich hit balls on the driving range before the IHSA Regional. They finished with a first place victory at Rolling Hills, Alton.

Completing hole nine at the Yorktown Tournament. Shanna Welz, 10, makes a short three foot putt.

Q: What was your favorite part of the season?
A: "Becoming close with all the girls." Cori Rehkemper, 11.

Q: What made the season special?
A: "Cookies we got during practice." Emily Michael, 12.

Q: What was the worst part of the season?
A: "Losing at Sectionals by one stroke." Morgan Bargetzi, 10.
Q: What was your goal for the season and did you achieve it?
A: "Shooting even on 18 holes, and yes." Brock Portell, 10.

Q: How did you like the new head coach?
A: "He was so funny and a great leader." Drew Descher, 12.

Q: What was the highlight of your season?

Senior Zach Boemler, follows through on his second shot on the first hole at the Highland Country Club. Boemler was a two year Varsity player.

Lining up his ball for the putt, AJ Hirsch, 12, scores a par three on hole nine at the Highland Country Club during a regular season match. He finished the round with an overall score of 43.
At the Boys Golf Teams' first tournament of the season, the Madison County Tournament at Gateway National Golf Course, the Bulldogs finished second out of ten teams. Next, the boys played at the Centralia Orphan's Invitational where they placed first out of 16 teams. Jay Hargis, 11, said, "I thought we all played well together and we definitely grew as a team over the course of the season." At the conference tournament in Belk Park, the team advanced with a second place trophy onto regionals at Oak Brook Golf Course in Edwardsville. The boys did advance onto sectionals, at Panther Creek in Chatham, with a third place finish from regionals. However, with some scores that didn't quite meet the sectional expectations, the team did not go onto state. New Head Coach Caleb Houchins said, "The Boys Golf team had a very successful season. We had a fun group of seniors and a great group of underclassmen. The team won the Centralia Invitational as well as qualifying for the sectional. It was a great year and we are looking for more success in the future." The Boys Golf Team finished with a record of 13 wins and five losses.

Front Row: Phillip LaFrance, 9, Josh Swindle, 10, Don Hocker, 9, Jared Bargetzi, 9, Jacob Gill, 9, and Brock Portell, 10. Middle Row: Jesse Johnson, 10, Zachary Reinaman, 11, Alex Young, 11, Alex Fisher, 12, A.J. Hirsch, 12, and Jack Martens, 11. Back Row: Coach Caleb Houchins, Clay Voss, 11, Trevor Klostermann, 10, Jay Hargis, 11, Chris Ehlke, 11, Zach Boemler, 12, Drew Descher, 12, Justin Bruggemann, 9, Tyler Larson, 11, and Coach Trent Schauter.

Varsity Team consisted of Jack Martens, 11, Brock Portell, 10, Jesse Johnson, 10, Zachary Reinaman, 11, Cam Loyet, 10, Alex Young, 11, Chris Ehlke, 11, and Jay Hargis, 11.
Five grueling weeks of three hour practices and conditioning this summer was the start of the volleyball team's training leading up to tryouts. Proceeding the try-outs in the beginning of August, the players spent three hours a day perfecting their passing, setting, hitting, and serving skills. Practice continued until the first game on September 1 against Granite City, which was a win for the ladies. Later in the season the J.V. team competed in the Edwardsville tournament and the O'Fallon tournament. They won first place in the Edwardsville tournament and third place in the O'Fallon tournament. "The girls had a great season! Their athletic abilities, along with their dedication towards the team, was obvious as shown in their many accomplishments," said Coach Dawn Hubbard. The team was composed of juniors, sophomores, and freshman. Brooke Hustedde, 9, said, "I felt that playing JV made me challenge myself and work harder." The overall record for the team was 20-6 with a conference record of 9-1 which made them conference champions! Setter Alicia Hallemann, 11, felt that the team connected as though they were a family. "We have grown closer this year and worked well together, so we bonded as a team!", said Hallemann.

By: Shayna Painter

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The J.V. team comes together in a group huddle to strategize before they compete against Jerseyville on their home turf.

Morgan Schniers, 10, digs up a down-ball during passing control warm-ups. The team worked through this passing drill before every game.

Warming up before their competition against Triad, Alicia Hallemann, 11, spikes a back set from McKayla Parker, 11. The match was a victory for the ladies.

Q: What was the funniest or most memorable moment of the season?
A: "When Olivia LaPorta, 9, fell out of her chair at the Waterloo game." Ashley Walter, 11.

Q: What did you enjoy most this season?
A: "I enjoyed getting closer to all of the girls. We were like one big family." McKayla Parker, 11.

Q: Who was your toughest game against and why?
A: "Definitely Edwardsville because they were a very talented team!" Emily Keeven, 11.
Q. What was the most memorable part of the season? A. "Beating Triad for the regional title and then Beyer saying, 'You girls did this for Denny; he'd be proud.'" Shayna Painter, 12.

Q. Who was the toughest competition? Why? A. "Mater Dei because they pushed us to play our best." Savannah Sells, 11.

Q. How did you feel about starting as a freshman? A. "It was exciting, but also nerve wracking because I didn't want to let anyone down." Olivia Laporta, 9.

The SHAMWOW is the team's good luck charm. With it, the squad placed First at the Granite City Fall Classic and the O'Fallon Tournament. At the Highland Tournament, they placed Second. Pictured are: S. Painter, K. Torre, K. Torre, S. Weiss, A. Weis, A. Holtgrave.

The ball could not get through the block Kathryn Torre, 12, and Aryn Weis, 12, set during a match against Salem at the O'Fallon tournament. Torre came in second on the team in blocks with 30.
The Varsity Volleyball team entered their season with high expectations, and one main goal as a team: to be the Mississippi Valley Conference champions. The squad dedicated over 100 hours of their personal time during the summer as they participated in camps, tournaments, and open gyms. They hoped to carry their success from the summer into their regular season.

Talking about the team's work ethic, Kristen Torre, 12, said, "We put hours in for practice and conditioning which helped us fine-tune our skills." Once school began, three hour afternoon practices and morning conditioning did also. The time spent in the gym paid off as the team won their first five games, but then suffered a heart-breaking loss to Triad. The loss, however, did not stop the team from breaking school records. They met and exceeded their goal of being conference champions. The team clinched regional champs, but then endured a painful loss against Mater Dei in sectionals. Coach Tina Beyer said, "15 players, one mission. With the goal of being at the top of the conference, taking a regional crown, and winning as many games as possible. Our varsity set out on a mission: to be the best! Mission accomplished, with a 28-5 record, they have had the best season ever at HHS. I couldn't be more proud of them."

By: Shannon Weiss

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Tara Stirewalt, 11, and Aryn Wels, 12, await the serve from a teammate during an away match versus O'Fallon. Wels lead the team in digs with 247; Stirewalt followed with 233.
The JV Boys Soccer team's season was kicked off with two-a-day practices. They started with a warm up of running around both soccer fields and stretching. Then they performed a variety of drills and practiced plays for upcoming games. The boys ran regularly in practices to keep conditioned and in shape. Before games, the team circled up and stretched. Next they went into drills and shooting practice. After the games Coach Brian Lammers gathered the boys up to talk about how the game went, things that they did right, and areas that needed improvement. Coach Lammers said, "The best part of the season was seeing how far the boys came along as a team and played extremely well toward the end of the year." As the team started to win more games, their confidence level raised. Although the boys faced struggles, they overcame them as a team. Adam Zobrist 10, said, "We started off bad with all our injuries, but we came back strong towards the end of the season." The JV Soccer team had a good mix of sophomores and juniors and even introduced new freshmen players giving positive potential for the future Varsity team. The team finished with an overall record of 6-9-2 and a conference record of 4-3-2.

By: Briana Moore


In a game on the home field, Jase Kennett, 11, breaks away from the Triad defenders. Ben Wick, 12, and Dylan Spencer, 9, wait to get the ball for a pass.

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As the ball approaches, John Cygan, 11, prepares for a header. Dustin Buchanan, 10, gets into position to get the rebound. The team won this home game against Centralia.

Since Belleville West kicked the ball out of bounds, Cole Landmann, 9, sets up for a goal kick. The goalie, Emil Garcia, 9, gets into position to protect the goal on the Bulldog's home field.

Tanner Niggli, 11, steals the ball away from a Jerseyville opponent during a home game and passes it to Reid Aebischer, 9. Ben Wick, 12, waits for the next play.

Q: What was your most memorable moment?
A: "Beating Waterloo after losing to them twice." Mitchell Ponce, 11.

Q: How was your first season on the team?
A: "It was fun and I liked getting to know the players." Eric Melosi, 9.

Q: What was the worst part of the season?
Thomas Foppe, 11, dives into the grass to make a save. Aside from this save by the starting goalie, Highland lost the game against Waterloo with a score of three to one. Foppe was a strong asset to the team with six total shutouts.

At half time during a home game against Civic Memorial, the boys receive a pep talk from Coach Knebel. This was the homecoming game for the team and they won three to two.

After a senior farewell, the team huddles with the coaches for their last home game. This was a pre-game ritual that the team did for motivation.

Q: "Were there any team inside jokes?"
A: "I would like to give a shout-out to Weapon X." Logan Meier, 11.

Q: "What did you enjoy most about playing Varsity Soccer as a freshman?"
A: "I enjoyed the experience I got from playing with the seniors." Tyler Kimmie, 9.

Q: "What will you miss most about Varsity Soccer?"
A: "I will miss the coaches, especially Coach Lammers and his bipolar-ness." Ryan Bowman, 12.
After losing several seniors from last year, the Varsity Soccer team faced a challenging season. "We lost seven starting seniors who had been playing for a long time. This year we had a lot of younger guys on the team," said Coach Josh Oswald. An important reason for the team's success was Mitch Carriger, 11, who had 13 goals, seven of those being game winning. Carriger had not played soccer since eighth grade. Another key player was Troy Nave, 12, with five goals and six assists. The team's goalie was Thomas Foppe, 11, with six shutouts. Leading the team were senior captains Jordan McLain, Troy Nave, Josh Rinderer, and Jacob Weis. The season had a rough start with a loss to Collinsville. Things turned around in September; the boys beat Columbia, giving Columbia their only loss. Later in the season, the boys placed second in their bracket at the St. Louis CYC Tournament. In the post season, the team lost 2-1 in the regional to Civic Memorial. Even though the team didn't have as many wins as past years, Coach Oswald still felt it was a successful season. "We had a slow beginning but by the end of the season the team was much more comfortable and had gained experience," said Coach Oswald.

By: Tyler Stone

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The Girls’ Tennis practice went from 3:30 to 5:30 after school and consisted of 30 minutes of warming up forehands, backhands, volleys, overheads, and serves. Then hitting drills, challenge matches, or playing out points. "The best part of practice was being with the team, hitting around, and the great friends made! And there is no bad part of tennis!", said Amy Sutterfeld, 9. The girls placed second in the MVC tournament at Triad and in the Alton Tournament. Senior, Lauren Beckman was in the finals for state qualification during the sectional tournament but was defeated. "I wish one of our girls would have made it to state so we could have taken a team trip!" said Mikayla Miller, 12. The girls tennis team had a seniors only varsity lineup and even though none of the girls made it to state, the girls tennis team ended with an 11-2 season score. "I think the most memorable and defining match was the win against undefeated Mt. Vernon. We beat them even though we were missing one of our starters and we took five of the six singles, which showed how strong our entire lineup was this season," said Coach Matt Pellock.

By: Valerie Strasser

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Lauren Beckman, 12, Amy Sutterfeld, 9, Sara DeVries, 9, Melany Wick, 9, Madison Moriland, 11, Morgan Barker, 12, Nastia Sopranova, 10, and Linda Lyons, 10, wait for matches to finish at Waterloo on September 12th where the girls won every match.

On the courts at Lewis and Clark College Mikayla Miller, 12, serves against Jerseyville while Bridgette Kastelein, 12, prepares to return any balls coming to the net at the sectional tournament. M. Miller and B. Kastelein made up the number three doubles team.

Secretly celebrating the victory of an important point against Triad, Lauren Miller, 12, goes to pick up the ball in her singles match at the MVC Tournament held at Triad High School.

Q: What was your most memorable moment?
A: "When I won my singles match against Triad!" Bridgette Kastelein, 12.

Q: What will you miss the most?
A: "The camaraderie and the fun times we had at practice and at tournaments". Lauren Miller, 12.

Q: What was your favorite part about the season?
A: "Playing doubles with Valerie Strasser!" Chloe Nance, 12.
Q: What was your most embarrassing moment this season?  
A: "When I screwed up every cheer at the first football game." Marlee Singler, 9.

Q: Why do you do football cheerleading?  
A: "It's being able to enjoy the good old fashion cheer without the stress of competition." Devynn Byrd, 11.

Q: What will you miss about football cheerleading?  
A: "All the girls because they've been my family for the past four years." Mariah Miranda, 12.

On senior night, Alex Kopp, 12, and Allison Miller, 12, show off their crowns at a home game against Mascoutah. In honor for their last year, the girls are given these crowns. Miller said, "This year was difficult, but it was fun. If there's one thing I could ask for it would be more time with my team and my coach. Coach Casey, as well as us seniors, had a huge responsibility keeping the team together and I think we all did a great job."

Doing something out of the ordinary, backspot Katie Brinker, 11, bases Allison Miller, 12, and Paige Kannal, 10, put a base, Danielle Balint, 10, up in a half at a home game against Mascoutah.

Alexis Barker, 10, Anna Heinold, 9, and Becca Nation, 9, stretch the leg of Jessica Plage, 9, before her stunting group puts her up in the air to do a heel stretch.
Coach Casey Fields took on her second year of coaching and she still had some things to learn. "I learned that it's tough watching a football team struggle and I explained to my squad that you still have to lead and teach the fans that it's important to be supportive regardless of the score. It was difficult but we are Highland. Be proud forever," said Coach Fields. The girls were energetic and pumped up the crowd whether the crowd liked what it saw on the scoreboard or not. The squad just wanted to be out on the track supporting the school and football team. The girls of all grades had one goal, to keep the audience energized. The girls did stunts, jumps, cheers, and tumbling on the sideline to generate some noise. The girls included the crowd in two of their cheers, "What" and "Jump Shake Your Bulldog." The girls also taught these cheers at a clinic for girls in third through eighth grade among other sideline cheers and a dance. The younger girls were invited to come out and cheer with the squad during first quarter of a football game the following week. Together they cheered on their team in a game against the Triad Nights.

By: Cheyenne Stock

At a home game against Jerseyville, Paige Kannal, 10, Ellie Imming, 10, Lindsey Griffith, 11, Danielle Balint, 10, Katie Brinker, 11, and Devynn Byrd, 11, pump up the crowd.

Ellie Imming, 10, hitches onto Allison Miller, 12, for an in between quarters cheer at a home game in mid September.
Jim Warnecke took over the position of J.V. Football Coach. Although it was Warnecke's first year as head coach, he was educated in the sport and ready to take on the challenge after having worked with football teams in the past. The JV team adapted well to their new coach. Coach Warnecke proved to be a good match for the team and their season's successes certainly showed it. The team consisted of four juniors and 28 sophomores. The sophomores came from an undefeated freshman season in 2010. "My sophomores contributed a lot to the team. They walked away from this season with a grand record of 15-2," said Warnecke. It took a lot of practice for the team to gain the success that they did. Although the hot summer days and tough drills made practices challenging, the players enjoyed the season as well as the time that they got to spend together. Drake Zappia, 10, said, "The challenging practices made us more focused. We learned when to goof off and when to get down to work." The boys' determination and hard work led them to a winning season, ending with a 6-2 record. Coach Warnecke said, "Our staff was very proud of this year's JV squad. It was exciting to see the boys flying around and playing physical football. With a strong off-season effort, we are expecting good things for this program in the future."

By: Christa Williams

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Tyler Zappia, 11, secures his helmet after looking over plays before he takes the field. "The new play-cards that we got helped us keep track of what was coming next," said Zappia.
The strong offensive line braces themselves to block for their punter in the third down of the Civic Memorial game. This was the Bulldogs' last home game of the season. Highland won the game with a score of 8 to 14.

Billy Cummins, 10, sets up for a pass in a game against Civic Memorial. The pass led to a game-winning touchdown. Bulldog fans were excited over the win at our home stadium.

"Team bonding" is an important part of the Bulldogs' warm-up. Tyler Zappia, 11, gives a teammate an encouraging poke after half-time of the Triad game.

Q: What do you do to get pumped up before games?
A: "Sit in the corner and freestyle rap about how I'm a winner." Greg Holthaus, 11.

Q: Who was your toughest competitor and why?
A: "None of them, because we're awesome." Blake Perfetti, 10.

Q: What was most memorable about the season?
A: "Lance vs. G-Weezy rap battles." Troy Schneider, 10.
Q & A

What was the feeling of being a first year varsity quarterback?
A: "It was nerve-racking at first, but as it became a routine, it was fun." Spencer Holzinger, '11.

What were your pre-game rituals?
A: "The night before a game we always had a team meal. We also prayed." Blake Hustedde, '10.

How was it like to play part of your season with a broken arm?
A: "It was painful and challenging because I couldn't perform to my best abilities." Matt Becker, '12.

The Bulldogs huddle after the Triad game. Throughout the first half of the game, the football team played neck and neck with the Knights, but ended up losing the fight in the fourth quarter at Triad.

Colby Reilson, '12, and Matt Becker, '12, tackle for a fourth down against Civic Memorial. The team went on to battle for a touchdown, but were stopped short in their efforts.

The students display school spirit at the first home game against Duquoin. At every game, the fans cheered for victory. They showed support by wearing bandanas, school colors, and face paint. Bulldog flags also swayed through the air.
Coach Jimmy Warnecke was announced as the new head Varsity Football coach at the end of the 2011 school year. He started working with the boys in the summer by engaging them in various practices and workouts. The team also participated in a football camp at Illinois College. The season officially started on August 8 with the first two-a-day practices. As the first game against Duquoin neared, the intensity of the practices and players rose. Before each game, Senior Captain Colby Reilson, motivated his team and said, "Be tough, play hard, and never give up." Throughout the season the players showed many improvements and proved to be growing as a team. They learned how difficult it was to be such a young and inexperienced team with only two returning starters. Serious injuries also affected the strength of the team. Sophomore Captain Kody Gray said, "Even though we didn't win a game this year, we learned to not give up and to always play our hardest." After the last strong fight against Charleston, Highland ended their season with a record of 0-9. "I learned that what these young men lack in football experience, they made up for in character", said Coach Warnecke.

The offensive line clears the way for Blake Swearingen, 11, to gain a first down. Mitchell Moenster, 12, and Shae Weber, 11, push the opponent aside. Kody Gray, 10, also takes part in the action at Marion.

By: Codi Gramlich

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Varsity Football 97
Winter Sports
There's No "I" in Team

By: Valerie Strasser and Alanna White

Wrestling practice began with the team dragging out wrestling mats to warm up and perform drills. They performed drills to help with certain moves. Then they paired up with someone close in weight and "mock wrestled" for two to three minute periods. At the end of practice the boys did sit-ups, push-ups, and ran stairs. The regionals were held at Mattoon High School on February fourth where ten team members placed within the top four in their weight classes. Two wrestlers, Dustin Rosborough, 12, and Tanner Farmer, 10, won first place in their weight classes. On February 11th, four Highland boys wrestled at Mt. Zion High School for their sectional tournament. Two of the four placed. Rosborough, 12, was third in his weight class and Farmer, 10, was second in his weight class. Rosborough, 12, and Farmer, 10, both qualified for the state tournament on February 25th, held at the University of Illinois in Champaign. However both boys lost their first two matches and were out of the tournament. "The team was more of a team than past years. Two boys made it to state, but the cohesion of the team as a whole was immeasurable and really made this year stand out against past years", said coach Ted Cippiccio.

Mason Lee, 9, wrestles against an Alton wrestler at the regional tournament held at Mattoon High School on February fourth, where he placed third in his bracket.

Highlights

What do you do to get pumped up for a match?

"Listen to Skrillex on my ipod really loud!"

"I slap my thighs and pray before every match."

"Pretend to jump rope and listen to music."

Ethan Wheeler, 12  
John Meadows, 10  
Ben Zuccarelli, 10

Zach Bramstedt, 11, is pinned down by his Mattoon opponent. He placed third in his weight class.
Dustin Rosborough, 12, wins first place in his weight division at the IHSA Regionals.

At the IHSA Regional meet, Tanner Farmer, 10, won first place in his weight class.

In a starting position Cameron Singler, 12, defends himself against his regional opponent from Mattoon.
Playing offense, Bailey Leitschuh, 9, posts up against Jerseyville while playing a tight game. It later ended in a victory for the Bulldogs at Jerseyville.

Playing defense, Kristin Potthast, 10, pressures a Civic Memorial player to turn the ball over and contribute to the Bulldog's victory at Highland.

The players listen as Coach Hartlieb gives instructions for the next play.
The Girls' Junior Varsity team had an outstanding season this year. Practices started at the beginning of November and lasted every day for two and a half hours. The practices consisted of numerous drills to strengthen skills and various scrimmage games. The girls started their season at Civic Memorial on November 28. The entire game both teams played together and no one knew who would pull out with a victory. Sophomore, Sydney Lammers, said, "No one knew how well the Junior Varsity team would be, but as the season went on, we proved how well our skills were." As the season charged forward, the girls experienced their first and only loss at Centralia on December 12. Maggie Keeven, 9, said, "Although it was really disappointing to lose our first game, we came back and never lost another game." As the end of their season came to a close, the Bulldogs won the rest of the year. Each and every player had a roll on the team, and each night a new player stepped up to contribute toward a victory. They finished with a record of 15 wins and one loss. They were also undefeated in the conference. "It was an extremely enjoyable group to coach because the girls played hard all the time, played exceptional team basketball, and supported one another. The freshman and sophomores were able to gel and that was the key to our success," said Coach Chris Hartlieb. Defending the post against Civic Memorial, Shanna Welz, 10, and Emily Deichmann, 9 successfully defend the play.

Highlights

What was your favorite memory?

"I enjoyed becoming more a part of the team and achieving my spot on JV."

"Playing on both the JV and Varsity teams my Freshman year."

"Watching the Varsity beat Mater Dei for the Regional Championship."

Jayden Shelton, 9  MacKenzie Kleinmann, 9  Addy Rosen, 10

While on defense, Maddie Wilke, 9, guards a Panther player at Jerseyville. The Bulldogs defeated the Panthers at the Panther's last home game of the season.
The Lady Bulldogs had a rebuilding year after losing six seniors from last year of which four were starters. Regardless, the team came out strong with a consolation championship finishing fifth place at the Salem Tournament. The team then headed to Mascoutah for the 34th annual Christmas Tournament. Though they did not bring home any hardware, several hard-fought games were played. Senior center, Emily Michael, had her career high game scoring 31 points for the Lady Bulldogs. Michael outscored her dad who had a career high, also at Mascoutah, of 27 points in 1982. Michael later received Class 3A-4A All-State Honorable-Mention. After a regular season record of 17-15, the Bulldogs hosted the IHSA Regional competition. By defeating Civic Memorial in the first round, the girls eagerly took on Mater Dei, the state's sixth-ranked team. Having Mater Dei end the Bulldogs season the year before, winning seemed like the only option. Emily Manley, 11, said, "Before the game I was thinking how we had to pull it together and give it everything we had." Against all odds, the girls came away with an unexpected win becoming Regional Champions for the sixth straight year in a row. Head Coach Stephanie Harris said, "I had a feeling of pure excitement, mostly for the girls. They were able to accomplish one of their long-term goals. It was something they had worked for all season." The Bulldogs' season ended at sectionals against Salem on a positive note and with a strong finish.

"Ending Mater Dei's season for Regional Championship on our home court."

"Our trip to Colorado and definitely zip-lining through the mountains."

"The first game I started and when I scored 21 points."

Olivia LaPorta, 9 Hannah Hartlieb, 10 Emily Holtzclaw, 10

Rising above the level of play, Emily Michael, 12, shoots a jumper for two against O'Fallon. Michael averaged 14.8 points per game and scored 459 points this season.
With the Lady Bulldog's post season underway, the "camo crew" lumbered out of their deer stands and into the bleachers. With the help of the crowd's cheers, the team came out with a win for a Regional Championship against long-time rivals, Mater Dei. The game ended with a score of 54-50.

Summer basketball trips are where the bonding starts. This year, the team traveled to Mesa State University, Colorado, for a week, where they played in a tournament with teams from all over the country. The Lady Bulldog's placed first overall at the camp.
One of the favorite routines of the season was Lyrical. "The girls put so much emotion into this number and it really moved the audience," said coach, Christy Fisher. Above, the girls perform their Lyrical at the Regional in Edwardsville. They received first place.


The girls enjoy some bonding time as they ride in the Homecoming Parade.

Just after winning two state titles in Mattoon for Jazz and Lyrical, the team poses with coach Christy Fisher, showing off the hardware.

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The JV Dance Team had yet another spectacular season. The team began bonding early in the year as they traveled to Springfield, IL for a camp called ‘Push the Limit’, hosted by IDTA. There, the team got to experience working with many different choreographers, and also had an opportunity to compete in solos, duets, and trios. The first time that the JV performed as a team was at the Highland Kirchenfest. They wowed the audience with an up-tempo Pom Dance routine which introduced the start of a flawless season.

"Kirchenfest is one of my favorite performances," said Emily Capelle, 10, "it is the first time that our Highland audience gets to see JV perform as a team." Between Kirchenfest and the first competition in December, the girls had a lot of hard work to do to perfect their routines. Coach, Christy Fisher worked with the girls to make sure that the dances were competition ready. In Lindbergh, Missouri, the team competed with their Jazz routine, called ‘The Beautiful People’, and their Hip-Hop, called ‘Pump it Up’. As the season progressed, the team took on a Lyrical routine. They first competed with this dance, called ‘Heaven is a Place on Earth’ in O’Fallon, and they received a first place. The hard work only continued as the team prepared for the State Competition in March. At State, the girls brought their Highland crowd to tears with their Lyrical, and performed a perfect Jazz. Both routines were rewarded with first places. "I was so proud of the way that my team came together and dominated at State. It was such a pleasure to work with them and be with them through such a satisfying victory!" said Coach Fisher.

At the Edwardsville Regional, the girls impressed the judges with a difficult trick in their Hip-Hop routine. Hannah Trout, 10, and Paige Lampe, 10, lift Kaylea Jones, 9.

One of the JV Dance Team's first performances was in August at the Highland Kirchenfest. The girls performed a fun pom routine. Hannah Trout, 10, Peyton Gehrs, 10, and Emily Capelle, 10, do a tiger jump.

"Earning our two state titles!"
Addison Korsmeyer, 9

"Getting to know my team mates and growing closer."
Morgan Korte, 9

"Definitely 'owling' with the team!"
Peyton Gehrs, 10

What were the best memories of this season?
The Varsity Dance Team enjoyed an unforgettable season. Continuing their winning streak from the four previous years, the team also had an undefeated record. The girls began their season by attending an IDTA sponsored workshop, "Push the Limit" held in Springfield. After the school year was underway, the team practiced everyday after school until their state competition in March. Senior Captain Brianna Netemeyer, 12 and Coach Michelle Deets perfected each routine. Going through count by count, making sure each girl was the exact same was the reason Highland came out on top for the fourth year in a row. The girls competed at various regionals around the area throughout the season with four routines. They competed in the categories of AA Jazz, AA, Lyrical, AA Hip-Hop, and AA Pom Dance. Every routine was energetic and action packed. Adding additional success to the dance program, three individuals, Madison Frank, 11, Brianna Netemeyer, 12, and Christa Williams, 11, competed in the Miss IDTA solo finals held at Mattoon High School on March 10th. Out of 47 performers, Frank placed third, Williams placed second, and Netemeyer placed first, earning herself the title of Miss IDTA. This was the first time in dance team history that a team member has won the title. To cap off the season the team competed at Assembly Hall in Champaign for their place in the state competition on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. With the luck of the Irish, the girls were named AA State Champions in Jazz, Lyrical and Pom Dance. Out of a total of 142 performances, the girls' lyrical routine was the best overall score. Coach Deets said, "The girls did an amazing job and this has been a great team to work with. They lived up to the expectation. We have a tradition of success with our dance team and they maintained that tradition".

Performing the teams' favorite routine, 'Dirty Diana', team members engage the audience with fierce facial expressions at the Belleville East Regional. The girls received first place in AA Jazz.
Reaching out of their "cage", the girls perform their appealing lyrical routine, "Body is a Cage". This routine scored the highest out of all four routines at each IDTA regional.

Showcasing their flexibility and muscle strength, the girls perform their undefeated pom dance routine at the Edwardsville IDTA regional. The theme for this routine was "Bomb".

After executing a clean sweep at the IDTA state competition held at Assembly Hall on March 17th, the girls show off their championship medals and trophies. The team earned the title of AA State Champions in Jazz, Lyrical, and Pom Dance.
Troy Nave, 12, Tanner Zimmermann, 10, Sutton Allen, 10, Nathan Trout, 12, David Dinh, 10, Dillon Spencer, 9, and Josh Hinkle, 11, wait for the results of Highland competition with the other Highland teams. They were awarded third but unfortunately didn't meet their goal of becoming state qualifiers.

At Edwardsville, the Dogs jump off the floor and impress the crowd. They went on to earn third place.

The Dogs circle around Captain Nathan Trout, 12, before falling to the floor at Highland. Trout choreographed the dance.

The boys' routine was a throwback to classic Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync hits.

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With a much younger team than past groups, the Male Dance Team, also known as "The Dogs", faced a challenging season. The team was comprised mostly of underclassman and only had two seniors, Troy Nave and Nathan Trout. As the captain, Trout played a major role in leading the team. Not only did he organize and lead practices but he choreographed the boys routine with help from instructors at Starlight Dance Studio. Taking a trip back to the '90s, the Dogs worked boy band style into their 'N Sync and Back Street Boys themed dance. At the first competition, Lindbergh, the boys placed fourth. The scores only went up from there. At O'Fallon and Belleville, they received second places and at Edwardsville and Highland they took home thirds. Everywhere the Dogs went they met a loving crowd. "Other schools were always entertained by us. There was always loud applause when we finished dancing," said Josh Hinkle, 11. Along with the competitions, the Dogs got to show off their moves at the Highland Shootout and the Senior Night basketball game. At their last competition, Highland, they had hopes of becoming state qualifiers. They gave it their all but faced disappointment. Though they didn't get what they wished for, Coach Romero couldn't have been more proud: "It's always amazing to watch these boys do so well competing against girls who have been dancing their whole lives," said Coach Romero.

"When David mooned Dillon at practice and a custodian saw."

"When I was in the Kennel and the clock fell on my head."

"Building a chair fort in the Kennel at the Highland competition."

Dillon Spencer, 9, David Dinh, 10, and Sutton Allen, 10, and Tanner Zimmermann, 10. dance for the crowd at Highland.
“Success is getting up one more time than you've been pushed down.” The coaches gave the JV girls mirrors with this saying on it at their good luck dinner before going to state competition in February. The 2012 cheer season started out with 19 girls and ended with just 16 girls. Their coaches, Dena Willeford and Shellie Fields, called them the Sweet 16. Due to fluctuating numbers, the routine, which consisted of an opening, a dance, a cheer, some form of group tumbling, a group jump, and a mount, changed often. Sara Fischer, 10, said, “It was one of the best years ever even though the routine changed so many times. I had a blast with my cheer family.”

Throughout their season, the girls did not perform the same routine at one competition. The girls performed at Civic Memorial regional and earned a first place in December. At Highland regionals, the squad earned a second place. The girls came out with a fifth place at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) state competition. Before deductions, the girls had a raw score of second place. The squad was very proud of their hard work. Full squad back handsprings were achieved along with majority back tucks. Even though the girls gained a lot, they also lost some too. At the end of their season, Coach Willeford, had to resign. After state competition, Katie Smithey, 11, had to quit due to an injury. “It’s hard being in a wheelchair for now but my legs will heal and I wouldn’t trade my last competition for anything,” said Smithey, 11.

Jenna Melosi, 9, Sara Fischer, 10, Paige Kannall, 10, and Kelli Littlefield, 9, cheer onto the floor before performing their routine at Highland Regionals.

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What was your favorite memory from this season?

“When I was the only one who thought we would get called down to the floor at state and when we did the looks on everyone’s faces.”

Kelsey Crockett, 12

“I have lots of memories but my favorite of this year was at state when Mariah, Kelsey, Marlee, and I had a rap battle with the coaches on their bed.”

Katie Smithey, 11

“Probably everyone helping me out because it was my first year and I didn’t really know what was going on!”

Jenna Melosi, 9

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The JV squad practices their big mount for the competition at Civic Memorial High school the following weekend. The girls throw Haley Riedelberger, 11, and Jenna Melosi, 9, in the air. Jessica Plage, 9, holds Riedelberger's hands and Ellie Imming, 10, holds Melosi's hands for stability.

At an away game against St. Anthony, the squad performs the cheer 'Take it Away'.


Rachel Molinari, 11, Ellie Imming, 10, and Haley Riedelberger, 11, perform double downs in a competition at Civic Memorial High school. A double down was twisting twice in the air before being caught in a cradle.
The entire squad gathered in the "Fan-CASDC's" hotel room for a bonding experience while doing each others hair and make up. "This brought the girls so close! It was unbelievable!" said coach, Angie Fears. During their summer camp in Chicago, the squad took pictures on the beach before they headed to their final dinner at camp. "I got so close with my team during camp. As a freshman I was really intimidated by the upperclassmen, but through camp I realized they are like my sisters." Said freshman, Jordyn Grawe.

Contributing to the squad's first place title at ICCA's Highland Regional, Amber Terveen, 10, does a round-off full in the middle of the routine.

After practice, Abby Kosydar, 12, spends some quality time with her stuffed animal Simba.

Abby Kosydar, 12, Cali Rinderer, 11, Devynn Byrd, 11, Shannon Ostrander, 11 and Catie Lowe, 12, spend some time on the beach during their summer camp this past summer in Chicago.
"The DOG days are far from over for HHS Varsity Cheerleaders." This headline was featured on many front page articles in newspapers from Highland and other surrounding towns. To kick off the season, the girls attended a summer cheerleading camp in Chicago. This was first time the brand new 2011-2012 varsity squad would be able to spend time together and bond as a team. "Going into camp I was really anxious and yet excited. I wanted to see how the stunt groups would work together and how well everyone would bond. It was a lot of fun!" said sophomore Michaela Shantz. The squad left camp wiping out the competition by claiming first place titles in the categories of: Best Stunt Group, Best of the Best Dance, Best of Best Tumbler, and Best Over All Team. But the season had only begun. They endured brutal three to four hour practices on weekdays and three to eight hour practices on the weekends. The varsity cheerleaders claimed two first place titles at both regional competitions held at Civic Memorial and Highland, which also qualified them for the ICCA State Championship. With those victories behind them it was time to move forward and compete to qualify for IHSA State Championship held in Bloomington Illinois. In order to qualify the squad had to place top five in their region. Sweeping the competition away, Highland placed second out of 36 competing squads, qualifying them for IHSA. Over 90 squads entered the preliminaries of IHSA. Highland emerged top ten in the state and advanced to finals where they placed seventh out of 93 competing squads. "I am extremely happy with my squad! We all pulled together through injuries and other obstacles along the way! I couldn't have asked for a better group of athletes!" exclaimed varsity coach, Angie Fears. To complete their season, Highland went on to place second at ICCA State Championship. "Through and through, no matter how well we did or how well we placed, I will always remember this squad as my family. Highland Varsity's 11th state title is on the horizon!" claimed freshman, Cali Byrd.

Catie Lowe, 12, Abby Kosydor, 12, and Kelsey Krump, 12, help put together the mount which went towards earning their first place. Catie Lowe, 12, and Kelsey Krump, 12, wow the audience as they execute their stunt sequence.

"I couldn't be more happy with my senior year! Our team was more than just a team this year, we were a family."

Abby Kosydor

"The best part of my senior year season would have to be the bubble baths at state and passing down the fan-CASDC tradition."

Catie Lowe

"I am extremely happy with this season! Everyone did their part on the team and worked hard. I will truly miss everyone on this team."

Kelsey Krump

Highland High School's Varsity Cheerleading Squad with their second place trophy and medals at ICCA State Championship in Springfield Illinois.
The JV basketball season began long before the official practice date. Every week, the players trained to help get themselves into better shape. Nick Flaningan, 11, said, "We lifted everyday, and we ran on the track to help us prepare for the season." The work ethic the boys displayed during their pre-season set them up for success in the long run. Many of the juniors were pulled up to varsity to compete against a tougher competition and to improve their game. The Highland fans supported the JV team at many games. At the away game against Triad, the fan section was a sea of red. The bleachers were filled to the top, and the support was phenomenal. The players believed that the fans helped motivate them through every tough match. The team ended their season February 24th, 2012 with a win against Triad at home. Terry Brinkman, the JV coach, said, "JV basketball can be a little chaotic at times. We spend most of our practice time trying to help the varsity improve. Players get shuffled back and forth from the varsity to JV. Then we had to deal with injuries and the flu. But it didn't matter which of the 16 players was on the floor for the JV, they always gave it their best effort. While we didn't quite make our early season goal of an undefeated season, we did make a great showing for the Bulldog fans with a record of 13-2."

"Mascoutah because we killed them."
"All of them because we were really talented."
"Triad at home because it was senior night, and there was a lot of people there."

Ben Menke, 9  Aaron Elledge, 10  Caleb McKee, 11
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Nathan Potthast, 11, dribbles the ball down the court before passing the ball to Logan Meier, 11, to start the team's offensive play. They won against Salem at home.

Outreaching a Waterloo opponent, Cole Landmann, 9, tips the ball to one of his teammates. The team won against Waterloo on February 10th, 2012.

Before shooting a jump shot, Austin McCloud, 11, dribbles through the Civic Memorial defense. The teams faced each other on February 21, 2012 at home.
Austin Welz, 12, drives towards the basket for the layup and the foul against Mascoutah, while Ben Sparlin, 12, is ready for the rebound. Welz and the team led the Bulldogs to a 43-38 victory over the Indians.

Going for the jump shot, Ben Sparlin, 12, easily sinks the basket for two points against his opponent from Mater Dei.

By bodying off the Salem defender, Ben Melosi, 12, carries the ball under the hoop in search of an open player. Highland defeated Salem 69-54.
After sharing last season's Mississippi Valley Conference title with Triad, the Bulldogs knew they had to come back strong and win it for themselves. The team began training before the season to prepare. They opened up with a game against Mater Dei at Waterloo's gym. Although it was an upsetting loss, the team turned right back around to win six games in a row, two of them conference games. After a regular season record of 18-11 and a conference record of 8-2, the team once again had to share the MVC title with Triad. The week proceeding senior night, the team played Jerseyville in a play-in game for regionals held at Triad High School. Many students attended the games to support their team. The famous cheer of the season was the 'I Believe' cheer led by seniors. With an easy win over the Jerseyville Panthers, Highland's next opponent in regionals was Chatham-Glenwood, to whom we fell short. Although they lost their regional game, Coach Todd Strong was pleased with his team. "I was proud of the kids this season. We had a good year winning back to back conference championships. We came up a little short in some of our goals but I think the kids can look back on a good season", said Strong.

Beating Waterloo 46-31 gave the Bulldogs an encouraging start to their season. With a one-handed shot, Mitch Carriger, 11, scores a two point basket while Travis Vogelbacher, 12, boxes out the defender.

Flying through the air, Geoffrey Hartlieb, 12, goes to block the layup helping with the win over the Salem Wildcats.

"I just like jamming out to music right before the game."
"Coach Brinckman because he is hilarious and energetic!"
"I don't get pumped up, I get relaxed."

Corbin Sells, 12
Nick Flanigan, 11
Ben Melosi, 12
"Definitely Senior Night. We all acted as one big family!"

Anna Zobrist, 12

"The matches and winning. We had great teamwork throughout the year!"

Trevor Miller, 10

"Getting close to all the teammates. By the end of the year, everyone was like a family."

Miranda Seaman, 10

In order to be a bowler, patience, accuracy, technique, and practice are main characteristics to acquire and accomplish. Every lane, approach, oil-pattern, and ball is different. Before every practice and match, a series of drills and exercises were performed in order to warm up muscles for the games to come. The most important factor was having a strong and close team. Because members socialized together outside of bowling, they became close like a family. The bowlers participated in a number of tournaments, and always left with a top placing. Over Christmas break, the team hosted a Big Dog Tournament which was against just the teammates. Zach Chapman, 9, earned a first place trophy. During the season, the women's Varsity was able to sweep the conference for the first time in years, finally not having to share the winning title. Both women's JV and Varsity ended with a 15-2 record. The Men's Varsity and JV ended up with a record of 13-3, JV received Division Champions. Sectionals brought many top scores and close games, but it left both Varsity teams not eligible for state. Spencer Holzinger, 11, made a very close, first alternate, along with Spencer Mueller earning a fifth alternate. The season concluded with a team banquet, awarding different individuals for their contributions. "This year was filled with great leadership from the seniors. They are definitely going to be missed." said Coach Wander-Vrell.
Junior Spencer Mueller sets up and analyzes his mark. Spencer was later awarded fifth alternate in state for his successful scores throughout the season and during Sectionals.

The team hosted a Bowl Over Cancer night while versing Triad. They were able to successfully raise over a thousand dollars for The American Cancer Society!
Spring Sports
Led by coaches Ted Cipicchio and Tina Beyer, the Girls Track Team started practicing in early February to prepare for the season. At practice the girls did warm up runs, form runs, and then broke into groups based on what events they competed in: long distance, middle distance, sprinters, or special events. The long distance group consisted of girls who ran any event longer than an 800 meters. The middle distance girls usually ran events involving the 400 or 800, including relays. The sprinter group consisted of girls who ran anything shorter than a 400, while the special events girls practiced their field events. Altogether the girls competed against other schools in a total of 16 events to score points. The school with the highest amount of points won the meet. At the meets, the girls were responsible for warming up, and making sure they were ready to compete in their respected events. The team was lead by senior members: Tera Barker, Emily Cornish, Jamie Hundsdorfer, Chloe Nance, Molly Redman, Aryn Weis, Sydney Wellen, and Alanna White. The girls had a successful season by racking up a total of two first place finishes, and three second place finishes. "It was really exciting to win Nashville," said Aryn Weis, 12, "We beat Freeburg, which has lots of really talented runners." Four athletes advanced to state this season: Aryn Weis, 12, in the 100, 200, and 400, Lena Giger, 10, in the shot put and discus, Emily Holtzclaw, 10, in the 3200, and Bailey Leitschuh, 9, in the triple jump. "It's been a phenomenal season. We are loosing a lot of old talent with the seniors leaving, but we gained a lot of young talent in this year's freshman class that will make up for it." said Head Coach Ted Cipicchio.

At the Carlinville Invitational on April 7th, sophomore Lena Giger takes first place with a throw of 134 feet and 9 inches.
Playing 'Do-it' with the girls from Triad after the conference meet.

Tera Barker, 12

"Getting pulled over for doing double the speed limit on my way to the track bus."

MaKenna Stewart, 11

"The bus ride home from our meet in Nashville"

Amy Sutterfield, 9

Sophomore pole vaulter Katlin Rutz, 10, clears a height of 8 feet to snag second place at the Highland Fresh/Soph meet on April 12th.

M. Stewart, 11, and K. Lucia, 10, take second and first place respectively at the Highland Relay meet.

After the conference meet the girls, accompanied by the Triad track team, plays "Do-it" instead of running a cool down lap.
Austin Fischer leads the pack while running the 100 meter dash on home turf.

Logan Geiger runs through his practice session for the long jump.

At an away meet, Coach Cotto pretends to be a rapper.

While running the 400 meter dash, sophomore Kody Gray passes baton to senior AJ Abert at the home track.

Freshman Gage Geiger waits around for his discus practice session with senior Matt Becker and sophomore Tanner Farmer at a home invitational.

What was your most memorable moment?

"My very first meet. I was really nervous."

Devin Thompson, 10

"Winning the SMR at O'Fallon. At the time, we were ranked first in state."

Nick Daber, 12

"Having Mr. Vance as a coach!"

Matt Becker, 12

Austin Fischer leads the pack while running the 100 meter dash on home turf.

Logan Geiger runs through his practice session for the long jump.
During a meet, John Meadows warms up for his first shot-put round at the Highland Invitational.

After two previous successful seasons, the Boys Track Team returned to fight for another winning year. Throughout the season, many awards and trophies were awarded. In quadrangular meets, the boys were 5-1. In invitational meets and relays, the best finishes were the Jerseyville freshman/sophomore Invitational, the Roxana Relays, finishing in second, and the Madison Country Championships, receiving fourth. The track team put forth much effort in order to achieve their standings. At their daily practice, the boys started out doing 15-20 minutes worth of warm-ups. Then, the team broke into different groups, depending on what events they participated in. Coach Vance said, "Sometimes it is like a three ring circus with so many different things going on at once!" The boys competed in many different events: pole vault, relays, discus, shot put, triple jump, high jump, long jump, hurdles, and the meter dashes. Although the boys loved to goof around at times, they knew when to put forth the effort in order to improve and win meets. "In track, we are all about seeing the boys improve. We cannot control how good our opponents are; all we can do is our best," said Coach Vance. The Boys Track Team successfully ended with an overall great season and record.
The girls started their season with a three day try-out February 27-29. With no cuts made, along with the varsity, the junior varsity team was comprised of many talented girls. After try-outs the team practiced two hours every day after school for about two straight weeks. Each practice the girls went through the routine of running, technical work, drills such as Dutch Drill and World Cup, and scrimmages. The team had to mainly work on improving their technical abilities and understanding of the game. Through drills and hard work they learned and improved as players. Their first opponent of the season was Triad, who the girls unfortunately fell short to 0-3. However, the girls came back to win three games in a row against Litchfield, Harrisburg, and Jerseyville. The team was on a high streak and continued to win more games. The girls progressed throughout the season, and their record shows it. Coach Chris Durbin was very pleased with the team this year, "I was extremely happy with the growth and maturity displayed this year by the girls on the JV squad. With our largest team in history, we had lots of girls that wanted to learn a brand new sport and we were happy to help them. They worked hard to learn and improve, and the team has improved tremendously. I am looking forward to watching this group of girls get better and better throughout their high school careers." The team's final record was 7-6-2 and their conference record was 5-4-1.

In hope for a win against the Waterloo Bulldogs, Coach Chris Durbin strategizes with the team to earn a victory. The Lady Bulldogs unfortunately lost to Waterloo 0-3.
Interacting with the new players and helping them learn the correct essentials for the game.

In the first win of the season against Civic Memorial, Jordan Barker, 11, successfully beats two opponents on her way to score. Rachel Amaro, 10, dribbles up the field on a fast breakaway as Taylor Barker, 10, supports her on the wing. The game resulted in a win against Carlinville.

"Probably the mental part of the game. Knowing where to be and when."

Crystal Beckman, 9

"My passing skills."

Erin Esquibel, 9

Interacting with the new players and helping them learn the correct essentials for the game.

Taylor Cygan, 10

Vanessa Rivera, 9, makes contact with a Mascoutah player while trying to a defend shot. Abbey Johnson, 9, comes back to support Vanessa in the backfield.

By bodying off the defender, Melanie Wick, 9, regains possession of the ball during the Civic Memorial game where they defeated the Eagles 2-0.
Halftime was a relief for some players who didn't get a break during the game. Coach Harry Painter gives the girls motivation during the game against Carbondale. Unfortunately, they lost with a score of 0-2.

Sophomore, Devan Kaufmann, heads the ball to aid in the win against Mascoutah. Being a key player all year, Kaufmann helped out her team with an overall of four goals and five assists.

Allison Ferguson, 11, Shayna Painter, 12, Kelsey Crockett, 12, Emily Michael, 12, and Morgan Sikora, 9, release their pre-game jitters with laughter.

"When we got to wear the awesome practice jerseys."

Morgan Sikora, 9

"When we played the Dutch Drill."

Christina Amaro, 10

"The Sprinkler!"

Harmony Kapp, 11

"Hard work and determination pays off. The team placed third at the Fralish Cup Tournament defeating Farmington High School, 2-1."

Bringing the ball up the field, Jordan Barker, 11, strides past the Mascoutah defense. Barker scored one out of the five goals during this game.
The Varsity Girls Soccer Team had many ups and downs this season. They started off with six tough losses but regained momentum when they defeated Civic Memorial 3-0. The girls then went on a rally which brought their record even to 6-6. By the middle of the season, beaten, bruised, and sore, the girls pushed on. Entering the Fralish Cup Tournament at Carbondale, the team won their first game over Sikeston, 3-0. The weekend flew right past and the team came out with a third place finish. Abby Rinderer, 11, said, "It was really cool to win third place because we all worked really hard for it and it was nice to have our hard work pay off." As the team entered the post season, the excitement continued to rise. Practices became more about game strategy instead of just technical footwork. Junior, Harmony Kapp, said, "I was really looking forward to our first regional game this year. Having won the first ever regional game last year, I wanted to carry on that tradition." Coach Harry Painter said, "Unfortunately the team lost to Jacksonville in the regional game, 1-3, ending the high school careers of Kelsey Crockett, 12, Emily Michael, 12, Shayna Painter, 12, Jessica Hoffman, 12, and Laura Gotthardt, 12." Despite their loss, the season ended with other achievements, such as Allison Ferguson, 11, beating the school record for most goals in a season with an overall of 24 goals. Ferguson also received All Sectional Honorable Mention while Shayna Painter was selected onto the All Sectional Team. The ladies' finished with a overall record of 10-12.
With the loss of three seniors, along with several JV players, the Boy's Tennis Team knew they had a challenging season ahead of them. Returning to the number one seat was Evan Duft, 11. Austin Holtzclaw, 12, took the number two position and became captain. Last year's six singles player, Tyler Stone, 11, became number three while Lucas Pinsker, 11, and Alex Stoff, 11, Jesse Sowell, 10, Coach Matt Pellock.

Practices began in late February, and almost every Saturday morning Coach Pellock gathered up the top eight for various tournaments. During the first match against Greenville, the boys battled a close match but lost 4-5. "This was when it really hit us that it was going to be a rough season, but we were prepared to work hard and give it our all," said Lucas Pinsker, 11. The boys continued to push on throughout the season and morale was boosted when Highland swept Benton 9-0. At the Triad and Edwardsville Invitationals, the team took home wins against Rock Island, Salem, and Granite City. At the conference tournament, there was success in doubles when teams Holtzclaw and Duft along with Plocher and Bargetzi received third places. Overall, the team placed fifth. Despite the losses throughout the season, Coach Pellock remained optimistic. "This team showed nothing but the utmost character and sportsmanship through every match of the season. They grew in both their skill level and understanding of the game, and will continue to do so because of the great attitude they have on the court," said Coach Pellock.

Austin Holtzclaw, 12, waits to receive a serve from his Greenville opponent. Overall, Highland lost 4-5, but Holtzclaw provided the only singles win.
Before playing Waterloo, Ryan Long, 9, Jared Bargetzi, 9, Zach Plocher, 9, and Lucas Pinsker, 11, wait to be called to play. The boys lost this match 2-7.

Jesse Sowell, 10, goes in for a forehand while versing his Collinsville opponent. Sowell proved to be a valuable JV player this season, earning many wins for Highland.

"Not diving for a ball during my first Varsity match and scraping my arm."

Zach Plocher, 9

"Not losing doubles during the Edwardsville tournament."

Conner Reese, 10

"Getting breakfast at Cracker Barrel instead of a half pound burger. What was I thinking?"

Evan Duft, 11

The number six singles player, Zach Plocher, 9, angles off a volley to defeat his Benton opponent. Plocher received his first Varsity win against Benton as Highland won 9-0.

During the Triad Tournament, Coach Matt Pellock gives pointers to the doubles team of Alex Stoff, 11, and Conner Reise, 10, before going into a tie-breaker.

Coach Pellock gives a pep talk to the team about how to best defeat Triad.
Waiting for the right pitch, Mallory Rutz lets the ball slide by. On the next pitch, Rutz ran to second base.

Mid-inning, the ladies got together and decided on how to play out the remainder of their second inning.

Prior to the game, the coaches from each team meet with the umpires. They discuss who will bat first and let the umpires know how many players they have on their team.

Emily Deichmann, 9, catches a ball during warm up against Alton at home.

Sydney Lammers, 10, swings at the ball in a game against Centralia.

What was your favorite memory?

"Mine would have to be when we had team bonding at Brooke's house. We had a lot of fun!"

Paige Ahlgren, 10

"I think I'll always remember when Coach Lowder told all of us she was pregnant."

Hannah Hartlieb, 10

"I had a lot of fun when we went to the St. Louis Zoo."

Sydney Lammers, 10
Addison Rosen, 9, pitches to the Triad batter. The softball team lost to Triad, 0-10.

The JV Softball Team, led by Coach Lowder, included 11 members. Most of these members went back and forth from JV and Varsity. Their year started out with try outs in March and every member who tried out, qualified for the team. When the season started, the team practiced daily. Practices consisted of first, multiple warm ups. The girls started with basic stretches and then combined running and throwing drills. In the Z drill, players ran in the shape of a Z and threw the ball to each other. They also had a popular star drill. With the star drill, they did the same thing as the Z drill except they ran in the shape of a star. After throwing drills, the girls batted and played various games. One game the team often played was called Clink Clink, where they ran the bases. All their practice helped the team win their first game against Greenville 12-4. Hannah Hartlieb, 10, said, "We were all prepared and I'm glad we won!" The coaches appreciated all the hard work and great skills the girls put into their games during the season. Coach Lowder said, "No one else can make you better besides YOU! Work hard and it will pay off!"
After losing 7 seniors, the Varsity Girls Softball Team was built with only one senior and a very young team. The team had to work hard and practice to fill all of the empty spots. "No one expected us to be good this season after losing all the seniors, but we recovered from it and proved everyone wrong," said Tate Gehrig, 11. Despite the young and inexperienced team, Coach Sharon Schmitz had high hopes and expectations. During practice the team focused on basic drills to improve their skills in the field and up to bat. Offensively the team produced several runs each game; however, it was the team's defense that gave away the close games. "We are constantly working on all aspects of the game to improve over the course of the season," said Schmitz. The team suffered from several close games throughout the season, one or two runs decided six of the team's nine losses. The close games helped the young team gain experience. Katie Weis was the only senior and became the leader for the team on and off the field. She was the leadoff hitter in the lineup and also led the team in batting average for most of the season. Schmitz also relied on the juniors and sophomores to support the team both offensively and defensively. The young team provided a positive potential for the future seasons with high expectations from the players. "This team has come together very well this year and that helps keep them positive in those close games. The girls never gave up on a game; they were always fighting for that last out or that last run," said Schmitz.

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Katie Weis, 12, swings at a pitch to get a lead off single. After stealing a base, Weis came in to score during the 3-0 victory over Belleville West.
Ashley Walter, 11, releases a pitch to strike out a Mater Dei batter. With the help of Walter's pitching, the team won the away game 6-4.

Rounding second base, Alyssa Voegele, 10, looks for the ball before advancing to third base. Even though Voegele would later score, the team fell to Civic Memorial 6-7.

"As the only senior, being able to help our young team become an exceptional group that formed into a family over the season."

**Katie Weis, 12**

"Coming from behind by 1 to win by 2 against Mater Dei because it improved our confidence for future games."

**Katelyn Sullens, 11**

"Going to the zoo for team bonding because it was a fun way for all of us to hang out outside of practice and games."

**Kristin Potthast, 10**

In a game against Granite City, Emma Drury, 10, is up to bat. Drury was the starting pitcher in the game that the team later won.

Left fielder, Amanda Petersen, 10, runs up to catch a fly ball during a game in Mascoutah. Catcher McKayla Parker, 11, gets in position to receive the next pitch. Parker's defense behind the plate helped the team win against Alton.
While playing at Grizzly Stadium, Brendan Kauhl, 10, hits a single against Granite City.

Chris Klostermann, 10, straddles first base to pick off a Granite City runner. The team later won 7-6 against the Warriors.

In the bottom of the seventh, Blake Hustvedde, 10, catches the final pitch against Wesclin to win the game 7 to 0.

Grant Geppert, 9, pitches an unstoppable game against Greenville. Fellow teammates Brock Portell, 10, and Adam Harris, 10, defend behind.

At the game against Granite City, Jordan Twyford, 10, rattles his bat which later helps the team in gaining a victory.

“I think we could have had better practices and games, which would have helped the team gain more victories.”

Jonathan Barth, 10

“The work ethic of the team could have been improved. We also could have been more productive during the practices.”

Jesse Johnson, 10

“I believe the team could have cut down on errors, which could have caused us to lose some of the games.”

Cody Bentlage, 9
The Bulldogs shake hands and celebrate another victory for their record after defeating Wesclin.

The Junior Varsity Baseball Team began their season throughout the winter with various lifting activities. The boys also held a kids' camp in the summer where grade school boys participated in different skills and games involved with baseball. The season began at the beginning of March with many days of tryouts. The Junior Varsity's first game was on March 20th at Roxanna. The boys played a tremendous game and beat Roxanna 10 to 0. The season looked promising as the Junior Varsity won their first three games to very competitive teams. Coach Caleb Houchins said, "We have a good group of kids who work very hard at becoming better baseball players. This group genuinely likes each other and enjoy seeing each other succeed." The boys went through a bumpy patch of games which were very close and were tough defeats. However, the game against Belleville West boosted their momentum. "My favorite memory was the walk off home run in the bottom of the 7th hit by Brock Portell to win the game against Belleville West," said Brendan Stanfield, 10. Throughout the season, many games were canceled due to bad weather which caused long stretches of time between games. However, the season continued and the Junior Varsity progressively improved. As the season came to a close, the boys worked together and ended strong with many victories.

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Front Row: Brendan Stanfield, 10, Jordan Twyford, 10, Brock Portell, 10, Aaron Waters, 10, Cody Bentlage, 9. Middle Row: Jonny Barth, 10, Ryan Mauer, 10, Derek Frey, 10, Jesse Johnson, 10, Adam Harris, 10, Tyler Vonder Haar, 10. Back Row: Coach Caleb Houchins, Drake Zappia, 10, Grant Ceppt, 9, Chris Klosterman, 10, Blake Hustedde, 10, and Brendan Kauhl, 10.
The Varsity Baseball Team started off the season with a five and zero run. Because the team lost five seniors from last year, they didn't know what was to be expected from such a young team. There were many highlights throughout the season. The boys got the chance to play at Grizzlies Stadium against Granite City. Not only that, but this year was the first time every home game was played at Glik Park instead of the High School varsity field. Coach Joel Hawkins said, "There is great depth in this group. The test is how hard they will work. This will determine their result as a team. It is a joy to continue to work with young men trying to learn and play this great game of baseball. We hope they take the lessons from this experience and apply them to life. It is a fun group." After six weeks into the season, the team had a winning record of 19-6. As the team headed into post season they struggled but overall ended the season with a 25-12 record, losing the Regional Championship to Triad, 6-7 and placing second in the Mississippi Valley Conference. "This year playing baseball was a lot of fun. I will miss all of the good times we had in the dugout and on the bus", said Mitchel Moenster, 12.
As Mitch Carriger, 11, and Joseph Duncan, 10, wait on deck, Coach Hawkins gives instructions.

When Nick Balkenbusch broke his nose when trying to bunt against Mascoutah:

"The game I had to drive myself to because my teacher would not let me leave for the bus."

Zack Stieb, 11

"Getting to play and be apart of the Varsity team three of my four years."

Aaron Kuper, 12

"When Nick Balkenbusch broke his nose when trying to bunt against Mascoutah."

Joseph Duncan, 10

Pre-game begins and ends in left field. The boys take a knee to watch Granite City take infield and outfield, while Jake Haberer, 11, gets loose to pitch at Grizzly Stadium.

After one inning at Glik Park, Coach Hawkins brings the team together for a quick pep talk.

Geoffrey Hartlieb, 12, delivers several pitches for his warm up routine against Triad.

After the win against Granite City at Grizzly Stadium, the boys line up to shake hands.
Evan Welz, 11, AJ Burns, 12, and Eric Luitjohan, 10, display four of their five fish caught during the recent Sectional Tournament held at Coffeen Lake. Their boat won first place with 16.28 lbs. Team member, AJ Burns, had the biggest bass of the tournament with a bass that weighed 4.72 lbs.

AJ Burns, 12, and Eric Luitjohan, 10, fish to upgrade their limit during the Sectional Tournament. At day's end, the team placed first which qualified them to fish the State Tournament on May 4-5 at Carlyle Lake.

Fishing as a team, Jared Mettler, 12, and AJ Burns, 12 cast their lines out into the water hoping to reel in a big catch.

The entire team waits for a bite on their lines. The team members competed against themselves so they were prepared for Sectionals.

I would say my biggest catch was 4.5 pounds, which I caught at Coffeen Lake.

Austin Niggl, 10

It weighed about 3.0 pounds. I caught it at our Sectional on Coffeen Lake.

Joe Bardill, 10

My biggest catch weighed 4.28 pounds and I caught that bass on Coffeen Lake.

Shane Campbell, 10

How much did your biggest catch weigh, and where was it caught?
The standards were set high for this year's Bass Fishing Team after their third place finish in the State Finals last year at Carlyle Lake. Due to flooding, the State Finals were postponed until late June, after school was let out for the year. They competed against 54 other teams and came home with the third place trophy. The team this year was composed of eight members: A.J. Burns, 12, Jared Mettler, 12, Evan Welz, 11, Shane Campbell, 10, Eric Luitjohan, 10, Joe Bardill, 10, Austin Niggli, 10, and Tony Shellito, 9. These eight members were chosen over the summer and began practicing in the fall. They practiced skills such as handling a boat in all kinds of weather conditions, casting with accuracy (being able to cast their lure into an area the size of a coffee can at 30 feet), sharpening a hook, tying a strong knot in less than 60 seconds, and last but not least, being able to find, hook, and land lots of bass. After much practice, the team competed in the Pyramid Classic, a tournament that was put on by Pinkneyville High School. They received first and second place out of a total of 15 teams. In April the team fished in the IHSA Sectional on Coffeen Lake. This was the qualifying tournament for the state finals, only the top three teams qualified for the State Finals of 2012. The Dogs finished first and third at the sectional. Both Highland teams boats qualified for the State Finals held on May 5-6th. The team placed first and eleventh in the 2012 State Finals. Their coach, Jon Rinderer was pleased with his team this year, "This is one fantastic group of young men! I'd put these guys up against anybody" said Rinderer.
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Kaylee Baer
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Allison Buchmiller

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Thomas Foppe
Madison Frank
Nicholas Frey

Morgan Fuehne
Courtney Gardner
Tate Gehrig
Gabrielle Geiger
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Brooke Gillespie
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Margaret Greene
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Sean Gruenenfelder
Kyle Gruner
Seniors
172 Seniors
It's not the end: it's the beginning

Celebrating the beginning of their future, the class of 2012 spray silly string to express their excitement.

Class President, Shayna Painter, gives the class a farewell.

Jacob Bush, Nolan Gerner, Matt Becker, Ryan Bowman, Alex Kuzcka, and Troy Nave take a group photo after the Baccalaureate.
As Christian Lee walks the stage, he shakes hands with the school board members.

The class of 2012 gathers to say a prayer at the Baccalaureate which was held at the Evangelical United Church of Christ on Wednesday, May 16th.


Dylan Gregg gives his mom, Tina Gregg, a hug after accepting his diploma.

"Drench yourself in words unspoken.
Live your life with arms wide open.
Today is where your book begins.
The rest is still unwritten."

- Natasha Bedingfield
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Congrats, Beffie! We're so proud of you! Can't wait to see the great things that you will accomplish. Love you bunches! Mom, Dad, and Matt

Lauren, you are so smart, so beautiful, and so funny! We are SO proud of you and will miss you so much! God has blessed you with such great attributes, God has blessed us with such a great daughter. We love you! Good luck at STL COP! Dad and Mom

Abby, You're an amazing daughter! Watching you grow up to be such an intelligent, talented, kind-hearted young woman has been a joyous journey. We hope you're as proud of your many accomplishments as we are! In this next phase of your life, stay true to yourself, be confident, serve others, be a good friend, and above all, look to Heaven when you need a guiding light. Love, Mom and Dad

Alex, when you were a little girl, you never wanted to be the center of attention. You cried at your first birthday because we were all looking at you. Little did you know that you have been the center of our attention for 18 years! We are so proud of everything you have accomplished, so beautiful so intelligent, so strong! You'll do great things at SIUC! Love, Mom and Dad

Dear Alex, What a wonderful young man you have become. Being your mom is one of the greatest gifts that I have been given. Congratulations on your graduation, hope life gives you all the rewards you deserve. Dad watches you from heaven and I watch you from here. We are both so proud of you. All our love to you- Mom
Jordan,

We are all so very proud of the accomplishments you have achieved! You have grown into an incredibly intelligent, generous, and compassionate young man right before our eyes. We pray that you continue to grow in your faith in Christ and that it leads you to great things. We look forward to seeing what your future holds!

Love, Mom, Todd, Tyson, and Ben

Good Golly, Miss Molly!

Seems like just yesterday that I was walking you into kindergarten and now you're graduating high school. You've grown into such a beautiful young lady with a big heart and a kind soul. I am so proud of your accomplishments and I look forward to what the future holds for you. The easy part was raising you...the hard part will be letting go.

Stay Golden, Love, Mom

Congratulations, AJ!

We are so proud of you and all of your achievements. All of your hard work and dedication will help you accomplish anything that you put your mind to. Keep up the good work, we are looking forward to being able to share the next few years with you! Good luck in the next chapter of your life, we love you son!

Mom & Todd

T-Roy,

Congratulations on turning the page in this part of your life. We are very proud of your accomplishments and the the best is yet to come. We look forward to watching you excel in all aspects of your life in the future. Keep your head held high, your nose to the grindstone, and kick the ball straight!

Love Always, Mom and Dad

Codi! Congratulations, you did it! We are so proud of you and know that you will be an amazing neonatal nurse. You have finished your high school years and now move on to bigger and bluer things—good luck at Millikin and don't ever change! We LOVE you just the way you are. Love, Mom & Dad

Mom, Dad, Maddy, & Will

Emily

Words cannot describe how proud we are of you and how you have matured into a wonderful young adult. It has been so rewarding watching you grow up, and even more amazing witnessing all that you have achieved. Look forward to the opportunities that will open up to you as you begin the next chapter in your life, they will be amazing years! Dreams and goals are endless so reach for the stars. Keep in mind to walk by faith, not by sight. You are an incredible daughter, sister, and best friend. We love you! Mom, Dad, Maddy, & Will

Emily

Troy

Lauren,

We have enjoyed watching you grow into an independent young woman. You have been blessed with many qualities that will benefit you in the future. As you continue to explore and improve these abilities, remember to stay focused on your goals. Always know that you will have our love and support. Mom, Dad, Maryssa, and Crystal

Matt

Matt, it seems like just yesterday that you were taking bubble baths! You have turned out to be more than we ever hoped for, always making the right choices and leading the pack rather than following. Enjoy the next four years of playing football at Lindenwood. Love, your biggest fans, Mom, Dad, and Ally

Jordan

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Beckman
Congratulations, Brenden!
You are the sunshine of our lives and we are so proud of your accomplishments, for sticking to your beliefs and staying true to yourself. In the next four years, be patient and build on the solid foundation that you already have. We wish you success, happiness, and health in all that you do!
Love always, Mom & Dad

Dear Kelsey,
I knew when I laid eyes on you for the first time, you would turn out to be a beautiful strong woman. You've always been successful in what you do, and I know your future will be bright. I am so proud of you. I love you.
Mom

Brittni,
Congrats on Graduation!
Through all the many ups and downs you have managed to push through it all. We are so very proud of you! You have grown into a beautiful, smart, funny, spiritual...just an overall amazing young woman. You have a great foundation to build an amazing bright future! We wish you all the happiness and success as you start the next chapter of your life.
Love, Mom, Ken, Zakk, Kaitlyn, Baylee, Jasper, Sadie, Smokey, Grandma and Grandpa

Dear Katelyn,
I couldn't be more proud of you, Katelyn. From kindergarten on, you've always striven to do your best and I know with the talents and abilities that God has blessed you with, you will excel not only in college, but in life as well. I think that every parent wants their child to have a wonderful life. As it turns out, that is what you have given me. Love you sweet heart- Dad

Congratulations, Elizabeth!
We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. As you start the next phase of your life remember the goals you have set for yourself. Your intelligence, confidence, and determination are the keys to achieving those goals. We wish you the best at the University of Wyoming; your success is limitless.
Remember we will always have your back!
We love you! Mom, Dad, Sean, Samantha

Congratulations Cameron "CJ", we are so proud of you and what you have accomplished in high school. We know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to and will do well. Dream big and work hard to fulfill those dreams. Keep God in your life and he will guide you through your journey. We love you, Mom, Dad, Annie, Shannon

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Katelyn,
Congratulations! What a run! Since your first day of preschool, you haven't looked back. You've worked hard and pushed yourself to achieve your goals. Being there to celebrate your many accomplishments with you has been a joy. Use all that you have learned and you will excel at MSU and in life. Never stop learning. Live large and have fun! We will always be your cheering section and support. With love- your family

Shane,
Congratulations on all your accomplishments, we know that you have many more to come. Always chase your goals and follow your dreams. Know that we are proud of you and will always love you!
Dad, Mom, and Britten

Shayna,
Words cannot begin to explain how unbelievably proud we are of you! Not only do you have extraordinary character, but you also model integrity and passion in all you do. We are so proud of the many accomplishments you achieved in school and sports. We look forward to you beginning the next phase of your life and although we will miss you dearly, we know its time for you to move on. Go Mizzou! We love you! Mom, Dad, and Kallie

Dear Zach, I am so proud of your determination to succeed in what really matters. You have worked hard to get where you are and this is just the beginning of a successful future. Stay strong in the Lord and He will take you far.
Love, Mom

CONGRATULATIONS
Garett! We are so proud of you and the person you have turned out to be- dedicated, determined, caring, compassionate, and hard-working. You are a wonderful young man and a true blessing from God. We will be there for you as you continue this adventure... better known as "life" You are so bright... your future even brighter. We love you more than you will ever know. Mom, Dad, Ryan, and Blake
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