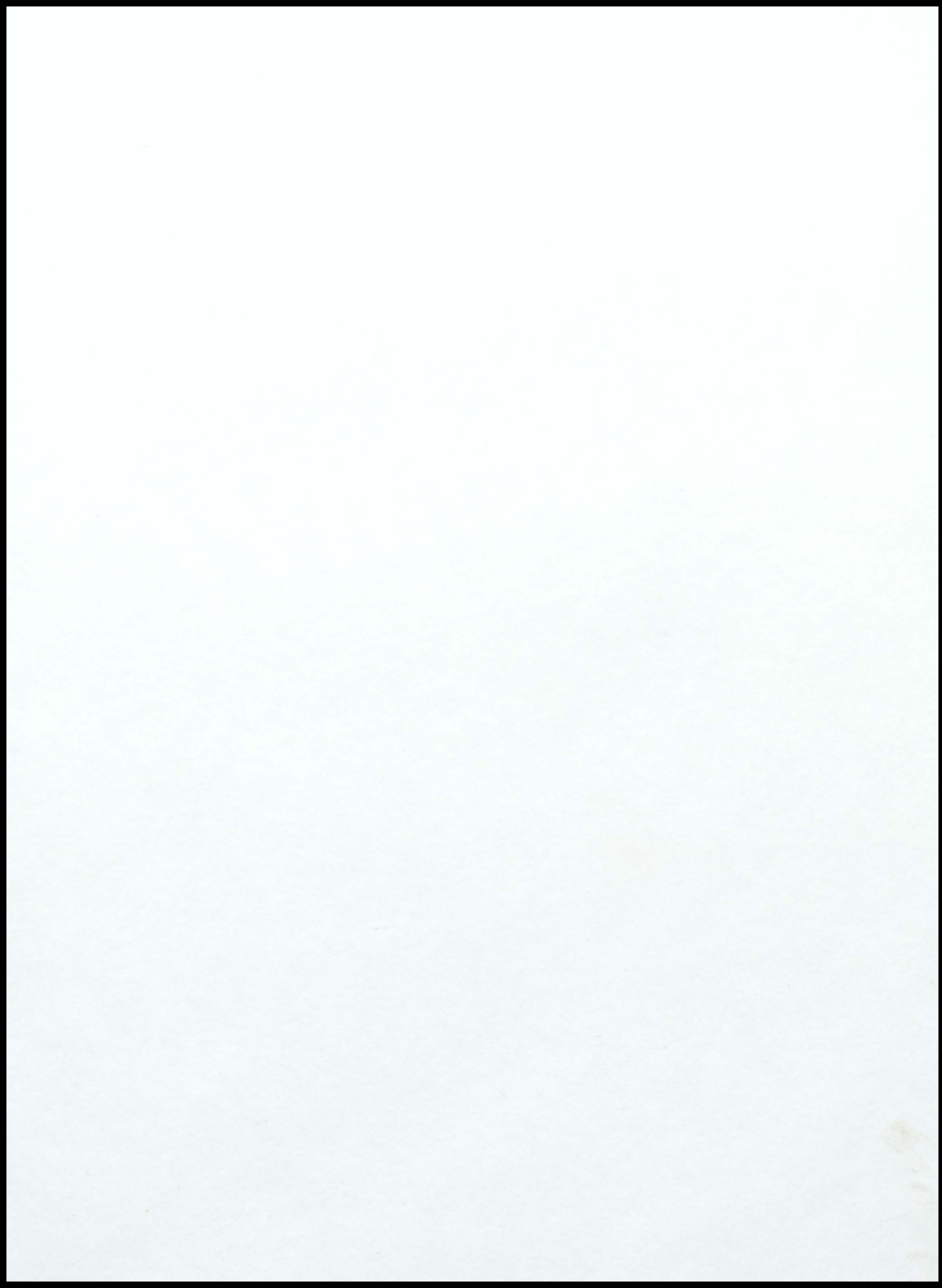




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2011**









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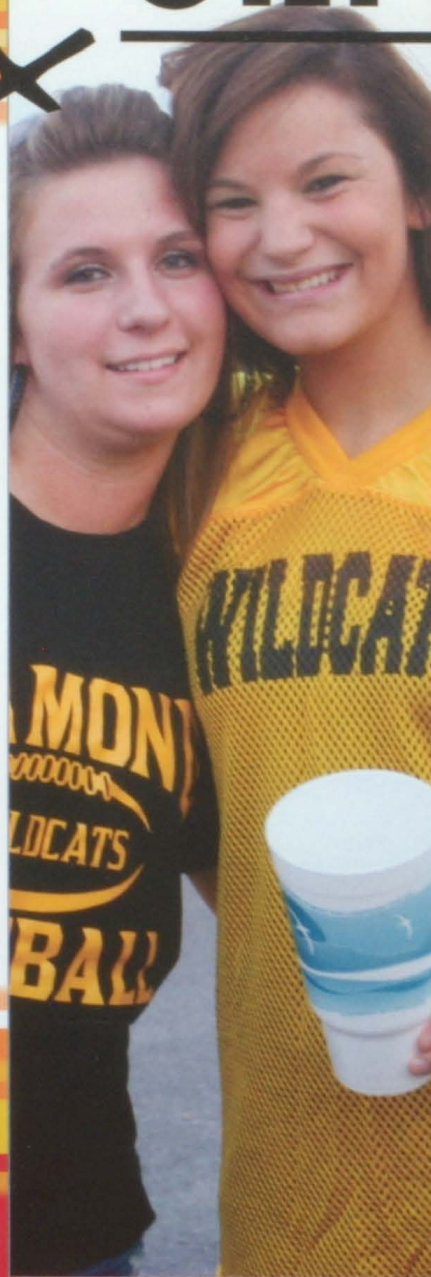
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WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

MICAH HARP, Senior.
To graduation, get Scholarships, and my ACT Score.

DAKOTA PRIER, Junior.
To go to state in basketball

JAYCEE KING, Senior.
Graduate!!!! And get accepted into college.

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THE FIRST TWO MONTHS ARE ALWAYS TOUGH. BETWEEN SCHOOL AND SPORTS THERE'S HARDLY ENOUGH TIME FOR OURSELVES. WE JUST NEED TO REMEMBER TO BREATHE.



JAYDN CRONISTER, Senior.
To graduate without regrets.

JAYDE KING, Senior.
To make it to graduation day and make it my most fun year!

SARA SCHMITT, Senior.
Graduate!

NEW LEACIES

NEW STAFF

As a new year comes around, so do new people. Not only new students, but new faculty members arrive as well. This year is no different as there are three new staff members in the high school. Rachael Shaw replaces Rachael Jones as Language Arts III teacher and also takes on Credit Recovery. She grew up in Arkansas and attended Missouri Southern State University before coming here to work. "I really like the students. There is a lot of spirit throughout the school. The faculty is great." She is really enjoying Diamond and hopes to improve the grammar and writing skills of her students. Taking over as head Volleyball and Boys basketball coach, Coach Josh Cook joins us new this year as well. He also teaches Weights and Lifetime Sports. After starting his coaching career at Cloud Community College, he comes to us undefeated. In his first year teaching at a public school, he says, "It was a good opportunity for change and to slow down." We all hope he is successful this year with his coaching and teaching. After obtaining a psychology degree from Southern Baptist University in Bolivar, Paul Pester also joins the staff. He teaches study skills and helps with the alternative school. So far he is really enjoying the school. He likes the size and feel of it and really likes the other faculty. We are really excited to have them all on staff. *(Text by Nathan Cantu)*



WHAT SCARES YOU THE MOST ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

AUTUMN, Freshman.
Bigger students who are older than me.

NIKI YANG, Freshman.
Well, I'm not really sure because to me it seems pretty fun.

MAKENSIE HARRINGTON, Freshman.
The homework in Albin's class



PUMP, PUMP, PUMP IT UP!

The roar slowly grows deafening as freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors rush for their sections in the stands. In just a few minutes, everyone is settled in, and the cheerleaders make their way to the center of the floor. Each Fall sports coach called down their players and announced the team and captains. Coach Davied kicked it off with the football team. The team is young with only six seniors returning. Wildcat football is by no means small in numbers though! When asked Coach Davied said, "We may be a young team but the younger guys are showing some real talent." Next, Coach Brimecombe took his turn announcing his district defending title softball team! Fall sports seem to all be low in senior numbers as softball had only two: Taryn Stevens and Emily Gilbert. Then came volleyball. The crowd cheered as the new head volleyball coach, Josh Cook, introduced himself and the girls. He comes to us undefeated. Hopefully, that continues here! The team introductions ended with cross country at only half the size of last year. The pep rally wrapped up with class chants. It started with the freshman and worked through the stands all the way down to the seniors, who blew the gym away! From the sound of the crowd this year, spirit isn't going to be a problem! *(Text and Pictures by Larry Fulcher)*

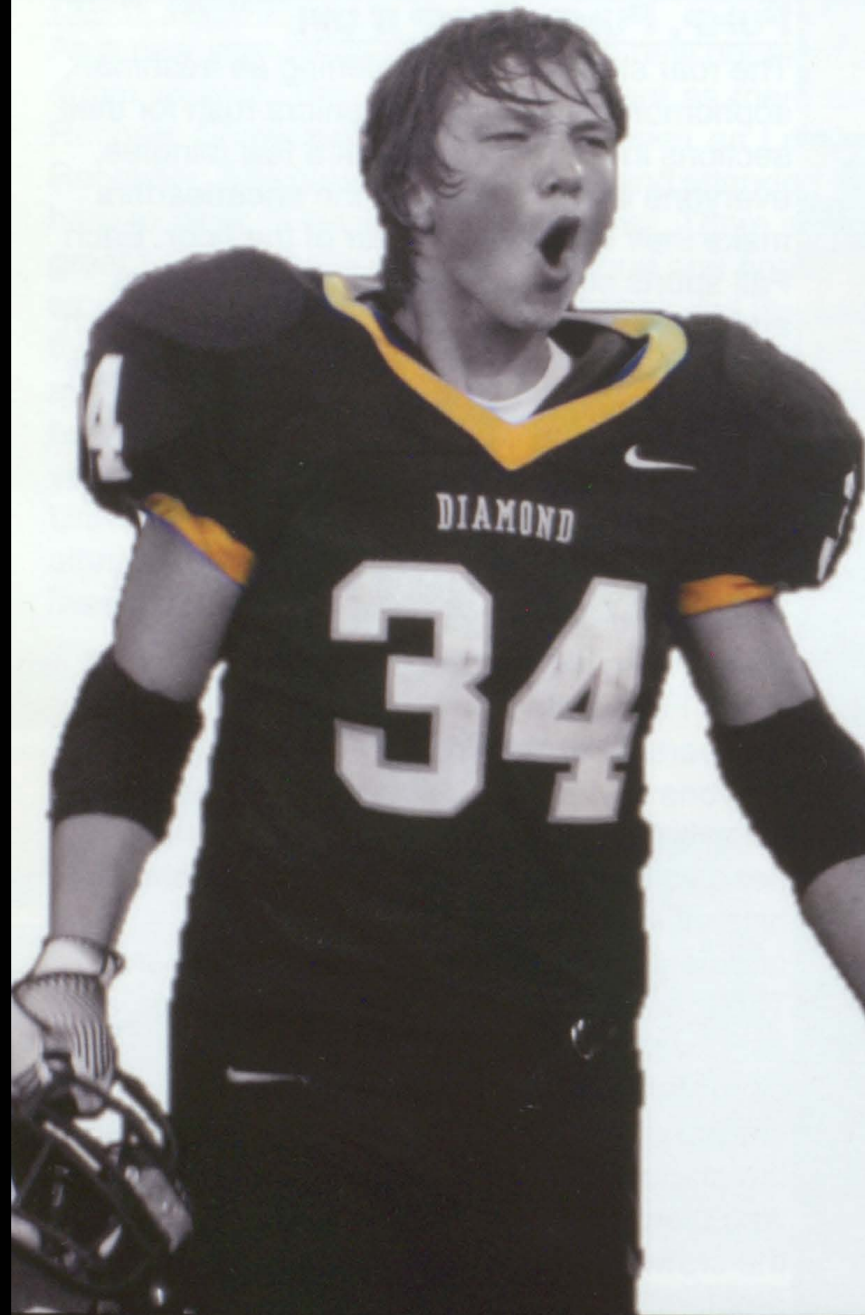
BAILEY SEWARD, Freshman.
I'm scared the most about
maintaining my grades.

KENSIE MCALISTER, Freshman.
The upperclassmen and the
classes scared me, but not
anymore.

AMBER BRYANT, Freshman.
Being in a different building.

VARSITY FOOTBALL'S PRESEASON WRAP-UP

It has been a rough last few years for our boys. A losing record several years in the making, three head coach changes and a less than spirited crowd have put a damper on Wildcat Football. That may be about to change. Friday August 20th marked the culmination of all the scorching practices. The Spring River Valley Conference held its Jamboree in Diamond this year. In Coach Aaron Davied's second year as head coach, a standard of consistency has finally been established in leadership. With only six seniors returning though, they are a very young team. But all those underclassmen make for a very promising roster! Josh Divine takes on the role of team captain as Xao Kee Lor, David Bird, Greg Kelley, Rolando Gonzales, and Derick Devins also return as seniors. Last year's star sophomore Jarren "Pepper" Reinheart and quarter back Tyler Horton both return with a little experience as do many others, but for every experienced player there is a freshman to double them. You can only imagine the intimidation factor; it didn't seem to halt them though. The first games of the year not played against teammates, the jamboree is the barometer for the season. And the weather's looking sunny and clear for our boys! Even with a still lack luster silent crowd, they won all four of their matches! The team beat Jasper, Sarcoxie, and Liberal without a single point scored against them. As the year goes on, the cheerleaders and band get in their routines, and the crowd slowly grows, hopefully we can look forward to some more and louder spirit! When it comes November and the tallies are made there's a strong chance we'll be looking at a winning season! As for right now? Dig out the mascot suit, and find that CATS flag! It's Game Time! *(Text by: Gabby Palmer, Pictures by: Meggan Stewart)*



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FALL SPORT?

JEREMY MORRIS, Sophomore.
Volleyball. All we do is win!

LAKEN RAWLINS, Junior.
Football!!!! Because I love to scream with the crowd.

BLAKE SHEPARD,
Sophomore.
Cross Country, because IT'S DA BOMB!!!



I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER! 8-2-10

DHS Stu-Co gets started early. Student Council is busy already! On the 5th day of school, the new student council members held their first meeting for the 2010-2011 school year. President Cody Martin had a ton on the agenda. Homecoming themes were brainstormed with instructions for class presidents to talk to the Wildcat Times and get more ideas. Then t-shirt colors were brought up along with the flag duty assignments, proposed amendments, school changes and whether or not to sell Dtown Crazy t-shirts. After all the new, pressing business was discussed, there was a quick run down of events and plans for the first semester, and the meeting was adjourned. *(Text and Pictures by Meggan Stewart)*

LADY CATS VS. WHEATON BULLDOGS 9-2-10

JV. 25-17 VAR. 25-13

Only a few games in and the girls are doing a fantastic job. On September 3rd they conquered the Lady Bulldogs and played great as always. Many students showed up pumped, peppy and ready to cheer on our team. Faces painted, over the top outfits of black and gold, loud chants and support helped carry them on to victory. The Lady Cats did it again. Hopefully, they can continue this amazing winning streak and attitude through the rest of the season and go on to win districts and state. JV and Varsity both are doing amazingly well! Keep it up, Volleyball! *(Text and Pictures by Angela Kuri)*

AUSTIN MAILLORY, Junior.
Football, because you get to hit people.

GAVIN BRINES, Freshman.
Baseball, because it's fun to play.

GACHILIE YANG, Freshman.
Any Sport! I really don't care as long as I have fun.



LADY CATS VS.

COLLEGE HEIGHTS 9-1-10

VAR. 23-25 JV. 26-2-1

On September 14th, the blazing rivalry between College Heights and Diamond continued in a battle of strategy, wits, and agility in a tense, high-energy volleyball game. The Junior Varsity on both sides put every ounce of themselves into their plays, and it was a fight to see. The cougars put up a great game, but we came out victorious. Then Varsity had their turn. Again both teams fought to the death, playing the most aggressive game of the year so far. No matter whether a play was successful or unsuccessful, the teams both kept adding more and more energy, building the excitement of the crowd. With only a few minutes left in the game and College Heights several points ahead, the Lady Cats buckled down and made a beautiful rally. Then came a call from the referee. The Lady Cats were defeated. Even though they didn't win, they put up a brilliant game and the spirit in the crowd was outstanding. *(Text by Mandi Poulton and Pictures by Larry Fulcher)*

JOPLIN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT 8-26-28

Before the game started, Hana Million pumps up the team, "We are going to try hard, keep our heads up, and stay mentally and physically strong!" The Lady Cats did just that. The game came to a tie in the sixth inning. Things stayed tense until one mistake allowed Joplin to push ahead and take the win. The ladies fought hard though, "We played well and have no regrets," Coach Brimecombe was heard to say. *(Text and pictures by Alex Goad)*

IF YOU WERE A RUBBER DUCK WHAT KIND WOULD YOU BE?

MICHAEL TRENTHAM, Sophomore.
A ninja duck

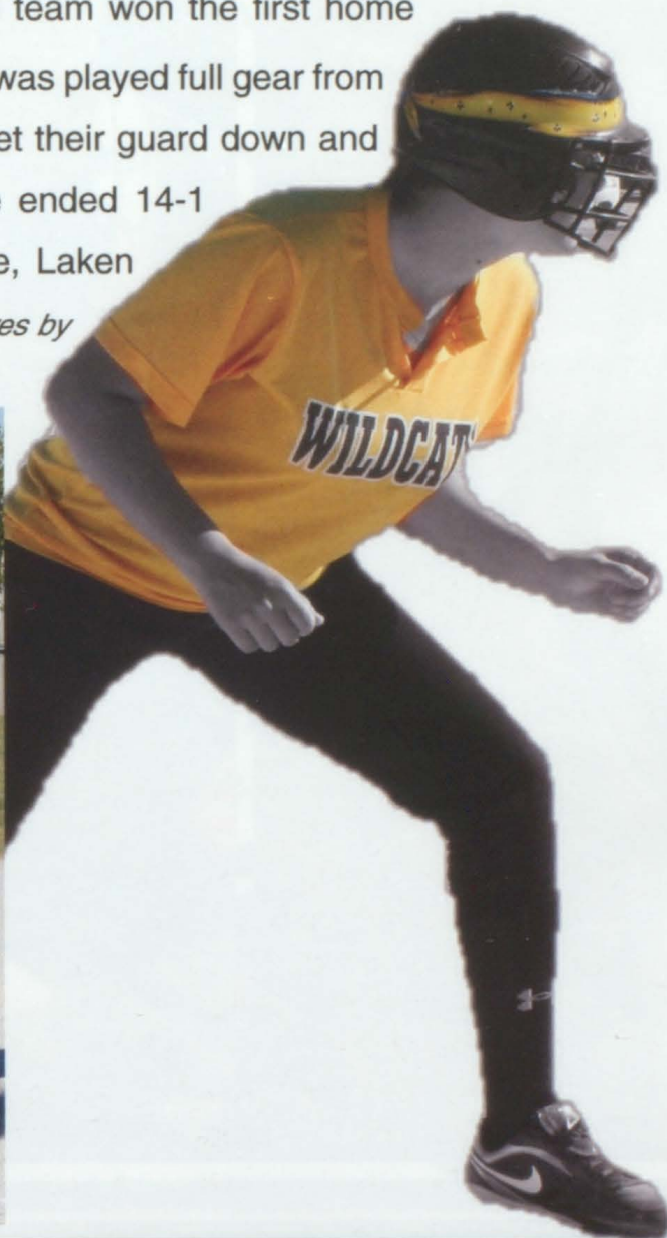
TYLER HORTON, Junior.
A Puma duck.

CATHY LEE, Junior.
I'd be any kind of duck. I would name myself Moe-Moe.

DOMINATION

FIRST HOME SOFTBALL GAME 9-3-10

In dominating fashion, the Diamond Wildcats softball team won the first home game of the year. They took on Billings in a game that was played full gear from the very beginning. Not a single minute did the girls let their guard down and the scoreboard reflected their dedication. The game ended 14-1 Diamond. When asked how she felt about the game, Laken Atkinson said simply, "We are the best." *(Text and Pictures by Alex Goad)*



STACI STIREWALT, Junior.
A baby duck named James.

DANIELLE HENT, Junior.
I would be a pretty duck with green feathers. My name would be Alejandro!

SAMANTHA GEORGE, Junior.
A yellow one with rainbow polka dots named Sebastian Fred Tarzan the third and one half.



OCTOBER



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY?

SARA MANLEY, Freshman.
My favorite candy is Reese's,
because they're delicious!

ALEX WILSON, Freshman.
Snickers or Reese's cup.

JON CASTOR, Freshman.
Gum and Reese's.

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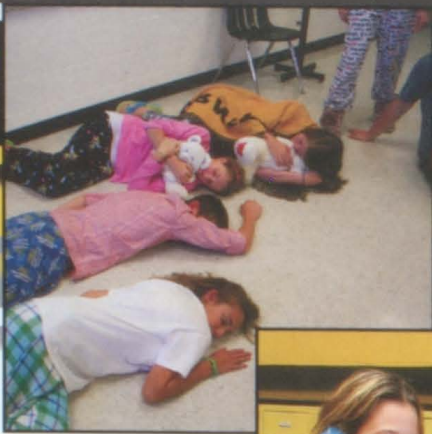
EVEN IF SOMETHING IS LEFT
UNDONE, EVERYONE MUST TAKE
TIME TO SIT STILL AND WATCH
THE LEAVES TURN.



KALEN CHILDERS, Freshman.
Almond Joy.

SCOTTY CORN, Junior.
Warheads!

LAKEN RAWLINS, Junior.
Sour Punch Straws! I love
the sourness with the
sweetness!



SPIRIT WEEK

Every year there is great anticipation for Homecoming. Not only were people excited for the football game and candidacy, but for spirit week as well. Everyone always wants to know what to dress up as each day. This year was no different. After having class meetings, Student Council voted to have a Pajama day, Badly Dressed Tourist day, Sunglasses and Flip-Flops day, Lei day, and of course, Black and Gold day. It was highly successful with a lot of participation each day. This year has been amazing in the amount of spirit the Wildcats have. *(Text by Nathan Cantu)*

PEP RALLY

"I say black, you say gold! Black! GOLD!" All hail the mighty wildcats, getting all keyed up for the big game. A wild and fun outdoor pep rally was definitely in store. Every student in the district from kindergarteners to seniors cheered for the cats. The cheerleaders danced and cheered, and the band played their hearts out. The homecoming candidates were also announced, and then they did a couple of contests. In the games, the girls put on jerseys, shoulder pads, and helmets with the help of their guys. The first to do this won that game. Next, while wearing the gear, they had to toss the football back and forth with their guy. Every time they caught one, they had to step back five yards. Taryn and Nathan won both of the games. Later on, the football team came out and was introduced. Coach Davied picked a few to speak. All had high hopes and big grins for the night's game. Jarren Reinhart exclaimed, "We're gonna' win homecoming for the first time ever!" *(Pictures by Kourtney Moreland and Meggan Stewart. Text by Kathrine Reynolds.)*

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING YOU'VE EVER GOTTEN IN YOUR HALLOWEEN BAG?

ASHLEIGH LONG, Junior.
I got a fortune cookie that said, "Just remember, we're always watching you."

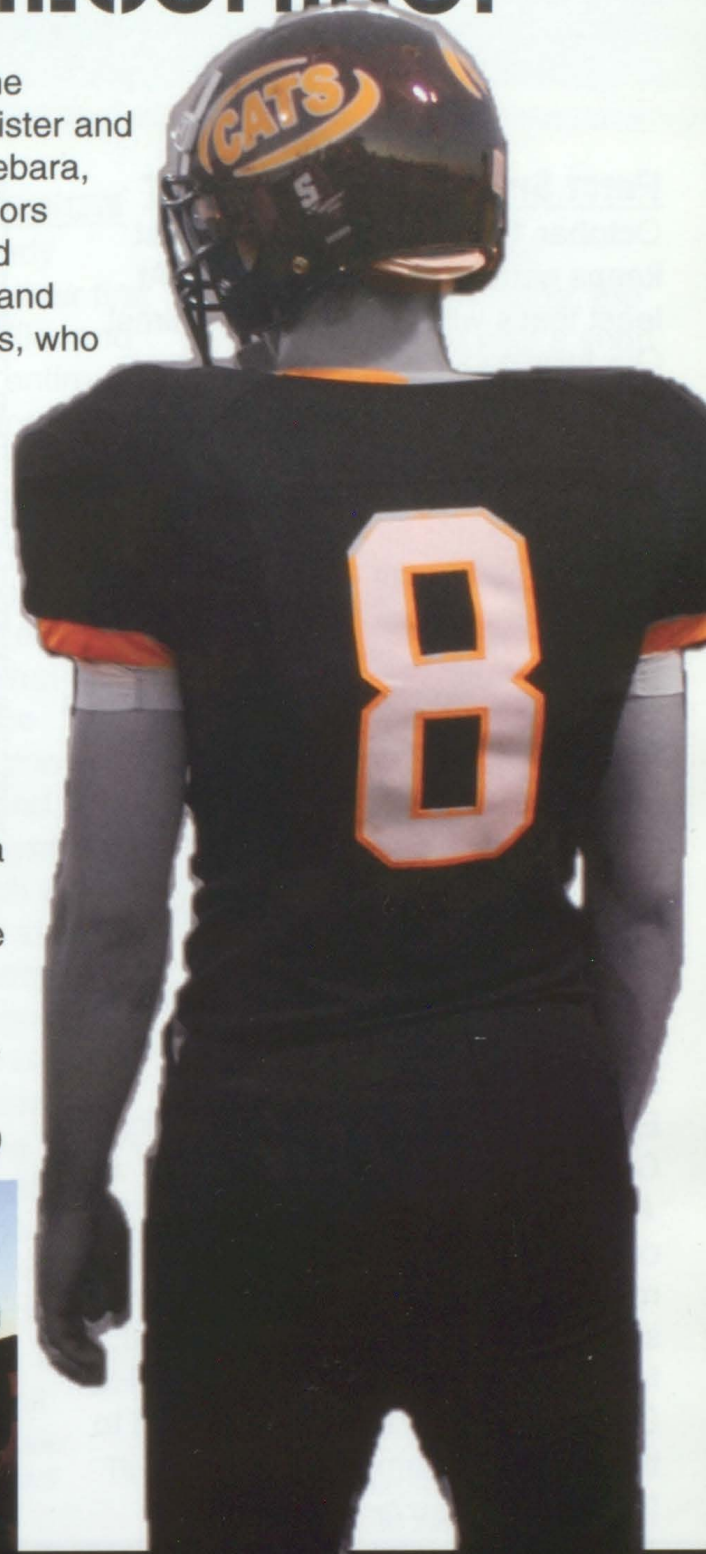
CHELSEA FLINT, Senior.
A scarf. Not even kidding!

KARLEE RAILE, Freshman.
A wedding ring.

FOOTBALL. HOMECOMING! FOOTBALL. HOMECOMING!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2010 kicked off with coronation at 6:30. The candidates this year consisted of freshmen Kenzie McAlister and Zach Renfro, Sophomores Lauren Bradley and Alex Guebara, Juniors Heather Simpson and Jarren Reinhart, and Seniors Sarah Bentz and Cameron Skinner, Mercedes Moon and Braxton Isley, and Our Queen and King, Taryn Stevens and Nathan Cantu. The guys waited on the track for their girls, who arrived in a variety of old and new cars. After the coronation, the boys took the field against the Greenfield Wildcats. Diamond came out strong, scoring a touchdown by Jarren Reinhart. Not too long after that, we scored another! This time by Dillion Welch. This ended the first quarter with Diamond 12 and Greenfield 0. In the second quarter, Greenfield responded back to Diamond, scoring 14 points to end the half. Half time brought out the band and their 2010 field show, The Lightning Thief. Following the band, cheerleaders performed their dance to a melody mix up of songs like "Magic in Me", "I Like It", "Entertainment", and "California Girls." Then began third quarter. Greenfield kept it coming, putting up 14 points. Diamond held strong in the fourth, preventing any more major scoring. The game ended Diamond 12 and Greenfield 40. "We played well starting out, but when XaoKee got hurt we all got down," Josh Divine, team captain said. *(Pictures by Kathrine Reynolds and Gabby Palmer. Text by Meggan Stewart.)*



KATELYN DUNN, Sophomore.
A CD.

JUSTIN COOK, Junior.
Fifty cents.

CONNOR GARCIA, Senior.
A Jehova's witness packet.

FIRST SPEECH TOURNAMENT

October 16th, 2010. Clever- It just keeps getting better every day! At least that's what the sign proclaims! Our forensics team began their season with the Clever speech tournament. Cody Martin, Gabby Palmer, Scotty Corn, Ashleigh Long and Jon Castor all attended. Scotty and Jon had never attended a speech tournament before and were a bit nervous. "This is child labor!" Scotty complained for the first twenty minutes of the 5:30 a.m. ride. Over all, the day went well. Scotty and Gabby performed a Duet Improv but didn't place. Jon and Ashleigh also performed a Duet Improv and didn't place either. Gabby performed a Prose, *What is Poverty?* as well. Cody Martin brought what he called, "his best radio EVER" and his usual Extemporaneous Speaking. Scotty Corn placed 2nd overall in Poetry with *Wussy Boy Manefesto* at his very first competition against teams that take multiple people to Nationals every single year. All in all, it was a good, fun day. All the members of the DHS Speech Team are looking forward to their next tournament at Crowder in November. (Text by Gabby Palmer)

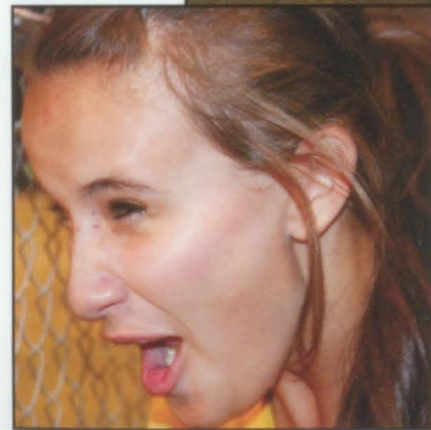
MAPLE LEAF COMPETITION

On October 16th, 2010, the Diamond High School Marching Band went to their second competition. They participated in the Carthage Maple Leaf Festival Field Show Competition. The Black and Gold Regiment put much effort into their performance on the field. With all of their efforts, they made third place in their class. Though the band didn't make finals, they were happy to be in such a memorable event and show off their marching and musical skills to several other bands from around the area. (Text by Mandi Poulton)



WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE TO TRICK OR TREAT?

MORGAN LAMAR, Sophomore. **SHAYLA JONES**, Freshman. **CAITLIN JAMES**, Freshman.
Snob Hill. My relatives! I get as much stuff as I want! The neighborhood behind Dollar General.



SOFTBALL DISTRICTS

The Diamond Lady Wildcats played their first game against Miller and fought hard the entire game. After hitting in several runs, Diamond won their first district game 8 to 2 with no competition. The Lady Wildcats moved on to play Purdy for what they were hoping to be another win. Diamond was dedicated and didn't quit playing the game until the last pitch was thrown. Sadly, it ended in a very close loss of 5 to 3. They said goodbye to the seniors and are ready to get Purdy next year. After asking Coach Brimacombe what he thought about the 2010 season, he replied, "The season didn't turn out how I had hoped, but we learned a lot about ourselves." *(Text and Pictures by Alex Goad)*

PINK WEEK

It's time for Pink Week! Ribbons, hats, lemonade, the works! This year it was a short week, but definitely a fun one. Why pink? It's in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The week raised \$910.44 which was donated to Barb Olsen. She recently started fighting cancer. She has just begun Chemotherapy. Monday was hair extensions day, and, of course, the extensions were pink. Tuesday was pink ribbon bagels for teachers, and the students got pink ribbons and pink ribbon tattoos. Wednesday was the day to wear pink and to wear hats. Thursday, the last school day of the week, was pink lemonade and pink frosted cupcake day. Raffle tickets were sold as well all week, and on Thursday, the winner of the ipod nano was announced. It was Mrs. Jinks. A big thanks for NHS for setting this exciting week up! *(Text by Kathrine Reynolds)*

MARIA JIMENEZ, Junior. I go to Joplin with my little brothers and my little sister

HEATHER WILSON, Freshman. Wildwood Estates or Snob Hill.

ASIA MAHAN, Freshman. Market St. The old people are really friendly.

83RD NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Every year, members of the FFA chapter sell fruit and frozen meats to fund the year's activities. Selling over seven hundred fifty dollars qualifies a member to attend The National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. 15 members sold their hearts out and qualified for the four day event. Senior Lynsey Copley has attended National Convention all four years of her high school career. After going this year, she said, "My favorite part of National Convention was all the key note speakers and leadership sessions. The speakers and a goat were really good. One of our speakers challenged us to use "and a goat" randomly in a sentence. There weren't any big name speakers like in previous years, but all the keynotes were really good." A Lady Antebellum concert, rodeo, tours to an organic dairy farm, and an orchard were the main chapter planned events for the week. The last day was the American Degree ceremony and retirement address of Larry D. Case. Mr. Case had been National Advisor for 26 years. The seniors on the trip remember having his name pounded into them as freshmen. It was a bittersweet speech. After that, it was a long ride back, arriving in Diamond at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Concerts, assemblies and 50,000 blue courderoy jackets made it an experience to last a lifetime. *(Text by Gabby Palmer.)*

NHS WEEK

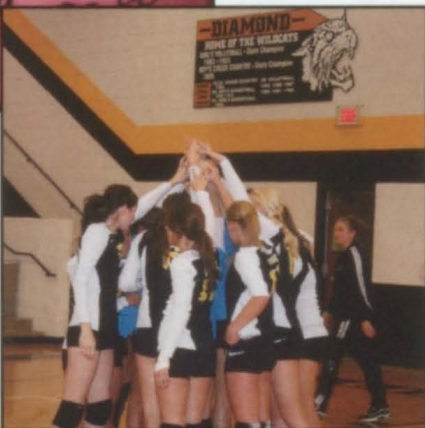
On Monday, October 11th, National Honor Society students came to school wearing their blue and white ribbons to start out the 2010 NHS week! They wore their blue '2 Legit 2 Quit' shirts the next day for 'Ask Me About NHS' day and handed out candy to anyone who asked them a question. On Wednesday, the highly anticipated induction ceremony was held. President Kerri Goucher gave a speech and then other members described the main traits of NHS: Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Character. After the four candles were lit, the current members went out and found the new 11 members! Every year those who had received an application sit nervously in their seats waiting to be selected. Those chosen were given a robe to wear and a yellow rose. Afterward, they were escorted to their seats while their proud parents came in to congratulate them. The new members are: Micah Alford, Leah Carneal, Jennifer Dunlap, Brittany Frisbie, Chance Hardy, Tyler Harris, Jake Tuter, Kyleigh Copley, Trent Hayes, Stefani Thomas, and Nate Warthen. They followed the celebration with cupcakes and punch. Thursday, pink lemonade was sold during lunch. Finally, the week ended with Hidden Symbol Day. Congratulations, new members! Welcome to NHS! *(Text by Angela Kuri)*

WHAT IS THE FIRST HALLOWEEN COSTUME YOU REMEMBER WEARING?

AMY BRADLEY, Sophomore. AMBER-LEE ACOSTA, Junior. ZACH REIFRO, Freshman.
Pocahontas Southern Belle. Bumble Bee.

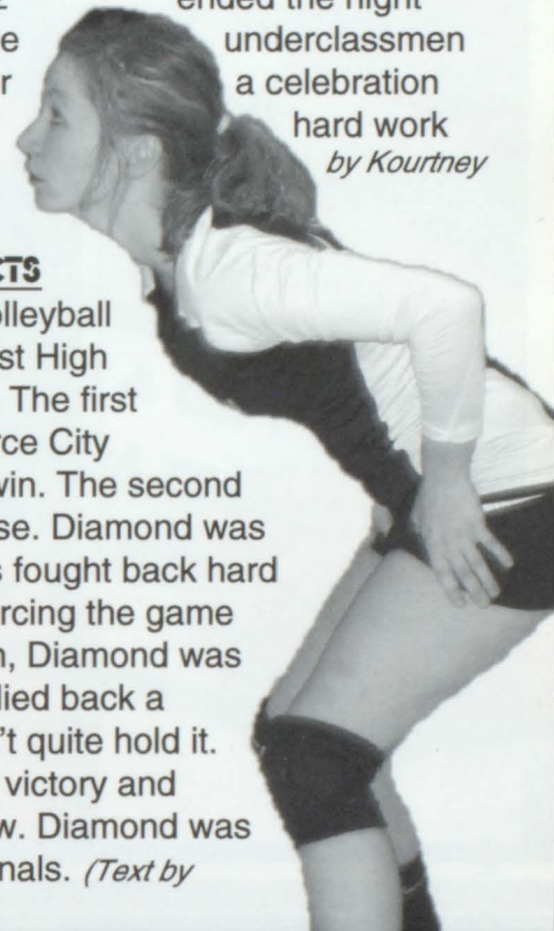
CROSS COUNTRY DISTRICTS

On October 30, 2010 after a long and successful season, the DHS Cross Country team competed at East Newton in districts. The team did their best. They put every bit of effort into the meet, but ended up in fourth place. Coach Cunningham commented, "I was very pleased with how the team ran. A little disappointed that they didn't make it to state as a team, but still very pleased." Even though the whole team didn't make it, Logan Myers, Cady Littlefield, and Brenton Olson did qualify for state. *(Text by Angela Kuri.)*



SENIOR NIGHT

The 2010 Senior volleyball girls ended their last home game on a great note. They won the match in two sets against the Lockwood Tigers. They dominated the Tigers 25-14 in the first set. The crowd was on their feet and going crazy with excitement. The girls went back out equally excited. The second set was a little more difficult. The Lady Cats became flustered, but fought hard and won the set 25-22. After the game, Lady Cat Seniors Caitlin Blizzard, Jodi Lawson, Kelsi Martin, and Sarah Bentz ended the night with a farewell party. The underclassmen and parents put together a celebration for all of the Seniors hard work through the years. *(Text by Kourtney Moreland.)*

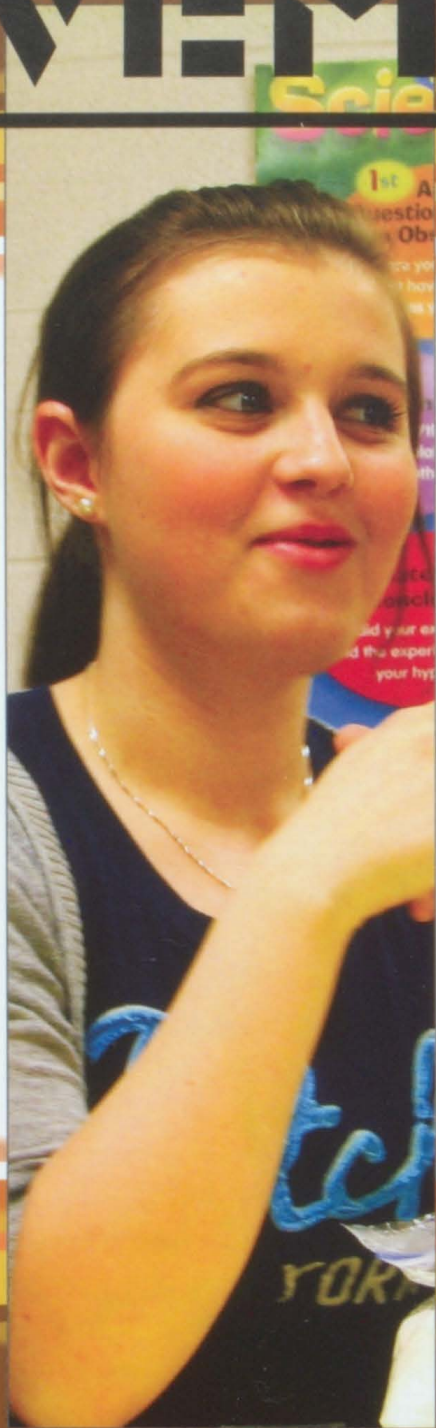


VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS

On October 26th, the volleyball team set off to Southwest High School with high hopes. The first match was intense. Pierce City barely squeezed out a win. The second match was just as intense. Diamond was down 15 to 25. The girls fought back hard and ended up on top, forcing the game into a third match. Again, Diamond was down 10 to 15. They rallied back a second time, but couldn't quite hold it. Pierce City earned their victory and Diamond suffered a blow. Diamond was eliminated in the semi-finals. *(Text by Kyleigh Copley.)*

KOLTON HARMILLE, Freshman. **RACHEL PALMER**, Sophomore. **KEITH REISS**, Senior.
Power Ranger. Lady Bug. An AWESOME! robot!

NOVEMBER



Kathrine Reynolds

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WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

DALTON LONG, Freshman. JORDAN COMER, Senior. TANNER PRUITT, Senior.

My friends, youth pastor,
church family and friends.

Family.

Family, friends, and my house.

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GOD GAVE YOU A GIFT OF
86,400 SECONDS TODAY.
HAVE YOU USED ONE TO SAY
"THANK YOU?"



HANNAH DODSON, Sophomore.
God, my family, friends, and food.

PATRICIA RANGEL, Sophomore.
Family and Friends.

XAO LOR, Senior.
My skills.



A BAD YEAR FOR TOMATOES



Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th set the stage for the Fall play. Just after 7:00 p.m. each night, the lights dimmed and the crowd grew silent. When all was quiet, the bright lights flashed, and the play began. It was full of laughter and excitement. You were entertained by each and every character. There was the crazy-eyed, superstitious Willa Mae Wilcox played by Jr. Leah Carneal. The nut-cracking, half-witted Piney played by Sr. Eli Bingman. The gossiping Reba Harper and the scotch loving Cora Gump played by Seniors Gabby Palmer and Kerri Goucher. And last, the unhappy actress, Myra Marlowe who doubles as a dangerous Sister Sadie, played by Sr. Shelbi Thurman. While it may have been a "Bad Year for Tomatoes" in the town of Beaver Haven, it was a phenomenal one in Diamond. (Text and Pictures by: Taryn Stevens)



CROSS COUNTRY

On November 6th at Oak Hills Golf Course in Jefferson City, three of our very own cross country members took part in the races for state medals. Brenton Olson, a junior, placed 91st out of 159 runners. Sophomore Logan Myers placed 116th out of 163 runners. Freshman, Cady Littlefield, didn't do as well as she had hoped. She was sick with a fever the night before the big race. She still ran the race and did a great job! (Text by: Caitlin Blizzard)



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING FOOD?

- AUSTIN RUSSEL**, Sophomore. Ham. **CHANCE HARDY**, Junior. Pie. **JOHNNY KING**, Freshmen. Asian food.

VETERANS DAY



One thing often taken for granted is our country's freedom, but once a year we come together to honor the brave members of the Armed Forces, past and present. Every year, in great respect for our veterans we invite them to our school to show them that we are truly thankful for their tremendous sacrifice. We show our respect by cheering, clapping, and sometimes even silence. Our wonderful staff, some being veterans themselves, stand before us and deliver inspiring speeches on freedom and sacrifice. One veteran even turned the



tables and honored us by presenting us with a flag that was flown in Afganistan, and which will now be displayed in our library. We end this ceremony by standing for the Pledge of Allegence and our national anthem. (Text and Pictures by: Larry Fulcher)



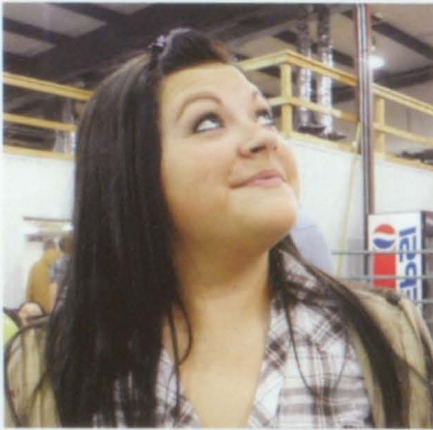
TEKYLA CARPENTER, Senior. Green Beans.

LARISSA DEWEESE, Freshmen. Mashed Potatoes:).

JOHNNY BROWN, Senior. Everything.

BARNWARMING BARNWARMING BARNWARMING

The annual barnwarming dance, put on by the FFA, is always great fun. Cowboy boots, line dancing, and some good old twang set the atmosphere for the unique dance. But that's not all. After eating and dancing around a bit, the games were on. The candidates for king and queen participate in these games. This year's candidates are as follows: Freshmen Allen Craney and Bailey Seward, Sophomores Nate Warthen and Brooke Morgan, Juniors John Paul Littlefield and Ronnie Crosswhite, and Seniors Sam Spencer and Carrie Hobbs. But the games don't decide the winning candidates. It's the votes that count! The candidates with the most votes ended up being the Sophomores, Nate and Brooke. Congratulations to the barnwarming king and queen! (Text by: Kathrine Reynolds)



A special thanks to Shay Coffee for helping provide barnwarming photos.

Kathrine Reynolds

DO YOU REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE PILGRIMS' SHIP(S)? NAME IT/THEM.

LOGAN MYERS, Sophomore.

Lo Silla, El Muerto, Don Quixote.

JAKE TUTER, Junior.

Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.

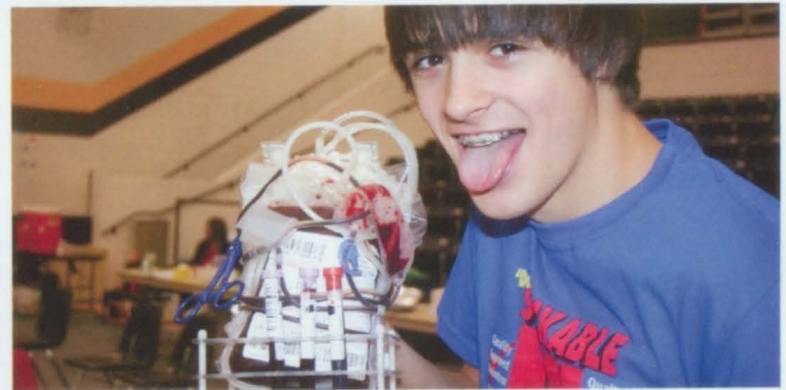
SHELBY STRUEWING, Sophomore.

Pinta, Santa Maria, Mayflower.

BLOOD DRIVE

This year's fall blood drive, put on by Student Council, was pretty successful. There were sixty-eight people who donated their blood. Student Council brought in the Community Blood Center to run the blood drive. Student Council members worked hard all day and were rewarded with pizza for lunch. The theme for this year was "Da-Stickable Me", and Everyone who donated blood got a free t-shirt with the theme on it. Thank you to all who helped make the blood drive a success!

(Text and Pictures by: Nathan Carru)



SHAY COFFEE, Sophomore.
Mayflower, Ship 2, Ship 3.

CAMERON SKINNER, Senior.
Santa Maria, Mayflower, Pinta.

SARAH BENTZ, Senior.
Nina, Pinta, Sante Maria.



CROWDIER SPEECH TOURNAMENT

The leaves turning colors and the cool winds breezing by can mean only one thing for the drama nerds of DHS - the beginning of Speech Season! On November 20th, twelve members of the DHS Speech Team took the short bus to Crowder College's Annual Speech Tournament.

Their events were as follows:
Cody Martin - Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Duet Acting, Gabby Palmer - Prose, Poetry, Scott Corn - Prose, Poetry, Laken Rawlins - Prose, Poetry, Krista Harris - Prose, Poetry, Sara Manley - Prose, Chelsea Flint - Prose, Duet Acting, Alex Wilson - Prose, Aaron Stephenson - Prose, College Impromptu Speaking, Justin

Cook - Prose, Shelbi Thurman - Poetry, Duet Acting, Kerri Goucher - Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation, College Impromptu Speaking. For many students, this was their very first tournament ever. But, they didn't let that get them down because several went on to Semi-Finals. Returnee Cody Martin went to Semi-Finals in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking along with First Year Chelsea Flint who went to Semi-Finals in Prose. However, they weren't the only two! Scotty Corn and Laken Rawlins both went on to Semi-Finals and later

on to Finals in Poetry. In the end, Scotty Corn took first and Laken Rawlins placed sixth! Congratulations! (Text by: Kerri Goucher)



WHAT DO YOU DO ON THANKSGIVING?

KYLIE GATES, Senior. Spend time with family and EAT, EAT, EAT!
CHRIS LESTER, Sophomore. Go to granny's and have fun
CHRIS EPPERSON, Senior. Exercise



NHS

THANKSGIVING

Once again, members of the NHS chapter rose bright and early on Thanksgiving morning to help set up for the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Lunch service. Most members will say it is their favorite event of the year. Sam Enyati, who graduated last year, even came back and plans to make it a tradition. Most of the membership showed up to decorate for the Christmas season, set place settings, decorate tables, and prep food and utensils. It's only two hours of very light work, but it makes a huge difference in the lives of those who don't have much right now. Hopefully, this will be a tradition for Diamond NHS for years to come.

(Text by: Gabby Palmer)



Kathrine Reynolds

ZECH REYNOLDS, Junior. Eat! LOGAN NICKOLAISEN, Sophomore. Nothing specific MAEHNOU YANG, Senior. Chill. Eat.

DECEMBER



Meggan Stewart

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE REINDEER AND WHY?

CHANCE WOOLEY, Sophomore. Rudolph was my favorite because he was an underdog.

CARRIE HOBBS, Senior. Rudolph because he has a red nose

BRITTANY FRISBIE, Junior. Vixen, she's the only girl

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THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE CHRISTMAS, THE REST ARE ANNIVERSARIES.



DARREL CORBETT, Junior. Rudolph because he puts a new twist on a brown noser

JENNIFER DUNLAP, Junior. Blitzen because he always brings blizzards with him

TARYN STEVENS, Senior. Rudolph, only because he's the most famous. Duh! Also he's on the front line, what a hunk!

DIAMOND LADY CATS BRING HOME A FIRST PLACE TROPHY!



ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, THE GIRLS TEAM TRIUMPHED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON TOURNAMENT AGAINST COLLEGE HEIGHTS. YOU COULD FEEL THE INTENSITY FROM THE MOMENT YOU STEPPED IN THE GYM. THE GAME STAYED NECK AND NECK UNTIL THE VERY END WHEN DIAMOND PUSHED TO THE TOP. THE SATISFACTION OF THE WIN WAS AMPLIFIED BY THE FACT THAT THE GAME WAS AGAINST THE GIRLS' LONG-TIME RIVAL. THE ENDING SCORE WAS DIAMOND 47 AND COLLEGE HEIGHTS 43. (TEXT BY: KYLEIGH COPLIEY PICTURES BY: KERRI GOUCHER AND KYLEIGH COPLIEY.)

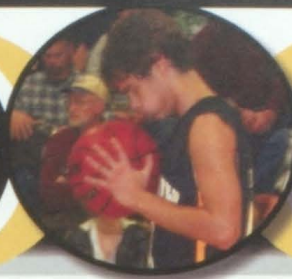
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WHAT DO YOU WANT MOST FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

ALLEN CRANEY, Freshman
Go-cart

ELI BINGMAN, Senior
I would like to have a new I-pod touch or a new electric guitar

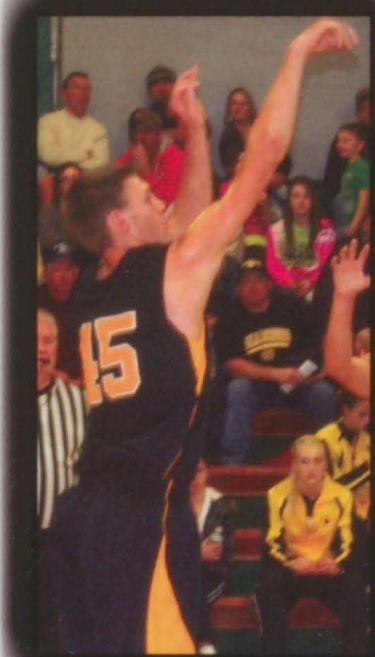
JACOB JOHNSON, Freshman
A new truck or trailer



DIAMOND BOYS GET SECOND!



THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HAD A GREAT SHOWING AT THE PIERCE CITY TOURNAMENT. IN THE FIRST GAME, THEY BREEZED BY MCAULEY, WITH AN ENDING SCORE OF 60-52. THEY THEN MOVED ON TO PLAY THE EAST NEWTON PATRIOTS. THEY LEDGED BY THEM, SCORING 68 POINTS TO THE PATRIOTS' 61. THIS PUT THEM IN PLACE TO PLAY THE PIERCE CITY EAGLES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE BOYS FOUGHT HARD, BUT THEY HAD MANY PLAYERS IN FOUL TROUBLE EARLY IN THE GAME. PIERCE CITY ALSO HAD A CONSIDERABLE SIZE ADVANTAGE. THE BOYS FOUGHT HARD, BUT ENDED UP LOSING 68 TO 52. EVEN WITH THE TOUGH GAME AND EVENTUAL LOSS, THEY STILL BROUGHT HOME A SECOND PLACE TROPHY! (TEXT AND PICTURES BY: NATHAN CANTU.)



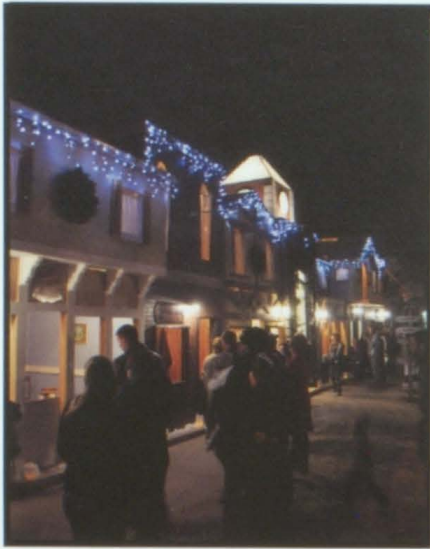
TYLER HARRIS, Junior
An 8 string guitar or for the world to not end in 2012

BRENTON OLSON, Junior
To spend time with my family and (dual credit algebra)

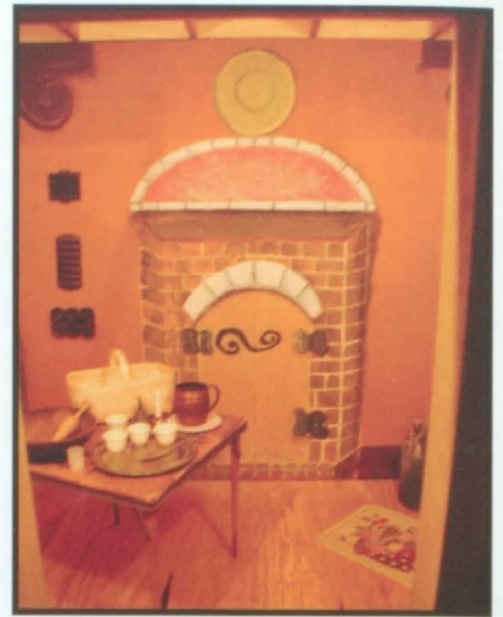
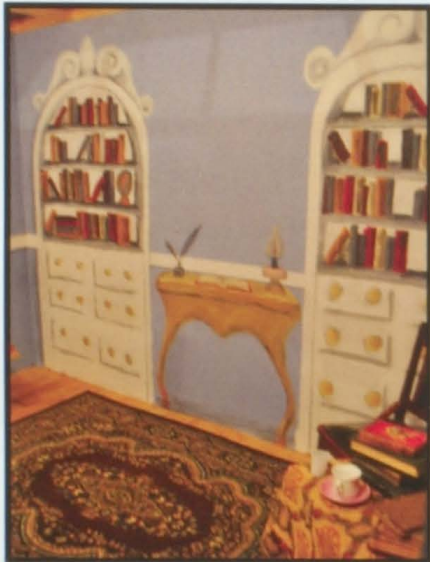
LYNSEY COPLEY, Senior
Ti-nspire calculator

Meggan Stewart

Dickens' Fest



TWAS A COLD WINTER'S EVE. CAROLERS ROAMED THE STREETS OF A VICTORIAN VILLAGE AT CHRISTMAS TIME, AND THEN YOU REALIZED THAT YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF JOPLIN. WHAT A CONVINCING ILLUSION. THIS YEAR'S VILLAGE CAME TO BE WITH A BIG CONTRIBUTION BY THE DIAMOND HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB. BOTH THE SPONSOR, MRS. CULP, AND THE PRESIDENT, LARRY FULCHER, AGREED THAT THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CLUB TO DISPLAY ITS WORK ON A HUGE PUBLIC SCALE. IT TOOK A LOT OF HARD WORK AND SOME LATE NIGHT SESSIONS TO COMPLETE SUCH A DAUNTING TASK. THIS YEAR'S VILLAGE CONSISTED OF SIX ROOMS AND A CLOCK TOWER. EACH ROOM HAD A THEME. THERE WAS A LIBRARY, A TOY STORE, AN APOTHECARY, AND SCROOGE & MARLEY'S OFFICE. THE FESTIVAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COMING TO SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL'S ART CLUB HAD CREATED. (TEXT AND PICTURES BY: LARRY FULCHER.)



Meggan Stewart

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROL?

JOHN ALLEN, Sophomore. Jingle Bells because its the only one I know!

MADISON KELLEY, Freshman. Jingle Bells because it makes me think of Christmas.

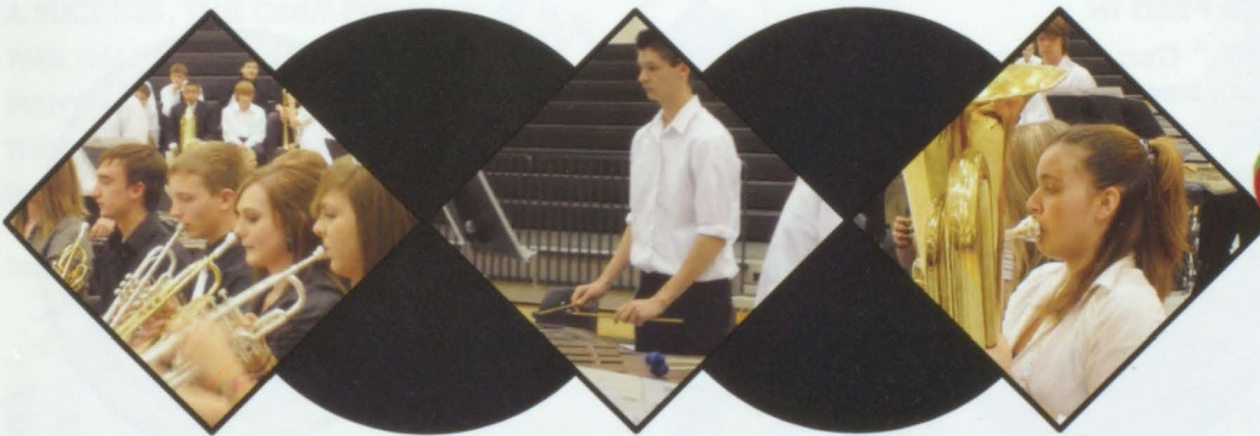
KRISTA HARRIS, Senior. Silent Night because its very beautiful and peaceful.



Band Concert

Christmas

In the first year of any band member's career, the Christmas concert consists of *Jingle Bells*, *Mary had a Little Lamb*, and *My Dreidel*. As the years pass, they progress to harder and longer pieces of music. By the time they reach high school band, they are playing beautiful pieces of music that are pages long and have many different parts. On December 12th, the Diamond High School Symphonic Band played three amazing songs. Only one was a christmas song, but the music was beautiful and relaxing to listen to all the same. It seems they are in position for a victorious concert competition season. (Text and Pictures by: Gabby Palmer.)



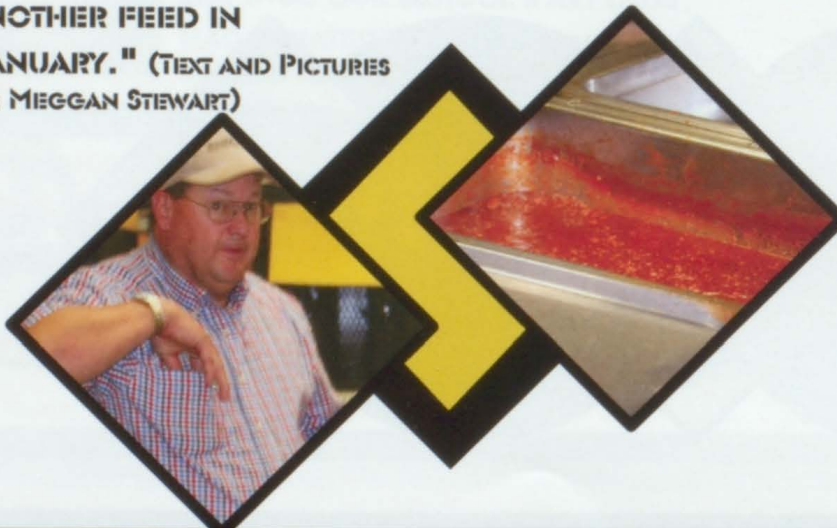
CADY LITTLEFIELD, Freshman.
We wish you a Merry Christmas because Laura won't stop singing it so it's stuck in my head.

CHEYANNE HUTCHINSON, Sophomore.
Jingle Bells because its upbeat.



FFA CHILI FEED

THE DIAMOND FFA CHAPTER HOSTED A CHILI FEED DECEMBER 21ST DURING THE BOYS JV AND VARSITY GAME. THEY SERVED A BOWL OF CHILI, A BROWNIE FOR DESERT AND A TALL DRINK, ALL FOR ONLY 4 DOLLARS. THE PURPOSE OF THE FEED WAS TO HELP SEND SEVEN STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON D.C. FOR A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. SIX STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS HELPED WITH THE FEED. MRS. WAIT SAID, "WE HAD A GOOD TURN-OUT, AND WE MAY HAVE ANOTHER FEED IN JANUARY." (TEXT AND PICTURES BY: MEGGAN STEWART)



WHAT'S THE BEST THING YOU'VE GOTTEN FOR CHRISTMAS?

CHRIS PITTMAN, Junior. I got a Pantera CD and a pack of guitar picks.

VANESA RIGDON, Senior. My dad coming to see me.

TAYLOR MCDERMOTT, Junior. The best thing I got for Christmas was a Barbie jeep last year.

NOT-SO-Talented Show

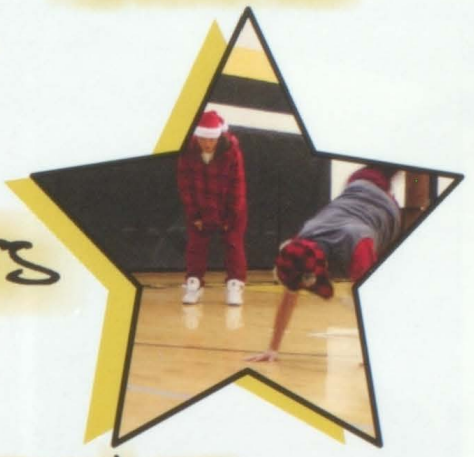


Golden Apple Awards



FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS, DIAMOND HAS PUT ON A TALENT SHOW. ONLY IN OUR CASE, IT'S CALLED THE "NOT-SO-TALENTED SHOW." THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS "LATE NIGHT" AND OUR HOSTS WERE MRS. CULP AND MRS. DORSEY.

Hall Dancers



PERFORMANCES RANGED FROM BREAK DANCING TO SINGING AND FROM FUNNY SKITS TO SKITS THAT LEFT YOU SPEECHLESS.



Teacher Impressions

OH, AND WE CAN'T FORGET THE FAMOUS POETRY READING BY THE ONE, THE ONLY MR. JONES!

Bryn Performing "M Color"



THE SHOW WAS SOME-WHAT OF A SUCCESS. THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT THERE JUST WEREN'T MANY PARTICIPANTS. BRAVO TO THOSE WHO DID LAY IT ALL ON THE LINE! (PICTURES BY: NATHAN CANTU AND ALEX GOAD. TEXT BY: TARYN STEVENS.)



Mr. Jones' Christmas Poem

Special Thanks to Samuel Pester for Photo Contributions

Meggan Stewart

MEGAN WILSON, Junior. **DAVID MANSOUR**, Junior. **MYCHAEI STRAUSBAUGH**, Junior.
 The best thing I got was a diamond ring my dad got me when I was first born
 A dirt bike.
 The best thing I've got was my basketball goal

JANUARY



Nathan Cantu

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

KAEDEN BENNETT,

Sophomore,
"Learn to play the violin."

BROOKE MORGAN,

Sophomore,
"Be more active!"

BRANDON SILENCE,

Sophomore.
"Get my grades up."

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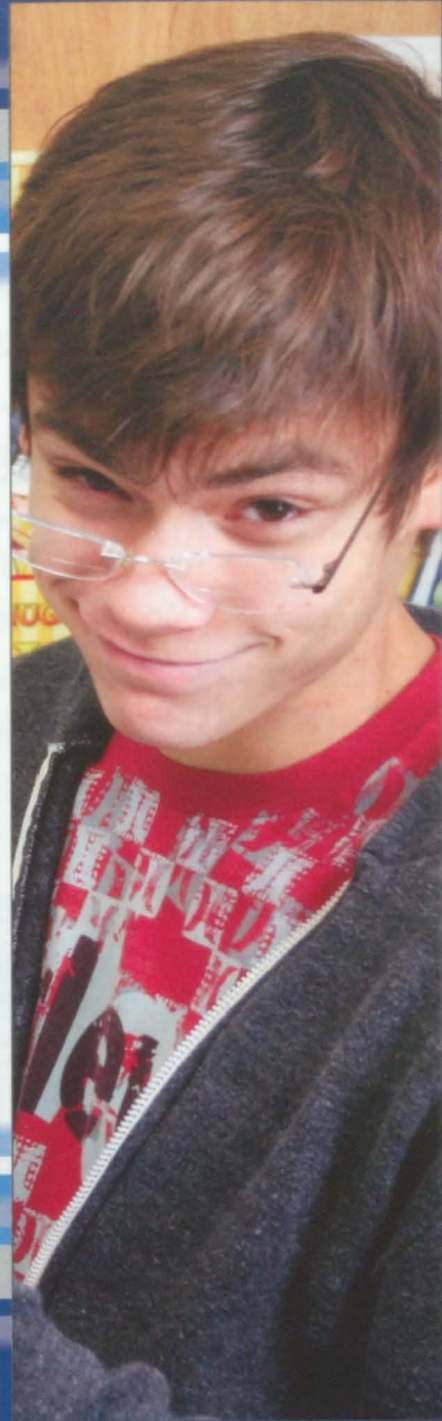
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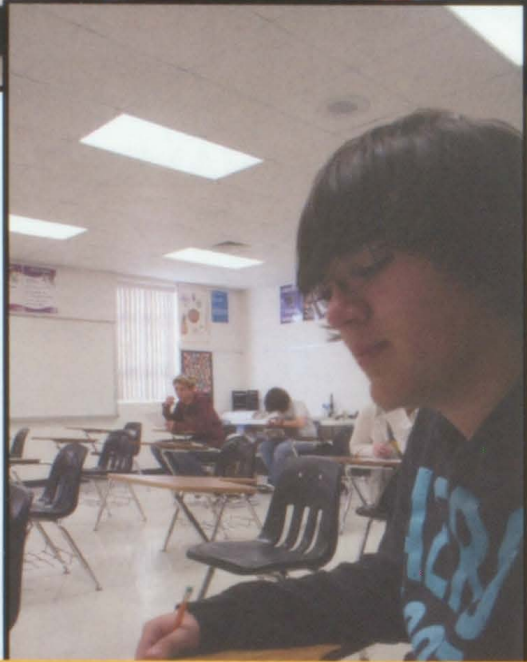
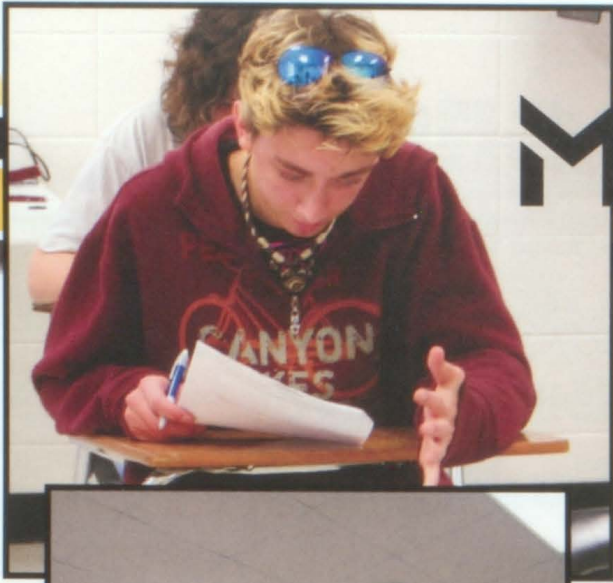
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: TO
TOLERATE FOOLS MORE GLADLY,
PROVIDED THIS DOES NOT
ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE UP
MORE OF MY TIME.

BRYN McDERMOTT, Junior.
"To beat Spencer, Tyler, Jake
and Chance in golf!"

JEREMY ROBBINS, Junior.
"Be awesomer!"

SPENCER LOWDEN, Junior.
"Travel out of the country."

MATH LEAGUE



ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, MATH LEAGUE CONGREGATED IN MRS. PRICE-ALLISON'S ROOM DURING WILDCAT TIME FOR TESTING THAT WAS MISSED ON A DATE EARLIER IN THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH SILENCE EXCEPT FOR THE LIGHT SOUND OF PENCILS GLIDING ACROSS PAPER AND THE CLICKING OF CALCULATORS AS THE STUDENTS FOCUSED INTENTLY ON THE TESTS THAT WERE PLACED IN FRONT OF THEM.

TAKING THE TIME TO CONQUER THEIR TESTS, USING BRAIN POWER AND DETERMINATION, THE STUDENTS OF MATH LEAGUE FINISHED THEIR TESTS WITHIN THE GIVEN AMOUNT OF TIME AND WERE PERMITTED TO GO HOME AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

(Text and Pictures by: Mandi Poulton)

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR SNOW DAYS?

AUSTIN FIELDS, Senior.
"Working and sleeping."

NEEJ HER,
Sophomore.
"Sledding and snowball fights."

MEGAN WALLACE,
Sophomore.
"Sleep, play in the snow, and watch movies!"

ACADEMIC TEAM

MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL ON A SATURDAY AT 7:00 IN THE MORNING. WE DON'T EVEN GO TO SCHOOL THAT EARLY DURING THE WEEK! YET, THIS IS NOTHING NEW FOR EIGHT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. ON JANUARY 22, THE DIAMOND STUDENTS TRAVELED TO JASPIER TO COMPLETE IN THE SCHOLAR'S BOWL CONFERENCE MEET.

THE MEET STARTED LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, BORING AND SLOW, BUT ONCE THE CAPTAINS HAD DRAWN TO SEE WHO THEY WERE GOING TO PLAY, IT WAS TIME TO GET THINGS GOING. DIAMOND'S FIRST MATCH WENT GREAT WITH A 210-170 WIN OVER LOCKWOOD. THE SECOND ROUND WAS AGAINST LIBERAL AND BOTH TEAMS FOUGHT INTO OVERTIME WHERE LIBERAL PULLED AWAY AND TOOK THE WIN.

FINALLY, IT WAS TIME TO FACE OUR RIVALS, COLLEGE HEIGHTS. IT WAS A ROUGH ROUND AND ENDED THE MEET FOR DIAMOND.

IN THE END, DIAMOND WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH LOSING 2 OUT OF 3, BUT NOT ALL WAS BAD. TYLER HARRIS MADE FIRST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE BY SCORING 27 TOSS-UP POINTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. DIAMOND STILL HAS SOME WORK TO DO TO PREPARE FOR DISTRICTS IN APRIL, BUT THEY ARE READY FOR THE CHALLENGE AND THE MANY EARLY MORNINGS TO COME. *(Text by: Spencer Lowden. Pictures By: Sam Pester)*



Nathan Cantu

MERCEDES MOON, Senior.
"Sled and get cabin fever!"

JESSE CARTER,
Sophomore.
"Ride four-wheelers
and work on the ranch."

CHASE DRAKE,
Sophomore.
"Hang out with friends and
play basketball."

GIRLS WIN

CONSOLATION



The Diamond Girls Basketball team ended the Sarcoxie Girls Basketball Tournament as the Consolation Champions. They lost the first game but went on positively from there. In the first game, the girls played against the Commerce Tigers. They fell short 39-50. Megan Wilson ended the game with 15 points and was Diamond's leading scorer. Stefani Thomas was not far behind as she put 9 points on the score board. Even though they lost the game, their confidence stayed strong. Their next game was against SRVC rival Jasper Eagles. The girls were now hungry for a victory. The girls put up good numbers shutting down the Eagles 35-30. Megan Wilson produced a game high 17 points, and once again following not far behind was Stefani Thomas, who put her two cents in by scoring 8 points.

Now was the time for the girls to bear down playing against College Heights in the Consolation Championship. The girls shut down the Cougar's offense and won the game 41-38. Things changed up on the Wildcat's side with Emily Gilbert as the leading scorer by putting up 11 points with two those points being three pointers. Stefani Thomas was still on the right track and put up 10 points, but Mychael Strausbaugh was right behind her scoring 9 points.

The girls did a great job in the tournament, doing very well to get where they ended as Consolation Champs. Coach Brimacombe said, "Finally, we got off our losing streak giving the girls some confidence for the rest of the season. We played very good defense against College Heights in our last game of the tournament."

Monett finished first in the tournament beating Exeter in the championship game. Commerce beat Strafford to take third place, and Jasper fought off Sarcoxie to win seventh place. The tournament was overall a good accomplishment for the ladies. Good job, ladies! Keep up the good work.

(Text by: Nathan Cantu)

DID YOU DO ANY HUNTING THIS MONTH, AND IF SO WHAT?

JAKE GOADE, Freshman.
"Yes, I went duck hunting."

NATHAN OLSON, Junior.
"Yeah, I went to South Dakota to do some pheasant hunting."

CODEY BOWMAN, Senior.
"Rabbit, duck, deer, crow and hogs."

Boys NEO TOURNAMENT

Friday 22, 2011, the Diamond Boys Varsity Basketball Team defeated the defending Oklahoma state champions, Rejoice High School, 51-30. We had control of the game from the beginning. Everyone worked hard and together.

Kyle Heman and Jared Huffman led the team to victory with 13 points each.

The following day, they played Quapaw High School. It was a struggle, and they were down at half. They came back after half time ready to give it their all. Scotty Corn may have given it a little to much and hurt his ankle in the 3rd quarter. The rest of the team pulled it together and won, 65-53.

Ryan Jinks led the team with 15 points. Chance Hardy and Jared Huffman were not far behind with 13 points each.

(Text by: Kourtney Moreland)



JACOB MCLEES, Senior.
"I don't daggum hunt daggum."

BRAXTON ISLEY, Senior.
"Does bounty hunting count?"

SAM SPENCER, Senior.
"Of course I went hunting! What didn't I hunt!?"

FEBRUARY



Photo by Amber Gentry

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE SNOW DAYS?

JACOB KIMBROUGH,
Junior.
I went to church and did a ropes course.

GARRETT TAYLOR,
Sophomore.
Nothing, Just sat around at home.

SAMUEL PESTER,
Senior.
Slept, went into town, got lost in the snowstorm, and took pictures.

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EVERY TIME YOU
GET THE CHANCE,
SMILE JUST
BECAUSE YOU CAN.

LEAH CARNEAL,
Junior.

All I did was sit down
and draw with a cup of
coffee...it was terrible.

JOHN LITTLEFIELD,
Junior.

I killed multiple
zombies..and died multiple
times.

HUNTER DEMERY,
Sophomore.

Stayed home and drank
hot coco.

BASKETBALL

HOMECOMING



Friday February 18, 2011, was Basketball Homecoming for Diamond High School. The coronation for Homecoming Royalty was held between the Junior Varsity and Varsity games.

The candidates were: Freshmen Heather Wilson and Tyler Putman; Sophomores Hannah Dodson and Trent Hayes; Juniors Laken Rawlins and Chris Pittman; and Seniors Chelsea Flint and James Pace, Kelsi Martin and Jacob McBees, and Shelby Thurman and Micah Harp.

Chosen by a vote of the student body, Kelsi Martin and Jacob McBees were announced as Queen and King!

After the game came the rockin' Homecoming dance where there were Blackjack and Texas Hold 'Em tables, a snack bar and an awesome DJ!



The dance floor was packed with students! The dance was a big hit among the students, and on behalf of the student body, I would like to thank student council for all their hard work!
(Text by: Kelsi Martin)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF CANDY?

CHELSEA CUMPTON,
Junior.
Reeses! Yeah!

AUSTIN BALL,
Freshman.
Twix! Not lollipops.

KONGCHEE LOR,
Junior.
Skittles...taste the rainbow!



Everything We Do

We Do It

BIG



BRENNON MORELAND,
Sophomore.
Suckers!

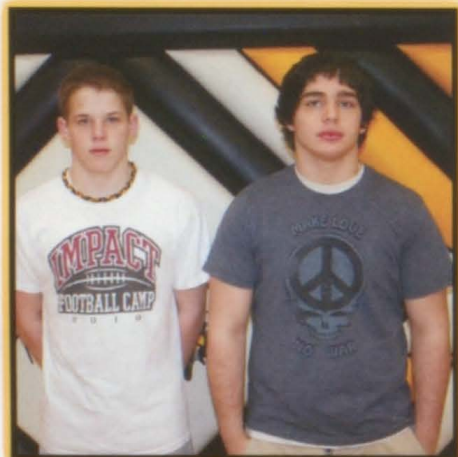
BUNKY THOMLINSON,
Sophomore.
Kit Kat, because they
have red wrapping.

JOEY BRODEUR,
Junior.
Warheads, because
they're sour.

WRESTLING: State & Nationals



After many tough, yet terrific, matches at districts, the Diamond wrestling team placed 6th out of 14 teams. This was the best finish the Diamond wrestling team has ever had at districts!



Six of the wrestlers were able to move on to State. They were: Dylan Flint, Rolando Gonzalez, Xao Lor, Chris Pittman, Jake Goad, and Jordan Douglas. The proud boys left on February 16th to the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Missouri, and started competing the very next day.



The group did well. Jordan Douglas placed 3rd at State and Chris Pittman placed 5th at State. Chris Pittman also went on to do Nationals and placed 3rd.
(Text by: Angela Kuri)

Angela Kuri

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT AND WHY?

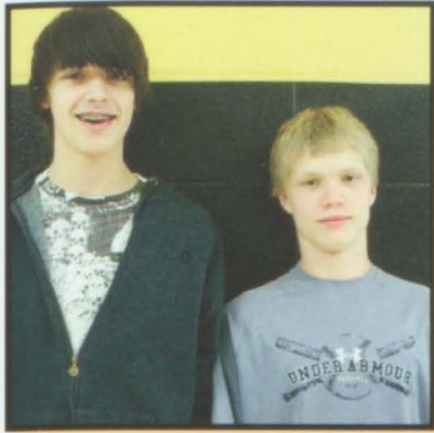
STEFANI THOMAS,
Sophomore.
Lincoln, because he wore a cool hat!

CALEB ELDER, Junior.
Thomas Jefferson,
because he brought mac & cheese over to the US.

CHRIS HESLIN,
Senior.
Washington, because he's a good general.



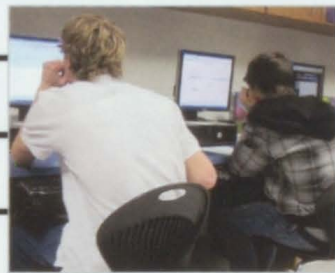
FBLA State Qualifiers



On Wednesday, February 23, the FBLA chapter traveled to Fairview Christian Church to compete in a number of district events. Two members, Kaden Bennett and Austin Singleton, qualified for state in their events.

Heather Simpson and Caitlin Blizzard received 5th place in Desktop Publishing. Spencer Lowden received 3rd in Business Calculations and also received 5th in Management Decisions along with team member Jake Tuter. Kourtney Moreland placed 5th in Business Presentation. Chance Hardy and Jake Tuter placed 5th in Entrepreneurship.

This has been the best year yet! We saw more members place in FBLA Districts than any other year. Good job everyone. *(Text by: Kourtney Moreland)*



AUSTIN HOWEY,
Sophomore.
George W. Bush,
because he was from
the South.

NICK COPE, Junior.
Lincoln, because he
was named after a car.

TYLER KIDD,
Freshman.
George Washington,
because he was the first
one we had.

MARCH



Taryn Stevens

IF MONEY WASN'T AN OPTION, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND YOUR WEEK OF SPRING BREAK?

SAM PESTER, Senior
See friends in far away places, hang out, and just have fun.

ALYSSA DIECKHOFF, Freshman. I'd go on a shopping spree in the Bahamas with my friend Dwayne Wade.

BOE LAWSON, Freshman. I'd go to Hawaii and sit on the beach all day!

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IT'S HARD GETTING CLOSER TO THE END OF THE YEAR BECAUSE THE ONLY THING ON OUR MINDS IS SUMMER AND THE WEATHER IS A TEASE!



KELSI MARTIN, Senior. I'd picnic underneath the Eiffel Tower.

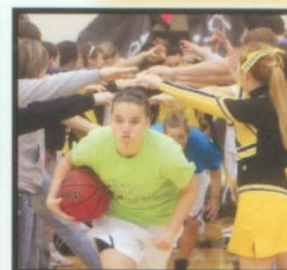
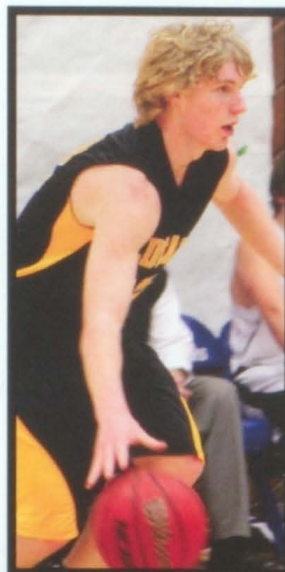
PAUL TRENTHEM, Senior. I'd buy a lot of stuff, I guess, like video games!

STEFANI THOMAS, Sophomore. I'd spend my time stalking Channing Tatum, oh baby!

Basketball Wrap Up

The boys basketball team had a great year. They finished second in the SRVC (Spring River Valley Conference) with an 8-1 record. Jared Huffman and Kyle Heman were both named to the First Team All-Conference, while Scotty Corn was named to the Second Team All-Conference. This year was the first year in awhile that the boys team advanced into the second round at Districts. Unfortunately, after a good fight, the boys lost by one point against East Newton in the second game of Districts. Kyle Heman was named to the First Team All-Districts.

Diamond's fan base throughout the season was phenomenal. Black and Gold filled the stands at Districts to help move the team. With everyone returning to the team next year, the Wildcats are looking for another great year. With wild spirit and admirable talent, the odds are in our favor.



The girls basketball team had a solid year. They finished third in the Spring River Valley Conference, with a 6-3 record. Emily Gilbert was named to the First Team All-Conference while Megan Wilson was named to the Second Team All-Conference.

(Text by: Kourtney Moreland)

WHO'S WINNING THE NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP?

SHELBI THURMAN, Senior.
"Does it....start with a B?"

JACOB MCLEES, Senior.
"VCU BABY!"

AARON STEPHENSON,
Sophomore. "What should I say to that?"

DECA State QUALIFIERS

On Thursday, February 17, Diamond High School DECA students headed to Fairview Christian Church in Carthage to compete in the District competition. There were both individual and team events.

The students were given problematic situations that directly related to the category of the event they were in and then were given a certain amount of time to find a solution to their problem. The students were then scored on their presentations.

Once all the events were finished, the awards assembly started. The top two in each category moved on to the State competition.

Tyler Harris took 1st place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Sarah Bertz received 2nd place in Accounting Applications, and Shelbi Thurman and Caitlin Blizzard received 2nd as well in the Buying and Merchandising team event. All four members prepared for State which was from March 13-15.

On March 14, the students competed against twelve other districts for the opportunity to advance to Nationals. Unfortunately, none of our students made it, but Tyler Harris did take 7th place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

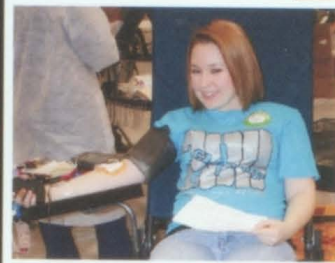
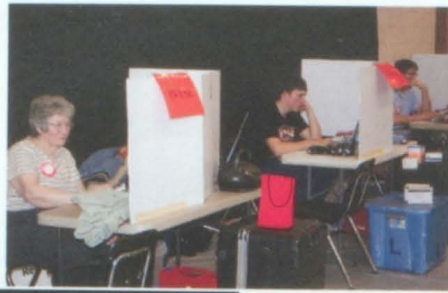
Congrats to all the DECA members for doing as well as they did.
(Text by: Spencer Lowden)



SHAE MIKSELL, Junior.
"KANSAS"

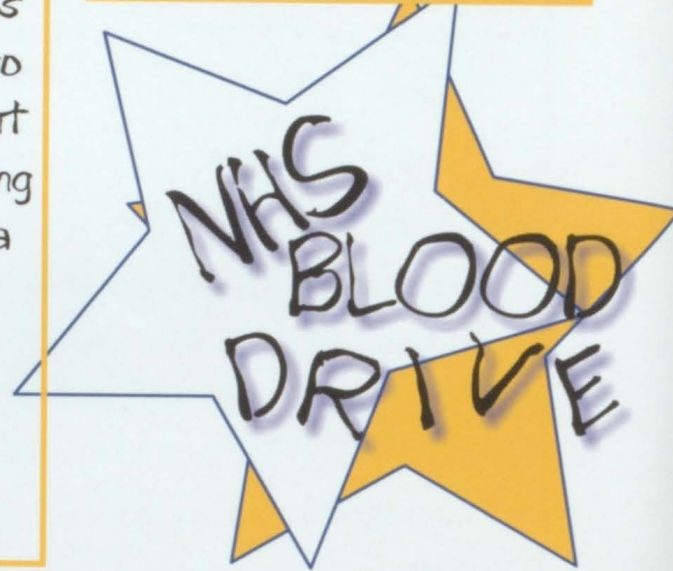
BRENTON OLSON,
Junior. "My money is on
UCONN"

AUSTIN GOOD,
Freshman. "Duke.."



On Tuesday, March 15, the Honor Society hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross. There were 74 donors, giving a total of 73 pints of blood, saving a possible 222 lives. NHS fell two pints short of reaching their goal of 75. President of our NHS chapter, Kerri Goucher said, "It's amazing to see how everyone can come together to reach a common goal, even if we were two pints short, there's always the next time!"

Over all, the blood drive was a success. Those who participated should feel honored; many lives were saved in the process! (Text by: Kyleigh Copley)



WHO ARE YOU ROOTING FOR THIS BASEBALL SEASON?

HANNAH BURDICK,
Freshman. Cardinals!

NATHAN OLSON,
Junior. Phillies!

LAUREN BRADLEY,
Sophomore. KC Royals, I like them!

F.T.A.'S

KISS THE PIG!!

During the two weeks before spring break, the Diamond FTA set up buckets in the lunch room for a fundraiser. The fundraiser was a challenge given to the FTA to raise the most money in the district for Children's Miracle Network. The object of the fundraiser competition was to see which teacher could get the most money in a bucket with their name on it, and the winner would have the pleasure of kissing a baby pig.

Four buckets were set out and labeled with the four names of the participating faculty members. The competitors were: Mr. Lee, Mr. Myers, Mr. Davied, and Mrs. P.A. At the end of the first week, it was evident Mr Lee was the favorite to win. He even had a few teachers put big money in his bucket. The buckets for the other teachers were close in amount all week with less than a few dollars difference.

The Friday we were to get out of school for break was the big day. The pig was washed and ready for his big wet one. About twenty minutes before we left for break, all students were called to the commons to see who had won. It was announced that our principal, Mr. Lee, had won. He kept his word and puckered up to kiss that pig. After he did it, he gave the pig a firm Hoof shake.

(Text by: Jaydn Cronister)



ZACH SLAUGHTER, Senior.
Rangers!

HALEY BENNER,
Freshman. Cards of
course!

ASHLIEGH FIELDS,
Sophomore. I'm a Boomer
Sooner fan!

Starting The Season With A Tournament Win!

The boys kept the streak alive this past week by winning the Sarcoxie Tournament for the third year in a row. The Wildcats were going into the tournament determined to bring back another first place trophy. They did just that, starting off the season with a 3-0 record.

On Monday, they took out the Lockwood Tigers 11-4, building early confidence and beginning the tournament right. Keith Reiss started off on the mound, then Brodie Bien came in the second inning to finish up the game. The next day, on Tuesday, Ryan Jinks took the field to pitch against SRVC rival, the Sarcoxie Bears. Jinks was also the player of the week, shutting out the bears 11-0, batting a .556, 7 stolen bases, 5 hits, 5 RBI, and 1 home run.

The Wildcats advanced to the championship to face the Exeter Tigers. Chris Epperson handled the mound to start it off, blowing the ball by every batter that he faced. Cameron Skinner came in to wrap up the game for the Wildcats. Diamond defeated Exeter 6-1 to claim their third first place victory in this tournament.

Good job boys for the hard work and determination. Keep it up throughout the season and bring back some more wins!

(Text by: Dakota Prier)



WHAT SONG ALWAYS GETS STUCK IN YOUR HEAD?

CAITLIN BLIZZARD, Senior.
"Shine bright, shine far, don't be shy, be a star where you live where you are...be a star!"

TRENT HAYES,
Sophomore. "It's Raining Men!"

ALYSON LAMMERS,
Senior. "The Hockey Monkey Song"

NHS STATE BOUND



Something that seems to keep our NHS chapter motivated is their yearly trip to Tan-Tar-A Resort.

This event pulls students from all corners of the state, giving everybody the opportunity to make new friends, and gain new knowledge in classes and workshops through out the two days spent there. Even with all this going on, they still make time to relax and have some fun. As the long day winds down, the party really begins with a dance.

The second day begins with more classes and an award ceremony where our school was given second place for most active chapter, individual service project, and our scrapbook. We also received third place for our book recycling program, and we were elected to the office of Vice President. We were also asked to retain the office of Public Relations.

This year's trip was another success, and NHS looks forward to another great trip next year.

(Text by: Larry Fulcher)



NATHAN CANTU,
Senior. "That.. one song."

JARRED HUFFMAN,
Junior. "Last Friday Night
by Katie Perry!"

CLAYTON STEVENS,
Freshman. "Don't Stop
Believing"

APRIL.



WHAT'S THE BEST APRIL FOOL'S PRANK YOU'VE EVER PULLED?

DAMITA SCURJOHN,
Freshmen.
"Had a principal write a fake referral and gave it to my mom."

JORDAN DMINE,
Freshmen.
"I once pretended like my arm was broken."

CODY MARTIN, Senior.
"I told my mom Gabby was pregnant; she believed me for eight hours."

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DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH
MAY LEAD. GO INSTEAD WHERE
THERE IS NO PATH, AND LEAVE A
TRAIL.

-HAROLD R. McALIMDON



JOHNNY VANG,

Freshmen.

"Called my sister and told her I wrecked her car."

JUSTIN TANDY,

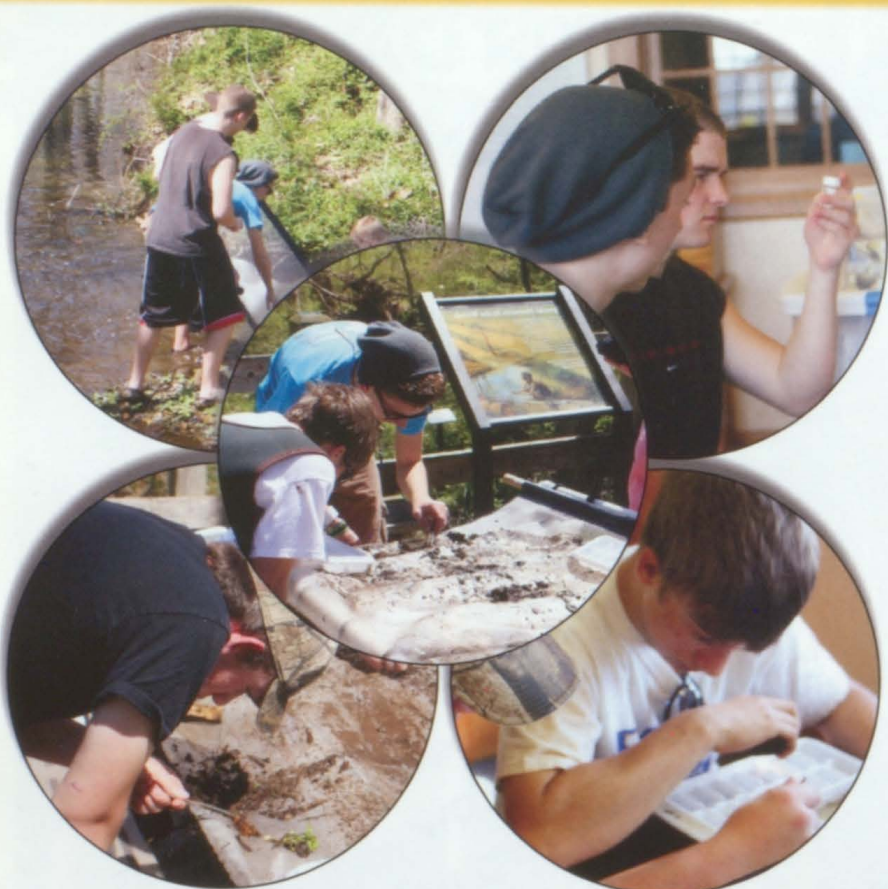
Sophomore.

"I have never pulled one because I'm a nice guy."

KERRI GOUCHER, Senior.

"I put a rubber band on the sprayer of the faucet and soaked my mom."

STREAM-TEAM



On April 2nd, the Stream Team ventured over to George Washington Carver National Monument. The Stream Team works in partnership with Missouri citizens who are concerned about and study the state's streams. Johnny Brown, Samuel Pester, Bryn McDermott, and Eli Bingham are all members of the Diamond team. They go out roughly five times a year. Two of those times they do macroinvertebrate collecting, the other two they do water quality testing, and the fifth is a Carver service cleaning day. On this trip, they caught macroinvertebrates. They sorted and categorized them to determine the virility of the stream. The results? Carver Branch is a healthy and virile stream.
(Text By: Angela Kuri)



WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SPRING BREAK?

SHELBY STRUEWING, Sophomore,
"I went to Kansas City to find a cure for my allergies."

JAMES SWAFFORD, Senior,
"Watched Netflix movies."

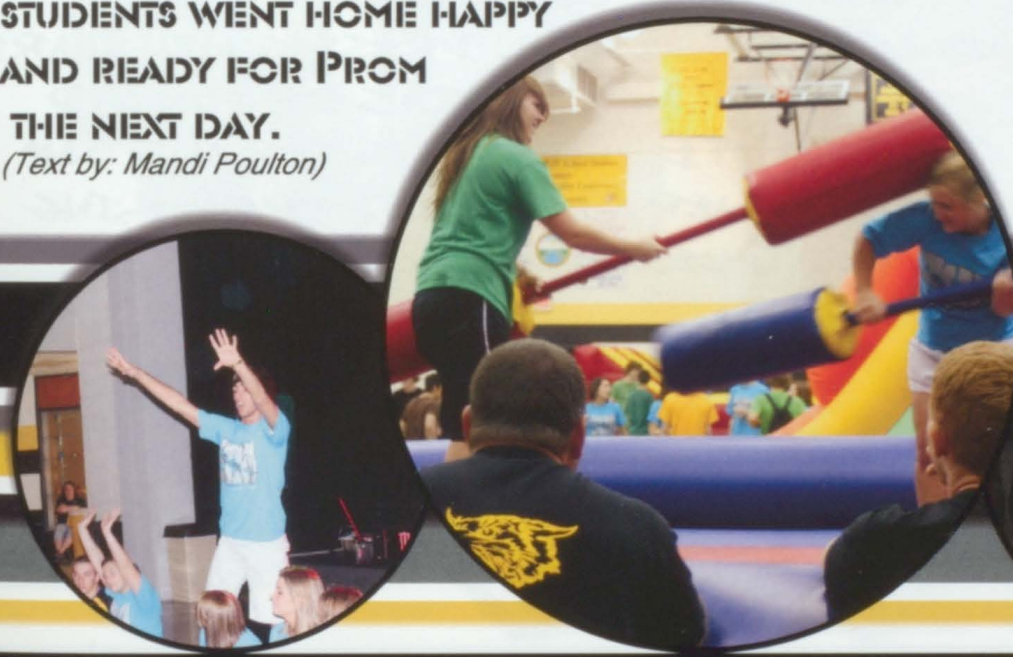
CASSIE BRINES, Sophomore,
"I went and visited family in St. Louis."

FUN DAY



ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8, DIAMOND HIGH SCHOOL GATHERED TOGETHER FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN AND RELAXATION. BETWEEN THE BLOWUP OBSTACLE COURSES, JOUSTING, AND DANCING, STUDENTS DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. STUDENTS WERE SPREAD OUT THROUGHOUT THE GYM AND THE COMMON'S AREA ENJOYING THEIR FREE TIME TO JUST HANGOUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS. THE STUDENT COUNCIL INVITED D. CAFFE TO DJ FOR THE DANCE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMMON'S AREA. ENJOYING THE HALF-DAY TO THE FULLEST, STUDENTS WENT HOME HAPPY AND READY FOR PROM THE NEXT DAY.

(Text by: Mandi Poulton)



DYLAN FLINT,
Sophomore.
"I ate and slept."

JOEY ADKINS, Sophomore.
"Played a lot of drums."

EMILY GILBERT, Senior.
"Went to Las Vegas."

PROM 2011

WHEN TWO WORLDS

COLLIDE

Queen

Candidates



Tekyla Carpenter



Jodi Lawson



Kerri Goucher

WHEN TWO WORLDS COLLIDE WAS THE THEME OF THE THIS YEAR'S PROM, HELD ON APRIL 9, 2011. THE COMMON'S AREA WAS DECORATED WITH A BIG VOLCANO, AN ICE BERG, AND ROPE LIGHTS. THE DJ WAS NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED, BUT HE STILL DID A VERY GOOD JOB. HE PLAYED A LOT OF MODERN MUSIC ALONG WITH SOME OTHER INTERESTING TUNES. EVERYONE SHOWED UP LOOKING VERY NICE, WEARING BEAUTIFUL DRESSES AND SHARP TUXEDOS. AFTER TONS OF FUN AND DANCING, TEKYL CARPENTER AND SAM PESTER WERE CROWNED PROM KING AND QUEEN. (TEXT BY MEGGAN STEWART)



WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO?

SKYLAR BURT,
Sophomore.
"Getting out of school."

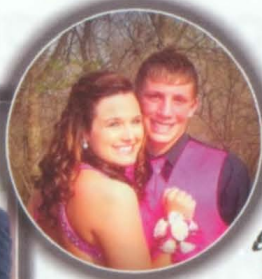
MIGUEL VERGARA,
Junior.
"Turning 18."

MADISON BAKER,
Junior.
"Volleyball!."

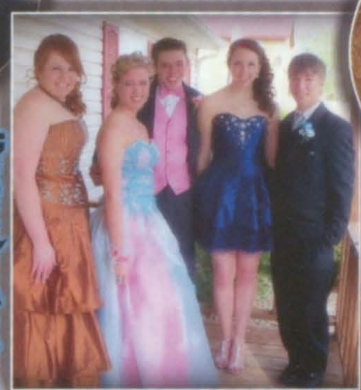


**KING
CANDIDATES**

SAM PESTER



*BRONNIE
KYLE*



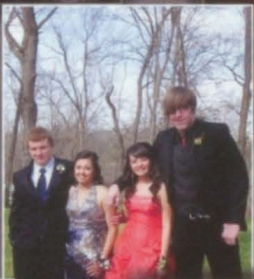
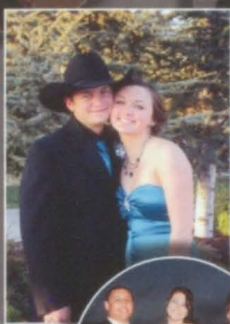
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CHRIS EPPERSON



KEITH REISS



CHRISTIAN NESTER, Sophomore.
"Summer."

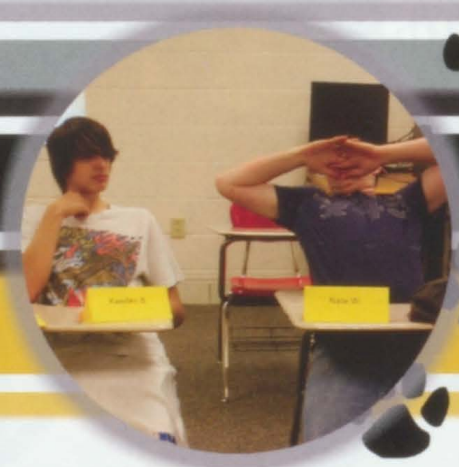
KYLE HEMAN,
Junior.
"College basketball."

DILLON WELCH,
Sophomore.
"Camping."

ACADEMIC TEAM

DISTRICTS

THE ACADEMIC TEAM DISTRICT COMPETITION WENT PRETTY WELL THIS YEAR. DIAMOND WAS UP IN THE FIRST HALF OF BOTH ROUNDS UNTIL REED SPRINGS BROUGHT IN A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT. NEVER THE LESS, DIAMOND PLACED SECOND. SAM PESTER AND TYLER HARRIS MADE ALL-DISTRICT. SAM PESTER SAID, "WE DID PRETTY WELL CONSIDERING THEIR SCHOOL'S SIZE AND TEAM REPUTATION." (TEXT BY: KATHRINE REYNOLDS)



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE EASTER TRADITION?

SHAE MIKESELL,

Junior.

"Making an Easter Bunny cake"

KELSEY WOODWARD,

Freshmen.

"Spending time with my family."

BRANDON CHEEK,

Junior.

"Dang-o, dang-o, turkey huntin', dang-o."

SPRING SPORTS



THE SNOW IS GONE, THE SUN IS SHINING AND SPRING SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING. THE BOYS TRACK TEAM IS VERY STRONG THIS YEAR. WITH SIX SENIORS, THEY KEEP STEALING FIRST IN MANY EVENTS. ONE OF THEIR BIG VICTORIES THIS YEAR WAS TAKING FIRST AT THE MARIONVILLE MEET. GIRL'S TRACK IS DOING JUST AS WELL. WITH FEWER SENIORS BUT JUST AS MUCH DRIVE, THE GIRLS ARE TAKING FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD IN MANY EVENTS. THE TEAM HAS MANY FRESHMEN WHO HOPE FOR MORE SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE. THE GOLF TEAM IS SWINGING THEIR CLUBS LIKE CRAZY. THEY HAVE BEEN COMPETING IN MANY TOURNAMENTS, SOME WEEKS A TOURNAMENT EVERY DAY! EVEN WITHOUT ANY SENIORS, THEY STILL MANAGE TO PUSH THROUGH AND BRING HOME A WIN. THE BASEBALL TEAM HAS HAD A GREAT SEASON SO FAR ALSO, WINNING THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT IN SARCOXIE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS. WITH THREE SENIORS LEADING THE TEAM, THEY HAVE HAD A TON OF SUCCESS AND PLAN TO HAVE A LOT MORE. (TEXT BY: MEGGAN STEWART)



BASEBALL

GOLF

TRACK

AARON CALLIS, Junior.
"Eating Dinner."

WILL DOBSON,
Sophomore.
"I like to hunt Easter
eggs."

VICKIE ALBRECHT, Senior.
"Going to my brother's house
for my niece's birthday."

MAY



Kourtney Moreland

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS MOST ABOUT THE SENIORS?

AMBER MORGAN,
Freshman.

"Their perky attitudes(:"

BRODIE BIEN,
Freshman.

"Hanging out and going to Buffalo Wild Wings with them after the games."

BRENNEN MORELAND,
Sophomore.

"Hanging out with them."

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"TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS,
WE MUST NOT ONLY ACT, BUT
ALSO DREAM; NOT ONLY PLAN,
BUT ALSO BELIEVE."



CARRISA HANELINE,
Freshman.
"I will miss their spirit."

CLAYTON ROLFE,
Freshman.
" They were really funny
and set a good example "

KATIE HENSON, Freshman.
" Not being able to walk down the
halls joking around, talking, and
playing sports with Taryn and I will
miss talking to Jake too. "

Student Council INDUCTION

Every April, we get the opportunity to choose who will represent us in Student Council for the next year. Starting in late March, students interested in running hunt down Mrs. Sweet for a petition. Once this petition is finished, the candidacy is official. After the ballots were counted, the 2011-2012 Student Council was as follows: Student Body President Spencer Lowden, Student Body Vice President Laken Rawlins, Secretary Asia Mahan, Senior President Tyler Harris, Senior Vice President Jared Huffman, Senior Boy Rep. Brenton Olson, Senior Girl Rep. Jennifer Dunlap, Junior President Davy Blair, Junior Vice President Alex Guebara, Junior Boy Rep Hunter Demery, Junior Girl Rep. Lauren Bradley, Sophomore President Zach Renfro, Sophomore Vice President Caitlin James, Sophomore Boy Rep. Eric Bower, Sophomore Girl Rep. Cady Littlefield, and freshmen officers John Bird, Ian Napp, Brooklyn Renkoski, and Logan Johns. Good luck next year!

(Text by: Larry Fulcher and Gabby Palmer.)



Kourtney Moreland

WHAT'S THE MOST EXCITING THING YOU PLAN TO DO THIS SUMMER?

CLARA BRODEUR,
Freshman.
"Going to the lake!"

JOSHLYN FURRY,
Freshman.
"Going to Church Camp and hanging out with friends"

ASHLEY PALMER,
Freshman.
"Church Camp!!!"

GOLF SECTIONALS & STATE

On May 5, the four Sectional qualifying golfers, Chance Hardy, Jake Tuter, Spencer Lowden, and Tyler Harris headed up to Marshfield Country Club bright and early and focused as ever, in the hopes of going to state. They arrived at the golf course with perfect weather, and a pristine 18 holes waiting for them. They warmed up as usual, which involved hitting balls on the driving range, putting, chipping and getting mentally prepared. Chance was in the first group to tee off, and from then on, the sectionals golf tournament had begun. All four were out on the course doing everything they could to make it to the next level. After the golfers got their first nine holes done, they were served lunch and given a break. They evaluated their game so far and decided what they needed to do on the following nine to continue their golf season. The back nine holes started with a challenging Par-4, surrounded on one side by water, but the boys kept playing with determination. Once the 18 holes were finished, the players anxiously awaited to hear the teammates' results and stories from their day of golf. Chance Hardy shot an 85 which was two strokes under the cut off score, meaning he was going to state. Jake Tuter shot an 89 just missing making state. Tyler Harris and Spencer Lowden weren't far behind Jake, but all were happy Diamond had a state qualifier. The bus ride back was a continuation of entertaining stories, good and bad holes and the always occurring jokes and making fun of each other. State is May 16th and 17th at Deer Lake golf course.



Monday morning Chance had a rough start at State. "It was the toughest golf course I have ever played," said Chance. He shot a 106 the first day. After the day's play was over, he thought about what he needed to do to play better the following day. Tuesday he started off much better. He shot 12 strokes lower than the day before and ended with a 94.

He placed 87th overall. He is hoping to go back and play the best round of his life next year.

Good Job!

(Text by: Spencer Lowden)



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HERITAGE THROOP,

Junior.
"Hanging out at the creek with my new Diamond friends."

NATE WARTHEN,

Sophomore.
"Hang out with female friends."

JORDAN DOUGLAS,

Sophomore.
"Play baseball and turn 16."

TRACK

Districts, Sectionals, and State

On Saturday, May 7, the 2011 track district competition was held at Ash Grove. The competition was intense, but Spencer Lowden and Jared Huffman managed to qualify for Sectionals. Spencer placed 4th in the High Jump and Jared placed 2nd in the Hurdles. Spencer's reply to the question of what he thought the overall outcome of the meet was, "There's definitely room for improvement, but next year I think we have a pretty good chance of taking first as a team." Jennifer Dunlap also placed in the meet for shotput and discus, but is not moving on to Sectionals. The weather was scorching, and many walked away with sunburns, but it was overall a successful meet.

Sectionals was just as intense but the weather was a different story. Spencer Lowden missed State by one spot. Jared Huffman got fourth and will be moving on to State.

Jared Huffman ended up 11th out of 16 in the 110 meter high hurdles. This was his 2nd year at state and he hopes to place in the top 5 next year, his senior year.

Good luck to him!

(Text by: Kyleigh Copley)

Baseball Districts

The Diamond Wildcats baseball team had a very solid year.

The team won the conference title and ended the regular season with a record of 14 wins and only 6 loses. The team went into districts with high hopes. They played great and made it all the way to the district championships, where they played Purdy who was ranked 6th in the state. The team did their best, but in the end didn't get enough hits to stay alive. They lost 5-1. "They played a great game, just came up short offensively," said Coach Nathan Cook. The team had a great year and we are excited to see where they go next year.

(Text by: Spencer Lowden)



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS PAST YEAR?

JOHN LITTLEFIELD,
Junior.

"Being elected to FFA State Office."

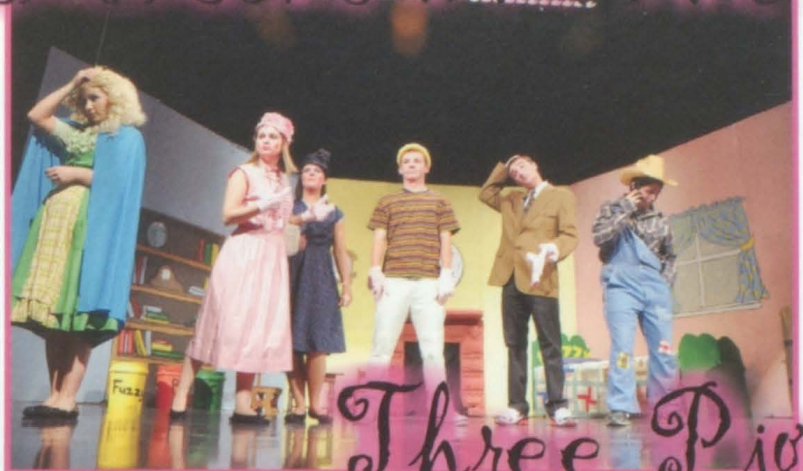
AUSTIN SINGLETON,
Sophomore.

"Jeremy and I beating Megan and Kourtney at short court volleyball everyday."

MIRANDA YESKIE,
Sophomore.

"I will miss Bueno squeezing his milk at lunch."

Goldilocks and the



Three Pigs

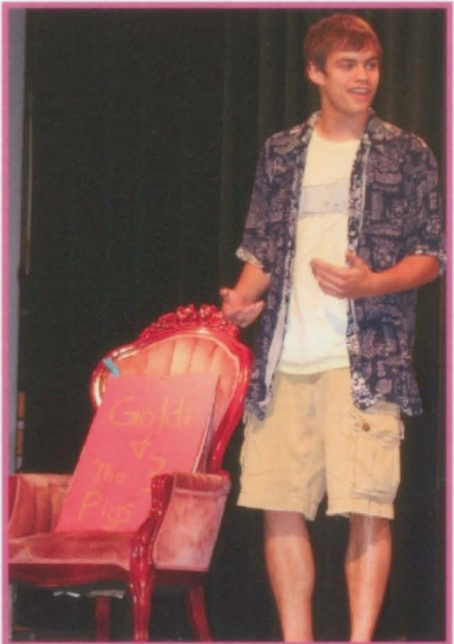


With eyes wide and bright, children from elementary to high school watched the cheerful play Goldilocks and the Three Pigs. The comman's area was filled with laughter as Chad, played by Scotty Corn, rolled across the stage on his skate board, and went silent as the wolf, Derick Devins, approached the house of the Chop brothers, played by, Dakota Prier (Fuzzy), Chris Pittman (Curly), and James Pace (Pork). This humorous production captured the attention of every age group that attended the play.

(Text by: Alex Goad)

Cast and Crew:

Goldilocks...Sarah Bentz,	Storyteller...Kerri Goucher,
The Weasel...Sam Pester,	Patti...Sara Schmitt,
Rose Hips...Miranda Thomas,	Laverne...Kylie Gates,
Wanda Witch...Kelsi Martin,	Sandy Witch...Shelbi Thurman,
Sound and Lights...Larry Fulcher & Angela Kuri,	
Stage Manager...Cody Martin,	
Set Design & Props...Cody Martin & Gabby Palmer,	
House Manager...Jodi Lawson,	
Director...Ms. Gollhofer	



FRANCES BENTZ,
Freshman.

"Stealing my sisters car and doing donuts around the school parking lot."

HANNA MILLION,
Freshman.

"Hitting my first homerun against Web City!"

MEGAN MATHEWS,
Freshman.

"Keeping my grades up all year."



Graduation

Class of 2011

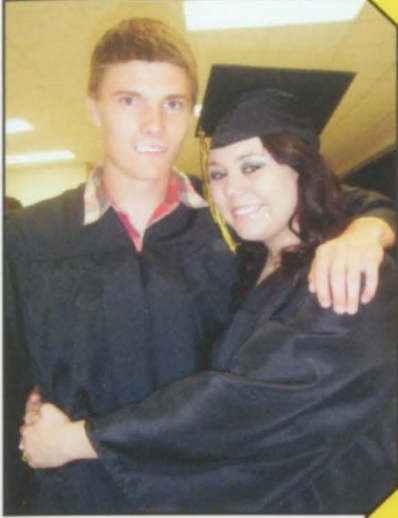
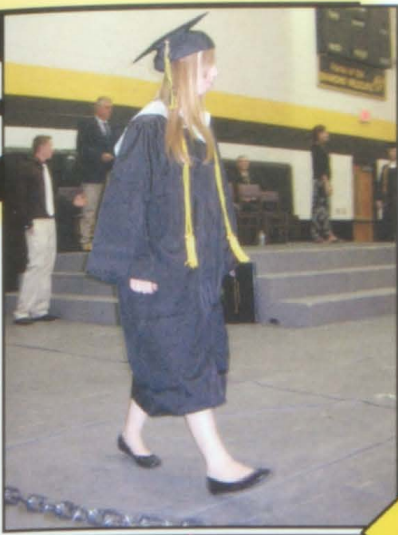
On May 22, the 2011 Seniors walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. The bleachers were filled with parents, friends, and faculty. Sarah Bentz, our salutatorian, took the stage to give a very comical, yet inspirational, speech. Our valedictorian, Gabby Palmer, took a more serious route and brought many to tears. Two lost seniors, Wesly Wood and Leiton Carr were recognized and their families were given roses and plaques in their remembrance. The crowd really enjoyed the senior video. Many parents and friends honked horns and yelled out when their graduating senior went by. To end the graduation, our one and only Mr. Brian Lee spoke to the graduating seniors. The second he ended the seniors threw their hats in the air and silly string covered them all.

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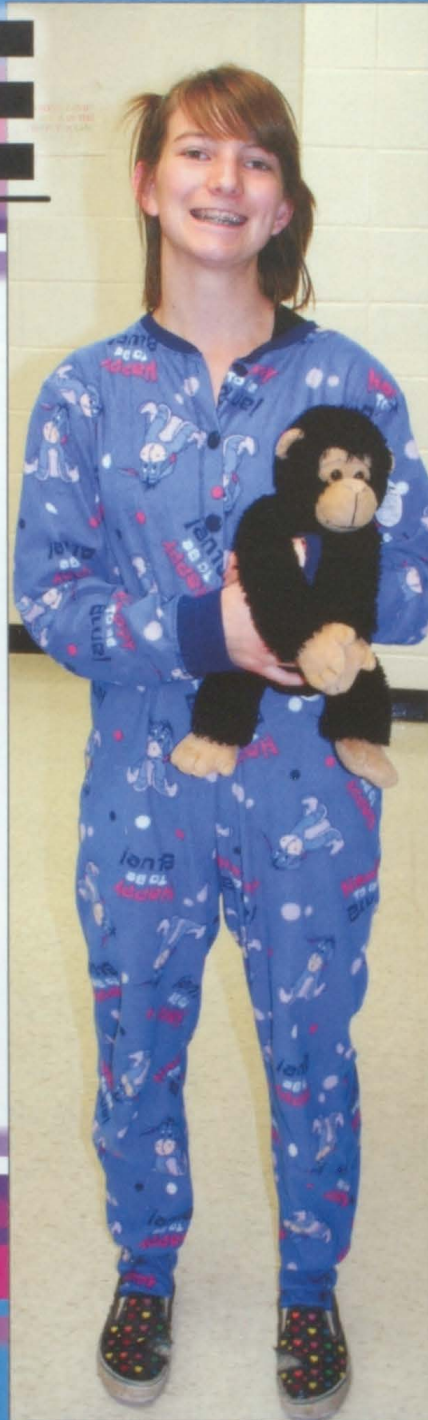
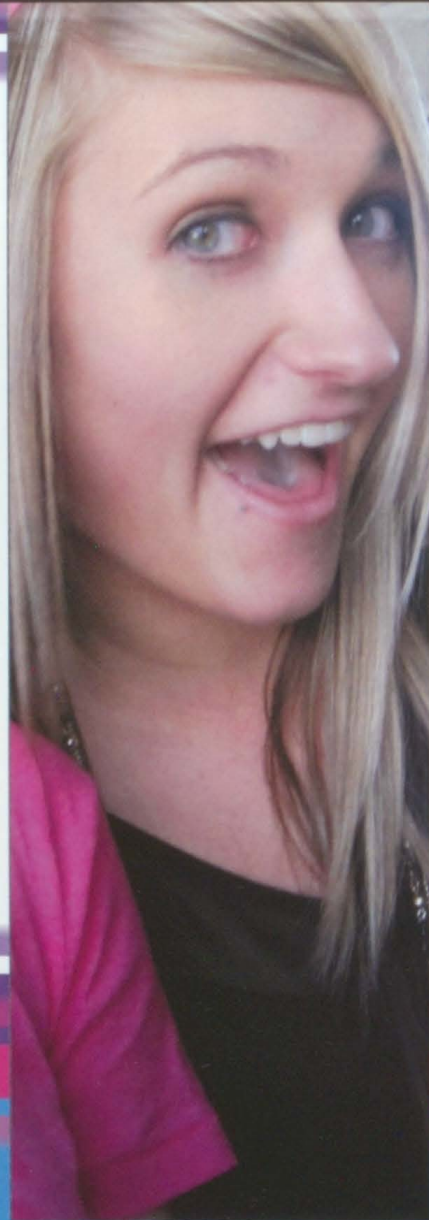


Kourtney Moreland

"It's BEEN AN INCREDIBLE RIDE. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. WITH THAT, I HAVE TO BID FAREWELL. I'M THE HAPPIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW..IT'S BETTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE"

-JORUM BETISE

PEOPLE



Larry Fulcher



DESCRIBE YOUR LIFE IN SIX WORDS.

KYLEIGH COPELY,
Sophomore.
Interesting, Fun,
eventful,entertaining,
helpful.

KATHRINE REYNOLDS,
Sophomore.
Fun, Blessed, Eventful,
Entertaining, Good, Smiley

ANGELA KURI,
Junior.
Pretty much just random
and Uniqueand fun but
thats 7 words.

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WE ARE ALL INDIVIDUALS. WE ALL EXPRESS OURSELVES IN DIFFERENT WAYS, WHETHER THIS MEANS USING A BALL OR A BRUSH, ITS ALL FOR THE SAME REASON. TO SHOW WHO WE ARE.



SPENCER LOWDEN,
Junior
exciting, crazy, busy,
succesful, awesome, fun

KOURTNEY MORELAND,
Junior.
Outgoing, Random,
Hungry,Spacecase,
Adventurous.

MEGGAN STEWART,
Sophomore.
Interesting,Fun,Stressful,
Joyful, Tiring, Crazy

CLUBS CLUBS CLUBS

Art Club



Front: Jeremy Robbins, Jesse Powell, Joe Brodeur; **middle:** Mrs. Culp, Alex Guebara, Alex Goad, Corey Her, Cassandra Brines, Kelly Xiong, Kathrine Reynolds, Joshua Robbins; **back:** Joe Adkins, Mandi Poulton, Angela Kuri, Samantha George, Larry Fulcher, Samuel Pester, Michael Trentham.

Band



Front: Justin Cranston, Shayla Jones, Joe Adkins, Angela Kuri, Mandi Poulton, Frances Bentz, Amber Morgan, Chelsea Flint, Jaycee King, Ashley Palmer, Tia Elkins, Hannah Burdick, Alyssa Hollars, Haley Benner; **middle:** Jennifer Dunlap, Kalen Childers, Austin Good, Sara Manley, Haley Gray, Alexandra Rawlins, Carrie Hobbs, Morgan Lamar, Makensie Harrington, Clara Brodeur, Brittany Frisbie; **back:** Dakota Studyvin, Chance Wooley, William Dobson, Ryan Ellison, Amber Acosta, Caleb Elder, Brandon Jones, Mercedes Moon, Davy Blair, Chris Heslin, Bryn McDermott, Micah Harp.

Academic Team



Front: Jared Huffman, Kaeden Bennet, Tyler Harris, Samuel Pester, Mrs. Price-Allison; **back:** Asia Mahan, Kerri Goucher, Nate Warthen, Austin Russell.

Boys Basketball



Junior Varsity

Font: Darren Russow, Austin Williams, Brodie Bien, Tyler Putman, Austin Singleton; **back:** Zach Renfro, Blake Shepherd, Brenton Olson, Logan Myers, Caleb James, John Littlefield.



Varsity

Front: Scotty Corn, Austin Singleton, Darren Russow, John Littlefield, Brodie Bien, Chance Hardy; **back:** Manager Madison Baker, Jake Tuter, Jared Huffman, Kyle Heman, Trent Hayes, Davy Blair, Logan Myers, Caleb Jones, Brenton Olson, Ryan Jinks, Manager Laken Rawlins.

Cheerleading



Front: Taylah McDermott, Heather Simpson, Halle Hobson, Mercedes Moon, Chelsea Flint; **back:** Chandler Cianci, Heather Danner, Makensie Harrington, Megan Matthews, Kelsie Woodward, Shelby Rigdon.

Baseball



Front: Jordan Douglas, Austin Singleton, Gavin Brines, Jacob Goade; **second:** Jeremy Morris, Tyler Putman, Jordan Divine, Nathan Olson, Logan Nickoliasen, Clayton Rolf, Kolton Harville; **back:** Mr. Albin, Zach Renfro, Keith Reiss, Chris Epperson, Jake Henson, Ryan Jinks, Brodie Bien, Manager Kelsi Martin.

CHOIR



Pictured to the left, **Front:** Xuechi Vang, Heather Danner, Joshlyn Furry, and Cassandra Brines; **back:** Christie Danner, Lindsay York, Gaoohlee Yang, Kong Lor, and Gavin Brines.

CROSS COUNTRY



Pictured to the right, **Front:** Cady Littlefield; **middle:** Logan Nickoliasen, Dalton Long, Blake Shepherd, Scotty Corn, and Nathan Olson; **back:** Coach Cunningham, Trent Hayes, Logan Myers, Brenton Olson, and Spencer Lowden.

DECA



Pictured to the left, **Front:** Mrs. Dorsey, Heather Simpson, Megan Wilson, Kaeden Bennett, Tyler Harris, Keith Reiss, Jacob McLees, Jake Tuter, and Tanner Pruitt; **back:** Lauren Bradley, Kylie Gates, Sarah Bentz, Sara Schmitt, Mercedes Moon, Shelbi Thurman, Caitlin Blizzard, Stefani Thomas, and Austin Singleton.

FBLA



Pictured to the left, **Front:** Hunter Demery, Alex Guebara; **middle:** Heather Simpson, Laken Rawlins, Sarah Bentz, Lauren Bradley, Shelbi Thurman, Aaron Stephenson, Austin Singleton; **back:** Garrett Taylor, James Pace, Ryan Jinks, Kaeden Bennett, Kourtney Moreland, Dakota Prier, and Nathan Olson.

FFA



Front: Kathrine Reynolds, Allen Craney, Brittany Cheek, Kristin Barnett, Jaycee King, Carisa Haneline, Kenzie McAllister, Katie Henson, Amber Bryant, Bunky Thomlinson, John Allen, Asia Mahan; **second:** Mr. Johnson, Darrell Dardenne, Xuechi Vang, Ashlee Simon, Kelsi Woodward, Jayde King, Sarah Stafford, Carrie Hobbs, Jessica Johnson, Lynsey Copely, Megan Matthews, Ashleigh Fields, Shay Coffee, Brooke Morgan, Amy Bradley, Victoria Albrecht, Heritage Throop, Mrs. Wait; **third:** Tyler Kidd, Cody Tapp, Dalton Farmer, Chase Drake, Justin Cranston, Dalton Long, Austin Russell, John Paul Littlefield, Chance Hardy, Cady Littlefield, Stefani Thomas, Hanna Million, Austin Cash, William Dobson, Adrian Bueno; **fourth:** Austin Good, Joshua Robbins, Jeremy Robbins, Brandon Cheek, Nicholas Cope, Bryn McDermott, John Atwell, Nate Warthen, Connor Garcia, Codey Bowman, Jacob Johnson, Caleb James, Mason Schrader, Cole Frossard, Hunter Demery; **back:** Austin Mallory, Dakota Studyvin, Zach Slaughter, Drey Kuhlman, Josh Ulmer, Trent Hayes, Blake Shepherd, Brandon Carver, Justin Lewis.

FTA



Pictured to the left, **Front:** Kelly Xiong, Ashley Grant, Cathy Lee, and Niki Vang. **middle:** Jessica Johnson, Ronnie Crosswhite, Kathrine Reynolds, Cassandra Brines, Patricia Rangel, and Jaydn Cronister; **back:** Shae Miksell, Hunter Demery, Heather Simpson, Meggan Stewart, and Laken Rawlins.



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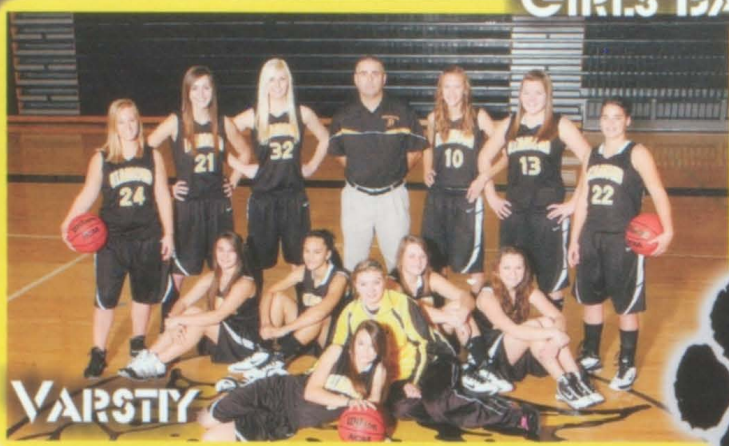
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GIRLS BASKETBALL



VARSITY

Front: Brooke Morgan, Hannah Dodson; **middle:** Shayla Jones, Mychael Strausbaugh, Hanna Million, Meggan Stewart; **back:** Taryn Stevens, Heather Wilson, Megan Wilson, Coach Brimacombe, Cady Littlefield, Stefani Thomas, Emily Gilbert.



J.V.

Front: Hannah Burdick, Caitlin James, Shayla Jones; **middle:** Sara Manley, Ashley Palmer, Asia Mahan, Alyssa Dieckhoff; **back:** Megan Wallace, Katie Henson, Coach Brimacombe, Cady Littlefield, and Tessa Huffman.

GOLF



Left to right: Tyler Harris, Jared Huffman, Chance Hardy, Hunter Demery, Spencer Lowden, Justin Tandy, Bryn McDermott, and Jake Tuter.

FOOTBALL



Front: Coach Myers, Coach Davied, Xaokee Lor, David Bird, Rolando Gonzalez, Connor Garcia, Greg Kelley, Josh Divine, Austin Fields, Coach Gragg, and Coach Dickson; **second:** Colton Walstead, Jordan Douglas, Jordan Divine, Jacob Goade, Ryan Ellison, and Clayton Rolf; **third:** Caleb Elder, Garret Taylor, John Littlefield, Darrell Dardenne, and Chris Pittman; **fourth:** Caleb James, Mason Schrader, Austin Williams, Dillion Welch, Tyler Horton, and Jarren Reinhart; **back:** Brandon Cheek, Austin Mallory, Zack Renfro, Ryan Jinks, and Brodie Bien.

MATH LEAGUE



Front: Brittany Frisbie, Alex Guebara, Kyleigh Copley; **back:** Samuel Pester, Tyler Harris, Jared Huffman.

JAZZ BAND



Front: Ashley Palmer, Brittany Frisbie, Mercedes Moon, Hannah Burdick, Caitlin James, Amber Morgan, and Alyssa Hollars; **back:** Kalen Childers, Micah Harp, Francis Bentz, Shayla Jones, Bryn Mcdermott, Davy Blair, Kyleigh Copley, Amber Lee Acosta.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB



Front: Staci Stirewalt, Angela Kuri, Carrie Hobbs, Heather Simpson, Amber Lee Acosta; **second:** Mrs. Hayes; **back:** Joey Adkins, Ashleigh Long, Michael Trentham, Larry Fulcher, Rolando Gonzalez, Samantha George.

NFL



Front: Sara Manley, Scotty Corn, Sarah Bentz, Shelbi Thurman, Kerri Goucher, Gabby Palmer; **back:** Ashleigh Long, Laken Rawlins, Connor Garcia, Chelsea Flint, Cody Martin.

NHS



Front: Jennifer Dunlap, Maehnou Yang, Angela Kuri, Tekyla Carpenter, Kyleigh Copley, Heather Simpson; **second:** Gabby Palmer, Micah Alford, Laken Rawlins, Brittany Frisbie, Kerri Goucher, Lynsey Copley, Madison Baker, Shae Miksell; **third:** Carrie Hobbs, Amber Lee Acosta, Nate Warthen, Trent Hayes, Sefani Thomas, Megan Wilson; **back:** Arden White, Tyler Harris, Spencer Lowden, Jared Huffman, Brenton Olson, Jake Tuter.

NEWSPAPER



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The Members are: Shelbi Thurman, Kerri Goucher, Cody Martin, Chris Pittman, Jodi Lawson, Kourtney Moreland, Dakota Prier, Jaydn Cronister, Laura Griess, Caitlin Blizzard, Kelsi Martin.

OUTDOOR CLUB



Front: Justin Tandy, Cole Frossard; **second:** Nate Warthen, Bryn Mcdermott, Brooke Morgan, Heritage Throop, Kel'cee Woodward; **back:** Hunter Demery, Ronnie Crosswhite, Megan Matthews, Jake Goade, Dalton Long, Jesse Carter.

SOFTBALL

Front: Shayla Jones, Laken Atkinson, Manager Alex Goad, Danielle Hext, Amber Morgan; **second:** Alyssa Fields, Morgan Lamar, Shae Miksell, Hannah Million, Jessica Johnson, Ashley Palmer; **back:** Manager Chris Epperson, Katie Henson, Emily Gilbert, Coach Brimacombe, Taryn Stevens, Jennifer Dunlap, Manager Keith Reiss.



STREAM TEAM



Front: Eli Bingman, Brittany Frisbie, Mrs. Price-Allison, Dalton Long, Jesse Powell; **back:** Bryn McDermott, Austin Russel, Johnny Brown, Jennifer Dunlap, Samuel Pester.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Front: Gabby Palmer, Caitlin James, Lauren Bradley, Asia Mahan, Laken Rawlins, Davy Blair; **second:** Cody Martin, Eli Bingman, James Pace, Jared Huffman, Brenton Olson; **back:** Spencer Lowden.

Front: Caitlin James, Ashleigh Long, Chandler Cianci, Damita Sourjohn, Lauren Bradley; **second:** Shayla Jones, Tessa Huffman, Madison Kelley, Hanna Million, Heather Simpson, Kourtney Moreland, Jennifer Dunlap, Amber Bryant; **back:** Alyssa Dieckhoff, Cady Littlefield, Heather Wilson, Coach Cunningham, Madison Baker, Kyleigh Copley, MaKensie Harrington.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD



BOYS TRACK & FIELD



Front: James Pace, Davy Blair, Eric Bower, Aaron Stephenson, Brenton Olson; **second:** Tyler Horton, Nathan Cantu, Jared Huffman, Blake Sherperd, Tanner Pruitt, Austin Williams; **back:** Greg Kelley, Spencer Lowden, Trent Hayes, Logan Myers, Rolando Gonzales, Coach Jordan.



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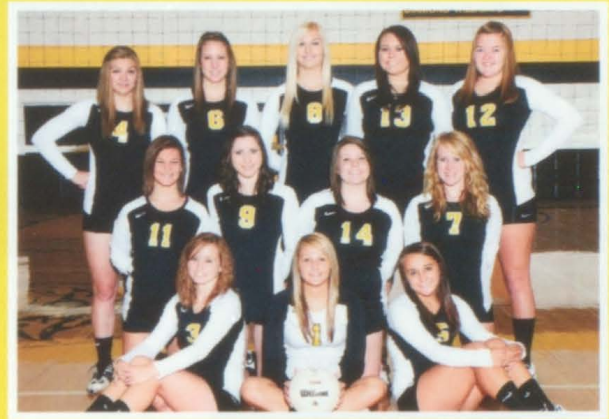
VOLLEYBALL

Junior Varsity

Front: Caitlin James; **second:** Katy Dunn, Hannah Burdick, Frances Bentz, Asian Mahan; **back:** Meggan Stewart, Tessa Huffman, Alyssa Dieckhoff, Heather Simpson, Clara Jansen.

Varsity

Front: Sarah Bentz, Caitlin Blizzard, Lauren Bradley; **middle:** Kelsi Martin, Madison Baker, Clara Jansen, Kourney Moreland; **back:** Hannah Dodson, Kyleigh Copley, Megan Wilson, Jodi Lawson, Stefani Thomas.



YOUTH AIME

Front: Ashleigh Long, Dalton Long, Jeremy Robbins, Joshua Robbins, Jessie Powell; **back:** John Allen, Amber Acosto, Chris Heslin, Rolando Gonzales, Michael Trentham.

WRESTLING

Front: Manager Jaydn Cronsiter, Jake Goade, Manager Jayde King, Manager Megan Matthews; **second:** Chris Pittman, Dylan Flint, Jordan Douglas, Jeremy Morris; **back:** Coach Myers, Logan Nickolaisen, Rolando Gonzales, Xao Lor, Coach Davied.

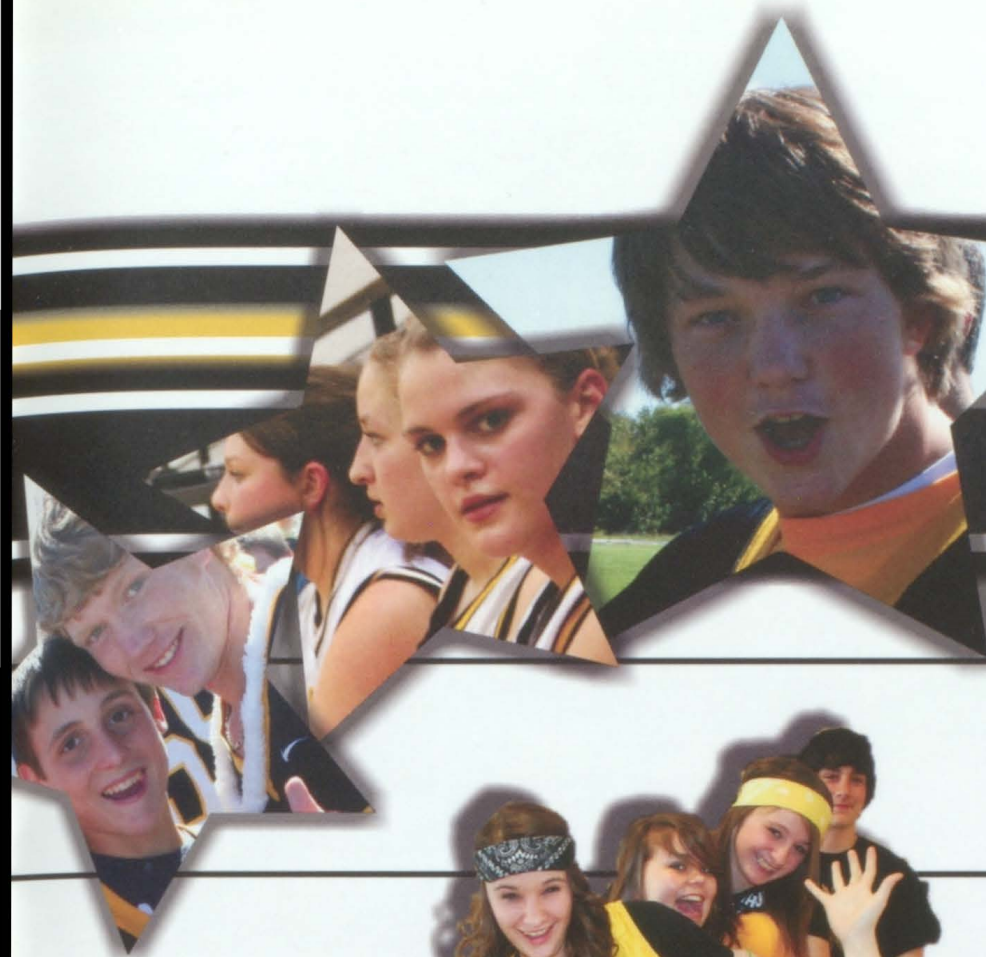


FRESHMEN

SPIRIT



Katharine Reynolds



Freshmen! Freshmen!

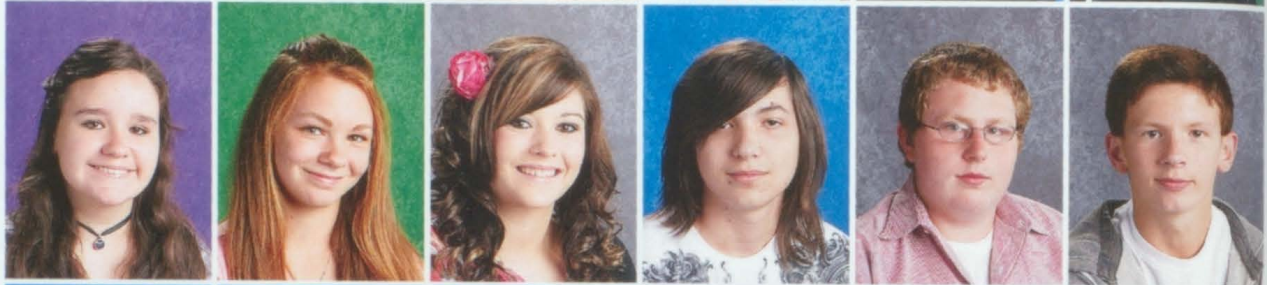


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Austin Ball
Haley Benner
Frances Bentz
Brodie Bien
Eric Bower
Gavin Brines



Clara Brodeur
Amber Bryant
Hannah Burdick
Taryn Burkhart
Jonathan Castor
Kalen Childers



Chandler Cianci
Allen Craney
Justin Cranston
Natasha Cumpton
Heather Danner
Darrell Dardenne



Alyssa Dieckhoff
Jordan Divine
Larissa Dudley-
Deweese
Tia Elkins
Dalton Farmer
Dallas Feezell



Cole Frossard
Joshlyn Furry
Jacob Goade
Austin Good
Haley Gray
Carisa Haneline



Jack Hardy
Makensie
Harrington
Kolton Harville
Katie Henson
Alyssa Hollars
Thomas Hoopiaina





Coda Hoover
Tessa Huffman
Shawnee Hutchison
Caitlin James
Caleb James
Jacob Johnson



Shayla Jones
Madison Kelley
Tyler Kidd
Boe Lawson
Justin Lewis
Catherine
Littlefield



Dalton Long
Touyer Lor
Asia Mahan
Sara Manley
Megan Matthews
Kenzie McAlister



Hanna Million
Amber Morgan
Ashley Palmer
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Zachary Renfro
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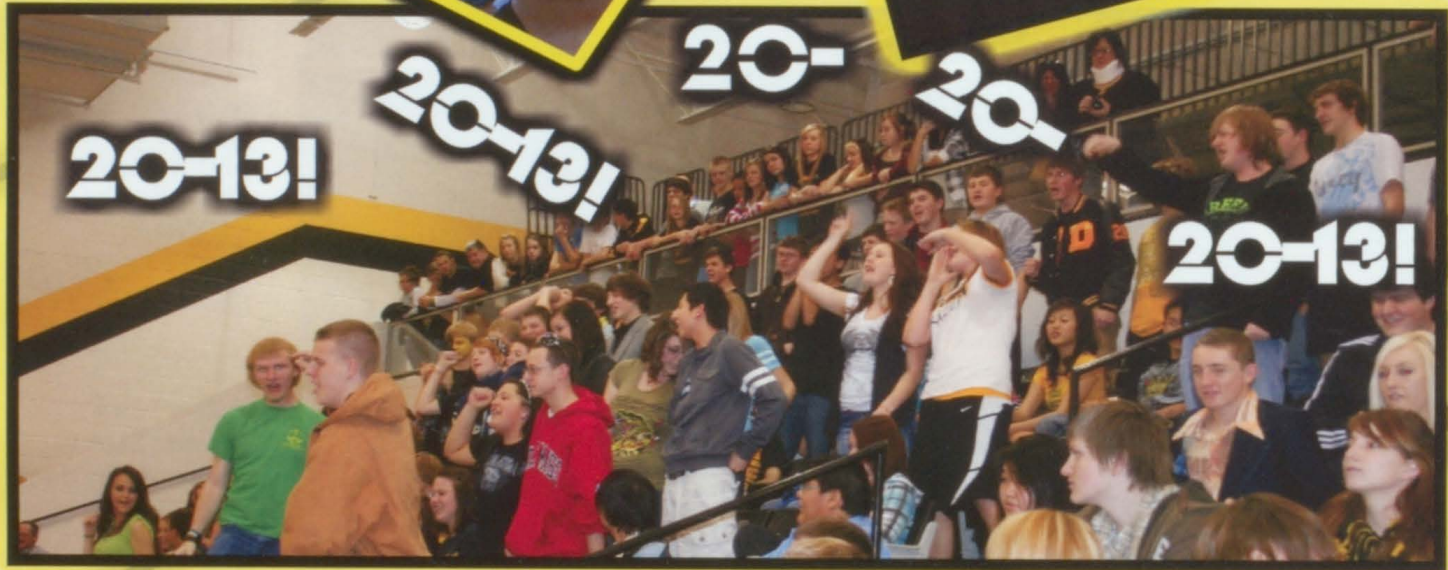


Bailey Seward
Clayton Stevens
Dakota Studyvin
Cody Tapp
Joshua Ulmer
Niki Vang



Xuechi Vang
Alexandra Wilson
Heather Wilson
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Gahlee Yang
Lindsay York

SOPHOMORE SPIRIT



ALEX GOAD

Rate your sophomore year on a 9, Fantastic scale of 1-10; 10 being the best.

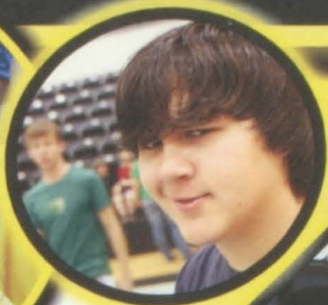
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8, Friends 7, Pokemon

8, Fun

4, School

6, Homework



8, Laughter

3, boring

7, Fun

6, Fast

7, Volleyball

8, Cool

8, weights

7, Bitter-Sweet

SOPHOMORES

Joseph Adkins
John Allan
Laken Atkinson
Kristin Barnett
Josie Bass
Kaeden Bennett



Daniel Bird
Davy Blair
Morgan Bowman
Amy Bradley
Lauren Bradley
Cassandra Brines



Adrian Bueno
Skyler Burt
Tyler Burt
Kayleigh Cameron
Jesse Carter
Austin Cash



Brittany Cheek
Logan Coffee
Kyleigh Copley
Christie Danner
Hunter Demery
William Dobson



Hannah Dodson
Jordan Douglas
Chase Drake
Katelyn Dunn
Ryan Ellison
Ashleigh Fields



Debra Finley
Neelj Her
Dylan Flint
Alexandria Goad
Alex Guebara
Trent Hayes





Austin Howell
Cheyanne Hutchinson
Clara Jansen
Ryan Jinks
Brandon Jones-White
Morgan Lamar



Christian Lester
Brennen Moreland
Brooke Morgan
Jeremy Morris
Logan Myers
Logan Nickolaisen



Rachel Palmer
Dustin Pressnall
Alyssa Rand
Patricia Rangel
Kathrine Reynolds
Austin Russell



Blake Shepherd
Brandon Silence
Austin Singleton
Derek Smith
Sarah Stafford
Aaron Stephenson



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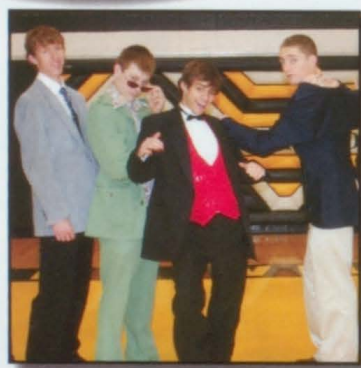
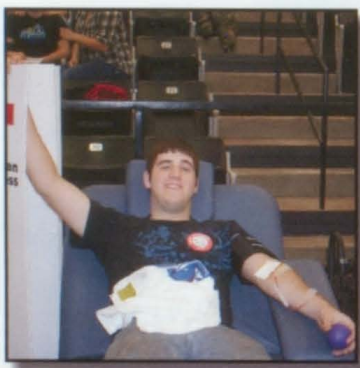
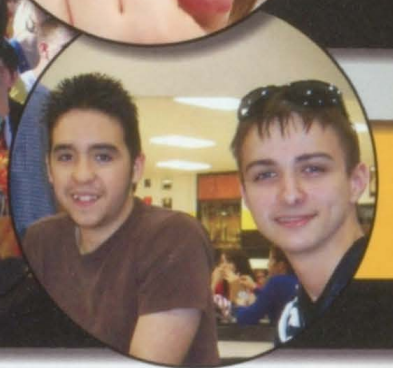
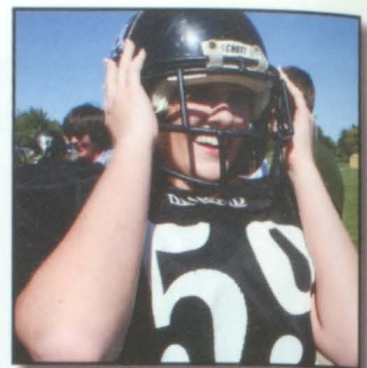
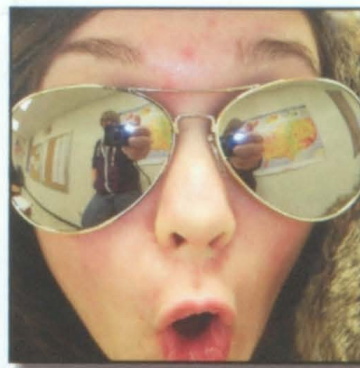
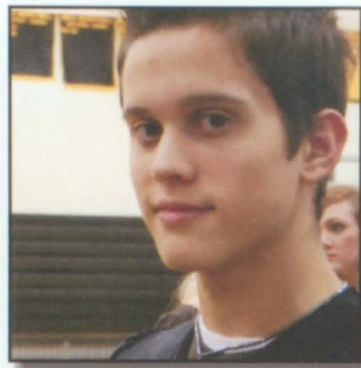


Daniel Vang
Colton Walstead
Nate Warthen
Madison Webster
Dillon Welch
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Austin Williams
Chance Wooley
Kelly Xiong
Miranda Yeske

Alex Goad



CLASS OF 2012



Larry Fulcher

JUNIOR SPIRIT!

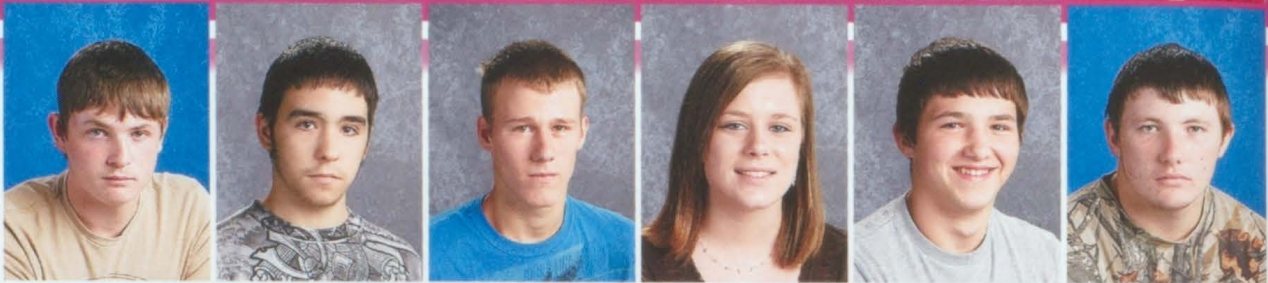


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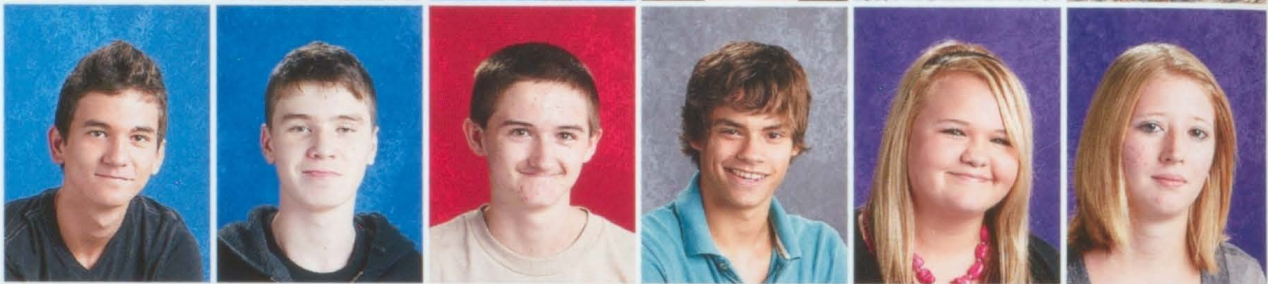
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Kirston Alton
Madison Baker
Ryan Bateman
Tyler Bower



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Richard Brodeur
Aaron Callis
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Brandon Carver
Brandon Cheek



Clint Cook
Justin Cook
Darrel Corbett
Scott Corn
Ronnie Crosswhite
Chelsea Cumpston



Jennifer Dunlap
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Jared Huffman
Maria Jimenez
Jessica Johnson
Jacob Kimbrough





Drey Kuhlman
Angela Kuri
Michayla Lawson
Cathy Lee
John Littlefield
Ashleigh Long



Kong Lor
Spencer Lowden
Austin Mallory
David Mansour
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Jesse Powell
Dakota Prier
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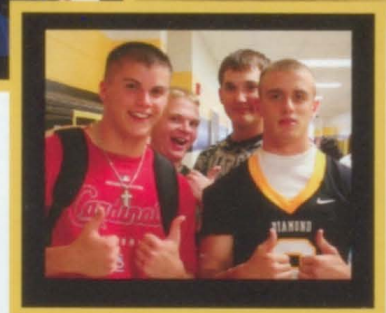
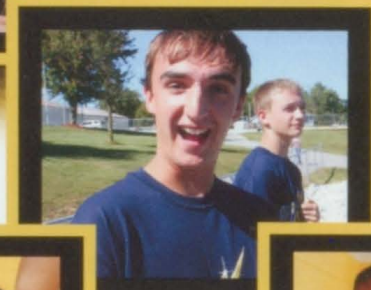
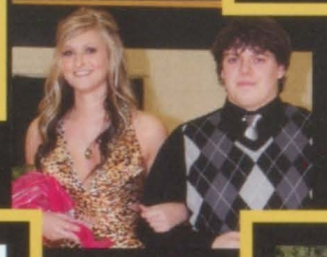


Mychael Strausbaugh
Heritage Throop
Michael Trentham
Jake Tuter
Cong Vang
Tou Vang



Arden White
Tim Wilkins
Chris Wilson
Megan Wilson

Senior Spirit



IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE YOUR HIGHSCHOOL CAREER IN ONE WORD,
WHAT WOULD THAT WORD BE?

"FUN" "SHORT" "STRESSFUL" "ADVENTURESS"
"UNBELIEVABLE" "DIVERSE" "HORRIBLE"
"AMAZING"



**SENIORS
RULE!**



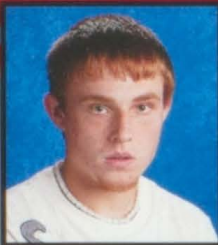
**"UNFORGETTABLE" "INTERESTING" "WASTED TIME"
"MEMORABLE" "UNPREDICTABLE" "LONG BUT SHORT"
"TENSE" "CHERISHED" "SLOW" "LONG" "QUICK"
"UNIQUE" "IT'S OVER" "STUPEFYING" "BORING"
"WONDERFUL" "DIFFERENT" "SENIORITY"**

MIEGGAN STEWART

2011 Seniors



VICTORIA ALBRECHT
"LIVE WITH AS MUCH JOY AS POSSIBLE, DON'T WASTE IT BEING ANGRY, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN IT WILL END."



JOHN ATWELL
"CHARACTER IS POWER."
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



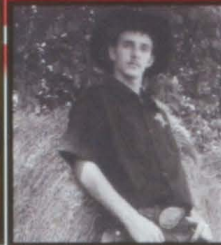
SARAH BENTZ
"IT'S KIND OF FUN TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE."
WALT DISNEY



ELIJAH BINGHAM
"LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST, AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DAY IS THE GREATEST ADVENTURE."



CAITLIN BLIZZARD
"BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD."



CODEY BOWMAN
"YOU CANNOT SHAKE HANDS WITH A CLENCHED FIST."
INDIRA GANDHI



JONATHON BROWN
"I DON'T MEASURE A MAN'S SUCCESS BY HOW HIGH HE CLIMBS BUT HOW HIGH HE BOUNCES WHEN HE HITS BOTTOM."
GEORGE S. PATTON



NATHAN CANTU
"COURAGE IS NOT SIMPLY ONE OF THE VIRTUES, BUT THE FORM OF EVERY VIRTUE AT THE TESTING POINT."
C.S. LEWIS



TEKYLA CARPENTER
"ONLY I CAN CHANGE MY LIFE. NO ONE CAN DO IT FOR ME."
CAROL BURNETT



JORDAN COMER
"WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, DON'T GO WITH THEM."
ELVIS PRESLEY



LYNSEY COPLEY
"ONLY THOSE WHO DARE TO FAIL GREATLY, CAN EVER ACHIEVE GREATLY."
ROBERT KENNEDY



JAYDN CRONISTER
"TO LOVE OTHERS, YOU MUST LOVE YOURSELF."



DERICK DEVINS
"THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO NEVER FAIL ARE THOSE WHO NEVER TRY."
IIKA CHASE



JOSHUA DVNE
"FOOTBALL IS LIKE LIFE, IT REQUIRES PERSISTENCE, SELF-DENIAL, HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY."
VINCE LOMBARDI



CHRIS EPPERSON
"TIME HEALS EVERYTHING, AND TIME IS FOREVER."
LIL WAYNE.



AUSTIN FIELDS
"MY JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN."



CHELSEA FLINT
"FRIENDSHIP IS ALWAYS A SWEET RESPONSIBILITY, NEVER AN OPPORTUNITY."
KAHLIL GIBRAN



WILLIAM GARCIA
"IF YOU OBEY ALL THE RULES, YOU MISS ALL THE FUN."
KATHARINE HEPBURN



KYLIE GATES
"THE MOST WASTED OF ALL DAYS IS THE ONE WITHOUT LAUGHTER."



ASHLEE GEORGE
"THE TRAGEDY IN LIFE IS NOT REACHING YOUR GOAL, BUT HAVING NO GOAL TO REACH."
BENJAMIN E. MAYS



EMILY GILBERT
"A CHAMPION IS AN ATHLETE THAT HAS THE PASSION TO WIN EVERY GAME."



ROLANDA GONZALEZ
"YOU CAN NEVER PLAN FOR THE FUTURE BY THE PAST."
EDMUND BURKE



KERRI GOUCHER
"HAPPINESS IS AN ATTITUDE. WE EITHER MAKE OURSELVES MISERABLE, OR HAPPY AND STRONG. THE AMOUNT OF WORK IS THE SAME."
FRANCESCA REIGLER



MICAH HARP
"TREES CAN'T GROW WITHOUT THE SUN IN THEIR EYES."



JACOB HENSON
"NEVER PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN AVOID ALL TOGETHER."



CHRIS HESLIN
"NEXT TO EXCELLENCE, COMES THE APPRECIATION OF IT."
WILLIAM THACKERAY



CARRIE HOBBS
"LIVE FOR THE NOW IN HOPE FOR THE TOMORROW."



HALLE HOBSON
"ALL THAT WE SEE OR SEEM IS BUT A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM."
EDGAR ALLAN POE



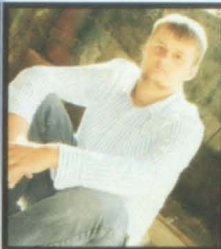
TRAVIS HOLDEN
"LIFE'S A TRIP!"



ANGELICA HUFFY
"GO FOR IT NOW. THE FUTURE IS PROMISED TO NO ONE."
WAYNE DYER



BRAXTON ISLEY
"RECOGNITION IS THE GREATEST MOTIVATOR."
GERARD EAKEDALE



GREGORY KELLIEY
"SUCCESS CONSISTS OF GETTING UP JUST ONE MORE TIME THAN YOU FALL."
OLIVER GOLDSMITH



JAYCEE KING
"YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE THEM. YOU JUST HAVE TO RESPECT THEIR RIGHTS."
EDWARD KOCH



JAYDE KING
"ALWAYS REMEMBER, TRUE LOVE NEVER FAILS!"



ALLYSON LAMMERS
"THE ONLY THING THAT WILL REDEEM MANKIND IS COOPERATION."
BERTRAND RUSSEL



JODI LAWSON
"GOD GIVES US THE GIFT OF CHOICES. LETS TRY TO MAKE THE RIGHT ONES!"



XAO LOR
"SEEING AND TALKING IS GOOD; BUT DOING IT IS BETTER."



CODY MARTIN
"BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE"



KELBI MARTIN
"NOBODY CAN GO BACK AND START A NEW BEGINNING, BUT ANYONE CAN START TODAY AND MAKE A NEW ENDING"



JACOB McLEES
"WHEN IN DOUBT; MAKE A BAKERS DOZEN."



MERCEDES MOON
"NEVER TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY. NOBODY GETS OUT ALIVE ANYWAY."



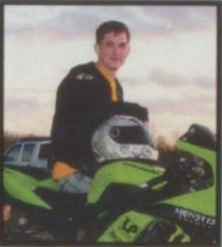
JAMES PACE
"EIGHTY PERCENT OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP."
WOODY ALLEN



GABRIELLE PALMER
"WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS LIFE."
MOHANDAS GHANDI



SAMUEL PESTER
"LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE, REPEAT."



TANNER PRUITT
"COURAGE IS GRACE UNDER PRESSURE."
STANLEY MATTHEWS



KEITH REISS
"SOMETIMES LIFE THROWS YOU CURVE BALLS..AND YOU JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT"



VANESA RIGDON
"DO NOT DWELL IN THE PAST, DO NOT DREAM OF THE FUTURE, CONCENTRATE THE MIND ON THE PRESENT MOMENT." BUDDHA



SARA SCHMITT
"DREAM AS IF YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER, LIVE AS IF YOU'LL DIE TODAY."



BRENT SKINNER
"FEAR IS A MANIPULATIVE EMOTION THAT CAN TRICK US INTO LIVING A BORING LIFE."



ZACHARY SLAUGHTER
"THE GREATEST PLEASURE IN LIFE IS DOING WHAT PEOPLE SAY YOU CANNOT DO."



SAM SPENCER
"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS, BUT THE KEY TO FAILURE IS TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE."



TARYN STEVENS
"NEVER BE TOO BUSY TO LAUGH, OR TOO SERIOUS TO SMILE"



JAMES SWAFFORD
"ALWAYS BE PLANNING SOMETHING."
JOHN A. SCHINDLER



MIRANDA THOMAS
"LAUGH AS MUCH AS YOU BREATHE AND LOVE AS LONG AS YOU LIVE."



SHELBI THURMAN
"WHEN YOU STOP EXPECTING PEOPLE TO BE PERFECT, YOU CAN LIKE THEM FOR WHO THEY ARE."



PAUL TRENTHAM
"VIDEO GAMES ARE BAD FOR YOU? THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT ROCK AND ROLL."
SHIGERU MIYAMOTO



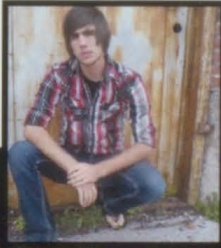
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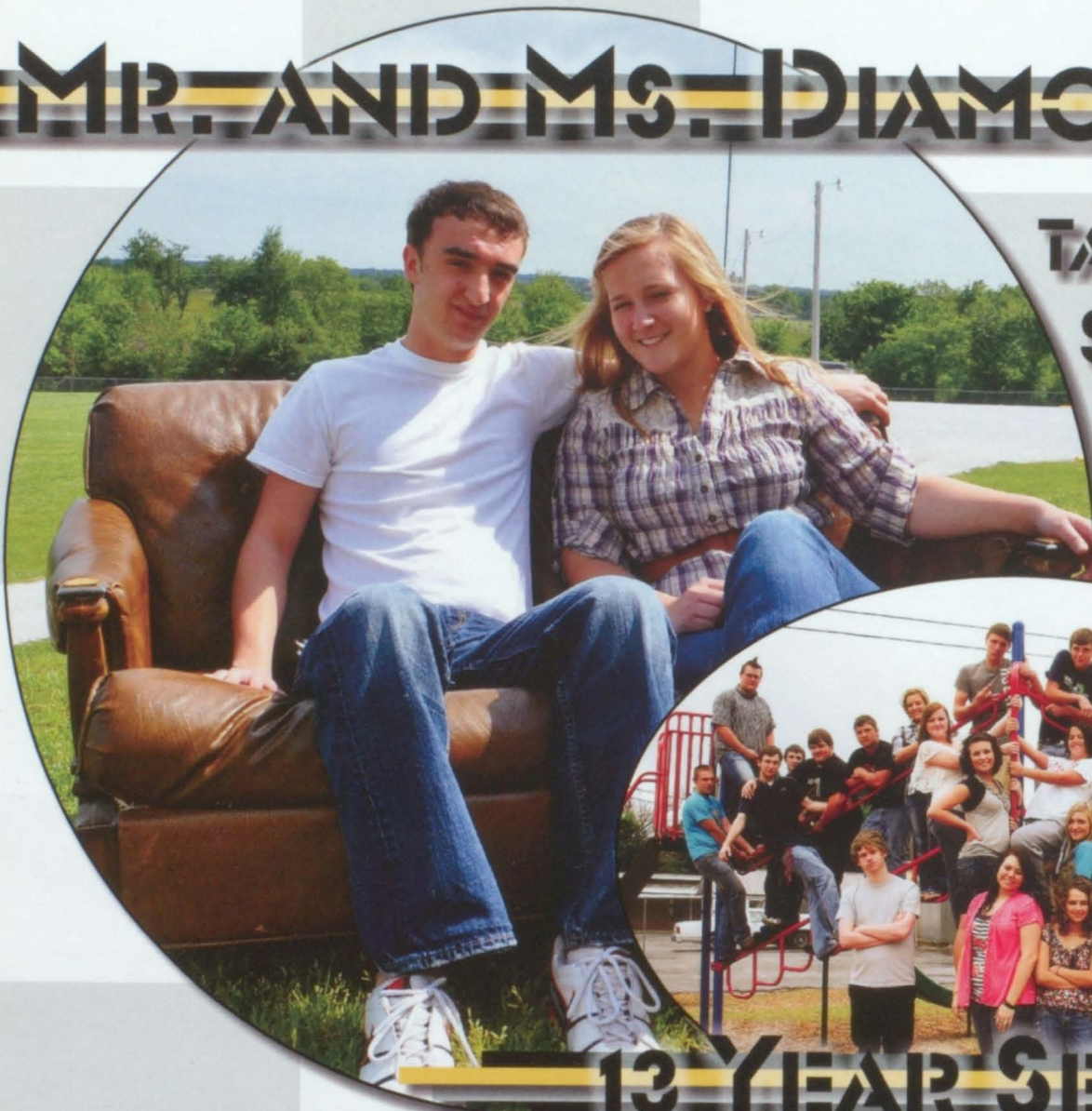


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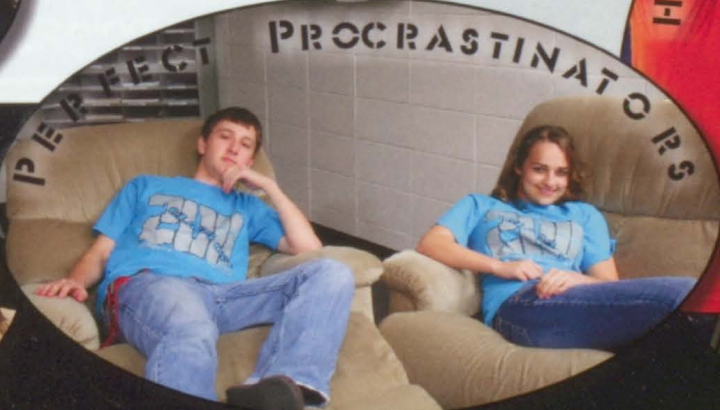
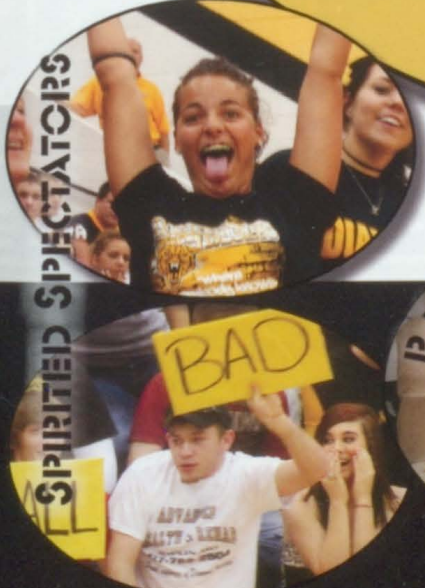
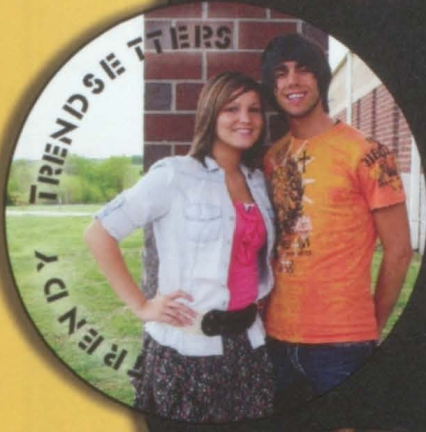
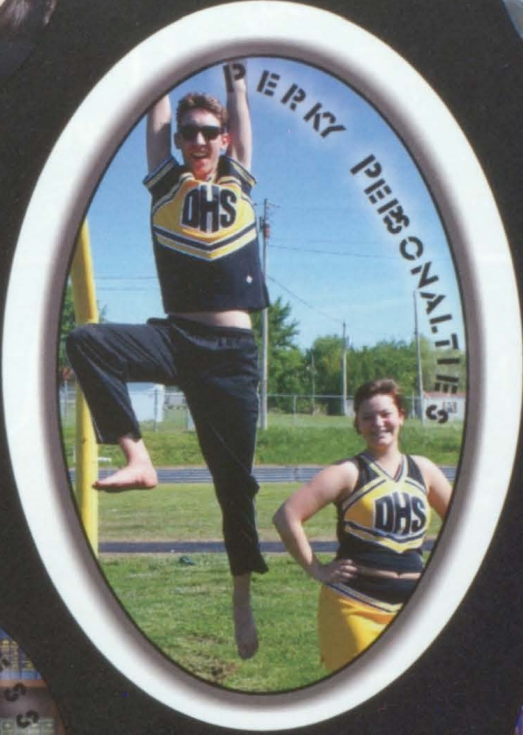
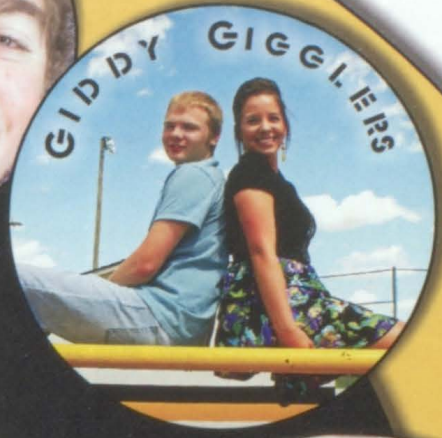
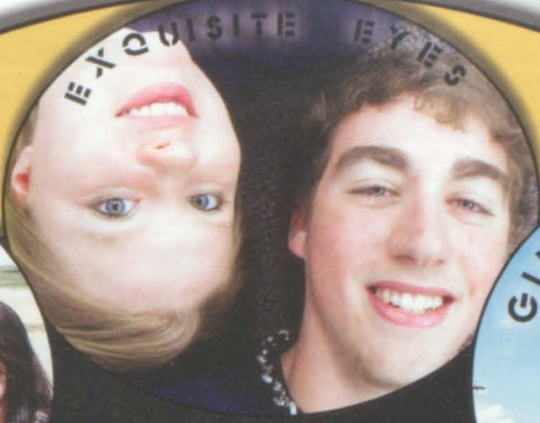


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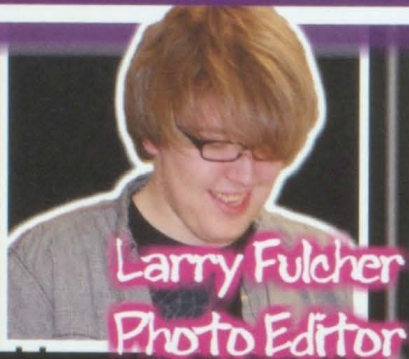


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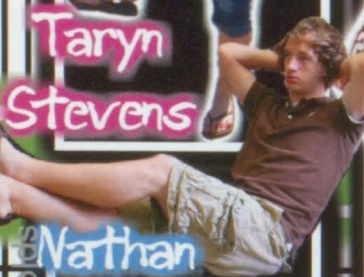
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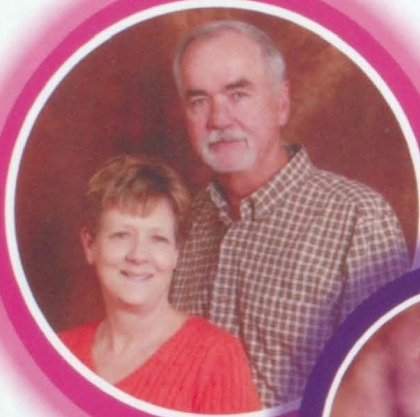


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Donna Dorsey has been Diamond High School's Business and Marketing teacher for the past twenty years, and this will be her final year. She has sponsored DECA, the senior classes and has been a help to anyone who will ask. After two decades of helping students learn and understand law, marketing, and many other important parts of a business, she has decided to retire. Mrs. Dorsey is an energetic, caring teacher and will be dearly missed by all students, teachers and friends.





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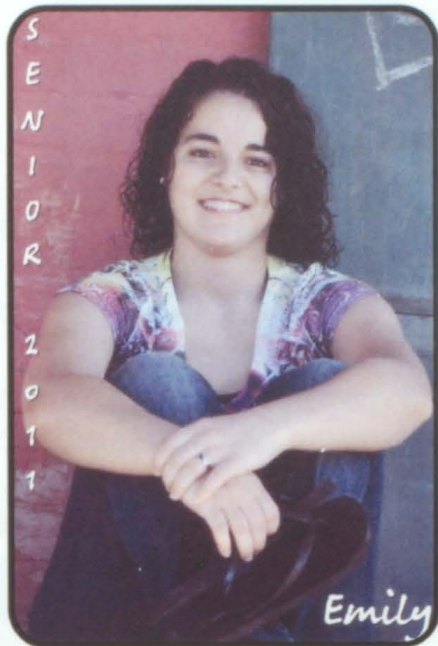


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First, we want to say that we are very proud of you, Emily. All of the things you have accomplished are truly amazing. Your graduation brings us great joy, and some sadness, but we feel like you are ready for whatever the world throws at you. When you stay true to yourself, you can accomplish great things in life. We love you Emily. Jim and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for you.

Love always,
Mom and Jim

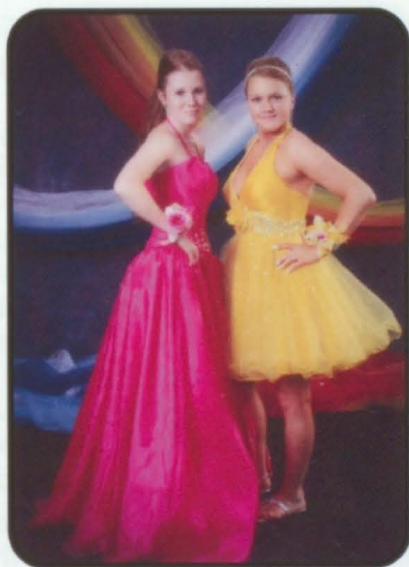


Just want to let you know how proud we are of you, Carrie. Words can't express how proud we are of you. You have exceeded all of the goals we had set for you as a child. As you get ready to close this chapter of your life, we now look forward to the next adventure - college!

Love always,
Mom & Dad



To our twins, Jaycee and Jayde King, We love the two of you very much and are very proud of you both. I hope there is never a mountain that you cannot get over, or a valley that you cannot get through.



Good luck, and may God bless you.

We love the two of you.

- Mom and Dad.



James,

You have come so far in life and I know the sky is not the limit for you. I carried you in my arms, then I blinked my eyes and now I'm getting you ready for graduation. I know you won't stop here. I'm very proud of you!

Love you,
Mom



Caitlin,

We have watched you grow, and are very proud of the person you have become! The time has come for you to start a new chapter in your life. Always be aware of the important things you didn't learn in school:



As you pursue your dreams, remember to take time to help and serve others even if doing so slows you down a little. As you explore and develop your unique talents, remain humble, realizing your special abilities are gifts.

As life hands you challenges, welcome them as ways to become stronger and smarter.

As you acquire material things, know that your most important possessions are honesty, integrity, and the desire to make a difference.

Congratulations! We love you and are so proud of the beautiful young lady you are!
- Dad & Nickie



Tanner,

This time in your life has come so fast...for me anyway. You have grown into a young man that I am very proud of. Things to remember would be, work hard, help others, be respectful, keep your family close to you because no matter what, they will love you and be there for you. Pray everyday, love God first because He will always love you and be there for you. You will learn more from the Bible than anywhere



else. Last but not least, know without a doubt that I love you and always give your Mom a hug.



Love,
Mom, Dean & Your Family

Lynsey,

We are thankful we were able to help you start life's travels; holding hands; walking side by side; living and growing each day. Just look at you now.

Although there were "culverts" in the road, everyday was a treasure. We learned from you, as much as you learned from us. As we part at the fork in the road, know



that we will always love you and we will always be there for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Kye



Shelbi,

Like all parents of graduating seniors, we ask ourselves, "Where did the time go?" You're not supposed to be this old yet! However, you are, and you've grown into the most beautiful young woman, both inside and out...God truly blessed us with an amazing daughter. Your independence and determination will serve you well as your future unfolds, and we have no doubt that your life will be a success, no matter what direction it takes you. Thanks for all your hard work and



dedication, and for making our lives so enjoyable with your fun loving personality. We cannot put into words how much we love you and how proud we are to be your parents. You have always been and will always be, our baby girl.



Congratulations...Love,
Mom & Dad

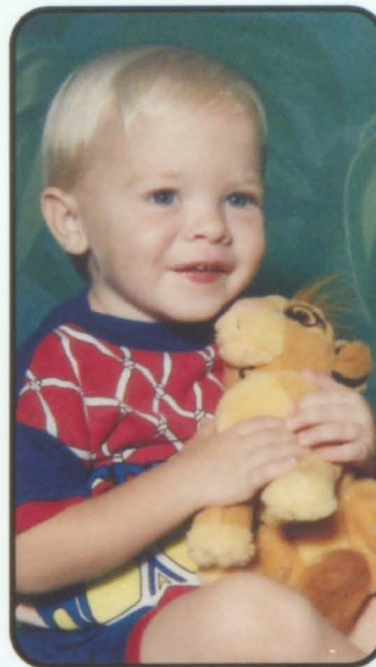
Sara Beth,
 You came into this world with a "bang," and you've been a "firecracker" ever since. We are so proud of you, and the person you are becoming. Don't ever give up on your dreams and always be true to yourself!



We love you,
 Mom,
 Dad,
 Garrett,
 Katie &
 Adam

Jacob,

It seems like yesterday you were in kindergarten. Now, here you are, a graduating senior. You have become an amazing young man. Remember, whatever the future brings, you are never alone.



Love,
 Mom, Justin &
 Isaac



Congratulations,
 Rita Ray!

"This is what it's
 all about."

With love and
 best wishes for
 your bright
 future,
 From your
 Family



My Dearest Sarah,

You're a wonderful young lady, beautiful, intelligent, generous, brave and full of determination; a rare kind of person that possesses a flawless character that inspires others to reach their full potential; fun-loving and witty with a charm that makes all those around you comfortable



and welcome in your presence. We are so very proud of you! Congrats, Grad, we love you!



- Mom, Dad, Frances,
 Maddie, Julie, Angie &
 their families

Derick,

We are so proud of you and your can-do attitude. We've watched you grow up in what seems like the blink of an eye. Continue to reach for, and hold on to, your dreams. We



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love you very much and **CONGRATS SON!** (Meep Meep)

Love, Dad, Mom and T.J.



Ashlee,

You did it! We are proud of you. Always remember, God loves you & so do we.

Never, ever give up on your dreams or your heart's desire. Hold your head high because the sky's the limit.

With lots of Faith, Hope, Love & Prayer you'll be able to go anywhere.

We love you,
Tony, Mom, Austin & Anthony



Cameron,

You've made our family complete. Thanks for the years of joy, excitement & adventures you have shared with your family. Wishing the Best today, tomorrow, and forever!

Truly, we loved our baseball days!!!

Love, Mom & Dad



Jordan Elizabeth,

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. You have brought us so much joy to our lives, and we thank God

everyday for you! Always keep God first in your life and you will go far! As you

graduate and go off to college, always remember we're cheering you on and love you so much!

Dad & Mom
Josh & Misti
Jonathan, Amber & Lizzy



Taryn,

Here you are, a graduate getting ready to make "BIG" decisions, some that will be very tough, and some that will be pretty easy. We just want you to know that no matter what those decisions are we are with you all the way. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments so far and we know that you will do well in whatever you choose to do with your life. Always know first and foremost we love you not only for the beautiful woman you have become or your contagious personality but because you are our daughter, and our love is unconditional.



So, see the "Big Picture" and follow your dreams if you stumble, don't stop, just continue to climb until you reach the top. For only on the top can you see the whole view. You can see what you've done and what you can still do. So, keep on and follow your dreams!

We Love You Sweet Baby Girl!
Mom & Dad

P.S. Brittney, Colton & Clayton say
"We Love You Too! Congratulations
Sis!"



Kelsi Lee...my sweet little girl,
It has been a pleasure watching you grow into a strong, confident, and beautiful woman.

You are an amazing person.



Always follow your dreams, and dream big.

Love,
Mom



Gabby,

As a little girl with arms out, barefoot, twirling in your dancing dress, it seemed as if you already knew who you were. Your arms embraced the world, your feet light on the ground and your spirit alive with anticipation of your next discovery. Each of your 18 years have brought you new challenges, and with those you have grown wiser. Now, you embrace the world with a purpose. You've learned, there are times when you need to tread lightly, and times when you need to stand firm. You've learned

that your spirit is fed not by the discovery itself, but by using what you have discovered. God blessed you with many gifts. You are the steward of these gifts and responsible for how you choose to use them.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Always remember that God made you, the little girl with arms out, barefoot, twirling in your dancing dress. Never doubt that he has a bigger plan.

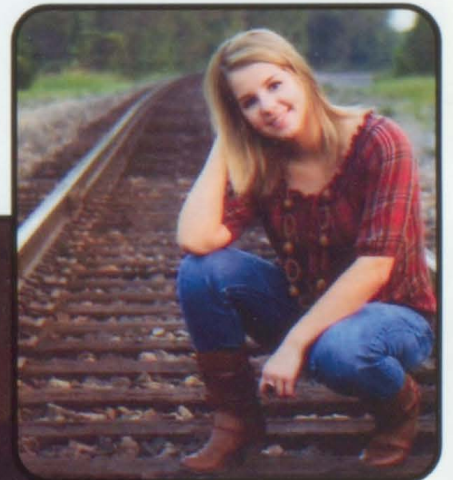
We love you dearly,
Mom, Dad & Ashley



Kylie,

It's amazing how fast 18 years can fly by. We've enjoyed watching you grow and change into an incredible young woman with a great personality. Don't let the real world change you. We are very proud of you and we love you more than you could ever know.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Maggie



Miranda,

We are very proud of the beautiful young woman that you have become. It has been a privilege to watch you grow up. Always remember to Live, Love and Laugh!

We Love You Very Much!

**- Mom, Kevin,
Brook, Dad,
Michael & Justin**



Angie,

You were a wonderful baby, child, until twelve years old. Now, you are a mother. Lilly made you into a great parent & person. And now, you are graduating for Lilly. Great job!

**x Tammy
Huffey**



**Cedes,
Bold, fearless,
dedicated, leader,
true to self, a true
friend, witty,
intelligent, multi-
talented, enchanting,
beautiful, selfless,
wonderful daughter.**

You are the best of

us and what we wish we could be. We are

**so proud of you
and love you
so much!**

**Never change
who you are.**

**Love,
Mom & Dad**



Jaydn,

It truly seems that in the blink of an eye you have gone from the most beautiful baby girl I thought I had ever seen into one of the most amazing young women I know. We are so lucky and proud at the same time to call you our daughter and sister. You have been faced with adversity so many different times in your young life, but we couldn't be more proud of how you have handled each situation. You always rise above and persevere and never let anyone, or any situation, get in the way of your dreams or what you believed in. You have been a role model for your brother and sister, and never sacrificed your morals just for the sake of doing so. You have always been true to YOU. Jaydn you are truly beautiful on the inside and out. May God bless you and be with you as you begin this new chapter in your life. We are all so proud of you and love you very much!



Mom, Dad, Seth, Zach & Zoe

Josh,

From the sweet, little baby giggles, to the deep, hearty belly laugh of a grown man, you have always been such an enjoyable person to be around. Your sense of humor, compassion, and devotion to family have always been a blessing to us.



As you start the next phase of your life, the most valuable advice we can give you is to be true to God and yourself.

Remember to "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Prov. 3:6)

We are so proud of you!

Love, Your Family



Jake,

It's so hard to believe that this day has arrived. What an adventurous journey each and every day has been. We are so blessed to have a son that possesses such admirable and rare qualities of compassion, honesty, loyalty and outstanding work ethics.



Your smile brightens our days. The world is waiting for you to make your mark and we know you will succeed in whatever path you choose. Always let God guide

you and you won't go wrong. We are so very proud of you and love you very much!

- Dad, Tammy, Timothy, Kelsey, Samantha, Katie & Sarah



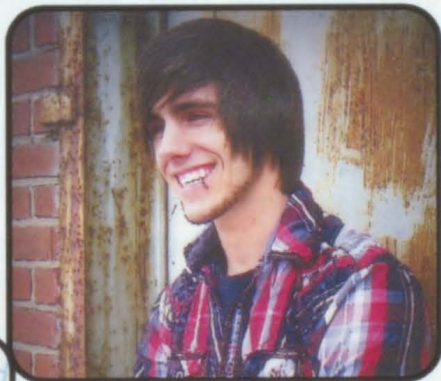
Dylan Christian,

I always knew this day would come, just not this quickly, but it's here - you were an amazing baby, how very blessed I was, and you're an even more amazing young man.

Anything you do in life is God's Will, he has awesome things ahead planned for you. Stay on the

path God Himself has laid in front of you and there is nothing you can't achieve. You reach and it's there.

Daddy and I are so very proud and honored that God



allowed us to be your Mom and Dad.

God bless you, our baby son! It's all laid out in front of you. Now walk! Hooray!

God bless you, Daddy & Mommy

Love you, sweet dill pickle!



Dear Halle,

Ever since you were a baby, you have brought nothing but joy into our lives. As a child, whatever sport or activities you chose to pursue, you excelled. I know you have a



bright and happy future ahead of you. And last, but not least, you are loved - much loved! We are proud of you!

- Mom & Dad

Micah,

What a TRULY amazing young man you are! You have brought such joy to our family!!! The world can't see the size of your big heart! Your life so far has become a life of honesty, friendship, sincerity and compassion for others. You always manage to put a smile on the face of everyone around you! Let our Lord guide you down life's path and everything else will fall into place. Remember that life is what you choose to make it!! We love you and are so proud to call you our son and brother!



All our love,
Dad,
Mom,
Matt &
Macy

Nesa,

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy.

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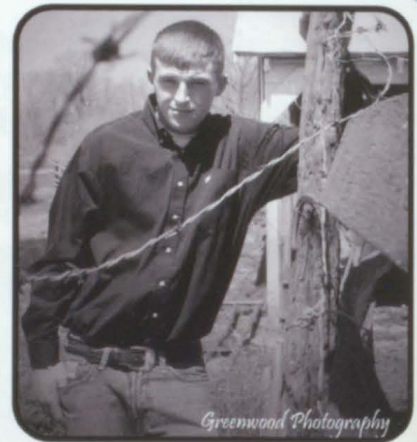
Jaydn,

It is amazing how fast the time has gone by since you were just a little girl, and now you are a beautiful young woman. You have accomplished so much and graduating high school is another chapter in your success. I am extremely proud of you and the wonderful person you have become. I could not have asked for a more caring and gracious person to call my daughter. I hope you continue to be blessed in everything you do and that sunny days and good fortune follow you throughout life.



Jake,

You have always been there for the people who need you, whether that was the smallest wrestler or your baby sister. These type of life lessons have not always been about academics, but they are the most important, and you have

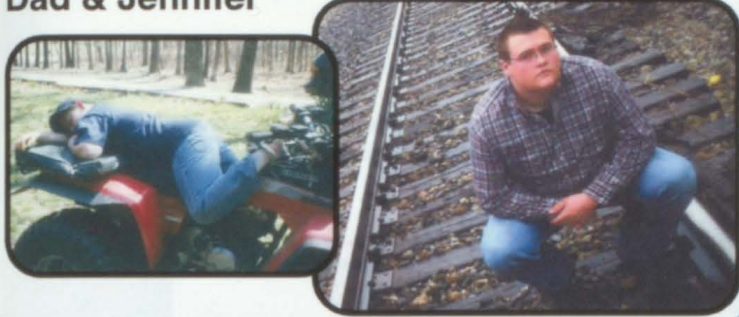


excelled in them!! Keep going strong! I could not have asked for a better son. I love you to the moon and back.

Austin,

We've come a long way, Baby! Today, you stand before us a man. Handsome, intelligent, funny, and graduating from high school. You have become a man before our eyes. I wish I could find a word that describes how important you really are to us. We are so proud of you. You hold the world in your hands...There is nothing you can't do...Each day will be an adventure..There's so much more that life will bring you..Follow your dreams. We love you!!

Love,
Dad & Jennifer



Jodi,

We are so proud of you! Keep looking forward and never look back!! We believe in you and love you! Good luck in the next chapter of life!

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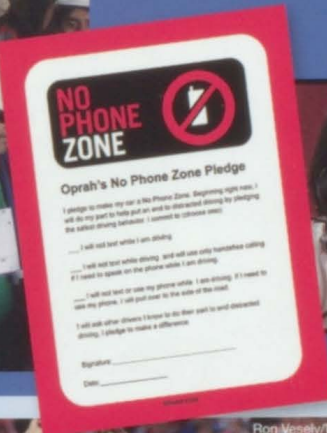
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Anti-bullying Efforts

The federal government takes steps to prevent bullying in schools and communities. To make information accessible, a steering committee develops BullyingInfo.org.

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Soldiers Home From Iraq

This soldier, from the U.S. Army 4th Infantry, returns home to Colorado as a result of President Obama's directive to reduce our troops in Iraq.

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Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

After a nearly fatal gunshot wound, Representative Gabrielle Giffords continues her difficult recovery.

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Medal of Honor

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a 25-year-old Army staff sergeant who served in Afghanistan, is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since 1976.

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Alaska Senator Re-elected

Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski is re-elected as a write-in candidate.



President Obama signs the Executive Order on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics to support education issues in the Hispanic community.

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WikiLeaks/Diplomats

The U.S. government is compromised when Julian Assange's WikiLeaks website publishes sensitive diplomatic cables discussing Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and China.

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The Oil Spill

A BP oil rig explosion triggers the biggest oil spill in U.S. history, releasing more than one hundred million gallons into the Gulf of Mexico.

Not long after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il fires at the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, he names his youngest son as his successor.



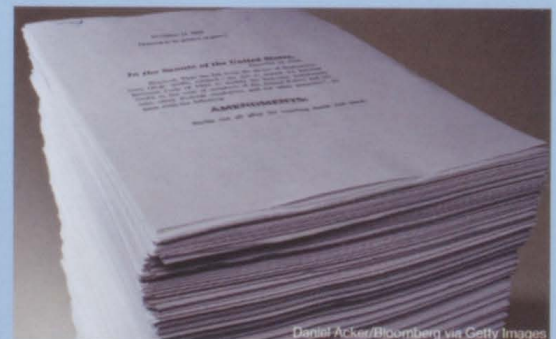
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Individuals and businesses affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill submit official claims for costs and damages with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

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President Obama signs H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The 2,400-page law is aimed at improving health care coverage and lowering costs.

Bedbugs

Bedbug infestations, once almost eradicated in the U.S., are a growing nuisance in hotels, stores, office buildings and homes in all 50 states.



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Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections. Representative John Boehner of Ohio becomes the 61st Speaker of the House.



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Miners Rescued

The world celebrates as 33 miners from Chile's San Jose Copper-Gold mine are safely rescued after spending two months trapped 700 meters underground.

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Happy Meals

A new law aimed at fast food marketing in San Francisco requires that kids' meals meet nutritional standards before they can be sold with toys.

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General Motors

Emerging from bankruptcy, General Motors is profitable again. The company raises \$20.1 billion in the largest global initial public offering (IPO) in U.S. history.

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Egyptian President resigns

After protests in favor of democracy peaked in the streets of Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak steps down.

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Prince William Engaged

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton announce their engagement in November 2010. They plan to marry in 2011.



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Despite attempted Thanksgiving holiday protests, airports across the U.S. implement full body scanners to screen airline passengers for possible weapons and explosives.



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Teen Driver Fatal Crashes Drop

Teen driver fatalities decrease, thanks in part to graduated driver licensing (GDL) programs. Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens.

To promote healthy family habits, First Lady Michelle Obama appears in multimedia Public Service Announcements with Disney Channel stars for Disney Magic of Healthy Living.



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Lead in Reusable Bags

A U.S. senator asks the government to investigate when reusable grocery bags sold by a Florida supermarket chain contain harmfully high levels of lead.

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TOMS Shoes

TOMS Shoes, which donates one pair to a child in need for every pair sold, becomes a philanthropic fashion phenomenon.



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A New Element

A new element, discovered in 1996, finally receives its official name: Copernicium. It is named in honor of Copernicus, the Renaissance mathematician and astronomer.

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New Life Form

NASA-funded astrobiology researchers discover a new life form, a bacterium that can use the toxic chemical arsenic as fuel for growing and rebuilding itself.

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NASA's Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite finds water in a polar crater on the moon. There is far more water than scientists expected.

Fruit Fly

Researchers using fruit flies to study human obesity have found that obese flies have many of the same problems as obese people, including high cholesterol and difficulty regulating insulin.



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Electric Car

Nissan introduces the Leaf, an electric car. According to the official EPA sticker, the car achieves the equivalent of 99 miles per gallon.



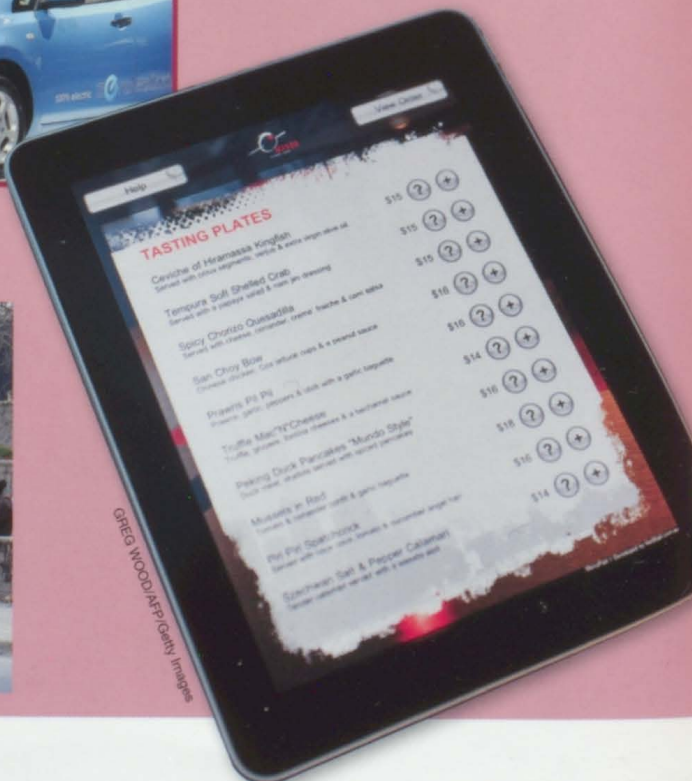
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A Nielsen survey reports that the Apple iPad is the most-wished-for holiday gift among pre-teens. Thirty-one percent of kids want one.

The economic downturn continues to affect school districts across the nation, forcing many schools to close due to budget cuts.



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Comet

NASA's EPOXI Mission shows amazing images of comet Hartley 2, 23 million miles away from Earth, in November 2010.



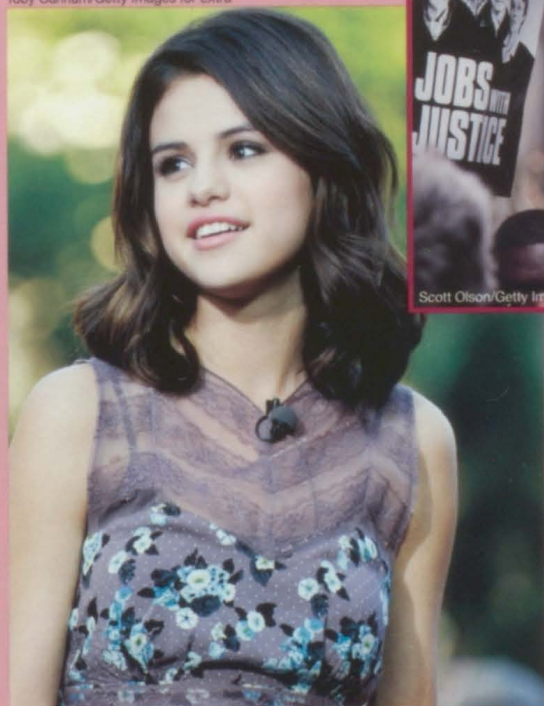
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The NBA and WNBA promote Vaccines for Teens, an awareness campaign designed to educate teens and parents about the importance of vaccinations.



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Actress and singer Selena Gomez, age 18, serves as the spokesperson for UNICEF's trick-or-treat campaign. She is the organization's youngest goodwill ambassador

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Wind Power

Wind turbines become more prevalent. The emergence of "wind farms" signals the beginning of what could be a wind energy boom.

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Earth's Axis Shifts

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile shifts our planet's axis by about three inches and shortens the Earth day by 1.26 millionths of a second.

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Fracking

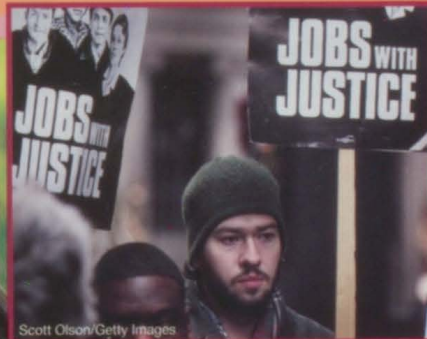
The Environmental Protection Agency investigates how to manage and regulate fracking, a process used to release the natural gas trapped under dense rock.

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Extinct Salmon Found Alive

The black kokanee, a species of freshwater salmon thought to be extinct for 70 years, is found living in a lake near Japan's Mount Fuji.



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Disappointing Job Growth

Despite optimistic economic news, including better-than-expected holiday shopping numbers, job growth is still slow, according to the Department of Labor.

No more searching your car for quarters! Cities from coast to coast are installing solar-powered, WIFI-enabled parking meters that can accept credit cards.



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SPORTS SPORT

Spain Claims the World Cup

Spain defeats The Netherlands to win 2010 FIFA World Cup Championship trophy. Midfielder Andrés Iniesta's goal makes the final score 1 to 0.

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Surfer Andy Irons Dies

The surfing community mourns the death of Andy Irons, age 32. The champion surfer had contracted dengue fever, a virus spread by tropical mosquitoes.

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Manny Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao fights Antonio Margarito to earn the WBC World Super Welterweight title. Pacquiao is also a Congressman in the Philippines.

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Lakers Win NBA Finals

Former Laker great Magic Johnson and Kobe Bryant celebrate the LA Lakers' NBA Finals Game 7 win against the Boston Celtics.

Horse/Andy Lyons/Getty Images



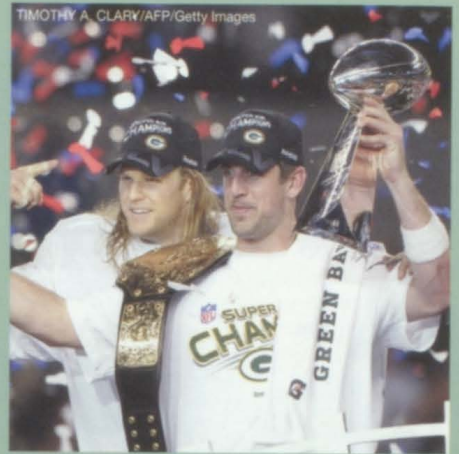
Zenyatta

In the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs, thoroughbred champion racehorse Zenyatta ends her 19-race winning streak, losing by a head to Blame.

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Quarterback Aaron Rodgers leads the Green Bay Packers to a 31-25 Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.



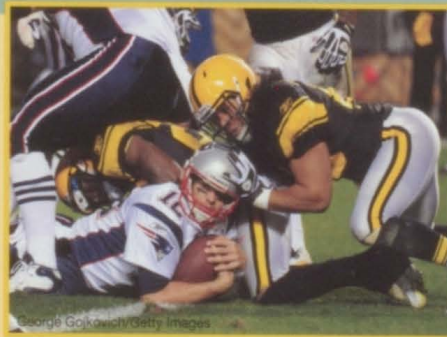
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Cy Young Award

Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay wins the National League Cy Young Award by a unanimous vote, becoming the fifth pitcher to receive the honor in both leagues.

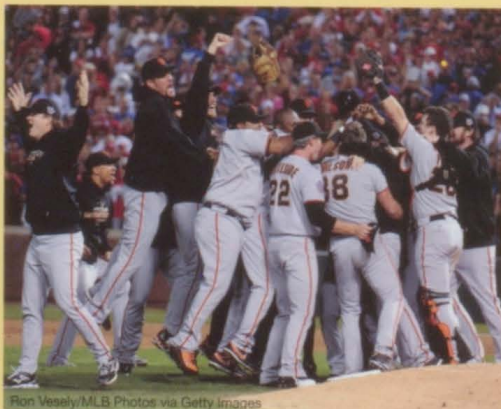
NFL Stresses Safety

The NFL announces that players can be suspended without pay for dangerous hits to an opponent's head. The move is aimed at preventing tackling injuries.

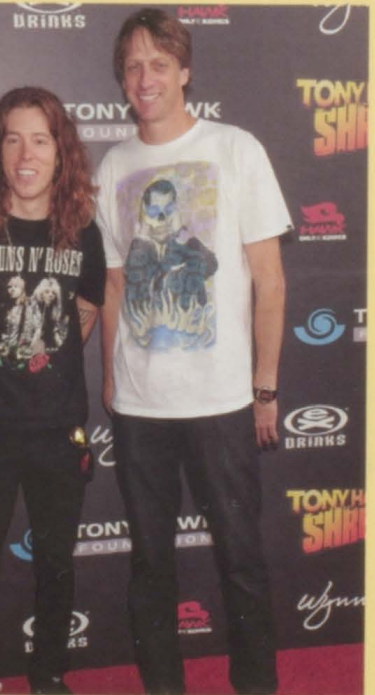


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The San Francisco Giants capture the Commissioner's Trophy by defeating the Texas Rangers 3 to 1 in Game 5 of the World Series.



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Tony Hawk welcomes Olympic gold medalist snowboarder Shaun White to his second annual Stand Up for Skateparks benefit in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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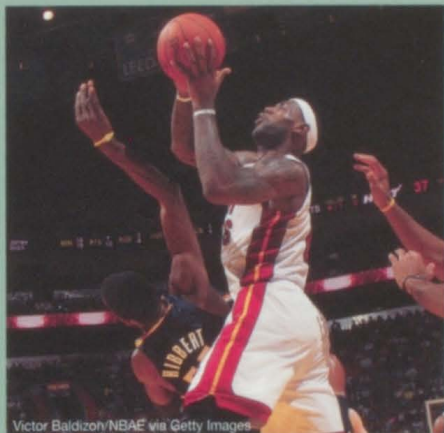
Jonathan Byrd's Hole-in-one

Golfer Jonathan Byrd wins his fourth PGA Tour victory with a hole-in-one on the fourth playoff hole in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

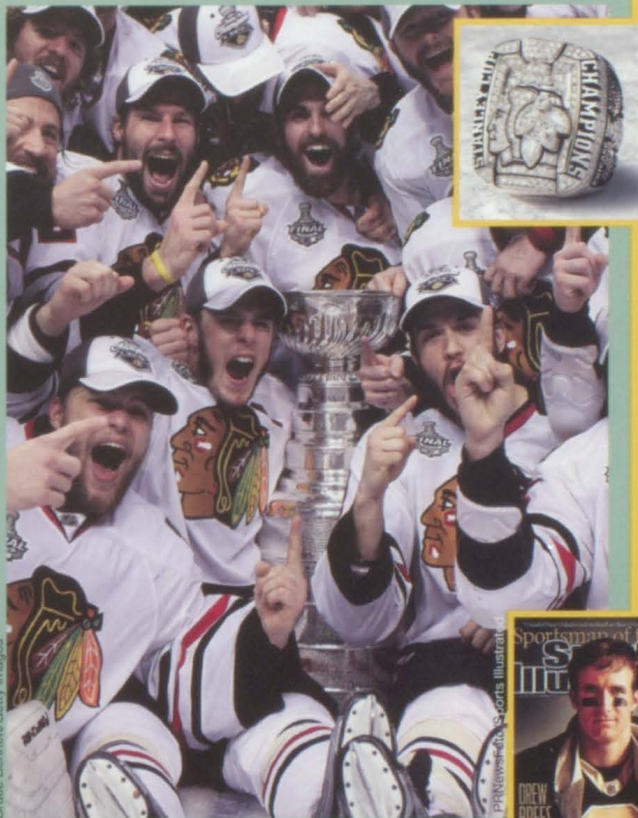


Steve Dykes/Getty Images

LeBron James announces via live ESPN special that he is leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat. Fans and commentators condemn the move.



Victor Baldizon/NBAE via Getty Images



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Blackhawks Take Stanley Cup

The Chicago Blackhawks win their first Stanley Cup since 1961. In Game 6, they defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4 to 3 in overtime.

Jim Barcus/Kansas City Star/MCT via Getty Images

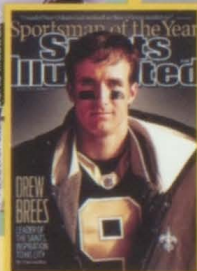


NCAA Volleyball Champs

The Penn State Nittany Lions women's volleyball team sweeps California to take the NCAA title for the fourth year in a row.

Drew Brees Sportsman of the Year

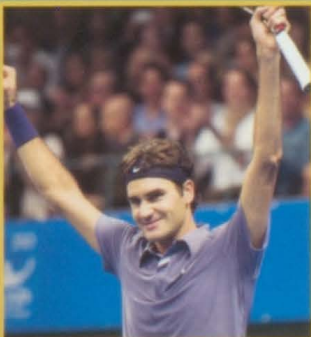
Sports Illustrated presents its 2010 Sportsman of the Year award to New Orleans Saints quarterback, and Super Bowl MVP, Drew Brees.



PR Newswire, Sports Illustrated

Federer Ties Sampras Record

Roger Federer catches up to Pete Sampras' record of 64 singles tournament wins by winning the Stockholm Open in Sweden's Royal Tennis Hall.



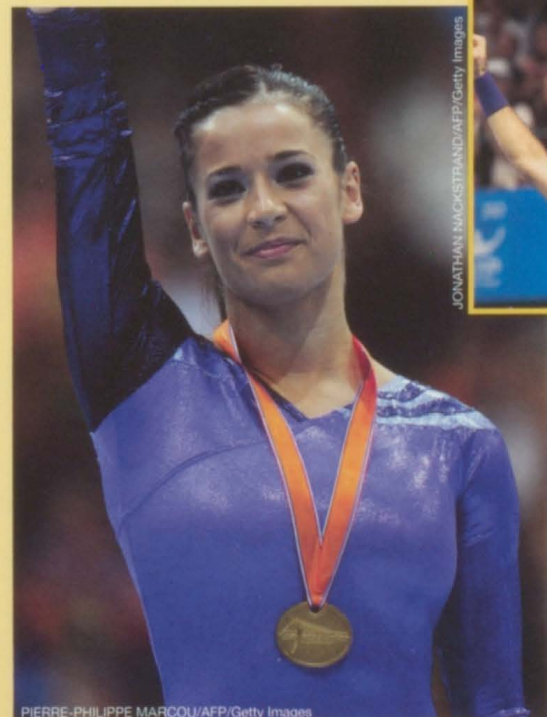
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Lindsey Vonn Female Athlete of the Year

The Associated Press names Lindsey Vonn, the Olympic gold medalist skier, as its 2010 Female Athlete of the Year.



PIERRE-PHILIPPE MARCOU/AFP/Getty Images

Gymnast Alicia Sacramone takes a hiatus from her college career to take a gold medal for vault at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Rotterdam.

Jimmie Johnson drives his #48 Lowe's Chevrolet to his fifth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.



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Serena Williams Wins Her Fourth Wimbledon

Tennis champion Serena Williams captures her fourth ladies' singles title at Wimbledon without losing a single set in the entire tournament.

MUSIC MUSIC M

Katy Perry

Katy Perry's headline-grabbing wedding to Russell Brand and her controversial *Sesame Street* appearance overshadow the release of her new album, *Teenage Dream*.

Astrid Stawiarz/Getty Images



My Chemical Romance

"Na Na Na," by My Chemical Romance, is a popular punk anthem. It's included in the Rocktober track pack for *Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock*.

Rick Diamond/Getty Images



Francesca Battistelli

Genre-spanning Christian artist Francesca Battistelli releases a new album, *Hundred More Years*. The first single is "This Is the Stuff."



Jackie Evancho

Jackie Evancho, the 10-year-old soprano who came to fame on *America's Got Talent*, releases a bestselling holiday CD/DVD titled *O Holy Night*.

Mike Coppola/FilmMagic



Lady Antebellum

Country supergroup Lady Antebellum took home five Grammy awards, including Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

Kevin Mazur/TCA 2010/WireImage



Michael Kovac/WireImage

Bobby Ray Simmons, also known as B.o.B., sees his second single, "Airplanes," soar to the top of the charts in the U.S. and the U.K.



Erigitte Engl/Redferns

Traviie McCoy

Traviie McCoy, of Gym Class Heroes, releases his first solo album. The lead single, "Billionaire," goes double platinum and tops the U.S. and U.K. charts.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift's *Speak Now* is the first release by a female artist since Britney Spears to sell more than 1 million copies in its first week.

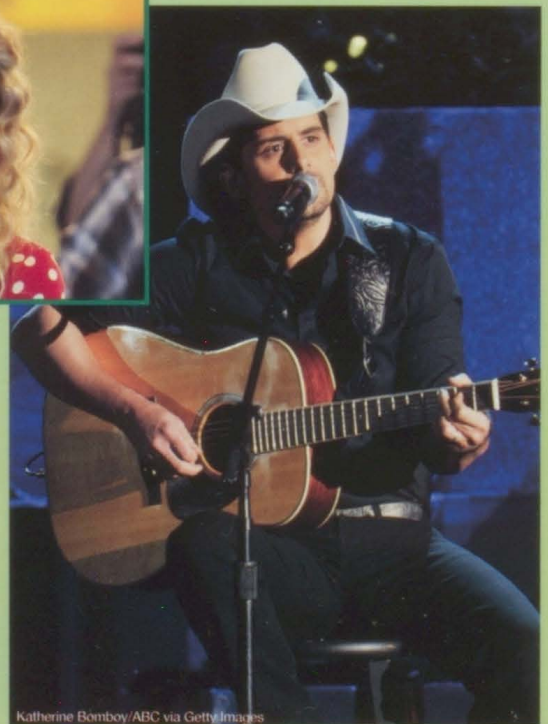


Brigitte Eng/Redferns

Miranda Lambert receives a record-breaking nine CMA nominations. She wins three trophies, including Album of the Year for *Revolution* and Female Vocalist of the Year.



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Brad Paisley takes home the Country Music – Favorite Male Artist award from the American Music Awards and the CMA Entertainer of the Year Award.

MUSIC MUSIC

Usher

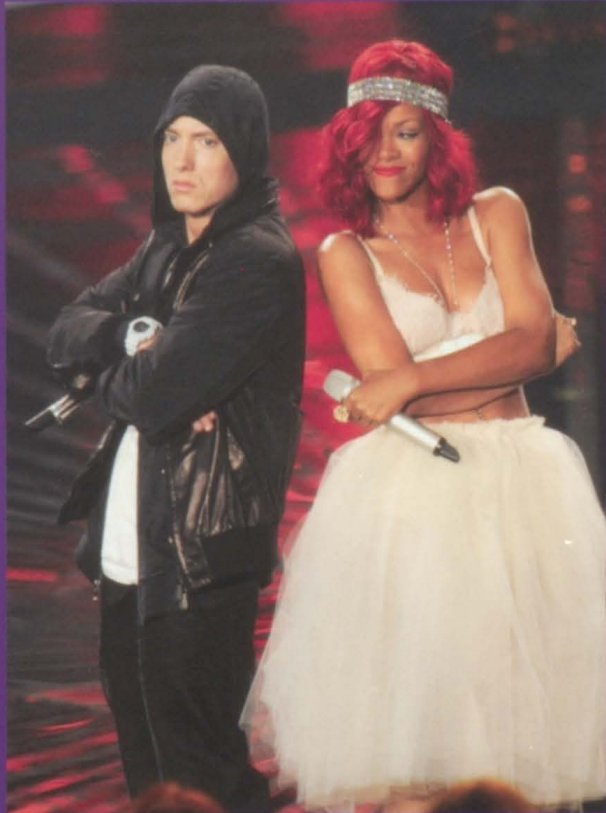
Usher performs at the American Music Awards show and takes home the awards for Male Soul/R&B artist and Favorite Soul/R&B album.

A surprise comeback gave Train the Grammy for Pop Performance by a Duo or Group for "Hey Soul Sister."

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Lady Gaga took home two Grammy awards for Female Pop Vocal Performance and Pop Vocal Album.

WireImage George Finnerley/Contributor



Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber is named Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. At age 16, he is the youngest recipient of this top honor.

Sugarland wins the CMA Vocal Duo of the Year Award and releases "Stuck Like Glue," the first single from their album, *The Incredible Machine*.



Mike Coppola/Getty Images

Eminem

Eminem didn't crack a smile when he expressed his gratitude for winning the Grammy for Rap Solo Performance.

Jamal Countess/Getty Images



Ke\$ha

Ke\$ha wins the Best New Act award at the MTV Europe Music Awards and ends the year with three songs on Billboard's Hot 100.

Marc Serota/Getty Images



Enrique Iglesias

Everybody likes "I Like It," the first release from *Euphoria*, Enrique Iglesias's bilingual album. The song tops the charts in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

Bryan Bedder/Getty Images



Carrie Underwood

Carrie Underwood wows the American Music Awards. Her third studio album, *Play On*, garners the Country Music - Favorite Album award.

Frank Micelotta/Getty Images



Black Eyed Peas

The Black Eyed Peas release a new album, *The Beginning*, and book an appearance at the halftime show of Super Bowl XLV.

ENTERTAINMENT

Google TV

Google CEO Eric Schmidt gives a talk about how Google TV will unite web surfing with channel surfing.



Boom Box

This is definitely not your father's boom box. The latest MP3 technology combined with 1980s styling make this machine a must for modern parties.



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Call of Duty: Black Ops

Black Ops, the seventh installment in the *Call of Duty* game series, sells a record-breaking 7 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release.



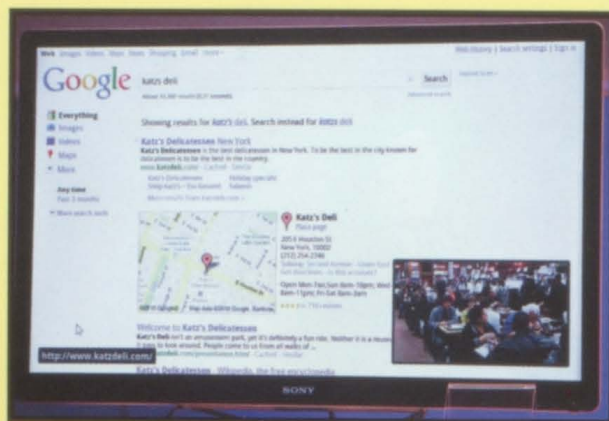
Bean Bag Chairs

A new generation adopts the retro bean bag chair. This updated classic is ideal for watching television, playing games, reading and keeping up with social media.



The Lost Hero

In *The Lost Hero*, the sequel to his *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series, author Rick Riordan introduces three new characters: Jason, Piper and Leo.



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A new, motion-sensing controller debuts for the PlayStation 3 console. The Move is a Bluetooth wireless wand. Players can use up to four at once.



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Suzanne Collins publishes *Mockingjay*, the third and final book in her popular science fiction series, *The Hunger Games* trilogy.

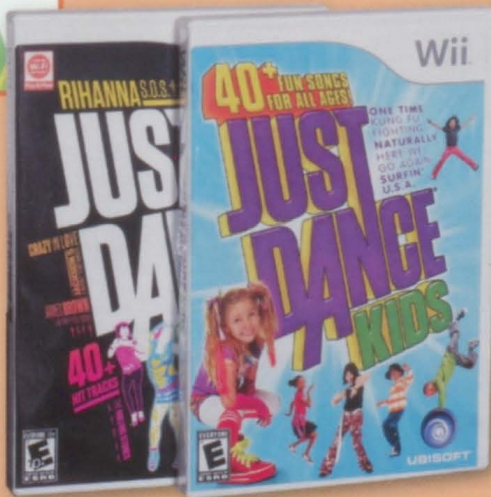


Rock Band 3

Featuring a new keyboard and 83 songs, *Rock Band 3* is released worldwide. Its Pro mode mimics the experience of playing real instruments.

Xbox Kinect

You don't need a controller to play the newest technology games. The Xbox Kinect features a sensor that can read motion, faces and voices.



Younger kids get their very own dance video game. *Just Dance Kids* challenges Wii players to master more than 40 dances led by real kids.

TELEVISION

Cake Boss

Members of the Valastro family, of Carlo's Bake Shop in Hoboken, become popular reality television stars in *Cake Boss* on TLC.

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The cast of *Jersey Shore* appears on *Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010*.



Donna Svennevik/ABC via Getty Images

Team *Coco* rejoices as Conan O'Brien returns to late night television. Conan uses Twitter and YouTube to announce the premiere of *Conan* on TBS.



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Minute to Win It, starring Guy Fieri, returns to NBC for a second season of fast-paced challenges and cash awards of up to \$1 million.

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Life Imitates Glee

Gleeks are being heard! The popularity of *Glee* prompts a resurgence of glee clubs in middle schools, high schools and colleges across the country.

Aria, Hanna, Emily and Spencer are back for another season of mystery, intrigue and secrets on the ABC suspense drama, *Pretty Little Liars*.



Richard Harbaugh/ABC Family via Getty Images

American Idol

American Idol announces that Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler will join Randy Jackson to judge a new crop of aspiring singers for Season 10.

Bob D'Amico/ABC via Getty Images



No Ordinary Family

No Ordinary Family is a hit ABC drama. After the Powell family survives a South American plane crash, they develop new superpowers — and new enemies.

Betty White

The Associated Press names Betty White, age 88, as its Entertainer of the Year. She poses for a calendar to raise money for animal charities.

Neil Jacobs/CBS via Getty Images



Hawaii Five-O

An iconic, 1960s crime drama returns with a cool, new cast. *Hawaii Five-O* chronicles the adventures of an elite police unit in paradise.

Andrew H. Walker/Getty Images



Outsourced

A call center for an American company is recently outsourced to India in the NBC comedy hit *Outsourced*.

MOVIES MOVIES

The Social Network

In *The Social Network*, Jesse Eisenberg stars as Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, the brilliant and abrasive Harvard misfit who revolutionized social media.



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Date Night

A case of mistaken identity spirals out of control when a suburban couple steals someone else's restaurant reservation in the action comedy *Date Night*.



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Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Shia LeBeouf stars as a young trader who tangles with Gordon Gekko, a disgraced financier played by Michael Douglas, in *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*.

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Secretariat

Secretariat, an acclaimed feature film, depicts the true story of a legendary racehorse, the 1973 winner of the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing.

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True Grit

True Grit, a mythic Western adventure story, earns 10 Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.

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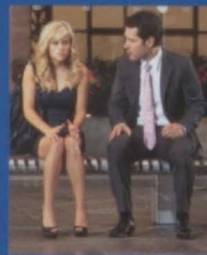
The Tourist

Angelina Jolie is a woman of mystery and Johnny Depp is an ordinary tourist. Or is he? The plot thickens in *The Tourist*.



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What happens to toys once their owners go to college? In *Toy Story 3*, Woody and Buzz Lightyear find new friends and face new challenges.



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How Do You Know

Reese Witherspoon tries to decide between Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson in *How Do You Know*, a romantic comedy about a love triangle.

Leonardo DiCaprio

Leonardo DiCaprio is the world's top-grossing movie star. His 2010 releases earn a combined \$1.1 billion at the box office.



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Loyal fans line up for midnight screenings of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1*. The movie makes \$330 million during its first weekend.



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Amanda Seyfried stars as the title character in *Red Riding Hood*, a romantic horror tale about a medieval village terrorized by a werewolf.

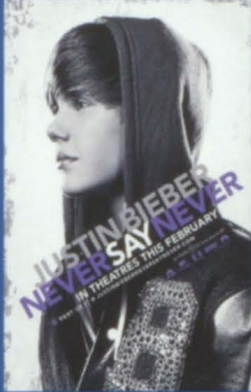
MOVIES MOVIES

Justin Bieber

Teen superstar Justin Bieber hits the big screen with the biopic concert film *Never Say Never*.

Based on the true story of King George VI, *The King's Speech* earns 12 Academy Award nominations.

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Iron Man 2

Robert Downey, Jr. returns as the inventor-superhero Tony Stark in *Iron Man 2*, a long-awaited sequel featuring storylines adapted from Marvel Comics.

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Life As We Know It

An orphaned baby goddaughter inspires Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel to set their differences aside in *Life As We Know It*, a romantic comedy.

Paramount Pictures/courtesy Everett Collection



Megamind

When a cartoon super-villain defeats his nemesis, he loses his will to be evil. Will Ferrell lends his voice to the reluctant hero of *Megamind*.

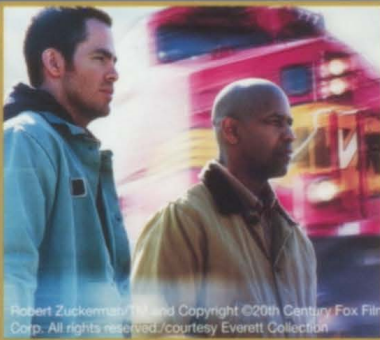
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The sequel to a science-fiction thriller from 1982, *Tron: Legacy* follows the adventure of a young man who investigates his father's mysterious disappearance.



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Unstoppable

A runaway train is on a collision course with disaster, unless Denzel Washington and Chris Pine can save the day in the suspenseful thriller, *Unstoppable*.

Mysterious "burglaries" in a family home turn out to be something far more sinister in *Paranormal Activity 2*, the prequel to a popular horror film.



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The Crazies

After a mysterious toxin enters the water supply of an Iowa town, many residents go insane in *The Crazies*, a sci-fi horror flick.

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The Chronicles of Narnia

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is a 3D feature film adaptation of the third book in the C.S. Lewis fantasy series.

TRENDS TREND

Plaid Shirt

The boy-style plaid flannel shirt is a popular look for both guys and girls. Just add a pair of perfectly worn jeans.

Tim Umphrey/Getty Images



Top Siders

From popped collars to Top Siders, prep style endures. True Prep shows a new generation how it's done and what it means.



Sequins

Shiny, sparkly sequins become a major fashion trend when Zoe Kravitz and runway models are spotted wearing them on hats, dresses and tops.



Hats

Self-expression is always in fashion and the right hat makes it easy to add panache (and hide a bad hair day). All you need is a cute fedora or a jaunty newsboy cap.



Military Jacket

There's nothing olive drab about this trend. Military jackets are snappy, sleek and chic — a far cry from the oversized Army surplus look of yesteryear.



Energy Drinks

Energy drinks are the beverage of choice among sleep-deprived students, despite concerns that they contain unhealthy levels of sugar and caffeine.

Pillow Pets

Now it's a stuffed animal. And now it's a pillow. Puffy, popular PillowPets™ may be the snuggliest, softest trend of the year.



Flip Flops

Parents and foot doctors hate them but the flip-flop fad is a year-round phenomenon for guys and girls alike (except during snowstorms).



Dentists report that more and more teens are asking about teeth bleaching procedures, especially for photo-op occasions like proms or sweet sixteen parties.



Gilbert Carrasquillo/Getty Images



Dr. Dre's Monster Beats are state-of-the-art headphones that make a strong, street-smart fashion statement. They look cool. And they sound even cooler.

Mineral Makeup

Beauty mavens agree: mineral makeup rocks. These sheer, lightweight, powdery formulas are the smart alternative to goopy, pore-clogging foundations.



Get the look with a classic polo, distressed skinny jeans and leather belt with your favorite treads.



S TRENDS

Vera Bradley Bags

Colorful, quilted Vera Bradley bags are the epitome of sorority sister style. Devotees mix and match Vera messenger bags, clutches, totes and wallets.



Hippie style is hip once more. Tie-dyed effects on shirts and dresses appear on runways, beaches and boardwalks.



The rugged, battle-tested G-Shock watch is the preferred timepiece of snowboarders, skateboarders, surfers and other extreme sports fans

Mark Gall/The Washington Post via Getty Images



Girls Outfit

Go for an edgy, urban look in these American Rag Twill Skinny Cargos—perfectly paired with a belted Cowl neck sweater!



Big Scarves

Long, flowing scarves become a year-round trend. This must-have accessory is the easiest way to add color and interest to casual outfits.



Monkey Slippers

It's a toy. It's a slipper. It's a fun fashion trend. Sock monkey slippers are popular in college dorms and at slumber parties.

Bill Hogan/Chicago Tribune/MCT via Getty Images



Everybody needs an afternoon snack but nobody has time for milk and cookies. The newest granola bars deliver easy energy between lunch and practice.



Silly Bandz

The bandz are banned! Some schools decide that Silly Bandz — the popular silicone rubber bracelets — are too distracting for the classroom.

The mountaineer look comes to the metropolis, as high-performance outdoor apparel makes a comfortable, cold-weather fashion statement.



Long Necklaces

Long, statement necklaces are trend-right. Gossip girls look luxe with Tiffany-style trinkets. Layered, chunky, vintage baubles create an alt-rock, art school vibe.



Over the Knee Boots

Boots go to great lengths. Over-the-knee styles are seen everywhere from runways to red carpets. Trendsetters wear them with short skirts or slim leggings.

LIFESTYLE LIFE

Oprah's Pledge

Oprah Winfrey takes on dangerous distracted driving with her No Phone Zone campaign, where celebrities and civilians pledge not to phone or text while driving.

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Flintstones Turn 50

The Flintstones celebrate a milestone as the modern Stone Age family turns 50 on September 30, 2010. A special Google Doodle marks the occasion.

Top 10 Web Searches

The BP oil spill was the top topic of 2010, according to Yahoo! Here are the year's top 10 search terms:

1. BP Oil Spill
2. World Cup
3. Miley Cyrus
4. Kim Kardashian
5. Lady Gaga
6. iPhone
7. Megan Fox
8. Justin Bieber
9. American Idol
10. Britney Spears

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WiMAX 4G Technology

High-speed broadband devices are on the verge of multi-channel high-definition TV broadcasting thanks to emerging WiMAX 4G technology that improves image and data capabilities.

Mark Zuckerberg is Person of the Year

Old media acknowledges the power of new media when TIME names Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year for 2010.



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3D leaps from the movie studios into the palm of your hand. Panasonic launches the first consumer video camera that can record tridimensional images.

Smartphones become faster, cheaper and more addictive than ever for everyone who loves to text, surf and maybe even talk once in a while.



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Flat Screens

Consumers are snapping up great deals on flat screen TVs as prices continue to drop and supply begins to outpace demand.



Redbox kiosks serve as conveniently located vending machines for DVDs and video games. Just pick a flick and swipe your credit card.



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You can buy anything from puppies to Pontiacs on Facebook's Marketplace app, which rivals Craigslist as the classified section of the social media generation.



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Disgruntled passengers fight over space in the overhead bins as most airlines institute baggage fees ranging from \$15 to \$25 per bag per flight.



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