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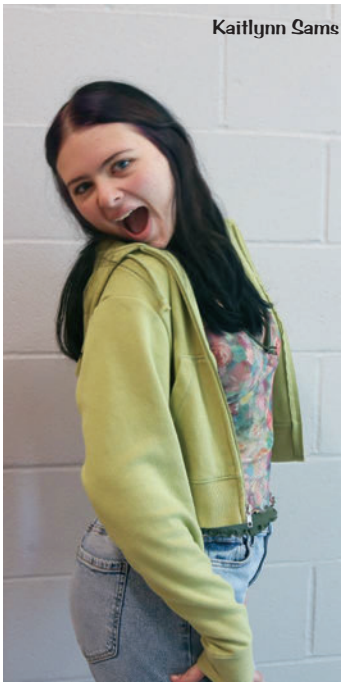

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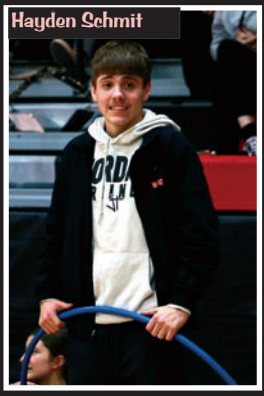

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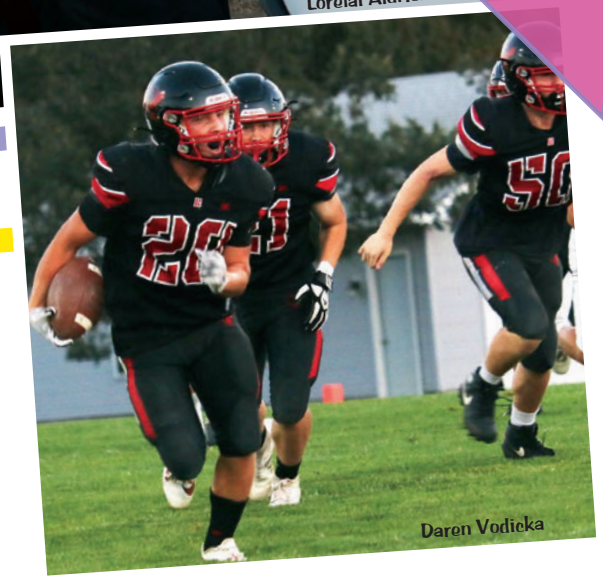




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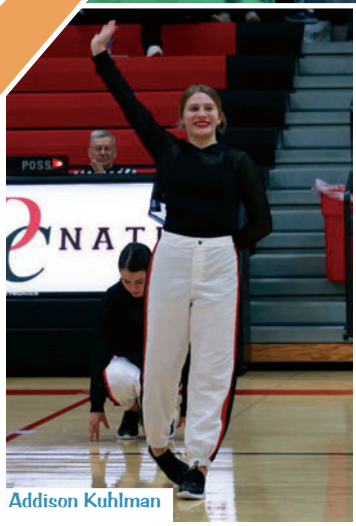
ARCHIVE THE MEMORIES

The 2024-2025 yearbook theme, Archive 25, shows the importance of saving memories as life progresses. With design elements like curves, squiggles, and scrapbooking details scattered throughout, this yearbook reflects the twists and turns of everyone's high school journey, just like the squiggles throughout the pages. Preserving memories with the idea that we are gluing them or taping each corner to each photograph, much like each moment of our lives adheres to the one before to create a whole, this book brings together our unique experiences. This scrapbooking effect creates a warm and inviting space, capturing and sharing everyone's memories throughout the year. As we archive these small precious moments to revisit in the future, this book holds snapshots of the year: the victories, the challenges, and the little joys in between. Every photo, every story, and every achievement has its storage place, reminding us that even the smallest moments are worth remembering.


Hannah Scribner and Neil Olson



Natalie Robak


Addison Kuhlman


Scout Nation Crowd

A JUMP INTO THE FUTURE

CLASS OF 2025



SENIOR GIRLS ALL TOGETHER TO WATCH THE SUNRISE AND EAT BREAKFAST ON THE LAST WEEK OF HIGH SCHOOL EVER.

SENIOR CLASS' FAVORITE TEACHERS



MR. MARTINEZ & MR. WISEMAN

MOST LIKELY TO...



REESE SVOBODA

WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL



BENNY ARONI

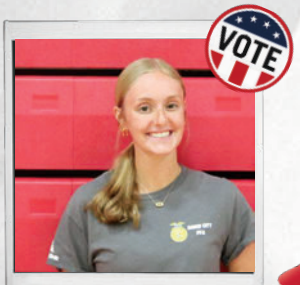
WIN AN OSCAR



HANNAH SCRIBNER

WIN A KARAOKE CONTEST

2025



HANNAH GANGWISH

BECOME THE NEXT PRESIDENT



NEIL OLSON

WIN A MARATHON



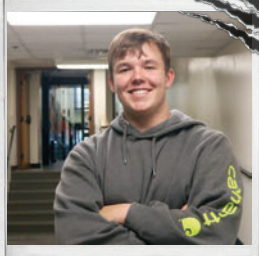
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TO WIN THE LOTTERY AND LOSE THE TICKET



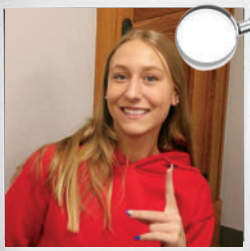
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SURVIVE ON A DESERT ISLAND



EVIN ALLEN

SURVIVE A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE



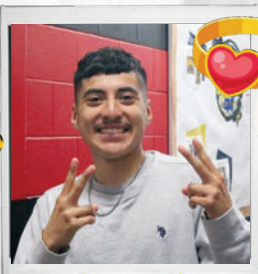
JAIDEN RAY

BE THE FIRST VICTIM IN A SCARY MOVIE



STANLEY ALLEN

WIN A NOBEL PRIZE



JOHN RIVERA

BE LATE TO THEIR OWN WEDDING

FAVORITE MEMORIES





THE SENIOR CLASS HELPING PRINCIPAL MR. COUCH WITH THE USC ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE.

"BEING A PART OF THE FIRST-EVER GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM IN DAVID CITY HIGH SCHOOL!"

-LAYLANI KASIK



"WAS WHEN EVIN PRINTED PICTURES OF HIMSELF AND HANDED THEM OUT TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL."



"BEING PART OF THE DANCE TEAM! ALL OF THE DANCES WE HAD AND THE PEP RALLIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUPER FUN!"

- CATLYN KRATOCHVIL



- KAILEY BLUM

BEST EXCUSE FOR NOT HAVING HOMEWORK:
"DOG TOOK A SQUAT AND LEFT A NASTY T*#** ON THE PAPER."

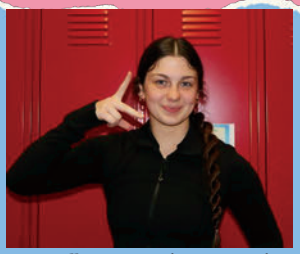
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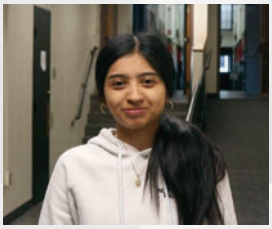
SENIOR ADVICE



"JOIN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IF YOU CAN! THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU CAN MAKE ARE AMAZING."
-HAYLIEGH HLADKY

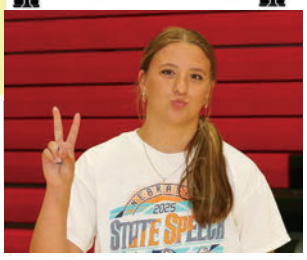


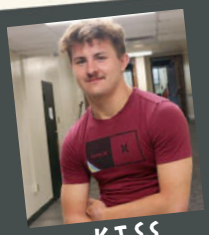
"LAUGH AS LOUD AS YOU WANT"
-CALLY SCHMID



"MAKE THE BEST OUT OF EVERY MOMENT, HIGH SCHOOL FLIES BY QUICKLY AND THERE IS NO ROOM FOR REGRET."
-STEPHANIE RAMIREZ

"DON'T TRY AND RUSH THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. ENJOY ALL THE MOMENTS!"
-NATALIE ROBAK





K.I.S.S
(KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEET)
-SAM SMITH


Natalia Thoendel

INTRO TO




Brylee Wiedel


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Manny Venegas

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Mariah Lukert

Stanley Allen



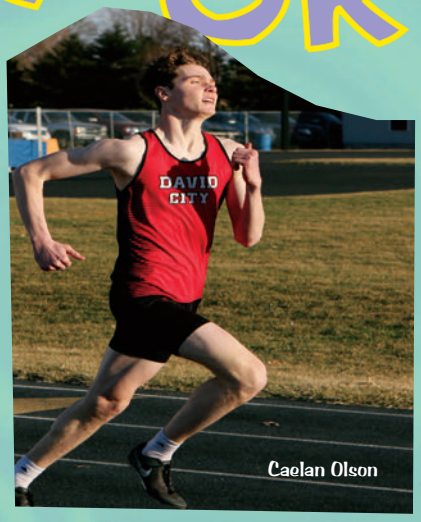
Riley Lowe



Kambri Ander







Caelan Olson



Brayden Osantowski

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Second row: Meagan Jahde, Bailey Turpitt, Ashlyn Longg, Jayden Hayes, Brenna Stegar
Third row: Tayja Slonecker, Mackennah Spatz, Isabella Christian, Shelbea Reed, Danica Watts, Natalie Robak
Forth row: Coach Emily Blackburn, Olivia Adams, Faye Below, Emilia Hoeppner, Alice Grifin
Back row: Coach Greg Jahde, Nicole Martensen,, Kate Beckman, Brooklyn Sumner, Jessica Bauers, Coach Grace Lenz,





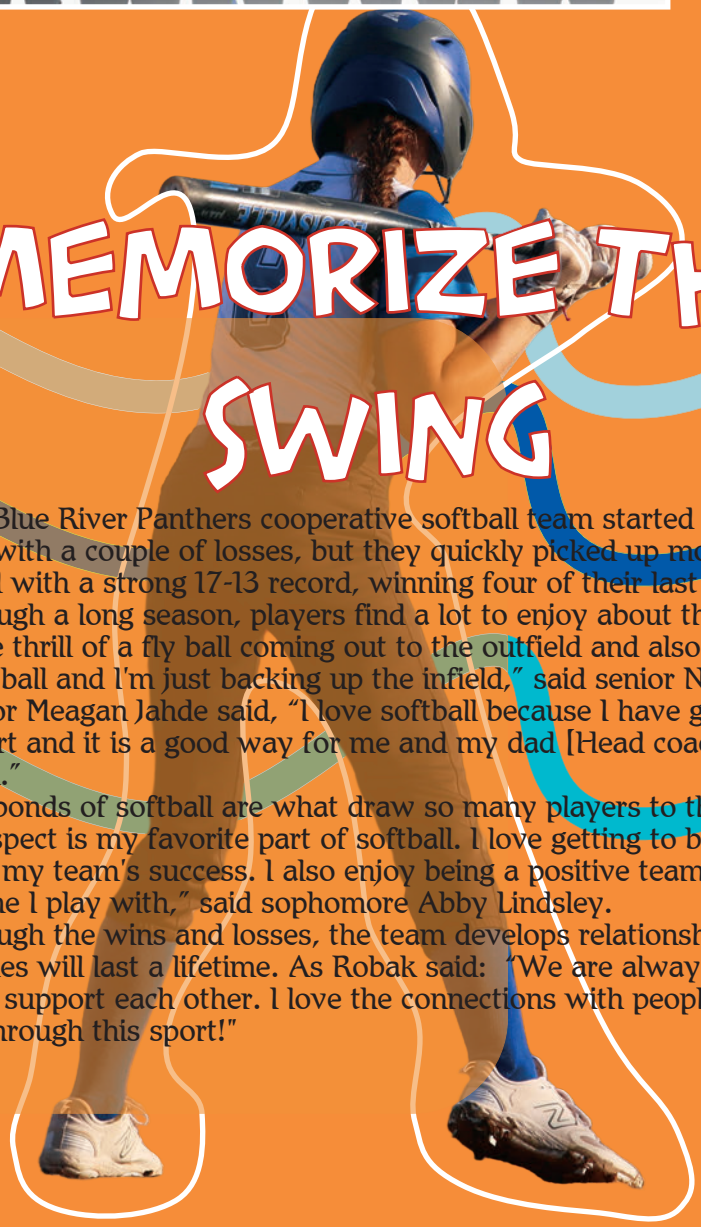
Ready, Set.... Senior Meagan Jahde prepares to respond to the ball's movement on the infield. "My favorite part about softball is playing shortstop," Jahde said, "because shortstop has a lot of action and I'm most confident in it.



Sophomore Tayja Slonecker, prepares herself to catch the ball at the invite at Milford, Nebraska.



Power:
Sophomore Abby Lindsley hurls the ball past the batter for a strike.



MEMORIZE THE SWING

The Blue River Panthers cooperative softball team started the year slowly with a couple of losses, but they quickly picked up momentum and finished with a strong 17-13 record, winning four of their last five games.

Through a long season, players find a lot to enjoy about the game. " I love the thrill of a fly ball coming out to the outfield and also even if it is a ground ball and I'm just backing up the infield," said senior Natalie Robak.

Senior Meagan Jahde said, "I love softball because I have grown up with the sport and it is a good way for me and my dad [Head coach Greg Jahde] to bond."

The bonds of softball are what draw so many players to the sport. "The team aspect is my favorite part of softball. I love getting to be a part in helping my team's success. I also enjoy being a positive teammate towards everyone I play with," said sophomore Abby Lindsley.

Through the wins and losses, the team develops relationships and those memories will last a lifetime. As Robak said: "We are always a big family and we support each other. I love the connections with people that I've made through this sport!"

Twin River	L	11-10
GAC	L	4-3
Duchesne/Roncalli	W	7-6
GACC	L	14-10
NorthBend Central	W	4-3
Boone Central	L	15-13
Arlington	W	8-1
NEN	L	8-0
LVSS	W	7-4
Pierce	W	7-2
Highway 91	L	11-8
Lakeview	W	6-1
Schuyler	W	13-0
Tekamah-Herman	W	11-2
LVSS	W	15-5
FCEM	L	7-5
St. Paul	L	3-1
Wilber -Claytonia	W	16-8
Centennial	W	10-0
Milford	L	9-1
PolkCounty	W	11-1
Aquinas	L	10-5
Aurora	W	4-3
York	L	12-2
Polk County	L	4-3
FCEM	W	5-4
Milford	W	11-7
North Bend Central	W	11-2
Milford	L	4-3
Lakeview	W	3-2

SMILE
Senior Natalie Robak enthusiastically states, "The team is definitely a family. We are there for each other through the hard times, the slumps, the mistakes but we are also there for each other to celebrate when we make a good play, have a good hit, and when we win games." Natalie works to be the best she can during softball season so that she and her team can succeed.



READY
Sophomore Brenna Steager prepares herself to throw in a loose ball from the outfields. Brenna uses her quick thinking to find a base to get a player out on the other team.





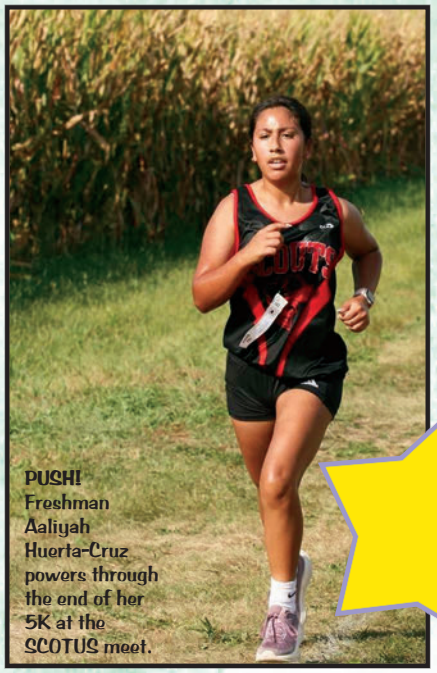
ACTION
Freshman Haven Cada stands waiting for a ball to come her way so she can throw it back into play.



BATTER UP!
Freshman Taylor Slonecker launches her pitch at the opposing team, awaiting the unknown.

RACES FOR THE RECORDS

"Going into this season, I was most looking forward being able to experience it with my friends; the whole team has a family-like bond," said sophomore runner Brylee Wiedel. The cross country team has survived many years with small numbers, which has made teammates feel so close to one another. Although this is likely to stay the same in the future, there are some changes in the team this year that have created some great scoring improvement, with one of them being the reintroduction of Robert Unger as the team's head coach. Senior Hannah Gangwish, who has run cross country all four years of high school, stated, "I think that each year with a new coach things have always been different, but our coaches this year have really put in the work to make sure everyone is succeeding, and we are definitely seeing results." Coach Unger focused specifically in practices on creating a balanced week of hill running, sprint repetitions, and pushing race pace in short intervals to increase speed and endurance.



PUSH! Freshman Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz powers through the end of her 5K at the SCOTUS meet.



FOCUS! Senior Hannah Gangwish stares down the course at the Arlington meet.



FIND A PACE! Sophomore runner Jaelyn Dvorak (above) holds up a pace between runners during the Malcolm Invite hosted at Branched Oak.

Coach Unger spoke of the unexpected change in dynamics on the girls' team: "In terms of overall cross country history at our school, this girls' team may have had its best season ever." The girls team had a total of seven runners go out this year, more than anyone can remember there being in the past. Sophomore Jaelyn Dvorak and freshman Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz made it into the school's cross country girls' records, with Dvorak recording the second best girls' 5K time, and Huerta-Cruz filing away the sixth best. "This is probably the best cross country team I will ever have and never forget, it was my first year as a freshman and I felt included all the time. I feel like I have improved so much this season and some of my teammates gave me helpful running pointers, and I have met some great people," said freshman Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz.

The boys team also held up well, and was led in several meets by rookie freshman runner Manny Venegas. Venegas broke 20 minutes in multiple races. Four senior runners will be missed next year from the boys' team. Senior Neil Olson reminisced about the team, saying, "Everyone has a connection; it's not like other sports where everyone has groups that they stay with; in cross country everyone is a part of everything."



PINK-OUT! The girls' team gathers for a photo in the shade at the Aquinas Invite.



Bottom row: Brylee Wiedel, Benedetta Aroni, Hannah Gangwish, Jaelyn Dvorak, Rylee Thoendel, Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz Not pictured: Rilley Lowe
Middle row: John Benes, Keaton Busch, Brittin Valentine, Neil Zrust, Stanley Allen, Michael Rebeiro, Manny Venegas
Top row: Head Coach Robert Unger, Trevin Jahde, Caelan Olson, Jace Rerucha, Neil Olson, Assistant Coach Theresa Tvrdy

Gr.	Name	Season PR
12	Hannah Gangwish	24:59
12	Benedetta Aroni	27:53
10	Jaelyn Dvorak	23:11
10	Brylee Wiedel	26:08
10	Rylee Thoendel	29:59
9	Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz	24:08
9	Rilley Lowe	27:52
12	Neil Olson	19:47
12	Stanley Allen	20:04
12	Jace Rerucha	20:42
12	Keaton Busch	21:22
11	Brittin Valentine	22:13
10	Caelan Olson	21:26
9	Manny Venegas	19:34
9	Neil Zrust	20:10
9	Trevin Jahde	22:12



Starting off the season strong: Freshman Manny Venegas (above) cruises through the Schuyler Golf Course during his second cross country meet.



SPRINT! Senior Stanley Allen (right) dashes to the finish line at the Schuyler meet.



Braving The Heat! Junior Brittin Valentine (above) gives a grin and a double thumbs up to the camera at the sweltering Lutjelusche Course during the SCOTUS Invite.



PASSING THE TIME: Brittin Valentine, Jace Rerucha, Neil Olson, Caelan Olson, and Stanley Allen hold up Manny Venegas while waiting for a race to start at the Malcolm Invite.

The Scouts' Varsity team claimed 1st place at the DC Invite.

SETTING TO SECURE A RECORD-WINNING SEASON



SET!
Freshman Bella Heins sets it up to Senior Hailey Glodowski, combining youth and experience in a varsity match this season.

SMACK!
Junior Kambri Andel unleashes a powerful attack. Kambri currently has 504 career kills.





JUMP!
Junior Kamryn Behrns delivers an aggressive serve. As a hitter, Behrns finished the season with 452 kills.

The 2024 volleyball team was made up of 31 athletes, showcasing exceptional talent and teamwork throughout the season. With a varsity record of 24-9, a junior varsity record of 17-3, and a reserve record of 8-5, Varsity Coach Tiffany Heins reflects, "This year's records represent more than just victories on the scoreboard—they reflect our athletes' commitment, growth, and resilience."

In addition to the team's success, individual players achieved remarkable milestones. Junior Kamryn Behrns etched her name in the record books with 1,179 career kills. Senior Addison Kuhlman also made her mark with 703 career points, securing a spot on the record board.

While these accomplishments are impressive, coaches reminded the athletes that success isn't just measured by wins or records, but by how the team faced challenges, supported one another, and came together as one. The resilience they've built, the friendships they've formed, and the lessons they've learned will continue to shape them. This team has shown what it means to rise above, and no matter where life leads, the strength, work ethic, and unity they've cultivated will carry them both on and off the court.

Front row: Violet Webb, Kailey Blum, Rilley Lowe, Addison Kuhlman, Bella Heins, Brayleigh Osantowski, Kayla Wieseler, and Regina Garcia
Second row: Sadie Nicolas, Kaitlynn Toelle, Ava Daro, Kaydance Smith, Hayden Valentine, Hope Aldrich, and Savanah Palensky
Third row: Natalia Thoendel, Addison Rands, Alayna Johnson, Sarah Wieseler, Kambri Andel, Mariah Lukert.
Fourth row: Coach Tiffany Heins, Jaiden Ray, Emma Zimmerman, Rylan Svoboda, Maddie Moravec, Hailey Glodowski, and Coach Macy Svoboda.
Fifth row: Coach Madie Ronnfeldt, Portia Egwuatu, Brooke Golden, Kamryn Behrns, Kendra Baete, and Coach Jodene Andel.
Not pictured: Isabella Wagner and Taylor Smith.



PUNCH
Freshman Bella Heins serves the ball at our home court. As a setter, Heins recorded 374 assists this season.



St. Paul W 3-0
Plattsmouth W 2-0
Norris L 2-0
Raymond Central W 2-1
Seward L 3-0
Fillmore Central W 3-0
Platteview W 2-0
Lakeview W 2-0
Scotus L 2-0
East Butler W 3-0
Raymond Central W 3-0
Malcolm W 2-0
Milford L 2-0
Bishop Neumann L 3-0
Cross County W 3-0
Schuyler W 3-0
Aquinas W 2-0
Central City W 2-0
Clarkson/Leigh W 2-0
Thayer Central L 2-0
Wilber-Clatonia W 2-0
Lakeview L 3-0
Sutton W 2-0
Fairbury W 2-0
Wilber-Clatonia W 2-0
Milford L 2-1
Heartland W 2-0
Centennial W 2-0
Filmore Central W 2-0
Heartland W 3-0
Centennial W 3-1
Broken Bow W 3-1
Minden L3-0



DETERMINATION IS KEY

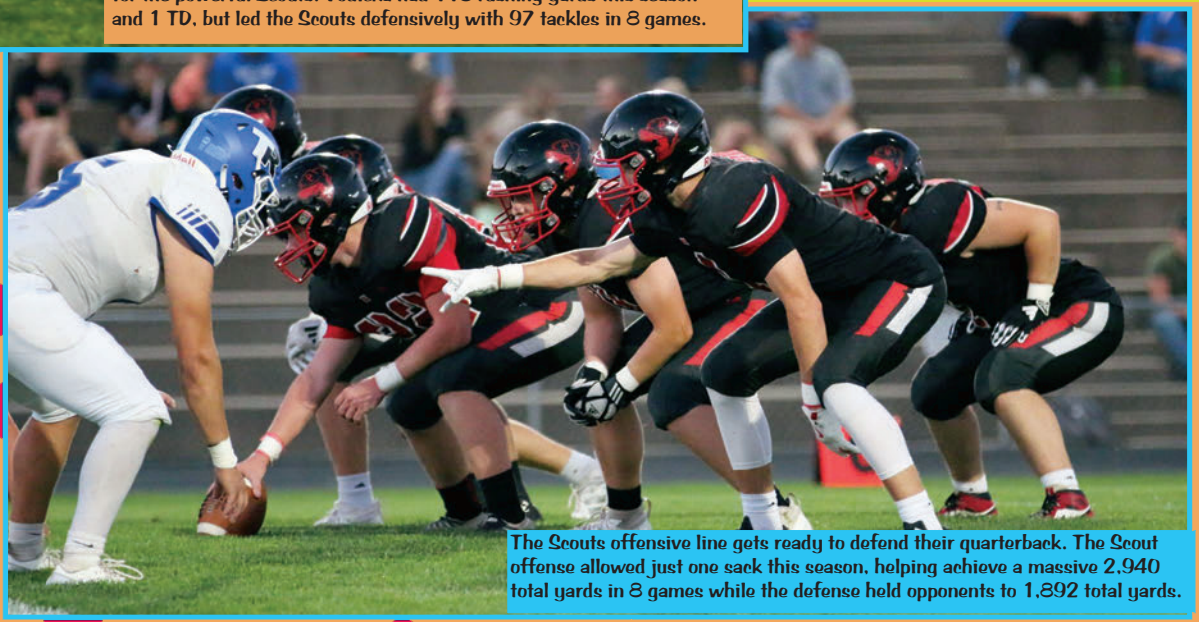


Running back Daren Vodicka dodges past his opponents, finding yards for the powerful Scouts. Vodicka had 118 rushing yards this season and 1 TD, but led the Scouts defensively with 97 tackles in 8 games.

With a record of 8-0 and a District Championship, the Scouts slammed home their first winning season since 2011. The combination of electrifying athletes, a change to 8-man football, and the arrival of coach Greg Hansen put fire into the team as players learned to play to their strengths.

Working together and learning the new offense were the teams' most challenging obstacles, but Coach Hansen described his players as a"good bunch of kids wanting change and wanting to work hard."

Senior Sam Smith said, "Coach Hansen definitely played a role in our greatness with having a play that always fit our personnel." Fans and players alike enjoyed the thrilling 2024 season!



The Scouts offensive line gets ready to defend their quarterback. The Scout offense allowed just one sack this season, helping achieve a massive 2,940 total yards in 8 games while the defense held opponents to 1,892 total yards.

SCOUT POWER! Junior Cohen Denker (1) and senior Reese Svoboda (10) slam into one another as the Scout lineup is introduced. Svoboda ended his high school career with a school-record-average of 12.98 yards per rush, while Denker put himself on the boards with six interceptions this season and 11 receiving touchdowns.

WHAT WAS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT FROM THIS SEASON?

"Finishing the season 8-0"

Reese Svoboda

"Beating Wisner-Pilger on Homecoming night since they qualified for state the year before."

Sam Smith



Coach Nerud talks strategy to senior Cameron Hlavac. Hlavac had a record-setting season for the Scouts with a pass completion rate of 70%. Hlavac had just two interceptions in the season and racked up 24 touchdown passes.

Centennial - W 64-22
Mead - W 44-30
Wisner-Pilger - W 48-42
Newman Grove /St. Edward - W 50-6
Twin River - W 56-6
Madison - W 67-6
Hunphrey-Lindsay - W 64-14
Clarkson/Leigh - W 56-20



First Row: Klayton rerucha, Chase Kulhman, Teagan Rerucha, Fabian Aguilar, Judd Nickolite, Aiden Marino
Second Row: Sam Smith, Andrew Fuller, Paul Tebbe, Reciel Nieves, Xavier Boss, Jason White, Alex Nickolite
Third Row: Carter Nickolite, Ethan Burish Marik, Brayden Owsantowski, Jesse Divis, Cameron Hlavac, Daron Vodicka
Fourth Row: Gerson Carreto, Reece Svoboda, Garret Small
Fifth Row: Cohen Denker, Gage Horak, Diondrae Aerni, Terry Wallingford



PROTECT THE BALL
Senior Cameron Hlavac cradles the ball and finds a hole in Twin River's defensive line, gaining yards as junior Jesse Divis plows space for a run.



EXECUTE!
Junior Jason White, senior Andrew Fuller, and senior Ethan Buresh-Marick make a play during the Homecoming game against Wisner Pilger.

DRIBBLING AROUND THE OBSTACLES



CATCH! Senior Addison Kuhlman gets ready to pass the ball around a Wilbur-Clatonia defender.



CHEERS! Sadie Nicolas, Addison Kuhlman, and Addison Rands cheer on their teammates from the bench, with Kamryn Behrns jumping with excitement in the background.



REACT! Senior Meagan Jahde moves to defend against a Shelby-Rising City player.

This year's girls' basketball team has been putting in the work! The team finished the season with a record of 14 wins and 11 losses, and they fought hard every step of the way. The team's most notable triumphs included winning against Cross County and winning against Superior in double overtime. The team finished fourth in their conference. Coach Sam Schlautman stated, "What made this team unique is how much adversity they battled. This season had more ups and downs than a normal one. A lot of close, tough losses. Then some monster wins over ranked teams in the state. The girls never stopped working or believing in what they could accomplish."

Despite struggles the team faced in some games, they did their best to focus and get back on track for more wins. "As a whole, we struggled with scoring on offense sometimes. Several people stayed after practice most days to get more shots up, but being confident leads to shots going in during a game. There were a few games that definitely should've gone our way, but we ended up losing so bouncing back was super important," said junior Kambri Andel. Prioritizing teamwork and dedication helped the team perform well. Coach Schlautman said that what he believes to be most important is: "Play FOR each other. That has been a quote that we use quite a bit. Some teams play with each other but the great teams continually do things for the other girls out on the court. It is a team game and the more you do for your team, the better chances you have to be successful."

Most importantly, the girls on the team had fun and built strong bonds with each other. Several players remarked that riding in the suburbans with their teammates and laughing and cheering on the bench were some of their favorite moments of the season. Senior Addison Kuhlman said, "Over the past 4 years, our basketball team has been my favorite team I've ever been on. These girls are like family and our friendship goes beyond the court. My teammates have become some of my best friends."

SEASON GAME SCORES

12/05	Centennial	W (46-30)
12/07	Sandy Creek	W (46-25)
12/10	Schuyler	W (35-12)
12/14	Elmwood Murdock	L (38-40)
12/17	Clarkson Leigh	L (34-45)
12/20	Ft. Calhoun	L (35-49)
12/21	Lakeview	W (42-27)
12/27	Aquinas	L (35-37)
12/28	Palmyra	W (49-33)
1/03	Logan View	L (17-37)
1/07	East Butler	W (51-29)
1/11	Milford	L (26-55)
1/14	Raymond Central	L (30-31)
1/17	Cross County	W (37-24)
1/18	Filmore Central	W (45-28)
1/21	Shelby RC	W (54-18)
1/30	Central City	L (33-56)
2/01	Thayer Central	W (56-38)
2/03	Fairbury	W (61-28)
2/04	Superior	W (49-47)
2/06	Thayer Central	L (40-43)
2/08	Sutton	L (48-54)
2/13	Madison	W (47-22)
2/14	Wilber Clatonia	W (62-24)
2/19	Holdrege	L (37-46)



Top row: Natalie Robak, Ava Daro, Assistant Coach Caroline Wilson, Assistant Coach Macy Svoboda, Kamryn Behrns, Addison Rands
Second row: Katilyn Ewert, Kambri Andel, Head Coach Sam Schlautman, Rylan Svoboda, Trinity Boss
Third row: Chloe Foss, Natalia Thoendel, Meagan Jahde, Sadie Nicolas, Addison Kuhlman, Grace Krafka
Bottom row: Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz, Rylee Thoendel, Kaitlynn Toelle, Violet Webb, Brayleigh Osantowski, Emilia Hoeppner, Rilley Lowe



SPRINT! Senior Trinity Boss attempts to make it past Shelby-Rising City's defense.



FLY! Junior Kamryn Behrns goes for a layup in the game against Wilber-Clatonia.



ZOOM! Senior Katilyn Ewert crosses-over with the ball to close in on the hoop in the game against Shelby-Rising City.



JUMP! Senior Natalie Robak goes up for a rim-only shot from the corner against Shelby.



GET READY! Junior Addison Rands brings the ball up the court in the game against Shelby-Rising City.



STARTIING STRONG!
With the crowd cheering, Sophomore Diondrae Aerni jogs onto the court as he's introduced as a varsity starting player on January 14th against Raymond Central.

SCAN!
Eyes up and ready to move, Freshman Chase Kuhlman searches for the perfect pass during a key moment on the court while playing against Shelby-Rising City on January 21st. When asked about the most rewarding part of being on the team this season, Kuhlman shared, "Going through wins and losses with this group of guys because they taught me a lot and how to go through things with different people."



BLOCK!
With full focus and relentless effort, Junior Brayden Osantowski defends against Shelby-Rising City on January 21st, attempting to keep the scoreboard in Scout Nation's favor.





SHARP REFLEXES!
Senior Andrew Fuller leaps with arms raised, determined to shut down a pass during the January 21st match-up against Shelby-Rising City.



PREASURE'S ON!
With focus and determination, Senior Cameron Hlavac stands at the free-throw line, eyeing the hoop one final time before taking his shot during the February 3rd game against Wilber-Clatonia.

Basketball is more than just a game: it constantly balances individual talent and team unity. As Coach Richter puts it, "Basketball has a unique way of balancing personal talents with team strengths. It forces people to identify how their strengths fit with and benefit everyone else's. Also, just as any other team sport, basketball teaches you how to overcome adversity by looking to those around you and finding a way to come together for a bigger purpose."

This season, the team faced its fair share of adversity, from injuries to tough losses that tested their resilience and morale. Sophomore Harrison Blades reflected on the uphill battle, saying, "The biggest challenge this season was staying focused and motivated through the ups and downs. We faced some tough competition and were working through growing pains with our team chemistry, consistency, and executing our game plan."

Despite the obstacles, the team made significant strides, growing not just as athletes, but as a unit. The long season became a journey of bonding and improvement. "My favorite thing about our team's chemistry is how far we have come," shared Senior Reese Svoboda, highlighting the team's growth.

Though the record may not fully reflect the heart put into the season, the lessons learned and connections formed define its true success. One of the bright spots was welcoming new assistant Coach Wiseman, whose presence brought fresh energy to the court. His coaching beliefs showed the team's values: "We teach our players to be respectful in wins and losses. I think as a coach, that you set that example for your team by being gracious and having sportsmanship on and off the floor."



Row one: Alec Wieser, Reciel Nieves Marrero, Carter Nickolite, Eric Ricardez, Trevin Jahde, Julien Marick, Micah Nicolas, Judd Nickolite.
Row two: Chase Kuhlman, Cameron Hlavac, Reese Svoboda, Cohen Denker, Diondrae Aerni, Xavier Boss, Andrew Fuller.
Row three: Coach Haden Richters, Harrison Blades, Caelan Olson, Gage Horak, Sam Smith, Coach Chad Wiseman.

Season Results

11/26 Osceola Bulldogs	W 36-19
12/5 Centennial Broncos.	L 36-54
12/7 Sandy Creek High	L 40-59
12/10 Schuyler Central Warriors	W 61-44
12/14 Elmwood-Murdock Knights.	L 41-55
12/20 Fort Calhoun High Pioneers	L 32-63
12/21 Columbus Lakeview	L 50-54
12/23 Palmyra Panthers	NA
12/27 Douglas County West	NA
12/27 Aquinas High School Monarchs	L 32-50
12/28 Palmyra Panthers	W 56-44
12/28 Aquinas High School Monarchs	NA
1/3 Logan Raiders	L 44-48
1/7 East Butler Tiger	L 57-64
1/11 Milford High School	L 25-48
1/14 Raymond Central Mustangs	L 35-51
1/17 Cross County High	L 28-44
1/18 Fillmore Central High Panthers	L 37-62
1/21 Shelby-Rising City Huskies	L 42-52
1/30 Central City High Bison	L 37-62
2/1 Thayer Central Titans	L 26-49
2/3 Wilber-Clatonia Wolverines	L 40-45
2/8 Superior Wildcats	W 66-47
2/13 Madison High School Dragons	W 56-43
2/14 Wilber-Clatonia Wolverines	L 37-56
2/21 Clarkson-Leigh Patriots	L 48-51

DRIVE!
Charging in for a lay-up, Senior Reese Svoboda powers past defenders on February 3rd against Wilber-Clatonia. When reflecting on the game, which stood out as one of his most memorable, Svoboda shared, "It is for sure the best game we have played all season, and we had people come off of the bench and step up. It was an exciting game to play in and I hope it makes the younger guys excited about what we can accomplish."

SECURE THE SHOTS



Freshman Manny Venegas with a win at the David City Invite.

The PATH to VICTORY

HS Boys Wrestling

The David City High School Boys Wrestling Team had an impressive season, taking second place at State Duals by defeating Gothenburg and Syracuse and getting to finals for the first time in nine years, where they fell to Battle Creek . The team earned first place at our own David City Invite and the Butler County Triangular, earned a District Championship, and sent seven wrestlers to the State Championships.

Hayden Schmit came home a State Champion, having lost only one match this season. Case Schindler brought home 3rd and Brittin Valentine came home with 5th place.

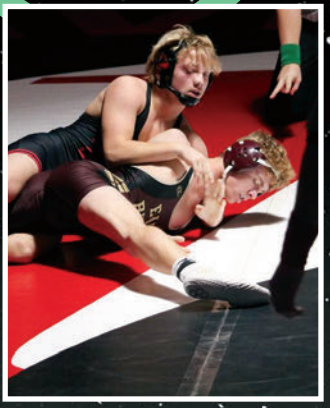
"The thing we focused on most was making sure that practice was done with intent," said assistant coach Travis Worm. "We talk a lot about [the philosophy that] the way that you practice is the way we perform. You don't rise to the occasion if you've never been there before; you fall to your level of training."



WORK HARD, WRESTLE HARDER Senior Jace Rerucha wants a big win at the David City Invite. Rerucha was also a State Qualifier, but he got knocked out in the third round of consolations.



RECORD SETTER Hayden Schmit set several records this season. He went almost undefeated and was the 132lbs. Class C State Champion.



PIN HIM! Junior Daren Vodicka tries to get a pin at the Butler County Triangular. The Scouts won against both East Butler and Aquinas. Vodicka was a State Qualifier.

RECOGNIZE AND REPEAT
Freshman Case Schindler wrestles at the David City Invite. He looks determined to pull out a win. Shindler placed third at the State Wrestling Championship. "Next year, I am most excited to become a state champ," he says.



MAKING MEMORIES
Senior Ethan Buresh-Marick throws his competitor at the Butler County Triangular.



IT'LL ALL BE WORTH IT
The boys wrestling team took home a second place trophy at the Nebraska State Wrestling Duals. Assistant coach Travis Worm says his favorite memory from this season was, "the way the team rallied together to win duals, especially at state duals, and bring home a trophy that will have their name on it forever."

DOCUMENT THE PINS



Senior Laylani Kasik takes down her opponent at the East Butler triangular.

With girls from David City, East Butler, and Shelby/Rising City, the Blue River Panthers wrestling team had a great season, sending two girls to state and developing several new wrestlers under new head coach Chris Watts. While David City High School's top wrestlers, Laylani Kasik and Abby Lindsley, lost in the heartbreak round at districts, there was a lot of growth this season.

"My biggest accomplishment this season was either winning the Raymond Central girls invite or beating a girl at districts who previously beat me twice," said sophomore Abby Lindsley.

Kasik agreed that peaks often happen later in the season: "It was a very big challenge to get into the right mindset but once you do, it's all you. You can do anything with the right mentality."



LOOK to SHOOT Sophomore Abby Lindsley watches for an opportunity to drive through her opponent and get her takeown at the district tournament.



Row 1: Eva Vandenberg, Kayla Wieseler, Taylor Shelton, Marnita Spatz, Bailey Turpitt, Loralie Logan, Kynnlee Hamling, Neveah Martinez
Row 2: Danica Watts, Abby Lindsley, Miranda, Jessica Bauers, Olivia Adams, Laylani Kasik, Alaina Andel
Row 3: Evelyn Matulka, Sierra Kilgore, Lana Robinson, Chris Watts, Korissa Eaton, Kendra Baete



SQUARE UP
Freshman Rilley Lowe shakes her opponent's hand at the East Butler triangular. Rilley Lowe was the 135lb wrestler at the triangular.





GRAPPLE
Freshman Kayla Wieseler finds a way to set up her move at the district tournament.

DASHING THROUGH THE SEASON

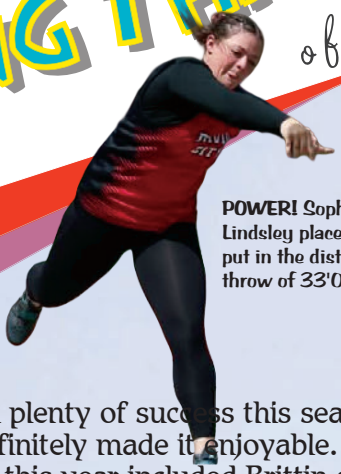
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Alex Nickolite



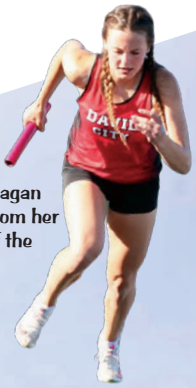
Caelan Olson



POWER! Sophomore Abby Lindsley places third in shot put in the district with a throw of 33'02".



HAND-OFF! Freshmen Neil Zrust and Manny Venegas complete their hand-off in the 4x800m relay.



BANG! Senior Meagan Jahde explodes from her blocks to start off the 4x400m relay.

The track team has seen plenty of success this season once again! Athletes encountered several ups and downs through the season, but definitely made it enjoyable. Coach Reeves hilariously stated, "Some of the most memorable moments from this year included Brittin snapping a pole vault pole and walking around with it for the rest of the meet, the one hundred reminders to put on sunscreen, being homeless at conference at Tri County because we forgot to bring our tent, and hearing 'I'm never doing that ever again' after every 400m and 800m." The tracksters gave it their all this season; they racked up around 180 personal bests throughout the season, boys and girls combined.

The team has been making history as well! Several individuals and relays for boys and girls made it into the school's top 10 all-time records. Senior Reese Svoboda broke the boys school long jump record with a jump of 22 feet and 1.75 inches, and junior Kambri Andel broke her own girls school long jump record with a jump of 18 feet even. "It's great to see the progress made throughout the year, and I am continuing to build my strengths by remembering that good results come with time," stated Andel. The boys and girls teams placed 3rd in total points at districts hosted by Aquinas. Overall, the team made countless improvements thanks to their dedication and team spirit.

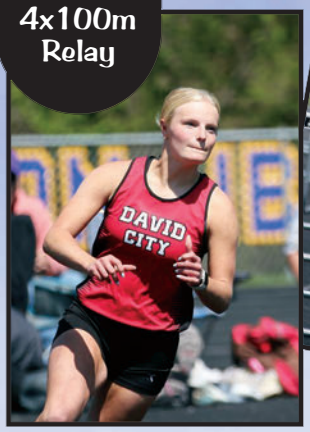


Row: Alex Nickolite, Paul Tebbe, Judd Nickolite, John Rivera, Carter Nickolite, Manny Venegas, Caden Schmid and Clayton Rerucha,
Row 2: Andrew Fuller, Cameron Walker, Aiden Marino, Dalton Stanek, Sam Smith, Luke Hovorka, and Daren Vodicka
Row 3: Jason White, Neil Zrust, Gerson Carreto, Brittin Valentine, James Farmer, Reese Svoboda, Ethan Buresh-Marick, Garrett Small
Row 4: Logan Smith-Martinez, Harrison Blades, Neil Olson, Diondrae Aerni, Jace Rerucha, Brayden Osantowski, Nolan Mills
Row 5: Coaches Travis Worm, Austin Schafer, Sam Schlautman, Dillon Nerud , Todd Carmichael, and Tali Reeves



Row 1: Regina Garcia Navarro, Rilley Lowe, Brayleigh Osantowski, Hayden Valentine, Kailey Blum, Bella Heins, and Haven Cada
Row 2: Sadie Nicolas, Kaela Karpisek, KaitlynnToelle, Kennedy Blades, Danica Fiala, Abby Lindsley, Aaliyah Huerta, and Hope Aldrich
Row 3: Meaghan Jahde, Jaelyn Dvorak, Natalie Robak, Benny Aroni, Savanah Palensky, Trinity Boss, Lilly Rogers
Row 4: Kambri Andel, Mariah Lukert, Kendra Baete, Harley Bongers, Chloe Foss, and Rylee Thoendel
Row 5: Hannah Gangwish, Rylan Svoboda, Portia Egwuatu, Isabella Wagner, Emma Zimmerman, Addison Rands, Ava Daro
Row 6: Coaches Travis Worm, Austin Schafer, Sam Schlautman, Dillon Nerud , Todd Carmichael, and Tali Reeves

STATE QUALIFIERS



Kailey Blum 4x100m Relay



Daren Vodicka 300m Hurdles



GLIDE! Junior Kambri Andel long jumps at districts hosted by Aquinas, recording a school record of 18 feet for second place!

Kambri Andel Long Jump 100m 200m 4x100m Relay



LIFTOFF! Junior Brayden Osantowski places second in the district in pole vault with a vault of 11'10"!

Brayden Osantowski Pole Vault

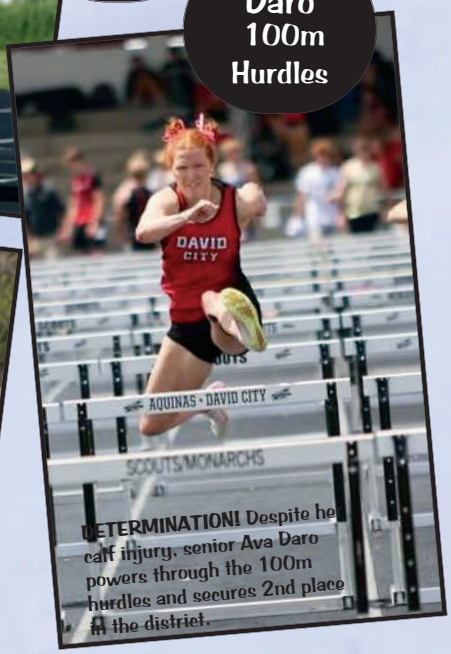


Portia Egwuatu 4x100m Relay

Trinity Boss 4x100m Relay



Reese Svoboda Long Jump, 100m, 200m



Ava Daro 100m Hurdles

DETERMINATION! Despite her calf injury, senior Ava Daro powers through the 100m hurdles and secures 2nd place in the district.

RELIVE THE DRIVES



Power In Motion
Senior Cameron Hlavac drives toward the hole during the David City Invite.

Focus
Sophomore Julien Marick takes a moment to center himself before his swing at the David City Invite on April 14th. Reflecting on his progress since last season, Marick shared, "This season has been far better than last season. I've been shooting better, my form feels fantastic, and I feel like I know what I'm doing now."



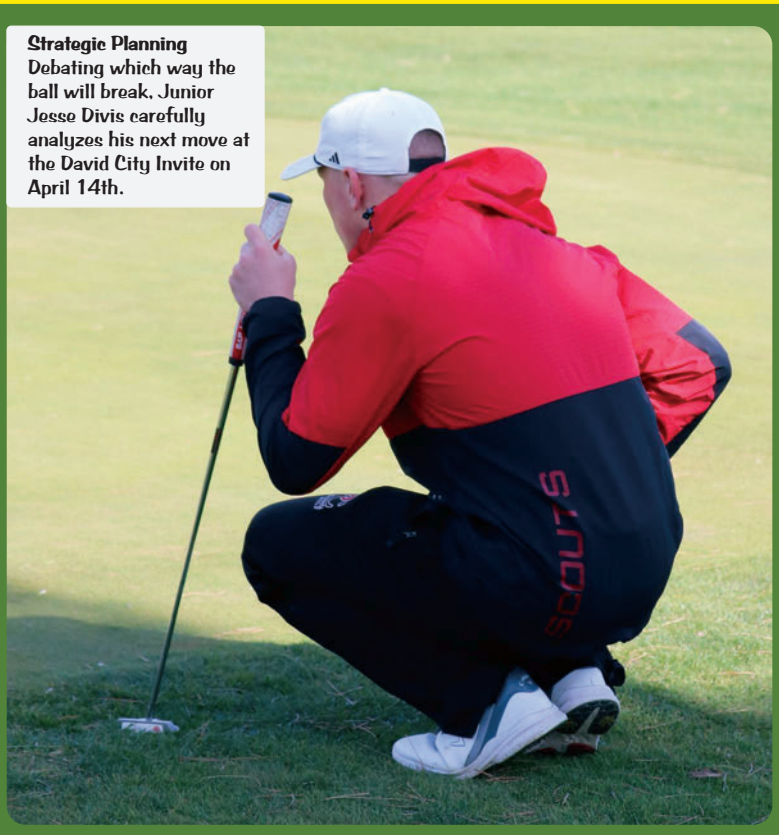
Prepare
Planting his feet seconds before the drive, Senior Stanley Allen prepares for his shot at the David City invite on April 14th.



Row 1: Gavin Thege, Justin Watts-Dinkelman, Xavier Boss, Jesse Divis, Stanley Allen, and Zayne Mittleider
Row 2: Chase Kuhlman, Julien Marick, Kaylee Dresch, Cameron Hlavac, Keaton Busch.
Row 3: Parker Robinson, Greg Hansen, Tom VanWinkle, Trevin Jahde

Lining It Up
Preparing for the putt, freshman Trevin Jahde takes one final look before aiming for the hole at the David City Invite on April 14th.

Strategic Planning
Debating which way the ball will break, Junior Jesse Divis carefully analyzes his next move at the David City Invite on April 14th.



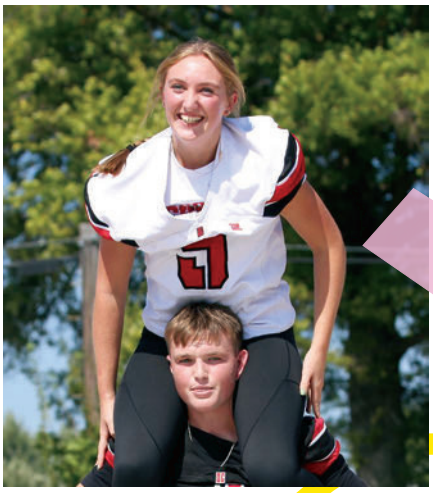


Improvements and Progression

While not all goals were achieved this season, the golf team remained committed to giving their best effort until the very end. They secured first place at the David City Invitational on April 14 with a team score of 312. Top individual medalists included Keaton Busch (2nd), Jesse Divis (3rd), and Xavier Boss (6th). When regarding future achievement, Coach VanWinkle shared, "Goals for this season are to improve as the season progresses. Finish in the top two at conference and finish in the top three at districts." Although the team fell short of these objectives, finishing 4th at conference and 5th at districts with a score of 360, they demonstrated progress throughout the season. Players, both new and experienced, embraced each opportunity to learn and improve their skills on the green. Junior and first-year player Kaylee Dresch reflected on her personal journey explaining, "One goal I had this season was to just learn the game and fundamentals to become a better golfer." Overall, being part of the team allowed everyone to grow and gain valuable experience this year.



Row one: Bella Heins, Addison Kuhlman, Kailey Blum.
Row two: Hope Aldrich, Kaydance Smith.
Row three: Hailey Glodowski, Ms.KC, Addison Rands.
Not Included: Ms. Styskal.



SMILE!
Sophomore Hope Aldrich performs the guy-and-girl dance with Andrew Fuller at the homecoming pep rally on Friday, Sept. 13. The guy-girl dance is always a hit for the student body's entertainment!

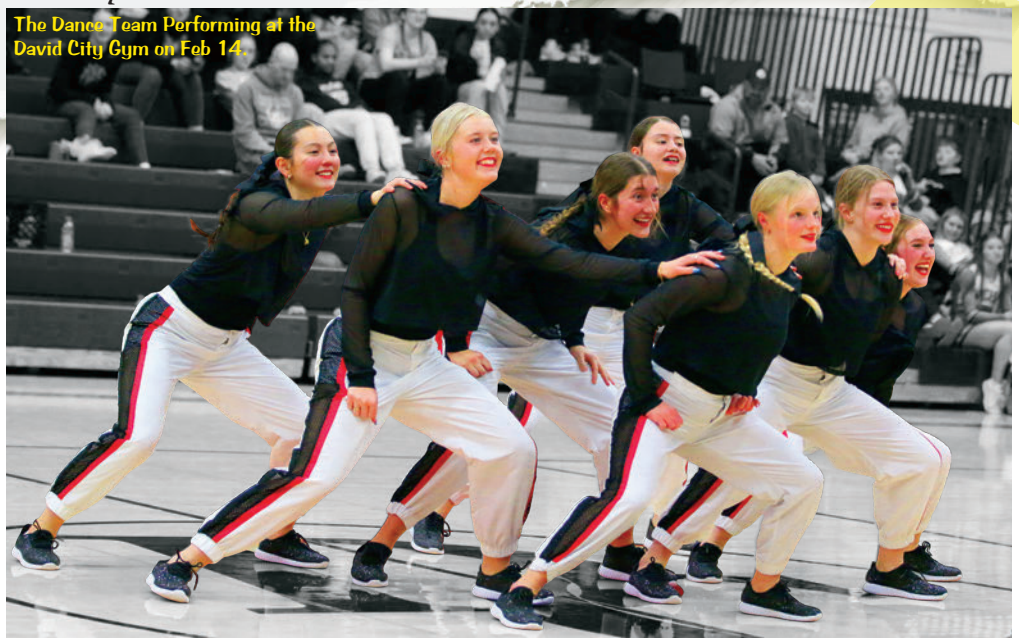
The dance team continues to work hard as they memorize the dances and work together as a team to be in sync with one another while they perform. The new dance coach, Ms. Ella Kissinger Coble (or Miss KC), says that her favorite part about coaching dance is, " Being able to teach them how to dance, and since I did dance my whole life, I'm able to coach and share my love with them."

Miss KC's advice to the people who want to try out for the dance team is, "To go in with confidence and smile always, and ask lots of questions! I will never be upset with anyone asking questions who wants to improve and get better."

Sophomore dancer Hope Aldrich says, "Nothing really inspired me to dance. I have been dancing since I was in preschool at the dance studio here in David City, so I knew that I wanted to be on the school dance team when I got the chance." When you're a part of the dance team it takes not only you but a whole team to be able to accomplish your goals. Senior Hailey Glodowski says some advice she would give to the other dancers once she graduates is, "To work hard inside practice and out. Your performance not only affects yourself, but also your team."

REMINISCE
Junior Addison Rands strides throughout the gym floor while performing at the Homecoming kickoff pep rally on September 6th.





The Dance Team Performing at the David City Gym on Feb 14.



RESERVE THE DANCES

ADORE
Performing at the introduction to homecoming week pep rally, Senior Kaydance Smith captured at the perfect moment.

REMEMBER THE RHYTHM



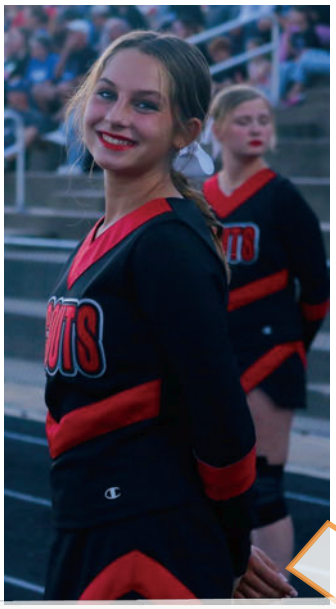
Cheerleaders cheesy for the camera!

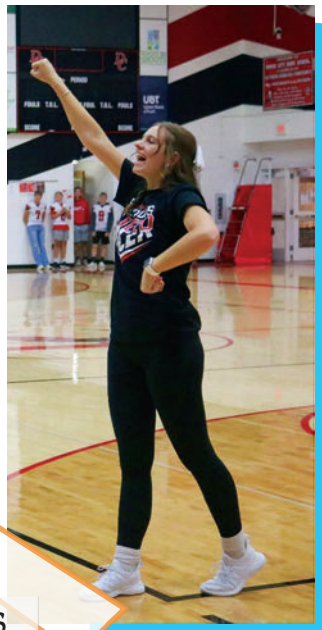
SMILE
Cheesy for Friday Night Lights, seniors Lexi Harris, Ava Daro, and junior Jenacy Schultz pose for a picture on August 30th while cheering for the Scouts against Centennial. "Energetic" was the one word Schultz used to describe the team.

Row one: Regina Garcia, Jenacy Schultz, Lilly Rogers, Emily Silva.
Row two: Reese Slonecker, Ms. KC, Lexi Harris.
Row three: Ava Daro, Emily Poulas
Not included: Mrs. Barlean



POSE
While cheering on the sidelines for the Scouts, freshman Lilly Rogers poses for a picture during the Twin River game September 27th. "The most eventful part of being a cheerleader has been attending games and seeing the students show up and cheer with us." While attending all sports activities to cheer on the Scouts, Rogers' favorite cheer is, "Aruba because everyone loves it and it is so fun to do."





CHERISH
Performing at the homecoming kickoff pep-rally, senior captain Emily Poulas leads the student body in a cheer. "The environment is very welcoming. I have a great time with my team. They are very talkative and know how to get a crowd going. There is never a dull moment when being on this team."

Welcome new assistant coach, Ms.KC, to the 24-25 team! Before coming to DCHS she was previously finishing her degree at Concordia. "I was on the dance team there for two years but learned a lot about cheerleading" she said. Junior Jenacy Schultz and senior Emily Poulas are stepping up in the roles of cheer captain. "The one word I would use to describe the team is 'unique'," said Poulas. "I say this because everyone has different personalities but when coming together we can make the perfect team. Overall, the cheer team has many hard workers with knowing cheers, dates, and decorating. I can't imagine being a captain of a different group of girls." Poulas has participated in cheer since her junior year and was able to become captain her senior year.

Junior Jenacy Schultz believes the most challenging part of this year was, "Making sure everyone knows their cheers; we fixed that by rehearsing cheers beforehand." Schultz has participated in cheer since her freshman year as well as being involved in dance outside of school. "I want the girls to remember that having school spirit is fun! Getting to cheer on your friends and peers is a great way to build and maintain a positive school environment," said Miss KC.

INTRO TO



Caitlyn Kratochvil



Alexis Kleckner





Britlin Valentine



Neil Olson and Abby Lindsley



James Farmer



Rylan Svoboda



High School Choir



Neil Olson, Brittin Valentine, and Paul Tebbe

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Esmeralda Ortega and Aubrey Johnson

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Cortney Couch

Hayden Valentine

STAY YOU:BE DRUG FREE

Putting a period on drug use!

Stay-U is a drug- and alcohol-free organization that spreads awareness to teens about the dangers of participating in drugs or alcohol. "I wanted to join an organization that does not support vaping and drugs and to influence our community to avoid doing drugs," said junior Natalia Thoendel. Stay-U also provides different activities and experiences within the school and in the community. "I am most excited about helping with the middle school dance because I saw how the Stay-U members made it fun for the middle schoolers," said freshman Kayla Wieseler. Stay-U gives students the opportunity to create memorable moments that do not involve substances. This school year the group welcomed a new sponsor, Dillon Nerud. "We knew that things would be different this year without having Mrs. Sander as our leader, but Mr. Nerud has put in a lot of time and effort to help get the group involved in the school and with our elementary students as well. It is beneficial to have the leadership passed on to someone who cares so deeply about the group and making an impact in people's lives," said senior Hannah Gangwish. This year Stay-U has done a number of things to keep our school clean. Red Ribbon Week was a huge success where students were able to participate in a variety of activities and learn a lot of information. "We are looking to expand STAY-U for the future by getting more involved in the school and having a greater influence for everyone," said Mr. Nerud.



PAUSE! Junior Jenacy Schultz poses with her hand cut- out that members made for their bulletin board.



SMILE! Juniors Kambri Andel and Addison Rands smile while hosting the middle school dance.



ACTION! Senior Lexi Harris and Junior Taylor Smith pose at Stay-U's "Life is a Movie" event held for Red Ribbon week in October.



Freshmen Kennedy Blades and Kaitlynn Toelle pose for a photo while Stay-U puts on the middle school dance.

Front: Sarah Wieseler, Natalia Thoendel, Addison Rands, Kambri Andel, Kamryn Behrns, Meagan Jahde, Hailey Glodowski, Hannah Gangwish, Ava Daro
Second: Sadie Nicolas, Rylan Svoboda, Rylee Thoendel, Jenacy Schultz, Brayleigh Osantowski, Emma Zimmerman, Kaitlynn Toelle, Addison Kuhlman, Kailey Blum, Hope Aldrich, Brenna Steager
Third: Jacob Lange, John Rivera, Micah Nicolas, Jaelyn Dvorak, Lana Johns, Aubrey Johnson, Abby Lindsley, Kayla Wieseler, Trevin Jahde, Cally Schmid, Kennedy Blades
Back: Mr. Nerud, Cohen Denker, Harrison Blades, Chase Kuhlman, Stanley Allen, Neil Olson, Alexis Kleckner, Bella Heins, Hayden Valentine



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND!

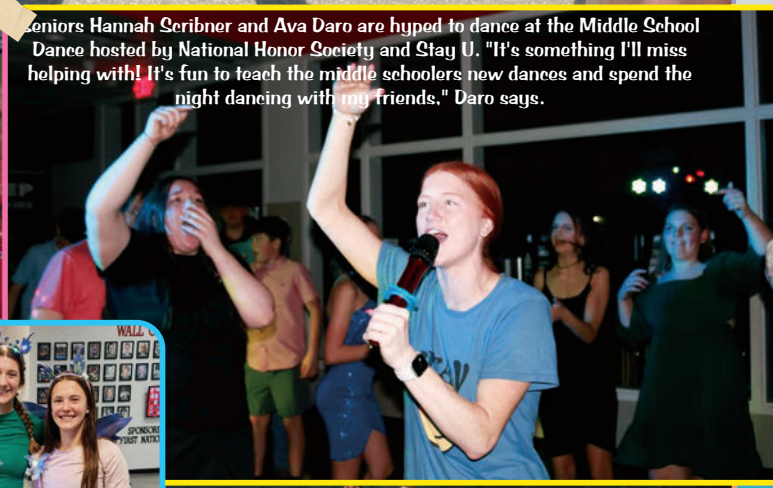
National Honor Society



KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY
One of National Honor Society's Random Acts of Kindness was going to recess with the elementary students. Seniors Catlyn Kratochvil and Hannah Scribner played tag with the kindergarteners.



GREETINGS!
National Honor Society planned morning greetings at the elementary school! Different teams and organizations showed up early to meet all the students coming to school. The band even played some songs for them!



eniors Hannah Scribner and Ava Daro are hyped to dance at the Middle School Dance hosted by National Honor Society and Stay U. "It's something I'll miss helping with! It's fun to teach the middle schoolers new dances and spend the night dancing with my friends," Daro says.



SCARILY CUTE!
Seniors Addison Kuhlman, Hailey Glodowski and Meagan Jahde dressed as a group of fairies for National Honor Society's Halloween campaign, Scare Away Hunger.



CONGRATS!
Congratulations to all the new NHS inductees.The new inductees were (front) Lana Johns, Shelbea Reed, Abby Lindsley, Brenna Steager, Hope Aldrich, Rylan Svoboda, Hayden Valentine, Ellie Bales, (back) Zayne Mittleider, Micah Nicolas, Harrison Blades, Jacob Lange, Jaelyn Dvorak, and Aubrey Johnson. (not pictured: Benedetta Aroni)

Officer Team

President: Hannah Gangwish
Vice-president: Hailey Glodowski
Secretary: Catlyn Kratochvil
Treasurer: Stanley Allen
Historians: Addison Kuhlman & Meagan Jahde



IT'S NO JOKE!
Sophomore Jaelyn Dvorak wins best costume for Scare Away Hunger dressed as the one and only Joker!

National Honor Society does a lot of good things for a lot of people in need. The President of NHS, Senior Hannah Gangwish, shares the four pillars of NHS. "The 4 pillars are words that I want to demonstrate in my everyday life. I'm sure that other NHS members would agree with me that living our lives full of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character is the way that we want to live, and that is why we all applied to be a part of NHS." Hannah strives to be the best she can, and the best influence she could possibly create.

Here at DCHS, NHS supports quite a few activities that are done throughout school years. Senior Neil Olson reports, "I do believe that NHS helps the school; there are many different things that couldn't happen without the program. Some of these include the jersey auction, Halloween dress-up contest, and alumni tours." Without these days, school would become a boring place to be.

PROTECTING THE VOICES

Student Council

This year, the DCHS Student Council participated in many activities with the goal of making a difference in the school and community. In November Student Council partnered up with the backpack program to help put together Thanksgiving meals for families in need. "We brought in $394.89," said sponsor Amy Backstrom. Starting the new year strong, the group brought in the American Red Cross, involving both students and the community. Senior Vice President Cally Schmid said, "While organizing the blood drive, we were able to get many students to donate for the first time." Donors who start at a young age are more likely to donate for the rest of their lives. In February, StuCo hosted its second Sweetheart Dance for grades 9-12. "I believe that the dance exceeded many expectations, and everyone who helped set up beforehand worked together to help create a fun evening for everyone," said Junior Aubrey Johnson.



President Brooklyn Palensky and Vice President Cally Schmid pose for a picture after preparing and setting up an amazing Sweetheart Dance in February.



Seniors Kaydance Smith, Kailey Blum, and Hannah Gangwish pose for a picture while dancing the night away at the Sweethearts Dance.



Senior Evin Allen pies the Band and Choir teacher, Mr. Brumm, after donating the most money to the student council's Thanksgiving project. Evin donated a total of $130.



First: Shelbea Reed, Natalia Thoendel, Addison Rands, Kambri Andel, Kamryn Behrns, Meagan Jahde, Hailey Glodowski, Hannah Gangwish, Ava Daro
Second: Catlyn Kratochvil, Sadie Nicolas, Rylee Thoendel, Brayleigh Osantowski, Abby Lindsley, Addison Kuhlman, Kailey Blum, Brenna Steager, Cally Schmid
Third: Garrett Small, Chase Kuhlman, Micah Nicolas, Stanley Allen, Aubrey Johnson, Alexis Kleckner, Bella Heins, Trevin Jahde
Fourth: Reese Svoboda, Caelan Olson, Cohen Denker, Alexis Thies

Not Pictured: Brooklyn Palensky, Kaydance Smith, Brittin Valentine and Sponsor Amy Backstrom



Juniors Addison Rands, Kambri Andel, and Senior Addison Kuhlman help students, staff, and community members get checked in for the Red Cross Blood Drive held at DCHS each winter!

SPREADING POSITIVITY

with Ambassadors

Here at DCHS, Ambassadors is a club where students can celebrate their cultural differences and share the importance of embracing their heritages. Ambassadors began in David City when a group of students visited CCC for a heritage appreciation meeting and came back determined to introduce a cultural appreciation club in our own high school. Since then, students have had the chance to be a part of the uplifting community that is Ambassadors. "I can relate to others through my culture," says senior Stephanie Ramirez, explaining why she chose to be a member.



Row 1 Brenna Steager, Alexis Kleckner, Natalia Thoendel, Hailey Glodowski, Kailey Blum, Hannah Gangwish
Row 2: Aubrey Johnson, Israel Martinez, and Omar Diaz
Not Pictured: Emily Silva and sponsor, Teri Mohrmann

"The members of the Ambassadors are thoughtful and generous with their time and talents, letting others know they are valued and appreciated," says Mrs. Mohrmann. This year, the Ambassadors have gone above and beyond when spreading positivity and support in our high school community. Thanks to the Ambassadors sharing the importance of cultural appreciation, DCHS can be a brighter, more inclusive place.

Hannah Scribner



Jeymi Rodriquez Meza



Hannah Scribner and Jeymi Rodriquez Meza show off their award winning art for the Art Show which the Ambassadors put together in April.

Mrs. Mohrmann shares, "Every year the group enjoys thinking of ways they can not only make the students here at DCHS feel welcome, but also ways to reach out to people in the community." In September, members wrote encouraging notes and distributed them on lockers around the school, spreading positivity. In October, Ambassadors participated in Hispanic Heritage Trivia, where they shared knowledge and learned more about Hispanic culture. In November, the goodwill continued as Ambassadors gathered to decorate jars filled with candy. Seven members delivered the treats to the residents at the villa. "Seeing their sweet reactions" was senior Emily Silva's favorite moment.



Hannah Gangwish, Kailey Blum, Alexis Kleckner, Emily Silva, Aubrey Johnson, Jeymi Rodriquez Meza, and Omar Diaz bring hand-decorated jars full of sweets to The Villa.

CLEAN, GREEN, FARMING MACHINES

A ton of students in DCHS take part in FFA/ Agriculture. Aliesha Meusch, one of the FFA coaches for FFA and an Ag teacher at David City High School, says that agriculture education is important “because it is a vital component of our everyday lives. Living in a rural community, having students build an understanding of agricultural processes is important to their success. It’s developing a respect for those who provide for the world.” She explains her approach to teaching agriculture: "I do my best to connect my own experiences with my lessons to make them more reliable to students. I also strive to build community connections with industry partners by bringing them into my classroom to supplement students’ learning.” The David City FFA activities consist of: Chapter officer training, Butler County Fair, Greenhand Day, Husker Harvest Days, Bellwood PTO Trunk or Treat, District Livestock Judging, District Leadership Development Events, District Career Development Events-Round 1, National FFA Week, District Career Development Events- Round 2, Nebraska State FFA Convention, FFA Awards Banquet, FFA Plant Sale at the Greenhouse, and lastly FFA Barnyard.



TREATS! Volunteering at Bellwood PTO's Trunk or Treat, are Hannah Gangwish, Maddie Moravec, Sarah Wieseler, Natalia Thoendel, Preston Nickolite, Hayden Valentine, Brenna Steager, Shelbea Reed, and Andrea Eilers.



Hailey Glodowski, Shelbea Reed and Brenna Steager





2024-2025 Officers

Secretary- Kambri Andel
President- Hannah Gangwish
Sentinel- Isaac Zimmerman
Reporter- Evin Allen
Parliamentarian- James Farmer
Treasurer- Hayden Valentine
Vice President- Natalia Thoendel

BARNYARD DAY



Sophomore Rylan Svoboda cuddles a baby goat.





Brenna Steager with a baby goat.



CHIRP CHIRP! Barnyard day on Friday May 16, 2025. Mr. Martinez cuddles up with a chick!



Evin Allen shows grade schoolers his combine.



FFA group photo

Row 1: Natalia Thoendel, Kambri Andel, Hayden Valentine, Hannah Gangwish, Evin Allen, James Farmer, Isaac Zimmerman, and Advisor Aliesha Meusch
Row 2: Hailey Glodowski, Addison Kuhlman, Maddie Moravec, Coleigh Cluck, Sarah Wieseler, Brayden Osantowski, Jason White, and advisor Lynn Hanson
Row 3: Brenna Steager, Maddie Summers, Grace Krafka, Brayleigh Osantowski, Emma Zimmerman, Sadie Nicolas, Shelbea Reed, and Jessica Dilsaver,
Row 4: Andrea Eilers, Brinleigh Osantowski, Jackson Moravec, and Preston Nickolite.

GAME ON!



Row 1: Adam Ebbeka, Neil Olson, James Farmer, Justin Watts-Dinkelman, Julien Marick, Jackson Harris, Preston Nickolite
Row 2: Trevor Kubik, Zayne Mittleider, Ben Matchett, Davi Neves, Israel Martinez, Stanley Allen, Hunter Pruss, Omar Diaz
Row 3: Jhony Vicente, Colston Schmit, Bengiel Rivera Nieves, Caelan Olson, Gerson Carreto, Logan Smith-Martinez,Jaxon Farmer
Row 4: Julian Castillo, Dominick Palik, Micheal Rebeiro, John Benes, Trevin Jahde, Jacob Hlavac, Johnathan Carnes
Not pictured: Corbin Anderson, Gage Bruner, Ethan Buresh-Marick, Bentley Husmann, Randal Page, Hannah Scribner, James Yates, Rodger Yates, and Alec Wieser



AWARD TIME
Players show off their awards from this season!

Front: Hannah Scribner, Justin Watts-Dinkelman, Benjamin Matchett, Zayne Mittleider, Logan Smith-Martinez, Stanley Allen

Back: Jackson Harris, Julien Marick, James Farmer

DIVISION CUP x 3

Awarded to the most successful team overall in our division for the year!

Overwatch: 5-1
Stanley Allen, James Farmer, Jackson Harris, Julien Marick, Israel Martinez, Zayne Mittleider, and Davi Neves — 3RD AT STATE!

Chess: 5-2
Stanley Allen, Caelan Olson, Justin Watts-Dinkelman

Smash Team 1: 9-1
James Farmer, Jackson Harris, Davi Neves — 5TH AT STATE!

Smash Team 2: 9-1
Gerson Carreto, Julian Castillo, Jhony Vicente — STATE CHAMPIONS!!

MS Smash 1: 6-3
Jacob Hlavac, Michael Rebeiro

MS Smash 2: 2-7
Corbin Anderson, John Benes

Fall Final Records!

Valorant: 6-O
James Farmer, Jaxon Farmer, Jackson Harris, Julien Marick, Zayne Mittleider, Caelan Olson, Justin Watts-Dinkelman

3RD AT STATE!

Rocket league team 1:8-O
Ethan Buresh-Marick, Justin Watts-Dinkelman, Alec Wieser

STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Rocket league team 2: 8-O
Gerson Carreto, James Farmer, Jaxon Farmer, Logan Smith-Martinez

4TH AT STATE!

Mario Kart Team 1: 5-1
Julien Marick, Caelan Olson, Colston Schmit, Justin Watts-Dinkelman

3RD AT STATE!

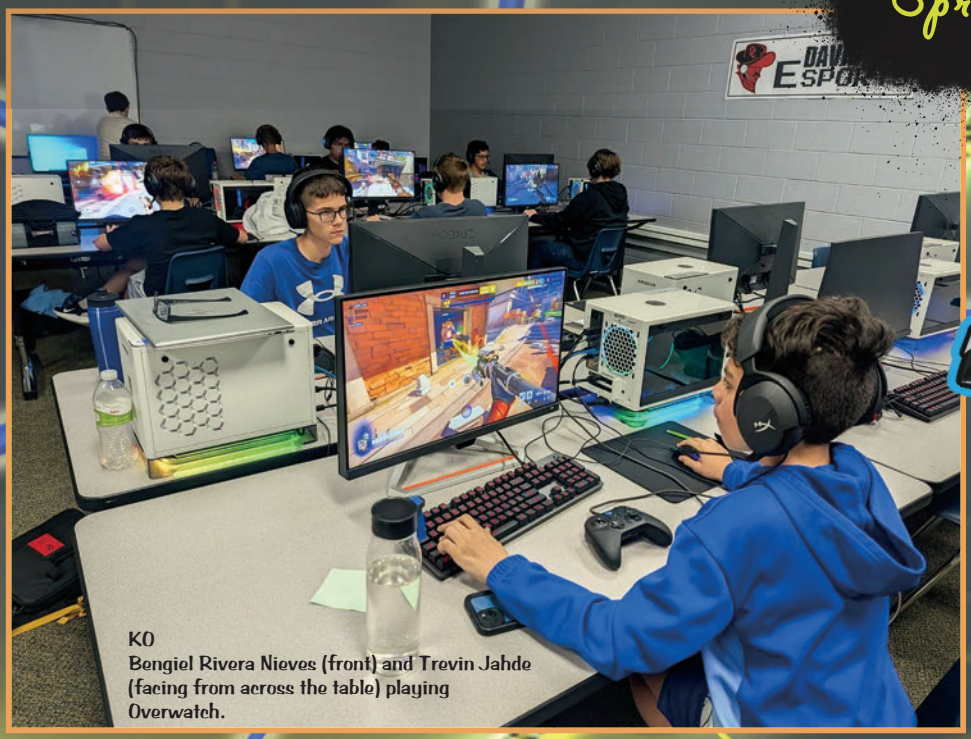
Mario Kart Team 2: 2-4
Stanley Allen, James Farmer, Trevor Kubik, Neil Olson, Hannah Scribner

Fortnight: No season matches/only scrims
Ethan Buresh-Marick, Julien Marick, James Farmer, Jaxon Farmer, Justin Watts-Dinkelman

STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Ms Mario Kart: 2-3
John Benes, Omar Diaz, Jacob Hlavac, Preston Nickolite

Spring Final Records!



KO
Bengiel Rivera Nieves (front) and Trevin Jahde (facing from across the table) playing Overwatch.



PARTY TIME: Davi Neves, Corbin Anderson, Stanley Allen, Dominick Palik, Gerson Carreto, and Jacob Hlavac, showing the prizes they won at the fall LAN party. Senior Davi Neves said that the reason he likes e-sports is because he can be competitive.



WINNER 8th grader Michael Rebeiro won his game of Super Smash Bros. playing as Pyra.



GAME TIME: State Qualifiers in Overwatch and Smash
Front: Davi Neves de Mont Serrat, Jackson Harris, Stanley Allen, Jhony Vicente
Back: Israel Martinez, James Farmer, Julien Marick, Gerson Carreto, Julian Castillo

SAVE the MEMORIES FCCLA



HELPFUL HANDS
Sophomore Elyssa Bales helps Freshman Trevin Jahde prepare his blanket. At FCCLA's annual Christmas party, instead of playing games, the chapter made tie blankets for the New Year's babies. Members also watched a movie and had pasta. "We watched some Hamilton," says Jahde. "Mr.Martinez was not impressed by our singing."



ROBLOX REMEMBRANCE
FCCLA hosts a "Fun Night" every month. In November, they hosted a Roblox night. Sophomore Lana Johns says Roblox night was, "a fun experience, and I enjoyed bonding with everyone." Also pictured is Sophomore Micah Nicolas.



BE A STAR!
Seniors Hannah Scribner, Stanley Allen, and Neil Olson pose for a picture with their first place trophy at the State Leadership Conference. Allen says he's most excited to "go to Universal Studios and Disney World" at Nationals.

FCCLA is an organization that focuses on family and career skills that will prepare you for your future. Our chapter also has lots of activities and opportunities throughout the year for both fun and learning experiences.

On October 15, members traveled to Columbus for District Leadership Conference. There, members either decorated a poster or spoke the Creed in front of a judge. In the poster contest, Senior Stanley Allen got 3rd place. In Creed speaking, Sophomore Abby Lindsley placed first and Sophomore Shelbea Reed placed second.

Also at the conference, Sophomore Elyssa Bales gave a presentation about teen driving safety. Bales is on the State Peer officer team, who focus on National projects for FCCLA.

One of the biggest things FCCLA does is STAR. STAR is a competition that FCCLA members can compete in. It usually consists of writing a speech and presenting it to a judge. At the State Leadership Conference in Downtown Lincoln, ten members attended the conference. The group competed in STAR events and helped run the contest. Seniors Hannah Scribner, Stanley Allen, and Neil Olson placed second or higher in their division, advancing them to Nationals. Also at SLC, Sophomore Ellie Bales was elected to the State Officer Team. She will also be attending the National Convention in July. The National Convention is in Orlando, Florida, where the team will learn lots about FCCLA and even go to Universal Studios!

FCCLA also focuses on community service. This year, the chapter completed several community service opportunities. Members worked games at Christmas on the Bricks. They also worked alongside FFA to run a hat and glove drive.

TAILGATE FRIDAY
FCCLA members had a tailgate party before the first football game. They played games, ate snacks, and bonded!



Front: Rylee Thoendel, Hannah Scribner, Ellie Bales
Back: Jacob Lange, Israel Martinez, Neil Olson, Stanley Allen, Catlyn Kratochvil, Abby Lindsley

PRESERVE THE PICTURES FCCLA members attended District Leadership Conference. These members made posters based on this year's theme, "Grow with FCCLA."



STATE YOUR CASE The 2025 State STAR participants spent three days in Downtown Lincoln presenting their events, eating good food, and bonding over board games.





PYRAMID PRESERVED!!! Seniors Stanley Allen, Neil Olson, Davi Neves de Mont Serrat, and Catlyn Kratochvil along with the FCCLA advisor Cole Martinez recreate the infamous senior pyramid at the District Leadership Conference. Kratochvil says "The seniors in FCCLA always take a picture of themselves in a pyramid. We didn't have enough seniors, so we had to get Mr. Martinez to do it with us. He wasn't very happy at first, but he eventually said yes."

NO MORE HORSING AROUND Sophomore Elyssa Bales, a State SPOT officer, poses for a picture with a fellow SPOT officer. Bales says, "This year I'm hoping to accomplish more Nebraska members running for SPOT office and for more people to be involved with STAR events."



SPEAK THE TRUTH Sophomore Abby Lindsley placed first and Sophomore Shelbea Reed placed second in Creed speaking at the DLC. Lindsley says her favorite part of being an FCCLA officer is "getting to be a part of the brainstorming and bring my ideas to the table."



MARCHING to the MEMORIES

"The best band in the land!"

"I feel like when it comes to competing against other bands, it's a step-up from other bands that I've seen. I say that because of the way the band is composed. The David City High School band is one of the best bands that I've ever witnessed play live high school sports or just anything in general." That's what Senior Israel Martinez had to say about the marching band.

The David City Marching Scouts started off their season by traveling to the Pierce Marching Festival. There, playing the music of Santana, they snagged their first Superior of the season. They also received the highest score in David City's history at the Pierce Marching Festival.

For their second competition, the Scouts traveled to the Oxbow Marching Competition in Ashland. The Marching Scouts did some great work and it really paid off. The Scouts left with their second Superior trophy of the season.

Lastly, the band was off to Kearney for State Marching Band. They marched a good show and waited for awards later that night. Before the awards, they held what was called "Pit Crew Olympics." The band parents rallied together and won second place. Finally, the announcer began announcing scores for the other bands. Then, "David City, division two, Excellent." The crowd cheered, but only half-heartedly. Everyone was disappointed, but knew that they had done the best they could.



UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS
At band parents night, Senior Neil Olson marched a good show after the football game. Olson says his favorite memory from the year was, "one day in practice where we switched spots marching with another person in our section. There was chaos as no one knew exactly where to go."

LOVE THE MEMORIES
Seniors Hannah Scribner and Stanley Allen give heart hands to the band as they wait to receive the award at the Oxbow Marching Festival.





LIVING THE DOUBLE LIFE
JuniorJesse Divis marches after the football game.



STORE THE MUSIC
At the state marching competition, Juniors Lorelei Aldrich and Alexis Kleckner get ready to finish the show. Aldrich says her favorite memory from this year was, "At Pierce when Trevin was staring at his shadow while opening and closing his hands."



ONE-OF-A-KIND BAND
At the Pierce marching festival, the Marching Scouts earned their first Superior of the season. Freshman Madeline Summers says her favorite memory from this year is "Mr Brumm doing a cartwheel when we got Superior at the Pierce Festival ."



REMINISCE THE ROLL STEP
Freshman Naomi Phelps gives it her all at the NSBA state marching competition. "I'm proud of what they accomplished this season. Even though it wasn't perfect, I saw improvement throughout the season, which is more important to me than a trophy," director Joseph Brumm says.



NEVER FORGET
The Marching Scouts received their second superior of the season at the Oxbow Marching Festival. Sophomore Elyssa Bales says the hardest part of the show was her "duet in 'Evil Ways'."

MERGE to our Music





Squidward
Senior Catlyn Kratochvil and Sophomore Caelan Olson provide a soothing tone. "Brumm knows how to keep a class interesting." remarks Caelan. Because of a schedule overlap Caelan gained the nickname of "Pottery Boy" this year.



Low Bro
Junior Jessie Divis gives the low notes at the Holiday Concert.

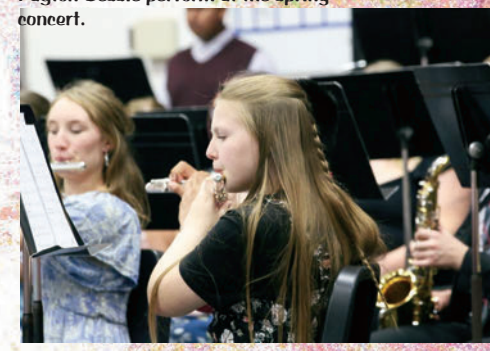


Upper Octave
Stanley Allen, Lorelai Aldrich, Hannah Scribner, and Neil Olson pose for a picture at Honor Band. "It was really cool to play in a larger band where everybody is the best of the best," Stanley remarks.

Sweet Sweet Tune

With three concerts during the school year the concert band played a great variety of music. In the spring the concert band performed at the District Music Contest in Columbus. For this performance they earned a rating of 2 by the judges. "The best band in the land," says principle Couch, commenting on the band's playing. This contest also had individual performers that earned their own scores. These scores were as follows: Hannah Scribner: Trumpet Solo - II; Kaylee Dresch: Trumpet Solo - II; Catlyn Kratochvil: Clarinet Solo - II; Jenacy Schultz: Clarinet Solo - II; Lorelai Aldrich: Flute Solo - II; Stanley Allen: Alto Sax Solo - II; Clarinet Duet (Catlyn Kratochvil and Jenacy Shultz) - II; Flute Duet (Loralie Aldrich and Jeancarlo Rodas) - II.

WIND SECTION
Junior Lorelai Aldrich and sophomore Payton Bessie perform at the spring concert.





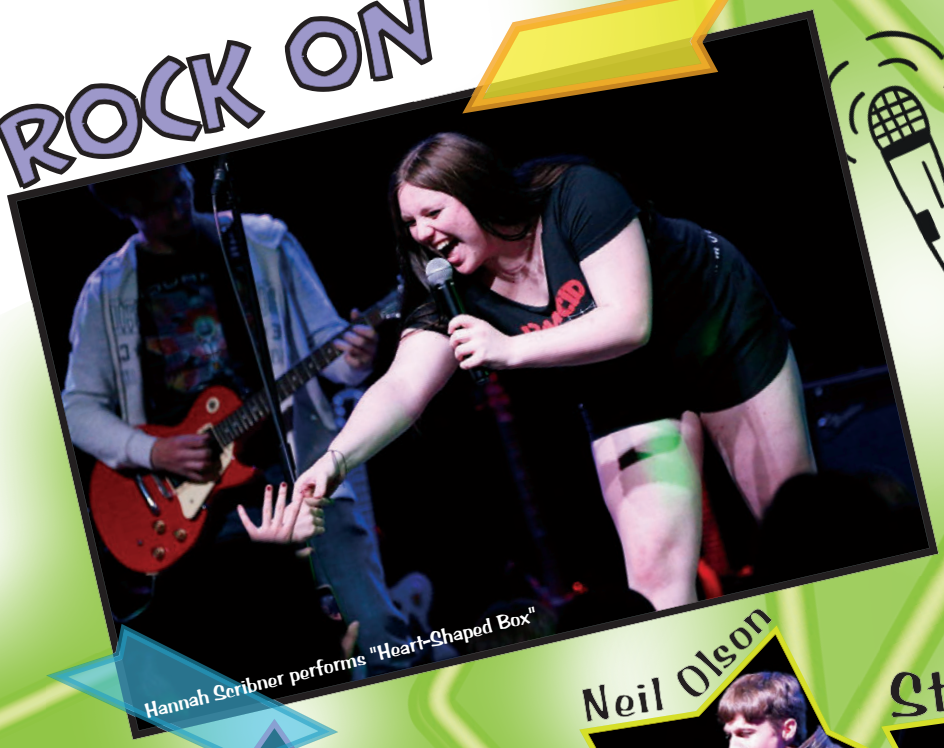
Neil Zrust, Rilley Lowe, Natalie Robak, Kaylee Dresch, and Hannah Scribner

Loud and Proud
The seven-person trumpet section makes their sound known filling the gym. "Play it loud and play it proud," remarks senior Natalie Robak.

Whistling Melody
Junior Jeancarlo Rodas, or better known as Jonny, plays a sweet tune at the Spring Concert.



ROCK ON

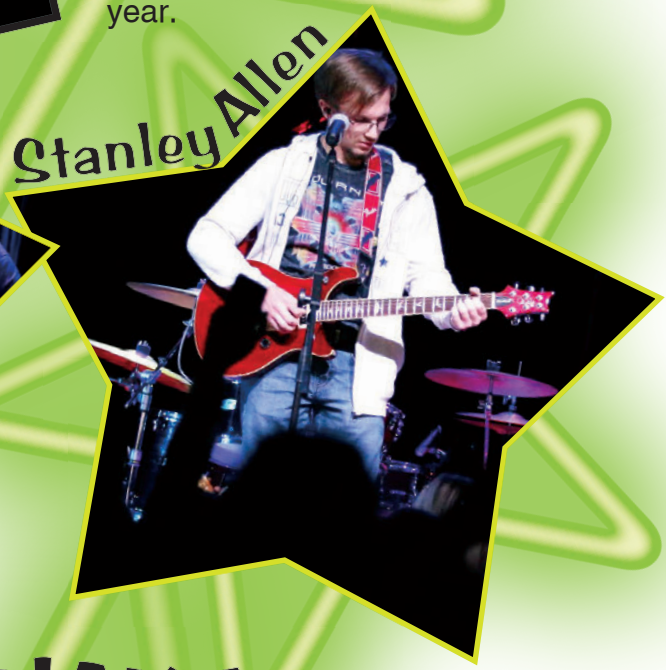


Hannah Scribner performs "Heart-Shaped Box"

The Rock Band performance at the end of the year is a highlight for band and choir students as they collaborate to perform popular songs from across genres. Whenever possible, students provide instrumentation and vocals for the tunes---and some fun audience interaction as well. The audience dances and sings along by the stage, enjoying a true concert experience to help celebrate the end of the school year.



Neil Olson



Stanley Allen



Jenacy Schantz



Israel Martinez



Abby Lindsey



Caelan Olson

Back up singers Brittin Valentine, Paul Tebbe, and Ellie Bales clap to the rhythm of "Hey Ya." The three stood with their backs to the audience while Kaylee Dresch sang, spinning around whenever their parts came in.

SHAKE IT!!!





Front: Marissa Jack, Mckenna Kovar, Israel Martinez, Kurtis Harvey, Neil Olson, Aaliyah Huerta, Lorelai Aldrich, Caitlyn Kratochvil
Middle: Harlie Bongers, Hailey Tilley, Hannah Pokrinchak, Lilly Rogers, Javier Torres, Trevin Jahde, Abby Lindsley, Chloe Foss,
Back: Kaela Karpisek, Kaylee Dresch, Stanley Allen, Zayne Mittleider, Emma Hlavac, Emily Silva, and Hannah Scribner



HARMONY The first performance of the year was serenading veterans at the annual Veteran's Day assembly.

RAISE YOUR VOICE!!

District Music Results:

Choir: II
Stanley Allen: I
Kurtis Harvey: II
Israel Martinez: II
Neil Olson: I
Javier Torres: II
Lorelai Aldrich: II
Kaylee Dresch: I
Chloe Foss: II
Hannah Pokrinchak: II
Hannah Scribner: I
Men's Barbershop: I
(Stanley Allen, Neil Olson, Zayne Mittleider, Trevin Jahde)
Women's Trio: II
(Hailey Tilley, Harley Bongers, Lilly Rogers)



LET'S GO: Performing at the spring concert. During the song " Into the Firefly Darkness", each senior choir member performed a short solo.

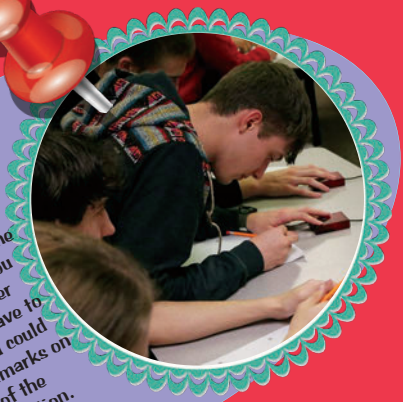
BUZZER BEATER



NICE AG

This small but mighty team of brainiacs bring home the conference runner-up plaque. "I feel like the bond is shown often in Quiz Bowl between fellow members, where most of us know at least a bit about everyone else," sophomore Jackson Harris comments on the connection between team members.





SCRIBBLE

Senior Neil Olson races to finish the math problem before the other team. "Time is everything, even if you don't know the answer sometimes you just have to buzz in because you could guess right," Neil remarks on the challenge of the intellectual competition.



Think Fast!

The A team searches their memory racing against time and their competitors to answer the question first. "I do like being in this smaller extracurricular because it is easier to make memories and bonds with less people, and its easier to get to know people," sophomore Jackson Harris comments on the team relationship. Jackson was the team's geography expert.

A Quick Finger and a Quicker Thinker

A mix of in-person and online competitions, the 24-25 Quiz Bowl year was full of mind-rattling questions. "My favorite part of quiz bowl practice is the practice competitions against other teammates," said freshman Trevin Jahde. The Quiz Bowl team received numerous awards for placing at tournaments.

COLLECT THE PHOTOS



TIP TOP! The dance spread is being made by Esmeralda Ortega during yearbook class.



CLICK CLACK! Kaitlynn Sams is typing and designing away as she works on her yearbook spread for Homecoming Spirit week. She says she enjoys getting to add her own bedazzle and personality into her spread.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS! During the last home football game of the year on October 11th, 2024, Aubrey Johnson, a third year student and this year's editor, takes photos as the players tackle each other for the ball.

lights, camera, action

The yearbook class spends endless time collecting photos and spending time on their spreads they are assigned to do. With Mrs. Olson's and Mrs. Noonan's help, we can create a unique yearbook. Everyone who is a part in yearbook class is able to express their own specialities and what they are good at, and when those talents are brought together we are able to bring the spreads together. The theme for this years' yearbook is Archive 25. Aubrey Johnson explains the meaning behind this is, "To archive the rest of the year and store everything into memories." It's senior, Catlyn Kratochvil's last year in helping with the yearbook. She says that, "My experience has been enjoyable, I quite enjoy decorating the spreads, I like writing people's stories that they are going to read later in life and it will make them feel happy about this time." Benedetta Aroni, an exchange student from Italy, says, "We don't have yearbooks in Italy, but I really enjoyed discovering and learning something new." She says her favorite part of the class has been "Designing the spreads, I have always loved to design and create visuals." Doing yearbook class allows people to express their creativity and explore new things. Haley Farmer, a sophomore, expresses that, "Being in yearbook has allowed me to grow better as a writer and a designer. I have loved being able to express my creativity throughout the design process of the spread and being able to try new things with each spread."



Row 1: Jaelyn Dvorak, Kaitlynn Sams, Ashlyn Hjort, Esmeralda Ortega, Cheyenne Fiala, Exvaier Smith, Kurtis Harvey
Row 2: Isabella Wagner, Alec Wieser, Aubrey Johnson, Haley Farmer, Safiya Underwood, Catlyn Kratochvil, Kaylee Dresch,and Keaton Busch.



Row 1: Hunter Pruss, Aiden Marino, Kurtis Harvey, and Neil Olson.
Row 2: Exvaier Smith, Hannah Pokrinchak, Catlyn Kratochvil, Kaitlynn Sams, Haley Farmer, Benedetta Aroni, Aubrey Johnson, Jaelyn Dvorak, and Brooklyn Palensky.

BRIGHT AND SHINING FUTURE!



It is Good to Burn!

The firemen use fear and aggression to keep the dystopian order. "Being a fireman made me feel powerful," comments Sophomore Paul Tebbe, a fireman who uses fiery aggression to make his character frightening.

You're the Star!

The main cast deals with different conflicts and struggles. Neil Olson as Guy Montag (Center Black), Hannah Scribner as Mildred (Green), Natalie Robak as Captain Beatty (Red), Abby Lindsley as Clarice (Yellow), and Kaylee Dresch as Hudson (Blue). "All the different conflicts and emotions portrayed in the one-act really showed off all of the cast's amazing acting skills," remarked senior Neil Olson. Many of the cast members said that their favorite part of the play was when they got to "beat up" Neil, who ended the season with several bruises, broken pants, and a scar.

Fire Is Bright!

Fire spirits engulf the stage with their presence, flashing their capes of flame, burning everything in their path. Senior and exchange student from Italy Benedetta Aroni says that the fire spirits "played a fundamental role in the success of this year's play." The spirits were some of he judges' favorite parts of the play, getting compliments at every competition.

Building up the play!

It can take a lot to build a play from the ground up, and one act prop and costume captain senior Hannah Gangwish said, "The most rewarding thing about helping with the costumes and props is knowing that I can still play a big part in the success of our one act. It feels good to know that the dedication and hard work that [coach] Jena, Rylan, and I put into planning and creating our costumes can help make a great play even better than before."



Shine Bright! Junior Alexis Kleckner and Senior Stanley Allen get the lights on the stage programmed for the Scout's performance at East Butler.



3. 2. 1. GO! Senior Reese Svoboda controlling one of the two spotlights as the acting Scouts get ready to perform.

Bigger and Better

The David City One Act moves up in the world, transferring from class C to class B with bigger and better competition. "It was definitely more of a challenge that I enjoyed and made me more proud of us when we did make it to the state competition," senior Natalie Robak remarks on the opportunity to go up against better schools. With fireman helmets, the One Act charged head-first into the competition, "guns" blazing. Throughout the season the Fahrenheit 451 cast members gained numerous outstanding actor awards, including Abby Lindsley as Best Supporting Actress and Hannah Scribner Best Actress at York; Kaylee Dresch Best Supporting Actress and Neil Olson as Best Actor at Cozad; Hannah Scribner Best Actress at Conference; and Best Actor Neil Olson at Districts. "I was overall really proud of what we accomplished in a higher class. We have a very young cast, with mostly underclassmen, and we still did very well." Senior Hannah Scribner reflects on the achievements of the One Act despite the odds. These young actors took their fiery acting and blazed their way through the season, getting runner-up at Norfolk, runner-up at York, Champion at Conference, Champion at Districts, and third place at State! Along with the team and individual awards were background awards; these included Best Hair and Makeup at York, Best Tech at Conference, and Best Tech at Districts.





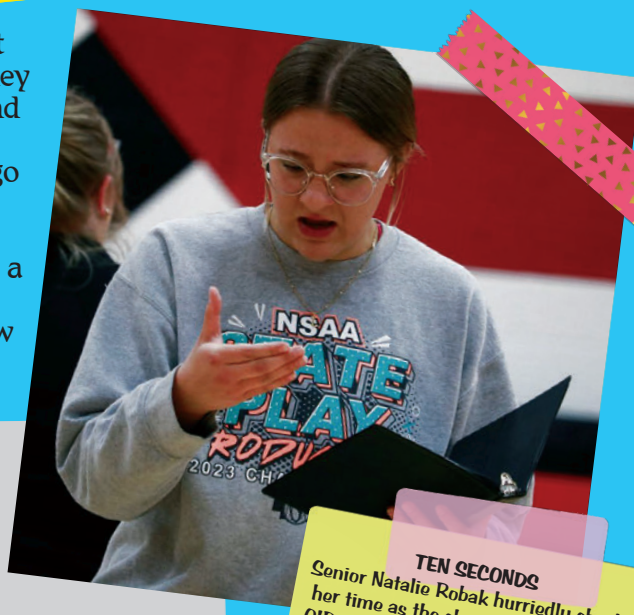
A Blaze of Glory

The 2024 One Act smiles for the camera after their public performance at the start of their season. Senior Hannah Scribner reflects on the season, saying, "We did very well as a team, and I am proud to have been a part of it one last time!" Hannah was the main character in the previous year, and even though she was not the lead this time, she still managed to show her talents, winning acting awards at every competition.

LEAVE NO DOUBT!!!

The 2025 State Championship Speech team found out that winning is truly a team effort, and everyone plays an important part. While the Scouts took an impressive 13 events to state, they were disappointed when several events failed to break finals and tie-breakers didn't go their way. Yet this team, even without scoring a championship in any single event, had one close-call go their way when they left Kearney with another State Championship Trophy (or---at least one on the way; as Co-Champions with Kearney Catholic, one team had to wait for a real trophy to be made).

"I am proud of how I did throughout high school, and I know younger me would be amazed with how far we got," senior Hannah Scribner proclaimed.



State Qualifiers

Hannah Scribner: Serious Prose & Program of Oral Interp., 2nd
Hayden Valentine: Persuasive & Entertainment, 5th
Shelbea Reed: Informative, 2nd, & Extemporaneous
Neil Olson: Humorous Prose, 4th
Benny Aroni: Poetry
Kaylee Dresch: Persuasive, 5th
Madeleine Summers: Informative
Sherlock OID (Neil Olson, Natalie Robak, Brittin Valentine, Paul Tebbe, and Kaylee Dresch), 4th
Moon OID (Hayden Valentine, Neil Zrust, Trevin Jahde, Madeleine Summers and Ellie Bales
Hannah & Neil Duet: 4th

TEN SECONDS

Senior Natalie Robak hurriedly checks her time as the chemical bomb in her OID, Sherlock Holmes, counts down to detonation! "we bring the boom!" Natalie describes the OID. The Sherlock OID consisting of Natalie, Neil Olson, Brittin Valentine, Paul Tebbe, and Kaylee Dresch placed fourth at state finals losing a tie breaker for third.

SAY WHAT?

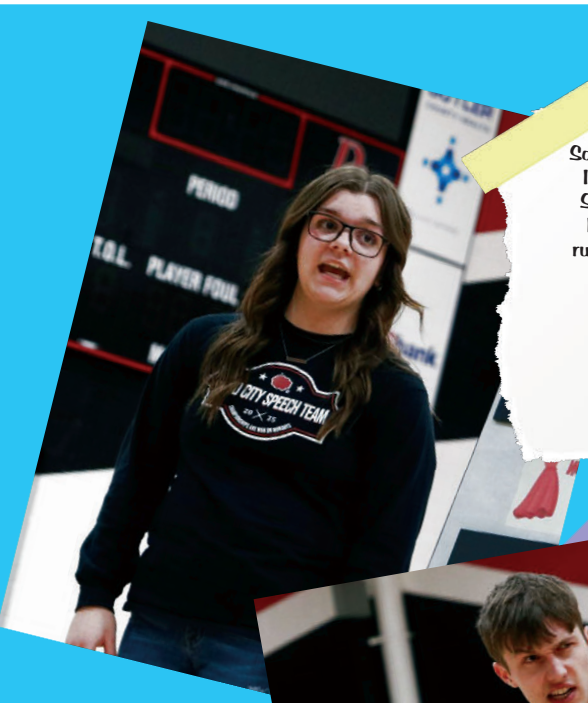
Exchange Student and senior Benedetta Aroni gives her Poetry on speaking Italian with her grandma at the State Speech Send off. "I'll be forever grateful that I had the opportunity to join the speech team as one of my activities and it has definitely been the best part of my entire exchange year," Benny says. Benny qualified for state in Poetry but lost a tie breaker to get into fina



I'M FLYING

The moon OID looks to the skies as they perform their speech for the State Speech send off. "We have had a great dynamic bond between the team which helped us grow and develop our skills," says freshman Trevin Jahde (right). The moon OID consisting of Trevin, Hayden Valentine, Neil Zrust, Ellie Bales and Madeleine Summers, qualified for state.





LOUD AND PROUD
Sophomore Shelbea Reed gives her Informative speech at the 2025 State Speech send off. Shelbea's Informative would go on to win runner up at the state competition. Shelbea also took her Extemporaneous to State.



AN AVE THERE FOR ME
Seniors Hannah Scribner and Neil Olson give the end of their duet Philomena. "The best part of our duet was when we could make people cry," Neil reminisces. Their duet placed fourth in state finals. Hannah also took her POI and her Serious to state and was the POI state runner up.



HAMSTER MURDER?
Senior Neil Olson performs his Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose for the State Speech send off. "This was my best speech I've ever done," Neil exclaims. Neil placed fourth in Humorous, Duet, and OID at state. Going into finals Neil was ranked number one for humorous but lost a three way tie for second getting him fourth. Neil was also one of the top three individual sweepstakes point scorers at state.

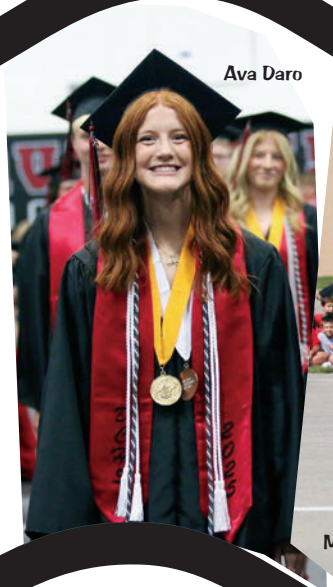


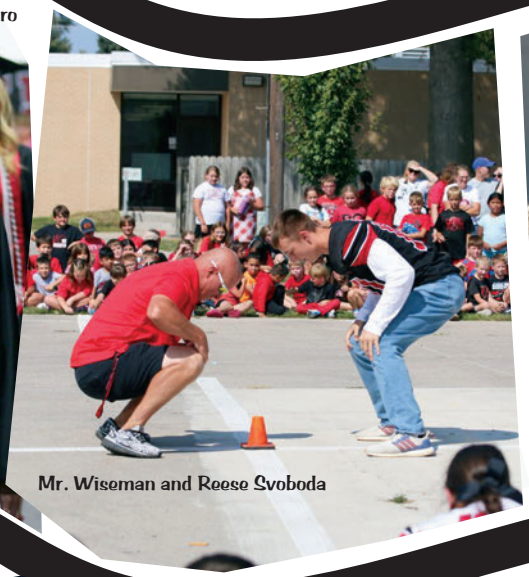
The Scouts are SNC Champions 17 years in a row!!

Row 1: Natalie Robak, Benny Aroni, Hannah Scribner, and Neil Olson
Row 2: Hayden Valentine, Abigail Lindsley, Ellie Bales, Maddie Summers, Shelbea Reed, Danica Fiala, Kaylee Dresch, Trevin Jahde, Brittin Valentine, Neil Zrust, and Paul Tebbe

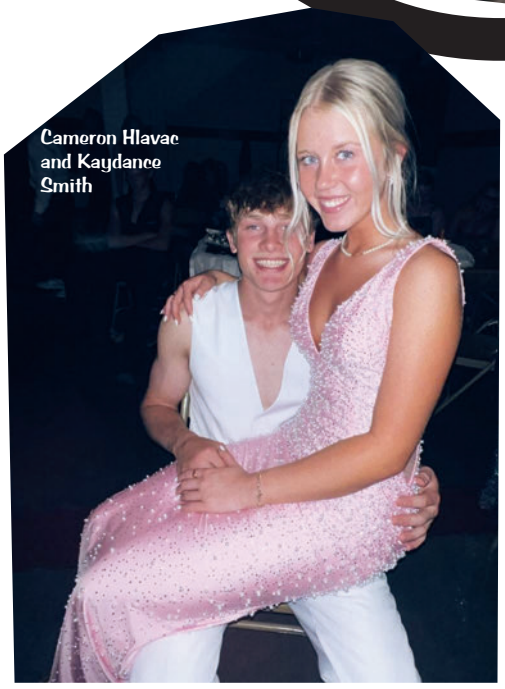
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Neil Olson and Hailey Glodowski


Ava Daro

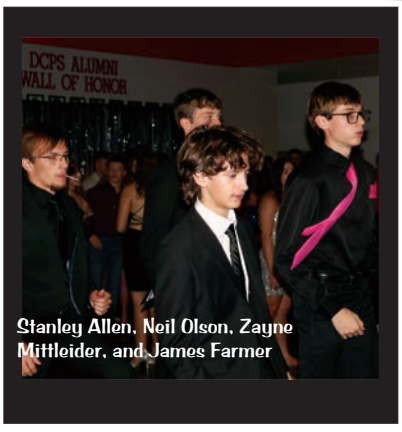

Mr. Wiseman and Reese Svoboda



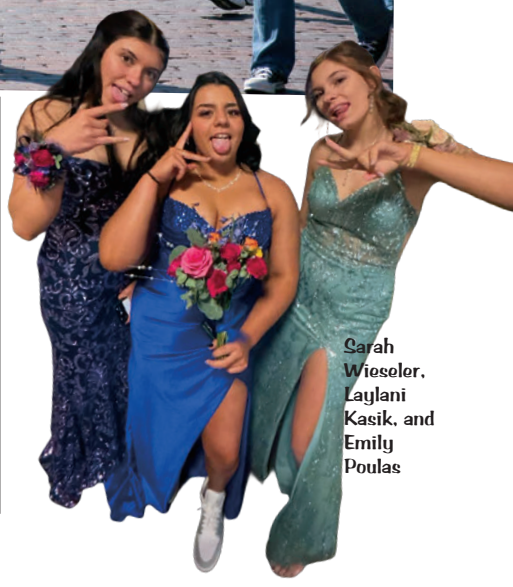

Cameron Hlavac and Kaydance Smith



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Andrew Fuller and Mr. Wall

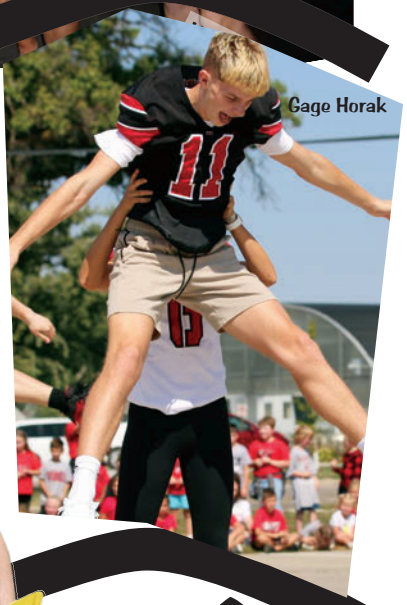




Horizyn Horak and Cameron Hlavac



Neil Olson



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SPECIAL EVENTS



Mr. Couch and Sam Smith





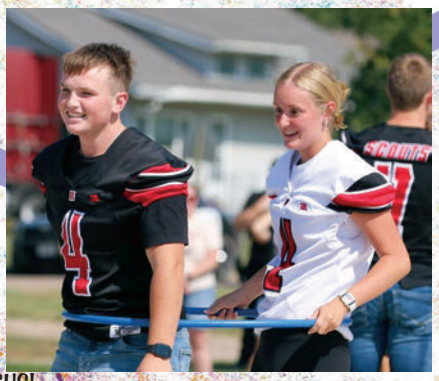
DCHS students go all out for Homecoming Week!



GOTCHA! Senior Reese Svoboda sprays the crowd with silly string during his Homecoming Introduction.



STRIKE A POSE!
Cameron Hlavac and Addison Kuhlman perform during the Guy-Girl dance, where members of the football team perform a routine with the DCHS Dance team.



FOCUS!
Homecoming candidates Andrew Fuller and Hannah Gangwish (above) attempt to win one of several games during the pep rally. Hailey Glodowski and Addison Kuhlman (below) display their work after another game.



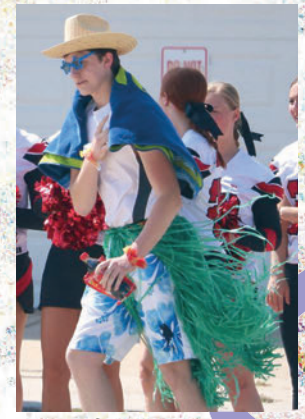


MUSCLE THROUGH!
Candidate Meagan Jahde takes her turn during a pep rally relay that had some very odd challenges.

DOCUMENT THE WEEK



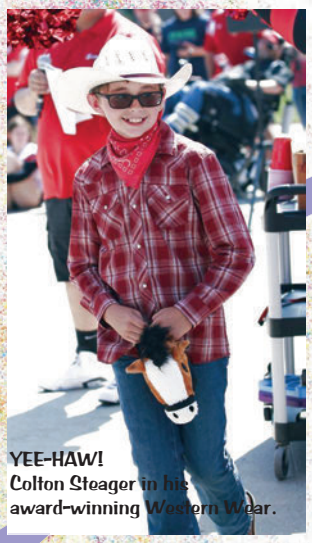
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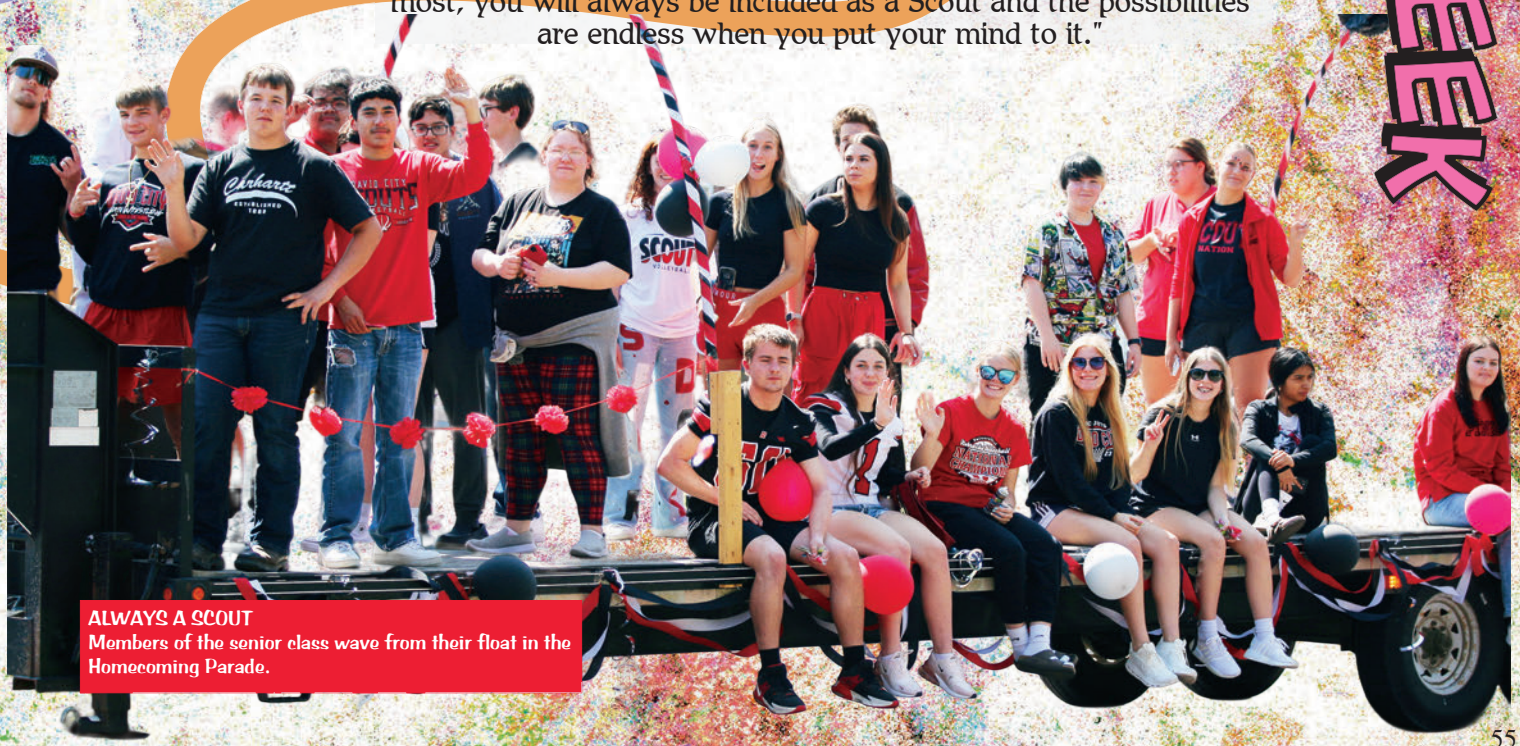


YEE-HAW!
Colton Steager in his award-winning Western Wear.

This year's homecoming seemed to be everyone's favorite part of the year considering how much each student went out of their way to bring on the most tacky spirit week outfits. To start the week off, our first theme was Tacky Tourist Monday, Hawaiian Day on Tuesday, Celebrity Day on Wednesday, and Western Day on Thursday.

"My favorite part of dressing up this year was getting to carry around my giant floaty and getting looks from everyone, and lots of laughs," said Stanley Allen, who won best dressed for Hawaiian Day. Having to carry around all the scuba dive gear and that floaty of his definitely brought lots of smiles to students' and teachers' faces.

As seniors are preparing to leave and filing away all the good memories of their last year, everyone gets to reflect on all the fun activities and special events that have taken place this year. As always, Friday was Scout Day, and senior Ava Daro explained what the best part is of being a Scout: "There's many opportunities to be involved no matter what your interests are." No matter where you want to go in life or what interests you the most, you will always be included as a Scout and the possibilities are endless when you put your mind to it."



ALWAYS A SCOUT
Members of the senior class wave from their float in the Homecoming Parade.

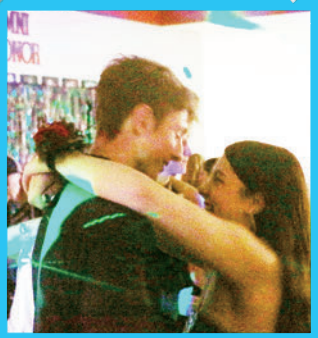


G. L. A. M. O. R. O. U. S.
Senior Ava Daro (left) poses for a picture at the homecoming dance. When asks about how Daro felt with this being the last homecoming dance she would attend, she began with "I was looking forward to this day for a really long time but when the day came, I was kind of sad it would be the last but was excited at the same time because I still have so many things to look forward to in my senior year."



ALL SMILES FOR THE CAMERA!
Junior Lorelai Aldrich and Sophomore Peyton Bessey pose for a picture taken by one of the yearbook staff members at the homecoming dance. Aldrich commented on the uniqueness of the dance this year, as it was held on a Friday instead of Saturday. "It was kind of a stressful experience having to be there first for the band and game having to give my all at that event, then having to come to homecoming and not having very much time to get ready. But in the end I had a really good time with my friend, so that's all that matters," Aldrich explains.

SAVE A DANCE FOR ME!
Junior Cohen Denker and Senior Cally Schmid (right) share a dance at the homecoming dance.





DANCE, DANCE DANCE!
Sophomores Hope Aldrich and Shelbea Reed (right) dancing the night away at the homecoming dance.

REFLECTING ON A GOOD TIME
Sophomores Rylee Thoendel and Ellie Bales take a swing around the floor at the Homecoming Dance.





2024 Homecoming Court:
Kailey Blum, Hailey Glodowski, Meagan Jahde, Hannah Gangwish, Addison Kuhlman, Stanley Allen, Andrew Fuller, Cameron Hlavac, Neil Olson, Reese Svoboda.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

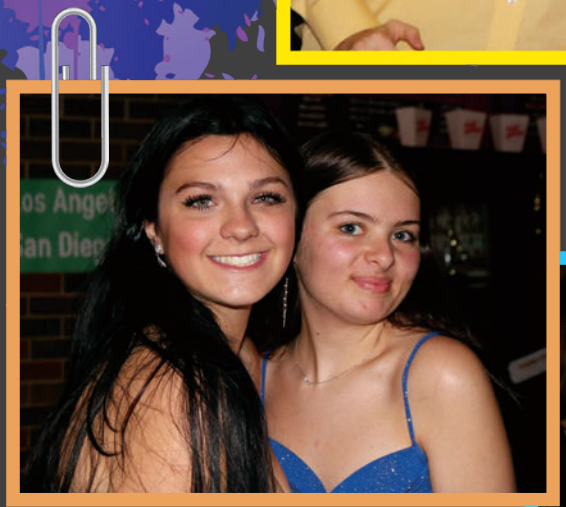
"Homecoming this year was a different yet amazing experience," said junior Kaylee Dresch. This year's homecoming looked a little bit different than the past three years. Instead of holding the dance on Saturday, the dance was after the Scout football game on Friday night. The tone was set by a decisive Scout victory, setting up what was "a fun experience even though I was exhausted from the week before," said senior Catlyn Kratochvil.



ONE NIGHT BUT MILLIONS OF MEMORIES!
Juniors Cheyenne Fiala (green), Jenacy Schultz (blue), and Kolby Price (black) at the homecoming dance [alongside Cheyenne's date and an invisible someone putting bunny ears on Kolby. Whose hand is that, anyway?].

KEEP THE MOMORIES, BUT THROW DOWN THOSE MOVES!
Senior Rodger Yates throwing down the moves at homecoming. "Many people have fun and dance at homecoming but no one like Rodger. He is always having a good time when the music is on. He is ALWAYS the life of the party," said fellow classmate Catlyn Kratochvil when asked about her favorite memory from her homecomings at DCHS.





POSE!
Junior Sophia Slonecker and senior Kaitlynn Sams at the homecoming dance. When asked about her last homecoming experience Sams said "It was a really good last experience. I am really happy how it turned out!"

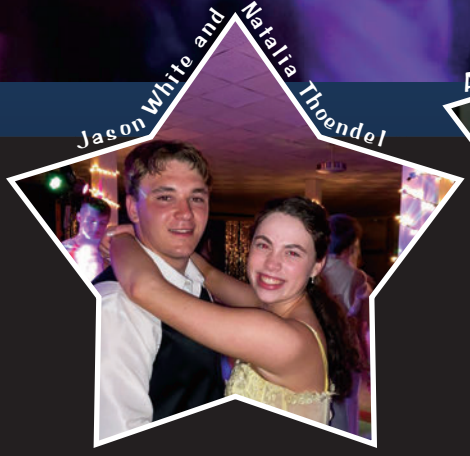
SMILE!
Sophomores Shelbea Reed and Abby Lindsley pose for a picture in the middle of the dance to show how much fun they are having!



ONE LAST MOMENT!
Seniors Kailey Blum and Reese Svoboda posing for a picture together shortly after winning Homecoming King and Queen after the Homecoming game win.







Jason White and Natalia Thoendel



Addison Rands, Kambri Andel and Kamryn Behrns



Kailey Blum and Hannah Gangwish





Hayden Schmit and Jeancarlo Rodas

PROM 2025

"Starry Night"



2025 Prom Court
Back Row: Neil Olson, Cameron Hlavac, Andrew Fuller, Stanley Allen
Front Row: Hannah Gangwish, Meagan Jhade, Addison Kuhlman, Hannah Scribner



Trevin Jadhe

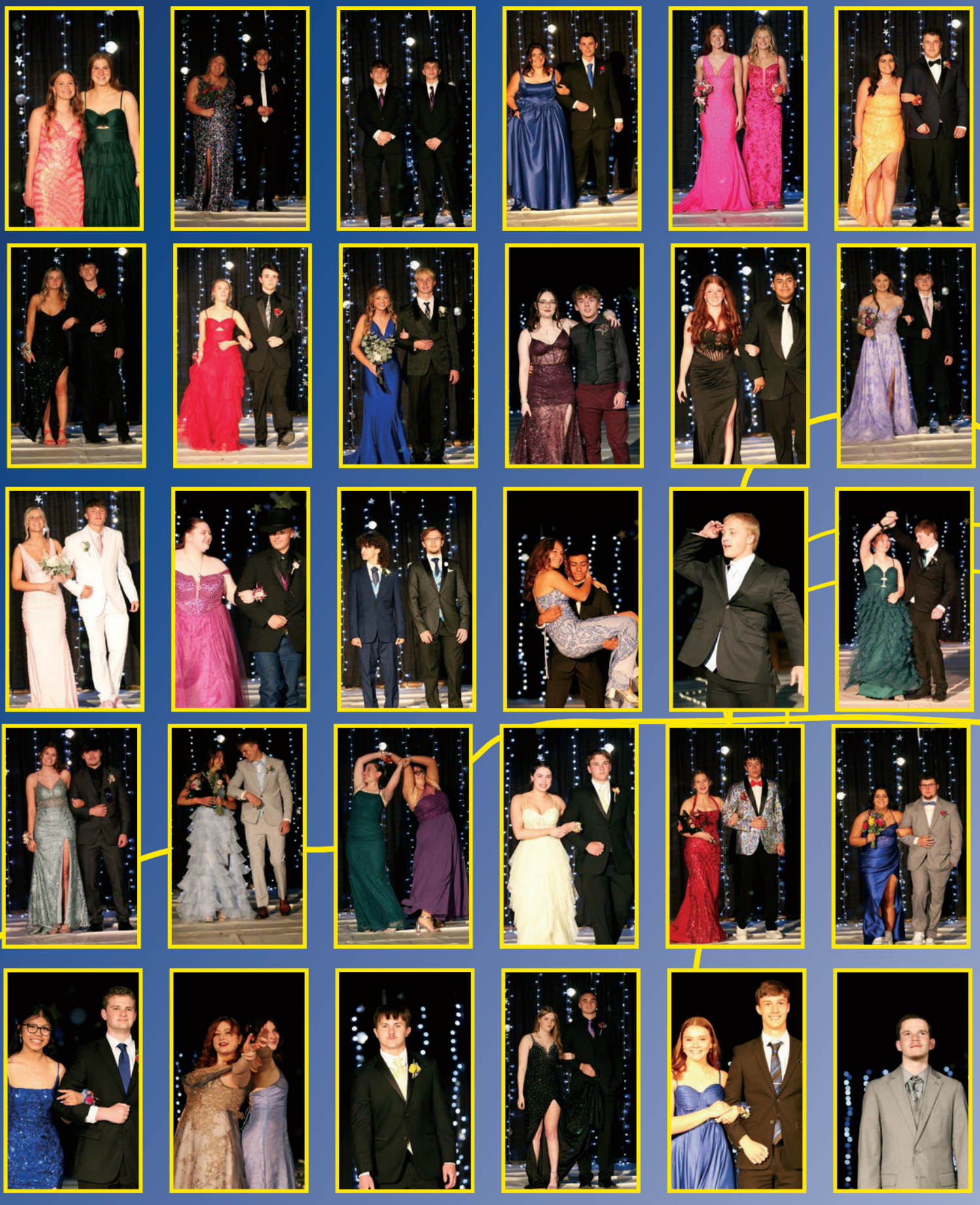


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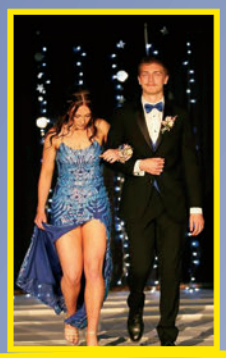
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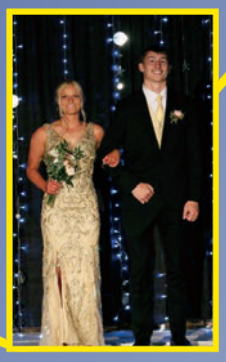
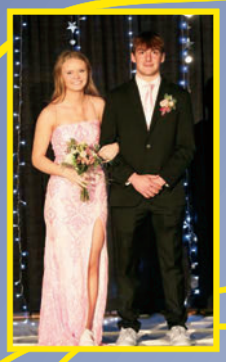
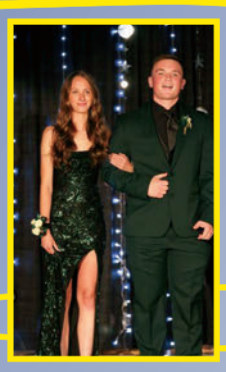
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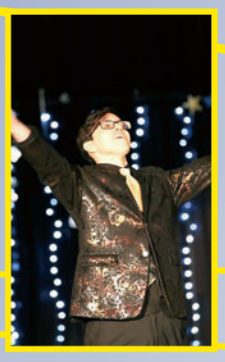


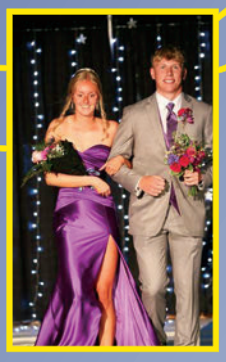


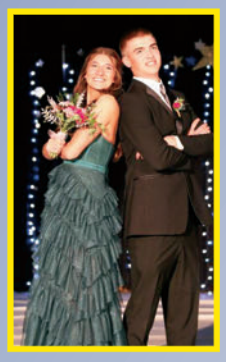















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Prom Dates

Top Row: Kambri Andel & Kamryn Behrns, Kaylee Dresch & Trevin Jahde, Hayden Schmit & Case Schindler, Chloe Foss & Alex Thoendel, Ava Daro & Trinity Boss, Esmeralda Ortega & Max Jasper, Sarah Wieseler & Jessie Divis, Izzy Wagner & Jackson Gregory, Garrett Small & Date, Addison Rands & Carter Nickolite, Horizyn Horak & Diondrae Aerni, Israel Martinez & Date

Row 2: Coleigh Kluck & Date, Lorelai Aldrich & Tristan Schmit, Ethan Buresh-Marick & date, Alexis Kleckner & Alec Wieser, Benny Aroni & Javier Torres, Lexi Harris & Teagan Rerucha, Kailey Blum & Reese Svoboda, Katilyn Ewert & Date, Andrew Fuller & Date, Jaiden Ray & Maddie Moravec, Davi Nevis, Hannah Scribner & Jordan Palik

Row 3: Kaydance Smith & Cameron Hlavac, Montana Thies & Kurtis Harvey , Zayne Mittleider & Stanley Allen, Lilly Rogers & Jeancarlo Rodas, Daren Vodicka, Colby Price & Jenacy Schultz, Hannah Gangwish & Date, Mason Prothman & Date, Hailey Glodowski & Isaac Zimmerman

Row 4: Emily Poulas & Terry Wallingford, Meagan Jahde & Clayton Zavodny, Catlyn Kratochvil & Rylee Thoendel, Natalia Thoendel & Jason White, Addison Kuhlman & Brayden Osantowski, Laylani Kasik & Mason Lowe, Brooklyn Palensky, Xavier Boss & John Rivera, Jace Rerucha

Row 5: Emily Silva & Paul Tebbe, Jade Pokrinchak & Marissa Jack, Sam Smith, Aubrey Johnson & Brittin Valentine, Neil Olson, & Date, Roger Yates, Cally Schmidt & Cohen Denker, Ellie Bales & Hayleigh Hladky

DIG INTO THE PAST OF OUR 2025 CLASS

Class Flower: Gerber Daisy
Class Colors: Red and Black
Class Song: "Good Riddance" by Green Day
Class Motto: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." --Dr. Seuss



Evin Allen, Hannah Scribner, Hannah Gangwish, Catlyn Kratochvil, Meagan Jahde and Addison Kuhlman

The class of 2025 graduated on Saturday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. Speakers included Hailey Glodowski, Meagan Jahde, Addison Kuhlman, Hannah Gangwish, Catlyn Kratochvil, Stanley Allen, Hannah Scribner, Neil Olson, and Reese Svoboda. Special music included "Come in from the Firefly Darkness," performed by the high school choir with solos by each senior choir member. In this photo, students react as they view a special video tribute for the Class of 2025.

2025

Cally Schmid and Kaitlynn Sams



Lexi Harris



Evin Allen and Hannah Scribner



Catlyn Kratochvil



Ethan Birresh-Marick, Keaton Busch, Ava Daro and Katilyn Ewert



Hayleigh Hladky and Stephanie Summers



Reese Svoboda



Trinity Boss

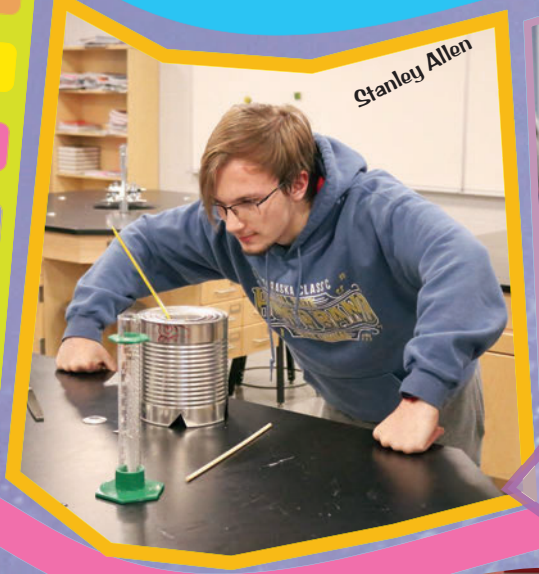


Meagan Jahde, Addi Kuhlman, Reese Svoboda, Neil Olson, Hailey Glodowski and Stanley Allen



Brooklyn Palensky and Stephanie Summers

RECAP THE SNAP OF HIGH SCHOOL BLISS



Stanley Allen



Caeden Kelley



Justin Watts-Dinkelman



Addi Kuhlman, Hailey Glodowski and Meagan Jahde



Bennedetta Aroni and Haley Farmer





Sam Small



John Rivera, Mr. Nerud , and Israel Martinez

Briton Valentine



Brittin Valentine



Melony Lopez-Ruiz, Jaiden Ray, John Rivera, and Garrett Small



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Hannah Scribner



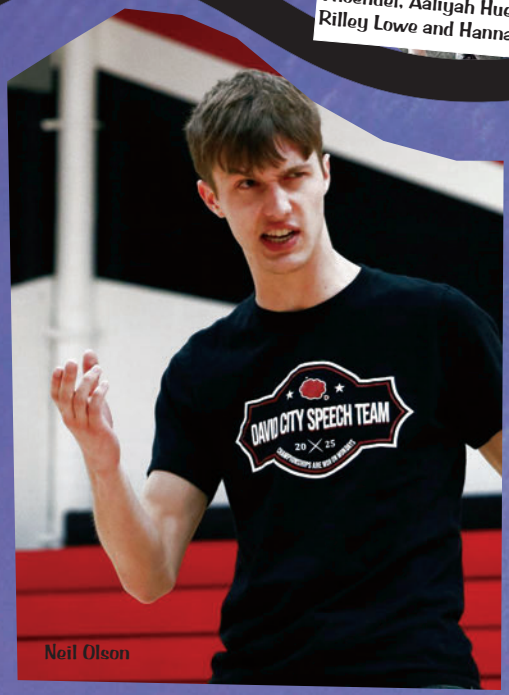
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Abby Lindsley


Benny Aroni, Jaelyn Dvorak, Rylee Thoendel, Aaliyah Huerta-Cruz, Rilley Lowe and Hannah Gangwish

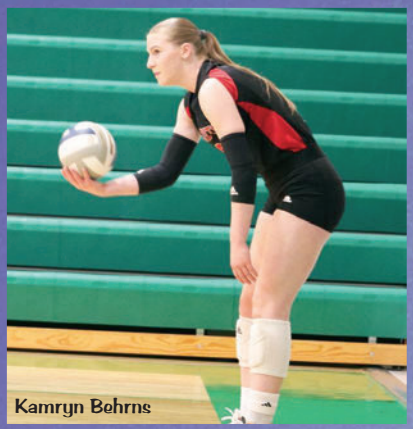

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Neil Olson




Kamryn Behrns



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Hailey Glodowski, Addison Kuhlman and Meagan Jahde



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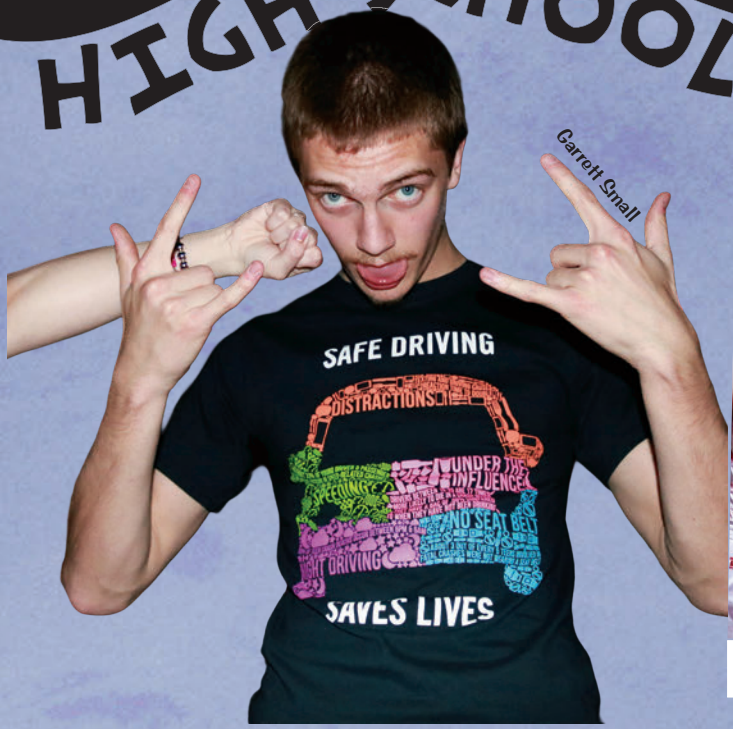


Andrew Fuller



Hannah Gangwish

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Garrett Small

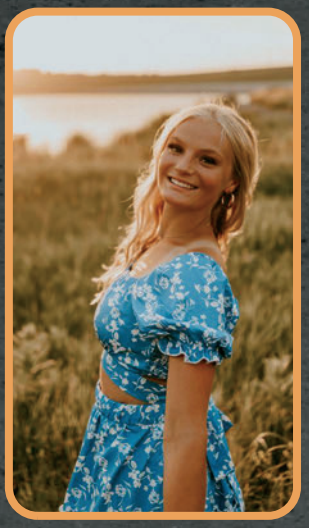


Addison Rands, Meagan Jahde, Kamryn Behrns, Addison Kuhlman, Sadie Nicolas, Sam Schlautman and Kambri Andel

SENIOR

Evin Allen
Stanley Allen
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Kailey Blum



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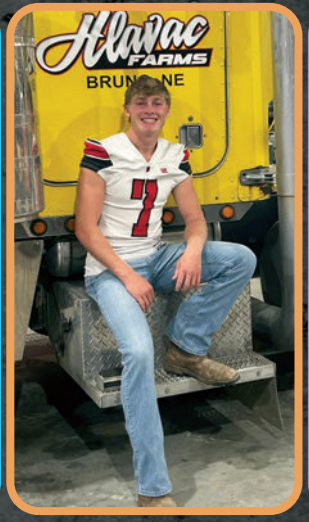




Andrew Fuller
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Hailey Glodowski
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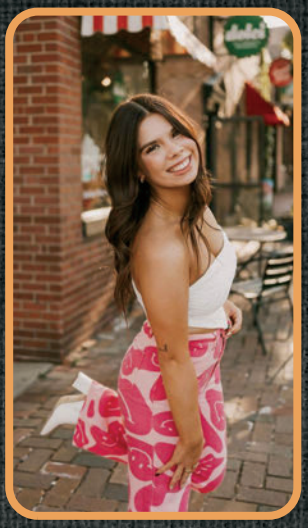
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UNTIL IT BECOMES A Memory.

-Dr. Seuss







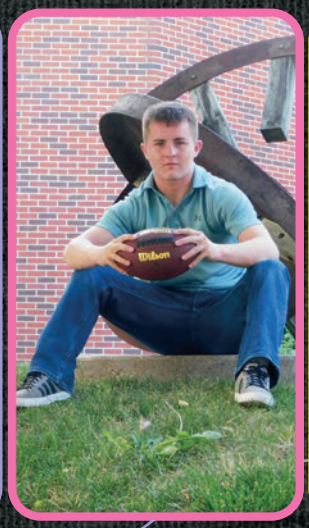


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Treasurer









Emily Silva
Kaydance Smith
Sam Smith
Reese Svoboda







Sophie Valish
Ashlyn Walker
Rodger Yates

JUNIOR YEAR:

Lorelai Aldrich
Kambri Andel
Kamryn Behrns
Xavier Boss
Cohen Denker
Jesse Divis



Kaylee Dresch
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Jackson Gregory
Kurtis Harvey
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Kenadi Hotovy

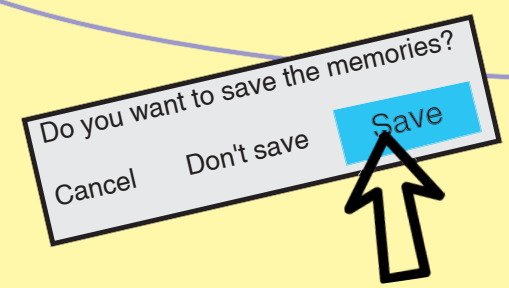


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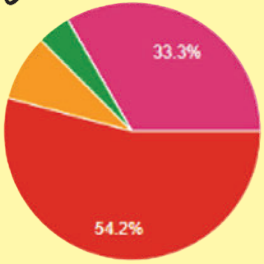


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Esmeralda Ortega
Brayden Osantowski
Hannah Pokrinchak
Kolby Price
Mason Prothman





Juniors: What is your favorite Scout tradition?



- Pep Rallies
- FFA Barnyard
- Scare Away Hunger by NHS
- Dressing up in the Student Section

What's the most embarrassing thing you've done since 7th grade?

Failed classes that should have been easy for me to pass. Anonymous

Fell down the stairs in front of a bunch of people. Camron Walker

I was walking down the stairs and the person behind me tripped which cause me to also trip all the way down the stairs and the people at the bottom of the stairs started to laugh. Safiya Underwood

Falling up and down the stairs Anonymous

... is wear my coat around the school. Anonymous








Addison Rands
Jeancarlo Rodas
Alexander Rodgers
Hayden Schmit
Jenacy Schultz
Sophia Slonecker







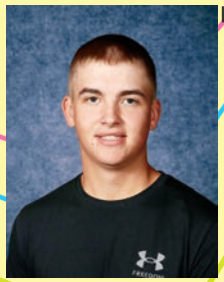

Garrett Small
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Taylor Smith
Natalia Thoendel
Safiya Underwood
Brittin Valentine








Daren Vodicka
Isabella Wagner
Camron Walker
Terry Wallingford
Jason White
Sarah Wieseler



Isaac Zimmerman

Now that you're an upperclassman, what advice would you give your younger self?

Don't do bad things. Coleigh Kluck

Avoid videoing everything. Anonymous

Don't let others get into the way of chasing YOUR dreams. Jenacy Schultz

Don't procrastinate. Get your work done on time. It will make your life so much easier. Kurtis Harvey

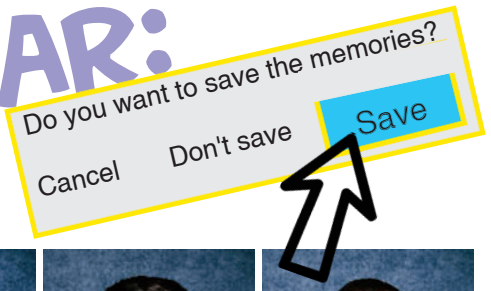
I would tell myself to not worry about what people think and how they act towards you because you will eventually find your group of people just have to wait for your time. **Just breathe.** Kaylee Dresch

Focus on work. Camron Walker

To not care about what people think of you because they don't truly know who you are. Safiya Underwood

Getting homework done on time. Taylor Smith

SOPHOMORE YEAR:



Diondrae Aerni
Hope Aldrich
Elyssa Bales
Peyton Bessey
Harrison Blades
Levi Burke



Gerson Carreto Guevara
Julian Castillo
Samantha Chmelka
Carissa Demaray
Jessica Dilsaver
Jaelyn Dvorak



Portia Egwuatu
Haley Farmer
Ian Forney
Brooke Golden
Jackson Harris
Kaleb Hartford



Emma Hlavac
Luke Hovorka
Lana Johns



Alayna Johnson
Myles Kobza
Mckenna Kovar



Jacob Lange
Abigail Lindsley
Deborah Llasaca
Van Horn



I THINK IT HELPS A LOT WITH OTHER STUDENTS THAT USED TO STRUGGLE IN CLASSES.

I don't like it. We should at least have them in access.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NO PHONE POLICY?

It's dumb.

I'M OKAY WITH IT.

I don't really mind it at all. I wouldn't normally go on it anyways unless we had free time, but now I just read a book, do homework, or talk to friends.

It definitely helps my learning ability.

I hate it a lot.








Julien Marick
Aiden Marino
Alyssa McCulloch
Nolan Mills
Zayne Mittleider
Yatziri Morales Gomez








Micah Nicolas
Caelan Olson
Cayden Proctor
Shelbea Reed
Teagan Rerucha
Eric Ricardez








Ian Riggs
Jeymi Rodriguez Meza
Reese Slonecker
Tayja Slonecker
Logan Smith-Martinez
Dalton Stanek








Brenna Steager
Rylan Svoboda
Paul Tebbe
Montana Thies
Rylee Thoendel
Colton Tichota








Halley Tilley
Hayden Valentine
Jhony Vicente Gomez
Paxton Wallingford
Justin Watts-Dinkelman
Violet Webb




Brylee Wiedel
James Yates

IF YOU WERE TO LEAVE A NOTE FOR YOUR FUTURE SELF WHAT WOULD IT SAY?

Don't stress over the little things. **Portia Egwuatu**

Be the person people use as an example. **Caelan Olson**

Keep trying hard to accomplish your goals because if you do that, you can do whatever you put your mind to. **Hope Adlrich**

Do it. **Nolan Mills**

Don't do stupid stuff. **Colton Tichota**

I would say don't let bad get to you just keep on going. **Jhony Vicente Gomez**

No matter how many people try to bring you down you should always know who you are as a person and your own worth. **Mekenna Kovar**

Don't let other people's words and thought get to you, instead just be yourself. **Brylee Wiedel**

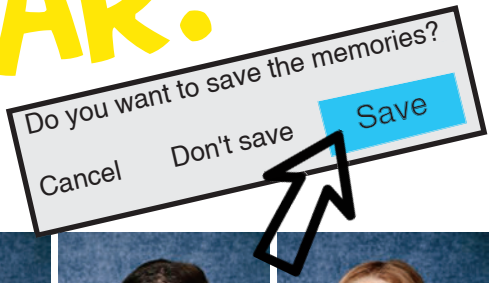
Don't do drugs or be broke. **Levi Burke**

Stay positive and follow your dreams. **Tajia Slonecker**

Are you still short? **Aiden Marino**

My favorite subject in

FRESHMAN YEAR:





Fabian Augilar
Kendra Baete
Kennedy Blades
Ayla Brokaw
Jude Bruner-Aguallo
Haven Cada



Bella Divis
Ashlynn Dunker
Paul Ewert
Danica Fiala
Brooklynn Flowers
Regina Garcia Navarro



Bella Heins
Cameron Hjort
Emilia Hoeppner
Aaliyah Huerta
Trevin Jahde
Aurberto Juarez-Gramajo



Kaden Kobza
Grace Krafka
Trevor Kubik-Vonrentzell
Chase Kuhlman
Henry Langan
Rilley Lowe



Garrett Lueders
Mariah Lukert
Brooklynn Martinez
Alexander Nickolite
Carter Nickolite
Judd Nickolite

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Baker
Kayla Wieseler

Guitarist
Kaden Kobza

TALLER
Klayton Rerucha

COMPUTER ENGINEER
Trevin Jahde

Physical Therapist
Jose Venegas

Mechanical Engineer
Alex Nickolite

Lawyer
Mariah Lukert

Teacher
Harley Bongers

A lawyer
Lilly Rogers

BAKER
Madeleine Summers

Nurse
Brooklynn Martinez

VETERINARIAN
Rilley Lowe

Cosmetologist
Naomi Phelps



Sadie Nicolas
Brayleigh Osantowski
Savanah Palensky
Naomi Phelps
Hunter Pruss
Brodie Pursel-Deavor



Leander Ramos Carias
Klayton Rerucha
Phoenix Roberts
Lilly Rogers
Derick Sample
Case Schindler



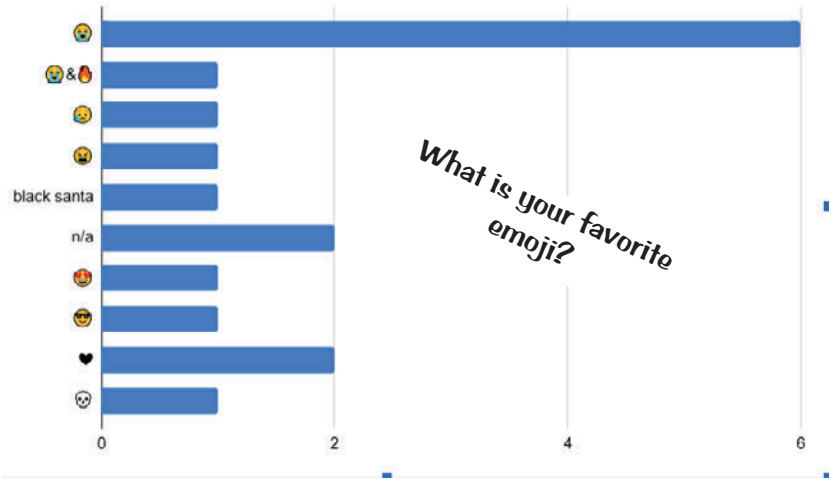
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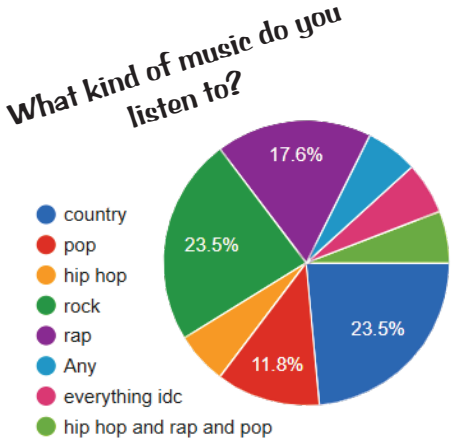


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Lance Van Deusen
Jose Venegas



Hunter Weverka
Kayla Wieseler
Alec Wieser
Emma Zimmerman
Neil Zrust





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Todd Carmichael, Amy Backstrom, Tiffany Heins, and Morgan Dredge



Aimee Scriber



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Lisa Bales
Tracy Behrns
Joseph Brumm
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Rebecca Chmelka
Cortney Couch
Kathleen Deavers
Chad Denker
Adam Ebbeka
Robert Fish



Matt Fleming
Gregory Hansen
Lynn Hanson
Forrest Hendrickson
Leslie Knoll
Kenneth Kovar



Patrick Kozisek
Chad Lindsley
Cole Martinez
Aliesha Meusch
Teri Mohrmann
Angela Moore



What's your favorite thing about DCHS?

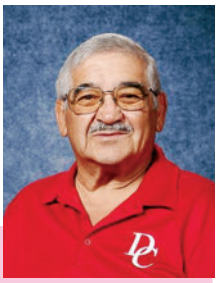
- the people that inhabit it
- Staff - everyone is great to work with
- Easy going but effective admin.
- We have really great kids at DCHS and they are fun to work with.
- we stick together & support everyone
- It is a great place to start my career, I'm lucky to be welcomed into such a great place!
- Good and welcoming students. Lots of potential.

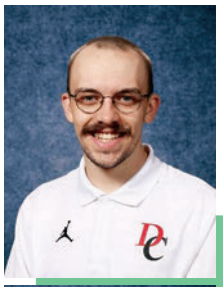
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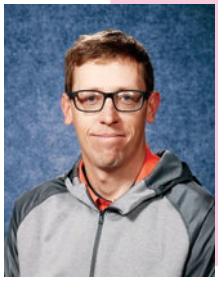
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Jarod Ockander




Jami Olson
Bob Orta
Brittni Palensky
Myndi Petersen
Jonah Reed
Austin Schafer








Sam Schlautman
Aimee Scribner
Brandon Sobota
Morgan Styskal
Laurel Valentine
Tom Vanwinkle




Chad Wiseman
Travis Worm

We asked our staff what other jobs they considered besides teaching.

Can you guess which teacher said what?

1. College professor or something with engineering

2. Wedding / Floral design

3. lawyer.

4. Professional fisherman

5. Working at a bank

6. I might have done something in science or medicine because I love chemistry almost as much as I love stories.

7. livestock vet!

8. author or an editor

9. Secretary, or a personal assistant

10. Retired



Emily Poulas, Reece Svoboda, Sam Smith and sitting Cortney Couch

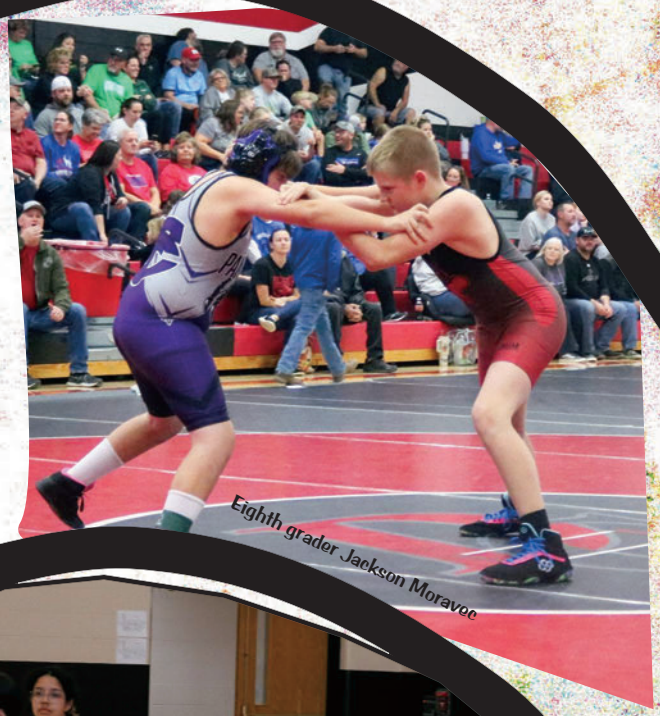
Answers

1. Mr. Reed
2. Mrs. Peterson
3. Mr. Ockander
4. Mr. Wiseman
5. Mr. Schlautman and Mrs. Didier
6. Mrs. Olson
7. Ms. Kissinger
8. Mrs. Mohrman
9. Mrs. Dredge
10. Mr. Fish

INTRO TO


Layla Aldrich


Lane Smith

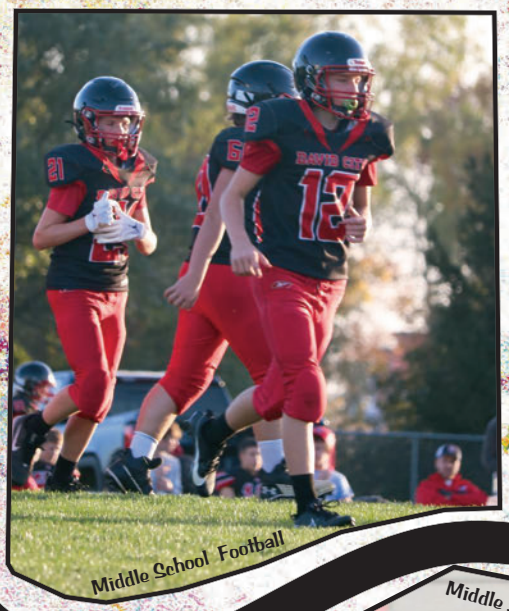

Eighth grader Jackson Moravec


Omar Diaz



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Track.....92


Middle School Girls Wrestling



Middle School Football



Middle School Girls Basketball



Michael Robeiro



Conner Reed



Middle School Choir members



Connor Reed, John Bones, Jacob Hlavac, Emma Samek, and Mahala Hall

Alexis Vandenberg and Cara Giersdorf



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES


Anabelle Clary

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS DIGGIN IT!

The volleyball team put up a good fight this season, ending the year with a 2-8 record. Many of the players worked very hard. With the power of teamwork and leadership they could win their two games. Volleyball is a sport that you need to keep your mind on the next play. Each player on this team needs to pack away the last point and keep moving forward to win as a team.

Dai'Shaleis Aerni, Ainsley Palensky, Willow Chmelka, Avery Johnson, and Adriana Caceres Anguilla.



Seventh graders Lindsay Kitzing and Avery Johnson





HUSTLE: Olivia Palensky anticipates a hit and prepares to receive the ball.



First Row: Jaylah Rodas, Avery Johnson, Brinleigh Osantowski
Second Row: Skylar Behrens, McKenzie Knapp, Lexi Polacek, Lindsay Kitzing
Third Row: Dai'Shaleis Aerni, Harper Hermelbracht, Layla Aldrich, Ainsley Palensky, Olivia Palensky
Fourth Row: Anabelle Clary, Lexi Vandenberg, Adriana Caceres Anguilla, Willow Chmelka
Fifth Row: Coach Caroline Wilson, Emma Samek, Makenna Gangwish, Ava Hlavac, Coach Schmidt



Eighth grader Dai'Shaleis Aerni gets ready to pass the ball.

SECURE THE THROWS



HUDDLE

The Middle school Football team crowd each other discussing their plays at their very first game of the season on September 9th, 2024 against East Butler.

TACKLE. Jaxon Farmer lunges forward against another team at his last football game of the season on October 14th, 2024. Jaxon says that throughout the season, "I have learned from the 8th graders to be more respectful to my teammates, and to the coaches. My first year was good as I have created closer bonds with the team."



Without hard work nothing grows but weeds.
—Gordon B. Hinckley.



Row one: Wyatt Schultz, Kaiden Cuda, Calvin Ruiz, Merritt Bales, Mason Flowers, Addi Huerta, Maddox Kobza
Row two: Colson Nicolas, Gavin Palensky, Alison Rebeiro, Lane Smith, Gabe Burnett, Jackson Moravec, Gavin Thege, Brodie Kastl
Row three: Will Saxton, Elijah Parker, Avi Regalado, Kane Meinke, Colton Steager, Tidus Shearhart, Phillip Schardin, Ethan Behrens
Row four: Abraham Martinez, Brogan Martinez, Omar Diaz, Hunter Claussen, Connor Reed
Kallen Albers, Brandon Mills, Assistant coach Brandon Sobota, head coach Haden Richters, Drew Lanman,Gunner Rackovec, and Jaxon Farmer.



RUSH. Seventh Grader Merritt Bales gets a hold of the ball. He says that, "It feels really good if you force a fumble or get an interception."

The middle school football team has worked hard on improving their plays and getting better all season. Coach Haden Richters said, "It's not always easy to buy into a system when you don't have the reward of winning, but I believe that each player and coach stayed positive through adversity, which is a great life lesson for our players to learn as young people." Coach Richters also explains how his players improved throughout the season: after each practice and after each game the players had a better understanding of how the game should be played physically. It's inspiring how although this season their record was 0-6, they still put in their all, understanding that playing is about more than winning: it's about learning and growing.



Gabe Burnett

Addi Huerta says that their team has improved from the beginning to the end, losing 12-44 on their last game of the season after losing their first game to 6-64. "I do still think we need to work on a lot of things. We should use our off season to practice and also help us improve in other sports we may be in," Addi said. She wanted to change the fact that girls don't really play football, so she has been playing football and practicing hard for four years not letting any losses take her down. Eighth grader Colton Steager is eager to start high school football, and hopes the seventh graders will "Step up, now they won't have us (8th graders). Run the ball hard and the line needs to give the quarterback some more time." Middle school is a time to lay foundations for future growth, and this team achieved that goal this year.

GRAPPLE, LEARN, REPEAT

Commitment

Middle school boys wrestling isn't as easy as it may seem. This year, all of the middle school boys involved in wrestling have worked very hard, and some even continue to do so off season. Head coach Travis Worm explains that, "At face value, wrestling is one of the most difficult things you can participate in. It takes a lot of individual mental toughness, and you can only get better at this by consistently putting yourself in tough situations. My favorite part of all this is helping any wrestler who is willing, to bring it all together. As a result, I get to see this new confidence and passionate internal drive." Jonah Reed and Drew Lanman are both assistant coaches, who work hard assisting the wrestlers during their matches. Jonah Reed, a first year coach here at David City, says, "I had never coached wrestling before but I had wrestled in high school for 4 years so I knew the basics. It was fun to watch each wrestler work to improve and it was even better watching the kids that had never wrestled before get more and more confident and competitive as they learned." Head coach Travis Worm gives advice to the 8th grade wrestlers that will be doing high school wrestling next year, saying, "It will get harder before it gets easier, but you should not let this intimidate you because in the end you will come out a better man." Assistant Coach Drew Lanman explains his favorite part of seeing the improvements of th wrestlers throughout the season, "My favorite part was watching them do something in a match that we had worked on that week. The boys always went out and did their best each match. I was proud of their effort. I believe that many of them can be successful in high school if they keep on improving their wrestling skills."



EXECUTE Seventh grader Jaxon Farmer goes under another wrestler at York on November 11th. Jaxon says, "Wrestling improves yourself in so many ways. It makes you a better person not just in the wrestling room but also in school."



SWOOSH! Phillip Schardin hurries over his opponent during the wrestling meet held at Crete.



TACKLE!! Eight grader Jackson Moravec gets above his opponent on November 21st at the wrestling tournament at Crete, getting ready to attack.



WHAM! Wrestler Hunter Claussen gets a hold of another wrestler on November 11th at York. Hunter explains his favorite part about wrestling someone is, "The adrenaline going through my body at the time."



Cheers!
Row 1: Wyatt Schultz, Calvin Ruiz, Brodie Kastl, Phillip Schardin, Michael Rebeiro, Lane Smith, Gabe Burnett, Maddox Kobza
Row 2: Hunter Claussen, Ethan Behrens, Gage Bruner, Brogan Martinez, Avi Regalado, Colton Steager, Juziah Vallejo
Row 3: Omar Diaz, Drew Lanman, Scott Steager, Adam Schmit, Travis Worm, Jonah Reed
(Not Pictured) Oliver Bruner, Jackson Moravec and Jaxon Farmer

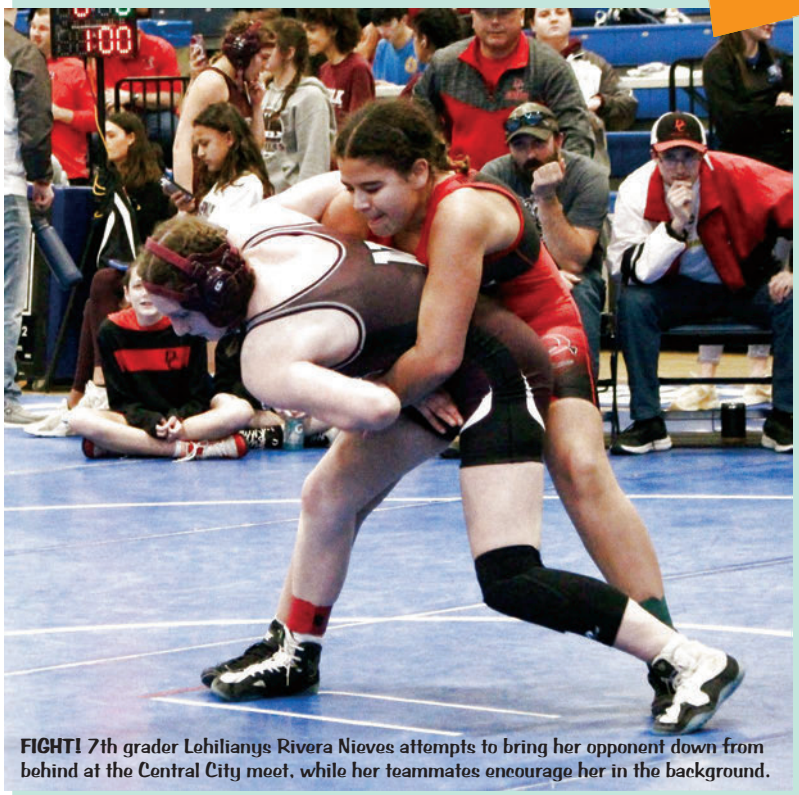
PINNING UP A NEW START

Perseverance, Friendship, and Positivity

History is in the making! This year marks the birth of a new team at our school: middle school girls wrestling! Despite the fact that all of the athletes had little to no prior experience in the sport, they learned very quickly. The team kicked off their season at Central City with only four days of practice under their belts. There they won only one match, with seventh grader Mckenzie Knapp recording the first win of the season. Yet less than two weeks later at the Schuyler lnvite, the girls exceeded expectations and every athlete won a match. Head Coach Dustin Heins spoke on the turnaround point, stating, "lt was a huge moment for the team, as it not only boosted their confidence but also reaffirmed that the hard work and dedication they had put into practice was paying off."



Row 1: Lindsey Kitzing, Ainsley Palensky, Avery Johnson, Brinleigh Osantowski
Row 2: Harper Hermelbracht, Mahala Hall, Alison Rebeiro, Lehilianys Nieves
Row 3: Sierra Meysenburg, Scott Steager, Dustin Heins
Not pictured: Mckenzie Knapp



FIGHT! 7th grader Lehilianys Rivera Nieves attempts to bring her opponent down from behind at the Central City meet, while her teammates encourage her in the background.

The main things that kept the team strong throughout the season were their work ethic and sportsmanship. "l learned that not everything is about winning and just to never let yourself down, stay positive no matter what, and to always support your teammates during their matches," stated seventh grader McKenzie Knapp. Coach Heins emphasized the core value of perseverance to the team, saying, "l repeatedly told the girls that, regardless of the outcome, as long as they didn't give up and kept giving their best effort, they had succeeded. l believe that the true measure of success isn't in winning or losing, but in maintaining a strong work ethic, staying resilient in the face of challenges, and never giving up, no matter the circumstances."



TACKLE! 7th grader Avery Johnson gets above her opponent at the Schuyler Invite. "Something I have learned from wrestling is that it's not about winning or losing, it about what you learn and how you put that on the mat," said Johnson.

With the strengths of an encouraging coaching staff and a fiery team fortifying them, the girls found success and created interest in a new sport for their peers. Some girls joined the team a few meets into the season because they learned of the wins the team had been achieving. The girls closed out the season with confidence and strength that will surely be carried into their matches next year. Coach Heins expressed his excitement for the team's future, stating, "l'm confident that the team will come back even stronger and more prepared for the challenges ahead, and l look forward to watching their growth both on and off the mat."





Avery Johnson, Brinleigh Osantowski, Ainsley Palensky, and Lindsey Kitzing pose for a picture at the Schuyler Invite.

APPLAUSE! 7th grader Alison Rebeiro (left) gets her arm raised after winning a match at the Schuyler Invite. "My favorite moment from this season was getting first place at our last meet. It was one of the best feelings just facing the crowd and getting your hand raised every time you won your match," said Rebeiro.

KEEP THE BOUNCE

Keep it going

The middle school boys who are involved in basketball all put in their best effort this year. Assistant coach Greg Hansen thinks that this season "Started quickly, and we played teams that had several games under their belts already, so it was a tough start. But as we played more games, we improved. Hopefully, several of the players that hadn't played a lot of organized basketball before this year will continue to play in high school." Hansen also gives out advice to the 8th grade basketball players who are going to continue to do basketball in their high school days: "Work on your fundamentals outside of organized basketball practice. Go to summer skills camps and become the best athlete you can be by taking advantage of the summer weights program organized by Coach Worm. Also, instead of playing video games all the time, get a group of kids and go the park and play pick-up games. The more you play, the better you'll get." Playing basketball can be challenging and intense. 7th grader Merritt Bales explains that, "when you have the ball and it's up to you to make the shot. It makes me anxious because I don't want to let my team down." When playing basketball with your teammates, it can be very easy to get angry. Seventh-grader Omar Diaz said, " I would get upset, but I would make that anger fuel and work harder to get the ball back from my lack of a play." Omar Diaz says a quote that helps encourage him while he plays is one that coach Tom Van Winkle has told him: "If you already think you're gonna lose, you are gonna lose. But if you think you're gonna win, you're gonna win." Even if you're a beginner at something, we all start somewhere, and these Middle school boys basketball players show that and prove their improvement throughout the season.



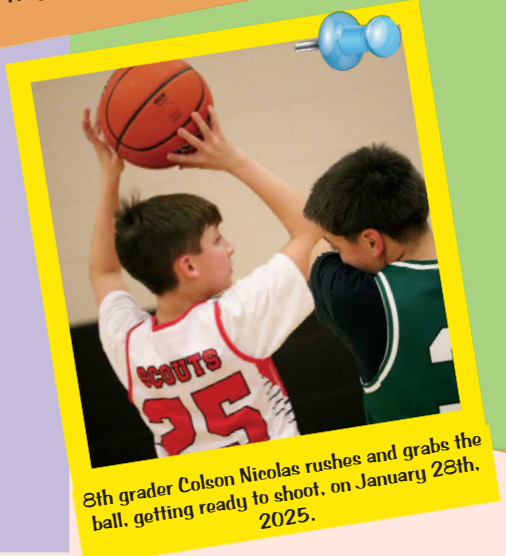
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Row 3: Gunner Ratkovec, Coach Greg Hansen, Coach Tom Van Winkle, Omar Diaz



Kane Meinke dribbles the ball during his basketball game against Schuyler on January 28th, 2025.



Gavin Thege, Gavin Palensky, Calvin Ruiz, and Lane Smith



8th grader Colson Nicolas rushes and grabs the ball, getting ready to shoot, on January 28th, 2025.

SHOOT AND SHINE

The middle school girls shone all together on the court, united as a team, playing basketball and working as a group to reach their goals. With a season record of two wins and five losses for both the A and B teams, Coach Van Winkle is proud of all the girls and ready to work with them again next year or lead them to the high school team. The best thing about this 2024 season is the bond created between every girl. “Making new friends and bonding with my teammates was my favorite part of this year’s team” states 7th grader Dai'Shaleis Aerni with excitement. “The bus rides were the best; we hyped each other up to go on the court and win the game," she adds.

For many girls the best memory of middle school basketball season is the game played on November 25th, 2024, against East Butler. It was the first win for the B team and 7th grader Avery Johnson remembers “We cheered for our teammates and worked as a team, that's for sure what led us to the win." While some girls still have their second year on the middle school team, others are ready to prove themselves on a different court next year and join the high school girls. “I’m excited to play with a new team, make new friends and improve my basketball skills” explains 8th grader Ava Hlavac, talking about future goals. Along with friendships, teamwork, successes and many plans for the future, the season ended but the trace of the middle school girls basketball team will forever stay on the court.



Eighth grader Emma Samek fights for the ball in the home game against the Twin River middle school girls basketball team, on November 21, 2025. It's the first game of the season, but Emma is already fighting to win, helped by the cheering crowd.



Row 1:Adelynn Huerta, Jaylah Rodas, Lehilanys Neives, Alison Rebeiro, Ainsley Palensky, Avery Johnson, Brinleigh Osantowski,
Row 2, Clara Yates, Dai'Shaleis Aerni, Coach Tom Van Winkle, Ass. Coach Sierra Meysenburg, Emma Samek, Ava Hlavac



Adelynn Huerta and Avery Johnson at the home game against Lakeview.



On the last game of the season, the girls of the team debate the strategies of the game with Coach VanWinkle.

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES



John Benes and Michael Rebeiro eye the starting line at the East Butler invitational. Middle school runners can be seen in the cross country team photo on p. 10.



BONDED by Brotherhood
John Benes running at the Schuyler Cross Country Invitational.

Eighth graders John Benes and Michael Rebeiro comprised the small-but-mighty David City middle school cross country team. Starting each race running side-by-side, the two young men supported each other as they were cheered along by their high school team members. Middle school runners train and compete at the same meets as the high school runners, which makes this team unique: while there were only two running the middle school races, they were not alone in their running journey.



Michael Rebeiro said his favorite memory from the season was placing 9th at the Conference tournament. Michael Rebeiro said Cross Country has made him a better person by helping him learn how to work with a team.

SING for the SKY

Every middle schooler is required to take choir. Even though most of them won't continue to do choir in high school, it's a great opportunity for kids to learn not only how to sing but how to understand various aspects of music. For each of their three concerts, they practice a different kind of music. At the winter concert, they demonstrated what they'd been learning so far, which was rhythm and the bass and treble clefs. Students used five-gallon buckets to demonstrate some of their rhythm skills during the concert as well as performed several songs. Seventh-grader Wyatt Schultz said that his favorite moment of the year was during the winter concert: "I could just feel goosebumps because of how good it sounded."

Eighth graders Colston Schmit, Colson Nicolas, Jacob Hlavac, John Benes, Bentley Husmann, Kallen Albers and Jackson Moravec. Kallen Albers said that this year he learned to "hold my breath longer" in music class.



Eighth Graders Colton Steager, Conner Reed and Kallie Albers



Norah Behrens, Clara Yates, Layla Aldrich, Emma Samek and Kallie Albers



Wyatt Schultz, Oliver Bruner-Aguallo and Corbin Anderson. Anderson said his favorite song this year was "River Song."



The Eighth Grade Chorus



The Middle School Quiz Bowl team at one of their online contests in October. Even though they didn't win, they got some good practice for next year! Coach Lisa Bales said her favorite memory from the year was "when one of the teams finished in the top 4 out of 24 teams in Osceola! This team consisted of Jacob, Conner, Emma, Mahala, and John."

DON'T YOU FORGET IT
Seventh graders Alison Rebeiro, Adelynn Huerta, Daisha Aerni, Skyler Behrens, Omar Diaz, and Andrea Eilers competed at the Seward invite.



SHIELD that BUTTON

Quiz Bowl



SAVOR THE MEMORIES
The middle school Quiz Bowl team competes in Seward. Eighth grader Emma Samek says her favorite memory from this year was "when we almost won our last tournament."

The middle school Quiz Bowl team, led by Mrs. Lisa Bales, has had quite the season. Bales says the team is mostly comprised of students who haven't done Quiz Bowl before. "This means that the team has spent most of the year learning the ropes and gaining confidence," says Bales. Although the team has a lot of newbies, they've still had some wins. At the Osceola contest, one of the teams placed fourth out of twenty-four schools. The team was comprised of Jacob Hlavac, Conner Reed, Emma Samek, Mahala Hall, and John Benes. "A big part of middle school is just gaining confidence, learning strategy, and working as a team. The knowledge comes naturally as kids have more opportunity to learn new things," says Bales. Seventh grader Allison Rebeiro says the best part of being in MS Quiz Bowl is "learning new things every day." So even if the team didn't have a perfect season, they'll be ready for next year!

BUZZZZZZ!
Eighth graders John Benes, Conner Reed, Jacob Hlavac, and Omar Diaz at the David City Quiz Bowl Contest. The team scored 410 points and won their first tournament match!



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK
The Middle School Quiz Bowl team. (Front) Andrea Eilers, John Benes, Skylar Behrens, Mahala Hall, Adelynn Huerta (Back) Conner Reed, Jacob Hlavac, Emma Samek, Daisha Aerni, Omar Diaz, Allison Rebeiro



BUZZZZZZZZ!

Middle School Speech

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

While the High School Speech team was busy winning another state championship this year, their middle school counterparts were busy learning the ropes of speech competition---and having fun while doing it.

Alexis Vandenberg said, "I like acting. I think it's fun and I think I will probably do speech in high school. My favorite thing about it is that I can do it with my best friend."

Connor Reed agrees, saying, "I like to memorize and act out roles."

Omar Diaz, who said he went out for speech because his teacher told him to "because I like to talk," said he enjoys how "you can emphasize your play and yourself" when speaking.



Omar Diaz


Dai'Shaleis Aerni


Row 1: Kekenzie Knapp, Lindsey Kitzing, Avery Johnson, and Olivia Palensky
Row 2 Dai'Shaleis Aerni, Andrea Eilers, and Omar Diaz
Row 3: Coach Payton DeMers, Jaylah Rodas, Cara Giersdorf, Alexis Vandenburg and John Benes


John Benes and Conner Reed



Cara Giersdorf and Alexis Vandenburg

MS TRACK

Middle school is a time for trying new things and developing the skills necessary to participate at the high school level. This year's Scouts did exactly that. "Thanks to the hard work of the athletes, we got significantly better by the end of the season. Most of the athletes set personal records throughout the season, so I would say it was very successful!" said head coach Mr. Brandon Sobota.

Seventh grader Mckenzie Knapp tried several events, including the 100m dash, long jump, and triple jump. She said, "I joined track because it sounded like something I would do and be good at."

Seventh-grader Omar Diaz said that his favorite part of track is "the meets because you get to meet people from different schools and have fun with your friends."

Eighth-grader Connor Reed, who ran both the 100m and 200m as well as throwing shot-put and discus, agreed: the "people and experiences" were his favorite part of the season.





Seventh grader Brinleigh Ostankowski



Seventh grader Mckenzie Knapp



Seventh grader Gavin Palensky



Eighth grader Makenna Gangwish



Row 1: Adelynn Huerta, Avery Johnson, Alexis Vandenberg, Mckenzie Knapp, Isabella Kozisek, and Brinleigh Osantowski.
Row 2: Kallie Albers, Ainsley Palensky, Olivia Palensky, Alexis Polacek, and Skylar Behrens
Row 3: Ava Hlavac, Dai'Shaleis Aerni, Makenna Gangwish, and Clara Yates.
Row 4: Shelby Tachovsky, Brandon Sobota, Bob Unger and Caroline Wilson
Not pictured: Alison Rebeiro, McKenzie Knapp, Lindsey Kitzing.

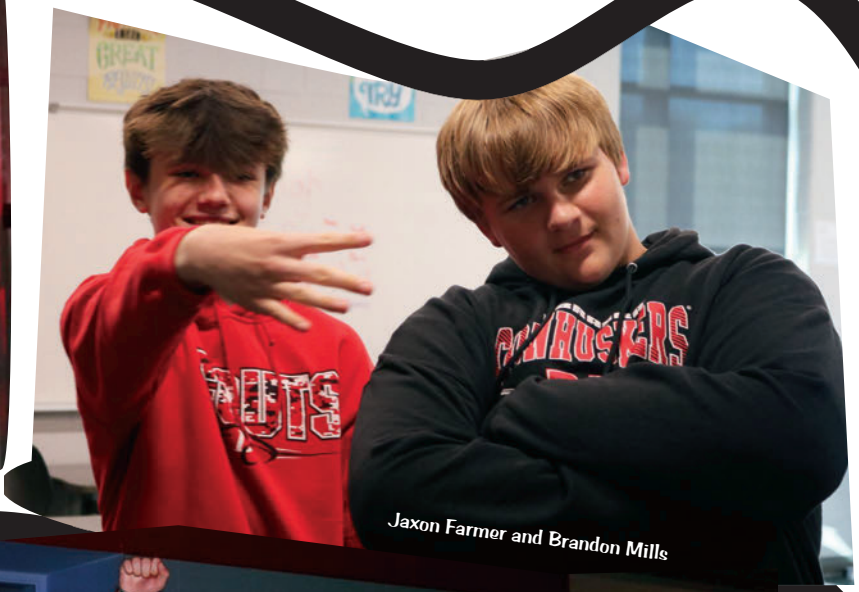


Row 1: Wyatt Schultz, Colson Nicolas, Dominick Palik, Phillip Schardin, Calvin Ruiz, Colston Schmit, and Preston Nickolite
Row 2: Gavin Palensky, William Saxton, Colton Steager, Jackson Moravec, Gabriel Burnett, and Lane Smith
Row 3: Avimael Regalado, Kane Meinke, Hunter Claussen, Oliver Bruner-Aguallo, and Conner Reed.
Row 4: Gunner Ratkovec, Brandon Mills, Gage Bruner, John Benes, Omar Diaz.
Row 5: Shelby Tachovsky, Brandon Sobota, Bob Unger and Caroline Wilson
Not pictured: Michael Rebeiro

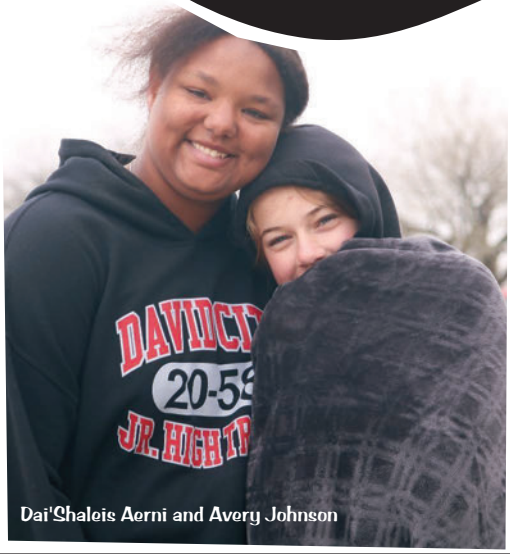
INTRO TO MS PORTRAITS



Mckenzie Knapp, Ava Hlavac, Avery Johnson, and Harper Hermelbracht



Jaxon Farmer and Brandon Mills



Dai'Shaleis Aerni and Avery Johnson





Gunner Ratkovec

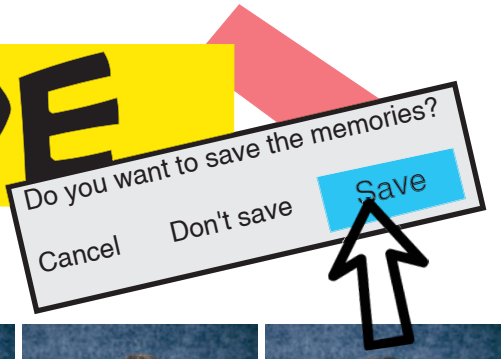


Michael Rebeiro, William Saxton, Phillip Schardin and Dahlia Kobus



Wyatt Schultz

8TH GRADE





Kallen Albers
Kallie Albers
Layla Aldrich
Jenisis Anderson
Norah Behrens



John Benes
Emma Brokaw
Gage Bruner
Adriana Caceres Aguilar
Kimberlyn Carrera



Willow Chmelka
Annabelle Clary
Hunter Claussen
Mason Flowers
Makenna Gangwish



Harper Hermelbracht
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Colton Steager




Alexis Vandenberg
Clara Yates

7TH GRADE

Do you want to save the memories?
Cancel Don't save Save

Life gets more difficult you just have to push through and not care about what others think.

Don't be scared of high school. Just be yourself.

To pay more attention in elementary because it would help a lot in middle school.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

Keep pushing through even when things are getting tough.

YOU GOT THIS

HIgh school is not as scary as you think it is.

Dai'Shaleis Aerni
Corbin Anderson
Merritt Bales
Ethan Behrens
Skylar Behrens
Oliver Bruner-Aguallo



Gabriel Burnett
Johnathan Carnes
Hayden Connors
Kaiden Cuda
Odett Delgado Vega
Omar Diaz



Andrea Eilers
Jaxon Farmer
Mahala Hall
Teigue Hans
Adelynn Huerta
Avery Johnson



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Lehilianys Rivera Nieves
Jaylah Rodas



Alaina Rodgers
Calvin Ruiz
Wyatt Schultz
Lane Smith
Gavin Thege
Juziah Vallejo

Did you put yourself out there?

YOU did an amazing job and I'm so proud of you

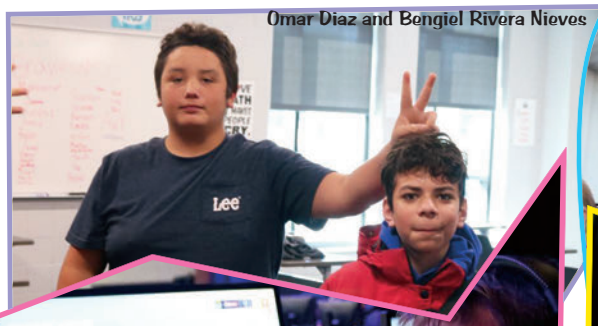
Mistakes always happen but don't worry about it.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL YOUR FUTURE SELF?

BE SMART ABOUT YOUR CHOICES. PEOPLE CAN HURT YOU SO FAST.

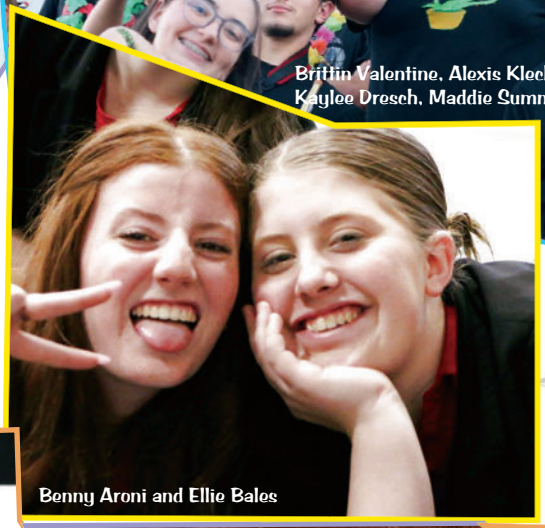
I hope you are proud of all you accomplished.

JUST TO ALWAYS BE YOURSELF AND TRY TO PAY ATTENTION AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.


Omar Diaz and Bengiel Rivera Nieves


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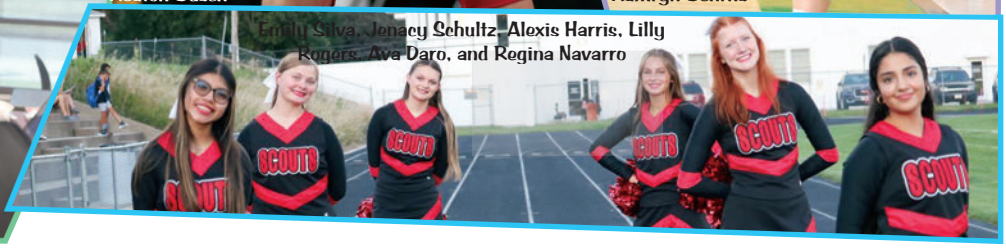



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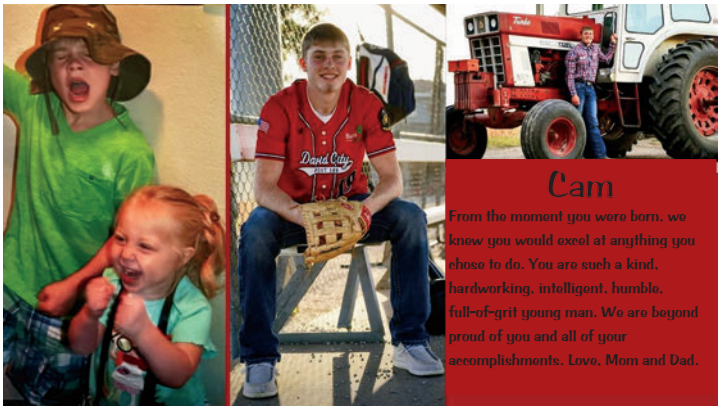




Reese Svoboda

We remember...that first Spiderman fishing rod, floor puzzles put together in a flash, "Turtleman", your creative writing stories, being told to call you Toby, all the sticks - so many sticks, cow bones, digging holes, camping adventures, you jumping off flights of stairs so the cape you were wearing would flutter behind you! All of that turned into jobs, touchdowns, baskets, races, catching pop flies, homework, reports, essays, helping and tutoring others, awards and medals for a job well done. You have grown intc such an amazing brother, son, student, athlete, friend, leader and role model for others. It is an honor and privilege to be your parents and we could not be more proud of you! We cannot wait to see where life takes you! Know that we will ALWAYS be there for you and will love you unconditionally forever! Be humble, kind, brave and strong! Just keep being YOU!
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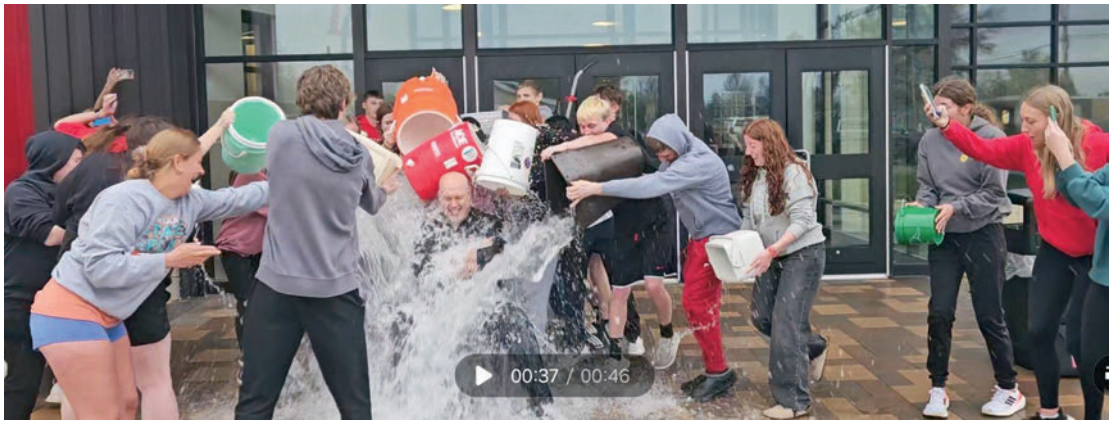
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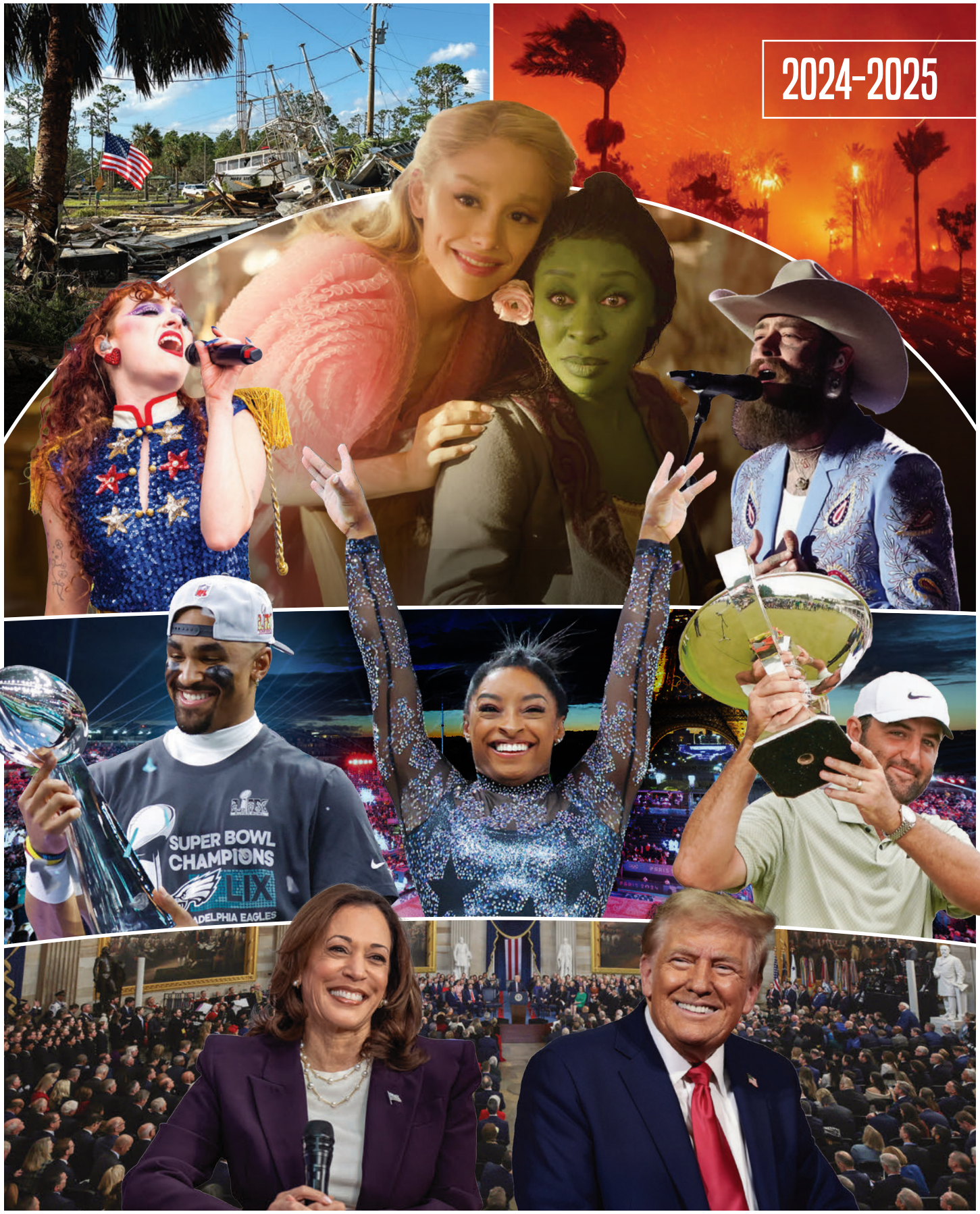
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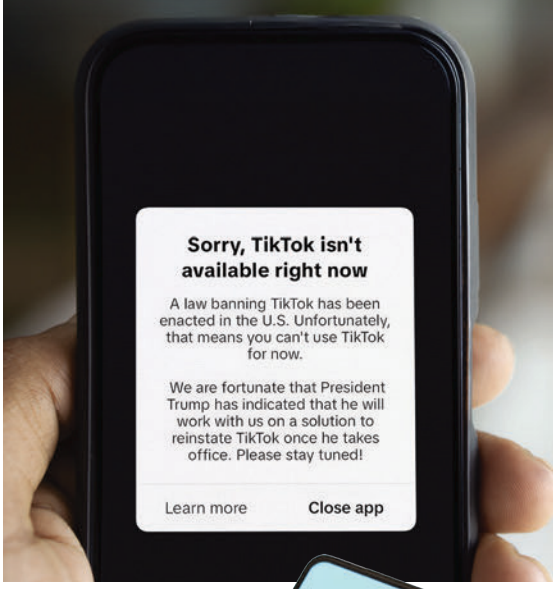


SEEING DOUBLE

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*

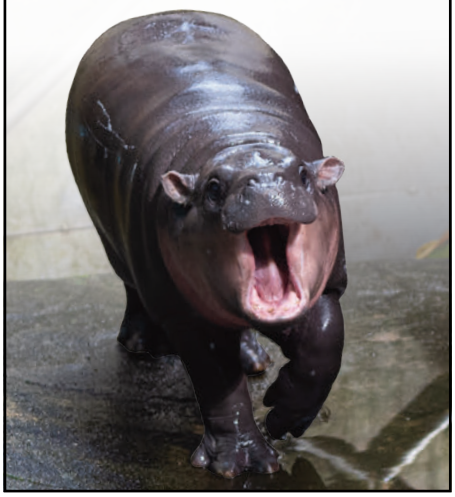
TO BAN OR NOT TO BAN

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*



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*



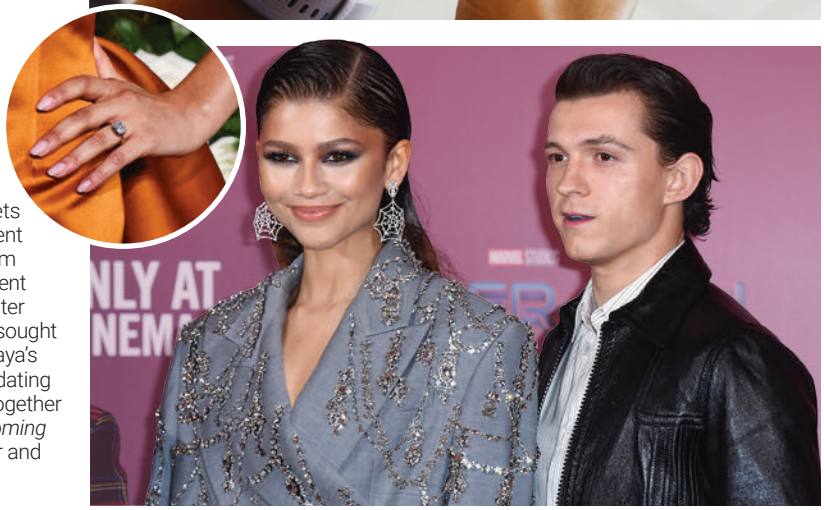
MANDARIN MANIA

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*



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*



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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*



KAMALA HARRIS
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75,019,257 VOTES

270 TO WIN

DONALD TRUMP
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77,303,573 VOTES



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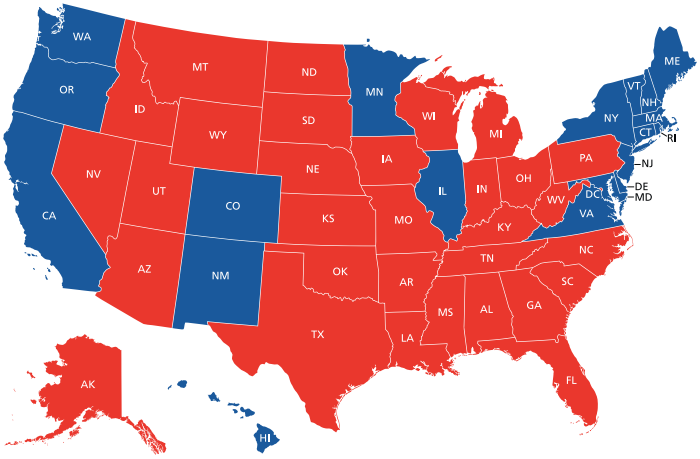
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DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN



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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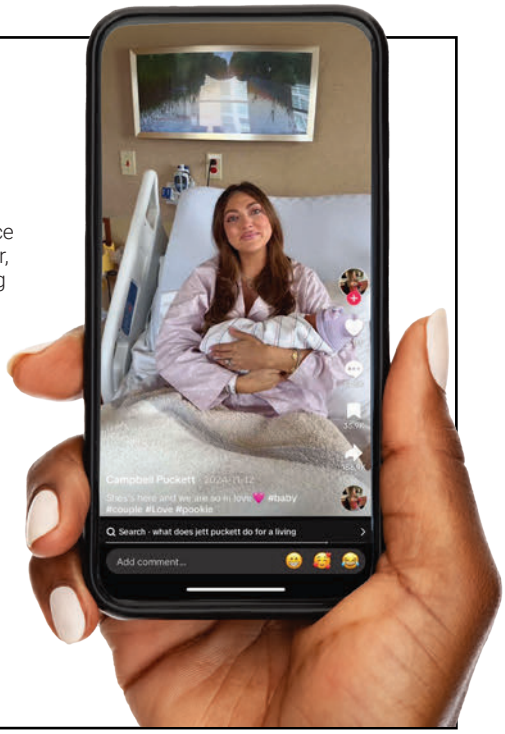


all brat everything

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.
Photo credit: Adobe Stock



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.
Photo credit: Newscom





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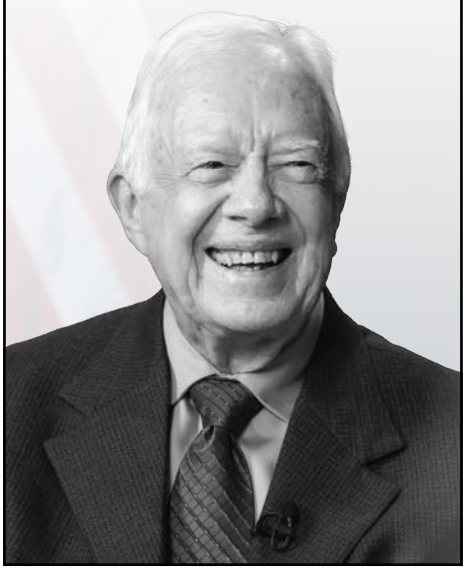


FOREVER BEGINS NOW

"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. *Photo credit: LBJ Presidential Library*





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

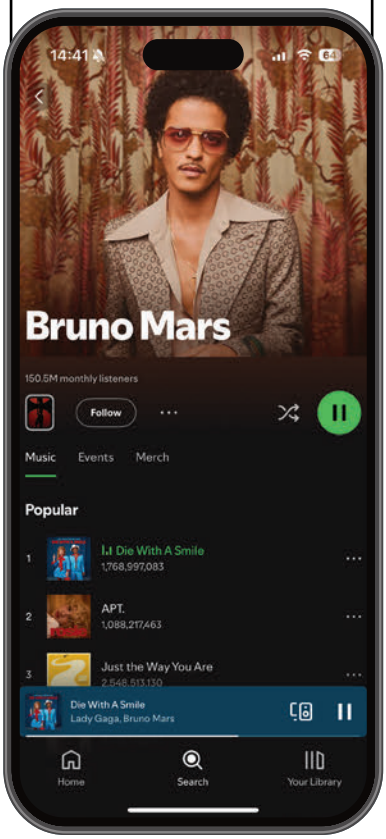
With some of the biggest names in music announcing tours this year, concert ticket prices continue to skyrocket. Tours headlined by Taylor Swift, Zach Bryan and Billie Eilish were among many that highlighted the issue, with overall ticket prices rising 35% since 2019, according to Pollstar. Steep prices 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 focus, mental health and the impact of social media in classrooms. *Photo credit: Newscom*

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. *Photo credit: Adobe Stock*



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*

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*

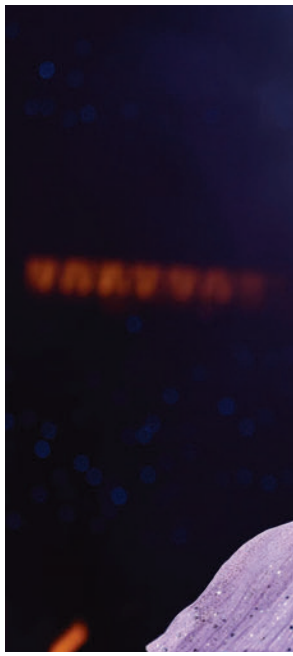
A TRIP TO THE BANKS

"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*









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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. *Photo credits: Newscom*

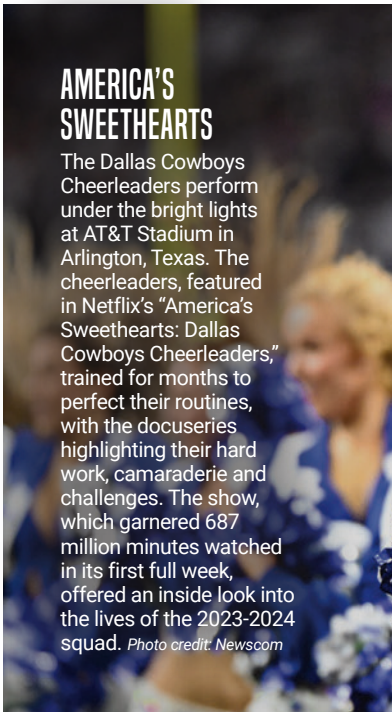






A FAREWELL TO FILM'S FINEST

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*



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*

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.
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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
- **"Beautiful Things"** by Benson Boone
- **"BIRDS OF A FEATHER"** by Billie Eilish
- **"Lose Control"** by Teddy Swims
- **"End of Beginning"** by Djo

ALBUMS

1. **THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT: THE ANTHOLOGY** by Taylor Swift
2. **HIT ME HARD AND SOFT** by Billie Eilish
3. **Short n' Sweet** by Sabrina Carpenter
4. **MAÑANA SERÁ BONITO** by Karol G
5. **eternal sunshine** by Ariana Grande

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.
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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*

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*



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



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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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*



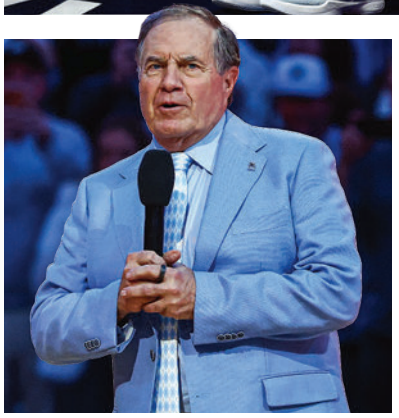
A WINNING SEASON

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. *Photo credit: Newscom*



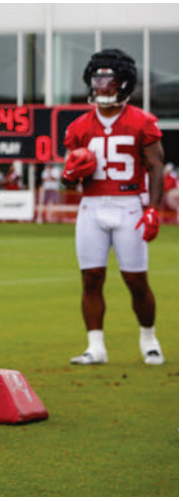
MAKING HER MARK

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*



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. *Photo credit: Newscom*



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. *Photo credit: Newscom*

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.
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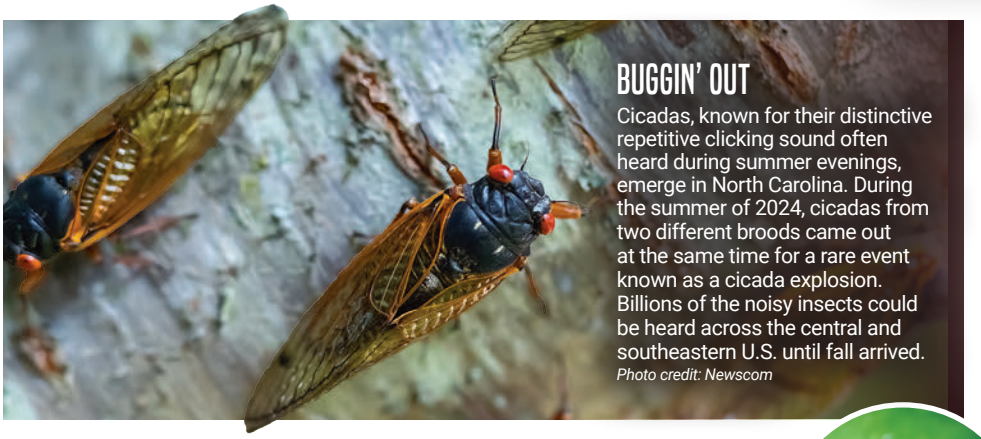
FAR FROM HOME

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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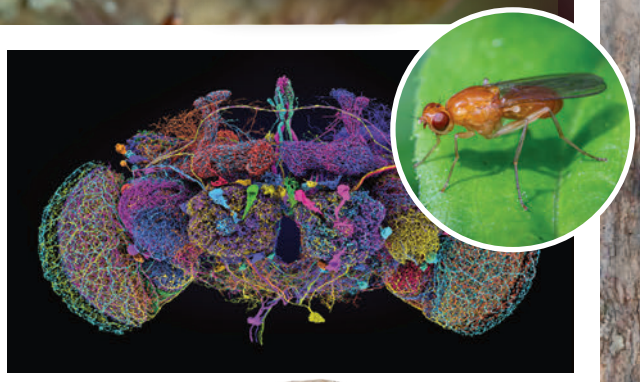


BUGGIN' OUT

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

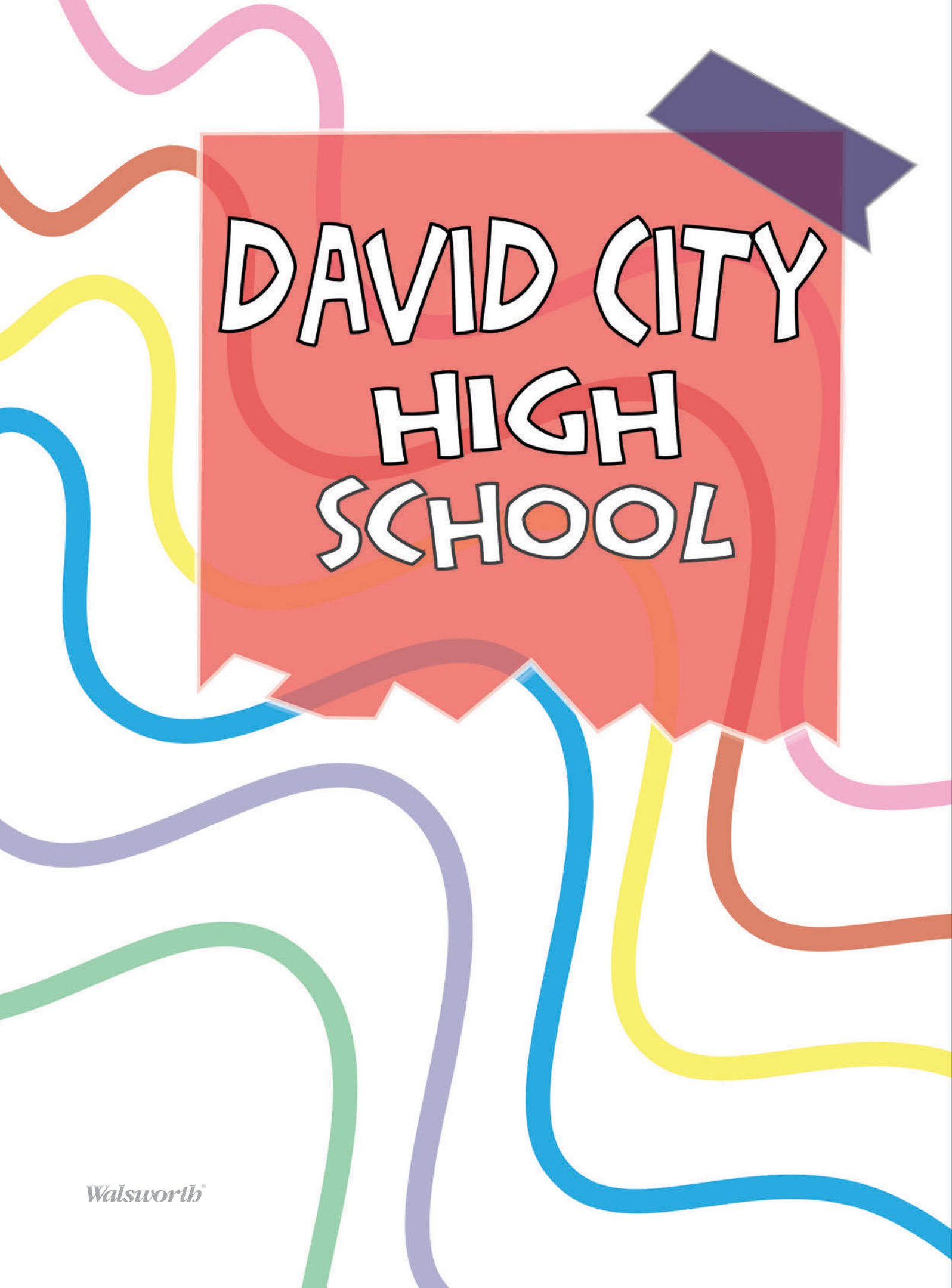
The world's second-largest diamond is discovered in Botswana, weighing an incredible 2,492 carats. Extracted by the Lucara Diamond company in late August, the massive stone was only the second diamond ever to top 2,000 carats, and the largest found in over 100 years. Though its exact value remained unknown, experts estimated it to be worth millions as it underwent the cutting and polishing process. *Photo credit: Newscom*



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. *Photo credits: Newscom*





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