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We often hear the word *focus*: focus on what is important, focus on the task at hand, focus on the future, focus on the game, keep focused. What do these instructions mean? Mentally, to focus means to pay particular attention to. Visually, focus means to see clearly. In photography, to be in focus is to be completely clear and sharp. The point in focus is the most important element in the photo; the focus is what is happening. In writing, keeping focused means staying on track and maintaining a strong central idea. We also define focus as putting full effort and attention into what is important. To be focused is to be determined to succeed. Sometimes it means putting extra effort into a certain class, or working harder on a specific assignment. Other times it means working to correct errors, in sports and in life. We see this in academics, in sports and in activities.

Each person has a different focus. Each class has a different focus. Each year has a different focus. Often, each day has a different focus. The Leadership team focuses on recognizing and growing good character traits. Clubs build skills and attributes. Athletics focus not only on skill but on character and positive mentality. Teachers focus on preparing students for the next phase. Students are focused on grades and passing high school. We focus on the future, on figuring out where we want to be and how to get there. Seniors focus on graduation. For some, each day marked off the calendar was one day closer to the goal. And, focus on what is important: family, friends, making memories and leaving a legacy. Maintain a clear focus so that at eighty years old and looking back, you'll be glad for the things you did.

Our focus as a yearbook staff was to clearly capture the center of each class, activity, grade and event. Within this book, each page focuses on what goes on throughout the school year. We focused on classrooms, on events, on activities and on people. "Focus on Agriculture," "Focus on Helping Out," "Focus on the Common Goal" and "Focus on the Future" are just a few of the headlines that feature an important part of who we are.

Looking ahead, our focus should always be on being the best we can be, the best students, the best athletes, the best musicians, the best human beings, the best friends, the best classmates. With this focus, we can change the world.



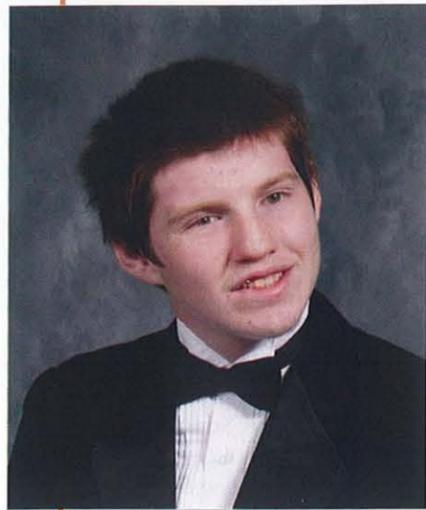
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the **2018 FOCUS**.

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To focus on **unity and school pride** each student, faculty and staff member received a Brashear Tigers t-shirt.

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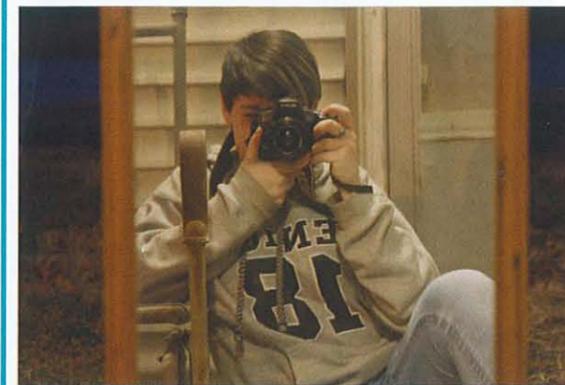
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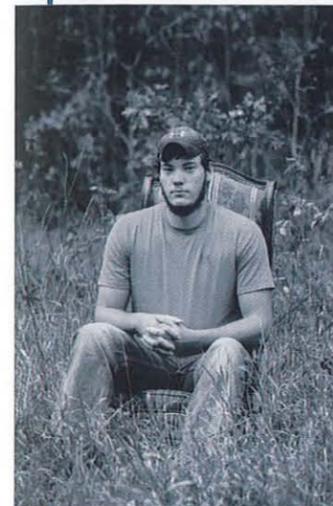
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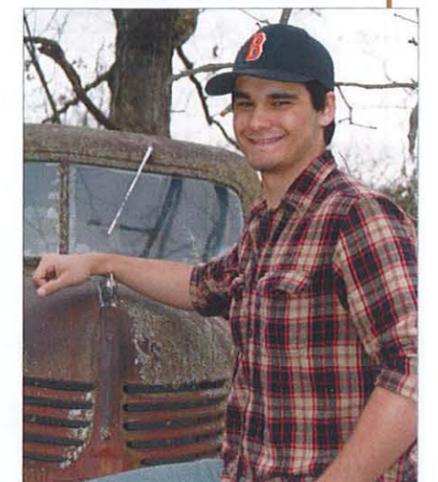
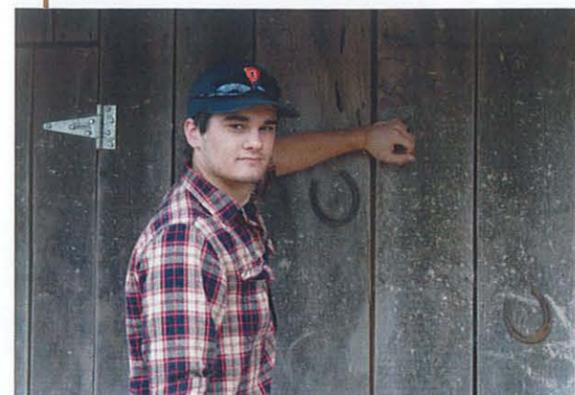
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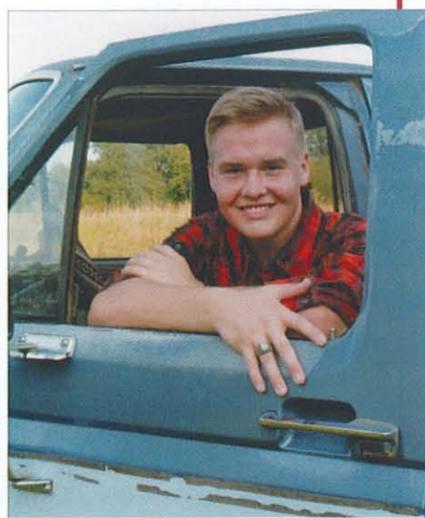
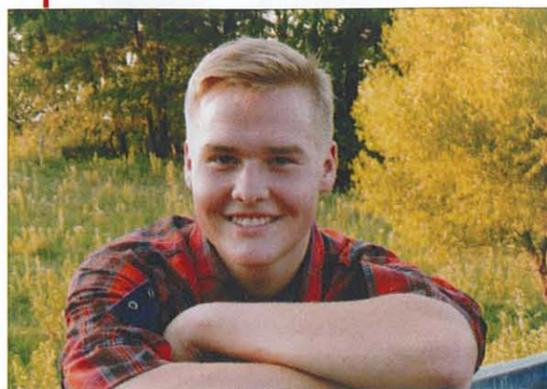


Photo by Jeff McHenry

Heading Out

Senior Trip

The group checks in at Fun City in Burlington, Iowa for a morning of fun and games. Fun City offers bowling, an arcade, laser tag and go-karts. "I liked the arcade best," said Dennis Beaman, "That's where I spent most of my time."



Photo by Jeff McHenry



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To end the evening, the class eats at Applebee's. "Applebee's was pretty funny because we were drawing with the crayons," said Harley Hayes. "We had a great time on the trip. There was the arcade, mall, bus... lots of bus. We got back around 10," Hayes added.

Megan McHenry and Devin Morrison serve themselves from the giant pizzas that Fun City provided for lunch.

Morgan Magruder gets set to begin driving on the go-kart track. "The go-karts were a hit. We all rode several times," said Magruder.

This is the finish

for which we have been waiting

The commencement ceremony for the Brashear Class of 2018 was held on Sunday, May 13 at 3 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The class honored their families by presenting carnations. The ceremony also included a video presentation of baby pictures, senior pictures, and pictures of the students with their parents.

The class chose for their speakers Superintendent Shelly Shipman and school cook, Cathy March. Mrs. Shipman offered the class three words: live, laugh and love. "Live well. Be good to yourself and others," Mrs. Shipman advised the graduates, "Laugh often. Make memories everyday." She concluded the list of words by saying, "And the greatest, love. Love much. Love deeply... love beyond words."

Cathy March compared the seniors' elementary, junior high and high school years to a ride, first on a tricycle with pedals they couldn't quite reach, then on to a bike with training wheels, until finally getting a driver's license in high school. Some may have made a few wrong turns, but made it to where they needed to be, graduating from high school. Cathy had asked the students individually to give one word

that described themselves as kindergarten students, and then one word to describe themselves as graduating seniors. She spoke of their growth in accomplishments and as individuals.

Two seniors also spoke to their classmates, Megan McHenry and Hannah Reeves. Scholarships were presented by committee representatives and Mrs. Christy Grissom, and Mrs. Cheryl Reeves presented the A+ scholarship awards.

Megan McHenry earned the valedictorian honor, and Hannah Reeves was salutatorian. Leah Grissom also graduated with honors.

"When we were walking in, all I could think was 'It's finally happening!'" said Megan McHenry.

"We've waited so long for this day. It feels unreal," said Harli Mihalevich. "I can't wait to see what's going to come in the future."

Hannah Reeves speaks to her classmates, congratulating them on their achievements and wishing them luck in the future. Reeves plans to attend University of Missouri in Columbia and major in accounting.



Photo by James Scudder



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Tim Watson presents the Adair County Young Farmers scholarship to Harli Mihalevich. Mihalevich also received the MACC Superintendent's scholarship, the Adair/Schuyler County Farm Bureau scholarship, the Quota Club scholarship, the Oletha Milstead Memorial scholarship and the Keller Estate scholarship. Mihalevich plans to attend Moberly Area Community College to become an ultrasound technician.



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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At the conclusion of the ceremony, Devin Morrison and Skylar Haskell exit the gymnasium together. Morrison plans to study diesel mechanics at Linn State Technical College, and Haskell plans to study photography.

School board president Jim Reeves shakes the hand of Bailey Moncrief as she receives her diploma. Moncrief plans to attend Moberly Area Community College in the fall to study business.

I couldn't believe when... "my grade card had all A's and B's." -Mackenzie Baker, 7th grade



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Next to Nate Stewart, Zane Sykes laughs as speaker Cathy March tells him he was ornery in kindergarten, and he is still ornery.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Megan McHenry presents her grandmother, Louise Boone, with a carnation as families are honored during the ceremony.

My favorite thing about school is... "Not math! Anything but math!" -Tenlee Shaw, 6th grade



Board of Education
 Duayne Housman, Jim Reeves, Keith Turner, Jason Taylor, Sara Erwin, Alissa Garlock, Aaron Zentz



Bus Drivers
 Jeff McHenry, Lajeana Coin, Gary Clark



Cooks
 Cathy March, Ty Gottman, Lisa Peterson, Darlene Withrow, Vickie Darnel



Teachers and staff dress up as emojis for Halloween.
 Back row: Becky Thomas, Chelsea Clark, Justine Bane, Judy Pearce, Kelli Baker, Toni Tuggle, Chandi March, Shelly Shipman
 Front row: Christy Grissom, Anna Nelson, Cheryl Reeves, Nancy Peterson, Barb Hicks



Shelly Shipman
 Superintendent/
 Principal



Christy Grissom
 Guidance/
 Assistant Principal



Kelli Baker
 Art



Daniel Carpenter
 Paraprofessional



Debbie Dore
 Paraprofessional



Carl Garr
 Custodian



Barb Hicks
 Paraprofessional



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 Industrial Arts



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 Paraprofessional



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 K-12 Secretary



Diane McGinnis
 Language Arts



Jeff McHenry
 History



Elizabeth Mills
 Paraprofessional



Erin Moots
 Math



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 Custodian



Judy Pearce
 Paraprofessional



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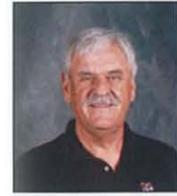
Martha Reese
 Business



Cheryl Reeves
 A+, At-Risk, Health



Renee Reeves
 Accountant



James Scudder
 Math, Technology



Becky Thomas
 Reading



Sheri Turner
 Nurse



Jeff Wick
 Band, Music



Tammy Wolter
 Language Arts,
 Librarian



Tonya Wood
 Special Education



Photo by Travis Nilson

Standing under the basket at a home game, Mr. Scudder waits for action to video record. Mr. Scudder faithfully attends every school event: each sporting event, each music program, each club activity and each promotion and graduation. He uses the videos to create the weekly news broadcast, and he posts videos and clips on YouTube. He also airs events live on YouTube. The Brashear YouTube channels are linked on the bottom of the school webpage.

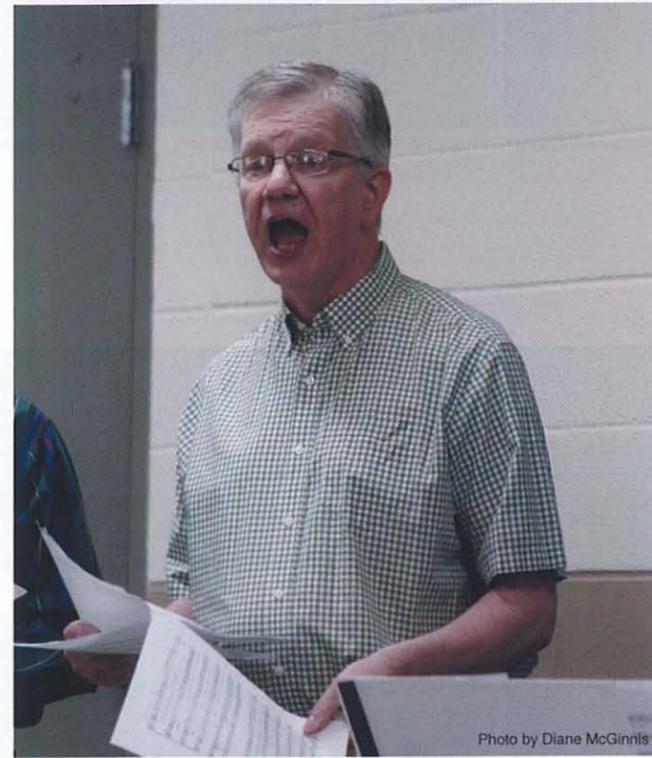


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As the dismissing bell rings on the last day of school, Dr. Rearick runs through the hallway blowing an air horn.

On May 6, a retirement dinner was held in the cafeteria in honor of Dr. Jim Rearick and Carl Garr. Dr. Rearick and a few of his friends provided musical entertainment. They sang several of Dr. Rearick's favorite hymns.



Photo by Colton Sayre

Not Pictured: Lisa Buck, Speech and Language Pathologist
 Wes Hubbard, Custodian; Karla Hettinger, Secretary

7th Grade



Mackenzie Baker Landon Fisher Rebecca Gower Logan Grgurich Emma Harsell McKenna Hartwig Alex Houghton Lucas Keller



Ethan Mason Kolbi Mason Wesley McGinnis Haley McNamar Aden Shahan Anthony Shaw Aiden Withrow Avery Zentz

8th Grade



Abilene Hartwig Brandon Jochimsen Adrian Mason Jace Snelling Sierra Snyder Lane Stutsman Kynleigh White

Not Pictured:
Rudy Borntreger

Freshmen



Callie Althide Trace Gottman Lathan Grgurich Hannah Grissom Garrett Housman Hunter Maxymczak Madeline McGinnis Austin Peterson

Sophomores



Averi Acton Quin Allen Zoe Blankenship Aubrey Bleything Tanna Garlock John Gerhold Alexa Higgins Justin Leedom



Cody Mallett Emily Mason Justin McHenry Brhet Place Austin Ray Fisher Reese Noah Reeves Wyatt Reeves

Juniors



Lynn Beaman Courtland Blakely Levi Blankenship Clayton Johnson Eliza Magruder Kameron McGinnis Triston Morrison Dusty Norman



Branden Peterson Wyatt Potter Alan Sanchez Colton Sayre Valerie Sizemore Aden Zentz



Mrs. Anna Nelson



Carson Erwin



Lacey Fisher



Lane Grgurich



Jacob Holcomb



Alexa Livingston



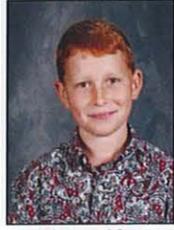
Aubrey Livingston



Gunner Lonberger



Max Montgomery



Clancy Noe



Ethan Powell



Ashton Ray



Jack Reeves



Alexis Sanchez



Tenlee Shaw



Deyton White



Rhett Whitlow

FOCUS on Genius Hour

Genius Hour is an approach to learning where students explore their own interests. Mrs. Nelson encouraged her students to think creatively and be self-directed. Students presented their projects to the class and explained the process in building the project.

Carson Erwin displays his disc golf goal that he made from PVC pipe, a stock mineral tub and chain. "The hardest part was cutting the basket," Erwin said. "I made it from a mineral tub, and I had to make it twice because I messed up the first one. I spent \$30 on the chain, which was the most expensive part."



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Lane Grgurich explains his toy-sized metal bike that he made from nuts and bolts. Grgurich said that it was challenging to make. "I was welding it and it fell apart, so I had to do it again," said Grgurich. The cost of the bike was \$0 because it was made from bolts Grgurich had around the shop. He said, "I love welding. I wish to be a welder when I get older."



Photo by Diane McGinnis

My favorite subject is... "science." -Isabella Ambrosia, 2nd grade

Lacey Fisher plays in the 5th and 6th grade band at the spring concert.



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Deyton White shares his Bare Book with his mother at Author and Leadership Night.

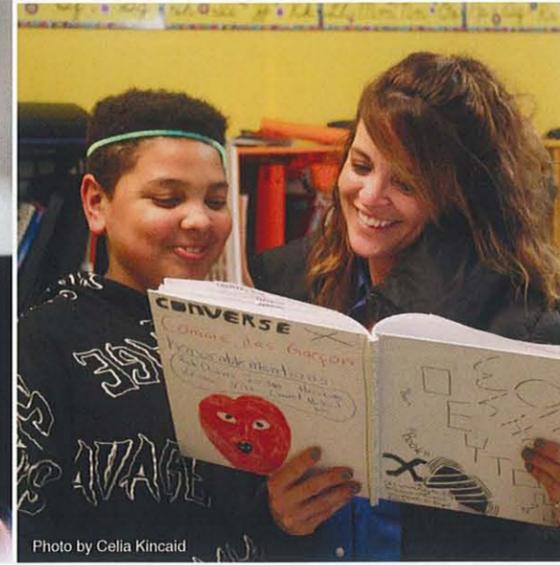


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Rhett Whitlow dances the hula across the ball field in the hula race for Field Day.

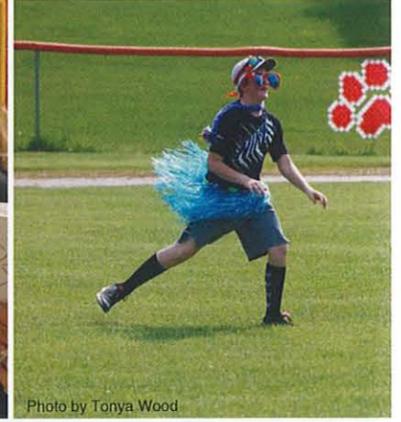


Photo by Tonya Wood



Photo by Anna Nelson



Photo by Zane Sykes

The sixth grade displays unique costumes during the Halloween parade in the elementary gym. Max Montgomery's deer costume was a school favorite.

The class poses in front of the Missouri state capitol building in Jefferson City during their field trip on May 15.

Left to right, Rhett Whitlow, Deyton White, Gunner Lonberger, Jack Reeves, Lane Grgurich, Aubrey Livingston, Max Montgomery, Tenlee Shaw, Carson Erwin, Alexa Livingston, Alexis Sanchez, Jake Holcomb, Lacey Fisher, Ethan Powell, Clancy Noe, Ashton Ray.

It would be great if... "we could have our phone out when we have free time." -Averi Acton, sophomore



Miss Chelsea Clark



Cassidy Althide



Macy Darnel



Tayla Garlock



Cory Holcomb



Andrea Shaw



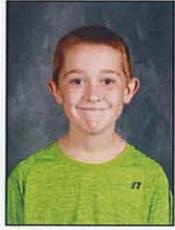
Jacob Snyder



Paige Stutsman



Lana Vansickle



Riley Whitlow

Jacob Snyder presents his Bare Book for Miss Clark at Author and Leadership Night.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Paige Stutsman competes with her team at Field Day.



Photo by Aubrey Bleything

D.A.R.E. Program



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Macy Darnel receives her certificate for completing the D.A.R.E. program.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Back row: Deputy Brad Broadwell, Miss Clark, Tayla Garlock, Macy Darnel, Paige Stutsman, Andrea Shaw, Sheriff Bob Hardwick
Middle row: Cassidy Althide, Riley Whitlow, Jacob Snyder
Front row: Lana Vansickle and Cory Holcomb with their prizes for winning the essay contest.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

The class poses with the cake at the reception following the program.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Tayla Garlock, Riley Whitlow, Cory Holcomb, Jacob Snyder, Macy Darnel and Andrea Shaw sing a song for the program.

Looking back, I am glad... "for the ups and downs of high school. The experience wouldn't be the same without them." -Leah Grissom, senior



Photo by Travis Nilson

Left, the class plays a game.

Lana Vansickle, Tayla Garlock, Paige Stutsman and Cassidy Althide wear their hair in the same style for a picture.



Photo by Travis Nilson



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Tayla Garlock and Jacob Snyder play Pie Face at the class Christmas party.

Left, Lana Vansickle speaks at the first quarter awards assembly.

The best book is... "My Side of the Mountain! You learn how to survive in the wilderness!" -Tayla Garlock, 5th grade

FOURTH GRADE



Mrs. Tammy Whitlow



Bailee Crandall



Cole Erwin



Caleb Grissom



Brayton Henrichs



Jayden Kugler



Heidi Lay



Caden Taylor represents Brian Brown, a sprint car driver from Higginsville who now lives in Grain Valley.

Photo by Celia Kincaid



Jacob Love



Piper Magruder



Alexei Maxymczak



Madison Moots



Noah Shannon



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Noah Shannon dresses as Redd Foxx, an actor who was best known for his role in the 1970's TV show *Sanford and Son* and was born in St. Louis.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Brayton Henrichs chose to research and represent General John J. Pershing who was born near Laclede.



Caden Taylor



Cynthiana Zahn



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Jacob Love dresses as Robert Ford, the outlaw who killed Jesse James.



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Caleb Grissom presents Yogi Berra, the St. Louis native who played baseball for the New York Yankees.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Brayton Henrichs and Cole Erwin receive awards from Mrs. Whitlow at the 4th quarter awards assembly.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Alexei Maxymczak, Caden Taylor, Cole Erwin and Noah Shannon portray Native Americans as part of their 7 Habits presentation on Author and Leadership Night.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

The fourth grade class dresses up for Famous Missourians night. Each student chose a famous Missourian, wrote a speech about them, created a poster and then dressed in character and presented their speech to family and friends.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Jayden Kugler, Cynthiana Zahn, Alexei Maxymczak, Brayton Henrichs and Bailee Crandall make Christmas ornaments out of wrapping paper.



Photo by Erin Moots



Photo by Erin Moots

Madison Moots and Bailee Crandall display their certificates and ribbons for the Porter FCE Citizen essay contest.



Mrs. Amanda Borgmeyer



Weston Darnel



Nevaeh Fuqua



Brooklyn Holt



Taylor Houghton



Kheegan Moots



Emma Newland



Photo by Celia Kincaid



Cadence Powell



Brynn Schwieter



Photo by Celia Kincaid



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Back row: Brooklyn Holt, Cadence Powell, Brynn Schwieter, Weston Darnel, Kheegan Moots, Taylor Houghton

Front row: Nevaeh Fuqua, Emma Newland

On May 7th, the third grade class joined with the fourth grade to put on their annual "Famous Missourians Night". Each student chose one famous Missourian to write a speech and make a poster about. They dressed up as their famous Missourian and presented to family and friends.



Photo by Amanda Borgmeyer

"Two Bear Cubs"



Photo by Celia Kincaid

On February 23, the third grade class performed the play, "Two Bear Cubs" for an audience of elementary students and guests. The play is based on the Miwok Native American legend. The two grizzly bear cubs do not listen to their mother's advice, but wander off and fall asleep on a new rock. The rock grows to be a mountain with the cubs on top of it. The cubs are rescued by an unlikely hero, the measuring worm, after the other animals are unable to climb the mountain.

Weston Darnel and Brynn Schwieter pose as Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher on the field trip to Hannibal.



Photo by Amanda Borgmeyer



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Emma Newland dresses up as Sheryl Crow. Sheryl Crow is an musician, singer, songwriter and actress, and was born in Kennett.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Cadence Powell poses as Sara Evans. Sara Evans is an country music singer and songwriter who was born in Boonville.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Nevaeh Fuqua displays information about George Washington Carver. George Washington Carver was a world-famous chemist who made important agricultural discoveries and inventions. His research on peanuts, sweet potatoes and other products helped farmers vary their crops and improve their diets.

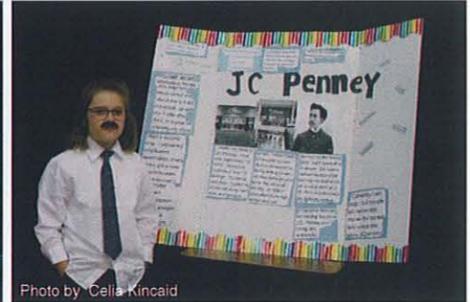


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Taylor Houghton represents James Cash Penney, a businessman and entrepreneur who founded J.C. Penney. He was born in Hamilton.



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Photo by Diane McGinnis

Left, Kheegan Moots, Weston Darnel and Nevaeh Fuqua display poster projects over books they read individually.

On a warm spring day, Brooklyn Holt works on a math assignment outside with her classmates.



Ms. Joanne Kincaid



Isabella Ambrosia



Payton Bowen



Zain Cornelison



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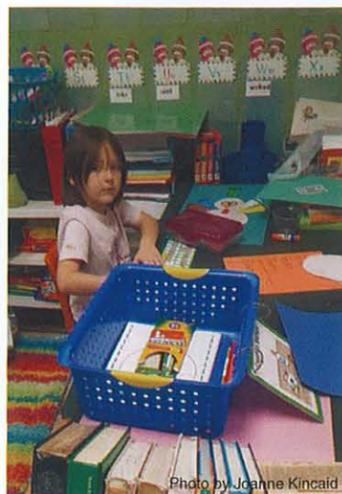


Emily Youngman

FOCUS on

Mastering 2nd Grade Standards

One specific goal is for students to read 111 words per minute. Here, students work at Literacy Stations on November 20.



Emily Youngman makes a word diagram.



Gus Noe, Payton Bowen and Isabella Ambrosia copy a text in their own writing.



Cade Erwin and Isabella Ambrosia read to one another over the telephone.



Taygon Gorman and Ann Sizemore read instructions to play a game.



Students enjoy pizza on January 30 as a reward for mastering the math unit "Addition by the Slice."

Photo by Joanne Kincaid

Remember that time when... "I flew my drone in Mr. Scudder's class?" -Levi Blankenship, junior



Photo by Diane McGinnis

The class buzzes around for a science unit. Students "fly" their bees from flower to flower spreading glitter pollen to each one. The class learned about the parts of a flower and how they are pollinated.

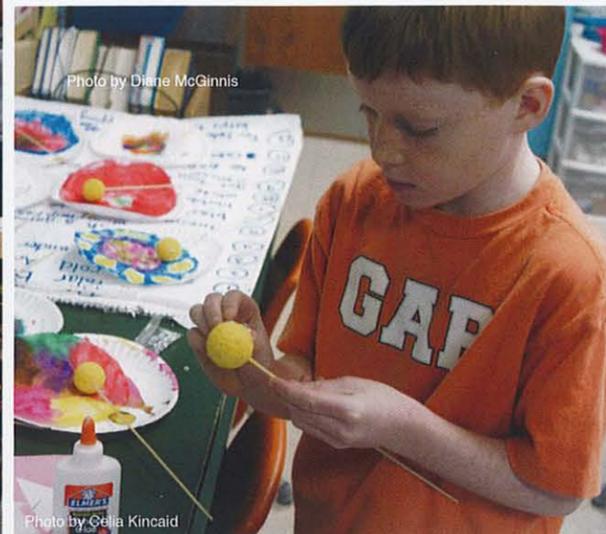


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Gus Noe assembles his styrofoam bumble bee to pollinate the tie-dyed coffee filter flowers they made.

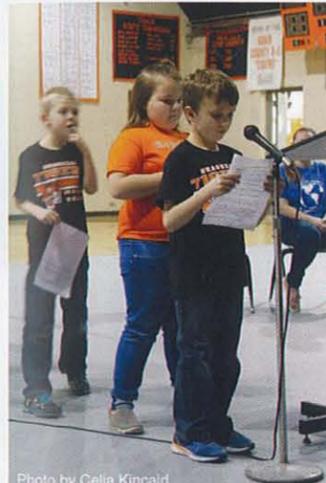


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Allisyn Grgurich and Emily Youngman display their Bare Books. Allisyn won the People's Choice Award for her book, and Emily's book won the Tiger Stripes King Award. The topic for the books was modes of transportation.

Left, Taygon Gorman, Allisyn Grgurich and Cade Erwin share on behalf of their class at Author and Leadership Night. Each grade had a habit to present and described how their class shows the habit.



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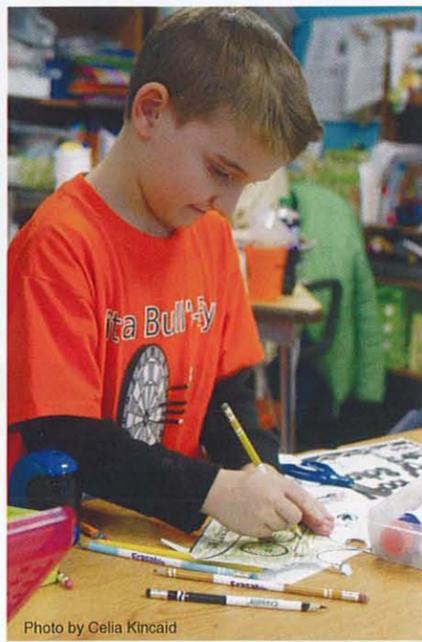


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Emily Youngman, Cade Erwin, and Zain Cornelison celebrate the 100th day of school with a coloring page.

This year stands out in my mind because... "These are the best grades I've ever had." -Haley McNamar, 7th grade

FIRST GRADE



Mrs. Lisa Fisher



Danielle Blanton



Coleman Darnel



Quinten Fuqua



Kaiden Gorman



Madison Howard



Aubree Newland



Photo by Celia Kincaid

The class gathers around their solar balloon to learn about how it gains buoyancy as the air inside it is heated by solar radiation.



Korwin Norton



Landon Shannon



Madyson Youngman



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Aubree Newland and Coleman Darnel work on a math practice sheet.

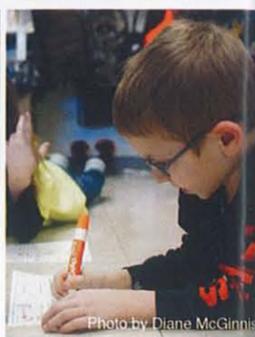


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Photo by Zane Sykes



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Danielle Blanton, Landon Shannon and Kaiden Gorman eat festive snacks at their Christmas party.



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Landon Shannon, Quinten Fuqua and Madyson Youngman practice telling time with clocks.



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Danielle Blanton and Madison Howard play a learning game with dice and pennies.



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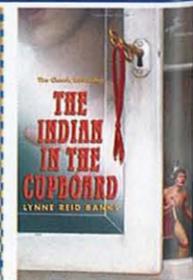
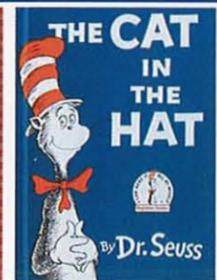
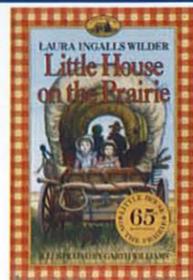
Madyson Youngman reads for an audience at Author Night.

Mrs. Fisher and the class poses with their A+ mentor student, Harli Mihalevich, at the end of the school year. Mihalevich spent time in the classroom each day assisting the students and Mrs. Fisher. Back row: Mrs. Fisher, Harli Mihalevich Middle row: Kaiden Gorman, Quinten Fuqua, Landon Shannon, Coleman Darnel, Korwin Norton Front row: Madison Howard, Danielle Blanton, Aubree Newland, Madyson Youngman

FOCUS on Reading

FAVORITE BOOKS

"Our focus is to become familiar with the new reading series and become fluent readers! We love to read in class!" ~Mrs. Fisher



Overall, I would say... "School isn't bad when you have your friends by your side." ~Rebecca Gower, 7th grade



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Mrs. Fisher reads *Junie B. Jones* aloud to the class.

Quinten Fuqua, Korwin Norton, Coleman Darnel, Landon Shannon and Kaiden Gorman practice reading words on flash cards.



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I am excited for... "getting a new house and our class field trip." ~Emily Youngman, 2nd grade



Miss Justine Bane



Grace Baker



Rylee Bleything



Kiara Calcutt



Brylee Dimmitt



Jaxson Haer



Logan Moots



Landon Patterson



Carson Youngman



Katryna Youngman

FOCUS on

Building Communication Skills and "being in charge of you"

At Author and Leadership Night, the class practices their communication skills by presenting one of the Seven Habits to the audience and demonstrating what it means.



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Katryna Youngman, Logan Moots, Carson Youngman and Grace Baker sing and dance to a song.



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Grace Baker speaks into the microphone for the audience while interacting with her classmates.

In the future, I hope... "I'm rich." -Carson Erwin, 6th grade



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Landon Patterson, Jaxson Haer, Logan Moots, Grace Baker, Rylee Bleything and Carson Youngman show their costumes for *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. During the last week of school before the winter break, the class dressed up each day as characters from different Christmas stories.



Photo by Megan McHenry

Grace Baker, Logan Moots, Brylee Dimmitt, Jaxson Haer, Kiara Calcutt, and Rylee Bleything enjoy homemade bread and butter for a snack.



Photo by Travis Nilson

Senior A+ mentor Megan McHenry and Jaxson Haer work on his leprechaun trap for St. Patrick's Day.



Photo by Colton Sayre



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Grace Baker, Brylee Dimmitt and Landon Patterson display their leprechaun traps. The green color was to camouflage the trap. The class did not catch a leprechaun, but they did see signs where one had been.

I'm excited for... "swimming this summer." -Danielle Blanton, 1st grade



Mrs. Toni Tuggle



Bryce Borgmeyer



Elena Calcutt



Max Clarkson



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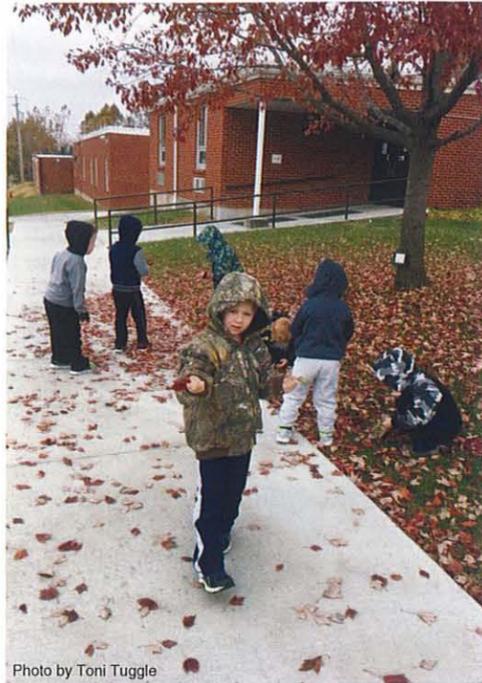


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Left, Max Clarkson holds a leaf gathered from the front yard. After collecting leaves, the students made leaf rubbings on paper. "We use a variety of materials and textures," said Mrs. Tuggle.



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Right, Cathy March helps the class check their leprechaun trap in the cafeteria. The leprechaun got away, but dropped some treats for the students.



Photo by Justine Bane



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In a hands-on lesson, the class dyes Easter Eggs by using two different methods: traditional liquid dye, and placing the eggs in bags with rice and food coloring.



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Photo by Hannah Reeves

Teri Crandall, grandmother of Boone Kelsey, reads a book to the class.

Busy Bees love to read and enjoy time to look through books on their own.



Photo by Diane McSignis

FOCUS on Kindergarten readiness

The Busy Bees class helps to prepare preschool- aged children for kindergarten by teaching letters, numbers, colors and many other beginning skills.

Students work with colors by using marshmallows as sponges to dip in paint and make colorful rainbows.



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Something that stands out in my mind is... "making my Bare Book for Author Night." -Cade Erwin, 2nd grade

FOCUS on Socialization

The class learns the social skills of sharing, working together and taking turns.

Students work together to complete a puzzle.



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The best thing ever is... "my family." Lucas Keller, 7th grade



Photo by Diane McGinnis
Mrs. Grissom presents Carson Erwin, Lacey Fisher, Alexa Livingston, Aubrey Livingston and Deyton White with Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence.



Photo by Diane McGinnis
Carson Erwin, Lacey Fisher, Clancy Noe and Rhett Whitlow display their Reading Circle awards.



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The class sang two songs for the promotion, "Don't Stop Believin'" and "Five More Minutes."



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Jack Reeves speaks to the audience and his classmates, recalling memories and thanking each of his teachers.

Left, Deyton White explains the three reasons that his class is ready to move on to seventh grade: they are excited for lockers, they want to move from class to class, and they will have more time in P.E. White spoke of memories from each grade and playing basketball. Carson Erwin, Gunner Lonberger, Jack Reeves and Lacey Fisher also spoke.

Focus on the Future

Sixth Grade Promotion

Left to right: Lane Grgurich, Gunner Lonberger, Ashton Ray, Alexis Sanchez, Alexa Livingston, Clancy Noe, Jack Reeves, Rhett Whitlow, Lacey Fisher, Deyton White, Max Montgomery, Tenlee Shaw, Ethan Powell, Carson Erwin, Aubrey Livingston, Mrs. Nelson



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Mrs. Grissom presents the Certificate of Promotion to Tenlee Shaw and Max Montgomery.



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Photo by Diane McGinnis

Gunner Lonberger shares memories of elementary in his speech. He recalled an antenna being stuck into an electrical outlet, a hamster in hibernation, and field trips.

Focus on A-L-C

Accountability, Loyalty and Confidence



Playing center field at the home game against Knox County, senior Megan McHenry throws the ball in to Aubrey Bleything.

Right, sophomore Averil Acton pitches in the September 22 game against Bevier. Acton struck out 9. "At one point, the bases were loaded with no outs, and that put a lot of pressure on me. I know I can pitch strikes, so when I don't, I feel like I messed up," said Acton.



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Photo by Zane Sykes

Senior Harli Mihalevich catches a ball in the September 8 home game against La Plata. Brashear fell short, with La Plata taking the win 9-6. "I've been catching since I was four or five years old and playing with my brothers. I love it," said Mihalevich.



Photo by Travis Nilson

After stealing home, sophomore Tanna Garlock is safe at the plate. The Lady Tigers won the September 5 game against Novinger 11-1. "Even before the game began, our goal was to 10-run -rule them. We knew how much we have improved and were confident that we could win this game," said Garlock.

This year stands out in my mind because... "of Reading Eggs on the Chromebooks." -Korwin Norton, 1st grade



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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During the last conference game of the season, senior Hannah Reeves plays first base at Bevier. Reeves had one hit in the game. Brashear took an early lead, scoring 3 runs in the 1st inning and 2 runs in the 2nd and went on to with the game 7-2.

At the first practice of the season, Coach Chris Prewitt shared his expectations for the team. Three words: Accountability, Loyalty, and Confidence. The team adopted these three words as their slogan for the year. First, accountability- being a teammate who can be counted on, including showing up for practices and making no excuses. Secondly, loyalty- tied closely to accountability, it means not giving up on the team. Third, confidence- being confident in ability and perseverance, including confidence in yourself and confidence in the team.

The girls ended the softball season with 11 losses, but they improved their record by having 10 wins, and they met their goals of A-L-C. "We definitely did better than last season.

We grew as a team and we played our hardest," said senior Megan McHenry.

Senior Night was September 19 against Bucklin/Macon County. It was an emotional evening for the senior players. Harli Mihalevich said, "I bawled my eyes out. I've always loved softball, and I was sad that it was all over." Mihalevich gave advice to younger players, saying, "Don't be afraid of getting hit by the ball. You have to get hit sometimes when you're playing ball. You just take it. When it happens, you're like, 'that kind of hurt', or 'that wasn't too bad.' Each time you grow because of it."

Senior Hannah Reeves added, "when you get hit and the laces leave a mark, that's the best part. It's like a trophy."

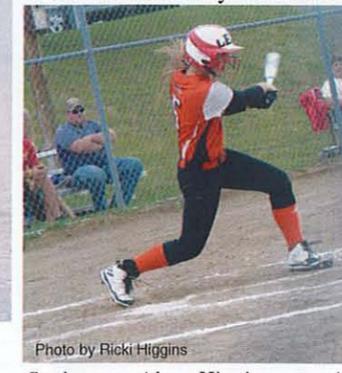


Photo by Ricki Higgins

Sophomore Alex Higgins gets a hit in the season opener against North Shelby. The Lady Tigers took control of the game with a 5-run 2nd inning and led the rest of the way in a 13-5 victory.



Photo by Zane Sykes

Freshman Hannah Grissom grabs a ground ball in the September 11 game. Grissom threw to first and got the out against Knox County.

I wasn't expecting... "to get this far, to get to May 13, 2018, the day I graduate from high school. I'm excited to start the next journey of life." -Harli Mihalevich, senior

Focus on Doing More

"We were excited for the season to start," said freshman Garrett Housman. Coming off an improved spring season but still with room to grow, the team was optimistic and looking forward to playing ball.

"I could hardly wait for our first game," said freshman Austin Peterson.

Senior Zane Sykes said, "We started out with the mindset that this was a fresh start for all of us. We had a new coach, and we had a bunch of guys who wanted to play a good season."

The team welcomed a new coach, Jimmy Brownell. "We felt we had built our skill level under Coach Michaud, but Coach Brownell challenged us in different areas," said Sykes.

Sophomore Cody Mallett said "He let everyone try out different positions and get a feel for new things." Players pitched who had never pitched before. Nearly every team member learned to play nearly every position.

"We became a better team because of it," said Sykes, "It helped a lot of us learn some versatility."

"We learned we could do more," said junior Colton Sayre.

"We're always told to focus on the ball," said senior Zane

Sykes. "Coach Brownell told us to focus on us and how we do this year, not on the other teams that we play." He challenged the team to have a better season than last year. "Coach Brownell would bring our spirits up and really make us want to be a different team than in the past," said Sykes.

One of the memorable wins for the Tigers was the home game against the Meadville Eagles. The Tigers took a 2-1 lead in the 1st inning. Meadville tied the game 2-2 in the 3rd, but Brashear battled back to increase their lead to 5-2. Brashear never trailed from that point on, scoring 4 in the 4th and 2 in the 6th for an 11-4 victory. Sykes had a home run. On the mound, freshman Garrett Housman got the start for Brashear striking out 4, with Sykes pitching in relief and striking out 9. Housman also had a double play where he dove to catch a line drive in mid air and then threw to first to get the second out.

Sykes said, "Our hitting and our pitching for the Meadville game improved and it was looking like we were a whole new team."

The season ended with a record of 4 wins and 8 losses. "We worked hard to do more," said Sayre, "and I think we were successful."



Photo by Travis Nilson



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Freshman Garrett Housman dives back to first on a pick-off move, just under the tag. Housman said, "I was just being aggressive on the base pads."



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Junior Levi Blankenship pitches in relief against Novinger.

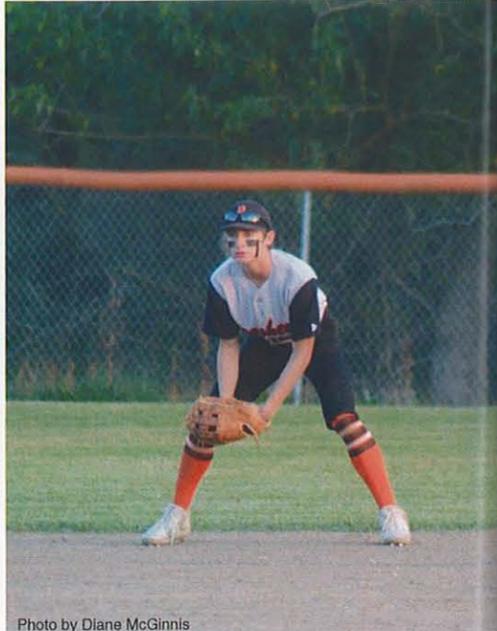


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Sophomore Quin Allen plays second base at a home game against Bucklin Macon County. Allen also pitched in relief, striking out 5. The Tigers took the win 6-5.



Photo by Travis Nilson

Sophomore Wyatt Reeves slides safely into second base during the second inning of the September 5 home game against Novinger.



Photo by Travis Nilson

Sophomore Cody Mallett keeps his focus on the pitcher. Mallett said, "I enjoy baseball. I enjoy learning what we need to improve on and what we are doing better."

Heading back to the dugout, senior Zane Sykes is congratulated by teammate, freshman Austin Peterson after a two-run home run against the Novinger Wildcats. Sykes said, "I was ecstatic because that home run tied up the game early on." The Brashear Tigers lost the game 6-20. In addition to Sykes' home run, junior Colton Sayre also had a triple and sophomore John Gerhold had 2 singles.

Order on the Court!

Seventh-grader Haley McNamar looks for the open teammate in the second round of the Atlanta tournament against the Bevier Wildcats. Brashear took a 6-4 lead after one quarter, but Bevier pulled ahead by half time and won the game 30-14. McNamar scored 2 points in the game.



Photo by Colton Sayre



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In a home game against Meadville, eighth-grader Kynleigh White dribbles down the court. White scored 18 points in the game. "That's a personal record for me. It's definitely a game I will remember," said White.

Seventh-grader McKenna Hartwig makes a lay up in the game against Meadville. Hartwig said, "We need to work on our shooting and our free throws. We missed opportunities in that game."

Discipline, leadership and teamwork. It takes all three to be successful. The junior high Lady Tigers dedicated the season to improving in these areas.

The team spent time working on fundamentals. "We spent a lot of time in practice just working on layups, dribbling, passing and learning plays," said eighth-grader Sierra Snyder. Four of the seven team members were seventh graders, and learning to play at the junior high level and playing together with older teammates took practice.

Coach Chelsea Clark saw the positive side of having a team of mostly younger players: opportunities for leadership and opportunities for growth. Coach Clark said, "I have some girls who have never been in the leadership role and who really stepped up this year. I think they've always depended on other girls to be the leaders of the team, and they saw that the team

would need leaders, so they stepped up. They've improved because of it."

Clark also said, "I think the girls need to just work on playing. They have the mind set that basketball is only two months out of the year. I think if we have more experience playing throughout the summer and throughout the whole year, we'll have better players and a better team. That's an opportunity to improve for upcoming seasons."

Eighth-grader Abby Hartwig said, "I love playing, and I love our team. We got a lot closer throughout the season. It was super fun being the jumper of the team, and I loved the energy the crowd gave off during the games. Coach Clark did a good job of teaching us new skills and encouraging us."

"It was a fun season. We still need to work more on our skills, but I think we've seen growth. I'm excited to see what the future will bring," said eighth-grader Kynleigh White.

Between third and fourth quarters of the November 2 game against Linn County, Coach Clark instructs the team.



Photo by Colton Sayre



Photo by James Scudder

On October 19, seventh-grader Mackenzie Baker prepares to shoot a free throw at Brashear. The girls fell to BMC 19-32. Baker said, "Basketball season was fun, although we struggled on scoring and rebounding."



Photo by Colton Sayre

Seventh-grader Emma Harsell drives to the basket in the October 20 game against Green City.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Eighth-grader Abby Hartwig dribbles past a Meadville defender in the November 3 game. Brashear trailed through the 3rd quarter, but rallied in the 4th quarter with 13 points. The Lady Tigers fell short with a final score of 38-22.

Focus on the Game

Taking the ball down the court, seventh-grader Landon Fisher looks for the next play.



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Driving toward the basket, freshman Trace Gottman takes the ball around his opponents. Gottman scored 4 points in the November 3 game against Meadville. Jace Snelling was the high scorer with 10 points.

The junior high boys basketball team endeavored to play a focused game. They focused on making good plays, and they focused on improving with each game.

"We worked hard in practice," said eighth-grader Jace Snelling. "In addition to working on fundamentals, we learned new plays and better techniques."

Six of the team's ten members were seventh-graders. "That really helped our numbers," said freshman Trace Gottman, "We definitely needed more players, and they brought a lot of talent and a lot of potential."

The season began with the Green City tournament. The Tigers lost the first game, but improved in the next round. They held a four point lead at halftime, but fell behind in the second quarter to lose 24-21. "We learned from those games," said Snelling. "We learned we had to step up and play harder and better." Heading into the rest of the season, the team focused on building their skill and ability.

Though the season did not end as well as the team hoped, they felt they had grown and improved with each game.



Photo by Jamie Keller



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Eighth-grader Jace Snelling catches the ball and looks for the next pass in the first game of the Green City tournament. Snelling scored 4 points in the game. "Green City held back our offense," Snelling said. "We'd miss a shot, and they'd get the rebound. It was our first game, and we knew we had to do better."

Seventh-grader Lucas Keller makes a pass during the October 24 game at Bevier. Bevier played a fast-paced game and took a 21-5 lead after one quarter and held a 32-7 lead at halftime. Brashear added another 5 points in the third quarter and 5 in the fourth, but still fell to Bevier 42-17.



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The Tigers break circle after a time out at the La Plata game. Seventh-grader Lucas Keller was the high scorer for the game.

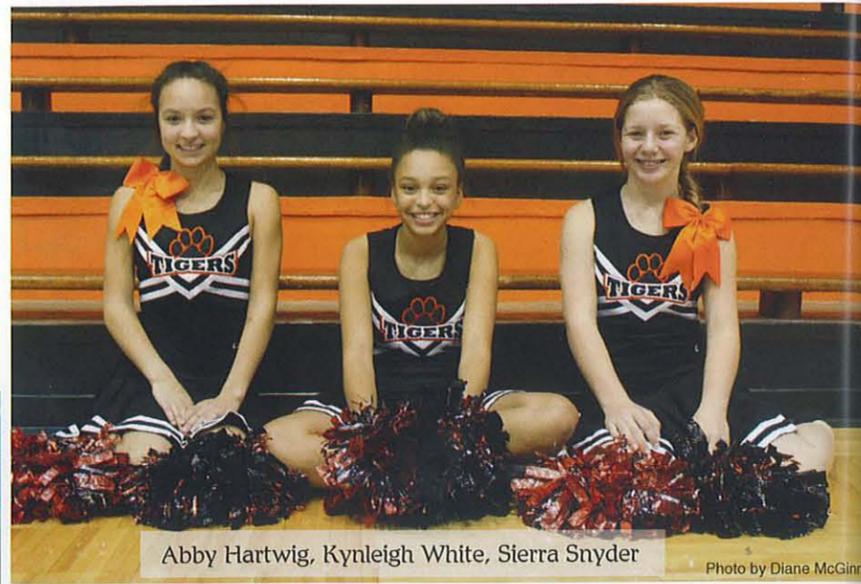


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Seventh-grader Alex Houghton maneuvers through his opponents and toward the basket at Bevier High School. Brashear scored points in each quarter, but fell to Bevier 42-17.

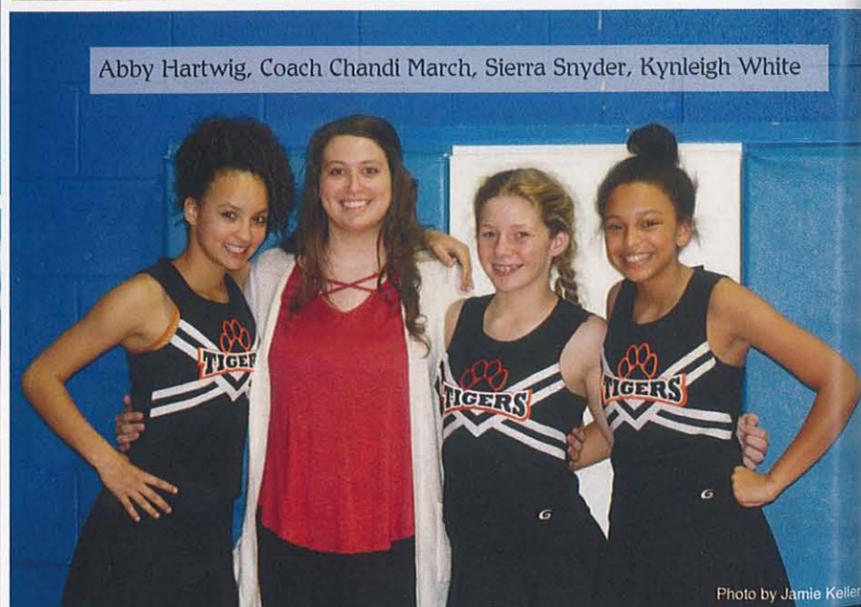
We Don't Quit

Junior High girls work double duty as players and cheerleaders



Abby Hartwig, Kynleigh White, Sierra Snyder

Photo by Diane McGinnis



Abby Hartwig, Coach Chandi March, Sierra Snyder, Kynleigh White

Photo by Jamie Keller



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Right, Kynleigh White and Abby Hartwig
Below, Sierra Snyder



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Abby Hartwig, Kynleigh White, Sierra Snyder

Photo by Diane McGinnis

When the junior high girls basketball game was over, eighth-graders Kynleigh White, Sierra Snyder and Abby Hartwig didn't quit for the night. Instead, they changed uniforms and took their place on the sidelines to cheer for the boys team.

Being both players and cheerleaders took some sacrifices and dedication. "It took a lot of our time," said Sierra Snyder. "If we weren't practicing basketball, we were practicing cheerleading. It didn't leave much free time."

Abby Hartwig and Sierra Snyder both said Kynleigh White was their inspiration for cheering. "Kynleigh cheered last year, and she wanted us to be on the cheerleading team this year," said Abby Hartwig. "It was fun and something new to do."

"At practice, we worked on learning the cheers. We already knew the words to a lot of them, but we had to learn

the motions and how to lead them correctly," said Sierra Snyder. Varsity cheerleader, senior Leah Grissom assisted with practices and teaching the cheers.

"We enjoyed cheering at the Atlanta tournament," said Abby Hartwig. "We were louder than cheer squads larger than us."

The team was coached by Chandi March, "At the very beginning of the season, it took a while for them to find their voice, but by the end of the season you could hear them cheering from the hallways," said March. "The first practice we had, Sierra got tickled at something, I don't even know what, and couldn't stop laughing. I don't mean giggling, I mean doubled over, holding her stomach laughing. I thought 'Oh, no. What have I gotten myself into?' They were a great group of girls to work with. Their friendly natures made it easy."

5 things to LOVE about cheerleading



abby Hartwig

1. I love that the crowd participated in the cheers.
2. I love the uniforms.
3. I love the people I cheered with.
4. I love the cheers.
5. I love laughing when we messed up.

Remember that time when... "we tie-dyed Art Club t-shirts?" -Bailey Moncrief, senior



Kynleigh White

1. It took teamwork to sound in sync.
2. We build stronger friendships.
3. The cheers weren't too hard.
4. We had an amazing coach.
5. The crowd cheered with us.

My favorite activities are... "snacks, recess and going home." -Carson Youngman, Kindergarten



Sierra Snyder

1. Uniforms
2. Our coach was amazing.
3. Crowd participation
4. The friendships that were formed
5. Cheers

"I feel like we're three times the team we were last year," said sophomore Tanna Garlock. "When we began practice last season, Coach Prewitt told us, 'Trust the process.' We didn't get to where we wanted to be in that season, but we came back this year. We started working early. We put in tons of time this past summer. We finally saw some payoff. Just imagine how much that investment can pay off in the years to come."

"As a team, we're focused on improving all aspects of our game, including playing hard for four quarters," said sophomore Averil Acton. "Personally, I'm focused on some goals I've set for myself, like being a better defender. I don't want to just play well on offense, but defense as well."

Combining their ambitions with hard work, the team began to see the improvements they were looking for. "We started working better as a team," said freshman Callie Althide. "We learned how to put our strengths together. Everyone's good at a job, and we put our jobs together and it helped us as a team."

The team went from five wins to nineteen wins. "We were one game away from quadrupling our wins from last year. That's pretty big," said Acton. "One of our goals was to bring home hardware from each tournament, and we did that. We got third in the Novinger, Milan and Brashear tournaments."

In the Milan tournament, "We won the first game against Milan and it was a close game. There was a lot of energy in the gym. We pulled it off. Then, we played Green City in the second round. It was another close game. Our ability to play as a unit is what we improved most this season," said freshman Hannah Grissom.

In the District games, the Lady Tigers beat Bevier 57-27. "It was the first win we've had in the district tournament games since 2006," said senior Hannah Reeves.

"The last game didn't end as we hoped, but the season turned out way better," said Averil Acton.

Senior Hannah Reeves said the best advice she could give to young basketball players is, "Go for it- Leave your heart out there when you play." Reeves said basketball has taught her time management skills, how to be a good leader, and to hold herself accountable for her actions.

From goal-oriented to goals met, the varsity girls basketball team kept their focus.

Freshman Hannah Grissom gets the rebound and heads down the court in the December 4 game against Higbee. Brashear had a 6-2 lead at the end of the first quarter, but were outscored in the remaining quarters. Grissom scored 5 points in the game.



Photo by Harley Hayes

Focus on the Common Goal



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Senior Hannah Reeves holds up the team's trophy for the Brashear fans at the Novinger Tournament. The Lady Tigers won against Atlanta 59-32 to take the third place win.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Freshman Callie Althide moves the ball closer to the basket during the February 13 game against Bucklin/Macon County. Brashear took an early lead in the game, but Bucklin/Macon County narrowed the gap in the fourth quarter before Brashear pulled away to win 64-54. Althide scored 2 points in the game.



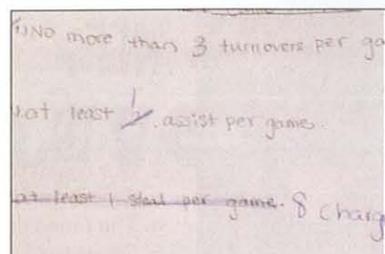
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Senior Hannah Reeves pushes toward the basket in the home game against Milan. Reeves scored 13 points in the game. "They were our rival this year," said Reeves. "They were close in competition. Every time we played them we didn't know what to expect, but we knew it would be a good game."

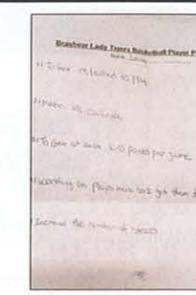
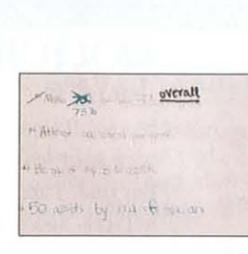
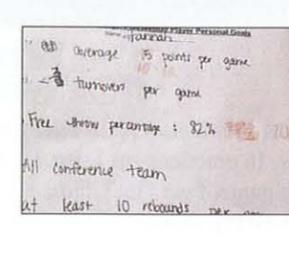
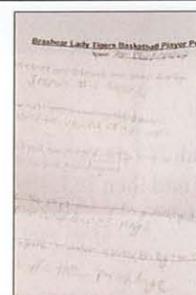
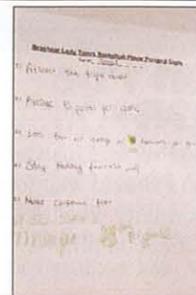
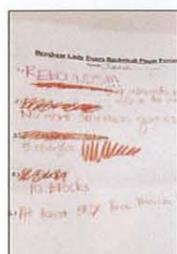
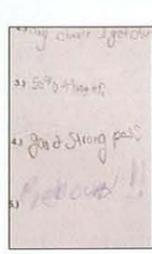
Sophomore Alexa Higgins turns a fast break into a layup. Higgins scored 14 points in the game against Milan, which ended in a 58-22 win for the Lady Tigers.

What are your PERSONAL GOALS?

Players wrote down their goals and taped them on the wall of the locker room.



Photos by Celia Kincaid



Intense Progress

Freshman Garrett Housman drives into the lane for a basket in the January 22 home game against North Shelby. Housman scored 8 points in the game. North Shelby scored several three point shots and kept the win out of reach for Brashear.



Photo by Diane McGinnis



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Left, in the last seconds of the February 13 game against Bucklin/Macon County, sophomore Cody Mallett gets his own rebound for the put back. The Tigers won the game 70-26.

Below, junior Colton Sayre looks for an open teammate near the basket. Sayre had 10 points in the game against Keytesville, which ended in a 59-40 loss. "Our offense wasn't clicking," said

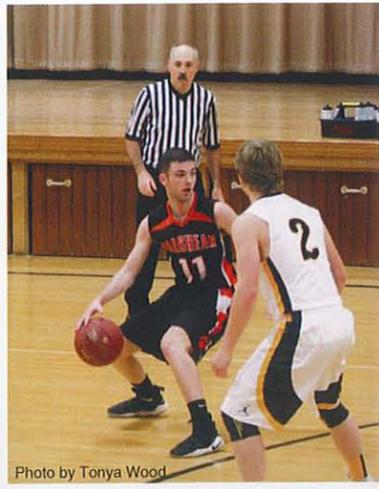


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The season began with an away game against Marion County, and team members felt optimistic from the start. "For the first time in a long time, I was having fun playing. We weren't losing by a ton of points," said senior Zane Sykes after the game. The biggest deficit was 11 points, and in the second half of the game, the Tigers brought that down to 3 points. "We felt good about the number of points we scored. We lost, but we scored more points than we ever did in a game last year," said Sykes. The team also reduced the number of turnovers. "Last year, we had 30 turnovers in a game. This game, we had 12."

That first game set the tone for the season, and also set the bar high. "We knew we could play better basketball than we ever had, and we were willing to work for it," said senior Ty Gottman. The team continued to see improvements as the season progressed.

Coach Michael Reeves brought several changes to the program, which brought

about positive results. Sykes said, "We don't run actual plays; we just go out there and play. Everybody learns what everybody's going to do. Coach Reeves says that if you just run plays, you aren't going to learn how to play basketball. You're learning to run to a certain spot on the court and stay there."

"He really got everyone involved. It was more than a few people scoring every night," said freshman Garrett Housman.

"He brought confidence," said Sykes, without hesitation.

"He believes in us," said junior Colton Sayre, "and he doesn't accept lack of effort. Last year, we didn't put out enough effort. Now, if we don't show effort in a game, we sit. If we don't show effort in practice, he makes us run."

The effort and progress was evident in each game, and the winning record improved. The team felt like they had a fighting chance in several games.

"People always call Novinger or La Plata our rivals, but we haven't played a close game

with them for years. Marion County is the real rival. We've always been able to hang with them," said manager, junior Aden Zentz. "The first game against them, we got two technical fouls and lost by just a few points." The second time playing Marion County, Brashear led at 1st quarter and halftime marks, then tipped back and forth. The Tigers held onto a 3 point lead going into the final minutes, but Marion County took advantage of some key turnovers and surged ahead for a 41-38 win.

When the Tigers faced Marion County in their first round of the Brashear Tournament, they were tired of just being close. The score was tied at 14 at the end of first quarter, and the Tigers fought to take a 1 point lead at halftime. Brashear gradually extended their lead in the second half and claimed the victory by a score of 57-44. "They had beat us twice and thought they would again. Not today," said freshman Garrett Housman.

The Tigers concluded the season with seven wins. "It's been the best season we've had in a few years," said Gottman.

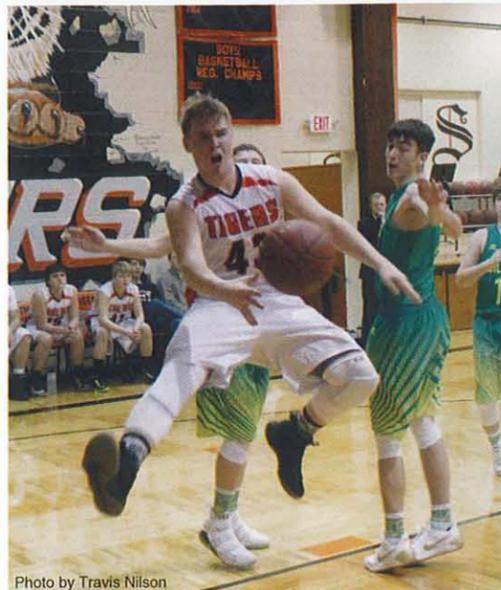


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Senior Zane Sykes makes his way around two Milan players, fakes a layup, and passes the ball off to sophomore Quin Allen, who makes the shot. Allen had 9 points in the game. "I didn't have a clear shot, and I saw Quin had a better opportunity," said Sykes.

Senior Ty Gottman goes up against the Milan defender for the basket. Gottman finished with 11 points in the game, and the Tigers pulled off the win 58-47.



Photo by Travis Nilson



Photo by Tonya Wood

Early in the 3rd quarter of the Keytesville game, Coach Reeves called a time out to instruct the team. The Keytesville team had started out the second half hot, scoring 9 points. Coach Reeves told the Tigers, "You can't let them get every shot that they want. The team with the biggest runs is going to win this game. Be that team."



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Sophomore Quin Allen holds onto a jump ball against Atlanta in the Novinger Tournament. Allen plays very quick and aggressive defense. "We learned a new defense that most people around here hadn't seen before. If we moved around quickly, we got more steals from it. It forced more turnovers," said Allen.

What's your **Greatest Weakness** on the court, and how are you **working** to overcome it?

COLTON Sayre

Nerves. I have a lot of problems with getting nervous. In practice, I'm fine. Then in the game, I get nervous and can't make my shots.

Zane Sykes

I get frustrated. If I mess up, I get mad and then I just play worse.

Quin Allen

Taking good shots. I rush and shoot when I should wait for a better opportunity. I've tried to be more patient on offense.

Garrett Housman

Shooting. I miss too many. I can't make open shots when I need to. After weights class, I've been working on shooting. I need to follow through faster, and I need to bend my legs more at the free throw line.

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Arguing with the refs and shot selection. I stopped arguing with the refs.

TY Gottman

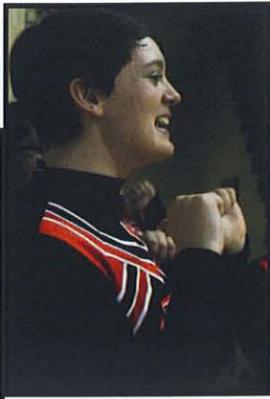
My anger. I got a technical our first game because I mouthed a kid. Coach told me, "I can't depend on you. You have to play smart basketball if you're going to play at all." Coach kept a close watch on me, and that was enough to help me calm down.



Morgan Magruder, senior



Megan McHenry, senior



Leah Grissom, senior



Celia Kincaid, senior



Eliza Magruder, junior

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"I focus on the game because if you don't pay attention to what's happening in the game then you won't know when to do the right cheers." ~ Eliza Magruder

"I enjoyed being able to support my school. Watching the players grow as athletes was great." ~Morgan Magruder

"Cheerleading is part of who I am." ~Leah Grissom

Often cheerleaders get a bad rap. People believe cheerleaders get to just show up in cute uniforms and do their cheers with little work or practice involved. The cheerleaders themselves disagree. The cheer squad of what came to be five girls had an uphill battle from the start. They faced many challenges and setbacks this year, but in spite of this, the girls had a fantastic time.

New uniforms had to be ordered for the season. "We didn't have the right sizes for the cheerleaders this year, and we also wanted a change," said Eliza Magruder. "It took longer than it should have for us to pick the style we wanted," she said, "and we didn't get them ordered as soon as we should have."

Because of this, "We weren't going to have the uniforms till the season was nearly over," Coach Turner said, and so they chose to order the uniforms from a different company than previously used. The girls began the season and cheered for six games in shirts they made. "Our shirts were awesome!" Megan McHenry said. "They had glitter vinyl on the gray long sleeve shirts."

Celia Kincaid said, "It was super cool because they had our names on them!"

When the squad's new uniforms arrived, they didn't fit well and had to be altered. Mrs. Peterson let out hems on the tops and took in the skirts to make them fit. They were finished just in time for the first home game.

Things ran smoothly until it was time for homecoming. The cheerleaders planned spirit week, decorated the school, planned the pep rally, and made gifts for the basketball players. They also had to plan a dance routine to perform between the games. "We took too long to decide on a song in the beginning," said Celia Kincaid, and once again were crunched on time. They were pressured to make a decision, then later thought of the perfect song. "We all love "High

School Musical" and we thought everyone would know the song," said Eliza Magruder.

The cheerleaders fought hard to be able to dance to "Get'cha Head in the Game." "We almost didn't get to dance to that song," Celia said.

But the more difficult battle was choreographing the dance. With the routine nearly completed and the game days away, changes in the squad required the girls to alter a large portion of their dance. They practiced for at least two hours every day after school and were able to learn the dance in time. After their performance at the Homecoming game, the girls were asked to perform again at an all-school assembly.

Once Homecoming was over, it was back to their normal routine until the Brashear Tournament. The tournament week took a huge toll on the cheerleaders. Due to bad weather, the tournament ended up taking longer than scheduled. Even the nights when the Tigers didn't play, the girls had to be at school to work in the hospitality room. Being at every game, every night took all their energy, but when asked about it Celia said, "Meeting and getting to chat with other schools' cheerleaders was a good experience. We don't usually get to have much interaction, so it was a chance to get to know people from other schools."

By the time the tournament was over, the girls were ready to fall down. Luckily, the end was in sight. The last varsity game of the season was played at Linn County. For the cheerleaders, it was bittersweet. Two of the girls couldn't be there, but the girls cheered just as loudly as if they were all there. "I was sad because Morgan couldn't be there," said Celia Kincaid. "As seniors, it was our very last game ever." When it was all over and they took off their uniforms, there were no words. The squad had worked hard and there were many struggles.

"But I'd do it over again," said Celia Kincaid.

FANTASTIC

CHEERLEADERS



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Homecoming 2018

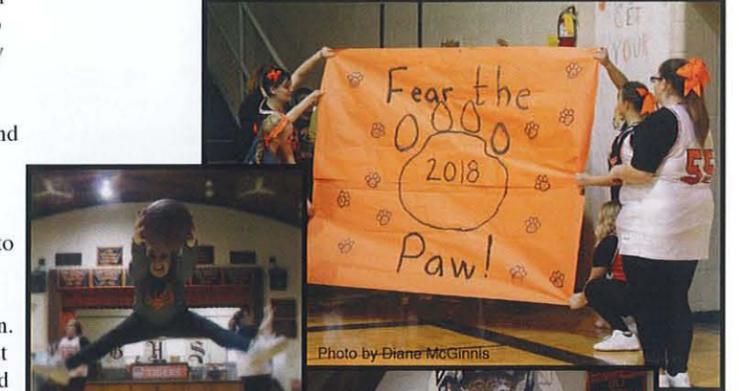


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"The best games are the games when the score is really close. Those are the ones that really get us going. We get really crazy and even louder than normal. It's so much fun." ~Celia Kincaid

"Being captain is a big responsibility. I had to decide what cheers to call. I don't like to make people mad and I had to call cheers that not everyone liked." ~Megan McHenry

The junior high Academic Bowl team won meet after meet, and for the second year in a row, finished with an undefeated season. You can see where it would be hard to keep it from going to their heads. However, it was different brains at work. The champion team this year was a completely different team from last year. Four seventh-graders, Landon Fisher, Avery Zentz, Wesley McGinnis and Aden Shahan joined the team. "We had all been on Ms. Kincaid's teams for a couple of years, and we played together on the 7th grade team this year, so we had lots of preparation," said Wesley McGinnis. "Playing on the junior high team was a bit different, but we were ready." Freshman Madeline McGinnis also joined the team for the first time.

"Last year's team had an undefeated regular season, but they lost games in the conference tournament. This year, we won every single game, from the regular meets to every conference round," said Coach Tammy Wolter.

The regular season games were landslide wins, but the Conference tournament games were closer. Brashear won the semi-final game against Novinger by only one question, 10 points. The final game against La Plata was close, as well, with Brashear winning 280-260.

"It was a great season," said Mrs. Wolter, "I was proud of the team's hard work and success."



Team captain, freshman Madeline McGinnis accepts the Conference Tournament championship trophy at Atlanta High School. Seventh-grader Landon Fisher received All-Tournament Team honors.



Landon Fisher, Madeline McGinnis, Avery Zentz and Wesley McGinnis face Bucklin/Macon County in a meet at Meadville. Brashear won the match 320-150.

Junior High Academic Bowl

Back-to-Back Success



Wesley McGinnis, Avery Zentz, Madeline McGinnis and Landon Fisher wait between quarters against Green City at Linn County.



At Atlanta, Landon Fisher, Madeline McGinnis, Avery Zentz and Aden Shahan prepare to begin the final game of the tournament.



Coach Tammy Wolter, Landon Fisher, Wesley McGinnis, Avery Zentz, Madeline McGinnis and Aden Shahan



Justin McHenry, Aden Zentz, Megan McHenry and Celia Kincaid compete at Linn County on March 21.



Austin Ray, Megan McHenry, Justin McHenry and Celia Kincaid during the Conference tournament at Atlanta.



Aden Zentz, Megan McHenry, Austin Ray and Celia Kincaid pose after the Brashear meet. Brashear won both matches against Bevier and Atlanta.

Finish Strong

Season Point Totals

Aden Zentz	Megan McHenry	Celia Kincaid	Austin Ray	Justin McHenry
1120	620	150	530	400

I wasn't expecting... to have such a great year! -Emily Mason, sophomore

Varsity Academic Bowl



Celia Kincaid, Justin McHenry, Megan McHenry, Aden Zentz and Austin Ray wait for a match to begin at La Plata for the District tournament.



Coach Mike Killen, Celia Kincaid, Aden Zentz, Justin McHenry, Megan McHenry and Austin Ray show off their All-District plaque. Brashear took second place in the District tournament.

The Varsity Academic Bowl team started strong and finished strong. They went undefeated for five games, before falling to Bucklin/Macon County and later Linn County. "We played some good games," said Coach Mike Killen.

The hardest earned win, though, came at the Conference Tournament. Brashear lost the second round game to Bevier, which dropped them down into the losers bracket. They pulled off win after win, first against Atlanta, then Linn County and then Novinger. In the semi finals, they faced Bevier again and won by 10 points. This put them in the finals against Bevier.

"We didn't do it the easy way," said Coach Mike Killen, "but we got there." Brashear lost the final round to Bevier 160-300 and took second place in the tournament.

"We were proud of that second place. It took a lot of work to get there," said senior Celia Kincaid. "We played seven games, and three were against Bevier."

Going on to the District contest, the team faced the same opponent schools, with the addition of North Shelby, a school with a strong record. North Shelby proved to be Brashear's downfall, as the Tigers fell to North Shelby 220-450 in the final game.

"We picked a number and that number determined who we played against in the first round. I'm glad we didn't have to play against North Shelby in the first round," said senior Megan McHenry. "I thought we did very well. Our first loss shouldn't have happened. It was just unlucky questions over topics we weren't familiar with."

Junior Aden Zentz said, "I got All-District, which surprised me because I had a rough second game in the prelims against Novinger. The second time we played them, I answered a lot of questions, and so did Austin Ray. There were only two people who had more total points than me in the whole district."

Swing for the Fences

It was a season that started off slow due to wet and cold weather. The first three games were canceled or postponed, and the team was itching to play ball. "We were ready," said freshman Garrett Housman, "When it was raining, we were still practicing outside. Other teams were practicing inside, but we were out on the field. When we finally got to play the first game, we were prepared."

The first game was at Bevier on April 5. The Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first and held the lead until Bevier tied the game 3-3 in the bottom of the third inning. The score remained tied until Brashear scored to take a 4-3 lead in the top of the seventh. Bevier scored 2 runs in the seventh and claimed the 5-4 win. "It was still a good start to the season," said Housman. "We felt good about how we had played."

The Tigers faced Bevier later in the season on the home field, and the tables were reversed. They played two scoreless innings, then Bevier made 6 runs in the top of the third. Brashear bounced back in the bottom of the inning

with 5 runs, and then added 4 more in the fourth inning and 1 in the sixth to claim the victory 10-8. Zane Sykes, Brhet Place and Austin Peterson all had home runs, with Garrett Housman having 3 hits and Quin Allen and John Gerhold also having hits. "That was the best hitting game we had," said Zentz. "We played well the whole time and didn't have a bad inning."

"We got a lot tougher this season. We played a lot of double headers and spent a lot of time working on our game. It strengthened us mentally and physically," said Zentz. The team felt their hitting was especially improved, with the entire team batting well.

Pitching was another area that improved. "Coach wanted to make sure we had enough pitchers. With MSHSAA's pitch count rule, we couldn't just count on a couple of guys to carry us. We spread the workload out a lot, but every now and then one of us would have a good inning and it would change the outcome of the game," said Housman.

Photo by Levi Blankenship

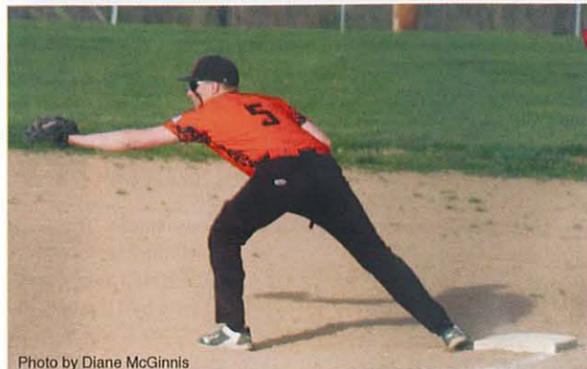


Photo by Diane McGinnis
Junior Aden Zentz plays first base at Novinger on May 1. Zentz had hits in the game. "We didn't play the most solid, but it was a competitive game. I hit a ball to center field, but I got out at second." Brashear fell to Novinger 5-3.



Senior Travis Nilson gets the leadoff from first base in the April 12 game. Brashear fell to Green City 20-4.

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Photo by Diane McGinnis

Junior Colton Sayre pitches in the April 12 home game.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Sophomore Wyatt Reeves gets the out in a rundown at Novinger.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Freshman Garrett Housman slides safely into home in the game against Green City. Housman had 2 hits in the game. Sophomore Brhet Place had a 2-run homer, sophomore Wyatt Reeves had 3 hits, and senior Zane Sykes and sophomore John Gerhold each had a hit.

I'll never forget... "telling Coach Reeves he needed to get some cowboy boots and a hat." -Trace Gottman, freshman

Race to the Finish

Junior High Track

Seventh-grader Aden Shahan sails over the hurdle in the 100 Meter Hurdles at Milan on April 20. Shahan also competed in the 200 Meter Dash. "I wasn't last," said Shahan.



Photo by Jamie Keller



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Eighth-grader Sierra Snyder puts her feet down in the Long Jump event at Putnam County. Snyder also competed in the 100 Meter Dash and the 800 Meter Run.



Photo by Jamie Keller

Seventh-grader Anthony Shaw runs a leg in the 4x400 Meter Relay at the Milan Wildcat Relays. The team, consisting also of seventh-grader Alex Houghton, seventh-grader Landon Fisher and eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen took second place.



Photo by Jamie Keller

Seventh-grader Lucas Keller jumps into the sand pit for the Boys Triple Jump at the Putnam County Junior High Relays. Keller also competed in the Discus Throw.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Seventh-grader Ethan Mason runs the third leg of the 4X100 Meter Relay at the Conference meet on April 25. The other team members were seventh-grader Alex Houghton, seventh-grader Landon Fisher and seventh-grader Anthony Shaw. The team placed fourth in the relay.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Seventh-grader Alex Houghton takes off in the first leg of the 4X400 Meter Relay. The other members of the relay team were seventh-grader Landon Fisher, eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen and seventh-grader Anthony Shaw. The team won first place in the event.



Photo by Jamie Keller

Eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen competes in the 400 Meter Dash. He placed third in the event, with a time of 1 minute, 1.60 seconds. Jochimsen also took first place in the Boys High Jump, eighth in the Discus, and was part of the 4X400 Meter Relay team, which placed third. At the Conference meet, Jochimsen earned first place in the 400 Meter Dash, first in the High Jump, and first in the Discus Throw. "I was pretty happy. I got first in all of my events at Conference, and I set a personal record of 5 feet, 4 inches in the high jump," said Jochimsen.



Photo by Jamie Keller

Seventh-grader Landon Fisher rounds the curve of the track during the 4X400 Relay at Milan. Fisher was a member of every relay team.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Eighth-grader Kynleigh White runs the 400 Meter Dash at the Conference meet, taking eighth place. White also earned fourth place in the 100 Meter Hurdles, fourth place in Shot Put and third place in High Jump.



Photo by Jamie Keller

Eighth-grader Abby Hartwig runs in the 100 Meter Dash at the La Plata Invitational track meet on April 10. Hartwig placed third in the event.

Toe the Line

Sophomore John Gerhold throws the Javelin at the Putnam County meet. Gerhold threw a distance of 100 feet, 11 inches. Gerhold's best distance was 118 feet, 2 inches at the District meet. Gerhold also placed third in Discus at Districts, and advanced to place 8th at Sectionals.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Sophomore Averil Acton clears a hurdle in the 100 Meter Hurdles at the Conference meet in La Plata. Acton finished in second place. At the District meet, Acton again took second place and advanced to Sectionals where she earned first place. "My favorite event is between the 100 Meter Hurdles and Javelin," Acton said. "At Sectionals, the Javelin was right after 300 Meter Hurdles in which I fell, so it was rough. Last year I threw low nineties, got third place and advanced to state. This year I threw 105 feet and got fifth place. It's really gotten harder. The success I've had at hurdles and the improvements I've made this year pushes it to the front now. I set a new personal record in my 100 Meter Hurdle time."



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Freshman Austin Peterson runs in the 100 Meter Dash at the Marcus Hounsom Relays at Putnam County. Peterson also ran in the 4X400 M Relay, along with sophomore Quin Allen, senior Zane Sykes and junior Levi Blankenship. The team took fifth place in the event. Peterson was also a member of the 4X800 team that advanced to Sectionals. "We broke our tent at Putnam County. The wind was so strong that it caught it and flipped it over the fence," Peterson said. "I had a good time running with my 4X800 team this year."



Photo by Ricki Higgins



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Sophomore Alexa Higgins draws back to throw the javelin at the Truman State University High School Invitational track meet. Higgins earned first place with a distance of 102 feet. Sophomore Averil Acton placed second in the same event, throwing a distance of 99 feet, 7 inches. "There were three heats and 32 people. I was pretty surprised that I got first. Sorenson told us that everybody who got first got a hotdog, so I got a hotdog out of it," said Higgins.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Left, Senior Hannah Reeves winds up to throw the Discus at the Conference meet at La Plata. Reeves threw a distance of 78 feet, 10 inches, placing third.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Below, elementary and high school students line the sidewalk for a State send-off for Emily Mason and Averil Acton.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

At the Putnam County meet, sophomore Emily Mason jumps 4 feet 6 inches in the High Jump, placing third. Mason placed first in the 100 Meter Dash and third in the 200 Meter Dash. From the District meet, Mason advanced to Sectionals in the 100 Meter Dash, the 200 Meter Dash and the 400 Meter Dash, as well as High Jump. At Sectionals, Mason took first place in the High Jump and third in the 400 Meter Dash. Mason said, "The highest I jumped all year was 4 feet 8 inches, and then I reached 4 feet 11 inches at District. I took that up three more inches to 5 feet 3 inches at Sectionals. My first event of the day was High Jump, and I broke the school record. That set my confidence level high for the day."



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Freshman Garrett Housman jumps the last hurdle in the 300 Meter Hurdles, finishing in 6th place. Housman also took 5th place in the 100 Meter Hurdles.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Sophomore Justin Leedom runs the 200 Meter Dash in the Kirkville Tiger Invitational on April 13. "It was really cold," said Leedom.

Focus on Music

Brashear Concert and Marching Band

Right, seventh-grader Avery Zentz, seventh-grader Mackenzie Baker, seventh-grader Wesley McGinnis, senior Morgan Magruder, sophomore Tanna Garlock, sophomore Justin McHenry, sophomore Zoe Blankenship and junior Levi Blankenship perform in the cafeteria on March 20. For a fundraiser, the band hosted a Dinner and Music Showcase that featured a meal, individual solos, a quartet, and the band playing an assortment of marching band, pep band and contest music selections. "There was a big crowd; every seat was full and people got up to let the band kids sit at the tables to eat. I was surprised at how successful it was," said Tanna Garlock.



Sophomore Tanna Garlock, junior Kameron McGinnis and junior Wyatt Potter perform "Praying" by Kesha at the Spring Concert on April 19.

Band kids participate in a physical warm-up exercise by doing motions to "Fishin' n the Dark." The student-led band camp was the week before school started. Along with fun team-building activities, the band practiced marching and playing the music pieces.



At a varsity basketball game, the pep band performs during halftime and between the games. "Pep band is so much fun. The music's fun; it's popular songs we know," said junior Kameron McGinnis.

At District contest, the band waits in the hallway for the sight-reading portion of the judging. "We were nervous because we hadn't practiced many sight-reading pieces, but when we got started, we felt confident," said freshman Madeline McGinnis.



Junior Wyatt Potter performs as part of the Tri-County Conference Band at La Plata. The group also visited Atlanta and Bevier Schools.

The Marching Tigers come over the bridge on 9th Street at the Trenton Marching Festival on October 21. The Marching Festival is part of the Trenton Missouri Days Festival, and over fifty bands march in the parade to compete.



On April 7, the Brashear Band competes in the District contest, held at Kirksville Schools. The band received a I rating of Exemplary. The contest pieces were "Solara" and "Kronos". "Many hours of rehearsal went into achieving this great success," said Mr. Wick, band director. "We were evaluated by three judges, and all three judges gave us a I rating." "This makes two I ratings in a row," said junior Wyatt Potter. "I hope this is the beginning of a long tradition of excellence."



Junior Levi Blankenship plays "Kronos" on the timpani at University of Missouri, St. Louis. The Brashear band performed in collaboration with the UMSL Wind Ensemble. Band Director, Mr. Wick is an alumnus of UMSL and directed "Kronos". "I thought it was cool getting to play with musicians who have already been where we are, have advanced to the college level, and are really good. Getting to play with them was awesome," said Blankenship.



The band marches in the Truman State University Homecoming parade in Kirksville. Despite rain before the parade began, several north Missouri school bands marched in the parade. "We played both of our marching songs, "Magnificent Seven" and "All of the Lights." Usually we just play one," said Cody Mallett, "I really enjoyed going to some different parades this year. Truman is a fun parade because our parents get to be there, and we see several local people we know."



Following the concert at UMSL, the girls in the band, sophomore Tanna Garlock, seventh-grader Mackenzie Baker, sophomore Zoe Blankenship, freshman Madeline McGinnis, senior Megan McHenry and junior Kameron McGinnis pose in front of the lighted mirror in their dressing room. "It had two bathrooms, two showers and comfy chairs," said Tanna Garlock. "We felt like movie stars," said Kameron McGinnis.

F.B.L.A.

The wedding party, families, guests and law enforcement at the wedding.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Murder Mystery Dinner

FBLA's annual activity was held October 9 in the school cafeteria. In a wedding reception turned deadly, the bride was murdered by the groom's brother, in order to protect his business interests. Guests mingled and tried to identify the killer.



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Kolbi Mason, Logan Grgurich and Noah Reeves enjoy the social time and meal of Pagliai's palonzas with ice cream wedding cake for dessert.



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Alex Houghton, Lane Stutsman and Morgan Magruder read the details of their part in the mystery and play the roles.

FBLA State Leadership Conference

April 8-10, fifteen FBLA members attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Springfield. Members competed in performance events and attended sessions and activities. In addition to the conference activities, the group visited Lambert's Cafe, the Pythian Castle, the mall and Bass Pro Shops.



Photo by Jeff McHenry

The group poses on the steps of the Pythian Castle.



Photo by Jeff McHenry

On Sunday evening, the group ate at Lambert's in Ozark.



Photo by Jeff McHenry

Tanna Garlock, Alexa Higgins and Hannah Reeves check in to the hotel.

My favorite activities are... "Math tests." -Brylee Dimmitt, 1st grade



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Aden Shahan, Wesley McGinnis and Avery Zentz walk through the Columns.

Field Trip

The spring field trip was to Shelter Insurance Corporate Office in Columbia. Students learned about the history of the company, the products and services it offers and why Shelter Insurance is considered an excellent place to work. The visit included a tour of the building and further descriptions of each division in the company, as well as a walk through Shelter Gardens. After lunch at the Columbia Mall, the group spent the afternoon at Sky Zone.

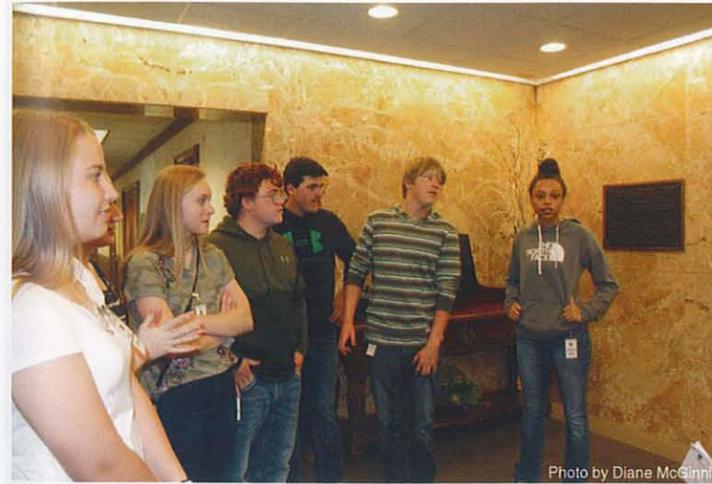


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Hannah Grissom, Madeline McGinnis, Callie Althide, Trace Gottman, Wyatt Reeves, Austin Peterson and Kynleigh White listen to the tour guide in the foyer of Shelter Insurance.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Aiden Withrow tries out a desk in the one-room school house at Shelter Gardens.



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Students watch the goldfish in the pool at Shelter Gardens.

At Sky Zone, Mackenzie Baker and Branden Petersen test their strength, coordination and skill on the Warrior Course, a series of obstacles to swing, climb and lift their way through.

The best thing ever was... "developing long-lasting friendships with underclassmen." -Hannah Reeves, senior

College Visit

On September 13, FBLA members visited the University of Missouri in Columbia. Students were given a tour of the campus and ate lunch at Plaza 900.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Seventh-graders Aden Shahan, Emma Harsell, Mackenzie Baker, Alex Houghton, Wesley McGinnis, Landon Fisher, Avery Zentz and Lucas Keller stand in Speakers Circle and give the traditional yell, "I love Mizzou," three times.

SHOUT Club members volunteered at elementary Author and Leadership Night. Below, Alex Houghton, seventh grade, and senior Megan McHenry emcee the event, and right, senior Morgan Magruder helps serve the meal in the cafeteria.



Photo by Celia Kincaid



Photo by Celia Kincaid

SHOUT Club

Students Helping OUT



Photo by Diane McGinnis



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Seventh-grader Logan Grgurich carries a Christmas tree from storage to the park to decorate.

On a cold morning in late November, SHOUT Club decorated the city park for Christmas. Sophomore Alexa Higgins and senior Morgan Magruder set up lights. The decorations included garland and lights on the gazebo, Christmas trees, lights on the basketball goal and various yard ornaments.

Ronald McDonald House

The yearly points trip, where participants are chosen based on their involvement in club activities throughout the year, is to Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. Members prepared a meal to serve to the families who are staying in the home. "I feel like this is one of the most valuable things we do," said junior Wyatt Potter, "It's so much fun, and yet they are so appreciative of what we do for them."



Photo by Nancy Peterson

Junior Kameron McGinnis and Mrs. Moots prepare pork roast to cook for pulled pork.



Photo by Nancy Peterson

Emma Harsell, Sierra Snyder, Wesley McGinnis, Mackenzie Baker, Kameron McGinnis, Wyatt Potter, Madeline McGinnis, Callie Althide, Alexa Higgins and Tanna Garlock

Seventh-grader Mackenzie Baker, freshman Madeline McGinnis, eighth-grader Sierra Snyder and seventh-grader Emma Harsell make fruit salad for the meal.

Far right, visitors to Ronald McDonald House can color a character and sign their names on a coloring wall.



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Service Day

For the end of the year Service Day, SHOUT Club divided into two groups. One group held field day activities for Busy Bees, kindergarten and first grade. The other group set out plants around the corner fence and spread mulch around the school landscaping and the city park. Members also grilled hotdogs for a lunch for field day participants and parents and SHout club members.



Photo by Aubrey Bleything

Sophomores Brhet Place and Alexa Higgins referee and coach the tug-of-war game.



Photo by Aubrey Bleything

Sophomores Wyatt Reeves, Fisher Reese, John Gerhold and freshman Hunter Maxymczak shovel mulch from a pile.



Photo by Aubrey Bleything

Sophomore Quin Allen spreads mulch around plants.

Art Club



Photo by Kelli Baker

Sophomore Alexa Higgins works on a basketball shirt that says, "Home is where the court is."



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Cricut

With money received from a grant from the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation, Mrs. Baker purchased a Cricut for the art room.

The Art Club made and sold Brashear apparel and Christmas tree ornaments at the NHS Craft Show in November. "We were busy all day making orders," said Mrs. Baker. "I wasn't sure how much we would sell, so we didn't have a lot made ahead of time. It turned out to be a hit, and we had a productive day."

Students used the machine for a variety of projects, including wall art and personalized clothing. Teachers also utilized the machine to make labels and decorations for their classrooms.

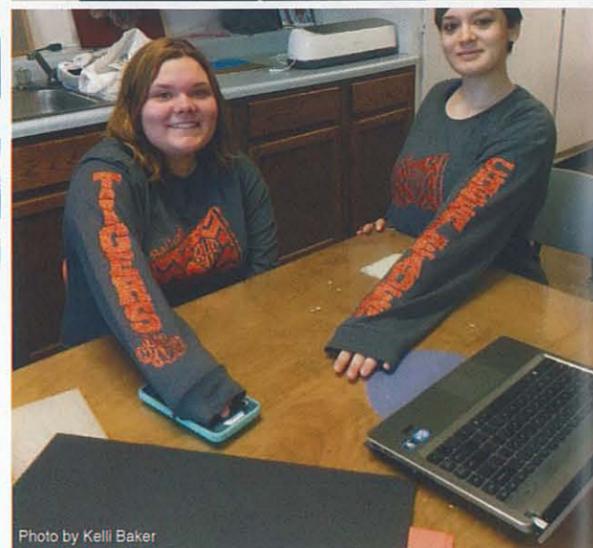


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Seniors Bailey Moncrief and Celia Kincaid display the arms of the cheer shirts they made for the cheerleaders.



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This year stands out in my mind because... "of our class field trip." -Aubree Newland, 1st grade



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Art Club members listen to the museum guide explain various artifacts and information about the exhibit.



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Juniors Coury Blakely and Kameron McGinnis look at food recovered from the steamboat, which the guide said was still edible. Canned pickles, sardines and cheese were also displayed.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Senior Skylar Haskell looks at a jewelry collection, the most valuable shipment at the time of the steamboat sinking.

Field Trip

For an end of the year field trip, the Art Club visited Arabia Steamboat Museum in Kansas City. The *Arabia* was a steamboat carrying cargo up the Missouri River in 1856 when it hit a piece of driftwood and ripped a hole in the hull. The accident happened in the night, so the crew left the boat, intending to return the next day and remove the cargo, but by the next morning the boat had sank so far into the mud that only the smokestacks were visible. Within days, all traces of the boat were gone. Excavation of the steamboat began in 1988, with thousands of artifacts recovered intact, including food. These artifacts are displayed in the museum.



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T-Shirts

Mrs. Baker and 7th-grader Mackenzie Baker twist t-shirts and put dye on them to make tie-dyed shirts. The Art Club ordered white shirts with black writing and design, and then members tie-dyed their own shirts.

The best thing ever was... "when I painted a mural on Mrs. Moot's wall." -Celia Kincaid, senior

Lock-In

After the Christmas Dance, Student Council hosted a Lock-In for grades 7 through 12. Students spent the night at the school playing games, watching movies and singing karaoke.

Freshman Hunter Maxymczak and seventh-grader Anthony Shaw watch seventh-grader Logan Grgurich play a game on the computer.

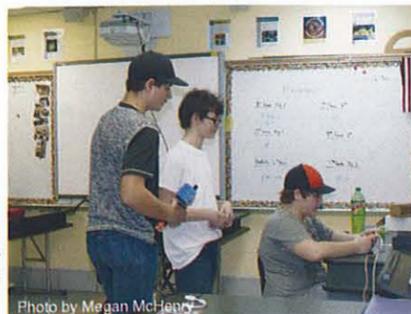


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Eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen plays dodgeball in the gym.

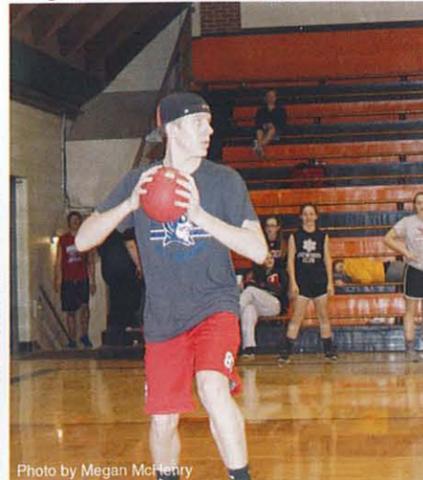


Photo by Megan McHenry

In a Nerf war, sophomore Austin Ray is well armed with a Rhinofire.



Photo by Megan McHenry

Student Council

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Student Council volunteers prepare and serve a meal in Kirksville

Eighth-grader Jace Snelling, sophomore Justin Leedom, freshman Hunter Maxymczak, sophomore Tanna Garlock, junior Levi Blankenship, sophomore Alexa Higgins, senior Hannah Reeves, seventh-grader Avery Zentz and seventh-grader Haley McNamar serve the meal to guests.



Photo by Celia Kincaid



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Drive 4 UR School

On September 23, Student Council members encouraged supporters to visit Lovegreen Ford in Kirksville to test drive a vehicle. Student Council received money for every test drive.



Photo by Shelly Shipman

Juniors Wyatt Potter, Kameron McGinnis and Levi Blankenship, sophomore Justin McHenry and seventh-grader Avery Zentz display the sign.



Photo by Christy Grissom

President, junior Levi Blankenship and vice president, junior Kameron McGinnis accept a check from Courtney Lovegreen and Bill Lovegreen at a home ballgame on February 15.

This year I learned... "how to pitch. I learned a lot on the second day of fall baseball practice." -Colton Sayre, junior

National Honor Society

Junior Wyatt Potter escorts sophomore Tanna Garlock onto the gym floor after selecting her out of the stands for the induction.

Senior Hannah Reeves lights the candle of Service and describes the role of service in National Honor Society.



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Above, the new sophomore inductees, John Gerhold, Tanna Garlock, Averi Acton, Alexa Higgins and Fisher Reese pose with the cake before the reception begins, and left, take the NHS pledge during the induction ceremony.

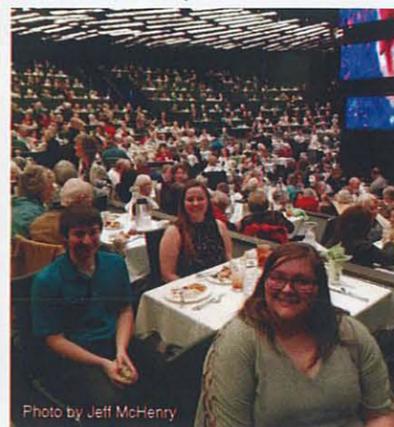


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Junior Wyatt Potter and seniors Megan McHenry and Morgan Magruder eat a meal at New Theatre Restaurant on March 28. The trip is a yearly tradition for NHS. The performance was *Barefoot in the Park* with Cindy Williams.

I will never forget... "the band trip to UMSL." -Zoe Blankenship, sophomore

Get'cha Head in the Game

Right, sophomore Emily Mason heads toward the basket. Mason scored 6 points in the 45-34 win against Newtown-Harris.

Middle right, cheerleaders Morgan Magruder, Megan McHenry, Leah Grissom, Celia Kincaid and Eliza Magruder strike a pose near the end of their dance routine for the between-game show. They wore team jerseys from previous seasons as their costumes.

Homecoming 2018

Right, Sophomores John Gerhold and Aubrey Bleything share a smile as their names are announced as the winners of the crown. "I've been close to John for all of my life," said Bleything, "It was fun to run for royalty together." Below, Homecoming Prince and Princess, freshmen Garrett Housman and Hannah Grissom, and King and Queen, sophomores John Gerhold and Aubrey Bleything.



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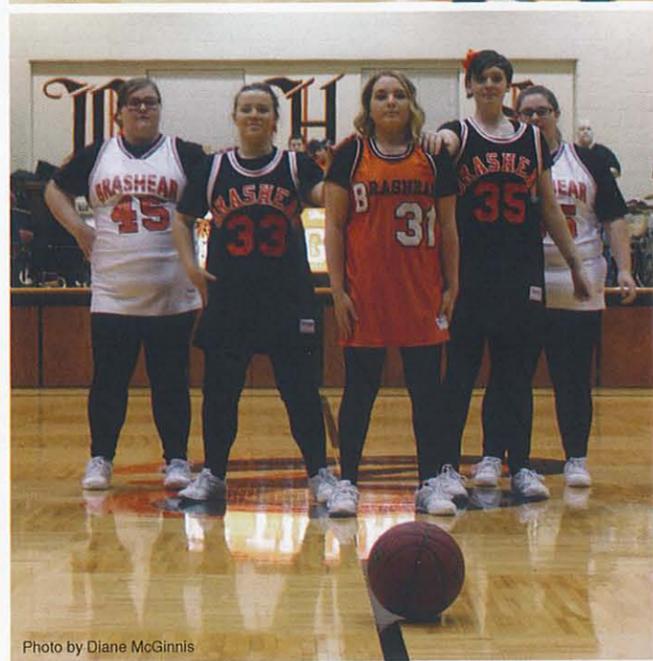


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Left, sophomore Aubrey Bleything works on a door decoration.



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Above, in a spirit competition between the girls and boys teams, the teams create cheers and try to pump up the crowd.



Photo by Diane McGinnis



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Each day of homecoming week had a different dress up theme. Disney Day was the biggest hit. From left to right, Celia Kincaid and Nate Stewart dress up as Smee and one of the lost boys. Levi Blankenship, Wyatt Potter, Chandi March and Leah Grissom dress as *The Incredibles*. Ms. Kincaid and Mrs. Grissom dress as characters from *Monsters, Inc.*, and Hannah Grissom and Callie Althide are Winnie the Pooh and Piglet.



Photo by Celia Kincaid



Photo by Celia Kincaid



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Members of the fifth grade class Lana Vansickle, Andrea Shaw, Cassidy Althide, Tayla Garlock and Macy Darnel compete for the best float in the parade.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Senior Zane Sykes drives in for a layup. Brashear took the lead in the first quarter and continued to outscore Newtown-Harris throughout the game, taking the win 61-35. Sykes scored 11 points in the game.

Dance Like No One's Watching

Eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen and guest, and junior Levi Blankenship and sophomore Tanna Garlock

Fall Dance



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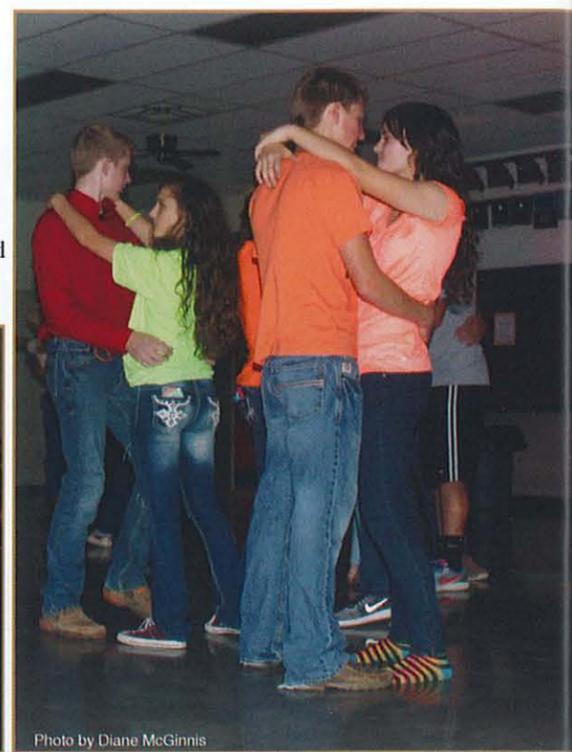


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Christmas Dance

In a change from the traditional semi-formal dance, the Christmas dance was themed "Ugly Sweaters." Students wore Christmas sweaters or casual clothes.



Photo by Colton Sayre

Far left, sophomore Averri Acton
Left, senior Leah Grissom and junior Aden Zentz



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As senior Megan McHenry and junior Wyatt Potter dance the Choo-Choo, freshman Garrett Housman leads the crowd in a train.

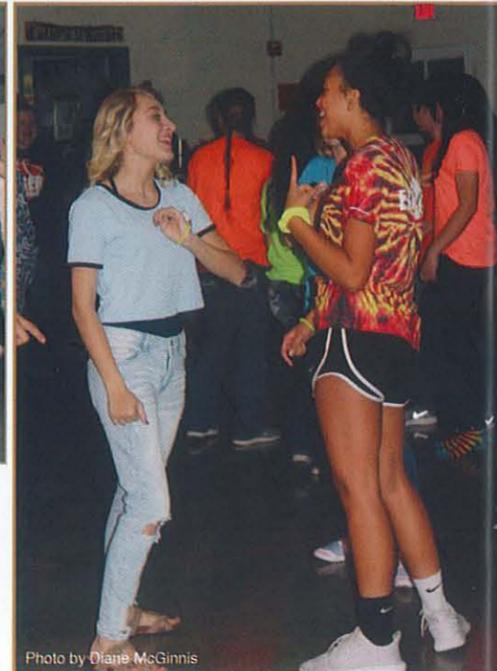


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Sophomore Emily Mason and eighth-grader Kynleigh White



Photo by Colton Sayre

Spring Dance and Bonfire



Photo by Diane McGinnis

The Spring Dance was held outside on the playground basketball court, with a bonfire in the parking lot. The event followed a home baseball game on Friday, May 4.

Right, senior Ty Gottman performs his signature moves to "Single Ladies". "No one can do it like Ty can," said Chandi March.

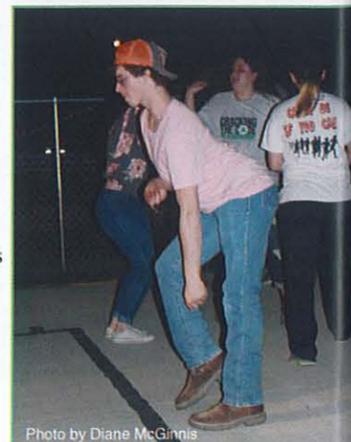


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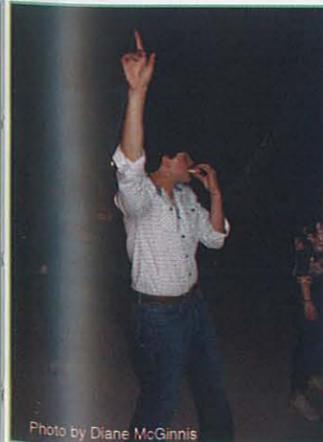


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Left, sophomore Wyatt Reeves enjoys his s'more while dancing.

Right, freshman Hannah Grissom and Miss Clark swing dance.



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Seventh-grader McKenna Hartwig and guest slow dance.

Junior Wyatt Potter and sophomore Zoe Blankenship



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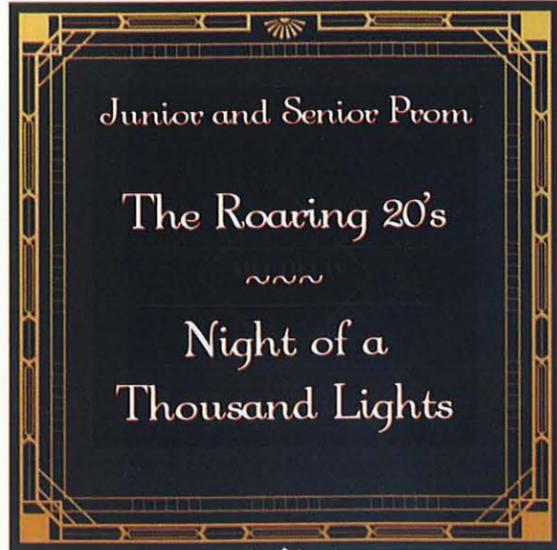


Photo by Ricki Higgins

Prom Royalty Zane Sykes and Megan McHenry



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Using scooters and laundry baskets, freshman Hannah Grissom and Trace Gottman, seniors Bailey Moncrief and Harli Mihalevich, guest Heisman Wray and senior Zane Sykes, and sophomores Fisher Reese and Quin Allen play Hungry, Hungry Hippos in the band room.



Photo by Ricki Higgins

Couples dance to a slow song in the Down Under,

Senior girls, Harli Mihalevich, Leah Grissom, Bailey Moncrief, Morgan Magruder, Skylar Haskell and Megan McHenry dance to "Wobble."



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Freshman Garrett Housman and sophomore Emily Mason share a dance.

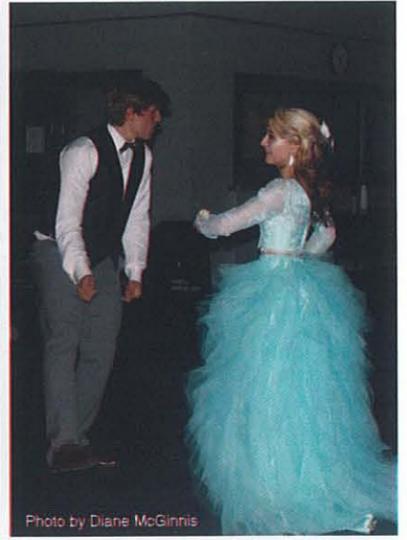


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The evening began with Grand March, held in the high school gymnasium, with a packed crowd of family and friends. Decorations included black and gold signs, pillars and lights, as well as photo sets around the gym. "We spent a lot of time working on Grand March," said junior Wyatt Potter, "I crawled under the mat to get the extension cords hidden underneath it. It took us four hours to set up."

The junior class chose seniors Zane Sykes and Megan McHenry as prom king and queen. "I was elated," said McHenry, "Of course, I was hoping all along it would be me, like every girl, but I was very happy when I actually got it."

"I was confused," said Sykes, "I didn't know where to go when they called my name."

Students left Grand March and went to eat before the dance. Thousand Hills Dining Lodge, Colton's and the Wooden Nickel were popular restaurants for the evening. "We ate at Nurachi's, and Rhonda Fisher was there and paid for our meal," said junior Levi Blankenship, "It was a surprise, but a very nice surprise."

Prom was held at Truman State University's Down Under in the Student Union building. The theme was "The Roaring Twenties-Night of a Thousand Lights." Tables were decorated with vases of

feathers, gold and black colors, and 1920's signs, with messages such as, "Party Inside, unless you're the fuzzi, then there ain't no party at all."

Shane Cassidy provided the music. "The deejay sang," said junior Colton Sayre, "We didn't even know. We thought he was just playing music until we looked at him. I was impressed."

"He played a lot of good dance songs," added senior Megan McHenry.

"I didn't know how to dance, but I did convulse my body," said senior Harley Hayes, "I was sore for two days after."

The dance ended at 11 p.m., and After Prom began at midnight at the school. Activities included group games, life-sized Hungry Hungry Hippos, an escape room, National Guard activities and plenty of food and prizes.

"The prizes were awesome," said senior Celia Kincaid, "I got luggage that I used the very next morning on the FBLA trip."

"There was a good variety of prizes, a lot of college appropriate things, like a mini fridge, microwave, rug, lamps and bean bag chairs," said Megan McHenry.

The event concluded with a breakfast before students were released to go home, ending the 2018 "Night of a Thousand Lights."



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Mrs. Moot's seventh grade math class works on a project with rational and irrational numbers.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

FOCUS

on class work

Teachers prepare interesting and challenging work, and students step up to learn.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Each year, the chemistry class silvers glass bottles as a final experiment.

Senior Ty Gottman pours water into his bottle to rinse it out. The bottles had to be rinsed a series of times.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Junior Aden Zentz rotates his bottle as the liquid turns from clear to cloudy. "I messed up the first one because I poured the silver nitrate into the wrong beaker and it reacted with the water in the beaker. Dr. Rearick had enough nitrate for me to try again," said Zentz.



Photo by Morgan Alexander

Juniors Valerie Sizemore and Coury Blakely and Mrs. Reeves slide a window into place.



Photo by Morgan Alexander

Junior Triston Morrison puts in the framework for the greenhouse by connecting the pieces with a mallet.

In the fall, Mrs. Reeves' Experimental Science class began construction on a greenhouse in the area outside of the sixth grade classroom. It was nearly complete in mid October, when a storm with strong winds blew through the area, causing damage to trees and buildings, and destroying the greenhouse. "We were very upset when it was destroyed. We'd put a lot of work into it," said Mrs. Reeves. As soon as it was warm enough in the spring, the class starting working on the project a second time. It blew over again in the early stages, but wasn't damaged, and then the class was careful to anchor and weigh it down. "It was easier building the second greenhouse, because we already knew how to do it," said junior Triston Morrison.

"We plan to start some fall seedlings," said Mrs. Reeves. "I hope other classes use it as well. I think kids will be excited to see things growing."



Photo by Travis Nilson



Photo by Zane Sykes

Seniors Harli Mihalevich, Leah Grissom, Skylar Haskell and Harley Hayes work in Mrs. Reese's Personal Finance class, a required class that teaches money management skills.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

In band class, sophomore Cody Mallett gets individual instruction from Mr. Wick. Mr. Wick works with each section of the band as they learn their parts. Sophomores Zoe Blankenship and Justin McHenry practice "Pomp and Circumstance" for graduation.



Photo by Celia Kincaid



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Mrs. Wolter reads aloud *The Outsiders* to the seventh grade English class. "I teach it every year," said Mrs. Wolter. "It's one of those books that has a timeless message. The students always enjoy it."



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Sophomore Brhet Place uses the wood burner on a project. "Shop is a relaxing class," said Place. "I enjoy working on wood working projects."

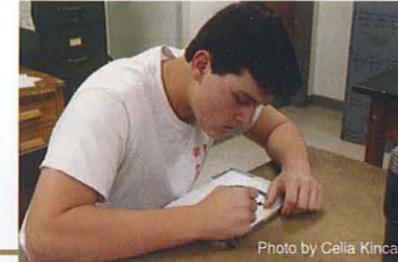


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Sophomore Wyatt Reeves transfers an image to wood in preparation for cutting with the scroll saw.



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Freshmen Madeline McGinnis, Garrett Housman and Austin Peterson wear masks, drink punch and eat snacks as they read Act II, the party scene, of *Romeo and Juliet* in English I. "It felt like I was in the 16th century looking for my true love," joked Housman. "It was some good food," added Peterson.



"I wanted to stay involved with the junior high girls because I wanted to help them learn what they needed to know for high school. I helped them with plays and with defense in practice. I just helped Coach Clark however she needed. I'm glad I did it."

Alexa Higgins



"I was unable to play because of an injury, but I still wanted to be part of the team. They're guys I've grown up with, always played with. For the seniors, I wanted to finish it out with them. I started it with them. I basically kept stats for Coach. If he wanted to make an adjustment, he would look at my clipboard and make changes."

Aden Zentz



"I was just sitting at Kynleigh's practice, and Coach Reeves asked if I wanted to come to the boys practice. The next thing I know, I end up being a manager. I did the stats, with Jack's help. I wasn't the best at stats, but I got it done. You have to pay close attention."

Dayton White



"I was a manager because I wanted something to do, and I wanted to watch the varsity team play. I wanted to get an idea of who they play and how hard it is. We helped with practices, playing defense. At the games, I recorded the games so that Coach could watch them later."

Abby Hartwig

Manage This

Managers put in equal time and equal work

"I enjoy watching the games. I just volunteered to be a manager so I could be around it more. I've learned what it's going to be like next year playing on the team. I didn't have too many responsibilities. In the fall, I caught bullpens every day at practice and took care of Game Changer at the games."

Jace Snelling



"I just wanted to spend more time with basketball. I feel the more I'm around it, the better I can be at it. I just helped out wherever I was needed. I enjoyed it. I feel I learned more, and it was fun being a part of the varsity team. I really look up to those girls."

Kynleigh White



"Being a manager gave me and Lex an opportunity to get to know the younger girls. In practice, we stepped in to help with drills. We filled the water bottles for the team at games. I learned new drills because Coach Clark used different drills. I had the feeling that I was helping out, even though it was a little thing, but it would benefit the varsity team in a couple of years."

Hannah Grissom



"Coach Reeves asked me to be a manager at a baseball game. I didn't really know what a manager did at first, but he told me what to do. I was basically the water boy. It helped because we got to go to practices and get the feel of what to do in junior high basketball. I would recommend being a manager."

Jack Reeves



Photo by Emily Mason

Sophomore Noah Reeves and Coach Chris Prewitt play *Fortnite* in Coach's office, with sophomores Austin Ray and Wyatt Reeves as spectators.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Senior Skylar Haskell displays artwork.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Senior Bailey Moncrief displays a painting.



Trending Now

The Floss and other Fortnite dances



100 people start out in a bus...

Students, boys and girls alike, got caught up in the *Fortnite* craze. *Fortnite* is a 2017 online game designed by Epic Games.

What's the point of this game?

"I don't know, but it's fun!" ~Coach Prewitt

What do you do?

"Build stuff, build stuff, build stuff. Break stuff, break stuff, break stuff." ~Coach Prewitt

How many hours in a day do you spend on Fortnite?

Three hours on a week day. Eight on a weekend." ~Colton Sayre

"Eight hours total per week. That might be a conservative estimate." ~Zane Sykes



The McDonald's App

"How can you afford to not eat at McDonald's everyday with deals like this?" ~Colt Sayre

Top 10 Songs of the school Year

- "Praying" Keshha
- "Mercy" Shawn Mendez
- "Broken Halos" Chris Stapleton
- "Finesse" Cardi B and Bruno Mars
- "Perfect" Ed Sheeren
- "What Ifs" Kane Brown
- "When It Rains It Pours" Luke Combs
- "Heartache on the Dance Floor" Jon Pardi
- "Believer" Imagine Dragons
- "What About Us" Pink

Focus on Creativity

Students display artistic talents



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Sophomore Austin Ray displays woodworking and scroll saw projects that he made in shop.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Senior Celia Kincaid painted a mathematics tree on Mrs. Moot's wall.



Photo by Cheryl Reeves



Photo by Joanne Kincaid

Focus on Helping Out

For Pennies for Patients, Brynn Schwieter, Taylor Houghton and Emma Newland count pennies collected during the week. The funds collected benefited The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The second grade class collected the most money and was rewarded with an ice cream party. The class gave money from their allowances and contributions from their family members. "I used money from my piggy bank," said Zain Cornelison. "I was saving for college." Cade Erwin said, "I wanted to beat my brother."

Focus on Agriculture

"I'm a fourth generation farmer, at least. That's as far back as I know. We raise crops and cattle. I prefer cattle. I own Angus and we have black ballies for our commercial herd. We use the purebred Angus for show cattle. We go to the Cattleman's Association Show in Sedalia, the NEMO Fair, Missouri State Fair and Junior Nationals, which is in Madison, Wisconsin this year. I'm planning to go to college and study ag; Mizzou, most likely. Farming is a simple way of life that I like. It's not easy, but I like it because there's always something different to do."

Levi Blankenship

"Raising animals and raising a crop is rewarding because you grow it, you put the work into it, and it pays off. In the summer, I rake and bale hay for Chris Collop, and I buck small bales for Levi. When school's out, I'll be planting beans and putting up hay. We first got into goats because we needed some brush cleaned up, and goats eat anything. Raising goats is easier than cattle on a small farm. We have around ninety goats. We keep the purebreds and sell the mixed when they're eight months to a year old, sixty to one hundred pounds. After school and ball practice, I check water and feed hay, and check on babies to make sure they're healthy. On the weekends I help Dad sort and move the goats when the grass is low, clean out old straw and fix fence."

Wyatt Reeves

Students work family farms outside of school hours



Photo by Emily Mason



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Focus on Working Together and Playing Together

The Field Day on the last day of school combined teachers and students from all grades in team activities.



Photo by Tonya Wood



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Keep your shirt on!

Clubs, Organizations, Athletic teams, and events show spirit with t-shirts



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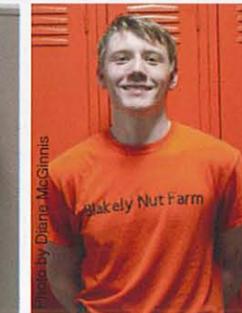


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Yearbook Staff 2018

Harley Hayes, senior
Celia Kincaid, senior
Travis Nilson, senior
Colton Sayre, senior
Zane Sykes, senior

"We like to **focus** in this class."

~Colton Sayre

Right, junior Colton Sayre catches a frisbee on a field trip. In September, the yearbook staff attended a workshop in Macon, presented by Walsworth, the yearbook publishing company. Between morning and afternoon sessions, the group went through drive-thrus at McDonald's and Hardee's, and then took their food to a park to eat. In the afternoon, the staff worked with an artist to design the cover of the 2018 yearbook. "It's gonna be awesome," said Harley Hayes, "the best cover we've ever had."



Photo by Diane McGinnis

The class designed and ordered cups that featured a tiger on one side and a message, "Order your copy of *FOCUS*" on the other side. Yearbook staff passed the cups out to every student in elementary, junior high and high school during the school day, and then distributed additional cups to parents and fans in the stands at a home varsity basketball game.

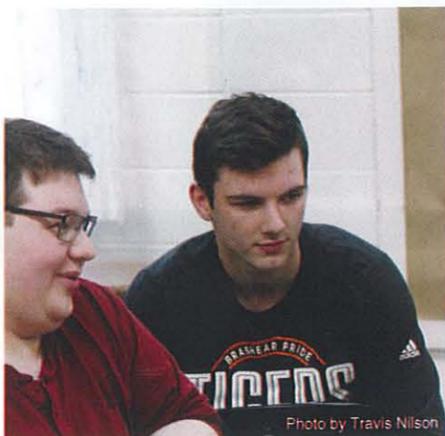


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Senior Harley Hayes and Junior Colton Sayre work together on a spread.



Photo by Colton Sayre

For an early photography assignment about camera angles, senior Zane Sykes is photographed by junior Colton Sayre.

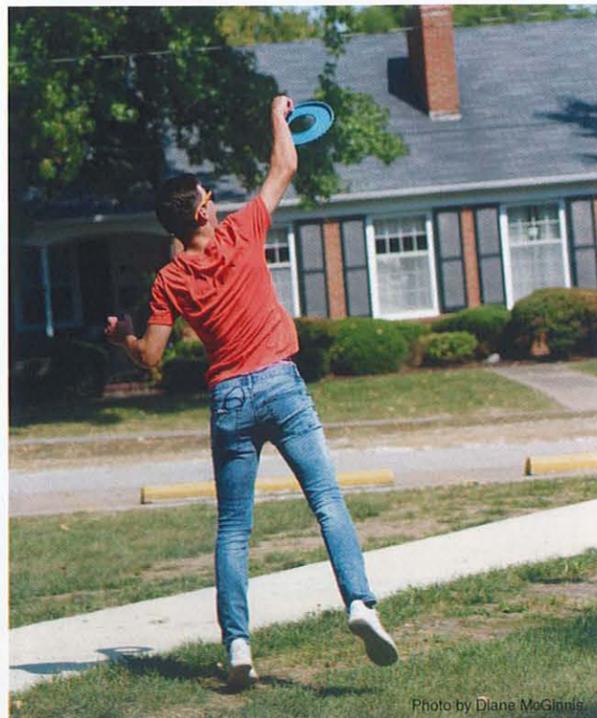


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Senior Celia Kincaid practices with a camera lens in the classroom.



Photo by Colton Sayre

Senior Travis Nilson looks through photos on the SmartBoard.

"I'll never forget..."the feeling of winning that basketball game against Bevier and the gym erupted." ~Colton Sayre, junior



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Marketing To kick off yearbook sales, the class made posters to hang around the school. "We didn't like the stock posters that were provided to us because they had pictures of complete strangers on them. We thought it would be more effective to use pictures of us," said senior Travis Nilson. The group wanted specific pictures to match headline ideas, but couldn't get serious and get the right pictures. From a goofy and hilarious photo shoot, they used the pictures they had and made new headlines. The class received compliments that the posters had made people laugh. Later in the year, they asked students to make signs finishing the thought, "I'm buying a yearbook because..." They photographed students holding the signs and used them as promotion posters.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Sophomore Wyatt Reeves, freshman Callie Althide and senior Megan McHenry write messages to their friends.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Eighth-grader Brandon Jochimsen looks at his new yearbook.



Photo by Diane McGinnis

Along with the previous yearbook staff, the class held a celebration to distribute the 2017 yearbooks, *Classic '17*. Students picked up their yearbooks and enjoyed cookies and drinks while they looked through the new books. Many students passed around their books to be autographed by their friends and teachers.

Yearbook Distribution and Signing Event

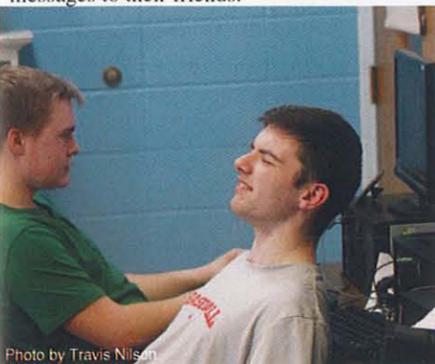


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While senior Zane Sykes works, junior Colton Sayre sings.



Photo by Celia Kincaid

Looking back, I'm glad... "we had the spring dance outside with a bonfire. It was so much fun." ~Abby Hartwig, 8th grade

The boys are back in town, and so are \$25 yearbooks!



Get your yearbook for \$25!

When it's finally time to buy a yearbook!

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Softball

Back row: Coach Chris Prewitt, Averi Acton, Alexa Higgins, Tanna Garlock, Emily Mason, Assistant Coach Chelsea Clark
 Middle row: Hannah Grissom, Callie Althide, Aubrey Bleything, Zoe Blankenship
 Front row: Megan McHenry, Hannah Reeves, Harli Mihalevich



vs. Grundy Co/ Newtown vs. Linn Co. vs. Madison vs. Meadville vs. Novinger vs. La Plata vs. Atlanta vs. Green City vs. BMC vs. Bevier

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Back row: Austin Peterson, Wyatt Reeves, Garrett Housman, Cody Mallet, manager Aden Zentz, John Gerhold, Assistant Coach Chris Prewitt
 Front row: Austin Ray, Quin Allen, Colton Sayre, Zane Sykes, Levi Blankenship, Hunter Maxymczak, manager Jace Snelling
 Not pictured: Coach Jimmy Brownell



MSHSAA
 State Music Festival

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Band

Top row: Morgan Magruder, Cody Mallett, Eliza Magruder
 Fifth row: Justin McHenry, Landon Fisher
 Fourth row: Zoe Blankenship, Avery Zentz, Kameron McGinnis, Lucas Keller, Tanna Garlock
 Third row: Director Jeff Wick, Ethan Mason, Madeline McGinnis
 Second row: Levi Blankenship, Wesley McGinnis, Mackenzie Baker
 Bottom row: Wyatt Potter



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Junior High Girls Basketball

Back row: Coach Chelsea Clark, manager Alexa Higgins, Kynleigh White, Abby Hartwig, Emma Harsell, manager Hannah Grissom, Assistant Coach Emily Reardon
 Front row: McKenna Hartwig, Haley McNamar, Mackenzie Baker, Sierra Snyder



vs. Atlanta vs. BMC vs. Green City vs. La Plata vs. Bevier vs. Novinger vs. Linn Co. vs. Meadville

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Junior High Boys Basketball

Back row: Aden Shahan, Landon Fisher, Brandon Jochimsen, Lane Stutsman, Lucas Keller
 Front row: Avery Zentz, Alex Houghton, Jace Snelling, Trace Gottman, Anthony Shaw
 Not pictured: Coach Michael Reeves



Junior High Cheerleaders

Abby Hartwig, Kynleigh White, Sierra Snyder
 Not pictured: Coach Chandi March



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Back row: Aiden Withrow, Anthony Shaw, Lucas Keller, Ethan Mason, Logan Grgurich, Alex Houghton, Aden Shahan, Avery Zentz, Landon Fisher, Mackenzie Baker, Kolbi Mason, Haley McNamar, McKenna Hartwig, Wesley McGinnis
 Fifth Row: Hannah Grissom, Callie Althide, Lathan Grgurich, Garrett Housman, Trace Gottman, Austin Peterson, Lane Stutsman, Abby Hartwig, Kynleigh White, Jace Snelling
 Fourth Row: Tanna Garlock, Noah Reeves, Wyatt Reeves, Cody Mallett, Zoe Blankenship, Emily Mason, Averi Acton, Aubrey Bleything, Quin Allen, John Gerhold, Austin Ray, Justin McHenry
 Third Row: Levi Blankenship, Aden Zentz, Branden Peterson, Triston Morrison, Kameron McGinnis, Colton Sayre, Adviser Martha Reese
 Second Row: Morgan Magruder, Skylar Haskell, Travis Nilson, Devin Morrison, Leah Grissom, Harli Mihalevich, Bailey Moncrief, Celia Kincaid, Zane Sykes, Ty Gottman
 Front Row: Eliza Magruder, Hannah Reeves, Alexa Higgins, Wyatt Potter, Megan McHenry, Brandon Jochimsen, Madeline McGinnis, Coury Blakely, Emma Harsell, Fisher Reese



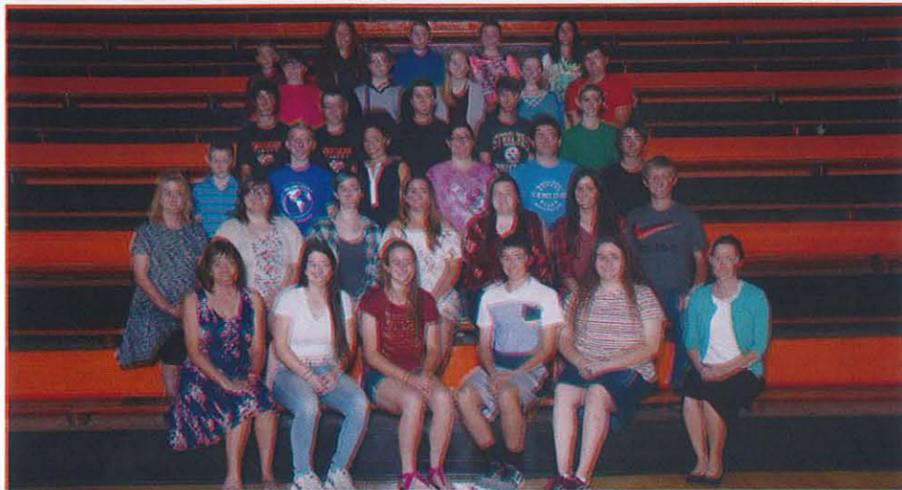
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 Front Row: Megan McHenry, Zane Sykes, Hannah Reeves, Leah Grissom, Bailey Moncrief, Harli Mihalevich, Skylar Haskell, Travis Nilson, Ty Gottman, Harley Hayes

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S.H.OUT Club

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 Fourth Row: Hunter Maxymczak, Austin Ray, Wyatt Reeves, Justin Leedom, Fisher Reese
 Third Row: Alex Houghton, Brandon Jochimsen, Abby Hartwig, Eliza Magruder, Triston Morrison, Quin Allen
 Second Row: Adviser Cheryl Reeves, Morgan Magruder, Celia Kincaid, Megan McHenry, Aubrey Bleything, Tanna Garlock, Levi Blankenship
 Front Row: Adviser Tammy Wolter, Harli Mihalevich, Alexa Higgins, Wyatt Potter, Kameron McGinnis, Adviser Diane McGinnis
 Not Pictured: Adviser Erin Moots



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 Fourth Row: Clayton Johnson, Levi Blankenship, Tanna Garlock, Madeline McGinnis, Celia Kincaid
 Third Row: Garrett Housman, Hannah Grissom, Callie Althide, Aubrey Bleything, Averi Acton, Emily Mason
 Second Row: Bailey Moncrief, Harli Mihalevich, Skylar Haskell, Branden Peterson, Austin Peterson
 Front Row: Kameron McGinnis, Wyatt Potter, Alexa Higgins, Megan McHenry, Adviser Kelli Baker



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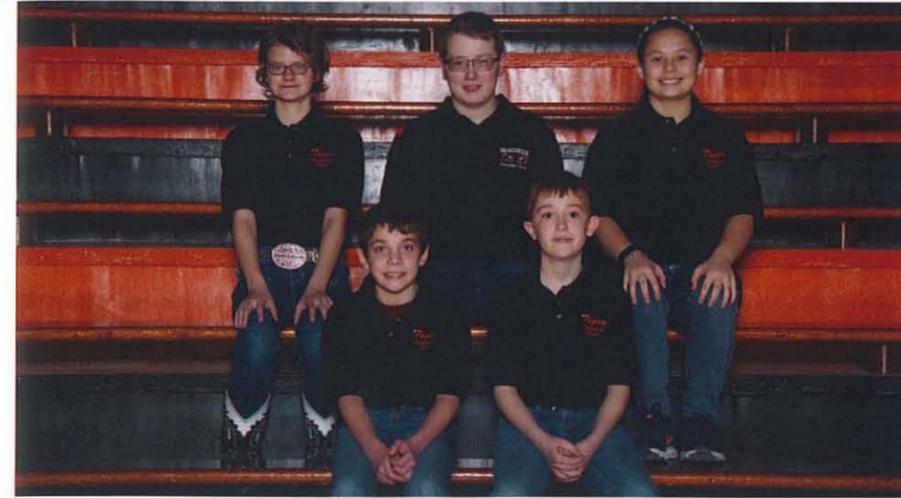


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Back Row: John Gerhold, Alexa Higgins, Averi Acton
 Second Row: Tanna Garlock, Kameron McGinnis, Wyatt Potter, Fisher Reese
 Front Row: Hannah Reeves, Leah Grissom, Adviser Tammy Wolter, Megan McHenry
 Not Pictured: Morgan Magruder

Choir

Megan McHenry, Madeline McGinnis, Kameron McGinnis



5th Grade Academic Bowl

Back Row: Andrea Shaw, Assistant Coach Austin Ray, Lana Vansickle
Front Row: Jacob Snyder, Riley Whitlow
Not Pictured: Coach Joanne Kincaid

vs. La Plata vs. Novinger vs. Bevier vs. Atlanta vs. Meadville vs. BMC vs. Green City vs. Linn Co. Conference
250-190 W 320-280 W 230-50 W 300-70 W 220-130 W 320-150 W 370-130 W 340-70 W 1st Place

Junior High Academic Bowl

Back Row: Avery Zentz, Landon Fisher, Coach Tammy Wolter
Front Row: Madeline McGinnis, Wesley McGinnis



6th Grade Academic Bowl

Back Row: Assistant Coach Austin Ray, Ethan Powell, Lacey Fisher
Front Row: Gunner Lonberger, Ashton Ray, Rhett Whitlow
Not Pictured: Coach Joanne Kincaid

vs. La Plata vs. Novinger vs. Bevier vs. Atlanta vs. Meadville vs. BMC vs. Green City vs. Linn Co. Conference District
270-230 W 230-220 W 280-150 W 240-110 W 260-220 W 210-240 L 280-100 W 210-220 L 2nd Place 2nd Place

Varsity Academic Bowl

Back Row: Coach Mike Killen, Aden Zentz, Austin Ray
Front Row: Megan McHenry, Justin McHenry, Celia Kincaid



Color Guard

Back row: Madeline McGinnis, Tanna Garlock
Front row: Megan McHenry, Kameron McGinnis

vs. Marion Co.	vs. Higbee	vs. Linn Co.	vs. La Plata	vs. Allanta	vs. Meadville	vs. Marion Co.	vs. Bevier	vs. Newton-Harris	vs. N. Shelby	vs. Green City	vs. Milan JV	vs. Keytesville	vs. BMC	vs. Novinger	District vs. Bevier	District vs. Grundy Co.
58-27 W	29-59 L	41-39 W	40-43 L	40-43 L	64-59 W	49-44 W	60-20 W	45-34 W	48-29 W	30-64 L	58-21 W	49-37 W	64-54 W	65-44 W	57-27 W	46-65 L

Varsity Girls Basketball

Back row: manager Abby Hartwig, Aubrey Bleything, Alexa Higgins, Tanna Garlock, Averi Acton, Emily Mason, manager Kynleigh White, Coach Chris Prewitt
 Front row: Callie Althide, Hannah Reeves, Hannah Grissom
 Not pictured: Assistant Coach Emily Reardon



@ La Plata Girls	@ La Plata Boys	@ Putnam County Girls	@ Putnam County Boys	@ Milan Girls	@ Milan Boys	Conference Girls	Conference Boys
9th place	7th place	12th place	8th place	9th place	6th place	7th place	7th place



Junior High Track
 Back row: Alex Houghton, Ethan Mason, Avery Zentz, Jace Snelling
 Middle row: Anthony Shaw, Aden Shahan, Landon Fisher, Brandon Jochimsen Lane Stutsman
 Front row: Sierra Snyder, Abbey Hartwig, Kynleigh White
 Not pictured: Coach Wade Sorenson, Assistant Coach Michael Reeves

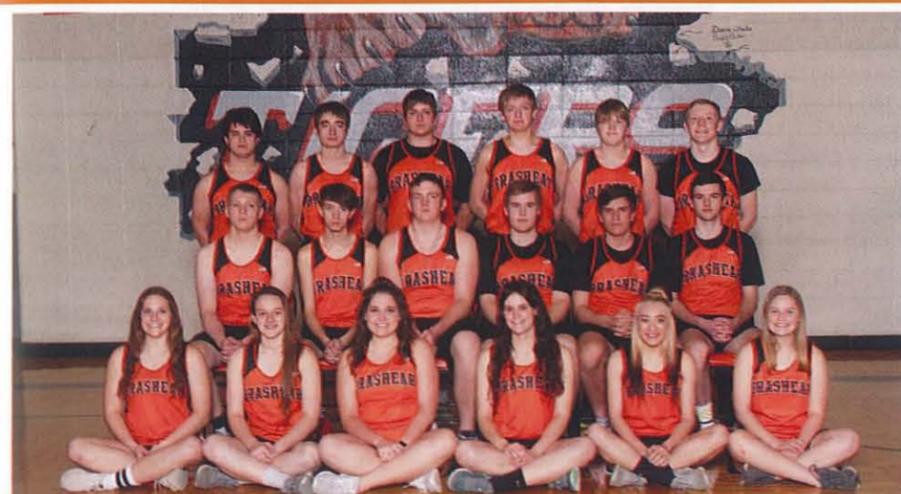
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42-48 L	29-70 L	39-72 L	35-97 L	47-45 W OT	33-54 L	38-41 L	46-43 W OT	61-35 W	39-58 L	41-64 L	58-47 W	40-59 L	70-26 W	40-96 L	30-69 L

Varsity Boys Basketball

Back row: manager Trace Gottman, manager Aden Zentz, Colton Sayre, Cody Mallett, Triston Morrison, Quin Allen, manager Brandon Jochimsen
 Front row: Austin Peterson, Levi Blankenship, Zane Sykes, Ty Gottman, Fisher Reese, Garrett Housman
 Not pictured: Coach Michael Reeves



@KV Tiger Invite Girls	@KV Tiger Invite Boys	@ Truman Girls	@ Truman Boys	@ Milan Girls	@ Milan Boys	Conference Girls	Conference Boys	@ Putnam Co. Girls	@ Putnam Co. Boys	District Girls	District Boys	Sectionals Girls	Sectionals Boys	State Girls
7th	9th	5th	11th	3rd	5th	4th	7th	6th	9th	3rd	10th	5th	14th	52nd



Varsity Track
 Back row: Justin McHenry, Quin Allen, John Gerhold, Levi Blankenship, Austin Peterson, Coury Blakely
 Middle row: Aden Zentz, Justin Leedom, Cody Mallett, Zane Sykes, Garrett Housman, Colton Sayre
 Front row: Averi Acton, Alexa Higgins, Hannah Reeves, Tanna Garlock, Emily Mason, Zoe Blankenship
 Not Pictured: Coach Wade Sorenson, Assistant Coach Michael Reeves

Varsity Cheerleaders

Back row: Morgan Magruder, Celia Kincaid, Eliza Magruder
 Front row: Megan McHenry, Leah Grissom



vs. Bevier Bevier JV	vs. Canton Canton JV	vs. Green City Game 1	vs. Green City Game 2	vs. Milan	vs. La Plata Game 1	vs. La Plata Game 2	vs. Knox Co. Knox Co. JV	vs. Bevier Bevier JV	vs. Novinger Novinger JV	vs. Putnam Co. Putnam Co. JV	vs. Atlanta	vs. Schuyler Schuyler JV	District vs. Bevier		
4-5 L	1-16 L	4-20 L	2-13 L	7-14 L	2-15 L	0-15 L	5-15 L	8-2 W	10-8 W	3-5 L	8-26 L	9-6 W	0-9 L	9-19 L	3-5 L
9-5 W	0-6 L							3-9 L	4-11 L					11-12 L	



Spring Baseball
 Back row: Wyatt Reeves, Quin Allen, Travis Nilson, Brhet Place, Cody Mallett, Colton Sayre, Levi Blankenship, Justin Leedom, assistant Coach Chris Prewitt
 Front row: John Gerhold, Austin Ray, Hunter Maxymczak, Garrett Housman, Zane Sykes, Austin Peterson, Aden Zentz, manager Jace Snelling
 Not pictured: Coach Jimmy Brownell

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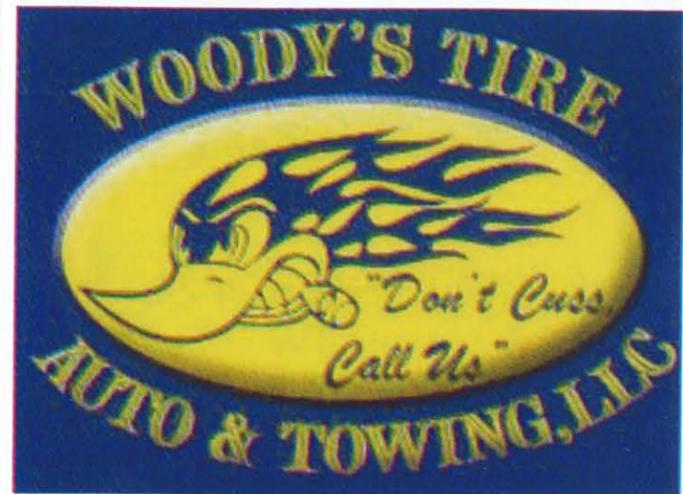
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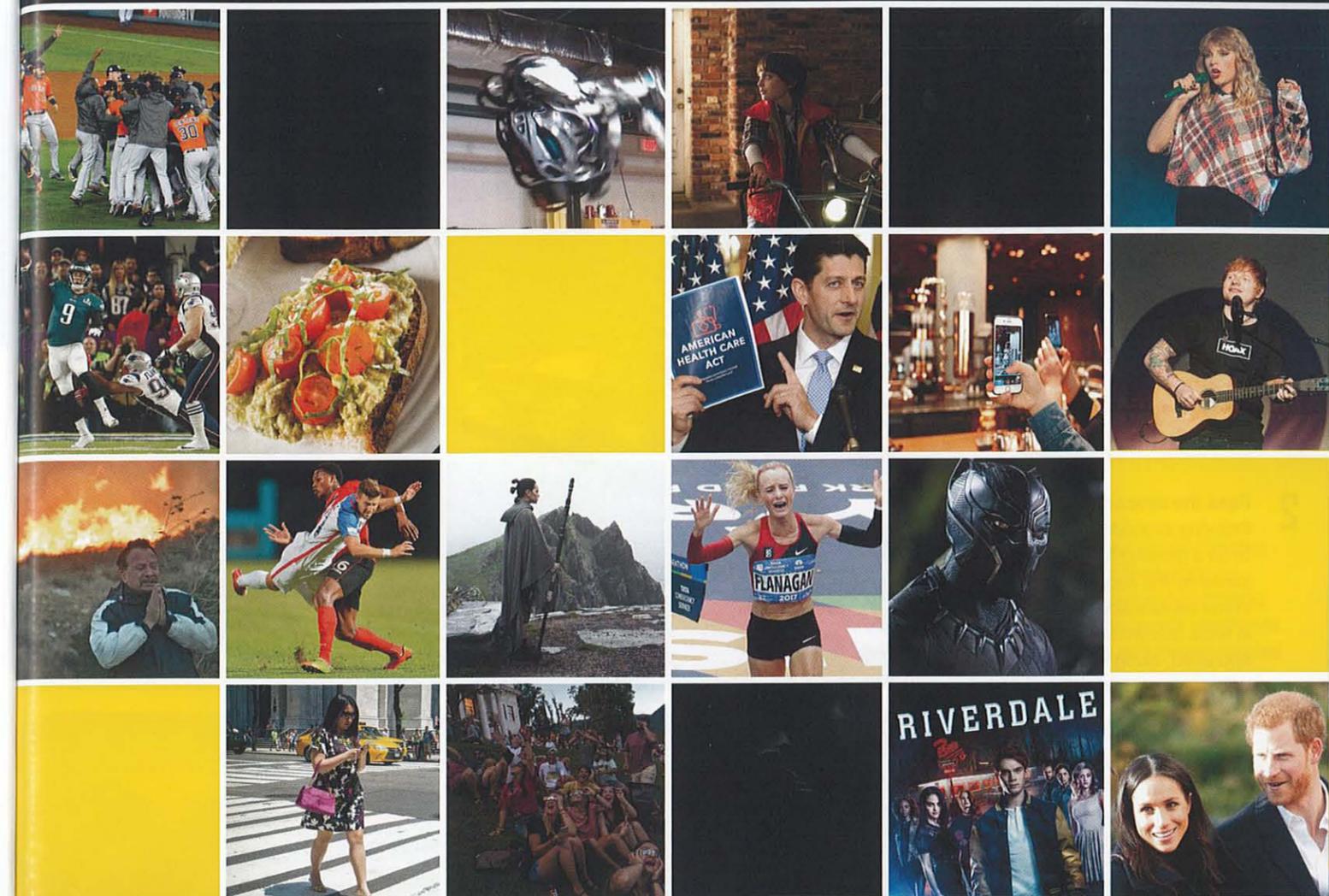
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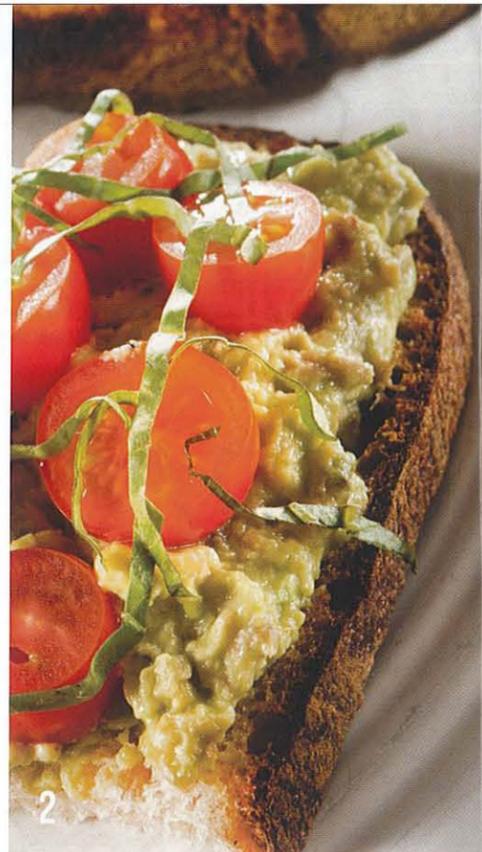
1 Texting fines

A woman texts while crossing the street, an act that will now earn a fine in Honolulu after it became the first major U.S. city to fine pedestrians for texting while crossing the street. The fines ranged from \$35-\$99.



2 Pass the avocados

Enjoying avocado on toast continues to be a growing food trend and was joined by the avolatte – coffee served inside an avocado. Putting more fun in food, unicorn lattes and ice cream appeared, along with donuts decorated with crushed children's cereal.



3 A royal pair

Prince Harry of Great Britain and Meghan Markle, an American actress, feminist and humanitarian, meet with reporters. They announced their surprise engagement in November and were wed in spring 2018.



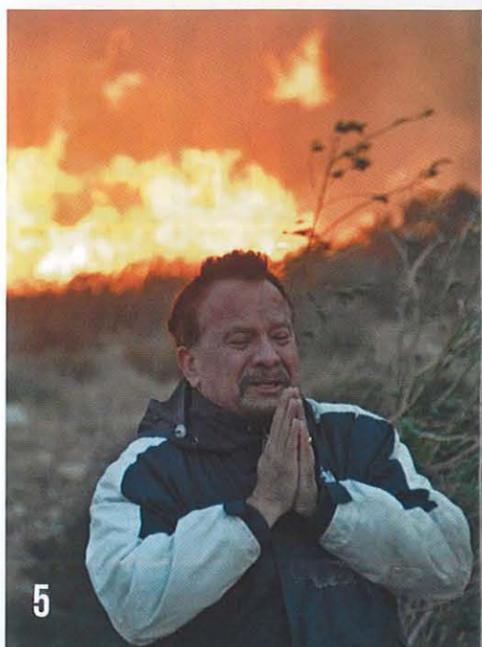
4 Hazardous stress reducers

A young woman passes the time by playing with a fidget spinner. Fidget spinners were a new hand-held toy designed to reduce stress that became wildly popular. But the spinners caused anxiety for parents due to safety concerns, including choking, fire and lead poisoning.



5 Fire danger

A Southern California man stops to pray as fires kicked up near his home in early December. The Santa Ana winds blow more fiercely and longer during the early winter, creating numerous wildfires that caused tens of thousands of people to evacuate.



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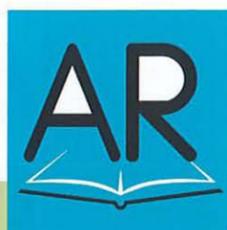
6 From healthcare to taxes

Republicans in Congress, including House Speaker Paul Ryan, talk to reporters about their plans to repeal or modify the Affordable Care Act. Congress made no headway with their controversial healthcare plans in 2017, so both the House and Senate passed tax reform.



Riding out the storm

Rescue workers evacuate stranded residents in Texas during the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, which was one of the busiest in years with 10 hurricanes forming and six reaching Category 3 or higher. Hurricane Harvey slammed into south Texas on Aug. 25 as a Category 4 and then stalled, causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Irma struck several Caribbean islands before hitting the Florida Keys as a Category 4 storm, and then traveled north through Florida. Hurricane Maria left a swath of devastation across Puerto Rico.



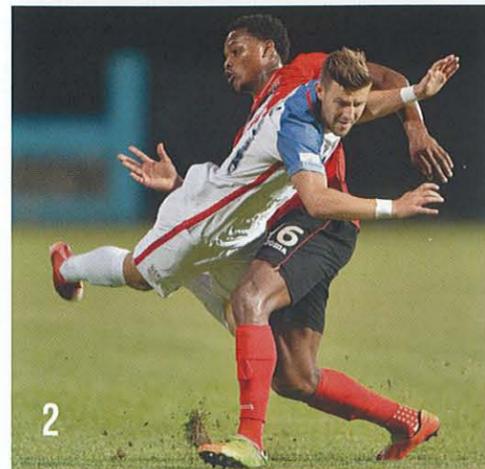
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1 Houston, you have a champion
The Houston Astros celebrate after winning the World Series, defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in seven games. Playing for a city devastated by a hurricane just two months earlier, the Astros survived a classic series filled with comebacks and extra-inning games to win the first world title in team history. Houston's George Springer was named MVP for slugging five home runs and eight extra base hits, the most ever in a World Series.



2 Sad day for U.S. soccer
U.S. men's soccer team player Paul Arriola gets tripped up during a World Cup qualifying game against Trinidad and Tobago on Oct. 10. For the first time in more than 30 years, the U.S. failed to qualify for the World Cup after they lost, 2-1, in a stunning defeat.



3 40 years in the making
Runner Shalane Flanagan reacts after crossing the finish line at the 2017 New York City Marathon on Nov. 5. Flanagan, a former Olympic bronze medalist, became the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon in 40 years.



4 Roll Tide!
Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa attempts to run through the Georgia defense during the college football National Championship Game on Jan. 8 in Atlanta. Tagovailoa, an 18-year old freshman, came off the bench in the second half and helped the Crimson Tide rally from a 13-point deficit to win, 26-23, in overtime.

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Fly, Eagles, fly!
Philadelphia's Nick Foles eludes the New England Patriots defense during Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis. Foles, the Eagles backup QB who was forced to play when starter Carson Wentz was injured, led Philadelphia to a 41-33 win and was chosen the game's MVP by throwing for 373 yards and three touchdowns, as well as catching a touchdown. The two teams combined for 1,151 yards – the most in any single game in NFL history.



5 Boxing vs. MMA
Undeclared boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. and mixed martial arts superstar Conor McGregor fight in a highly publicized boxing match on Aug. 26 in Las Vegas. The fight, which Mayweather won by TKO in the 10th round, generated more than 4.4 million pay-per-view buys in the U.S.



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Star Wars: The Last Jedi - \$533 million

Beauty and the Beast - \$504 million

Wonder Woman - \$412 million

Guardians of the Galaxy 2 - \$389 million

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1 What a wonder

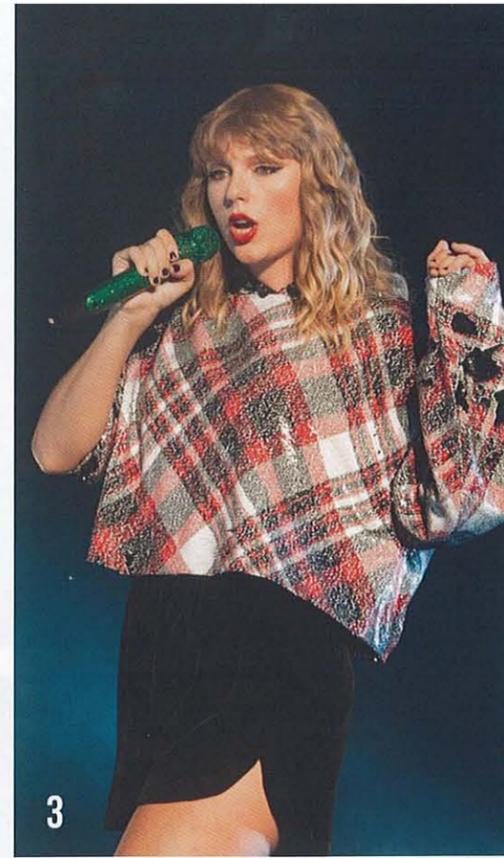
Actress Gal Gadot springs into action as the popular superhero Wonder Woman in this year's movie of the same name. The summer blockbuster became a huge hit and one of the highest-grossing superhero movies of all time.



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ENTERTAINMENT

2 Archie and the gang

The cast of the new CW television show, *Riverdale*, gets unveiled to audiences. The show, loosely based on the characters first seen in the famous Archie Comics, was hailed as innovative by critics and became popular with younger audiences.

3 Protecting her rep

Taylor Swift performs at a concert in San Jose, California, in December. Swift's newest album, *Reputation*, was released in November and sold more than two million copies in a week, making it the best-selling record of 2017.

4 Back and even stranger

Mike, Will and the entire gang from Hawkins are getting ready for more trouble. Wildly popular and critically acclaimed Netflix sci-fi TV series *Stranger Things* returned for its second season, debuting the weekend before Halloween to huge numbers of viewers.

5 ÷ = lots of hits

Pop star Ed Sheeran performs for fans, while his latest album, *÷*, made him the best-selling musical artist of 2017. Songs "Castle on the Hill," "Shape of You" and "Perfect" all were among the most downloaded tracks of the year.

6 Long live the king

Marvel's comic book character T'Challa, played by Chadwick Boseman, suits up for the big screen in his stand-alone flick, *Black Panther*. The landmark film, which was released in February, featured a modern black superhero and a primarily black cast in a Marvel movie for the first time. *Black Panther's* \$200 million opening weekend was one of the five largest of all time.

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It's good to be The Last Jedi

Rey confronts Luke Skywalker in a scene from *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. The latest *Star Wars* movie hit theaters just before Christmas and fans were hooked. The film earned \$533 million in the first two weeks, making it the biggest box office hit of the year.



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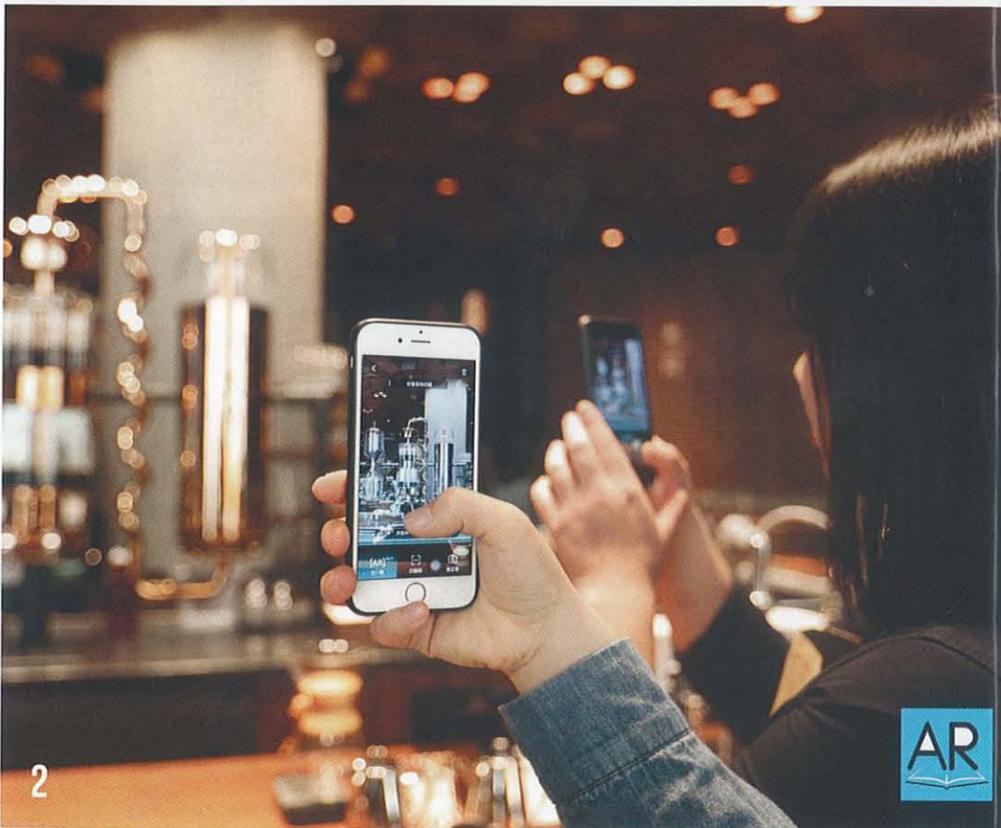
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1 Darkness in the daytime
A group of spectators in North Carolina view the solar eclipse at the time of totality on Aug. 21. Millions of Americans stopped what they were doing for 2 ½ minutes to watch the total solar eclipse. The eclipse occurred in a 70-mile-wide swath from Oregon to South Carolina.



2 Advances in AR
A Starbucks customer uses their smartphone to access a coffee-making video via augmented reality (AR). AR became more widespread, with social media platforms like Facebook and Snapchat announcing new AR experiences for their users.



3 Backflipping robot
Atlas, a humanoid robot being developed by U.S. lab Boston Dynamics, performs an acrobatic backflip. The company released video footage of Atlas running, jumping and flipping, and it quickly went viral across social media.

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