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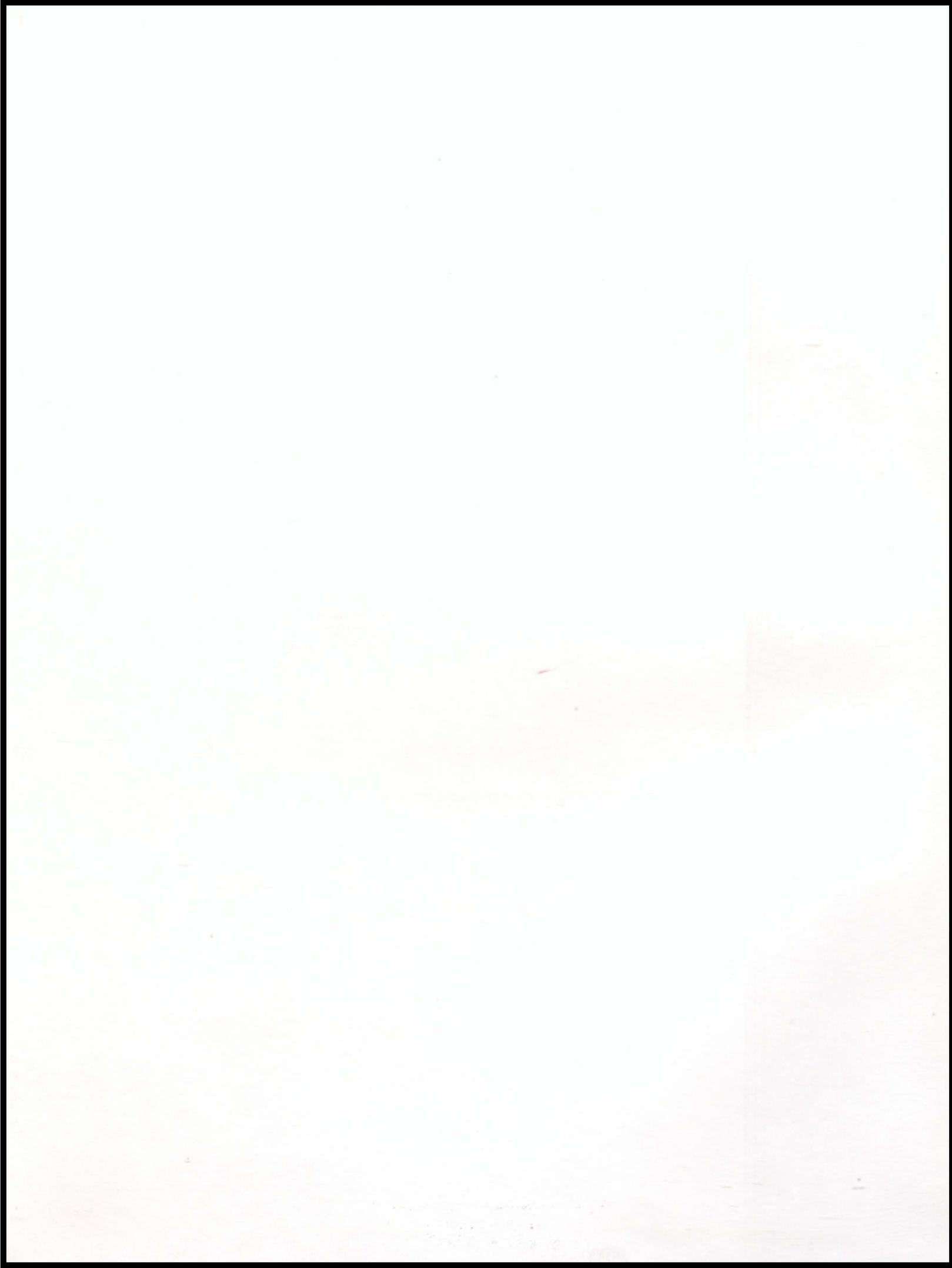
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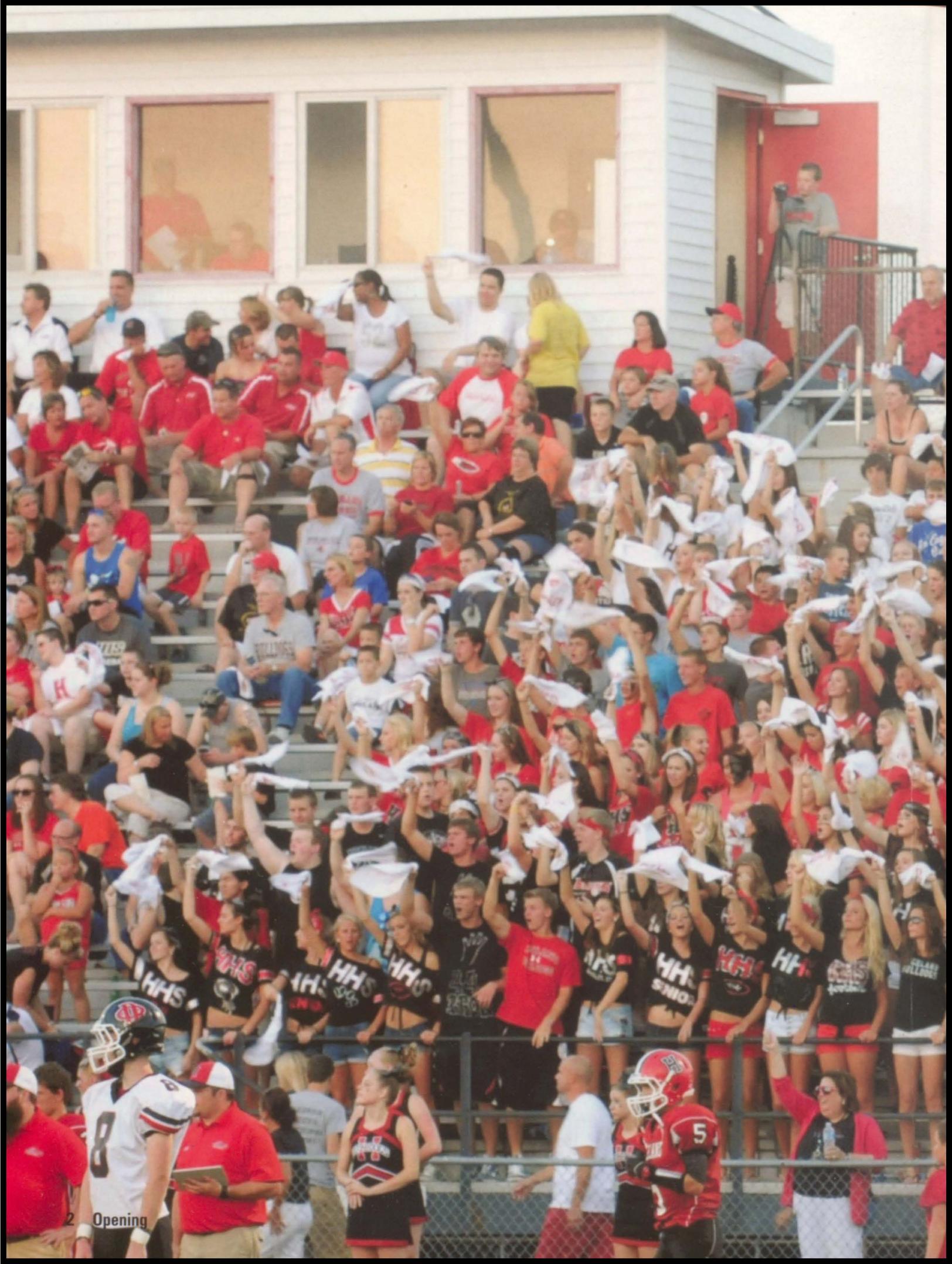
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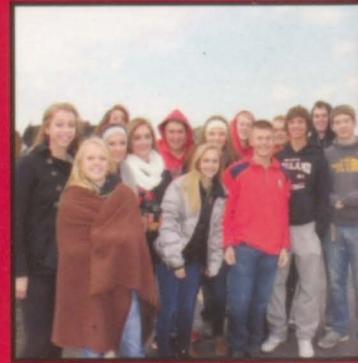
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Our Dog House



Welcome To . . .





Our Student Life

Changes For 2014

Rotating Study Hall

With an earlier start time and activities right after school, many students found that they had no extra time to see their teachers. In second quarter, the Principal's Advisory Committee voted on a trial run of a rotating study hall and it stuck. The idea was that instead of first hour class, students had time to do homework, study, and see other teachers. The next day this "tutor time" was during second hour class, and so on. Rotating study hall proved to help many students keep their grades up and see teachers, without having to sacrifice time for extra-curricular activities.

Lanyards

Another change this year included student ID's which students wore around their necks on lanyards during the school day. The administration allowed the students to express themselves and choose their own lanyards, however; they had to be breakaway lanyards for safety reasons.



Abby Melosi, 9, Drake Zappia, 12, and Derek Rickher, 12, sport lanyards and ID's.

Traffic

Traffic in the mornings and afternoons this year proved to be hectic with the middle school and high school traffic competing for lane space with the new hospital accros the road. The streetlight at the intersection of Highway 160 and Troxler Avenue was congested each morning. While the main roads were the issue at 7:00 a.m., the parking lot was a mess at 2:35 p.m. The administration helped the situation by ruling that a left turn must be made at the exit farthest from the school and right turns in the remaining two. They also aided by positioning teachers at each exit to ensure the rules were obeyed.

Principal's Advisory Committee



Front Row: Lauren Hammel, 12, Devin Kaufman, 12, Kristin Phottast, 12, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Miranda Wagner, 12, and Kendra Weigand, 12. Back Row: Lana Geiger, 12, Adam Harris, 12, Troy Schneider, 12, Blake Husteddee, 12, Chris Klosterman, 12, Will Thomae, 12, Kevin Wang, 12, Josh Case, 12, and Nick Czar, 11.

Dr. Gauen decided to let her students help in making some decisions for their school. The committee helped pass a rotating study hall and salad bar.

Mr. Becker- Vice Principal



Dr. Gauen-Principal

Classes=7
Lunches=3

Short Hair



Maxi Dresses



Trends of 2014

As a new school year began, new trends also developed. Girls found their favorite Vera Bradley print and bought it in items such as: backpacks, lunch boxes, lanyards, and planners to use at school. Guys stepped up their wardrobes by wearing khaki pants and Sperry brand boat shoes. During the warmer months, girls wore high-waisted shorts paired with crop tops. To go along with the change of weather, some ladies thought a change in hair was also due. Many said "goodbye" to long hair and welcomed shoulder-length locks. Another summer essential that also transitioned into fall and winter depending on the color, were maxi dresses and skirts. When winter approached, printed leggings with combat or riding boots were daily sights in the hallway. Guys pulled out plaid shirts and rolled up the sleeves for a trendy look. We don't know how long these fads will last, but the fashion-istas at HHS are loving them while they are here!

Vera Bradley



By: Morgan Korte & Jenna Melosi



Printed Leggings

Khakis & Sperrys



High-Waisted Shorts

Plaid Shirts



Remember When . . .

2014 Sochi Winter Olympics



Malaysia Flight 370 Went Missing



We Had a Heroin Awareness Assembly

Popular Apps.



Candy Crush



Flappy Bird



Clash of Clans

Senior Skate Day

On the last day before spring break, some seniors brought scooters to school, but administration took them away for the safety of all students.



Saint Louis Rams Game of the Week

2013  **HIGH SCHOOL GAME OF THE WEEK**
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GAME OF THE WEEK PANEL



The Highland Varsity Football Team was nominated for the St. Louis Rams Game of the Week. Students, faculty, and parents all contributed their votes. The Tech Club created a continuous voting system that ran for 30 minutes. With all of this support, Highland won the Rams Game of the Week. The game against Jerseyville at home aired on News Channel Five. "It was the conference championship game against Jerseyville. It was great seeing more than 5,000 people fill the stands to support us," said Coach Warnecke.



11 Snow Days

What did you do on your snow days?

"Drifted in the Hope Church parking lot."

" Played computer games, like Minecraft."

"Ice skated on my driveway."

"Went sledding behind four wheelers."

"Made snow ice cream." **"Slept."**

"Practiced basketball."

Mr. Irresistible



Front Row: Tanner Zimmermann, 12, Amir Afshar, 12, Drake Zappia, 12 Back Row: Josh Case, 12, Kodi Burdick, 12, Will Thomaе, 12, Donal Reagan, 12, Jonathan Meadows, 12, Brock Portell, 12, Laura Lucco, 12, Jesse Johnson, 12, Jenna Melosi, 11, Ben Zuccarelli, 12, Adam Harris, 12, Mrs. Kloss, Ryan Busch, 12

What was your favorite part of the Mr. Irresistible experience?



"Getting a lot of laughs during my Miley Cyrus performance."
-Jesse Johnson



"Making people emotional when I played the saxophone."
- Josh Case

By Carrie Gibbons and Jessica Zobrist



Brock Portell



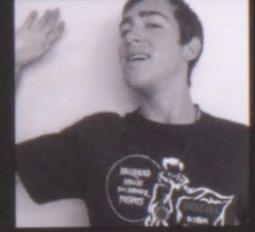
Will Thomae



Amir Afshar



The senior boys entertained a full house at the annual, all male, competition on September 11th, hosted in the Elementary School Auditorium. Each of the 13 boys represented a club or sport of their choice. The boys participated in three events: sportswear, talent, and formal wear. During formal wear, they were interviewed by the Mistresses of Ceremonies, Laura Lucco, 12, and Jenna Melosi, 11. The crowd broke into laughter during each of the boy's unique talent performances and outrageous interview answers. They were judged by their peers and by a panel of four senior girls from other schools. Brock Portell was crowned Mr. Irresistible 2013, as well as audience choice. First and Second runner ups were Will Thomae and Amir Afshar. Mrs. Kloss said, "I never know what might happen on that stage! But after a cautionary lecture from Dr. Gauen and myself, the 2013 contestants preformed with class. They were hilarious without being crude. As a sponser, I appreciate that kind of behavior!"



Roaring Through the 20's

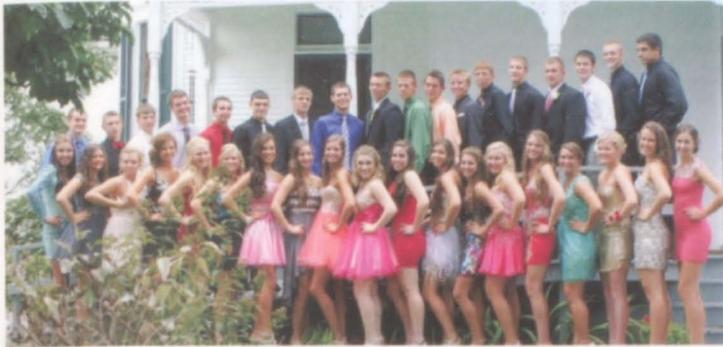
Homecoming Dance



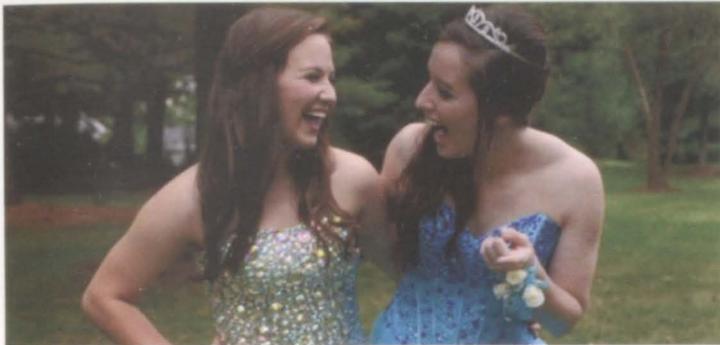
Seniors start off their last homecoming dance with the "Cha Cha Slide." It was a tradition to play this song and was a student favorite.

A group of freshman stop for a picture after watching the coronation. Ally Becker, 9, said "My favorite part of the dance was slow dancing."





A group of juniors take a photo, as they do every year, at Latzer Homestead. Pictures for the juniors began at 1:00 and ended at 3:00. A party bus picked them up from pictures and took them to dinner, a common process for all age groups.



Seniors, Paige Kannall and Amy Coyle, laugh at an inside joke during pictures at Laura Lucco's house. After pictures, their bus took them to dinner at the Spaghetti Factory in St. Louis.



A group of senior girls show off their corsages that their dates gave them. Flowers commonly used in corsages included roses, orchids, calla lilies, and carnations.

This year's homecoming theme was "Roaring Through the 20's" inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Homecoming week came after the dance, just as it did last year. On Friday, after the pep rally, student council members stayed after school to transform the gym into a Gatsby inspired party scene. On Saturday, many groups took pictures in their homecoming attire, and went out to dinner. Maddie Wilke, 11, and her friends took pictures at the Latzer Homestead in Highland. They then went to dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, in downtown St. Louis. Students arrived at the high school, and entered the gym at 7:30 pm. They filed in the doors and took their seats for coronation, which started at 8:00 pm. During the coronation, the class officers of each grade announced their court members while the court members walked down the red carpet. Lauren Hammel and Kevin Wang were crowned queen and king. After coronation, the fun began! Students took the floor ready to dance. The DJ played a variety of music, and sprayed the crowd with a mist to cool them off. The dance came to a close with the seniors dancing in a circle for the last time.



Seniors, Mack Waldman, Tanner Farmer, Drake Zappia, and Jesse Johnson enjoy "Roaring through the 20's," during their last homecoming together.

By **Courtney Billhartz & Lauren Lutostanski**

What were your homecoming expenses?



Anastasia Sapranova
 Dress: \$200
 Jewelry: \$15
 Shoes: \$60
 Hair: \$40
 Nails: \$25
 Total: \$340

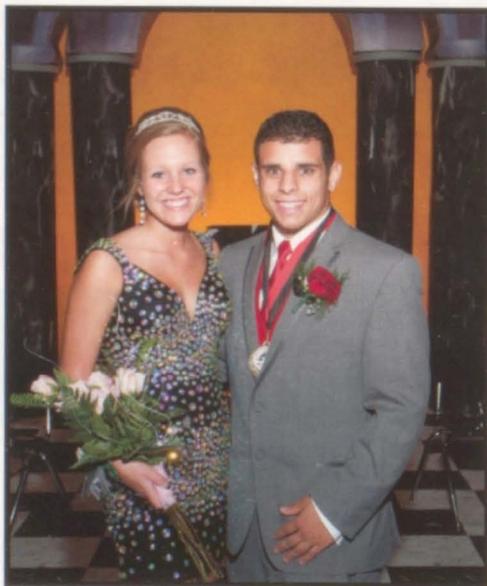


Hunter Coker
 Shirt: \$75
 Tie: \$50
 Shoes: \$50
 Hair: Free
 Pants: \$125
 Total: \$300

Homecoming Court



Queen & King
 Lauren Hammel Kevin Wang



Special Maid & Special Escort
 Jessica Zobrist Ben Zuccarelli

Freshman Court



Trent Rakers, Hope Imming, Nicole Beaubien, Montana Gilbert

Sophomore Court



Zander Hayes, Stephanie Olivares, Trent Carriger, Emily Canterbury, Ashlyn Fenton, Sam Ahlmeyer, Marissa Wheeler, Joey Rittenhouse

Junior Court

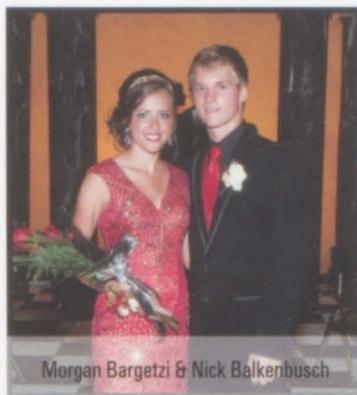


Matt Augustin, Karygan Frey, Grant Riggs, Jayden Shelton, Riley Zimmermann, Jordyn Grawe, Emily Vonder Haar, Clint Reilson, Claire Litzenburg, Logan Landmann, Lauren Flesch, Jacob Gill

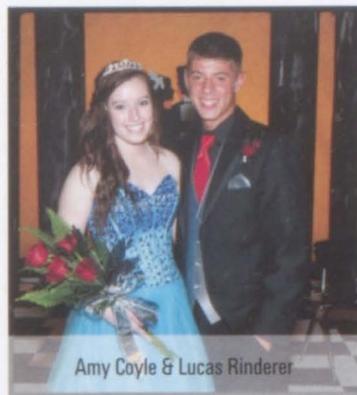
Senior Court



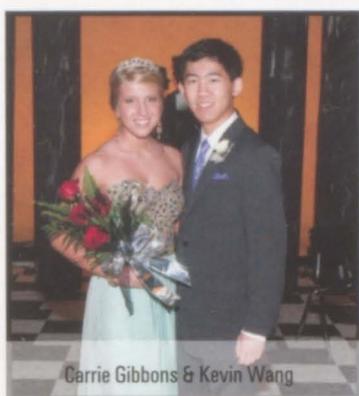
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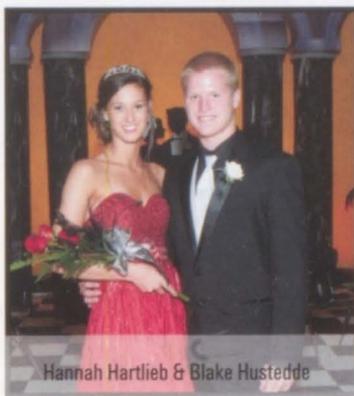
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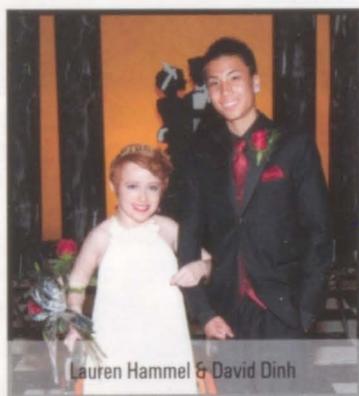
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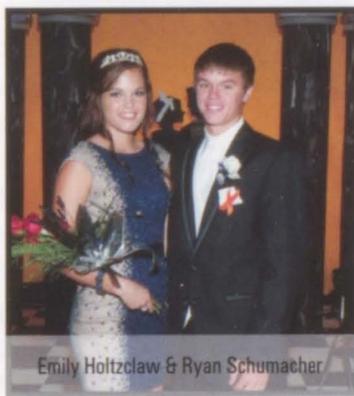
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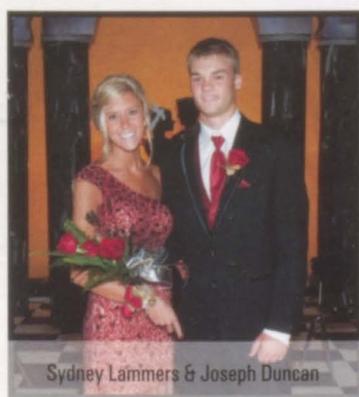
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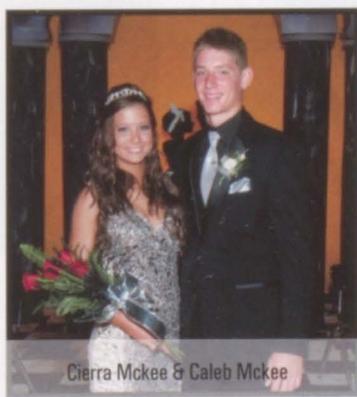
Lauren Hammel & David Dinh



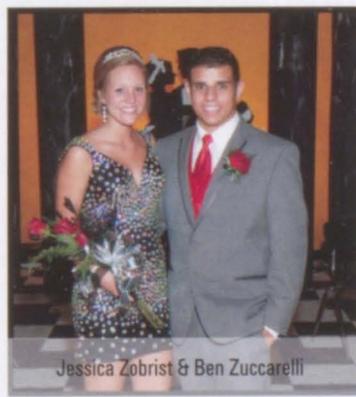
Emily Holtzclaw & Ryan Schumacher



Sydney Lammers & Joseph Duncan



Cierra Mckee & Caleb Mckee



Jessica Zobrist & Ben Zuccarelli

Spirit Points



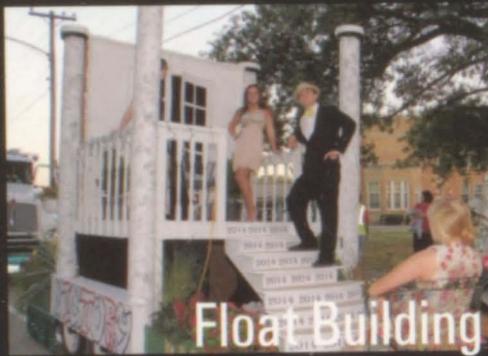
Dress Up Days

Freshman: 75
Sophomore: 90
Junior: 85
Senior: 150

Powderpuff



Freshman: 15
Sophomore: 30
Junior: 15
Senior: 40



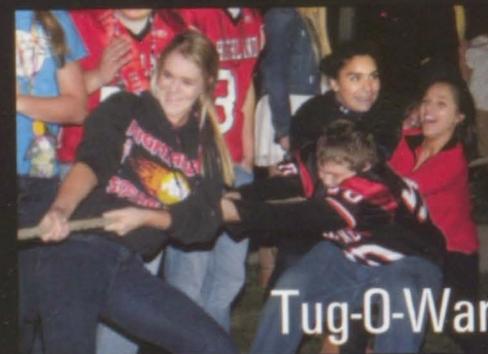
Float Building

Freshman: 10
Sophomore: 20
Junior: 40
Senior: 30



Power Volleyball

Freshman: 15
Sophomore: 40
Junior: 15
Senior: 30



Tug-O-War

Freshman: 25
Sophomore: 25
Junior: 25
Senior: 25



Suffragette, Vanessa Rivera, 11 walks with the 1920's themed junior float in the homecoming parade. The parade route went through downtown and ended with a celebration at the square on Wednesday night.



The seniors and freshmen face off at the first game of the powderpuff tournament. The seniors beat the freshmen and went on to win the championship game against the sophomores.



As Friday's game approaches, the seniors of the Varsity Football team rally the crowd at the celebration on the square.

Homecoming Week



Sophomore, Trent Carriger, sets the ball during warm-ups before the power volleyball game in the gym. The sophomores not only beat the juniors, but also the seniors, winning the whole tournament.

Over the course of the week, students participated in various dress up days, sports, and other class competitions. Monday was "Class Colors Day". Seniors were expected to wear all black, juniors all red, sophomores all blue, and freshmen all green. That night, classes put the finishing touches on their parade floats. Tuesday was "Salad Dressing Day"; the senior class sported togas as they represented Caesar dressing. Juniors wore Ranch style clothing, while sophomores dressed in Italian gear, and freshmen in Thousand Island. Tuesday night, the powderpuff football game was held at the stadium where the senior girls took home a victory. On Wednesday, seniors broke out their suspenders and dressed like nerds, juniors whipped out the basketball shorts as jocks, sophomores layered black for the goth look, and freshmen put on their sweater vests for a preppy outfit for "Cliques Day." That night was the parade, which held the float building contest, tug-o-war, class chant, and a pep talk from Coach Warnecke for Friday night's "Battle of the Bulldogs" with the Waterloo Bulldogs. Thursday was "Decade Day" where seniors dressed 1980's, juniors 1920's, sophomores 1960's, and freshmen 1950's. That night, the sophomores surprised the whole school when they defeated all other classes in power volleyball. Ending the week was Friday's "Spirit Day". Freshman wore white, sophomores wore grey, juniors wore red, and seniors wore black. October 11th was also the pep rally, homecoming game, and senior night. Going 7-0, Varsity Football defeated Waterloo 48-17.

By
Jenna Melosi
&
Morgan Korte

As the seniors put up a fight against the sophomores in the championship of power volleyball, their classmates hold up defense signs to support the players; the game came to a third match and the sophomores beat the seniors in a close game.



In order to beat the sophomores, Ben Zuccarelli, 12, gives his fellow senior, Jessica Zobrist, words of encouragement as she participates in tug-o-war. The seniors gained several last minute points from this competition.



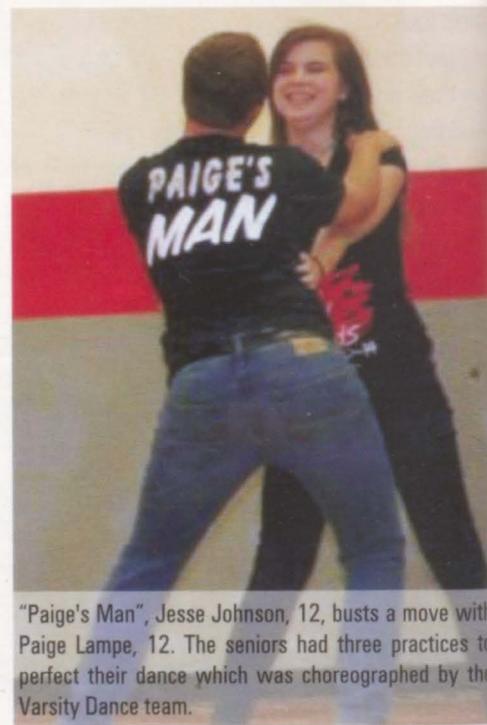
Senior court members, Ryan Schumacher and Emily Holtzclaw crash into their classmates during the scooter race portion of the pep rally.



Ready to sound her drum for the class chant, Tamera Hanna, 11, helps her grade defeat the freshmen and sophomores.



Claire Thomas, 9, waves her flag as a part of her color guard routine. The girls performed at the beginning of the pep rally.



"Paige's Man", Jesse Johnson, 12, busts a move with Paige Lampe, 12. The seniors had three practices to perfect their dance which was choreographed by the Varsity Dance team.



Freshmen class officers, Caleb Denby, Claire Marchal, Emma Moos, Aubrey Haacke and Nick Dugan, use their strength to put up a fight against the senior class in tug-o-war. Seniors took the victory.

By Jenna Melosi
and Morgan Korte



The clarinets of the Marching Band open the pep rally by playing the school song before the festivities begin.



As the sophomore class officers compete in tug-o-war, their entire class cheers for their victory against the juniors.

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

To conclude the homecoming week festivities, students gathered in the gym on Friday, October 11th for the pep rally. Varsity Football Cheerleaders kicked off the assembly by performing a high energy routine. The cheerleaders, joined by the band members, then stood in front of their corresponding classes to get them rallied up in the class chant competition. Each grade gave their best to be as loud as they could, and the seniors came out on top. The class officers were called to the floor with a chosen classmate to compete in tug-o-war between the rivaling classes. The seniors took the win when the competition came down to seniors vs. sophomores. The students got a laugh out of the Varsity Dance team partnering with the senior boys for a hip hop dance which they dedicated time to practice in the weeks prior to the pep rally. Finishing up the assembly, senior court members took the floor to do a series of activities starting with sticking ten band-aids to themselves. Next, one partner blew bubbles with gum while the other spun in circles, holding a bat to his head ten times. Finally, to signify the first of flight in the 1920's, one partner was pushed on a scooter by the other and sent soaring across the gym floor.



The Varsity Football Cheerleaders complete the final motion of their routine that effectively pumps up the students for the rest of the events planned.

Fall Play

The Butler Did It

The Drama Club performed Tim Kelly's play, *The Butler Did It*, in late October. Director Amy Kloss said, "I chose this play because I felt this murder mystery would be a great fit for the Halloween season." The mystery play began at the eerie Ravenswood Manor, on Turkey Island. A group of detective novelists Father White (Parker Wrobbel, 10), Chandler Marlowe, (Will Thomae, 12), Louie Fan, (Darrin Reinhardt, 11), Rick Carlyle (Jordan Comish, 11), Laura Carlyle (Cheyenne Ridgeway, 12), and Peter Flimsey (Samuel Fredericksen, 11) were all invited to Ravenswood Manor by Miss Maple (Josie Kutz, 12). They assumed the personalities of the fictional characters in their own novels. A storm blew through right after their arrival and the novelists were stranded on the island for two nights. The hostess arranged all sorts of "incidents" like a scary face at the window and a threatening voice on the radio (Adam Kelso, 10). It was all fun and games until someone was killed. The mystery of who did it frightened the novelists during their entire stay until the case was solved. Mabel Dupre (Christine Chandmok, Fake Person) was undercover and playing the role of the maid Haversham (Kristy-Hindman, 10) who was the murderer. Charity Haze (Vannessa Rivera, 11) solved the mystery along with the help of Chandler Marlowe (Will Thomae, 12) and Rita Eylesbarrow (Mary "MJ" Austin, 10). Other members of the cast included the student director (Bethie Rey, 12), lights and sound (Zander Hayes, 10), and prop master (Alicia Burris, 11).

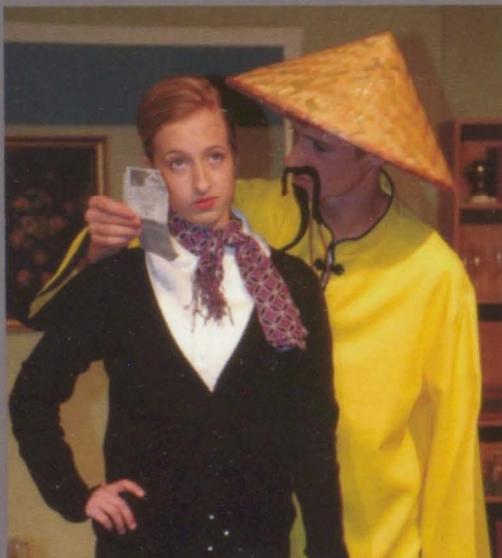


Laura Carlyle fights in the parlor with Charity Haze because she thinks Charity is her husband's mistress. Peter Flimsey and Chandler Marlowe try to break up the fight between the two women.



Louie Fan, Rita Eylesbarrow, Laura Carlyle, Candler Marlow, Miss Maple, and Peter Flimsey look out the door at the helicopter flying above the house. They wonder why it is there. The play was performed in the Kennel at the high school.

By
Kristin Potthast & Amber Hubbard



Louie Fan compares a picture he has to Rita Eylesbarrow because he suspects that she isn't who she says she is.



Chandler Marlowe checks to see if Rick Carlyle is alive. Chandler found Rick's dead body on the floor of the parlor after the storm.



On the final night of the play the cast portrays their characters with Mrs. Kloss. Kloss said, "The cast and crew worked very hard to make this show a success. The cast was full of talented actors. And the crew was small but mighty!"

What was your favorite part about being in the play?

"The quirky characters. It was so much fun to watch a hodge podge of stereotypically lovable characters bungle their way through a murder mystery. I also loved my fellow actors because they helped make the show fun both on and off the stage."

-Will Thomae, 12

"Having an outrageous character, and getting really close with the cast."

-Darrin Reinhardt, 11

"Seeing Darrin walk out opening night with his mustache and getting the opportunity to work with so many talented actors and actresses."

-Josie Kutz, 12

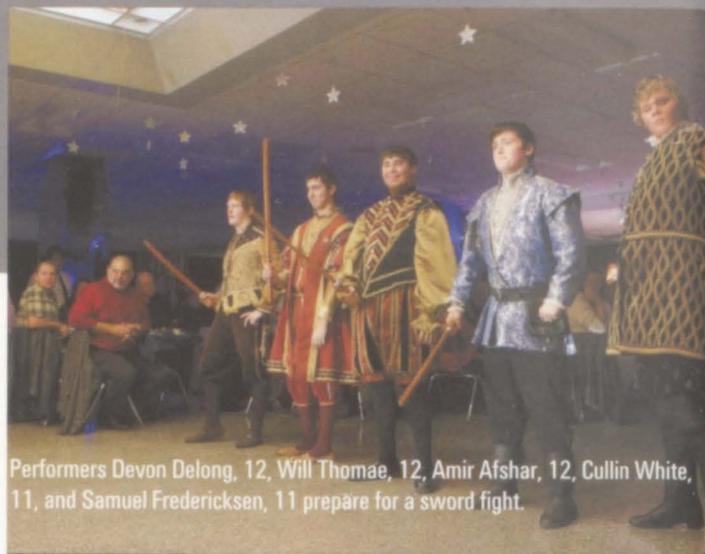


A Choir For Kings

Madrigals

Reminiscent of Medieval Europe, the Madrigals Choir dressed like fifteenth century nobility. They performed a capella and sang songs of old, including Christmas carols, songs of merriment, and Italian ballads. They performed at such events as the Renaissance Fair, and their showcase, the Madrigal Dinner. The Renaissance Fair took place in Kansas City, Missouri. To get there, performers had to board a school bus at five o' clock in the morning, with family and friends following in cars. The choir stayed in Kansas City for three days. When they were not performing, they wandered the other booths and enjoyed other medieval themed performances. The Madrigal Dinner was the choir's main performance, which took place in the HHS commons. The cafeteria was transformed into a medieval dining hall, with student volunteers dressed up as gypsies and faeries, who put on their own dances and performances. Proceeds from the dinner tickets were put towards the program, but all money made by flower sellers and beggars was donated to the Highland Food Pantry. Three shows were performed on Friday, December 14th, Saturday, December 15th, and Sunday, December 16th.

"Being a stage actor in the dinner was awesome, everyone got really involved."
-Tanner Zimmermann, 12



Performers Devon Delong, 12, Will Thomae, 12, Amir Afshar, 12, Cullin White, 11, and Samuel Fredericksen, 11 prepare for a sword fight.



Katelyn Lucia, 12, and Will Thomae, 12, toast the other performers during the second night of the Madrigal dinners.



Cullin White, 11, Katelyn Lucia, 12, and Will Thomae, 12, singing folk songs at the Kansas City Renaissance Fair. The Madrigals were the only school invited as performers, and not competitors.

"Ren Fest lets us show off our talent as performers, and it's really fun to see other performances with the medieval theme."

-Katelyn Lucia, 12



Caroline Menz, 12, and Cullin White, 11, sing during a Madrigal Performance on the second day of the Renaissance Festival in



Olivia Hicky, 12, helps Kylie Burdick, 11, fix her wing during the faerie's dance at the last performance of the Madrigal Dinner.

"Madrigals is a really cool experience that most schools don't get, even if you're not in the choir."

-Taylor Barker, 11

"It was really amazing how much effort we put into the dinner this year; I can't believe it's my last."

-Amir Afshar, 12



Katy Diaber, 11, playing the role of a gypsy, puts a voodoo spell on the candles to invoke dark spirits during the Madrigal Dinner.

By
Cathleen Yung &
Kayleigh Hester

Coffee House Cabaret



The opening act of this year's cabaret featured the Jazz Choir singing "Java Jive" and "It Don't Mean a Thing." Parts of "It Don't Mean a Thing" were featured in a new song in the popular movie "The Great Gatsby."

This spring, the commons was transformed into a classy coffee house where the audience was entertained by the students of HHS. The Coffee House Cabaret gave the students an opportunity to show their unknown talents to their peers. Students auditioned with Mrs. Reubhausen a few weeks before the show. The audience was entertained all night with acts from singing, to stand up comedy, to karate demonstrations. Katy Daiber, 11, said "It's really cool to be a part of the Cabaret; Conner Erwin, 11, and I decided to add extra excitement this year aside from singing and guitar playing with a karate demo." With about 33 acts, there was never a dull moment. Constant performances kept the audience amazed the whole night. "I was nervous while I was waiting to perform, but once I got up there on the stage, all I could think about was making music," said Katelyn Lucia, 12. With the three dollar admission at the door, attendees sipped coffee and noshed on desserts from The Cheesecake Factory. This gave the commons the full "coffee house" effect. Tables were decorated with sheets of musical notes and candles. A night of quality entertainment was served at this year's Coffee House Cabaret.

What was your favorite part of the Cabaret?



"Getting up there and showing people what I could do."

-Anjuli Kampweth, 9



"The ability to see someone so nervous get on the stage and do what they love to do."

-Kelsey Koller, 11



"Seeing talent that we've never seen before."

-Megan Widman, 12



Sophomores Jacob Wiseman and Gavin Hemphill beat-box a mash-up of new pop songs such as "Thrift Shop" by Mackelmore and "Gangnam Style" by Psy. It was an acapella performance with no help from sound systems or a band.



Nicole Beaubean, 9, stunned the crowd with her performance of "Halleluiah" by Jeff Buckley.



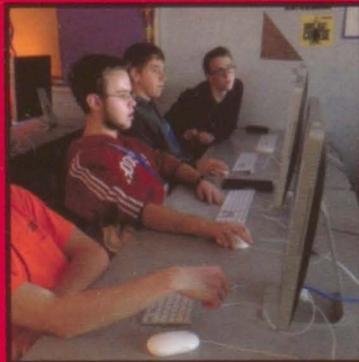
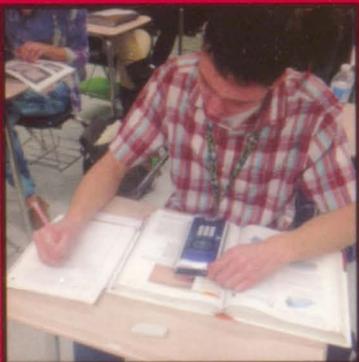
"Caroline and Friends" featuring Caroline Menz, 12, Darrin Reinhardt, 11, M.J. Austin, 10, Johannah Comish, 9, and Madelynn Shively, 10 sing their own version of the the song "Sing" by The Carpenters.

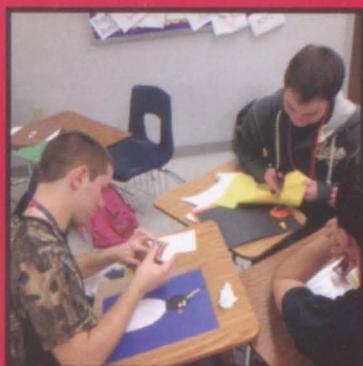
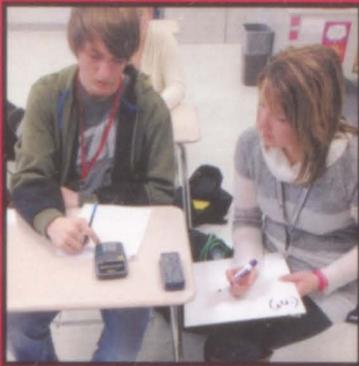
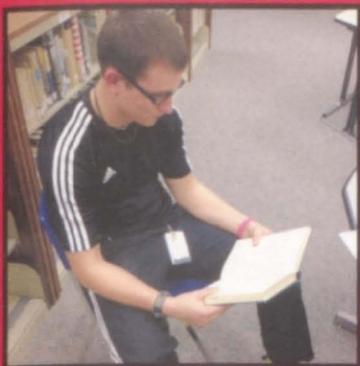


Seniors Devonn DeLong, Will Thomae, Kodi Burdick, Josh Swindle, John Meadows, and Trent Gnaedinger entertain the audience at the 2014 Coffee House Cabaret. The boys hosted the show by announcing the acts and even participating in some performances of their own.

By
Courtney Billhartz

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Our Academics

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English Department



Working in the library lab, sophomores Lauren Bardill and Will Greenwald research background information on *To Kill A Mockingbird* for Mrs. Kloss's English II class.

The English Department at Highland High School offered a wide range of classes. Students met the four required English credits in a variety of ways. The core classes were offered in basic, regular, and honors levels. Teachers such as Mrs. Kloss, Mrs. Case, and Mrs. Martz gave lessons in vocabulary, basic writing skills, and literature. Other English Department teachers included Ms. Romero, Ms. Swank, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Fredericksen, and Ms. Dobbs. "I love working with teens on the writing process. Seeing my students improve over the course of the school year is rewarding," said Mrs. Kloss, Composition and English II teacher. We also offered many English electives aside from the core classes. Composition, Creative Writing, Literature of the Holocaust, and Public Speaking were just a few examples. These classes allowed students to experience a different side of English rather than vocabulary, literature and grammar lessons. Creative Writing and Composition granted students the power to learn the art of skillful writing. Electives like Science Fiction let students explore how short stories, television shows, and movies have developed over the past half century.

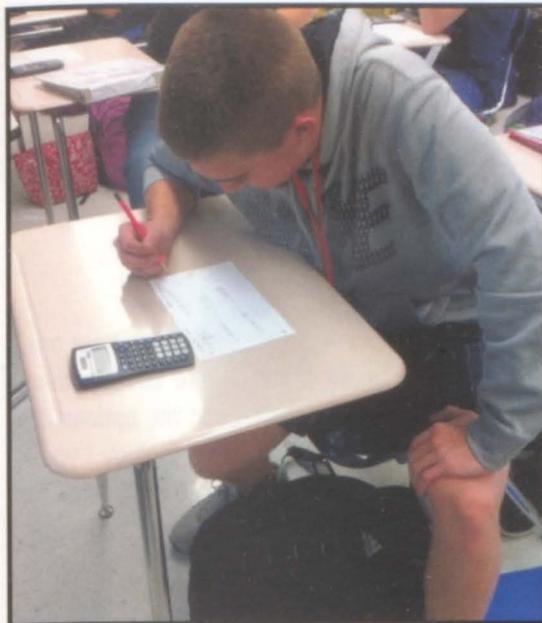


In Mrs. Case's English I class, Tanner Huelsman, 9, reads *Night* by Elie Wiesel while Grace Curry, 9, fills out a Quote Incorporation and Character Development paper. Each student filled out one of these sheets for each chapter of the book. The sheets taught the students to summarize what they learned about each character in the chapter.

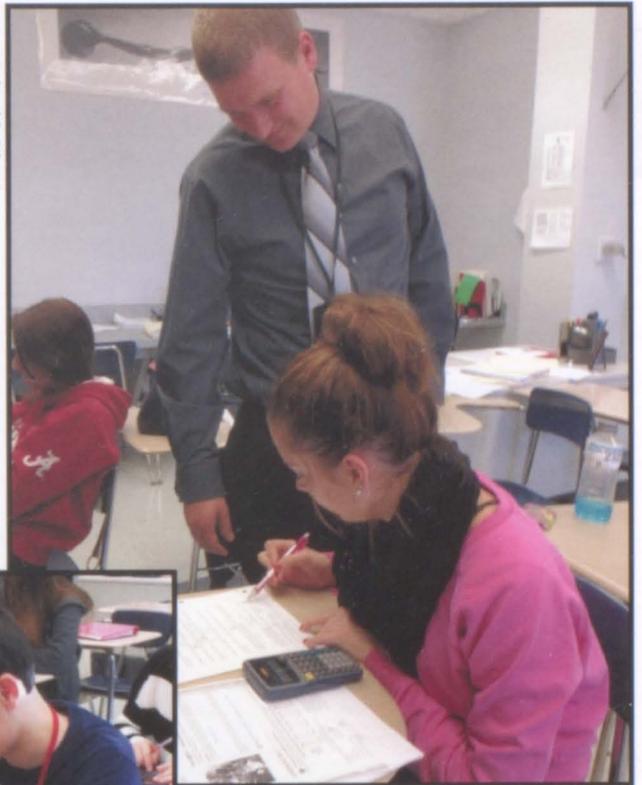


Juniors Katy Diaber, Olivia LaPorta, and Joe Range act out *The Crucible* in Mrs. Martz Honors English III class. The students used props to bring the roles of the witches to life.

By Courtney Billhartz



At the end of the day Mr. James guides Cierra McKee, 12, in the right direction after she asked a question about her Statistics post test worksheet.



Tyler Pollard, 10, double checks his warm-up at the beginning of Mrs. Duncan's Honors Algebra II class to make sure his answers are accurate.



During Mrs. Duncan's seventh block Honors Algebra II class Jordan VonBokel, 10, and Cameron Huffman, 10, work together and figure out a tough homework problem.

Divide and Conquer

Students took a wide variety of math classes to reach their three required credits to graduate. From Algebra to Geometry to the new class, Statistics, students were able to custom build their course load. Each concept that students learned, helped them to grow and move onto the next step. The math department teachers worked one on one with students and helped them fully understand the concepts they were learning. Mrs. Kimmle, Honors Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II teacher, said "I get excited when students can see the relevance of the math skills they are learning to real life applications." Mr. Hawkins, Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II teacher said, "The relationship in the classroom with the students is most enjoyable and teaching math is always a blast for me." Other math department teachers included, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Misick, Mrs. Ayer, Mr. James, and Mr. Uhls. The main goal of these teachers was to prepare students to use math skills that they will need later in life. All the aspects of the math department, from the subjects to the teachers really helped to build a strong understanding of math for each student.

Math Department

By Carrie Gibbons

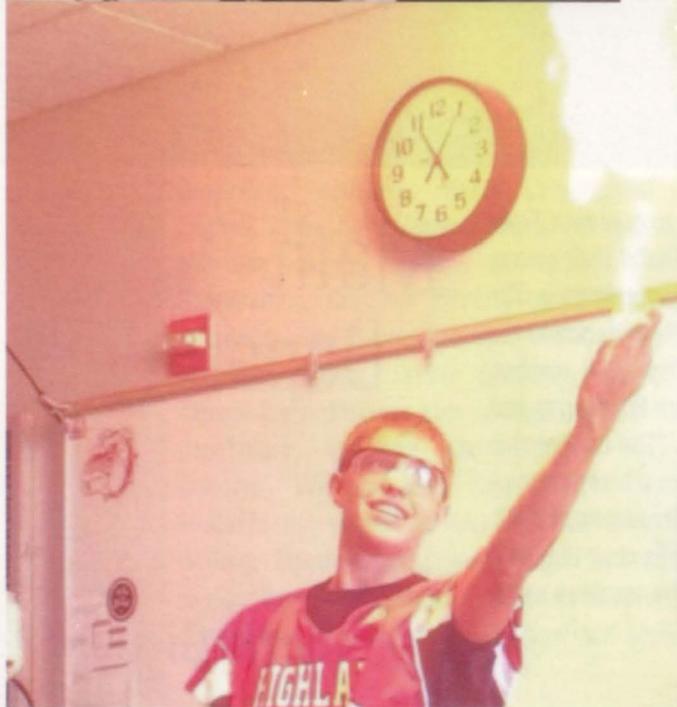
All Hands on Lab

Science Department

All the hands-on labs and exciting curriculum made the science department one of the favorites of students. With a large variety of classes to choose from, students took the classes that fit best for them. Freshmen had the options of Honors Biology I or Integrated Science. Honors Chemistry I and Biology I were taken by sophomores. Junior year, some students took Advanced Placement, or AP Biology. Juniors could also take Chemistry I or II or Anatomy and Physiology. Students who were seniors took classes such as Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, or Physics I. Students did exciting labs, learned the functions of their bodies, and studied the scientific laws of our world. Much of what students learned in science classes could be applied to real world situations. When asked about the new common core standards, Biology teacher Mrs. Ramsey said, "Science classrooms have always stressed finding evidence through data and observations. The Common Core standards work with current science practices to ensure that our students are able to read text for information, follow procedures, and think critically."

Alyssa Kuczka, 12, prepares to drop her egg on a landing pad in her Physics class. The object of the experiment was to drop the egg without it breaking once it hit the landing pad.

By
Morgan Korte

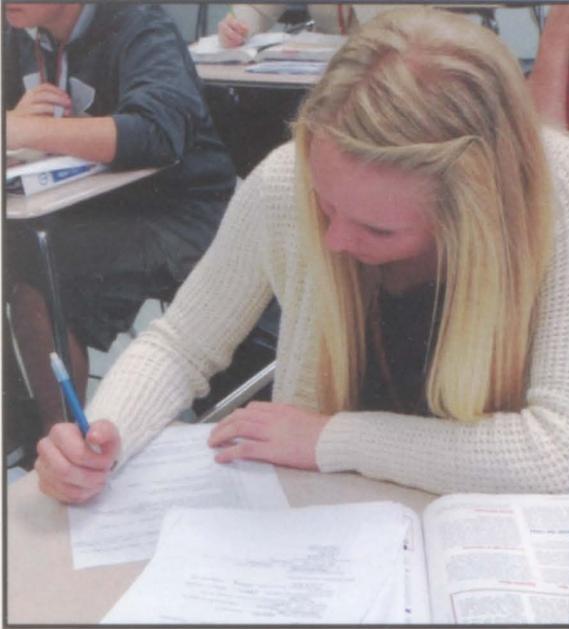


Without burning his hands, senior Tyler Vonder Haar successfully completes his AP fire experiment.

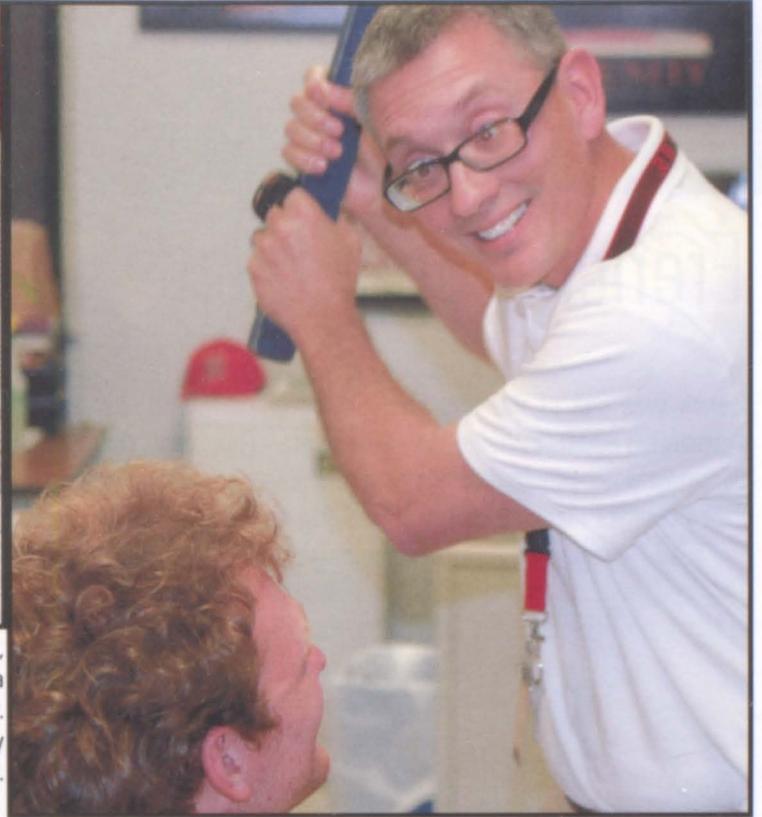


Nicole Beaubien, 9, and Montana Gilbert, 9, wrap up an experiment in which they saw the effect of different amounts of light on photosynthesis in their Honor Biology I class.

Brooke Hustedde, 11, completes a World History worksheet in Mr. Weber's class.



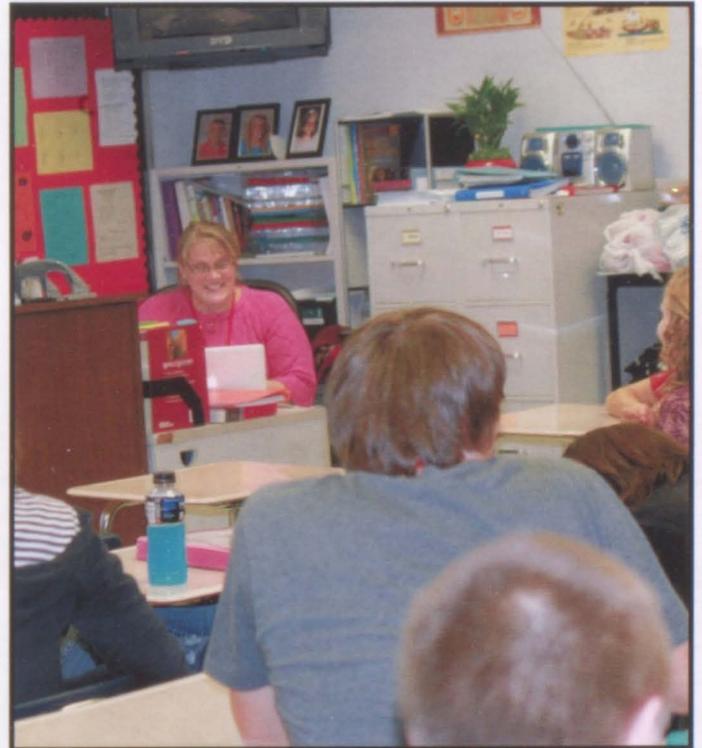
Jonathon Meadows, 12, happened to answer a question wrong in Mr. Strong's Sociology class.



History In Our World

By Cam Loyet

The History Department offered many classes, and interesting electives. All freshmen were required to take a World History class in which two millennium were covered from the Ancient Greeks to the ongoing war in the Middle East. Sophomores took European History upon their journey to receive three history credits. Juniors were most focused on passing the U.S. and Illinois Constitution tests. Many seniors opted to take A. P. Microeconomics, taught by Mr. Holt. In Economics and A.P. Economics, both taught by Mr. Holt, students learned about the inner workings of the U.S. economy. Seniors who did not take Economics, took Psychology and Sociology with Mr. Strong. In Psychology and Sociology students were taught to think about their surroundings in a broader sense and open their minds. Another class that was highly popular was American Civil War. Mr. Hawkins took his students on a journey through our nation's most gruesome war via first hand accounts and literature.



The students in Mrs. Beyer's World History class just finished a difficult quiz and wait for the dismissal bell.

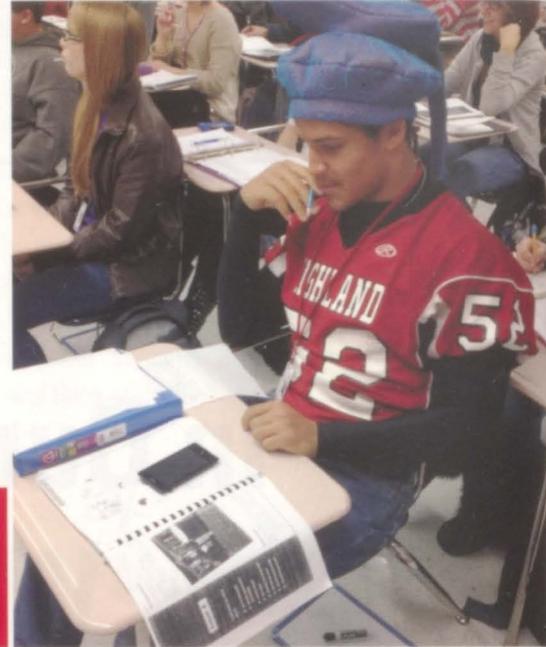
History Department

Pardon My French

French Department

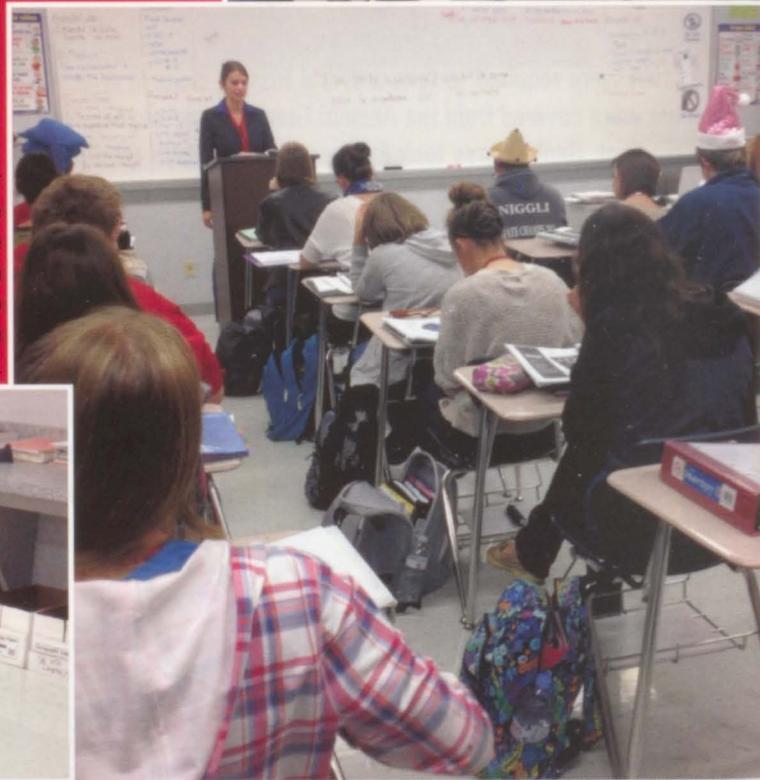
French was one of the two foreign languages offered. The French Department staff included Mrs. Schwarz. This year the French Department participated in many interesting, fun activities. One of their activities included taking a field trip to the Fox Theater, in St. Louis, on November third to see the musical *Beauty and the Beast*. The students also participated in a cooking class at the high school taught by former foods' teacher, Mrs. Wagner. They made traditional French dishes such as Yule Log Cake, crepes, and quiche. During Christmas time they explored cultural traditions that occurred in France. They learned about growing of the Wheat of Hope, King's Bread, Carnival, and mask making. The rest of the year Mrs. Schwarz taught sentence structure, vocabulary, grammar, and conjugating verbs. Mireille Beaubien, 11, said, "I love French class because we work in groups a lot, so you get to know everyone in the class." This was the last year upper level French was offered as a class.

Kodi Burdick, 12, looks at his notes during class. He is wearing a hat which was given to Mrs. Schwarz by last year's seniors.



By
Lauren Lutostanski

Mrs. Schwarz goes over the warm up at the beginning of class. The class has a warm up every day. This warm up lesson was about the French police.



Olivia Hickey, 12, takes notes from the white board.





Ms. Goforth hands back and goes over tests with her Honors Spanish III class.



Seniors, Jaden Jarvis, Shannon Frank, and Kristin Hoyt, mix the ingredients to their guacamole. Mrs. Deets's SWIC Spanish IV class prepared guacamole as an activity to go along with their vocabulary words.

Mrs. Wagenblasts's Spanish II class watches 'Real Madrid' in class. The movie followed the Spanish professional soccer team, going along with the cultural portion of their chapter.



La Clase de Español

Spanish Department

Spanish classes came with homework, tests, and a little stress, just like all other classes. They also came with fun cultural activities to accompany the school work. The Spanish Department staff included Mrs. Krista Schwarz, Spanish I, Mrs. Hillary Wagenblast, Spanish I, II, III, and IV, Mrs. Karen Twyford, Spanish I, II, Honors III, and AP IV, and Mrs. Michelle Deets, SWIC Spanish III and IV. First semester also included student teacher, Ms. Goforth, who taught with Twyford. Those who chose to take the SWIC Spanish route their junior and senior years received college and high school credits while enrolled in the class. While those who chose the Honors and AP track earned a weighted grade. Many activities, related to Spanish or Mexican culture, were used in class. From making paper skeletons on Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to cooking guacamole when the vocabulary was food-based, the teachers kept their students occupied. "It's really difficult but I'm catching on! I'll probably take Spanish all four years," said Sarah Beth Weigman, 9. Many students said that Spanish II was a big step up from Spanish I, because the curriculum included learning three new tenses, preterite, imperfect and past.

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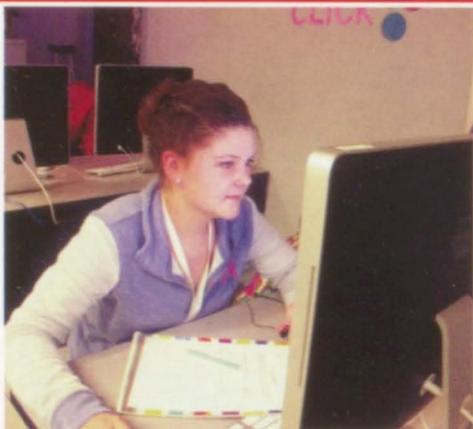
Business Department

HHS offered a variety of classes aimed at providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the fast paced world of modern business. The educators who took up this responsibility were Mrs. Jansen, Mrs. Perkes, and Mr. Vance. Mrs. Jansen's classes included Microsoft Word and Business Presentation, Spreadsheets, Computer Concepts, and Accounting. Classes offered by Mrs. Perkes were Computer Graphics, Desktop Publishing, and Programming. With a less technological approach at business, Mr. Vance taught classes including Business Ethics, Co Op and Consumer Education. Students planning on entering business had the opportunity to join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), a club operated by Jansen and Perkes, with the intent of furthering business experience beyond the classroom. FBLA participated in many extracurricular learning encounters, including guest speakers, seminars, and the annual regional convention, which engaged schools in friendly competitions.



FBLA officers President Kevin Wang, VP Brock Portell, Reporter Jessica Zobrist, and Treasurer Bethie Rey meet in Mrs. Jansen's room to discuss activities.

Making Bank



Claire Litzenburg, 11, works on an assignment for her second hour Desktop Publishing class. Here she creates a magazine cover with photoshop.



Mr. Vance's fourth hour class packs a full room in his Freshmen Consumer Ed. course.



Typing away, Devon Henson, 11, improves his WPM in Mrs. Jansen's second period class.

By
Cathleen Yung

Home is Where the Heart is

Classes including Foods I and II, Childhood Development, Childhood and Daycare Services I and II, Adult Living, and Parenting were offered in the Family and Consumer Science Department. These classes were taught by Mrs. Jones. In these classes students learned different aspects of life and how to deal with real life situations. Foods I and II were classes freshman through seniors took to learn how to prepare appetizers, main courses, and desserts. Different baking contests were held throughout the year to see who the best chefs were in the high school. In Child Development students took home a mechanical baby for a weekend and learned how day-to-day life would be with a child. Childhood and Daycare Services I and II were classes that students took to learn the aspects of caring for one or more children. They visited a nearby daycare to observe child behaviors. Adult Living and Parenting were classes that taught students about taking care of children on a daily basis.



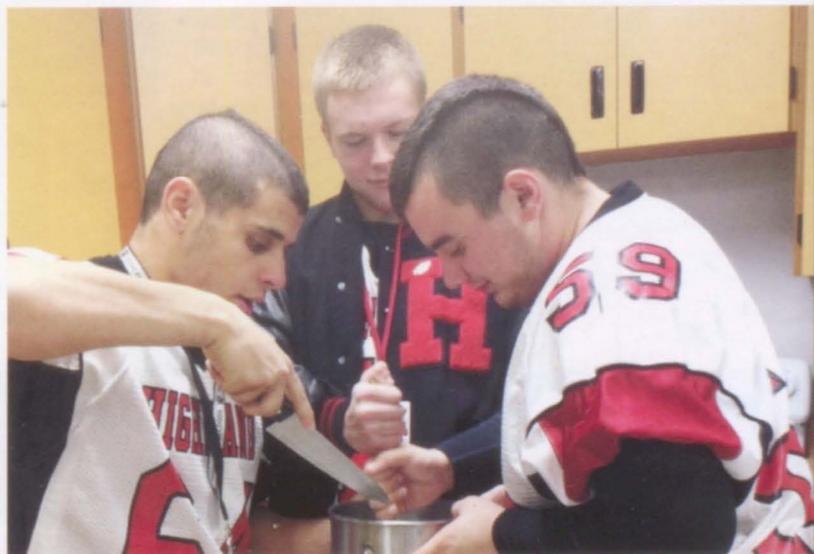
Mckenzie Rosen, 10, stops in the hallway between second and third period to feed her mechanical baby. She first had to scan her bracelet to notify the teacher that she was there and then had to feed the baby.



Julia Dillow, 11, and Lauren Flesch, 11, along with Kaylea Jones, 11, and Katie Volker, 10, laugh at a joke before class. They learned about how to decorate cakes in Foods I.

By
Kristin Potthast

Seniors, Ben Zuccarelli, Jake Wellen, and Troy Schneider, chop up meat in a bowl. They used the meat to make their chili in the chili cook off. After winning the cook off, they shared their chili with other students.



Family & Consumer Science Department

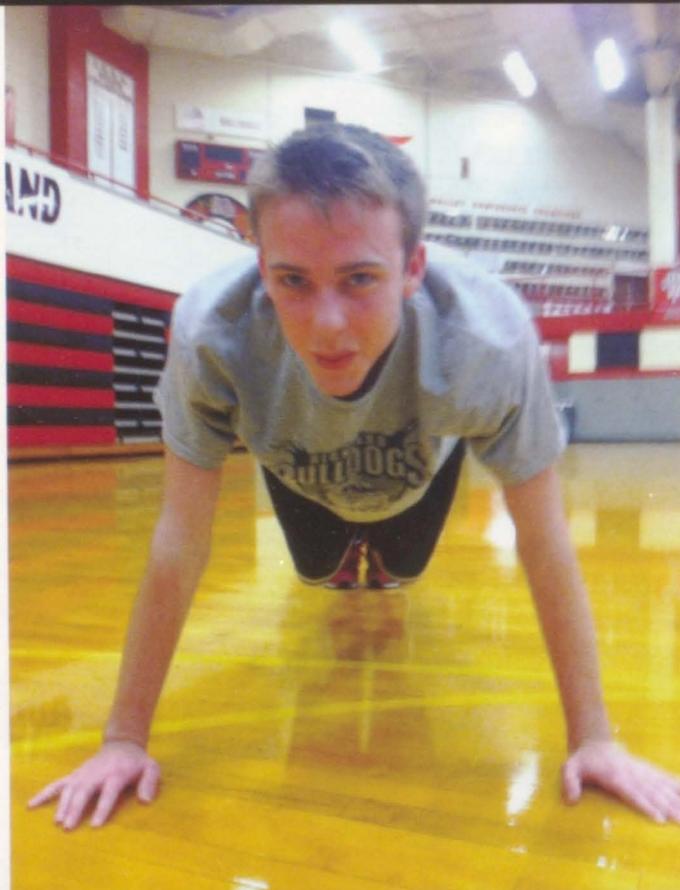
Family and Consumer Science Dep



During the hockey unit students competed in groups of ten. Mariah Thuenamann, 9, plays goalie for her team during their hockey game in class.



Waiting on the bench for Mr. Elledge, are Mathew Torre, 12, Anthony Alberternst, 11, Scott Range, 12, Analyse Lampe, 11, and Devon Friedel, 12.



Along with his fellow classmates, Kody Welch, 12, participates in the daily warm ups doing 20 push ups.

The Physical Education Department offered classes for freshmen through seniors to take as electives. To start off a typical period, the class ran warm up laps and then lined up to do their exercises. The warm ups normally consisted of push ups, sit ups and a variety of stretches. After warming up, the students started their unit. The units were set up so that the classes played a variety of sports over the course of the year. Some of the units were basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, dodge ball, mat ball and archery. Mr. Elledge said, "I enjoyed our addition of weight lifting to the curriculum this year. It helps our students develop skills they can use in our other activities." Unfortunately, this year the students were not able to go bowling because the shortened classes would not allow them enough time. The teachers for this department were Mr. Mark Geppert, Mr. Jim Warnecke, Mrs. Jodi Hall, Mr. Caleb Houchins, Mr. Matt Elledge, Mrs. Molly Hayes and Mr. Bob Vance.

By Jessica Zobrist

Lets Get Physical

Physical Education Department

Build Me Up

By Brock Portell

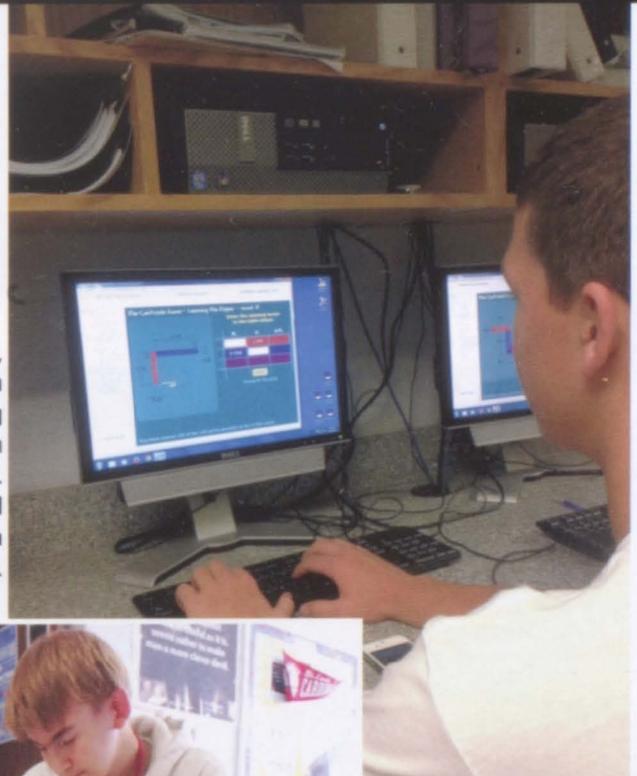
The Engineering Department had a packed year of learning and projects. Students took engineering classes such as Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Intro into Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Design and Development. Luke Thomae, 11, said, "A lot of my friends were signed up for this class, so I joined PLTW too." The teachers in the engineering department were Mr. Max Uhls and Mr. Chris Durbin, and a student teacher Mr. Baker. All the teachers stressed the math that was involved in engineering and explained how important every problem was to their success in the class. Students were taught many different techniques to use when designing tools and structures. One of the projects the PLTW kids completed was the construction of a catapult that could launch a ping pong ball a measurable distance. If the students could not hit a target that was the desired distance away, they did not earn the grades they wanted. Students had to create many different things all year, the catapult was just one of them. Sophomore Austin Brown said, "The best part about it was bonding with my teammates."

Engineering Department



Sophomore, Matt Kleinmann figures out a way to make his design more efficient. His team had to launch a ball at least five feet when test day came.

Will Michael, 10, works on an engineering program during PLTW. Will designed a building for a class project.



Rory Brinker, 9, releases his sling shot, firing away his ping pong ball. His team's creation was successful, shooting past the goal of five tiles in the hallway.

Keepin' It Country

Agriculture Department

The Agriculture Department provided a variety of classes to students and taught valuable life skills. The classes offered in the Ag Department were Introduction to Agriculture, Welding 1 and 2, Industrial Education 1 and 2, Pre-Vet, Agriculture Machinery, Physical Science Application in Agriculture, Floral Design, and Agriculture Science. In many classes, students had the opportunity to learn trades and received hands-on experience working with machinery. Devon Frank, 10, said, "These classes help prepare me for the job I hope to have after high school." Some hands-on skills learned were welding, wood working, construction, and greenhouse management. Pre-Vet taught students about animals and veterinary techniques. Ag Business Management was a class students were glad to have because their co-op sold Ski soda during passing periods. Industrial Ed 1 and 2 taught the basics of welding, wood shop, blueprinting, and electrical principles. Welding 1 and 2 gave the opportunity for upperclassmen to earn college credit and learn skilled welding techniques. The Ag Department showed students how to learn without sitting behind a desk, and the teachers, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Schmitz, and Mr. Jones were mentors to many students.



Blake Hustedde, 12, uses the acetylene torch to make a cut on a piece of metal in Welding II.



Derek Frey, 12, uses his left hand to keep the piece of wood sturdy while he runs the hand saw over it.



Seniors Jacob Wernle and Tyler Korte work together to nail siding to a Christmas display house that the city asked the Ag Department to repair.

By
Amber Hubbard

Living In Color

Art Department

The Art Department offered the classes of Art I, Art II, Painting I, Painting II, Advanced Drawing, Ceramics, and AP Art. The AP Art students worked on more individual projects this year and they had more freedom. Sutton Allen, 12 said "In AP art I had to learn to think for myself more compared to previous years." In Ceramics I the students got to make many things ranging from plates to abstract houses. Junior, Mireille Beaubien, said, "In Painting II we worked a lot with texture and shape while painting. We also did a project with layers and showing shape." In Art I the students worked on shading with pencils. "My last Advanced drawing project I worked on was pen work," said Paige Ahlgren, 12.

By
Maggie Keeven



Olivia Hickey, 12 works on her Breathe Project for AP Art. Olivia said, "For this project we were supposed to take one part of the body that describes us. I chose my smile."



During last period Art, Summer Allen, 10 looks through an art book to get ideas for her next painting.

In the art room, Painting I and II worked on a drawing of a chair. Abby Sloan, 11 said, "In this section we are working on drawing shapes."





Courtney Cathey,9, Baylee Stone,9, Victoria Moss,10, Moira Lynott,11, Cheyenne Tremmel,9, and Katie Manley,12, review scores of holiday music in second period Treble Choir.



Victoria Moss,10, Tasha Kernan, 11, and Josie Kutz, 12, practice their alto parts for "Silent Night" in preparation for their holiday performance on December 2nd. Mrs. Hoepfner accompanies them on the

The fourth period A Capella choir practices with substitute teacher, Mrs. Hoepfner.



Singing For Joy

Chorus Department

All of HHS's choral classes were directed by Mrs. Ruebhausen, this included the A Capella chorus, and Treble Choir. Treble Choir was an elective class that female students interested in musical studies could take. A Capella required students to try out for a part in the chorus and accepted guys as well. Treble Choir performed twice annually in a holiday concert in December, and also a winter concert, in February. A Capella performed in the Veteran's Day assembly, and also hosted their own holiday and winter concerts. Both choirs practiced throughout the fall to deliver the best performance possible. "Plenty of practice is a good thing. I never realized how pitch-deaf I was before. I've also gotten a lot better at reading music," said Treble Choir alto, Tasha Kernan,11. Every weekday during second hour, Treble Choir met, and A Capella during fourth hour. This allowed them to practice and improve every day, which created a cohesive chorus that gave outstanding concert performances throughout the year.

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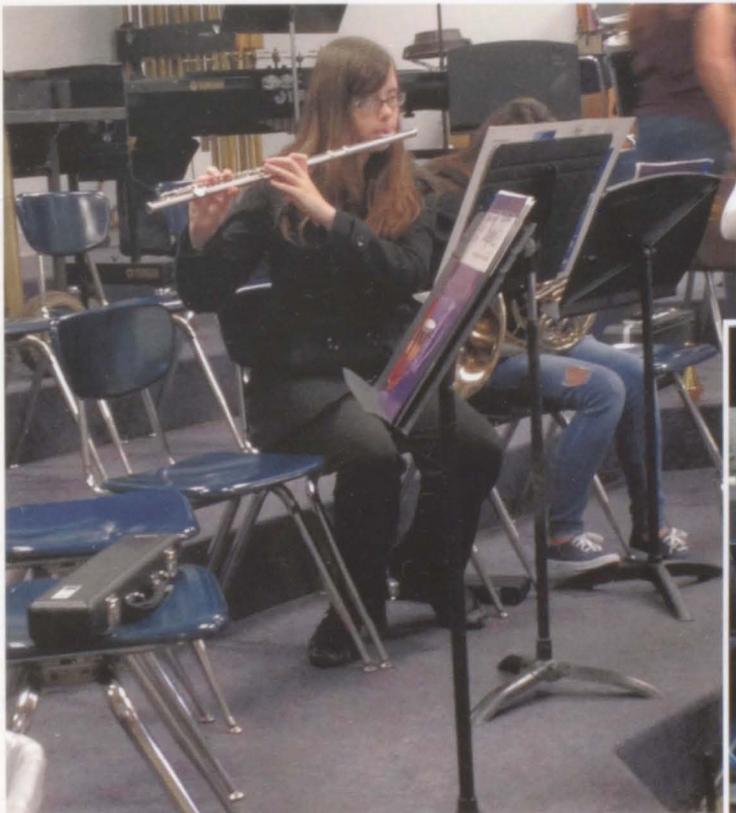
An audition was held to find members for Symphonic Band or Concert Band, directed by Trent Mason, after Marching Band season was over. Even with two weeks to be ready for the audition, Tamera Hanna, 11, said, "The auditions were very nerve racking and sight reading was the hardest part." Every musician had a different piece of music to perform. The Symphonic Band had a higher level of skill then Concert Band. The winter concert compositions consisted of challenging musical pieces, and it was held in the Highland Elementary School auditorium on December 10, 2013. The Concert Band performed A Charles Dickens Christmas by William Ryder, Along The Caney Fork by James L. Hosay and A Capricorn Moon by Roland Barrett. The Symphonic Band performed Strathcarron by Philip Sparke, Times Uncertain Wing by David R. Gillingham, and Eviler Elves by James Kazik.

Banded Together

By Molly Schutzenhofer

Band Department

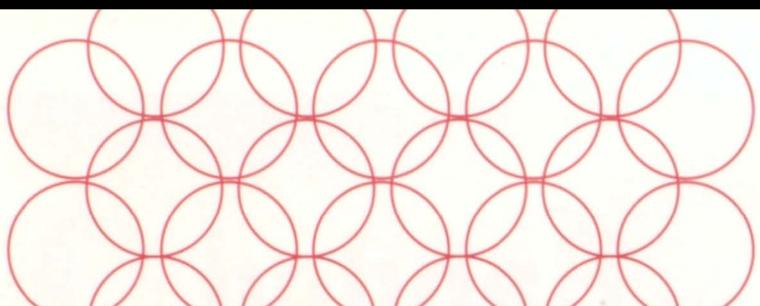
Flutist Alison Zeller, 11, warms up her flute in the band room before class starts.



In the band room, junior Darrin Reinhardt practices scales on his trombone.



Katelynn Capps, 9, and Summer Paolini, 9, practice A Capricorn Moon by James L. Hosay, during study hall to get extra practice time in before the concert.



Stomping To The Beat

Marching Band & Color Guard

The Marching Band practiced in the hot sun all summer, and it paid off in the end. The band had practice three days a week from nine in the morning until three in the afternoon. Every year the Marching Band attended a camp where they had six 14 hour days of marching, learning to play new music, and new drills. The band work placed third at The University of Illinois competition which had more than 50 marching bands. They also placed second out of 27 bands at the Effingham competition. Lastly, they ended their season strong at Newton when they placed first in their class, first in percussion, and first in music. Katlyn Lucia said, "I was proud of all the accomplishments and the way the season ended." The Color Guard worked through the summer as well. They attended Guard Camp at EIU Monday through Saturday. They stayed in the dorms and practiced everyday from ten in the morning to eight at night, except on Saturday when they only practiced until six. This camp allowed the girls to bond with each other as well as other color guard teams. Mariah Voyles said, My favorite moment was when we had the same exact dress up as another team and we all took pictures with them." During the school season the Color Guard lost its first match. So they increased practice time and they drilled after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from five to eight and on Thursdays three to five thirty. They won first at Newton and Second at Effingham.

"My best memory was anything and everything about band camp."

-Amir Afshar, 12

Amir Afshar, 12 and Josh Case, 12, play their saxophones at a home game on a Friday night for the half-time performance.



After placing third overall at University of Illinois Devon DeLong, 12 and the band celebrate. Devon said, "The band poured a lot of effort into this season, and there is no better feeling than accomplishing a goal like U of I."

By Kayleigh Hester and Maggie Keeven

The color guard goes through their routine for half time at a home football game.



The band played "Recovering Helen" at the competition in Newton where they placed first. Ben Leman said, "I think we preformed very well at Newton and I was proud of what we accomplished there."



Taylor Barker, 11, at halftime during a home football game, nails her weapons routine for color guard.



Morgan Wheeler, 12, Megan Widman, 12, and Mariah Voyles, 12, lead the team through their flag routine at practice.



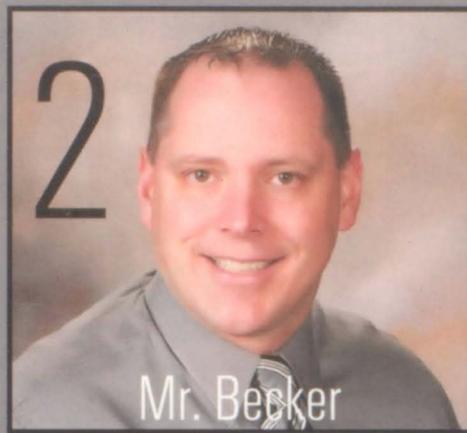
The color guard girls pose for a picture after an afternoon practice.



Meghan Widman, 12, holds her flag at rest during a competition hosted by Edwardsville High School in September.



Sophomore Josh Kineke



Mr. Becker



Senior Ben Zuccarelli



Junior Jayden Shelton



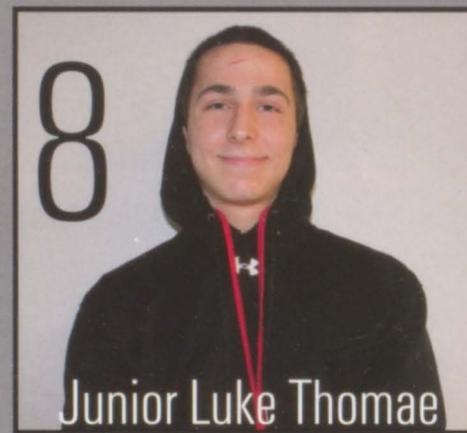
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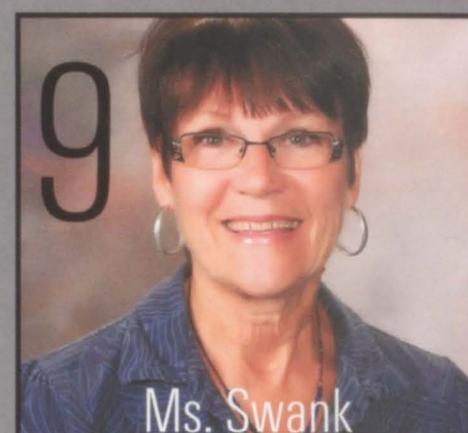
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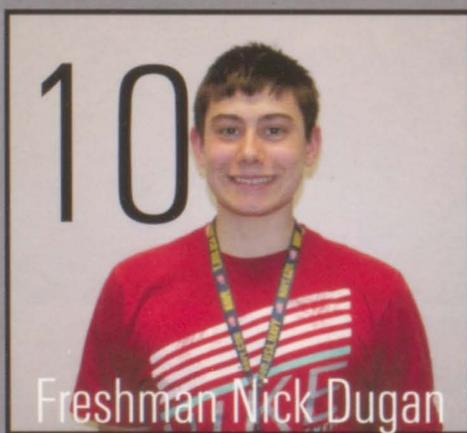
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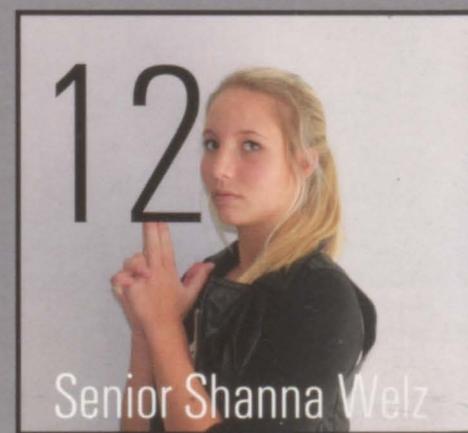
Ms. Swank



Freshman Nick Dugan



Sophomore Alyssa Anderson



Senior Shanna Welz

Know Your School

Do you really know the people you pass in the halls?

How many of us really know everyone in our school? To the left are 12 pictures of HHS students ranging from freshmen to seniors, and even some faculty. Below are their secret talents and things you may not know about them. Test yourself by matching the quote to the person. You might know the names of most, but did you know these interesting facts?

A "I can lay a cool beat."

B "I can do the splits."

C "I'm a vegetarian."

D "I go rock climbing."

E "I love Zac Brown Band."

F "I'm a wizard at Minecraft."

G "I lived in Italy for a year."

H "I'm good at bird calls."

I "I can walk on my hands."

J "I can play the bugle."

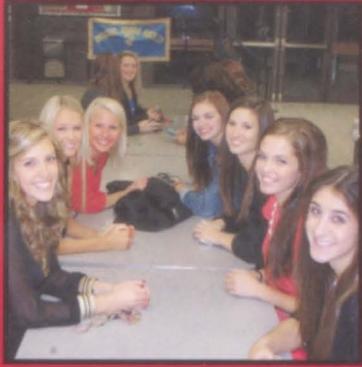
K "My real name is Vanessa"

L "I cut my finger off once."

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Welcome To . . .





Our Clubs

Student Council

By Kayleigh Hester

Student Council was a group of students from each grade level that worked together to make student life better. The authority figures were the president Lauren Hammel, 12, the secretary Rachael Dugan, 12, the vice president Megan Widman, 12, and the treasurer Matt Beyer, 10. One of the biggest accomplishments of Student Council was their hosting of the Homecoming Dance. Student Council planned the dance, coronation, the homecoming week activities, and the pep assembly. They worked after school and weekends to get the job done. Some other accomplishments of Student Council included the food pantry donation for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Student Council hosted a trivia night for the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, and they contributed in the creation of more healthy choice options in the cafeteria. In January, the cafeteria added a fresh salad and deli bar to the regular menu.



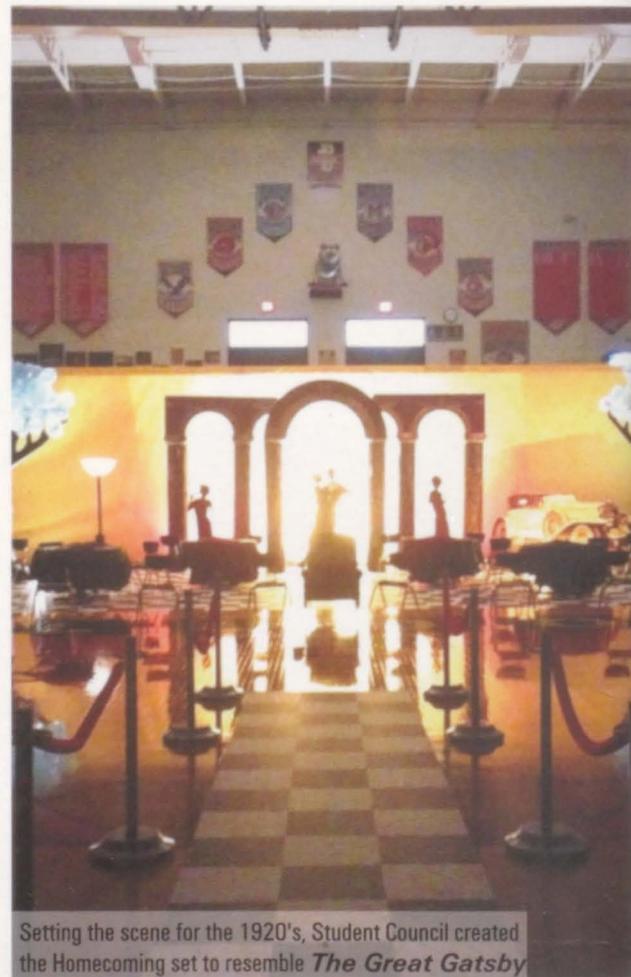
"I've enjoyed my time in Student Council, specifically being president. I always had the final say."
-Lauren Hammel, 12



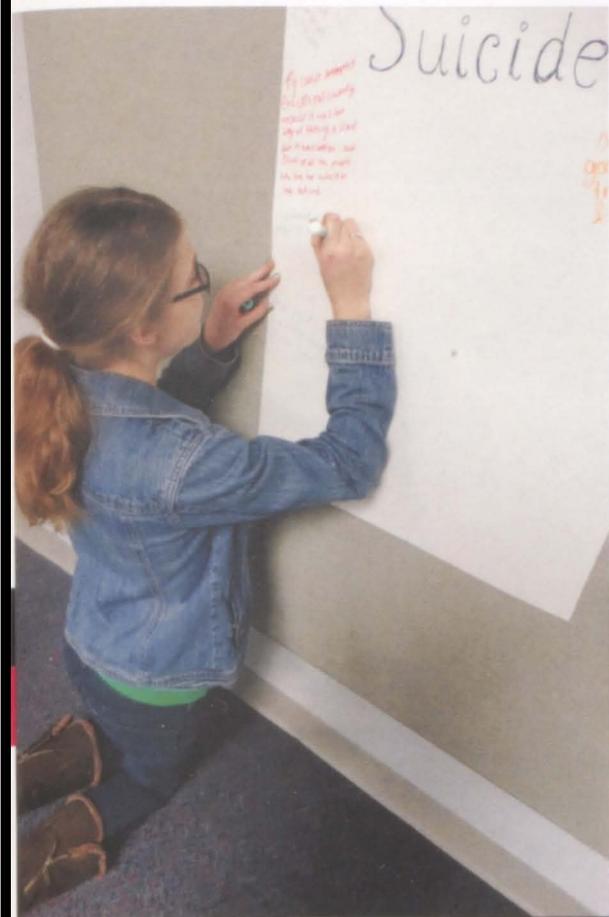
"Student Council was fun and it taught me a lot about teamwork."
-Matt Beyer, 10



Front Row: Lauren Hammel, 12, Megan Widman, 12, Rachael Amaro, 12, Allison Zobrist, 10, Lauren Wright, 10, Kennedy Riedemann, 9, Kayleigh Hester, 12, Morgan Sikora, 11. Back Row: Rachael Dugan, 12, Nick Dugan, 9, Tyler Pollard, 10, Austin Brown, 10, Joey Rittenhouse, 10, Breanna Maas, 9, Kelsey Lane, 10, Trent Carriger, 10, Matt Beyer, 10.



Setting the scene for the 1920's, Student Council created the Homecoming set to resemble *The Great Gatsby*



Alyssa Bitticks, 10, Beylee Stone, 9, Reagan Smith, 9, Rachel Kampwerth, 11, and Amelia Garde, 10, watch as Vice President, Kendra Wiegand, 12, gives a presentation on mental disorders.

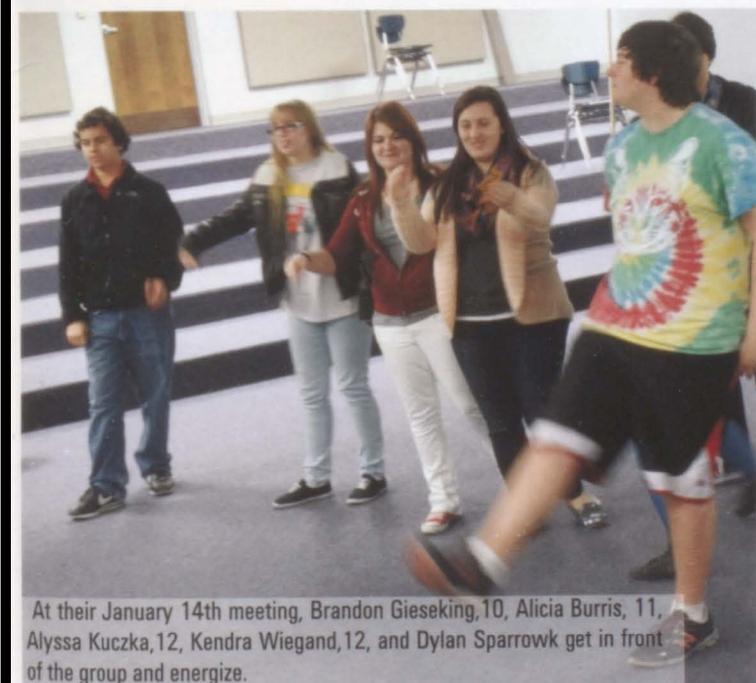


Guard Dogs

Guard Dogs had a change up this year. Unlike most years they did not have a retreat in the fall due to lack of participation. They were still able to keep their club going with meetings throughout the year. This club was different than most because students dropped in whenever they liked and all new people were welcomed! This made for a nice turnout of people at each one of their meetings. At the meetings they had an activity or game to play and then they moved on to listening circles. In the listening circles students confided in their peers and talked about any problems that they were having related to the topic of the meeting. Mariah Voyles, 12, said, "My favorite part about this year has been incorporating some of the retreat activities that we didn't get to do into our meetings such as the "trust fall" and the "mouse trap game." In the spring, the club had their senior farewell. Any senior who attended a retreat was invited. They had snacks and group activities to celebrate the graduating guard dogs.

By Jessica Zobrist

"This club has taught me a lot about myself and how to be an effective leader." -Kendra Wiegand, 12



At their January 14th meeting, Brandon Gieseck, 10, Alicia Burris, 11, Alyssa Kuczka, 12, Kendra Wiegand, 12, and Dylan Sparrowk get in front of the group and energize.

Zander Hayes, 10, and Anastia Saponova, 12, jot down ideas to help prevent anorexia.



Model UN

Model United Nations (U.N.), which began in 1927 at Harvard University, was created to give students the opportunity to put themselves in the shoes of the actual ambassadors of today's U.N. Delegates learned how to research, speak publicly, debate, and think critically. When asked about this year's debate topics, Ben Leman, 11, said, "The topics we discussed ranged from Nuclear Proliferation, Women's Rights, The Crisis in Syria, the Millennium Development, etc." This year's delegates represented one of four countries: Denmark, Rwanda, Egypt, and the United Kingdom. Each country was split up among two or three Model U.N. representatives who researched for hours to prepare for the McKendree University Conferences in the fall and spring. Zach Wesselmann, 11, said, "There are no winners or losers; we simply share world knowledge through debate."

By Cam Loyet

What was your favorite topic of the year?

"My favorite was the Millennium Development Goals."

-Ben Leman, 11

"The Crisis in Syria was an interesting topic."

-Darrin Reinhardt, 11



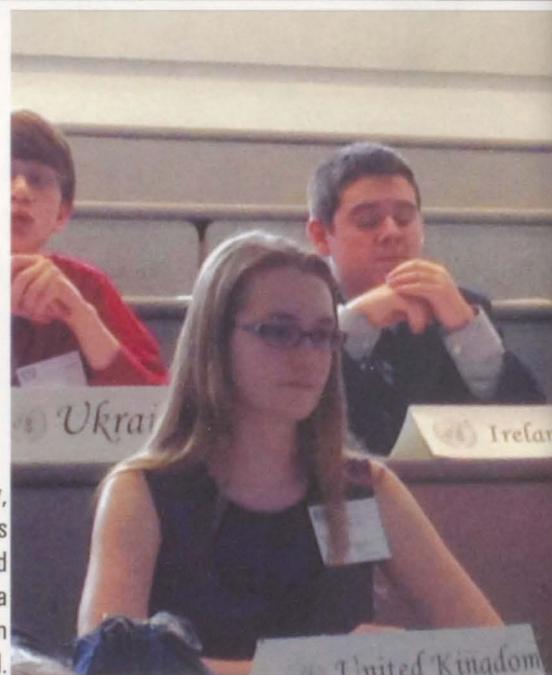
Front Row: Courtney Henghold, 9, Sydney Nyquist, 9, Ben Leman, 11, Olivia Hickey, 12, Lillie Budwell, 10, Back Row: Alex Dugan, 11, Will Thomae, 12, Zach Wesselmann, 11, Darrin Reinhardt, 11, Abbey Metzler, 10, Taylor Whitten, 9, Katie McGlasson, 9.



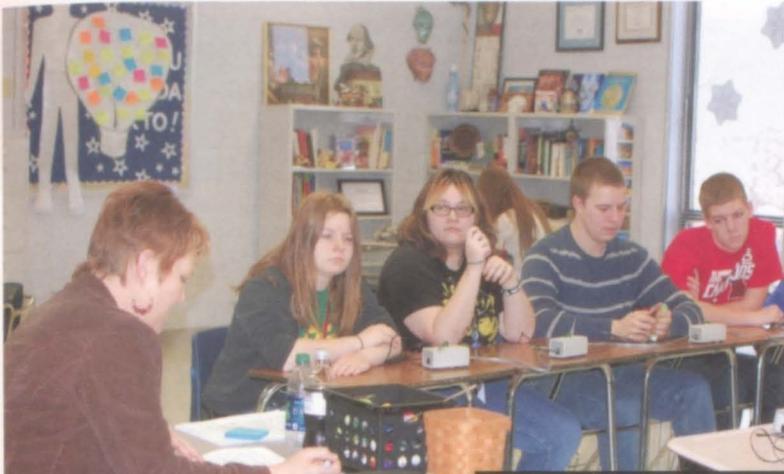
On the way to the McKendree Model U.N. Conference, the delegates stopped for food and play at the McDonald's in Lebanon. Darrin Reinhardt, 11, climbs the monkey bars.



Darrin Reinhardt, 11, competes at the McKendree Model U.N. Conference against numerous students from across the Midwest area.



Olivia Hickey, 12, represents the United Kingdom. Olivia held the position of first political.



Mrs. Fredericksen reads a question to students Sam Potter, 11, Audrey Fuesting, 12, Zach Goring, 12, and J.R.Tcherney, 10 of the green team.



One of the green team member's buzzer lights up for an answer as Junior, Trevor Langhauser, looks on.



Looking to Mrs. Fredericksen (not pictured) Madelyn Shively, 10, and Caleb Denby, 9, listen to a history question directed at their team.

Scholar Bowl

By Cathleen Yung

Scholar Bowl was an extracurricular academics team that students had the option of joining. Directed by Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Fredericksen, Scholar Bowl allowed students to learn and showcase their knowledge, while still having fun. As a competitive club, the team traveled to other schools and competed in trivia-style face offs with tough competitors including Mater Dei and O'Fallon. However, the true purpose of the Scholar Bowl was not to win meets, but to create a fun yet constructive environment for students to continue their learning beyond the classroom. For practice, students were divided into two teams (red and green). The mediator then asked questions. If a student thought he knew the answer, he had to beat his other teammates, and the opposing side to the buzzer. If the answer buzzed in was incorrect, then the question went to the other team. For competition, players were switched out at halftime, depending on how they were scoring. Coaches could also call time outs and replace players. Questions were challenging and included literature, mythology, geography, calculus, trigonometry, physics, astronomy, philosophy, art, and music.



Front Row: Lena Giger, 12, Lauren Hamil, 12, Caleb Denby, 9, Sydney Nyquist, 9, Caroline Menz, 12, Audrey Fuesting, 12, Olivia Hickey, 12. Back Row: Matt Beyer, 10, J.R. Tcherney, 10, Abby Metzler, 10, Zach Goring, 12, Luke Goring, 11, Justin Wagoner, 9, Jordan Comish, 11, Evan Goedelmann.

"Every victory has been an important accomplishment for us."

-Mrs. Meyer, coach

French Club



Front Row: Mekayle Hitch, 11, Morgan Wheeler, 12, Alyssa Kuczka, 12, Kylie Burdick, 11, and Emily Wiegand, 10. Middle Row: Alicia Burns, 11, Moira Lynott, 11, Stephanie Olivares, 10, Mary Austin, 10, Olivia Hickey, 12, Adam Kelso, 10, and Katie Smith, 10. Back Row: Matt Hoffman, 11, Devon Delong, 12, Kodi Burdick, 12, Samuel Fredrickson, 11, Marcus McGill, 11, Hanna Trout, 12, Mireille Beaubien, 11, Abigail Metzler, 10, and Emily Duncan, 10.

Many students who took a French class also decided to join French Club. The club was an extension of the French class where members could learn more about the culture in an interactive way. The members met once a month on a Friday and enjoyed snacks while they planned activities. They attended *Beauty and the Beast* at the Fox Theater in the fall, built a float for the parade, created Mardi Gras masks, and had a cooking class where they prepared quiche, chocolate mousse, and crepes. The club was led by President, Kylie Burdick, 11, Vice President, Moira Lynott, 11, Secretary, Morgan Wheeler, 12, and Treasurer, Matt Hoffman, 11. In addition to teaching all French classes Mrs. Schwarz also sponsors the club. "It's a really fun and cool club to sponsor. I enjoy it year after year."

"I enjoy French club because its all really fun learning about the culture, eating the food, and being with friends" -Kylie Burdick, 11.



Olivia Hickey, 12, enjoys a donut provided by French Club at the Januray meeting. During this meeting the club discussed the upcoming cooking class and other events.



Kylie Burdick, 11, and Marcus McGill, 11 pose on the Paris themed French Float at the Homecoming parade. They dressed up as mimes to go along with the float's theme.



Moira Lynott, 11, and Alicia Burns, 11, fry up ingredients for the quiche that they are preparing during the cooking class. The members also made crepes and chocolate mousse.

By
Morgan Korte

Spanish Club was not an extracurricular to join if you did not like ice cream, competition, and Mexican food! It was open to anyone who wanted to be in it, and members ranged from freshmen to seniors. The club was run by the Spanish teachers: Mrs. Deets, Mrs. Wagenblast, and Mrs. Twyford. Members of the club met at various times throughout the year to take part in seasonal activities that had to do with Spanish culture. The events were planned with the input of each teacher's classes, insuring that the activities would be enjoyable for all. This club was also a great way to learn more about the culture hands on. The fall meeting included a relay race while the spring meeting included ice cream and volleyball. "I joined Spanish club to hang out with my friends, eat, and for the academic aspect, of course!" Eric Melosi, 11. Most meetings took place at the high school.



Jacob Gill, 11, Brendan Stanfield, 12, Clint Reilson, 11, Tyler Kimmle, 11, and Luke Thomae, 11, compete in a race in which they must be tied to one another's arms and legs.

Spanish Club

By Jenna Melosi



Jordan Twyford, 12, sets the ball in an effort to score a point for his team.



Blindfolded, senior, Emily Holtzclaw, feeds Courtney Billhartz, 12, nachos. The girls contributed to their team's victory with this event.



The ice cream bar at the spring meeting turns out to be a hit! Students helped themselves to different candy toppings.

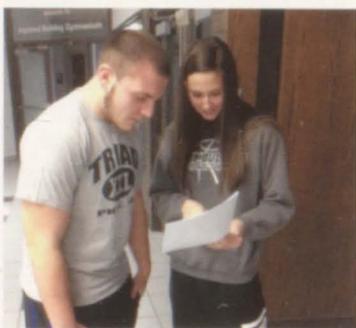


Front Row: Megan Burns, 11, Adrianna Jakel, 11, Jessica Zobrist, 12, Claire Litzenburg, 11, Mallory Rutz, 11, Hannah Dawson, 11, Sam Law, 11, Jencie Watson, 12, Lauren Hammel, 12. Second Row: Kelsey Straub, 11, Rachel Dugan, 12, Alyssa Voegelé, 12, Kaitlyn Frank, 12, Sarah DeVries, 11, Mireille Beaubien, 11, Courtney Billhartz, 12, Zachary Plocher, 11, Evan Goedelmann, 11. Back Row: Aaron Elledge, 12, Jordan Lynn, 11, Drake Zappia, 12, Austin Zurliene, 11, Kodi Burdick, 12, Brooke Hustedde, 11, Hunter Coker, 11, Joseph Range, 11, Blake Hustedde, 12.

By

Courtney Billhartz

What is the best part about being an Ambassador?



"Getting to meet new students like Riley Ebl."

-Hannah Hartlieb, 12



"I get to meet new girls like Anita Prasade."

-Jordan Twyford, 12

Mr. Lanxon talks to a full house at Eighth Grade Parent Night on January 15.



Student Ambassadors was a club designed to help incoming freshmen and new students feel comfortable with the school. Juniors and seniors were invited to join the club based on observations of teachers, coaches, and other administrators. The ambassadors met in the summer for Freshman Orientation. Here, the members showed freshmen around the school and did different activities, such as a scavenger hunt, to help them feel more comfortable with their surroundings and make them less nervous about high school. On the first day of school, the student ambassadors met in the kennel for a new student breakfast. Ambassadors showed the new students they were assigned to their classes for the first few days. They wore their club shirts the first day of school so students with questions knew who to ask. In addition to these events, the ambassadors met again in January for Eighth Grade Parent Night. They gave tours of the school, handed out informational packets and maps, and answered any questions future students or parents might have. Guidance counselors Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Brown led the Student Ambassador Club. "I really enjoy working with this diverse group of leaders. It's great to see them interacting with new students and make them feel welcome here," said Mrs. Jackson.

Student Ambassadors

Drama Club

Drama Club was composed of students who enjoy the theater. The members of the club met every quarter and had Improvisational Nights. The Drama Club puts on the Mr. Irresistible contest every year with the help of the club sponsor, Mrs. Kloss. They also went to the Fox Theater to see *Evita* and *Noises Off*. The officers of the club were: President, Will Thomae, 12, Vice President, Josie Kutz, 12, Secretary, MJ Austin, 10, and Treasurer, Vanessa Rivera, 11. Even though Drama Club was known for the plays and musicals they put on, members did not have to be actors to be in the club. There were many things members did such as; work lights, sound, help out backstage, and even decorate for the Fall Play.

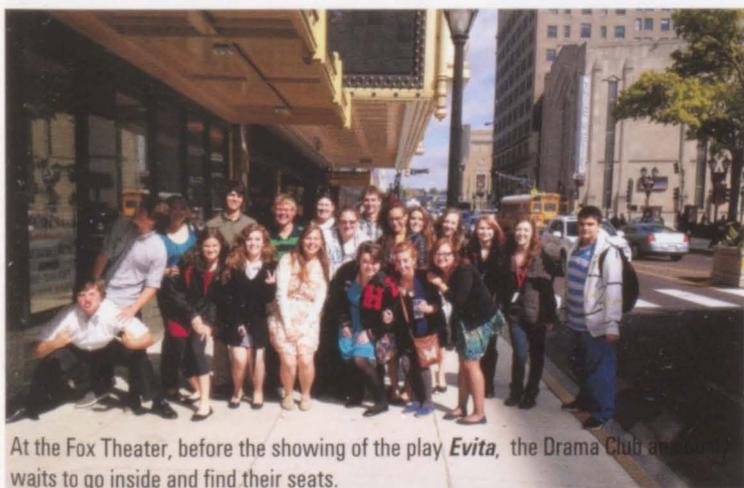
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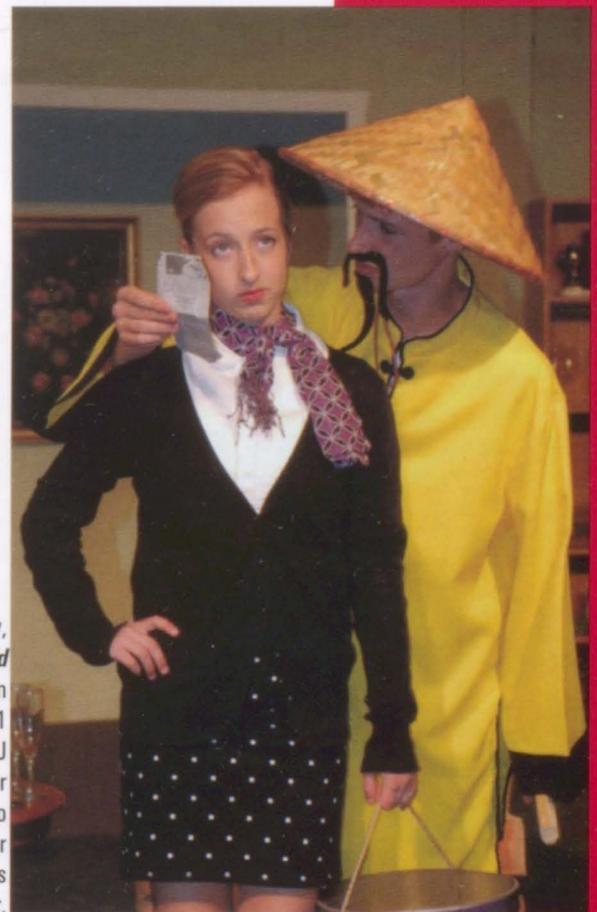
Front Row: Ben Leman, 11 Second Row: Olivia Hickey, 12, MJ Austin, 10, Kristy Hindman-Cook, 10, Josie Kutz, 12, Emily Wiegand, 10 Third Row: Cheyenne Ridgeway, 12, Vanessa Rivera, 11, Kylie Burdick, 11, Bethie Rey, 12, Emily Teipe, 10, Back Row: Will Thomae, 12, Zach Wesselman, 11, Jordan Comish, 11, Samuel Fredericksen, 11.



Jordan Comish, 11 signs up in the English hallway for the Spring Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*.



At the Fox Theater, before the showing of the play *Evita*, the Drama Club always waits to go inside and find their seats.



In the Fall Play, *The Butler Did It*, Darrin Reinhardt, 11 examines MJ Austin, 10 for evidence to prove the her character was the killer.

NAHS



The students who comprised the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) were those who demonstrated tremendous devotion and talent in drawing, painting, or other mediums. To be accepted students had to submit five pieces of original art, and a one page essay about the value of art in society and its relevance to the individual with a fee of five dollars to be judged by the NAHS. Two hours of community service were also required to join. However, once a student was accepted, ten hours were completed. Once a year each member submitted five more pieces of artwork to be judged in order to renew his membership with NAHS. Members worked all year to prepare their projects for judging. The NAHS organization at HHS was supervised by Mrs. Wander.

By Cathleen Yung

Front Row: Megan Widman, 12, Emily Capelle, 12, Olivia Hickey, 12, Kacey Miller, 12, Back Row: Devan Kauffman, 12, Katy Daiber, 11, Danielle O'Connel, 11, Miranda Munguia, 11, Sutton Allen, 12. Not pictured: Molly Lamzik, 12.

"The NAHS had made me more aware of the art community and its influence on culture and society."

-Devan Kauffman 12



Megan Widman, 12, rolls out a piece of clay to be sculpted for one of her projects.



Junior, Katy Daiber, displays one of her drawings in her NAHS portfolio.

NAHS member Miranda Munguia, 11, stands next to her self portrait on display at the high school.





President Kevin Wang, 12, delivers a speech at the Fall Induction Ceremony. Each year the elected president, along with other officers, gave a speech about the characteristics of NHS.



Principal Gauen and Superintendent Sutton, are ready to give pins to new members. The pin represented a member's induction into the society.



Beginning with, "I hope you all fail," Mr. Wartck delivered a surprising yet interesting speech at the Induction Ceremony. Kevin Wang chose Mr. Wartick as this year's guest speaker.

By
Courtney Billhartz



New members gather in a circle and recite the induction oath. They hold lighted candles to be extinguished at the end of the oath, finalizing their inauguration into NHS.

NHS

National Honor Society, NHS, was made up of students who showed outstanding academic abilities, participated in community service and extracurricular activities, and displayed good character. Students who had a 4.5 GPA or higher received an application. After filling it out, students collected signatures from authorities to verify participation in clubs, activities, or awards. Upon membership into the club, all members attended an Induction Ceremony in the fall. New members received their pins and gathered in a circle with lighted candles where they recited an oath. It is the job of the president to choose the dinner speaker. This year's president, Kevin Wang, chose Mr. Wartck, Student Service Department chair. NHS met on the second Thursday of every month. They discussed upcoming events and service credit opportunities. Each member of the club maintained a 4.5 GPA along with completion of six credits of community service. The credits were earned by working concessions, participating in the Polar Plunge, or working the Amazing Race. In April, the club met for a Spring Formal. Senior members shared their college plans and said good bye to the remaining members.

What was your favorite FCA activity ?

“Hide-and-go-seek in the high school.”

-Emily Holtzclaw 10

“Playing capture the flag because my team won.”

-Joesph Duncan, 12



The members of FCA sit in a circle and announce their names at a meeting on the tennis court during the first week of school.

By
Kristin Potthast



Jonathan Barth, 12, chugs a Ski during the Homecoming Havoc relay race. His teammates surround him and cheer him on.



Bowing their heads during an opening prayer are Jonathan Barth, 12, Brendan Sand, 11, Caleb McKee, 12, and Morgan Reaka, 12.

Pray and Play

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was a club with a large group of students who met weekly. Meetings were coed or split into separate groups for boys and girls. FCA was often held at the high school. Depending on weather, it was in the gym or outside. When the group split boys and girls, meetings were held at a leader's house. The meetings began with an opening prayer. Leaders included Lena Geiger, 12, Jayden Shelton, 11, Ben Menke, 11, and Austin Brown, 10. After the prayer, the students engaged in an activity. These ranged from Homecoming Havoc that included different relay events, campfire games, capture the flag, and other outside events during the fall. Scavenger hunts, freeze tag, and other inside games were played during the winter. During the spring, FCA played whiffle ball and soccer as their activities. Afterward the club split into groups and had personal discussions lead by leaders. There was a different topic each week that members discussed in groups. They used Bible verses and questions to generate conversation. The main focus of FCA was to strengthen students' faith as well as their sport.



Middle schooler, Payne Waldman, Amanda Ponce, 10, Molly Stumpf, 11, and Nick Balkenbusch, 12, answer questions asked by Jayden Shelton, 11, during a meeting with the middle school FCA.

Gone Country

FFA, a national organization founded in 1928, was created to educate high school students about agriculture. The Highland FFA was led by President, Casandra Rode; Vice-President, Kaitlin Rutz; Secretary, Peyton Gehrs; Treasurer, Ryan Busch; Reporter, Mallory Rutz; Historian, Shannon Frank; and Sentinel, Shelby Gragert. FFA offered a variety of activities for members to participate in, such as Career Development Events (CDE's), Relay for Life, and multiple volunteer opportunities. Some CDE's offered to the FFA members were forestry, dairy foods, livestock judging, horticulture, and public speaking. The FFA's Relay for Life team raised over \$2,000 for cancer research by hosting a trivia night and running a BBQ stand, giant slip'n'slide, and a bags tournament at the Relay for Life event in Highland. Some members volunteered at Homestead Harvest Days at Latzer Homestead, had an Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, collected shoes for the Shoe Man, and donated food to the Highland Food Pantry through their Harvest for All food drive. The Highland chapter began the year by welcoming the new members with the annual New Member BBQ. The most popular annual event was the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, when they came to school cooked breakfast for the teachers. Each year the organization concluded its year with the FFA banquet and auction. The banquet recognized the achievements of FFA members, and at the auction members were sold to the highest bidders for labor hours. This last event was the most successful fund raiser of the year.



Front Row: Vosholler, Woolf, Mettler, Reipshoff. Second Row: Kopsik, Landmann, Kloss, Busch, Rutz, Rode, Gehrs, Frank, Leitchuh, Gill. Third Row: Smith, Potthast, Potthast, Potthast, Potthast, Ernest, Craig, Anderson, Rogier, Potthast, Rode. Fourth Row: Frank, Rinderer, Dufraim, Welz, VonBokel, Essenpreis, Landmann, Verson, Frank, Smith, O'Brien, Gray, VonBokel. Fifth Row: Vosholler, Bentlage, Harper, Geitl, Hustedde, Szoke, Esquibel, Huelsman, Zurliene, Iberg, Prusa, Weis, Kloss, VonBokel. Back Row: Frey, Voegele, Hubbard, Mettler, Webb, Wernle, Vohlken, Harris, Olson, Dihn, Kneble, and Mollet.



At the Dairy Foods CDE, Megan Mettler, 12, taste tests whipped cream. The Dairy Foods team placed 8th in this competition at Northwestern.



On his toy Case IH tractor Lucas Rinderer, 12, loses a race to Vice-Principal Chris Becker's daughter, Lucy, on her toy John Deere.

By Amber Hubbard

Seniors, Brandon Webb, Peyton Gehrs, and Casandra Rode, load cars with the food collected during the Harvest for All food drive.

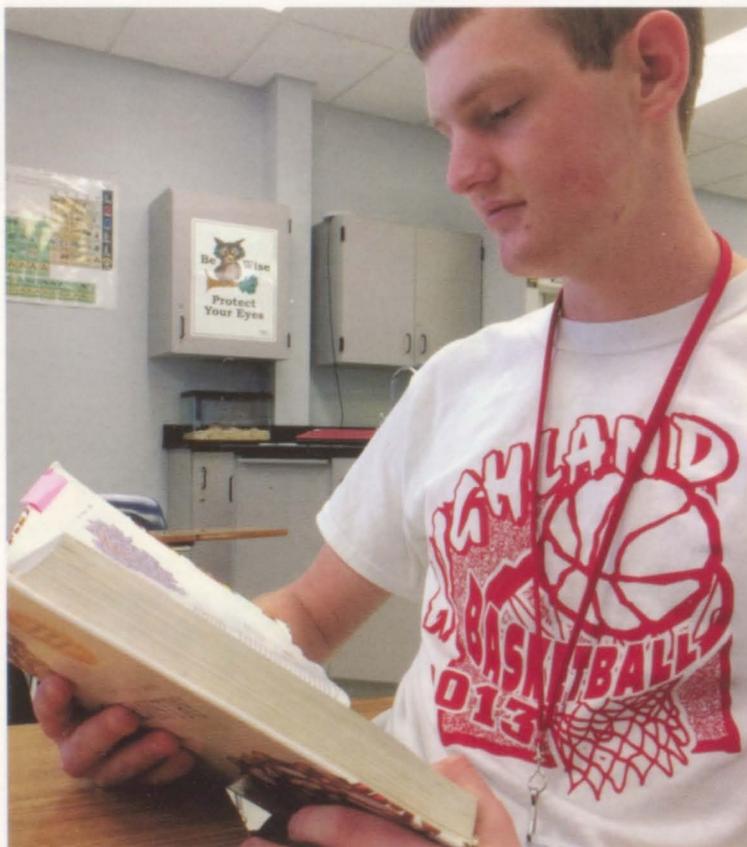
The FFA collected over 500 pounds of food to donate to the Highland Food Pantry.



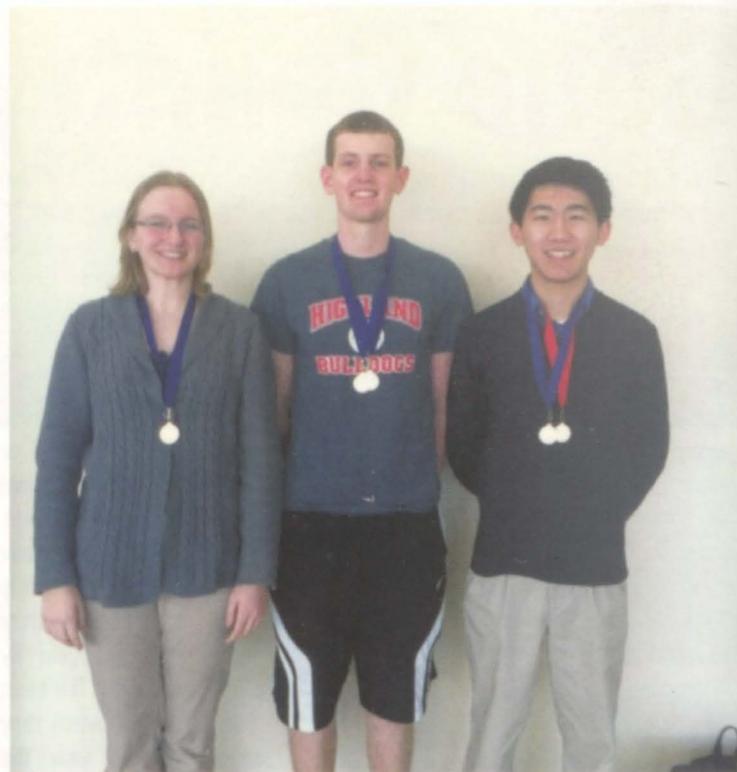
WYSE

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, WYSE was a group of students that competed in academic competitions in the spring. WYSE members went to competitions and took tests on topics such as biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, computer fundamentals, and graphic engineering. Competitions typically took the majority of the day, two hours for testing, and the rest for setting up and presenting awards. The club has been at HHS since 1982. The original name of the club was Junior Engineering Technical Society, but was later changed by the University of Illinois. Some students competed in teams and some competed individually. Of all the competitors, Highland's team had three advance to sectionals. Aaron Elledge, 12, Caroline Menz, 12, and Kevin Wang, 12, all made it out of regionals and took home medals from sectionals.

By Brock Portell



Aaron Elledge, 12, prepares for his sectional test by looking through his science lessons.



Caroline Menz, 12, Aaron Elledge, 12, and Kevin Wang, 12, show off their hardware earned at the sectional competition.

"Our favorite animal is the owl, because it's WYSE."

-Kevin Wang, 12



Front Row: Allison Buchmiller, 11, Jordan Lynn, 11, Caroline Menz, 12, Kevin Wang, 12, and Josh Case, 12, Back Row: Alex Bruchhauser, 11, Aaron Elledge, 12, Tyler Kimmle, 11, Luke Goring, and Zach Goring, 12.



Sydney Nyquist, 9, Nathan Harris, 9, Jordan Lynn, 11, and Racheal Amaro, 12 holding their first place ribbons from the first Southwest Math Competition. This team tied with Carbondale for first place.

The Math Team, Coached by Mrs. Kimmle, made great strides this year. They competed in four Southwest Math Conference Competitions. Highland won a total of 26 individual awards and tied for first with Carbondale during the team tests. The individual winners for their respective grades were Caleb Denby, 9, with 1st place, Brode Portell, 10, with 8th place, Luke Goring, 9, with 10th place, and Kevin Wang, 12, with 10th place. As a senior in the top ten, Kevin Wang also won a one-year license to Mathematica. Also four sophomores, Brode Portell, J.R. Tscherney, Tyler Pollard, and Lauren Wright earned Highland a 3rd place Sophomore Team Division One trophy. Highland also won the 3rd place Junior Team Division One trophy. These four juniors were Luke Goring, Jordan Lynn, Alex Bruchhauser, and Brett Wetzel. The Math team had a total of 27 students participate within the competitions. Math team ended strong by winning third in the 3AA division during the ICTM Regional Competition.

Math Team

By
Kayleigh Hester



Caleb Denby, 9, holding his first place trophy that he won at the Excellence in Mathematics competition at St. Louis Community College.



Some of the individual winners holding their ribbons from the Excellence in Mathematics Competition. Brode Portell, 10, Lauren Wright, 10, Luke Goring, 11, Jordan Lynn, 11, Alex Bruchhauser, 11, and Kevin Wang, 12.



Front Row: Tyler Pollard, 10, Blake Carroll, 10, Allison Zobrist, 10, Sydney Nyquist, 9, Caleb Denby, 9
Second Row: J.R. Tscherney, 10, Austin Brown, 10, Brode Portell, 10, Christina Amaro, 12, Ally Becker, 9, Lauren Wright, 10, Taylor Townsend, 9, Third Row: Kevin Wang, 12, Tyler Kimmle, 11, Tyler Higgins, 9, Sarah Jansen, 9, Rachel Dugan, 12, Jordan Lynn, 11, Nathan Harris, 9 Back Row: Damon Wilderman, 11, Brett Wetzel, 11, Megan Widman, 12, Lauren Hammel, 12, Luke Goring, 11, Johannah Comish, Alex Bruchhauser, 11



While other students make the cookie dough, Emily Dant, 11, places the first batch of cookies in the oven.

In the Foods kitchen, Adrianna Jakel, 11, rolls out sugar cookie dough. This was one of their group's activities.



Grace Curry, 10, and Alyssa Burggermann, 10, discuss what type of cookies they want to make.

FCCLA

FCCLA or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America was a club dedicated to teaching students to be leaders in their families and communities. The club held meetings once or twice a month after school. Mrs. Jones, the club director said, "I love meeting with the kids and seeing different students that don't have the same classes or friends get together for something they have the same interest in." FCCLA conducted several fund raisers and events throughout the year, like selling caramel apple suckers. In December, the club attended the National FCCLA Convention in Springfield, IL. Because December was such a busy month, they had their Christmas cookie baking party in January at the high school. President Morgan Semanisin, 12, said, "I love doing the fun activities that we do every year."

By Molly Schutzenhofer



Front Row: Ben Zuccarelli, 12, Troy Scheider, 12, Adam Harris, 12. Second Row: Brooke Hug, 12, Miranda Wagner, 12, Jessica Zobrist, 12, Carrie Gibbons, 12, Amy Coyle, 12, Amber Milleson, 11, Emily Dant, 11, Adrianna Jakel, 11. Third Row: Alyssa Burggermann, 9, Lexi Hormann, 9, Grace Curry, 9, Kayleigh Hester, 12, Angie Cruz, 12, Shannon Frank, 12, Cierra McKee, 12, Ashley Hosto, 12, Sarah Frank, 9. Back Row: Paige Ahlgren, 12, Michaela Schantz, 12, Miranda Seaman, 12, Lauren Campbell, 12, Morgan Semanisin, 12, Kaelin Hirsch, 12, Kaitlyn Frank, 12



During a meeting, Jared Bargetzi, 11, works on a marble sorter. The Trebuchet Team throws squash balls and competes against other teams at competitions.

Tech Club

The Technology and Engineering Club, Tech Club, was one of the largest groups at HHS this year. The Tech Club met every Monday after school and was led by Mr. Durbin. Officers of the club included President, Joshua Case, 12, Vice President, Jesse Sowell, 12, Treasurer, Phillip LaFrance, 11, and Secretary, Christina Amaro, 12. The club was made up of three different teams, the Botball Team, the Trebuchet Team, and the Video Team. The Botball Team programmed sensor driven robots around a playing field. All teams competed against other schools in a competition at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois. The Tech Club also captured video for school events such as Mr. Irresistible and Coffee House Cabaret.

By Lauren Lutostanski

**"Joshua Case told me to join tech club... so I did."
-Jacob Wiseman, 10**



Phillip LaFrance, 11, Zach Wesslemann, 11, and Damon Wilderman, 11 work on a trebuchet model during one of their Monday meetings.

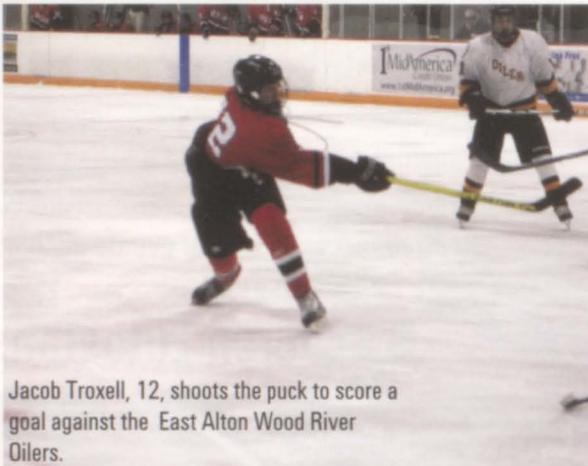


Front Row: Kevin Wang, Joey Rittenhouse, Blake Weller, Colin Kripp, Nick Borrer, Jared Bargetzi Second Row: Damon Wilderman, Josh Wagner, Adam Kelso, Phillip LaFrance, Ben Leman, Blake Rushing, Joshua Case, Kody Welch, Derek Rickher Third Row: Jessica Drewer, Jacob Wiseman, Jacob Troxell, Christina Amaro, Gavin Hemphil, Alexander Dugan, Joshua Kineke, Ian McGlasson, Collin Chasteen Back Row: Zach Goring, Chris Klostermann, Jared Sharp, Zach Wesslemann, Ryan Long, Justin Bruggemann, Chandler Wolters.

By Carrie Gibbons



With game faces on, Tyler Verson, 10, Nick Lange, 11, and Jacob Troxell, 12, wait for the puck to drop at the beginning of a home game.



Jacob Troxell, 12, shoots the puck to score a goal against the East Alton Wood River Oilers.



After Shayne Korte, 11, scores a goal against Granite City his teammates Blake Abbe, 12, Jacob Troxell, 12, and Matt Vohlken, 12, celebrate at the net.

What was your best personal achievement?

Hockey

The Hockey Team was back and ready like never before starting the season off with practices in East Alton. Alternating between Granite City and East Alton, the team practiced two times a week. Practices consisted of a warm up, usually skating drills, and then the team broke into defensive and offensive zones. They set up the offensive cycle and practice played until someone scored. After a few plays the team practiced passing and shooting drills. To condition after practice, they did several rounds of "killers." Preparation for game days were different than practices. The team arrived at the rink an hour early in dress clothes with their equipment in hand. They changed and warmed up by doing various running drills around the rink for ten minutes. After the team put on their gear, they took three minutes on the ice before facing the opponent. The Hockey Team's regular season record was 7-6-2 with three games and the playoff season remaining. The team was 1A, only losing six games against their toughest opponents. The Varsity and JV teams were coached by Jeff Weinacht along with his assistants Jeremy Kirsch and Steve Hejna. These men helped lead the Hockey Team to an amazing regular season record, and longest winning streak in six years.



"When I had my first "shut out" of the season against East Alton Wood River."
-Trevor Klostermann, 12



"Being captain of the JV and Varsity as a Junior."
-Shayne Korte, 11



Kayleigh Hester



Mrs. Martz



Cam Loyet



Brock Portell



Morgan Korte

Maggie Keeven

Jenna Melosi

Yearbook

The yearbook staff was busy from the beginning of the year to the end. They created the first spring delivery book Highland High School has had since the 1920's. They were swamped with deadlines in order to get the finished layouts sent off in time to have it published and distributed by the beginning of May. Advisor, Mrs. Martz and her staff attended the Herff Jones yearbook convention at the University of Missouri St. Louis. Throughout the day they attended several seminars where staffers learned photography, layout design, and copy editing techniques. After that, the staff members used their new skills to create this year's book by attending events, getting pictures, and collecting information. Editors Chloe Potthast, Hannah Hartlieb, and Carrie Eilerman designed layouts and created the theme "Welcome to Our Doghouse" which they carried throughout the book. The theme this year was inspired by a student chant favorite at football games. As deadlines came and went we met them all on time and pulled together to finish the 2013-2014 Iris!



Cathleen Yung



Jessica Zobrist



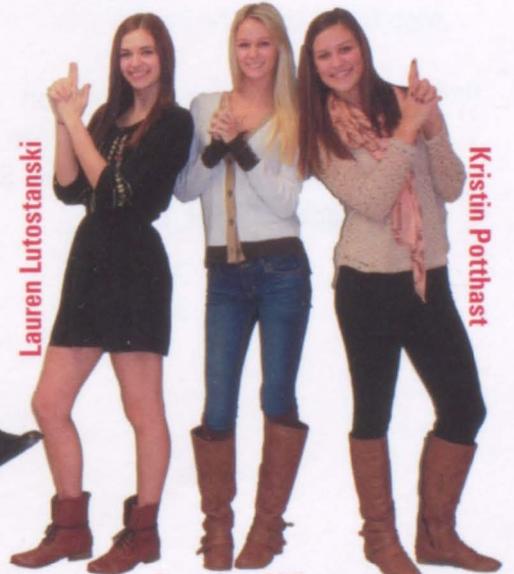
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Lauren Lutostanski

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Jr. Optimist

The Jr. Optimist Club was led by Mr. Hirsch. Throughout the year the club met and discussed the community service projects they wanted to pursue. One of the projects they participated in was collecting food for the Highland Food Pantry. They went throughout the community and school and gathered canned goods. The Jr. Optimist club also sold Optimist pizzas during the school year and at the Madison County Fair. Both fund raisers were successful.

Trent Carriger, 10, Allison Zobrist, 10, Kaelin Hirsch, 12, Shannon Frank, 12, Kaitlyn Frank, 12, Morgan Schniers, 12, Adrianna Jakel, 11.



Saturday Scholars

Saturday Scholars was led by Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Wagenblast. The club gave students a wide variety of hot topics such as nanoparticles, human anatomy, novel writing, etc. The goal of Saturday Scholars was to enhance the knowledge of students and to open different career opportunities for them. This year's field trips included going to a trash recycling day and the Physic and Agriculture Open House at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Front Row: Lily Happold, 10, Lena Giger, 12, Taylor Barker, 11, Sydney Nyquist, 9 Back Row: Kate Sikora, 10, Rachel Dugan, 12, Justin Wagoner, 9, Kevin Wang, 12, Chris Klostermann, 12, Joshua Case, 12. Not pictured: Emily Baldock, 9, Emily Duncan, 10, Sarah Frank, 9, Madisen Jones, 9, Sydney Kesner, 9, Katie McGlasson, 9, Abby Melosi, 9, Lexie Plocher, 10, Darrin Reinhardt, 11, Tyler Reinhardt, 10, Kate Sikora, 10, Taylor Townsend, 10, Nick Vidmar, 9.



FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was a club that consisted of students who were interested in business and computer technology. They met once a month and discussed different business aspects and did an activity. Food was also provided after the activity and lesson. Members gave back to the community with a fundraiser. They also competed in a competition against other FBLA chapters in the surrounding area.

Members in alphabetical order: R. Aebischer, 11, J. Bargetzi, 10, K. Baer, 11, A. Bruchhauser, 11, K. Capps, 9, J. Case, 12, N. Cayson, 11, M. Duncan, 11, A. Elledge, 12, B. Foppe, 11, L. Geiger, 11, J. Grawe, 11, H. Hartlieb, 12, B. Hustedde, 12, J. Johnson, 12, C. Klostermann, 12, A. Korsmeyer, 11, C. Lamzik, 10, M. Lamzik, 12, C. Landmann, 11, N. Lange, 11, S. Law, 11, I. McGlasson, 12, B. Menke, 11, J. Mitchell, 9, L. Olson, 9, B. Portell, 12, C. Pottthast, 12, K. Pottthast, 12, T. Pruett, 12, J. Range, 11, B. Rey, 12, M. Rutz, 11, M. Seaman, 12, C. Shepbach, 12, J. Sowell, 12, L. Thomae, 11, E. Tiepe, 10, K. Volker, 10, T. Vonder Haar, 12, M. Wagner, 12, K. Wang, 12, S. Welz, 12, D. Wilderman, 11, M. Wilke, 11, C. Williams, 12, L. Wright, 10, J. Zobrist, 12.



FMCC

Future Medical Careers Club (FMCC) was a club designed to help high school students at HHS further their knowledge about the different career opportunities in the medical field. Job shadowing at the local and St. Louis hospitals helped students fulfill the hands on experience that textbooks did not offer. At meetings throughout the year, members shared research on jobs they were interested in to inform their peers about other medical professions. Guest speakers visited occasionally.

Front Row: Mekayle Hitch, 10, Jessica Zobrist, 12, Allison Zobrist, 10, Michelle Ferguson, 11, Lydia Schutzenhofer, 10, Morgan Reaka, 12, Jordan Twyford, 12, Ben Zuccarelli, 12. Second Row: Heather Vice, 11, Shyanne Gibson, 11, Sam Law, 11, Brianna Becherer, 10, Allison Young, 10, Amber Milleson, 11, Adrianna Jakel, 11, Emily Canterbury, 10, Mireille Beaubien, 11, Cali Byrd, 11, Lexis Sandifer, 12, Kristin Hoyt, 12. Back Row: Tanner Zimmermann, 12, Bryanna Kampwerth, 11, Taylor Rogier, 11, Sean Wahls, 11, Kaelin Hirsch, 12, Shannon Frank, 12, Matthew Hoffman, 11. Not pictured: Sarah Jansen, 9, Addison Korsmeyer, 11, Mackenzie Klienmann, 11, Megan Hundsdorfer, 11, Sarah Dickerson, 11.



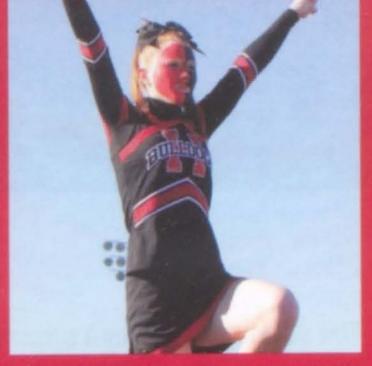
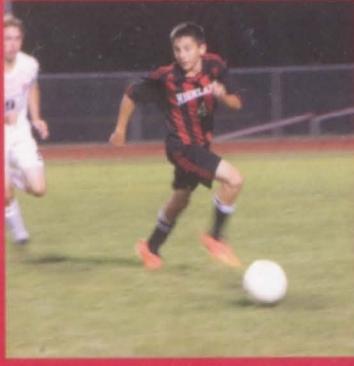
Book Club

Mrs. Genteman was head of the book club. Every year, the club as a whole decided on a book to read. The club met about three times to discuss the book. After the group completed the book, they watched the movie version. Doing this gave the students a whole new perspective of the story, which helped them better visualize characters and settings. The club's book of choice this year was *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch, a story about a child who is separated from her mother and put in foster care.

Front Row: Lauren Hammel, 12, Lena Giger, 12, Kayla Greene, 10, Lillie Budwell, 10, Samantha Hawkes, 11. Back Row: Megan Widman, 12, Rachel Dugan, 12, Emily Gutzler, 10, Abby Metzler, 10, Madelynn Shively, 10. Not pictured: Morgan Seminisin, 12, Bianca May, 10, Emily Wiegand, 10, Ana Cantrell, 10, Reagan Stowers, 10.

Welcome To . . .





Our Fall Sports

Let's Hit It

Girls Golf

This season proved to be a successful one for the Girls Golf team. From starting off the season with a third place at the Lady Indian Invitational to going all the way to becoming regional champions at Timber Lake, the girls had a solid season. Emily Vonder Haar, 11, broke the school record at Yorktown by shooting below par, and Shanna Welz, 12, made it to the state tournament at Hickory Point in Decatur. The team went on to become MVC champs Belk Park in Wood River where Shanna Welz, 12, placed fourth, Maddie Wilke, 11, placed sixth, and Emily Vonder Haar, 11, placed seventh overall. The team proved to be more successful than previous seasons. Everyday after school the girls practiced at the Highland Country Club under the coaching of Gina Hirsch. "This season was awesome, it was better than I expected. If I could change something I would change the way we played hole nine at sectionals; we shouldn't have used our pitching wedges."

What was the best part of this season?

"Watching the varsity team earn their best scores, winning regionals, and advancing onto sectionals. Also the brownies."

-MacKenzie Kleinmann, 11.



Chipping her ball out of a sand pit using an iron, Morgan Bargetzi, 12, gains points for Highland at the Timber Lakes Regional. The girls came out on top as Regional Champs against several other teams in the area.



Front Row: Morgan Bargetzi, 12, Allison Young, 10, Jordan Medina, 11. Middle Row: Lexi Sandifer, 12, Maddie Wilke, 11, MacKenzie Kleinman, 11, Emily Vonder Haar, 11. Back Row: Coach Gina Hirsch, Kaelin Hirsch 12, and Shanna Welz, 12.

By Morgan Korte



Emily Vonder Haar, 11, shoots for a putt to round up her tournament at Oak Brook. The team placed first at the Gary Bair Invitational. A golfer from Belleville West helps Vonder Haar, 11, line up her putt. "Eating after a long tournament was always something to look forward to." - Emily Vonder Haar, 11.



Lexi Sandifer, 12, drives the ball up the fairway to get closer to the hole at the Clover Leaf match. The team won the match against Civic Memorial, Collinsville, and Granite City.

14-6

McKendree	362
Highland	360
Yorktown	253
MVC Conference	345
Gary Bair Invitational	449
IHSA Sectional	383



As they walk to their balls on the fairway, Morgan Bargetzi, 12, and Maddie Wilke, 11, discuss their previous hit down to the fairway at Oak Brook. Temperatures were uncomfortable and warm, but didn't keep the girls from winning the match.



Allison Young, 10, Lexi Sandifer, 12, Emily Vonder Haar, 11, Maddie Wilke, 11, Morgan Bargetzi, 12, and Shanna Welz, 12, stand proudly after their regional win at Timber Lakes in Stauton. Shanna Welz, 12, placed fifth overall. "The season was one of the best in awhile since we almost made it to state and won regionals which hasn't happened in awhile." - Morgan Bargetzi, 12.



Jesse Johnson, 12, shot a round of 35 to help defeat Collinsville at Highland Country Club. Johnson eyes up the hole as he prepares to take his final putt of the match.



Brode Portell, 10, chips the ball onto the green at Highland Country Club on his way to a solid round of 42. Brode scored and helped defeat the Collinsville, Cahoks.



The players Riley Zimmermann, 11, Brode Portell, 10, Cam Loyet, 12, Brock Portell, 12, Jesse Johnson, 12, and Jacob Gill, 11 celebrate winning the Edwardsville Invitational at Oakbrook Golf Club by holding up their trophies.



Swinging through his drive on hole one, Jesse Johnson, 12, secures a spot for himself at sectionals

“Letting coach Houchins drive a small bus is never a good idea...” -Cam Loyet, 12



Jacob Gill, 11, attempts a long putt from just off the green at Oakbrook Golf Club. Jacob shot a score of 45.

Swing Easy

Boys Golf

The Varsity Golf Team had another successful fall of playing. Finishing the season with a match record of 15-3 the team was lead by three seniors Jesse Johnson, Cam Loyet, and Brock Portell. The team won the MVC championship for the second consecutive year. Other team achievements were winning the Edwardsville Invitational, placing third in the O'Fallon invitational, and third in the Madison County invitational. Jesse Johnson shot a solid round of 75 at Salem Country Club to advance to state. He was the first golfer to make it to state in three years. Jesse said, "It was a great experience, I learned a lot." Cam Loyet won the individual medalist award for the Edwardsville invitational, and Brock Portell won the individual medalist at the O'Fallon invitational; Both shot even round scores of 71.

By Brock Portell

Tournament Scores

Spencer T Invite	333
Madison County	321
Pioneer Invite	346
Mattoon Invite	684
O'Fallon Invite	314
Edwardsville Invite	312
Orphan Invite	227
MVC Conference	316
IHSA Regional	335



Front Row: Brode Portell, 10, Brock Portell, 12, Will Greenwald, 10, and Griffin Welz, 10. Back Row: Josh Swindle, 12, Riley Zimmermann, 11, Cam Loyet, 12, Aaron Elledge, 12, Jacob Gill, 11, and Jesse Johnson 12.



At Civic Memorial in Bethalto Carrigan Crowder sets up Maddison Wellen, 9 for a kill to win the game.

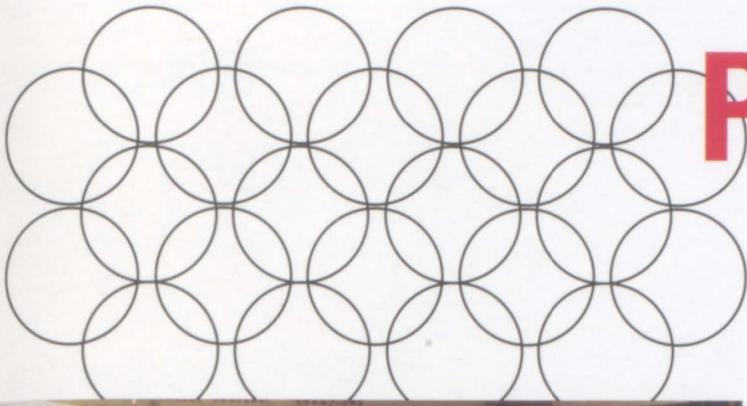
“My most memorable moment was when I missed the ball in front of the entire football team.” -Madison Wellen, 9

8-2

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



After school, Maddison Wellen, 9, Sarah Beth Wiegman, 9 and Amanda Korsmeyer, 9 work on their serves. Sarah Beth Wiegman said “Practices were long and hard but they paid off when it came to games.”



Power House

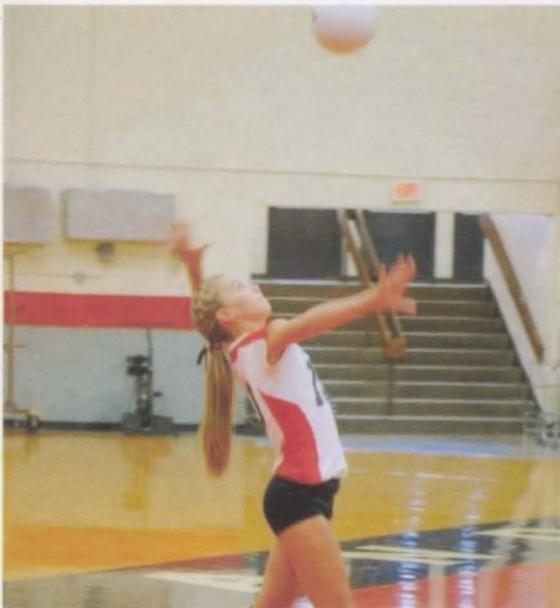
JV Volleyball

The day after tryouts the JV Volleyball team got to work and started training for their season. They had practice everyday except Sunday for at least three hours. At practice they worked on primary passing skills, blocking form, hitting placement, and much more. The girls drug themselves out of bed twice a week to get up early and go on a mileage run. Alyssa Anderson, 10, said "Morning workouts were challenging, at times, but it's just something we have to do as a team to help us get in shape and stay in shape." When the first game rolled around the girls proved they were ready when they defeated Granite City in two games with the scores of 32-30 and 27-25. The girls had a pasta diner, in the cafeteria, every other Wednesday, where they bonded as a team and got to eat a lot of good food. Cassie Lamzik 10 said "I liked pasta dinners because the moms always made good desserts and it was fun to watch everyone sprint up to the cafeteria after practice." Towards the end of their season the JV team won second place in the O'Fallon Tournament, they beat Mascoutah, Salem, and Redbud. Lauren Wright, 10 said, "We played our best games in the O'Fallon Tournament and had a lot of fun while doing it." The girls ended their season 14-6 Coach Hubbard said, " I'm proud of the way the girls played together this year. They were a fun team to coach and I can't wait to have some of them back next year."

By Maggie Keeven



Front Row: Cassie Lamzik 10, Maggie Keeven 11, Sarah Beth Wiegman 9, Lauren Wright 10, Carrigan Crowder, 9. Middle Row: Megan Frey 9, Paige Fisher 10, Sarah Dvorak 11, Maddison Wellen, 9. Back Row: Coach Hubbard, Alyssa Anderson 10, Alex LaPorta 9, Coach Beyer.



During a Thursday night home game, Sarah Beth Wiegman, 9 serves the ball. The serve resulted in an ace for her team.



Sarah Dvorak, 11 washes a car for the volleyball fundraiser. She said " The best part about doing the car wash was the water fight we had at the end."

You Just Got Served

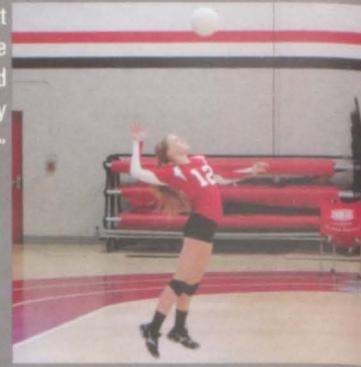
Varsity Volleyball

The Highland Varsity Volleyball team entered the season with high hopes. The team wasted no time as they started practice a week after the 2012-2013 school year ended. The girls practiced all summer in addition to work outs and league games. "One day before league, we all went as a team to get free yogurt samples at a place off of Rt. 160...it was really sketchy," said Molly Stumpf, 11. As the school year began, the girls continued to better their skills with a three hour practice every day after school. But this was not enough for this group of hard working girls. To get as much time in the gym as possible, the team worked for an hour every Monday and Wednesday morning before school, and Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00. With six returning varsity players, and a new addition to the team also with varsity experience, Coach Tina Beyer had a strong group of girls. "With only two seniors graduating from the program, we are looking forward to even greater success next season," Coach Beyer said. They started their season on September fifth at home with a win against Granite City and played eight weeks of games. "We had a solid season, going 15-14-3, improving our play each game. It really showed in our tournament performances," said Coach Beyer. The girls took second of five teams at the Granite City Tournament, third of six teams at the Highland Tournament, and third of twelve teams at the O'Fallon Tournament. The Varsity team made it to the second round of IHSA Regionals, but suffered a loss to Mater Dei to end their season.

"It was really fun to play with a different group of girls...they were really welcoming!"

Sarah Dvorak, 11

Shannon Frank, 12, serves the ball at Granite City, resulting in a win for the Bulldogs. Frank said, "I really enjoyed volleyball this year! Our team was really close and got along well."



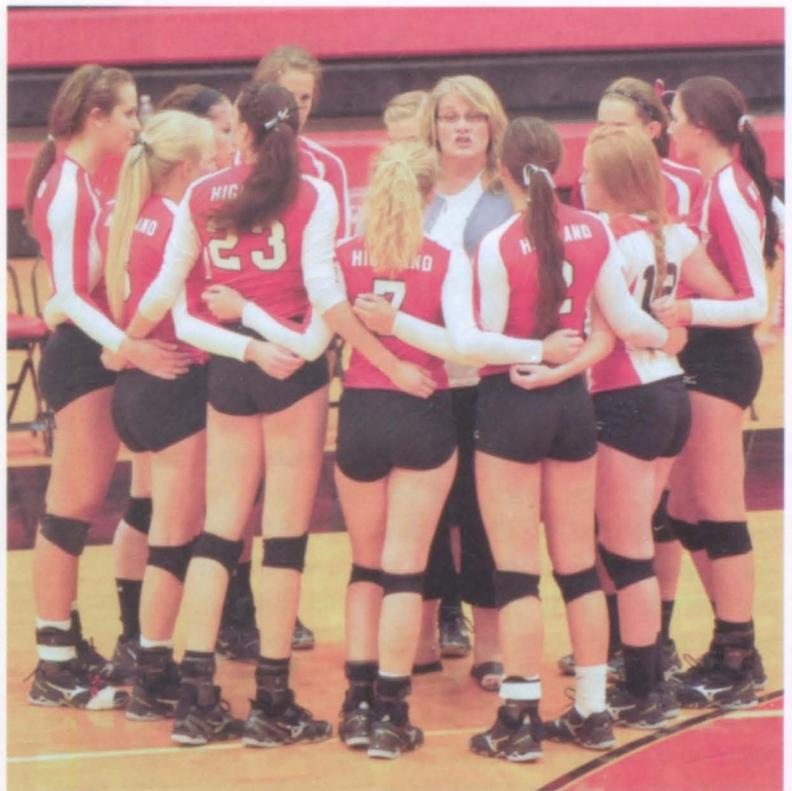
At Triad, Morgan Schniers, 12, puts up a solid block to defend the Knights from scoring a point. "We lost the first two games against Triad, but we won the last game which was really exciting!" said Schniers. She played the middle hitting position and occasionally the right side.



As her name is announced to take the court, Brooke Hustedde, 11, high-fives her team mates. She ran onto the court, tossed out a t-shirt, and waited for her teammates to join her on the floor.



Hayley McSparin, 10, attacks the ball from the middle position to score a point on Jerseyville. The girls won the Jerseyville game with a score of 25-15.



Coach Beyer gives the girls a pep talk before the home game against Wesclin. "I feel like we made improvements over the course of the season, it showed in our tournament performances," said Beyer.

15-14-3

Civic Memorial	25-9
Triad	23-25
Jerseyville	25-15
Waterloo	25-11
Mascoutah	23-25
Granite City	25-12
Wesclin	25-18
Collinsville	17-25



Front Row: Maggie Keeven, 11, Sarah Beth Wiegman, 9, Sami Beyer, 10. Middle Row: Megan Frey, 9, Sarah Dvorak, 11, Brooke Hustedde, 11, Shannon Frank, 12. Back Row: Alex Laporta, 9, Morgan Schniers, 12, Hayley McSparin, 10, Olivia Laporta, 11, Molly Stumpf, 12.

By Courtney Billhartz
and Lauren Lutostanski

Reach Your Goal

JV Boys Soccer

It's safe to say that the future is in good hands with Brian Lammers, the JV Boys Soccer coach. The boys once again had a successful season; however, many of the JV players doubled their playing time by also playing Varsity soccer. All of the players trained diligently and played enthusiastically. The boys started off with footwork practices twice a week, led by the Varsity captains, Brendan Standfield, Lucas Rinderer, and Mitch Duncan in late May. They also had conditioning practices twice a week, led by assistant coach Josh Ammann. The boys had a season with eight wins, nine losses, and two ties. The leading goal scorer was Tyler Higgins, 9, with seven goals. Their first game was a loss, 1-6, against Columbia. Their last game was a win, 1-0, at Mascoutah.



Front Row: Mitchell Miller 10 , John Wick 9, Caleb Denby 9, Alec Wille 10, Brendan Scharge 9 , Middle Row: Evan Capelle 9, Jake Ramsey 9, Brett Korte 9, Zachary Korte 9, Justin Dwyer 9, Lucas Ammann 9, Eric Melosi 11, Back Row: Coach Brian Lammers, Joey Hobbs 10, Ben Foppe 11, Tyler Higgins 9, Dymtro Shpak 11, Jack Landmann 9, Payton Barowski 10, Blake Stieb 10, and Coach Josh Oswald.



Eric Melosi, 11, heads the ball to Brett Korte, 9, at a home game to gain possession of the ball from Belleville West. Winning the game 1-0.



Ben Foppe, 11, runs the ball down the field, keeping the ball away from their opponent, Columbia, at a home game.

8-9

Columbia	01-06
Collinsville	00-04
Civic Memorial	02-00
Belleville West	01-00
Triad	00-01
Jerseyville	01-02
Carlinville	01-00
Waterloo	00-02
Mascoutah	02-01
Althoff	02-01



Fending off an opponent, Mitchell Miller, 9, looks for an opportunity to complete a pass at an away game at Triad.



At Mascoutah, Blake Stieb, 10, quickly steals the ball to take it down the field and score a goal.



Jack Landmann, 9, deftly maneuvers the ball through a maze of defenders at a home game against Gibault.

What was your most memorable moment?

"Scoring my first goal ever in high school." Joey Hobbs, 10.

"Getting flattened to the ground by Reid Aebischer at practice all the time." Evan Capelle, 9.

"When the coaches made things fun, like playing in some of the scrimmages and doing the drills with us." Justin Dwyer, 9.

"All the bonding nights we had on the weekends." Brendan Scharge, 9.

"Playing the game." Lucas Ammann, 9

By Molly Schutzenhofer



Ben Powell, 11, aggressively takes possession of the ball away from Columbia for a shot on goal. The dogs left Columbia with a 06-00 defeat.



Attempting to keep possession of the ball, Mitchell Duncan, 11, passes to a teammate through the legs of a Belleville-West player. Highland was defeated at home by 03-02.



In order to keep Columbia from scoring, Lucas Rinderer, 12, and Mitchell Duncan, 11, team up against a Columbia forward and gain control over the ball. Columbia came out with a home victory of 06-00.

By Kayleigh Hester

Brendan Stanfield, 12, settles the ball kicked by the Columbia Eagles goalie and gained possession for Highland. Despite the Bulldogs best efforts, we returned home with a 06-00 defeat.



7-13

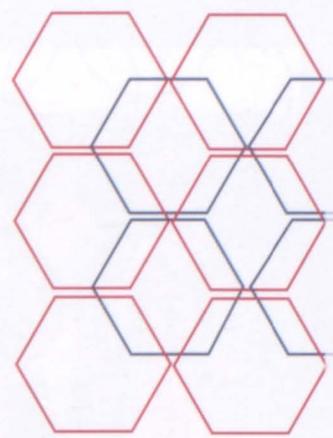
Jersey County	03-00
Carlinville	06-00
Civic Memorial	02-01
Washington	02-00
Mascoutah	03-02
Waterloo	00-04
Belleville-West	02-03
Triad	00-05
Jerseyville	03-00



Emil Garcia, 11, makes a diving catch in the home game against Belleville-West to keep the opposing team from scoring a goal. Belleville-West won with a close score of 03-02.



Tyler Kimmle, 11, and Cole Landmann, 11, collide while trying to head the ball kicked by Emil Garcia in the Highland vs. Belleville-West game.



The boys huddle together for a short pep talk to ready themselves for the Highland vs. Triad game at Triad. Unfortunately, Triad won 05-00.

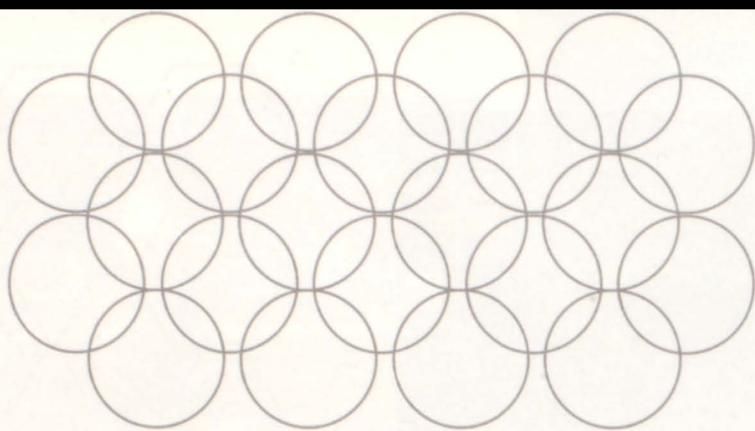
Just For Kicks

The Varsity Boys Soccer team ended the season with a record of seven wins, 13 loses, and one tie. The team this year was diverse in age. There were three seniors, eight juniors, two sophomores, and five freshman. Despite their age differences, everyone got along with one another. There were many soccer nights that the boys got together and played pranks on each other, "We were all brothers" said Brendan Stanfield. The season began with some losses. These losses motivated the boys to do better. They practiced Monday through Friday at least two hours each practice and they also practiced on most Saturdays. Their motto was "Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard." The record for the most goals scored was held by Lucas Rinderer with 11 goals. Ben Powell scored seven, Tyler Kimmle scored six, Brent Rapien scored five, and both Brendan Stanfield and Mitchell Duncan scored two goals during the season. As the season progressed, the team improved, "The team only had one loss that was by more than one goal in the final 11 matches. This shows the team's growth and maturity. Their play practice and teamwork was evident as the year concluded. "This team has a bright future as they really started playing well the second half of the season," said Coach Oswald.

Varsity Boys Soccer



Front Row: Brett Korte, 9, Brendan Schrage, 9, Brent Rapien, 9, Ollie Pfeifer, 9, Mitchell Miller, 10 Middle Row: Emil Garcia, 11, Mitchell Duncan, 11, Connor Reese, 12, Lucas Rinderer, 12, Ben Powell, 11, Luke Jones, 9 Back Row: Coach Brian Lammers, Reid Aebischer, 11, Payton Barowski, 10, Ben Foppe, 11, Cole Landmann, 11, Tyler Kimmle, 11, Brendan Stanfield, 12, Eric Melosi, 11, Coach Josh Oswald



Swingin' into Action

Girls' Tennis

The Highland Girls' tennis team entered the 2013 season with enthusiasm rivaled by none. Though no seniors played for the team, juniors Melanie Wick, Moira Lynott, and Sarah DeVries welcomed incoming freshmen and returning sophomores. "I was nervous at first; I was really unsure of myself, but the others helped me a lot." said freshman Claire Marchal, 9. The team bonded through activities like "team coaching" where teammates coached each other at the beginning of practices. The player to player interactions allowed the team to get to know each other on a more personal level "It really helped knowing that even if I did badly, my teammates would still have my back. I realized what it meant to be part of a team." said Anita Prasad, 9. Although the season wasn't marked by outstanding wins, the sting of defeat drove the team to play harder, practice longer, and improve as athletes. "I felt especially motivated by the losses, they're what pushed me to be my best." said Melanie Wick, 11. However, the team remained hopeful for the next season, "We've improved so much, we've practiced so hard, next year's going to be even better than this one." said Wick.

"As one of the the oldest players, I really had to step up and learn to lead. We grew a lot as a team this year."

-Sarah DeVries, Junior

While tossing up a serve, Melanie Wick, 11, winds up to follow through on a serve to her Triad opponent in a singles match, during a home tournament.



Audrey Kosydor, 10, reaches to connect with a serve launched at her during a home match against Triad.



Junior, Moira Lynott serves the first ball in an away doubles match against Waterloo.



Front Row: Moira Lynott, 11, Anita Prasad, 9, Audrey Kosydor, 10, Emily Baldock, 9, Middle Row: Emily Gutzler, 10, Madeline Shively, 10, Stephanie Olivares, 10, Melanie Wick, 11, Anjuli Kampwerth, 9, Back Row: Coach Matt Pellock, Elizabeth Arend, 10, Kennedy Riedemann, 9, Clare Marchal, 9, Jamie McArthur, 9, Elisabeth Meadows, 9.
Not pictured: Sarah DeVries, 11.



Clad in all white, a player from Gibault waits for Highland's serve at our first away match of the season.



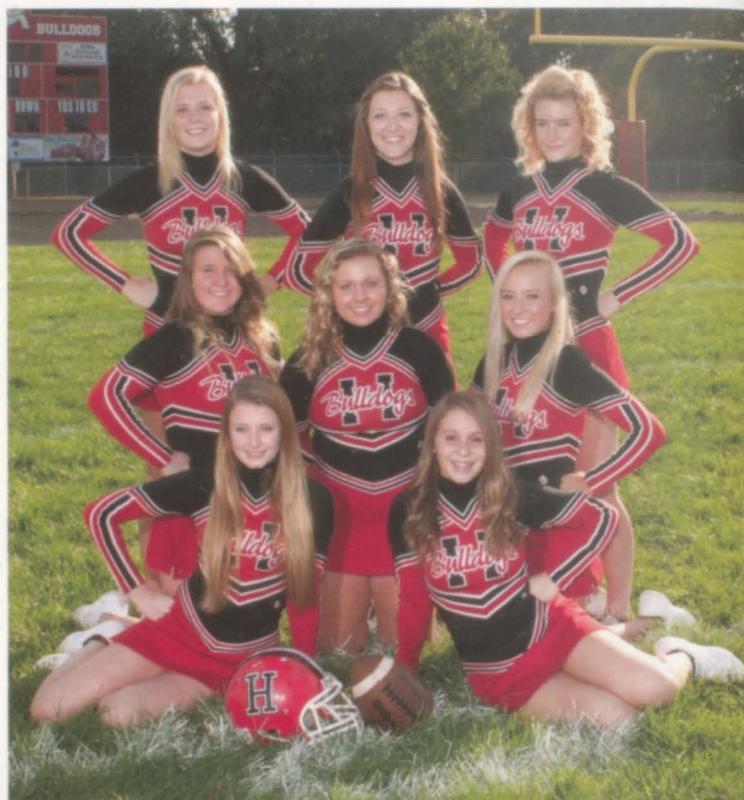
Elisabeth Meadows, 9, follows through on a swing to send the ball into the opposing court during a Varsity match against Triad.

By
Cathleen Yung

Movin' Straight Ahead

JV Football Cheerleading

JV Football Cheerleading was a new addition to the fall sports list this year. The team consisted of eight girls, all new to cheering on the sidelines. "My favorite part of the season was being able to fly. I've never done it and it was really cool to be in the air!" said Lexi Green, 9. In addition to the new cheerleaders, the girls also had two new coaches. Kristee Elliott and Leah Nungesser teamed up to take on JV Football Cheer. Both ladies are Highland Cheerleading alumnus. "It was different being on the track to coach instead of actually cheer, but I really love it! These girls definitely made my first year worth it and I can't wait for the years to come." Elliott said. During the summer, the squad attended camp. Held in the Highland Middle School "pup's pen", they worked on the basics of stunting, tumbling, and motions. Once football season began, practices ran every Tuesday and Thursday night from four to six o' clock. The team cheered every JV game and even some freshmen games. The team held a clinic for three through ten year olds to teach them a dance, cheer, and three sideline cheers. The young girls that attended also got to cheer on the sidelines at a Varsity Football game against Jerseyville.



Front Row: Brianna Lalleman, 9, Sara Strom, 9. Middle Row: Tina Kernan, 9, Kat Maxwell, 9, Mariah Theunemann, 9. Back Row: Jessica Wilson, 9, Amanda Graves, 10, Lexi Green, 9

What was your favorite part of this season?

"Getting to know all of the girls and really bonding with my team."

-Tina Kernan, 9.



Freshman, Sara Strom, has lunch with her "buddy" at the cheerleading clinic. Each cheerleader was given one or two girls that they helped individually with their skills.



Amanda Graves, 10, "shakes her Bulldog" at a Saturday afternoon game.



The crowd gets pumped on a Monday night game when the girls cheer "first and ten, do it again!"



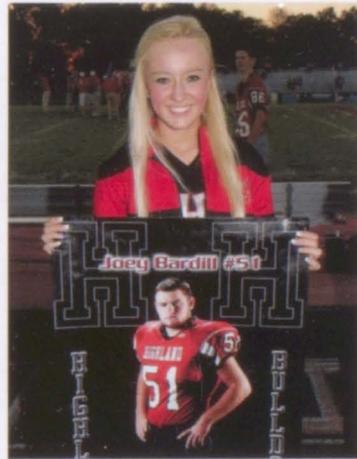
Hands on hips, Mariah Thuenemann, 9, and Brianna Lalleman, 9, stick their mount at a home game against Triad.



At camp a stunt group works on twist cradles. This group is composed of main base, Kat Maxwell, side base, Lexi Green, back spot, Jessica Wilson, and flyer, Brianna Lalleman.



"Now we're ahead is definitely my favorite cheer. I love the upbeat pace of it!" says Kat Maxwell, 9, as she shows off her favorite cheer at a game against Mt. Zion.

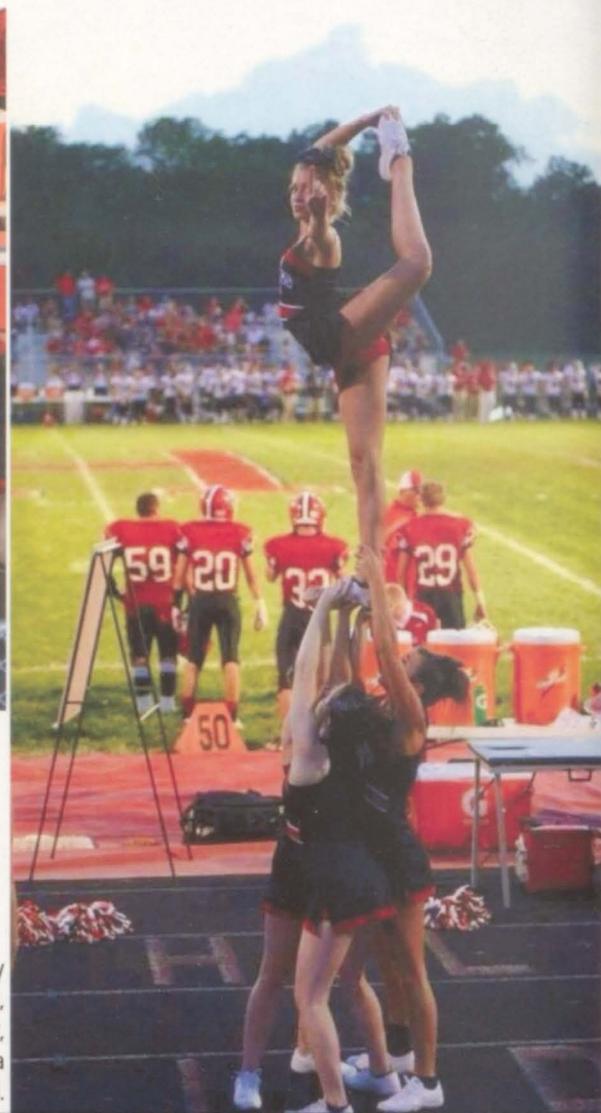


On Senior Night at a Varsity Football game, Mariah Thuenemann, 9, holds Joey Bardill's, 12, poster.

By Jenna Melosi



The girls form a circle on the sidelines in the beginning of their "We're Gonna Beat 'Em" cheer during a home game against Waterloo.



Down on the sidelines during an early season home game, Paige Kannall, 12, Amy Coyle, 12, and Marissa Wheeler, 10, hold Hope Imming, 9, up high in a scorpion, to show off her new skill.

By
Carrie Gibbons

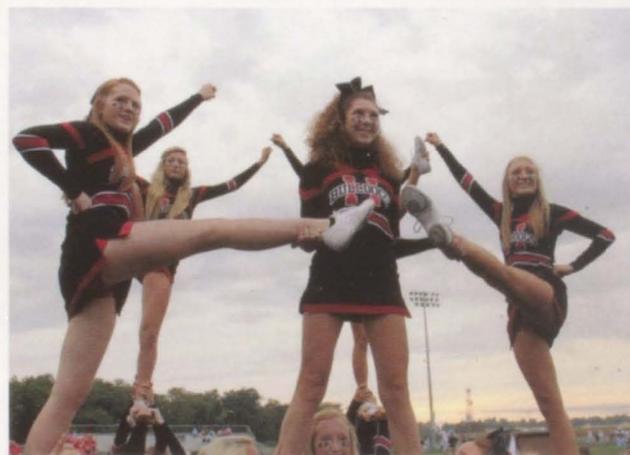
What was the most memorable part of the season?

"When we beat Triad!"

- Amy Coyle, 12

"Making it to playoffs because we have even more games and we can keep cheering on the boys."

-Marissa Wheeler, 10



Leah Compton, 9, Hope Imming, 9, Morgan Capelle, 10, and Bailey Wills, 9, fly together, in front of the fans, after finishing the school song before their first home game against DuQuoin.



After a Bulldog first down, the cheerleaders celebrate on the sidelines to congratulate the team and excite the fans in hopes of a possible touchdown.



Ellie Imming, 12, warms up a liberty in front of the growing crowd, before the game, in preparation for the hello cheer.



Varsity Football Cheerleading

YOU CAN'T STOP US

The Varsity Football Cheerleading squad cheered the Bulldogs on during an undefeated season. Coached by Casey Feilds, the girls accompanied the team to every game in order to keep the crowd excited and on their feet. "Never have we had the opportunity to cheer for a team who can't lose! I tried to always remind the girls that keeping the crowd focused at the game is our main goal because even though our team was dominating, it was just as hard to keep the fans focused as it was during the defeat we had two years ago." said Coach Fields. Not only did the girls cheer and perform at games, they also participated in a cheer camp to learn new material and led a cheer clinic for young aspiring cheerleaders. This year Coach Fields came up with the idea of giving every senior girl a "little" (a freshman cheerleader) that they would mentor throughout the season, this resulted in a quicker and more efficient way to learn cheers. Since the Varsity Football team made playoffs, the girls were able to extend their season, and support the team longer than they expected.



Front Row: Amy Coyle, 12, Carrie Gibbons, 12, Erika Huelsmann, 12, Laura Lucco, 12, Ellie Imming, 12, Danielle Baliert, 12, Paige Kannall, 12 Middle Row: Tricia Hug, 10, Kelli Littlefield, 11, Jessica Plage, 11, Anna Heinold, 11, Marlee Singler, 11, Brooke Arbogast, 10, Megan Smithey, 10, Marissa Wheeler, 10 Back Row: Ashley Terveen, 10, Bailey Wills, 9, Danielle Zobrist, 9, Alli Iberg, 9, Hope Imming, 9, Alivia Meskil, 9, Leah Compton, 9, Morgan Capelle, 10



Freshmen: Trent Rakers Sophomores: Sam Ahlmeyer, Austin Baublitz, Chris Beard, Jake Freeman, Sam Greene, Justin Haase, Landon Hopkins, Zeke Kaufman, Bryce Kuhner, Seth Levad, Brayden Menke, Austin Nix, Matt Oldham, Logan Ratliff, Kyle Schmitt, Hayden Smart, Jimmie Smith, Justin Twyford, Colton Vonder Haar, Paxton Vonder Haar, Cody Zobrist Juniors: Matt Augustine, Jarrad Drzwecki, Chandler Hulvey, Will Kaepf, Brennan Kronk, Ben Menke, Mitchell Munie, Joe Range, Brendan Sands, Nathan Sullens, Luke Thomae, Mitch Wallace, Zach Wesselmann

Hustle, Hit, and Never Quit

The Junior Varsity Football team had a perfect season and finished with seven wins and zero losses. To prepare for their successful season the team practiced twice a day and lifted at least once a day during the summer. The morning practice consisted of learning new plays, working on defense, and doing other drills to improve the team as a whole. To better the agility of the team, the second practice was for conditioning. The first game of the season was a shutout against DuQuoin. Practices during the season bettered the JV team because they ran their offenses against the varsity defense. After countless practices the team finished with an undefeated season. Coach Jimmy Warnecke said, "The young Bulldog squad has shown a lot of promises to the future of the program." One freshman, along with 21 sophomores, and 13 juniors made up the JV squad. Warnecke said, "I feel there was a good mix of sophomores trying to get better each week and juniors getting the reps they need to be big contributors at the varsity level next year." The players were coached to success by Brad Ahlgren, Calvin Potthast, and Jimmy Warnecke.

JV Football



Ben Menke, 11

"The best part of this season was beating Waterloo 7-0."



Nathan Sullens, 11

"My favorite part of this season was when Luke 'the bone crusher' Thomae struck again."



"The best part of the season was when I ran a kick back to win the game against Civic Memorial."



Matt Augustine, 11 kicks off while Justin Haase, 10, Mitchell Munie, 11, and Mitch Wallace, 11, run down the field to make a tackle against the DuQuoin Indians.



The JV offense sets up a play against the varsity defense in practice. They reassembled the opposing team the following Friday so the varsity team could practice defending them.

7-0

DuQuoin	14-00
Mt. Zion	34-14
Mattoon	28-00
Jerseyville	12-08
Civic Memorial	28-24
Waterloo	07-00
Mascoutah	22-00



Members of the JV team wait to board the bus to Illinois College (IC). They spent three days and two nights at IC where they practiced and spent time together as a team.

By
Kristin Potthast

The team stretches on the field before games and during halftime to prevent cramps and injuries.

Friday Night Lights



Blake Perfetti, 12, Troy Schneider, 12, and Austin Bush, 10, line up in a three point stance on the line of scrimmage against Duquoin. The team shutout Duquoin with a final score of 44-0 at home.

Varsity Football

Highland went undefeated in the regular season, ending with a record of 9-0 and a post season record of 2-1. The offense scored a total of 451 points in season. Defensively, the Highland Bulldogs were very efficient, allowing only 99 total points in the season. The defense had four shut-out games, which broke the '89 team's record of three. When asked how he felt about the team's season Coach Warnecke said, "Achieving an undefeated season for the first time since 1989 was a tremendous feeling. Along with winning a conference championship. Going undefeated was a team goal since July, and it took a great deal of hard work and commitment to accomplish it." The school united to vote for the Highland vs. Jerseyville game to be the Ram's Game of the Week. After collecting the most votes the team became the Ram's Game of the Week. The Ram's donated \$2,000 to the winning team and televised highlights of their game. We won the money for our football program by beating Jerseyville. On October 25, Highland completed their regular season with a 56-0 shutout victory against Charleston. They won the first two rounds of the playoffs, but lost to Sacred Heart Griffin in the quarter finals.



After throwing a 97 yard touchdown Mack Waldman, 12, embraces Andrew Winning, 10, on the sidelines of the game against Jerseyville at Highland.

9-0

Duquoin	44-0
Mt. Zion	52-28
Mattoon	54-0
Jerseyville	45-18
Triad	43-8
Civic Memorial	43-0
Waterloo	48-17
Mascoutah	66-28
Charleston	56-0



Front Row: J. Meadows, J. Barth, J. Wellen, B. Zuccarelli, M. Waldman, B. Hustedde, K. Mueller, T. Schneider, D. Zappia, J. Bardill, T. VonderHaar, C. Burdick. Second Row: A. Bush, B. Menke, M. Bartels, M. Augustin, N. Sullens, T. White, C. McKee, T. Farmer, J. Jackowski, K. Gray, B. Perfetti. Third Row: S. Levad, P. VonderHaar, B. Kronk, L. Kharibian, Z. Wesselmann, C. Hulvey, C. Reilson, N. Czar, J. Range, B. Sands, M. Wallace, J. Drzwecki. Fourth Row: L. Ratliff, Z. Kaufman, C. Zobrist, C. Beard, A. Winning, L. Geiger, G. Geiger, S. Ferguson, M. Munie, B. Thomae, W. Kaepf. Fifth Row: J. Freeman, S. Greene, A. Nix, J. Twyford, T. Rakers, C. VonderHaar, L. Hopkins, J. Haase, B. Menke, S. Ahlmeyer, K. Schmitt. Back Row: H. Smart, A. Baublitz, M. Oldham

Playoffs

Carbondale	34-20
Limestone	36-14
Sacred Heart Griffin	8-42

"What was your most memorable moment from the season?"



"When Troy Schneider, 12, got an interception against Jerseyville, "Air Schneider."

- Logan Kharibian, 11



"Winning the Mississippi Valley Conference (MVC) for the first time since 1989."

-Tyler Vonder Haar, 12



"Having an undefeated regular season and going to the playoffs."

-Gage Geiger, 11

By Amber Hubbard and Cam Loyet

In Record Time

Although Cross Country is a fall sport, practices began early in the summer. The team woke up early every morning during the week to have practice at 7:00 a.m. They also attended a summer cross country camp where the team learned techniques and participated in fun bonding activities. Once school started, the team had practice every weekday until 5:30 p.m. and practices on Saturday if there were no meets. All of their practice showed a profit when the girls team won the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship and brought back the Regional title for the first time since 1995. Coach Bradley said, "If this isn't the best girls team in school history it is definitely among them. They have accomplished some amazing things! The boys improved this season but were impacted greatly by injuries and inexperience." The girls made it to state as a team for the first time since 1993. At state the team placed 13th in the class 2A competition. Among the top runners there were Allison Zobrist, 10, who placed sixth, becoming the highest placed runner in school history, and Emily Holtzclaw, 12, who placed 62nd. Team captain, Holtzclaw, said "We faced a lot of challenges making it to state with injuries and sickness, but I'm so proud of us for not only getting there but being the highest placing team in school history. It made for an amazing senior season!"

Cross Country



The Girls Varsity team warms up before their race at the Granite City Invitational by running strides so they are loose for their race.



The girls sported trendy polka dotted socks that Coach Bradley purchased for them at the state meet so he could easily pick them out in the crowd of 210 girls.



Emily Holtzclaw, 12, and Allison Zobrist, 10, lead the pack at the start of their race at the Granite City Invitational to insure their spots in the pack.



Pushing each other to go faster, Brad Sperber, 12, and Trevor Langhauser, 11, race together at the Triad Invitational.



Front Row: Candace Luitjohan, 9, Sydney Nyquist, 9, Taylor Prusa, 11, Kayleen Kampwerth, 9, Allison Zobrist, 10, Lexie Plocher, 10, Lyndi Stone, 9, Jayden Shelton, 11. Middle Row: Brock Schrage, 9, Andrew Molinari, 9, Jacob Plocher, 9, Courtney Hengehold, 9, Abbey Johnson, 11, Reagan Stowers, 10, Mireille Beaubien, 11, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Erin Esquibel, 11, Collin Meyer, 9, Ben Geppert, 9, David Dinh, 12. Back Row: Coach Bob Vance, Bret Cochran, 9, Sean Wahls, 11, Jacob White, 9, Brad Sperber, 12, Alex Cranick, 12, Ben Clayton, 11, Grant Riggs, 11, Zach Chapman, 11, Zach Plocher, 11, Trevor Langhauser, 11, Adam Kelso, 10, Coach Doug Bradley



Jacob White, 9, races to the finish line at the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship.



Running together, Abbey Johnson, 11, and Courtney Hengehold, 9, push each other at a home meet.



Sara Beth Wiegman, 9, Mireille Beaubien, 11, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Taylor Prusa, 11, Abbey Johnson, 11, Jayden Shelton, 11, Lexie Plocher, 10, Courtney Hengehold, 9, Sydney Nyquist, 9, and Allison Zobrist, 10, are thrilled after placing 13th as a team at the state meet held at Detweiler Park in Peoria, IL because this was the best finish achieved in school history.



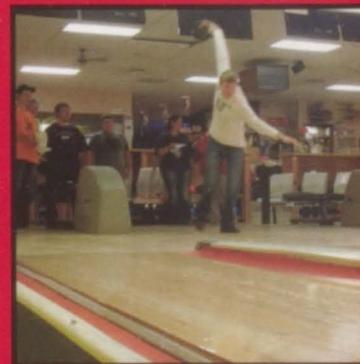
Coach Bradley gives the Girls Varsity team a pep talk before they compete at the season opener in Troy, IL.

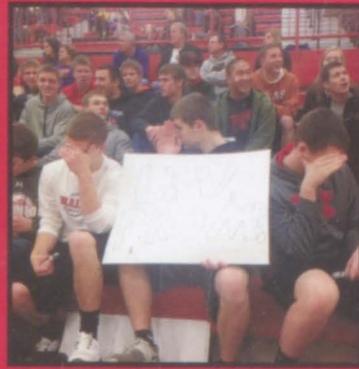
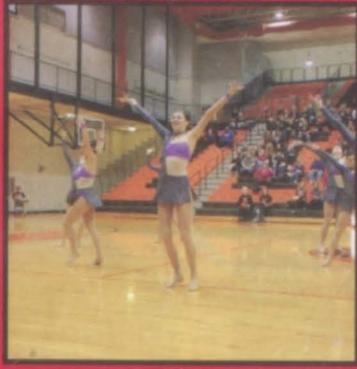
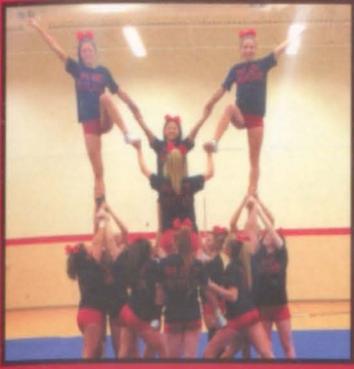


Grant Riggs, 11, lengthens his strides to gain some positions at the Triad Invitational.

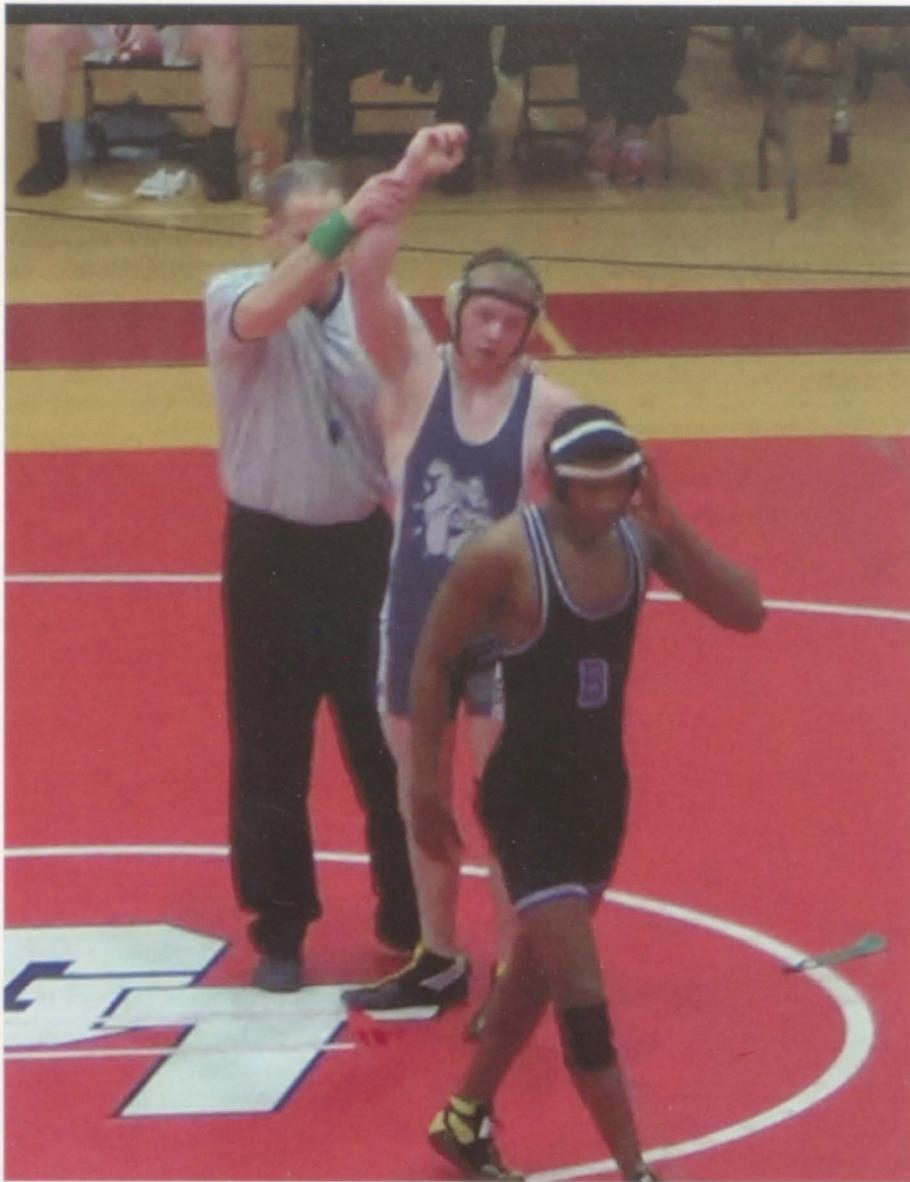
By Jessica Zobrist

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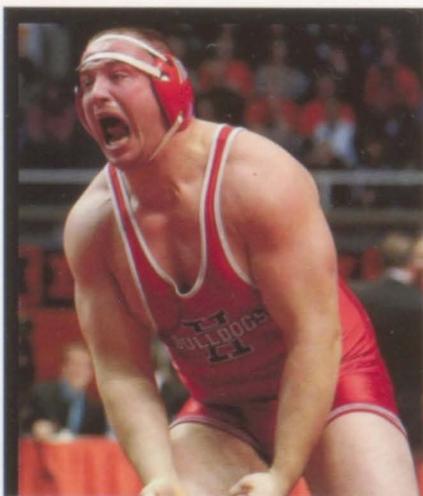
Mason Lee, 11, raises his hand in victory at Chatham Glenwood, as his Bloomington opponent stomps away defeated.



Tanner Farmer, 12, Blake Perfetti, 12, Coach Cipicchio, Jake Wellen, 12, Ben Zuccerelli, 12, and Johnathan Meadows, 12, pose for their Senior Night pictures.

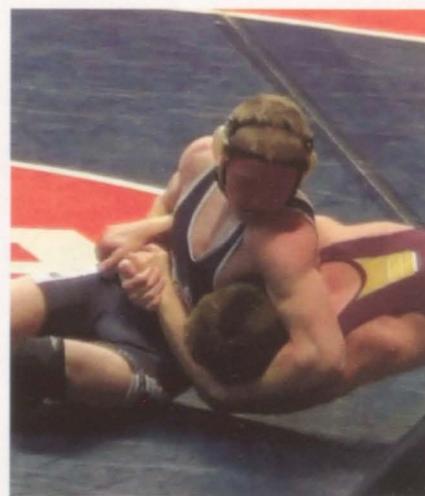


Wrestling at home, Johnathan Meadows, 12, pins his Civic Memorial opponent, winning the match.



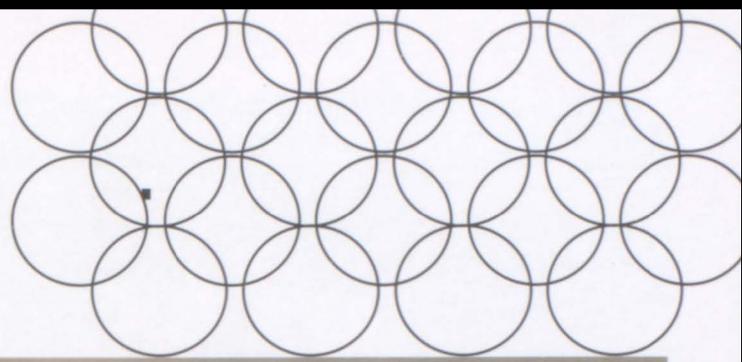
"All the odds were stacked against me and beating them felt amazing."

Tanner Farmer, 12, on his victory at state



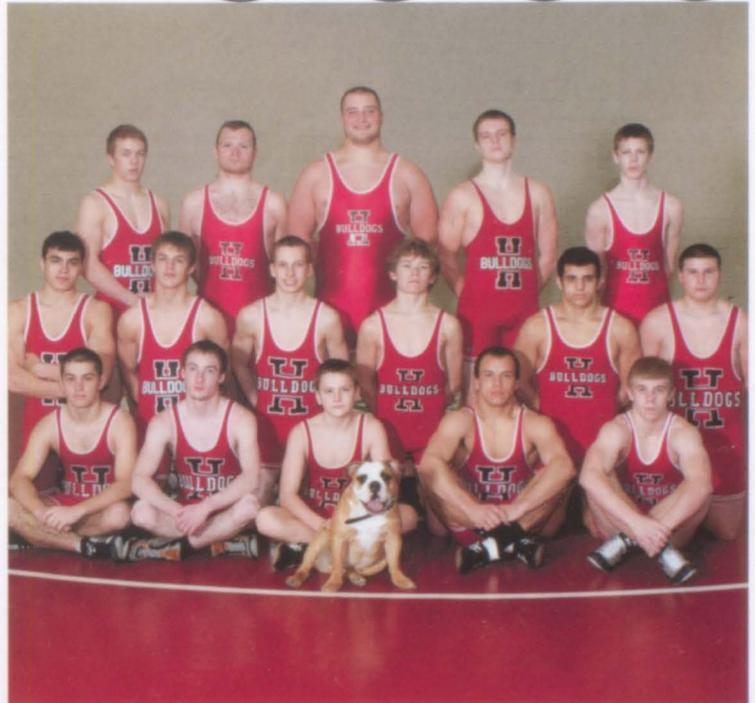
"I was in my prime. I came full circle spiritually, physically, and mentally. It was a good year."

Mason Lee, 11

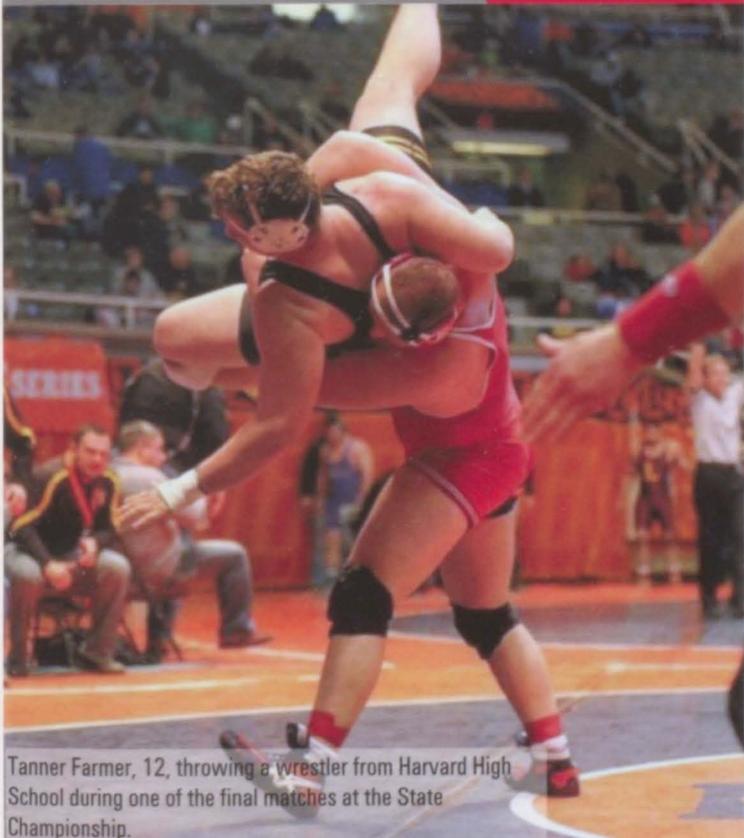


Wrestlemania Wrestling

Wrestling made Highland history this year. They competed in various tournaments such as the Mascoutah Invitational on December 21st, the Litchfield tournament on December 28th, and the Carbondale tournament on January 11th. Michael McGill, 10, said he will never forget the Litchfield tournament, "My favorite part about this season was the team bonding at Litchfield and at Stake N' Shake." The team competed at Conference and Regionals. The wrestlers who advanced from Regionals to Sectionals were Tanner Farmer, 12, with first place, Blake Perfetti, 12, with third place, Mason Lee, 11, with third place, and Trent Rakers, 9, with third place. Tanner and Mason advanced to the State from Sectionals. Tanner won first place and Mason won fourth. Unfortunately, Mason lost his first match and then was out of the competition after losing through the wrestle backs. Tanner won his first match 6-0, won his second match 2-0 and then won his third match 1-0. In his final match for State, Tanner pinned his opponent in 2:25 with his favorite move, the "chicken wing." Tanner did not give up a single point at the State Championship and ended the season 36-0. Throughout his entire senior season Tanner only gave up one point in 25 matches and the two-time State Championship winner made Highland history.



Front Row: Brennan Smith, 10, Ben Wheeler, 10, Justin Booger, 9, Blake Perfetti, 12, Carsten Brauns, 10 Middle Row: Brode Kirsch, 10, Trent Rakers, 9, Austin Hickam, 10, Michael McGill, 10, Ben Zuccarelli, 12, Luke Olson, 9 Back Row: Mason Lee, 11, Jonathan Meadows, 12, Tanner Farmer, 12, Jake Wellen, 12 Jacob Mitchell, 9.



Tanner Farmer, 12, throwing a wrestler from Harvard High School during one of the final matches at the State Championship.



Aggressively tackling his opponent, Blake Perfetti, 12 wrestles at Hillsboro and wins the match.

By
Kayleigh Hester



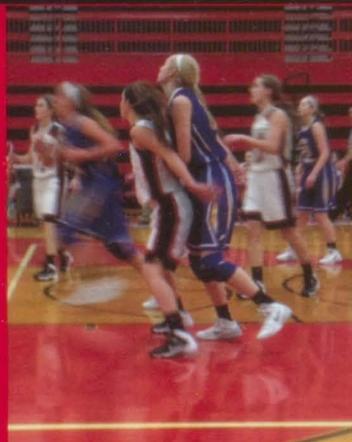
Caitlin Lammers, 10, during a home game, guarded the ball and did not let Civic Memorial score.



In a home game against Wesclin, Brianna Becherer, 10 posted up on her opponent.



What was the most memorable part of the season?



“ Being a part of the team that beat Mater Dei the first game of regionals.”
- Ashlyn Fenton, 10



“Going undefeated in conference and getting closer with teammates.”
-Katie Kampwerth, 9

All We Do Is Win

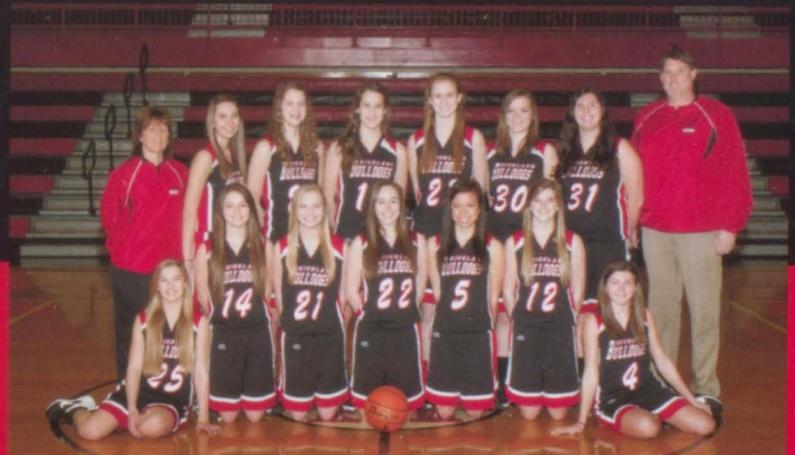
JV Girls Basketball

The JV Girls Basketball Team trained and competed in tournaments all summer. They also competed in a tournament at Butler University, and Lidenwood University. Every day after school, the girls had two and a half hour long practices where they worked on form shooting, ball handling, and schemes. Their season started against Triad and they won 55-33. Hayley Taylor, 9, said, "I was nervous and excited about my first JV game because it was my first time playing for Highland High School." The JV team was coached by Chirs Hartlieb and Terri Menke. The JV ended their season at home verus Mascoutah and their overall recod was 13-6. They placed first in The Salem Tournament and attended The Mahommet-Seymore Shootout. They were also undefeated in conference.

By
Maggie Keeven

10-0

Triad	55-33 W
Jerseyville	58-33 W
Waterloo	60-27 W
Civic Memorial	60-44 W
Mascoutah	47-23 W
Civic Memorial	45-26 W
Triad	38-21 W
Jerseyville	57-33 W
Waterloo	45-33 W
Mascoutah	49-34 W

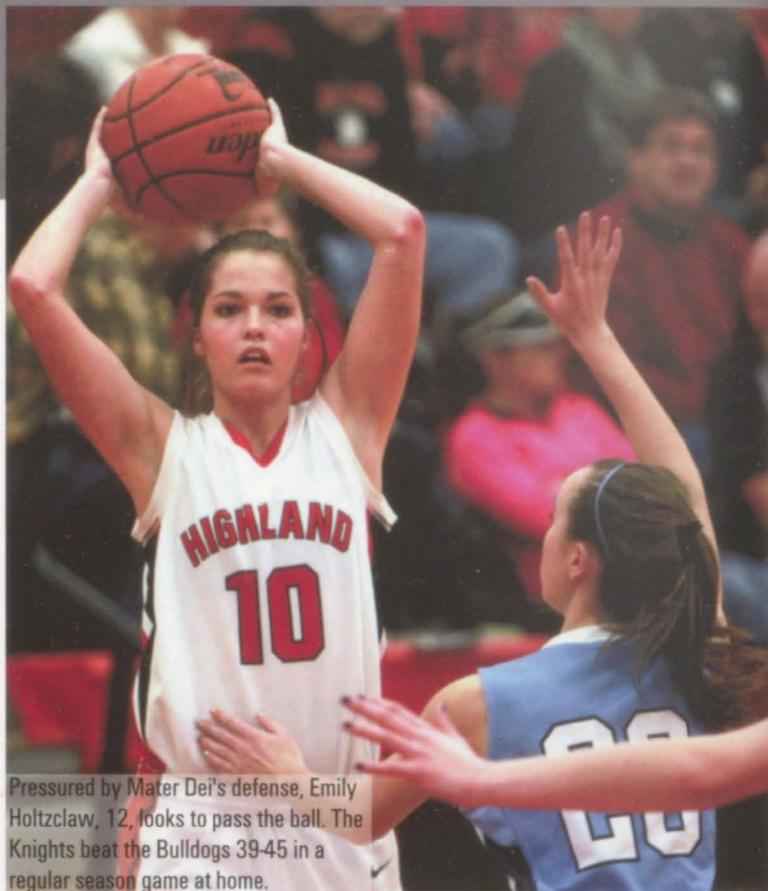


Front Row: Sarah Beth Weigmann, 9, Ashlyn Fenton, 10, Alisse Koishor, 9, Madison Wellen, 9, Brianna Becherer, 10, Caitlin Lammers, 10, Breanna Frahm, 9, Back Row: Coach Terri Menke, Megan Frey, 9, Katie Kampwerth, 9, Alex LaPorta, 9, Hayley Taylor, 9, Liz Meadows, 9, Nicole Esquibel, 11, Coach Chris Hartlieb.

Raid'n with the Baden

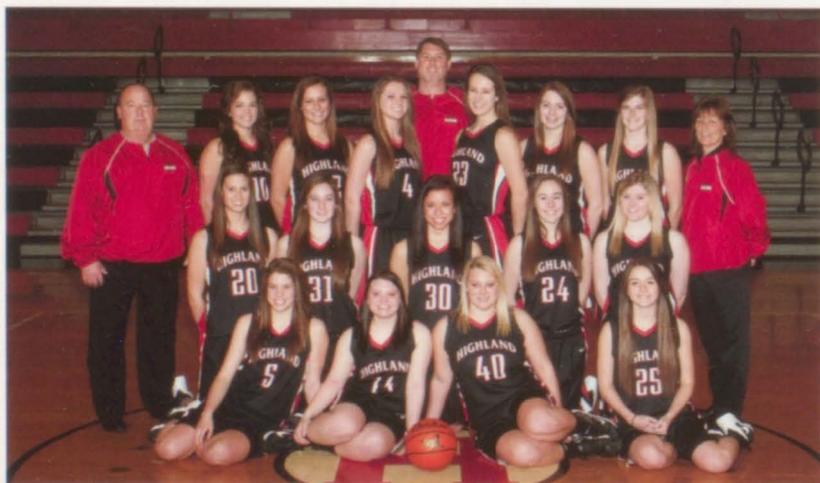
Varsity Girls Basketball

The Highland Varsity Basketball Team played for a new coach this year, Mike Arbuthnot. They started off their season with a fourth place finish in the Salem Thanksgiving Tournament with a 3-2 record. Highland then began their regular season games. Beating Triad, Jerseyville, Waterloo, Centrailia, and a loss to Civic Memorial, led them into the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament. They took fifth place at the tournament with three wins and one loss. After two losses in regular season to Mater Dei and Central they beat Chatham Glenwood in the Highland Shootout. After taking fifth in the Highland Girls Tournament, the Lady Bulldogs went on a six game winning streak to start Regionals. With a nail-biting win against Mater Dei, they advanced to the Regional Championship against Civic Memorial. Losing by four, 29-33 to Civic Memorial brought their season to a close. The Lady Bulldogs finished with an incredible 21 wins and 10 losses and a tie for Mississippi Conference Champions with Civic Memorial.

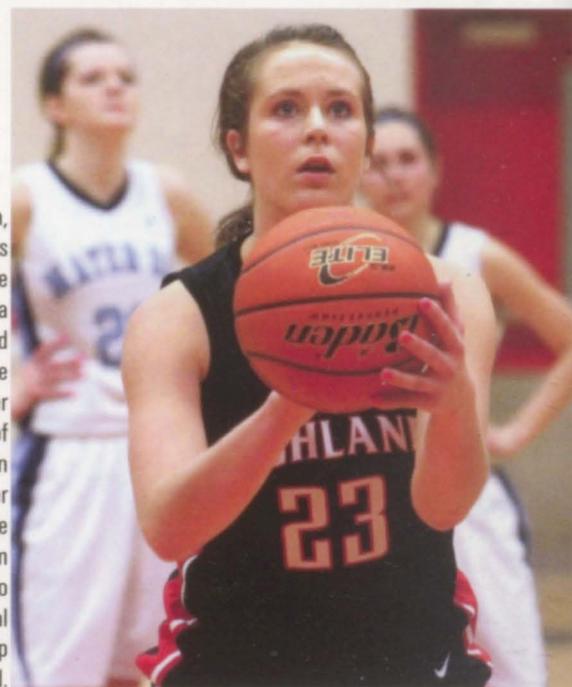


Pressured by Mater Dei's defense, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, looks to pass the ball. The Knights beat the Bulldogs 39-45 in a regular season game at home.

By Courtney Billhartz & Kristin Potthast



Front Row: Amanda Ponce, 10, Addison Rosen, 12, Brooke Hug, 12, Ashlyn Fenton, 10. Middle Row: Hannah Hartlieb, 12, Mackenzie Kleinmann, 11, Brianna Becherer, 10, Madison Wellen, 9, Emily Vonder Haar, 11. Back Row: Coach Mike Arbuthnot, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Kristin Potthast, 12, Maggie Keeven, 11, Coach Chris Hartlieb, Olivia LaPorta, 11, Bailey Leitschuh, 11, Caitlin Lammers, 10, Coach Terri Menke.

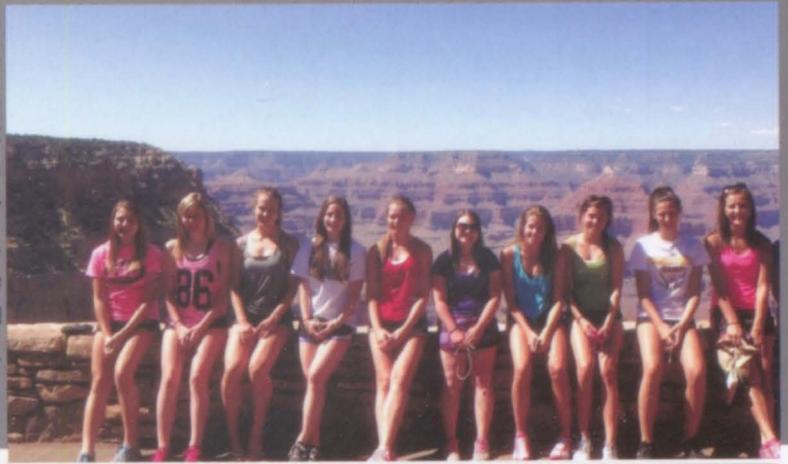


Olivia LaPorta, 11, shoots two free throws after a last second foul. She made her second one of two to win against Mater Dei 42-41. The team advanced to the Regional Championship at Triad.

21-10

Triad	57-47
Jerseyville	56-42
Waterloo	59-23
Civic Memorial	41-53
Mascoutah	52-41
Civic Memorial	56-51
Triad	55-26
Jerseyville	59-30
Waterloo	48-28
Mascoutah	49-37

The team went to Arizona during the summer for a basketball camp at Arizona State University. After their tournament, they sat on the ledge of the Grand Canyon.



The starting line up Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Hannah Hartlieb, 12, Bailey Letischuh, 11, Amanda Ponce, 10, and Olivia LaPorta, 11, wait for their names to be called before the Civic Memorial game.



Bailey Leitschuh, 11, goes for a steal against the Central Cougars in the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament. The loss to the Cougars put the Bulldogs in the fifth and sixth place game.

What was the most memorable part of the season?

**"Beating CM on our home court."
-Addison Rosen, 12**

**"When we beat Mater Dei in Regionals"
-Emily Vonder Haar, 11**

Bop to the Top

JV Dance Team

Starting in October, the girls on the JV Dance Team began practicing every day after school. Coached by Emily Wellen, the five girls on the team practiced their routines until they were perfect in preparation for the Start The Beat dance competition where they received a first in the small group category. In Lindbergh, Missouri, they placed second in hip hop and first in jazz. The first IDTA regional competition they attended was held at Belleville East where the team placed first in hip hop and jazz and second in lyrical. In Edwardsville, the girls came out on top with a first in hip hop and lyrical and a second in jazz. On their home turf at the Highland regionals, the girls placed first in hip hop and jazz and second in lyrical. In addition to taking their dances to competitions, the team also provided a performance during halftime at all home JV basketball games. "The girls had a very successful season," said Coach Emily Wellen. "It was great watching each dancer grow throughout the season."



Front Row: Mariah Thuenemann, 9, and Emma Moos, 9. Back Row: Quincie Hayden, 9, Hannah Luitjohn, 9, and Reagan Thorton, 9.

By Morgan Korte



Hannah Luitjohn, 9, Emma Moos, 9, and Reagan Thorton, 9, hit their turns in second during their lyrical routine in Springfield for IDTA state. . The routine placed second in the JV lyrical category.



Reagan Thorton, 9, Emma Moos, 9, Mariah Thuenemann, 9, Quincie Hayden, 9, and Hannah Luitjohn, 9, pose at the beginning of their jazz routine at their first competition in Lindberg, Missouri. The team took home first in the JV jazz category.



At the end of their hip hop routine at the IDTA state final, Hannah Luitjohn, 9, hits the final pose of the dance. The theme of the routine was "Flight," and it received second at the state competition.



Front Row: Mariah Thueneman, Hannah Luitjohn, Coach Wellen. Back Row: Quincie Hayden, Emma Moos, Reagan Thorton. After the Edwardsville regional, the team and coach show off their awards.

"What was your favorite memory of the season?"



"Getting first place in lyrical at Belleville East."

-Quincie Hayden, 9



"Having Coach Emily stay the night after carb parties."

-Emma Moos, 9



"Getting first place at the Highland regional for jazz."

-Reagan Thorton, 9



The girls are in shock as they find out that they are the new IHSA Division 1A State Champions.



The girls perform for the first time at the Grizzly Game on August 9th. Their dance was choreographed by senior captains Lauren Lutostanski, Carrie Eilerman, and Miranda Wagner.



Addison Korsmeyer, 11, cheers on the basketball players as they run on the floor to warm up for their game. The dancers made a tunnel for the boys to run through before every home game.



The Bulldog Bus follows as a firetruck and police car escort the girls through town after they return from IHSA state. The girls hold signs that say IHSA Champs.

By
Lauren Lutostanski

I Wanna Dance With Somebody

Varsity Dance Team

The Varsity Dance Team started off their season when they performed at the Grizzly's baseball game in August, followed by technique practices. They had a big season ahead of them with the IHSA, IDTA, and UDA competitions. This year was the first year that the girls ever competed at a UDA competition, so the pressure was on. The team was made up of 15 girls, seven of them were seniors. Once the school year began the team had practice every day after school. Their first competition was at Lindbergh high school on December 7th. Over Christmas break they continued to practice as they geared up for what was going to be a demanding dance schedule. The girls had competitions every weekend for seven straight weeks. At every competition they continued to improve and raise their scores. The girls made history on February 1st and became state champs at IHSA state with their jazz routine. On February 16th, the girls won IDTA state champion titles in jazz, pom dance, and lyrical. "They really pulled together as a team, and deserved all of the victories that they achieved. It was amazing to watch them grow as dancers, but I am humbled to have been able to work with such smart, beautiful, and caring young ladies." said Coach Michelle Deets. They ended their season with a banquet at Michael's Restaurant to recognize the team's hard work.



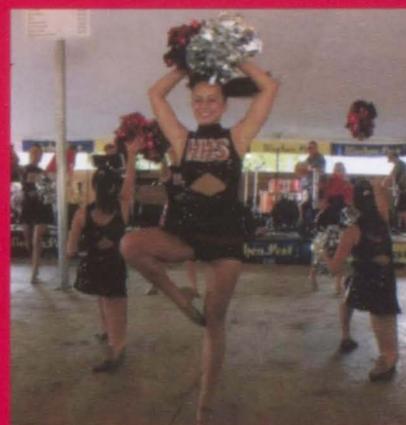
Front Row: Morgan Bargetzi, 12, Lexy Hagler, 10, Kaylea Jones, 11, Miranda Wagner, 12. Middle Row: McKenzie Rosen, 10, Morgan Reaka, 12, Leslie Druke, 10, Karli Thornton, 12. Back Row: Carrie Eilerman, 12, Katie Volker, 10, Lauren Lutostanski, 12, Paige Lampe, 12, Addison Korsemeier, 11, Kelsey Lane, 10, Ally Becker, 9.



"This season has been full of ups and downs, but when we all came together as a team we accomplished our goal, and nothing can beat that feeling."
-Katie Volker, 10



"It was such a cool experience to win IHSA, and I'm so proud of my team and how far we've come this season."
-Mckenzie Rosen, 10



"It's been an amazing season. I'm so proud to be on a team that has made HHS histroy. Winning IHSA state is definitely an experiance I will never forget"
-Miranda Wagner, 12

What was the most memorable part of your season?



"Hanging out with my pals at our practices."

-Sutton Allen, 12



"Playing hide-n-go seek at practices."

-David Dinh, 12



Front Row: Dylan Spencer, 11, Sutton Allen, 12, Cody Olson, 12, and David Dinh, 12, Back Row: Tanner Zimmermann, 12, Logan Brave, 12, Adam Harris, 12, Riley Zimmermann, 11, at Belleville East Competition on January 4th.

By
Jessica Zobrist



Cody Olson, 12, and Riley Zimmermann, 11, get ready to toss their hats to the crowd during the performance at the Highland Regional.



Showing off the main stunt of their dance, Logan Brave, 12, Sutton Allen, 12, David Dinh, 12, Cody Olson, 12, Riley Zimmermann, 11, Dylan Spencer, 11, and Adam Harris, 12, smile at the crowd.



Dylan Spencer, 11, comes down from a trick at the Highland Regional.

Spotlight on Nelly

Boys Dance Team



On their home floor, Sutton Allen, 12, David Dinh, 12, and Riley Zimmermann, 11, smile at the crowd during a pause in their dance.

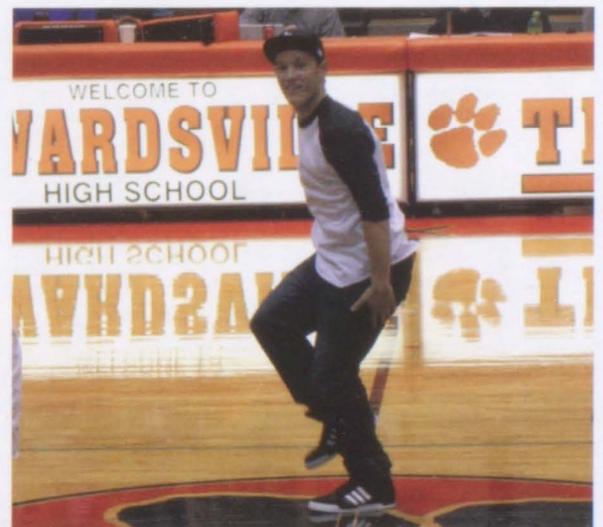
The Dogs started practice in October preparing dance moves for the year. They learned their routine, set to Nelly songs, in early November and practiced it all the way to January fourth for their first competition at Belleville East. The Dogs did not qualify for state there or at the Edwardsville Regional on January eleventh, but they were excited when they finally qualified on their home floor at the Highland Regional on February eighth. The Dogs led by senior captains Tanner Zimmermann, Sutton Allen, and David Dinh made it to state for the second year in a row. At state they placed fourth in the AA Hip-Hop category. Coach Miranda Wagner, 12, said "I'm so proud of how hard the boys have worked this year. Our goal was to qualify for state and the hard work definitely paid off."



Front Row: David Dinh, 12, Sutton Allen, 12, Cody Olson, 12, Dylan Spencer, 11. Back Row: Logan Brave, 12, Adam Harris, 12, Tanner Zimmermann, 12, Riley Zimmermann, 11.



Cody Olson, 12, Dylan Spencer, 11, Sutton Allen, 12, Adam Harris, 12, Logan Brave, 12, and Riley Zimmermann, 11, prepare for the end of their dance at Highland Regional.



At the Edwardsville Regional on January 11th, Adam Harris, 12, dances to "Grillz" by Nelly.

I'm So Fly

JV Cheerleading

The 2013-2014 season turned out to be a successful one for the JV Cheerleading squad. From placing third at Highland Regionals, to third at state, the team worked for their rankings. This season was not just luck, however. The group practiced almost non-stop. Practices were held from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesday nights were a little different with stunting practice from 4:00 to 5:30, followed by tumbling from 5:30 to 7:00. Both were held at Core Elite Tumble and Cheer. "This team became closer than I could have ever imagined. These nine kids have become like family to me and I'm so blessed to be a part of this," said Coach Leah Nungesser. The team cheered at all home JV basketball games and attended two competitions. The team was coached by Kristee Elliot and Leah Nungesser, both first time coaches and former HHS students.

By Jenna Melosi



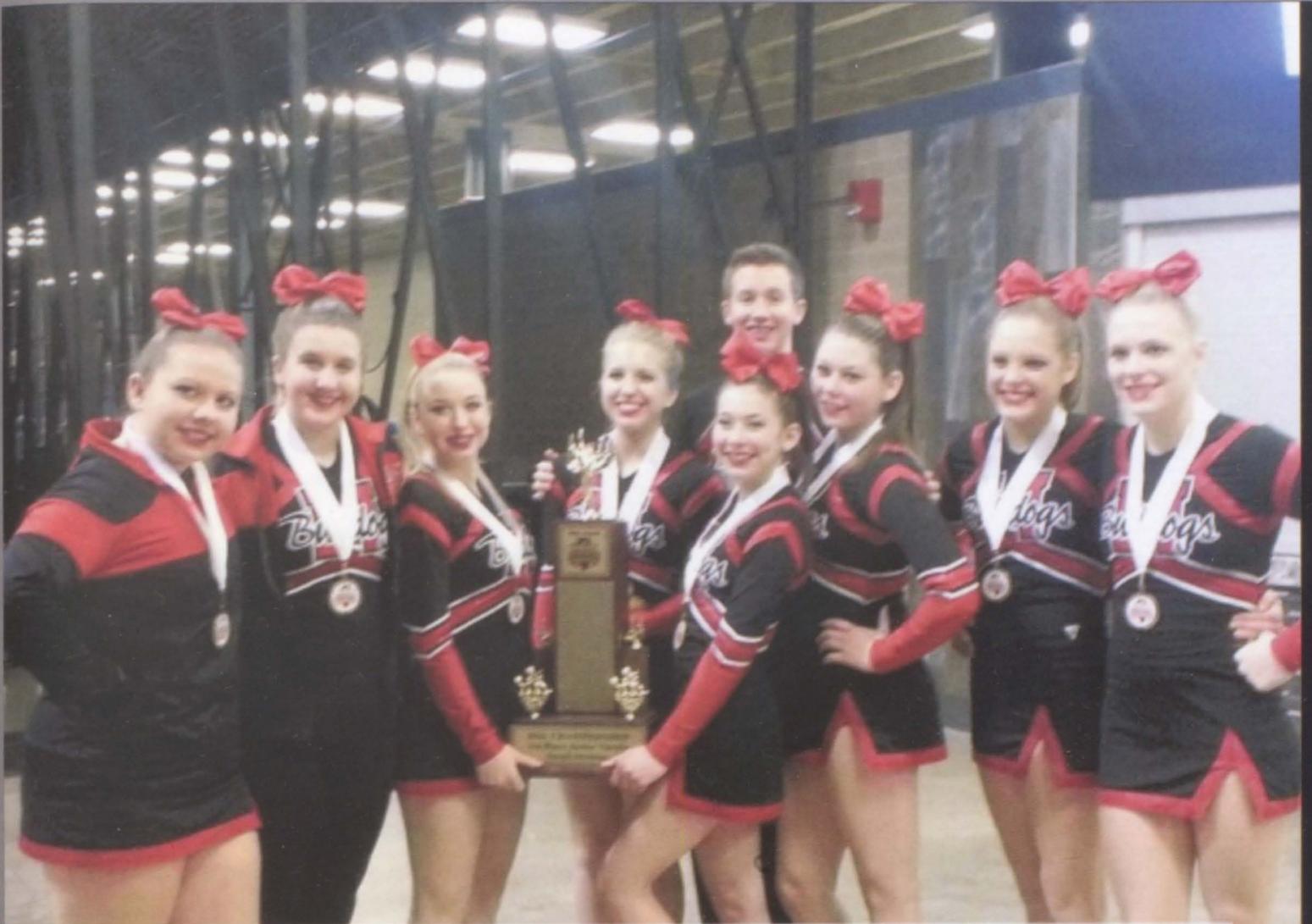
Front Row: Kelli Littlefield, 11, Bekah Cummings, 9, Middle Row: Tina Kernan, 9, CJ Kutzgar, 9, Kat Maxwell, 9, Back Row: Dani Zobrist, 9, Savannah Hyde, 9, Jessica Willson, 9, and Carrie Gibbons, 12.



Bekah Cummings, 9, pulls her scale at a practice at Core Elite. Becca is supported by freshmen, Kat Maxwell, Savannah Hyde, and Jessica Willson.



Carrie Gibbons, 12, and Bekah Cummings, 9, cheer on the JV basketball team to a victory at home against Triad.



After placing third at ICCA State Championships, Kat Maxwell, 9, Tina Kernan, 9, Kelli Littlefield, 11, Carrie Gibbons, 12, CJ Kutsgar, 9, Beckah Cummings, 9, Savannah Hyde, 9, Dani Zobrist, 9, and Jessica Willson, 9 proudly hold their trophy and sport their medals.

What did you enjoy most about this season?



"Sticking every part of our routine at state."

-Kelli Littlefield, 11



"The best part of this season was going to state!"

-CJ Kutsgar, 9



At the last home game against Civic Memorial, the cheerleaders stand in formation on the sidelines and watch the action..

What was your most memorable moment from the season?



"Working as a team no matter how many changes we were forced into." - Amy Coyle, 12



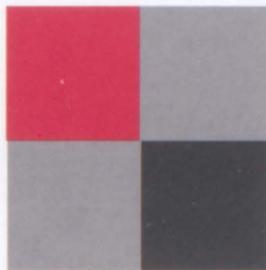
"When we hit everything at IHSA sectionals and made it to state ." - Jordyn Grawe, 11



"When they called our name at IHSA awards and all of our work towards the podium paid off."
- Carollyn Dihn, 10

Stunt Your Stuff

Varsity Cheerleading



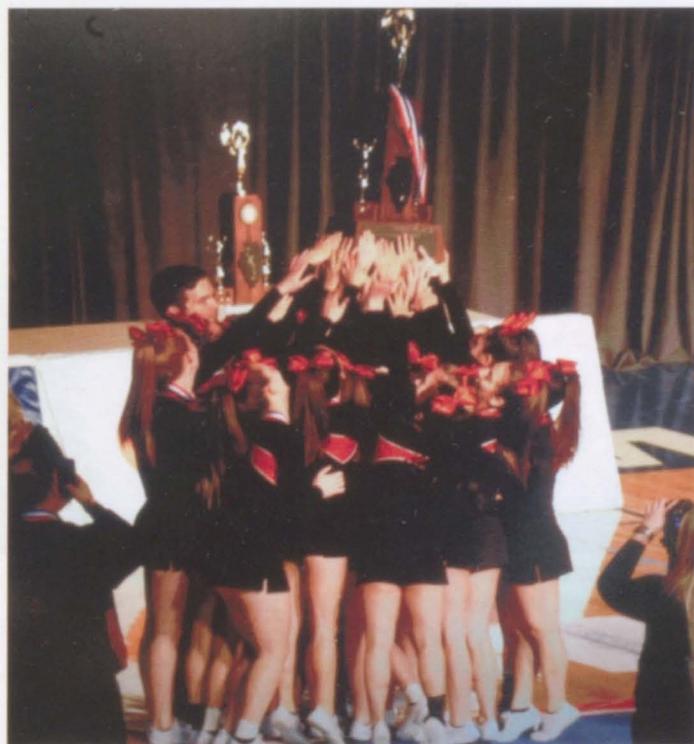
The Varsity Cheerleading squad was determined to succeed from the first day of practice. Head coach, Angie Fears, and assistant coaches, Chelsey Kantner and Terri Aebischer, were also dedicated to the cause. The team began practicing for their season in the summer of 2013 by participating in a CDA cheer camp in Highland. They also attended a NCA camp at O'Fallon High School. Through rough practices in the fall and many injuries, the team claimed a sixth place title at the ICCA State Championships. With that behind them, it was time to move forward and compete to qualify for the IHSA State Championship. In order to qualify, the squad had to place top five in their section. Sweeping the competition at IHSA Sectionals, the girls placed second over all. "I am extremely happy with my squad! We all pulled together through injuries and many different obstacles along the way. I couldn't have asked for a better group of athletes." said coach Angie Fears. The team completed the season by moving on to the IHSA State Championship and placed third. Highland made their way across the podium for the first time in seven years. With a great end to the season Marlee Singler, 11, said, "After a hard year of injuries and many losses of team members, we did a wonderful job and I can't wait until next year to compete again!"



Front Row: Hope Imming, 9, Marlee Singler, 11, Carollyn Dihn, 10, Marylyn Dihn, 10, Madison Zobrist, 11, and Megan Smithey, 10. Middle Row: Amber Terveen, 12, Brooke Arbogast, 10, Marissa Wheeler, 10, Jenna Melosi, 11, and Audrey Kosydor, 10. Back Row: Amy Coyle, 12, Michaela Schantz, 12, Ellie Imming, 12, Rebecca Nation, 11, Landon Wolf, 12, Anna Heinold, 11, Jordyn Grawe, 11, and Ally Iberg, 9.



At the final awards ceremony, our cheerleaders and their competitors bow their heads in prayer.



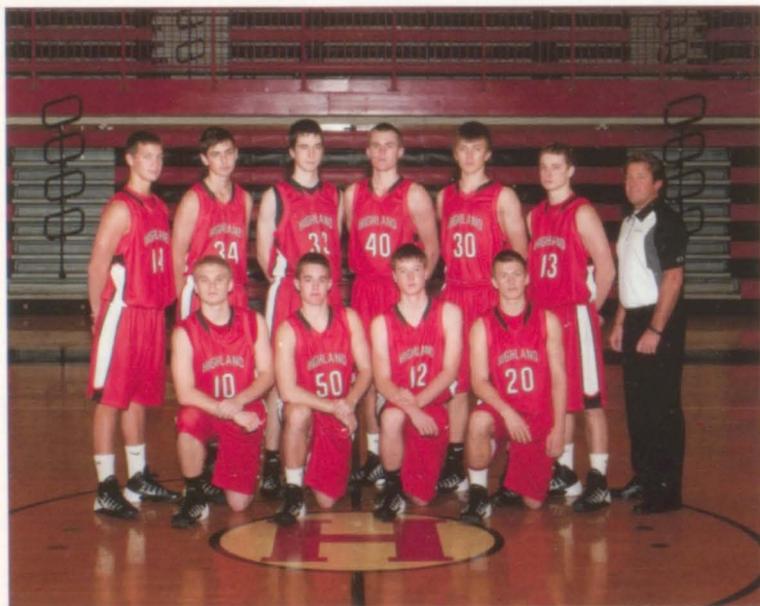
After placing third at IHSA State, the Highland cheerleaders celebrate their victory by holding up their trophy.

By Molly Schutzenhofer

Shoot Three

JV Basketball

The JV Basketball players started their season off by practicing after school with the Varsity Basketball Team. They also practiced on their own on the weekends. Practices were held at either the high school or the middle school gym. To prepare for games, the team began with stretching exercises. Then they ran full and half court defensive and offensive drills. The boys branched off into their separate positions and continued practice. Practice ended with conditioning. JV games started with a pep talk from Coach Brent Portell. The boys ran out of the locker room and shot baskets to warm up. The coaches who lead the team through the season were Brent Portell, Matt Elledge, Todd Strong, and Wes Degroot. The team ended the season with five victories against Triad, Madison, Jerseyville, and Civic Memorial.



Front Row: Matt Beyer, Tyler Pollard, Austin Brown, Will Greenwald. Back Row: Will Michael, Matt Kleinmann, Blake Caroll, Joe Rittenhouse, Chris Dickman, Justin Twyford, all sophomores, and Coach Brent Portell.

By
Carrie Gibbons



Will Greenwald, 10, dribbles the ball close to the net preparing to shoot a two pointer.



During a time out, the team discusses what they need to do to break the tie of the game.



05-11

Salem	51-57
Civic Memorial	49-55
Wesclin	42-56
Triad	41-38
T-Town	36-61
Mascoutah	50-82
Jacksonville	18-62
Triad	54-51
Central	50-63
Mascoutah	57-66
Madison	66-49
Carbondale	57-58
Chatham	46-51
Waterloo	61-64
Jerseyville	61-49
Civic Memorial	46-45



Chris Dickman, 10, blocks a Civic Memorial player as Justin Twyford, 10, shoots the ball towards the net.



After getting fouled against, Chris Dickman, 10, earns a free throw close to the end of the Triad game..

Why do you play basketball?

"I play because I love the fans. They keep us pumped when playing teams like Triad."
-Justin Twyford, 10

"I play because I enjoy it and I like being on a team."
-Austin Brown, 10

"I play because it gives me a sense of pride."
-Will Greenwald, 10

Highs and Lows

Varsity Basketball

The Boys Basketball Team may not have achieved the lofty goals set at the beginning of the season, but they had their bright moments. The team finished the season with an overall record of 14-16 and 4-6 in the Mississippi Valley Conference (MVC). They placed second to Edwardsville in the Waterloo Thanksgiving Tourney, went 2-3 in the Mater Dei Holiday Tourney, and finished third at the Triad Mid-Winter Classic. Caleb Mckee, 12 said, "It was different playing with so many young guys, but they have talent and will hopefully be good in a couple years." Many young faces made up this year's squad dressing just four seniors, one junior, and the rest sophomores. This year's senior class was a part of three consecutive Mississippi Valley Conference Championships during their time playing at Highland. This ties us for the most MVC championships for one class in school history. The emerging talent hopes to live up to the hype and continue Highland's success.

By Brock Portell and Cam Loyet



Front Row: Brode Portell, 10, Justin Twyford, 10, Matt Beyer, 10, Brock Portell, 12, Will Greenwald, 10, Austin Elledge, 10, and Luke Thies, 10. Back Row: Head coach Matt Elledge, Asst. Coach Todd Strong, Caleb Mckee, 12, Joe Duncan, 12 Blake Carrol, 10, Cole Landmann, 11, Chris Dickman, 10, Aaron Elledge, 12, Will Micheal, 10, Asst. Wes Degroot, and Asst. Coach Brent Portell.



"Playing with my sophomore brother, Austin, was definitely...interesting."

-Aaron Elledge, 12.



"I really enjoyed this year with the seniors. Hopefully, next year's only senior player is just as great."

-Cole Landmann, 11.



Joe Duncan, 12, shoots a layup while in midair against Chatham-Glenwood. Duncan scored 15 points in this game.

Caleb Mckee, 12, goes up to finish in a highly physical basketball game against Nashville.



MVC 4-6

Waterloo	36-34
Civic Mem.	62-70
Triad	60-48
Jerseyville	50-62
Mascoutah	66-46
Triad	44-53
Mascoutah	56-46
Waterloo	58-64
Jerseyville	61-71
Civic Mem.	52-53



As the Okawville guard tries to go to the basket, Austin Elledge, 10, keeps him from getting into the lane. We beat the Rockets, who were undefeated until then, at the Mater Dei Tournament.



Brock Portell, 12, swoops in for a lay-up as a Breese-Central guard tries to block him. The bulldogs needed some quick baskets to come back from an early deficit.

What was the most memorable part of the season?



"Bowling my highest game ever, 290."
Brett Harrison, 11



"When Coach Wander made a "yee-haw" shirt and wore a cowboy hat to sectionals."
-Megan Gruner, 11



"Practicing for sectionals at Bowl Haven in Alton with Buske and Chapman."
-Derek Frey, 12

Striking Out

Bowling

Patience, accuracy, technique, and consistency are four characteristics all bowlers need. Bowlers must also be able to quickly adapt to lane conditions because oil patterns vary greatly from one lane to another. To warm up before practices and matches the bowlers did drills such as rolling balls to one another and practiced their approach shots. Senior captains Amber Hubbard, Kaitlin Rutz, and Derek Frey led the team through the season. Every December the team had a Big Dog Tournament where the team competed against each other to receive one of Coach Wander's infamous homemade, artistic trophies. This year's winners were Amber Hubbard with first place; Derek Frey with second place; and Megan Gruner, 11, placed third. The Boys Varsity team finished with a record of 11-5, Boys JV went 11-4-1, Girls Varsity went 11-5, and Girls JV went 14-2 and tied with Waterloo for JV Girls MVC Champions. The Girls Varsity team placed second at their regional and went on to compete at sectionals, but none moved on to state. When asked about the season Coach Laura Wander said, "Our successful season came from a group of experienced players who led the team with great sportsmanship and positive attitudes."



Front Row: Molly Pfister, Kaitlin Rutz, Lexi Korte, Kylee Gutzler, Felicity Cassani, and Amber Hubbard. Second Row: Jennifer O'Brien, Katie Manley, Gina Zbinden, Megan Gruner, Liz Arend, Makayla Smith, and Megan O'Brien. Third Row: Chris Korte, Jordan Buske, Collin Korte, and Tanner Huelsman. Last Row: Coach Laura Wander, Devon Frank, Ben Clayton, Brett Harrison, Ryan Long, Derek Frey, Zach* Chapman, Trevor Miller, and Coach Pam Schrupf.



Jordan Buske, 10, throws his arm back before releasing his ball down the lane during practice.



Tanner Huelsman, 9, watches teammate Lexi Korte, 10, as she focuses on her mark on the lane in front of her before she throws her ball to pick her ten pin.

By Amber Hubbard



Makayla Smith, 10, practices good form as she rolls her ball to Jennifer O'Brien before practice at Poplar Junction.



Hoping for a strike, Devon Frank, 10, throws his ball down the lane at Poplar Junction.



Coach Pam Schrupf holds a towel over Megan O'Brien's mark on the lane as a drill to teach her proper bowling techniques.

Welcome To . . .





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 Chris Becker, Vice Principal
 Tina Beyer, History
 P.J. Bolk, Library Secretary
 Tina Bradley, Admin. Secretary
 Gail Braundmeier, Admin. Secretary



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 Dianne Buch, Aide
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Dawn Jones, Family & Consumer Science
Larry Jones, Agriculture
Valerie Kimmle, Math
Amy Kloss, English
Steven Konopka, Social Worker



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Khourtney Lowder, Special Ed.
Susan Martz, English
Brenda Mertes, Science
David Miscik, Math
Melissa Perkes, Business



Wendy Phillips, Special Ed.
Marcia Potthast, Aide
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Marilyn Wolters, Aide



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Ms. Beyer



4

Miss Romero



3

Mrs. Ramsey



2

Mrs. Duncan



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Mr. Strong



Class of 2017



Freshmen Class of 2017

What was the most creative way you have gotten out of homework?

- ◆ "By getting the teacher distracted talking about cats."
- ◆ "Saying I had a concussion."
- ◆ "Faking sick to go home."
- ◆ "Planned for the whole class to ask a lot of questions."

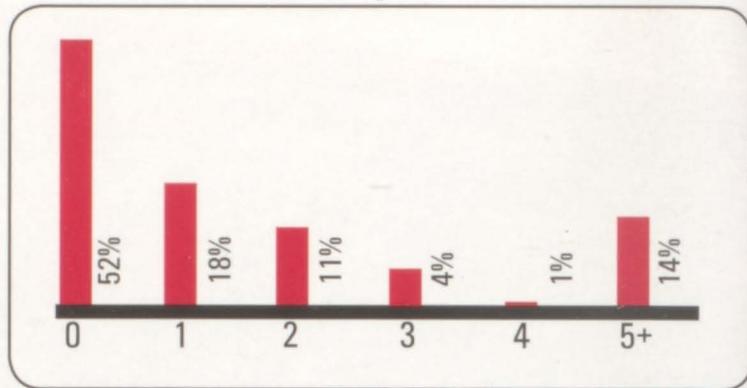
What do you hope will change in the next four years?

- "Hopefully lanyards will become stylish."
- "The schedule."
- "Gas prices."
- "School lunches."
- "A boy's volleyball team."

What do you dislike most about high school?

- "Traffic leaving school and the early start time."
- "The stairs."
- "The seniors scare me..."
- "Mostly the lunches."
- "Upperclassmen."
- "Drivers Ed."

How many tardies have you had this year?



"Successful."

"Really fat, playing video games."

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Hopefully not living with my parents."

"Famous."

What do you hope to learn in high school?

- "How to not be socially awkward."
- "The meaning of life."
- "Everything I need to know to make it in the 'real world' as teachers say."
- "How to deal with different kinds of people."



Bryan Abbe
 Brandi Alexander
 Lucas Ammann
 Emily Baldock
 Alexis Bartony
 Nicole Beaubien
 Ally Becker



Jenna Bell
 Ethan Billhartz
 Christopher Bland
 Nicholas Bottom
 Jordan Braundmeier
 Rory Brinker
 Brett Brown



Alyssa Bruggemann
 Justin Bugger
 Katlynn Bussett
 Nicholas Butler
 Evan Capelle
 Katelynn Capps
 Kristiana Carl



Amanda Carpenter
 SkyLAN Carroll
 Felicity Cassani
 Courtney Cathey
 Wade Clarkin
 Bret Cochran
 Conner Colwell



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 Leah Compton
 Tyler Cooper
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 Rebekah Cummings
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 Polly Czar



Corbin Daiber
 Caleb Denby
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 Dylan Dragoy
 Jackie Dubree



Nicholas Dugan
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 Avery Evans
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 Richard Feder
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 Rose Ficker
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 Brock Schrage
 Cory Schuster
 Archie Schwehr
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Drew Voss
 Levi Voss
 Christopher Vulliet
 Justin Wagoner
 Justin Walker
 Adam Walter
 Abigail Ware



Jordan Webb
 Kurt Weiss
 Blake Wellen
 Madison Wellen
 Madison Wellen
 Jacob Westberry
 Caleb Wheeler





Jacob White
Taylor Whitten
John Wick
Sarah Beth Wiegman
Michele Wildhaber
Avry Wills
Bailey Wills



Jessica Wilson
Austin Woolf
Tiffanie Wright
Kailin Yann
Shane Yetter
Danielle Zobrist

My favorite breed of dog is...



Australian Shepherd
Trent Rakers



Shih tzu
Sydney Kesner



Sable Collie
Polly Czar



Black Lab
Jake Ramsey

Fall Freshmen Sports

Football



Front Row: Bryce Sexton, Nick Vidmar, Cole Markunas, Grant Thole, Brett Brown, Cory Schuster, Second Row: Brett O'Connell, Jacob Westberry, Cauly Hartlieb, Andy Kampwerth, Wade Clarkin, Third Row: Ricky Feder, Briley Stowers, Ian Fraser, Chris Vulliet, Avery Evans, Conner Colwell, Fourth Row: Zach Miller, Justin Bugger, Montana Gilbert, Trent Rakers, Trent Langhauser, Back Row: Coach Scott Zobrist, Coach Barry Wittler, and Coach Ty Barr.

Volleyball



Front Row: Sydney Kesner, Lauren Wright, Peyton Holzinger, Cassie Lamzik, Middle Row: Paige Fischer, Carrigan Crowder, Amanda Korsmeyer, Back Row: Coach Dawn Hubbard, Amanda Korsmeyer, Hayley Taylor, Alyssa Anderson, and Coach Tina Beyer.

Winter Freshmen Sports

Girls Basketball



Front Row: Sarah Frank, Breanna Frahm, Alisse Koishor, Madison Wellen, Megan Frey, Sarah Beth Wiegman, Back Row: Sarah Jansen, Katie Kampwerth, Alex LaPorta, Hayley Taylor, Polly Czar, Elizabeth Meadows, and Coach Terri Menke.

Boys Basketball



Front Row: Brent Rapien, Steven Diaz, Brett Korte, Jake Ramsey, Back Row: J.D. Wellen, Jacob Fenton, Drew Voss, Montana Gilbert, Nick Bottom.



I.H.S.A. REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Class of 2016



Sophomores Class of 2016

What was the most creative way you have gotten out of homework?

- ◆ "Graded my own later in class."
- ◆ "Copying someone else's during lunch study sessions."
- ◆ "Saying I fed it to my gerbil."
- ◆ "I dropped it in a mud puddle."

What was your least favorite change this year?

- 30% Lanyards
- 34% 7:40 Start Time
- 18% 7 Classes a Day
- 18% Traffic in the Morning

What advice do you have for underclassmen?

"Listen to the upperclassmen."

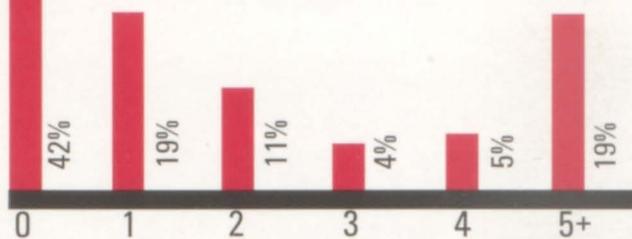
"Run to class."

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

"Be Quiet."

"When it doubt, tough it out."

How many tardies have you had this year?



"26 years old."

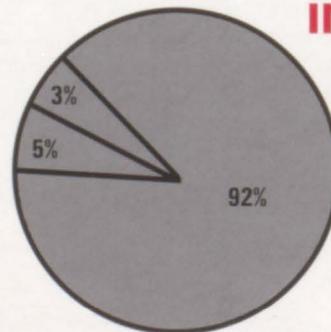
"Ten year fantasy football champ."

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Not in Highland."

"International pop star."

Where do you hang out most in your free time?



- 0% High school parking lot
- 3% North Town parking lot
- 5% Walmart
- 92% Other



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My biggest pet peeve in class is. . .



"A squeaky desk"
-Tori Netzer



"People shaking the desk with their feet."
-Tyler Reinhardt



"When my hair gets stuck in the desk behind me."
-Jenna Spies



"Popping Gum"
-Nathan Prutt



Class of 2015



Juniors

Class of 2015

What was the most creative way you have gotten out of homework?

- ◆ "You can talk some teachers out of anything, I swear."
- ◆ "Writing song lyrics for a completion assignment and getting full credit."
- ◆ "Saying I forgot we aren't on block schedule; I thought I had two days to do it."
- ◆ "Having a friend do it for me."

What was your least favorite change this year?

- 10% Lanyards
- 3% 7:40 Start Time
- 5% 7 Classes a Day
- 82% Traffic in the Morning

What advice do you have for underclassmen?

- "Don't wish your days away."
- "Take high school seriously."
- "Shut up, walk faster, and get good grades."
- "Say no to drugs and yes to s'mores."
- "Enjoy high school; it goes by so fast."
- "Bring a good attitude to school."

How many tardies have you had this year?



"Living with my parents."

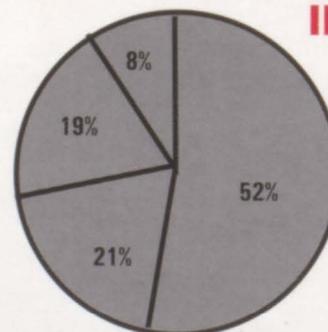
"Owning my own business."

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Working in St. Louis."

"In Germany."

Where do you hang out most in you free time?



- 21% High school parking lot
- 52% North Town parking lot
- 8% Walmart
- 19% Other



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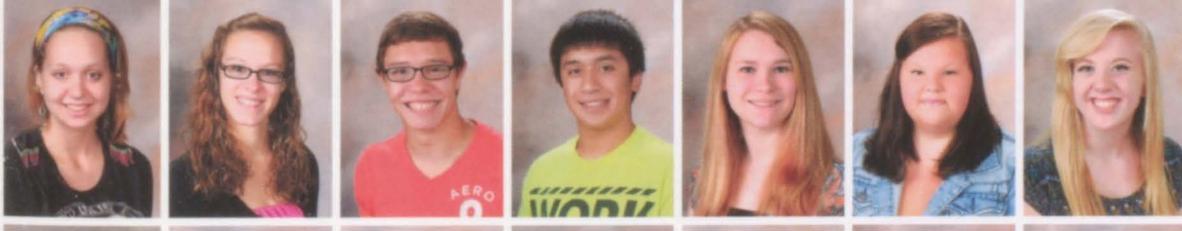
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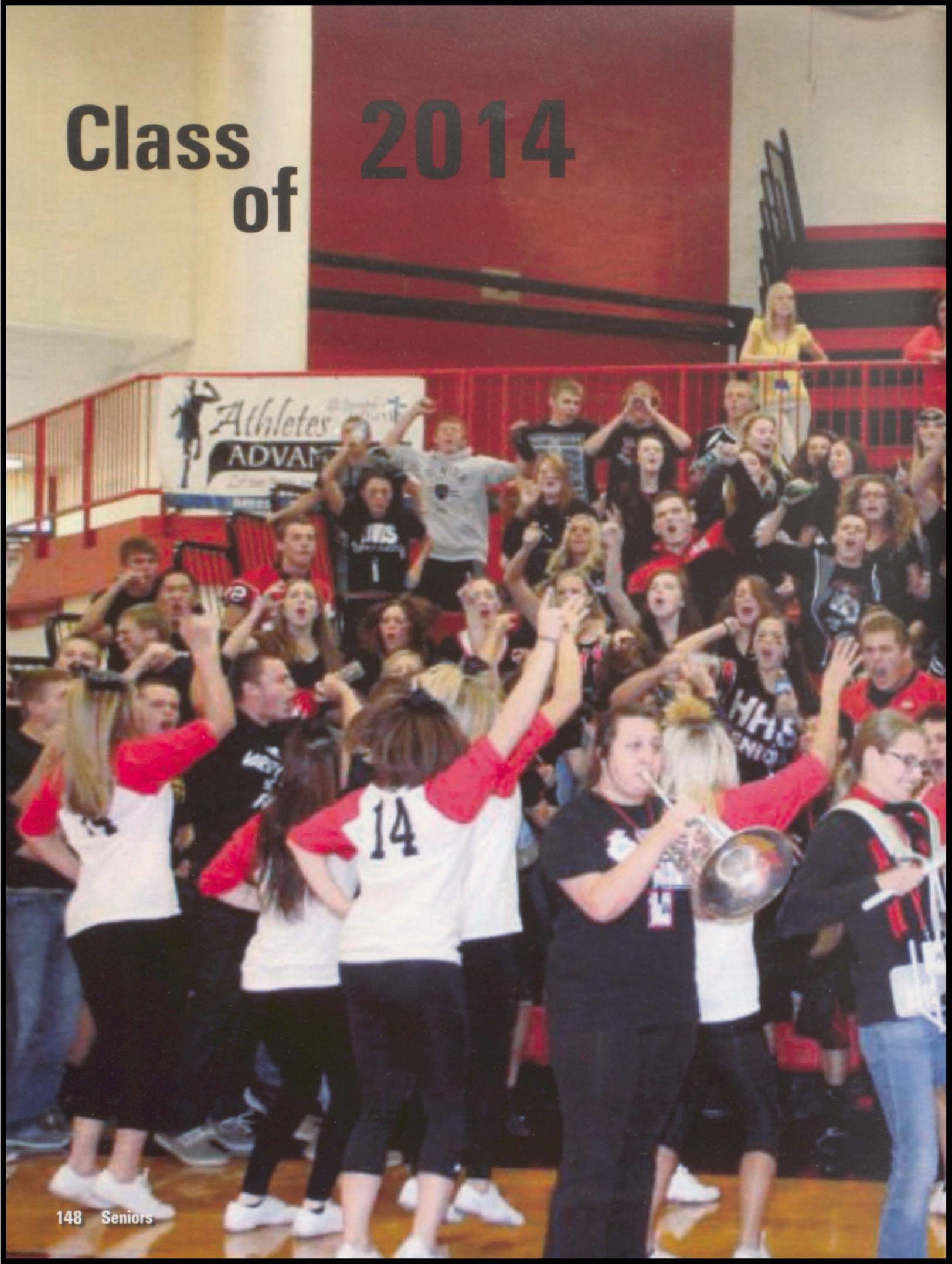


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Seniors Class of 2014

What was the most creative way you have gotten out of homework?

- ◆ "Have the chattiest kid in class talk to the teacher the entire class period."
- ◆ "Don't do it then have everyone in class ask for the teacher to do different problems."
- ◆ "Pay Kevin Wang with gum to do it."
- ◆ "I just don't do it."

What was your least favorite change this year?

- 8% Lanyards
- 53% 7:40 Start Time
- 23% 7 Classes a Day
- 16% Traffic in the Morning

What advice do you have for underclassmen?

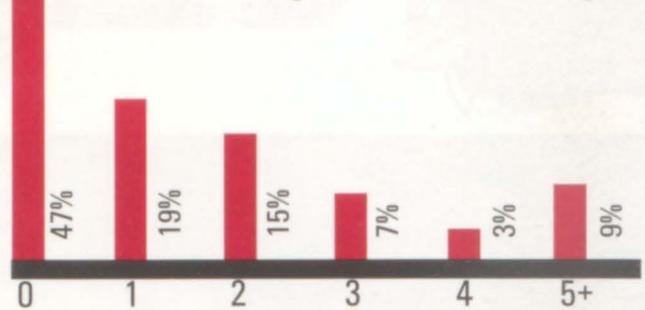
"Quit complaining to teachers that we pick on you."

"Anyone who tells you that these are the best four years of your life is crazy."

"Study first."

"The next time a senior asks you to take up his tray, do it."

How many tardies have you had this year?



"Probably still in Highland."

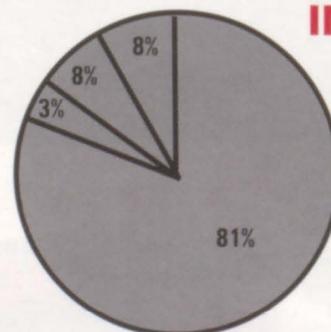
"Celebrating the ten year anniversary of me answering this question."

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Working a portable hot dog stand in New York."

"In a big city."

Where do you hang out most in you free time?



- 8% High school parking lot
- 8% North Town parking lot
- 3% Walmart
- 81% Other



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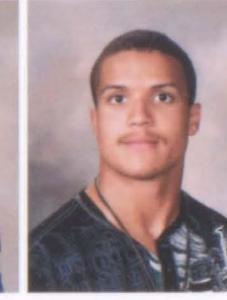
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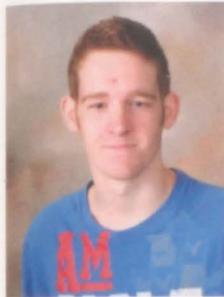
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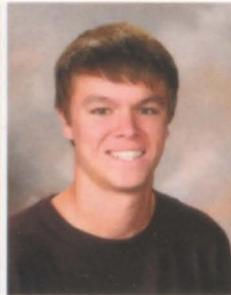
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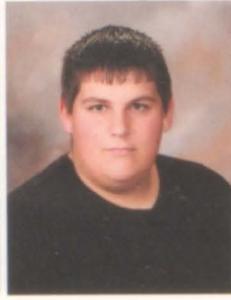
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When have you been in the dog house?



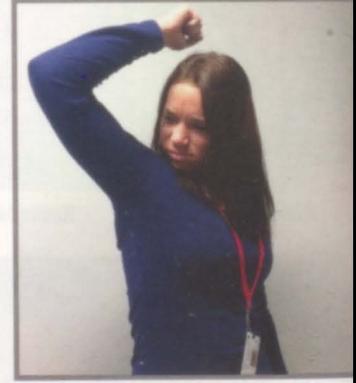
**? When I said an inappropriate word in English class to Mack?
-Troy Schneider**



**?I had my phone out at lunch sophomore year and a teacher took it away. I started to cry?
-Morgan Reaka**



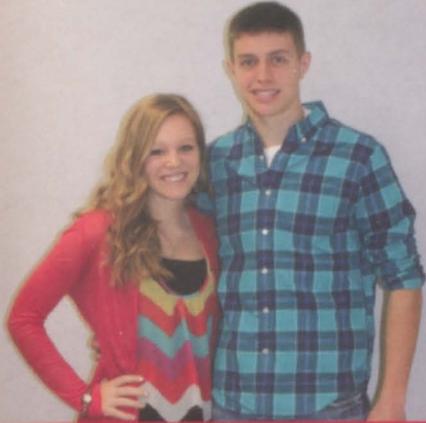
**?I did a lot of bad things so I got sent to STOP?
-Tanner Zimmermann**



**?I got in trouble for putting on deodorant in class?
-Lexis Sandifer**

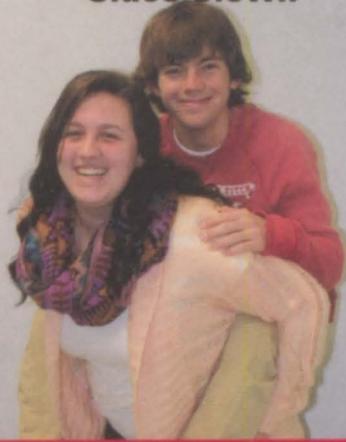
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Best Personality



Jessica Zobrist & Tyler VonderHaar

Class Clown



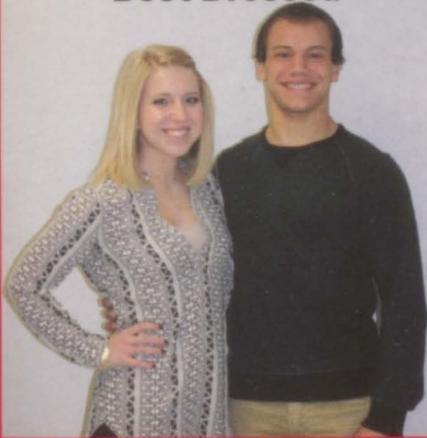
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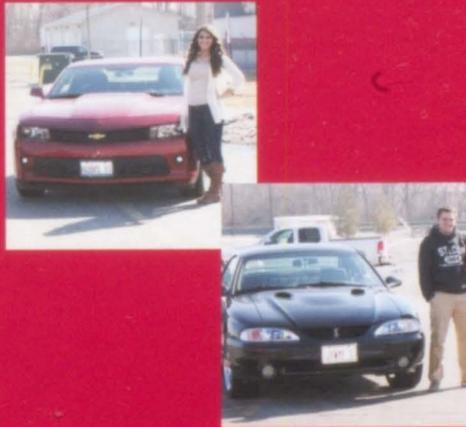
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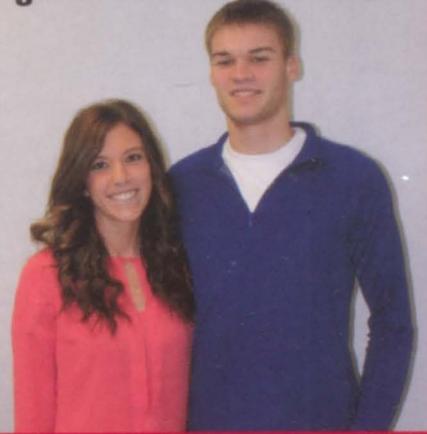
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Best Car



Amber Hubbard & Jordan Twyford

High School Sweethearts



Sydney Lammers & Joe Duncan

Most Likely to Become Famous



Will Thomae & Lena Giger

Most Likely to Change the World for the Better



Josh Case & Caroline Menz

Most Likely to Become a Model



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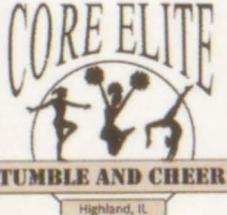
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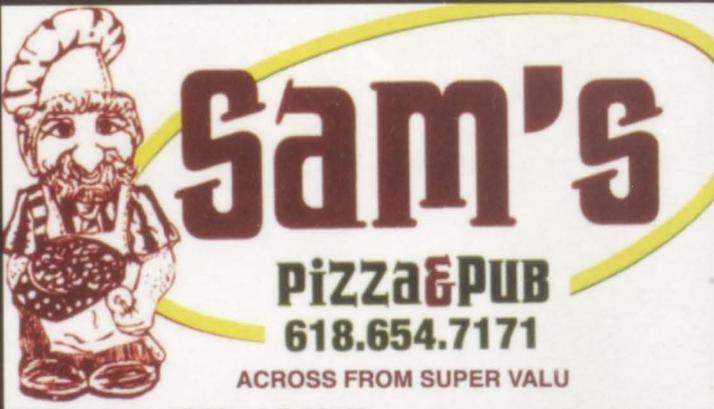
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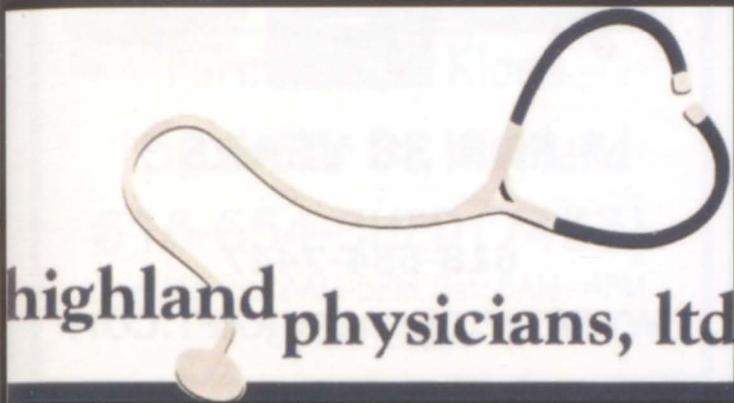
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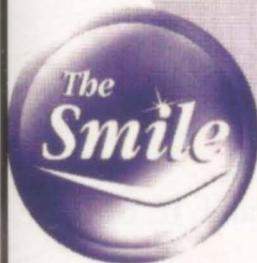
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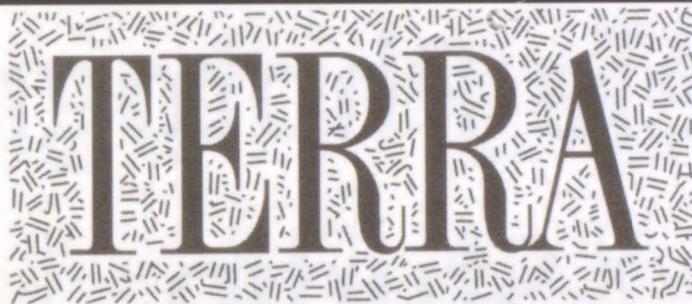
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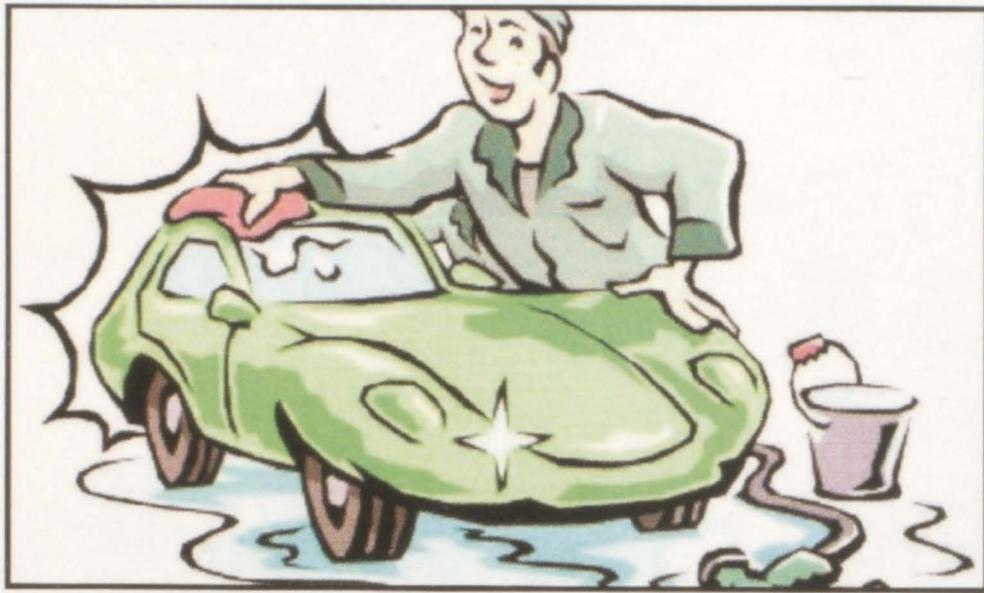


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Love,
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Enjoy, learn from, and be strengthened by the ebb and flow of life's tides. See the swell, choose your wave, and enjoy the ride!

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Congratulations Amy!



We are so very proud of the young woman you have become. You are beautiful inside and out; and with such a caring heart, it's no surprise that you have chosen a path which will enable you to help others. You are an amazing daughter; thank you for giving us so many beautiful memories. As you continue on this next journey, be true to yourself and know that we will always be there to support you. Remember... be good, have fun, learn a lot and be careful - we love you Chooch!

Love, Mom and Dad

Danielle Balint

So proud of the young lady you have become. Follow your dreams.

Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Brock! Be proud of this achievement. Continue to make the right choices and take advantage of opportunities that arise. We are confident that you will never cease to confront life's challenges with grace and courage. May God bless you and direct your path as you go out and change the world! We will miss you as you head off to college this fall.

Good luck
We love you always!

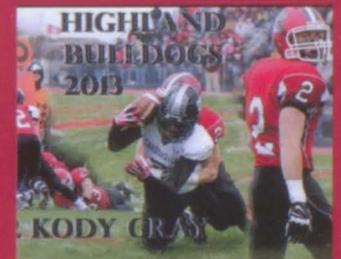
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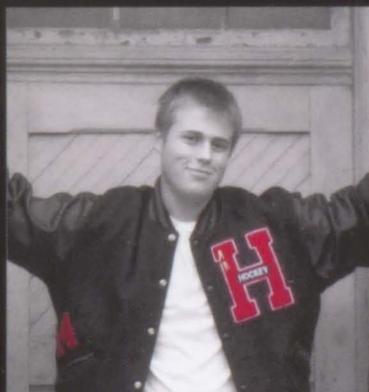
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Congratulations Trevor!

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We love you,
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Look at you now... from our baby, our little girl to a wonderful young lady. You've graduated High School and now you're on your way to a successful career and a wonderful life.

We're so proud of you Kays!
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We are so very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, & Cody



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Congratulations!!

We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments! We have seen you grow into a beautiful, talented, confident, and caring young woman.

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Matthew Vohlken

Matt,

You have grown into an amazing young man and words cannot express how proud we are of you. Enjoy all that life brings to you and embrace the path that you choose. Remember that we are always here for you.

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Alyssa Kucyza

Alyssa,
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All my love to you,
Mom



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We are so proud of you! You have become a beautiful, smart and responsible young lady. Your character and drive will allow you to succeed in life. You have filled our lives with pride and joy.

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You have become a beautiful young lady and will go far in life. Our baby is all grown up and is ready to face the world. Keep God in your life and he will guide you through.

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Amber,
We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments over the last four years. We cannot wait to see what the next chapter of your life brings you. You are the greatest blessing in our lives, and we are proud to be your parents. We wish you the best of luck next year at SIUE, and we can't wait to watch you make your dreams come true.

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We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments through the years. You are beautiful inside and out and we're excited that you get to get out and show off your personality to the world. We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for you in college and beyond. Keep your head up, beautiful smile on and keep singing and entertaining those around you.

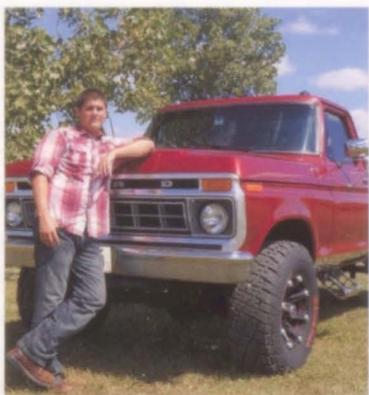
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Ellie Imming

We are so proud of the young woman you have become. Our wish for you is that you continue to live your life's adventure to the fullest. Never stop dreaming, and never stop chasing those dreams. Because life is what you make of it. Make it an extraordinary journey.
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Travis,

We are so proud of you and it is amazing how quickly the time has passed; from a little boy into a young man. Love you forever, Mom & Dad



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Love, Mom, Dad, Ben & Bret

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We are so proud of you!

Enjoy all the wonderful things your future is sure to hold.

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Chris,
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You have already blessed this world with your fun-loving, service-oriented, charismatic nature. We are so excited to witness God's amazing plans for your future! We love you!
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Congratulations Miranda!
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Love Always, Dad



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Chloe,
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Megs, Congratulations! In 5 years you likely will have forgotten this note, in 10 years you likely will have forgotten which shelf this book sits on, trust me, I've been there. But for the moment, relish the fact that you are accomplished, talented, determined and very gifted. No one else can be more proud of you than !!! Stay driven, never give up and best of luck on the next chapter in your life, Love Dad



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Our Spring

Little Shop of Horrors



Orin Scrivello (Darrin Reinhardt, 11), the sadistic dentist, shows Seymour (Will Thomae, 12) what may happen to his mouth if he does not allow Orin to perform a painful root canal. "It was really great seeing the characters come to life on the stage in a really creepy musical," said Thomae.

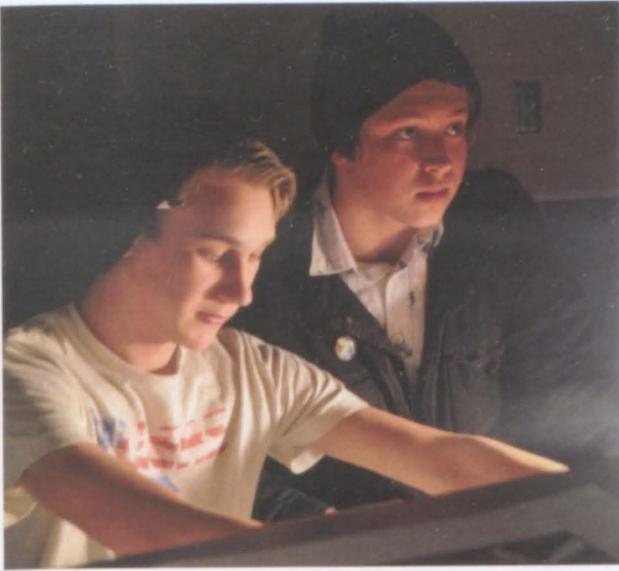
Spring Musical

As the lights went down and the audience turned its cell phones off, the curtain rose on *The Little Shop of Horrors*. The elementary stage hosted the production, and the cast gave three performances beginning Friday, April 4 and ending Sunday, April 6. Directors were Chris Wilson and Marla Weis. The play was set in a slum called Skid Row where a florist struggled to make ends meet. His worker, Seymour, created a flower and named it Audrey II after a coworker he had a crush on. His plant brought business to the shop, but it came with a price. The Audrey II was unusual because it had to be fed human blood, not water, to survive. The plant's needs spiraled out of control and Seymour was forced to make several sacrifices. Seymour was played by Will Thomae, 12, Mr. Mushnik by Jordan Comish, 11, Audrey by Pacey Perez, 10, Orin Scrivello, Darrin Reinhardt, 11, Chiffon by Kristy Hindman-Cook, 10, Crystal by Shannon Miller, 9, Ronnette by Tara Pruett, 12, Audrey II Voice by Samuel Fredericksen, 11, and Audrey II Puppeteer by Caroline Menz, 12.



Audrey (Pacey Perez, 10), sits on the steps on Skid Row and sings "Somewhere That's Green," in which she describes her perfect life.

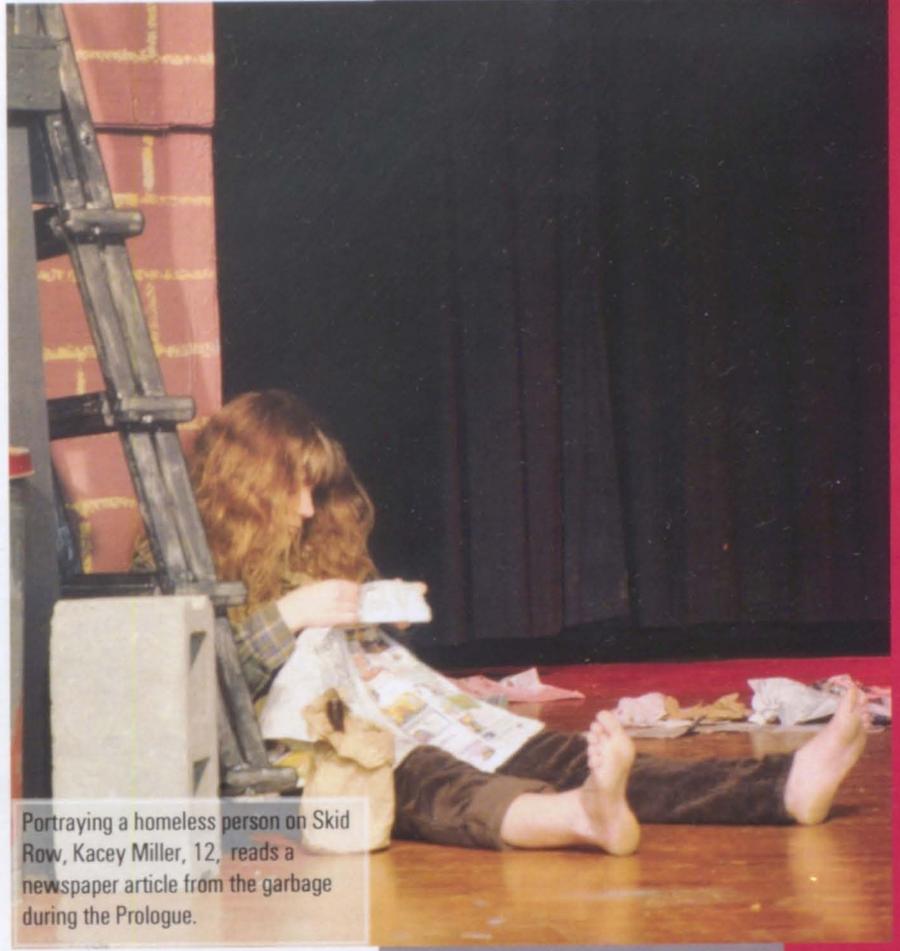
By Morgan Korte and Maggie Keeven



During the musical, sophomores Kyle Wasser and Zander Hayes operate the light board to create special effects.



Backstage Cheyenne Ridgeway, 12, applies the finishing touches to Shannan Miller's, 9, makeup before Act One.



Portraying a homeless person on Skid Row, Kacey Miller, 12, reads a newspaper article from the garbage during the Prologue.



The cast gathers in the green room before opening night. Caroline Menz, 12, led the cast in vocal exercises and a pep talk. "Green Room is a moment set aside before every show for the cast to focus all of our energy toward making a very good show," said Menz, "It's a tradition that transforms a quirky group of actors into an extremely quirky family."



During the opening song, Chiffon (Kristy Hindman-Cook, 10), Crystal (Shannon Miller, 9), and Ronnette (Tara Pruett, 12) warn the crowd to "LOOK OUT!" for what lurks in The Little Shop of Horrors.

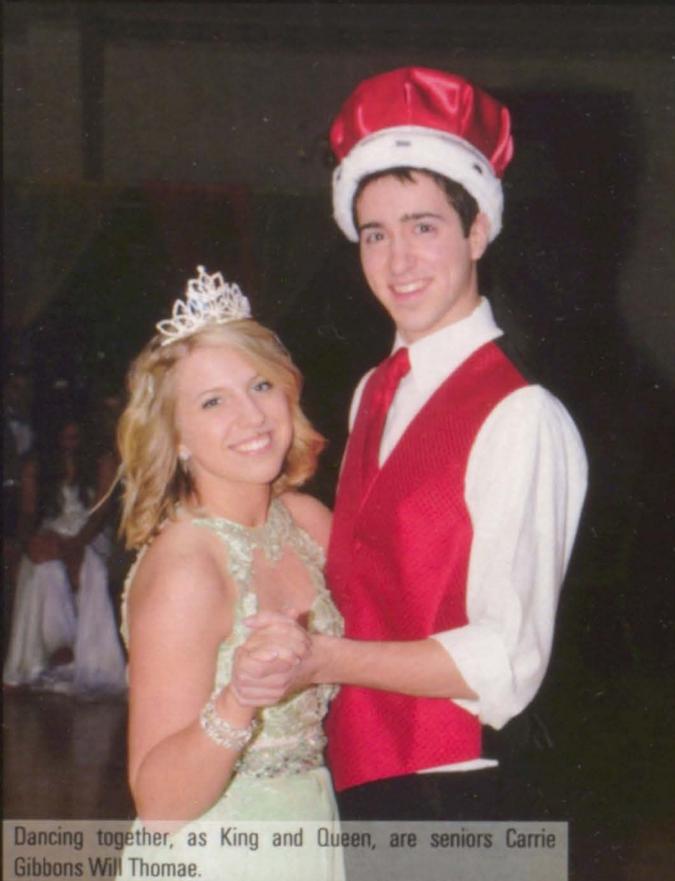
Prom

A Black Light Affair

Prom is a formal dance for juniors and seniors, but upperclassmen may bring lowerclassmen as guests. The theme was "A Black Light Affair" with the Highland Knights of Columbus Hall decorated in neon colors. Even the floral centerpieces shimmered in the dark. Prom helpers handed out glow sticks and many prom goers wore them as accessories. Dresses and tuxes lit up under the black lights. Following tradition, many students met up with their friends before the dance to get pictures at places like The Latzer Library or Alhambra Park. Some went out to eat at local restaurants and others went as far as St. Louis before heading to the dance at 7:00 p.m. There, students voted for Prom King and Queen from the list of senior boys and girls nominated by their class. The King was Will Thomae and the Queen was Carrie Gibbons. The dance lasted until 11:00 p.m., and then many students made their way to post prom, which was held in the high school gym. There students enjoyed bounce houses, obstacle courses, card and dice games, attendance prizes, and food donated by local restaurants.



The fountain in the center of the square is a popular spot to take formal pictures. Seniors Jencie Watson, Karli Thornton, Morgan Reka, Devin Kauffman, and Paige Lampe met here before heading to The Element in St Louis for dinner.



Dancing together, as King and Queen, are seniors Carrie Gibbons and Will Thomae.



After the DJ prompted the students to get out their cell phones and take pictures, the crowd danced to the song "Let Me Take a Selfie."

By Jessica Zobrist & Carrie Gibbons



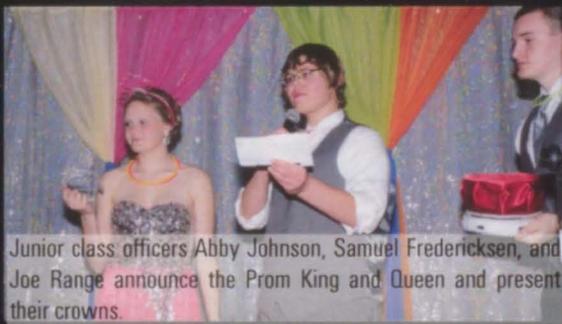
A group of Juniors and their underclassmen dates take a party bus to the K.C. Hall for the dance.



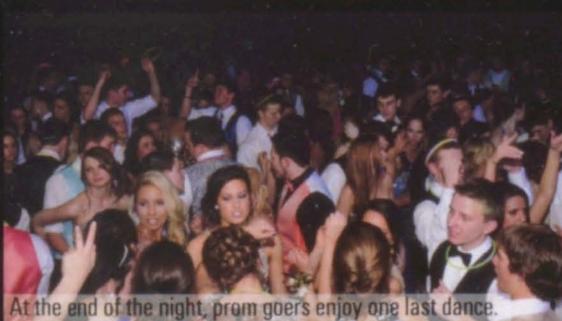
Seniors, Cody Olson, Miranda Seaman, Adam Harris, David Dinh, Peyton Gehrs and Kendra Wiegand dance with their classmates to the song "Timber" by Kesha.

"The black light theme and the glow sticks made for a memorable first prom." -Michelle Ferguson, 11

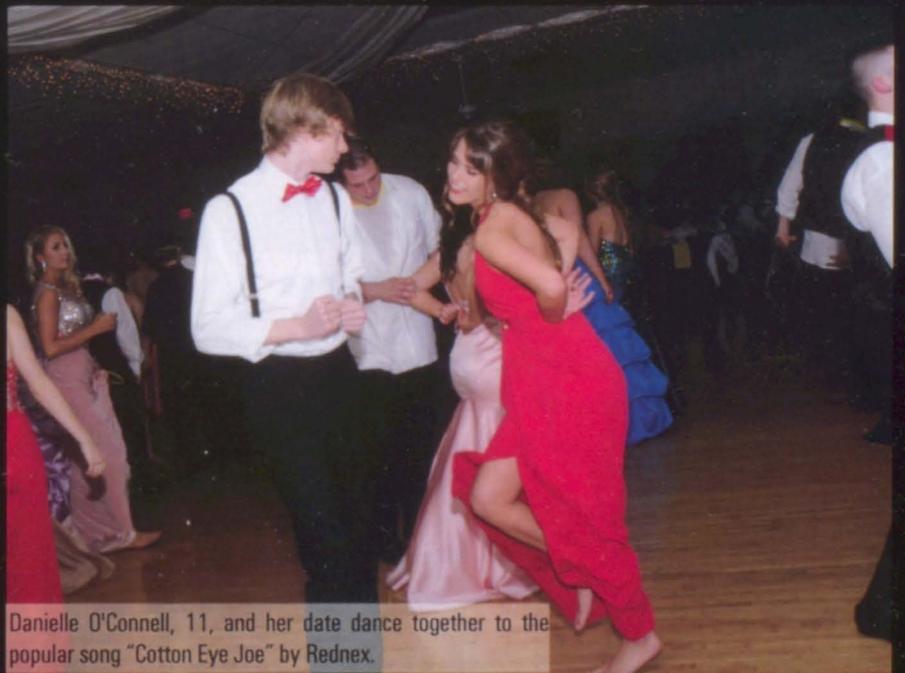
"Senior prom was the climax of my high school career, pure magic." -Sutton Allen, 12



Junior class officers Abby Johnson, Samuel Fredericksen, and Joe Range announce the Prom King and Queen and present their crowns.



At the end of the night, prom goers enjoy one last dance.



Danielle O'Connell, 11, and her date dance together to the popular song "Cotton Eye Joe" by Rednex.



Jared Bargetzi, 11, Collin Chasteen, 11, and Jacob Gill, 11, try their luck at the black jack table. Black jack and euchre were both gaming choices at Post Prom.



The gym balcony served as a corral for the mechanical bull. Senior Jencie Watson stayed on for 10 seconds; the bull went back to the farm undefeated.

Post Prom

Keep The Glow Going

Post Prom continued the festivities after Prom ended. Students were enticed to attend the event with a wide variety of prizes. Local businesses and parents donated items and money. Students played games such as blackjack, poker, euchre, fun house dodge ball, and basketball to earn up to 100 tickets or chances at the prizes. The tickets were deposited in jars and winners were chosen at random. Popular prizes included \$1,000 in cash, a 22-inch TV, an iPad mini, and even a toothbrush. Relay races concluded Post Prom. The races involved competition between the Junior and Senior classes. One humorous race involved two girls from each class dressing up as gentlemen, and two boys from each class dressing up like ladies.



Ben Menke, 11, Luke Thomae, 11, Grant Riggs, 11, Nathan Sullens, 11, Amber Hubbard, 12, Kaylee Baer, 11, and Molly Stumpf, 11 rest on the gym floor between activities.

By Brock Portell & Cam Loyet



The Seniors beat the Juniors in the inflatable horse race. Riding one handed and one eyed on Seabiscuit, Carrie Gibbons takes the lead and gallops across the finish line.

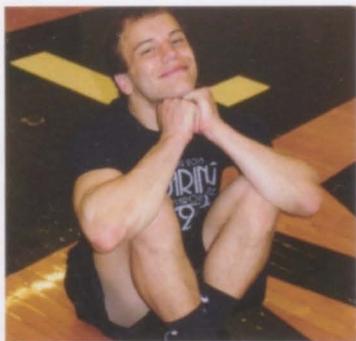


Mackenzie Kleinmann, 11, tries running against the restraining force of a bungee cord attached to her back with a harness. This was one of several blow up obstacles.



Claire Litzenburg, 11, Logan Kharbian, 11, Carrie Gibbons, 12, and Ben Zuccerelli, 12, pose in their beautiful costumes in the dress up relay. Boys dressed as girls and vice versa.

What was your favorite part of Post Prom?



"Racing with Katie really helped me embrace the fun of senior prom"
-Blake Perfetti, 12



"The photo booth was very entertaining."
-Casandra Rode, 12



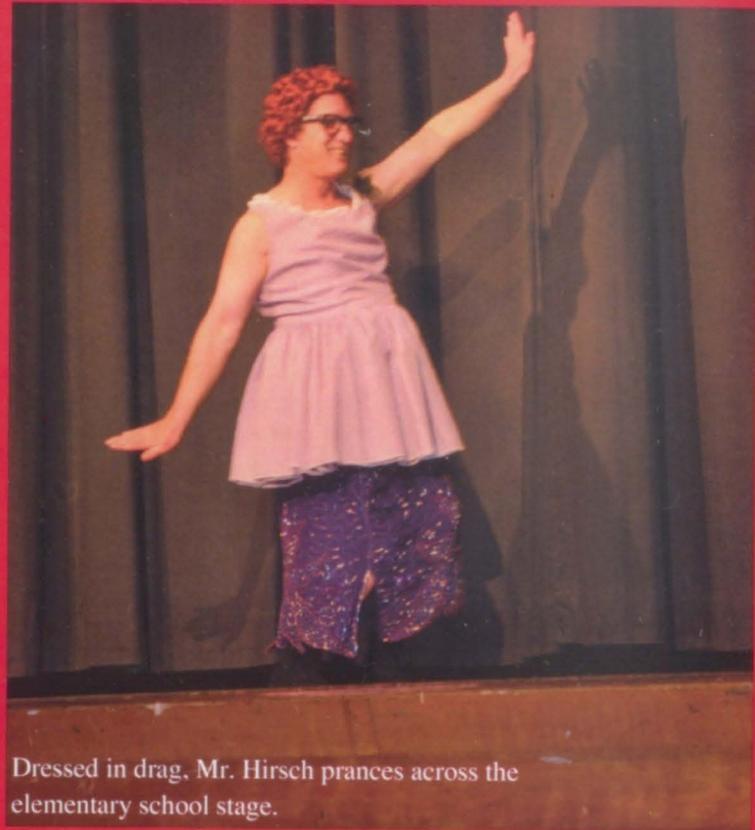
"Playing the roulette poker game was a blast, and the mechanical bull, of course."
-Abbey Johnson, 11



"Whenever I won Oakley sunglasses and a grill."
-Ryan Bush, 12

No Talent Talent Show

The No Talent Talent Show was a huge hit after a two year hiatus. The directors of the show were English teachers, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Fredericksen. Together, they developed the theme, "Friday Night Live," and staged a memorable program. Skits from the original "Saturday Night Live" television show were reenacted by teachers, administrators, and board members. In addition to these skits, the cast read poetry, sang, danced, and played instruments. Dr. Gauen sang a parody of the popular song "Let It Go" from the new Disney movie *Frozen*. She changed the title to "Let It Snow" in reference to the 11 snow days the district took this year. Mr. Becker serenaded the audience with his guitar, voice, and a Beatle's tune. Mrs. Ruebhausen and her daughter, Mrs. Hoepfner, sang "For Good" from the musical *Wicked* in honor of the retiring teachers. Between each act, Ms. Swank presented "Deep Thoughts" and had the audience in tears with the dry but humorous lines. The production was laugh out loud funny, showing students and audience members the wacky sides of their teachers. All the proceeds from the show went to the the Angel Fund Charitable Trust, which benefits underprivileged students in our district.



Dressed in drag, Mr. Hirsch prances across the elementary school stage.

What skit was your favorite?



"The Spartan Cheerleaders with Mr. and Mrs. Fredericksen."

-Mrs. Schwarz

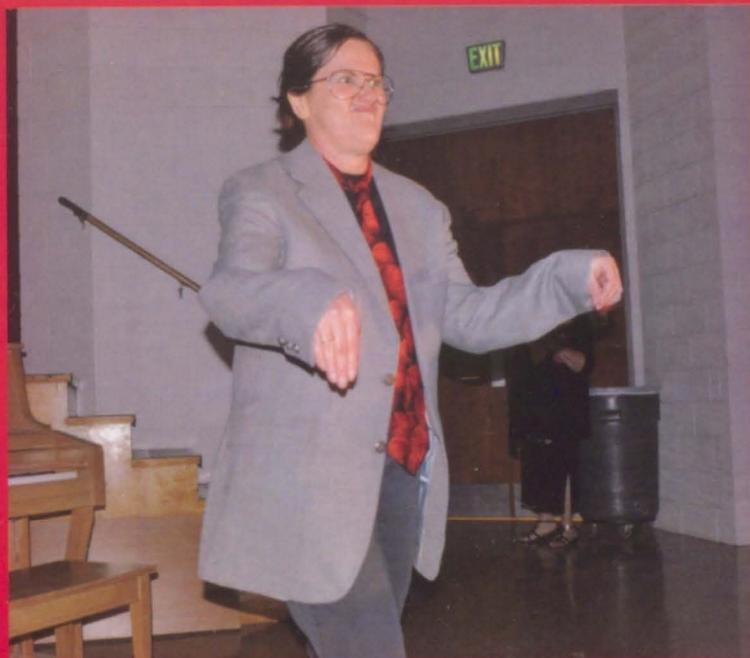


"Jeopardy with Mr. Bradley, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Schmitz, and Mr. Jones."

-Mr. Wartick



Ms. Wander, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Deets, Ms. Dobbs, and Mrs. Wagenblast all raise their hands in excitement to answer Mr. Bradley's question about World War II in a skit imitating a day-to-day history class. The teachers were disappointed to find out that, no, the answer to all the questions was not France.



Ms. Dobbs does "The Creep" after intermission. The teachers that participated in the dance interacted with the crowd and even had some students join in!

By Jenna Melosi

Mr. Becker gives parking violations to seniors, Jesse Johnson and Troy Schrieder.





Junior Jaden Shelton completes the final lap of the 1600 meter run at the Triad High School Invitational meet, which hosted eleven other teams. Highland placed fifth.



Running to the hand off point, Amy Sutterfield, 11, hands the baton to Bailey Leitschuh, 11, to begin the final stretch of the 4x100 relay at the Traid Invitational meet.

By Cathleen Yung



"Track this year was a lot different, but it was still a really great time, and I'm glad I got to experience it with the team."
-Jordan Lynn, 11



"Joining the team as a freshman was really fun, especially competing with my friends at meets."
-Alex LaPorta, 9



Megan Hundsdorfer, 11, races in the first heat of the 100 hurdles at a home meet in March against Freeburg and Mater Dei.

Going the Distance

Girls' Track



Front Row: Coach Erin Cotto, Cami Earnst, 10, Bailey Leitschuh, 11, Emily Holtzclaw, 12, Claire Marchal, 9, Alex LaPorta, 9, Mirielle Bauebien, 11, Hayley McSparin, 10, Jessica Andrew, 10, Sarah Jansen, 9, Emily Capelle, 12, Lena Giger, 12, Katelyn Lucia, 12, Middle Row: Sydney Nyquist, 9, Taylor Prusa, 11, Amelia Garde, 10, Jayden Shelton, 11, Brianna Roeper, 11, Jordan Lynn, 11, Katilin Rutz, 12, Brianna Brecherer, 10, Sarah Beth Weigmann, 9, Ariel Smock, 9, Back Row: Alison Zobrist, 10, Lexi Plocher, 9, Lindi Stone, 9, Megan Hundsdorfer, 11, Kayleen Kampwerth, 9, Amy Sutterfield, 11, Allison Buchmiller, 11. Not pictured: Courtney Hinschold.

The 2014 Girls Track Team was led by Coach Erin Cotto. In addition to new leadership, the team also sported new uniforms, trading their red jerseys for black ones. This year also saw the last high school season of Senior shot put and discus thrower, Lena Giger. She shattered the school record nine times, eight of those set by herself. She ended her year taking first place in shot put at state for the third year in a row. Lena also attended the IAAF World Youth Championships in Donetsk, Ukraine the previous summer and she signed to Stanford University to continue her athletic career. Overall, the 2014 season saw a lot of records broken, including Sophomore Alison Zobrist in the 1600 with a time of 5:05 minutes, Emily Capelle, 12, Ariel Shmock, 9, Amy Sutterfield, 11, and Bailey Leitschuh, 11, broke the school and meet record for the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:52 minutes at the Triad Invitational. The team won four quad meets, all hosted at Highland and Mascoutah. The team placed second at the Mascoutah Invitational, the Madison County meet, the Nashville Invitational, and MVC, which was hosted at Triad this year. At the state competition, Bailey Leitschuh, 11, took ninth place in the triple jump. The 4x800 relay team of Allison Zobrist, 10, Jayden Shelton, 11, Sarah Wiegman, 9, and Emily Holtzclaw, 12, took seventh place and set a new school record.



Senior, Lena Giger throws shot put at the 2012 Illinois State Championship, where she placed first. "It's rather bittersweet. These last four years have been better to me than I could have asked for, but I'm ready to graduate and see what the next few years at Stanford hold for me," said Giger.



Sarah Beth Weigmann, 9, leaps into the sand pit during the long jump at the Triad Invitational. She competed with athletes from schools including Naperville, Waterloo, and Cahokia.

On Your Mark...

Boys Track

Starting in January, the Boys Track team began training for their indoor meets. The first indoor meet was held at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Every day after school, the boys stretched and did workouts which consisted of sprints and long distance running. The boys who did field events focused on their strength by practicing with the shot put and discus. This season, the boys were coached by Coach Bob Vance, Erin Cotto, and David Giger. The team went to several dual meets in their conference. At the O'Fallon relays, the team placed fifth overall. The boys placed third at the Mascoutah Invitational. At the Mascoutah County Invitational, the team earned fourth place. Three school records were broken this year as well. Tanner Farmer, 12, broke a 40 year old shot put school record when he threw a distance of 53'4³/₄ feet. Another record was broken by Brendan Sands, 11, Gage Geiger, 11, Logan Geiger, 11, and Sam Teipe, 10, with a 4x100 time of 43.86. At the Collinsville meet, Hayden Smart, 10, Grant Riggs, 11, Trevor White, 11, and Kody Gray, 12 broke the school's 4x400 record with a time of 3:26.54. "Overall this season, the boys worked very hard and showed lots of improvement," said Coach Vance. "It was a very successful season."

By Morgan Korte



Competing in the 800 meter race, Hayden Smart, 10, and Trevor White, 11, come around the last corner to the finish line on their home track against Mater-Dei and Freeburg.



Front Row: Archie Schwehr, 9, Brock Schrage, 9, Ziven Soyka, 10, Brendan Schrage, 9, John Wick, 9, Lucas Ammann, 9, Evan Capelle, 9, Blake McCaslin, 10. Middle Row: Jacob White, 9, Jacob Troxell, 12, Bryce Sexton, 9, Trent Rakers, 9, Grant Thole, 9, Trevor Langhauser, 11, Hayden Smart, 10, Matt Bartels, 11, Ryan Busch, 12, and Shane Yetter, 9. Back Row: Trevor White, 11, Kody Gray, 12, Shayne Ferguson, 11, Kodi Burdick, 12, Sam Teipe, 10, Justin Wagoner, 9, Tanner Farmer, 12, Brendan Sands, 11, Gage Geiger, 11, Logan Geiger, 11, Grant Riggs, 11, Tyler Higgins, 9, and Coach Vance.



Ryan Busch, 12, jumps over the first hurdle in the 300 m hurdle race. At this home meet, Busch came out on top with first place.



“My favorite part of track is getting to race against my friends at meets.”

-Brendan Sands, 11



“My favorite part of track was the rush of adrenaline before a race.”

-Matt Bartels, 11



Tanner Farmer, 12, prepares to throw the shot put at the Freeburg-Mater Dei home meet. Farmer got first in his competition.



Leaping into the sand pit, Archie Schwehr 9, prepares for landing during the long jump competition against Mater-Dei and Freeburg. The team won first at this home meet.



The 4x100 team, Sam Teipe, 10, Gage Geiger, 11, Logan Geiger, 11, and Brendan Sands, 11, stand with their trophy after getting first and breaking the school record with a time of 43.86 at the Roxana meet.

SCOREBOARD

Triad	0-2 L
Waterloo	0-1 L
Civic Mem.	0-2 L
Alton	2-0 W
Litchfield	3-0 W
Jerseyville	3-0 W
Father McG.	5-0 W
Mascoutah	0-1 L
Mater Dei	3-0 W
Granite City	2-0 W



Number 22, Chandler Flesch, 9, slides to protect the ball from an opposing player for Father McGivney's team from Maryville.

KICK THIS

JV Girls Soccer

The JV Girls Soccer team started the season off with multiple practices each week during the month of March. They had two conditioning weeks before the more difficult practices began. With many more to come, they never complained. The games started off with three losses and one win within the first two weeks. As the games progressed, the team got better. They had a four game winning streak. Win or lose the girls had positive attitudes. Before or after each game the girls supported the Varsity Soccer girls by staying after or coming early to watch them play. They also incurred several injuries. Many players had minor concussions and Erin Esquibel, 11, and Abby Melosi, 9, both suffered torn ACL's. Coach Oswald said, "The JV girls really stepped up their game this year. They improved their skills and showed me how important soccer is to them."

By Molly Schutzenhofer



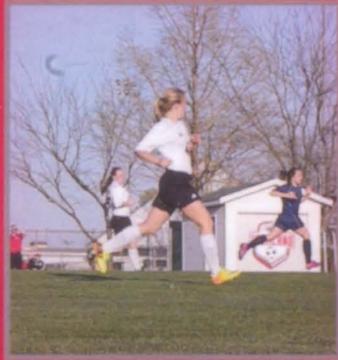
Front Row: Alyssa Bitticks, 10, Lauren Bardill, 10, Lydia Schutzenhofer, 10, Jordan Medina, 11, Chandler Flesch, 9, Middle Row: Taylor Townsend, 9, Candace Luitjohan, 9, Tori Netzer, 10, Stephanie Olivares, 10, Grace Curry, 9, Sydney Kesner, 9, Back Row: Coach Josh Oswald, Alison DeLuca, 10, Katie Bussett, 9, Kailey Allison, 12, Nicole Esquibel, 11, Erin Esquibel, 11, Coach Scott Cloin, and Coach Jordan Howard.



The team gathers together after the first quarter of the game to discuss what happened, good and bad. "We had quarterly discussions about our performance as a team, and how to improve our skills. It really helped a lot." said Tori Netzer, 10.



JV girls soccer player Taylor Bardill, 10, dives to protect the ball from the Jerseyville Panthers, as Taylor Townsend, 9, and Cali Callahan, 10, run to take the pass.



"My favorite part of the season was the crazy bus rides with my favorite team mates."
-Lydia Schutzenhofer, 10.



"The thing I remember most about the season was team bonding at Coach Oswald's house and sand volleyball at E. L. Flanigans."
-Sydney Kesner, 9.



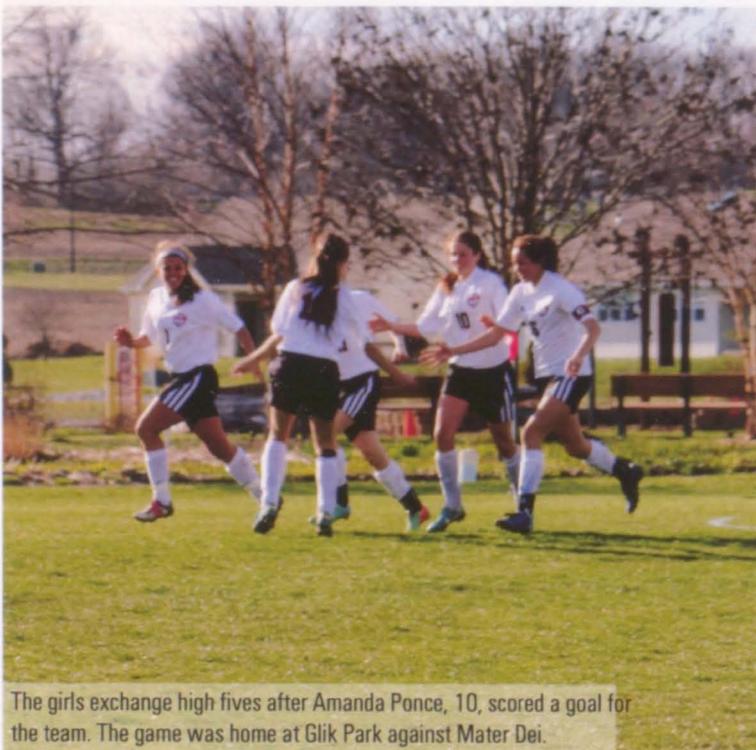
MacKenzie Kleinmann, 11, Kate Sikora, 10, Maddie Wilke, 11, Coach Josh Oswald, Crystal Beckman, 11, Christina Amaro, 12, and Morgan Sikora, 11 pose on the soccer field at Blackburn College. They watched their coach compete in a 76 hour soccer marathon for cancer victim Jackson Steinkuehler on April. 13th.



Coach Oswald gives the girls a talk during half-time at a home game against Civic Memorial. Oswald said, "This group of girls is a great group that gets together and works really hard to help make each other better."

"My favorite part of the season was going out to eat with the girls and bonding with all of them." -Nicole Beaubien, 9

"The bus rides were always really fun because we would bring a speaker and listen to music to get pumped up for our game." -Christina Amaro, 12



The girls exchange high fives after Amanda Ponce, 10, scored a goal for the team. The game was home at Glik Park against Mater Dei.



The three freshmen on Varsity, Abby Melosi, 9, Alisse Koishor, 9, and Nicole Beaubien, 9, experience initiation by getting caked in mud at practice.



Becca Nation, 11, rushes to save the ball before it rolls out of bounds at the home game against Litchfield. Nation played as the defense/wingback.

7-2-1

Triad	1-2
Waterloo	3-2
Alton	1-0
Litchfield	3-0
Jerseyville	10-0
Mascoutah	1-0
Mater Dei	1-1
Granite City	1-4
Rochester	6-1
Civic Memorial	7-0

Chicks With Kicks

Varsity Girls Soccer

This year the Varsity Girls Soccer team was coached by Josh Oswald and assisted by Jordan Howard, Brent Knebel, Chris Frey, and Bob Nave. The girls started the season off with voluntary workouts in January and lasted until the season started during the second weekend in March. These workouts built their skills so they were able to play long games and defeat their competition. The girls first played in a tournament, made up of eight teams, called the Metro Cup. They won all three games in the tournament and ended up winning the championship. The group was made up of 16 girls, two of them were captains Devan Kaufman, 12, and Christina Amaro, 12. Coach Oswald said, "I think something unique about the team this year was that we acted as a complete team. Three of our starters on the lineup were injured, so all the girls really stepped up, put in the extra work, and filled the void that was gone by three players being injured." The girls ended their season with a record of 7-2-1.

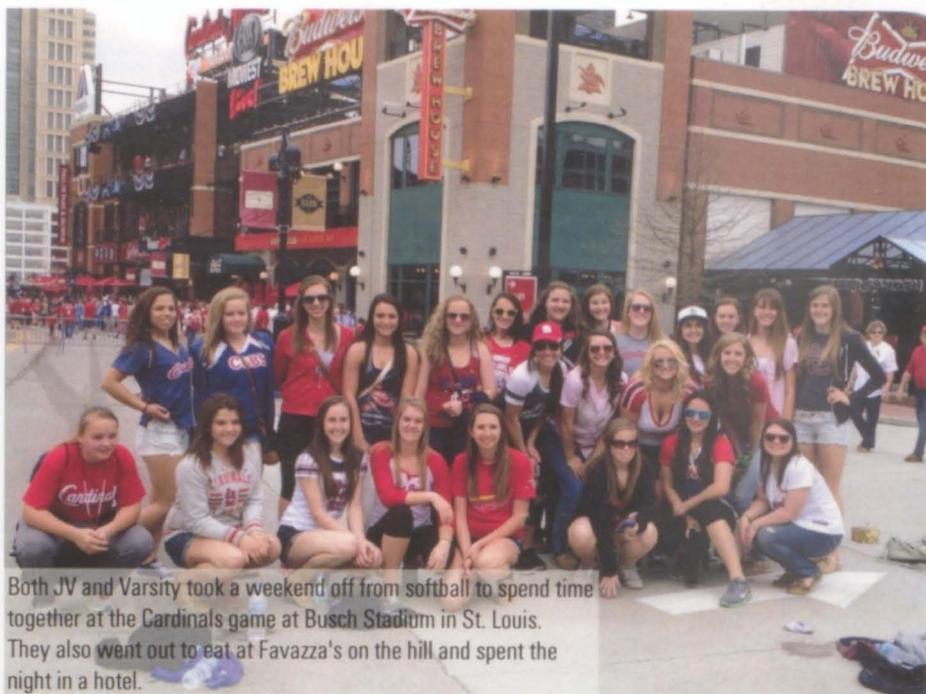
By Lauren Lutostanski



Front Row: Rachel Koehnemann, 11, Lily Happold, 10, Devan Kaufman, 12, Christina Amaro, 12, Morgan Sikora, 11, Melanie Wick, 11. Middle Row: Maddie Wilke, 11, Allise Koishor, 9, Stephanie Olivares, 10, Abbey Johnson, 11, Crystal Beckman, 11, Kate Sikora, 10, Abby Melosi, 9. Back Row: Coach Josh Oswald, MacKenzie Kleinmann, 11, Nicole Beaubien, 9, Amanda Ponce, 10, Becca Nation, 11, and Assistant Coaches, Scott Cloin, and Jordan Howard.

9-1

Mascoutah	11-00
Civic Memorial	15-00
Triad	09-04
Jerseyville	10-01
Waterloo	04-06
Mascoutah	10-00
Civic Memorial	13-00
Triad	04-05
Jerseyville	10-01
Waterloo	04-06



Both JV and Varsity took a weekend off from softball to spend time together at the Cardinals game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. They also went out to eat at Favazza's on the hill and spent the night in a hotel.



Jillian Garbett, 9, hops up to get a bunt and throws to first baseman Kaiylin Mayberry, 9, for the second out against Jerseyville.



Lynzeigh Alvis, 9, Jenaye Suever, 9, Carrigan Crowder, 9, Reily Kassay, 9, Sierra Huelsman, 9, Kaitlynn Mayberry, 9, Peyton Holzinger, 9, and Megan Frey, 9, line up to watch CM warm up at CM.



Reily Kassay, 9, gets ready to lead off after the pitch. She scored after her teammate Jenaye Seuver, hit a double against Alton at home.

You Play Ball Like A Girl!

JV Softball

The Highland JV Softball team played under a new coach, Britene Zobrist, for the 2014 season. Tryouts began in March and the team was made up of 12 girls. Some of the girls rotated between JV and Varsity throughout the season. The rainy days of March and April impacted the beginning of the season and they were stuck inside for practices. Their practices began with a form of cardio including a jog, sprints, or workouts with the athletic trainer. Throwing was next on the agenda for the team. Fielding was very difficult to do inside, but the team managed to field ground balls during practice. The team then split into groups to do hitting drills. After multiple canceled games because of rain, they finally kicked off their season with a 14-3 win against Althoff. The wins rolled in after that. The JV Highland Softball team finished their season with a total of 17 wins and 5 losses. Coach Zobrist was pleased with the season. She said, "It's been a pleasure coaching these girls this year. They have made my first year as a coach, fun and easy. There's so much talent on this team and I cannot wait to watch them grow as athletes and young ladies."



Front Row: Jenaye Suever, 9, Reily Kassay, 9, Aubrey Hacke, 9, Carrigan Crowder, 9. Middle Row: Peyton Holzinger, 9, Madison Jones, 9, Jillian Garbett, 9, Madison Wellen, 9. Back Row: Coach Sharon Schmitz, Megan Frey, 9, Hannah Miener, 9, Sierra Huelsmann, 9, and Kaitlin Mayberry, 9.

"I loved playing with a talented group of girls and having a successful season."

-Madison Wellen, 9

"I really enjoyed team bonding and getting to know the team."

-Jenaye Suever, 9



Peyton Holzinger, 9, winds up for the pitch. She hit a double. Highland beat Triad at home.

By Kristin Potthast

Chicks with Sticks

Varsity Softball

By Kayleigh Hester

The team this year started out with some new additions. Three freshmen, Jenna Gnaedinger, 9, Hannah Miener, 9, and Aubrey Hacke, 9, were brought up to pitch at the Varsity level along with senior, Addison Rosen. The girls were determined to make this year great by weight lifting every Tuesday and Thursday, and keeping everyone focused by setting and achieving team goals. Such goals included: winning 20 games, having less than one error per game, getting at least one hit per batter each game, and winning conference, and regionals. The team bonded on their weekend trip to St. Louis, which included a Cardinals vs. Cubs game at Busch Stadium, followed by dinner at Favazza's, and finally an overnight stay at the La Quinta hotel. In half the time, the team doubled the wins from the previous season. Their record was 15-7. They placed third in Conference and went on to Regionals. After 16 years of coaching, this year marked the last year for Coach Sharon Schmitz. The girls cherished every moment they had with Coach Schmitz and will all miss her. Coach Schmitz said, "This season has been a great one! The team is talented, from the 13 freshmen to the six seniors! They are willing to work hard and they have set goals and still manage to have fun. I truly enjoyed working with these ladies and I will miss these seniors! They were the last group I coached from middle school softball all the way through high school, so we have a special connection. I will sincerely miss them!"



Front Row: Amanda Petersen, 12, Lauren Wright, 10, Kayleigh Hester, 12, Aubrey Hacke, 9, Brooke Hug, 12 Middle Row: Addy Rosen, 12, Mallory Rutz, 11, Sydney Lammers, 12, Jenna Gnaedinger, 9 Back Row: Coach Sharon Schmitz, Alyssa Voegele, 12, Hannah Miener, 9, Emily Deichmann, 11, Caitlyn Lammers, 10

What was the best part of the season?



"Beating the record from last year in only half the season."

-Alyssa Voegele, 12



"Bonding with my teammates during the Cardinals vs Cubs Game."

-Lauren Wright, 10



At Belleville West, the team partakes in a victory pow wow after their 14-05 defeat.



Jenna Gnediger, 9, strikes out a Wood River batter at Home. Highland won 06-01.



Making the third out of the inning, Amanda Petersen, 12, sprints to catch a hard fly ball hit by Alton out to centerfield. Highland won 10-06 at home.



Mallory Rutz, 11, rounding third headed towards home during the Highland vs Alton game at home. Highland won 10-06.

15-07

Greenville	05-04
Granite City	22-01
Alton	10-06
Wood River	06-01
Belleville W	14-05
Mascoutah	06-05
Roxana	14-02
Wesclin	11-00
Waterloo	03-01
Dupo	06-05



Sophomore Travis Hoette throws a pitch against Civic Memorial. Hoette was usually found on the pitcher's mound for the JV team.



Nick Schmallinger, 10, takes the first swing of the game against Mater Dei. The boys ended with a 3-6 loss to Mater Dei.

Freshmen Baseball

2-5



Front Row: Steven Diaz, Ben Geppert, Ethan Billhartz, Tanner Hueslmann, Braden Rehkemper. Middle Row: Cauby Hartlieb, Jake Ramsey, Ian Frasier, Wade Clarkin, Jacob Fenton, Chase Leitschuh. Back Row: Coach Miscik, Brett Brown, Luke Jones, Jack Landmann, Jake Menz, David Lutostanski, Montana Gilbert, JD Wellen.

Triad	6-4
Mascoutah	10-4
Waterloo	8-4
Jerseyville	15-5
Civic Memorial	13-12
Mascoutah	6-5
Waterloo	11-6

PLAY BALL!

JV Baseball

The JV Baseball Team was composed of a group of 21 sophomores. The JV team, led by Coach Caleb Houchins, practiced with the freshmen team every day after school until 5 o'clock. Practices started with stretching, then the boys warmed up their arms by playing catch. Practice ended with a run around the campus. The boys started off their season on March 24 and played through the end of May. Coach Houchins said, "This team is one of the hardest working groups I have ever had the chance to coach. They work hard from the beginning of practice to the end, and strive to get better everyday. Along with being hard workers and good baseball players, they are even better young men. They have been a real joy to coach, and I consider myself lucky to have been a part of this great year." The JV team ended the season with a record of 6-3 in the conference.



Front Row: Colton Vonder Haar, Tyler Pollard, Mike McGill, Travis Hoette, Jimmy Smith. Middle Row: Trent Carriger, Matt Beyer, Seth Luitjohan, Austin Hickam, Austin Brown, Blake Stieb, Nick Schmallinger. Back Row: Coach Houchins, Griffin Welz, Paxton Vonder Haar, Mitch Campbell, Chris Dickman, Jarrett Dubach, Brode Portell, Sam Greene, Jordan Smith, Kyle Schmitt.

By Courtney Billhartz



The JV Bulldogs line up as a team after a warm up before a game at Glik Park. The team lined up one by one as the warm up ended and high fived each other before every game.

6-3

Civic Mem. 6-2

Triad 6-1

Jerseyville 4-7

Waterloo 6-0

Mascoutah 0-2

Civic Mem. 2-3

Triad 11-3

Jerseyville 12-1

Mascoutah 5-3



Zach Plocher, 11, winds up to serve the ball during practice on Highland's home court.



Collin Chasteen, 11, and Kody Welch, 12, return Triad's serve. The team of Collin and Kody easily overcame Triad's doubles team at their home match.



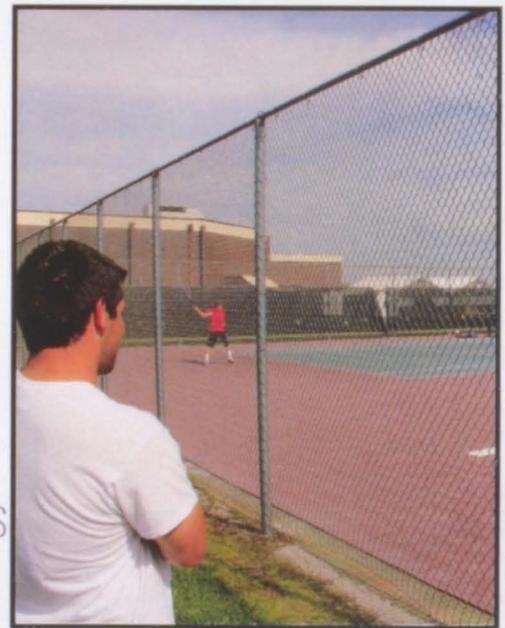
"I enjoyed the team bonding after away matches."

-Connor Reese, 12

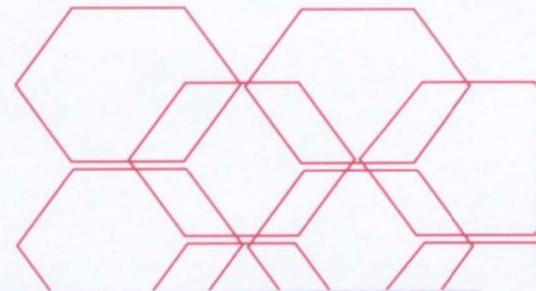


"When we made Coach Pellock eat the hottest wings at Buffalo Wild Wings."

-Jared Bargetzi, 11



From the sidelines, Assistant Coach Jack Martens watches Zach Plocher, 11, warm up for his match against Collinsville.



Tristen Welch, 10, tosses up his serve ball during a home match against Triad.



During practice Ryan Long, 11, returns a lob.

Love Means Nothing

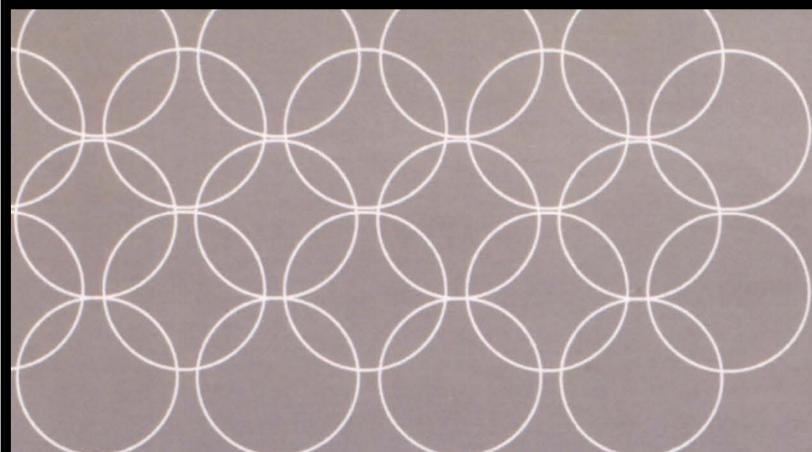
Boys Tennis

This year the Highland Tennis Team had a record of 5-7 in the regular season. Seniors Connor Reese and Kody Welch led the team to success throughout the season. "This group has become a solid Varsity team and it will be exciting to see the majority of them come back next season," said head coach Matt Pellock. Tennis consists of either two players (singles match) playing against another or four players (doubles match). Practices consisted of volleying back and forth to warm up. Then, the team worked on serving and returning serves using both forehand and backhand strokes. Scrimmages simulated real matches during practice. They placed fifth in their conference tournament. Also, the team placed 12th in the Edwardsville Invite and 11th in the Edwardsville Dual Tournament. Zachary Plocher, 11, and Jared Bargetzi, 11, medaled in the conference tournament with a second place finish. Zachary Plocher, 11 also defeated both number one players from Triad and Effingham. This is the first time this feat has ever been accomplished. "The guys really enjoy competing with one another, and the best part about the team is the character and sportsmanship they show day in and day out," said Coach Pellock.



Front Row: Brett Barker, 10, Jared Bargetzi, 11, Jacob Plocher, , Kody Welch, 12. Back Row: Connor Reese, 12, Collin Chasteen, 11, Ryan Long, 11, Tristen Welch, 11, Zach Plocher, 11 and Coach Pellock.

By Cam Loyet



Winning Catch

Bass Fishing

Since the Bass Fishing team only had the opportunity to compete twice, at sectionals and IHSA State, they avidly practiced in preparation for those competitions. The team held tryouts in the beginning of the school year requiring the boys to demonstrate their casting skills and abilities to tie knots. During practice, the team traveled to different lakes in the local area. Two boats competed at the sectional competition on April 25 at Coffeen Lake; the first boat, led by Coach Rinderer, held seniors Joey Bardill and Shane Campbell. The second boat, led by Coach Sautmann, carried seniors Eric Luitjohan and Austin Niggli. The Rinderer boat won sectionals with the five fish limit at 17.27lbs, and Sautmann's boat placed second with the five fish limit at 16.81 lbs. The top three teams advanced to the IHSA State tournament at Carlyle Lake on May 9th and 10th. During the state tournament, Coach Rinderer's boat with Joey Bardill and Shane Campbell caught a five fish limit both days. After day one, they were in 14th place with 8 lbs 5 oz, and their day two total of 13 lbs 4 oz brought them into third place with a two day total of 21 lbs 9 oz. Highland had two of the 66 teams participating in the IHSA State Bass Fishing Final. First place went to Moline with 26 lbs 8 oz., second place went to Pinckneyville with 23 lbs 14 oz., and third place went to Highland with 21 lbs 9 oz.

By Amber Hubbard

Seniors Joey Bardill and Shane Campbell display their third place trophy at the state competition at Carlyle Lake on May 9th and 10th.



Shane Campbell, 12, helps fishing partner Joey Bardill, 12, by holding the catch net for him at their sectional on Coffeen Lake. With a total of 17.27 pounds, the pair placed first at this sectional.



Front Row: Blake Shumacher, Shane Campbell, Austin Niggli, and Eric Luitjohan. Back Row: Michael Frank, Joey Bardill, Kyle Wasser, and Tony Shellito.



**"I grew up fishing and I love it because it always challenges me."
-Joey Bardill**



Austin Niggli, 12, Eric Luitjohan, 12, Michael Frank, 10, and Coach Scott Sautmann display four of the five fish caught by their boat at the IHSA State competition at Carlyle Lake. The group took seventh place overall.



**"Even as a kid I loved fishing. I would ride my bike to the lake almost every day."
-Shane Campbell**

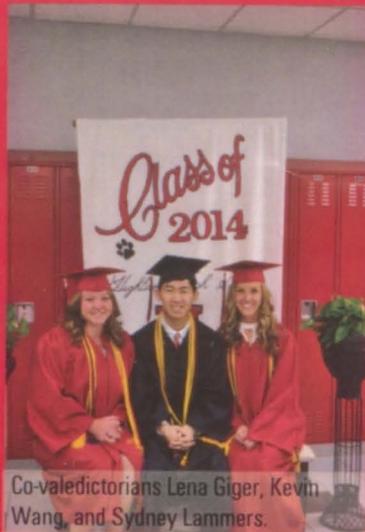


Seniors Eric Luitjohan and Austin Niggli hold up the five fish they caught during the Coffeen Sectional at Coffeen Lake. The two took second place over all at the competition.

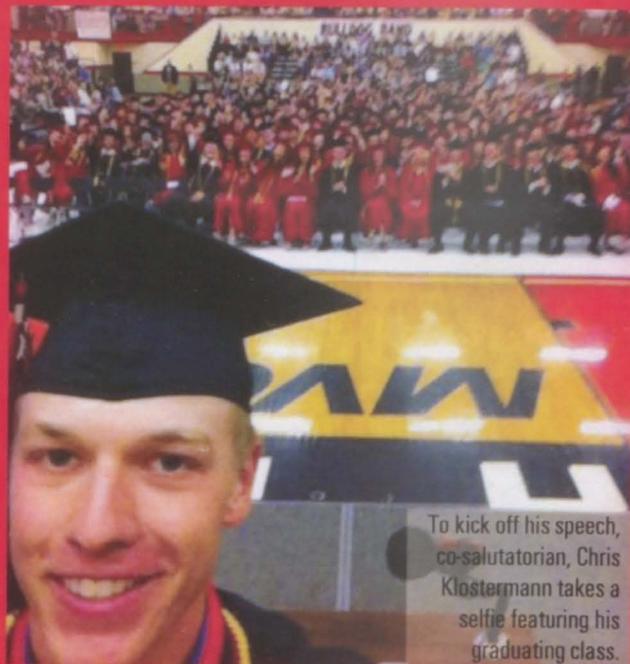


Front Row: Austin Niggli, Blake Shumacher, Joey Bardill, Shane Campbell, and Michael Frank. Back Row: Coach Scott Sautman, Eric Luitjohan, and Coach John Rinderer. The team displays their plaque from winning their sectional at Coffeen Lake.

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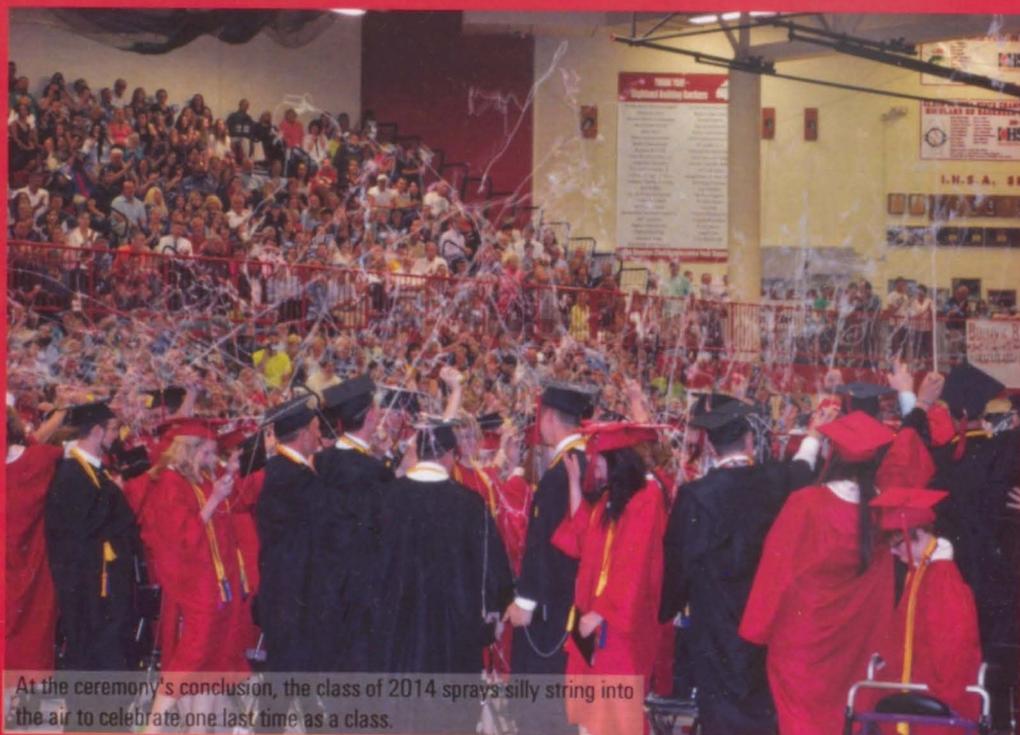
Co-valedictorians Lena Giger, Kevin Wang, and Sydney Lammers.



To kick off his speech, co-salutatorian, Chris Klostermann takes a selfie featuring his graduating class.



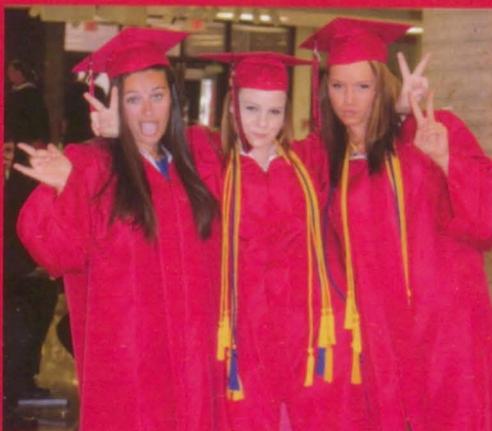
Class president, Carrie Gibbons gives her farewell speech to her class. During her speech she stated how "the best is yet to come" for her classmates.



At the ceremony's conclusion, the class of 2014 sprays silly string into the air to celebrate one last time as a class.



Jesse Johnson and Dr. Gauen embrace, as Jesse walks up the stage to receive his diploma.



Rachel Dugan, Kristin Hoyt, and Lexis Sandifer goof-off before the ceremony.

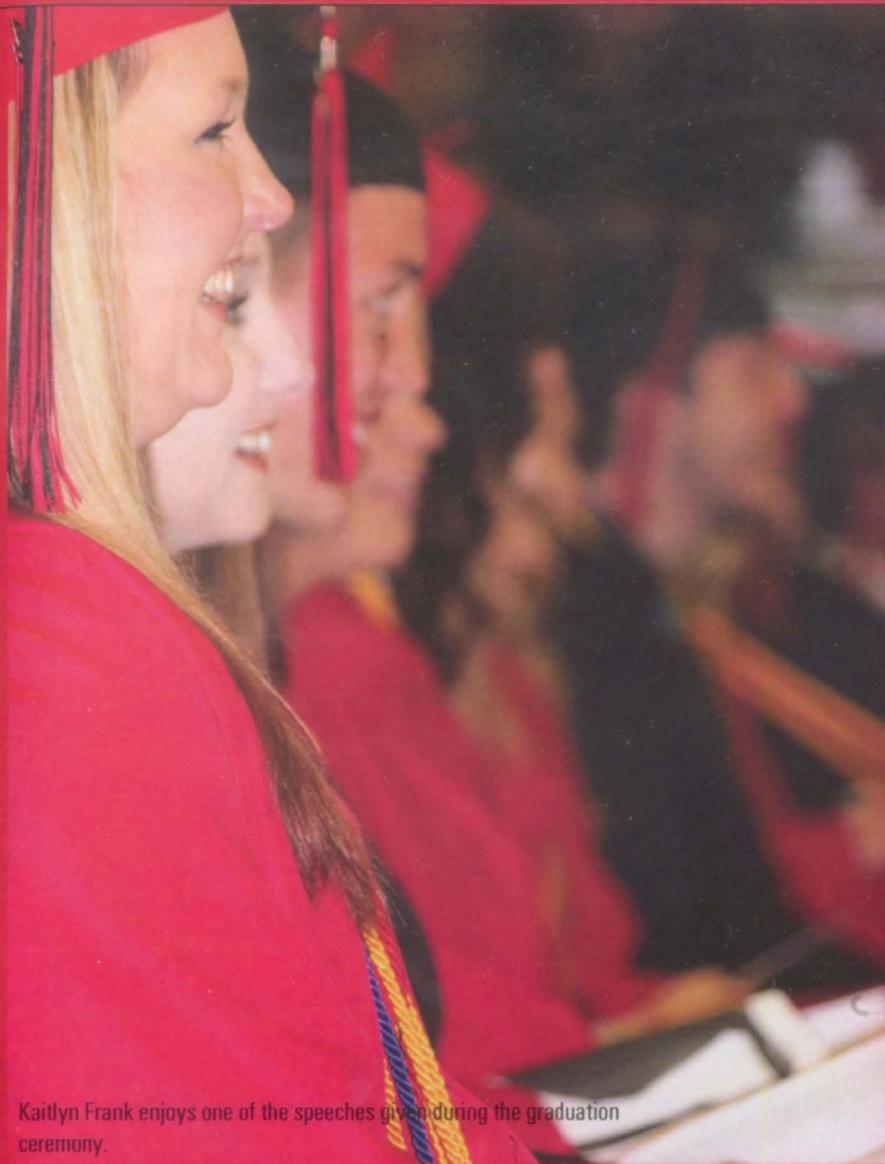


Board member, Jim Gallatin, shakes Amber Terveen's hand after she received her diploma.

Our Future

Graduation

The Class of 2014 entered the Highland High School gym for the last time as "students" with their closest friends and family in attendance. It was an emotional day for many. "High school was a great experience and I made some life-long friends," said Troy Schneider. Class officers, Lauren Hammel, Jessica Zobrist, and Carrie Gibbons gave speeches. The three co-valedictorians, Lena Giger, Sydney Lammers and Kevin Wang as well as the two co-salutatorians, Chris Klostermann and Jencie Watson, gave advice and a few laughs in their farewell speeches. Traditionally, the seniors gift the principal with a sentimental item that bonded students and administration. This year, as each individual walked across the stage, he or she placed a lanyard around the neck, or in the hand, of Dr. Gauen. Once the last graduate sat back down, and those in caps and gowns had all received their diplomas, the gym exploded in a spray of silly string and roaring applause. The seniors were done. They took a final look around before walking out that day and realized it would be the last time their whole class would be together in one place.



Kaitlyn Frank enjoys one of the speeches given during the graduation ceremony.



Proudly displaying their hard earned diplomas are Kayleigh Hester, Angie Cruz, and Christina Amaro.



The senior choir members perform "For Good," a song from the musical *Wicked* for their classmates during the ceremony.

Oxford Dictionary's Word of
the Year for 2013 was:
'selfie'.

Selfie Olympics



self·ie [sel-fee] noun
Informal.

a photograph that one takes of oneself with a digital camera or a front-facing smartphone, tablet, or webcam, especially for posting on social-networks, photo-sharing websites, or in the Highland High School yearbook.

