

What's my
combination?

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Wright City High School

2010-2011



It's your **Freshman** year. You're sitting on the bleachers during the first pep assembly of many to come. Everyone around you is yelling and volunteering in hopes of getting the chance to rip the rope out of the clutches of the opposing classes in an intense game of tug-of-war. It's only your Freshman year, so your class ends up losing the spirit trophy. As you sulk to your locker with your head down, you realize you've forgotten your combination.

It's your **Sophomore** year. You're walking down the hallway. You see so much around you. You try to find your friends in the hustle and bustle of high school life. You spot Ms. Wright. This is not good. You didn't turn in yesterday's assignment and you know that if she sees you, you'll be in for an ear full. So you find yourself whispering, "No eye contact, no eye contact." You pass her and breathe a sigh of relief. Uh oh, a tap on the shoulder. You slowly turn around, "I've been looking for you everywhere!" as you wipe the bead of sweat from your brow, you say, "Thank goodness! I thought you were... nevermind, anyways, I left my book in your locker what's the combination?"

It's your **Junior** year. You've got the car, the job, the grades, and now all you need is a date to prom. This will be no easy task. You're as picky as they come, and why wouldn't you be? You made

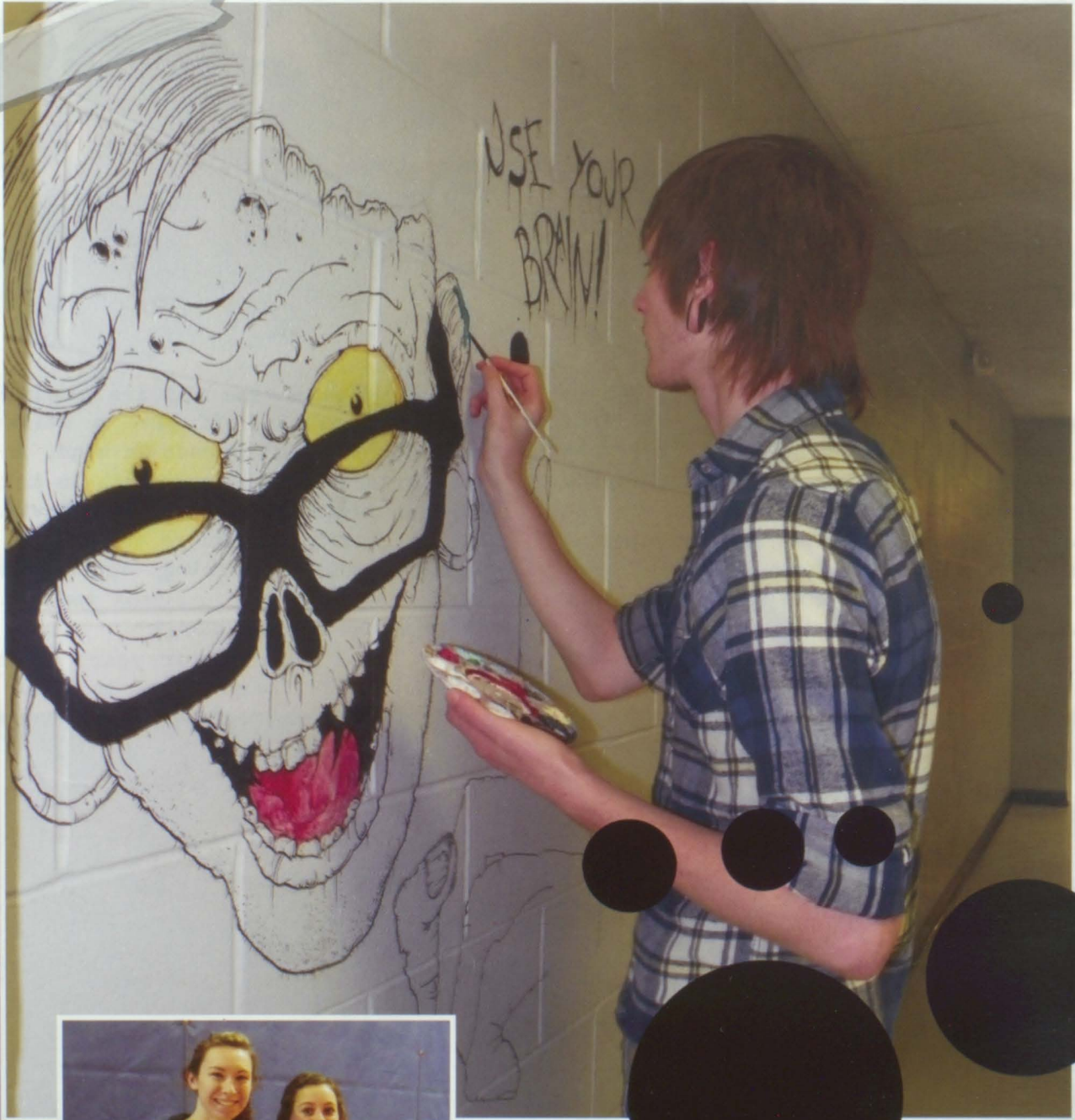
the All-State team and are practically beating them all off with a stick! You have the perfect person in mind, and for the perfect person, you want to make the perfect proposal: a surprise invitation in the locker. As you're walking to their locker, you're gaining confidence and then all of the sudden you stop... "What's the combination?"

It's your **Senior** year. Senioritis has most definitely kicked in. Your once perfect attendance has faltered to nothing more than 13 tardies, 27 absences, and your grades could also use a little bit of attention. You have no time though, what with all the college applications, AP classes, research papers, ACT preparations, and scholarship forms. How are you even supposed to keep your head on straight? There is so much to do in such a short amount of time. Before you know it, it's the last day of school! You're walking across that stage in just 3 short days! You're so pumped! You hug all of your friends and make empty promises to stay in touch. You're overcome with emotion. Everything that's happened in the last four years goes running through your head. You get to your locker, this will be the last time you turn that knob. You go to enter the numbers, turning it ever so slightly 36...45...24 "Wait, that's my gym locker... What's my combination?!"

-Brittany Davis

Monday Lunch Student Life

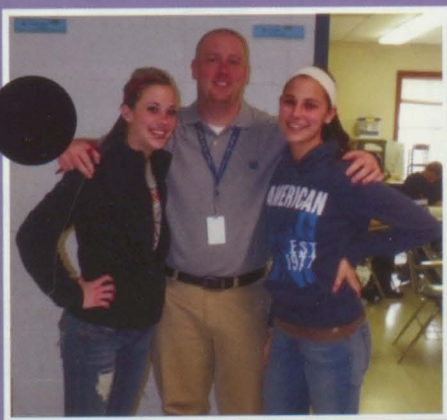
Life's Homework



Above: Shane Cisler paints his mural, one of the many new additions to the halls of Wright City High School.
Left: Erika Dohrman and Christine Klem enjoy their time as juniors in gym class.



Top: The Health Occ class practices medical procedures to prepare for their future in the medical field. Middle: Seniors Mario McClurken, Shawn Helfer, and Nick Reese show us what seniors are really made of. Bottom: Juniors Brianna Zumwalt and Sheila Stassi pose with history teacher Mr. Adams in the hallway.



As you got out of your car prepared for the new year, it was obvious Wright City High School had changed. Three things came to mind. One: did our football field move? Two, is this air conditioning? And three: are the freshmen getting smaller? Decidedly, the answer to all of these questions is yes. Over the years, WCHS has been a small town school with a small town feel. This year, however, that has all changed.

Over the previous summer, everyone was working hard to deliver a brand new school. Our football field had been redone, equipped with new bleachers and a brand new rubberized track. The new field also gave room for a bigger gravel parking lot for future student drivers. On the inside, new air conditioning was functioning throughout the school. This was a big plus for the students used to sweating through the long seven hour day.

When the school bell rang at the end of the day, however, was when the real fun began and students really got to show how Wright City had changed. From Health Occ to Science Club, Wright City Student life was more exciting than ever.

Murals were being painted on the walls and new teachers and incoming students were taking their places in after school activities. Mr Brown, our new school principal was eager to get seniors ready for graduation and freshmen ready to take on the next four years.

Seniors were thrilled to finally be top of the food chain. Juniors were getting excited for prom and being upperclassmen. Sophomores were finally used to the routine of high school while freshmen would soon be trying to figure everything out for themselves. Wright City High School was ready to embrace the change.



From left: Returning Queen Brittany Abercrombie, First Runner Up Taylor Jennings, Strassenbash Queen Melissa Willmore, and Second Runner Up Emily Jabooer stand proudly with their titles

There's No Place Like Wright City...

Strassenbash is the one time of year the Wright City community can come together and celebrate the growth and development of the town. This year's theme was The Wizard of Oz as it was shown tremendously from the delicious food to the festive games. Not to mention the annual Strassenbash Queen Contest.

All queen candidates clicked their heels and spent their time doing community service affecting the Wright City community in a positive way.

All together the girls topped 1,000 hours of community service between June and September. The girls prepared

the park for the actual event, worked at Warren County Fair gates, and painted the pavilion. Each individual candidate put in time and effort in this pageant and worked hard from day one to the final crowning. All the girls were sponsored by Wright City area businesses including places such as: Economy Supermarket, FMB bank, Phantom Fireworks, Victory Tire and Auto, Wright City Fire Auxiliary, and many more.

In the end Melissa Willmore was crowned the 2010 Strassenbash queen with Taylor Jennings as first runner up and Emily Jabooer as second runner up. Taylor Jennings took best interview, Lauren Combs with highest ticket sales, and Melissa Willmore with miss congeniality, best evening gown, and best speech. Congratulations to all candidates!



Everyone followed the yellow brick road this year to have a blast at Strassenbash including Morgan Lewis and Kris Clark (center) as well as Dr. Gaines (right).



The 2010 Strassenbash Queen Melissa Willmore poses for a picture after the crowning



From Left: Brianna McLaren, Destinee Cummings, Ashley Lewis, Emily Lawler, Brittany Abercrombie, Taylor Jennings, Melissa Willmore, Emily Jabooer, Justine VanZuyen, Lauren Combs, Passion Hunter-Edwards, Jasmine King, and Brittany Greco smile proudly at the crowning ceremony



Nicholas Hanff, Patrick Harris, Andrew Donaldson, Daniel Donaldson, Heather Rodriguez, and Jeffrey Duffie are all part of the Wright City Band and preformed their Competition piece for the show



Aaron Antonies plays his guitar while Charlene Kibbons sings from her heart.

Rockin' out, Serenading the audience, & Shaking up the Variety

Come one, come all to see the Inaugural Variety Show! The Freshmen and Sophomore Classes held a talent show this year and the outcome was fantastic! A staggering \$374.86 was raised for the two classes. This will help the two classes for future activities and graduation as they approach their junior and senior years.

Not only was it a great fund raiser, it was an eye catching show. Mario McClurkin and Gus Wehmeier were the Masters of Ceremony and kept the crowd pumped up. Talents were performed by students of all grades and even a few faculty members. Kelly Prost and the Grammar Police, (Sean Wheeler, Lindsay Brand, Sarah Temme, and Kyle Brophy) gave the students a laugh and let out their "inner rock-star." Colleen Ramey showed everyone her beautiful voice while singing a Paramore song and won most poised.



A group from the Wright City band played a piece they did for competition this year and won crowd favorite. Sabra Harris and Loren Prather also sang a hit Paramore song for a lovely duet. Charlene Kibbons sang a tear-jerking song along with Aaron Antonies playing the guitar. Together they won most soulful. Brianna Davis had an amazing dance performance to "Hot Like Wow" and won a well deserved best costume. Emmily Woodward sang perfectly to the song "Stay" and surprised the crowd with her strong voice, winning third place. Taylor Jennings

danced to "Who's That Chick" and enjoyed showing the crowd a fun, pop routine and won second place.

So many Fantastic acts were performed that night, but Rebecca Brown stole the show and won first place by singing "Hit Me With Your Best Shot." She did a fantastic job, and the crowd thought she deserved the win!



Taylor Jennings dancing to "Who's that Chick"



Emmily Woodward sings with soul.



Bree Davis dances to "Hot Like Wow"

All About The Balance

Tabatha Watrous, Jennifer Pontello, Emily Lawler, Kristina Law, Amanda Adams, Jacquelyn Fette, and Abigail McNeil show off their Science Club equipment.



Here at Wright City High School, students strive to excel academically as well as in many other ways. For many students, clubs are the best way to reach beyond school and get involved in the Wright City community and student life.

With a wide variety of clubs, all different kinds of students can find a place to be themselves and express their passions.

Whether your passion is helping out the community in Student Council or Students

Against Destructive Decisions, going to Science Club to experiment, or doing World Language Club to explore new cultures, the clubs ensure that there's always a place for you at Wright City High School!

Clubs are also a way for students to prepare themselves for the future while still having some fun!

WCHS is proud to see so many students excelling in clubs and hope to keep things going for years to come.

Culture Service Passion

Katie Bohler, Sara Hale, Katy Adair, Emily Adair, Victor McKinney, and Kalyn Rodriguez hoist the Mexican flag during their Cinco de Mayo celebration in World Language Club.





SADD members Trevor Latta, Dakota Bartlett, Melanie Dollard, Christine Klem, Erin Tiesing, Bree Davis, Jessica Grelle, Lauren Kampplain, Jennifer Baker, Taylor Jennings, Melissa Willmore, and Cassandra Kuchler warn students of the severity of texting and driving.



Fourth Row: Jennifer Abel, Jordan Hunt, Melanie Dollard, Samantha Dunakey, Melissa Willmore, Kristina law, Emily Lawler, Kyle Lewis, Gus Wehmeier, Trent Davis, Erik Hunter, Dominic Ponticello , Dustin Ludy,
Third Row: Benjamin Lechnir, Jennifer Baker, Brittany McPike, Jessica Grelle, Cassandra Kuchler, Abigail McNeill, Abby Dreyer, Danielle Greenemay, Kaelyn Randolph, Erika Dohrman, Lindsay Stassi, Jessica Jones, Greg Preis, Eric Smurl.
Second Row: Allison Junte, Haley Henson, Emilie Molitor, Stacey Schaper, Cassandra Schuble, Ashley Rebstock,
First Row: Shaquille Brandt, Paige Ponticello, Michelle Gouge, Bree Davis, Kodi Brassel, Shelia Stassi, Brianna Zumwalt, Michael Abrolat, Ben Randolph.

New Heights and Having Fun!

Family, drama, rock, art, and imagination! What makes these words come together? Clubs! Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Speech and Drama, Guitar Club, Art Club, and Destination Imagination are all great clubs at Wright City High School. Each Club has made great progress this year and worked hard representing Wright City High School in a positive way.

FCCLA Is a great organization that helps not only the school, but the entire community. They help each year with the toy drive and send gifts to soldiers over seas. They're not all business, however. They attended the fashion show at Lindenwood University and decorated the park for Trunk or Treat.

Speech and Drama shows WCHS that being quirky, goofy and fun can pay off. Speech and Drama participates in competitions and is always very successful. Club Leader Trevor Latta says, "This club thrives on having fun! Whether we do well in competitions or not, these fun kids make my day."

Guitar Club is a group of some of the most extremely talented students

in the school. Although their meetings have no agenda, they thrive well as a very popular club. Their purpose? To jam! Skilled instrument players help teach newcomers. Guitar Club was entirely recreational and served as a welcome place to chill.

Art Club has shown Wright City High School that getting messy can be a great stress reliever. These students strive to be creative. Each year Art Club plays a huge part in Arts in The Park, which is a community event that showcases talented, artistic kids from the district.

Destination Imagination is full of many students that have a passion for imagination! This club has been one of the most successful clubs in the 2011 school year. They partake in various competitions that build teamwork and creativity. Two groups were even fortunate enough to make it into a state wide competition, in which one team received third place.

These clubs set a true example of what it means to be part of something much larger than just a school function. They work hard, play hard, and excel to new heights each year.



Jocelyne Lopez, Jakelin Gonzalez- Sanchez, Karen Gonzalez- Sanchez, and Adrianna Malta enjoying there last FCCLA meeting at the park.

Christopher Kupfer, Sara Childs, Cassandra Kuchler, Jennifer Chizmar, Emily Adair, Alicia Leak, and Katy Adair get creative in Art Club.



Zachary Murri, Thomas Holstein, William Hale, Zachary Baker, Trevor Latta, Emily Jaboor, Brendan Gierer, Dillon Koch, Chad Sherman, Emily Adair, Sara Hale, Katy Adair, Devan Labrier, Erin Jefferson, Jackson Bruening pose for a group photo of their great organization, Destination Imagination.



Rick Mabrey, John Clark, Terry Shaw, Jacob Kruszka, Aaron Antonhies, Jacob Brown, Christopher Ellis, James Maynard, Patrick Harris, Taylor Culbertson, Rudolph Jovanovic, John Itinger, Dallas DeRoy, John Szepanski, Devan Labrier, Michael Durham and Allen Feldscher are rockin' out for the group photo of Guitar Club.



Zachery Thomure, Chad Lewis, Cassandra Waldron, Sabra Harris, Katie Bohler, Kristin Laney, Emily Jaboor, Erin Jefferson, Jacquelyn Fette, and Rebekah Nadler are paying close attention to their Speech and Drama President, Trevor Latta

A Day in Class

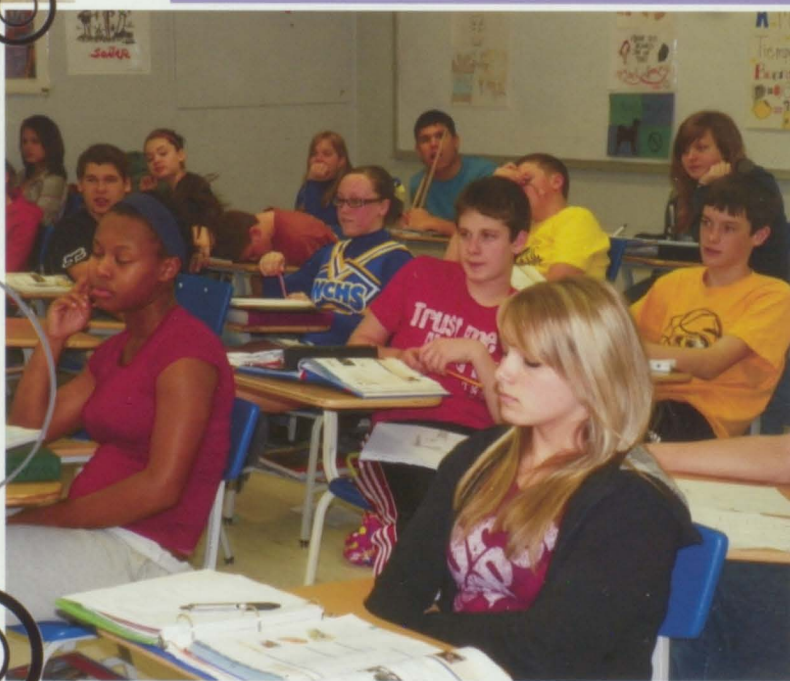
Krista Grabenhorst, Hunter Brinkmeyer, and Brittany Noah work on a project in the library.



From the homework to the class projects, the academics are one of the most important aspects of high school. Students spend seven hours a day at school, learning and trying to comprehend what teachers are saying. Even at a small school like Wright City, students are given the best education from the best educators around.

Our English teachers help us read and understand the classics like *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Every student looks forward to the Squirrel Lab in Ms. Wright's class, hoping they collect more peanuts than the other squirrels. In history, students learned everything there is to know about the world and the United States. The Calculus class had to skip their Six Flags trip this year, however students in all math classes learned more than ever. Ms. Flake taught students the importance of cooking, sewing, and caring for a baby. The gym classes played their hearts out all year long. The Special Education department even started their own bowling team this year.

There were many new additions to the teaching staff this year, including Mrs. Pontello (Chemistry), Señor Wehmeyer (Spanish), Mr. Hamlet (History), Coach Brown (Gym), and Mrs. Temme (English). There were also many student teachers brought on this year, as well as plenty of new substitute teachers. Our new Principal Mr. Brown and Vice Principal Mr. Smith were also able to be a huge part of our school this year.



A class full of students are eager to learn!



Cody Klemp and Chad Sherman focus on reading Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* for English I.

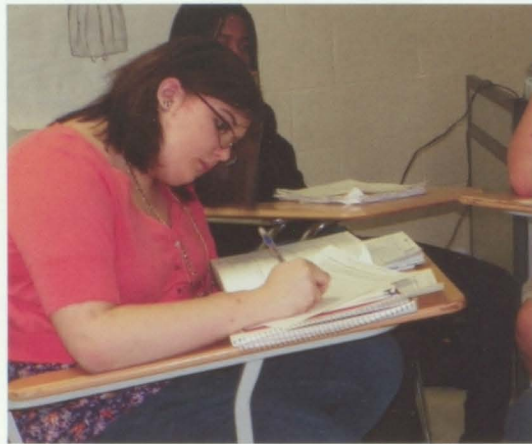
The ^rCor[^]rect Combination of Words!

Writing, reading, and more writing -- non-stop! Every day the students never stop working. Loads of homework and in-class assignments just never seem to end! On the other hand, English this year has brought many new and interesting ideas to the classes.

The English teachers are dedicated to their students' success and try their best to help them grow and become better writers. The expectations are a lot higher than ever before, yet the students are able to accomplish these requirements.

Every teacher in the English department has inspired their students in more ways than one. English I teacher, Mrs. Brand, teaches her students how to be respectful by enforcing good behavior through strict guidelines. Mr. Wheeler helps inspire his English II students by pushing and challenging them so that they are better prepared for other challenges they may face. Mr. Brophy, who teaches English III, inspires his students through constructive criticism and by enforcing tough requirements. English IV welcomed Mrs. Temme, who inspires her students by respecting and encouraging them with positive feedback.

Overall, the English Classes have been very challenging, but fun for all.



Skyler Rochowiak quietly writes in Mr. Wheeler's English II Class.



Mrs. Temme's English IV students, Dustin Ford, Aly Bort, and Vlad Mengher, follow along as classmates read *Antigone*.



Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Brand, Mrs. Temme, and Mr. Brophy rockin' a pose at the Variety Show.

Q: What is your favorite literary quote?

A: "A witty saying proves nothing" by Voltaire. I love the verbal irony!
-Mrs. Brand
(English I Teacher)

A Combination of People and Dates

Mr. Adams
goofs off
between
classes.

What would us students do without history and the knowledge it brings? History is part of our everyday lives and helps teach us how not to repeat the mistakes made along the way. It's also a very significant concept that encourages us to become united as one nation.

One memorable thing that Wright City High School held was an assembly in the gymnasium honoring Veteran's Day. The event took place on November 11, 2010 with many veterans attending.

The Social Studies class helped contribute by writing essays that described the emotional impact of these brave soldiers who sacrifice their own lives to help save others'. Only a few were selected to read their essays at the assembly, but the words of those few moved the audience.

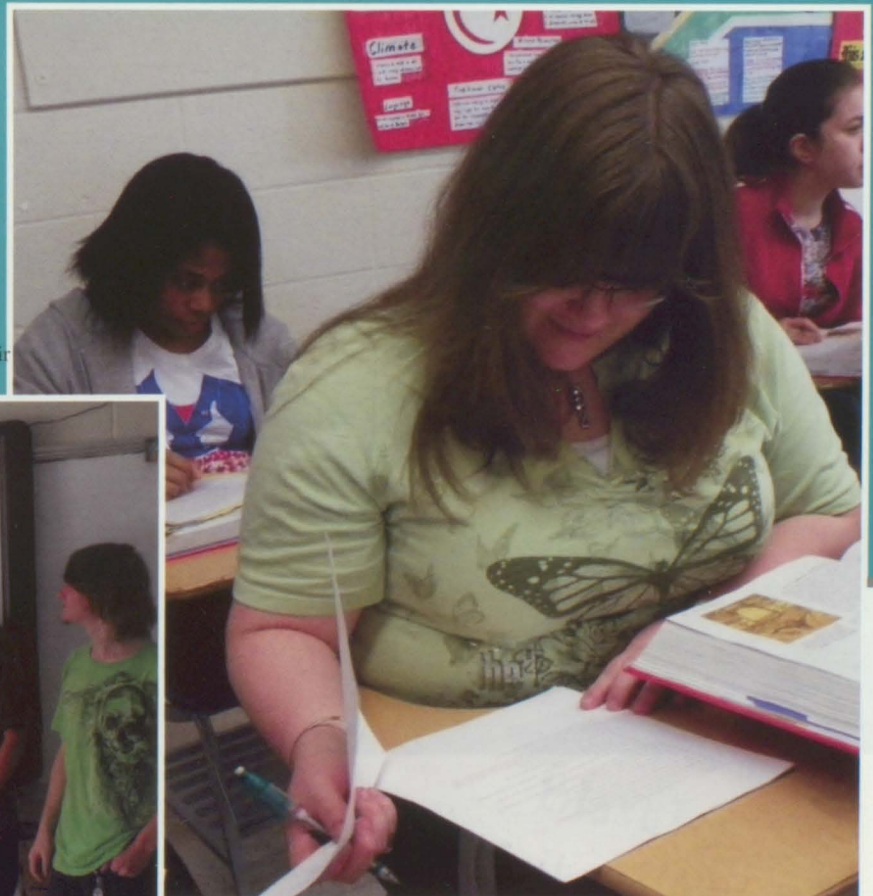
Many of the students presented and created fun-filled projects over the course of the year; like Ms. Lucas' World History Class, who researched and made posters about their selected country.



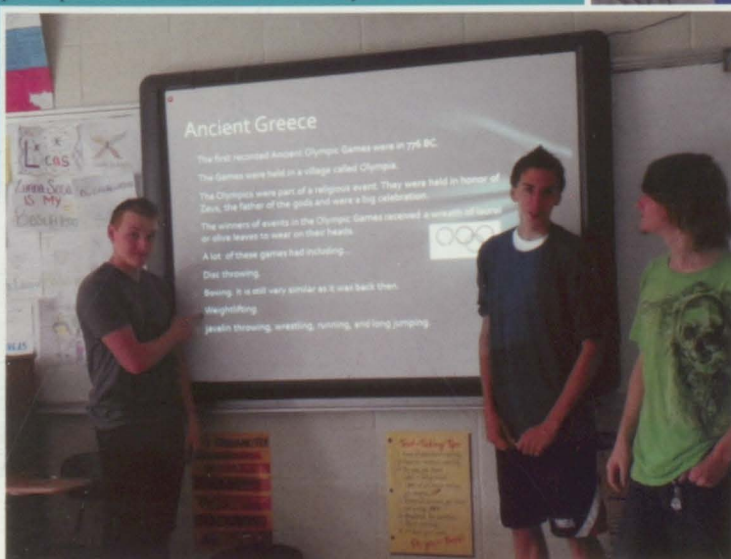
Kyle Lang works intently on his American History assignment.



Kristin Laney works happily in Ms. Lucas' World History Class.



Matthew Dollard, Curtis Kampllain, and Skyler Burris present their power point in Ms. Lucas' World History Class.





Mrs. Burnett, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Kester pose pretty for the camera.

$$y=mx+b$$

$$a^2+b^2=c^2$$

$$t=o/a$$

$$(x-h)+(y-k)=r^2$$

Usually, students dread mathematics, but the 2010-2011 school year brought interesting, educational activities into the classroom.

Mr. Kester's Pre-calculus class tutored Mrs. Burnett's Algebra I class to help them better understand factoring. They were happy to try learning from someone on their own level.

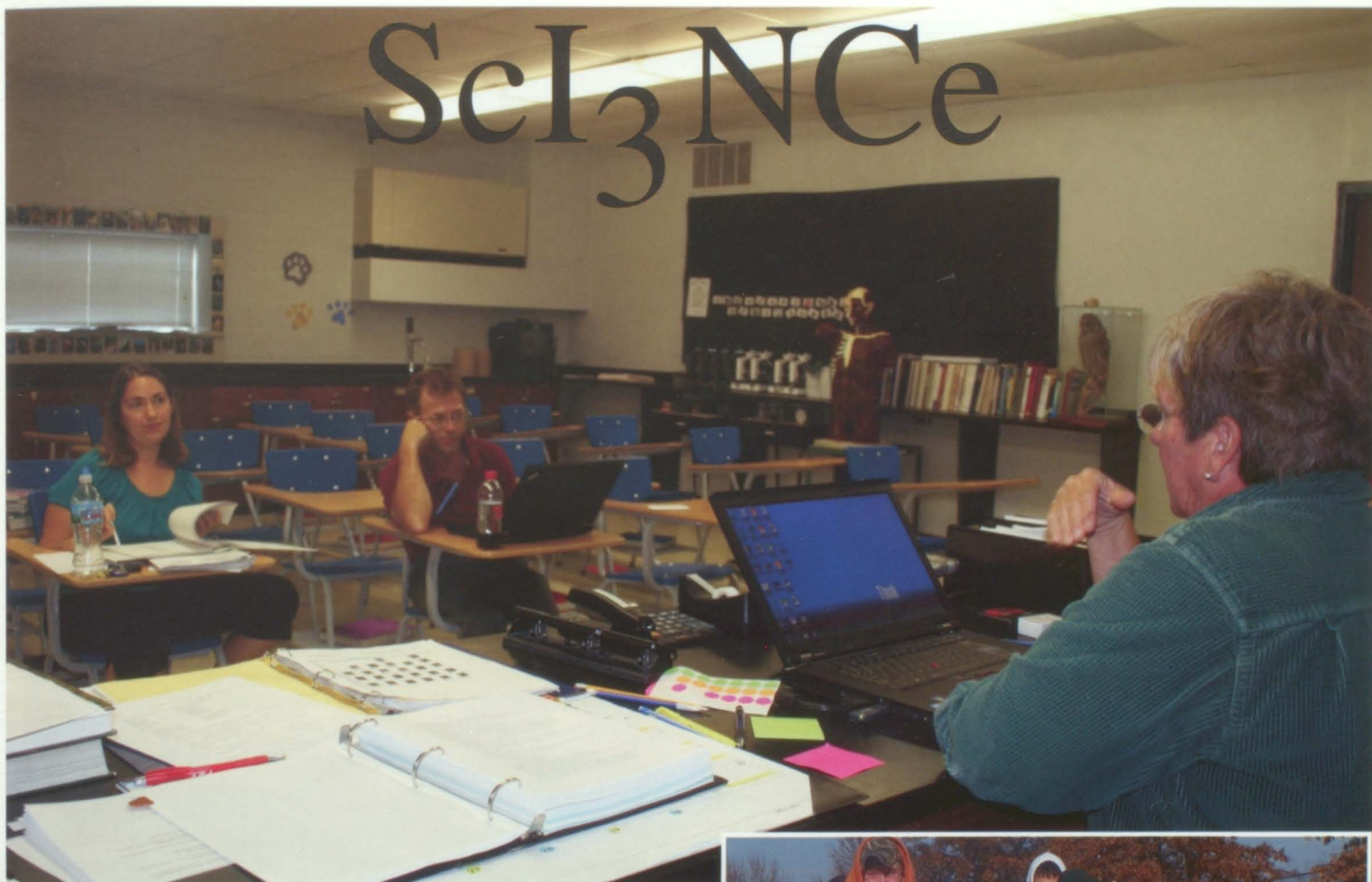
Mr. Perry's Career Math class worked on mathematic related projects. The students were given the option to choose which activity they would like to participate in. Not only did the projects require teams with skilled hands, but also a helpful hand to the community. The Workshop Group made time to construct wooden shelves for the Parents as Teachers. The process was fun and at the same time educational. Math played a part in the fact that the students had to use accurate measurements and precision. The Parents as Teachers were greatly appreciative of the hand-made shelves.

This year's mathematics provided helpful services, as well as applying math to real world situations.



Mario McClurkin, Gus Wehmeier, Dustin Ford, and Nick Reese diligently work on the task at hand.

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Mrs. Pontello, Mr. Mabrey, and Ms. Wright discuss their classroom plans.

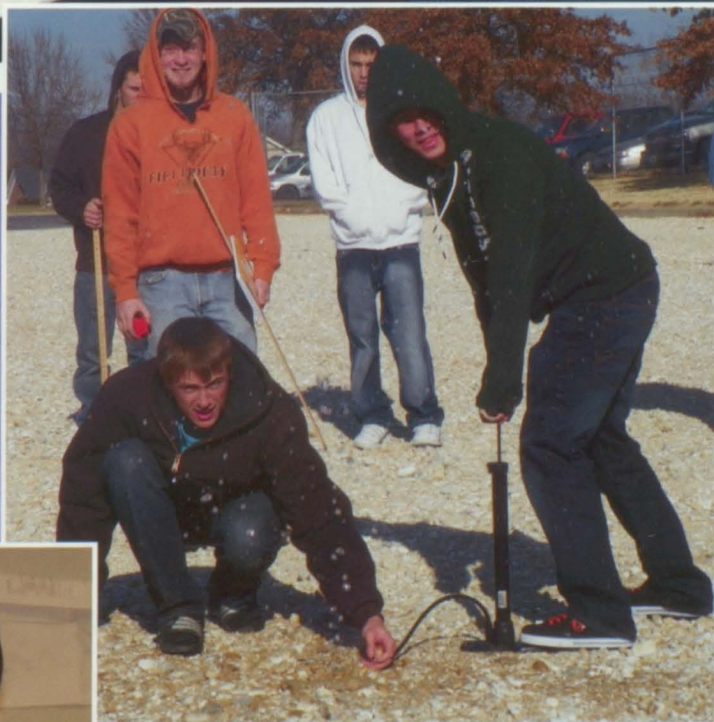
Solving chemical equations, experimenting, and observing the periodic table of elements isn't *entirely* what Science is all about. This year, students enjoyed the fun filled projects, doing labs, and playing with combustible substances.

Wright City High School welcomed Mrs. Pontello to the Science department this year. Teachers, new and old, challenged students to make them the best young scientists they could possibly be. Science classes were hard but students learned a lot and had fun.

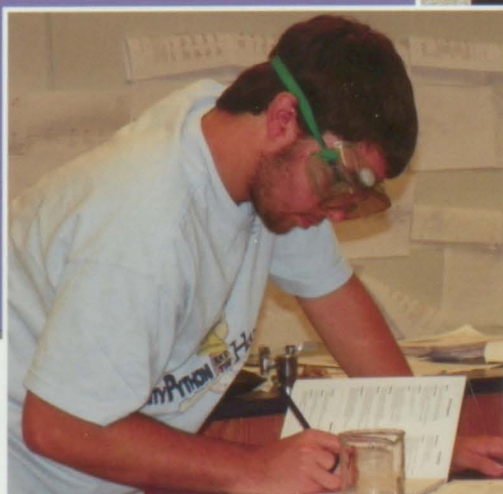
Students did a variety of hands on activities. For instance, the Applied Science class launched rockets. The Chemistry class had a blast mixing chemicals and the

Forensics class made and examined a crime scene. The Anatomy-Physiology Class went to a Cadaver lab at St. Louis University.

Science classes were stimulating and enduring. Though most students didn't enjoy the brain wrenching equations and problems they needed to solve, they did find at least a shred of delight in the goofy labs and experiments.



Michael Abrolat and Michael Wines launch their bottle rockets as Cory Martin, Andrew Brush, and Cameron Schwan eagerly watch.



Jimmy White records his observations after conducting an experiment in the Chemistry Lab.

*Science is a
Blast!
Literally*

Combined Creativity

This year, students at Wright City High School expressed their creativity through Fine Arts classes. Though art is a required credit, students find themselves enjoying a variety of fine arts electives.

Classes such as sculpting and painting help students harness their artistic abilities. Meanwhile, classes like art appreciation give students an overview of the history of art.

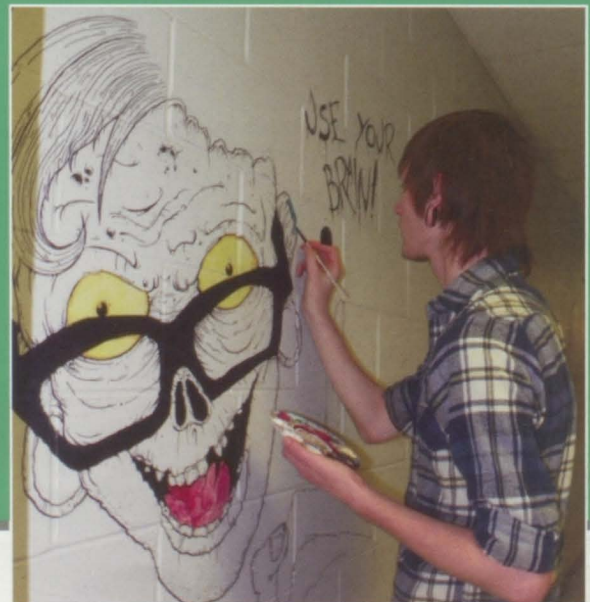
Fine Arts classes offer students a creative outlet. There are a variety of activities in the classes from mask making to still life painting. In addition to expressing themselves, students are also able to enjoy themselves.



Above: Ashley Zumwalt shows off her unicorn mask.
Right: Shelby Phelps, Nicolette McIntosh, and Rebecca Brown work on their art projects.



Below: James Hedger and Phillip Janowski focus on their paintings.

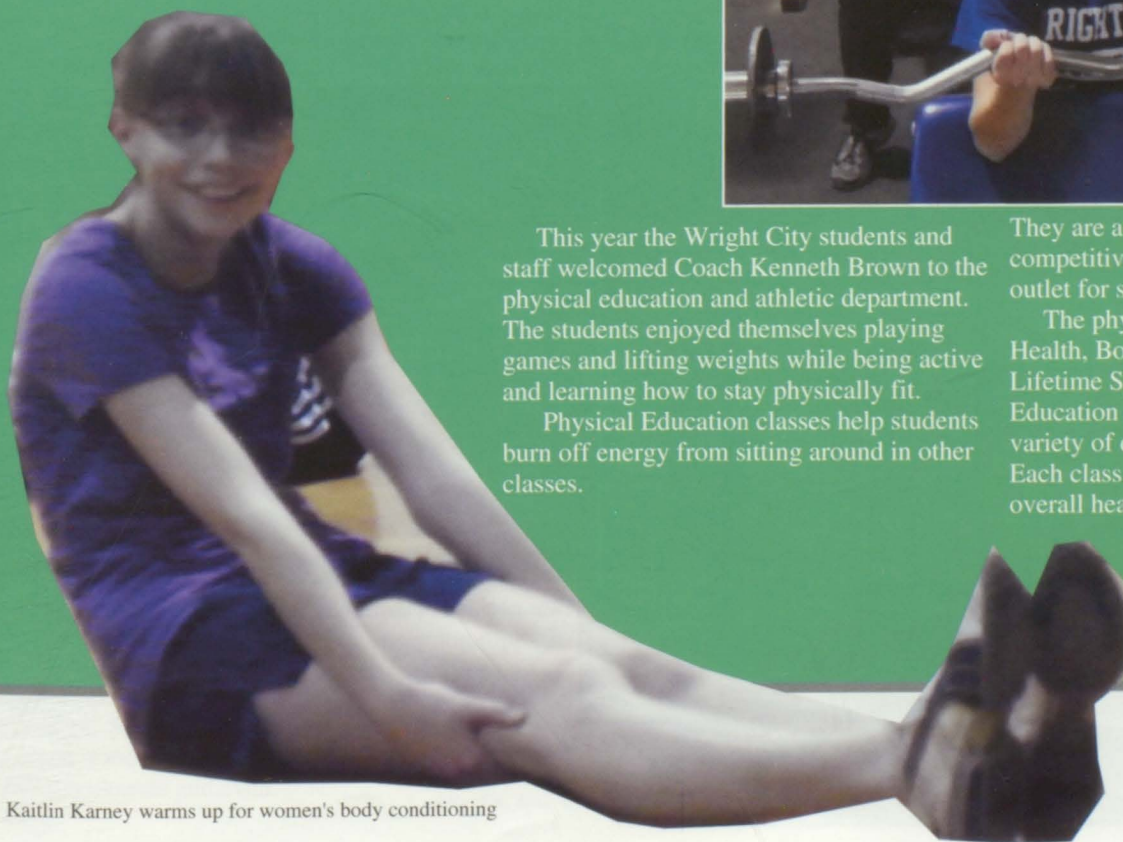


Shane Cisler paints a mural on the wall.



Smelly Gym Locker

Brianna Zumwalt happily lifts weights



This year the Wright City students and staff welcomed Coach Kenneth Brown to the physical education and athletic department. The students enjoyed themselves playing games and lifting weights while being active and learning how to stay physically fit.

Physical Education classes help students burn off energy from sitting around in other classes.

They are a healthy way to tap into your competitive side and also act as a productive outlet for stress and aggression.

The physical education courses include Health, Body Conditioning, Team Sports, Lifetime Sports, and regular Physical Education classes. These classes offer a variety of different activities for the students. Each class focuses on different aspects of overall health.



Allison Grey, Taylor Rutledge, Patrick Johnson, and Jensen Elrod enjoy French food on Café Day.

Natori Lewis, Coleen Ramey, and Jasmine Bradshaw feast on Café Day



Salut

Je m'appelle

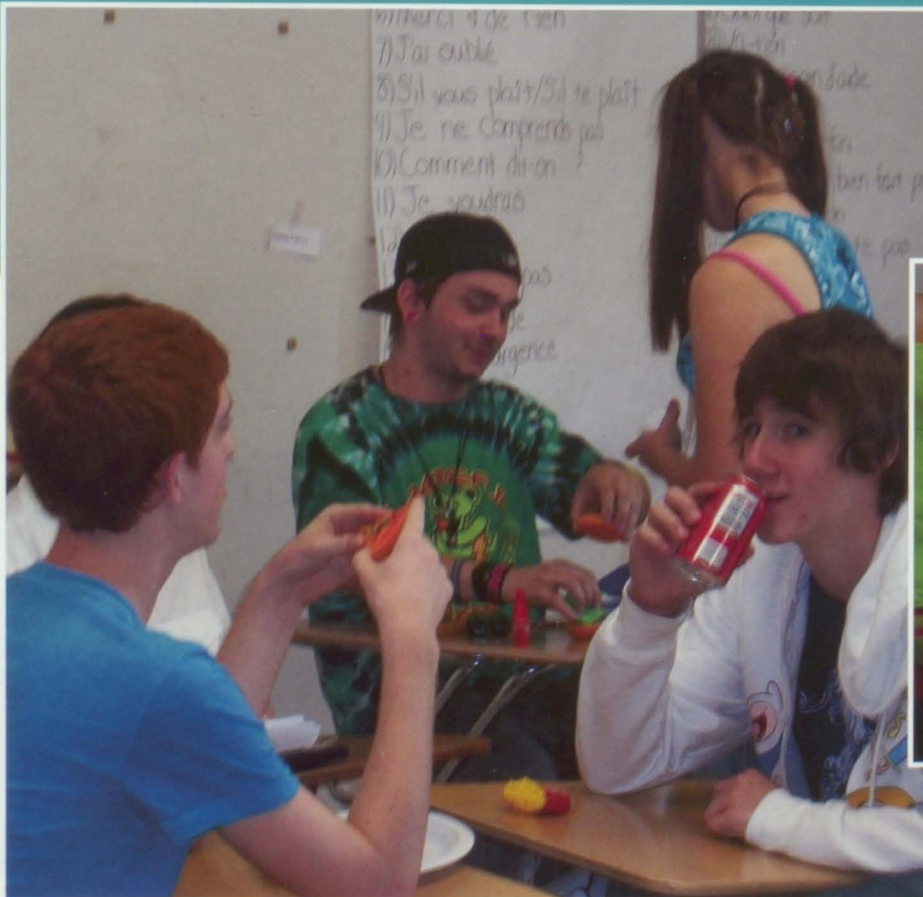
Madame Cleaver

This year French Students enjoyed a variety of activities to help teach them the French language and culture. A favorite among students was the café day done every year in the French II classes.

Students volunteer to bring in different traditional French foods such as tarts, pastries, bread, and a selection of cheeses. Mrs. Cleaver then takes the students orders and serves them food, just as it would be done in a café in Paris.

The students spent the majority of the year learning verbs, memorizing vocabulary, and perfecting their grammar skills. To help teach her students the language Mrs. Cleaver spent 10-20 minutes every class speaking French despite the puzzled looks on her students faces.

While French class can be quite frustrating at times, it teaches students a valuable skill that is applicable to many different careers.



Benjamin Lechnir, James Gabbert, Sydney Winfrey, and David Jones snack during a fun day of French Class



The table is set and ready for the students to celebrate Café Day.



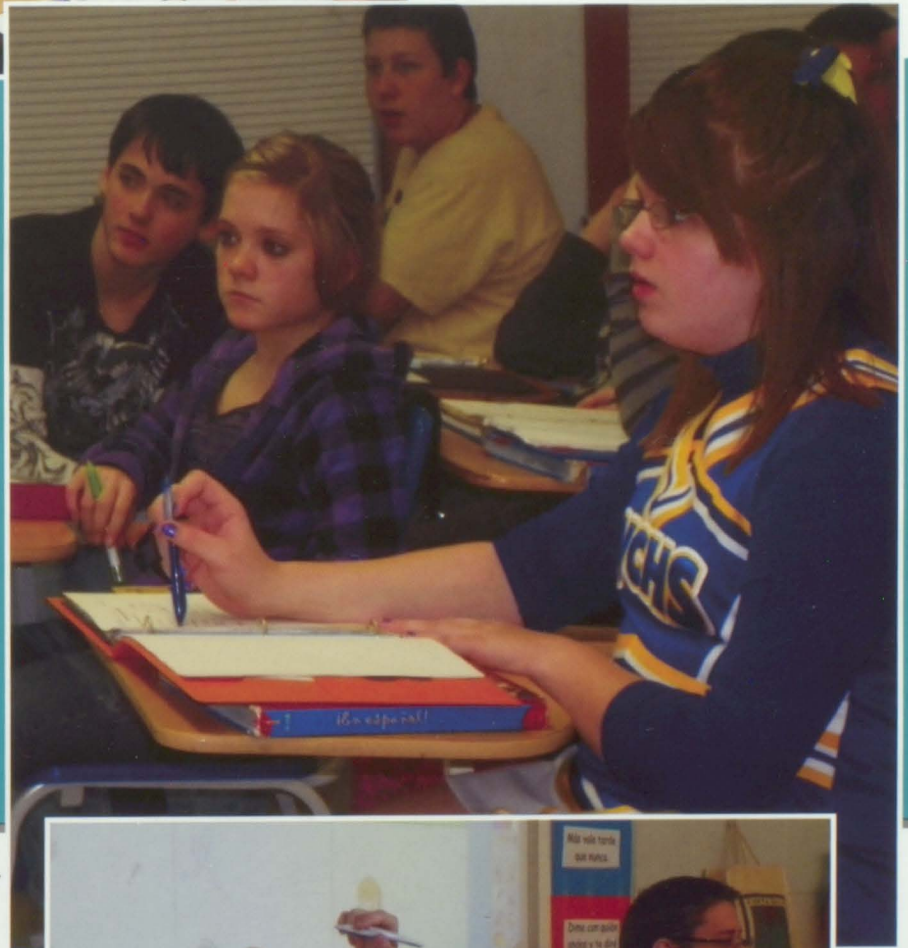
3B Spanish I class listen to Señor Wehmeyer's plans for the year.

Dillon Koch, Amber Taylor, Shawn Nitchman, and Jenny Goebel listen intently to the lesson.

Hola

Me llamo

Señor Wehmeyer



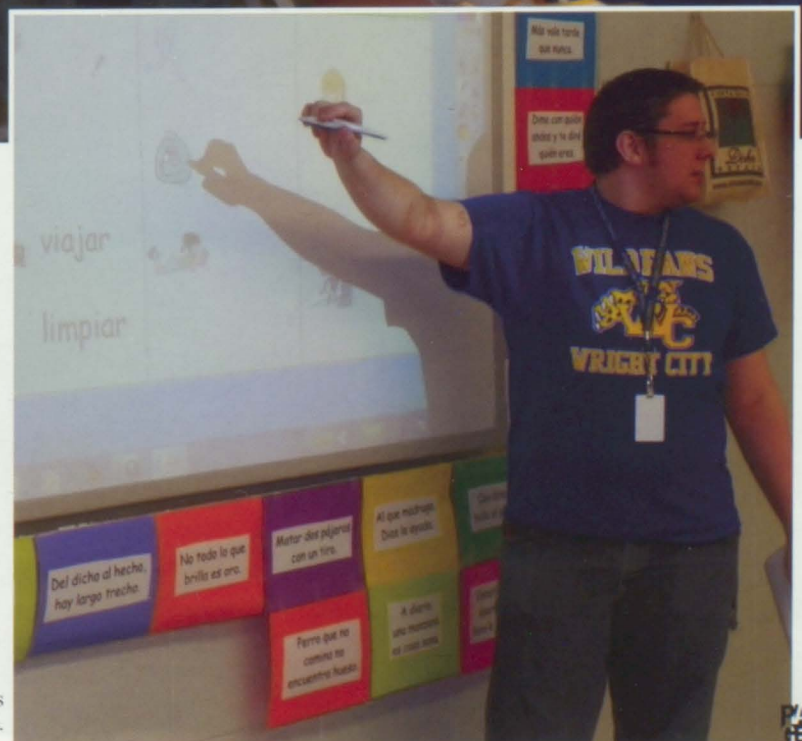
Wright City High School welcomed Señor Wehmeyer as the new Spanish teacher this year. Señor Wehmeyer succeeded at reviewing the previous years of information, as well as catching the students up to the intended curriculum.

Spanish students were able to learn verb conjugations and work on grammar, as well as pick up on some interesting bits of culture. Señor Wehmeyer provided a "Refran de Semana", a weekly Spanish saying and explained what the similar English proverb would be. Some students learned some common Spanish phrases and even slang!

While studying a new language seems arduous, this year's classes were able to review with games such as Matamoscas (The Flyswatter Game) and Simón Dice (Simon Says). The review games kept students on their toes and helped ensure their knowledge of vocabulary.

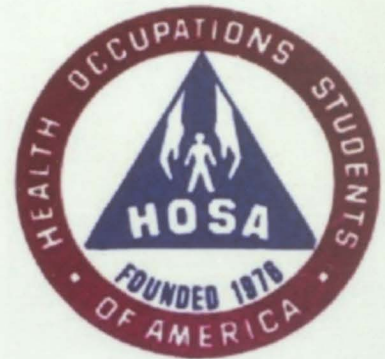
As with any language, being able to read, write, and speak Spanish provides a sense of connection through communication.

Señor Wehmeyer reviews -AR, -ER, and -IR verbs.



Opening our Minds and Locking in our Future

Health Occupation students spent their class time exploring and practicing the beginning of health careers. All students have different career choices for the future, but one common goal remains the same: To assist others.



Top row: Jenny Abel, Dana McCoy, AJ Feldscher, Katherine Brunson, Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez, Bottom row: Jessica Grelle, Paige Ponticello, Brittany Greco, Samantha Dunakey, Melissa Willmore, and Adrianna Malta all prepare to learn all about CPR.

What would you do if you knew you could save lives for a living? How would it feel to know you changed someone's life for the better by saving their parent, spouse or child? That's what the Health Occupation Students of America plan to feel like in the future. They worked hard and learned a multitude of skills that will better them not only in future careers, but in life as well.

Tests, notes, and fun information are a couple of things that are included in the Health Occupations curriculum. For instance, a student could tell you that an average sneeze is 68 miles per hour or that there are 206 bones in your body.

In Health Occupations I juniors and seniors learned the basics of health care. They got a taste of what they could be doing in the future and

learned from guest speakers who came in and spoke about their careers.

In Health Occupations II things were slightly more advanced and students actually got to shadow in hospital and medical environments.

These lucky individuals got to witness sights in the hospital, ambulance, and other possible career pathway places. They got to network in many different careers and they learned how health care workers adapt to fit any patient's needs perfectly.

It wasn't just sitting in the classroom and taking notes; it was much more. With the renowned Ms. Sue Ell teaching, students got the opportunity to actually get the hands on approach to learning. If a student was considering the medical field as a career choice, the best decision would be to join Health Occupations.



Samantha Dunakey, Melissa Willmore, and Katherine Brunson perform CPR to save their "victims".

Adrianna Malta, Jennifer Abel, Paige Ponticello, and Jessica Grelle pause their bandaging for a photo.





Left: Melissa Willmore, Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez, Dana McCoy and Katherine Brunson
Right: Brittany Greco, Adrianna Malta, Jennifer Abel, Jessica Grelle, Paige Ponticello and Samantha Dunakey are showing off their satiation skills .



Adrianna Malta gets a fake cast for geriatric day.



Paige Ponticello and Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez practice prepping.



Karen Gonzalez and Dana McCoy practice taking blood pressure in class.



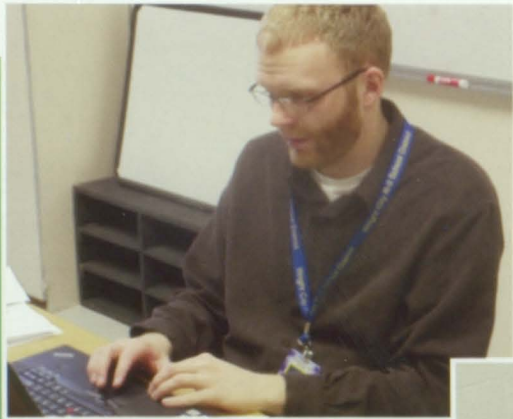
Jennifer Abel and Samantha Dunakey practice taking blood pressure on Jessica Grelle.



Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez, Adrianna Malta, Paige Ponticello, Jennifer Abel, Jessica Grelle, Brittany Greco, Samantha Dunakey and Katherine Brunson spend a day as elderly women for geriatric day.



We catch it ALL!



Mr. Brophy doing his part in proofing yearbook spreads.



Brianna Zumwalt and Jessica Jones use a teamwork method.

Michelle Gouge hard at work.



Kaelyn Randolph chooses a very cold night to take pictures at football game.



Taylor Jennings takes pictures at prom.

Who do you go to when you want the big football game of the year to always be remembered? Who do you go to when you want your favorite high school memories to be shared with everyone? The yearbook staff work hard every year to capture those memories that no one wants to forget!

We make sure we catch it all! Every pep rally, every game, every dance and any other event that you always want to remember! The yearbook staff made it their responsibility and priority to make sure they didn't miss anything this year.

We were at every game cheering on our team and taking pictures.

We caught those diving catches, big hits, and fast moving moments that the team or audience will now never forget.

At every dance we caught the romance and fun that the night was filled with, and we caught the embarrassing dance moves that you thought no one saw.

At every pep assembly we made sure we took awesome pictures so that no one will forget the fun, excitement, and spirit they had during their 2010-2011 school year at Wright City High School. Ships! Sailors! Hit the deck! We captured those moments when you would fall to the ground for a spirit game. These are the moments that will never be forgotten.

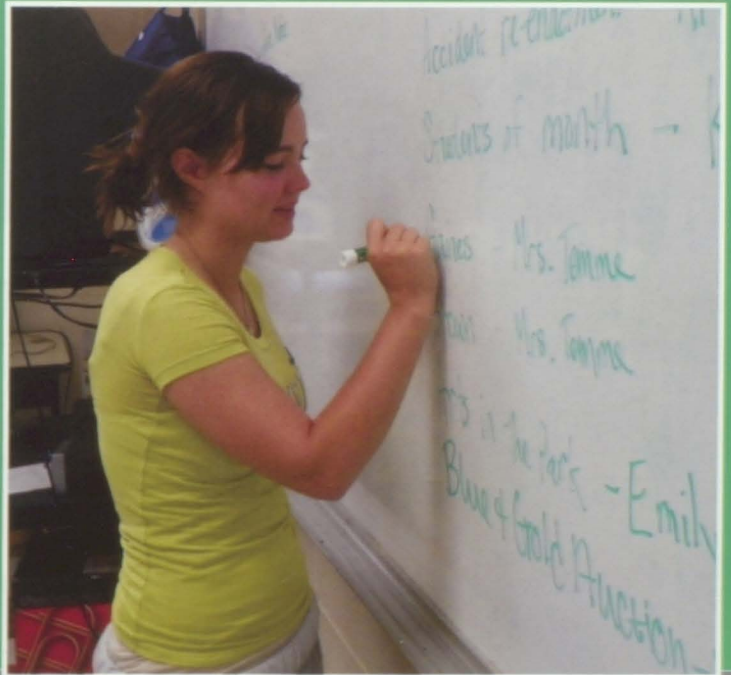


Jennifer Baker, Melanie Dollard, Brittany Davis and Jordan Hunt giving a candid pose

From Deadlines to HEADLINES!



Emilie Molitor and Ashley Rebstock edit a rough draft



Cassandra Schuble sets a new task on the white board for the newspaper crew.

Throughout the year there is plenty of news to go around. The Wright City High School Newspaper Staff make sure that they share the news with everyone. They are the only students that turn the deadlines into HEADLINES!

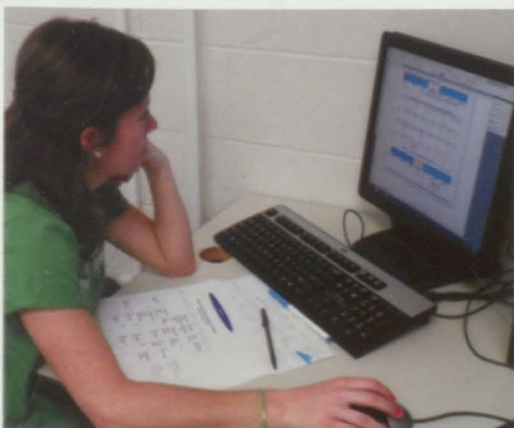
These students interview, take pictures, and transfer all the knowledge learned into the Wright City Connection, which is read by the whole town. Our students

constructed a new issue of the Wright City Connection each and every month.

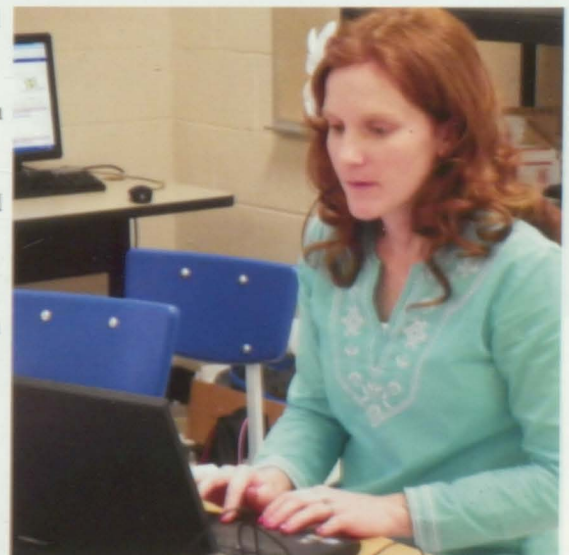
This paper covered town events such as the all famous Strassenbash, high school sports games, high school assemblies and student council involvement with the town.

A variety of interviews were taken with the superintendent, Dr. Gaines, elementary and middle principals, high school principal, Mr. Brown, and Academy representatives. No matter where the news was the Wright City High School Newspaper Staff made it their priority to provide our town with as much knowledge of the school and community as possible.

The newspaper staff does everything from interviews to the publication and the delivery of the final issues of the Wright City Connection. All in all the students of Wright City High School and the citizens of Wright City were very well informed this year thanks to the very hard working Wright City Newspaper Staff.



Emilie Molitor fills the calendar for the Wright City Connection.



Mrs. Temme pulls the issue together just in time for publication!

Jennifer Baker receives a scholarship



The Academic Awards Night gives recognition to students who preformed exceedingly well in class throughout the year. There is a combination of factors that determine who receives the awards. Among these factors is their grade, perception in class, attitude, and dedication.

At the awards night they announced scholarships for seniors and well as the students of the year for each grade. Eric Smurl and Emilie Molitor won the Senior Class student of the year. success for years to come.

Abby McNeil and Trevor Latta were the Junior Students of the year. The Sophomore Students of the Year were Kristen Laney and Tyler Hessler. Jessica Meadows and Ben Randolph won the Freshman Student of the Year.

This awards night showed the progress students have mad throughout the year and inspires them to continue their academic success for years to come.

Shelia Stassi, Lindsay Stassi, Paige Ponticello, Jessica Jones, Kaelyn Randolph, Jessica Grelle, and Erika Dohrman received and award excelling in athletics as well as academics.



YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS

Achievement Award

Julian Prince – 12th grade
Bryant Marshall – 11th grade
Nicholas Merrell – 10th grade
Kendra Harrison – 9th grade

Agriculture I

Danielle Greenemay – 11th grade

Agriculture II

Brittany Orf – 10th grade

Fish and Wildlife

Management

Kurt Grote – 11th grade

Agriculture Instruction

Brandon Bote – 12th grade

Greenhouse Management

Zachary Kowalik – 11th grade

Art

Shane Cisler – 12th grade
Ashley Zumwalt – 11th grade
Lauren Combs – 10th grade
Sierra Bonny – 9th grade

Business

Amanda Adams – 12th grade
Abigail McNeill – 11th grade
Miranda Wright – 10th grade
Jessica Meadows – 9th grade

Communication Arts

Paige Ponticello – 12th grade
Emily Adair – 11th grade
Kristin Laney – 10th grade

Katy Adair – 9th grade

Excellence in Spanish

Michelle Gouge – 12th grade
Erika Dohrman – 11th grade
Tyler Hessler – 10th grade
Katy Adair – 9th grade

FACS

Emmily Woodward – 12th grade
Carly Clynes – 11th grade
Brittany Orf – 10th grade
Jessica Meadows – 9th grade

FACS

Emmily Woodward – 12th grade
Carly Clynes – 11th grade
Brittany Orf – 10th grade
Jessica Meadows – 9th grade

French

Jakelin Gonzalez-Sanchez – 11th grade

French Best Overall Attitude and Work Ethic

Heather Windels – 10th grade
Jessica Meadows – 9th grade
French Most Improved
Tyler Tuepker – 10th grade
Tenia Inkster – 9th grade

Health

Morgan Poetz – 10th grade

Mathematics

James White – 12th grade
Abigail McNeill – 11th grade
Michelle Parker – 10th grade
Joseph Durand – 9th grade

Newspaper

Emily Adair – 11th grade

PE

Nicholas Reese – 12th grade
Brianna Zumwalt – 11th grade
Brittany Orf – 10th grade
Amanda Unnerstall – 9th grade

Science

Jennifer Baker – 12th grade
Erika Dohrman – 11th grade
Kristin Laney – 10th grade
Brendan Gierer – 9th grade

Social Studies

Michelle Gouge – 12th grade
Erika Dohrman – 11th grade
Kristin Laney – 10th grade
Joseph Durand – 9th grade
Bryce Stroup – 10th grade

Yearbook

Samantha Dunakey – 12th grade



Jenny Abel happily receives the FFA Alumni Scholarship



Jessica Grelle graciously accepts her award.

Academy



The Academy is an alternative school with a smaller environment where students can learn at their own pace. The students at The Academy worked on special projects like Arts in the Park, donating food to local food pantries, planting gardens and many other things around the community. When the Academy students aren't out making the world a better place they are

working as individuals on classes they need to take as well as working on computers. The students have won many great awards this year. Along with extensive service projects the Academy students do, they have another project that has a more personal goal in mind. The students make a brick with their name, graduation year, and a special quote that will help future students pave the way to a better life.



Amanda Davis and Jalysa Mozee posing for the awards they won.

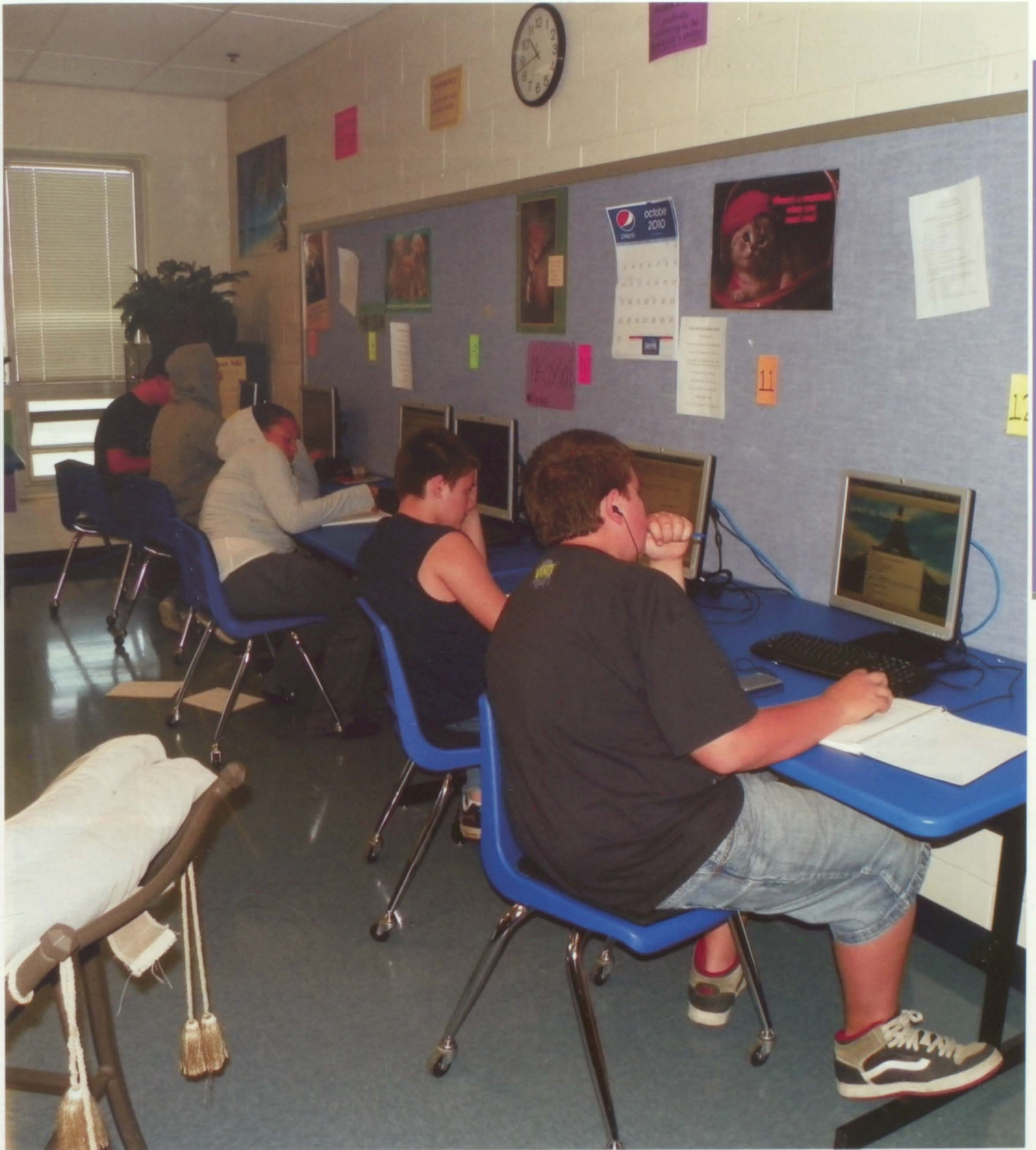


Above is a classroom full of kids working productively at their seats.



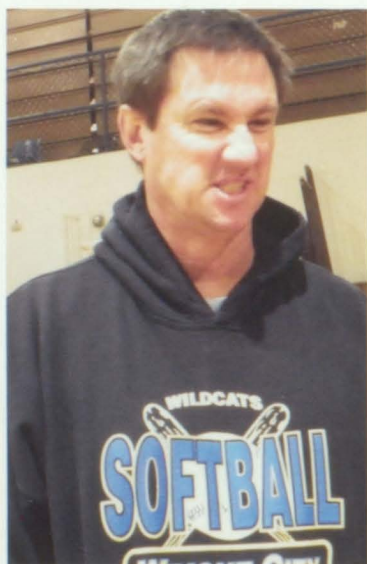
Cynthia Manchester works diligently on creating a banner.





A classroom full of students study hard in their classroom.

COMBINATION OF LEADERS



Above is a picture of Coach Ross making a silly face at a student.

Below is a picture of Mrs. Chizmar zoning out into her own little world.



John Aber
James Adams



How does it feel to be teacher of the year for 2010-2011?
"It's very gratifying," Coach Brooks replies causally.

Ruth Allen
Candy Basham
Diane Berube
Konee Box



Anita Brace
Lindsay Brand
Becky Brinkmeyer
Kelly Brooks



Matt Brooks
Kyle Brophy
Kenneth Brown
Shawn Brown



Amy Burnett
Ginny Burr
Jennifer Chizmar
John Clark



Mike Dreyfus
Sue Ell
M Flake
Chris Gaines



Bonnie Gilley
Pamela Hambach
Rod Hamlett
Mike Hansen



Tammy Hoffmann
Abby Jackson
Tammy Jefferson
Amy Kesler





Above is a picture of Coach Brooks smiling for the camera.



Ian Kester
Kathy Lewis



Donna Lindsey
Becki Lucas



Rick Mabrey
Emily Miesner
Marry Ann Mueller
Kelsey Osmond



Jennifer Pantello
Andrew Perry
Gail Robinson
Fred Ross



William Schalher
Anna Schrader
Andrea Schremp
Douglas Smith



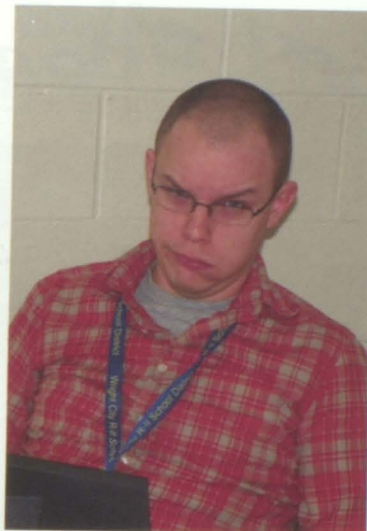
Sarah Temme
Mikal Thompson
Stefanie Trollope
Patricia Vanpool



Mary Walker
Kelly Webert
Steven Wehmeyer
James Weir



Sean Wheeler
Rita Whitehead
Cynthia Wolff
Sue Wright



Above is a picture of Mr. Wheeler posing for the camera.



Above is a picture of Mr. Clark jamming out to his guitar.

Below is a picture of Pat Vanpool smiling for the camera.



A Fresh Combination



Ambition

Above: The football players show off their support for breast cancer awareness with pink socks at their game.

Left: Junior Sheila Stassi and senior Jessica Jones chest bump after a nice play on the softball field.

Right: Senior Taylor Jennings practices a few tricky moves before the football game.



Enthusiasm

Trust

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year at Wright City, student athletes discovered new teammates to adjust to and new obstacles to overcome. Each fall sports team needed to rediscover teamwork.

Teamwork is a rare combination of three essential components: ambition, trust, and enthusiasm. It's what every team struggles to achieve and it's what Wright City's fall sports athletes successfully accomplished this year.

The first thing the teams did was set common ambitions. When the coaches and players agreed on the goals, they were able to come together and achieve them.

Throughout the fall sports season, trust was built among each team as the players got to know each other's commitment and abilities. The trust grew as the teams practiced together, until there was an unshakable appreciation for one another.

Each player had a drive to be successful and an appreciation for their teammates. Most importantly, there was a passion for the game. They had an unmistakable pride for their team and their school. This enthusiasm gave the players a chance to enjoy themselves.

By finding ambition, strengthening trust, and keeping enthusiasm, each fall sports team kicked off the year with a true victory.

2010-2011 Fall Season

Top: Junior Zach Kowalik leads his Cross Country teammates to the finish.

Bottom: Senior Emilie Molitor is cheered into the volleyball game by her fellow players.





The boys start off the game looking "pretty in pink" for breast cancer awareness with guest speaker and breast cancer survivor Lynn Sansone

Junior Varsity



(6th row) Coach Brown, Coach Hamlet, Coach Weir, Coach Brooks
(5th row) Austin Craig, Ben Randolph, Tyler Hessler, Joey Watson, Taylor Culbertson, Jeff Betts
(4th row) Dakota Bartlett, Westley Reckamp, Jesus Malta, Nathan Robinson, Sergio Ortega, Patrick Gerdeman, Roland Watson, Philip Janowski, Alex Scott
(3rd row) Dillion Ferrel, Dustin Ludy, Nick Hanff, Derek Grote, Michael Wines, Matt Dollard, Derico Blanks, Jodicee Hill,
(2nd Row) Greg Preis, Matt Turpin, Gus Weighmeir, Mario McClurkin, Deon Bradshaw, Nick Reese, Delante Blanks, Wyatt Mohrmann
(1st Row) Brandon Bote, Trent Davis, Frank Saviano, John Orr, Cody Cox, Kyle Lewis, Julian Prince, Mike Abrolat, Sean Helfer



Wright City vs Winfield: Trent runs the ball as the team holds back Winfield

Varsity



(5th Row) Coach Brown, Coach Hamlet, Coach Weir, Coach Brooks
(4th Row) Vlad Mengher, Steven Soltysiak, Richard Liddell, Felix Hoffman, Jensen Elrod, Kyle Lang, Austin Bligh, Zach Jinkerson
(3rd row) Benjamin Randolph, Stuart Bruning, Joe Zykan, Patrick Johnson, Caleb Thomure, John Itinger, Chad Sherman, Cody Klemp
(2nd Row) Jesus Malta, Taylor Culbertson, Joey Watson, Matt Dollard, Philip Janowski, Tyler Hessler, Alex Scott, Jeff Betts, Austin Craig
(1st row) Wesley Reckamp, Nathan Robinson, Sergio Ortega, Michael Wines, Patrick Gerdeman, Roland Watson, Jodicee Hill

BORN A Chooser

You're not born a winner,
You're not born a loser,
You're born a chooser...
When we would rather win, we sometimes lose...
It's how you deal with being a winner,
How you deal with being a loser,
That's what makes the statement true: you are born a chooser...
When things are going wrong, you can choose to start blaming,
Become selfish or get angry,
Or we can choose to accept it,
Figure out what we did wrong, and try to perfect it...
Who do we become when we are losing?
Do we start calling names? Pointing fingers? Blaming or accusing?
Does it ever cross our mind, do we even dare,
To think that the other team might just be winning fair in square?
Are they that much better? Are we that much worse?
No matter how many times it happens, losing is something you have to nurse...
Stay off of it, take care of it; you have to let it heal,
You have to realize the whole team is feeling the way you feel...
So when you are losing, though your anger may be flaming,
Please, don't fall into the trap of pointing fingers or blaming...
They're out here too, working just as hard as you and me,
Being on this field, staying true to their team...
We put in our hearts, we made proud our fathers and mothers,
Be thankful for them, and your coaches, and never forget your BROTHERS.

By: Cody Cox

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What's the Play!?! Success!

This is one word that this year's Junior Varsity and Varsity football players should know well. As this year's season came along, so did many broken records, victories, and memorable moments. The boys pulled through with a total of nine wins and qualified second in our district. With this triumphant achievement, the boys were regional winners and section qualifiers. Along with these achievements, they have shown that hard work can pay off by being the first of many football teams in our school's history to win their first play-off game. Another first is starting off the season with a record of six total wins and no losses. However, they did not stop here. The Wildcats were able to surpass many of the schools' previous records along with a total of 34 MSHSAA records broken.

Our very own boys of fall made EMO all conference team with First Team Offense: Brandon Bote (punter), Trent Davis (running back) and Wyatt Mohrmann (offensive tackle). Second Team Offense: Deon Bradshaw (receiver), Greg Preis (offensive guard) and Nick Reese (running back).

First Team Defense: Michael Abrolat (linebacker), Delante Blanks (strong safety), Nick Hanff (defensive end), and Matt Turpin (defensive tackle). Second Team Defense: Deon Bradshaw (free safety) and Kyle Lewis (defensive line). Following this, Senior Trent Davis and Sophomore Nick Hanff received their five minutes of fame being featured on KSDK's All-Metro St. Louis football honors. As it was mentioned, Trent rushed over 2700 yards and Nick Hanff made 17 sacs and 33 tackles. But summing up the year was the football banquet where the players were recognized for awards such as Mr. Wildcat who was Trent Davis and where senior Cody Cox read the poem he wrote which ended the year perfectly.

"The season went great. The boys worked hard, and we had lots of success. I am so proud of the boys and how much they have accomplished this season." -James Weir



Defense is on the ball pushing back the offense players from Cuba.



Senior Trent Davis, rips through the defensive players running the ball.

LOCK IT DOWN AND LOAD IT UP



Melissa Willmore, Erika Helfer, Brianna Davis, Bianca De La Cerda, Yvette Contreras, Taylor Jennings, Ashley Lewis, Erin Tiesing, and Tiffany Perry got the crowd on their feet by cheering on our WCHS Wildcats!

LOUD, PROUD, PLEASING THE CROWD

The girls worked very hard this past football season. Their improvement just kept rising and rising. Captains Taylor Jennings and Melissa Willmore couldn't have been more proud.

Being lead by Coach Prost, the squad was able to pull bigger and better stunts and come together as a team to accomplish more than ever expected. All and all, the squad did a choreographed dance and cheered their hearts out at every game, helping our crowd keep the boys pumped for the game.

They performed at the homecoming pep rally and cheered at every varsity football game as well as a few junior varsity games.

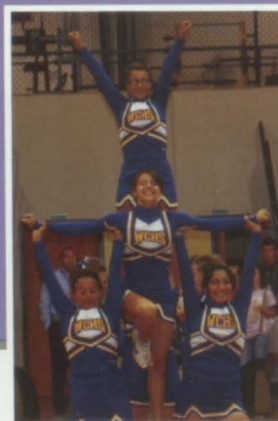
Not only were these girls expected to do their best in cheerleading, but they were all anticipated to be great students. For eligibility to participate, all girls had to keep their grades up and prove that they could excel not only on the sidelines but academically.

Also worthy of mention, many of these girl loved to participate in other school clubs, functions, and community events.

This season, the girls have pushed themselves to the limits and proved their strengths to all. Goals were reached and expectations exceeded. The girls will always look back and be proud of the hard work put into our squad this football season.



Tiffany Perry, Brianna Davis, Erin Tiesing, and Ashley Lewis lift Taylor Jennings to pump up the crowd.



During the homecoming pep rally, Bianca De La Cerda and Yvette Contreras lift Taylor Jennings, while Melissa Willmore, Brianna Davis, and Erika Helfer Lift Erin Tiesing for quite a show.



Seniors Melissa Willmore, Taylor Jennings, and Yvette Contreras celebrate senior night.



Varsity Cheerleaders pose for a team photo. From top left: Erika Helfer, Tiffany Perry, Bianca De La Cerda, Ashley Lewis, Coach Kelly Prost From bottom left: Yvette Contreras, Taylor Jennings, Melissa Willmore, Erin Tiesing, and Brianna Davis.

Where to start? First off, we have to say we couldn't be more proud of the dedication and hard work you girls put into this season. We came in not knowing what was going to happen. Success? Failure? Only time would tell, and it most definitely did. We went beyond our limits and flew to the sky -- literally. Together as a squad, we got the crowd to their feet multiple times. As we looked to the crowd and saw them standing, proudly cheering the team on along side us, we couldn't hold back from getting chills. We proved our strength this season, girls, and I hope you remember that throughout life. You girls brought it all to the table and it showed immensely. Our hard work paid off, and others saw that. We inspired others to try-out, and we couldn't have had a better season. We are proud to have our last season of football cheerleading go just the way it went -- from the frustrations of sticking stunts to the laughter of spray painting run-throughs. We had a blast and kept a strong hold of goals all at the same time. Expectations were exceeded beyond all doubt. Cheer was brought back to the crowd this football season, and we personally thank you girls for that. Please keep it up for future cheering, and keep up the positive attitudes through life itself. We couldn't be more happy to have such strong girls beside us this season.

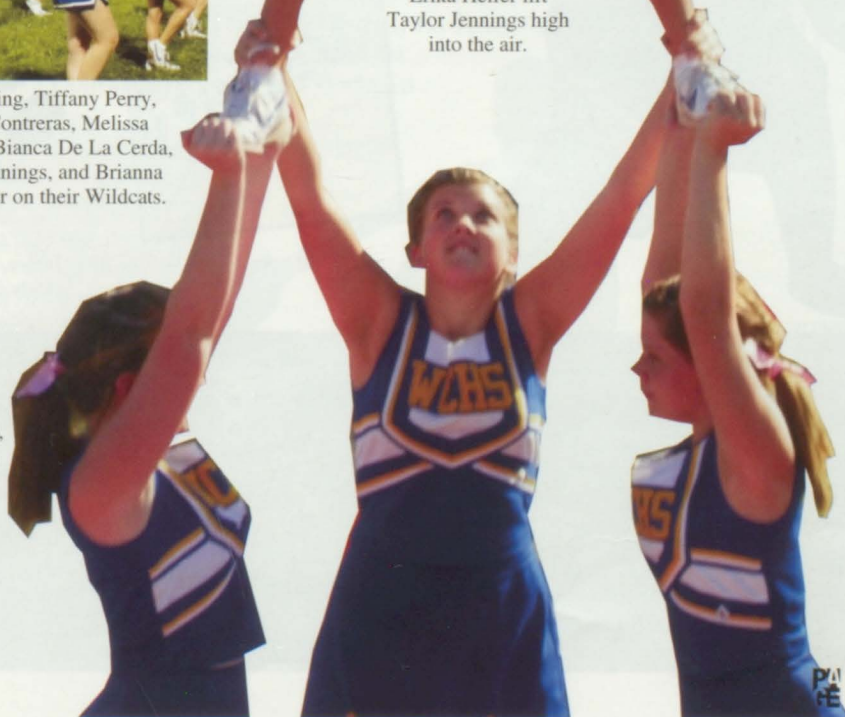
Thank you,
(2010 Football Cheerleading Captains)



Erin Tiesing, Tiffany Perry, Yvette Contreras, Melissa Willmore, Bianca De La Cerda, Taylor Jennings, and Brianna Davis cheer on their Wildcats.

Ashley Lewis, Bianca De La Cerda, and Melissa Willmore lift Erin Tiesing into an awesome formation.

Melissa Willmore, Brianna Davis, and Erika Helfer lift Taylor Jennings high into the air.



Hit,
Run,
Score!!!



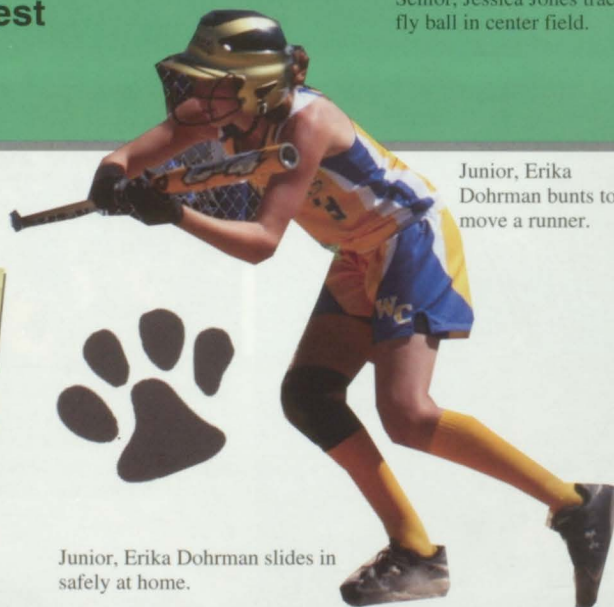
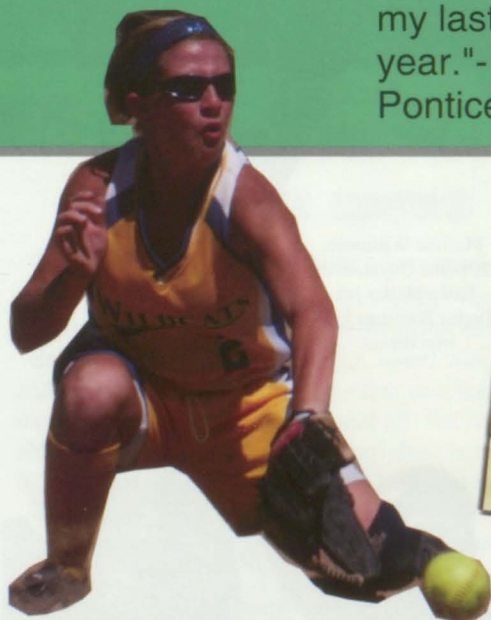
Above: Front row from left: Manager Ashley Rebstock, Paige Ponticello, Brianna Zumwalt, Ashley Zumwalt, Nicolette McIntosh, Lacey Davis, Lindsay Stassi, Sheila Stassi. Back row from left: Coach Adams, Jessica Grelle, Kaelyn Randolph, Katelyn Christopher, Abby Dreyer, Danielle Greenemay, Erika Dohrman, Jessica Jones, Coach Ross

Senior, Paige Ponticello backhands a ground ball.

"Being best friends with all the players made the year even **better**. I'm glad my last year was my **best** year."- Senior Paige Ponticello



Senior, Jessica Jones tracks a fly ball in center field.



Junior, Erika Dohrman slides in safely at home.

Junior, Erika Dohrman bunts to move a runner.

15-9-0



Front row from left: Brittany Orf, Kristen Branson, Heather Warnock, Amanda Kelly, Morgan Poetz, Morgan Lewis. Back row from left: Coach Adams, Maria Boylan, Cassie Kuchler, Brittany McPike, Heather Windels



Sophomore Morgan Poetz prepares for the incoming pitch.

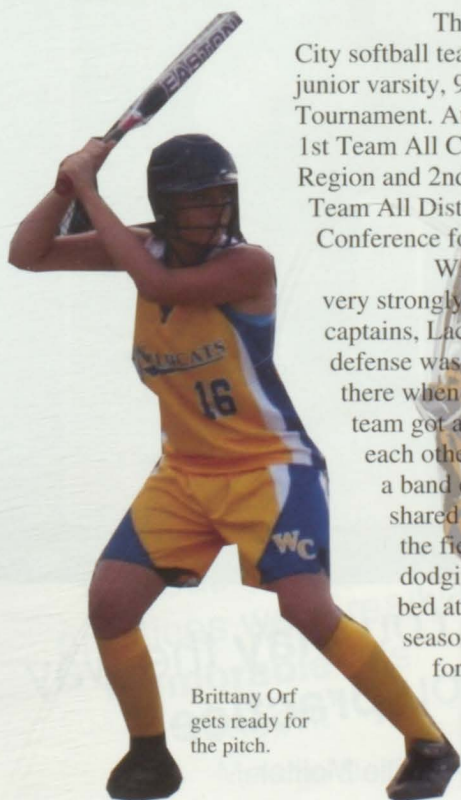


"The most **fun** time of the **season** was when we all stayed at the hotel. We all had so much fun **playing** pool games and one of our beds broke! Hahaha!"
-Senior Jessica Jones

"I **loved** doing our cool handshakes every inning with my **outfield buddies** Sheila and JJ!"
-Senior Kaelyn Randolph



Sophomore Heather Windels gets ready to take a lead off on the pitch.



Brittany Orf gets ready for the pitch.

This season was a successful one for the Wright City softball team. Varsity finished the season with 15 wins and 9 losses and junior varsity, 9 wins and 7 losses. Varsity finished second in the Booneville Tournament. At the end of the season senior, Jessica Jones, received awards for 1st Team All Conference for East Missouri, 1st Team All District, 1st Team All Region and 2nd Team All State. Junior, Sheila Stassi, received 1st Team All District. Junior, Erika Dohrman, received 2nd Team All Conference for East Missouri.

With seven seniors on the team, the Wildcats played very strongly throughout the season. Led by senior captains, Lacey Davis and Paige Ponticello, defense was always strong and hitting was there when needed. Everyone on the team got along great and thought of each other as not only a team, but a band of sisters. They always shared good times on and off the field whether it was laughing at Coach Ross dodging line drives at third base or breaking a bed at a hotel during a tournament. This season is one that none of the girls will forget and will carry with them always.



Kristen Branson puts all her strength into pitching the ball.

9-7-0



CHICK CHICK BOOM

The 2010 Volleyball Season started off rough. The team lost their coach of the last three years, and with this loss brought two new coaches. The varsity season began as a struggle under the coaching of Mr. Kester. The girls had to learn new rotations, new plays, and new strategies.

As senior night approached, the Varsity team began to work together and put into action everything they had learned. The energy from senior night worked to their advantage. All of the seniors got starting positions and had brought their A game. The game against Southern Boone ended in a well-earned victory. The energy didn't stop when the game was over; this was in fact the first win of the volleyball season. Every player had contributed to this win and was overjoyed that the win had finally come.

While the Varsity was struggling, the JV team prospered. Under the guidance of new coach, CJ Oches, the team learned new strategies and more successful techniques of the game. The JV team played very well together and pulled out several wins. Their hard work paid off when they ended the year with a winning season. The team is off to a great start and the future of the Varsity team looks promising. If these girls continue their dedication and determination to the sport by working hard during the off-season, they are sure to continue their winning streak.

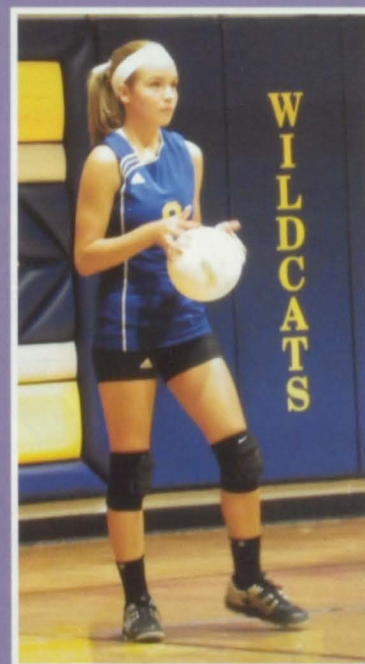
All in all, the season was very successful. The Lady Wildcat Volleyball team bettered their skills and had fun. Winning isn't everything; it's all about working hard and stepping on that court without letting the competition define who you are.



Senior Melanie Dollard serves the ball over the net to the other team.



Senior Brittany Davis goes to spike the ball while her teammate Jenny Abel covers for her.



Kodi Brassel waits for the referee to blow the whistle before her serve.

*"You **play** the way you **practice**!"*

-Emilie Molitor

Right: Abby McNeil, Emilie Molitor, and Melanie Dollard celebrate after their first win.

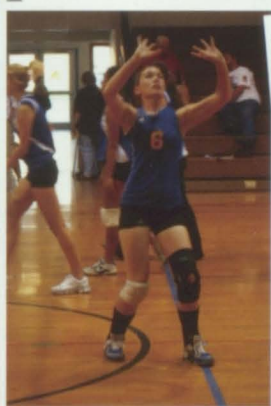
Far right: The Varsity Volleyball team huddles for a pep talk before the game.

"From the beginning of the season to the end of the season, we improved so hard."

-Brittany Davis



Tarryn Robbearts focuses on the game.



Brittany Abercrombie sets the ball.



Alex Wolf passes the ball.



Stacey Schaper gets down low.



Taylor Brookshire waits for the ball after a play.

Varsity

(Back Row) Coach Kester, Manager Jennifer Baker, Manager Dana McCoy, Brittany Abercrombie, Jenny Abel, Abby McNeil, Melanie Dollard, Kodi Brassel, Manager Jennifer Boschert, Manager Nicole Carter, Coach C.J.
(Front Row) Stacey Schaper, Christine Klem, Emilie Molitor, Brittany Davis, Alex Wolf



"Losing is the new winning!"

-Stacey Schaper

"It was a lot of fun. The bus rides and practices were really memorable this season."

-Melanie Dollard

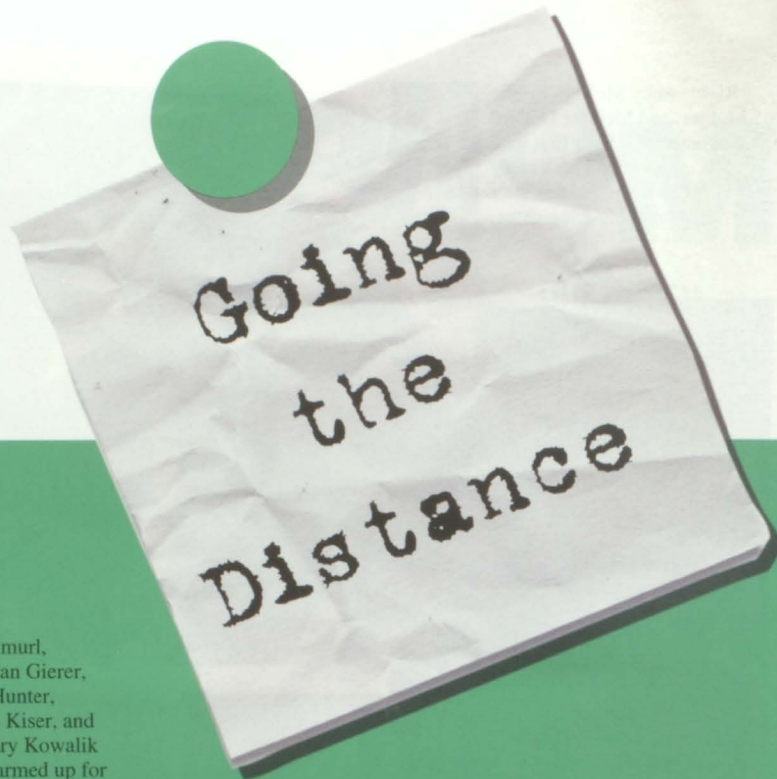


JV

(Back) Coach Kester, Manager Jennifer Baker, Manager Dana McCoy, Jenny Goebel, Jesse Meadows, Ally Gray, Tarryn Robbearts, Tonia Pettig, Manager Alicia Boschert, Manager Nicole Carter, Coach C.J.
(Front) Breanna McClaren, Amanda Unnerstall, Jasmine King, Lydia Hampton, Taylor Brookshire, Lauren Combs



Eric Smurl, Brendan Gierer, Erik Hunter, Devin Kiser, and Zachary Kowalik get warmed up for the race.



Rico Zaldivar, Zachary Kowalik, Zachary Murri, and Eric Smurl walk the trail for the race against the other teams at Orchard Farm.



Coach Wright, Rico Zaldivar, Coach Balven Zachary Kowalik, Eric Smurl, Zachary Murri Jackson Bruening, Devin Kiser, A.J. Feldscher, Gary Meyer, Brandon Pruitt, Kaitlin Karney, Rebecca Brown, Loren Prather, Erik Hunter





Rebecca Brown running at state where she placed 71st out of 159 runners.

Wright City's high school cross country team has done a fantastic job this year!

Zach Kowalik, Brandon Pruitt, Rebecca Brown, and Kaitlin Karney all went to state this year. Zach Kowalik placed 9th out of 163, while Brandon Pruitt placed 47th. Rebecca Brown placed 71st out of 159 while Kaitlin Karney placed 89th.

At district's Zach Kowalik placed 1st, while Rebecca Brown placed 4th. In the Emo Conference, Zach Kowalik and Rebecca Brown were champions. Meanwhile, Kaitlin Karney placed 7th and got all conference.

The team spent about two hours every day practicing and working hard. They started out the season with one goal in mind. That goal was to do better than what they had accomplished in previous years. They achieved this by working hard and improving many of their times.

The team met at Innsbrook for many practices. This helped them with their skills of running up and down those treacherous hills. It helped them in many races, because they were really able to pace themselves. Good job to the cross country team this year!



All the teams have just begun the race and are on their way to the finish line!

BLOW That Horn!



The marching band marches out to the field to clicks in the above picture led by drum majors, Rebekah Nadler, Catherine Sweet, and Jacob Brown. Before the show even starts, the guard members are busy trying to get every flag in order and every person where they belong. To the left is a prime example of this. Emily Lawler is being held up by other guard members just before the show.

"Keep your feet in time!" "Stay with the drum major!" "LISTEN!" "Fat guy in the front...can't miss me!" "If you're talking while I'm talking...you're wrong!" These are just some of the numerous things that Mr. Schaffer drilled into the heads of the band members day after day. The members of the band did their best with what they had, the seniors they lost, and the freshman they gained.

This years marching season was off to a rough start. Due to the recent changes on our schools campus, the marching band was left in the dark as to if there would even be a practice field to practice on throughout the summer and the beginning of the school year. Mr. Schaffer did not want to commit to funding a show that he wasn't even sure would be able to be executed. This meant that the band started on drill later then in previous years. This led to stress, and a lot of it, not only for directors Emily Meisner, and William Schaffer, but the rest of the band as well. Wanting this year to end better then it had begun, the band set to work work work!

Every school day-the band would go outside during

class and work on the field, trying to play with a better tone, dynamics, and balance. The guard members learned routine and went over it again and again to get it just right. The pit crew carried props, the podium, and sound equipment out to the field to assist the band. No one was ever sitting for too long, for there was a lot of time to make up. Every Thursday from 6pm-9pm the band would also get in some rehearsal time. No matter how much time was spent learning drill and routine, memorizing parts and body movement, and learning the stops and starts, it was never enough. The band needed to realize they had to work together, as a family, not alone as an individual.

Once the band finally realized how to work with each other and get over the stress of the year, they finally started performing up to their capability. They ended the year much better then it had started, which was the initial goal. The band may not have won first at every competition, but they did have the fourth-best season they have ever had, while growing closer in the process. There is much excitement for even more improvements in the years to come.



Above is Junior, Trevor Latta, twirling a flag at a competition. Below are guard members performing during halftime at a home football game.



Sure the band worked very diligently this marching season, but they would be nowhere without the pit crew. The pit crew give up their time and energy to move props, load the trailers, and attend the marching events. To the right are a few of the pit members, Greg Preis, Nick Reese, and Wyatt Mohrmann.



Above: Not all band members march across the field. There are some percussion players that play pit instruments. This adds quite a bit to the bands overall sound. Above are our talented pit players at a band competition. Below is the whole Wright City Wildcat Marching Pride Band performing their 2010 field show, The Duality of Man, featuring music from Jekyll and Hyde.



TW!RL That Flag!

Concert Band

Wright City High School band members perform at their Spring Concert



Concert Band was full of fun and excitement. They perfected their musical abilities and were a source of entertainment for the audience. All in all it was a very successful year for the band.

Friends and family got to enjoy the songs the students prepared at the various concerts the band preformed at the High School. These concerts also gave students the opportunity to display the skills they had acquired throughout the year.

The band practices every day during class as well as during non-mandatory practices after school. They also take time out of their summers to participate in band camp so they have a head start the coming year. They raised money by selling candy bars for their future competitions. The dedication exhibited by band members, instructors, and parents alike is inspirational.

The effort students put into every aspect of band is outstanding. They have made many contributions to the school as well as the entire student body. Not to mention the astonishing music they play. The Wright City High School Concert Band is something the entire community can be proud of.

All-Conference:

Flutes:

Rebekah Nadler
Jenna Eads
Catherine Sweet
Ariel Gray
Brittany Abercrombie
Clarinets: Erin Jefferson
Sabra Harris
Sara Hale
Brittany Davis
Christine Klem
Casey Taylor

Bass Clarinet:

Sarah Childs

Alto Sax:

Trevor Latta
Alex Adams
Emily Jaboor

Trumpet:

Gage Griffiths
Chris Ellis
PJ Gerdeman
Sergio Ortega
Colleen Ramey

Trombone:

Corey Gierton
Abby McNeill
Levi Box
Loren Prather

Baritone:

Brandon Pruitt

Tuba:

Jacob Kruczka
Cameron Dicus

Percussion:

Andrew Donaldson
Daniel Donaldson
Greg Hobusch
Jeff Duffie

District Solo/Ensemble:

Trevor Latta – II
Erin Jefferson – II
Sara Hale – II
Flute Quartet: Rebekah Nadler,
Kaitlyn Karney, Carissa Leick,
Sarah Bennish - II
Percussion Ensemble (Daniel
Donaldson, Andrew
Donaldson, Patrick Harris, Jeff
Duffie, Greg Hobusch, Heather
Rodriguez, Austin Marsh, Nick
Hanff) - I

State Solo/Ensemble:

Percussion Ensemble (Daniel
Donaldson, Andrew
Donaldson, Patrick Harris, Jeff
Duffie, Greg Hobusch, Heather
Rodriguez, Austin Marsh, Nick
Hanff) - I

Most Improved:

Sabra Harris

Spirit to Succeed:

Julie Ortiz

Outstanding Woodwind:

Trevor Latta

Outstanding Percussion:

Andrew Donaldson

Outstanding Brass:

Jake Kruszka

Master Marcher:

Andrew Donaldson

Gilmore Award:

Samantha Dunakey

Sousa Award:

Andrew Donaldson

Band Booster Hall of Fame:

Sue Dunakey



Solo and Ensemble Members



Daniel Ostuni, Sabra Harris, Emily Lawler, Kayla Couvion, Jordan Burgess, Alana McCormack, Kristina Law, Alexandra Wolf, Mikayla Pettigrew, Brianna Brandon, Gina Walters, Rebeka Keown, Claire Davis, Stephanie Bowen, Hailey Williams, Brant Marshal, Skyler Burris, Aaron Anthonies, Kaleb Anderson, James Gabbert, Amanda Shaw, Gabrielle Pruitt, Cynthia Miller, Heather Windels, Kristen Branson, Morgan Poetz, Loren Prather, Kristin Laney, Becky Watrous, Kira Wooldridge, Tanner Robbearts, Jeff Betts, Matthew Dollard, Jimmy Maynard, Melissa Willmore, Taylor Jennings, and Emmily Woodward. Piano accompanist, Mrs. Miesner and vocalist, Ms. Prost.

This year's choir has grown immensely. New members were able to get into the rhythm of thing while experienced members had to adapt to a few changes along the way. Not only did the Choir welcome a piano accompanist, Mrs. Miesner, but it also welcomed a new vocalist, Ms. Prost.

Repetition and on-going hard work kept the members in line. Most people go into Choir thinking it's just a burn off class, which is far from the truth. It involves a huge part of teamwork and class participation.

Every class period consists of learning the words and movement of the songs. Sight reading became a major thing to know within choir and many of the students were able to pick up on it quickly.

Some members of the choir participated in the Conference Choir such as Taylor Jennings, Kristina Law, Emily Lawler, Colleen Ramey, Melissa Willmore, Jesse Ann, Aaron Anthonies, Alana McCormack, Kaleb Anderson, Sabra Harris, and Jeff Betts.

Also, many student were invited to attend Des Mon Lee, a music festival held at the University of Missouri in St.Louis. All of the students had a one of a kind experience with

professional directors and a concert that was memorable for not only the student, but the entire audience as well.

Taylor Jennings and Colleen Ramey competed in the Solo and Ensemble competitions. Taylor went on to state with

her one rating and at state received a three. Colleen received an honorable two rating, had a blast and hopes to try again next year.

Daniel Ostuni, Emily Lawler, and Colleen Ramey get into the music.



Homecoming Week

Dance Football Spirit Football Dance Football





When Wright City students think homecoming week, they think Spirit Week, a pep rally, the big game, and of course, the dance. It's a special week for Wright City, and it brings out the school spirit in everyone. Students spend all week getting ready for the big game and pumping up the football team.

Spirit Week means an entire week of dress up days and school spirit. This year our dress-up days were Toga Day, Opposite Day, Nerd Day, and Blue and Gold Day. The classes compete to see just who has the most spirit. It was no surprise when the seniors claimed their prize this year.

Our Homecoming Pep Rally is a time for everyone to gather in the gym and show off their spirit. All of the fall athletes are announced and then the games begin. Students play games such as tug-o-war, knockout, and ships and sailors. Teams are divided by classes; freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The homecoming game was played on the field of the Warrenton Warriors due to the construction of the Wildcat field. At halftime, the new king and queen are crowned. This year, Deon Bradshaw and Stacey Schaper were crowned by retiring king and queen Zac Kaibel and Jessica Lang. After the ceremony, the Wildcats continued to score and ended up winning the game.

Homecoming at Wright City is far different from any other school. Instead of dolling themselves up, students put on their football jerseys and haul it over to the school's gym. It may not be fancy, but it's Wright City tradition to have this special night. They will dance the night away after attending the football game.

Homecoming is a special time for the students at Wright City High School. It's a time to celebrate the football team and show off their school spirit. It's a week full of Wildcat Pride and exciting activities. Homecoming marks the beginning of a new year and the end of another summer. For freshmen it's the first real high school experience and for seniors, it's one of the last great memories.



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Justine VanZuyen and Melissa Willmore dress as boys for Opposite Day.



Zachary Murri gets pumped for Nerd Day.



Jordan Hunt, Melanie Dollard, Jenny Abel, Eric Smurl, Alyce Bort, and Emilie Molitor dress up like nerds for spirit week.



Ashley Rebstock, Jessica Grelle, Paige Ponticello, Lacey Davis, Kaelyn Randolph, and Michelle Gouge pose for Opposite Day.



Nick Hanff shows his spirit by dressing as a nerd.



As usual, Wright City High School had a week of dress up days to show their school spirit. However, this year was different from any other; our Homecoming Week was graded not by floats and a canned food drive like in the past, but by banners and dress up days. The lack of a track and football field caused our classes to not make floats because we had nowhere to show them off. This didn't stop the students from showing off their school spirit.

The competition heated up toward the end of the week. The other classes were tired of losing to the seniors, so they tried their best to bring them down. Unfortunately, this effort didn't pay off; the seniors were still victorious.

The banner competition was a different story. The seniors, as good as their banner was, just didn't compare to the juniors. The juniors took first place followed by the seniors, sophomores, and then freshmen.

At the end of the week, the tallies were in and the seniors took first place over all followed by the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Everyone's school spirit showed throughout the whole week, leaving it a week we'll always remember!

PEP PEP HOORAY!

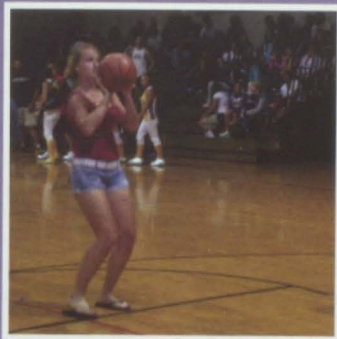
Cheering, chanting and screaming was all anyone could hear as students walked into the Wright City High School gym on the day of the Homecoming Pep Rally. In past years, Homecoming assemblies were spent watching and participating in a game of flag football outside on the football field. This year, due to the construction of the field, students were forced to play the games in the gym.

Like everything else about Homecoming Week, the pep rally received some changes, too. The flag football game was replaced with an assembly full of fun and games. These games included Knock-Out, Ships and Sailors and the big

competition of Tug-O-War.

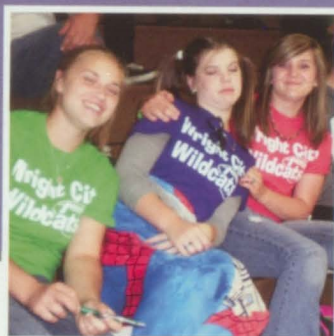
With only a few tugs, the senior boys dominated the underclassmen in a game of Tug-O-War. The girls were a different story. The freshmen girls put up a fight for the juniors, but in the end the freshmen couldn't keep up and the juniors won.

Another fun filled game was Ships and Sailors. This game allowed all students to play, and they jumped at the chance to participate. The game came down to juniors Sheila Stassi, Ashley Zumwalt and Brianna Zumwalt and seniors Eric Smurl and Gus Wehmeier. The girls ended up beating the senior boys, but in the end it's not about winning. It's about school spirit.



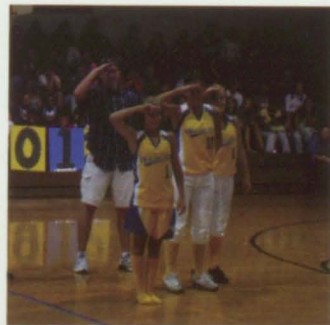
Abby Dreyer takes her winning shot during the game of knock-out.

Seniors Stacey Schaper, Aly Bort and Brittany Davis cheer on those competing in the pep rally.

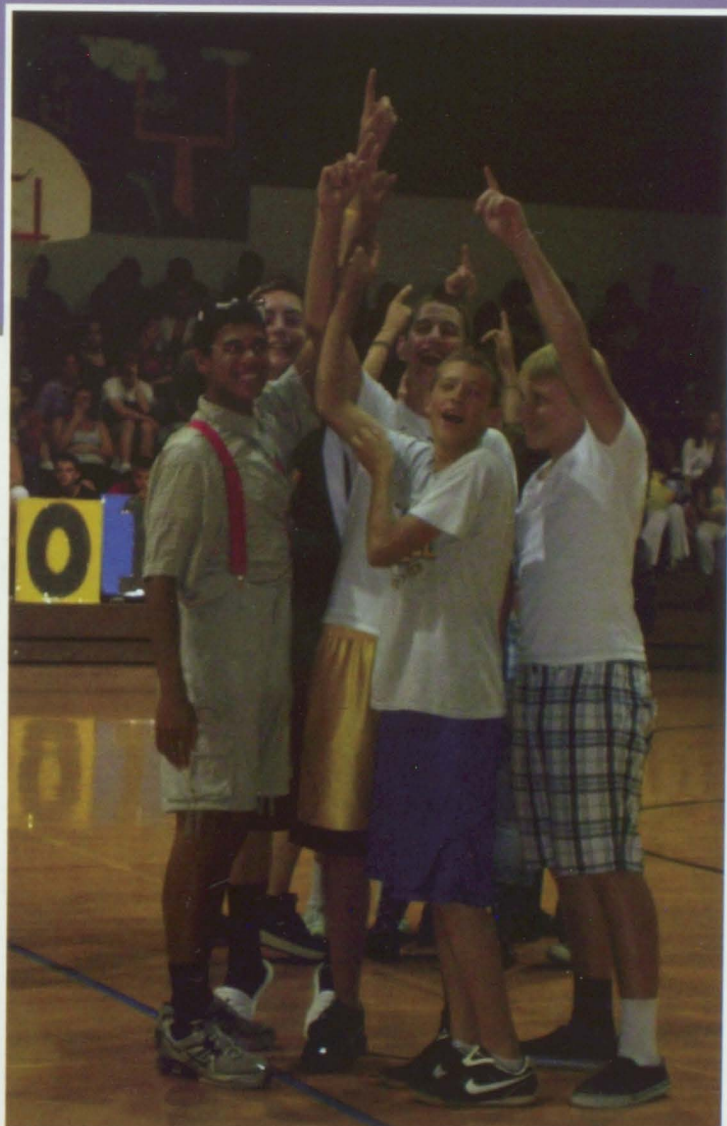


Wyatt Mohrmann, Nick Reese, Luke Dashley, Trenton Davis, Tanner Robbearts, Shawn Helfer, Greg Preis, Kyle Lewis, Deon Bradshaw and Delante Blanks, focus on winning tug-of-war.

Eric Smurl, Ashley Zumwalt, Shelia Stassi, and Brianna Zumwalt salute the captain during ships and sailors.



Junior girls get prepped to kick butt at tug-of-war.



Nick Hanft, Nathan Robison, Taylor Culberston, Dillion Ferrell, and Matthew Dollard are five men pointing to a star as they played ships and sailors.

It's Getting Hot in
Here So Take Off
All Your Clothes"

-Nelly

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

The Homecoming Dance came early this year at Wright City High School. This didn't stop the students from coming and dancing all night long. Girls focused on getting their makeup on as the boys tried to look their best. Everyone wanted to dress to impress. Our dance was the traditional theme of school spirit. The gym was decorated in blue and gold. Unlike other school dances, everyone is allowed to come dressed in casual clothes. This allows all students to dance freely and have fun. Jordan Hunt says, "I just had so much fun singing and dancing all night long!"

In the middle of the dance some students began to show off their moves in our "dance off". Students would gather around in a circle and cheer for who they thought was the best. Cody Cox made Michael Jackson proud as he danced to "Billy Jean." Some of the other students such as Aaron Anthonies, Melissa Willmore, Greg Preis, and Dallas DeRoy showed off their dancing talent as well.

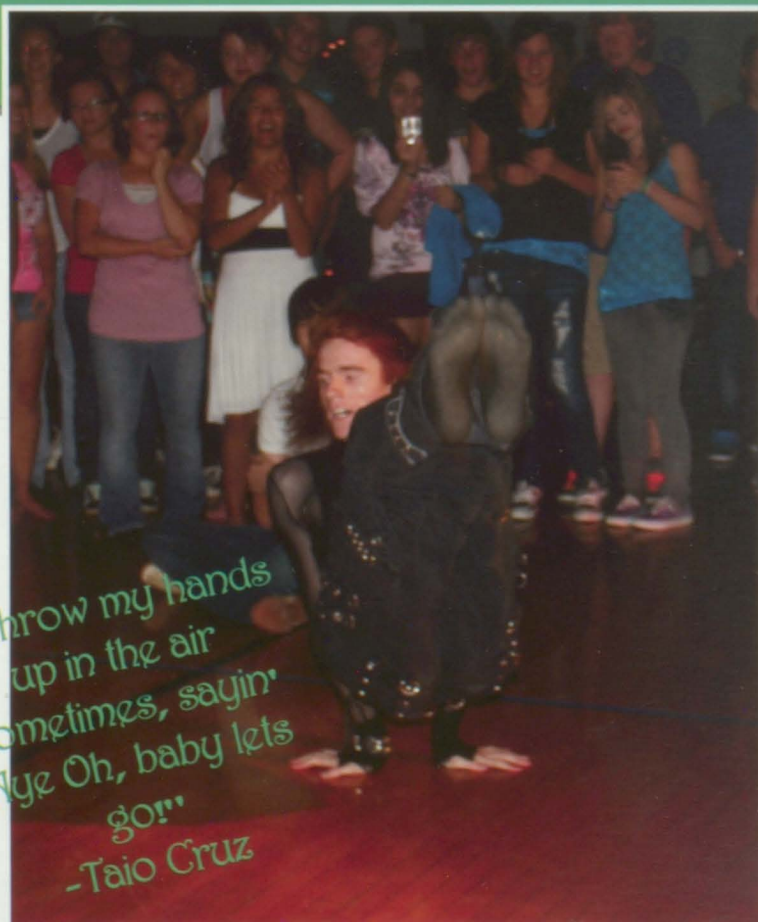
As the dance veered to an end, the dance started heating up. The song "Hot in Here" played over the loud speakers and the boys used this to their advantage. They began to take off their shirts and swing them around above their heads. When the DJ played his last song and the lights turned on, the guys put their shirts back on and everyone left wishing the night hadn't ended so soon.

It was a night to remember, and as the students left, the memories would still be with them. The Homecoming Dance was not like the others in the past, because it wasn't the same day as the game. Usually students would walk to the gym after the big game, but this year the dance took place on Saturday night. Although there was a change in the schedule, it didn't stop students from having a blast during Homecoming 2010.



Charlene Kibbons and Alicia Leake are all smiles at this year's homecoming dance.

Lauren Kampllain and Christine Klem strike a pose for the camera.



"I throw my hands
up in the air
sometimes, sayin'
Aye Oh, baby lets
go!"
-Taio Cruz

The crowd goes wild as Aaron Anthonies shows off his moves in the dance competition.

"DJ got us fallin' in
love again!"
-Usher



Ashley Zumwalt and her date enjoy a slow dance together.



Daniel Thornhill shows off his moves on the dance floor.



Matt Dollard and Tyler Frischman enjoy a brotherly hug.

Cody Cox brings out his inner Michael Jackson in the dance off.

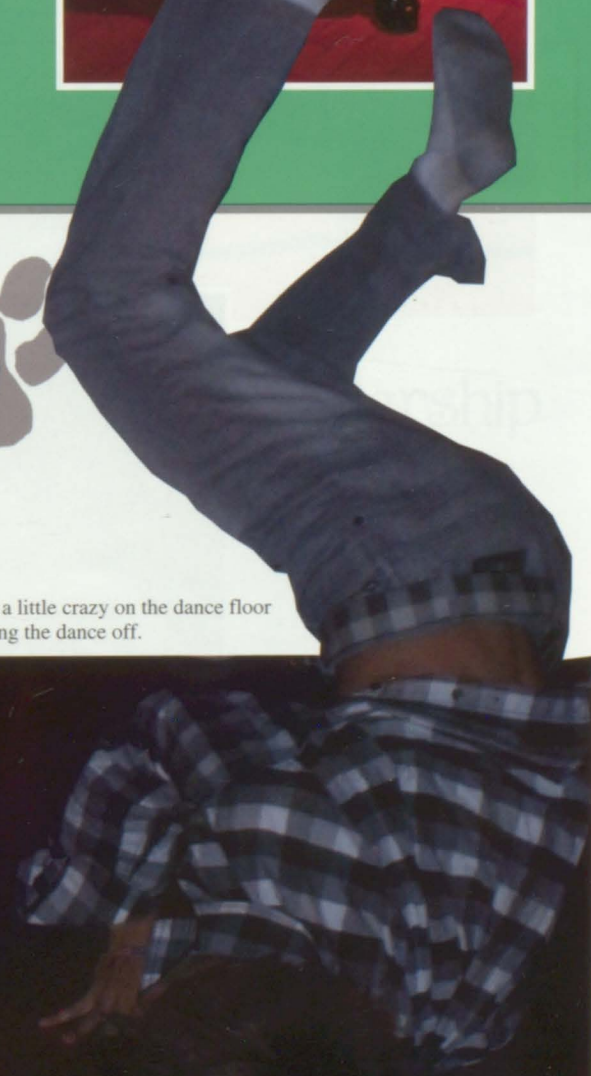


Jessica Grelle and Emilie Molitor dance into the late hours of the night.

"Don't Stop
Believing. Hold
On To That
Feeling"
- Journey

Dallas DeRoy gets a little crazy on the dance floor during the dance off.

"Just gonna stand there
and watch me cry.
That's all right because
i love the way you lie."
-Eminem ft. Rihanna





Kaelyn Randolph strategically makes her way up the court.

Endurance

2010-2011
Winter Season

Justin Wade keeps his guard up as he covers his opponent.



Immunity

Winter can be a difficult time for some teams. The Wright City athletes had their share of obstacles throughout the 2010-2011 season. The winter sports teams constructed leadership and built endurance and immunity in order to be victorious.

At the start of the season, it was necessary for each team to establish leadership. Team captains were chosen to help their teammates cooperate and to lead them to victory. Ground rules and expectations were made known as the teams readied themselves for the new season. Team captains and members alike worked together to make the season as successful as possible.

Once leadership was established, the Wildcats began to build up immunity to loss. The winter sports teams discovered that not every game

could be a victory. This realization did not deteriorate the athletes' spirits or abilities. The players pulled together to move past each loss throughout the season.

In addition to immunity, the teams focused on building up endurance. Not only did the Wildcats work on physical endurance, they also strengthened their mentality. For each disappointment, on the court or off, the teams were able to turn around and improve themselves. The winter athletes found that self-improvement is the highest victory.

The Wright City winter athletes of 2010-2011 survived the season by establishing leadership, growing immune to loss, and learning to turn disappointment into success.

The Perfect Combination

Leadership

Ashley Lewis and Bianca de la Cerda keep the spirit up at an away game by leading the squad into a cheer.



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Junior Varsity

"I'll never forget watching Collin Coats hit the game winning shot against Warrenton with two seconds left on the clock."

-Dallas Deroy

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Freshmen Austin Marsh and Justin Wade team up to guard the lane.

To some people basketball may be just a sport, but to these boys it is so much more. It is the endurance, strength, heart, and the drive to be the best; to these boys its life. This season started off as a mystery on how the Wright City boys' basketball team was going to do. They started off with a clean slate due to the fact that they have a new head coach, Mr. Hamlet.

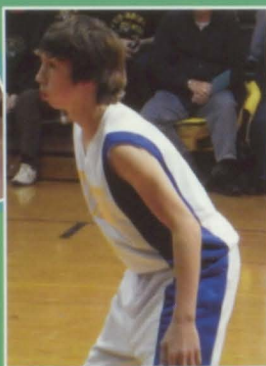
During the 2010-2011 basketball season, these boys brought great dedication on the court. They might not have won every game they played, but they brought the drive to come out as the best.

Junior varsity also started off the season with a new coach, Mr. Brown. JV built great team companionship over the season. The team might have started off rocky, but towards the end games were won and memorable moments were made.

The varsity boys had a rough season this year. They have improved tremendously from last year, but some new changes were made for this season. They put everything they had into each team they played against. The team might not have come out on top each time but they put effort into each game. Michael Aborlat, Brandon Bote, Deon Bradshaw and Julian Prince ended the season with left memories, awards won and advice for the upcoming players.

Deon Bradshaw ended the season as 2nd team All-Conference large schools division, 2nd team-All District and also had the privilege to play in the Senior Showcase. He ended the game with 14 points and his team won 84-50

Sophomore Collin Coats keeps a close eye on an outside shooter.



Freshman Benjamin Randolph sets up for defense.



Freshman Justin Wade and Sophomore Tyler Hessler get in place to retrieve the rebound.



Freshman Cody Klemp is quick to come off his man and cover the middle of the floor.



Top Row: Austin Marsh, Jenson Elrod, Tyler Hessler, Justin Wade, Stuart Bruning, Dallas DeRoy, Coach Brown
Bottom Row: Cody Klemp, Benjamin Randolph, Justise Boswell, James Hedger, Richard Liddell

Varsity

GAME

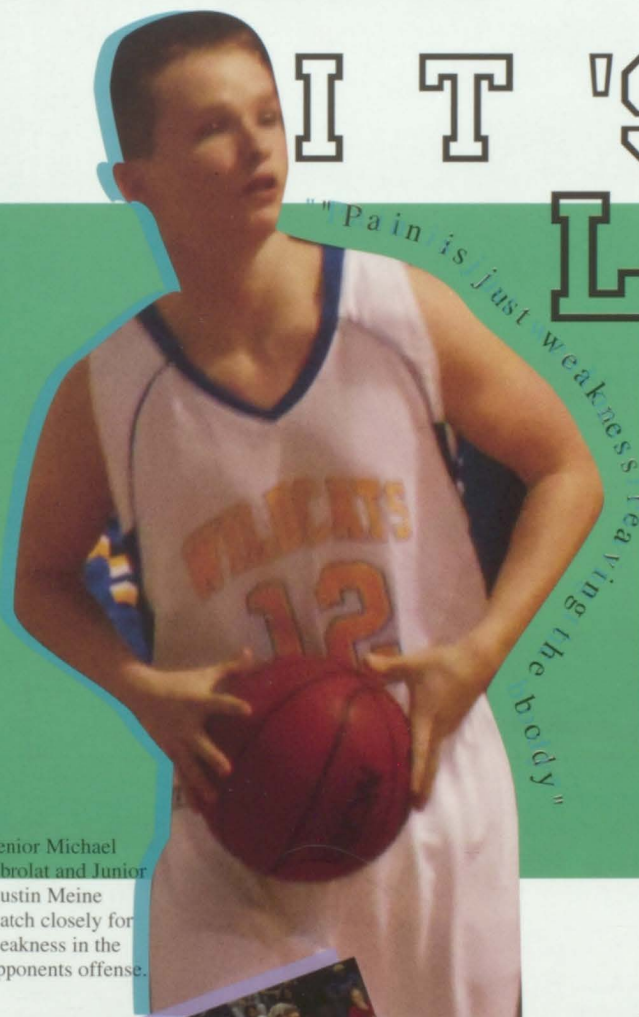
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"I think the most memorable time in the season was Senior Night when the Juniors took the coaches and us out to Buffalo Wild Wings. There was no court, no ball, no uniform...just the team."
-Michael Abrolat



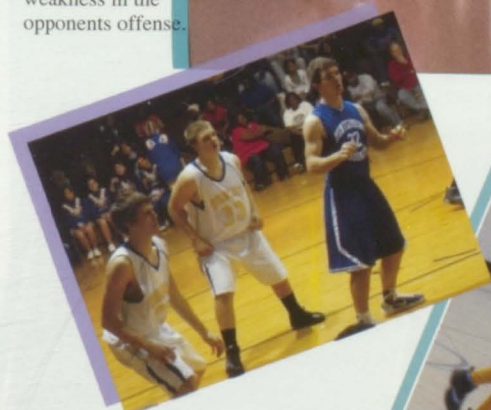
Coach Hamlet and Coach Brown prep the team for the start of the game.



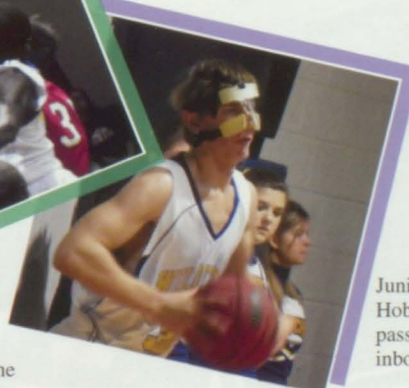
Senior Michael Abrolat and Junior Austin Meine watch closely for weakness in the opponents offense.



Top: Coach Brown, Julian Prince, Austin Meine, Greg Hobusch, Tyler Tuepker, Thomas Parker, Andrew Clouser, Coach Hamlet
Back: Derico Blanks, Dustin Ludy, Deon Bradshaw, Brandon Bote, Michael Abrolat, Collin Coats, Jodicee Hill
Managers: Michael Wines & Christopher Martin



Sophomore Joe Hill takes the ball down the court to set up the offense.



Senior Deon Bradshaw retrieves the offensive rebound before putting it back up for two points.

Junior Greg Hobusch passes the ball inbounds.

BALLIN IT UP!

GIRL'S VARSITY



(Back row) Coach Ross, Jessica Grelle, Brittany Abercrombie, Abby McNeill, Abby Dreyer, Danielle Greenemay, Coach Weir. (Front Row) Brianna Zumwalt, Rebecca Brown, Kaelyn Randolph, Erika Dohrman, Ashley Rebstock



The Varsity team gives a pre-game smile.

"This year was our New Beginning. My favorite part of the season was just who I got to play with. Every experience with them was an adventure."
-Ashley Rebstock

"This year was so incredible! I love all the memories I've made (knocked over!!) and I love the fact that I was able to leave the season with so many incredible friends! I love my team!"
-Kaelyn Randolph



Senior Kaelyn Randolph shoots the ball during a home game.



Brianna Zumwalt looks for the drive during a basketball game.

"This year was amazing! I got steals, blocks and knocked people down. But I couldn't do any of it without my team of sisters!"
-Jessica Grelle

Senior Ashley Rebstock successfully fights for a loose ball.



Junior Abby Dreyer shoots a free throw during a home game.



Junior Danielle Greenemay stops to catch her breath during the game.



Junior Abby McNeill gets ready for the rebound during a free throw.



JUNIOR VARSITY!



Freshman Erika Helfer looks for the open pass during a home game.



Freshman Taylor Brookshire drives to the basket for a lay-up.

During the 2010-2011 basketball season, the girls' team continued to exceed in expectations. Having only won a total of six games in the past three years, the girls varsity team made history pulling their team out of a losing slump. This year the girls focused on coming together so they could play better as a team. Extreme dedication was taken on by this small group of girls, which paid off at the end of the season.

The 2010-2011 girls' varsity team finished the season 7-17, which is the best record the girls team has had in five years. The team also won the consolation championship game at the the Lutheran St. Charles Tournament. This tournament was just the start of a "New Beginning."

This season had players that played to go surprisingly well. Leading the way as guards was Ashley Rebstock and

Kaelyn Randolph alongside the post trio of Abby McNiell, Danielle Greenemay, and Abby Dreyer. Jessica Grelle, Brianna Zumwalt, Erika Dohrman and Brittany Abercrombie also served as key components to this well rounded team. Together they divided and conquered for an unforgettable season.

Ending the heart felt season with a close loss at the Districts game, the girls walked off as one and in tears showing their love for the game and each other.

Abby Dreyer was rewarded by receiving 1st team All-Conference. Kaelyn Randolph went on to play in the districts Senior Showcase.

As for the JV team, the girls finished with 4th place at the Orchard Farm JV Tournament. Leading the way for the JV Team was Passion Edwards, Taylor Brookshire, Brittany McPike, Erika Helfer, Allison Gray and Rebecca Nadler. This year's girls finished the season with a winning record of 13-9.



(Back row) Coach Ross, Brittany McPike, Allison Gray, Tarryn Robbearts, Passion Edwards, Coach Weir. (Front Row) Morgan Poetz, Taylor Brookshire, Erika Helfer



Freshman Passion Edwards goes in for a lay-up.



Junior Erika Dohrman shoots a free throw during a home game



Coach Weir takes a timeout to give some words of wisdom during a game

Mario McClurkin puts on the Wildcat costume to pump up the crowd along side the Cheerleaders

Back: Yvette Contreras, Emily Lawler, Samantha Dunakey, Karlie Gore, Nicolette McIntosh,
Front: Captain Taylor Jennings, Captain Melissa Willmore, Cassandra Schuble, Emilie Molitor



GO CATS!



Jennifer Goebel, Christine Klem, Samantha Dunakey, Cassandra Schuble, Nicolette McIntosh, Brianna Davis practice their stunts before the game.

The Wright City High School 2011 Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Squad has spent countless amounts of time working hard to perfect cheers, stunts, and so much more. This squad has pushed their bodies and minds to the max, and it has all paid off. With a record breaking 19 team members, the 2011 squad, was most definitely bigger than ever!

Catching the crowd's eye, all 19 girls showed that bigger really can be better when it comes to pulling off awesome stunts and show stopping halftime routines. Anything less than 100% was unacceptable when it came to keeping the cheerleaders in perfect synchronization. All the hard work was worth it. In the end the basketball squad of 2011 shook up the standard.

In addition, all of these girls are great participants in other school and scholar activities.

Most of the senior cheerleaders are highly involved in honors courses and have worked hard to prepare themselves for college. There is no doubt that all of these girls will excel in their bright futures.

For the young ladies going on to continue high school, excellence is expected as they push forward to reach new heights in all aspects of their lives.

All of these fine young ladies have set the bar high for future Wright City squads.

"I know there is a lot to come from the Wright City cheerleading squad in the upcoming years. Keep an eye on these strong wonderful young ladies!"

~Taylor Jennings

A good cheerleader is measured by the height of her jumps, point of her toes, and stretch of her splits.

A great cheerleader is measured by the size of her smile, the span of her spirit and her passion to inspire!

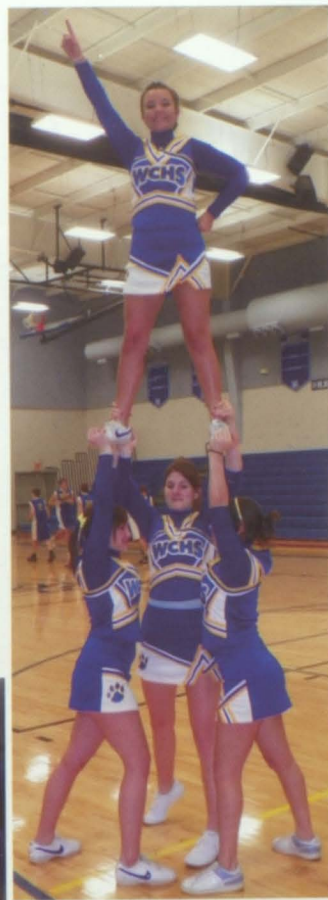
~Taylor Jennings

Allison Junte, Brianna Davis, and Yvette Contreras lift Ashley Zumwalt while she leads the crowd in a cheer



BIGGER BOLDER AND BREAKING BOUNDARIES

Erin Tiesing is showing her smile while Allison Junte, Emily Lawler, and Yvette Contreras lift her in a stunt



Ashley Lewis, Bianca De La Cerda, Brianna Davis and Taylor Jennings show their "awesome" strength in this stunt while Melissa Willmore shows us her lovely smile.



Emilie Molitor shows her balance while Christine Klem, Cassandra Schuble and Jennifer Goebel lift her. Samantha Dunakey looks amazed.

Courtwarming week

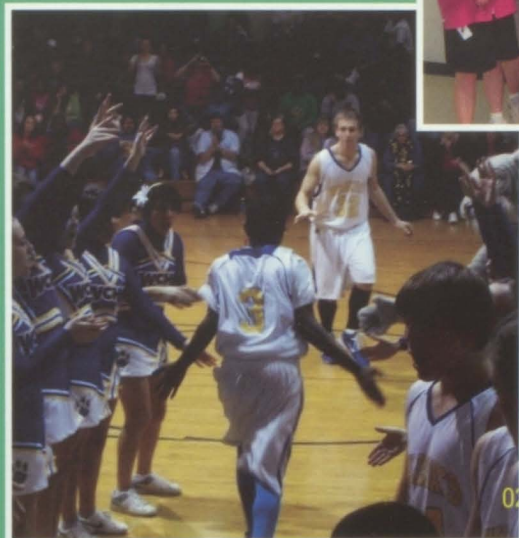


Senior Kaelyn Randolph enjoys her last Courtwarming Dance in a gorgeous dress



Senior boys Deon Bradshaw, Trenton Davis, Delante Blanks, Kyle Lewis, Shawn Helfer, Greg Preis, Luke Dashley, Nick Reese, and Wyatt Mohrmann tug the rope to victory during their last Courtwarming Pep Assembly.

Amanda Adams, Brandon Bote, Jessica Parish, Bree Davis, Matthew Dollard, Taylor Jennings, Erika Dohrman, Kristina Law, and Jessica Falkin pose for Blue & Gold Day during Courtwarming Week.



Dribbling down the court, passing the ball to your teammate, and making the game-winning shot. Winter brings more than just the seat-gripping excitement of basketball. Sometimes we forget to show our school spirit, and Courtwarming gives students the chance to do so, and in an extravagant way. The week leading up to Courtwarming is always an exciting one. It's full of conjecture. You wonder if your rockstar outfit will top everyone else's. You ask yourself if you will have a date to the dance. You question the odds of your class winning the spirit trophy.

Finally, just before the week is over, it's time to put your game face on! It doesn't matter if you're a senior befriending a junior, when it's time for the pep rally, there is no mercy. You just grab a hold of your side of the rope, and just start pulling. As you're tugging away, you find yourself thinking, "We better win this. This is our last year, this is our last chance." Walking away with a victory over the other classes sure puts a little pep in your step.

It's game time. It's the game we've all been waiting for! Up in the stands we were all cheering for our team. On the sidelines, our cheerleaders were getting everyone pumped up. The Wildcats played hard without giving up. In between the JV and Varsity games, King, Queen, Prince and Princess were crowned. As soon as the game ended, students got to work setting up for the dance.

Now the week is over, and there are other things to worry about. What do I wear? How do I do my hair? What shoes should I dance in? Who should I even dance with? So many questions, so little time! With or without answers, it's time to get our dance on. The week would soon end in a Black Tie Affair.

Top Right: Teachers Rita Whitehead, Kelly Brooks, Sue Wright, Stephanie Trollope, Abigail Jackson, Kathy Lewis, Amy Kesler, Pat VanPoole, and Cynthia Wolff all dressed up as Ms. Wright on twin day.

Top Left: Joe Hill is welcomed into the homecoming basketball game by his teammates and cheerleaders.

Middle Left: Courtwarming King and Queen Wyatt Mohrmann and Jessica Grelle smile for the camera as they are crowned.

Bottom Left: Courtwarming Prince and Princess, Nick Hanff and Brittany McPike smile big during the coronation.

SPIRIT LET'S

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Amanda Unnerstall, Krystal Menne, Lauren Kampllain, Ben Randolph, Brandon Bote, Danielle Stanner, Miranda Wright, Zurina Sosa, Deon Bradshaw, Dakotah Bartlett and Destinee Cummings show off their spirit on Blue and Gold Day.



Senior Emilie Molitor dresses like Taylor Swift on Celebrity Day.



Brianna Davis and Lydia Hampton show their spirit by dressing up for Most Creative Outfit Day.

Courtwarding Spirit Week at Wright City High School is a week full of competition for one main prize, The Spirit Trophy. Each class competes in a few different categories in hopes to out do each other. The appraised categories are dress up days, canned food drive, hallway decorations and spirit games. Students from each class gave it all they had, creating a memorable Spirit Week for all.

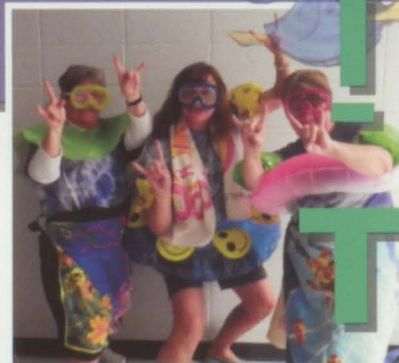
Dress up days this year included Underwater Day, Celebrity/Rockstar Day, Twin Day, Most Creative Outfit Day, and the traditional Blue and Gold Day. The winners of this category were Seniors in first place, followed by the Sophomores in second, Freshmen in third, and the Juniors in last place.

During Spirit Week each class is encouraged to bring in as many canned foods as possible to help out

our local food pantry. Every can is counted as points toward the classes final score. This year the winners were Seniors in first place, Sophomores in second, followed by the Freshmen then the Juniors.

Hall decorations is a major part of Courtwarding Spirit Week. The theme this year was Pixar Movies, each class was given a movie. Seniors won the competition with the movie *Monsters Inc.* Next came the Juniors with *Cars*, the Freshmen received third with their decorations of the movie *Finding Nemo*, and in last place came the Sophomores with *Toy Story*.

Overall the Seniors were able to end their last Spirit Week with not only a win, but also the highly acclaimed Spirit Trophy!



Surf's up on Water Day with Ms. Wright, Kathy Lewis and Rita Whitehead



Emilie Molitor, Jenny Abel, Jordan Hunt, Brittany Davis, Aly Bort, Melanie Dollard and Jennifer Baker ("The Seven Best Friends") all dress alike in their rain boots and matching shirts for Twin Day.

STAND UP AND CHEER

The Courtwarming Spirit Week was ended Friday with a Pep Rally. Each class competed in various games such as tug-of-war, the broom sweep race and human bowling for the satisfaction of winning the Spirit Flag.

The Pep Rally started out with the game of human bowling. The point of this game was to try to knock down as many bowling pins, just like in real bowling. The only difference is that instead of using bowling balls, humans were used. They were placed on a little scooters, and pushed down the gym floor by a teammate.

Human bowling was followed by the broom sweep relay. This is played by two teammates on two broom sticks. The teammates work together to get across the gym floor, without falling off the brooms, so that they can tag the next team of two to race back to the other side.

To end the Pep Rally, the traditional game of tug-of-war was played. Each class competed in a boys and girls category. Everyone tried their best to defeat the opposing classes in order to be one step closer to winning the spirit flag.

By the end of the assembly the energy was high as each class waited in anticipation to see if they had done what was needed to win the Spirit Flag. The winner of the flag were the Seniors, followed by the Juniors, then the Freshmen, and lastly the Sophomores. Unfortunately for the Seniors the Spirit Flag was stolen the year before, but that didn't stop Gus Wheimier, the senior class president from collecting a miniature flag and parading around the gym with it.

When the final bell rang ending the school day, the student left in high spirits ready for the courtwarming game and the dance the next evening.

Erin Thiesing and Allison Junte race towards the finish line in the broom sweep race.



A large group of determined senior girls prepare to dominate in tug-of-war.



A group of Sophomores celebrate after finally finishing the broom sweep race.

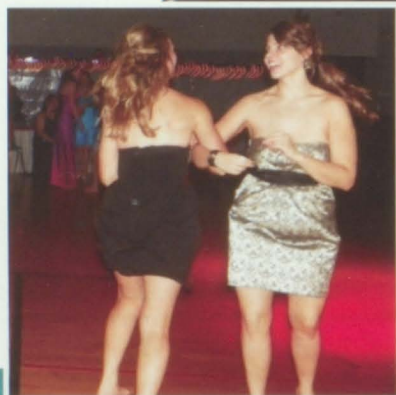


Stuart Bruning soars down the gym floor, hoping to knock down all the bowling pins in Human Bowling.



Senior Class President Gus Whemeier celebrates winning the Spirit Trophy for the second time in his class' High School career.

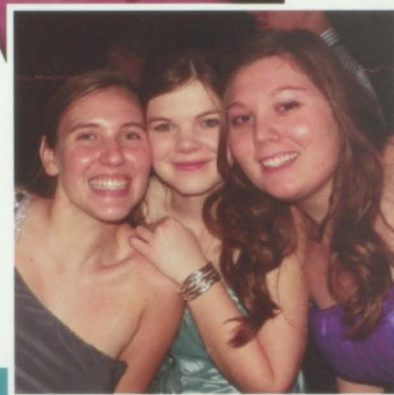
A BLACK TIE AFFAIR!



Abby Dryer and Danielle Greenemay do-si-do.



Dustin Ludy, Nick Hanff and Cody Cox dance the night away.



Friends Melanie Dollard, Aly Bort, and Jennifer Baker stop their dancing for a minute to pose for a picture.



This year's Prince and Princess, Nick Hanff and Brittany McPike share a slow dance together along with the King and Queen, Wyatt Mohrmann and Jessica Grelle.

This year's Courtwarming was like all other Courtwarmings. Girls dressed to impress while the guys tightened their ties and prepared to pick up their dates. As always, everyone dressed semi formal, girls in their dresses and heels and guys in button ups and ties. Though the dance was similar to previous years, the students will remember it as a special evening.

Student Council spent weeks preparing for the dance. Finding the perfect theme and decorations was a tough choice, but in the end they settled with A Black Tie Affair. The gym was transformed from the dull white walls and brown bleachers into the perfect dance floor from the pink and black balloon arch, to the chandeliers that hung on the ceiling.

Students danced the night away to songs like, "Blow" by Ke\$ha, and "Do The John Wall" by Troop 41. The much anticipated slow dance done by this year's court, happened later on in the night. Everyone stopped dancing to watch the King and Queen, Wyatt Mohrmann, and Jessica Grelle dance along with this year's Prince and Princess Nick Hanff and Brittany McPike. They slow danced to "Secrets" by OneRepublic.

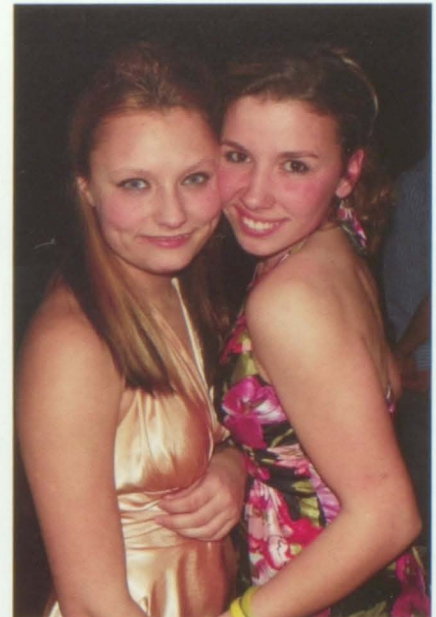
Like every other dance, there is always a crowd huddled in a circle, ready to watch people show off his or her moves. Senior Cody Cox took his rightful place on the dance floor, moving it to one of Michael Jackson's greatest hits.

This year's Courtwarming Dance was another success! Students left the gym with sore



Jesse Porter, Allison Gray and Jordan Burgess gather on the dance floor for a photo.

Kevin Sutter and Michelle Williams break it down on the dance floor.



Rebecca Bartin and Kayleen Martin are all smiles at this year's dance.



Sophomore gentlemen Jesus Malta-Gonzalez, Tyler Tuepker, Austin Meine, Nick Hanff, Sergio Ortega, Patrick Gerdeman, Tony Smythe and Nathan Robison all come together to pose for a quick photo.



Sophomore, Patrick Harris watches his ball soar!

Accomplishment

Loyalty

Ben Randolph is there for teammate Erik Hunter.



2010-2011
Spring Season

A Combination To Remember

As the 2010-2011 school year came to a close, student athletes discovered a new set of emotions. The end of the year brought a sense of accomplishment, loyalty to teammates, and school pride.

The spring athletes were forced to make the harsh realization that all great things must come to an end. They knew they would soon be leaving their teammates. Though the teams were separating, the bonds they made throughout the year could not be broken.

In addition to leaving their teammates, the athletes were departing from their school. While some students were excited for Summer Break and others were ready to graduate, they were also saddened to leave. Wright City High School served as a

place of comfort and sentiment for several student athletes.

However, not all endings are sad. The spring athletes also felt the greatest sense of accomplishment. The season and school year was coming to an end and students were able to reminisce on all of their successes.

In addition to an unshakable loyalty to teammates and an overwhelming pride for their school, the spring athletes felt a comforting sense of accomplishment for their efforts. Looking back on the year, student athletes suffered some rough patches but they managed to finish off the 2010-2011 school year at Wright City High School with memorable accomplishments and unforgettable moments with teammates and friends.

Brandon Bote is
about to make
Wright City
proud with his
perfect pitch.

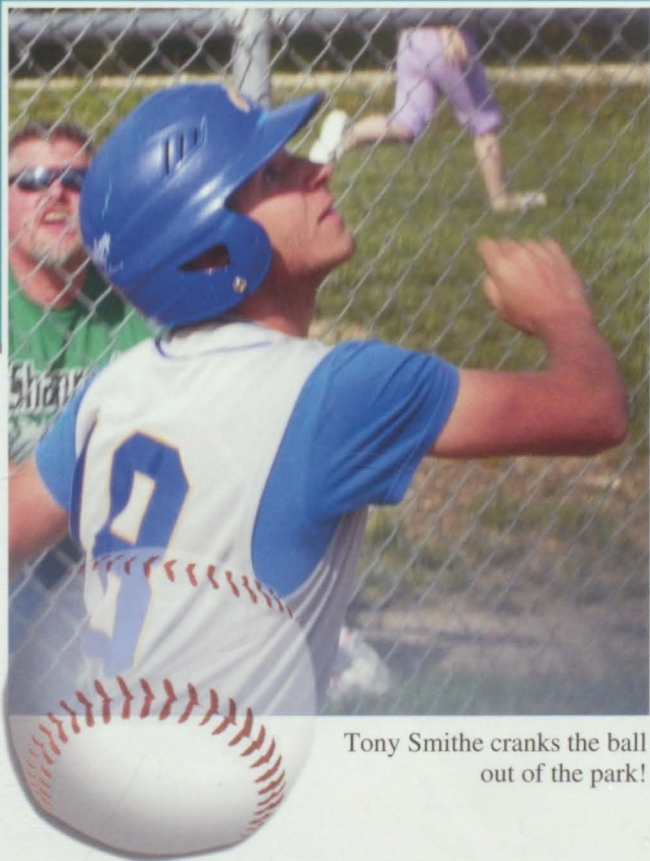
Pride



SWING BATTER BATTER SWING!



Top: Senior Brandon Bote pitches the ball in an intense game play.
Bottom Left: Chad Lewis tries to determine whether or not to run home.
Bottom Middle: Dylan Whittemore gets ready to rip one out of the park.
Bottom Right: Greg Hobusch studies his base runners before his turn at bat.



Tony Smithe cranks the ball out of the park!

This year, the baseball team accomplished quite a bit. They worked as a team to achieve success. The team practiced and practiced until they were sore, wanting nothing more than victory. At the end of the day, it isn't about who won the game, though. It's about the work and dedication put into the game. Fortunately, our team was a winning team. Our baseball team was truly hardworking and full of energy and excitement for their love of baseball.

Individually, the team members improved tremendously. They learned a lot about the skills needed to be great, and they were able to achieve just that. They learned how to become great athletes over the duration of the season. Coach Adams and Coach Chapman helped the players reach that goal.

It was a successful year for both the JV and Varsity teams. Coming out on top, they accomplished what they wanted. The Junior Varsity team tied for first place in the Winfield Tournament earlier this year. The Varsity team also medaled in the Four Rivers Baseball Tournament this season.

Senior and Varsity player, Eric Smurl said about this year's season, "It was a good year. I learned a lot about how hard work, dedication, and leadership can pay off in the end. I had a good Senior year, it was fun."

Many other players felt the same way about the year, calling it an overall success. Congratulations to the Wright City High School Baseball Team on an awesome season. The work they put into this year's season is sure to rub off next year with their incoming players.

Trent Davis warming up for his race.



Alex Wolff running her relay.



Delante Blanks runs his best.



The 2011 Wright City track team, started off the season with some new surprises due to the new track that was built over the summer. A lot of determination was put into this season hoping to break new records and come out with a lot of medals.

Meet Accomplishments

Girls took 2nd place at Hallsville Invitational

EMO Conference

These track members had an unbelievable Conference meet. It was what they worked for all season.

EMO Conference Champions

3 time EMO Conference Champion- Rebecca Brown in the 800m, mile, and 2 mile

3 time EMO Conference Champion- Deon Bradshaw in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, and 4x100m Relay

EMO Conference CHampion Brianna Zumwalt in the 400m

EMO Conference Champions the boys 4x100m Relay- Trent Davis, Deon Bradshaw, Delante Blanks, Rico Blanks

All of the athletes gave this track season their all and reaped the benefits that came along with it. Congratulations to the track team and everyone who participated during the season of 2011, on the first year of many more to come with the new track

All EMO Conference Athletes

4x800m Relay- Erik Hunter, Brandon Pruitt, Ben Randolph, Brendan Gierer

4x200m Relay- Trent Davis, Deon Bradshaw, Delante Blanks, Rico Blanks

Erik Hunter in the 300m Hurdles

4x400m Relay-Erik Hunter, Kyle Lewis, Brandon Pruitt, Nick Hanff

Deon Bradshaw was named All EMO Conference Jumper

Rebecca Brown was named All EMO Conference Distract Runner

Brianna Zumwalt was named All EMO Conference Middle District Runner

All District Athletes

Deon Bradshaw-District Champion in the Long Jump, Triple Jump and All District in the 4x200m

Relay and 4x100m Relay

Trent Davis- 4x200m Relay and 4x100m Relay

Delante Blanks-4x200m Relay and 4x100 Relay

Rico Blanks- 4x200 Relay and 4x100m Relay

Rebecca Brown- 1600m Run

Brianna Zumwalt-400m Run

New School Records

Wyatt Mohrmann in the shot put

Erik Hunter in the 300m Hurdles



Curtis Kampplain bounds over the hurdles.



Greg Pries runs the mile.



Deon Bradshaw does the triple jump for an incredible distance!



Zachary Murri paces himself for the long race ahead.



Passion Edwards taking long strides to power her jump.

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Derryk Rowland watches his ball soar.

Bill Schreiner hopes to hit the ball toward the green.

While most think of golf as a leisurely game for children and retired people, Wright City High School knows it to be quite different. Golf is actually a very challenging sport, one which the WCHS Golf Team became very successful at during the 2011 season.

This year's golf team consisted of sophomores Derryk Rowland,

Carissa Leick, Patrick Harris, Bill Schriener, and Jon Yoder and junior Daniel Donaldson.

Some students received special recognition for their hard work and talents throughout the season. Bill Schriener was awarded for being the Most Improved, Carissa Leick received the title Most Consistent, and Derryk Rowland earned Most Valuable.

The team finished 7th at Conference and 10th at Districts. Golf Coach Bill Schaffer says, "The team improved a lot as the season progressed" and he looks forward to next year's season and expects the golfers to be extremely competitive!



Jon Yoder squares up to the tee.



Daniel Donaldson carefully putts.



Carissa Leick swings with great focus.

Prom Night

A photograph of two students at a prom. A young man in a white shirt and dark vest with sunglasses is on the left, and a young woman in a red dress is on the right, both smiling and posing for the camera. The background is dark with some string lights visible.

Senior Delante Blanks and Junior Lauren Kamplain took a slight pause in their dancing to smile for the camera.

Adrianna Malta, Jenny Abel, Melanie Dollard, Jordan Hunt, Jennifer Baker, Julie Ortiz, Aly Bort, Cassandra Schuble, Emilie Molitor, Stacey Schaper, Brittany Greco, Nikki Phung, Samantha Dunakey, and Brianna Redmon all pose for a picture



A picture of the crash reenactment put on by this year's SADD members and Health Occupations class before Prom to warn students about careful driving.

The Prom Court, Loren Prather, Cody Cox, Rebecca Brown, Gus Wehmeier, Brittany Greco, and Greg Preis.

Prom Night: a night to remember. A night full of romance and excitement. This year, students would "Unmask the Night", revealing a little bit of magic. After the dress was on, the makeup was perfect, and the dinner was eaten, it was time to dance. Girls arrived hand in hand with their lucky boys, and Prom was underway.

This year, the Prom Court consisted of Loren Prather and Cody Cox, Rebecca Brown and Gus Wehmeier, and Brittany Greco and Greg Preis. After the votes were counted, it was official the Prom King would be Gus Wehmeier and the Prom Queen would be Rebecca Brown.

The couple shared an intimate dance, then it was time for everyone else to hit the dance floor. Students danced to all kinds of music, from the Cha Cha Slide to Jason Aldean. It was sure to be a night to remember.

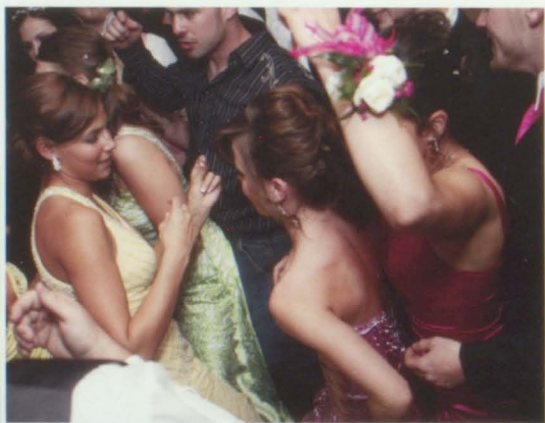
In order to spread awareness of the dangers that come with Prom Night, SADD and Health Occ Students put on a presentation showing the community how dangerous it is to drive under unsafe conditions. Students got to see a crash scene of fellow classmates who were "drinking and driving", and also "texting and driving". It was very real for students and many community members.

After all was said and done, the night went flawless and students were able to end the night with a last dance and a sweet goodnight. Girls could wash out their curls, and hang up their dresses, while the boys could take off the tuxedo and send it to the cleaners before getting it back to the rental shop. Everyone could now take their masks off and set them next to the souvenir glass, after a romantic and memorable night.

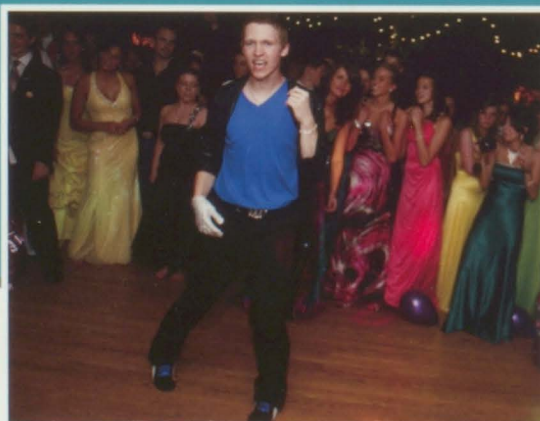
It was the night that all juniors and seniors waited for; it was prom night. Groups of seniors and juniors filled the Lions Club ready to enjoy their night. This years theme was Unmask the Night. Junior prom committee members along with Mrs. Chizmar did an amazing job turning the Lions Club into a Masquerade Ball. Many students bought their masks, however some were home made. The music started and they filled the dance floor ready to show off there best moves and just let loose.

It was now time to announce the court. It is the title that every girl dreams of and every guy is proud to have. Seniors Loren Prather with her escort, Cody Cox. Brittany Greco and her escort Greg Preis and Rebecca Brown with her escort Gus Wehmeier, lined the stage ready to see if they were announced this years Prom King and Queen. After a much anticipated wait the winners are announced. The 2011 Prom King and Queen is Gus Wehmeier and Rebecca Brown. The two proudly took center stage ready to share there dance.

Below is Shelia Stassi, Danielle Greenemay, Ashley Zumwalt, Taylor Brookshire, and Andrew Brush

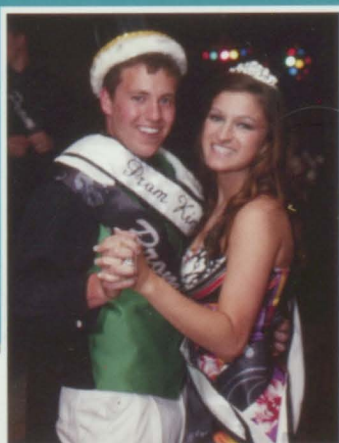


Shaquille Brant and her date show off their take on the Masquerade theme while they dance



Cody Cox shows off his inner Michael Jackson as Billy Jean played over the loudspeakers and a group gathered around to watch.

Top picture: Melissa Willmore, Sabra Harris, Samantha Dunakey, Amanda Johnson, Loren Prather, and Sierra Bonney dance the night away.
 Bottom pictures from left to right: Prom King and Queen Gus Wehmeier and Rebecca Brown; Yvette Contreras and her date; Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez and her date; and Derek Grote and Brianna Redmon.



UNMASK the NIGHT

Class of 2011

Graduation Day



Foreign Exchange Student, Vlad Mengher receives his diploma from School Board President, Austin Jones.

Principal Shawn Brown congratulates the seniors on their success.



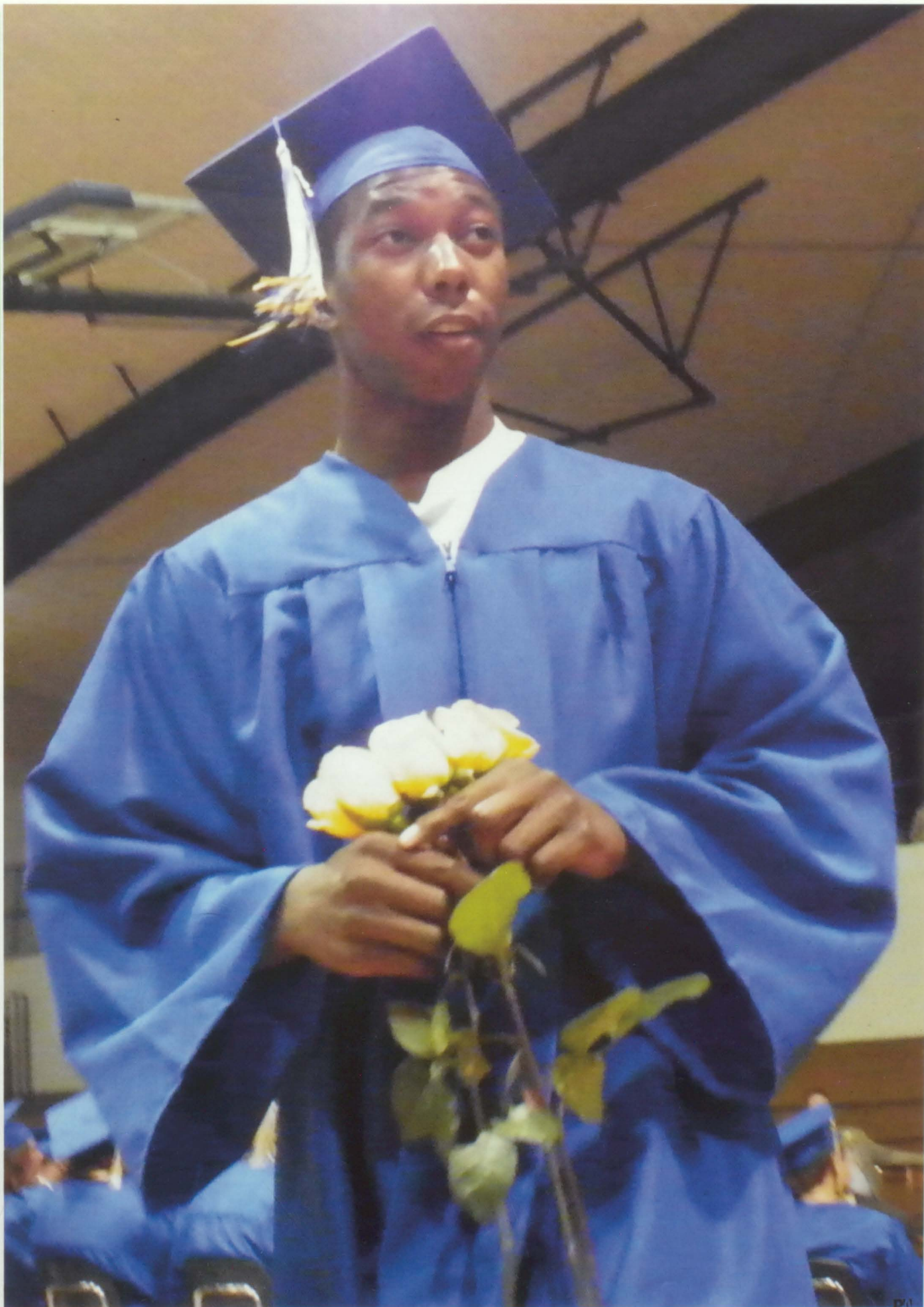
The Class of 2011 has finally made it, and nothing says accomplishment like Graduation Day! Friends and family filled the gym while the students anxiously lined up for the ceremony.

This year's graduation was packed full of emotion. Senior band and choir members joined their classmates for final performances, students delivered flowers to the people that helped them make it through the years, and the Top Ten Students and the Students of the

Year were awarded for their excellence.

Class President, Gus Wehmeier and Valedictorian, Jennifer Abel and Salutatorian, Paige Ponticello couldn't be more proud of their classmates!

Congratulatory speeches were made and diplomas were received. The graduates excitedly tossed their caps into the air, making Graduation Day the most memorable day of their lives!



Lawrence Young delivers roses to his loved ones.

After four long years of hard work and difficult decision making at Wright City High School, the Class of 2011 has finally made it! From the Senior Slideshow to the distribution of diplomas, the graduation ceremony was full of lifelong memories, heartfelt emotions, and eager expectations for the future.

Senior band members took their seats with their fellow musicians one last time to perform Ed Hucceby's "From Whom All Blessings Flow" and choir members joined the risers for their final song, "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts.

The Top Ten Students were announced and awarded for their achievements. Those students were (from number ten to number one) Gus Wehmeier, Kaelyn Randolph, Emilie Molitor, Brittany Davis, Melanie Dollard,

Jessica Grelle, Eric Smurl and Jennifer Baker with Paige Ponticello as Salutatorian and Jennifer Abel as Valedictorian. Eric Smurl and Emilie Molitor were also selected to be the Students of the Year for their outstanding attitudes and hard work.

Then came the speeches. Principal Shawn Brown tried to come up with a single word to describe the Class of 2011, and decided the only word that would do them justice was "successful". "Successful" was a more than adequate description; both academically- with \$148 thousand in scholarships- and athletically- breaking school records such as the football team's first ever Playoff game.

Class President, Gus Wehmeier, was next to deliver his speech. He announced that leaving Wright City would be like

leaving 500 friends, and he addressed his class as "perfect" while recounting the moment they won the Spirit Trophy. Gus admitted that a lot of senior hands have touched that Spirit Trophy, but none of those classes were as perfect as his class. "We aren't just any class. We're the Class of 2011!"

Valedictorian Jenny Abel and Salutatorian Paige Ponticello gave a quick rundown of all the things the teachers have been saying for the past several years, such as Mr. Kester's "Get your head out of your fourth point of contact!" or Mr. Clark's "Stay in school" and "Don't do drugs," and promised to continue to follow the advice that had gotten them this far.

Wright City's Teacher of the Year, Matthew Brooks, was also asked to speak at the ceremony, so he came up with a list of five things the students should take

with them. The first was to always remember their family. The second was to never forget their friends.

The third was to make positive decisions and the fourth was to work hard and strive for greatness. The fifth and final thing that the students should always remember is that they will always be a Wright City Wildcat; and with this, the Class of 2011 gave Mr. Brooks a standing ovation.

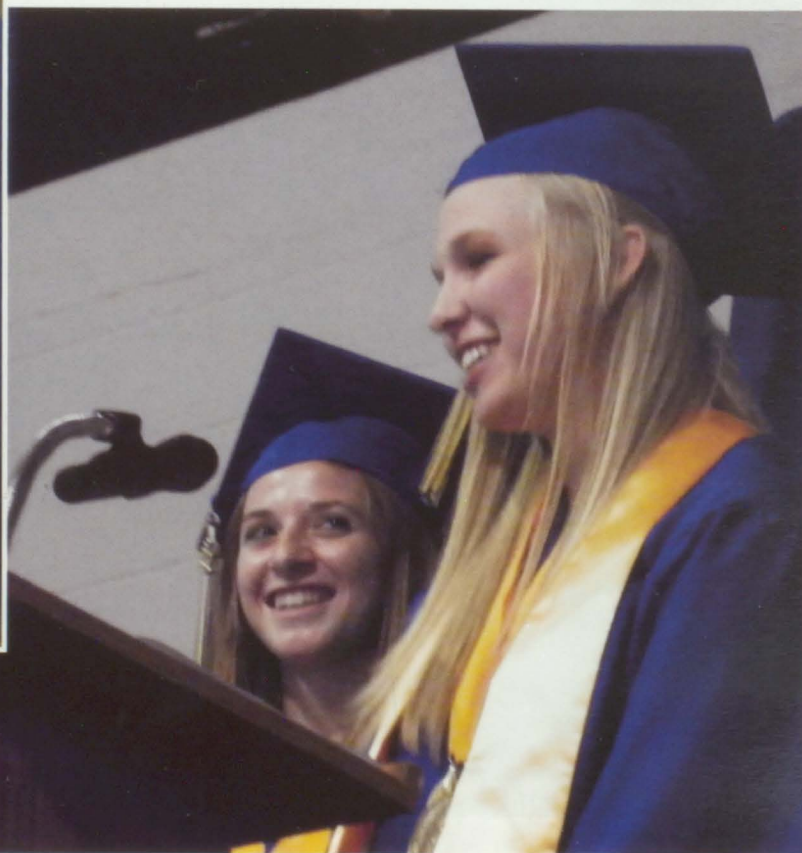
Then it was time for the big moment! Vice Principal Doug Smith announced the students as School Board President Austin Jones awarded diplomas and Superintendent Dr. Chris Gaines and Principal Shawn Brown congratulated the new graduates.

Gus Wehmeier then led his class in the cap throwing, concluding the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011.



Ashley Rebstock delivers roses to her mom.

Salutatorian, Paige Ponticello and Valedictorian, Jennifer Abel promise to continue to follow their teachers' advice.





Teacher of the Year, Matt Brooks warns the Class of 2011 never to forget five very important things.

Emmily Woodward accepts her well-deserved diploma.



Loren Prather and Sabra Harris leave the gym as high school graduates.



Class President, Gus Wehmeier addresses his classmates.



**Just starting to
memorize
my combination**



*class of
2014*

Ben 10!

When asked about his goals for the freshman class, Ben Randolph's response was "My goal for the class of 2014 is to become more spirited and also to improve in both academics and athletics."

Ben Randolph represents the 'Wright Way' because of his involvement in sports as well as his dedication to his academics.

Ever since Middle School, he has excelled in many different areas in school. In High School, Ben is involved in both Varsity and Junior Varsity football, JV basketball, and is also involved in Varsity and JV track, student council, principle's advisory committee, and even

though Ben is involved in all of these activities, he still manages to be on the principle's honor roll.

Being a leader for his class, being involved, and simultaneously getting good grades are the things that make Ben Randolph the perfect example of how to do things the 'Wright Way'.

The freshman class as a whole have showed that they have a good hold on their academics. They are also pretty spirited when it comes to spirit games, and while doing all of this they continue to be pretty athletic as well. They are a very spectacular class and are expected to be successful in the future.



Jenny Goebel, Ashley Lewis, Taylor Rutledge, and Kyle Lang take a break from their assignments to smile for the camera.



The freshman girls getting ready for a tug-of-war competition on spirit day.



Austin Marsh and Cody Klemp pull off the perfect ensemble for twin day.



Freshmen had a Finding Nemo theme for Courtwarming hall decorations



Taylor Brookshire, Allison Grey, Lydia Hampton, Amanda Unnerstall are ready for a day of school.

"What do you
like about
being a
freshman?"

"It sucks because
everyone hates you
because you're a
freshman, but it's good
because it's the easiest
year (I hear)."
- Austin Marsh



Jacob Abel
Katy Adair
Nathan Adams
Zachary Baker
Rebecca Barton



Cheyenne Belcher
Terry Bennett
Alyssa Blackwell
Austin Bligh
Anthony Bote



Nichole Bowser
Levi Box
Jasmine Bradshaw
Taylor Brookshire
Isaiah Brown



Jackson Bruening
Stuart Bruning
Ethan Burns
Emily Burris
Alvin Chenoweth





Mathew Childs
 Claire Davis
 Lamone Davis
 Bianca Delacerda
 Dallas Deroy



Maria Diaz
 Joseph Durand
 Jensen Elrod
 Rikki Falkin
 Chelsey Gawedzinski



Brendan Gierer
 Jennifer Goebel
 Allison Gray
 Michael Grubbs
 Sara Hale



Lydia Hampton
 Kendra Harrison
 Ericka Helfer
 Jared Hoard
 Thomas Holstein



Passion Hunter-Edwards
 Tenia Inkster
 John Itinger
 Heather Jackson
 Zachary Jinkerson



Patrick Johnson
 Amanda Kelly
 Rebeka Keown
 Jasmine King
 Jennifer Kleinkemper



Cody Klemp
 Dillon Koch
 Jeremy Kruszka
 Brandon Kupfer
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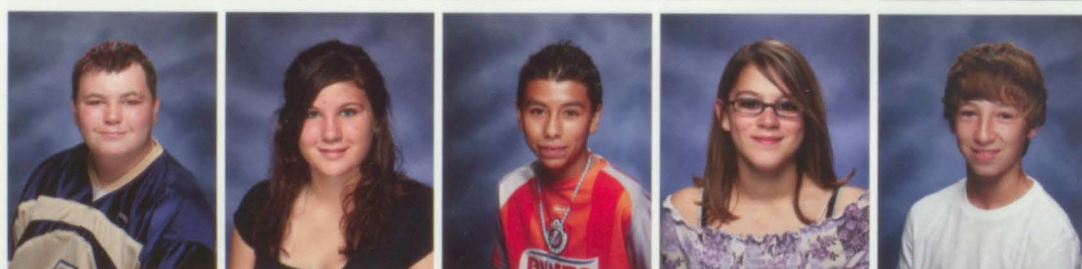
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Gabrielle Pruitt
Osvaldo Quintanar
Colleen Ramey
Benjamin Randolph



Tabitha Rickert
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Taylor Rutledge
Christopher Schrader
Kayla Severns



Terry Shaw
Chad Sherman
Micah Simmons
Ravyn Smith
Steven Soltysiak





Tabitha Stout
Amber Taylor
Charles Tesi
Caleb Thomure
Daniel Thornhill



Amanda Unnerstall
Justin Wade
Heather Warnock
Kasey Wheeler
Hailey Williams



Sydney Winfrey
James Wollgast
Levi Young
Kyrán Zumwalt
Joe Zykan

"I'm just really
glad to be out of
middle school.
Also, I enjoy
the freedoms
that high school
offers us."
- Katy Adair



Katie Adair smiles sweetly for the camera.

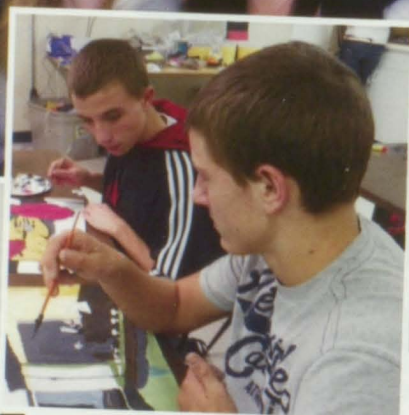
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Kristen Laney, Katelyn Karney, and Skyler Burris do bookwork in World History.



James Hedger and Phillip Janowski chat while they work on their art projects.

The Class of 2013 eagerly awaits the coming pep-rally.

They're Not All Bad...

Emily Jaboor

This year, one particular Sophomore was the perfect example of doing things the "Wright way." Emily Jaboor is active in band, pep-band, color guard, Destination Imagination, and art club. It is a pretty heavy load, especially considering that she's in an advanced math class and manages to maintain impressive grades. However, school work and extracurricular activities aren't all she does.

This summer she ran for Strassenbash queen and received second runner up. She also donated her time and effort to help restore Diekroger Park, painting the pavilion and helping the manager with various tasks. Emily is a team player, not only in school, but in the community as a whole.

Emily works hard, but somehow always finds time for friends and family, which she attributes to always planning and keeping herself organized. Every Wednesday she puts aside time to hang out with friends. In her free time she enjoys dancing and being active, as well as drawing. She also goes to church and watches soap operas with her family.

While Emily is a model student, her life isn't perfect. At a young age her parents got divorced. She admits at times that their separation can be difficult. It's easy to see how sometimes her life can be stressful. When she becomes overwhelmed, she will go for a walk, listen to music, talk to her mom, or just be alone. Despite everything, it seems like you always see Emily with a smile on her face.

Emily Jaboor exhibits all of the characteristics of being the "Wright way." She has pride for her school and community and respect for herself and others. She puts an amazing amount of effort into everything she does. She possesses a positive attitude that never fails. She has an amazing ability to be not only a team player, but a team leader. She is the epitome of the "Wright way" and is an inspiration among the class of 2013.

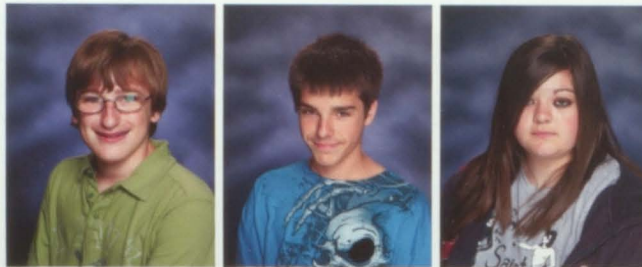


What do you like about being a Sophomore?

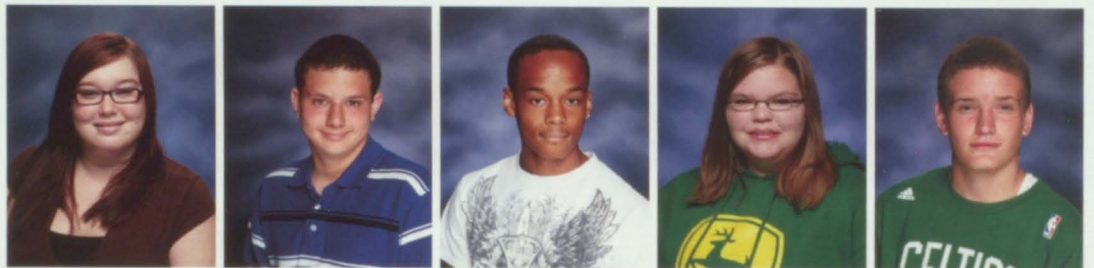
Cassandra Kuchler is painting a bowl for the Art Club fund-raiser.



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Albert Barnett
Sarah Bennish



Elizabeth Benson
Jeffrey Betts
Derico Blanks
Katie Bohler
Justis Boswell



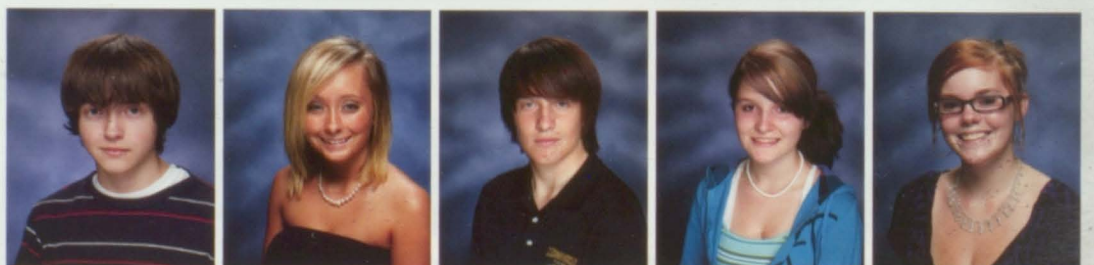
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Kristen Branson
Makayla Briner



Deborah Brizius
Skyler Burris
Abigail Byrd
Sara Childs
Collin Coats



Kaleb Collver
Lauren Combs
Daniel Culbertson
Destinee Cummings
Jodi Davis





Jacob Dennis
Beatriz Devega Contreras
Cameron Dicus
Cody Dicus
Matthew Dollard



Michael Durham
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Shawna Evans
Joshua Fannon
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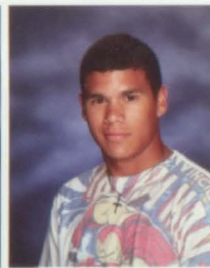


"I can
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more." -
Austin
Meine

Austin Meine
stops for a
moment to
pose for the
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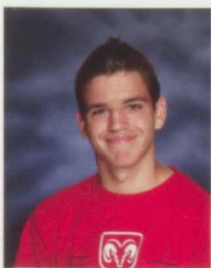
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Corey Gierten



Shelby Goldsmith
Nicholas Hanff



Patrick Harris
James Hedger



Tyler Hessler
Ryan Hunn
Emily Jaboor
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Daniel Jarvis



Erin Jefferson
Cody Judd
Curtis Kampplain
Kaitlin Karney
Jessica Kitowski

Justin Kraml
Cassandra Kuchler
Kristin Laney
Carissa Leick
Morgan Lewis



Mason Lindsey
Maria Lopez-Mora
Jose Malta-Gonzalez
James Maynard
Aiaina McCormack



Jordan McCormack
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Austin Meine
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Travis Molitor



Corey Morehouse
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Alexander Mueller
Rebekah Nadler
Brittany Orf



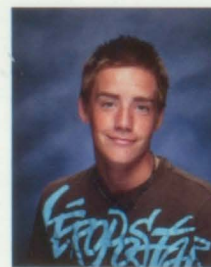
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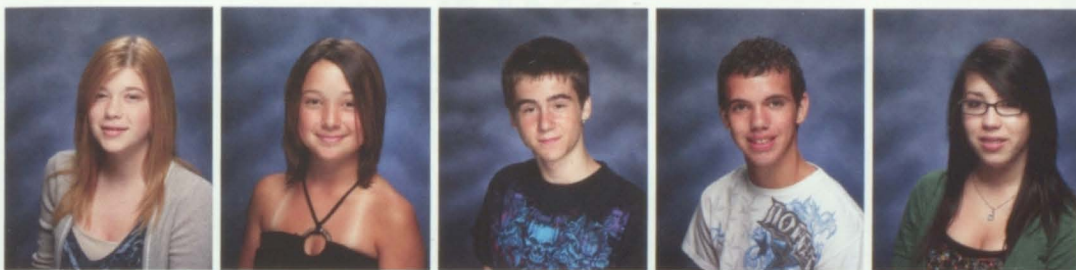


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Skyler Rochowiak
Meghan Rowe
Deryk Rowland
Matthew Schlueter





William Schriener
Alexander Scott
Amanda Shaw
Robert Smythe
Zurina Sosa



Makenzie Stailey
Danielle Stanner
Joseph Stelzer
Sean Stewart
Mercedes Stinson



Cassidy Tabares
Casey Taylor
Kyle Terney
Jackson Terry
Tyler Tuepker



Dustin Unnerstall
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Michelle Williams



Heather Windels
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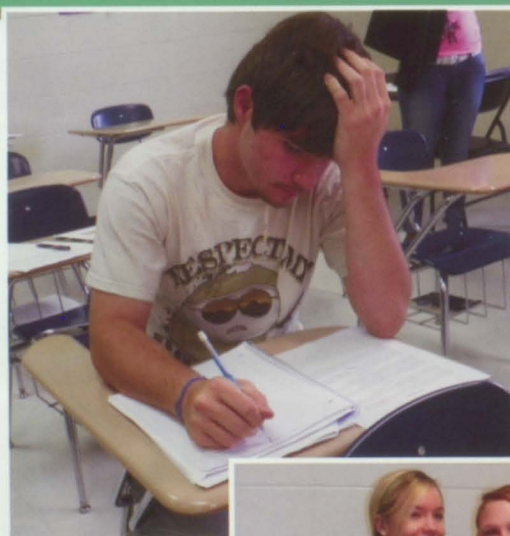


Danielle Stanner
and Zurina Sosa
dress up for Twin
Day.

**" We get our class
rings this year!"
-Danielle Stanner**

COMBINATION: 2-0-12

CLASS OF



Westley Jaspering
is hard at work in
Mr. Brophy's class.



Ben Lechnir and Abby
McNeill receive awards for
Student of the Month.

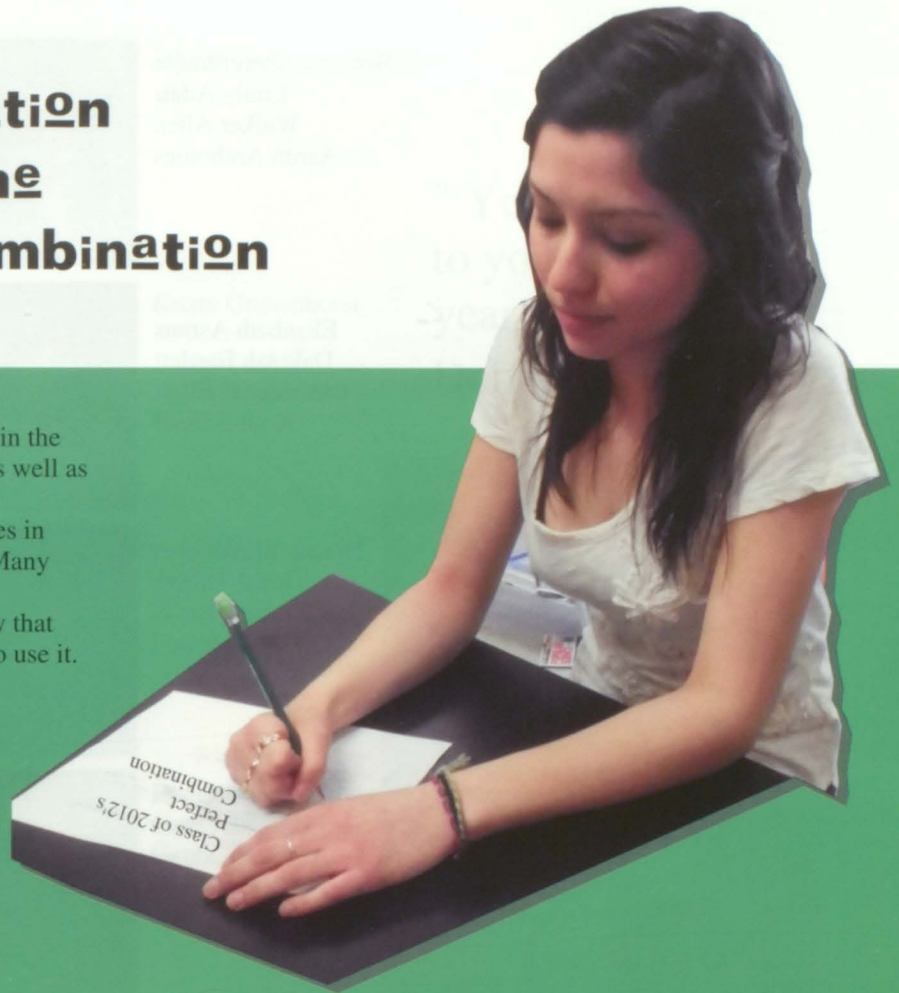


Lindsay Stassi
and Kodi Brassel
strike a pose on
twin day.

A Creation of the "Wright" Combination

The class of 2012 have the a number of creative individuals. There are many outstanding students within the Junior Class. They exhibit profound artistic abilities as well as academic excellence.

This class has an abundance of energy, which comes in handy at pep rallies and other school spirited events. Many participate in either athletic extracurricular activities, organizations, or are involved in both. Some might say that they are a little bit crazy, but at least they know how to use it.



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Class of 2012's Jakelin Gonzalez-Sanchez, is an outstanding Wright City High School student. She has been chosen to represent the the Juniors and sets a great example of what others should strive to be. Jakelin maintains straight A's, with the occasional B, and participates in extracurricular activities.

Some after school activities and other activities she is involved in is Family Career Community Leaders of America, Art Club, and the World Language Club.

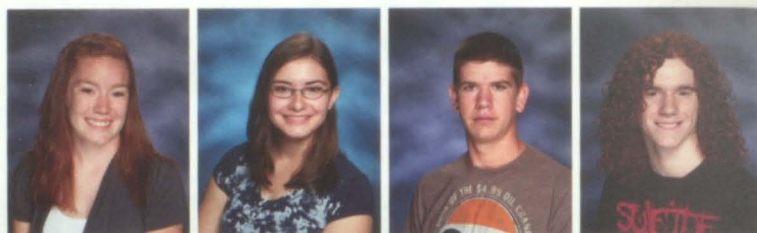
Jakelin speaks both Spanish and English, which makes her bilingual, and is learning French in hopes of becoming a trilingual interpreter in the near future.

Not only is Jakelin a dedicated student, she is also a dedicated member to her family. She watches her younger siblings and takes care of other household chores.

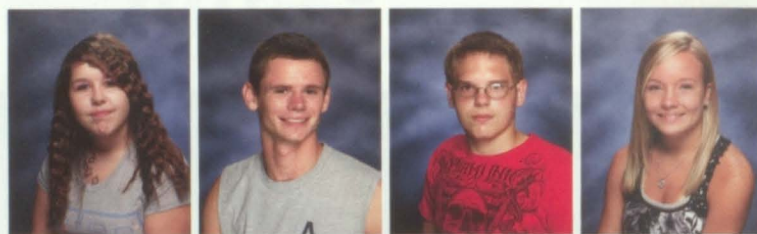
According to the Junior Class, Jakelin Gonzalez-Sanchez is an inspiration and exemplifies what it means to do things the 'Wright' way.

What does it **MEAN** to you to be a junior ?

Brittany Abercrombie
Emily Adair
Walker Allen
Aaron Anthonies



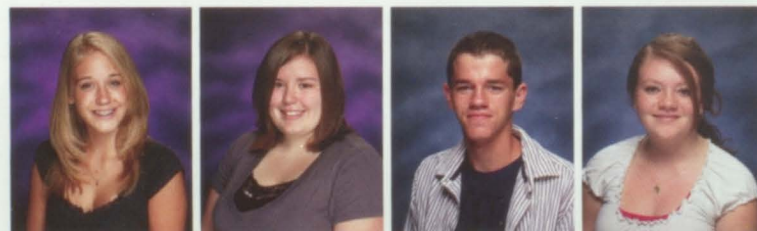
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Christopher Bligh
Kodi Brassel



Hunter Brinkmeyer
Jacob Brown
Andrew Brush
Kaleb Caldwell



Amanda Carmi
Elizabeth Carter
Andrew Clouser
Carly Clynes



Danielle Coogan
Austin Craig
Taylor Culbertson
Brianna Davis



Allison Dettmer
Erika Dohrman
Daniel Donaldson
Abby Dreyer



Jeffrey Duffie
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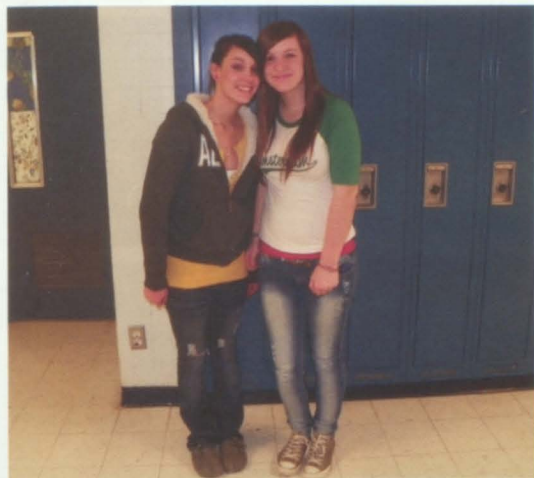


Jacquelyn Fette
Richard Gaugh
Sarah Goebel
Michelle Gonzalez



"It means having the satisfaction of knowing that we have made it this far and we have only one more year left." - Meagan Leech

Meagan Leech and Tia McEwen pause for a quick snapshot between classes.



Jakelin Gonzalez-Sanchez



Krista Grabenhorst



Ariel Gray



Danielle Greenemay
Gage Griffiths
Derek Grote
Kurt Grote



William Hale
Maverick Helvey
Haley Henson
Jodicee Hill



Gregory Hobusch
Felix Hoffmann
Mathew Jaspering
Wesley Jaspering



Erika Johnson
David Jones
Tanya Jones
Rudolph Jovanovic



Allison Junte
Lauren Kampllain
Jordan Keene
Christine Klem

" You're almost to your senior year!" - Erika Dohrman



Erika Dohrman waits for her picture to be taken so she can get back to her busy schedule.

What Do You Like About Being a J U N I O R ?

Bree Davis holds Christine Klem in her arms for a touching picture.



Zachary Kowalik
Jacob Kruszka
Devon Labrier
Trevor Latta



Meagan Leach
Alicia Leake
Ben Lechnir
Jessica Leick



Dustin Ludy
Stephen Madl



"WE LIKE THAT WE'RE
CLOSER TO SUCCESS &
HOW WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
A LOT. OH, & BROPHY!"

Lauren Kampplain makes sure to
get in the picture with Michelle
Gonzalez.

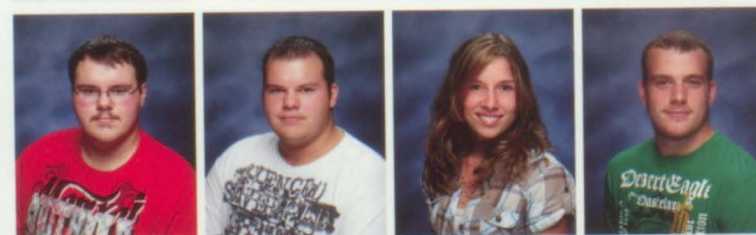
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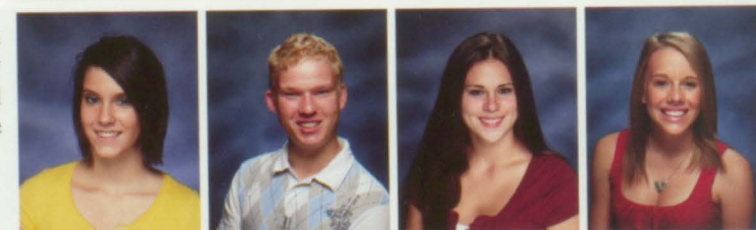
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Michael McCoy



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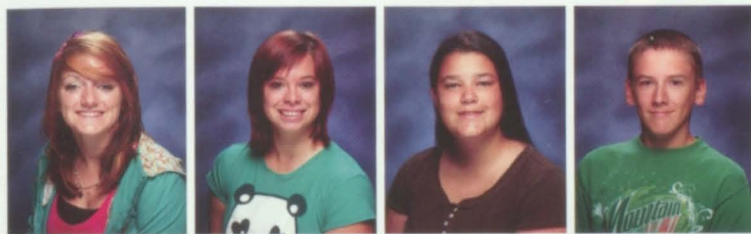


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Ayla Nolde





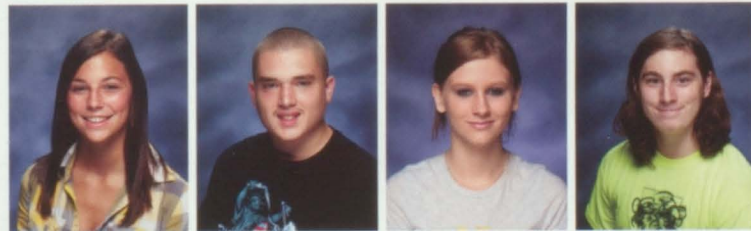
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Charna Prete



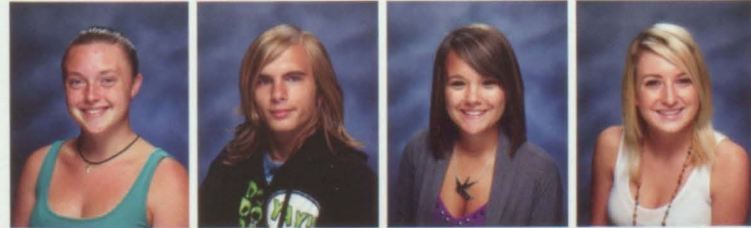
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Kalyn Rodriguez
David Sachs



Jared Schmidt
Cameron Schwan
Cody Dean Spiller
Lindsay Stassi



Sheila Stassi
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Kevin Sutter



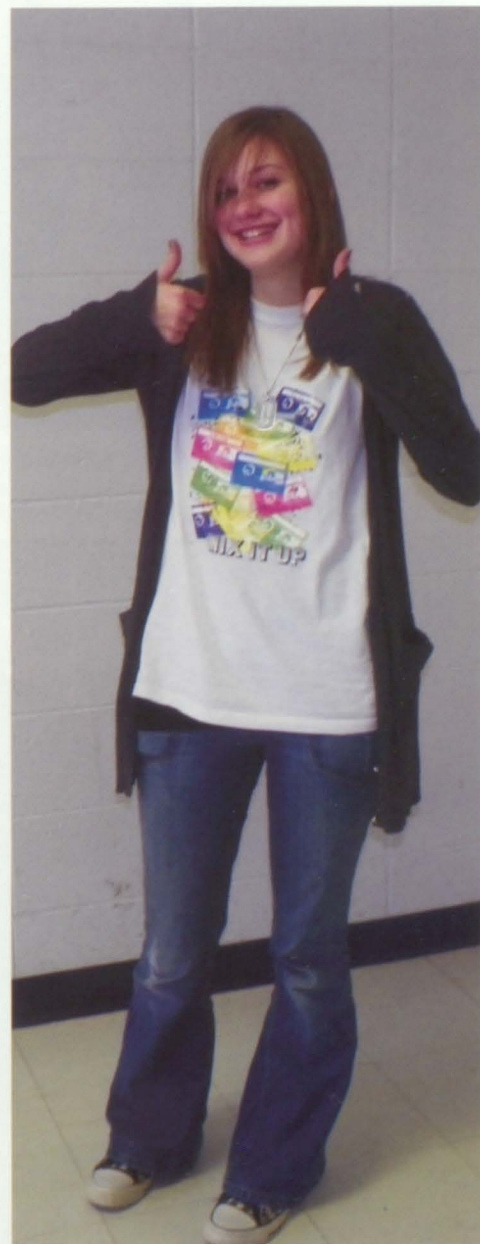
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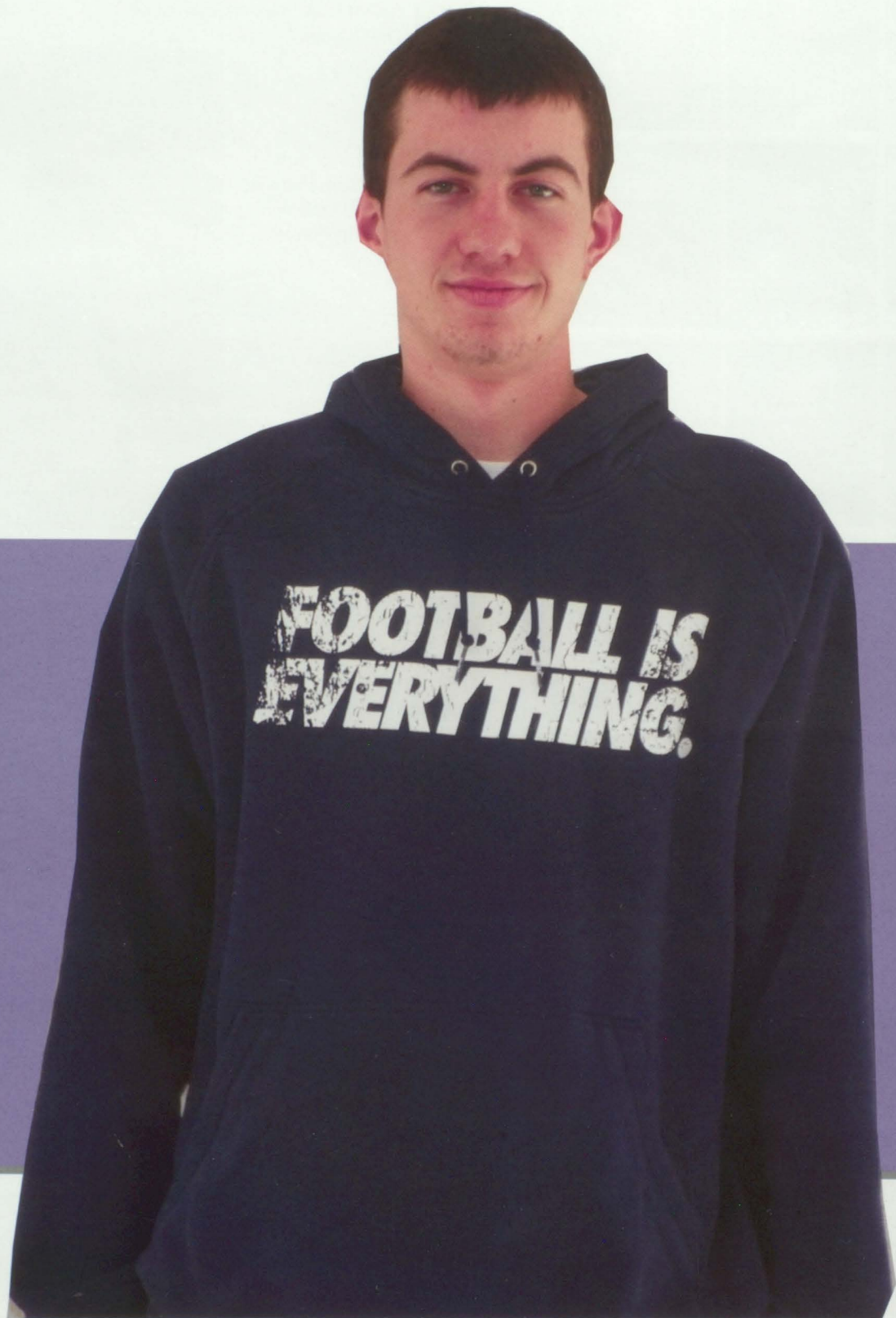
Matthew Whittemore
Michael Wines
Ashley Zumwalt
Brianna Zumwalt



Alicia Leake gives two thumbs up for the camera.

Class of 2012

2011 Eric Smurl 2011



SeniorsSeniors

To Eric Smurl, and many other seniors, this last year of school is not just an ending to years of hard work and dedication at Wright City High School. The year serves as a bridge, allowing students to cross over to a whole new beginning. Eric looks back at the last four years of school with mixed emotions. "I still just can't believe it's almost over," Eric explained, "Everything I've worked hard for is coming to an end, and it's scary because I can see it in front of me". Uneasiness about graduating quickly gives way to excitement as he thinks about what will happen next. "It's easy to get worked up when thinking about the future, but it is important to remember the years that led up to it," Eric said.

Senior year consists of scheduling all the right classes, maintaining high grades in those classes, keeping your work schedule separate from your sports schedule, staying up late to get homework done, and waking up early to get to school on time. At least that is how it is for Eric. Acing a big test and cheering on the girls' basketball team are no brainers. It is this academic excellence and athletic involvement that makes Eric the ideal example of the "Wright Way" student.

Obtaining the prosperities of life can be seen as a challenge to any student at any grade level. However, as a senior you realize that life isn't just a distant concept that can be thought about at a later date. Life is now the next number to your combination, that last turn that will unlock it all is right around the corner.



Jennifer Baker, Melanie Dollard, Emilie Molitor, Jordan Hunt, and Brittany Davis show their school spirit at an assembly



Jarrod Labarge, Shane Cisler, Alex Adams, and Brandon Pruitt



Ashley Rebstock, Paige Ponticello, Jessica Grelle dress up for Nerd Day



Kaelyn Randolph, Jessica Jones, Lacey Davis, and Paige Ponticello get recognized at the Fall Sports Assembly

Seniors



Jennifer Abel



Brandon
Baldanza



Michael Abrolat



Michael Baller



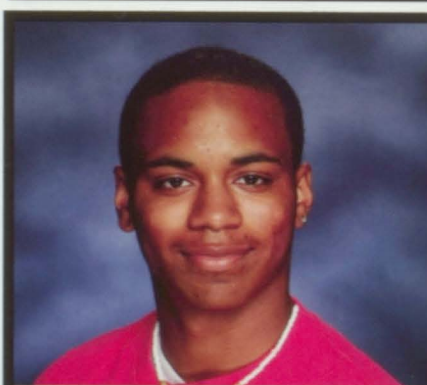
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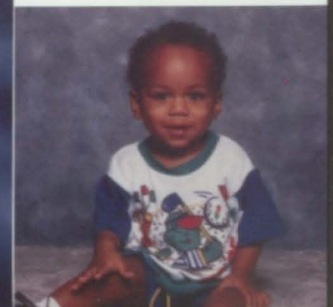
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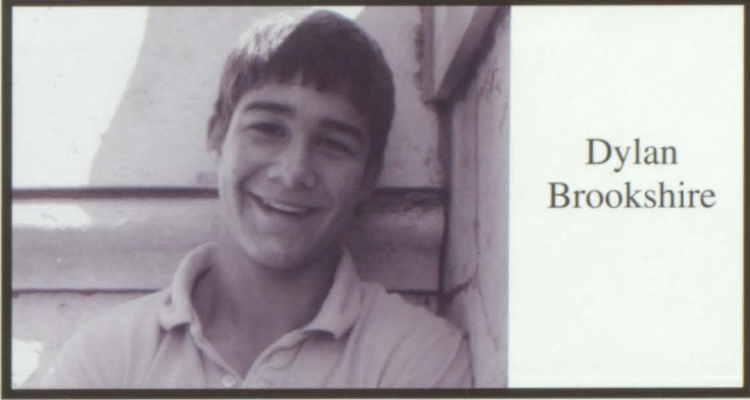
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Boschert



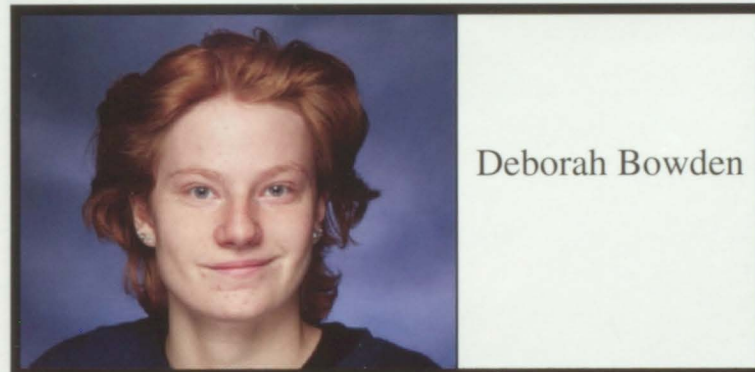
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Brandon Bote



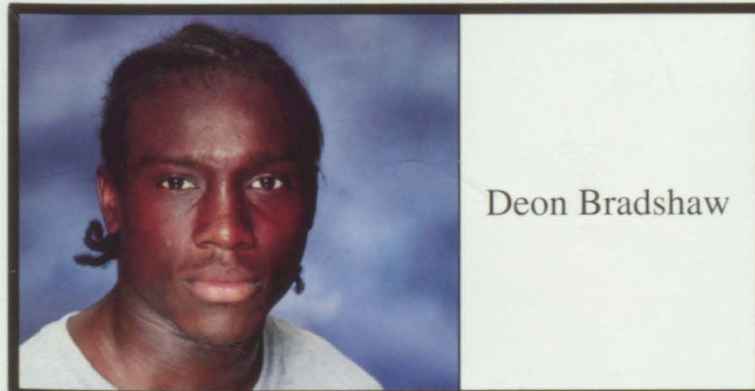
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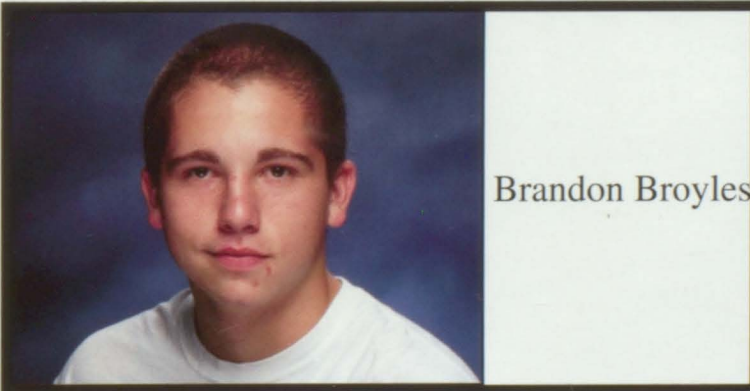
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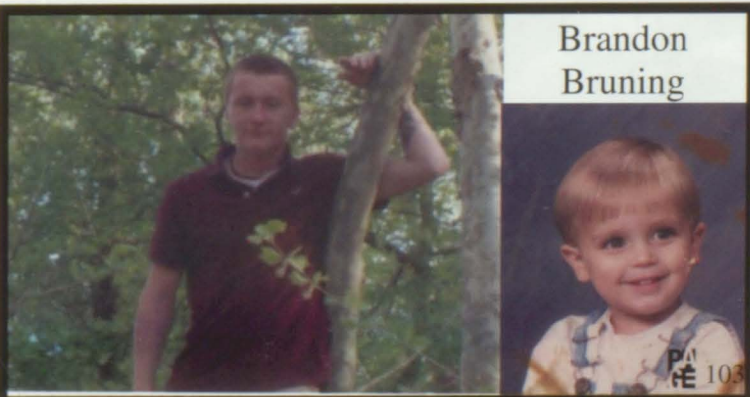
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Katelyn Christopher



Lucas Dashley



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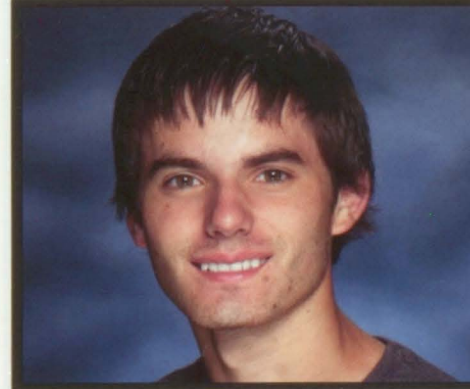
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Michelle Gouge



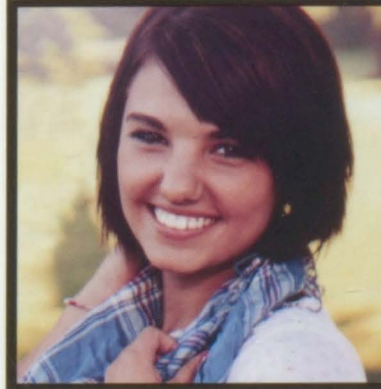
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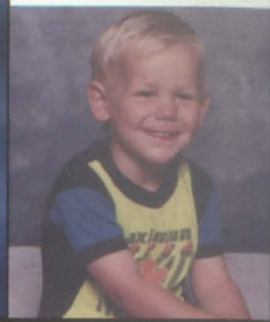




Jessica Grelle



Scott Houk



Justin Hammer



Jordan Hunt



Sabra Harris



Erik Hunter



Shawn Helfer



Robert Hurst



Michaela Hinson



Ian Jennings





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Zachary Kottwitz



Amanda Johnson



Christopher
Kupfer



Jessica Jones



Jarrod
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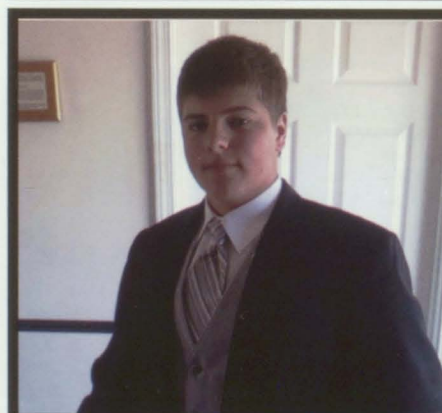
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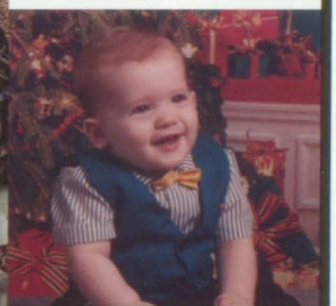
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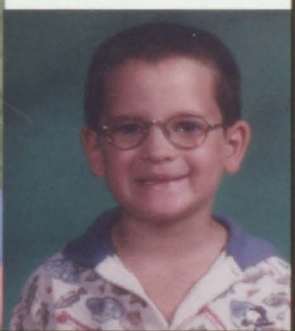
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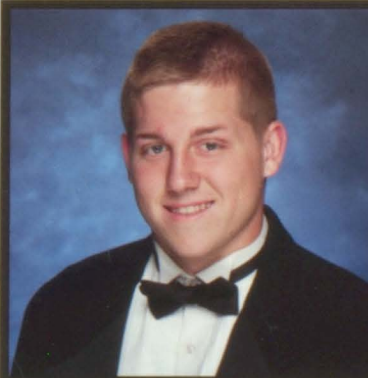
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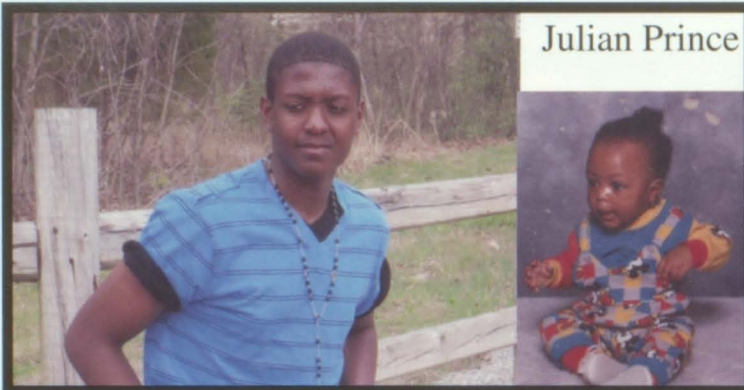


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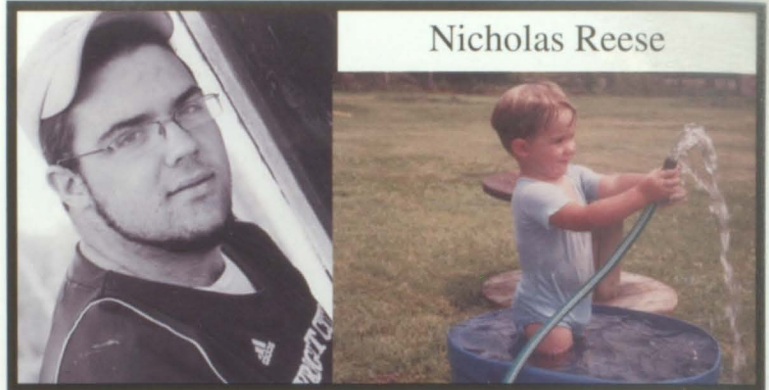


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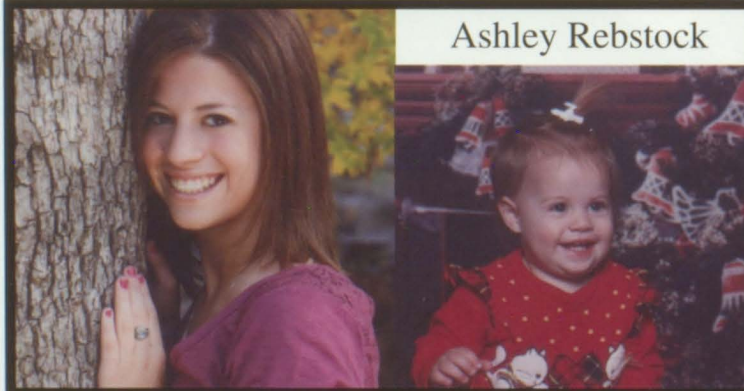
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Kaelyn Randolph



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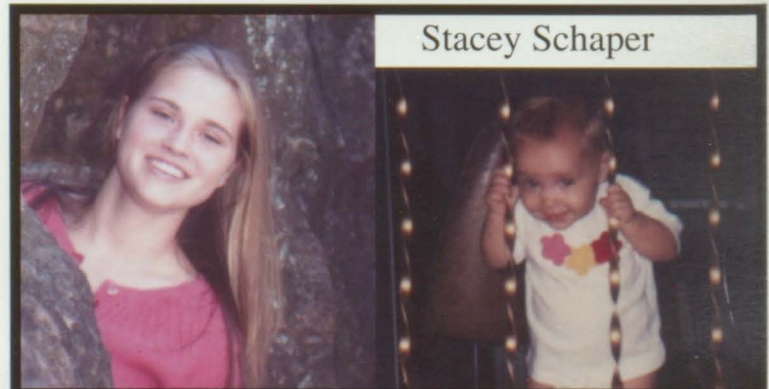
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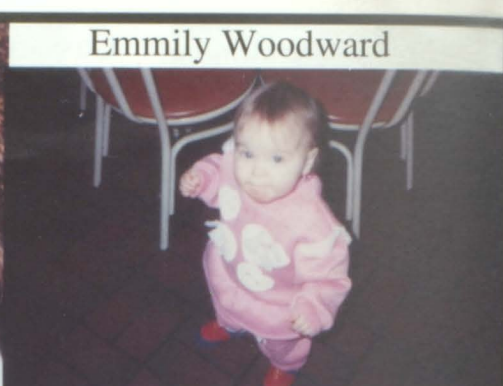
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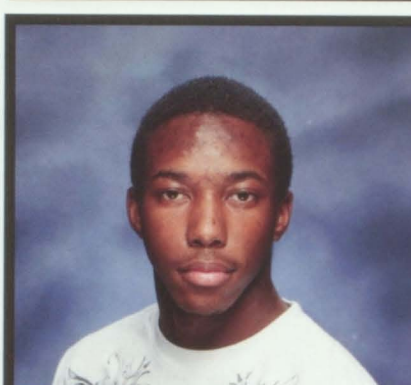
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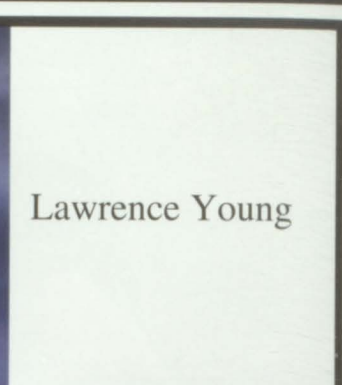
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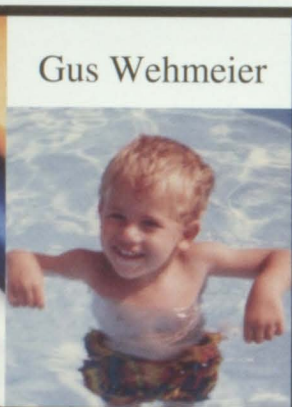
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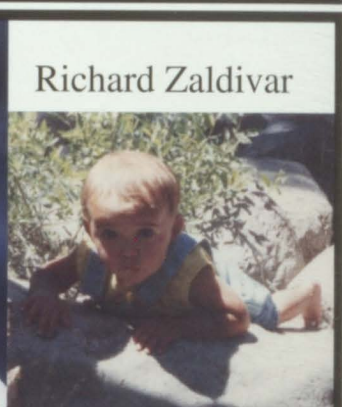
Lawrence Young



Gus Wehmeier



Richard Zaldivar



Class of 2011
Homecoming Banner



James White



Megan Zykan



Melissa
Willmore



Rikki Fisher



Riah Eastman



WE'RE
DONE!

Friendly Faces

From old friends to new students, our classmates were our foundation for tolerance. Let's face it, without each other to lean on, we never would have made it through high school.

At the start of each new year we were a bit hostile about our return. We wished summer had never ended and the fun didn't have to stop. We were only comforted by all those familiar faces from so many previous years and remembered how delightful each school year turned out to be.

However, we all got a little burnt out at some point or another. Whenever we started to lose our momentum or became discouraged, we were able to find a second wind in the form of a friendly face. Our classmates always knew how to lift our spirits and get us back out of the doldrums.

But alas! Now it has all come to an end and we are forced to rely on only memories; memories that will last forever and from which these gorgeous people will never fade.

"I'm amazed we were able to
stick together as long as we did!"

~Tanner Robbearts

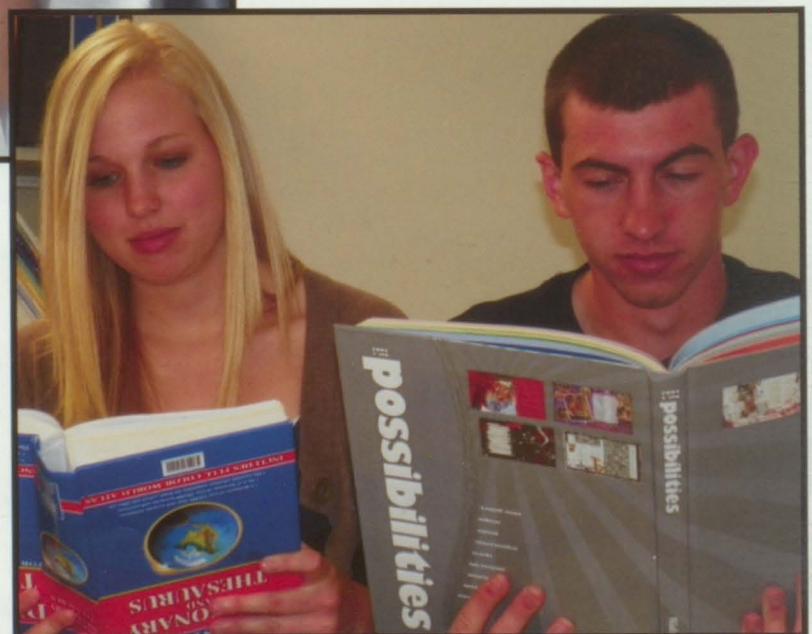


Most Likely to Stay Friends
Wyatt Mohrmann and Greg Preis
Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez and Adriana Malta



Worst Case of Senioritis
Michael Abrolat and Mega Zykan

Most Likely to Succeed
Jenny Abel and Eric Smurl



**Most Likely to Hit a
Parked Car**

Erik Hunter and
Brittany Davis



Most Outgoing

Melissa Willmore and Gus
Wehmeier



Most Likely to be Late

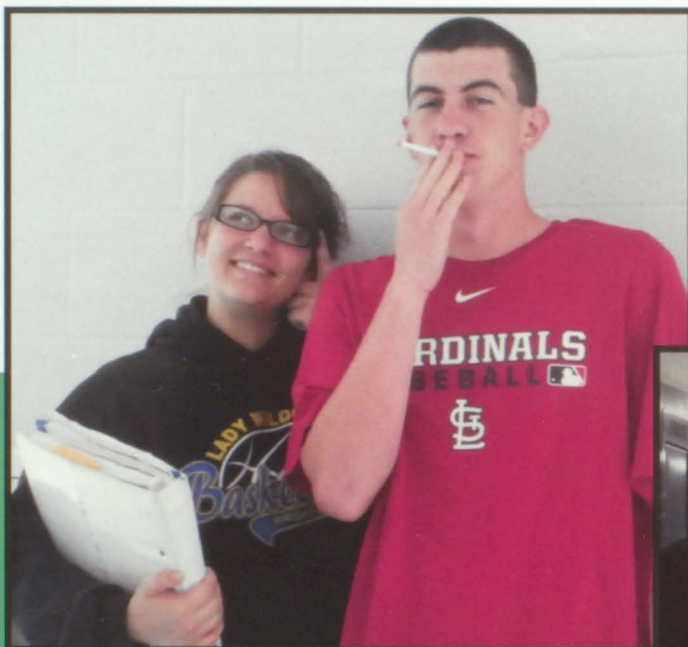
Jennifer Baker and Rico Zaldivar



Most Likely to be seen on ESPN

Deon Bradshaw, Jessica Jones, and Trent Davis



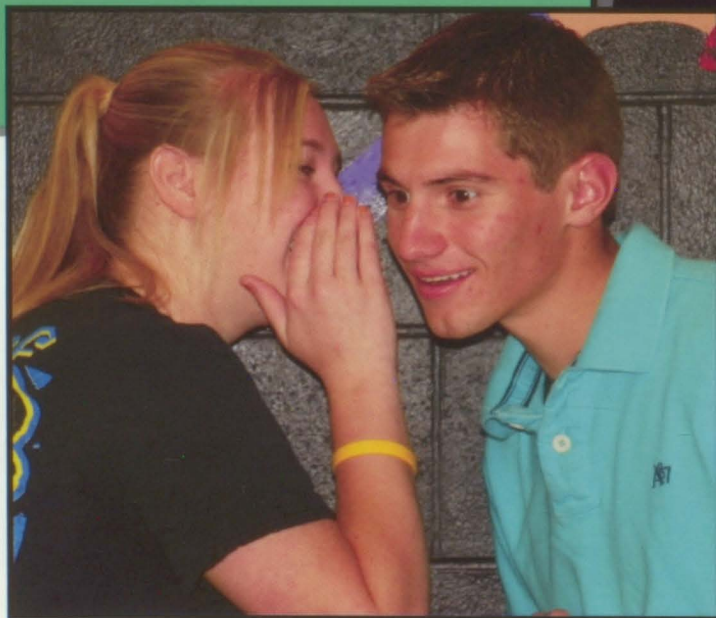


Most Changed
Michelle Gouge and Eric Smurl



Class Clown
Mario McClurkin and Aly Bort

First to Know
Kaelyn Randolph and Erik Hunter

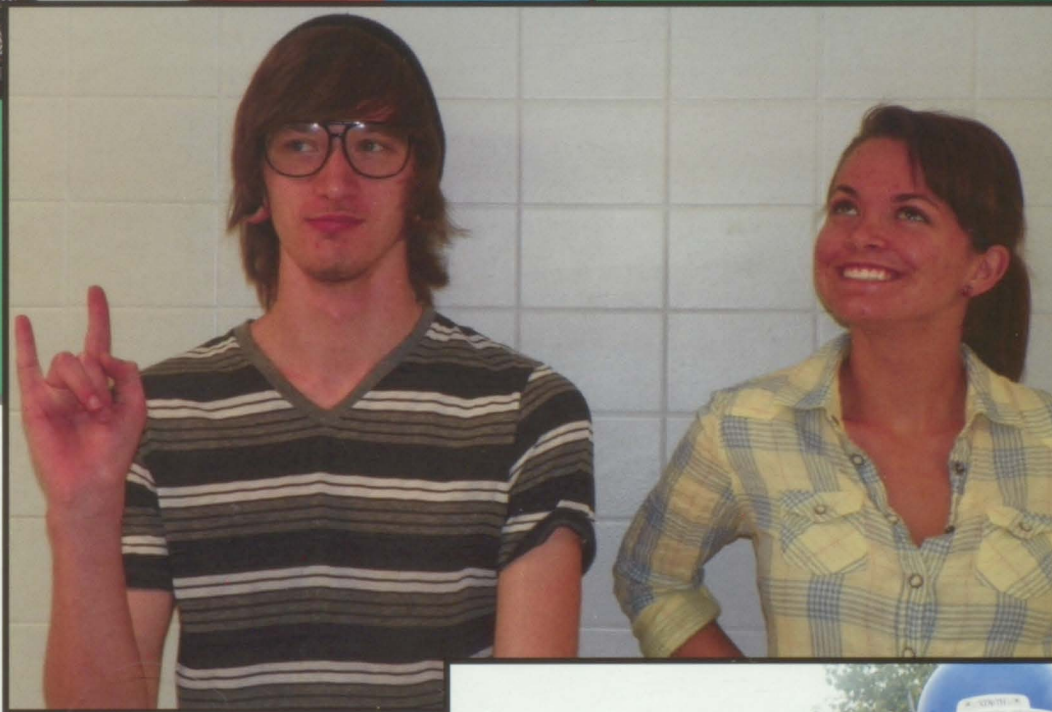


Most Accident Prone
Lacey Davis and Michael Abrolat





Most Charming
Karen Gonzalez-Sanchez and Trent Davis



Most Creative
Shane Cisler and Riah Eastman

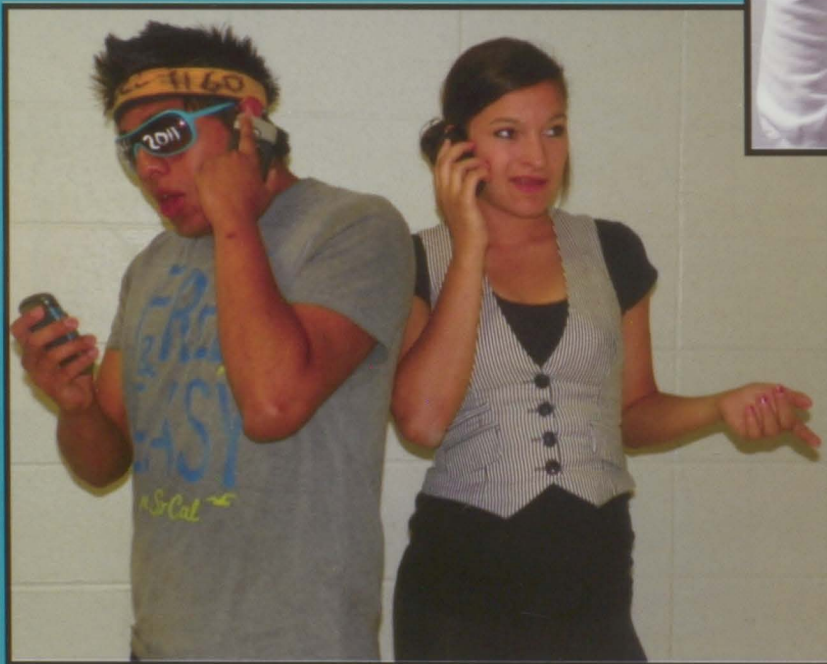
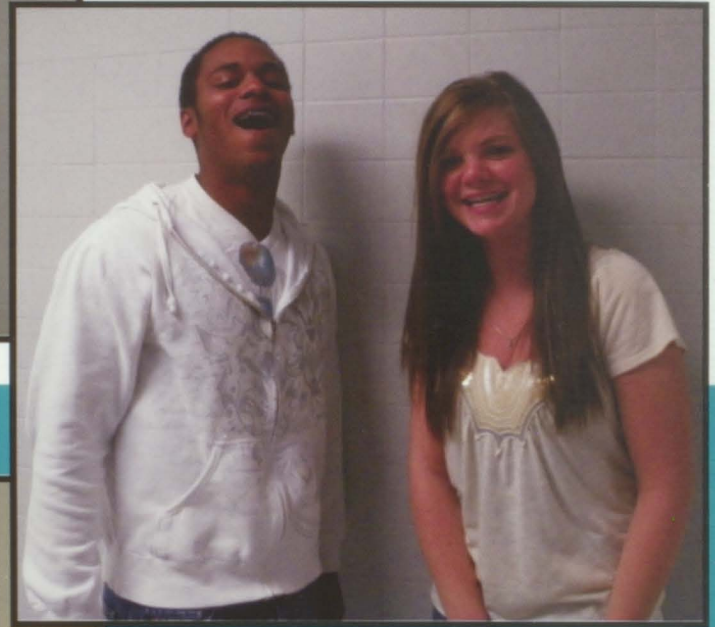
Most Involved
Emilie Molitor and Gus Wehmeier





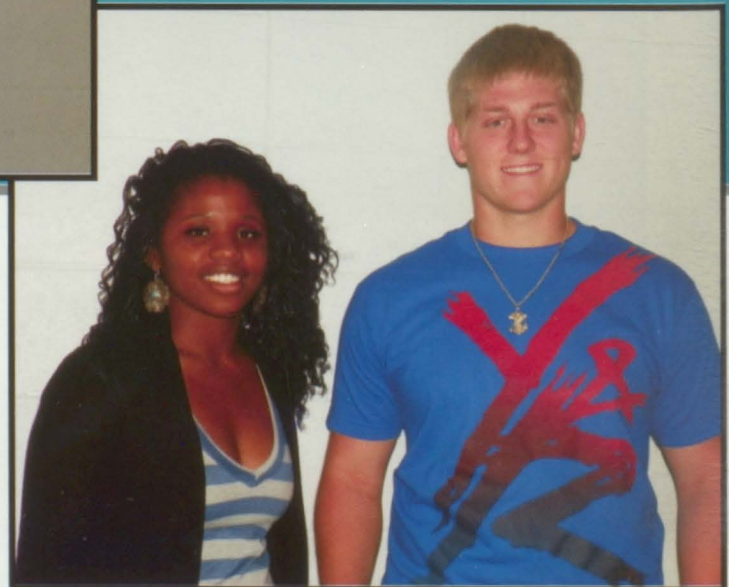
Best Dancers
Taylor Jennings and Cody Cox

Best Chuckle
Delante Blanks and Alyce Bort



Biggest Chatterbox
Mario McClurken and Rebecca Brown

Best Dressed
Leshonda Regans and Greg Preis





Best Eyes
Jennifer Abel and Lucas Dashley

Best Car
Shawn Helfer and
Jessica Jones

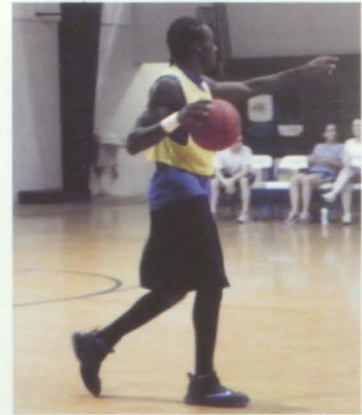


Biggest Blond at Heart
Kyle Lewis and Jordan Hunt



Back Row: Eric Smurl, Nick Reese, Gus Wehmeier and Brandon Bote
Middle Row: Kaelyn Randolph, Ashley Rebstock, Delante Blanks and Deon Bradshaw
Front Row: Trent Davis

Deon Bradshaw directs his teammates.



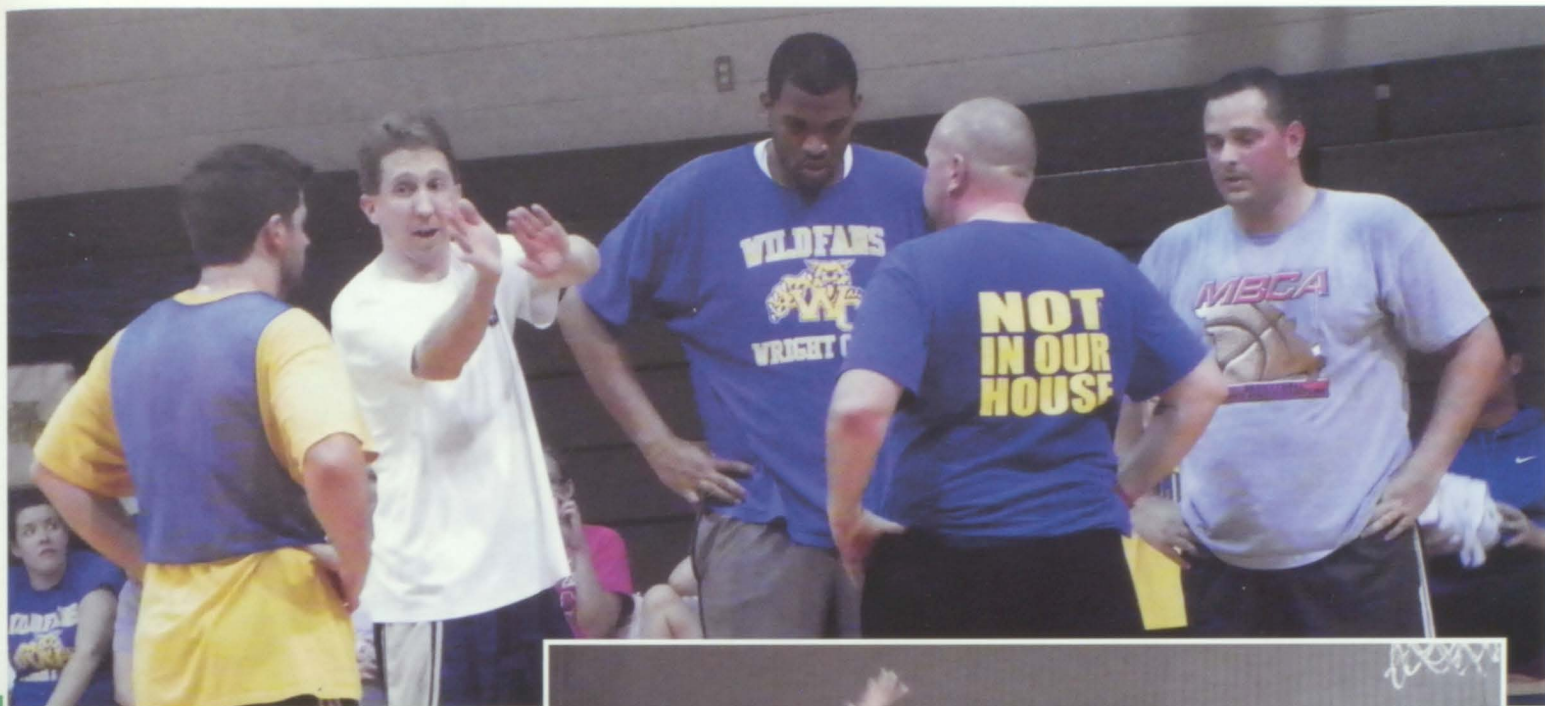
Sarah Temme, Lindsay Brand, Sean Wheeler, Kathy Lewis, Doug Smith, Fred Ross, Kelly Prost, John Clark, Shawn Brown, Rod Hamlett, Kenneth Brown



Brandon Bote tries to block Coach Brown's pass to Mr. Clark.



Senior VS Staff



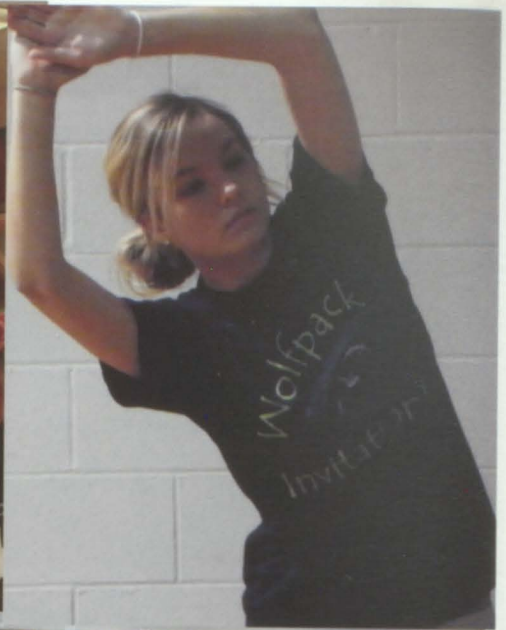
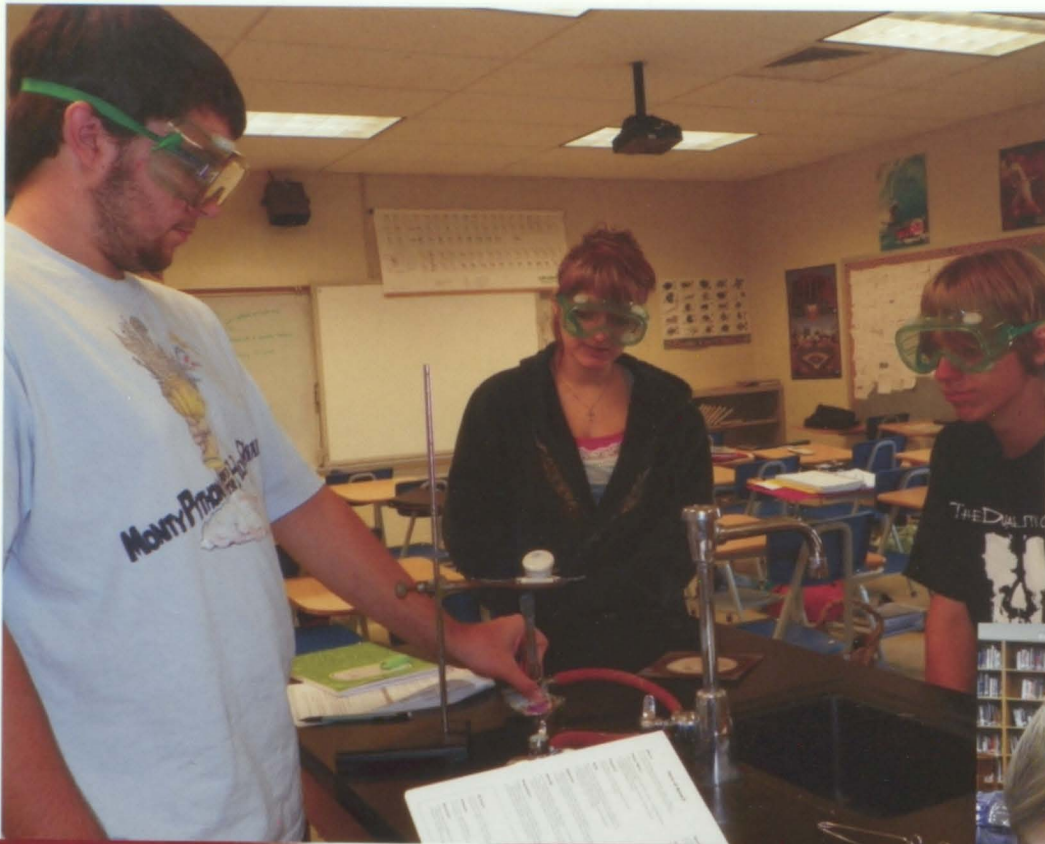
The class of 2011 devised an ingenious plot to fund raise this year: Senior/Staff Basketball Game! The seniors rounded up their best athletes to face the team of staff members for a basketball game on Wednesday, May 11. Coached by class President, Gus Wehmeier, the seniors risked bragging rights to benefit their class.

While a few of the teachers were more comfortable watching from the sidelines, some of the staff were willing to bring the heat. Vice Principal, Doug Smith "beasted it up", scoring three pointer after three pointer. The game entertained audience members with stellar plays, intense guarding, and the awkward realization of seeing your teachers in gym shorts.

The score remained close throughout the game, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats. It concluded with a final score of 54, 51. Though the seniors were defeated, they were able to entertain the audience and have one last shot at successful fund raising for their class.



Top: The staff works on their strategy
Middle: Trent Davis learns to fly in an attempt to block Mr. Smith's pass.
Bottom: Eric Smurl, Nick Reese, Brandon Bote, and Delante Blanks get into positions.



Goodbye Wright City High School...

now... another year has ended just as soon as it's begun at Wright City High School. It's true what they say about your senior year flying by. It sounds like a total cliché, but it feels like I walked through those high school doors on the first day of my freshman year, and am now crossing that stage and exiting them on the last day of my senior year in just a blink of an eye.

Whether or not you feel like you've gained much academically, you can't deny the fact that you were taught quite a bit about life and the person that you're becoming. You learned that this is your chance. This is your chance to change it all. You come to the realization that shaping who you are is a very critical thing to do during your high school career. High school is where you decide who that person is, who you're going to become. You also realize that if you don't like that person, high school is the most opportune time to change it.

This year was full of changes. People you never saw yourself talking to become

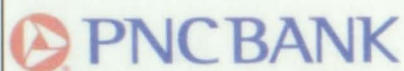
your go-to guy, your secret keeper, your best friend. Best friends turned into worst enemies. You probably thought this was going to be all about the good times huh?

Well, at some point you learn that you have to take the good with the bad. When you look back at this yearbook 30 years from now I want you all to realize that this

was a year of soul searching, figuring out who you are... figuring out your

combination.

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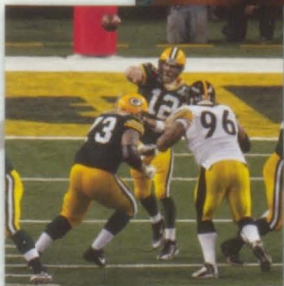


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DUNKING MACHINE

After missing his entire rookie season due to a knee injury, Blake Griffin of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers became a star with his weekly highlight-reel dunks. Griffin stole the show at the annual Slam Dunk Contest by jumping over a car in his final dunk.

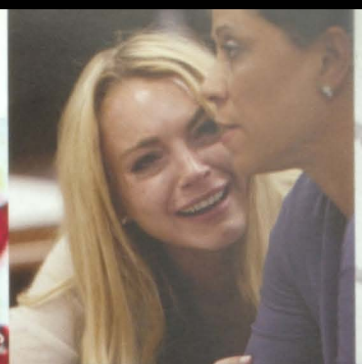


A FULL RECOVERY

Just a year after returning from a long hiatus with an album that some found off the mark, rap artist Eminem released *Recovery*. The record put him back in the spotlight, with the song "Not Afraid" and 10 Grammy nominations, more than any other musician.

A LEGAL MESS

Lindsay Lohan probably wished she could re-do the year. The troubled actress spent time in jail after a judge determined she violated her probation on DUI charges. Then it was off to a rehab facility after failing a drug test.



TOP-SELLING SPORTS JERSEYS

1. LeBron James, Miami Heat
2. Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints

3. Donovan McNabb, Washington Redskins
4. Tim Tebow, Denver Broncos

5. Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City Thunder

Source: topsellingjerseys.com



REDEMPTION

After a horrific crash broke and ruined his season, skateboarder Ryan Sheckler returned at the X Games to win the Skateboarding Street Gold.



NEARLY UNSTOPPABLE

The Connecticut women's basketball team kept on winning. The Huskies hit 89 straight wins before their three-year streak was snapped in December by Stanford. The string of victories broke the college basketball record for consecutive wins.



THE DECISION

NBA superstar LeBron James infamously announced his intentions to leave his hometown team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and sign a free-agent deal with the Miami Heat on an ESPN special called *The Decision*. The program drew high TV ratings, with wildly different reactions from fans.

SING IT!

The world of high school show choir never had it so good. *Glee* continued to be one of the most popular shows on TV, earning praise from its army of "Gleeeks." Songs from each episode also quickly became some of the most downloaded songs on iTunes.

NO TEXTS BEHIND THE WHEEL

More states began to outlaw text messaging while driving. By the end of 2010, the act was prohibited in 23 states. Other states were considering texting laws targeting drivers under 18. Some studies showed texting while driving to be potentially as dangerous as drunk driving.



NEW EXPRESSIONS

Gleek: a fan of the T.V. show *Glee*; a blend of "glee" and "geek"

Locavores: people who eat locally grown food

Refudiate: to reject; a possible blend of "refute" and "repudiate;" tweeted by former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin

Retweet: to forward a message (tweet) on Twitter posted by someone else

Webisode: an original episode of a television show or product promotion created just for online viewing



FINALLY, A WEDDING

After seven years of dating, Great Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton set an April 29, 2011, wedding date. William, second in line to the throne, gave Middleton the sapphire-and-diamond ring given to his mother, Diana.



MIDDLE EAST UNREST

Unrest rippled through the Middle East and blew up in Egypt, where thousands of citizens took to the streets, forcing President Hosni Mubarak to step down. The demonstrations in Egypt followed an uprising in Tunisia that also spread to Algeria, Yemen, Iran, Jordan and Libya.

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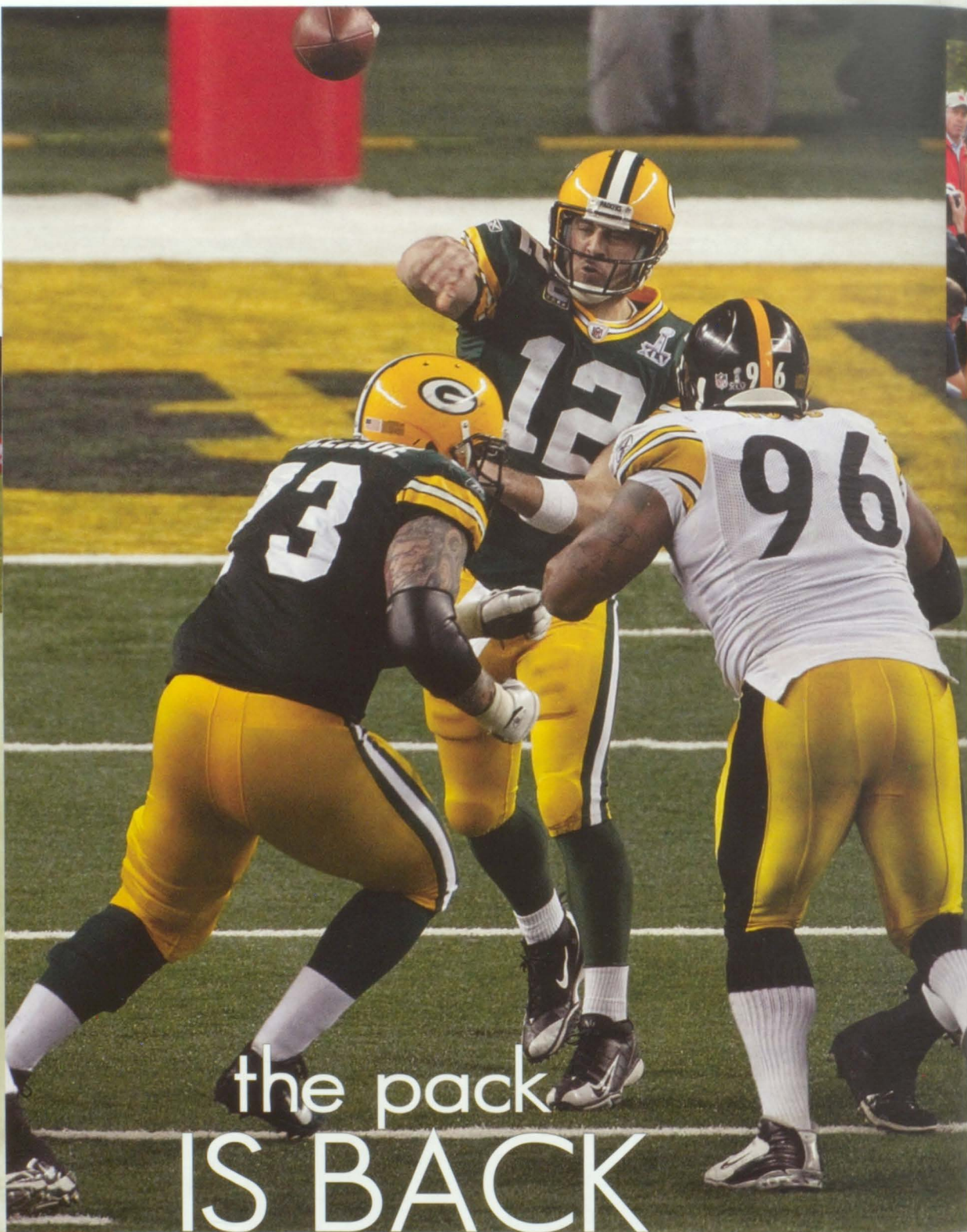
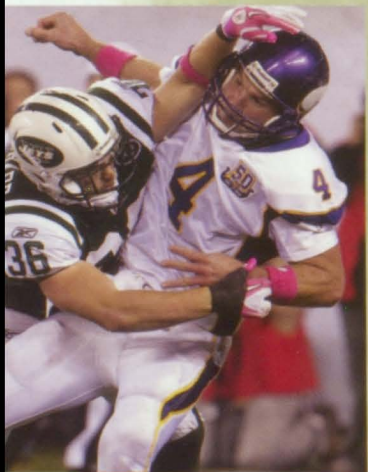
THE LEGEND OF LONDON

When Landon Donovan knocked home the winning goal in the waning seconds against Algeria in the 2010 World Cup, the U.S. soccer team dramatically won its Group. Unfortunately, the fun did not last when the team lost to Ghana in the next round. Spain was the big winner, defeating Netherlands in the final.



TIME TO RETIRE?

At 41, Brett Favre returned for one more season with the Minnesota Vikings. It was a rough go for the aging star, as the Vikings season crumbled and Favre was knocked out with a shoulder injury that ended his consecutive games streak at 297.



THIS EAGLE SOARS

Auburn quarterback Cam Newton won the Heisman Trophy and led Auburn to the BCS national championship during a dazzling season, even while he endured allegations his father "shopped" him to colleges for money when he was a junior college player. Newton said he knew nothing about it, and the NCAA found no evidence of wrongdoing.

RETURN TO TITLETOWN

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers led the Green Bay Packers to a 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV, matching up two of the NFL's traditional franchises. Rodgers threw for 303 yards and three touchdowns in the game that drew more than 110 million viewers, making it the most-watched TV program in U.S. history.





FORE!

If it could go wrong this year for Tiger Woods, chances are it did, just like this errant shot at the Ryder Cup. On the comeback trail from his personal troubles, Woods went winless in a season for the first time in his pro career. All the while, Woods lost his #1 ranking and his marriage to Elin Nordegren ended in divorce.

DREAMS DASHED

Illegal immigration remained a hot topic. In December, Congress did not pass the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act – the DREAM Act – which would have given college students who were illegal immigrants a way to become U.S. citizens.



TOP SEARCHES

Google

1. iPad
2. Chatroulette
3. iPhone 4
4. World Cup
5. Justin Bieber

Yahoo

1. BP oil spill
2. World Cup
3. Miley Cyrus
4. Kim Kardashian
5. Lady Gaga

Bing

1. Kim Kardashian
2. Sandra Bullock
3. Tiger Woods
4. Lady Gaga
5. Barack Obama



MIDTERM ELECTION SWITCH

Still worried about the economy and jobs, voters on Nov. 2 elected a Republican Party majority to the House of Representatives after putting Democrats in office just two years ago. Some Tea Party members were elected. Democrats kept their Senate majority.

OIL SPILL AFTERMATH

The economy along the Gulf of Mexico continued to suffer from the worst oil spill in U.S. history. The explosion of a British Petroleum rig pumped about 2.3 million gallons of oil daily into the water until it was capped three months later.



STAND PAT OR PAT DOWN

Air travelers had to decide whether to stand for a full-body X-ray scan or submit to a thorough pat down by Transportation Security Administration agents. Passenger protests did not occur during Thanksgiving, as many feared.



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Ke\$ha, Rihanna, Christina Aguilera – pop starlets were huge in 2010-11 and none had a better year than Katy Perry. The first three singles off her album *Teenage Dream* were among the most downloaded songs of the year, starting with the catchy "California Gurls."

SINGLED OUT

Best selling iTunes singles

1. Train, "Hey, Soul Sister"
2. Katy Perry, "California Gurls" (feat. Snoop Dogg)
3. Eminem, "Love the Way You Lie" (feat. Rihanna)
4. B.o.B, "Airplanes" (feat. Hayley Williams of Paramore)
5. Taio Cruz, "Dynamite"
6. Usher, "OMG" (feat. will.i.am)
7. Taio Cruz, "Break Your Heart" (feat. Ludacris)
8. Ke\$ha, "TiK ToK"
9. Lady Antebellum, "Need You Now"
10. Eminem, "Not Afraid"

Source: Apple

Photo credits: Newscom



THE WAIT IS OVER

Fans of The Beatles got a treat when Apple announced that the band's entire catalog was available on iTunes. Quite a pairing to finally "come together."

THEY KEEP THEIR SHAPE

Skinny wrist bands called Silly Bandz were the craze with more than young girls. Although stretched to fit and be worn on wrists, when removed, they returned to their original shape, such as animals and letters.

AM I DREAMING?

Inception became a movie everybody seemed to be talking about. The thriller about the world of dreams and stealing secrets starring Leonardo DiCaprio left some people raving, but others puzzled. Confused yet?



TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART

Team Edward? Or team Jacob? No matter which side you were on, there seemed no question that you were on a side when *Twilight: Eclipse* hit theaters and set the record for biggest midnight opening in U.S. box office history.



TOP MOVIES

1. *Toy Story 3*
2. *Alice in Wonderland*
3. *Iron Man 2*
4. *Twilight: Eclipse*
5. *Inception*
6. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*
7. *Despicable Me*
8. *Shrek Forever After*
9. *How to Train Your Dragon*
10. *Tangled*

Source:
boxofficemojo.com

TO INFINITY AND... GOOD-BYE

Talk about waiting for an encore. A decade after the previous movie in the animated series, *Toy Story 3* closed the story on Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang. Most agreed it was a fitting wrap-up for the lovable group.



A FINAL CHAPTER FOR HARRY POTTER

The film version of the final chapter in the Harry Potter saga of books, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, was broken up into two parts. The first movie was released in November to much fanfare, with the conclusion scheduled (once and for all) by summer 2011.

U.S. SOLDIERS ON DUTY

While fewer than 50,000 U.S. soldiers remained in Iraq, about 98,000 of them were fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan. More than 470 U.S. soldiers died in Afghanistan in 2010, and U.S. officials considered moving the troop withdrawal date from 2011 to 2014.

MORE WOES FOR HAITI

Following a devastating earthquake early in the year, Haiti ended 2010 in the middle of a cholera epidemic. The death toll reached more than 1,700 people and continued to rise.

AUSTRALIA DRENCHED

Devastating flooding started in November in Australia's state of Queensland and did not let up for months. In addition to soaking rains, Cyclone Yasi packed a punch amid the watery destruction. Twenty people died, including a 13-year-old boy who drowned while begging rescuers to save his younger brother first.



NO MINOR FEAT

Thirty-three Chilean miners were rescued after being trapped 69 days in a collapsed mine. During that time, food, supplies and medicine were sent down while officials, including NASA scientists, devised the capsule that got them out one-by-one.

miners RESCUED

TWITTER TV TRENDS

1. MTV Video Music Awards
2. *Pretty Little Liars*
3. *True Blood*

4. *Walking Dead*
5. Grammy Awards

Source: Twitter's year in review



NO LONGER A SECRET

ABC Family's new hit mystery, *Pretty Little Liars*, told the story of four high school friends whose secrets get revealed by a mysterious stranger. Big ratings followed, along with a Favorite TV Obsession nomination at the People's Choice Awards.

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DRIVE FOR FIVE

NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson won his fifth straight Sprint Cup championship. The last time anybody else won the Cup? 2005. President Obama had been a U.S. Senator for less than a year, and Gwen Stefani's "Hollaback Girl" was the #1 song in the land.

STILL THE MAN

Rafael Nadal kept his top world ranking in tennis by winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, and finishing off his career Grand Slam of all the major tournaments.

OUT OF WORK, OUT OF FOOD

The unemployment rate remained high, reaching 9.8% in November. Despite the jobless rate and one in seven Americans were living on food stamps, holiday spending increased by more than 3% over last year to more than \$450 billion.



NEW NORMAL IN HOUSING

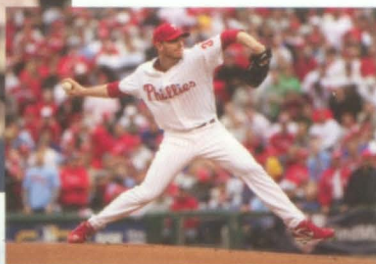
Amid foreclosures and houses not selling, new trends in where we live appeared. New homes being built were smaller, and more people were renting instead of buying houses.

GOING UP

Price increases during the life of the senior class

Comparisons	1992-1993	2010-2011
Unemployment rate	6.9%	9.8%
A gallon of gasoline	\$1.16	\$3.05
One movie ticket	\$4.14	\$7.95
A U.S. postage stamp	29 cents	44 cents
A loaf of bread	\$1.57	\$2.49
Average sale price of a house	\$113,200	\$232,880

Sources: thepeoplehistory.com, cnn.com



YEAR OF THE PITCHER

Pitchers ruled baseball. During the 2010 season, six no-hitters were thrown – only the third time that happened in one season. Philadelphia's Roy Halladay threw two of them, including one in the N.L. playoffs.

MEXICO AT WAR

Violence overtook Mexico as drug lords fought each other and police in several cities along the U.S. border. More than 3,000 people were killed in Mexico in the bloodshed, including innocent civilians.



MOST VALUABLE TEAMS IN U.S. SPORTS

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| 1. New York Yankees - \$328 million | 3. Boston Red Sox - \$163 million | 5. New England Patriots - \$156 million |
| 2. Dallas Cowboys - \$208 million | 4. New York Mets - \$158 million | |

Source: Forbes magazine

TRAGEDY IN TUCSON

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona was shot and a federal judge and five others were killed when a gunman opened fire during a public event in Tucson hosted by Giffords. Thirteen others were wounded. Giffords' progress in her recovery from her brain injury amazed doctors.



RIVALRY RENEWED

More than 20 years ago, the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics rivalry ruled the NBA when Magic Johnson and Larry Bird were still basketball's best. The feud returned, with the Lakers beating Boston in the 2010 NBA Finals and both teams again near the top of the standings in 2011.



A SECOND CHANCE

Michael Vick, who spent two years in prison for operating a dog-fighting ring, re-emerged as one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL with Philadelphia. Vick took over the Eagles starting job in September and guided them into the playoffs.

Photo credits: Newscom

A NEW NATION

People in southern Sudan voted to create a new nation, separate from northern Sudan. Voters dipped fingers in ink to mark their ballots. The vote was the result of a 20-year civil war and was called for in the peace agreement reached by the two regions.

SHOTS EXCHANGED

Tensions were high on the Korean peninsula. The world waited to see if more shots would be exchanged after North Korea launched an artillery attack on South Korea. The North claimed it was provoked by South Korea's military exercises.

JESUS STANDS TALL

Poland now has the world's tallest statue of Jesus, a plaster and fiberglass likeness that stands at 170 feet. It eclipses the 133-foot Cristo de la Concordia in Bolivia and the 130-foot Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



NO MORE SECRETS

The WikiLeaks website was praised and blasted for publishing secret documents that detailed U.S. relations with foreign governments. WikiLeaks came under cyber attack several times following the releases.

WEDDING TRENDS

- Colored belts and accents on white or ivory dresses
- Strapless dresses
- Colors: turquoise, coral, black and white, fuchsia, deep red, chartreuse, slate gray, latte
- Hand-tied bouquets



NEW MEMBER OF THE SUPREMES

Elena Kagan was sworn in as the newest U.S. Supreme Court justice, replacing retiring Justice John Paul Stevens. For the first time, three women sat on the bench — Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Sonia Sotomayor.



NO LUXURY CRUISE

Nearly 4,500 passengers and crew were stranded on a Carnival Cruise ship that lost all power after an engine-room fire. Besides no electricity and unreliable toilets, everyone ate Spam and Pop-Tarts airlifted to them while the ship was towed to San Diego.



BAREFOOT BANDIT ON TRIAL

Colton Harris-Moore, 19, known as the Barefoot Bandit for going shoeless, was scheduled to be tried on charges of stealing airplanes and boats and taking them for a spin. On the run since 2008, he was captured in the Bahamas after allegedly flying there from Indiana.

PUT THE DROUGHT ON ICE

The Chicago Blackhawks ended the longest drought in hockey by winning the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1961.



PARTY BY THE BAY

After shortstop Edgar Renteria slugged a dramatic home run in the 7th inning of Game 5, the San Francisco Giants finished off an improbable victory in the 2010 World Series against the Texas Rangers. It was the first championship for the team since it moved to San Francisco in 1958.



the wait IS OVER

GRAMMY WINNERS

Album of the Year: *The Suburbs* – Arcade Fire
Song of the Year: "Need You Now" – Lady Antebellum
Best Female Pop Vocal: "Bad Romance" – Lady Gaga
Best Rap Song: "Empire State of Mind" – Jay-Z & Alicia Keys
Best Country Male Vocal: "Til Summer Comes Around" – Keith Urban

Source: Grammy.com



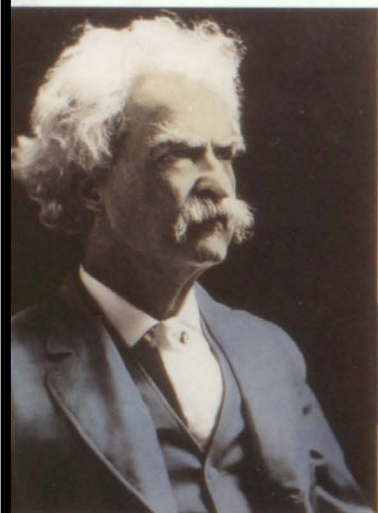
ON FIRE

Critically acclaimed indie rock band Arcade Fire won the Grammy for Album of the Year for *The Suburbs*. It was the band's first Grammy win after several nominations.

Photo credits: Newscom

FACEBOOK ON THE BIG SCREEN

The fame of Facebook hit a new high with the movie *The Social Network*, the story of how the website was created by a group of Harvard classmates. Of course, throwing Justin Timberlake into a key role helped.



STILL PROLIFIC

Author Mark Twain published his autobiography – 100 years after his death. Twain requested the later release date so he could say what he really thought without hurting anyone. The first of three volumes hit the best-seller list.

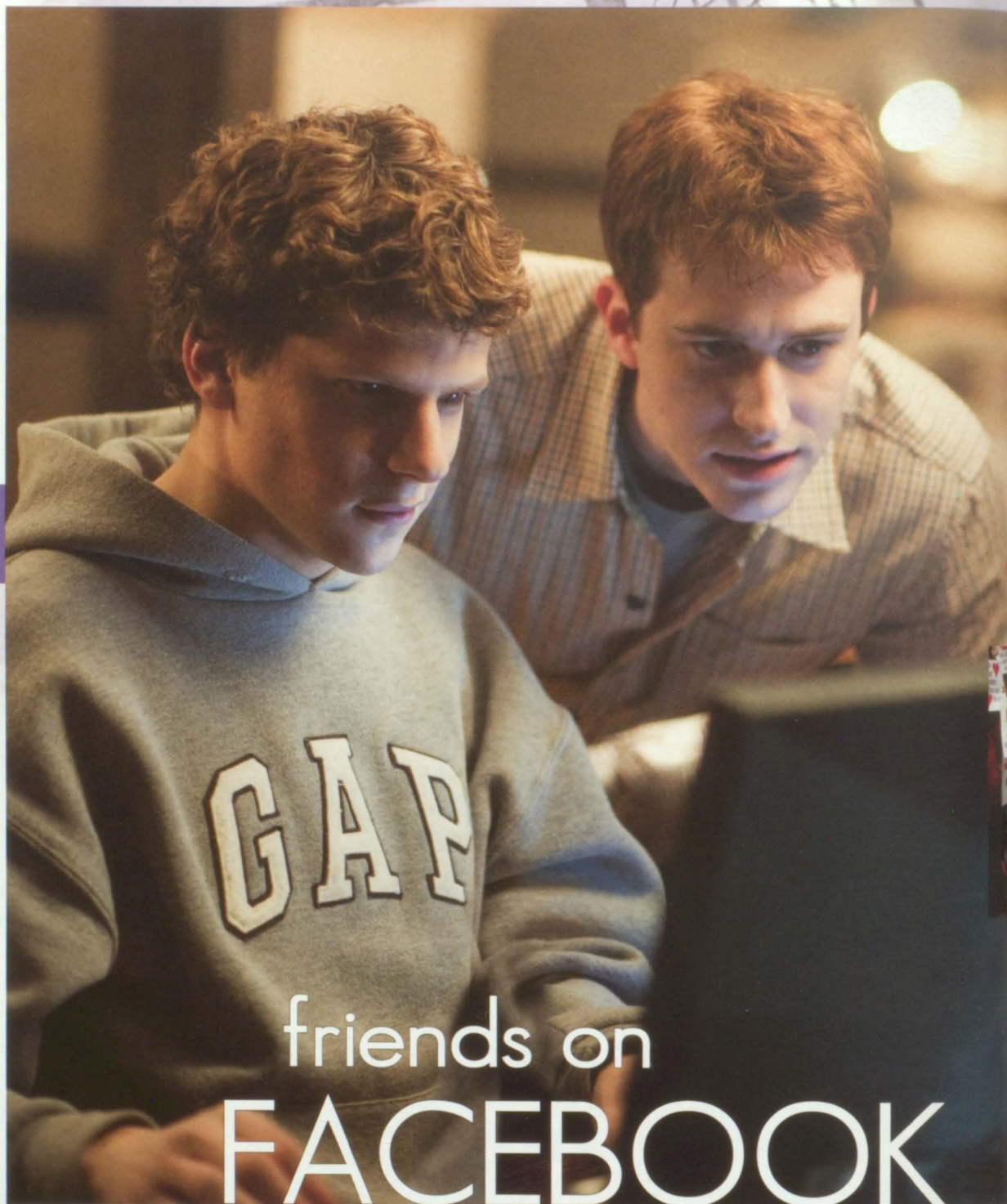
LET'S MOVE

First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move organization celebrated a year of helping kids and parents eat healthier and exercise more. Obama invited local children to the White House to help in a community garden and play soccer.



UNHAPPY MEALS

In San Francisco, toys could not be included with kids' meals that had too much fat and sugar. A new law gave restaurants one year to make kids' meals more nutritious if they want to include toys with the food.



friends on FACEBOOK

FAVORITE FAST FOOD



Large Chains

1. Panera Bread
2. Chipotle
3. Five Guys
4. Chick-fil-A
5. In-N-Out Burger

Mega Chains

1. Subway
2. McDonald's
3. Wendy's
4. Burger King
5. Taco Bell

Quick-Refreshment Chains

1. Starbucks
2. Dunkin' Donuts
3. Culver's
4. Ben & Jerry's
5. Dairy Queen

Source: Zagat

ALL HERS

Taylor Swift released her album *Speak Now*. Swift worked on the album for two years and wrote every song by herself. Some of the songs even included live strings and a full orchestra.

MILLIONS REPORT FOR DUTY

The release of video game *Call of Duty: Black Ops* was one of the pop culture events of the year. More than seven million copies were sold in the first 24 hours of its sale. Gamers raved, while critics scolded the game's violence.



BEST SELLING VIDEO GAMES

1. *New Super Mario Brothers* (Nintendo Wii)
2. *Call of Duty: Black Ops* (multiplatform)
3. *Battlefield: Bad Company* (PS3, Xbox 360)
4. *Final Fantasy XIII* (PS3, Xbox 360)
5. *Wii Fit Plus* (Nintendo Wii)

Source: CNBC.com

MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR

As states asked public workers to pay more of their health care and pension costs, Wisconsin employees, including teachers, protested that increase and the proposal to end their unions' collective bargaining rights. With teachers demonstrating instead of working, some Wisconsin school districts closed for a few days.

OSCARS SHOW SOME GRIT

A remake of the well-known western *True Grit* earned 10 Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture.



FAN GOES TOO FAR

For decades, football fans at Auburn University celebrated victories by lining the 130-year old trees of "Toomer's Corner" on campus with toilet paper. However, after a game with rival Alabama this season, one Crimson Tide fan spiked the trees with a chemical to kill them. The fan was eventually arrested.



END OF AN ERA

After nearly 30 years, NASA retired the Space Shuttle manned spaceflight program. The final Space Shuttle mission was scheduled for June 2011 with Atlantis, while some groups and organizations continued to propose the program be kept alive.



GYM, TAN, RATINGS

Jersey Shore, the MTV reality show that followed the wild partying lifestyles of a group of Italian-American 20-somethings from New Jersey, became the most watched show on cable TV for younger viewers.

Photo credits: Newscom

GOOD-BYE, WIZARD

Considered by some as the greatest college basketball coach ever for his 10 national championships at UCLA, John Wooden died at the age of 99. Known as the "Wizard of Westwood," Wooden won the national coach of the year honor six times.



SNOWFALL TOTALS

Chicago	47.5"	Youngstown, Ohio	88.0"
Boston	70.7"	Philadelphia	38.0"
Minneapolis	60.4"		
New York City	57.7"		

Source: weather.com, through February 10, 2011

record SNOWFALL



HISTORIC BLIZZARD

Ice, snow, wind and sub-zero cold Jan. 31-Feb. 3 interrupted life for millions of people in 30 states from Texas to Maine. Record snowfall in some places – one to two feet from Oklahoma to Michigan – and fierce winds caused whiteouts, stranded motorists and hindered snowplows. Schools, businesses, cities and airports closed, and buildings collapsed.



URBAN FARMING TAKES ROOT

As the desire to eat locally grown foods increased, more city dwellers were planting their own gardens and even raising chickens for the eggs. Ordinances were revised in several cities to allow residents to keep a few chickens.



SWEET DAILY DEALS

Groupon.com became one of the latest internet crazes by offering up a deal of the day. If a certain number of people signed up for the "Groupon," it took effect for all. By the end of 2010, Groupon was serving up daily deals in the 150 largest U.S. cities to nearly 35 million registered users.



I SEE YOU

More family and friends began using the web service Skype to communicate long distance. Using webcams and voice-over IP technology, Skype users were able to place free video calls to each other no matter where they were located.



SLEEP TIGHT

Bedbugs became a big problem in some areas of the United States. Bedbugs live in mattresses, clothing, carpets and furniture. Some people hired pest control companies with bedbug-sniffing dogs to find them and kill them.

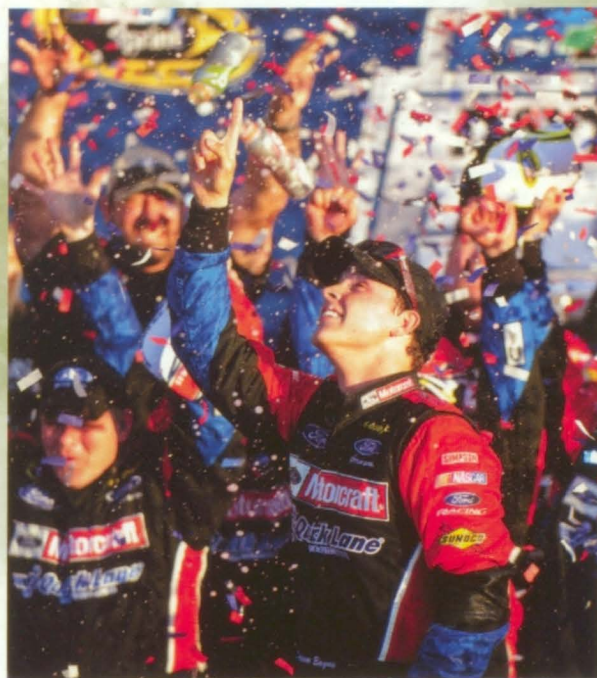


ARSENIC AND NEW LIFE

NASA biologists in California discovered a new strain of bacteria called GFAJ-1 at the bottom of a lake. The microorganism used arsenic, not phosphorus, for some of its cellular components. The discovery of a life form using arsenic as a building block led to many new theories about life on other planets.

DAYTONA SURPRISE

In only his second race on the Sprint Cup circuit, 20-year old driver Trevor Bayne won the Daytona 500. Bayne became the youngest Daytona 500 winner ever.



HIGHEST-RATED TV SHOWS

Average viewers as of
Feb. 18, 2011, in millions

1. *American Idol* – 23.6
2. *Sunday Night Football* – 21.4
3. *Dancing With the Stars* – 21.3

4. *NCIS* – 19.9
5. *NCIS: Los Angeles* – 17.2

Source: Nielsen



RISE OF THE MACHINE

Developers at IBM created an artificial intelligence program named "Watson" and tested it out by letting it compete on the quiz show *Jeopardy!* against former champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter. Watson won both matches, with the winnings going to charity.



STAR POWER

The judges' table on *American Idol* took on almost an entirely new look. Simon Cowell left (gasps), as did Kara DioGuardi. In their place stepped in Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler – not exactly a couple of amateurs.



LOOK, NO HANDS!

To compete with the popularity of the Nintendo Wii, Microsoft created the Kinect device to go with its Xbox 360 video gaming system. Built around a webcam, Kinect let users have a controller-free game experience using gestures and voice commands.

FEEDING THE 'APP'ETITE
iPhones, iPads and other smartphones continued to be more popular than ever, with users gobbling up the latest "Apps." Games, news feeds, radio stations – most users were downloading software applications by the dozens.



IN VOGUE

FOR GIRLS

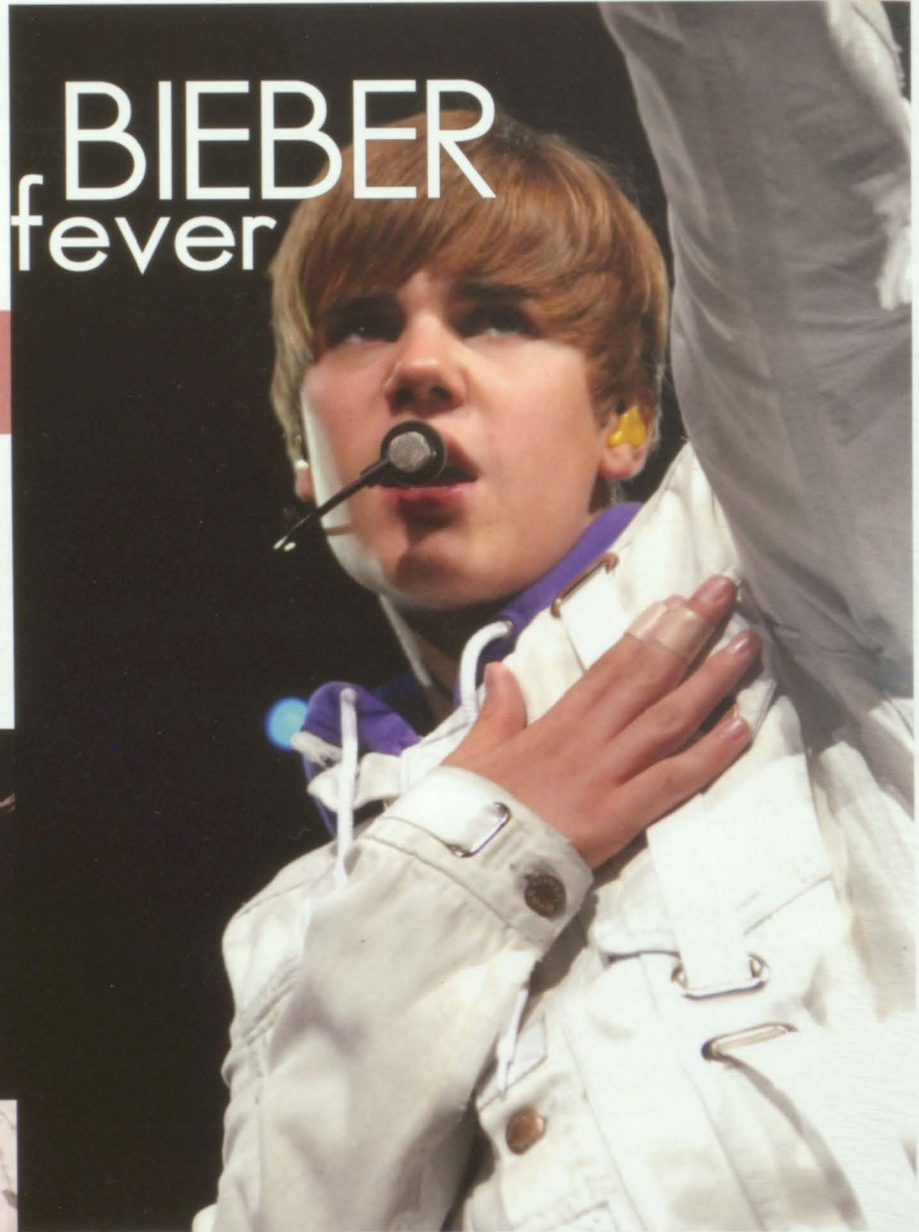
Scarves · Boots ·
Animal prints · Knee
socks with dresses

FOR GUYS

Skinny jeans · Longer hair
and bangs · Skinny ties ·
Fedoras · boat shoes

FAN FRIENDLY

After releasing his latest album, *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*, rapper Kanye West began a promotion he called "G.O.O.D. Fridays" releasing a new free song on iTunes every Friday for three months.



OUTRAGEOUS OUTFIT

It wasn't quite enough to get nominated 13 times and win seven awards at the MTV Video Music Awards for Lady Gaga. The pop diva accepted her Video of the Year award wearing a dress made entirely of raw meat.

A RISING STAR

Singer Justin Bieber continued to gain notoriety. The former YouTube sensation produced four hit singles. Bieber also set out on his first national tour, made guest appearances on *Saturday Night Live* and *CSI*, and was named Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards.



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