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"Leaving Their Mark" with school spirit, the team of sophomores Mackenzie Yager, Emilia Perez & Lily Lehr prepare for the dance contest by hyping up the crowd.

LEAVING OUR MARK



We didn't just pass through the halls, we "**Left Our Mark,**"

From the first rays of senior sunrise to the sound of the final bell, the Longhorns made every moment count. We didn't just show up—we showed who we were, and in everything we did, we "**Left Our Mark,**"

We "**Left Our Mark**" on the court. The volleyball team shattered the school's dig record, proving that resilience, hustle, and heart can take you farther than ever before.

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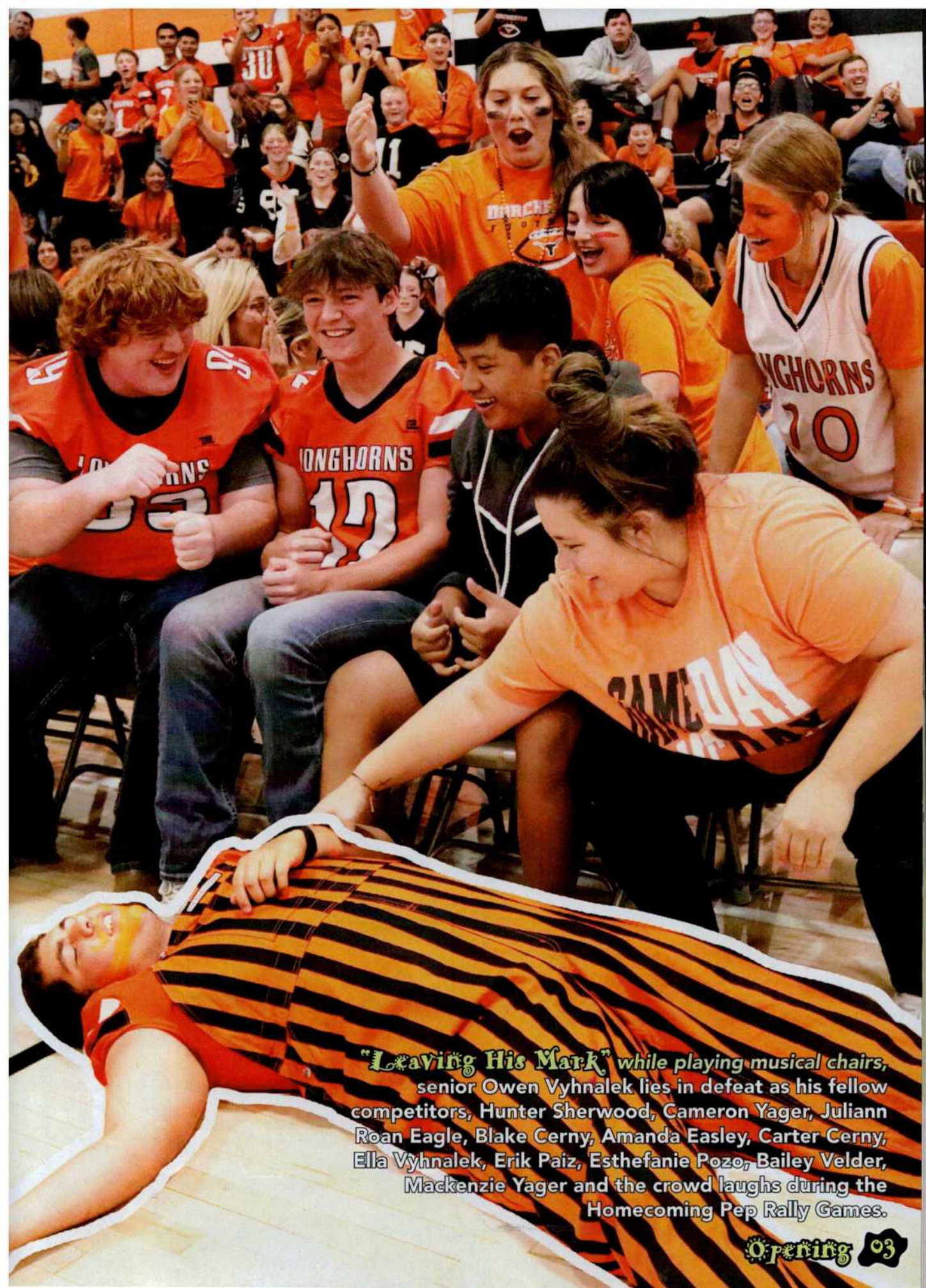
shot clock counting down above the court, our basketball teams turned up the intensity, setting a new pace for what it meant to compete with pride. Every game was more than a competition—it was a moment to "**Leave Our Mark**" on the scoreboard, the stands and one another.

We "**Left Our Mark**" in color. From transforming senior parking spots into personal masterpieces, to leaving a splash of color on the walls. We brought creativity, bold energy to every corner, that will

remind everyone that tradition doesn't mean standing still; it means building on the past while shaping the future.

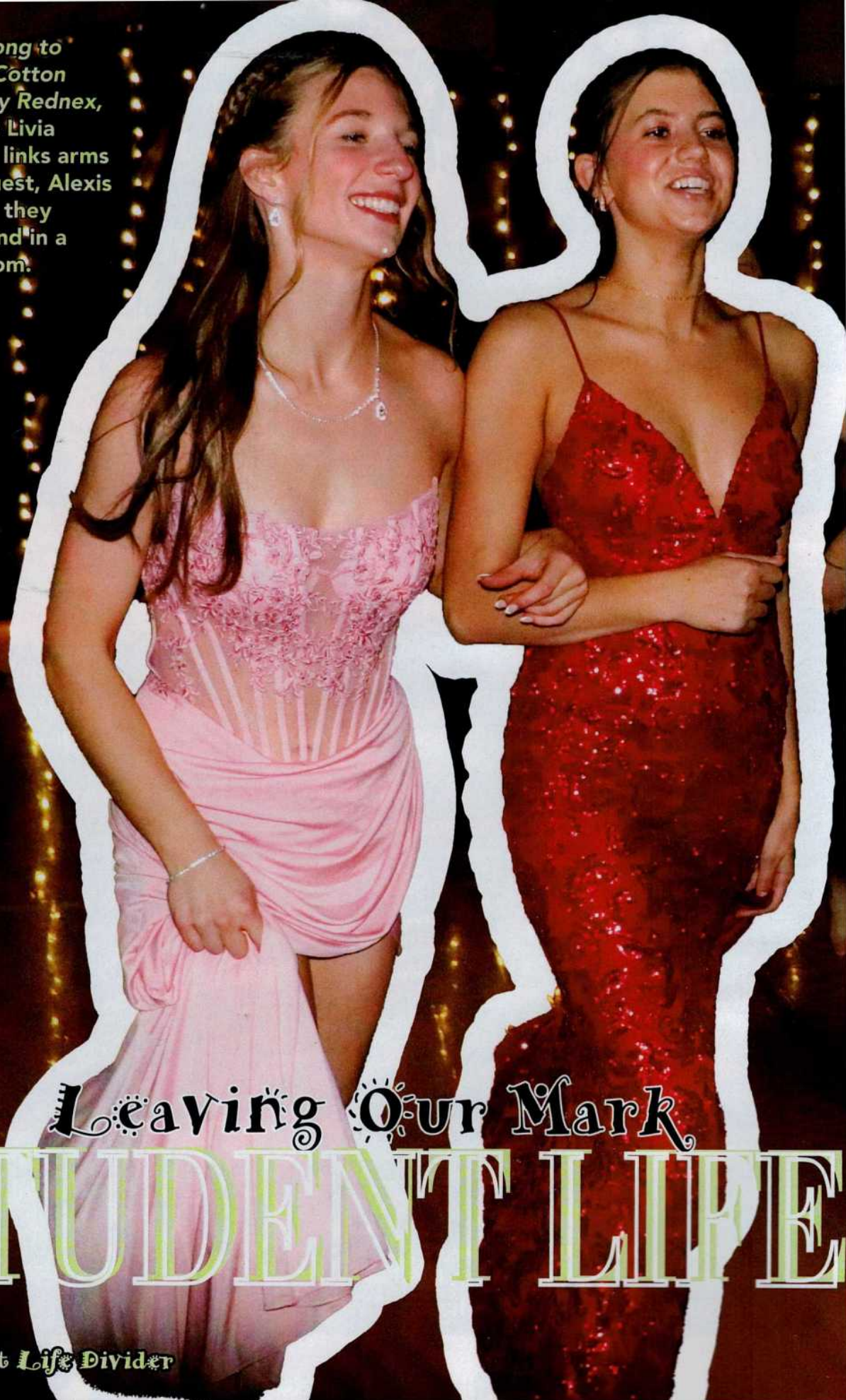
Our school banner received a much-needed upgrade too, flying higher and proud as a symbol of who we are and where we're going. Our school banner flew higher than ever, ready to represent our Longhorn pride.

The year wasn't just a chapter; it was a turning point to "**Leave Our Mark,**" It was a time when we showed what it meant to be passionate, proud and ready for what's ahead.



"Leaving His Mark" while playing musical chairs, senior Owen Vyhnaek lies in defeat as his fellow competitors, Hunter Sherwood, Cameron Yager, Juliann Roan Eagle, Blake Cerny, Amanda Easley, Carter Cerny, Ella Vyhnaek, Erik Paiz, Esthefanie Pozo, Bailey Velder, Mackenzie Yager and the crowd laughs during the Homecoming Pep Rally Games.

Dancing along to the song "Cotton Eye Joe" by Rednex, sophomore Livia Schweitzer links arms with her guest, Alexis Paulson, as they swing around in a circle at Prom.



Leaving Our Mark

STUDENT LIFE

There were many ways of "Leaving Our Mark." Sometimes that meant trying new things or doing things in a new way.

The senior class for the first time had the opportunity to "Leave Their Mark" by painting their own parking spots. "I liked painting our parking spots because it was a way of showing our personality and what we valued," senior Andrea Pavlish said.

With a Las Vegas theme, the junior class brought Prom back to the school rather than having it at Labor Hall. "I really liked how they decorated," sophomore Briana Tellez said. "It was also nice that we could have Prom and Post Prom in the same place."

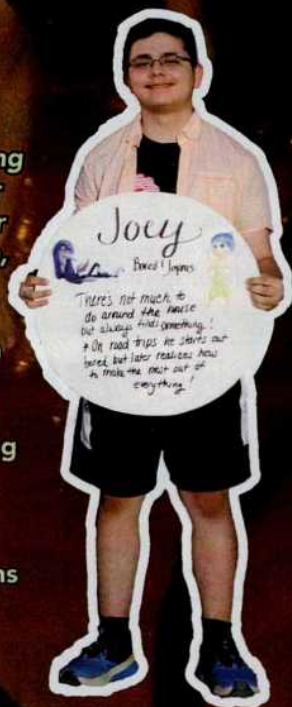
Weather also "Left A Mark" that no one would soon forget. We had six canceled days from snow, had to postpone Elementary Field Day twice, moved the Elementary Carnival indoors, lost electricity for days, and hid away in the locker rooms during a tornado warning. It was a year that "Left A Mark" on us, and it made us show the grit that we had inside. "It was hard having six days off because of snow storms and not having electricity," junior Chase Tachovsky said. "Some students didn't have electricity for a week. The teachers also seemed to push us to get through everything in second semester since we lost so many days."

Students had many opportunities to "Leave Their Mark" on many different trips like Peru State College for Criminal Justice Day, Southeast Community College for Career Transportation Day, and Isis Theater in Crete to watch *Charlotte's Web* for elementary students that met their AR goals. "My favorite event was Criminal Justice Day. We enjoyed the Milo Simulator," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "We also did a jail search where we investigated a jail cell and had to draw out what we saw. My team placed first."

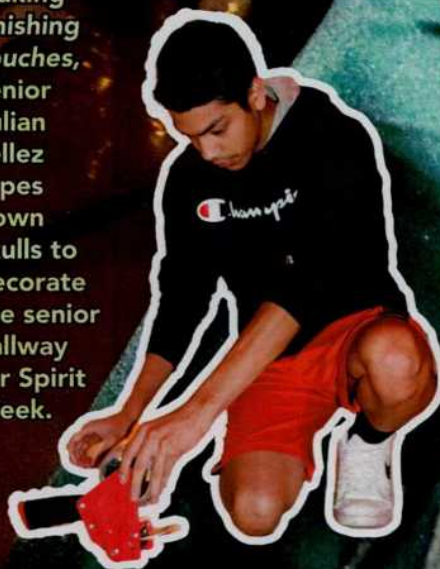
During the week of girls state basketball, the whole experience of going to State, winning, having three parades, send offs, the whole town coming together before and at the games, and the after season celebration "Left A Mark" on everyone. "Going on the spirit bus was so fun. We played music and got students excited for the game," freshman Ella Vyhnaek said. "It seemed like the whole town showed up to cheer on the girls. It's an experience no one will forget."

Sometimes you "Leave A Mark" but sometimes, it "Leaves A Mark" on you. "I love it when we can accomplish and go through things together," freshman Faith Elkins said. "That way we can all have the same experiences and share the memories as Longhorns."

During the Homecoming Hamburger Feed senior recognition, Joseph Peacock stands with his *Inside Out* poster representing that he expresses ennui and joy emotions the most.



Making finishing touches, senior Julian Tellez tapes down skulls to decorate the senior hallway for Spirit Week.



Wearing his Jurassic Park Ranger outfit, freshman Max Novak gets excited when his class places third for Dress As Your Hallway Day during Spirit Week.



DRESSING UP

to show off school spirit

Spirit Week was a time for students and teachers to dress up to compete and show off their school spirit. "Spirit week is one of the best weeks and the most fun," freshman Ella Vyhnalek said. "It gives me an excuse to dress up funny and see how competitive everyone is."

Monday started off with Neon Day where classes put on their brightest attire and accessories which made the classes glow. "Neon had to have been my favorite day," sophomore Senaida Tercero said. "I saw bright colors everywhere that I went."

On Tuesday was Mathlete vs. Athlete Day where students dressed up as nerds or athletes. The day gave student athletes the chance to wear their team apparel and other students to think outside the box to see how nerdy they could be. "Mathletes vs. Athletes was super easy and the most comfortable day," senior Ariana Tellez said. "I was able to wear my letterman jacket which is super comfy and warm."

"Being able to dress up as a nerd was nice," sophomore Colton Harrison said. "I think that nerds are cool and everyone should've dressed up as one."

Wednesday was Match Your Hallway Day where students dressed up to resemble their decorated hallways. This meant that all of the costumes were excessively different from each other. From spooky and haunted to a beach vacation, Wednesday definitely had a huge dynamic in how the students

dressed up. "Dressing up to match our hallway was super fun," seventh grader Payton Zoubek said. "I was able to be creative, and it's a fun way to show off our hallways and to dress up."

Thursday, students were given the chance to dress as their type. It allowed students to swap genders to represent what type of guy or girl that they liked. "Dress Your Type Day was the best," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said. "I raided my dad's closet looking for 'rich boy' clothes. Seeing all the boys dressed up as girls was the highlight of my week."

Friday gave everyone the chance to show off their school spirit by wearing school colors. "Orange and Black Day was the simplest day for me," junior Savannah June said. "I love that everyone dressed up to show off their school spirit, and it's amazing how many people wore alumni's clothing."

The seniors took home first place for one final time, having won first place every year, except in eighth grade. "Our class winning was honestly great," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "We went all out for the last time, and my class really showed that we have lots of school spirit."



The Senior Class showed their scary side on Dress Like Your Hallway Day. The class's theme was "haunted." Some students dressed like well-known creepy dolls and others were just scary. BR: Julian Tellez, Joseph Peacock, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Isabella Cornejo, Owen Vyhnalek & Gabby Theis. FR: Ariana Tellez, Mackenzie Luzum, Andrea Pavlish & Karina Maldonado.

Monday

NEON DAY



Emilia Perez, Livia Schweitzer & Lily Lehr (10th)



Sierra Sherwood, Ella Vyhnalek & Max Novak (9th)

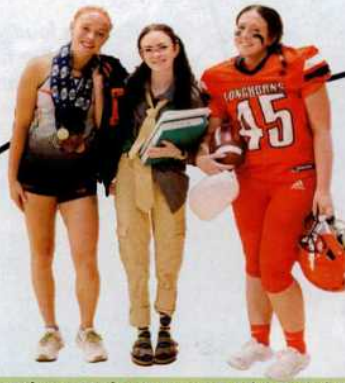


Bailey Theis, Savannah June & Micaela Loarca (11th)

MATHLETE VS. ATHLETE DAY



Grayson Leavitt, Payton Zoubek & Brenden Bergmeyer (7th)



Baylor Behrens, Mackenzie Luzum & Atley Zoubek (12th)

Tuesday

Overall

1st- Seniors

2nd- Freshmen

3rd- Sophomores

4th- Juniors

5th- 8th Grade

6th- 7th Grade



DRESS LIKE YOUR HALLWAY DAY

Kadyn Kemerling, Paxton Behrens & Trevin Steuk (8th)



Chase Tachovsky, Micaela Loarca & Bailey Theis (11th)

Wednesday

DRESS AS YOUR TYPE DAY



Braxton June, Mason Vyhnaek & Payton Zoubek (7th)



Javier Comejo, Brenna Vazquez & Gabriel Dalke (8th)

Thursday

Q: What was your favorite day?

A: "Neon Day because of all the bright colors everyone wore."



Royce Gutierrez, 8th

A: "Match Your Hallway Day; it's fun seeing how everyone can match."



Liberty Bartlett, 9th

A: "Orange and Black Day because it shows off our school spirit."



Karina Maldonado, 12th

ORANGE & BLACK DAY



Sierra Sherwood, Kendall Kasl & Ella Vyhnaek (9th)



Mackenzie Yager, Emilia Perez & Lily Lehr (10th)

Friday

Biting into the grilled burger, senior Ariana Tellez feasts at the hamburger feed set up by the Booster Club after students rode on their floats around town.



Roaring loudly in elation at her final opponent, freshman Ella Vyhnalek celebrates victory in Musical Chairs against Ms. Bailey Velder.



Preparing a sign for the hallway competition, seventh graders Broden Whitney and Jennifer Acosta paint "Game Over for the Harvard Cardinals" which went with their game theme.



Screaming along in excitement, freshman Max Novak gets pumped up at the bonfire as everyone joins in on the chants.



Q: What did you think of the games?

A: "My favorite was the Balloon Relay; it was crazy."

Keridall Kasl, 9th.

A: "My least favorite was the Balloon Relay because I was so slow."


Caden Axline, 11th.

A: "My favorite was the Feather Crawl because of everyone screaming at the crawlers."

Celton Harrison, 10th.

Holding their horns up high, students end off the night with a group chant at the bonfire. "Go Big D!!"





Fighting to stay in the game, senior Gabrielle Theis launches herself on top of Mrs. Amanda Easley during Musical Chairs.

STAMPEDING

to show our spirit

Spirit Week was a big moment for students to have fun with many games and activities. Students enjoyed their time by playing games like Musical Chairs, Feather Crawl, Balloon Relay, and math problems on a football and volleyball. "I made a lot of great memories," eighth grader Erik Paiz said. "Spirit Week is my favorite time of school because I get to hang out with my friends and not have to worry about schoolwork."

On Wednesday the students made their floats with arts and crafts. "We used the stuff in our hallway and a couple of items we bought to decorate our float," sophomore Briana Tellez said.

After building their floats, students lined up and went around 9th St. and Main St. on their floats throwing candy to the kids and parents alike. "Watching kids run for the candy was funny to see," eighth grader Dominick Winter said.

When students arrived back at the school, a hamburger feed was waiting in the back parking lot. Students enjoyed a freshly grilled burger, a variety of chips, and some delicious desserts. "I always look forward to the hamburger feed,"

sophomore Jonathan Hernandez said. "Throwing candy and screaming our class graduation year is exhausting."

When everyone finished eating, Mrs. Lutjemeyer gathered all of the seniors to show off what *Inside Out* character represented them the most from their parents' perspective, from joy all the way to anger. "The characters that best described me were anger and anxiety," senior Karina Maldonado said. "I think that was pretty true."

When the time came to watch the big "D," everyone gathered around the bonfire. Students spent their time with their classes and friends, chanting and watching the "D" burn. "I had so much fun with friends; I started losing my voice," senior Andrea Pavlish said.

On Friday, the school was overflowing with spirit. They gathered in the front gym to play games. "My favorite game was feather crawl," senior Joseph Peacock said. "I happened to be taking pictures so I was close to the action."

In Musical Chairs, breaths were held, as it came down to a student and a teacher for the last person sitting to win.

"I couldn't believe I won against Ms. Velder," freshman Ella Vyhnaek said. "I felt like I had won it for all the kids against the teachers."

All-in-all, Spirit Week proved to be a time filled with school spirit and bonding. "With this being my final Spirit Week, I'm glad my class won first place in the Spirit Week games," senior Atley Zoubek said. "It was a great way to end the week."



Rigorously crawling to catch up, senior Andrea Pavlish blows a feather across the gym floor to win the "Feather Crawl" game.



Showing off their dance moves to "YMCA" by the Village People, senior Isabella Cornejo, former graduate Kayli Carey and senior Angelina Cornejo all form a "Y."

GETTING LIT

on the dance floor

A night of culmination of school spirit, friendship, and unforgettable memories came together as students lit it up at the Homecoming Dance.

The evening began with the Homecoming football game against the Harvard Cardinals. "I was so happy we won," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "I enjoyed the dance more knowing we won

the Homecoming game."

As soon as the game ended, the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen began. Gabby Theis and Owen Vyhnalek were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. "I was shocked and excited at the same time," senior Gabby Theis said. "I was also happy to wear the crown the rest of the night."

Afterwards, after a quick change of clothes, students rushed into the back gym. Black lights, neon streamers, and glow sticks (both ones you can turn on and those that could be made into necklaces and bracelets) greeted the students as they came into the glowing world. "I loved the neon theme because it made my dress glow brightly," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "It added a nice vibe to the night."

The students then took pictures as a class and with their friends and family. "Everyone looked great all dressed up," junior Chase Tachovsky said.

Then the lights were turned off, the glow of the blacklights shone, and the dancing began. "I loved the blacklight," senior AyLynn Schwisow said. "I really thought it would add to the theme. Some girls' dresses really glowed in the light."

Students also really liked the glow sticks. "I had never danced with the glow sticks before," sophomore Mackenzie Yager said. "It really just added to the fun of the night."

Students got up on the dance floor and danced the night away. "My favorite memory was dancing to *Cupid Shuffle*," freshman Faith Elkins said. "I enjoyed dancing with all my friends throughout the night."

Students also enjoyed the snacks provided by the seniors between the dances. "I had different bags of chips throughout the night," sophomore Colton Harrison said. "My favorite snack was Takis."

Not only did students dance to fast songs but also some slow songs. "My favorite slow song to dance to was *The Night We Met*," junior Caden Axline said. "I was glad they had different songs during the whole dance."

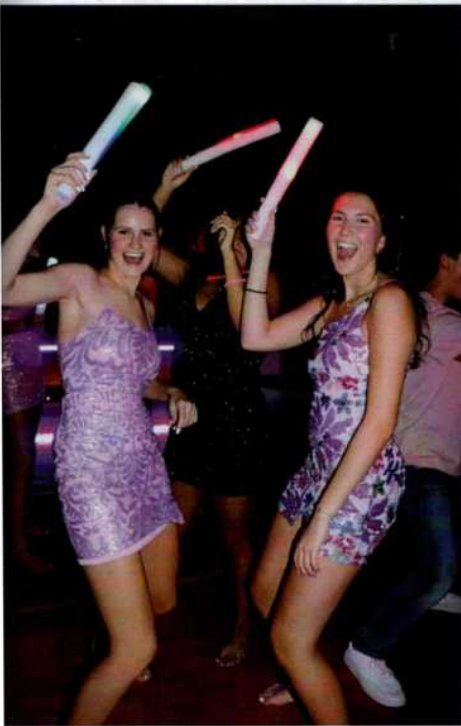
The night will be remembered for a long time. "I was glad to make some memories with my friends and classmates," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "I danced so much that my feet hurt the next day."

Memories were made as the students enjoyed their night glowing in the dark.



Having a slow dance together, senior Alisson Nuñez and sophomore Javier Muñoz enjoy the night and make it one to remember.

Raising their glow sticks to "Last Friday Night" by Katy Perry, sophomores Mackenzie Yager and Lily Lehr dance the night away.



Busting it down, seniors Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens show off their dance moves to "Star Ships" By Niki Minaj.



Jamming out to the song, "Dark Horse," freshman Max Novak and junior Caden Axline belt out the lyrics. "It was fun using the glow sticks. I even made glasses out of some," Axline said.

Homecoming Court. BR: Ariana Tellez, Andrea Pavlish, Joseph Peacock, Baylor Behrens & Atley Zoubek. FR: King Owen Vyhnaek and Queen Gabby Theis.



Q: What is your favorite part of the night?

A: "My favorite part was eating the snacks."



Ariana Tellez, 10th

A: "I liked how colorful everything was in the dark. Neon colors were everywhere."



King Owen Vyhnaek, 11th

A: "Getting to dress up and have an actual date."



Mackenzie Luzum, 12th

Lighting up the dance floor, freshmen Hadley Brandt, Faith Elkins, Sierra Sherwood & Kendall Kasl, hold up their glow sticks to "Where them Girls At." Students enjoyed dancing with glow sticks.



Focusing on doing the patterns, freshman Lyberty Bartlett enjoys her crocheting in the art room.



Adding details to her Christmas decoration, seventh grader Jennifer Acosta works on painting in the art room, which was one of the options.



Thinking of his next move, seventh grader Myles Vyhnalek moves his checker piece to try to maneuver a win.



Working together, seniors Julian Tellez and Joseph Peacock, sophomores Mason June and Jonathan Hernandez and senior Andrea Pavlish try to find the next piece to try to finish a 1000 piece puzzle.



Q: What did you like about the Christmas Party?



A: "Enjoying the free time without any homework to worry about."

Joshua Gordon, 7th

A: "The snacks because they were delicious."



Mackenzie Luzum, 12th

A: "Suffering on a 1000 piece puzzle with my friends."



Jonathan Hernandez, 10th

Choosing their next game to play, eighth grader Cameron Yager and sophomore Benji Beckley spend time together playing a video game. Those students in the history room played a variety of games.



Watching the Pitch game, freshman Ella Vyhnaelek and eighth grader Annaleah Telléz observe as senior Isabella Cornejo examines her hand to see what card to play next.



BRINGING FUN

before winter break

It was the time of the year where students were bringing their Christmas spirits right into school as they made their way to watch movies, play games, do art and crafts or grab some tasty snacks. There were varieties of options for the students to choose.

It was also a day where the girls basketball team had a day of practice. “Even though we didn’t get to do any activities, we still had lots of fun practicing and also played a game of tag with the basketballs,” sophomore Livia Schweitzer said.

“We played Rodman Rebounding as we practiced for our next games,” junior Micaela Loarca said. “My favorite part was when Faith Elkins and I wrestled each other to get the ball.”

Students could be found in the high school English and math rooms, watching movies. “I was watching *Christmas Chronicles* in Mrs. Kort’s class,” senior Joseph Peacock said. “I didn’t finish it at school, but I searched for it at home and finally finished it.”

“I played Hangman and watched *The Nutcracker* in the English room,” junior Megan Gordon said. “It was a lot of fun and also quiet.”

In the high school history room, there

were many games from video games like Nintendo Switches and VR to board games like puzzles and chess. The library also had board games for students that wanted to play traditional games. “I played a video game called College Football,” senior Owen Vyhnaelek said. “It’s fun playing with my friends and there was plenty of competition.”

“I played 10 Point Pitch with other students in the library,” sophomore Colton Harrison said. “It was tense but a blast.”

The back gym was open for students that could play whatever they wanted. “I was in the gym playing volleyball,” sophomore Senaida Tercero said. “It had been a while since I had the time to play volleyball, and I had so much fun.”

The art room was another option for students who were able to paint wine bottles, decorate hangers, or work on crafts. “My friends and I decided to make an art project in the art room and had fun spending time together,” seventh grader Grayson Leavitt said.

For students who were hungry, the Student Council provided snacks for every classroom. “The hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls were my favorite snacks,”

freshman Sierra Sherwood said. “They were perfect for a Christmas party and were absolutely delicious.”

The time finally came where students were headed out to start on their Christmas break with no homework, no sports, and no tests. “I had the time to spend with other students in different grades, and it was great connecting with them,” seventh grade Juliann Roan Eagle said.



Heading towards the hoop, eighth grader Faith Sherman concentrates to make her shot.

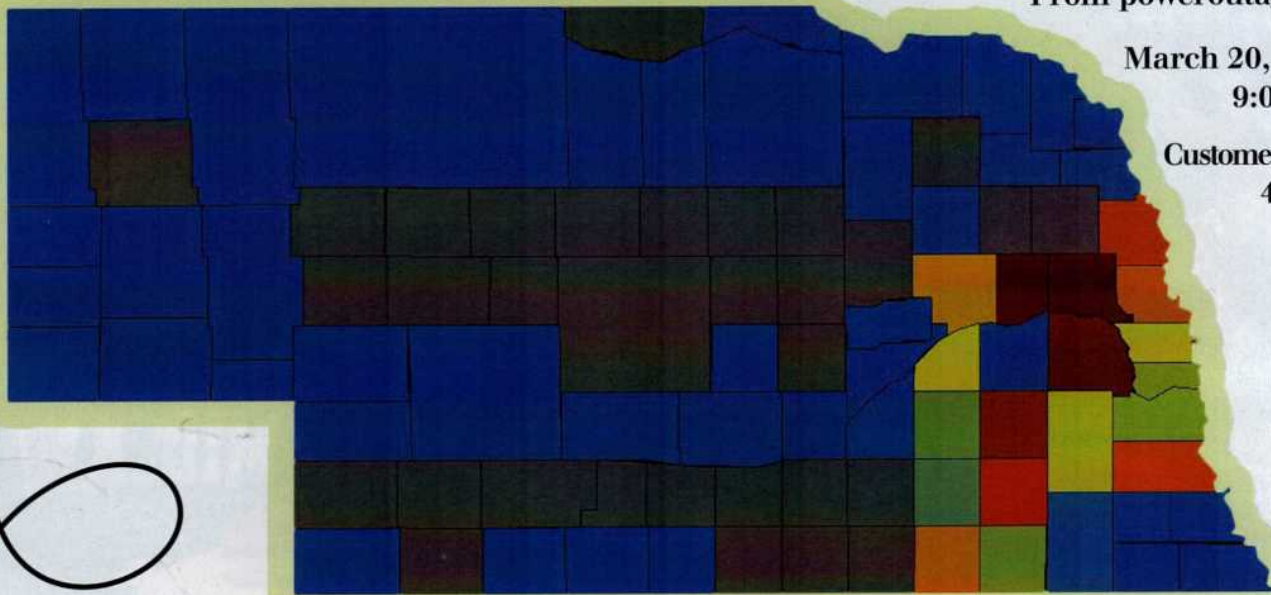
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LIGHTS OUT

& no hope to return soon

Snowing and blowing but no bushels of fun. Many students experienced life before electricity for many days. The storm that came through Tuesday, March 18th through Wednesday, March 19th brought wet, heavy snow that brought down power lines which left many students without power for many hours, and for some, days. There was no school on Wednesday

because of the blowing snow, and then no school on Thursday because of no power.

Many students enjoyed that there was no school, while others just wished the power would come back on so they could continue their normal lives. "I wasn't surprised how bad the storm was," seventh grader Myles Vyhnalek said. "It had been talked about for a majority of the week so it was a little easier to prepare."

The size of the storm was a huge surprise to a few students. "I was very surprised," eighth grader Faith Sherman said. "I really didn't think that it would lead to a big power outage."

The lights began to flicker late Tuesday night, which many students didn't think twice about. By the next morning when students were waking up, the power was completely gone. "We first lost power Wednesday morning around 7 a.m.," freshman Max Novak said. "It ended up almost being a week before we even gained it back."

To stay warm, many of the students added extra layers of clothes or just bundled up with a blanket, but there were some that had to go to town to find a different source to heat up. "We first had to

use candles in order to try and keep warm," junior Carter Cerny said. "Eventually we ended up getting a generator to heat the house, which was a much better method than the candles."

There were some that even moved out of their houses to escape their cold homes. "I ended up alternating staying at my own house and staying at my boyfriend's," senior Baylor Behrens said.

"Thursday we ended up going to Crete to Walmart and also the nursing home," eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton said. "It gave us a chance to warm up, get some supplies to last a few more days, and visit with my grandparents."

Even though the students didn't have any power, they still found many ways to pass the time. "Most of the time I played card games with my mom," sophomore Colton Harrison said.

"Some of the time, I just slept to pass the time," sophomore Mackenzie Yager said. "There were also a few times that I watched movies with my family at my sister's house since she had power."

Many of the students enjoyed having the storm because it resulted in no school, but there were some students who didn't



Courtesy of Patty Stehlik

Making sure that no gas spills, Mrs. Patty Stehlik, paraprofessional, fills her generator to help keep the house warm and food cold.

enjoy it at all. "I really hated that the storm took the power and heat," eighth grader Brenna Vazquez said. "I was really cold even though I was all bundled up in hoodies and tons of blankets."

"It wasn't the worst because my family and I ended up staying at my aunt's house," seventh grader Legend Smith said. "It was just terrible having to leave my video games behind because I was bored then."

Since many students didn't have the ability to heat up food, they had to get creative with how they were going to cook. "We ended up having steaks one night," eighth grader Landon Shaw said. "The meat from the freezers were already thawing out so we just grilled the steaks out in the blizzard."

"My family has a small indoor fireplace," freshman Lyberty Bartlett said. "It was originally made for s'mores but it was the only way to heat up food."

To keep warm, students' families used fireplaces and kerosene stoves, and some even brought out a generator when they didn't think they would ever need them. "We had a generator that we used only during the day," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "It was mainly used for the water pumps to shower, the heater to warm us up and the fridges and freezers to keep the meat we had stayed good."

"My family had a generator," eighth grader Annaleah Tellez said. "We ended up giving it to another family member instead of using it for ourselves."

Power was soon getting restored for some after only a few hours and others after a few days. The longest that it took for the power to be restored was an entire week once the storm had passed. There were many things that the students missed like being able to charge their devices freely and turning on lights. Students even ran out to their cars in order to charge their phones, but it also gave them a chance to warm up. "I missed the house being

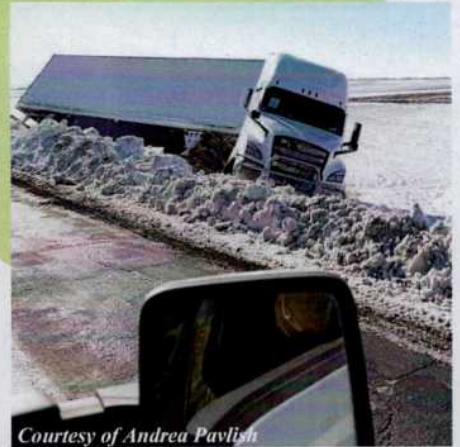
warm, charging my phone, and lights," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "Whenever I went to the bathroom, I was in the dark. I took my phone or a flashlight which made it a bit better, but it was still scary."

"I missed being able to turn on lights and water the most," eighth grader Paxton Behrens said. "I just wanted to see what I was doing, and I wanted to be able to take a warm shower, not a cold one or none at all."

The storm was also strange because it brought dirt and dust all the way from Oklahoma and Texas because of a dust storm they had there, which made the snow look dirty and brown and left dirt on cars. "I came out to our car, and I couldn't believe how dirty it looked," sophomore Briana Tellez. "I'd never seen fresh snow look so dirty and leave such a dirty residue on cars."

It also left a few people stranded on the side of the road and even flipped over

semi trucks. "What the storm left us with is something that I hope we never have to go through again," senior AyLynn Schwisow said. "It made the days really long and unenjoyable, which kept me on my toes when the power would be restored again."



Courtesy of Andrea Pavlish

Leaning over in the ditch on the south side of Hwy. 33, a semi-truck, along with two other vehicles along the same mile, wait for a tow truck to come.



Courtesy of Deb Burrows

Using a candle as a source of heat, Mrs. Deb Burrows, paraprofessional, thinks outside of the box in order to have a cup of coffee in the morning.

Q: What was the best part of the power outage?



A: "Not having any school and being able to sleep in."

Lyberty Bartlett, 9th

A: "No school, but it did get boring after a few days without any lights."



Marlea Verron, 7th

A: "Being able to spend time with my family."



Kaitlyn Belton, 8th

A: "Nothing. I was very bored and super cold."



Ariana Tellez, 12th

Falling gracefully in front of the school, the storm brought up dirty snow from that filled the streets and sidewalk that in the end turned gross. It first came down a pretty white but then turned brown.



Courtesy of Adam Briggs

HALLWAY

Slang

J

Cooked:
"I'm cooked."
~Annaleah Tellez, 8th

Rizz:
"Toni has so much rizz."
~Max Novak, 9th

70% say
the word
"Bruh"

YEET

Chat:
"Chat, we're Cooked."
~Myles Vyhnalek, 7th

Valid

Slay:
"That Slays."
~Mya Mahlin, 7th

Cap:
"That's so cap."
~Faith Sherman, 8th

Pookie:
"Mason is my pookie bear."
~Payton Zoubek, 7th

G.O.A.T:
"I'm the G.O.A.T."
~Brenden Bergmeyer, 7th

Dupe

Sigma:
"What the
Sigma?"
~Colton
Harrison, 10th

72% learned
slang words
from their
friends

Hit the
Griddy

Crust:
"That's so
crust."
~Joey Peacock,
12th

15

Delulu:
"You are being
Delulu."
~Maribel Garcia,
8th

Fire:
"That's lowkey
Fire!"
~Kendall Kasl,
9th

BET

Skibidi:
"That's so
Skibidi."
~Hunter
Sherwood, 7th

Tea:
"Spill the tea."
~Ella
Vyhnalek, 9th

Bro:
"Bro, stop it."
~Atley
Zoubek, 12th

16

That's
wild

83% like
using slang
words

Sus:
"That's Sus."
~Antonio
Loarca, 9th

Slay:
"You slay the
day."
~Gabby Theis,
12th

Slaps

* out of 42 students
surveyed in grades 7-12

STUDENT HERITAGE

a small school celebrates students' diversity

Each student carries a story rooted deep in their family's heritage. These stories come from traditions, languages, and customs passed down through generations. These diverse backgrounds contributed to the uniqueness of Dorchester's school community. From the dishes people ate to the holidays they celebrated, their heritage linked them to their history while shaping the future they created. "It is neat how Dorchester has such a diverse student body," senior Joseph Peacock said. "As a student with a different cultural background to others, it is interesting to see the cultural differences between my classmates and myself."

One thing that made Dorchester stand out was that it was one of the few really small schools in Nebraska with a high percentage of ELL (English Language Learner) students. Most schools that had as large of a population of ELL students were much larger. One of the benefits of having a small school was that students integrated better because the class sizes were smaller. "When I came here I really felt like I made friends right away," sophomore Jonathan Hernandez said. "With just thirteen students in the class, everyone really gets to know everyone else."

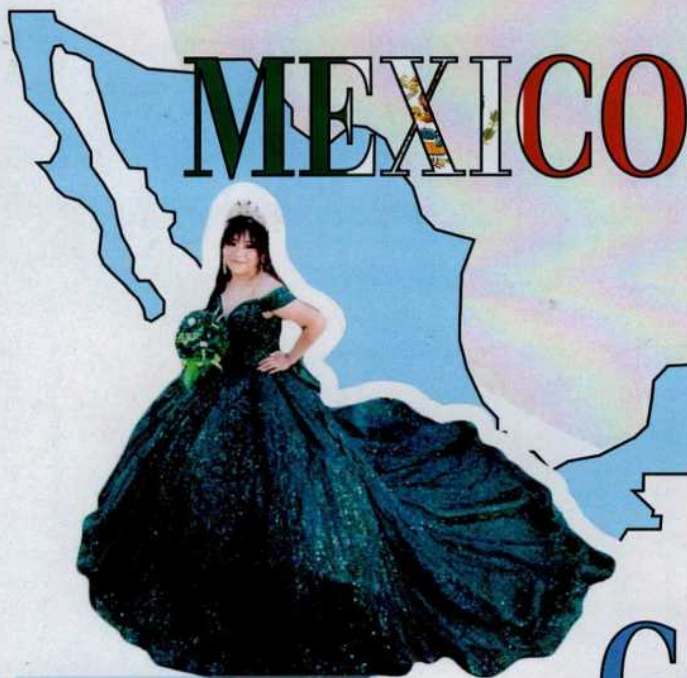
With a larger population of Spanish-speaking students, Dorchester had several students who were first and second-generation immigrants. First-generation means they were born in a different country and came to the U.S. In contrast, second-generation means that their parents were born in another country and moved to the U.S. One student in particular, sophomore Javier Muñoz, was born in Cuba. When one first

comes to America, the differences really stand out. "The food was a big change from what it was in Cuba," Muñoz said, "but the people here are nicer."

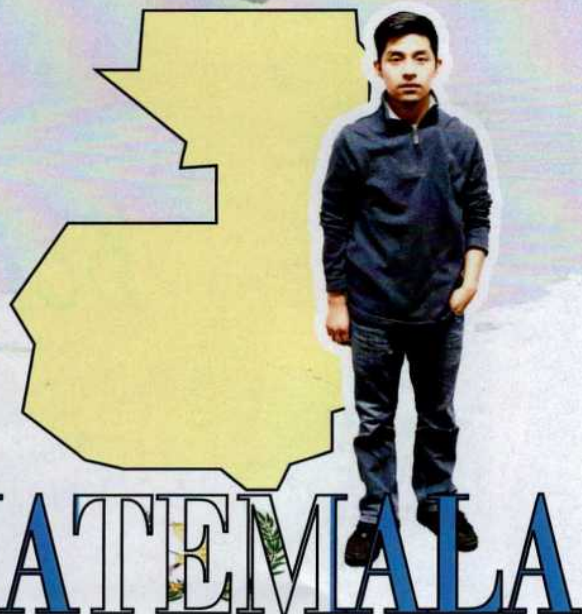
Coming from a different country could be a significant change; there was much to adjust to. Schools vary, and the language barrier could be challenging, but the teachers excelled at helping students who are limited in their English. "Mrs. Severance really worked with me to make sure I understood the quizzes and tests and had me redo questions if she thought I didn't understand it," freshman Jorge Reyes said. "She also made videos of the books we had to read so I could hear her reading the book and even slow it down."

Students who were still not proficient in English when they entered Dorchester Schools, were given English language help. Eventually, they started getting better at understanding English, but sometimes it was harder to speak English than to just understand English. "It is still hard to achieve good pronunciation," senior Alisson Nuñez said. "A young man tried to talk to me, but I found it difficult to have a conversation with him."

Celebrations, customs, and unique clothing varied among the heritages present in Dorchester. Some celebrations that might have differed included Student Day, Quinceañeras, Christmas Eve or Christmas day traditions, and church parties. "My family still makes a traditional dish called pupusas from El Salvador," senior Alisson Nuñez said. "We also have a traditional dance and attire known as Xuc."



Sophomore Briana Tellez in her dress worn at her Quinceañera, a celebration of when a girl turns 15.



Junior Moises Tercero came from Guatemala.

CZECH REPUBLIC

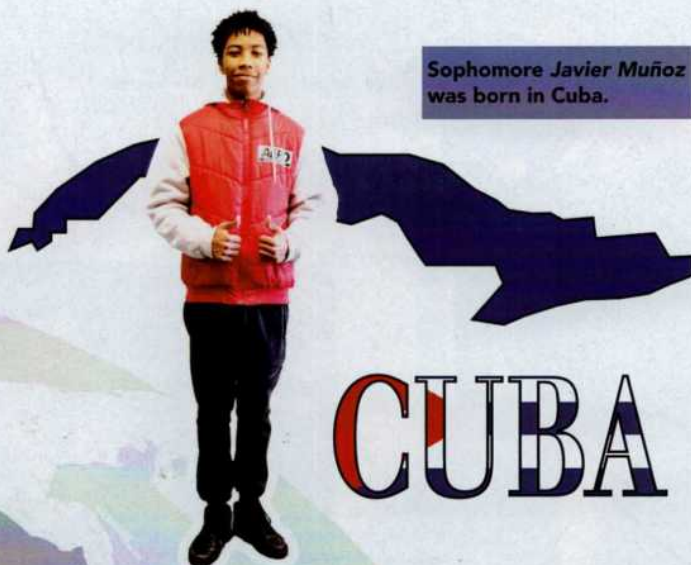


Seniors *Andrea Pavlish* and *Gabrielle Theis* are dressed in the kroje ready to Czech dance.

Those with a Latino heritage (especially Mexican) may have celebrated their daughter's fifteenth birthday with a Quinceañera. "My parents have had Quinceañeras for my sister and me," sophomore Briana Tellez said. "It takes a lot of planning, but it was so much fun, especially when my family surprised me with giant dancing robots."

Even Dorchester has had a strong Czech background for those who settled here. These traditions, as well, were celebrated. Students participated in Czech Days held in Wilber, NE, (just 15 minutes away) which is known as the Czech Capital of the US. Three seniors—Gabrielle Theis, Baylor Behrens, and Andrea Pavlish—participated in Czech dancing at the event. "Czech dancing is unique and students take Czech dancing classes before the big event," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "Gabby (Theis) and I have been partners at Czech Days for the last three years, and it's always enjoyable to wear the kroj and dance for everyone, even though we often sweat a lot because of how hot it gets in August."

As diverse heritages were explored, our backgrounds played a powerful role in shaping our community. The traditions, stories, and customs we carried could unite, educate, and inspire others. "I have many classmates and friends who live in completely different ways than I do, and I believe it's important to learn about all of the different cultures," junior Bailey Theis said. "I think it's cool to remember where we came from but it's also important to share and embrace others cultures that may differ from our own."



Sophomore *Javier Muñoz* was born in Cuba.

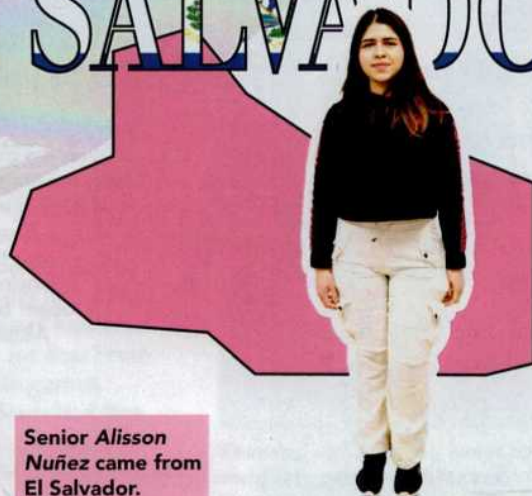
CUBA



7th grader *Ingrid Gonzales's* parents were born in Honduras.

HONDURAS

EL SALVADOR

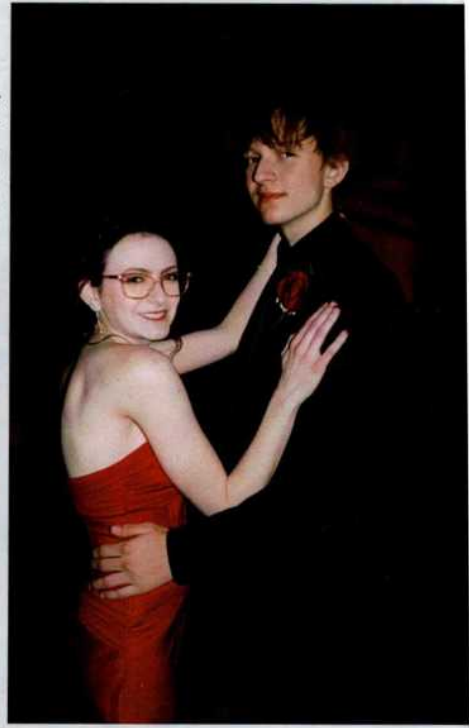


Senior *Alisson Nuñez* came from El Salvador.

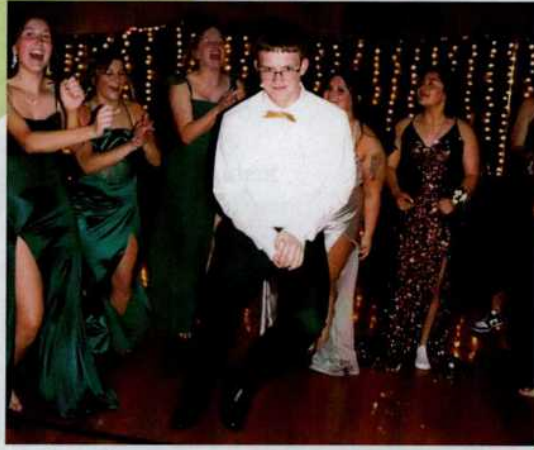


Owen Vyhralek, 12th
 "My favorite part of prom was playing corn hole at Post Prom."

Sharing a moment together, senior Mackenzie Luzum and her date dance to the "The Night We Met" by Lord Huron.



Burning up the dance floor, sophomore Colton Harrison dances to "Gangnam Style" by PSY while the crowd cheers him on.



Touching the floor, juniors Justin Dixon, Caden Axline, Chase Tachovsky, and Carter Cerny dance to "Low" by Flo Rida, (feat. T-Pain).



Q: What was your favorite part about prom?

A: "My favorite part was the food. Chipotle was a great idea and money well spent."

Baylor Behrens, 12th



A: "My favorite part was dancing and just having fun all night long."

Caden Axline, 11th



Getting in the groove, senior Andrea Pavlish and Aylynn Schwisow and sophomore Emilia Perez sing to "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.

A: "My favorite part was the prizes from Post Prom."

Savannah June, 11th





Dancing and singing, sophomores Livia Schweitzer and Lily Lehr, senior Atley Zoubek, freshman Kendall Kasl, senior Gabby Theis and guests get down to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus.

DANCING the night away

Flashing lights, the spin of roulette wheels and the shuffling of cards filled the air. The day was finally here. Students wore snazzy dresses and sharp suits.

The junior class hosted Prom April 5th in the back gym for seniors and sophomores. "I liked where we had Prom because we didn't have to drive far," sophomore Colton Harrison said. "There was enough space to have it in the back gym."

Organizing, planning the dinner, renting a tux, buying a dress, getting hair done, and applying makeup could be thrilling as well as difficult to manage. "I enjoyed planning Prom," junior Micaela Loarca said. "Although, as the day came closer, it got hard to keep calm."

The theme was Vegas, which came with red and gold themed decorations. The juniors transformed the gym into a dazzling casino, complete with card tables, roulette wheels, and enough twinkling lights to rival the Vegas strip. They blacked out the gym with curtains and added lights that brought the gym into a whole new level. "Blocking off the gym with curtains was a last minute

idea," junior Bailey Theis said. "It was definitely the right thing to do."

To start the night off, the students lined up with their date or friend to walk down a lighted path and smiled for pictures.

After the parents left, dinner was served. On the menu was steak, chicken, white cheese, corn, beans, and chips, all catered from Chipotle. "This was by far my favorite meal," senior Baylor Behrens said. "I loved the food."

There was also another table with desserts so anyone could sneak some throughout the night. "I really loved the dessert table," senior Atley Zoubek said. "There was a good variety so I think anyone should have found something delicious to eat."

At around 10:30 the juniors announced that the students needed to change quickly, which only left them a couple of minutes to change and meet in the cafeteria to be ready for Post Prom.

They were greeted with games, snacks, and drinks. Students had free range to play cards, mini golf, and cornhole. There were also a lot of prizes to be won. "My favorite part about Post

Prom was winning a grill," senior Owen Vyhnaek said. "The prizes were so useful."

As the night drew to a close, it was clear that this Prom would be talked about for years to come. Between the dancing, the decoration, the food and the desserts, the night was a royal flush.



Showing some moves, junior Bailey Theis and sophomore Lily Lehr dance to "Whip and Nae Nae" by Silento.



Candidates for Athletic Banquet Royalty. BR: Atley Zoubek and Ariana Tellez. FR: Queen Baylor Behrens, King Owen Vyhnalek and Queen Gabrielle Theis.

EARNED, not given

The Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the D-Club, was a significant night to honor athletes and their achievements. The athletes received their awards after enjoying an exceptional meal of pulled pork, green beans, and cheesy potatoes provided by Rochelle Bruha, followed by cookies for dessert. "The food was great. The meat was moist and tasted delicious,"



Serving herself food, senior AyLynn Schwisow helps herself to some green beans to go with the pulled pork sandwich.

sophomore Livia Schweitzer said. "My favorite part was the cheesy potatoes."

To kick off the night, senior Owen Vyhnalek was crowned Athletic King while seniors Baylor Behrens and Gabrielle Theis tied and were both crowned Athletic Queens. To be eligible, the athletes had to participate in at least two sports and demonstrate leadership and hard work. Others on the court were Atley Zoubek and Ariana Tellez. "I think it is always an honor to receive awards," senior Baylor Behrens said. "I am so blessed to come from a school providing many opportunities."

For girls' sports, senior Atley Zoubek received the Outstanding Volleyball Player Award and the Girls Basketball Most Improved Award. Senior Gabrielle Theis received the Outstanding Girls Basketball Award. Senior Baylor Behrens received the Girls Defensive Basketball Player Award, the Outstanding Female Athlete Award, the Dawn Lisec Award and the Outstanding Female Track Award. Senior Isabella Cornejo received the Outstanding Girls Wrestling Award. Junior Bailey Theis received the Outstanding Female Track Award.

Sophomore Livia Schweitzer received the new Outstanding Female Teammate Award for Volleyball and the Ms. Hustle Award for Girls Basketball.

For boys' sports, senior Owen Vyhnalek received the Outstanding Male Athlete Award, the James Cochnar Award and the Outstanding Male Track Athlete Award. Junior Chase Tachovsky received the Outstanding Football Player Award, the Boys Defensive Basketball Player Award and the Brian Bruha Award. Freshman Max Novak received the Outstanding Boys Basketball Player Award. Freshman Thor Nerud received the Outstanding Boys Basketball Player award as well. Sophomore Mason June received the Mr. Hustle Award in Boys Basketball.

At the end of the night, after the athletes were full from a delicious meal and their hands were full of awards, they went home feeling proud of their accomplishments. "I am so proud of what I have accomplished and all the rewards I've received," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "I love that we get to take this time to honor all of our athletes who work so hard."



Chase Tachovsky received the **Brian Bruha Award**. Owen Vyhnaek received the **James Cochnar Award**. Baylor Behrens Received the **Dawn Lisec Award**.



Outstanding Athletes. Receiving the Outstanding Female Athlete Award is Baylor Behrens and Receiving the Outstanding Male Athlete Award is Owen Vyhnaek.



Dedicated Athlete Award. Seniors Atley Zoubek, Owen Vyhnaek, Baylor Behrens and Ariana Tellez received the Dedicated Athlete Award for being in three sports for all four years of their high school careers.



Three Sport Athlete Award. BR: Mason June, Max Nova, & Owen Vyhnaek. MR: Briana Tellez, Hadley Brandt, Bailey Theis, Faith Elkins, Livia Schweitzer & Ariana Tellez. FR: Emilia Perez, Lily Lehr, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens & Micaela Loarca. Not Pictured: Thor Nerud, Hunter Wake, Mackenzie Yager & Kendall Kasl.

Q: What was your favorite food from the Athletic Banquet?



A: My favorite food was the cookies, especially the M&M cookies.

Emilia Perez, 10th

A: "My favorite food was the cheesy potatoes because of how cheesy they were."



Max Novak, 9th

A: "My favorite food was the pulled pork; it was cooked so well."



Bailey Theis, 11th



Outstanding Athletes in Each Sport. BR: Max Novak (Boys Basketball), Owen Vyhnaek (Boys Track) & Chase Tachovsky (Football). FR: Atley Zoubek (Volleyball), Gabrielle Theis (Girls Basketball), Baylor Behrens (Girls Track) & Isabella Cornejo (Girls Wrestling). Not Pictured: Thor Nerud (Boys Basketball) & Bailey Theis (Girls Track).

Baylor Behrens,
12th

won the
Community Service
Award with over 100
hours served.



Science Awards:

BR: AyLynn Schwisow, Bailey Theis & Isabella Cornejo. FR: Max Novak, Livia Schweitzer & Emilia Perez. Not Pictured: Ellie Ralston and Megan Gordon.



Math Awards: BR: Carter Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, Baylor Behrens and Andrea Pavlish. FR: Lily Lehr and Atley Zoubek. Not Pictured: Landon Shaw.



English Awards: BR: Livia Schweitzer (for Speech), Lily Lehr & Chase Tachovsky. FR: Atley Zoubek, Max Novak & Baylor Behrens.

DEA Scholars Activities Award: BR: Lily Lehr, Owen Vyhnaelek, Gabby Theis & Andrea Pavlish. 3rd Row: Mackenzie Luzum, Bailey Theis, Chase Tachovsky & Ariana Tellez. 2nd Row: Briana Tellez, Mason June, Livia Schweitzer, Baylor Behrens & Atley Zoubek. FR: Max Novak, Ella Vyhnaelek, Kendall Kasl, Emilia Perez & Micaela Loarca. Not Pictured: Megan Gordon.



Q: What is your favorite part about the night?



A: "The moment my parents received a plant since I'm the last child of theirs to graduate."

Joseph Peacock, 12th.

A: "The cookies and the punch; they are always very yummy."

Savannah June, 11th.



A: "Seeing how well my grades do for me to earn the awards."

Colton Harrison, 10th.



Social Studies Awards:

BR: Briana Tellez, Gabby Theis, Owen Vyhnaelek, Chase Tachovsky & Andrea Pavlish. MR: Mason June, AyLynn Schwisow, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr & Baylor Behrens. FR: Livia Schweitzer, Atley Zoubek, Kendall Kasl, Emilia Perez, Colton Harrison & Max Novak. Not Pictured: Megan Gordon, Faith Elkins, Antonio Loarca & Rosie Lopez.





Describing the qualities to be an NHS member, senior Andrea Pavlish (NHS president) leads the Honors Night, along with juniors Chase Tachovsky & Bailey Theis, & seniors Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Gabby Theis & Owen Vyhnalek.



HONORING excellence & hard work

High school Honors Night began with the induction of three new members into the National Honor Society. It started by one NHS member reading what activities the inductee had been involved in while another NHS member walked to the student section tapping in the new member with a rose. "I was really shocked when they started saying what I was involved in and then they called my name," sophomore Livia Schweitzer said.

The night continued with the teachers giving out medals and certificates to their top students. In music, the Outstanding Vocalist was Bailey Theis and the Outstanding Instrumentalist was Owen Vyhnalek. Andrea Pavlish received the John Philip Sousa Award.

The top journalism students were Andrea Pavlish and Gabby Theis. The Art Awards went to Rosie Lopez, Emilia Perez, Lindsay DelToro, Colton Harrison, Moises Lopez, Baylor Behrens, Andrea Pavlish and Gabby Theis. The top business students were Alisson Nuñez, Atley Zoubek, Benji Beckley, Jonathan Hernandez, Senaida Tercero, Moises Lopez and Javier Muñoz. Caden Axline received the Industrial Technology Award. The top Speech (class) student was Livia Schweitzer.

The Leadership Award was given to a

student from each grade nominated by the teachers, and then voted on by the NHS members. The recipients included: Max Novak, Emilia Perez, Chase Tachovsky and Ariana Tellez.

Students who were on Honor Roll at least once received the Honor Roll Award. The Big Twelve Award went to Baylor Behrens, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnalek and Atley Zoubek for being on Honor Roll for the entire twelve semesters (7-12).

Nineteen students received the NSAA Multi Activity Award. Baylor Behrens received the Community Service Award. Gabby Theis received the CRC Bronze Recognition, Baylor Behrens received the CRC Silver Recognition, and Andrea Pavlish received the CRC Gold Recognition for their ACT scores; students who received an overall score of 30 or more received gold, 27-29 received silver and 24-26 received bronze.

Baylor Behrens (23) and Mackenzie Luzum (12) received awards for the amount of college hours they'd taken.

Students who participated in FBLA, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Journalism, Honor Choirs, Speech, Thespians, and Believers and Achievers were also

recognized.

Before the ceremony, NHS also sponsored an Honor Roll Pizza Party for students who were on Honor Roll the entire year. "The pizza party beforehand was my favorite part of the night," sophomore Briana Tellez said. "The pizza is always good, and it gives me a chance to visit with all my friends."



After getting tapped on the shoulder and handed a rose, junior Bailey Theis welcomes sophomore Livia Schweitzer as a new NHS member.



Listening to the Superintendent's address, Alisson Nuñez, Karina Maldonado, Mackenzie Luzum, Isabella Cornejo, Angelina Cornejo & Baylor Behrens wait for the presentation of the class.

ONE LAST STEP

one last memory

Ready to receive their diplomas, which they had waited thirteen years to receive, the seniors were happy, but not without feeling a little blue in all of their orange and white glory. "I was excited to finally be done with high school," senior Angelina Cornejo said, "but I was also really sad having to say goodbye to my classmates and friends that I have become close with."



Class Ushers for the Class of 2025 were juniors Micaela Loarca and Bailey Theis. They received this honor by being selected to Girls State.

During the ceremony, the choir sang *The Climb* by Miley Cyrus. "We wanted songs that fit graduation, but also were fun," senior Atley Zoubek said. "We were indecisive for a while, but I think we stuck the landing."

The seniors also wore special Hawaiian ribbon leis provided by Sarah Vyhnaelek. "I thought they looked great with our gowns," Mackenzie Luzum said. "They represented celebration, honor, and friendship."

The Valedictorian, Baylor Behrens, and Salutatorian, Andrea Pavlish, gave speeches full of thank you's and memories they shared over the past thirteen years. "I started really early, and I think that helped a lot. I had a lot of people look over it, and their opinion really mattered," senior Baylor Behrens said. "I surprisingly made it through the entire speech without crying."

The graduates handed out orange-tipped white roses to their loved ones to show their appreciation. "It was sad, knowing I made it and getting to see my family was very emotional," senior AyLynn Schwisow said.

"I was so grateful for being able to share this moment with my friends, but more importantly my sister," senior Isabella Cornejo said. "I love her so much; I couldn't have done it without her."

The seniors were recognized for excelling academically. Those that Graduated with Honors (those graduating with 90% or higher G.P.A) included: Baylor Behrens, Angelina Cornejo, Isabella Cornejo, Mackenzie Luzum, Andrea Pavlish, Joseph Peacock, AyLynn Schwisow, Ariana Tellez, Gabrielle Theis, Owen Vyhnaelek and Atley Zoubek.

The CRC ACT Honor Graduates were Andrea Pavlish (Gold), Baylor Behrens (Silver), and Gabrielle Theis (Bronze). Those honored as Thespians included: Baylor Behrens, Mackenzie Luzum, Andrea Pavlish, Ariana Tellez and Owen Vyhnaelek. National Honor Society members also wore stoles.

The seniors accumulated over \$439,000 in scholarship money. "I think the seniors earning a large amount in scholarship money is awesome and opens up so many opportunities for them," Guidance Counselor Jill Choyeski said.

As the class of 2025 exited the gym to *Unwritten* by Natasha Bedingfield, they left with many emotions. "I couldn't wait to be done with school officially," senior Julian Tellez said. "Now, I have my entire life ahead of me."



Salutatorian, Andrea Pavlish, and **Valedictorian**, Baylor Behrens, receive academic honors for being at the top of their class. They also both gave speeches, thanking their families, teachers, and friends.



Thanking her dad for everything, senior Karina Maldonado gives him a flower and a hug during the family appreciation part of the ceremony.



Class of 2025. BR: Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnaelek, Julian Tellez & Baylor Behrens. 3rd Row: Gabrielle Theis, Joseph Peacock, Atley Zoubek & AyLynn Schwisow. 2nd Row: Alisson Nuñez, Karina Maldonado & Mackenzie Luzum. FR: Ariana Tellez, Isabella Cornejo & Angelina Cornejo.

Q: What Was your favorite part of the ceremony?

AyLynn Schwisow & Alisson Nuñez



"We were so excited during the walk out because it was our final steps before we were on with our lives."

Class Quote:

"I do not and will not fear tomorrow because I feel as though today has been enough."

Class Colors:
Orange & White

Class Flower:
Orange-tipped White Rose



Holding their diplomas up high, Isabella Cornejo and Gabrielle Theis show off their achievements as they leave the ceremony to become the newest alumni.

Yelling and cheering for the football team scoring their first touchdown, Elayna Hoskinson, Lily Lehr, Micaela Loarca, Briana Tellez, Mackenzie Yager, Bailey Theis and Emilia Perez clap and jump for joy.

Sitting down at a pep rally, juniors Hunter Wake, Carter Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, and Caden Axline enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.



Holding balloons to sell at the first home football game of the school year, sophomore Tessa Martin tries to get others pumped up for the game.



Dancing to "Single Ladies" by Beyonce during the Homecoming Dance, junior Savannah June waves her finger as she sings along.



High school is often seen as an important time in life, where friendships can last a lifetime and memories are created. Many students strove to "Leave Their Mark," whether through academics, sports or the arts. This search for individuality often brought them closer together, forming a unique bond that resembled family. "Leaving Our Mark" in high school was about leaving a lasting impression, not just academically, but socially and personally as well.

These students supported one another through victories and challenges side by side. The bonds they created throughout the high school experience meant "Leaving Our Mark" with one another.

The relationships built along the way created a significant impact. Many students engaged in community service or leadership roles and strove to "Leave Their Mark" in their school and local community. "I enjoyed helping out with the Reading Carnival," sophomore Livia Schweitzer said. "I had fun helping the little kids play their games."

Students weren't the only ones helping. Although we had many staff members helping out with the school, volunteer Mimi Axline was recognized with

the NSAA Above and Beyond Award. Her dedication truly showed us how to "Leave Our Mark." "I really enjoy seeing her help around the school," freshman Kendall Kasl said. "I think after so many years of helping the early elementary children, helping in art and taking all of the photos around the school and at games, she truly deserved it."

Some staff had already been "Leaving Their Mark." Journalism teacher Sandy Severance received the Nebraska High School Press Association Distinguished Adviser of the Year Award which was voted on by other journalism teachers. Severance had taught journalism for 30 years showing her commitment to high school journalism and excellence. "It was amazing to be honored for all the hard work I have put in to make the journalism program one of the best in the state," Severance said.

Alongside that, our girls basketball coach Brandon Bruha was named NebPeps Coach of the Year. "He deserved it the most," senior Baylor Behrens said. "He really made a difference in how well we played."

Ultimately, high school was more than just an educational experience, it was a time for growth, connection and leaving a lasting legacy. It was a time to "Leave Our Mark."



Leaving Our Mark PEOPLE

Seniors. BR: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Owen Vyhnalek, Julian Tellez, Andrea Pavlish & Gabby Theis. MR: Ariana Tellez, Mackenzie Luzum; Alisson Nuñez, AyLynn Schwisow & Karina Maldonado. FR: Isabella Cornejo & Angelina Cornejo. Not Pictured: Joseph Peacock.

Class of 2025

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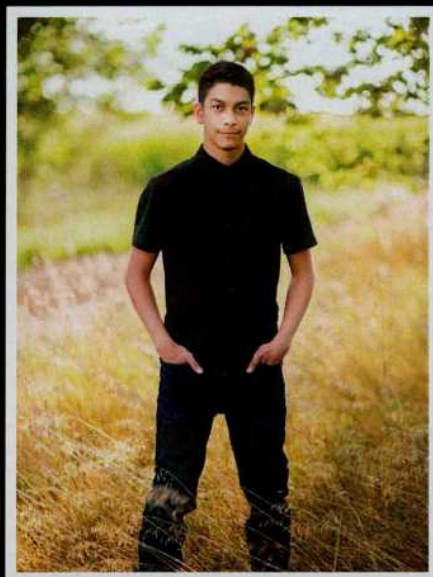
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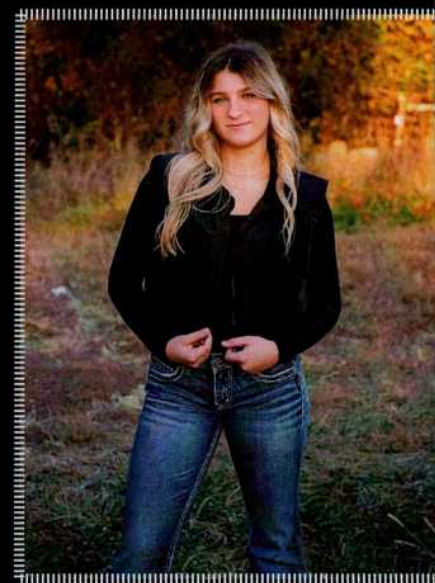
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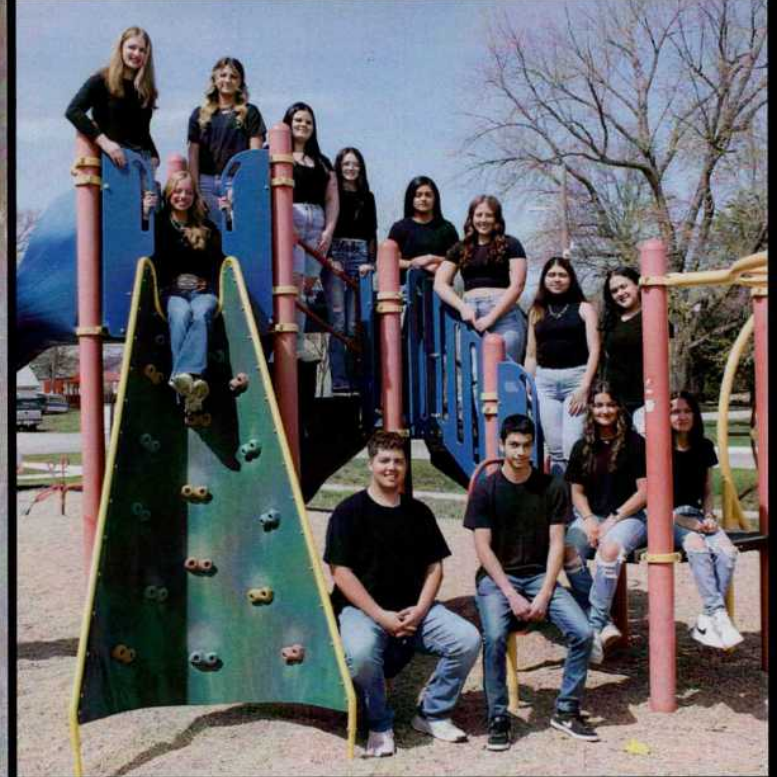
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Seniors: Owen Vyhnaek, Karina Maldonado, Isabella Cornejo, Angelina Cornejo, Ariana Tellez, AyLynn Schwisow, Andrea Pavlish, Mackenzie Luzum, Gabby Theis, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens, Alisson Nuñez & Julian Tellez. Not Pictured: Joseph Peacock.



Seniors (top to bottom). Left Column: Mackenzie Luzum, Angelina Cornejo, Isabella Cornejo, Alisson Nuñez, Atley Zoubek, Andrea Pavlish & Owen Vyhnaek. Right Column: AyLynn Schwisow, Karina Maldonado, Ariana Tellez, Gabby Theis, Baylor Behrens & Julian Tellez. Not Pictured: Joseph Peacock.

Seniors (clockwise from top). Andrea Pavlish, Baylor Behrens, Gabby Theis, AyLynn Schwisow, Mackenzie Luzum, Ariana Tellez, Atley Zoubek, Alisson Nuñez, Karina Maldonado, Angelina Cornejo, Isabella Cornejo, Julian Tellez & Owen Vyhnaek. Not Pictured: Joseph Peacock



Senior Girls (top to bottom). Isabella Cornejo, Karina Maldonado, Angelina Cornejo, Mackenzie Luzum, Alisson Nuñez, Ariana Tellez, AyLynn Schwisow, Baylor Behrens, Gabby Theis, Atley Zoubek & Andrea Pavlish.



**Boosting up
the crowd to
cheer him on,**

Joseph Peacock gets excited for receiving his Honor Roll certificate.

Creating a glowing effect, Ariana Tellez and Gabby Theis work together to put up the black light for the Homecoming Dance. The seniors were in charge of decorating and running all aspects of the night.



Eating breakfast, Angelina Cornejo, Karina Maldonado, Mackenzie Luzum, and Isabella Cornejo enjoy the meal of eggs, sausage, fruit, and sweets made by the teachers and staff to honor the seniors.



Using the brightest colors possible, Angelina Cornejo, Julian Tellez, and Andrea Pavlish create a banner to display during the Homecoming dance. It was even used as a backdrop so more memories could be captured with it.



Q: What was the best part about being a senior?

A: "Knowing that we all get to go our separate ways to accomplish our dreams."



Mackenzie Luzum

A: "All the 'lasts' that the class experienced together."



Owen Vyhnalek

A: "Having work release for half of my day; it was nice leaving at noon."



AyLynn Schwisow

Honoring the last day of school together, BR:

Julian Tellez, Mackenzie Luzum, Andrea Pavlish, AyLynn Schwisow & Owen Vyhnalek. FR: Gabby Theis, Ariana Tellez, Angelina Cornejo, Isabella Cornejo, Atley Zoubek & Baylor Behrens camp out in the parking lot before school.





During Orange and Black Day, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnalek and Atley Zoubek demonstrate senior spirit and Longhorn pride as they go all out for the day.

ONE LAST TIME to make memories

Being together one last time meant the class of 2025 soaked up every moment they had together. There were many bittersweet moments of reminiscing about how far they had come and making the most of it all. "What I enjoyed the most about my class was all the friendships that we made along the way," Joseph Peacock said. "It's going to be hard saying goodbye to everyone at the end."

After school started, the scholarships and assignments started rolling in. There were many late nights cramming things to make sure everything got done. "Having so much to do in such a short amount of time really stressed me out," Gabby Theis said. "There were so many writing assignments, essays for scholarships, and daily homework due at the same time, and I wasn't ready for all that to start randomly one day."

The days then began to go by quickly. Before they knew it, it was holiday break. "The first semester of our last year went by fast," Alisson Nuñez said. "It felt like we had only been seniors for a couple of weeks."

Once they came back in January, the time went by even faster. There were plenty of snow days. "Having a few extra days off of school was nice," Angelina Cornejo said. "I just didn't like how it took time away from being with my class."

It then was April, which meant only a month left together. The class decided to continue the new tradition of playing Senior Assassin, a game played with water guns with an end goal to be the last one "alive."

At the start of each round, every player was assigned a target, a classmate, who they had to splash with a water gun to get them out of the game. Once the target was out, they were assigned a new target until there was only one player left.

The class played two rounds, one by themselves and a team round. The target was safe at school or work so seniors had to be creative. "Mackenzie Luzum and I were on a team, and during a purge round, everyone could get each other out. We drove around and hunted people down," Ariana Tellez said.

"During the purge, Mack and Ariana made a plan with my mom behind my back to try and get me out," Owen Vyhnalek said. "It resulted in me being the first person out."

Before some students left for state journalism, three of them were eliminated within five minutes of each other. The game eventually ended because the class decided that after a month of playing that they were done. "I still had a good amount

of homework and scholarships to do on top of going to work every day," Karina Maldonado said.

May 10th snuck up quickly. With the year coming to an end, many were thankful for the class. "I will miss my classmates the most and all the memories that we made together," AyLynn Schwisow said.



Painting the stands, Alisson Nuñez spruces up the football stadium before the first game with the other seniors.

A Road Through

*Taking
the ACT*

*Applying
for
College*

Seniors on average took the ACT twice.

On average, seniors applied to three colleges.

About 60% of the seniors said that one of their stresses was filling out the FAFSA.

**On average
seniors applied
for eleven
scholarships
each.**

**The majority
of the senior
class is staying
in state for
college.**

*Filling
out the
FAFSA*

*Filling
Out
Scholarships*

*Making
the
Decision*

**The seniors main
stresses were
cost and picking
the right school
for them.**

Senior Year



Showing their school spirit, Chase Tachovsky, Caden Axline, Megan Gordon, Savannah June, Bailey Theis, Micaela Loarca, Hunter Wake, Carter Cerny and Adrian Alcaide wait for the Homecoming Parade to start.

11th



Adrian Alcaide



Carter Cerny



Justin Dixon



Megan Gordon



Micaela Loarca



Moises Lopez



Chase Tachovsky



Bailey Theis

Juniors



All dressed up for Homecoming, BR: Bailey Theis, Chase Tachovsky, Carter Cerny, Caden Axline, Micaela Loarca & Savannah June. FR: Adrian Alcaide and Hunter Wake get ready to dance.



Blowing up balloons, Micaela Loarca helps get ready for Prom, which the juniors sponsor. They used the balloons for the photo backdrop in the Vegas-themed event.



Bailey Theis

Q: What was your favorite part of junior year?

A: "Getting closer with my class."

Decorating for the junior sponsored Prom, Justin Dixon and Chase Tachovsky put together the base for the balloon column used as part of the entrance to Prom.



Dancing to the beat, Caden Axline, Chase Tachovsky, Adrian Alcaide and Bailey Theis show their moves off to try to win the dance off at the January excellence rally.

GROWING TOGETHER

gaining responsibility



Caden Axline



Savannah June



Hunter Wake

The junior class spent the year learning valuable lessons about responsibility, time management and preparation for the future. From taking the ACT and college courses to Prom planning and school events, the class grew. "I thought junior year would be easy, but I was actually stressed out a lot," Justin Dixon said.

A major focus for juniors was the ACT, a challenge that required weeks of dedication. Students watched videos in class, took the PreACT, and even completed practice tests. "I took some online classes to prepare for the ACT test," Savannah June said. "The practice test was harder than the actual ACT."

Others agreed the testing season was difficult. "The ACT was a long process, especially with all the prep we had to do for every class," Micaela Loarca said.

Juniors also took the ASVAB, test, a military entrance exam. "I didn't really mind the ASVAB," Adrian Alcaide said. "It wasn't exactly easy, but it was definitely easier than the ACT."

Many juniors took on even more by enrolling in online college courses. "I took an early childhood and development class so I could get a better understanding of

what I want to go into in college," Bailey Theis said.

"The hardest part was that college professors grade you like you're already in college, and the assignments are harder," Chase Tachovsky said.

Despite the academic pressures, the juniors also had their share of fun. They were responsible for planning and decorating for Prom. "It was fun coming up with ideas and seeing how it came to life in the end," Carter Cerny said.

Others acknowledged the stress that came with the task. "It was pretty stressful as it got closer because it felt like we weren't prepared," Bailey Theis said.

"It turned out fine in the end with really great decorations and good food," Megan Gordon said.

Outside the classroom, the juniors created lasting memories by attending bonfires and participating in Spirit Week. "My favorite part about the year was when we all decorated the hallways for Spirit Week. We all got along super well and pitched in to work," Hunter Wake said.

While junior year came with its challenges, the class came out closer and more prepared for the future. "I think our class really grew closer because of all of things we had to do together," Caden Axline said.



Seeing how large he can make it before it pops, Hunter Wake blows up the red balloon to be used for Prom.



At the end of the year Excellence Rally, Moises Lopez walks away with a gift certificate to Runza.



Portraying WWI trenches in American History, Hunter Wake chases Savannah June with a ball to hit her as she runs away.



At the Homecoming Bonfire, the juniors come together as they wait for the "D" to be burned and to yell their class cheers. BR: Carter Cerny, Bailey Theis, Hunter Wake, Caden Axline, Chase Tachovsky & Adrian Alcaide. FR: Megan Gordon, Savannah June & Micaela Loarca.



Megan Gordon

Q: What was your favorite part of junior year?

A: "My favorite part of my junior year would be Spirit Week since I got to dress up!"

HALFWAY THERE

keeping busy

Balanced, focused and creative were a few words that described the sophomore class.

With every year came new and difficult challenges. From late night studies to new experiences, the sophomore class had a lot to handle. "The hardest thing about sophomore year was keeping up with my grades," Emilia Perez said, "especially taking SENCAP classes."

Everyone had his or her favorite classes. "My favorite class was speech," Michael Maldonado said. "I liked being able to say my opinion and try to persuade others to it as well."

Some students had harder classes. "My hardest class was English," Livia Schweitzer said. "I enjoyed learning but sometimes it got confusing."

The sophomore class had many projects which helped them learn in different ways. "My favorite project was growing potatoes in world geography," Benji Beckley said. "I liked that we got to eat them after they grew."

Other students enjoyed projects they did in biology. "I liked making our own ecosystems," Rosie Lopez said. "I thought it was very interesting how they can live in an enclosed environment."

These students also had a lot of fun being involved with extracurricular activities. "My favorite activity was basketball," Lily Lehr said. "This season was the best, and I really appreciated my class going to watch our games."

"I had a lot of fun in band," Mason June said. "It kept me entertained and motivated during school."

Overall the year was filled with laughter and joy. "The funniest thing that happened was when we decorated our hallway for Spirit Week and spelled sophomore wrong," Briana Tellez said. "It was funny even though we got points taken off."

"I thought it was funny when Frank (Matejka) got caught by Mr. Nelson on his phone. Then he snuck it back and got caught again," Colton Harrison said.



Cheering on the football team, Lily Lehr, Emilia Perez (Longhorn) & Briana Tellez dress in Hawaiian theme to unify the crowd.



Lily Lehr



Rosie Lopez

Sophomores



Emilia Perez



Esthefanie Pozo



Ellie Ralston



Livia Schweitzer



Coming together during a pep rally, Benji Beckley, Jonathan Hernandez and Colton Harrison show off their school spirit while cheering on their class during the Spirit Week games.

Q: What was your favorite memory?

A: "I enjoyed playing basketball. I learned a lot and had fun."



Javier Muñoz

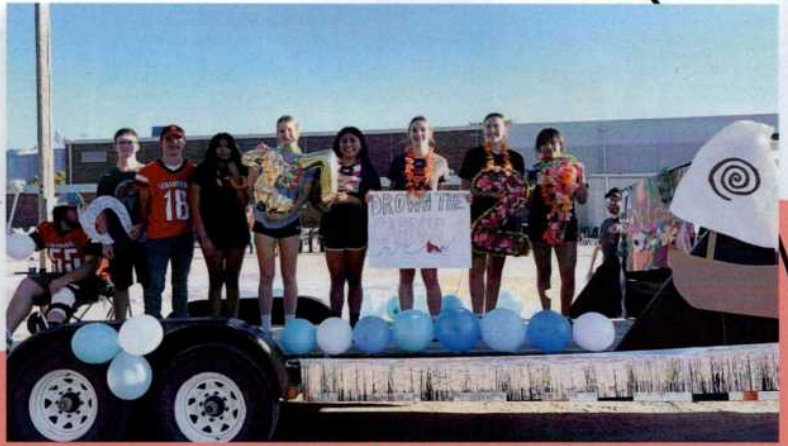


Bonding as a class and a Longhorn, Colton Harrison, Emilia Perez, Mackenzie Yager, Lily Lehr, Livia Schweitzer, Briana Tellez and Mason June march to the beat around the illuminated "D."

10th



Benji Beckley



At the Homecoming Parade, Frank Matejka, Colton Harrison, Mason June, Rosie Lopez, Mackenzie Yager, Emilia Perez, Livia Schweitzer, Lily Lehr and Briana Tellez get ready to show off their float to the town.



Colton Harrison Jonathan Hernandez Mason June



Michael Maldonado Tessa Martin Frank Matejka Javier Muñoz



Briana Tellez Senaida Tercero Sandra Ventura Mackenzie Yager



Decorating their hallway, Emilia Perez hangs up flowers and lights for their Moana-themed hallway during Spirit Week. The class decorated with vines and flowers to make it feel like Hawaii.



All dressed up, BR: Senaida Tercero, Emilia Perez, Mackenzie Yager, Lily Lehr, Livia Schweitzer & Briana Tellez. FR: Javier Muñoz and Mason June are ready for Homecoming. "This was the best night ever," Mason June said.



During Homecoming week, Senaida Tercero lays paper to cutout and hang on the wall. The class worked together to create the ambiance of a jungle.



Jonathan Hernandez

Q: What is your favorite class?

A: "Geography. I liked making YouTube videos for projects to show my class."



Using their hallway decorations, Lyberty Bartlett, Jorge Reyes, Lindsay DelToro, Laura Garcia, Hadley Brandt, Bryan Martin, Faith Elkins, Kendall Kasl, Antonio Loarca, Ella Vyhnaelek, Max Novak, Sierra Sherwood, Thor Nerud & Blake Cerny make sure the Jurassic Park theme is on their Homecoming Float.

9th



Lyberty Bartlett



Hadley Brandt



Blake Cerny



Lindsay DelToro



Faith Elkins



Laura Garcia



Kendall Kasl



Antonio Loarca



Bryan Martin



Emely Morales

Freshmen



At the Christmas pep rally, Kendall Kasl, Sierra Sherwood, Hadley Brandt, Max Novak and Ella Vyhnaelek wrap up Faith Elkins. The goal was to wrap up the classmate the fastest in TP.



At the January Excellence Rally, Kendall Kasl, Ella Vyhnaelek, Laura Garcia and Max Novak dance to "Cotton-Eyed Joe." The classes tried to outdance each other, and the freshmen placed second.



Q: What was your favorite thing about starting high school?

A: "I really enjoyed playing sports."

Ella Vyhnaelek

Working on their Homecoming hallway, Lindsay DelToro and Laura Garcia try to make it like Jurassic Park by putting up a dinosaur. The class also added Jurassic Park music to make it more realistic.



In world geography, Lyberty Bartlett and Emely Morales work in pairs to create a poster of the water cycle.

NEW YEAR

new opportunities



With a table full of balloons, Jorge Reyes and Blake Cerny make decorations for their Homecoming hallway.



Thor Nerud



Max Novak



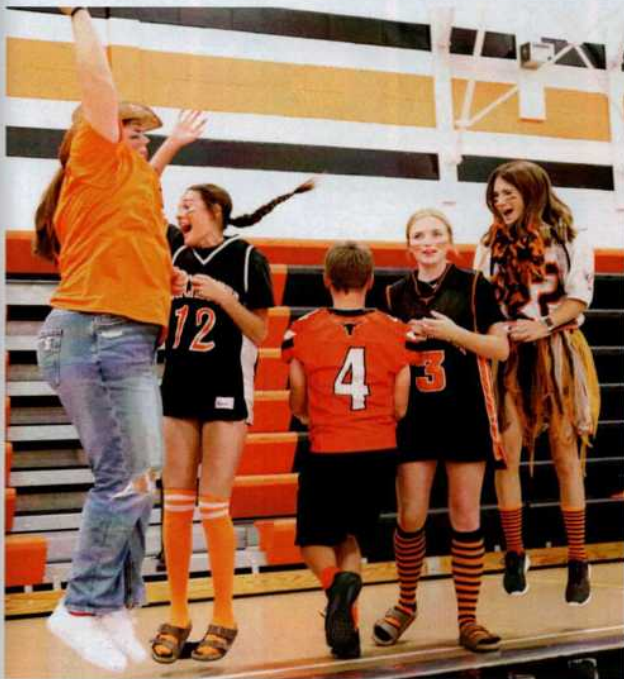
Jorge Reyes



Sierra Sherwood



Ella Vyhnalek



Winning the feather blowing relay, Ella Vyhnalek, Faith Elkins, Hadley Brandt & Sierra Sherwood celebrate Max Novak going across the finish line first giving the freshmen 100 points.

A few of the words the freshmen would use to describe their first year as high schoolers were fun, tiring, and crazy.

In their first year of high school, the freshmen did their best to keep up with their classes. "The deadlines for assignments are harder and more strict than they were in junior high," Max Novak said.

"Balancing sports and academics is harder because I had to stay up late to finish my homework," Kendall Kasl said.

"Practices were longer and there was more homework," Faith Elkins said.

The freshmen were most excited about starting high school sports so they could play at a higher level. "The workouts are harder, but they prepared me more for the games," Hadley Brandt said.

"I was looking forward to playing high school sports because it felt like more of a challenge than junior high sports," Thor Nerud said.

They had multiple classes they enjoyed. "I liked world geography because it was fun, and Mr. Kotas made learning easier," Lindsay DelToro said.

"I liked P.E. because it was fun, and we got to choose what we wanted to play," Jorge Reyes said.

Starting high school meant having more activities for the students to do or try out. "Homecoming was exciting because we finally got to go to the Homecoming dance," Laura Garcia said. "We had a junior high dance, but the Homecoming Dance was a lot more fun and had more students."

"I liked having all of the choices of clubs," Sierra Sherwood said. "There are a lot of ways to be involved."

From harder classes to more activities and sports, the freshmen somehow made it through. "Freshmen year was hard, but being involved in other activities made it fun, too," Ella Vyhnalek said.



Wearing orange jerseys at the bonfire, Bryan Martin, Blake Cerny and Thor Nerud cheer for the Longhorns and try to outyell the other classes.

Q: What was your favorite thing about high school?

A: "My favorite thing about high school was the opportunities to do more activities."

Arterio Lanza



Laura Barlow: Reading Interventionist, Reading Classic
Corey Bird: Special Education, HS Boys Basketball, HS Track, D-Club
Deanna Bird: Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, Concessions Manager
Andrea Bolton: Paraprofessional
Jennifer Bond: Bookkeeper



Adam Briggs: Custodian
Brandon Bruha: Industrial Technology, JH & HS Girls Basketball, HS Track, D-Club
Deb Burrows: Paraprofessional, One Act, HS Play
Jay Carlson: Bus Driver
Amanda Cerny: Head Cook



Jill Choyeski: Guidance Counselor
Curt Cogswell: Superintendent
Jaci Dunaway: Library, Study Skills, JH Health
Karen Hrdlicka: Paraprofessional, Speech, HS Play, One Act
Leanne Josoff: Psychologist



Randy Klooz: Math, Science, JH Sponsor, Science Olympiad
JeNae Kort: Math, Sophomore Sponsor
Spencer Kotas: Social Studies, JH Football, Asst. HS Football, JH Track, Senior Sponsor
Irma Lopez: Paraprofessional
Betty Luong: Cook



Stacy Lutjemeyer
Art, Student Council



Olivia McBeth
Music

Celebrating all they've done for the school, the staff gives goodbye gifts to the principal, Jake Wiese, and the superintendent, Curt Cogswell.



The District honored years of service to DPS. With their plaques are Mrs. Irma Lopez (5), Mrs. Angelica Tellez (5), Mr. Spencer Kotas (5), Mrs. Brenda Nerud (15), Mr. Jake Wiese (5), Mrs. Stacy Lutjemeyer (25), Mr. Randy Klooz (5) and Mr. Chris Nelson (5).

Deputy Jennifer Waring
School Resource Officer



FACULTY & STAFF

striving for excellence



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Christopher Nelson: Science, Freshmen Sponsor, JH & HS Wrestling
Judy Persson: Paraprofessional
Michelle Rathbun: Custodian
Karma Ridpath: Special Education, Title 1, JH Play, Reading Classic, Thespians



Audrey Schutte: English, Junior Sponsor
Nicole Schweitzer: Paraprofessional
Sandy Severance: English, Social Studies, Journalism, NHS, Reading Classic, JH & HS Quiz Bowl, JH Sponsor
Patty Stehlik: Paraprofessional
Brandon Sullivan: P.E., JH Football, JH Boys Basketball, Asst. HS Boys Basketball, JH Track



Claire Tachovsky: Business, FBLA, JH & HS Volleyball
Angelica Tellez: ELL Paraprofessional
Jessica Tuttle: Secretary
Zaira Vazquez: Paraprofessional
Bailey Velder: Paraprofessional



School Board Members. Matt Hansen, Carol Schnell, Mike Hatfield, Steve Vyhnalek, Kelli Schweitzer and Shelly Lehr.

Coming onto the School Board in January are Matt Smith and Matt Bolton, taking the places of Mike Hatfield and Kelli Schweitzer.



Sarah Vyhnalek: Paraprofessional, JH Play
Rachel Weakland: Speech Pathologist



Jake Wiese: Principal
Clinton Zaptin: Custodian, Bus Driver

BIG CHALLENGES

new experiences

More challenges, responsibilities, and lots of activities kept the junior high busy. "We're able to do a lot of activities in junior high," seventh grader Grayson Leavitt said. "It gives better opportunities and experiences than in elementary."

"My favorite part of being in junior high is doing track since I wasn't able to until now," seventh grader Broden Whitney said.

They were excited to be in junior high, but found it could also be stressful. "My least favorite part is the homework," eighth grader Cameron Yager said. "It's challenging to get it turned in on time and to stay organized."

The seventh graders stayed busy with many projects. They worked on clay animation projects in Intro to Business. By sculpting clay and creating motion, they recorded their clay characters step by step. "My favorite part of the project was the clay," Mya Mahlin said. "It's a lot of fun sculpting it into something."

"The clay animation project taught me that it only takes a little movement at a time to

animate," Payton Zoubek said. "I had a lot of fun creating the motion."

They also took their cousin Matilda on a trip across Nebraska in social studies. "It's a bit difficult to decide where and when to go across Nebraska," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said. "There are a lot of interesting places."

The eighth graders ran political campaigns in social studies. "It was difficult to decide what my group was going to campaign on," Kaitlyn Bolton said. "There were a lot of issues to choose from."

"I was able to experience how a campaign works," Annaleah Tellez said. "I learned a lot and also had fun creating a campaign mascot."

They also worked on pottery projects in art. "Pottery was the easiest project, and I even had fun making it," eighth grader Maribel Garcia said.

The junior high had many fun memories and new experiences. "My favorite memory was Spirit Week. Our class created a float for the first time," seventh grader Legend Smith said. "It took a lot of planning, and it was also fun to ride in the parade."



Cutting out decorations for his class's hallway, eighth grader Paxton Behrens creates a Monsters Inc. monster.



Trevin Steuk



Annaleah Tellez

7th



Jennifer Acosta



Brenden Bergmeyer



Araceli Garcia



Ingrid Gonzales



Braxton June



Grayson Leavitt



Celebrating school spirit during Spirit Week, the eighth grade class are ready to ride in the Homecoming Parade. They worked as a group to decorate their float, which matched their hallway.



Presenting their political campaign in social studies, eighth graders Kaitlyn Bolton, Annaleah Tellez, Landon Shaw and Javier Cornejo show their slogan and the issues their party believes in.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: "My favorite subject is English because we learn so many new things."



Faith Sherman, 8th

8th



Paxton Behrens



Kaitlyn Bolton



Javier Cornejo



Gabriel Dalke



Troy Dawes



Maribel Garcia



Joshua Gordon



Royce Gutierrez



Kadyr Kemerling



Erik Paiz



Landon Shaw



Faith Sherman



Brennaly Vazquez



Lesly Ventura



Dominick Winter



Cameron Yager



Dressed up for Hallway Day, seventh graders BR: Jennifer Acosta, Grayson Leavitt, Legend Smith, Mason Vyhnaek, Myles Vyhnaek, Brenden Bergmeyer & Juliann Roan Eagle. FR: Braxton June and Payton Zoubek embrace Video games for Spirit Week.



Jemerson Lopez



Mya Mahlin



Juliann Roan Eagle



Hunter Sherwood



Legend Smith



Jenifer Solis



Marlea Vernon



Mason Vyhnaek



Myles Vyhnaek



Broden Whitney



Payton Zoubek



In English, the seventh grade class shows the projects they created after reading *Canyons* by Gary Paulsen. The projects ranged from shadow boxes to games.



Working together, seventh graders Payton Zoubek and Broden Whitney made a Pacman board to put up in their game-inspired hallway during Spirit Week.

Marlea Vernon, 7th



Q: What is your favorite subject?

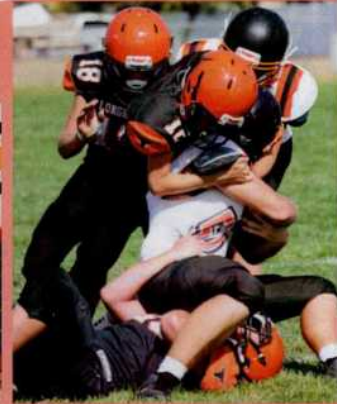
A: "My favorite subject is art because I enjoy painting the most."

Holding tight, 8th grader Landon Shaw moves the ball down the field with the help of 6th grader Kasen Fuller & 8th grader Paxton Behrens.



Tipping the ball over the net, eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez tries to get a point against Hampton.

Planting her feet, 8th grader Kaitlyn Bolton gets a perfect pass as 6th graders Bethany Vazquez & Embry Brandt stand ready to assist.



Working together, 7th grader Hunter Sherwood & 8th graders Trevin Steuk & Landon Shaw take down Diller-Odell.

Whether it was scoring a touchdown or spiking the ball over the net, the players worked hard both on the court and on the field.

The junior high boys had a huge turnaround from the previous season with a record of 4-2. With this record, the team had confidence in themselves and in their teammates. This helped them be a better team and taught them also how to communicate with each other. "It was exciting to see how well we played," eighth grader Landon Shaw said. "It felt a lot better to have so many wins."

For some, playing football was a new experience. "My favorite game was Meridian because I got my first sack," seventh grader Myles Vyhnaelek said. "It felt great to take him down."

Even though they were a younger team, they still tried to overcome their obstacles and worked well together. "I feel that I improved a lot from the beginning to the end," eighth grader Troy Dawes said.

They did have a few tough games. "It was hard playing Parkview Christen since they are a little bit bigger school than us," seventh grader Hunter Sherwood said. "Even though we

didn't win, we still played really well overall as a team."

"These kids were easy to coach," Coach Spencer Kotas said. "Whenever they were told to do something that we asked them to, they would try and do it even if they didn't want to."

The volleyball team was learning and improving throughout the season. They constantly practiced to become better passers, servers and blockers, and learned how to play their positions.

The players made many goals. "My goal was to be on the A team, and I got to be on the A team and play so I was excited," sixth grader Embry Brandt said.

Many players enjoyed the positions they played. "I played outside hitter," seventh grader Ingrid Gonzales said. "I loved blocking."

The girls ended their record with 6-7. "I think working together helped us as a team, and we played better," eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez said.

"My favorite game was against Friend because I felt like we all did really well," eighth grader Faith Sherman said.

"The girls tried their hardest at every game and improved after each one," Coach Claire Tachovsky said. "They always kept trying even when they wanted to give up."

DEDICATION

makes a path to success



Junior High Football Team. BR: Kasen Fuller, Xavier Smith, Connor Shaw, Harrison Vyhnaelek, Darien Ramos and Boone Smith. MR: Coach Brandon Sullivan, Braxton June, Payton Zoubek, Mason Vyhnaelek, Hunter Sherwood, Myles Vyhnaelek and Coach Spencer Kotas. FR: Royce Gutierrez, Kadyn Kemerling, Paxton Behrens, Landon Shaw, Javier Cornejo and Erik Paiz. Not Pictured: Trevin Steuk.



Junior High Volleyball Team. BR: Coach Lisa Lautzenhiser, Juliann Roan Eagle, Mya Mahlin, Kaitlyn Bolton, Faith Sherman, Bethany Vazquez, Brennaly Vazquez and Coach Claire Tachovsky. FR: Taylynn Winter, Jenifer Solis, Embry Brandt, Mahayla Hetrick, Ingrid Gonzales and Alexa Reyes.

TEAMWORK

brings improvement

Junior High Boys Basketball Team. BR: Mason Vyhnaek, Myles Vyhnaek, Brenden Bergmeyer, Paxton Behrens and Hunter Sherwood. FR: Coach Brandon Sullivan, Braxton June, Joshua Gordon, Payton Zoubek and Trevin Steuk. Not Pictured: Landon Shaw.



Junior High Girls Basketball Team. BR: Coach Brandon Bruha, Bethany Vazquez, Mya Mahlin, Faith Sherman, Kaitlyn Bolton and Brennelly Vazquez. FR: Taylynn Winter, Ingrid Gonzales, Jenifer Solis and Embry Brandt.

Improving their skills and learning the fundamentals were what the junior high basketball teams were set on achieving. Whether it was making shots or throwing the perfect pass, they all did it as a team.

Before the boys stepped foot on the court, they set goals for themselves to make sure they improved with each game and the in the overall season. "My goal was to become better at making more 3s," seventh grader Payton Zoubek said. "I practiced almost every day after school."

The boys ended their season with a record of 5-10. "My favorite game of the season was against Meridian," eighth grader Mason Vyhnaek said. "We played them three times and won all three times."

Even with the hard work, the team faced some challenges. "We worked very hard at the game against Hampton, and we still got beat," eighth grader Paxton Behrens said.

The boys always were learning and improved as the season went on. "The boys were very hard working and improved every game," Coach Brandon Sullivan said.

The main goal for the girls was to communicate with each other on

the court. "We started playing better every time we helped each other with our positions and made sure everyone knew what was going on," eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton said.

"We each became closer as a team when we helped each other," eighth grader Faith Sherman said.

The girls made many memories. "My favorite memory was when we got first at our tournament," sixth grader Embry Brandt said. "It was cool to win at home."

"My favorite memory is when we blared music in the locker room before we got ready," sixth grader Bethany Vazquez said. "It really pumped us up for the games."

The girls ended their season with a record of 4-10. "My favorite game was against BDS," eighth grader Brennelly Vazquez said. "I liked it because it was a super close game, and I liked being competitive."

"At the start of the season I didn't think I would enjoy playing, but I enjoyed it," sixth grader Taylynn Winter said.

"The girls always gave it their best even if we were losing in games," Coach Brandon Bruha said. "They were very coachable, and started handling the ball better as the season progressed."



Throwing the ball above her McCool opponents, eighth grader Brennelly Vazquez works to get ahead of the Mustangs.

Jumping past his McCool opponent, seventh grader Hunter Sherwood adds two points to the score.



Driving the ball, seventh grader Mya Mahlin moves the ball closer to the hoop to score points for the team.

FOR THE THRILL

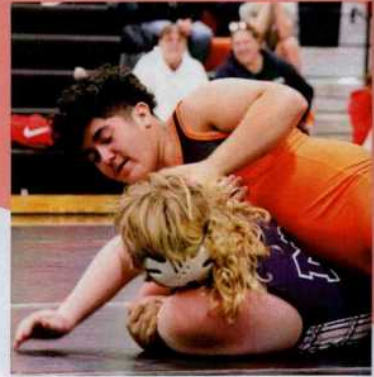
competing to win

Soaring high, 7th grader Jennifer Acosta jumps to see how far she can fly in the long jump at the McCool Junction Meet.



JH Wrestling Team: BR: Coach Chris Nelson, Brennaly Vazquez, Mason Vyhnaelek and Bethany Vazquez. FR: Jenifer Solis, Boone Smith, and Embry Brandt. Not Pictured: Javier Cornejo.

At the Dorchester Invite, eighth grader Javier Cornejo catches his opponent in a grab and works to pin him to the mat.



By focusing all of their efforts on improving their game, the junior high athletes were determined to excel in all aspects of track and wrestling.

In track, giving it their all and working to beat PR's helped them improve. "The best part about coaching the track team is watching these kids grow and compete. They gain confidence, which will carry into their lives," Coach Spencer Kotas said.

"We have always dedicated ourselves to putting in 100%, and it's evident that we achieved that because we hit a ton of new PR's all year long," Coach Brandon Sullivan said.

One highlight was when eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton broke the school record in discus with a throw of 88'6." "I felt pretty confident about throwing until I went up and fouled twice. I had to lock in on the last throw and felt pretty good about it."

However, they also had fun amongst the focus. "My favorite memory was when Paxton (Behrens) lost a bet with Mr. Kotas and had to dress up as the Saint Puft Marshmallow Man for practice," said eighth grader Troy Dawes.

After a steady increase in the Dorchester Junior High

wrestling team, their skills started to increase, too. More teammates meant more practicing, which helped the team refine its playstyle. "We had a lot of wrestlers for both the boys and girls. Because of that, we had a lot more practice, which helps because they're typically new to wrestling," Coach Chris Nelson said. "We also added the sixth grade (which helped add three to team (Bethany Vazquez, Boone Smith, and Embry Brandt) which helped our numbers, and they had a lot of experience."

There were many reasons to join the wrestling program. "I joined because I wrestled since kindergarten, and I've liked it ever since," seventh grader Mason Vyhnaelek said.

"I joined because my friends were in it before, and I ended up staying because I liked it," eighth grader Javier Cornejo said.

The team excelled. "My favorite meet was the Dorchester Invite because I placed first," eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez said. "It was fun to do so well during the matches."

Overall track and wrestling season went well. "The best part of sports is competing alongside your friends and teammates," eighth grader Cameron Yager said.



At the McCool Junction Meet, seventh grader Broden Whitney runs with the baton to pass it to his teammate seventh grader Mason Vyhnaelek in the 4 x 2 race.

JH Track Team. BR: Mason Vyhnaelek, Myles Vyhnaelek, Legend Smith, Brenden Bergmeyer & Hunter Sherwood. 4th Row: Braxton June, Erik Paiz, Troy Dawes, Gabriel Dalke, Payton Zoubek & Broden Whitney. 3rd Row: Coach Brandon Sullivan, Cameron Yager, Javier Cornejo, Landon Shaw, Trevin Steuk, Paxton Behrens, Joshua Gordon, Royce Gutierrez & Coach Spencer Kotas. 2nd Row: Embry Brandt, Bethany Vazquez, Grayson Leavitt, Mya Mahlin, Ingrid Gonzales, Jennifer Acosta, Jenifer Solis & Estela Garcia. FR: Brennaly Vazquez, Annaleah Tellez, Maribel Garcia, Kaitlyn Bolton, Faith Sherman, Araceli Garcia, Taylynn Winter & Mahayla Hetrick.



Propelling himself high into the air, seventh grader Payton Zoubek leaps to get over the hurdles at the McCool Junction Meet.



Guidance/Art/Computer/Music Awards: BR: Myles Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes & Mason Vyhnaelek. MR: Jennifer Acosta, Trevin Steuk & Landon Shaw. FR: Grayson Leavitt, Brennaly Vazquez & Juliann Roan Eagle. Not Pictured: Kaitlyn Bolton, Maribel Garcia, Annaleah Tellez, Paxton Behrens, Joshua Gordon & Cameron Yager.

Social Studies Awards: BR: Gabriel Dalke, Troy Dawes & Mason Vyhnaelek. MR: Jennifer Acosta, Trevin Steuk & Landon Shaw. FR: Grayson Leavitt, Brennaly Vazquez & Kaitlyn Bolton. Not Pictured: Paxton Behrens, Annaleah Tellez & Maribel Garcia.



English Awards: BR: Trevin Steuk, Brennaly Vazquez & Landon Shaw. FR: Jennifer Acosta, Grayson Leavitt & Juliann Roan Eagle. Not Pictured: Paxton Behrens, Maribel Garcia & Annaleah Tellez.

Finally, after all of the extra hours spent studying or staying up late to finish a project, the junior high's hard work paid off on Honors Night. Students who excelled in academics and extracurricular activities were given awards by their teachers. "Being the best in English was the best," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said. "I adore literature so I appreciated the reminder that I was, in fact, good at writing."

Teachers awarded the top students in math, science, English, social studies, art, computers, music, and guidance classes. The top guidance awards went to Mason Vyhnaelek, Landon Shaw and Brennaly Vazquez. Juliann Roan Eagle, Myles Vyhnaelek, Mason Vyhnaelek and Jennifer Acosta were awarded top seventh grade keyboarding students. Paxton Behrens, Troy Dawes, Maribel Garcia, Joshua Gordon, Landon Shaw, Trevin Steuk, Annaleah Tellez, Brenden Bergmeyer and Cameron Yager received a 97% or above in Intro to Business Technology.

The top art students were Jennifer Acosta, Grayson Leavitt, Kaitlyn Bolton, Maribel Garcia, Annaleah Tellez and Brennaly Vazquez. The top students for music were Grayson Leavitt, Myles Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes and Maribel Garcia.

Those who attended JH CRC Honor Choir were Kaitlyn Bolton, Maribel Garcia, Myles Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes & Grayson Leavitt.

Seventh grade students who had a high NWEA Growth Progress in math included: Jennifer Acosta, Brenden Bergmeyer, Ingrid Gonzales, Broden Whitney & Payton Zoubek. The top Growth medal was given to Payton Zoubek. Eighth grade students who had a high NWEA Growth Progress in math included: Kaitlyn Bolton, Trevin Steuk, Troy Dawes, Erik Paiz and Brennaly Vazquez. The top Growth medal went to Kaitlyn Bolton.

Certificates were also given for participating in Reading Classic, Drama, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Spelling Contest, and Honor Roll. "I'm pretty happy about all of the awards I received because they meant a lot to me," eighth grader Trevin Steuk said.

After the awards, punch and cookies were served, and everyone went home feeling proud of their accomplishments. "I really enjoyed Honors Night," seventh grader Grayson Leavitt said. "It gave me a sense of comfort that I've improved over the years."

PLACING HIGH

and getting awarded



Science Awards: BR: Mason Vyhnaelek, Myles Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes, Brenden Bergmeyer and Hunter Sherwood. MR: Jennifer Acosta, Grayson Leavitt, Trevin Steuk and Broden Whitney. FR: Juliann Roan Eagle, Brennaly Vazquez, Kaitlyn Bolton and Landon Shaw. Not Pictured: Paxton Behrens, Erik Paiz & Maribel Garcia.



Math Awards: BR: Brenden Bergmeyer, Troy Dawes, Mason Vyhnaelek and Hunter Sherwood. MR: Myles Vyhnaelek, Jennifer Acosta, Broden Whitney and Payton Zoubek. FR: Grayson Leavitt, Brennaly Vazquez and Kaitlyn Bolton. Not Pictured: Paxton Behrens, Maribel Garcia & Erik Paiz.



JH County Spelling Contest. BR: Erik Paiz, Troy Dawes and Trevin Steuk. FR: Juliann Roan Eagle, Jennifer Acosta and Brennaly Vazquez. Not Pictured: Sandy Severance (Sponsor).

At the Osceola Quiz Bowl, Team A took first place: Myles Vyhnalek, Gabriel Dalke, Troy Dawes (Captain), Joshua Gordon and Trevin Steuk. Not Pictured: Coach Sandy Severance.



Dorchester Middle School Reading Classic Team placed 2nd: Maribel Garcia, Trevin Steuk, Jennifer Acosta, Juliann Roan Eagle and Coach Sandy Severance.

Competing academically showed what students in junior high learned in class and allowed them to compete against other schools.

For Quiz Bowl, students competed at the AMI Quiz Bowl, CRC Qz Bowl, GFWC Middle School Qz. Bowl, Osceola Qz Bowl and the ESU#6 Middle School Qz. Bowl. "I learned to always take chances even though your answer might be wrong. All that matters is to try," eighth grader Paxton Behrens said.

Quiz Bowl Team A, Troy Dawes (Captain), Josh Gordon, Trevin Steuk, Myles Vyhnalek and Gabriel Dalke won first place at the Osceola meet. "Winning first place showed what I learned and how proud I was of myself and my team," eighth grader Trevin Steuk said.

The Quiz Bowl team (the previously mentioned team plus Juliann Roan Eagle) also won third place at the CRC meet. "It's a little challenging when the questions got tougher," eighth grader Gabriel Dahlke said. "It's still fun."

At the ESU#6 Middle School Qz. Bowl, Team A, Troy Dawes (Captain), Trevin Steuk, Josh Gordon and Myles Vyhnalek placed third. Lastly, at the GFWC Middle School Qz. Bowl, Team A placed

fourth. "I was really proud of our team," eighth grader Troy Dawes said. "We each have our strengths and work together well. It was amazing to place at almost all of the meets."

Troy Dawes, Josh Gordon and Trevin Steuk also moved up to compete with the high school students at the Upperclassmen Quiz Bowl in May. "The questions at times could be a lot harder," eighth grader Joshua Gordon said.

Students also competed in the County Spelling Contest. "It's a bit challenging as the words get harder," eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez said. "I tried my best sounding out the words that were the hardest."

"Although I didn't place in the Spelling Bee, I'm proud that I even made it," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said.

In the Reading Classic, students read 20 books and then competed against Shickley. Dorchester placed second out of three teams. "I'm proud that I was able to read so many books" eighth grader Maribel Garcia said. "It made me feel accomplished."

"Reading books has brought me to enjoy reading," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said. "I now read books that will make me enjoy reading a lot more."

COMPETING & accomplishing



CRC Quiz Bowl Team with the 3rd place plaque. BR: (Alternates) Brenden Bergmeyer, Landon Shaw, Kaitlyn Bolton and Paxton Behrens. FR: (Competing) Myles Vyhnalek, Joshua Gordon, Trevin Steuk, Troy Dawes, Juliann Roan Eagle and Gabriel Dalke. Not Pictured: Coach Sandy Severance.



JH Quiz Bowl Team. BR: Myles Vyhnalek, Gabriel Dalke, Troy Dawes, Paxton Behrens and Kaitlyn Bolton. FR: Coach Sandy Severance, Trevin Steuk, Landon Shaw, Joshua Gordon and Juliann Roan Eagle. Not Pictured: Brenden Bergmeyer.

PROJECTS & plenty of fun activities

Getting ready to race their cars, eighth graders Erik Paiz and Cameron Yager wait for Mr. Brandon Bruha, the industrial tech teacher, to blast their cars and begin the race to see whose CO₂ car is the fastest.



Creating each motion one picture at a time, seventh grader Myles Vyhnaek works on his Intro to Business project by moving his clay step by step. "I really liked doing the claymotion," Vyhnaek said. "It just took a lot of time and lots and lots of patience."

Junior high students learned both inside and outside of their classroom in many different ways. There were many hand-on projects that kept them busy taking what they learned in class and applying it.

In seventh grade they learned how to design and use machines when making their wooden ducks and their names in shop. "I liked cutting out the wood to create my duck and also painting it to make it look realistic," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said.

"I learned how to use the bandsaw to cut my name," seventh grader Mya Mahlin said. "It's important to know the safety rules when cutting wood on the bandsaw."

"I found it kind of hard to make our names," seventh grader Grayson Leavitt said. "It took a lot of focus to make it turn out how I really wanted it."

In English they created projects like making dioramas or board games to go with the book they read, *Canyons* by Gary Paulsen. "It's a lot of fun when creating a scene and the characters," seventh grader Marlea Vernon said.

"The *Canyons* project was the easiest project, and I learned about the characters in the story," seventh grader Payton Zoubek said. "It was a really good book."

The eighth graders made rockets in shop and went outside to launch them on the football field. "It's awesome watching the rockets launch way up high and to learn how to set them up," eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton said.

The eighth graders also created CO₂ cars and raced them in the gym. "I learned to make sure the measurements are right before cutting," eighth grader Annaleah Tellez said. "It's a bit challenging, but I was able to figure it out."

"It's cool watching the cars race," eighth grader Cameron Yager said. "We had to choose which one was going to win, and it was a lot of fun."

In Intro to Business, seventh graders created stop motion videos by using claymotion. They were able to work on them in business class and in art. "I learned that it really takes a lot of patience," seventh grader Brenden Bergmeyer said. "I didn't realize how much work it could be."



Working together, seventh graders Ingrid Gonzales and Araceli Garcia use a blow dryer to dry the paint on their wooden ducks they made in shop.

Showing off their project, seventh graders Hunter Sherwood and Payton Zoubek show off their *Canyons* Project. The partners made a diorama of the parallels between Brennan and Coyote Runs' lives.



For shop, eighth grader Annaleah Tellez paints her CO₂ car in the art room before going to the next step, assembling her car.

TEAMWORK

makes the dream work

From learning about the many traits to be a leader to many new experiences, Dorchester students attended the Sportsmanship Rally at Pinnacle Bank Arena in November. Students from fourth to eighth grade lined up with other students who were invited from across the state and listened to athletes speak from the Nebraska Cornhusker Athletic Department. After students made their way through security by getting their tickets scanned and bags checked, they headed for the escalator that brought them to their seats.

Students from 70 different schools began to pile into the arena, grab their Husker pom poms to chant and to wave them in the air. "My favorite part was getting to shout out lots of the Husker cheers," fourth grader Lennon Kohout said.

The cheers progressively became louder as the jumbo screen displayed kids jumping up and down, pumped for the day that lay ahead of them. "The best part was when my friends and I made it onto the big screen," fourth grader Rhett Elkins said.

Then a voice came over the speaker, Head Basketball Coach Amy Williams began the day by asking the students, "How do you react and control your emotions when responding to others?"

Students shouted out, "Be positive" or "Pay attention to what others are saying," which led to seven different tips on how to improve responses.

Positive self talk throughout a conversation, finding ways to avoid being negative, practice gratitude and be thankful, "live in the moment," celebrate the little things, surround yourself with others who are positive and push yourself to be a role model for others.

The tips inspired students and challenged them to improve so they could be the best version of themselves.

Throughout the ninety minutes, speeches were given by many different leaders from sports and activities to prove the point and students from various schools were called down to participate. "The speakers that stood out to me the most were Bergen Reilly and Merritt Beason from the volleyball team," sixth grader Taylynn Winter said. "They talked about being responsible and learning how to show pride and to be a leader."

Reilly and Beason described being a leader

Listening for the beep, fourth grader Everly Smith gets her ticket scanned.

as being kind, taking responsibility, being brave and using teamwork. "Teamwork is a great way to connect yourself with others," fourth grader Daniel Garcia said. "It gives you the chance of getting to know other people from an activity that you both like."

"Micaylon Moore and Niko Schultz really inspired me," eighth grader Faith Sherman said. "They explained how to be confident in ourselves, but they also showed that you have to be confident while speaking in front of others, too."

Moore and Schultz, from the track and field team, gave an example of two kids, one being perfect and the other being an outsider. When you compare and contrast the two, "You see that they are still ordinary kids that are just like you," Schultz said. "Each individual has to adapt to surroundings to become and shape who they are today."

Another wise tip that the students were told was, "Just because you didn't win today doesn't mean you won't win tomorrow," Moore said.

The two athletes called down students from a variety of schools to do an obstacle course to show what teamwork looks like, and eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez was chosen. In the obstacle course, she had to work with her partner from another school to get from one end of the court to the other while being blindfolded. She had to dribble a basketball and make crazy turns, but once she made it, her



Enjoying snacks and watching the game, seventh graders Legend Smith, Mason Vyhnalek, Myles Vyhnalek and Hunter Sherwood watch the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Basketball team play UNO's Mavericks.



Making her way down the court, eighth grader Brennaly Vazquez participates in a teamwork relay that focuses on being able to communicate with the people that you work with.

partner had to run back across the court and make a basket.

"Drew Christo and Caleb Clark spoke to us about teamwork," eighth grader Landon Shaw said, "Their message made me think about how I can use teamwork at home, in school, and in sports."

The two also spoke about when everyone works together their work can become stronger. "In sports you can work together to win a game," fifth grader Jaxson Nerud said.

"At home, I use teamwork with my dad to feed and water my show heifer," fourth grader Amelia Pracheil said.

"Kamryn Buchanan, Miss Nebraska USA 2024, told us about challenges and decision making and how we can face them," seventh grader Jenifer Solis said.

Having confidence in yourself is key to meeting those expectations. It's important to remember to do the things that bring you joy in life. The students shouted out that having a good attitude, staying positive and giving smiles and hugs to others will keep you in a positive mindset.

After the pep talk, students experienced watching the Women's Husker Basketball

game. The Husker Athletic Program provided a signature Nebraska meal of Valentino's pizza and a bottle of water. The concessions were even opened up, which gave students the chance to buy a little extra food or get a sweet treat to enjoy. "That was my first time ever being at Pinnacle Bank Arena and watching a Husker basketball game in person," sixth grader David Loarca said. "Being at the game's concessions taught me about how far money goes, but also being able to enjoy something new with friends."

The students watched the Huskers battle the UNO Mavericks. As the score kept increasing, the buzzer filled the arena, time for the halftime show. Two performers on pogo sticks entertained the crowd with tricks and amazing jumps, even jumping over the mascot, Herbie Husker.

Finally, the game came to an end, which meant it was time to head back home. The students marched over the long bridge from Pinnacle Bank. Their busy day of fun and learning ways to be a leader taught them life-long lessons. "I had never been to Pinnacle Bank Arena or a Husker basketball game before," sixth grader Connor Shaw said. "It made the day really exciting and experiencing it with my friends made it even better."



Clapping to the beat, fourth graders Lennon Kohout and Aubrey Pracheil learn a few Husker cheers to shout at the basketball game.



Cheering loudly, the fourth and fifth graders raise their pom-poms high during the stadium chant. All of the students were given pom poms to help celebrate the day.



Q. What are 3 traits to be a leader?

A. Be responsible, act well, and do the right thing.

Isaac Steuk, 5th

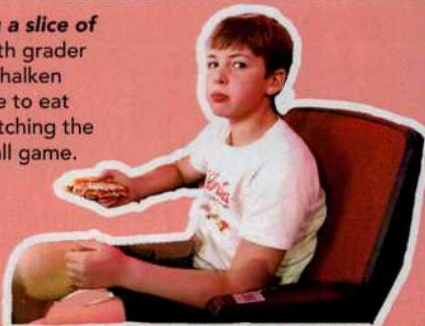


Q. What are 3 traits to be a leader?

A. Try your best, do your own things, and don't follow other people.

Embry Brandt, 6th

Enjoying a slice of pizza, fifth grader Harvey Thalken has a bite to eat while watching the basketball game.



Listening closely, eighth graders Cameron Yager, Erik Paiz, Kaitlyn Bolton, Brennaly Vazquez, & Troy Dawes, seventh grader Araceli Garcia, eighth graders Maribel Garcia & Annaleah Tellez, and sixth graders Edgar Tercero & Miguel Loarca hear the athletes' advice.



After complaining about his bad back, the Crooked Man (Myles Vyhnaelek) gets a chiropractic adjustment from Dr. Goose (Troy Dawes).

Worried about her cow (Mason Vyhnaelek), Mac Donald, Jr. (Jennifer Acosta) brings him to see Dr. Goose in the hopes he can help.



Fixing ailments, Jill (Grayson Leavitt), Dr. Goose (Troy Dawes) and Nurse Gosling (Maribel Garcia) work to pull off the bucket from Jack's (Mason Vyhnaelek) head.

Doc Doc Goose brought to life many familiar characters like Jack and Jill (seventh graders Mason Vyhnaelek and Grayson Leavitt), Goldilocks (eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton), Queen of Hearts (seventh grader Jennifer Acosta), and many more.

The play was about the many accidents that occur in Nurseryland. Doctor Goose opens a clinic to help the many familiar patients that show up in the nursery rhymes read to children. "I loved my character, Nurse Gosling. It fits me very well," eighth grader Maribel Garcia said.

The students dressed up as other characters like Mac Donald Jr. (seventh grader Jenni Acosta), Crooked Man and Wee Willie Winkie (seventh grader Myles Vyhnaelek), Dr. Goose and Jack Sprat (eighth grader Troy Dawes), Polly (seventh grader Araceli Gracia Bernabe), and Jack B. Nimble and Dr. Zhivago (seventh grader Broden Whitney).

There were many challenges to overcome in any play. "I had to learn to speak up," seventh grader Araceli Bernabe said, "which is hard because I don't talk very loudly."

"It was hard not to laugh while being on stage," seventh

grader Jennifer Acosta said. "When others started to laugh I tried hard not to as well, and if I did, I would play it off like it was supposed to be in the play."

There were not many students so some students had to play more than one character, which could be hard for the students to remember all of their lines. "The students did an amazing job at remembering their lines," Director Karma Ridpath said.

The students had many laughs and favorite memories which made the play more enjoyable. "The funniest part when we were getting ready was when Maribel (Garcia) spilled makeup on her white doctor coat," eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton said. "It made all of us laugh for a long time."

For many, it was the first time to experience being on stage. "Just being on stage was really fun and getting closer as friends made it better," eighth grader Troy Dawes said.

"I liked when we bowed and the audience showed they liked it," seventh grader Broden Whitney said.

"My favorite part of the play was when we performed it," seventh grader Mason Vyhnaelek said. "It was nice showing off our hard work."

FAIRY TALES

brought to life



Getting into shape, Jack Sprat's wife (Grayson Leavitt), Jack Sprat (Troy Dawes) and Polly (Araceli Garcia) follow Nurse Gosling (Maribel Garcia) in exercises.



Coming to Dr. Goose, Goldilocks (Kaitlyn Bolton) gets help with fleas.



JH Play. BR: Director Sarah Vyhnaelek, Jennifer Acosta, Brenden Bergmeyer, Mason Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes, Myles Vyhnaelek, Kaitlyn Bolton & Director Karma Ridpath. FR: Braxton June, Joshua Gordon, Maribel Garcia, Grayson Leavitt, Araceli Garcia, Mya Mahlin, Ingrid Gonzales, Broden Whitney and Jenifer Solis.

FEW CHANGES

more experiences



Placing her token carefully, Embry Brandt tries to beat Bethany Vazquez in Connect 4 at the AR party for those who reached their goal.

6th



Dacoda Bartlett

Flexible, organized, and up-beat were three words to describe the sixth grade class. Sixth grade brought more privileges and activities. One new experience was having lockers. "I love having a locker," Bethany Vasquez said. "It's easier to keep my textbooks in there instead of in my bookbag."

This helped the students stay organized and to be responsible for their own stuff rather than just keeping it in or on their desk. "My favorite part about sixth grade was not having a desk and more freedom," Kasen Fuller said.

Sixth grade also came with challenges. "The hardest part of sixth grade was concentrating," Edgar Tercero said. "Some people can be distracting."

The homework load increased as well. "It's hard having so much more homework compared to last year," Harrison Vyhnaelek said.

The sixth grade also had P.E. with the junior high and even competed in some sports. This was a great learning opportunity and helped them gain more confidence. "I like having P.E with the junior high. They always push me to do my best," Boone Smith

said. When students weren't playing sports or doing homework, they enjoyed their free time. "In my free time, I like to play video games on my computer," Estela Garcia said.

Hobbies varied depending on the student. "I like coloring in my coloring books," Taylynn Winter said. "I like to be creative."

The students had many fun activities. "I loved it when we went to the Nebraska basketball game for the Sportsmanship Rally," Embry Brandt said.

"We had many class parties and tried fun things every day," Miguel Loarca said.

For their field trip, the sixth graders went to the Hastings Museum with the fourth and fifth grade where they saw wildlife dioramas, a planetarium, an I-Max theater and a Kool-Aid exhibit. "My favorite part about the field trip was seeing all the different kinds of fish," Dacoda Bartlett said.

"It was really fun watching the movie about blue whales and seeing all the different cars," Darien Ramos said.

Overall, sixth grade was a great year for everyone to have new experiences.



Embry Brandt



Shane Dawes



Kasen Fuller



Estela Garcia



Mahayla Hetrick



David Loarca



Miguel Loarca



Darien Ramos



Alexa Reyes



Connor Shaw



Boone Smith



Xavier Smith



Edgar Tercero



Bethany Vazquez



Standing in front of the Kool Aid Man. BR: Connor Shaw, Dacoda Bartlett, Mahayla Hetrick, Xavier Smith, Mr. Brian Rut, Kasen Fuller & Shane Dawes. FR: Bethany Vazquez, Embry Brandt, Edgar Tercero, David Loarca, Harrison Vyhnaelek, Boone Smith, Darien Ramos, Miguel Loarca, Taylynn Winter & Estela Garcia visit the Hastings Museum.



Harrison Vyhnaelek



Taylynn Winter



Mr. Brian Rut



Boone Smith

Q: What was your favorite class?

A: "My favorite class was PE. I liked all the games we played."

CREATIVE MINDS

bring learning to life

Whether it was painting in art, learning history, running in P.E., reading, or solving problems in math, the fourth and fifth graders had an exciting, creative year.

Students had their favorite subjects. "I liked reading," fourth grader Brody Hansen said. "It's interesting to see what happens in the story."

They also had harder concepts to learn. "I really wanted to learn long division, but it was hard," fourth grader Rhett Elkins said. "I was proud of myself when I finally could do it."

Every year the fifth graders read the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. "This class was so excited to start reading *Holes* every day. They wanted to complete multiple chapters and lessons a day and never wanted to put the book down," Mr. Brent Zoubek said.

Meanwhile in fourth grade they learned about Nebraska history. "I like social studies because we learned all about the Nebraska Native American Tribes," fourth grader Sawyer Nerud said.

In fifth grade, Mrs. Lutjemeyer kept them busy in art working on painting, drawing, and clay sculpting. "Art is fun because we get to work with clay sometimes," fifth grader Miguel Loarca said.

In P.E., both classes played many games like badminton, pickleball, speedway, kickball and dodgeball. "My favorite game was pickleball because it was easy for me," fifth grader Isaac Steuk said.

One especially exciting moment was finding out Mrs. Bruha was having a baby. "This was my favorite part of the year, but it was also sad because she wouldn't be our teacher for the last quarter," fourth grader Aubrey Whitney said. Mrs. Easley subbed for the rest of the year after Mrs. Bruha had her baby.

Both classes did interesting activities. They went to Pinnacle Bank Arena to watch the Nebraska women's basketball game and went to Pioneer Day. They also went to the Hastings Museum and learned about Kool-Aid and more about Nebraska history.



Playing Guess Who?, fifth grader Isaac Steuk rushes to find out who his person is, during the AR party.



Ian Turquiz



Weston Vernon



Aubrianna Brown



Rhett Elkins



Ray Estevez



Daniel Garcia



Brody Hansen



Brynleigh Harney



Ryan Killinger



Making balloon animals in honor of the Macy's Day Parade are the fourth graders BR: Aubrey Whitney, Ava Bergmeyer, Brody Hansen, Ryan Killinger, Sawyer Nerud, Lennon Kohout, Aubrey Pracheil, Amelia Pracheil, Brayden Vazquez, Everly Smith, Daniel Garcia & Rhett Elkins. FR: Riggin Roesler, Quinn Vrtiska, Madelyn Lopez, Aubrianna Brown, Daniel Agler & Brynleigh Harney.



Stirring the mixture in the cup, fifth grader Ian Turquiz tries to make a cloud in a cup for their project in science.

Q: What was your favorite subject?

A: "My favorite subject is music and band because I'm good at them."



Lillian Pracheil, 5th

5th



Baila Brandt



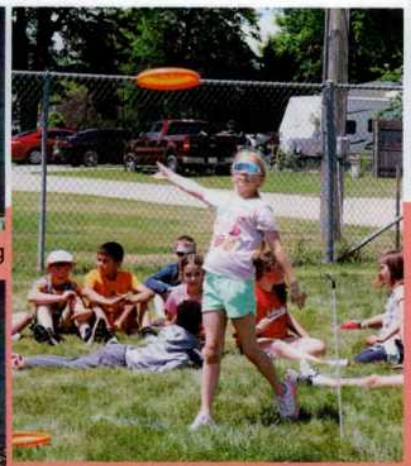
Miguel Gonzalez



Bryson Harney



Adesyn Kemerling



Throwing as far as she can, fourth grader Lennon Kohout launches the frisbee in the air during Field Day.



Jaxson Nerud



Lillian Pracheil



Annie Smith



Isaac Steuk



Harvey Thalken



Ila Von Busch



Aleah Wendelin



Mr. Brent Zoubek



Daniel Agler



Annsley Albracht



Ava Bergmeyer



Lennon Kohout



Madelyn Lopez



Sawyer Nerud



Amelia Pracheil



Aubrey Pracheil



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Syllas Sladek



Everly Smith



Sullivan Smith



Brayden Vazquez



Quinn Vrtiska



Aubrey Whitney



Mrs. Cassidy Bruha



Enjoying their field trip, the fifth grade class gather around the Kool-Aid Man Statue at the entrance to the Hastings Museum. The fifth graders learned about the origin of Kool-Aid made by Edwin Perkin from Hastings Nebraska.



Setting her wagon in the water-filled tote, fourth grader Aubrey Pracheil tests her wagon to see if it will float for their Oregon Trail project in social studies.



Syllas Sladek, 7th

Q: What was your favorite subject?

A: "My favorite subject was P.E. because I liked all of the games that we played."

3rd



AnnaBelle Agler



Eletta Andersen



Ina Mae Andersen



Elias Bautista



Weston Brandt



Grayden Easley



Kaleb Fuller



Steven Garcia



Yamileth Larios



Samuel Loarca



Daizy Magana



Raelyn Neeman



Karson Palky



Chloe Schweitzer



Kenzi Schweitzer



Melissa Tellez



Zayn Vazquez



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Gianna Albracht



Kyra Barley



Breckin Barlow



Zeppelin Dalebout



Jesse DelToro



Kingston Edwards



Audric Thalken



Ezra Thalken



Allison Turquiz



Bernyce Vazquez



Natalia Vazquez



Devanie Warning



Mrs. Lisa Lautzenhise



Elijah Prachtil, 2nd

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "My favorite movie is 'The Incredibles' because I think it's funny and full of action."

During the Halloween Party, third graders Hank Willison and Elias Bautista stack ghost cups to see how high they can get them without falling.



Full of excitement and curiosity, the second and third graders explore the wild wonders of the Lincoln Children's Zoo during their field trip in May.

LITTLE MOMENTS

active in learning



Playing spider races, third graders Chloe Schweitzer and Onile Vodicka blow spider rings to see who will win.



Hank Willison



Mrs. Brenda Nerud



Angel Gonzalez



Easton Palky



Elijah Pracheil



Loren Pracheil



Alex Rodriguez



Madisyn Steuk



Isaac Tercero

Honest, energetic, and excited to learn were a few good words to describe the second and third grade classes. "The third graders love school, and they work well together," third grade teacher, Mrs. Brenda Nerud said.

"The second graders are active and always on the go," second grade teacher, Mrs. Lisa Lautzenhiser said.

The third grade learned multiplication, telling time to the minute, and cursive handwriting. "I like math because I like multiplication," third grader Raelyn Neeman said.

The second grade learned new math concepts and worked to become better readers. "My favorite subject is science," second grader, Kyra Barley said, "because I want to be a science teacher when I get older."

There were many different occupations that students wanted to be when they grew up. "I want to be a veterinarian when I get older,"

second grader Isaac Tercero said.

"I want to work in a toy factory when I grow up," second grader Jesse DeIToro said.

There were many fun games that the students liked to do to help them learn. "I like to play Heads Up Four Up," third grader Samuel Loarca said. "It helps me learn how to spell."

"I like to do Reflux because it is fun and helps me learn math," second grader Madisyn Steuk said.

"My favorite class activity is Sparkle, because it helps us to spell words," third grader Zayn Vazquez said.

In May, the second and third graders made their way to the Saline County Museum in Dorchester. "It was cool to see all of the old stuff," second grader Alex Rodriguez said. "I really like the old merry-go-round."

They also ventured to the Lincoln Children's Museum in Lincoln. "I liked seeing all of the animals, especially the red pandas," third grader Melissa Tellez said.



Trying on the firefighter's gear, second grader Ezra Thalken enjoys the visit from the local firefighters as they show the class how to have good fire safety skills.



Rushing to find a seat, second grader Audric Thalken plays musical chairs with Kyra Barley, Allison Turquiza, Ezra Thalken, Natalia Vazquez, Kingston Edwards, & Bernyce Vazquez during their Halloween party.



Finley Vrbiska, 3rd

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: "My favorite animal is red pandas because they are so cute."

BIG HEARTS

bright beginnings

Curious, energetic and talkative were just a few words to describe the kindergarten and first grade classes.

Their year was filled with making friends, first field trips, story telling and first wobbly teeth.

In kindergarten, the focus was on building foundational skills—learning the alphabet, writing letters, counting, and developing handwriting. “I learned how to read the alphabet and math skills,” kindergartner Lillyana Gonzalez said. “It was hard and easy.”

“I liked doing projects during math,” Wilder Thalken agreed. “I enjoyed math because I like learning to count, and we got to add and subtract numbers too.”

Meanwhile, first graders worked on reading independently and writing complete sentences. “I had fun reading in class,” Ester Loarca said. “I liked reading all sorts of books, and I found out how easy it is to read.”

They also dove into subjects like science and math. “I like math because I like doing problems and finding the answers,” Hoyt Roesler said.

“I like to learn about science because we learned about animals,” Pedro Garcia added.

Creativity was another big part of the school year. “I like writing because I can be creative,” kindergartner Kyler Neeman said.

First grader Kypton Prachiel enjoyed sharing stories. “I liked reading the plays to kindergartners. It was fun to show off my reading skills.”

As the year came to a close, students celebrated with field day. “I enjoyed field day because I loved competing with my classmates and spending time with them,” kindergartner Amelia Slama said.

The first graders went to the birthplace of Kool-Aid in Hastings, Nebraska for their field trip. There they learned the history and did many activities. “I loved making my own Kool-Aid flavors; they tasted so good,” first grader Andre Reyes said.

The teachers enjoyed the students. “They are all so sweet and have such an imagination,” kindergarten teacher Bailey Schindler said.

“The students came in every day excited to learn and have fun,” first grade teacher Amanda Clouse shared. No matter the subject or activity, the students made learning joyful, meaningful, and full of laughter.



Shaping one pinch at a time, kindergartner Jayzen Winter works on making a bowl out of clay in art class.



Ester Loarca

Dayra Lopez



Wyatt Brown

Cooper Busboom

Kindergarten



Mixing the Kool-Aid powder up with their spoons, first graders, Pedro Garcia, Kimberly Bautista, Carlos Avila, Ian Andersen and Lainey Warning mix powders to create new flavors during their field trip to the Hasting Museum.

Q: What's your favorite game to play in P.E.?

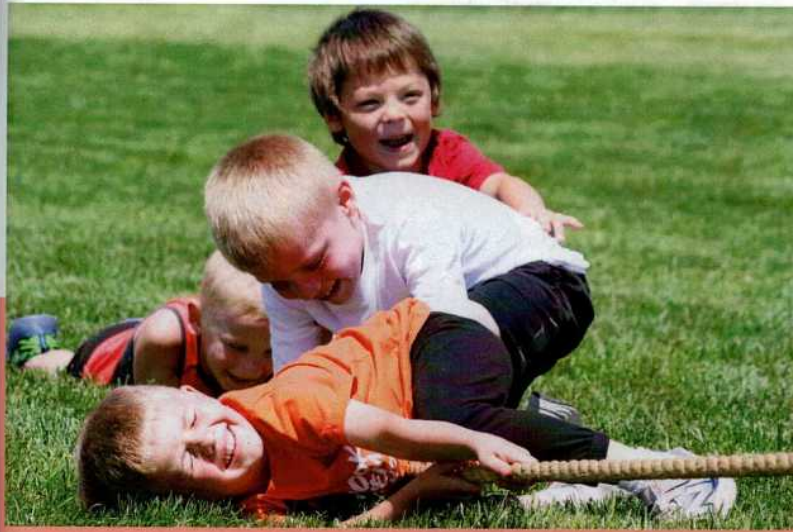
A: “My favorite game to play in P.E is Sharks and Minnows.”



Wyatt Brown (K)



Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day, the kindergarten class (clockwise) Jayzen Winter, Kyler Neeman, Gavin Hansen, Zayd Hitchins, Lillyana Gonzalez, Amelia Slama, Wyatt Brown, Wilder Thalken, Aubree Palky, Cooper Busboom, Hollis Kohout & Olivia Loarca eat red and white cupcakes in the shape of the cat's hat in *The Cat in the Hat*.



Using all their strength, kindergartners Zayd Hitchins, Jayzen Winter, Gavin Hansen and Cooper Busboom pull the rope in tug of war during Field Day.

1st



Ian Andersen



Carlos Avila



Kimberly Bautista



Pedro Garcia



Kypton Pracheil



Blair Railsback



Andre Reyes



Hoyt Roesler



David Tercero



Lainey Warning



Mrs. Amanda Clouse



Lillyana Gonzalez



Gavin Hansen



Zayd Hitchins



Hollis Kohout



Cassandra Leanos



Olivia Loarca



Kyler Neeman



Aubree Palky



Estrellita Sanchez



Amelia Slama



Wilder Thalken



Jayzen Winter



Mrs. Bailey Schindler



First graders, Carlos Avila, David Tercero, Blair Railsback, Ester Loarca, Dayra Lopez, Pedro Garcia, Kypton Pracheil, Kimberly Bautista, Hoyt Roesler, Ian Andersen and Lainey Warning enjoy the day at the Hastings Museum.



Sipping on a blue slushie, first grader Blair Railsback drinks her slushie while playing games, a treat for reaching her AR goal.



Ian Andersen (left)

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: "My favorite holiday is Halloween because I get to dress up and eat a lot of candy!"

Afternoon Preschool



Brooks Barlow



Jessa Dixon



Playing with a construction toy set, morning preschooler Brady Barley likes to pretend to hammer and saw. The students enjoyed pretend play.



Landry Easley



Brandon Gabriel



Bennett Gallagher



Ainslee Keller



Marilyn
Magana-Hanson



Ryker Noonan



Waylon Olson



Lydia Pracheil



Jade Railsback



Madelin Reyes



Exander Ruiz

Morning Preschool



Brady Barley



Bryer Cecrle



Natalia Cruz



Brek Hitchins



Landry Easley, PM Preschool

Q: What is your favorite toy to play with?

A: "I like to play with cars because it's fun to see how fast they can go."



Sitting on the slide, the morning preschoolers BR: Brady Barley & Colsen Pracheil; 3rd Row: Jasmine Winter & Jaelynn Jensen; 2nd Row: Xanna Ortiz & Brek Hitchins; FR: Bryer Cecrle & Alejandro Vazquez play outside on the playground.



Connecting magnetic blocks together, afternoon preschooler Jessa Dixon makes a wall by attaching different shapes together.

PLAY LEADS to learning



Making food for her friends, afternoon preschooler Emerson Scott places the food onto the grill.



Emerson Scott



Scout Smith



Jaelynn Jensen



Xanna Ortiz



Colsen Pracheil



Alejandro Vazquez



Jasmine Winter



Mrs. Dawn Persing



Mrs. Robin Musil

Playful, expressive and determined were just a few words to describe the preschool students. The preschool were split into two classes, morning and afternoon. The morning (three-year-olds) learned about bugs, music and farming. "Farming seems to be their favorite area to play in," preschool para Dawn Persing said. "They enjoy learning about the animals."

The afternoon preschoolers (four-year-olds) learned about shapes, letters and spelling their names. "I liked learning how to spell my name," afternoon preschooler Ainslee Keller said. "It was easy to learn."

"My favorite part of preschool is learning new shapes," morning preschooler Jasmine Winter said. "I built shapes to show my friends."

The preschool classes had a sensory area where they had many different toys to play with. "The sensory area is my favorite to play in," afternoon preschooler Exander Ruiz said.

"I like playing with cars there."

Some enjoyed going outside and others loved playing in the gym. "I like to play outside," morning preschooler Brady Barley said. "These slides are my favorite."

"I like going to the gym when it is raining," afternoon preschooler Scout Smith said. "I like playing tag inside."

The preschoolers were smart and curious about new things. The morning class liked the sensory area and the dramatic play area. "I liked the dramatic play area," morning preschooler Jaelynn Jensen said. "I can wear butterfly wings."

Part of preschool is learning social skills by playing with classmates. "I like to play with airplanes with my friends," the morning preschooler Bryer Cecrle said. "They are fun to fly around".

"They love learning new things every day," preschool teacher Robin Musil said. "They are all very sweet and great children to teach."



Afternoon Preschool Graduation. BR: Marilyn Magana-Hanson, Bennett Gallagher, Waylon Olson, Brandon Gabriel & Jessa Dixon. 2nd Row: Emerson Scott, Ainslee Keller, Landry Easley, Exander Ruiz & Jade Railsback. FR: Madelin Reyes, Brooks Barlow, Scout Smith, Lydia Pracheil & Ryker Noonan.



Playing dress up in their dramatic play area, morning preschoolers Bryer Cecrle & Jaelynn Jensen dress up as doctors and give each other check ups.

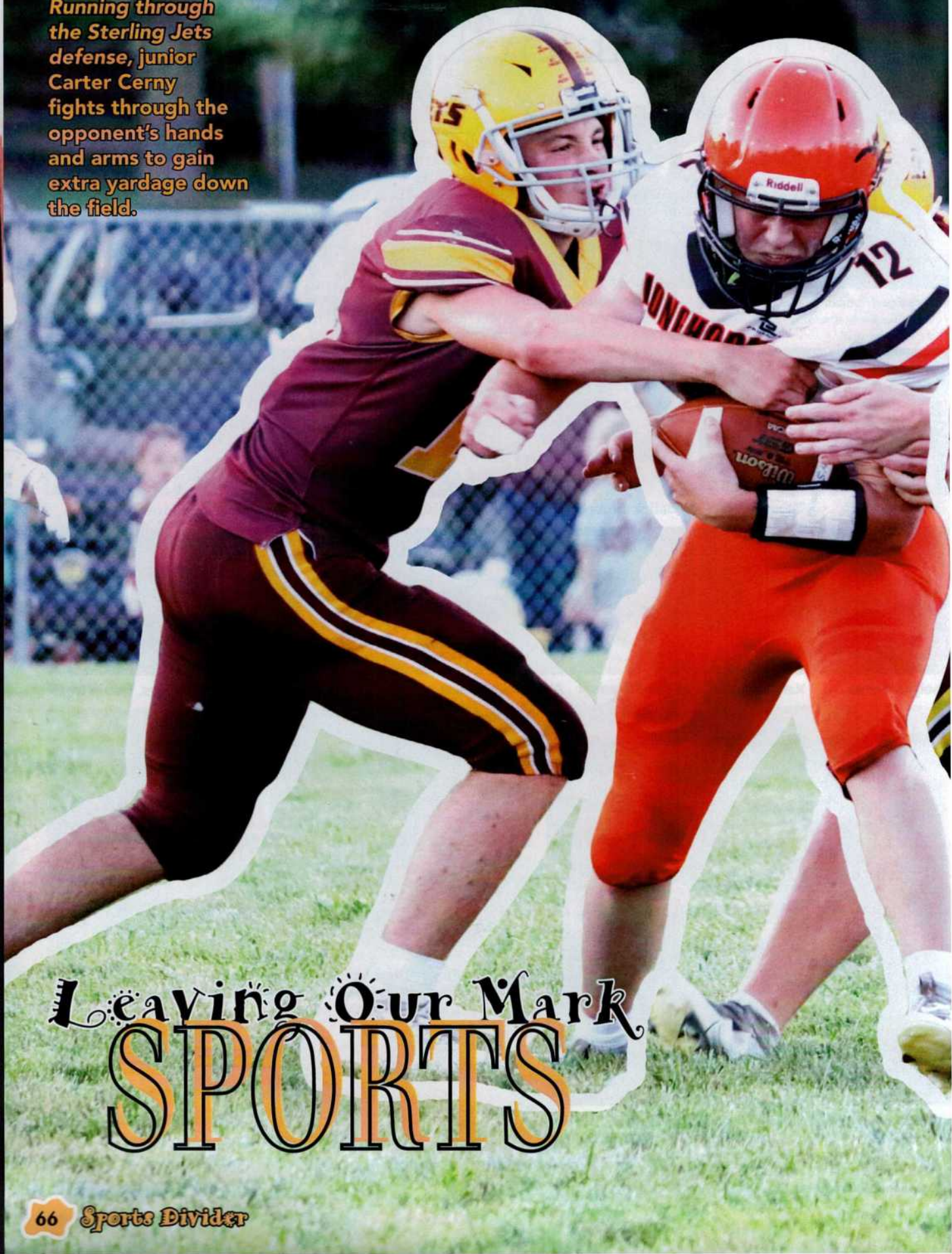


Q: What is your favorite toy to play with?

A: "Connecting blocks because I can make cool stuff with them."

Bennett Gallagher, PM Preschool

Running through the Sterling Jets defense, junior Carter Cerny fights through the opponent's hands and arms to gain extra yardage down the field.



Leaving Our Mark SPORTS

Athletes **"Left Their Mark"** by breaking numerous records and succeeding in ways Dorchester teams have never seen before.

The volleyball team placed third in the HTRS Tournament, even without their starting rotation because many athletes were injured.

They also broke the digs season record with 1,288 and the kill season record with 806.

In football, the team had many challenges thrown their way like injuries, last minute heartbreaks and lower numbers. Even with all of the challenges, they still celebrated their win over Harvard on Homecoming night, 58-12. "Even through the challenges, this squad had to persevere. They fought all the way to the end," Coach Brent Zoubek said.

Wrestling was able to **"Leave Their Mark"** by being the first all girls wrestling team. "It was nice having an all girls team because we had better communication and a better connection," senior Ariana Tellez said.

The Girls Basketball team definitely **"Left Their Mark"** by breaking many records and making it to State, with the highlight of winning their way to the championship. The Lady Longhorns were the first team in school history to win at State, let alone take home the 2nd place trophy.

The Longhorns also became the winningest basketball team in school history with a record of 25-3. They broke the season assist record with 297

assists and broke the season rebounding record with 769 rebounds. Junior Bailey Theis also broke the individual rebounding record with 223 rebounds.


The Lady Longhorns also placed third in the CRC Tournament. "Looking back through my basketball career, this was the perfect season. I was glad we **"Left Our Mark"** on the school and the community," senior Baylor Behrens said.

In track, the athletes **"Left Their Mark"** on the track and the field by breaking records and winning medals. The girls team brought home first place at the Paul Underwood Classic Meet in McCool Junction.

Three track athletes also went to State, junior Bailey Theis, senior Baylor Behrens, and freshman Faith Elkins. Theis placed 13th in discus and 3rd in the shot put; Behrens placed 9th in the 100m hurdles and placed 7th in the 300m hurdles; and Elkins placed 18th in the 100m hurdles and 23rd in the 100m dash. "When I made it to State I was so happy; it felt like a dream come true," Elkins said.

Two track athletes also broke school records. Bailey Theis broke the shot put record with 42'11" and Baylor Behrens broke records in the 100m hurdles with 16.47 seconds and the 300m hurdles with 47.35 seconds.

Whatever the occasion, athletes found a way to **"Leave Their Mark"** on the school, community, and the record books.



Flying in the air to meet the volleyball, senior Gabby Theis returns the serve.

Driving past his defender into the paint, freshman Max Novak works it in for a chance at a basket.

Jumping over the hurdles at the McCool Junction Meet, senior Baylor Behrens and freshman Faith Elkins **"Make Their Mark"** in DHS sports history as they leave it all on the track.

The Lady Longhorns gave it all they had from the first whistle to the last. From grueling conditioning to early morning practices to late games, the Longhorns did what they could to prove they were worth watching. "Coming into this season, we knew that there were going to be big changes because we lost seven seniors, four of whom were starters," Head Coach Claire Tachovsky said. "I thought the girls did great with all the new positions and the never-ending rotation changes."

At the HTRS tournament, which the Longhorns had never participated in, the girls fought hard and placed third after an accident during the game against Falls City Sacred Heart, where sophomore Savannah June, who was setting, fell and

hurt her ankle. "We were doing well, and we all knew we had a good shot at going to the Championship game," junior Bailey Theis said, "but then Savannah (June) got hurt, which shook us a little and messed up our rotation. It affected the rest of the game. Even with all of that, we still placed third."

During the girls' post-season run, they beat Nebraska Lutheran in Sub-Districts, but fell to Meridian in four in the Sub-District finals, bringing their season to an end. "We fought hard against Meridian, just not enough to come out on top," senior Atley Zoubek said. "I am still so proud of this team that made my last year one to remember."

Even though their record didn't show how good the girls were and how hard they worked, they still made memories and had

fun. "One of my favorite memories was when we were warming up against Meridian and doing the Michigan drill, a ball from the other line came and hit Liv Schweitzer in the head," sophomore Lily Lehr said. "I remember going onto film and recording that and rewatching it a hundred times."

The Longhorns broke the dig record with 1,288 season digs. They also broke the season kill record with 806 kills. Special recognition was given to Bailey Theis and Baylor Behrens who received All Conference first team, and Gabrielle Theis, who received All Conference Honorable Mention. "I was surprised I was named CRC honorable mention," senior Gabrielle Theis said. "I didn't think I would get it because I switched from libero to outside back to libero. To be honest, I'm not a very good

Getting announced, senior Gabrielle Theis gives high fives to her teammates before their game against East Butler.



Volleyball. BR: Lily Lehr, Bailey Theis, Mackenzie Yager & Livia Schweitzer. 4th Row: Asst. Coach Amanda Clouse, Savannah June, Emilia Perez, Micaela Loarca & Head Coach Claire Tachovsky. 3rd Row: Kendall Kasl, Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens & Ella Vyhnaek. 2nd Row: Brenna Vazquez (SM), Briana Tellez, Hadley Brandt, Faith Elkins & Bethany Vazquez (SM). FR: Annie Smith (SM), Kaitlyn Bolton (SM) & Embry Brandt (SM).

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
East Butler	3-0
Weeping Water	1-3
Pawnee City	3-0;2-0
College View Academy	3-0
Hampton	2-0
Giltner	2-0
Falls City Sacred Heart	1-2
Lewiston	2-0
Cedar Bluffs	2-0
Nebraska Lutheran	2-0;0-2;3-1
Osceola	3-0
High Plains	0-2
Shelby-Rising City	2-0;2-0
Omaha Christian Academy	2-1
Sterling	3-0
Meridian	0-2;1-2;1-3
Diller-Odell	0-2
Silver Lake	0-3
Twin River	3-0
Cross County	0-3;0-2
Parkview Christian	3-0
BDS	1-2
McCool Junction	2-0

CRC All Conference

Bailey Theis & Baylor Behrens (1st Team)
Gabby Theis (Honorable Mention)

Omaha World Herald & LJS Hon. Mention

Bailey Theis & Baylor Behrens (LJS)
Bailey Theis, Baylor Behrens, & Atley Zoubek (OWH)

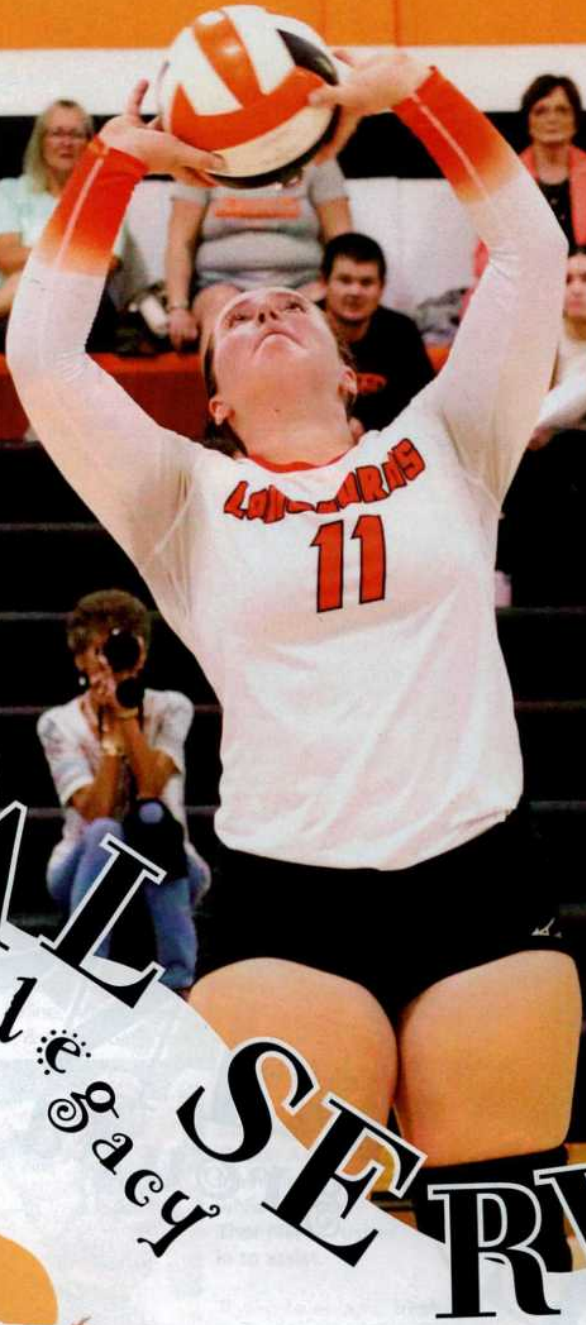
Concentrating on the perfect pass, junior Bailey Theis sets the ball in the perfect spot against Pawnee City as senior Gabrielle Theis gets in position to help if needed.



Making a wall, senior Baylor Behrens and sophomore Lily Lehr block against the Weeping Water attacker.



Setting up her attacker, senior Atley Zoubek gets the assist against Cedar Bluffs as sophomores Lily Lehr and Mackenzie Yager start their approach to throw off the blockers.



FINAL SERVE

lasting legacy

"My favorite game was when we played BDS. Even though we lost I feel I played my best game."

Livia Schweitzer, 10th



Savarrah Jurek, 11th

Bayler Behrens, 12th

"My favorite game was definitely the sub-district game against Meridian because it was the best game I played in my career."

"My favorite game was against Osceola because we beat an undefeated team."



Trying to maneuver his way to score a touchdown, junior Chase Tachovsky weaves out of his Red Cloud opponent's range to run to the end zone.



BREAKING THROUGH

ground beneath us

Mason Jurek, 10th



"My favorite game was against Pawnee City because even though we lost, we played hard."

"My favorite game was against Diller-Odell because I was able to contribute the most in defending."



Caden Asline, 11th

Owen Vrbatalek, 12th



"My favorite game was against Harvard because it felt like we were playing for everyone, not just ourselves."

Whether it was practicing early before the school day started or until dusk at the end of the day, the football team was full of determination, passion, and commitment. "My goal was to get a lot of touchdowns," sophomore Mason June said. "I achieved it because I ended up with the most touchdowns of the season."

It was a rough start, though, as many players became injured, and others had to learn multiple positions. During the first half of the first game, junior Hunter Wake tore his ACL and meniscus. "I wish I could've at least played a full game," Wake said. "It felt terrible to miss playing the whole season."

Nevertheless, the team put up a fight. "A

strong lesson for us was finding out that we needed to work as a team, and we had to be resilient," junior Chase Tachovsky said.

"I found out that you should be adamant about not missing practice because then we have to run extra," freshman Max Novak said. "Detentions aren't an excuse either."

One game that was anticipated by many was against Harvard. It also ended up being a favorite of many of the players. "It was blissful, knowing that the spotlight was on us and taking home the win," senior Owen Vyhnaelek said. "It felt even better knowing it was Homecoming night since we didn't win last year."

"My favorite moments were in the game against Harvard. Every time we scored, they would fire the cannon," freshman Thor

Nerud said. "It was awesome. Everybody would jump from either how loud it was or from the ground shaking. It also turned out to be super illegal, so that was cool."

The season was a teaching, learning, and intense experience. "We were struggling to work as a team for quite a while. We lost so many experienced players and now we had to guide the new ones," junior Caden Axline said. "It was tough, but I think we brought it down to earth for them, and that's when we were really popping off."

The whole team took on responsibility. "It was a good season for us because it never ceased to challenge us. Finishing a season that wasn't what you wanted can be hard, but we pushed through. I'm proud of them for that," Coach Brent Zoubek said.



Football. BR: St. Managers Payton Zoubek, Harrison Vyhnaelek, Paxton Behrens, Mason Vyhnaelek, Trevin Steuk, Landon Shaw, Myles Vyhnaelek & Boone Smith. MR: Bryan Martin, Jorge Reyes, Frank Matejka, Mason June, Blake Cerny, Thor Nerud & Max Novak. FR: Head Coach Brent Zoubek, Carter Cerny, Caden Axline, Ariana Tellez, Owen Vyhnaelek, Chase Tachovsky, Hunter Wake, & Asst. Coach Spencer Kotas.



Grappling onto his opponent, freshman Blake Cerny hurls him to the ground and stops his advances in his tracks.



Slowing down their Diller-Odell opponent, junior Caden Axline maintains his grip while freshman Thor Nerud rushes in to assist.

Trying to escape, freshman Bryan Martin works to gain yardage on the play as he carries the football down the field.



Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
Sterling	8-40
Pawnee City	14-58
Heartland Lutheran	28-42
Harvard	58-12
Silver Lake	0-49
Diller-Odell	19-54
Red Cloud	8-60
Meridian	16-54

Special Recognition

1st Team All District

Owen Vyhnaelek (Offensive End)
Chase Tachovsky (Punter)

2nd Team All District

Mason June (Offensive End)
Chase Tachovsky (Running Back)
Caden Axline (Defensive Back)

Honorable Mention

All District:

Carter Cerny (Quarterback)

Your role is not who you are or what you're capable of, it's what your team needs you to do to win." This quote used by Head Coach Brandon Bruha inspired the girls through the season.

The Longhorns started strong, 12-0 until the Cross County game, the best start ever. They defeated every challenge and team that stood in their way. "It felt amazing going 12-0, proving to everyone that we weren't a team to lay down and quit when it gets tough," senior Atley Zoubek said. "We also worked harder to stay undefeated because Bruha said if we went 6-0, we would get pullovers."

The Longhorns accomplished a lot including placing third at the CRC Tournament, and due to a 9-1 record in conference play, they ended up second overall in the CRC. "During CRC, we could've done better because I know we could've beaten BDS,"

Pushing the ball down the court, sophomore Livia Schweitzer takes advantage of the numbers against Omaha Christian Academy.



sophomore Livia Schweitzer said. "It felt good but bad because we won and got third, but I wish we were playing for second or first."

Because of their record, they hosted Sub-Districts, where they easily defeated all of the teams. "We have always been in tough districts so we were happy to see the district we were put in," junior Savannah June said.

After a thrilling District win by one point against Dundy County-Stratton held in Holdrege, the girls punched their ticket to State. "It was an unbelievable opportunity, especially for a school like ours that doesn't come along often," Assistant Coach Brent Zoubek said. "Our girls set their mind to it and took down what we said to be our best competition of the year."

At State, the girls took down Silver Lake, making the first win at State in Dorchester basketball history,

boys or girls. "The crowd was so hyped," senior Baylor Behrens said. "It was unbelievable."

Then the win came against Wilcox-Hildreth. "Our team was determined to make it," senior Gabrielle Theis said. "It felt unreal, and two months earlier, it felt impossible."

The girls didn't perform their best in the final game, but they still made Dorchester history, finishing Runner-Up in State for D-2. "It was so incredible to have the support we did from the most amazing community," junior Bailey Theis said.

They broke many school records including best season for boys or girls (22-2); season assists (297); season rebounds (769); & Bailey Theis for individual season rebounds (223).

"I knew if we worked harder, we could go further, and we did," sophomore Lily Lehr said.



Girls Basketball. BR: Coach Brandon Bruha, Kendall Kasl, Mackenzie Yager, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr, Hadley Brandt & Coach Brent Zoubek. 2nd Row: Livia Schweitzer, Savannah June, Micaela Loarca & Faith Elkins. FR: Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek & Baylor Behrens.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
Deshler	42-32
Meridian	45-35
High Plains	29-26; 38-37
BDS	47-36; 30-37
Harvard	43-13
Osceola	47-27
Lewiston	56-15
Heartland Lutheran	37-18
Sterling	48-7
Cedar Bluffs	34-20
East Butler	39-27
Giltner	(FF)
Cross County	35-58
Shelby-Rising City	40-28
Twin River	45-44; 52-42
College View Academy	43-35
Nebraska Lutheran	53-39
Hampton	53-39
McCool Junction	46-27
Parkview Christian	60-21
Omaha Christian Academy	61-23
Dundy County-Stratton	46-44
Silver Lake	38-37
Wilcox-Hildreth	39-31
Falls City Sacred Heart	25-52

CRC All Conference

Gabby Theis & Baylor Behrens (2nd Team)
Bailey Theis & Atley Zoubek (Hon. Mention)

Omaha World Herald & Lincoln Journal Star

Gabby Theis (2nd Team for Both)

HM: Baylor Behrens & Bailey Theis (Both), & Atley Zoubek (OWH)



Avoiding the hands, senior Gabrielle Theis gets the ball on the outside of her defenders hands to make the layup against Twin River.



Soaring above her Twin River opponents, senior Baylor Behrens makes an important move to the hoop to add two points to the score.

Home

Remembered by all ON GRIT,



Jumping her highest, junior Bailey This gives her all to get the ball to her teammates off of the tipoff against Twin River.



Mackenzie Yager 10th

"A challenge that I faced was that I got really bad shin splints halfway through the season. Some days they got so bad that it was really painful to even walk or stand."

"A challenge that I faced this season was that I got a concussion and hurt my ankle during the postseason."



Lily Lehr 10th

"A challenge we faced was being out a starter. Everyone had to take on new roles. That can be difficult especially for the younger girls who haven't seen as much playing time."



Aley Zoubek 12th



D2 State Runner-Ups. BR: Coach Brandon Bruha, Kendall Kasl, Mackenzie Yager, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr, Hadley Brandt & Coach Brent Zoubek. 2nd Row: Brennaly Vazquez (SM), Livia Schweitzer, Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, Faith Elkins & Bethany Vazquez (SM). 1st Row: Kaitlyn Bolton (SM), Baylor Behrens, Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek & Embry Brandt (SM).

STAMPED in state history

1974, 1985, and 2004. What is so special about these years? These are the only years in Longhorn history when a basketball team made it to State. Even more remarkable is that 2004 is the only time a girls' basketball team made it to State. The Lady Longhorns added a new number **2025** to that list. They made their dream of reaching the State Tournament a reality. "I remember one film session we had after a Thursday night game, like halfway through the season, we all met in Coach Bruha's room, and he had the years 1974, 1985, and 2004 written on the board," sophomore Lily Lehr said. "He explained those dates to us, telling us that those were the end goal. He said that if we wanted to join that list, we needed to buckle down, get serious, and get ready to give all we had to achieve that goal."

The Longhorns were seeded number **one** in their district, so they were set to host both initial games. However, due to severe cold weather (temperatures below zero), Mead and Omaha Christian Academy played in Mead. OCA won, advancing to play Dorchester, who easily defeated the Parkview Patriots (60-21).

The Longhorns then defeated Omaha Christian Academy (61-23) in the Sub-District final. Dorchester then advanced to face Dundy County Stratton on February 28th in Holdrege for the District final game. "District finals are super nerve-wracking, but I was excited for my team to get this close to State," sophomore Livia Schweitzer said. "We mentally prepared ourselves and enjoyed the moment because this was not a frequent opportunity."

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to make District finals, so it felt good to accomplish that," Coach Brandon Bruha said. "Making it to a District final is tough, especially for a small town like us so I enjoyed

watching the girls get the opportunity to play in a game like this and never forget it."

The girls not only made the District finals but also beat Dundy County-Stratton by two points after an 11-point comeback. To reach their game, which was hosted in Holdrege, individual sponsors, Farmers Cooperative, and Schweitzer Farms and Sales helped sponsor a charter bus for the players. Meanwhile, Dorchester Farmers Co-op, Barley's Specialties, The Well, Holly Well Drilling, Joe and Julie Holly, Behrens Family Sweetcorn, and City Slickers sponsored a charter bus for the community parents. Even though the journey was over two hours, the crowd and community still showed up. "I rode on the bus to Holdrege to watch the girls' District finals; it was so cool to see how many people showed up even though it was a two-hour drive," junior Caden Axline said. "It was such a close game. I was on the edge of my seat the whole time."

The journey didn't end there; the next stop was **Pittsford Park Arena**. The Dorchester Fire Department and the community organized a parade to escort the bus out of Dorchester. In the first game, the Longhorns pulled off a close win, a one-point **victory** against Silver Lake. "During the Silver Lake game, I knew I would do whatever it took to win," senior Baylor Behrens said. "I was on fire; I ended up having a 20-point game to help us secure a win, even though it was a close one."

Another day, another parade; the supporters kept coming. The next stop: **Bob Devaney**. The Dorchester Longhorns then took on #8 Wilcox-Hildreth, who the previous day took down the number one seed, Shelton. The Longhorns had one speed, and that was fast. They never stopped, never slowed; they pushed right on through. "I knew that we needed to win and would win because my grandpa was going to get me a car if we won the game," senior Gabrielle Theis said. "It was a nice bonus to get a double-double. I was initially scared because I felt like a mouse at the



Jumping her highest, senior Baylor Behrens lays in two of her 20 points with ease against Silver Lake.



The packed arena celebrates a three point made with freshmen Kendall Kasl, Faith Elkins, Hadley Brandt, juniors Savannah June & Micaela Loarca.

captain's meetings compared to the trees that showed up." The girls **were** 39 to 31.

Finally, the day Dorchester eagerly anticipated came. The **championship** game that no team from DHS had ever played in before, again making history. The community was out in full force, packed full from the parade to the Pinnacle; the trail of **black & orange** never ceased. Everyone showed their support. "We had a larger crowd than anyone else competing at State. The support was crazy. I have never seen a more packed crowd. We had a bigger one than all of the class A schools," junior Bailey Theis said. "It was so cool to play with all the support that we got from the community."

The last challenge was defeating Sacred Heart. The Longhorns held strong. The Longhorns fought hard and stayed with Sacred Heart in the first half, but sadly, they couldn't hang on and lost. "It was a hard game, and we just couldn't finish, but I am still so incredibly proud of how we did this season," senior Atley Zoubek said. "We went into **State** saying that we wouldn't stop playing until they kicked us out, and that is exactly what we did."

Even though the outcome of the game wasn't what they wanted, the community still showed their support. On the way home, the girls might have been sad about losing, but the community was **proud** of them no matter what. The fire trucks escorted the girls back into town. "We are so incredibly proud of the girls and all they have accomplished," paraprofessional Deanna Bird said. The girls made a big difference in the community and have become a good example for the little girls coming up."

Coach Bruha was on a lucky streak. First him and his team made it to State. Then he had his first kid, Maverick Bruha, March 16th, just a little past State. Finally, he was named Nebraska Preps Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. "Thanks to the girls and the community I was lucky enough to receive this award," Coach Brandon Bruha said. "Thank you, girls, for all the hard work you've put in. All of the **success** is because of you!"



Playing "Thriller," the band plays loud and proud during halftime at the first game versus Silver Lake.



Using her body, sophomore Mackenzie Yager drives into her defender to create something against Fall City Sacred Heart.

Escorting the Longhorns, the Dorchester Volunteer Fire Dept. leads the way to Pinnacle Bank Arena.



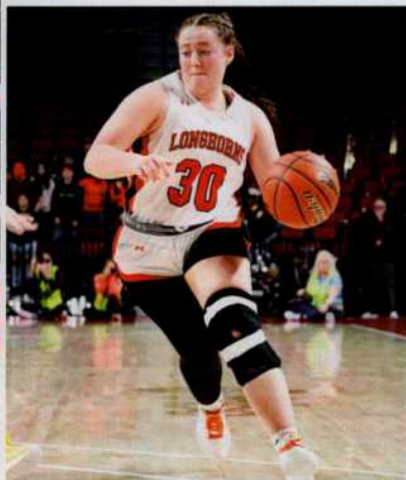
Putting up her shot, sophomore Lily Lehr draws the foul against Silver Lake.



Shooting over their hands, junior Bailey Theis takes the ball above two Wilcox-Hildreth defenders.



Lining up her shot, senior Gabrielle Theis goes for the layup on a long pass down the court against Silver Lake.



Maneuvering around her opponent, senior Atley Zoubek drives toward the hoop.



Taking in the reality of their final game, sophomore Livia Schweitzer & senior Atley Zoubek share an embrace between emotional seniors Gabby Theis & Baylor Behrens.

With only a six man team (because two were injured from the beginning) the Longhorns had to make do with what they had especially in games and practices. Many on the team didn't like the small numbers. "The small team meant we didn't have a lot of experience on the team, especially since the team was mostly underclassmen," sophomore Javier Muñoz said.

Another problem with having a small team was injuries and illness. If one person was injured, they had to play with only five players. For two games they even had to forfeit because they didn't have enough players to start the game. "It was frustrating to not be able to play those games," freshman Max Novak said. "I really think we had a good chance of winning at least one of them."

Boys Basketball

BR: Assistant Coach Brandon Sullivan, Thor Nerud, Hunter Wake, Owen Vyhnalek, Javier Muñoz, Frank Matejka & Coach Corey Bird.
FR: Max Novak, Chase Tachovsky & Mason June.



Also, if someone fouled out, they wouldn't have a full team on the floor: "It was a struggle because we had to change our strategies depending on who was hurt, sick or how many fouls someone had," freshman Thor Nerud said.

In practice, it was tough as well, but some found the positives. "Even though it was challenging, we had a better bond as a team and closeness as friends," junior Chase Tachovsky said.

Even though they were a small team, they still had a big win against Harvard at the beginning of the season. The game was a nailbiter the whole time, and the boys fought hard for the win. "Harvard was definitely the most intense game of the year," senior Owen Vyhnalek said, "It felt like we were fighting the whole game, but it was totally worth the win."

The boys ended the season by having a disappointing Subdistrict. "I was really disappointed by our Subdistrict game against Sterling," sophomore Mason June said. "We played better against them in the regular season."

Even though their season wasn't the best, they improved in many ways. "The biggest thing our team improved on was being one whole team," said Head Coach Corey Bird. "They were very close throughout the season and did a good job of supporting each other."

Although the boys' season didn't end like they had hoped, they knew they had given their all. "We really worked hard, and sometimes harder than previous teams because it takes a lot of endurance to play an entire basketball game," senior Owen Vyhnalek said.

Scores

Opponent

Us-Them

Deshler	10-64
Meridian	31-43, 36-70
High Plains	39-64
BDS	22-62
Harvard	43-39
Osceola	21-63, 27-76
Lewiston	41-74
Heartland Lutheran	36-65
Sterling	36-62, 24-68
Cedar Bluffs	28-45
East Butler	0-1 (Forfeit)
Giltner	0-2 (Forfeit)
Cross County	6-66
Shelby-Rising City	27-62
College View Academy	32-56
Nebraska Lutheran	27-66
Twin River	21-65
Hampton	32-70
McCool Junction	22-70

Driving past his Meridian defender, sophomore Mason June tries to add points to the scoreboard.



Euro stepping past his Twin River defender, freshman Thor Nerud pushes his way to the rim for the contested finish.



Concentrating on getting a bucket, sophomore Javier Muñoz extends for the layup against his Cross County defender.



Special Recognition

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Max Novak

Shooting ALL TEAMS bigger boards



Elevating and flying towards the rim, junior Chase Tachovsky jumps past his Meridian opponent for the near dunk.



Max Novak, 9th

"My favorite game was against High Plains. I scored a lot of points and played very well with my teammates."

"My favorite game was against Harvard because I thought I played really well and also because we won."

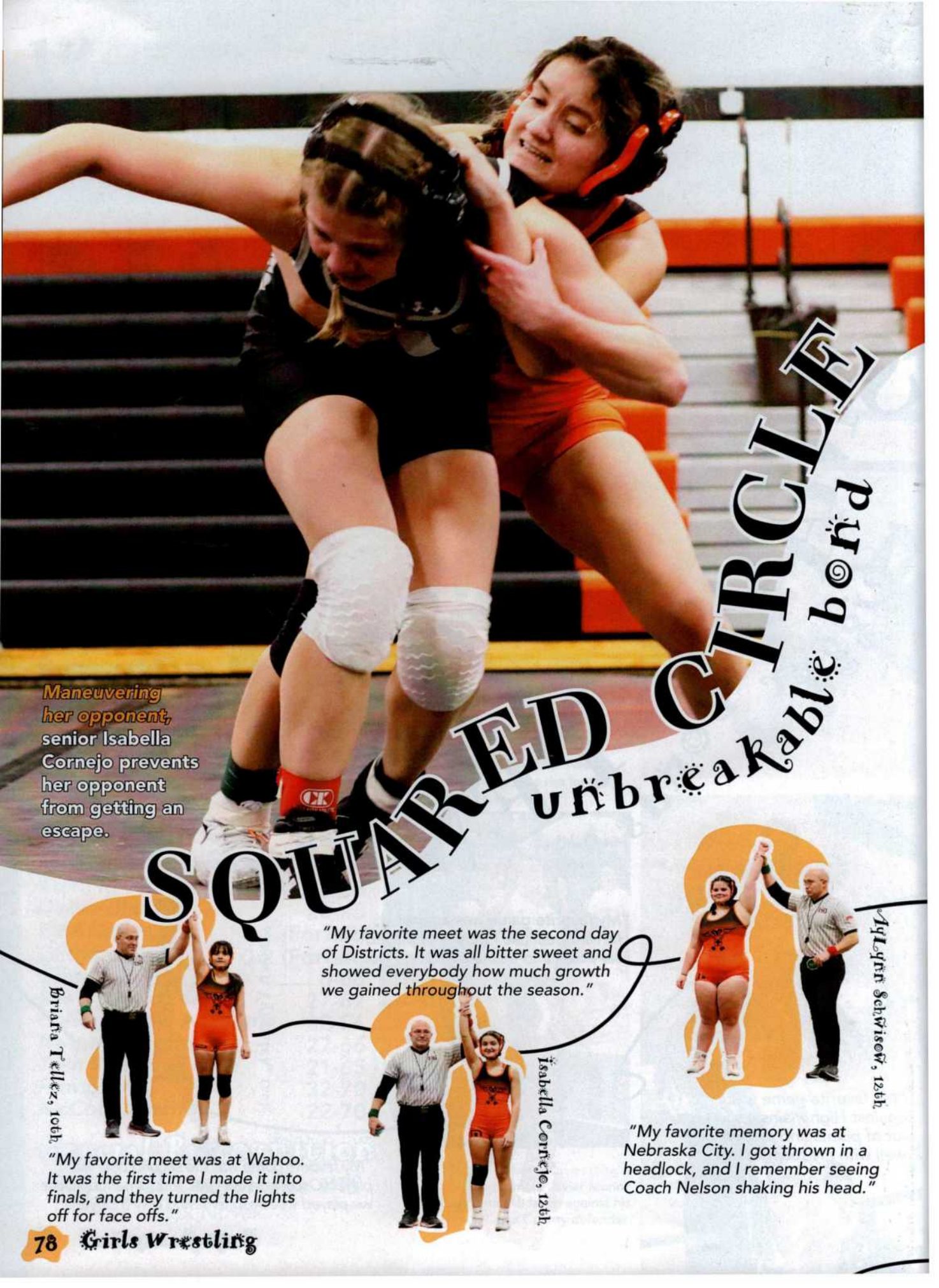


Chase Tachovsky, 11th



Owen Vynhalek, 12th

"My favorite game was the second time we played Osceola in the CRC Tournament because we played well despite having only 5 players."



Maneuvering her opponent, senior Isabella Cornejo prevents her opponent from getting an escape.

SQUARED CIRCLE

unbreakable bond

Brianna Teller, 10th.

"My favorite meet was at Wahoo. It was the first time I made it into finals, and they turned the lights off for face offs."

"My favorite meet was the second day of Districts. It was all bitter sweet and showed everybody how much growth we gained throughout the season."

Isabella Cornejo, 12th.

"My favorite memory was at Nebraska City. I got thrown in a headlock, and I remember seeing Coach Nelson shaking his head."

Mylin Schwisov, 12th.

Dominating, destroying, and determination were the mindsets for the girls' wrestling team. The girls worked hard to build up a name for themselves.

Even though the wrestling program at DHS normally had boys, this season brought an unheard of situation, there were no boys, only girls, out for wrestling. "It was a little weird not having boys out, but I've been coaching the girls for quite a while. It did mean I only had to focus on them and not have to split where coaches went to meets."

The team had small numbers. They started with six, but one girl was injured and another quit early. However, the small number only brought more motivation.

The team was more like a family. "I felt like

we got closer every practice and meet as the season continued," senior Isabella Cornejo said. "I got really close with these girls, especially with no boys around."

Having a smaller team with no boys was not what they expected. "I've never seen a team where a boy never went out," Coach Jeff Sheopf said. "This only meant I had to push the girls harder every day."

The season started with a home dual against Meridian and Friend, a new meet. "It was cool to actually compete in our gym to a home crowd," senior AyLynn Schwisow said. "Normally we only have meets at other schools so we are always an away team."

Although they didn't win overall, they fought hard. "I was scared coming back from an injury," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "I

realized there was nothing to stress about."

Having five girls on the team came with benefits. "I liked when we went to eat after meets," senior AyLynn Schwisow said. "It felt like we were bonding even more because we ate together like a family."

"I liked being able to practice with both coaches," sophomore Briana Tellez said. "They teased all of us when we wrestled, especially if we laid on the mat. They would tickle us so we would get up and move."

With a smaller team one would think they wouldn't score as many points, but they scored more team points than they did last year with more wrestlers. "I was really impressed by the work these girls put in at every meet," Coach Chris Nelson said. "The practices paid off because everyone improved."



Girls Wrestling. BR: Ariana Tellez, Coach Chris Nelson, Emilia Perez, Lindsay DelToro, Coach Jeff Schoepf & Asst. Coach Breckin Schoepf. MR: AyLynn Schwisow, Isabella Cornejo & Briana Tellez. FR: Student Managers Boone Smith & Brennalay Vazquez.

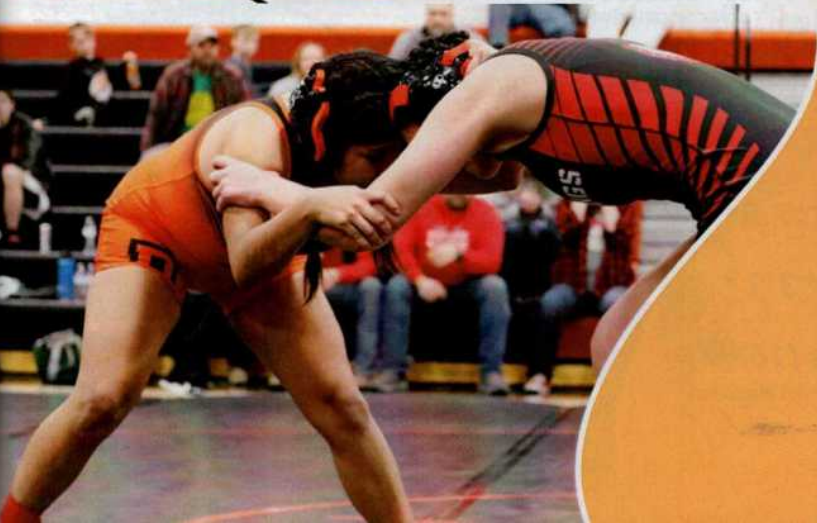


Shaking hands with her opponent, sophomore Briana Tellez goes on the attack for a takedown at Wahoo.



Grabbing her leg, senior AyLynn Schwisow takes control of the situation and works to get her opponent down to the mat at the Dorchester Dual.

Controlling her opponent, sophomore Emilia Perez positions her opponent for a takedown.



Records

Athlete	Win-Loss
Isabella Cornejo	22-10
Briana Tellez	21-20
Emilia Perez	6-23
AyLynn Schwisow	5-27



Celebrating, sophomore Emilia Perez hand is raised by the judge signifying her win in the match at the Dochester Triangular.

Commitment, speed and agility were just some of the factors that came into play when in track. Track was more than just a sport to these athletes. It was improving, reaching personal goals and breaking PR's. "I participated in track because I wanted to be part of a team," freshman Laura Garcia said.

Others liked being in track because it kept them busy and gave them something to do. "Being involved in track got me out of school and gave me more time to spend with my friends," sophomore Mason June said.

The team had many goals. Some teammates wanted to beat their PR's and other athletes wanted to medal. "I was happy with myself when I medaled in the 300 meter hurdles for the first time," freshman Faith Elkins said. "I

medaled in that event every time after that."

The athlete's triumph was to letter, whether it was placing in an event or beating their PR's three times. Almost everyone lettered. "It felt good to letter because running is not easy," freshman Hadley Brandt said. "I felt relief when I got my letter because I knew it was worth it in the end."

A big achievement was the girls winning the McCool CRC Meet. "I was hyped when we won because it was a close one against McCool," senior Atley Zoubek said. "I knew we had won, but I needed to hear it over the intercom for sure."

Some athletes pushed themselves even further. Senior Baylor Behrens broke her own record in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.57. "I knew that I was going to break it again

because my times were so close. When I broke it, I felt really good knowing that my hard work paid off."

Senior Baylor Behrens, junior Bailey Theis, and freshman Faith Elkins qualified for State. At State, Behrens placed seventh in the 300 meter hurdles (setting a new school record of 47.35), and 9th in the 100 meter hurdles (also setting another school record of 16.17). Theis placed 13th in discus and 3rd in shot put. Faith Elkins competed in the 100 meter hurdles and got 18th and in the 100 meter dash and got 23rd. "I feel good knowing I made it to State and even medaled," Theis said.

Even if all the athletes didn't make it to State, they pushed themselves to do their best. "I had fun and was able to push myself at every meet and practice," sophomore Colton Harrison said. "Track is fun when you put in the work."

Sprinting past his opponents, freshman Antonio Loarca strides out at McCool Junction in the 100m Dash. His PR for the season was 29.54 seconds.



Track: BR: Coach Brian Rut, Coach Corey Bird, Kendall Kasl, Lily Lehr, Ella Vyhnaek, Bailey Theis, Hadley Brandt, Livia Schweitzer & Coach Brandon Bruha. 3rd Row: Laur Garcia, Lindsay DelToro, Briana Tellez, Faith Elkins, Micaela Loarca & Emilia Perez. 2nd Row: Max Novak, Colton Harrison, Antonio Loarca, Owen Vyhnaek, Mason June, Hunter Wake & Javier Muñoz. FR: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, & Ariana Tellez.

Meets

Meets	Dates
@ Thayer Central Invite	3/25
Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend	4/1
Mustang Invite @ Friend	4/7
Del Wicks Invite @ Deshler	4-17
Friend Invite@Friend	4/22
@ McCool Junction	4/28
CRC Meet @ Osceola	5/3
@ McCool Junction	5/8
District Meet	5/14
State Meet @ Omaha	5/23-24

State Qualifiers:

- Faith Elkins - 18th in 100m Hurdles (17.51) & 23rd in 100m Dash (13.51)
- Bailey Theis - 13th in Discus (106' 3") & 3rd in Shot Put (42' 11")
- Baylor Behrens - 9th in 100m Hurdles (16.47) & 7th in 300m Hurdles (47.35) Both School Records

Extending her arm as far as she can, junior Bailey Theis goes the distance in shot put. Theis placed 1st at Districts, 3rd at State and broke the school record at the Friend Invite meet with a throw of 43' 9".



Trying to get her legs over the bar, sophomore Mackenzie Yager arches her back to get 4'1" at Thayer Central. Due to injuries, she only competed at one meet.



Running Purposes, Leaving a Legacy. WITH A



Taking off at the start, sophomore Livia Schweitzer and freshmen Faith Elkins and Hadley Brandt-sprint as fast as they can to get ahead of their opponents in the 100 meter dash at McCool Junction.



Livia Schweitzer, 10th

"I like track because I get to be with some of my friends, and I'm able to compete against other guys from other schools."



Mason Funk, 10th



Atley Zoubek, 12th

"Shot put was my favorite event because I did well at most of the meets."

"My favorite meet was the CRC Meet @ Osceola because I did well in all of my events."

Sliding across the lawn slide, junior Moises Tercero participates in the water slide set up during P.E.



Leaving Our Mark
ACADEMICS

Despite all the days of school missed due to weather and exciting school accomplishments, students were **"Leaving Their Mark"** on academics. Missing days of school meant more homework for the students and extra planning for the teachers.

Computer science, because of a new state mandate, was made its own class and required for the freshmen to complete. "I felt like this class was tough for me. I didn't really understand, but I tried my best so I could have a good grade in it," freshman Blake Cerny said.

The junior high quiz bowl team did an amazing job **"Leaving Their Mark."** They placed at every meet except one including placing third at CRC, as well as placing first out of twenty other teams at the Osceola Quiz Bowl. "I was really proud of how our team represented DHS," eighth grader Troy Dawes said.

"Leaving Her Mark" on the Hope Crisis Center's Youth Expression Contest, Emilia Perez placed first for her entry "Taking Control," and was awarded \$100. "The theme was Red Flags. I tried to capture the idea by drawing a marionette being controlled by a hand with negative comments coming from the strings and positive comments from the girls around her while she broke through," Perez said. "I was glad that my art could capture the theme and represent the message."

The speech team **"Left Their Mark"** when

three students made it to State: Ella Vyhnaelek in persuasive speech and Andrea Pavlish and Owen Vyhnaelek in Duet Acting. "It was exciting to finally make it to State," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "I'm proud of how we performed."

Three seniors (Baylor Behrens, Owen Vyhnaelek and Andrea Pavlish) **"Left Their Mark"** and were awarded the NSAA Currency Believers and Achievers Award. Baylor Behrens and Andrea Pavlish were also Omaha World Herald Nominees. "It was an honor to be chosen," senior Owen Vyhnaelek said.

Many students were **"Leaving Their Mark"** by taking advantage of new opportunities. Guidance Counselor Jill Choyeski collaborated with other staff to create a new scholarship for seniors to help with college. "I was really excited to be one of those who received a scholarship," senior Julian Tellez said.

Two visitors to our school **"Left Their Mark"** on the students. The state poet, Matt Mason, presented his poetry in November. In April, renowned author and illustrator, Vanessa Brantley-Newton read and showed illustrations from her books. "It was cool to listen to the poet. One of his poems was really funny," seventh grader Jennifer Acosta said.


Students in many ways chose to **"Leave Their Mark"** academically and continued to put effort into remaining at the top of their class and to be successful.



Working carefully, sophomore Mackenzie Yager sands an X-shaped stand for a table in shop class.



Carefully inserting a stick into the test tube, senior Isabella Cornejo extracts the DNA from a banana during an experiment in chemistry.



Keeping his vote secret, junior Adrian Alcaide votes for who he thinks should be president in American history class.

In physical science, freshman Lyberty Bartlett learns how to reflect light by using mirrors and other materials in a cardboard box.



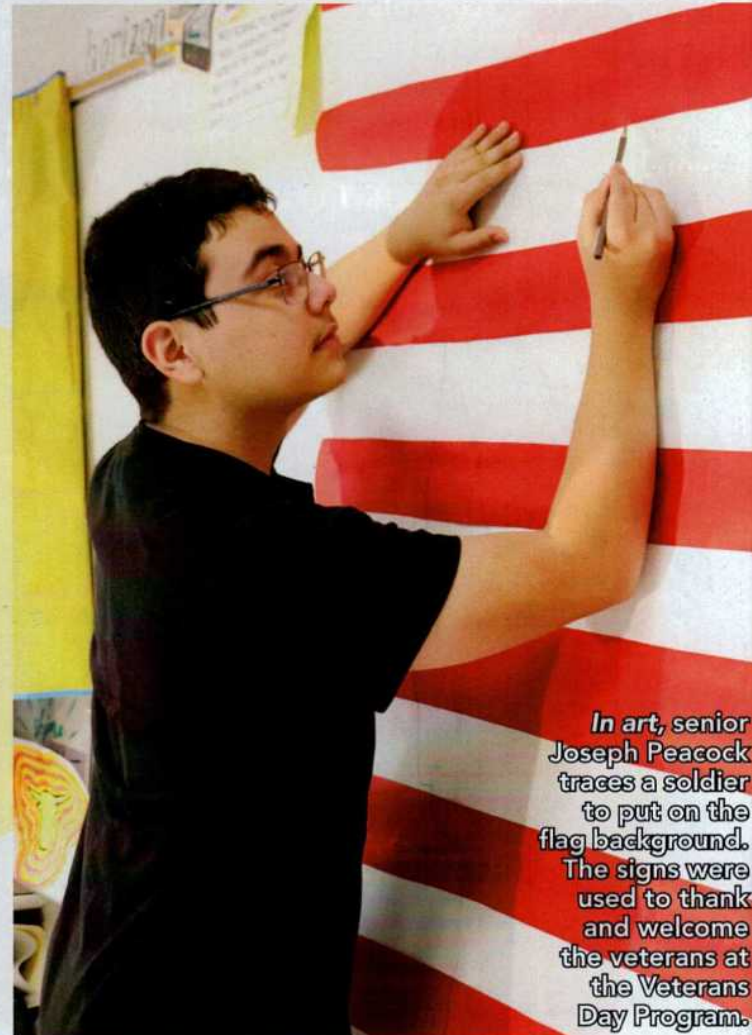
In English, seniors Julian Tellez, Atley Zoubek and Karina Maldonado work together to sculpt an arm for the Beowulf unit by using the paper mache technique with newspapers and Mod Podge.

In world geography, freshmen Faith Elkins and Hadley Brandt work on their water cycle presentation to show how the cycle works.



Making a poster together for their presentation, sophomores Colton Harrison and Emilia Perez work on their class project for world history over the China Resistance by using art supplies.

Working together, freshman Blake Cerny, Thor Nerud, Antonio Loarca, Max Novak and sophomore Javier Muñoz compete on a boys versus girls tug of war in the gym during physical science.



In art, senior Joseph Peacock traces a soldier to put on the flag background. The signs were used to thank and welcome the veterans at the Veterans Day Program.

SPANISH PROFICIENCY

testing out, gaining credits

For those who speak Spanish already, taking a Spanish class has seemed fruitless. However, for most this was the only option to receive credit for Spanish proficiency to complete the world language requirements of many colleges.

Dorchester has a large population of students who are bilingual. Unfortunately, these students also had to take Spanish to receive world language credits to be accepted for college requirements.

The problem was that Dorchester was a small school with not a lot of foreign language options. To even offer Spanish, the students have had to learn over Zoom with other schools. If a student wanted to learn another language besides Spanish, they had to take it through APEX Learning, an online virtual school, which has not brought a lot of success.

For those who are native speakers, at first Spanish classes seemed easy, but students soon realized how boring it was when they already knew it so well. "It was hard to sit in a Spanish class when I could have been taking a class that would actually help me," junior Micaela Loarca said.

The principal and counselor had been working with the school board for five years to let native Spanish speakers "test out" of Spanish, but 2024 was the first

year that the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) offered competency-based credit (CBC) for world languages. CBC allows students to earn high school world language credits by showing their proficiency in the language. "We can offer up to four semesters depending on how well a student does on the test," Principal Jake Wiese said.

Students did not have to pay anything since the test was already provided in the program.

In October, Wiese and Jill Choyeski, the guidance counselor, gathered students in the school gym who spoke more than one language, 13 of the 54 high school students, to introduce the idea of taking the CBC exam. "It's not necessarily testing out, it's awarding credits for what the students already comprehend," Wiese said.

At the end of March, students started taking the proficiency test, which was separated into four parts including reading comprehension, conversational comprehension, academic writing, and listening. "Students who were heritage speakers or were in Spanish II went to one room and were instructed on how to take the test. The first two tests were instructed while the other two were done independently," Wiese explained.

In Spanish I and II, students received their course materials in Canva which

Experimenting with pennies in physics, senior Baylor Behrens tries to see how many pennies the paper bridge can hold before it collapses.



could be used as a study guide. Students that didn't pass the test were able to retake it. There was no fee for retaking a test. "They're able to retake it. However, students that do speak at home shouldn't have had any problem getting all four semesters," Wiese said.

Anybody could take the test. If they were not heritage speakers, though, they were required to take Spanish I and II first. After taking the tests, students were awarded credits based on their proficiency level, but it wouldn't affect their GPA if a student didn't pass the test.

Students that were heritage speakers moved out of their Spanish classes and into study halls in mid-October and took the test in March. "I thought it would be embarrassing if I didn't pass the test," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "Fortunately, I passed."

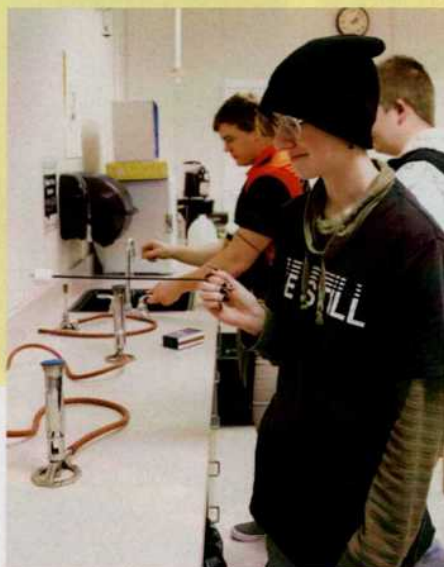
Many looked forward to the new opportunity. "I'm just happy that I won't have to learn something that I already know," sophomore Senaida Tercero said.



Enjoying their cookies they made in computer science, freshmen Laura Garcia, Ella Vyhnalek, & Lyberty Bartlett show off their 3-D cookie cutters used for their creations.



In computer science, freshman Kendall Kasl helps first grader Dayra Lopez on the golf course to learn how to move the bot into the hole.



Getting ready to make s'mores, sophomore Ellie Ralston waits for the heat to create physical and chemical changes on the marshmallow.

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

unlocking your potential

Some students dream of not being in school. They think of being at that job where they can use the skills they have obtained and get paid as well. A new work release program for seniors brought those dreams to reality.

The requirements included being at school for at least three periods, being a senior with sufficient credits to graduate on time, having good attendance per the Student Handbook, and having all their community service hours done. If a student could qualify in all of these areas, they could leave school early and work the rest of the day.

This program allowed students to gain valuable work experience while still completing their education. Eligible students had the opportunity to spend part of their school day working in local businesses like fast food restaurants or daycare centers. "I think it's a great idea because it gives students an opportunity to apply their educational skills in the real world," Superintendent Dr. Curt Cogswell said. "And they get to practice their soft skills which I believe are important."

This hands-on experience provided six students with practical skills that were directly applicable to their future careers. "I gained good experience in the work world because of work release," senior Mackenzie Luzum said. "I want to work in early childhood education after college and working at a daycare has been beneficial."

The goal of the program was to create a supportive environment where students could thrive academically and professionally. School was not always for everyone and with this new program, students felt more supported on focusing on their jobs and making money while still going to school. "It really helped me to be able to make money and not have as much homework to worry about," senior Karina Maldonado said.

Getting real world experience, students were able to engage in a work environment, which helped them understand what it was like to be in a job and apply what they

learned in school. They stayed focused on their studies, knowing that they were working towards a goal. "I like this program because I get to leave school early and work," senior AyLynn Schwisow said. "I enjoy having a job because I can buy things I want."

Working made them feel more prepared for life after high school. A lot of times students in high school have no clue what they want to do or would rather work instead of going to college. Having this program helped them figure out what they wanted to do more clearly and gave them a good experience to test out a work environment. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do for my future, but after having a job at a preschool made me realize that I really enjoy it," senior Mackenzie Luzum said.

Students enjoyed the new program because it gave them new opportunities and provided training that helped students develop new skills or improve existing ones. "I get a feel for what college looks like after high school," senior Julian Tellez said. "I learned how to balance school and work, which is something I was worried about doing in college."

Financial independence was another great benefit. Earning money helped students become more financially

independent and responsible. Students had to have good time management balancing work and school. If not managed well, work commitments could negatively impact academic performance. "I'm not as stressed as I was last year because I have fewer classes," senior Isabella Cornejo said. "I get to work more and make more money to pay things I need to pay."

It impacted students' days in a positive manner making it less stressful for them and making them more successful at their jobs. "I feel like I have more time to focus on myself and get my homework done on time," senior Angelina Cornejo said.

The seniors would like to continue the program for the years to come. "We are planning for it to be an option for students next year and hopefully in the future," Cogswell said. "I think it is a great program and one that the students find very valuable."

Overall, the program was designed to prepare students for life after graduation by giving them a head start in their chosen careers. It was a win-win situation. Students gained experience and confidence, while the places they worked for benefited from workers helping their business. It was a fantastic way to prepare students for their future.



Painting a beautiful landscape, junior Justin Dixon uses his brush to precisely place the gray paint to shade his mountain during art.



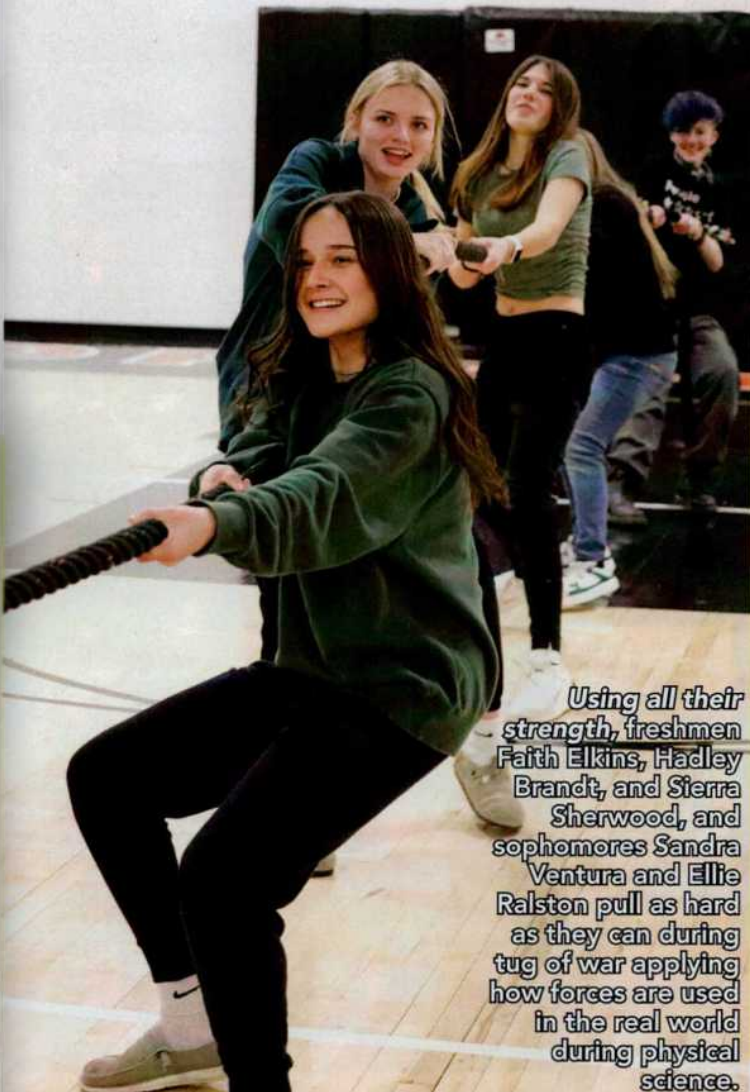
Sorting beans into different categories, junior Chase Tachovsky is learning about nuclear decay in chemistry.

Making sparks fly, senior Isabella Cornejo feeds copper wire through the gun to weld in shop class.



Sketching out her poster, sophomore Briana Tellez creates a poster for her sociology final project over a controversial topic. She chose abortion.

Writing down historical information, juniors Carter Cerny and Chase Tachovsky read and fill out a packet during their visit to the Homestead National Monument near Beatrice on a field trip for American history.



Using all their strength, freshmen Faith Elkins, Hadley Brandt, and Sierra Sherwood, and sophomores Sandra Ventura and Ellie Ralston pull as hard as they can during tug of war applying how forces are used in the real world during physical science.



Getting ready for war, juniors Micaela Loarca, Megan Gordon, Savannah June & Bailey Thisis get ready to simulate WWI trench warfare with a dodgeball tournament during American history.



Making sure she added the right amount, senior AyLynn Schwisow measures the amount of chemicals while learning about DNA extraction during general science.

RISING TOGETHER

through academic challenges

When thinking of competitions, most people think of sports and competing on the courts or the field. However, students also competed academically. Students excelled in Speech, Quiz Bowl and in One Act performances. These activities showcased not only their intellectual prowess but also their dedication and teamwork.

The Quiz Bowl team participated in numerous competitions including the Women's Quiz Bowl, ESU #6 Quiz Bowl, CRC Quiz Bowl and the Underclassmen Quiz Bowl. They also competed at some quiz bowls for the first time including: History Quiz Bowl, Raymond Central Quiz Bowl, and the Classics Quiz Bowl. Since the Raymond Central meet was on a Saturday, not everyone was able to make it. It was a great opportunity for the underclassmen to have a chance to show their knowledge. "My favorite quiz bowl was the Women's Quiz Bowl, mostly because I felt we did well," senior Andrea Pavlish said.

The One Act team delivered their production, "Miss Hickey's Hickey" by L. Henry Dowel which explored the public scrutiny teachers often face. Chaos erupted when Miss Hickey showed up to school with a hickey. A student told her mom about a teacher's hickey, and the mom then made a big deal about it to the

principal.

"My favorite scene is where Brittney's mom (freshman Ella Vyhnaelek) finds out that Miss Hickey's hickey was actually a birthmark, and she is embarrassed. I thought it was funny," sophomore Emilia Perez said. Andrea Pavlish, Ariana Tellez, Owen Vyhnaelek, Max Novak, Megan Gordon, and Ella Vyhnaelek received Outstanding Performance awards.

In the second semester the speech team made its debut. Even though the team was smaller, they still had great success. They competed at Shelby-Rising City, Meridian, CRC, McCool Junction, Fairbury and at Districts in David City. "It was good to see how others performed. I was always nervous to perform before, but once I hit the stage everything just came out naturally," junior Megan Gordon said.

At Districts, seniors Owen Vyhnaelek and Andrea Pavlish placed second in Duet acting, freshman Ella Vyhnaelek placed third in Persuasive, and junior Megan Gordon placed fifth in Persuasive.

Owen Vyhnaelek, Andrea Pavlish, and Ella Vyhnaelek earned places that had them head to the NSAA State Speech Competition. "I was surprised we made it to State," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "I was also excited because it was the last time Owen (Vyhnaelek) and I had a chance to go to State."

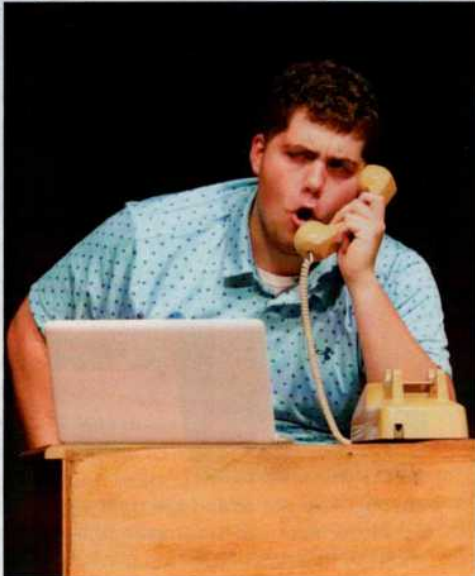
With dedication and hard work, they earned the opportunity to showcase their talents on the State stage. "I was excited to make it to State as a freshman. However, I was really nervous, too. I may not have medaled, but I am still proud of my performance," freshman Ella Vyhnaelek said.

"Overall, none of us medaled at State; however, Andrea (Pavlish) and I did place eighth, just two places from receiving a medal. I'm proud of how we did," senior Owen Vyhnaelek said.



Reading a text from her daughter (Megan Gordon), freshman Ella Vyhnaelek expresses anger after reading that her daughter's teacher, Ms. Hickey (Andrea Pavlish), has a hickey.

When a parent calls with concerns, Principal Johnson (Owen Vyhnaelek) listens and expresses how he will handle the situation after being told about Miss Hickey and her hickey.



One Act: BR: Director Deb Burrows, Briana Tellez, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnaelek, Ella Vyhnaelek and Mason June. **FR:** Mackenzie Luzum, Megan Gordon, Max Novak, Emilia Perez, Ariana Tellez and Director Karen Hrdlicka.





Answering the phone, the teacher's representative (Emilia Perez) answers a phone call from Miss Hickey to let her know what she has been accused of.



Before going to State, seniors Owen Vyhnaek and Andrea Pavlish perform their duet during an assembly.



Kissing her on the cheek, news reporter (Max Novak) gives Miss Hickey (Andrea Pavlish) a small peck on the cheek as everyone finds out he's actually her husband.

Speech Team: Ella Vyhnaek, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnaek and Megan Gordon. Not Pictured: Coach Karen Hrdlicka.



Quiz Bowl: BR: Andrea Pavlish, Blake Cerny, Owen Vyhnaek and Ella Vyhnaek. MR: Baylor Behrens, Lily Lehr, Bailey Theis, Colton Harrison and Megan Gordon. FR: Coach Sandy Severance, Max Novak, Gabby Theis and Emilia Perez.



Standing up to get the class's attention, junior Megan Gordon (Brittney) tells the class (Mason June and Ariana Tellez) how she texted her mom to let her know about Miss Hickey's hickey.

Placing a festive tattoo, senior Baylor Behrens wipes a wet sponge across the girl's cheek at the Morning with Santa event sponsored by FBLA.



Playing the school song, junior Moises Tercero joins the rest of the band with his saxophone during a basketball game.



During the Student Council sponsored trash pickup, juniors Caden Axline & Chase Tachovsky admire their find and pick up the ran over stop sign while earning community service hours.



During the Spring Music Concert, senior Andrea Pavlish sings "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables.

Earning countless awards and helping in the community were just some of the ways clubs and organizations were "Leaving Their Mark."

The journalism program "Left Their Mark" at State Journalism by coming home ranked fifth as a team in Class C. Part of this finish came from Andrea Pavlish, who earned a State Championship in News Feature Writing. "It felt fulfilling to earn fifth place in Action Photography," senior Joseph Peacock said. "I know that there were a lot of entries."

The yearbook staff also "Left Their Mark" in the National Press Women's Association Contest, with both senior Gabrielle Theis and alumna Hailey Schweitzer placing third.

The group also earned many awards in the JEA Contest, the best being a Superior rating in Yearbook Theme Development with the team of Joseph Peacock, Andrea Pavlish and Gabrielle Theis.

The band

"Left Their Mark" with a third place finish at the Yorkfest parade. "I was surprised to learn of our third place finish," senior Ariana Tellez said. "I knew there were a lot of good bands there."

Students also "Left Their Mark" vocally by attending numerous choral clinics. Attending the CRC Honor Clinic and selected by audition were Ella Vyhnalek, Max Novak, Andrea Pavlish (medaled), & Bailey Theis. The Doane Vocal Festival, a clinic reserved for upperclassmen, was attended by senior Andrea Pavlish and junior Megan Gordon.

At Districts, receiving 1's were Andrea Pavlish for her solo and Max Novak and Ella Vyhnalek for their duet.

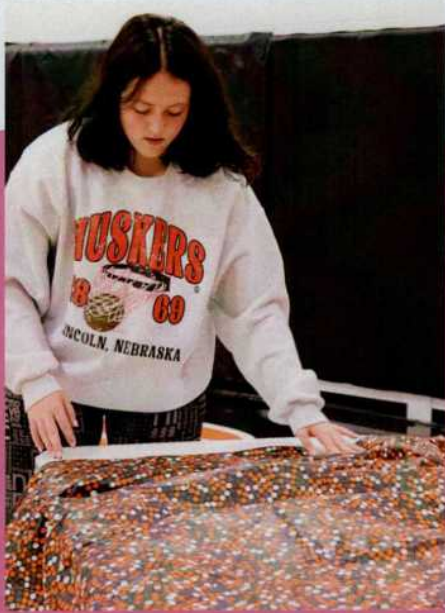
The speech team "Left Their Mark" by bringing three students to State. Seniors Andrea Pavlish and Owen Vyhnalek placed eighth in Duet Acting, just short of finals. Freshman Ella Vyhnalek also made it to State in Informative Speaking.

The Student Council "Left Its Mark" by raising \$1000 for the Make a Wish Foundation; NHS and FBLA held blood drives; and FBLA helped with Trunk or Treat for Halloween and Morning with Santa. "It felt great to see the children so excited," senior Atley Zoubek said.

To truly "Leave Their Mark," students had to really give their all and help where needed.



Leaving Our Mark CLUBS & ORGS



Getting ready for the Athletic Banquet, senior Atley Zoubek helps D-Club by putting down tablecloths and setting up tables.

Celebrating Valentines Day, senior Gabby Theis hands out valentines to others for Student Council. "I liked handing them out because it made me happy to see others happy."



Student Council. BR: Bailey Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Myles Vyhnaiek, Paxton Behrens, Landon Shaw & Ella Vyhnaiek. MR: Gabby Theis, Michael Maldonado, Baylor Behrens, Lily Lehr, Sierra Sherwood, Atley Zoubek & Livia Schweitzer. FR: Jennifer Acosta, Savannah June, Brennelly Vazquez, Emilia Perez, Micaela Loarca & Sponsor Mrs. Stacy Lutjemeyer.



First Time D-Club Letter Winners. BR: Thor Nerud, Max Novak & Blake Cerny. FR: Ella Vyhnaiek, Hadley Brandt, Faith Elkins, Livia Schweitzer & Lindsay DelToro. Not Pictured: Bryan Martin, Kendall Kasl & Javier Muñoz.

Q: What Was your favorite event?



A: "I liked setting up for the Athletic Banquet for D-Club; it gave me something to do."

Coleton Harrison, 10th



A: "My favorite event was handing out valentines for Student Council."

Savannah June, 11th

ENCOURAGE © h e ANOTHER to help others

Giving a helping hand, Student Council and D-Club members worked hard volunteering, helping the community and raising money for charity. "I enjoy being part of a group that gets me more involved in the community," freshman Max Novak said.

The Student Council picked the dress up days for Homecoming Week and ran the activities. "My favorite thing to do in Student Council is picking out the dress up days," junior Bailey Theis said. "I like to see the different options and love going all out."

The next thing on the agenda was preparing stuffed animals and candy that helped spread love and kindness on Valentine's Day. "I like delivering the valentines because I get to see how happy it makes others," sophomore Livia Schweitzer said. "I think it's a great idea we do this because everyone is included."

The Student Council also donated items to be bid on for the Make-A-Wish Auction. Student Council members

all brought one thing to be raffled off. "The auction is a great way to raise money for the Make-A-Wish cause," eighth grader Landon Shaw said. "We always do a good job and raise lots of money. We raised \$1000 this year."

D-Club also stayed busy. They ran concessions, the scoreboard, and kept stats at the Junior High Volleyball Tournament and the Alumni Basketball Tournament. "Having the feeling of being part of a group that is helpful and productive is awesome, and it's cool to be in it if you had to lettered and gotten a 'D,'" sophomore Lily Lehr said.

At the Athletic Banquet, they set up tables, decorated with streamers and stuck around at the end to pick up. "I liked that we decorated with orange and black streamers. They looked nice in our gym," junior Caden Axline said.

The Student Council and D-Club helped within their community in many ways and gave back. "It's a good feeling knowing I helped out and raised money for a good cause," senior Owen Vyhnaek said. "I enjoy doing these activities with my friends."



Helping set up chairs for the Athletic Banquet, sophomore Lily Lehr looks to see where she needs to place one next. The D-Club sponsored the Athletic Banquet and decorated and cleaned up for it.



Picking up trash, juniors Chase Tachovsky and Caden Axline help Student Council by keeping the roads clean at trash pickup.

D-Club. BR: Chase Tachovsky, Frank Matejka, Owen Vyhnaek, Hunter Wake & Carter Cerny. 3rd Row: Baylor Behrens, Mackenzie Yager, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr, Colton Harrison & Mason June. 2nd Row: Megan Gordon, Caden Axline, Atley Zoubek, Gabby Theis, Emilia Perez & Sponsor Brandon Bruha. FR: Briana Tellez, Ariana Tellez, AylLynn Schwisow, Isabella Cornejo, Savannah June & Sponsor Corey Bird. Not Pictured: Micaela Loarca.



WHERE MUSIC COMES ALIVE

memories are made

Playing for a home football game, eighth grader Annaleah Tellez plays the National Anthem on her flute.



At the Christmas Concert, freshman Max Novak sings "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas."

Band: BR: Ella Vyhnaelek, Paxton Behrens, Cameron Yager, Thor Nerud, Owen Vyhnaelek, Troy Dawes, Legend Smith & Landon Shaw. 3rd Row: Mya Mahlin, Kendall Kasl, Mason June, Andrea Pavlish, Myles Vyhnaelek, Mason Vyhnaelek, Payton Zoubek & Trevin Steuk. 2nd Row: Ariana Tellez, Annaleah Tellez, Max Novak, Joshua Gordon, Antonio Loarca, Moises Tercero & Savannah June. FR: Ingrid Gonzales, Broden Whitney, Jennifer Acosta, Grayson Leavitt, Jenifer Solis & Director Olivia McBeth. Not Pictured: Maribel Garcia & Brenden Bergmeyer.

Whether students preferred singing songs or playing an instrument, being in Band or Choir offered many musical opportunities. "My favorite part about being in band was going to the State Fair," seventh grader Jenifer Solis said. "We performed and had some free time to go and enjoy the fair."

Band and Choir had many performances including the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert, District Music Contest and Graduation. The choir also sang an elementary lunch performance,

The band also played at the State Fair, Yorkfest, the Veterans Day Assembly and Memorial Day service and played during home games. The band received third for their performance at Yorkfest.

At District Music Contest, the Choir earned a II with their performances of *Wellerman* and *The Water is Wide*. The band received a II with their songs *March Atlantis* and *At the River*. "March Atlantis was my favorite song to play," seventh grader Payton Zoubek said. "It was easy for me to play the bass drum."

There were many soloists at Districts. Senior Andrea Pavlish performed *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Miserables* and received a I. Junior Bailey Theis performed *Homeward Bound* and received a II. Freshman Max Novak performed *Scarborough Fair* and received a II, and freshman Ella Vyhnaelek performed *Shenandoah River* and earned a II. Vyhnaelek and Novak performed a duet from *Les Miserables*, *All I Ask Of You*, and received a I. "I was excited to sing my solo since I had been practicing for a while now," freshman Ella Vyhnaelek said. "I was nervous at first but it went by quickly and all was good."

Other opportunities to shine individually were available. Andrea Pavlish & Megan Gordon, sang at the Doane Vocal Musical Festival (Bailey Theis was invited but could not attend). CRC Honor Choir members included: Bailey Theis, Ella Vyhnaelek (sung a solo), Max Novak & Andrea Pavlish (received medal for top 5 audition). "I enjoyed being in choir," junior Megan Gordon said. "I had a good time being part of something I really liked."





Playing saxophone for the Homecoming Pep Rally and Hamburger Feed, eighth grader Trevin Steuk and junior Adrian Alcaide plays "Uma Thurman" with the rest of the band.

At the State Fair in Grand Island, the band performs "Anchors Aweigh" to the State Fair audience. Fairgoers stopped to listen to the band entertain them. "I really like going," eighth grader Troy Dawes said. "It's fun to perform for those at the fair."



Choir: BR: Megan Gordon, Ella Vyhnalek, Troy Dawes & Myles Vyhnalek. 2nd Row: Kaitlyn Bolton, Mason June, Andrea Pavlish, Bailey Theis & Director Olivia McBeth. FR: Grayson Leavitt, Ariana Tellez, Max Novak & Tessa Martin. Not Pictured: Maribel Garcia.

Making Christmas come alive, the choir sings "Carol of The Bells" at the Christmas Concert. The students also dressed up in ugly Christmas sweaters to add to the Christmas feeling.

Q: What was your favorite event?



A: "My favorite event for choir was singing at the spring concert because I liked the songs."

Bailey Theis, 11th



A: "My favorite memory in choir was singing at the Spring Concert with Max Novak."

Ella Vyhnalek, 9th



Showing different ways to decorate an ornament, sophomore Livia Schweitzer helps kindergartner Aubree Palky make a festive craft.



Offering candy to a young Flintstone, senior Andrea Pavlish mans her Christmas-themed trunk-or-treat booth for Halloween.



Working at the Trunk-or-Treat event for Halloween, junior Bailey Theis helps a young child place the ring around the candy.



State FBLA. BR: Kendall Kasl, Owen Vyhnalek, Bailey Theis, & Hadley Brandt. FR: Max Novak, Emilia Perez, Atley Zoubek, & AyLynn Schwisow.

Q: What was your favorite activity?



"A: "My favorite was Morning with Santa because they provided a really good breakfast."

Chase Tachovsky, 11th



A: "My favorite was SLC because we stayed at a hotel."

Max Novak, 9th

SERVING the COMMUNITY

beyond just a business club

Proving that FBLA is more than a business club, members helped the community in numerous ways.

To start off the year, FBLA helped with the annual Trunk-or-Treat. Although there were no actual trunks since it was indoors, members grouped together to decorate tables and hand out candy. "Andrea Pavlish & my table was Christmas themed," senior Mackenzie Luzum said. "Everyone laughed when we wished them Merry Halloween."

Just under a week later, they hosted the American Red Cross Blood Drive. "I helped by handing out food to people right after they donated," freshman Max Novak said. "I helped them over to the table and offered them drinks as well."

A week after the blood drive, FBLA officers greeted veterans and served them breakfast prior to the Veterans Day program at the school. "I always love sitting down with veterans to hear their stories," senior Owen Vyhnales said. "I'm glad we get to have breakfast with them."

To finish off the first semester, FBLA also hosted the Morning with Santa event, where kids could come meet

Santa, eat breakfast, and do all sorts of crafts. "I helped kids make reindeer food, which is literally just oatmeal and glitter," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "The kids are supposed to sprinkle it on their lawn Christmas Eve in order to attract Santa's sleigh. It was fun seeing which glitter the kids would choose, or if they would just go for all of them."

After a busy fall, preparations for the State Leadership Conference (SLC) began. In February, members all wore green one day to celebrate "Go Green" Day and earn points for their team at the conference. Two groups also submitted preliminary projects where teams had to design different projects. "We (Atley Zoubek & Andrea Pavlish) worked for a whole morning on our presentation," junior Bailey Theis said. "I was a little disappointed we didn't place, but I still think we did well."

Although no student placed at SLC, advisor Mrs. Claire Tachovksy was still proud. "Our students represented Dorchester well in their events and throughout the conference," Tachovksy said. "I could see the they were invested."



During breakfast held prior to the Veterans' Day program, senior Atley Zoubek helps with serving the muffins to the veterans.



Working at the Red Cross Blood Drive, seniors AyLynn Schwisow and Gabby Theis check donors in at the door at the October drive.

FBLA. BR: Sierra Sherwood, Lily Lehr, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnales, Chase Tachovksy, Bailey Theis & Baylor Behrens. MR: Faith Elkins, Hadley Brandt, Caden Axline, Atley Zoubek, Kendall Kasl & Livia Schweitzer. FR: Mackenzie Luzum, Max Novak, Gabby Theis, Emilia Perez & AyLynn Schwisow.



LEADING & ACHIEVING

by showing character & service

Signing her name, junior Bailey Theis adorns the banner in order to help finish the decorations for the Junior High and High School Honors Night.



Putting the "Honor" in National Honor Society, seven NHS members worked hard to continue to be role models at their school.

To be eligible to apply for NHS, a student had to be at least a sophomore and have a 92.0% or higher GPA. They were then offered an application to list all of their awards, activities, and other community involvement. The new members were then chosen by the NHS Faculty Council based on the four pillars: character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

At Honors Night, the two newly selected members were officially inducted. "I knew as soon as they said wrestling that it was me," new inductee, sophomore Emilia Perez said. "I was happy knowing I made my mom proud."

NHS members had a multitude of activities that kept them busy. To start the season, early spring brought the American Red Cross Blood Drive. "I was in charge of checking people in," senior Atley Zoubek said. "I liked scanning donors in and keeping track of who was

all there."

They also hosted the Honor Roll Pizza Party for qualifying students before Honors Night. "I was in charge of picking up all of the pizza and the bread sticks for the party," senior Gabby Theis said. "My car smelled so good the entire ride there."

NHS members also hosted both the Jr. High and High School Honors Night. This required creating the program, serving punch and cookies, decorating the gym/stage, and welcoming all of the guests. "My favorite part of plating the cookies was making sure one of them wasn't poisoned," junior Chase Tachovsky said.

In addition, NHS members were in charge of opening and closing both ceremonies, as well as announcing the Student Leadership Awards. "I announced the Leadership Awards," senior Atley Zoubek said. "I was glad to be able to recognize other students' hard work."

"I really enjoyed being a part of NHS," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "My favorite part was definitely serving punch at Honors Night because then I got to see everyone who was there."



The new members inducted into National Honor Society were Livia Schweitzer and Emilia Perez during the 45th ceremony for the Dorchester National Honor Society.

National Society Members. BR: Bailey Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnalek & Chase Tachovsky. FR: Gabby Theis, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek & Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance.





Measuring the length, senior Baylor Behrens adds the yellow streamer to the back of the stage to serve as backdrop for the JH & HS Honors Night.

After tapping a new member, junior Chase Tachovsky escorts inductee sophomore Emilia Perez after being handed a white rose at the NHS Induction Ceremony.



Savoring the Pizza Hut pizza & bread sticks, senior Andrea Pavlish, junior Bailey Theis, & seniors Gabby Theis & Atley Zoubek enjoy the bounty of achieving Honor Roll at the Honor Roll Pizza Party sponsored by the NHS before Honors Night.



Awaiting donors to check in, seniors Gabby Theis, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens and junior Bailey Theis give name tags to each person who walks in to the American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the NHS in March.

Q: What Was your favorite part of NHS?



A: "I liked watching the faces of the inductees when they realized it was them being called to the stage."

Bailey Theis, 11th

A: "I liked running the blood drive because I know it saves lives."

Andrea Pavlish, 12th





Telling about her elopement, Cheri (Andrea Pavlish) shares the exciting details of her love story to Daffodil (Ella Vyhnaek) and Tulip (Emilia Perez).



Trying to explain to Cheri (Andrea Pavlish) why to buy the rundown theater, Charlie (Owen Vyhnaek), lists all of the reasons they should use their honeymoon money for it.



Cast & Crew: BR: Jennifer Acosta, Megan Gordon, Troy Dawes, Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnaek, Bailey Theis, Myles Vyhnaek, Broden Whitney & Director Karen Hrdlicka. FR: Joshua Gordon, Mason Vyhnaek, Max Novak, Ella Vyhnaek, Emilia Perez, Mason June, Grayson Leavitt & Ariana Tellez.



Thespians. BR: Bailey Theis, Ella Vyhnaek, Owen Vyhnaek, Andrea Pavlish & Baylor Behrens. MR: Sponsor Mrs. Karma Ridpath, Max Novak, Mason June, Michael Maldonado & Megan Gordon. FR: Briana Tellez, Ariana Tellez, Emilia Perez & Mackenzie Luzum.

Q: What Was your favorite memory?



A: "My favorite memory was when Andrea (Pavlish) had to drag Troy (Dawes) off stage."

Bailey Theis, 11th



A: "My favorite memory was when Ella (Vyhnaek) took off her shoe and threw it at Owen (Vyhnaek)."

Myles Vyhnaek, 8th

the CURTAINS OPEN

exposing grudges, a possible explosion

What do a stick of dynamite, a roaming theater troupe, and the mob have in common? They were all part of the play, *Curtains*, a comedy written by Craig Sodaro.

In the play, the main characters Charlie Leach (Owen Vyhnalek) and his new bride Cheri (Andrea Pavlish), have a week to pay off a mobster, Tony Tenor (Max Novak) and his accomplices or the final curtain will fall on poor Charlie.

So the newly wedded husband and wife use their honeymoon money as a down payment on an old theater that Charlie secretly plans to blow up for the insurance settlement. There's just one problem, they can only get a policy by staging a production. "My favorite part was when the theater didn't blow up," eighth grader Myles Vyhnalek said. "It was a real plot twist for the audience."

Fortunately for Charlie, Cheri's cousin Isabella (Bailey Theis) is looking for a stage for her all-female play production, *Frankenstein*. The monster suffers an injury and Charlie, who's no actor, has to step it up. Charlie transforms into a monster with a heart and breaks character

to warn everyone to get out of the theater. "It was a struggle at first going from Charlie to the monster behind the curtains," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "As time went on and we practiced more, it got easier."

Whether it was remembering lines or getting cues right, the students worked to perfect each line. Practices tended to go late into the evening. "The worst part about practices was that they were after sports practice," sophomore Mason June said. "I was tired and still had to go and work hard after basketball."

The play was full of many funny moments. "The funniest part of the play was when Emilia (Perez) and Ella (Vyhnalek) were chasing Owen (Vyhnalek) and they took off their shoes and threw it at Owen," seventh grader Grayson Levitt said. "It was improvised and hilarious and the audience loved it."

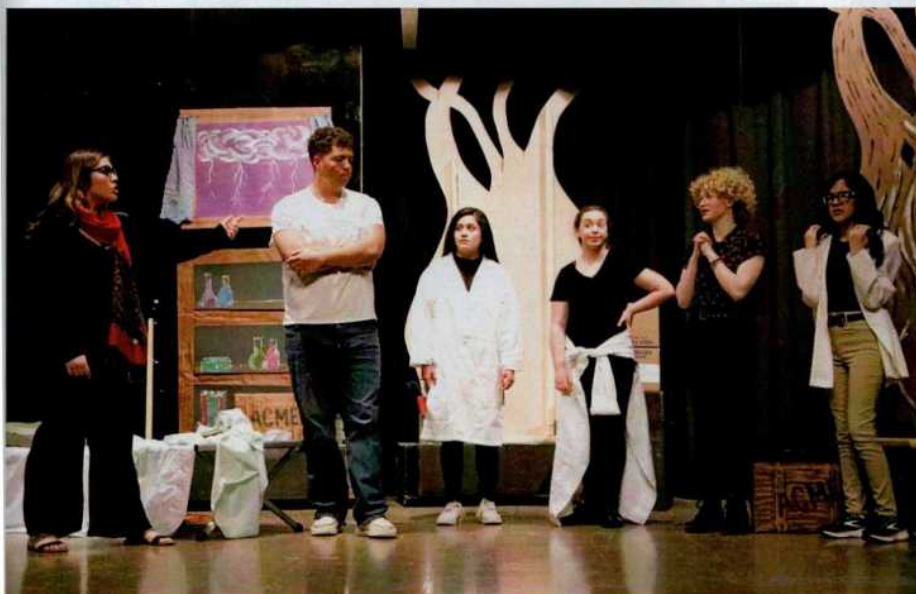
The play was full of ups and downs, but the cast created a great performance. "I was on stage a lot and changing outfits was difficult for me," senior Andrea Pavlish said. "I changed quickly behind our curtains and went back on stage but it all worked out in the end."



Working together, Charlie (Owen Vyhnalek) hands the check to Professor Quirk (Troy Dawes) to pay him to blow up the theater. Of course, his wife knows nothing about it.



Urging their boss to get to the next stop, Daffodil (Ella Vyhnalek) and Tulip (Emilia Perez) carry off Tony (Max Novak) out of the theater.



Encouraging her theater group to get back to work, Isabella (Bailey Theis) directs her new cast: Charlie (Owen Vyhnalek), Paula (Ariana Tellez), Mrs. Petrie (Grayson Leavitt), Angela (Megan Gordon) & Sprinkles (Jennifer Acosta).

the BIGGEST IMPACT

is by those who record history

Focusing on capturing the perfect moment of a football game, senior Gabrielle

Theis steadies her sight by getting low and zooms in on the action. "Photography has always been my favorite thing about being in journalism." Theis said.



Excited to record this moment in Dorchester Girls Basketball history, freshman Sierra Sherwood gets clearance to sit on the floor like an official member of the press in order to take clear shots of the game at the Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Journalism. BR: Michael Maldonado, Andrea Pavlish & Sierra Sherwood. MR: Lyberty Bartlett, Gabrielle Theis, Max Novak & Rosie Lopez. FR: Briana Tellez, Ariana Tellez, Advisor Sandy Severance, Emilia Perez & Mackenzie Luzum. Not Pictured: Joseph Peacock.

Being in Journalism was more than just taking pictures and writing copy for the yearbook. It was an opportunity to be innovative, artistic and to record precious moments throughout the year. "Taking pictures was one of the best parts about journalism," senior Mackenzie Luzum said. "Another would be the snacks we'd get while working."

To improve their skills, members went to three workshops: the Walsworth Workshop at Mahoney State Park, the NHSPA Fall Convention at UNL, and the Jostens Workshop at the Amazing Pizza Machine. "My favorite part about journalism was going to the workshops," sophomore Briana Tellez said. "I liked UNL the most because they showed a lot of cool and colorful designs that I wanted for our yearbook."

One highlight was attending the NHSPA Fall Convention where Advisor Sandy Severance was recognized and received the Outstanding Advisor Award voted on by fellow journalism teachers. "It was exciting to be recognized as one of the best by my fellow journalism teachers," Severance

said.

Creating the yearbook was a long process that extended into the summer, but everyone remained working diligently. "I didn't actually mind coming back in," sophomore Emilia Perez said. "I get to spend some more time with my friends while finishing up on work."

Another highlight of the year was attending State Journalism. Ten students made the trek to State in Norfolk. A total of twenty medals were brought home, with one of them being State Champion. "I couldn't believe I placed first in Newspaper Feature Writing," Andrea Pavlish said. "I feel good about writing, but to see it score me a gold medal was amazing."

"Making it to State was the best part about journalism," freshman Sierra Sherwood said. "There were so many cool things to do before the ceremony took place, and getting a medal for my action photography was worth it."

However, no one could be more proud than their Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance. "I was so excited to see so many journalism students make it to State. I'm just so proud of them."





Assisting a fellow staff member, senior Andrea Pavlish shows sophomore Rosie Lopez how to design a page.



State Journalism.
BR: Rosie Lopez, Michael Maldonado, Sierra Sherwood, Andrea Pavlish, Bailey Theis & Joseph Peacock. FR: Emilia Perez, Ariana Tellez, Advisor Sandy Severance, Max Novak & Gabby Theis.



Winning Awards from the JEA Competition were Ariana Tellez, Emilia Perez, Gabrielle Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Joseph Peacock & Bailey Theis.

JEA Competition

Andrea Pavlish: Hon. Mention in YB Theme Copy Wr. & YB Layout
Gabby Theis: Excellent in Action Photography & Photo Artistic Illustration
Joseph Peacock: Hon. Ment. in YB Feature Wr.
Bailey Theis: Excellent in Action Photography
Ariana Tellez: Hon. Ment. in Photo Artistic Illustration
Emilia Perez: Hon. Mention in Advertising
The Team of Andrea Pavlish, Gabby Theis, & Joseph Peacock: Superior in YB Theme Development

Nebraska Press Women's HS Competition

Hailey Schweitzer: 1st in Double-Truck Layout, Hon. Mention in YB Layout. Placed 3rd Nationally in Double-Truck Layout.
Gabby Theis: 1st in YB Copywriting, 2nd in YB Photo, Hon. Mentions in Editorial Cartooning & Double-Truck Layout. Placed 3rd Nationally in YB Copywriting.
Joseph Peacock: Hon. Mention in Yearbook Copywriting
Andrea Pavlish: 3rd in YB Photo & in Editorial
Mackenzie Luzum: 2nd in Double-Truck Layout, Hon. Mention in Opinion
Bailey Theis: 2nd in YB Copywriting

NSA State Competition

Andrea Pavlish: 1st in Newspaper Feature Wr., 2nd in Editorial Wr., 8th in YB Layout,
Gabby Theis: 6th in Newspaper Layout
Joseph Peacock: 5th in Action Photography
Ariana Tellez: 6th in Newspaper Feature Writing, 8th in YB Feature Writing
Bailey Theis: 8th in Newspaper Sports Feature Writing
Emilia Perez: 3rd in Editorial Cartooning
Max Novak: 7th in Infographics
Sierra Sherwood: 6th in Action Photography
Andrea Pavlish & Rosie Lopez: 3rd in Broadcast Sports Story
Joseph Peacock & Michael Maldonado: 8th in Broadcast Sports Story
Gabby Theis & Bailey Theis: 6th in Broadcast Public Service Announcement
The Team of Andrea Pavlish, Gabby Theis, & Joseph Peacock: 6th in YB Theme Development

DHS placed 5th overall in Class C (schools of 149 or below) with 166 points out of 27 schools competing at State, and 53 schools overall. They were the smallest school to compete & the only true Class D school in the top 5.

"Leaving Their Mark" in the history books and celebrating their win bringing them to the championship round of state basketball, junior Bailey Theis & sophomore Mackenzie Yager squeeze each other tight in joy, while sophomores Lily Lehr & Livia Schweitzer follow behind.



LEAVING OUR MARK

Students & faculty made it through another year with amazing memories & accomplishments that "Left a Mark" on the school & the community. The girls basketball team "Left Their Mark" as they made their way to State along with a spirit bus where students were able to cheer them on. "This was a once in a lifetime opportunity," senior Gabby Theis said. "I was so proud of my team." Coach Brandon Bruha was awarded NebPreps Coach of the Year for his outstanding

coaching that led the girls to 2nd place in the D-2 State Basketball Tournament. "Leaving Their Mark," three tracksters qualified for State. Senior Baylor Behrens in 100m & 300m hurdles, freshman Faith Elkins in the 100m hurdles & the 100m dash & junior Bailey Theis in shot put & discus. Theis broke the school record in shot put, throwing 43'9" and Baylor Behrens in 100m Hurdles (16.47 seconds) & 300m hurdles (47.35 seconds). Journalism "Left Their Mark" when as a team they placed 5th at State & senior Andrea Paulish was State Champion in News Feature Writing. Placing nationally in

the Nebraska Women's Press Assoc. Contest were senior Gabby Theis who placed 3rd in Yearbook Copywriting & Hailey Schweitzer (2024 graduate) who placed 3rd in Double-Truck Layout. "Leaving Her Mark," Sharon (Mimi) Axline was awarded the NSAA Above & Beyond Award for all she does as a school volunteer. Students said their goodbyes to Principal Jake Wiese & Superintendent Curt Cogswell who will forever "Leave a Mark" on us & the school. "Mr. Wiese & Dr. Cogswell will really be missed," eighth grader Kaitlyn Bolton said. In every way & every day, we were "Leaving Our Mark."



State Journalism: 1. Gabby Theis, Joseph Peacock, & Andrea Pavlish: 6th in YB Theme Development. 2. Bailey & Gabby Theis: 6th in Broadcast PSA. 3. Ariana Tellez: 6th in Newspaper Feature Writing, 8th in YB Feature Writing. 4. Sierra Sherwood: 6th in Action Photography. 5. Andrea Pavlish & Rosie Lopez: 3rd in Broadcast Sports Story. 6. Emilia Perez: 3rd in Editorial Cartooning.

State Journalism: 7. Andrea Pavlish: 1st in Newspaper Feature Writing, 2nd in Editorial Writing, & 8th in YB Layout. 8. Joseph Peacock: 5th in Action Photography. 9. Gabby Theis: 6th in Newspaper Layout. 10. Max Novak: 7th in Info Graphic. 11. Michael Maldonado & Joseph Peacock: 8th in Broadcast Sports Story. 12. Bailey Theis: 8th in Newspaper Sports Feature Writing.



Qualifying for State Speech in Kearney, the duet of Andrea Pavlish & Owen Vyhnalek and the persuasive speech of Ella Vyhnalek make it past Districts. The duet placed 8th overall in Class D2.



MIMI AXLINE
NSAA DISTRICT 8

Nominated and awarded the NSAA Above & Beyond Award, volunteer and school grandma, "Mimi" Axline is recognized for her dedication to the school.

Recognized by Stacy Lutjemeyer, head cook Amanda Cerny was nominated for the LifeChanger of the Year for all of the great things she does for everyone.



Celebrating their first win at the State Tournament in the school's history, the girls basketball team moves onto the next round in the NSAA Class D2 Basketball Tournament. They would go on to play two more games and earn a Runner-up trophy.



Adding her finishing touches, senior Mackenzie Luzum paints her designated parking spot prior to the start of the school year. Nine of the fourteen seniors participated in "Leaving Their Mark," literally. Each tried to make it show who they were.



Over the summer, the walls of the school were enhanced with school spirit in hallways, bathrooms, and beyond, making sure everyone knew that the Longhorns were "Leaving Our Mark," loudly and proudly.

but wait, THERE'S MORE!



At the HTRS Invitational Tournament, the volleyball team takes home 3rd place.



Fifth grader Ila Von Bush wins first place in the NE Waterworks Association poster contest, earning a \$100 cash prize.



Selected to present their art at the Statehood Ceremony held at the capitol, Gabby Theis (left) and Isaac Steuk (right) are honored for their artwork.



Believers & Achievers Local Winners: Baylor Behrens, Owen Vyhnalek, & Andrea Pavlish.



At the NHSPA conference, Mrs. Sandy Severance is awarded the 2024 Distinguished Advisor Award, which was voted on by fellow journalism educators across Nebraska.



State Track Qualifiers, Baylor Behrens in 300m hurdles (placed 7th) & 100m hurdles (9th), Faith Elkins in 100m hurdles (18th) & 100m dash (23rd), and Bailey Theis in shot put (3rd) & discus (13th).

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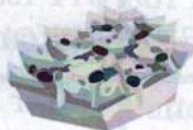
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Top: (Left) Elem. County Spelling Contest. Annie Smith, Bethany Vazquez, David Loarca, Lillian Pracheil, Boone Smith, & Harvey Thalken. (Right) Criminal Justice Day at Peru State College. Micaela Loarca, Emilia Perez, & AyLynn Schwisow (2nd in Academic Testing).

Top: (Left) CRC Vocal Clinic. Max Novak, Ella Vyhnaelek, Andrea Pavlish, & Bailey Theis (Right) Doane Honor Choir. Megan Gordon, Bailey Theis, Andrea Pavlish, & Director Olivia McBeth.



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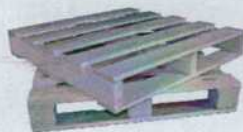
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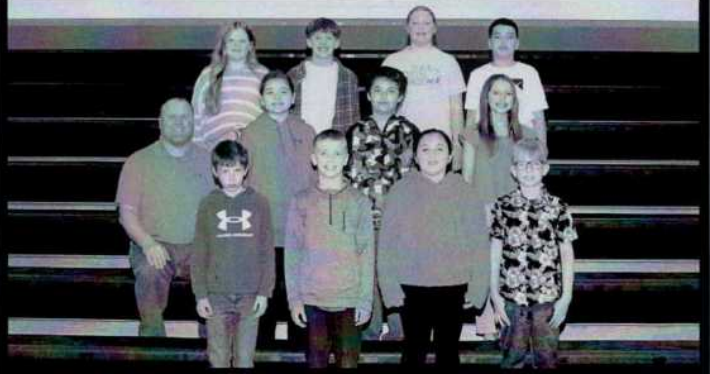
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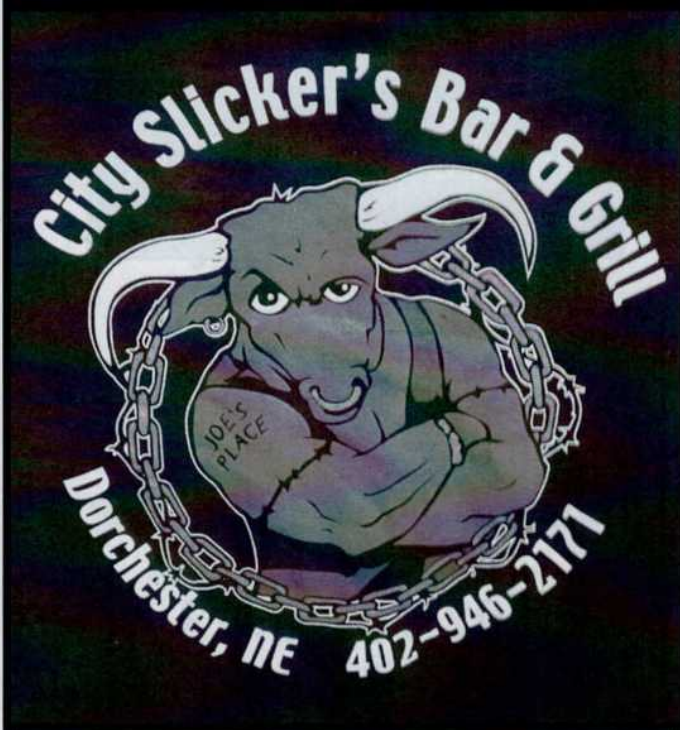
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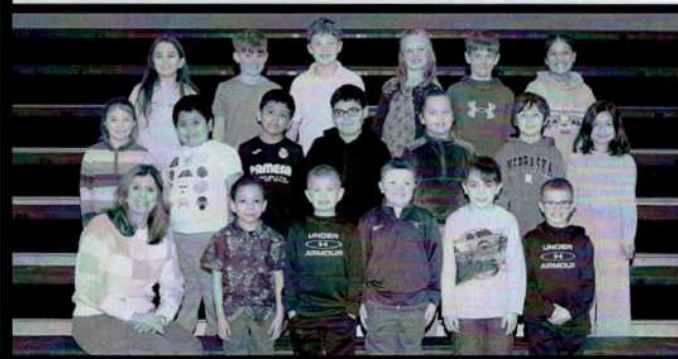


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SEEING DOUBLE

Look-alike contests sweep the globe, with participants competing to resemble celebrities like Jeremy Allen White and Glen Powell. The trend started in October with a Timothée Chalamet look-alike contest in New York City, where Chalamet himself made a surprise appearance. These quirky contests quickly gained attention and sparked similar events across the country and world. *Photo credit: Newscom*

TO BAN OR NOT TO BAN

In January, the U.S. Supreme Court rules the law requiring ByteDance to sell its U.S. operations is legal, citing national security concerns. After this decision, ByteDance shut down TikTok in the U.S. on Jan. 18. However, on Jan. 20, President Trump signed an executive order to delay the law's enforcement for at least 75 days while his administration worked to devise a plan of action. *Photo credit: Newscom*



MANDARIN MANIA

As the threat of a TikTok ban looms, RedNote rises to the top of Apple's App Store. More than 3 million "TikTok refugees" flocked to the alternative app, sparking a surprising cultural exchange between the U.S. and China. In response, Duolingo saw a 216% increase in Mandarin learners as many Americans rushed to learn the language amid the shifting social media landscape. *Photo credit: Newscom*



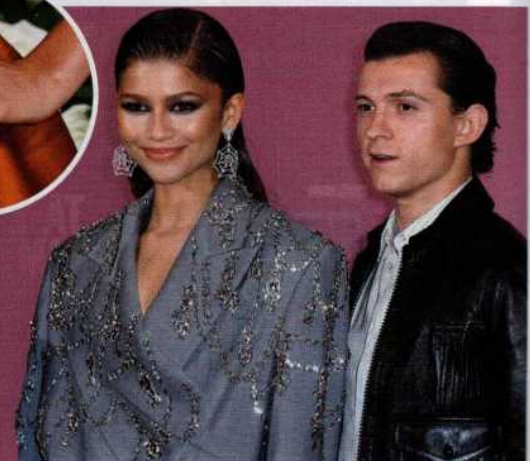
MOO-VE OVER

A baby pygmy hippo named Moo Deng charms visitors at Khao Kheow Open Zoo with her playful antics. Born in July, she quickly became a global sensation, racking up millions of views on TikTok through a zoo-run account with over 3.3 million followers. Moo Deng's viral fame raised awareness for the endangered pygmy hippo species, which gave conservationists hope for increased protection efforts. *Photo credit: Newscom*



THE ULTIMATE HOMECOMING

After Zendaya wears an engagement ring to the Golden Globes in January, news outlets confirm her engagement to *Spider-Man* actor Tom Holland. The engagement took place over the winter holidays after Holland sought permission from Zendaya's father. The two began dating in 2021 after starring together in *Spider-Man: Homecoming* in 2017 as Peter Parker and his love interest, M.J. *Photo credits: Newscom*





back for seconds

Donald Trump is sworn in to his second term as president by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. The inauguration and rally featured performances by notable artists, including country singer Carrie Underwood, Kid Rock and The Village People. The ceremony, which typically took place outdoors, was moved inside the Capitol Rotunda due to cold weather. *Photo credits: Newscom*



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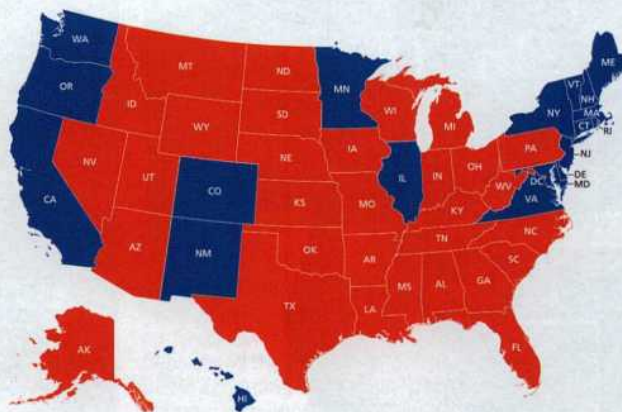
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HOUSE RESULTS
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A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION

Americans elect Donald Trump, the Republican former president, as the 47th president of the United States in a 312-226 Electoral College victory over Kamala Harris, the Democratic vice president. Trump took office as the oldest elected president at the age of 78, while his 40-year-old vice presidential running mate, JD Vance, became the third-youngest vice president. In addition to sweeping all seven swing states, Republicans also took control of the Senate and retained control of the House. *Photo credits: Carlos Fyfe/The White House, Win McNamee/Getty Images*
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all brat everything

Charli XCX's *Brat* becomes a defining pop cultural moment as its vibrant lime green aesthetic and empowering themes inspire fans to embrace their imperfections and live carefree. The album landed Charli her first No. 1 spot on the Top Dance/Electronic Albums chart and a career-high No. 3 ranking on the Billboard 200. With over 1.6 million TikTok videos to the viral dance routine for "Apple" and brat evolving into a worldwide lifestyle, the album's influence spread quickly, cementing it as the cultural phenomenon of the year. *Photo credit: Raphael Pour-Hashemi/Flickr*

POOKIE ENTERS HER MOTHERHOOD ERA

Campbell Puckett, known as "Pookie" on TikTok, and her husband, Jett, introduce fans to their baby daughter, Paloma, in a heartwarming TikTok video on Nov. 12. The couple, who gained social media fame with TikToks showcasing Jett's admiration for his wife's outfits and their life together, had fans eagerly awaiting the news after Campbell shared an update about their growing family. Just days later, they revealed Paloma to the world, marking the next chapter in their viral journey.

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THAT'S BANANAS

Maurizio Cattelan's iconic "Comedian," a banana duct taped to a wall, sells for a staggering \$6.24 million at a Sotheby's auction in November. The work, which had been eaten and replaced multiple times, sparked controversy and debate about the nature of art upon its initial debut in 2019. Chinese crypto-currency founder Justin Sun purchased the artwork and planned to eat the banana as part of the artistic experience.

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FOREVER BEGINS NOW

"Only Murders in the Building" actress and Rare Beauty founder Selena Gomez announces her engagement to music producer Benny Blanco on Instagram. The engagement took place during a Taco Bell picnic date – one of Gomez's favorite restaurants. The pair began dating in June 2023 after having collaborated on the 2019 single "I Can't Get Enough." *Photo credits: Newscom*

100 YEARS OF IMPACT

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter passes away in December at the age of 100. A decorated naval officer, Carter served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. After his presidency, he dedicated his life to humanitarian work through The Carter Center, promoting peace, democracy and public health worldwide; volunteered with his wife, Rosalyn, building homes for Habitat for Humanity until the age of 96 and taught Sunday School classes twice a month at his home church.

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PLUSH FRENZY

Pillowfort weighted stuffed animals and Jellycats mark the latest plush trend taking over. Target's Pillowfort line featured three-pound stuffed animals designed to provide weighted comfort, making them a hit for relaxation and anxiety relief. Jellycats also soared in popularity, fueled in part by viral TikToks of employees playfully packing customer orders at Jellycat Diner experiences around the world. *Photo credit: Zach Field*



SOLD OUT

With some of the biggest names in music announcing tours this year, concert ticket prices continue to skyrocket. Tours headlined by Taylor Swift, Zach Bryan and Billie Eilish were among many that highlighted the issue, with overall ticket prices rising 35% since 2019, according to Pollstar. Steep prices for even nosebleed seats, coupled with unprecedented high demand, led to widespread criticism of bots, scalpers and companies for price-gouging and fueling fan frustration. *Photo credit: Newscom*

DO NOT DISTURB

Schools across the country tighten restrictions on cell phones and dress codes in an effort to minimize distractions. In recent years, administrators had debated how to balance technology use and self-expression with maintaining a productive learning environment. With 68% of U.S. adults supporting a ban on the use of cell phones during class, these new policies reflected growing concerns about student health and the impact of social media in classrooms.

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FOR THE RECORD

Bruno Mars continues his record-breaking year by becoming the first artist to reach 150 million monthly listeners on Spotify. His collaboration with Lady Gaga on "Die With A Smile" became the fastest song in Spotify history to hit 1 billion streams, while his duet with ROSÉ, "APT.," also joined the Billions Club. Mars' catalog surpassed 17 billion streams on the platform, solidifying his place as one of the most-streamed artists in history.

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LIVE FROM HOLLYWOOD

Season 33 of "Dancing with the Stars" on ABC becomes one of the most-watched seasons in the show's 20 years on television. Many attributed the season's success to its star-studded cast, which included Olympic rugby player Ilona Maher, Olympic gymnast Stephen Nedoroscik, actress Chandler Kinney and more. The show broke its own voting record multiple times throughout the season with over 32 million votes cast in the season finale, which earned former "The Bachelor" star Joey Graziadei and pro Jenna Johnson the Len Goodman Mirrorball Trophy. Photo credit: Eric McCandless/Getty Images

A TRIP TO THE BANKS

"Outer Banks" remains one of Netflix's top shows as season 4 captivates fans. The action-adventure series, which followed a group of working-class teenagers known as "the Pogues," gained popularity among teens with its mix of romance and mystery. The series' strong performance outpaced other new releases like "The Lincoln Lawyer" Season 3, securing its spot at the top in October. Photo credit: Newscom



POP PRINCESS IN THE MAKING

Chappell Roan takes the stage at Outside Lands, solidifying her meteoric rise in the pop music world. Though her debut album, *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess*, dropped in September 2023, it wasn't until this year that Roan's career skyrocketed, with viral hits, a sold-out tour and high-profile performances at Coachella, Governors Ball and Lollapalooza attracting millions of new fans worldwide. With over 45 million monthly Spotify listeners and a No. 2 spot on the Billboard 200, she established herself as a rising star while advocating for respectful fan and press behavior. Photo credit: Newscom



YEAR IN REVIEW

defying the box office

Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo star in Jon Chu's film adaptation of the 2003 Broadway musical *Wicked*. Set in the magical land of Oz, the film explored the untold story of Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West, and her unexpected friendship with Glinda during their time at Shiz University. *Wicked* shattered records in its opening weekend, earning \$163 million globally – the biggest debut ever for a musical adaptation. *Photo credit: Newscom*

THE END OF AN ERA

Taylor Swift performs "Enchanted" from the *Speak Now* portion of her Eras Tour as one of the 46 songs of the night. Her surprise mashups became fan favorites among the more than 10 million concertgoers. The 149-show cultural phenomenon lasted 21 months, spanned 21 countries and five continents, grossed more than \$2 billion and broke seven Guinness World Records before ending in Vancouver in December. *Photo credit: Newscom*



A SUDDEN LOSS

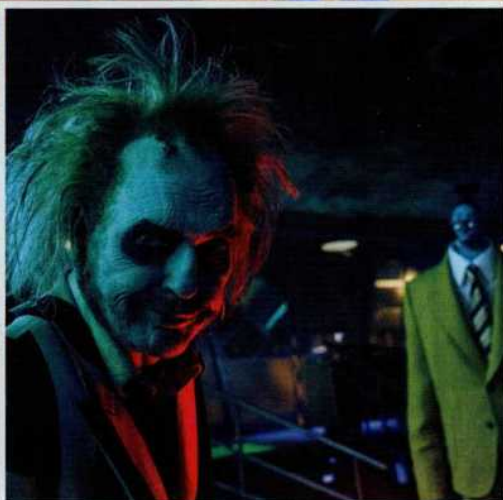
Former One Direction member Liam Payne passes away in October at the age of 31 in Buenos Aires. Payne's One Direction bandmates expressed their devastation as fans worldwide streamed his solo work and the band's greatest hits, including "Night Changes" and "Story of My Life," as a tribute to his legacy. The emotional response saw One Direction reach No. 2 on the Global Spotify Chart, achieving their biggest streaming day of all time on Oct. 17, with 57.5 million streams on Spotify. *Photo credit: Newscom*



the year of the sequel

The box office is dominated by sequels and revivals this year, with nine of the 10 highest grossing films being continuations of an existing franchise. Among the many films were *Twisters*, *Moana 2*, *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, *Despicable Me 4* and *Gladiator II*. *Inside Out 2* earned the top spot, earning \$1.6 billion worldwide.

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A FAREWELL TO FILM'S FINEST

The world mourns the loss of film icons Dame Maggie Smith and James Earl Jones in September. Smith starred in several versatile roles, ranging from *Harry Potter* to "Downton Abbey." Jones' voice was perhaps his best-known feature, recognizable in films like *Star Wars* as Darth Vader and *The Lion King* as Mufasa. Photo credits: Newscom



A COUNTRY MOMENT

Post Malone performs at the 58th annual Country Music Awards. Country music's influence was undeniable across the music scene, inspiring artists from all genres. Albums like Post Malone's *F-1 Trillion* and Beyoncé's *Cowboy Carter* embraced country elements, both earning Grammy nominations for Best Country Album, with Beyoncé taking home the win. Photo credit: Newscom

FOR THE GIRLS

Female artists take center stage as stars like Sabrina Carpenter, Tate McRae, SZA and more dominate the scene through a mix of musical success, viral moments and bold personalities. Out of Spotify's top 10 most-streamed albums of 2024, female artists claimed the top eight spots, including three of Taylor Swift's albums. Sabrina's hit "Espresso" was on repeat all year long, SZA's *SOS* returned to No. 1 after the release of its deluxe version, *Lana*, and new artists like Gracie Abrams and Tyla scored megahits, marking a year of female artistry. Photo credit: Newscom

MUSIC OF THE YEAR

via Spotify Wrapped

ARTISTS

1. Taylor Swift
2. The Weeknd
3. Bad Bunny
4. Drake
5. Billie Eilish

SONGS

- "Espresso" by Sabrina Carpenter
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- "BIRDS OF A FEATHER" by Billie Eilish
- "Lose Control" by Teddy Swims
- "End of Beginning" by Djo

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3. Short n' Sweet by Sabrina Carpenter
4. MAÑANA SERÁ BONITO by Karol G
5. eternal sunshine by Ariana Grande

AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders perform under the bright lights at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The cheerleaders, featured in Netflix's "America's Sweethearts: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders," trained for months to perfect their routines, with the docuseries highlighting their hard work, camaraderie and challenges. The show, which garnered 687 million minutes watched in its first full week, offered an inside look into the lives of the 2023-2024 squad. Photo credit: Newscom



TOP TV SHOWS

- Love Island USA
- The Golden Bachelorette
- The Traitors
- Dancing with the Stars
- The Voice
- Emily in Paris

HUNGRY FOR MORE

Suzanne Collins announces her next book in *The Hunger Games* franchise, "Sunrise on the Reaping," which explores the 50th Hunger Games, featuring a young Haymitch Abernathy as tribute. The story, set 24 years before the original trilogy, followed Haymitch's journey from District 12 to the Capitol, where he faced impossible odds. A movie adaptation was also in the works, with plans set to bring this pivotal chapter of Panem's history to the big screen.

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BUCKEYES BACK ON TOP

Ohio State's Quinshon Judkins runs into the open field during the first half of the College Football National Championship Game on Jan. 20 in Atlanta. Judkins ended up rushing for 100 yards and two touchdowns as the Buckeyes defeated Notre Dame, 34-23. It was the first national title for Ohio State since 2014, and the final game capped off the first 12-team playoff for the top level of the sport.

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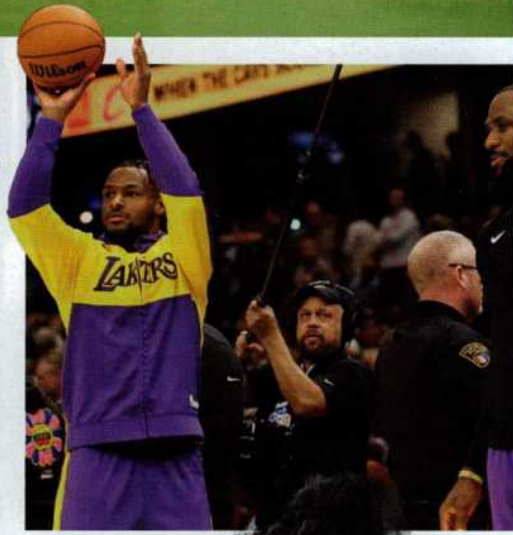
DODGERS LEAVE NO DOUBT

The Los Angeles Dodgers celebrate after winning Game 5 of the 2024 World Series 7-6 over the New York Yankees on Oct. 30, clinching the series win. The Dodgers were led by star Shohei Ohtani. Normally a two-way player, Ohtani was unable to pitch due to an elbow injury but still hit 54 home runs and stole 59 bases, making him the first 50-50 player in baseball history. Photo credit: Newscom



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Bronny James and his father, LeBron James, of the Los Angeles Lakers warm up before a game against the Cleveland Cavaliers in October. The Lakers selected Bronny James in the second round of the NBA Draft, which gave him and LeBron a chance to become the first father-son duo in NBA history when they appeared together in the season opener. Many were critical of the Lakers for drafting Bronny and claimed nepotism, as the younger James barely averaged four points per game in college. Photo credit: Newscom



IRON MIKE DETHRONED

Jake Paul defeats Mike Tyson by unanimous decision in a highly anticipated heavyweight boxing match held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The event, streamed live on Netflix, drew a record-breaking 65 million concurrent viewers globally and 38 million in the U.S. Despite Tyson's flashes of brilliance, his age combined with Paul's strategic performance earned the younger fighter the victory. Photo credit: Newscom

THE G.O.A.T.

Simone Biles stands atop the podium, clutching her gold medal for all-around women's gymnastics finals at the Paris Summer Olympics. With this victory, she became the most decorated gymnast in history, amassing a total of 11 Olympic medals, four of which were won during this year's Games. Her journey and preparation for the Olympics were chronicled in the Netflix docuseries "Simone Biles Rising." Photo credit: Newscom



YEAR IN REVIEW

gold standard

Team USA dominates the Paris Summer Olympic Games, topping the medal podium with 40 gold, 44 silver and 42 bronze for a total of 126 medals – their best performance since Los Angeles 1984. U.S. women alone earned enough medals to rank third in the overall medal count, with a total of 67. Each medal from the Paris Olympics contained a piece of iron from the Eiffel Tower, salvaged during 20th-century renovations. *Photo credits: Newscom*



MEET ME IN PARIS

American double-amputee sprinter Hunter Woodhall and his wife, Olympic long jump champion Tara Davis-Woodhall, celebrate his victory at the Paris Paralympics, capturing the gold medal in the men's 400m T62 final. Woodhall's triumph came just weeks after his wife claimed gold at the Paris Summer Olympic Games. The couple met in 2017 at a high school track meet in Idaho, and together they chased the Olympic gold all the way to Paris and became internet sensations.

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VICTORY ON THE COURT

Team USA's men's and women's basketball teams take home gold at the Paris Summer Olympics. The men's team secured their fifth-consecutive Olympic gold by defeating France 98-87, led by standout performances from LeBron James and Stephen Curry. The women's team achieved their eighth-straight Olympic title with a narrow 67-66 win over France, highlighted by A'ja Wilson's 21 points and 13 rebounds.

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SPORTS



fly eagles fly

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts celebrates with the Lombardi Trophy after leading his team to a 40-22 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIX on Feb. 9 in New Orleans. The victory was redemption for Philly, who fell to the Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII two years earlier. The Eagles' defense dominated, sacking Patrick Mahomes six times and stopping Kansas City from securing a historic third-straight Super Bowl title. *Photo credits: Newscom*



A NEW NORMAL



PRIME TIME MOVES ONLINE

The NFL continues its shift toward streaming, striking a \$150 million deal with Netflix to host its first-ever live football games with two Christmas Day matchups. The move followed the league's expansion into the streaming landscape, including Amazon Prime Video's exclusive "Thursday Night Football" airings and YouTube TV's takeover of "Sunday Ticket." Despite concerns over potential technical issues, the two live games streamed smoothly, even with Beyoncé's highly anticipated halftime performance. *Photo credit: Newscom*



YEAR IN REVIEW



KING OF NEW YORK

Baseball slugger Juan Soto smiles after signing with the New York Mets for \$765 million, the largest contract in baseball history. Soto jumped from the New York Yankees to the Mets after helping the Yankees reach the World Series by hitting 41 home runs and 109 RBI. Soto's massive 15-year deal included a \$75 million signing bonus.

Photo credit: Newscom

MAKING HER MARK

Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark adds another monumental achievement to her career as she is named *TIME* magazine's Athlete of the Year. Clark also made history as the first rookie in 16 years to earn All-WNBA honors, solidifying her position as one of the league's top players. She set a rookie record for most three-pointers in a season, and her eight-year endorsement deal with Nike, valued at \$28 million, made waves in the sports industry. Photo credit: Newscom



A WINNING SEASON

Scottie Scheffler accepts the trophy for the FedEx Cup, his 11th and final win of the year. Scheffler's 2024 season included victories at the Masters, The Players Championship and an Olympic gold medal in Paris. His exceptional performance earned him the PGA Tour Player of the Year award for the third consecutive year.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Legendary football coach Bill Belichick speaks to the crowd at halftime of a University of North Carolina basketball game in December. Belichick, who won six Super Bowls in the NFL with the New England Patriots, shocked many when he announced that he was coming out of retirement to become the football coach at the University of North Carolina. Questions included how Belichick would handle college recruiting and dealing with college administration. Photo credit: Newscom



GUARDING THE FUTURE

Many football teams at all levels, such as the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, now use guardian caps in practice. The specially designed, soft-shell helmets were specifically created to reduce concussions. Some players even began wearing the new helmets in games, while others strongly disagreed with the change.

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LEGACY LEFT BEHIND

The Oakland Athletics mascot gathers dirt from home plate following their final game at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. The A's defeated the Texas Rangers 3-2 in what marked the end of an era for the East Bay franchise. After 56 seasons in Oakland, the team relocated first to Sacramento and eventually to Las Vegas, leaving behind a storied legacy and generations of passionate fans.

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TRENDING TECH



BLOCK PARTY

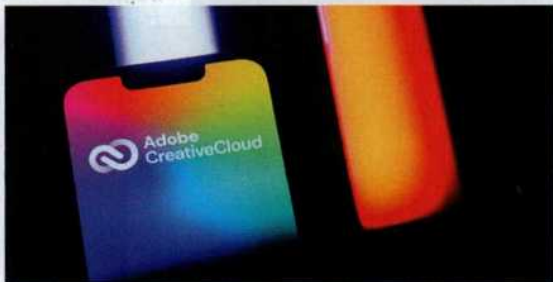
"Block Blast!" tops the charts as the #1 free mobile game, captivating millions with its Tetris-like puzzles. The game's popularity surged in late 2024, surpassing 40 million daily users and 160 million monthly users globally. Players arranged blocks on an 8x8 grid to clear lines in a simple yet compelling challenge that kept them coming back for more.

Photo credit: Zach Field



IN WITH THE NEW

The iPhone 16 now features USB-C charging, offering faster data transfer and greater convenience. The announcement came alongside iOS 18, which introduced AI-powered tools like text scheduling, "Genmoji" creation and an enhanced Photos app. Apple also debuted Apple Intelligence, an AI platform that aimed to revolutionize user experience with smarter, more intuitive features. *Photo credit: Newscom*



EMPOWERING ARTISTS

Adobe unveils its Content Authenticity web app, allowing artists to label their work with details like authorship and AI usage preferences. This tool, launched alongside a Chrome extension, was developed to help creators maintain control over their digital content. In the past, Adobe faced scrutiny for its handling of user-generated content but took steps to support artists and their rights. *Photo credit: Newscom*

A CLEAN RECORD

The Port of Los Angeles, the country's busiest port, sees a dramatic decrease in air pollution, taking it to its lowest levels since 2005. Most emissions were cut in half, with some specific types of pollution down up to 98%. A new report stated 2023 was the best year on record for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, with newer vehicles, renewable energy and additional efficiency measures all contributing to the success.

Photo credit: Newscom



CLASSIC REWIND

Analogue announces the Analogue 3D, a 4K-capable console that plays original Nintendo 64 cartridges. Launched in early 2025 for \$249.99, the console upscaled games to 4K and offered various display modes to replicate the classic N64 experience. Pre-orders began in October, with the console supporting original controllers and Bluetooth, with a separate, updated controller designed by 8BitDo sold separately. *Photo credit: Newscom*

STRANDED IN SPACE

Astronauts make pizza aboard the International Space Station. Boeing's Starliner capsule successfully returned to Earth, completing its first astronaut mission, but without the two astronauts who launched on board. NASA deemed the return too risky due to thruster failures and helium leaks during the mission, leaving the astronauts stranded on the International Space Station through the spring. *Photo credit: NASA Johnson*





a tale of two storms

Hurricane Helene, a Category 4 major hurricane, causes catastrophic damage across the Southeastern U.S., particularly in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, after making landfall Sept. 27. Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida on Oct. 9, reaching Category 5 intensity at its peak. The combined damage caused by the two storms was estimated to total nearly \$200 billion.

Photo credit: Jacob Hancock/Florida National Guard



FAR FROM HOME

An emperor penguin waddles ashore a popular beach in Western Australia after swimming more than 2,000 miles from Antarctica. The lone, malnourished bird, nicknamed Gus, was spotted Nov. 1, marking the first time the species had reached the continent. Experts remained puzzled by its long journey, a feat equivalent to swimming over 44,000 laps in an Olympic-size pool. *Photo credit: Newscom*



blazing forward

Widespread wildfires rage across Los Angeles and Ventura counties as the Palisades, Eaton and Hughes fires destroy homes and property. The fires, fueled by strong Santa Ana winds and dry conditions, caused thousands to evacuate from their homes and were forecasted to become one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history, with damages exceeding \$50 billion. FireAid, a star-studded benefit concert featuring Olivia Rodrigo, Jelly Roll, Lady Gaga and more, raised funds for both immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts following the devastating blazes.

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BUGGIN' OUT

Cicadas, known for their distinctive repetitive clicking sound often heard during summer evenings, emerge in North Carolina. During the summer of 2024, cicadas from two different broods came out at the same time for a rare event known as a cicada explosion. Billions of the noisy insects could be heard across the central and southeastern U.S. until fall arrived.

Photo credit: Newscom

WIRED IN

Scientists at Princeton University successfully map out the entire brain of a fruit fly for the first time, revealing the wiring of 140,000 neurons. The detailed map, which included over 54.5 million synapses, marked the most complete brain map ever created for any organism. This breakthrough provided new insights into the connections between nerve cells and opened new avenues for research in neuroscience.

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ROCK SOLID

The world's second-largest diamond is discovered in Botswana, weighing an incredible 2,492 carats. Extracted by the Lucara Diamond company in late August, the massive stone was only the second diamond ever to top 2,000 carats, and the largest found in over 100 years. Though its exact value remained unknown, experts estimated it to be worth millions as it underwent the cutting and polishing process.

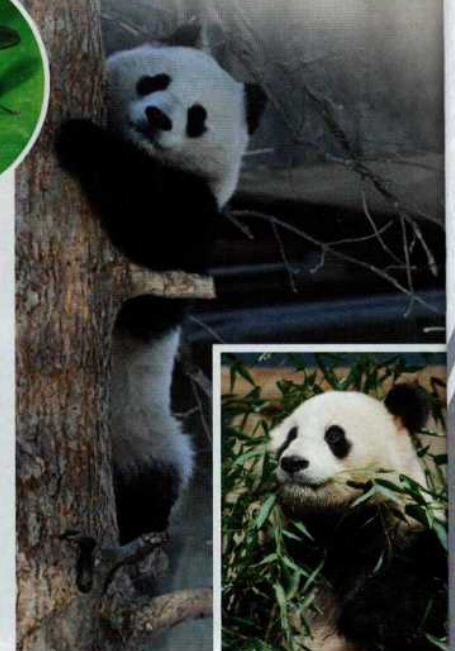
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PANDA PARTY

Two giant panda cubs, Bao Li and Qing Bao, arrive at the Smithsonian's National Zoo after more than a year without pandas in Washington, D.C. The three-year-olds traveled from China in October, spent three months in quarantine and were introduced to the public with a two-week "District of Panda" celebration featuring live music, trivia and panda yoga. Under a new agreement with China, the pandas were expected to stay at the zoo for the next 10 years.

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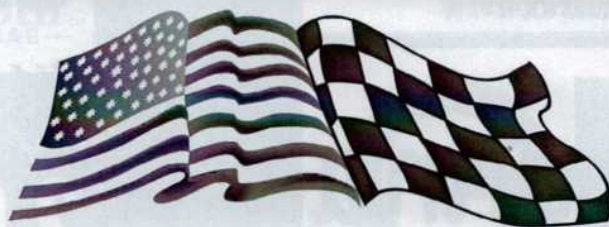
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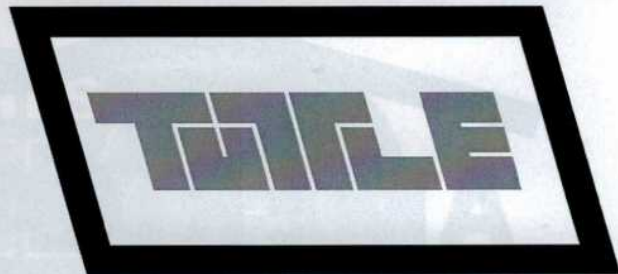

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The school was treated with two authors. Left: Ms. Jaci Dunaway brought in author/illustrator Vanessa Brantley-Newton, (right) Mr. Jake Wiese brought in state poet Matt Mason.

Left: Gabby Theis & Lily Lehr receive NE World Language Distinguished Scholar Awards for Spanish. Right: Nebraska Women's Press Assn. Contest. Gabby Theis, Mackenzie Luzum, Andrea Pavlish, Joseph Peacock, & Bailey Theis. Not Pict.: Hailey Schweitzer. Schweitzer & G. Theis placed 3rd nationally.

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The band took home 3rd place at Yorkfest. They are directed by Ms. Olivia McBeth.

Top Left: Senior Gabby Theis signs with Central Community College in Hastings for girls basketball. Top Right: Senior Owen Vyhalek signs with Seward Concordia for football.



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Left: To start the year, the students were treated to the first ever Back to School Dance. Right: Dr. Cogswell enjoys wearing his spirited jeans decorated and given to him by the seniors.

Left: The EPAC made the beginning of school special with a fun balloon arch to take pictures as Mr. Wiese and Dr. Cogswell demonstrate. Right: Coach Bruha wins Neb-Preps Coach of the Year for the girls basketball outstanding season & coaching.

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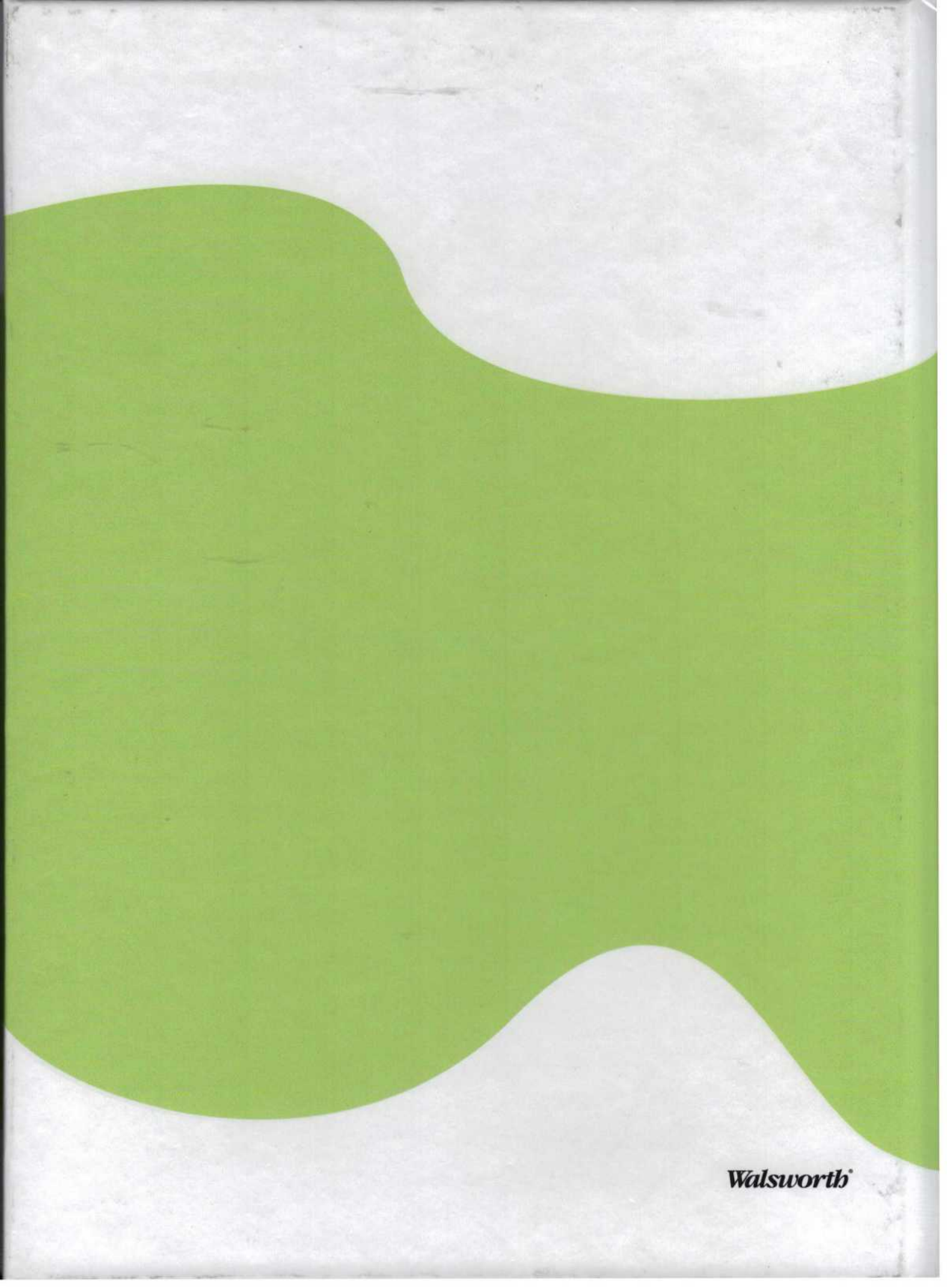
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