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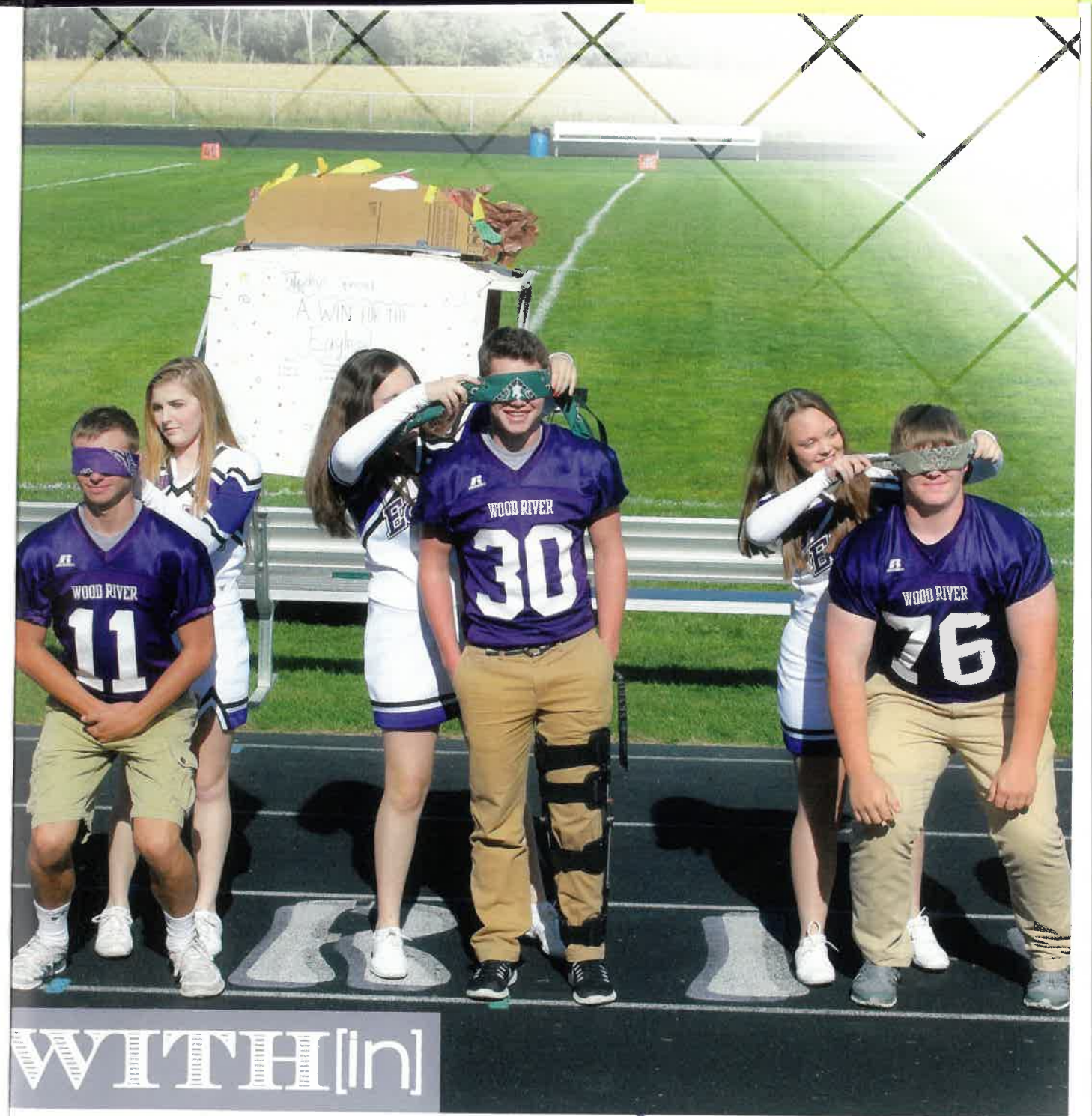
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# WINTER



BRACKETED WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR SCHOOL  
are customs and traditions all our own.  
*We strive to stay between the lines and follow the rules during class time  
but outside of class, during sports and clubs, we go crazy.  
We do things that make our lines zagged and curved.*  
**WE CHOOSE TO VENTURE OUTSIDE THE LINES**  
and surround ourselves with our own rules.  
*From the outside we look normal, but nobody on the outside really knows  
what happens WITHIN.*

**PEP RALLY** During the homecoming pep rally, Coach Ben Fehring and Michael Fines (11) clap along with the school song being played by the band. The football team lost a close game that night to Centura High School. The final score was 6-8 and it ended in overtime.



Patrick Schofield [8]



Lily Woitaszewski [11]



**RECEIVING IT** After being presented with his packet containing his scholarships, Garrett Reeder [12] walks back to his seat by his classmates. Reeder received three scholarships this year like many of his classmates.



**WAITING GAME** Waiting to receive his diploma, Keaton Husak [12] talks to his surrounding classmates. Husak has been involved in wrestling and football all four years of high school at WRRHS. He plans to settle down and live in a small town.

**TAKE THE STAGE** Walking across the stage to receive her diploma, April Anderson [12] shakes a school board member's hand and accepts the document from Terry Zessin. Anderson has attended WRRHS all four years and plans to stay in the area.

**ANXIOUSLY WAITING** During the graduation ceremony, the class of 2016 watches as their peers accept their diplomas from the school board. Some students showed tearful emotion at the realization that their high school years have truly come to an end.



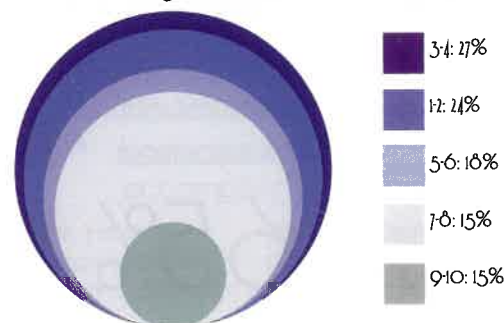
**BRING IT IN** As the graduates get ready to walk down the aisle, Ms. Carol Hoffman hugs Steven Stirn [12]. Stirn has been a member of Cross Country and has been on the team for two years.

**OPENING ACT** As valedictorians, Nathan Bahe [12], Jessica Rauret [12], and Kassey Wetovick [12] all start the graduation ceremony with a speech. To be a valedictorian, they must have a 4.0 grade point average.

**TAKE THE MIC** As a member of National Honor Society, Grant Swanson [12] receives the honor of delivering the benediction of the ceremony. He has been a part of basketball, football, and track all four years. He received the three sports award at the athletic banquet.

**KICKOFF** As a valedictorian, Nathan Bahe [12] heads to the stage to speak in front of the audience in order to start the ceremony. Bahe was voted most outstanding basketball player of the 2015-2016 team.

*How many scholarships did each graduate receive?*



# the end of an ERA

Valedictorian speeches usually sum up all of the memories made and even bring some to tears. This year the three valedictorians took a different approach.

Many valedictorian speeches are about ending a chapter of life and starting a brand new one. These speeches are to share memories the class made together throughout the awkward pre-teen years to the upperclassmen high school years.

"We tried to make it something really funny and really different. So, we chose to do a '10 Commandment' thing. Every commandment was something we had learned in high school, and they each had a memory or certain meaning behind them. We were a little worried about what the parents might have thought because it was kind of a roast, but it all turned out really well. I got a lot of compliments on it and a lot of people laughed during it," said Kassey

Wetovick [12].

Wetovick was one of the three valedictorians which also included Nathan Bahe [12] and Jessica Rauret [12]. These three went for a different route instead of the traditional emotional speech.

"I really enjoyed how they all did one big speech instead of having separate ones. I thought it was cool that they mostly summed up our entire high school career and all the events that happened," said Gina O'Neil [12].

In other words, these valedictorian speeches are practically one big and final goodbye to not only their fellow classmates but also to the school that they spent the last years before adulthood.



**TEARS OF JOY** While handing out her roses, Jessica Rauret [12] embraces her mother JoJo Rauret. Graduating seniors give out roses to their loved ones and teachers who have influenced the student's life during their high school career.



**WATER ME** While running, Grant Packer [9] catches the water bottle thrown to him by one of the student managers during his race. The student managers are in charge of following after the runners in order to hand them water.

**DEFENDING TITLE** Running at Districts, Emily Loy [11] competes in order to reclaim her spot at State Cross Country. Loy ended up getting fourth place and advanced to State. "It was really fun. It wasn't what I expected, but I'm glad I received the opportunity to go once again," said Loy.

**SUPERSEDE** Waiting in their designated box, the boys' Cross Country team stare down the competition. The boys' team was five points away from qualifying for state. Due to poor grades, a varsity runner was replaced by a JV runner for the competition.



**VANQUISHING HILLS** Trudging up a long hill, Fernando Brito [11] takes long strides to make it over the top at the Ord Invite. "Running the big hill was really difficult, but I managed to conquer it; we all did. Wiseman has us practice four miles in the hills regularly," said Brito.

**JAMMING OUT** Warming up for the Kearney Invite on September 28th, Jazmin Matias [10] listens to music to get pumped for the race. Many of the runners listened to their choice of music on the bus as they traveled to their meets.

**FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS** Competing for the first time, Dillon DeVore [10] struggles to get ahead of the person in front of him. "I wanted to get in shape for the wrestling season, and Cross Country seemed like a good idea," said DeVore. "My dad tried it, so I thought I would too."

## Would You Rather...

Run in the hot sun or run when it's cold and windy?

"Cold and windy because when it is hot, it's harder to breathe. When it is cold, the wind cools you down as you're running, especially when it's raining."

Luis Trejo [11] Emily Loy [11]

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**UNEXPECTED LUCK** Much to his surprise, Luis Trejo [11] made it to state his first year of Cross Country. "It came out of nowhere," Trejo said when asked how he felt about it. "I just wanted to try and then I made it to state out of nowhere. It was hard, but it was worth it."



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**TOP 5**  
Water  
Running Shoes  
Sweats  
Snacks  
Ibuprofen

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**MEET**

## GROWTH MINDSET

Everyone wants to try something new once in a while, so that's exactly what these runners did.

**WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO HAVE SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS?**

"I thought it was really cool because you never see such a big cross country team. We went from having like six teammates last year to sixteen this year."

Emily Loy [11]

**WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM THIS YEAR?**

"I decided to join the cross country team because I wanted to stay in shape during the fall season, and at the same time, I wanted to try something new."

Luis Trejo [9]

**WHAT DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT BEING ON THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM?**

"I really enjoyed drinking a lot of water. It really helps, especially if you are going to participate in wrestling. During the wrestling season, I don't get to drink a lot of water because it weighs a lot."

Wyatt Allan [11]

**DID THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM HAVE ANY PRE-RACE RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS?**

"After warm-ups, the girls would run down past the other teams. They'd say a prayer to give us that extra push and have that silent reminder that God was there throughout the race."

Destiny Campos [11]

**STAYING STRONG** Participating in his first year of Cross Country, Wyatt Allan [11] runs a race at Ord. "I joined Cross Country because I needed to stay in shape for wrestling, and I felt like it was a better fit for me than football," said Allan.

**ENDING PAIN** Making her way down hill, Destiny Campos [11] adds more distance between herself and her competitors. Campos fought through the struggle of a hip injury during the season.



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**GET READY** Lining up on the west side of the home field, Alex Rodenbaugh [10] squats in front of Diego Guerrero [10] in their seventh game of the season. The game was played against Centura, and the final score was 8 Centura and 6 Wood River.



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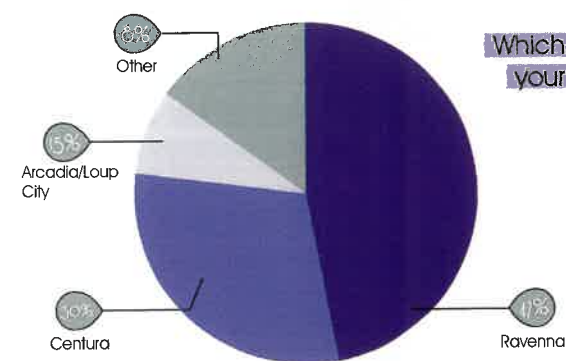
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**BLOCKING UP FRONT** While on defense, Kyle Schultz [12] lunges forward to aid teammate Alec Ogden [10] in blocking a couple of St. Pat's players. While this is happening, Tavian Tank [12] leads two guys behind the defensive players in front of them.

**GOING IN** In a flurry of motion, both Wood River and Ravenna players collide in the center of the field. Trying to make a game play unsuccessful, Keaton Husak [12] runs to assist teammates Christian Thompson [12] and Trey Rathman [11] in blocking the team from advancing.

**HOLD ON TIGHT** Carrying the football as far down the field as he could before being tackled by the opposing defense, Chase Bond [11] grasps the ball tightly against himself before meeting the ground. Bond's teammates push against him to try and gain more yardage.



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# Always IMPROVING

It's the goal of any team to win as many games as possible in order to get to the state championship. However, for our team, it was their main goal just to improve.

That can be hard when you have a much smaller team than most schools have. A lot of time and dedication is needed to make progress and advancements both personally and as a team.

Maintaining a positive mindset, whether on or off the field, was vital. To do this, the boys tried to focus on their constructive developments. When asked what the boys felt they improved on most, personally, the answers were very diverse.

For example, Jose Trejo [9] said, "I improved a lot this year. I learned how to become a quarterback and I worked on my technique."

However, Grant Gannon [9] who played his first year on the high school football team, had this opinion of himself, "My speed got

better and I learned not to be afraid to play at the varsity level."

"I think we improved on working together and getting the plays down," said Jose Trejo [9]. Spencer Rohrich [11], one of the quarterbacks, said this, "We all got better at knowing the plays for our games."

Which is exactly what their coaches wanted them to do. Working together, giving it their all, and being the best in the area were the top three goals that the boys said their coaches pushed them towards accomplishing.

"We became a team, we started working together, and in my mind, we were very successful. So, we didn't win any games, but I think that we're headed in the right direction," said Alex Rodenbaugh.



**TAKE A KNEE** In the middle of a game against Ravenna, players on the field took a knee in a moment of silence, so they can pray for a fallen opponent. Afterwards, the boys went on to win the game with a score of 7-0.



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## TOP 5

Stitches by Shawn Mendes

Rock Music

Light Em Up by Fall Out Boy

Rap Music

White Iverson by Post Malone

Pre-game songs that get you

PUMPED

**OVER YONDER** Sailing the ball over his opponent's head, quarterback Spencer Rohrich [11] jumps high in the air to avoid the impending block and throwing a perfect spiral. Other teammates of Rohrich's ran towards him to try and catch the throw.

**SLIDE TO THE LEFT** Using an evasive maneuver, quarterback Michael Fines [11] switches his feet to dodge a couple of possible attackers during the game against the North Platte St. Pat's. After a long game and lots of hard work, the final score was 62 St. Pat's and 6 Wood River.





# Unity in [CUSTOMS]

Traditions are started and used all over the world and are generally remembered for years. This team of volleyball players and coaches have started some of their own.

Many of the volleyball girls start off playing with unfamiliar faces, but usually by the end of the season, they've created an irreplaceable bond and grown accustomed to past traditions.

"You just kinda had to go with the flow at first, to get used to everyone, how everyone played, and how they wanted you to play," said Ainsley Stewart [9] about how to adjust to being new on a team that's already so close.

Throughout the years, the team has created rituals that have really brought them together as a family.

"The best part about being on the team is getting to know all the girls really well and spending weekends with them at tournaments, and there's nobody else I'd rather spend my time with," said Kinsley Forbes [11].

Some of their traditions include wearing special Friday shirts, singing the song "Long Live" by Taylor

Swift, and cupping each others hands in their huddles.

"It helped us with team unity, and it made it feel more like a team. Then we'd sing the song [long live] and say a prayer," said Taylor Lambrecht [11].

Unfortunately, these girls have played their last game with one of their most cherished coaches, Peg Heise.

"I think having a coach that has taught for over thirty years helps a lot because she has dealt with girls for longer than a lot of other coaches have, so having her do a lot of older traditions and bringing new traditions in has been great," said Abbie Philmalee. [10].

Although Coach Heise is leaving, her legacy will live on in the traditions she has created with and for her team. Undoubtedly, her spirit will be with them in the upcoming seasons.



**WORDS TO REMEMBER** Huddling before the scrimmage, the coaches and varsity volleyball girls discuss what their game plan will be. I took the words to heart because it's her last year, we wanted to play well for her because she is a great coach. She has a lot of years of experience, and we wanted to make her proud of us," said Ella Luehr [10].



**WAIT FOR IT** Preparing to set the ball, Jessica Rauer [12] quickly gets into the correct position successfully scoring another point for the team. This season was Rauer's fourth and final year on the volleyball team. It was her first year serving as team captain.

**TEAM SPIRIT** Throwing candy to the awaiting kids at the FunFest Parade, volleyball girls Lizzy Gannon [11], Kennadie English [11], and Kinsley Forbes [11] help spread team spirit by walking through the parade with smiles on their faces.

## Would You Rather...

Lose every game or get hurt every game?

"I would rather get hurt every game and pull off a win. I wouldn't want to let my teammates down, even if that means I couldn't play. I'd take a loss so my team doesn't have to."

Kiley Codner [10]

"I would rather lose every game because it's my senior year and getting hurt and not being able to play our last game sucked. A loss can't tear apart the family we have created over the past years."

Macy Heise [12]



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**PLAN** Trying to figure out what to say about the upcoming volleyball season during a pep rally, the girls clustered around Haley Parin [11] to see what she had to say. The pep rally was scheduled to get the student body pumped up for the games.

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## FUTURE PLANS

THE TEAM DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL PLAY IN COLLEGE

60%

ONLY 60% OF PEOPLE

PLAN ON PLAYING

VOLLEYBALL IN COLLEGE

ONLY 40% OF PEOPLE

DO NOT PLAN ON PLAYING

VOLLEYBALL IN COLLEGE

40%



**SENIOR PRIDE** Having the privilege as a senior of getting to ride down main street for the FunFest Parade, Sloane Tiarks [12] along with the rest of the senior volleyball girls show their team pride by wearing their Friday shirts. Coach Hirschert drove them in her car.

**GOOD START** Starting off a home volleyball game, Ella Luehr [10] jumps up and performs an overhand serve to get the ball over the net, hoping to result in a point for the team. Luehr is one of the four sophomores on the varsity team. This was her second year on the high school team.



**IT OFF** Jumping high in the air, Chace Bond [11], is lifted even higher by Keaton Husak [12] who embraces him tightly. Husak qualified for State with third place at Districts. Districts took place at Glibbon High School on February 12th and 13th.



**ZONED IN** During one of many duals, Michael Fines [11] and Tanner Johnson [12] intensely watch their teammates battle on the mats. Both boys joined wrestling for their first time in their high school career. The wrestling team won 14 consecutive duals.



**LAY EM OUT** While working to turn his opponent, Phoenix Rivera [11] battles hard to gain an advantage in the match. This event took place at the Glibbon Invitational on January 16th. Rivera was able to compete in Districts for the first time in his high school career.



## Would You Rather...

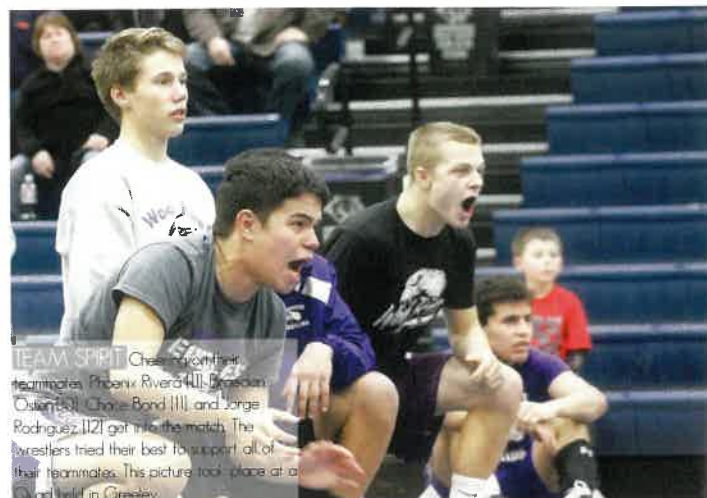
LOSE TO A GIRL OR LOSE A CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

"I would rather lose to a girl because that's not bad, and I would not be crushed. I would be crushed if I lost a championship match."

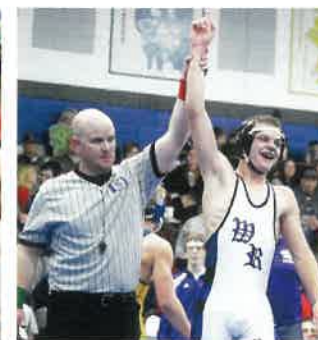
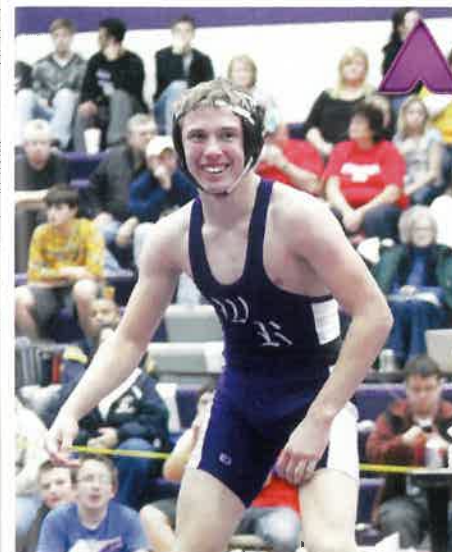
Dillion DeVore [10]

"I would rather lose a championship [match] than to a girl because it would be a known match and everyone would still know of me even if I lost."

Keaton Husak [12]



**TEAM SPIRIT** Cheering for their teammates, Phoenix Rivera [11], Brandon Odom [12], Chace Bond [11], and Jorge Rodriguez [12] got into the match. The wrestlers tried their best to support all of their teammates. This picture took place at a dual held in Greeley.



1. Some Nights

2. My House

3. Me, Myself and I



1. Monster

2. Hero

3. Time of Dying



**WHAT'S ON YOUR PLAY[LIST]?**

1. Monster

2. Hero

3. You're Going Down



# RECORDS BROKEN: WRESTLERS GIVE IT THEIR ALL

A dedicated wrestler's main goal is to be a four time State champ. Some set goals just to be a State qualifier. But, while working to get there, the wrestlers break records.

From freshman to senior year, goals are always being accomplished. This season the 138 lbs senior wrestler and the 113 lbs freshman wrestler broke school records. Jorge Rodriguez [12] broke the most takedowns in a season. Evan Waddington [09] broke the most season wins, most pins in a season, most nearfalls in a season, and the most season team points.

"I was able to accomplish this by working my hardest and being dedicated during and off season," said Waddington.

Waddington raised the record for most season nearfalls from the previous record of 58 to 61. The most season pins was raised from 32 to 38. Most season wins record was broke from 46 to 54. The previous record was 317 points for the most season team points, and it was raised to 358 points. Rodriguez raised the record for the

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most season takedowns from 96 to 108.

"When I broke the records, I was happy that I was able to accomplish more than just being a State runner-up," said Waddington.

While Waddington strives to better himself with personal goals, Rodriguez desires to leave a positive legacy behind him. Rodriguez was able to break this record in his weight class by taking his opponents down as many times as possible instead of risking the difficult task of riding the defender.

"I felt like I had more confidence during the rest of the season, and it felt good that I left something behind," said Rodriguez.

Their teammates joined in with the excitement.

"I was very excited for the guys who did it! I hope they set the bar high for the next guy wanting to break them," said Keaton Husak [12].



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**PIN FOR THE WIN** After pinning a tough opponent, Wyatt Allan [11] stands up in celebration. Allan was a District champion and placed 5th at State. This match took place at the Wood River Invitational on December 11th. Allan also received his 100th career wins at the Holiday Duals.

**LOCK IT IN** Sitting into the position, Christian Thompson [12] squeezes his opponent to ensure the pin. This match took place at the Burwell Invitational on January 8th. Thompson placed third at this meet. The team also placed third. Thompson had a season of tough matches and determination.

**LET'S GET IT** Raising his hand in victory, Chace Bond [11] expresses his excitement at the second meet of the season in Ravenna on December 4th. Bond wrestled hard this season placing 3rd at Districts to lock in his spot at state. Bond was one of the four State qualifiers.

**BRING EM BACK** Trying to keep his opponent on his back, Keaton Husak [12] uses all his weight and muscle to pull the wrestler toward him. Husak was also a state qualifier. He placed third at Districts. This photo took place at the Red Raider Invitational at Loup City.

**SQUEEZE** As he settles into position to get the pin, Evan Waddington [09] wins yet another year. Waddington went into the season determined to win. As a State qualifier, Waddington ended his season with a 54-1 record. He placed second at State. He also broke 3 school records.





**SWINGING ABOVE** Starting at a new hole, Zach Harvey [11] swings his hybrid club to hit the golf ball close to the green. Harvey has been on the varsity team this season, and occasionally has to compete in golf with and against some of his fellow junior classmates.

**IN THE GRASS** After finding his ball, Trey Rathman [11] tries to hit the ball back into the green closer to the hole. Rathman has competed in all of the golf meets this season, playing varsity with three of his other junior classmates.

**FLYING HIGH** Chipping it out of the sand, Blake Earnest [12] gives it his all to get the ball closer to the hole. Earnest placed first at both the conference meet and the district meet. Earnest was the only eagle golfer to make it to state.

**ON THE GROUND** Sitting on the grass, Spencer Rohrich [11] waits for his competitors to take their swings. Rohrich has been on the golf team since his freshman year, and has had two different golf coaches through his years.



## Would You Rather...

Golf in the rain or an extremely hot day?

"Raining. When it is raining, it's harder to keep your grip and clubs dry, but the rain helps keep me calm."

Kolby Brown [10]

"I would rather golf on a hot day because the rain is harder to focus in. Most golfers don't like golfing when it's super hot, so less people try."

Zach Harvey [11]



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# SKILLS are the KEY

Golf is a game of strategy. Whether it's putting or chipping, the entire game is based around skills.

## WHAT ARE SOME SKILLS YOU FEEL GOLFERS NEED TO HAVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

Comfort, in order to find yourself at the top of the leader board, you must be comfortable and confident in all of the shots you take, if that's on a fast green."

Zach Harvey [11]

## AS A GOLFER WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR YOUNGER GOLFERS TO IMPROVE?

[I suggest to] live on the green. Putting is crucial in golf. You can make up as many strokes as you need to when putting."

Trey Rathman [11]

## SKILL WISE, WHAT HAVE YOU IMPROVED ON THE MOST THIS YEAR?

My driving and putting have improved immensely from last year to this year. I am keeping myself in the fairways more with my driving. Putting wise, I changed my grip and that has helped me to feel more comfortable."

Blake Earnest [12]

## WHAT IS ONE THING YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO IMPROVE ON?

Putting. I chose this skill because I could drop my score by twelve points every game and could perform way better."

Kolby Brown [10]



**STARTING FRESH** At the beginning of a new hole, Spencer Rohrich [11] prepares to swing. The proper form for swinging is crucial for a good hit. Rohrich has been playing golf for three years and has been on the varsity team each of those years.

**GETTING SHORT** Squatting down, Blake Earnest [12] surveys the exact angle he should take to get the ball in the hole. Many golfers use this approach when they putt.

**SAUNTERING AROUND** Walking to his next hole, Knox Arnett [11] strolls across the greens. Arnett has been on the team since freshman year, playing on both junior varsity and varsity.





**PETTING ZOO** During the FFA elementary petting zoo, Alec Ogden (10) and John Thorp (10) talk to the kids about the many featured animals. The animals that were brought to the elementary school included a rabbit, a calf, two goats, two dogs, a lamb, and a handful of kittens.

# ORGANIZATIONS

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**GO BIG, PURPLE** During the annual Funfest parade, Allison Allen (10) and Abbey Parlin (9) cheer along with the elementary girls. Each year a few of the cheerleaders get assigned a group of young elementary-aged girls and teach them a cheer and a dance that they perform at Funfest.

Organizations take up every bit of outside time students have. Going from a late night sports game to a 7 A.M. journalism meeting, they aren't always ideal, but the students thrive on it. They ride the lines and do everything they can to make the organizations they are in better and better. They push themselves beyond the limits to not only improve their organization's chapter, but also to improve their character. Student's personalities mirror their character, something that builds immensely during high school. Their character blossoms in their organizations and brightly outlines who they will become.



# UNFAMILIAR face BRINGS great ACHIEVEMENT

It is quite common that when a class receives a new teacher, students can expect a few changes and a few complications. However, in the case of Mr. Brian Leisher becoming the new music teacher, students were pleasantly surprised with his leadership ability.

The band was rated in four different major events, and in each and every event, they earned a superior rating or better. The band received a two at Harvest of Harmony, a two at District Music held at Grand Island Cental Catholic, a superior rating at the Ogallala parade, and a Golden Award at a band concert held in Denver Colorado, the highest award a group could receive.

Along with receiving outstanding

ratings, Brian Leisher has also made many students realize their love for music.

"I really enjoy participating in band because Mr. Leisher just makes the band room have a very welcoming environment, which makes making music fun, said Ben Anderson [10]."

"Mr. Leisher's teaching style was nothing like the previous teachers. Leisher brought in new uniform pieces, songs, and horn carriages. He even brought a new style of marching for the marching band this year as well as several different visual affects, called horn flashes, to go with the songs. With adding all of the new elements to our routine, we were able to stand out more compared to other bands and

received compliments from the judges at all our competitions. Our best competition by far this year was at Ogallala where we survived the heat and long bus ride and ended up being the top band out of all the other class C bands. Overall, I was very happy with how the season went and having Mr. Leisher as our band director," said Emily Loy [11].

In fact, a couple students believe that Mr. Leisher brought the entire band closer together and fostered positive relationship between members.

"I'm proud of all the accomplishments that our band accomplished in the one year with Mr. L. You can see how much the whole band grew as a unit under his direction, said Lizzie Radney [12].



**PERFORMANCE READY** Marching at the State Fair, Emily Loy [11] takes a breather and waits for her cue from her band director. The band attends the fair annually in order to provide out of town spectators a form of entertainment.



**JUST SMILE AND WAVE** Representing Wood River at the Harvest of Harmony parade as a Harvest of Harmony queen candidate, Lizzie Radney [12] laughs and waves as she glances through the crowd and waves at everyone she makes eye contact with.

**Horns Up!** Marching at the Ogallala parade, Elle Luehr [10] steps to the beat and plays her trombone as loud as she can in order for the judges to hear her. Luehr's participation contributed to a Superior rating for the 2015 marching season.



Without music, life  
would be a  
mistake.  
I'm glad  
to be in band.

Dylan Hruby [9]

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1. Paint it Black
2. Make it Shake
3. Hey Baby

## TOP THREE PEP BAND SONGS?

1. Hey Baby
2. Land of the Grand
3. Make It Shake



**GET THE TAPE** Preparing herself to play at district music, April Anderson [12] adjusts her stand. Anderson has participated in band for seven years. There were times where the band had troubles with their stands and in order to fix the problem they would use a piece of tape.

**IN SYNC** Drumming to the melody of 'Old High School' during a pep rally, Sam Luehr [11] leads Gideon Luehr [13] and Trey Zessin [13] into the direction of playing the right beat. It was common that the upperclassmen helped out the lowerclassmen during practices.

**CRUSHED IT** Playing away, Ben Anderson [10] practices before going into the next room and performing in front of a judge. The band had a brass performance at district music and out of a scale of one to five, one being the best five being the worst, they received a two.



**YOUR THOUGHTS?** Waiting with the rest of the band, Valeria Veliz [12] gets interviewed by a news reporter. During Harvest of Harmony many schools were gathered around Jefferson Elementary School waiting for their cues to begin marching in the parade.

[creator] Jacqueline Segura

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# coming together as *one*

"Leadership is not a position or title, it is an action and example," as many say. A few dance team members proved that this year during the dance season.

Compared to last year, the dance team has grown a considerable amount, and making the leap from five members to seven has its challenges.

There are more people, which paves the way to inevitably having opposite opinions, varying ideas, and conflicting personalities.

Unfortunately, this combination is the perfect environment for conflict to grow. When asked about some common difficulties, one of the girls anonymously mentioned, "It upsets me when underclassmen are disrespectful because we try hard and then they're just rude."

Despite this, the girls were able to come together, and certain members took it upon themselves to take on extra

responsibility for the sake of the team. Leadership played a major part in this, and everyone on the team displayed this quality in their own individual way. For example, there was a bump in the road when no one was able to come up with a new dance, so some girls helped create the dances, which were all unique and required a lot of practice after school.

"Samantha and Allison both have good dance moves because they watch Kpop a lot, so they have cute little things to do," said Ericka Moffett [9]. [Kpop is a common abbreviation for "Korean Pop" music, which is growing in popularity in the United States.]

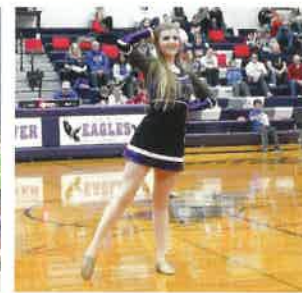
After the hardest obstacle to overcome in dance was dealt with,

which was creating the dances, the girls all ended up having fun and enjoying the dances.

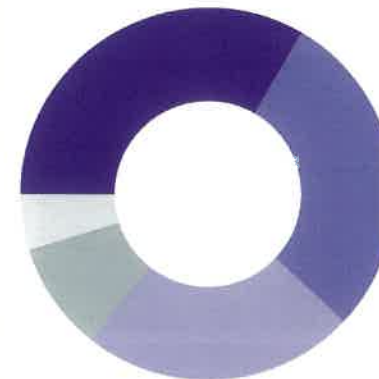
When asked what her favorite dance practice was, Allison Moss [10], made this statement, "It was the dance practice that I pantsed Kassey Wetovick [12]. It was really funny. I just walked up and did it, she wasn't expecting it at all I don't think."

"I really like practice, and I try my best, and I like learning new songs. My favorite dance was 'Shut Up and Dance With Me,'" said Arianna Parmenter [9].

So, in the end, the dance team was able to come together, solve their problems, and have a good time dancing at all the home events, Just For Kix's shows, and the wrestling meet.



*What are the top traits of a leader?*



- accountability
- optimism
- focus
- communication
- maturity
- dedication

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** Two members, Abby Parlin [9] and Arianna Parmenter [9], practice the pom dance to "Cake By the Ocean" by DNCE. Members usually practiced upstairs on the walking track to prepare for their performances.

**HELLO IT'S ME** Getting introduced before performing with the junior spirit squad after the parade, Samantha Moss [10] smiles and waves to the crowd proudly. This was her second year dancing and cheering in the Funfest parade.

**PHOTO READY** Dancing to the song "Shut Up and Dance" by Walk the Moon, Allison Moss [10] pauses with a pose and smiles towards the crowd gleefully. This was the team's fourth dance during the season and one of the most worked on dances.

**GOT SPIRIT** During the first pep rally of the year, Ericka Moffett [9] dances to the school song along with the rest of the spirit squad to start off the football scrimmage. It followed after the community pep rally. Moffett helped with the event, "Would You Rather?"



**KICKING KIX** The dance team girls, (from left to right) Samantha Moss [10], Kassey Wetovick [12], Ericka Moffett [9], Danielle DeVore [12], Abby Parlin [9], and Allison Moss [10] get ready to start the kick line for the song "Summer of '69" by Bryan Adams.

**ON THE MATS** Performing their Christmas dance at wrestling districts, Abby Parlin [9] and Danielle DeVore [12] smile as they do their signature poses to the song "5 More Days 'til Christmas" by The Cheetah Girls. This was the only time they danced on the mats.



**HANDS UP** Performing to the song "Shut Up and Dance" by Walk the Moon, the dance team simultaneously put their arms up and pose together. This was their first time performing this song after practicing it for weeks after school beforehand.



**LOSER** While dancing to the song "Lay It All on Me" by Rudimental ft. Ed Sheeran, Kassey Wetovick [12] poses by herself due to two members falling ill. The dancers pulled off one of their best performances that night despite the missing dancers.





**SPREAD YOUR WINGS** While performing the song 'Beautiful Day' by U2, the fifteen Show Choir girls raise their arms and sing on the risers. They were performing this song for the first time ever at the Show Case in Central City.

**LIFT YOUR EYES** Dressed in casual attire, Haley Parlin [11], Samantha Thienel [10], Lexi Jepson [10], Allison Moss [10], Jazmin Matias [10], Lizzy Gannon [11], and Kiley Codner [10] sing the song 'God Gave Me You' for all of the elementary school students at the beginning of the year.

**POINT TO THE SKY** As their pink dresses shimmer and glitter under the bright stage lights, the show choir girls lift their right arms and point their index fingers in unison to end their twelve minute performance. This was also at the Central City Show Case.

**'GOD GAVE ME YOU'** Standing solemnly, Lizzy Gannon [11], Kiley Codner [10], Andrea Rojas [10], Rachel Cooper [10], and Samantha Moss [10] perform the song made famous by Blake Shelton, 'God Gave Me You'. This took place at the annual winter music concert.

**CENTER STAGE** All eyes are on the experienced singer, Rachel Delley [12], as she belts out her solo during the song 'Beautiful Day' at the annual District Music Contest held at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. The Show Choir girls received a score of two.

**MAKE DO** Performing for all of the Wood River Elementary students and staff, show choir members jump into their numbers. They executed the moves to their cover of the song 'God Gave Me You'. The gym acted as a make-shift stage for the Show Choir girls.



**TOP 5**  
Competitions  
Being with friends  
Having fun  
Inspiring others  
Performing  
Favorite parts of being in  
*Show Choir*



# MAKING It All Work

Learning the dance moves and words to the songs doesn't always mean that everyone will remember them.

Set backs can be one of the most challenging obstacles to overcome, and the outcome is all determined on how people conduct themselves.

This was not only Mr. Brian Leisher's first year teaching at Wood River Rural High School, but also his first year directing a show choir. In an attempt to try and bring his group of students closer together, he hosted a two-day show choir camp in the theater at the beginning of the school year. At the camp, the members bonded, had a picture scavenger hunt, and learned the songs they would be performing.

Mr. Leisher also had the members come in on a weekend and learn the choreography to the songs they would sing.

Even though it was a step in the right direction, many of the members had forgotten the choreography because of the lack of practice. The members had to relearn the moves to two dances, which posed a threat for the winter concert.

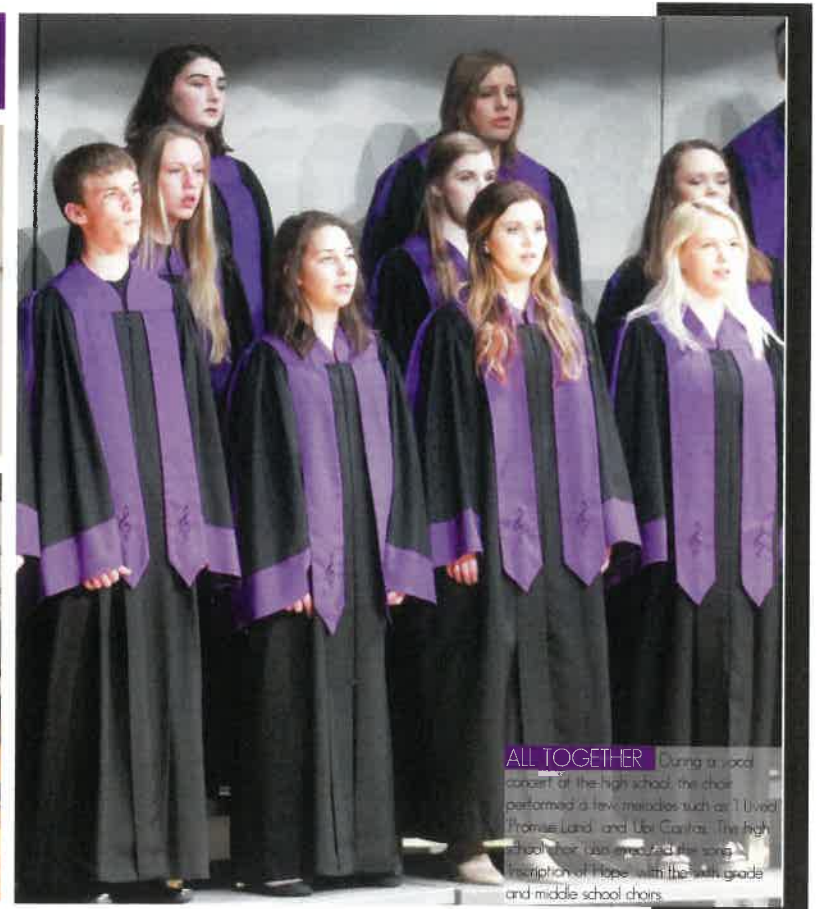
"We were a bit unprepared for the winter concert since we didn't really know the choreography for two songs, so we could only perform one with choreography that we made ourselves," said Allison Moss [10].

Although this huge set back occurred, the students are willing to make changes in the future to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"Next year, we will be doing all of our own choreography," said Samantha Moss [10].



**SOLO** Dressed in a festive Christmas-themed outfit, Haley Parlin [11] sings a cover of the song 'Oh Holy Night' composed and made famous by Adolphe Adam. The theater audience was full that night as everyone in attendance watched her performance.



**ALL TOGETHER** During a wood concert at the high school, the choir performed a few melodies such as 'I Will Follow', 'Promises Land', and 'We Can't Wait'. The high school choir also covered the song 'A Prescription of Hope' with the high school and middle school choirs.



# What it takes to be an EDITOR

Staff members strive to be editors of yearbook, but being an editor is much more than just a title.

## HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE PROMOTED TO EDITOR?

Honestly, I was shocked because I never pictured myself as editor. I mean, I was accepted into journalism as morale coordinator, the lowest job on the staff my first year.

Jacqueline Segura [12]

## IS IT STRESSFUL BEING AN EDITOR?

I think the most stressful part of being an editor is telling people what they did wrong. Other than that, it's not too stressful.

Kassey Wetovick [12]

## WHAT SORT OF JOBS DO YOU HAVE TO DO AS THE EDITOR?

As an editor, I check spreads, extend deadlines, and help other staff members with any problem.

Jacqueline Segura [12]

## DO YOU ENJOY BEING AN EDITOR?

I do enjoy being editor because I actually like checking peoples spreads and kind of being in charge (when Adelman lets us).

Kassey Wetovick [12]

**CHECK IT OUT** Getting in on the excitement, about half of the staff examines the interesting survey. Most spreads require a survey to be made in order to complete the page. Members of the class enjoy reading the responses given by fellow peers throughout the school.



**LAUGHING IT UP** During the widely known game of "Bean Boozled," Allison Moss [10] and Samantha Moss [10] express the pros and cons of the game. Both girls joined journalism and got assigned the job of morale coordinators.



**ACT IT OUT** While attempting to act out a traditional Christmas tune, Rachel Cooper [10] dances around the room with her arms spread wide. Cooper was assigned the position of design manager along with Valeria Veliz [12].



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**NEED FOR SPEED** Racing to find four of the same card, members of journalism participate in a friendly game of "Spoons" for Destiny Campos [11] birthday party. Spoons is a common game played in the class. This specific game tends to get a little competitive between the staff.

## TOP 5 Favorite Journalism GAMES

- Spoons
- Water Balloon Fight
- Blindfold Tag
- Dodgeball
- Cheeto/Shaving Cream Toss



[designer] Valeria Veliz

I use about 50 sticky notes.  
I take as many pictures as possible.  
I am the business manager.  
I attempt to interrupt Adelman 10 times a day.  
my job is to track ads.  
I work best with Sydney Stoner.  
I prefer camera two.  
I get very stressed during class.

I eat about four bags of popcorn a week.  
seven spreads due this year.

Adelman takes my phone about three times a week.



DESTINY CAMPOS [11]

[creator] Sydney Stoner

**DODGEBALL** After almost getting hit with a ball, Samantha Moss [10] expresses her excitement for remaining in the game. The journalism staff plays dodgeball for birthday parties, holidays, and more. It was Moss's first year on the journalism staff, and she took on seven spreads.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS** During the annual journalism Christmas party, Lizzy Duval [9] opens her present for the "White Elephant" game. Every member was required to bring a present and food for the party. The Christmas party consisted of multiple games, tons of food, and lots of fun.

**ALL SMILES** Laughing, Maria Johnson [10] and Destiny Campos [11] take part in a friendly joke at the Christmas party. Campos was assigned the job of business manager. Johnson was assigned the job of copy manager. Both positions hold an importance to the staff.



**TAKE FIVE** During an intense game of dodgeball, Sydney Stoner [11] squats down to wait for her moment of attack. Stoner took on the role of photography manager. This job requires her to check every photo on the spreads, and she assigns members to take pictures at events.



**THAT'S NASTY** Reacting to the horrible taste in her mouth, Kassey Wetovick [12] reaches for her water bottle after eating a bad jelly bean in the game of "Bean Boozled." Wetovick was assigned to be one of two editors of journalism for two consecutive years.



**ON THE EDGE** After making a campaign poster, Jacqueline Segura [12], Kassey Wetovick [12], and Dusty Butler [09] go to the balcony of the commons area to hang it. When deadlines begin to creep up on members, they do all they can to get more yearbooks sold.





During the last day of school, Christian Thompson (12) drives his dad's Monte Carlo through town. "It is the project car, except he's been working on it for like 6 years now, haha," said Thompson. Thompson was in the middle of the senior parade through town.

The faces of the people who make up the population of the school are unforgettable. Although styles may change and trends come and go, people will remain constant. The ones who have crossed the lines and started new traditions will be remembered for years to come. They have set the guidelines for the younger generations to test the waters. People have and will continue to trace the outlines of what is wrong and what is right in regards to tradition. The school not only exists because of people, but its reputation, honor, glory, fame, and character are all given to it by the people who are within it.

# PEOPLE



During a popular song on the dance floor at Prom, Sloane Tarkenton (12) takes a Snapchat video of Taylor Lombardi (11), Jessica Pauer (12) and Jordan Pauer (9) all dancing together. Taking Snapchat videos during the dances was very popular on people's Snap stories.

(designer) Rachel Cooper

(creator) Rossey Wetouch

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**OVER HERE** Preparing themselves to throw candy at the students and teachers in the bleachers, Cassidy Stutzman [9], Ainsley Stewart [9], and Grant Gannon [9] converse amongst each other about their plan. The freshman decided to throw out candy in order to win over the audience.

**BLOWN AWAY** Cleaning up after himself, Camden Thompson [9] uses the air hose provided in the shop to get rid of all the saw dust cut off from his project. Everyone was required to clean up after themselves once they were done working on their projects for the day.

**SHALL WE** Dancing the night away during Winterball, Leah Hinman [9] and Eric Winfield [12] dance to a slow song. "Winterball was fun. It was fun to dance and overall was just really good. It looked like everyone was having a good and amazing time," said Hinman.



**FOCUS** Working on her charcoal drawing, Hannah Sidak [9] focuses on shading in between the lines. Art 1 students were required to complete a charcoal drawing. "Art is fun because we mess around a lot, well until we get a death glare from Wiseman," said Sidak.

**GIVE ME ONE SEC** In order to receive a good grade, Jose Rodriguez [9] adjusts his photo gate during his experiment. "I enjoy science because Mr. Freeling is always making 'funny' jokes. Whenever Mark Freeling was given a chance, he would crack a joke he thought was funny."

**PROUD SIBLING** Looking at pictures of her newborn baby triplet brothers, Desirae Richardson [9] shows off professionally taken pictures to Nydaar Williamson [9]. "My triplet brothers may be a handful, especially at night, but I still love them," said Richardson.

**PICK ME** Anxiously waiting for the results of who was the best Turkey of the Year, Michael Schroeder and Casy Gideon [9] both listen to David Bahe reading off the places. In the end, Schroeder and Gideon tied for first place. The winner was determined by the audience.



## Hannah Montana OR Miley Cyrus

"I would choose Hannah Montana because she is a better role model. She also makes better decisions. She was my childhood. I looked up to her when I was little and watched the show."

Cierra Tank [9]

"I would choose Miley Cyrus because without Miley there would be no Hannah. In all seriousness, Miley shows everyone that it is okay to be different, and I think that is pretty admirable."

Dulce Garcia [9]

(designer) valeria ueliz

# Older SIBLINGS help minimize FEAR

Entering high school can be quite frightening, but a few students do not have to worry about facing high school on their own, due to older siblings.

Freshman do not realize how important their first year actually is. Luckily, for some freshman, they have an older sibling to give them a heads up. There are twelve freshman who just happen to be fortunate enough to have a role model.

"Lexi [Stutzman, 12] is my role model, because she makes good decisions and does good in school. She told me what teachers to look out for, what classes were hard, and what to expect my freshman year," said Cassidy Stutzman [9].

Many of these students do use the advice given by their older siblings, but some of them just take the advice into consideration. Creating their own paths through their freshman year, these students feel like they are not falling into their older siblings footsteps.

"I do not believe I am falling into Tavian's [Tank, 12] footsteps. I am a way better person. I get better grades, and I'm a lot nicer and

respectful," said Cierra Tank [9].

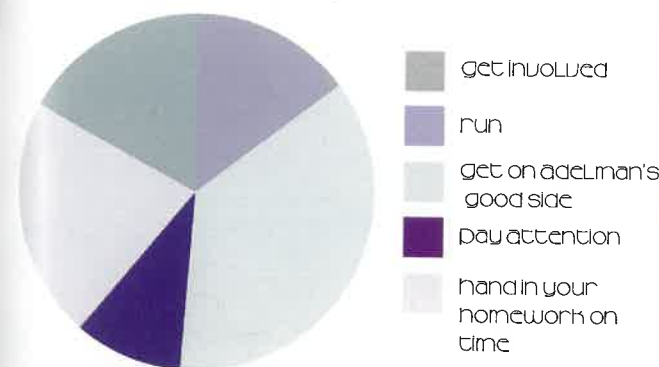
While having an older sibling is quite helpful, these students are realizing their high school mentors time within these walls are coming to an end as theirs is beginning.

"I'm going to miss Christian [Thompson, 12]. He helped me a lot during my freshman year. I did not have to do a lot on my own because I had him to help me. I'm sad, but in a way I'm happy because there is going to be less SportsCenter at home, and that makes me happy," said Camden Thompson [9].

With many students having older siblings, they often take for granted all the help that is offered and will soon realize what life is like without their senior sibling. When asked about how she feels about her sister leaving, Cydnee Huxtable [9] said, "I'm actually going to be sad that Cierra [Huxtable, 12] is leaving because she's my best friend, and I'm really going to miss her."



What advice do you have for upcoming eighth graders?



(creator) jacouline segura & samantha moss



**JUST FIVE MINUTES** Taking advantage of his free time, Broeden Oster [9] takes a nap while he waits for the period to end. It was common for students to take naps in their classes, but it was also common that those students would receive some sort of punishment for doing so.



# Appreciate the **LITTLE** Things

At this crucial time in one's life, they must figure out where they are taking their life. It's anxiety inducing. Even though it's stressful, senior year is about making memories.

Being a senior isn't just about being top-dog at school or getting to go first in the lunch line. It's about figuring out whether or not to go to college and where. It's about taking the next step and laying out the plans for one's future. In fact, senior year isn't as easy or as breezy as everyone might make it out to be. It's a headache and a mountain of stress.

"The most stressful part of senior year is trying to get all these little tasks done and figuring out when to do the big ones, like our research paper. But at the same time, you have to plan for graduation and college," said Jessica Rauert [12].

Senior year is also about getting ready for the freedoms that will come once one is out of high school. But with those freedoms, comes great responsibilities. Car payments, student loans,

and passing college exams are just a few of the many things that seniors will have to face once they finally graduate. With all these things running through their minds, seniors find it hard to relax and do the things they like.

"Besides the stress, it was a time to be alive," said Kyle Schultz [12].

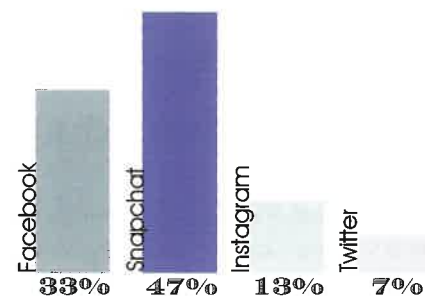
Even with all the burden of getting ready for the future, fun does tend to find its way into the small cracks that stress creates. Whether it be laughing hysterically at their classmates during pep rallies, or having their phones blow up with texts from senior group messages, seniors have found ways to enjoy their last year.

"The best part of my senior year was going to Washington, D.C. because we were able to relax, forget about school and all the work we still had left to do, and live in the moment," said Garret Reeder [12].

Checking homework assignments as a teacher's aide for Mrs. Adelman, Christian Thompson [12] grades vocabulary packets. "My favorite part about being her aide is that I get all the food from the yearbook parties when it's not wrestling season," said Thompson.



What social media do you prefer?



**April Anderson**

"The wicked flee though no one pursues but the righteous are as bold as lions."  
-Proverbs 28:1



**Nate Bahe**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
-Philippians 4:13



**Dominic Billington**

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do."  
-Eleanor Roosevelt



**Michael Chapman**

"Never forget what you are. The rest of the world will not. Wear it like armor, and it can never be used to hurt you."  
-Tyron Lannister



**Cody Cure**

"Sometimes the right path is not the easiest one."  
-Unknown



During the FFA assembly, Landon Peters [12] tries his hand at roping the steer head. Peters also had to carry buckets full of cattle feed, throw bales of hay, and make butter. The winner of the farmer competition received a whole breakfast pizza.



As she traces and shades the lines on the back of her preliminary art drawing, Erica Dibbern [12] talks to Jalynn Hruby [12]. Art students use the sunlight that comes through the windows to see the lines of their drawings on the back of the paper. This method is used to transfer the drawing.

On the last day of school, Garret Reeder [12] rides a four wheeler to school. As a tradition, most of the seniors come to school on the last day in something other than a vehicle, like a tractor or lawnmower. Reeder borrowed this four wheeler from his grandparents to drive.



**Rachel Delley**

"Jump shoooot!"  
-Rachel Delley



**Danielle Devore**

"To live would be an awfully big adventure."  
-Peter Pan



**Nicholas Devore**

"I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are."  
-Pokemon



**Erica Dibbern**

"All that is gold does not glitter. Not all those who wander are lost. The old that is strong does not wither. Deep roots are not reached by the frost."  
-J. R. R. Tolkien

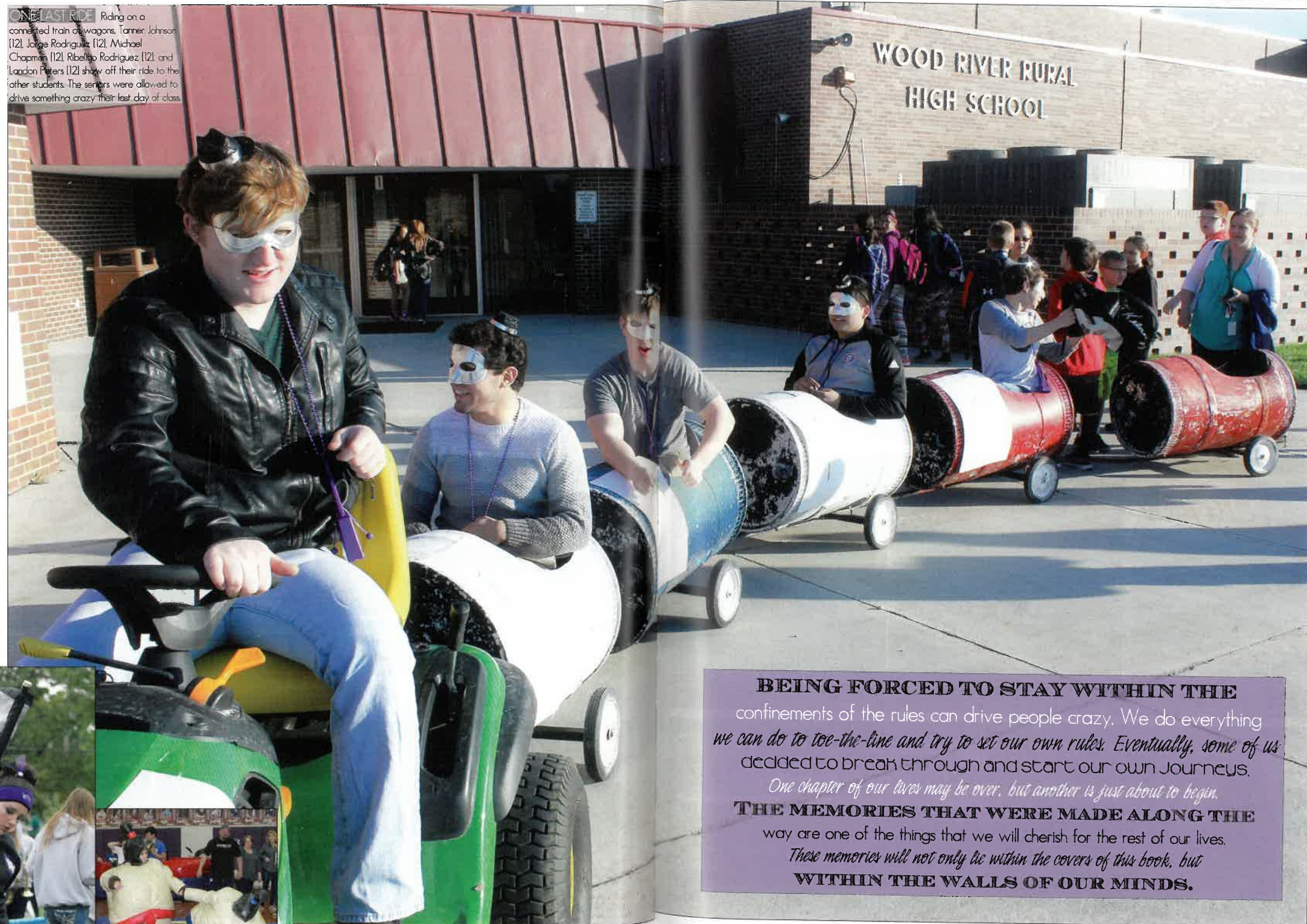


**Blake Earnest**

"Don't give up. Don't ever give up."  
-Jim Valvano



**ONE LAST RIDE** Riding on a connected train of wagons, Tanner Johnson [12], Jorge Rodriguez [12], Michael Chapman [12], Riberito Rodriguez [12], and London Peters [12] show off their ride to the other students. The seniors were allowed to drive something crazy their last day of class.



# Valencia

**BEING FORCED TO STAY WITHIN THE** confinements of the rules can drive people crazy. We do everything we can do to toe-the-line and try to set our own rules. Eventually, some of us decided to break through and start our own Journeys.

*One chapter of our lives may be over, but another is just about to begin.*

**THE MEMORIES THAT WERE MADE ALONG THE** way are one of the things that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. These memories will not only lie within the covers of this book, but **WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR MINDS.**



Alexis Jepson [10]

Mariana Rodriguez [10]



## HILARIA Rojas

My beautiful child, my wish for you is happiness, love, and health. It has been amazing watching you become the wonderful young lady that you are now. Remember I love you with all that I am, and I love you for all that you are.

Love, Mom.



## Jacqueline SEGURA



Congratulations! I am very proud of the beautiful young lady that you have become. You are very strong and brave. Never change that beautiful heart of yours. Keep fighting so that your dreams can come true.

Love, Mom.

## PAUL Soto

Congratulations Paul!!! Can't believe the time is here to watch you take the next step of your life out into the real world! We are so proud of the kind hearted, hard working, responsible and faith filled young man you have become! We know there will be nothing that slows you down, and we have all the faith in you to make your dreams come true! Stay true to yourself and remember we are here for you always!

Love, Dad, Mom, Courtney, Justin, and Mariah.



## Lexi STUTZMAN

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
-Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations Lexi!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Cass, and Addi.



## Tavian TANK

To our son...Never forget that we love you. Life is filled with hard times and good times. Learn from everything you can. Be the man we know you can be. Don't forget to enjoy life along the way! So very proud of you!!

Love, Mom and Dad.

## KAITLYN Thesenwitz

Kaitlyn, you are an amazing young lady. We are so proud of you and the person you have become. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for you. Follow your dreams, stay true to yourself and you will accomplish great things.

Love, Mom, Dad, Madison, and Jace!



## Christian THOMPSON

Christian, it is so difficult to put into words how proud we are of you. We get all teary eyed as we reflect on what you have accomplished and how excited we are to see what the future holds for you. You have grown from a cute, energetic little boy, to a handsome, responsible young man that every parent would love to call their son. You are truly a blessing to us and anyone fortunate enough to know you.

Love, Mom and Dad.

## VALERIA Veliz

Valeria, we are so proud of you! Thank you for the beautiful concerts you have performed for all of us. There is no doubt you will do an amazing job at UNK. We love you very much, and we will always be here to support you no matter what.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Melissa.

