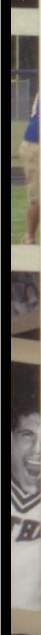
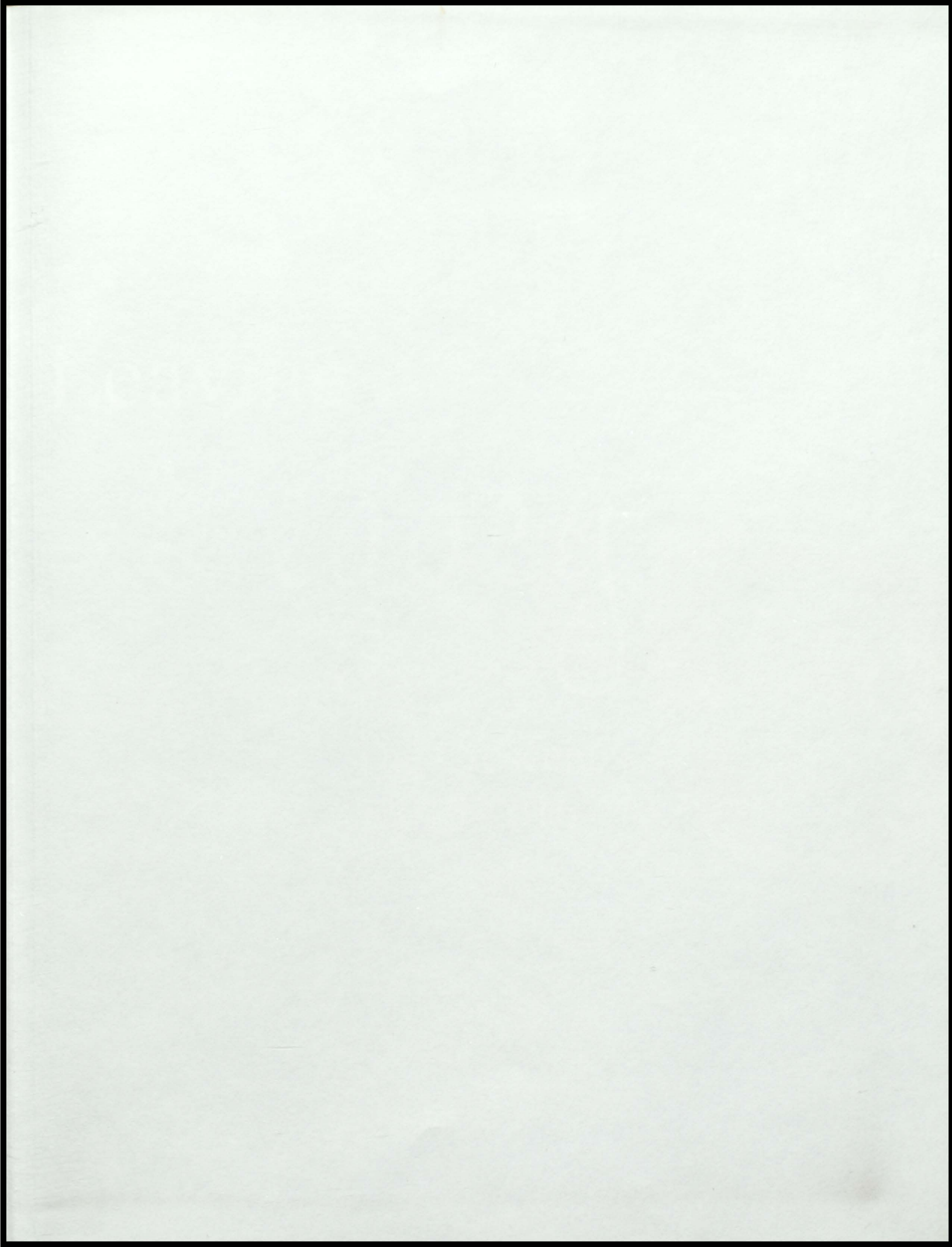


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of Elwood:  
the people we see everyday in the halls  
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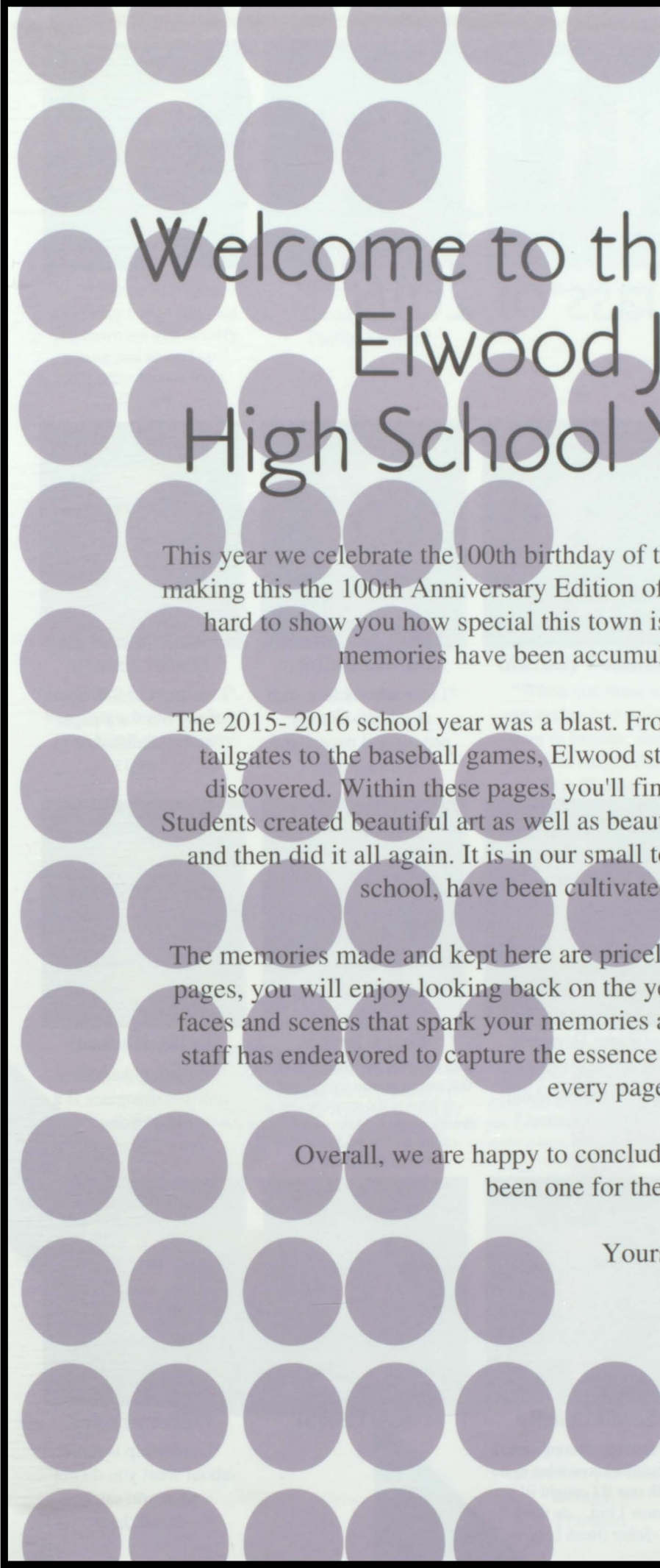
the year comes to a close

Finishing Out  
the Year:  
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friends say goodbye

summer is here!

# Find Your **Way Through** Our Year



# Welcome to the 2015-2016 Elwood Jr./ Sr. High School Yearbook!

This year we celebrate the 100th birthday of the yearbook program in our school, making this the 100th Anniversary Edition of the Crescent. Our staff has worked hard to show you how special this town is to our students, and how many memories have been accumulated over the years.

The 2015- 2016 school year was a blast. From the pep rallies to the dances, the tailgates to the baseball games, Elwood students have learned, grown, and discovered. Within these pages, you'll find evidence of these discoveries. Students created beautiful art as well as beautiful music. They lost and they won, and then did it all again. It is in our small town that they, as the youth of this school, have been cultivated for their futures.

The memories made and kept here are priceless. We hope that as you turn these pages, you will enjoy looking back on the year. We hope that you find familiar faces and scenes that spark your memories and bring a smile to your face. The staff has endeavored to capture the essence of life here in Elwood in each and every page.

Overall, we are happy to conclude that this year has truly been one for the books.

Yours Truly,

The 2015-2016  
Yearbook Staff

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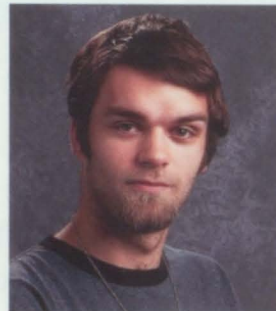
## The Class of 2016



Joshua Anderson  
"You never fail until you stop trying."  
-Albert Einstein



Sarah Arthur  
"A strong soul shines after every storm."



Matthew Baldwin



Kourtnie Ballman  
"I hate when I lose stuff at school, like my pencils and papers and life ambition."



Daniel Barnett  
"I wasted 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake!"



Corbin Bartlett



Ryan Bousman  
"And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me, shine until tomorrow, let it be."  
-The Beatles



Zane Boyer  
"When you feel like quitting think about why you started."



Derek Bryant  
"Every minute, every hour, everyday that you sit around trying to figure out what to do, someone else is already doing it. Make a choice or a choice will be made for you."  
-Tim Grover



Reilly Burdsall  
"One thing that never survives this place is a sense of humor."  
-Ajax (Deadpool)



Alexis Capps  
"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."  
-Rikki Rogers



Chrystal Chesnut  
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16



Levi Connelly  
"I'm a dog chasing cars. I wouldn't know what to do with one if I caught it! you know I just... *do things*"  
-Joker (Heath Ledger)



Logan Coston



William Dailey  
"Leadership is more about what you do, not what you say."  
-Derek Jeter





Amy Darling

"The very things that held you down are gonna carry you up and up and up."  
-Timothy Mouse from Dumbo



Dalton Delong

"I barely made it."  
-Phillip Stafford



Derick Delong



Branden Dolan

"Good things happen to those who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them"



Grant Ebbert



David Elbert

"Money can't buy happiness, but it can buy a truck and that's pretty close."



Weston Elbert

"That's what"  
-She



Zachary Faulstich

"When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful."  
-Eric Thomas



Haily Gillam

"With pain comes strength."



Christopher Gilles



Jacob Glassburn

"I'm ugly and I'm proud."  
-Spongebob Squarpants



Wyatt Wilson

"School offers us hope in having the opportunity to pursue equality within an ordinary society with extraordinary people."



Shayne Gonzalez

"Good memories are like charms. Each is special. You collect them, one by one, until one day you look back and discover they make a long, colorful bracelet."  
-James Patterson



Ashley Goolsby

"The expected is just the beginning, the unexpected is what changes our lives."  
-Grey's Anatomy



Ryne Gross

"This whole fight, this journey thing, is not a solo venture. this is something that requires support."  
-Stuart Scott



Aaron Haas



Skyler Hawkins



Katelyn Haynes

"Goodbye everyone. I'll remember you all in therapy."  
-Plankton



Raistlin Heady

"Mind your P's and Q's, Alice."  
-George Dean Heady



Lisa Helping

"Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean, 'I'll miss you,' until we meet again."



**Bryanne Hendrix**  
 "Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."  
 -Albert Einstein



**Briana Hobbs**  
 "Never let your fear decide your fate"  
 -Awolnation



**Emerson Howard**  
 "Don't let the haters stop you from doing your thaaang!"  
 -Kevin G



**Katie Israel**  
 "Education is the key to unlocking the world; a passport to freedom."  
 -Oprah Winfrey



**Justin Jamison**  
 "If there's one thing to learn it's you just cant go wrong If you follow your heart, and end with a song."  
 -Ella Enchanted



**Haley Jetty**  
 "People will hate you, rake you, shake you, and break you. But how strong you stand is what makes you..."



**Malachi Jones**  
 "It's your life, do what you want."  
 -D.N.



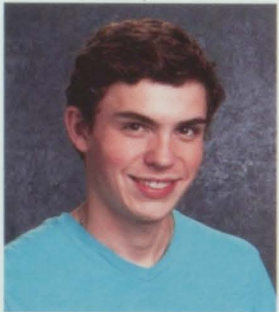
**Hayla Jordan**



**Cecil Keesling**  
 "Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do."  
 -Benjamin Franklin



**Abbigayle Kleinbub**  
 "She made broken look beautiful and strong look invincible. She walked with the universe on her shoulders and made it look like a pair of wings."



**Michael Lang**  
 "Don't let your issues consume you; consume your issues."



**Katelyn Lindsay**  
 "Don't make someone your priority if they are going to make you an option"



**Katherin Luzadder**  
 "I can only imagine how different things would have gone without Google."



**Joseph Martin**  
 "The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."



**David Mason**



**Kaitlynnane Mason**



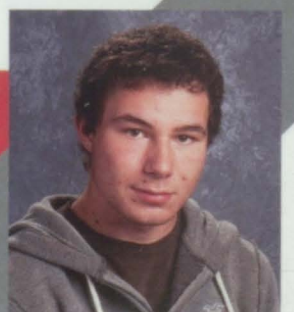
**Brantley Mccorkle**  
 "The "B" train has left the station!!!"



**Morgan McCormick**  
 "That wasn't a statement it was a question. You're welcome."  
 -Awkward



**Raymond Mcdaniel**



**Michael Mccahey**  
 "I may never sleep tonight, as long as you're still burning bright."  
 -Panic! At the Disco



Shaylan Mitchell

"Some people are worth melting for."  
-Olaf



Ethan Morris

"If anyone thinks I'm superficial or materialistic, go get a job at McDonald's cause that's where you belong."  
-Jordan Belfort



Zachary Morris



Henry Mumba

"Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them."  
-Bruce Lee



Brittany Needham

"Step into my shoes and walk the life I'm living and if you get as far as I am, then maybe, just maybe you will see how strong I really am."



Aaron Neese

"Stuff happens and people change for better or worse; nothing remains the same."



Taylor Noone

"Do you have the courage to bring forth the treasures that are hidden within you?"  
-Elizabeth Gilbert



Mercedes Pena



Alexandra Penn

"I'd like to die a natural death at the age 102- like the city of Detroit."  
-Wade Wilson (Deadpool)



Dalany Pereault

"Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people."  
-The Breakfast Club



Trey Phillips

"Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings"  
- Salvador Dali



Destiny Porter

"Just because I'm sassy and have a mouth on me doesn't mean I'm coming from a negative place."  
-Keshia



Alberto Ramirez



Morgan Rice

NO RAGRETS!!!



Brooklyn Ritter



Devon Robinson

"In high school ya gotta learn that if you're late, you might as well be hella late and get breakfast or something."



Jacob Sallee

"Never say never because limits, like fears, are just an illusion."  
-Michael Jordan



Brooklynn Scott



Justen Sexton

"In order to be irreplaceable, one must be different."



Bayley Shock

"Take your time, don't live too fast. Troubles will come and they will pass."  
-Lynard Skynyrd



Derek Sims

"I hear a voice, and He calls me Redeemed!"  
-MercyMe



Damian Sizelove

"Joyous. Optimistic. Honorable. Noble. Critical. Enthusiastic. Nervous. Abyssal. These words describe my senior year. The first letters spell out my best friends' name."



Ryan Sizemore

"Everyone should believe in something; I believe I'll go fishing."  
-Henry David Thoreau



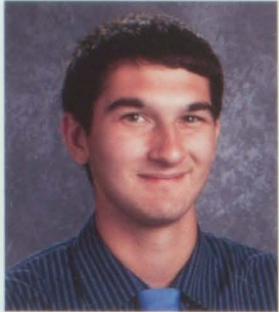
Ty Slayton

"There's a very fine line between not listening and not caring. I like to think I walk that line everyday of my life."  
-Leonard Church



Gavin Sowash

"It's funny the way most people love the dead. Once you're dead you're made for life."  
-Jimi Hendrix



Haden Stage

"Good morning! Oh and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, and good night."  
-Jim Carrey



William Stone

"When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen."  
-Life



Megan Stoner

"She was unstoppable. Not because she did not have failures or doubts. But because she continued on despite them."



Kaylee Todd

"The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self."  
-Fred Rogers



Tyce Towner

"I GOTTA BALD HEAD"  
-Big Brody



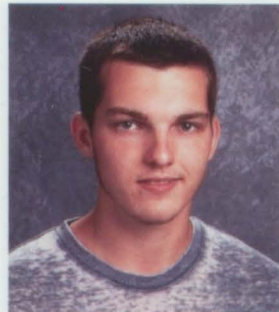
Caley Vanbuskirk

"We will forever be known by the giant tracks that we leave behind us."



Emma Vehikite

"To see the world, things dangerous to come to. To see behind walls, draw closer, to find each other and to feel. That is the purpose of life."  
-The Secret Life of Walter Mitty



Dakota Whitaker

"Life's a garden. Dig it."  
-Joe Dirt



Mckenzy Wilkey

"Whatever happens tomorrow you must promise me one thing; that you will stay who you are, not a perfect soldier, but a good man."  
-Abraham Erskine



Ari Wilson

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. YOLO."



Brianna Winn

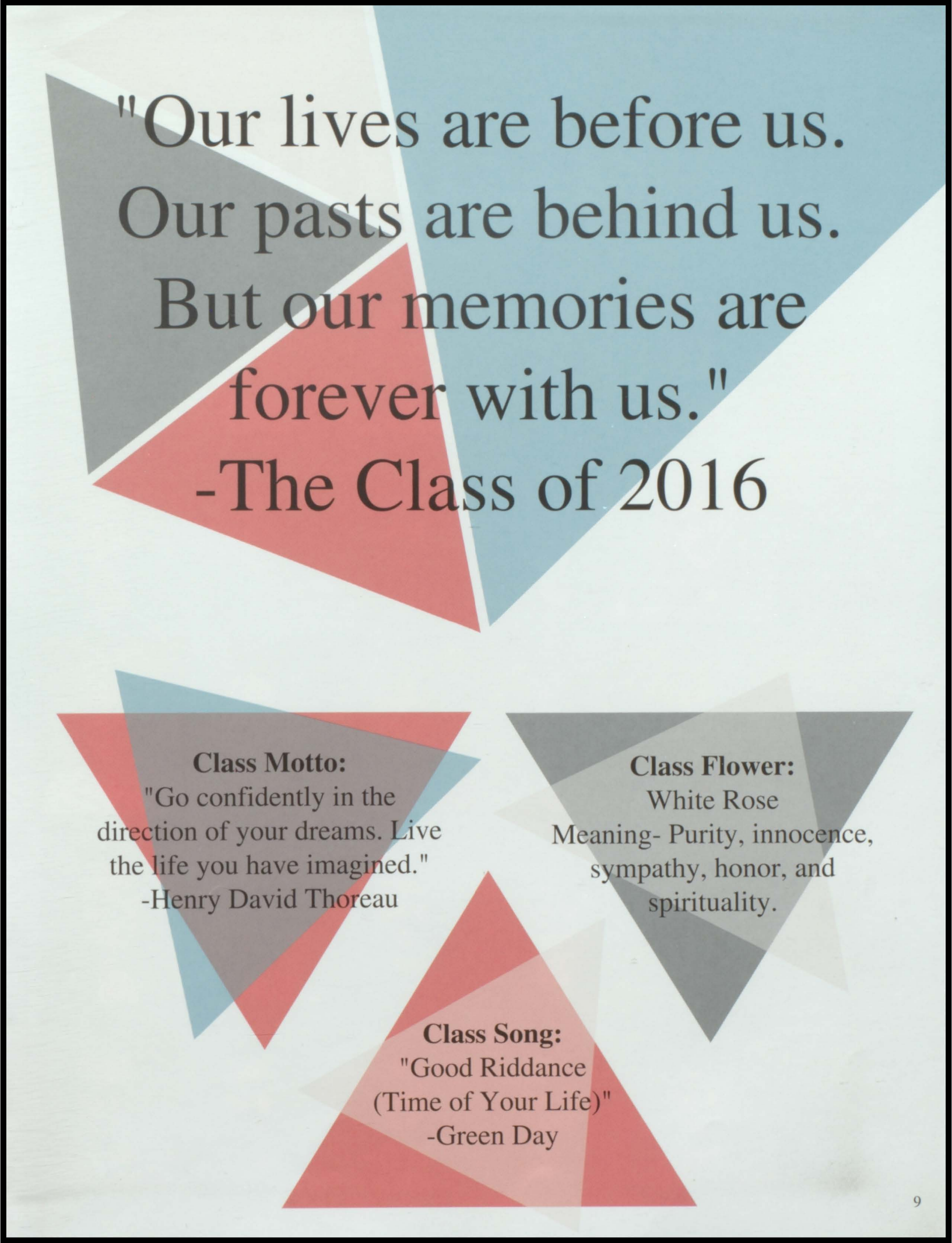
"The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it."  
-Rafiki



Katelyn Worland

"We're adults. When did that happen? And how do we make it stop?"  
-Meredith Grey  
Grey's Anatomy

NOT PICTURED:  
Skyler Snodgrass,  
Phillip Staphord



"Our lives are before us.  
Our pasts are behind us.  
But our memories are  
forever with us."  
-The Class of 2016

**Class Motto:**

"Go confidently in the  
direction of your dreams. Live  
the life you have imagined."

-Henry David Thoreau

**Class Flower:**

White Rose

Meaning- Purity, innocence,  
sympathy, honor, and  
spirituality.

**Class Song:**

"Good Riddance  
(Time of Your Life)"

-Green Day

# Juniors

Ezra Abrams  
Haleigh Adams  
Kristi Adams  
Hannah Alfrey  
Douglas Altman



Skyler Altman  
Hannah Amick  
Sierra Andrews  
Madyson Arbuckle  
Rose Arbuckle



Elijah Arnold  
Eden Baird  
Michael Beeman  
Lauren Bennett  
Taylor Bogard



Dakota Borders  
Lora Boudreaux  
Jason Bravard  
Mackenzie Bryan  
Danielle Buckmaster



Devin Cavender  
Lily Childress  
Kimberlyn Cole  
Gage Corbett  
Chase Courtney





Allyson Creamer  
 Grayden Creamer  
 Emilie Creasy  
 Aaron Cruz  
 Landon Diehl



Krystal Dimas  
 Cedric Dunbar  
 Kaylan Durham  
 Madelyn Easter  
 Mason Ebbert



Jake Ebert  
 Dayton Elsworth  
 Hannah Ferguson  
 Adam Frazier  
 Austin French



Damon Friend  
 Abigail Gibson  
 Lindsey Griffin  
 Devin Haas  
 Anastasia Hampton



Madeline Harris  
 Andrew Hawes  
 Shania Hensley  
 Jacob Herring  
 Hayden Howell



Zakkary Hydeberg  
 Gabrielle Jacobs  
 Alexis Jones  
 Savanna Jones  
 Thomas Jones

Victoria Kaszuba  
 Daken Kennedy  
 Sydnee Klein  
 Miranda Landis  
 Taylor Lang



Briana Lewellen  
 Jacob Manship  
 Janie Matherly  
 Logan McCormick  
 Megan Megahey



Sarah Michael  
 Jeffery Mitchell  
 Caden Morrison  
 Brooke Mosbaugh  
 Brennan Murphy



Alyssa Nash  
 Braydon Peeper  
 Karsyn Powell  
 Joseph Raines  
 Zara Sanders



Delaney Savage  
 Greyson Savage  
 Paige Schenck  
 Aaliyah Scheuermann  
 Aralynn Smith



Chloe Smith  
 Montana Smith  
 Taylor Smith-Jones  
 Breeana Stinson  
 Shelby Stodgell







Kalie Strange  
Aleah Stutzman  
Emilee Sutherland  
Katelyn Taylor  
Jesse Teter



Kira Tunnell  
Allison Veach  
Lilli Vehikite  
Cyanna Viau  
Samantha Villarreal



Lucas Vinson  
Kyla Warren  
Kameron White  
Victoria Wilkey  
Mckenzie Wilson



Madison Witt  
Blake Wylie  
April Zeller  
Meaghan Ziegler  
Morghan Ziegler

# Class of 2017

# SOPHOMORES

Kaylee Alfrey  
Nathaniel Amos  
Blake Arehart  
Miranda Arthur  
Karly Bartlett



Brooklyn Basham  
Christopher Bell  
Jack Bennett  
Bailey Blackford  
Shantel Blackford



Andrew Blankenship  
Brandon Bly  
Adrianna Boudreaux  
Alex Bowman  
Matthew Box

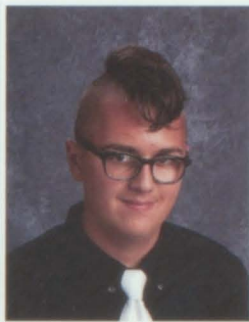


Schuyler Brown  
Joshua Burkett  
Destony Chesnut  
Morgan Clemons  
Morgan Cline



Monica Coots  
Bailey Crabtree  
Hannah Craft  
Haylie Crawford  
Brookelyn Creamer





Andrew Creech  
 Andrew Creech  
 Madison Dailey  
 Cody Dever  
 Joseph Diaz



Eddie Dimas  
 Esliobed Dimas  
 Allison Douglas  
 Garrett Elder  
 Megan Ellis



Noah Elsworth  
 Elyssa Elwood  
 Braeden Fetz  
 Nathaniel Foga  
 Benjamin Gaddis



Jackson Gano  
 Anna Gardner  
 Mikayla Harris  
 Sailor Hawk  
 Jacob Hobbs



Elijah Huff  
 Kathryn Hufnagel  
 Taylor Humphries  
 Thomas Israel  
 Savannah Jarrell



Destiny Jetty  
 Ty Jones  
 Paul Kane  
 Emma Kelly  
 Quentin Krez

Dylan Lang  
 Izrena Lapoint  
 Gabrielle Leavell  
 Drew Leisure  
 Aaron Litherland



Mason Lovell  
 Alexis Maxey  
 Jessie Maxey  
 Kristen Mccool  
 Kirastine Mccormick



Austin Meredith  
 Devin Morris  
 Zachary Nosa  
 Charity Ramsey  
 Jillian Reese



William Rice  
 Cheyenne Ripberger  
 Carson Roe  
 Allie Rogers  
 Emily Rogers

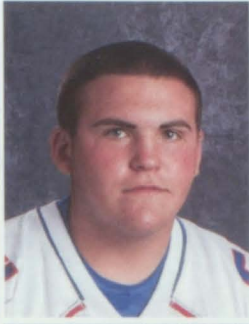


Angela Ruiz  
 Holly Sallee  
 Katie Shelley  
 Andrew Shinabarger  
 Delani Sims



Savannah Stephens  
 Glen Stewart  
 Marcus Stone  
 Claudia Swinford  
 Brayton Thomas





Jocelyn Thompson  
 Ashley Titley  
 Jackson Tunnell  
 Gage Updegraff  
 Andrew Van Hoosier



Sierra Vest  
 Bryce Vinson  
 Charmony Virgil  
 James Walden  
 Noah Werline



Kaleb Wilkey  
 Jakob Wilson

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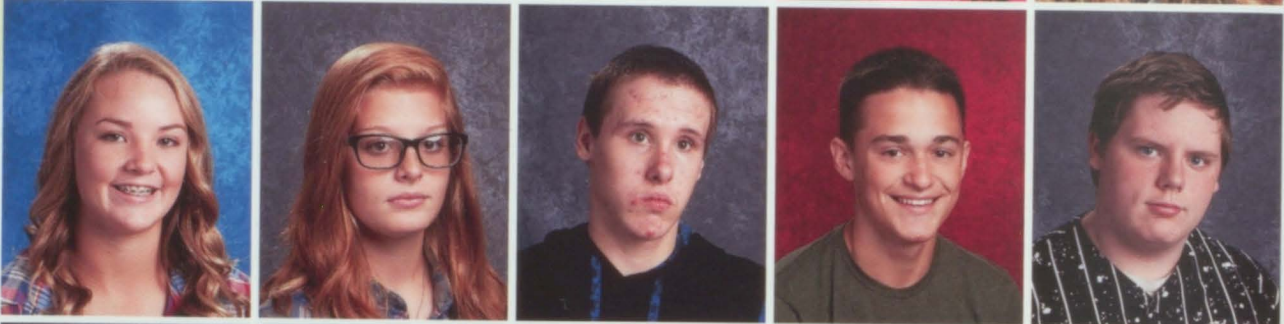
2018

# Freshman

Elena Alther  
Seth Baird  
Jake Ball  
Krysta Beeman  
Isabella Bixby



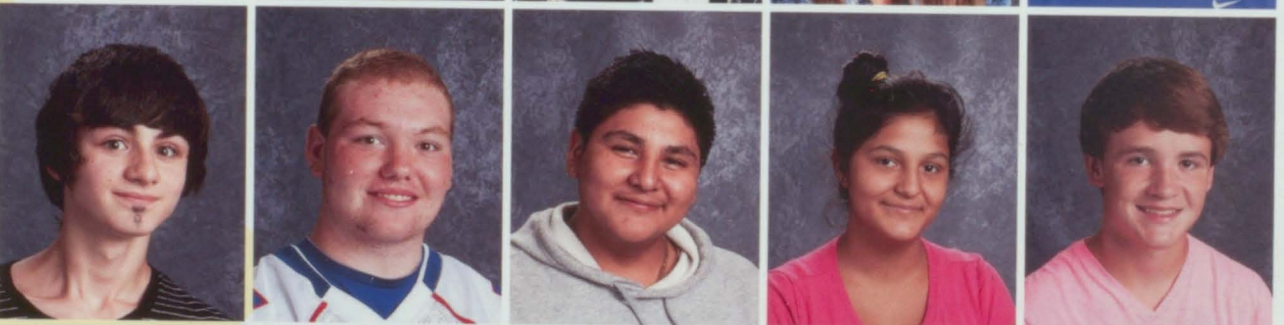
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Brianna Bowlin  
Nathaniel Bowmer  
Kelton Boyland  
Dakota Brown



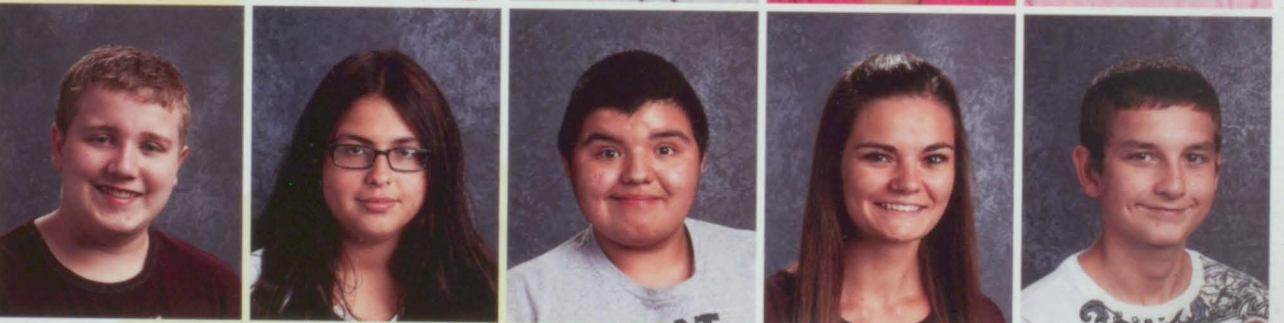
Shelby Caldwell  
Alec Caulkins  
Fred Cavender  
Mercedes Coats  
Collin Cole



Danny Collier  
Kyle Cornwell  
Juan Coronado  
Laurita Coronado  
Cole Courtney

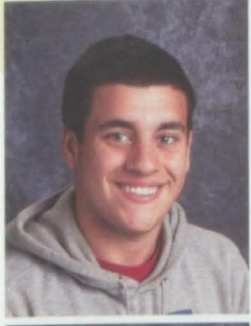


Colton Davis  
Kailee Dimas  
Tommy Dimas  
Madisyn Doan  
James Dobbs

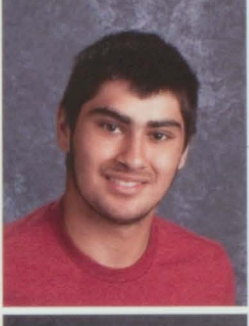




Alexis Driver  
Alissa Durham  
Arik Engle  
Rodrigo Escobedo  
Drew Etchison



Bennett-James Fife  
Deva Finch  
Hannah Flanagan  
Coleman Foster  
Mason Francis



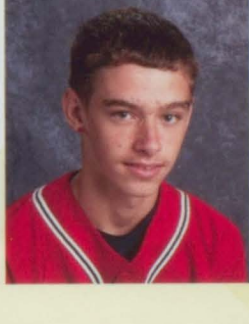
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Jesse Goble  
Charles Gregg



Jorge Guzman  
Skylar Hall  
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Trever Harpel  
Leigha Haulk



Christopher Hawes  
Billie Hawk  
Jessyca Hawkins  
Lauren Hayes  
Kara Haynes



Brittany Hayward  
Travis Head  
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 Maleah Jackson  
 Cheayla Jaramillo



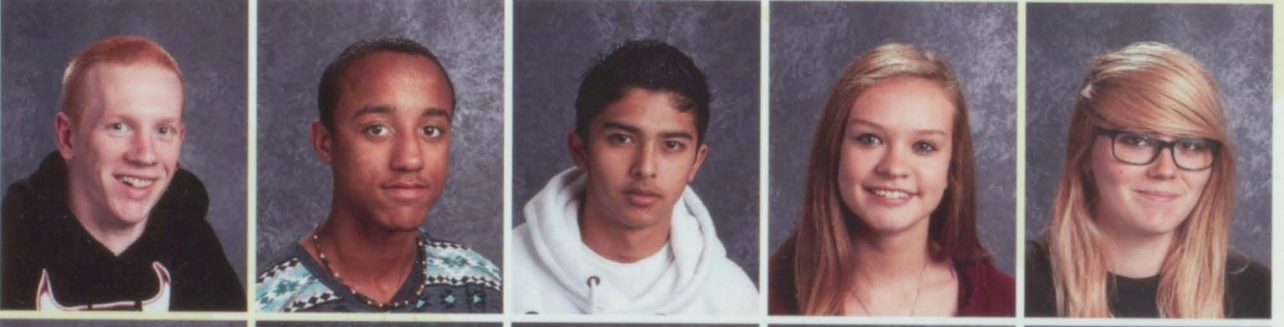
Tyler Jarrell  
 Dylan Jones  
 Katelynn Jones  
 Dennis Kilgore  
 Kristionna Knotts



Breanna Lane  
 Kaylee Lane  
 Paige Lang  
 Michael Lee  
 Korina Lindley



Justin Lintz  
 Nathanyel Martin  
 Ricardo Martinez  
 Aisah Mcguire  
 Savanna Mcguire



Ganan Mckenzie  
 Hannah Michael  
 Micah Miller  
 Seth Mireles  
 Bryce Mobley



Mackenzie Moore  
 Christopher Morgan  
 Jalen Morgan  
 Jonathan Morris  
 Cody Mottweiler







Shadreck Mumba  
Joshua Parish  
Raymond Phillips  
Samantha Pierce  
Draven Pratt



Harley Quillen  
Jasmine Ramos  
Baileigh Ramsey  
Gage Reynolds  
Kevin Ripberger



Kyra Robinson  
Megan Rodriguez  
Jacob Rominger  
Maleah Ruder  
Jessica Ruiz



Gabriel Satterfield  
Haylee Savage  
Anjelica  
Scheuermann  
Anthony Sexton  
Samantha Shade



Eric Sharp  
Dakota Singer  
Cameron Smith  
Amber Sosbe  
Aaron Stafford



Kalen Stage  
Sherrie Taylor  
Trenton Thompson  
Madison Tincher  
Darson Tracy

Bryant Trinkle  
 Brakken Troutman  
 Blaze Twiford  
 Madison Veach  
 Katelyn Vest



Wavalyn Viau  
 Breanna Virgil  
 Teah Walls  
 Brendan Ward  
 Alexis Wesseler



Hailey Wesseler  
 Lance White  
 Ethan Whitmore  
 Camden Wilkerson  
 Tyler Willhoite



Macy Wilson  
 Christopher Wingrove



# class of 2019

**Education** is  
the key to unlock the  
Golden door of  
**Freedom.**

Knowledge will bring  
you the opportunity to  
make a difference.

Learning is a  
**treasure** that follows its  
owner **everywhere.**

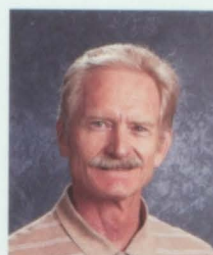
The **expert**  
of anything was  
once a  
**Beginner**

Every addition to  
**true knowledge**  
is an addition to  
**human power.**



# Faculty & Staff

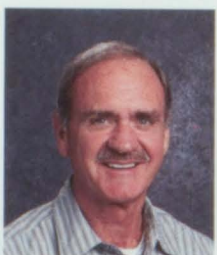
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Kimberly Bernard



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Audra Bolt  
Kassandra Bower  
Anna Brunner  
Shannon Carson



Jeffrey Clark  
Rachel Cunningham  
Tamara Davis  
Anthony Dockrey  
Melissa Duncan



Charles Foga  
Angela Funderburk  
Shelly Gemmill  
Tony Gemmill  
Chad Gibson



Laura Groover  
Cynthia Hamilton  
Tamara Harris  
Kyle Hobbs  
Jordan Hofer



Wanda Horning  
Amber Johnson  
Larissa Jones  
Jill Jones - Bayne  
John Kelly





Brian Kirkwood  
 Brook Lawson  
 Chris Martin  
 Melissa Mireles  
 Nancy Mitchell



Faith Monteith  
 Meghan Moore  
 Donna Morgan  
 Ann Moyer  
 Rodney Murray



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 Tara Norris  
 Angela Odonnell  
 James Pearson  
 Lacey Petry



Polly Redmond  
 David Retherford  
 Theodore Rutowski  
 Jennifer Schrader  
 Reva Short



Lane Sidwell  
 Paula Simmons  
 Dawn Small  
 Rodney Smith  
 Nicholas Sparks



Malcolm Stalcup  
 Janet Stover  
 Jay Turner  
 Terri Wilson  
 Stacie Woodard



# SUMMER



Maddie Easter, Brooke Mosbaugh, Bailey Crabtree, Victoria Kaszuba, Briana Lewellen, and Alyssa Nash shown above at the Fall Out Boy concert.



Abbigayle Kleinbub and Kaylee Todd at a concert.



Kira Tunnell and Briana Lewellen enjoying their time at the Nickelback concert.

Holly Sallee and Maddie Dailey on the Fourth of July.



Bailey Crabtree and Landon Diehl enjoying their summer.



Megan Mcgahey, Delaney Savage, and Eden Baird loved hanging out over the summer.



McKenzie Wilson, Chloe Smith, and Katie Taylor are shown at the lake over the summer.



Kaylee Lane and Elijah Huff enjoying kayaking.

# Glass Festival 2015

Mrs. Morgan helped collect donations for the Europe Trip, by working the dunk tank.



Taylor Bogard help with the dunk tank also.



Allison Douglas, Madison Tincher, Delani Sims, Kaylee Lane, Brooklyn Basham, and Jillian Reese enjoyed the Glass Festival in the dunk tank.

Kids having fun throwing balls trying to knock people in the dunk tank down.



Chris Hawes lined up to knock down the person in the dunk tank.



Julie Slayton and Lacy Slayton also helped raise money for the Europe Trip.



# BOY'S TENNIS

Life is like a game of tennis: the player who serves well seldom loses



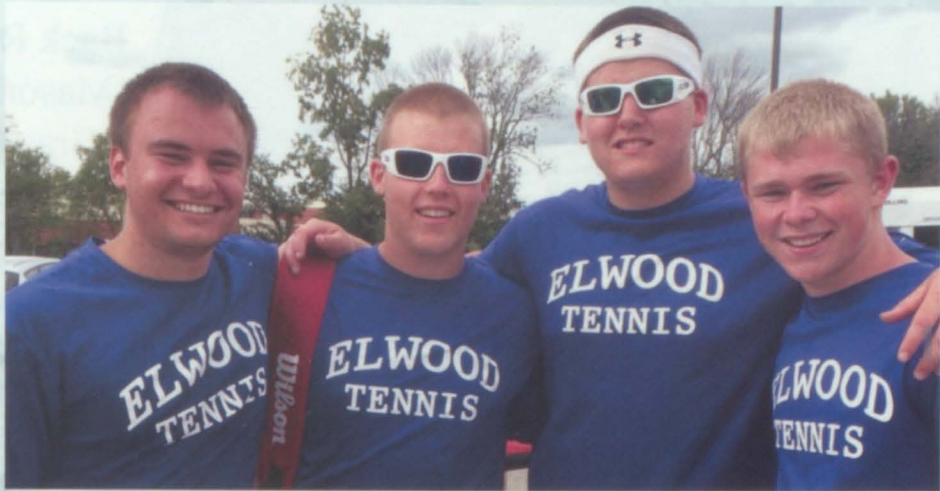
Above are the boys tennis team posing for a quick picture before a match

Below are Derek Sims and Will Dailey representing Elwood at sectionals





To the right are seniors:  
Derek Sims, Will Dailey,  
Weston Elbert, and  
Aaron Haas at a boys  
away meet



Below are the boys tennis  
team on their way to win a  
match



Above is Will Dailey at  
the base line serving



Above is Coach Hoppel giving  
advice to Will Dailey and  
Derek Sims in between points

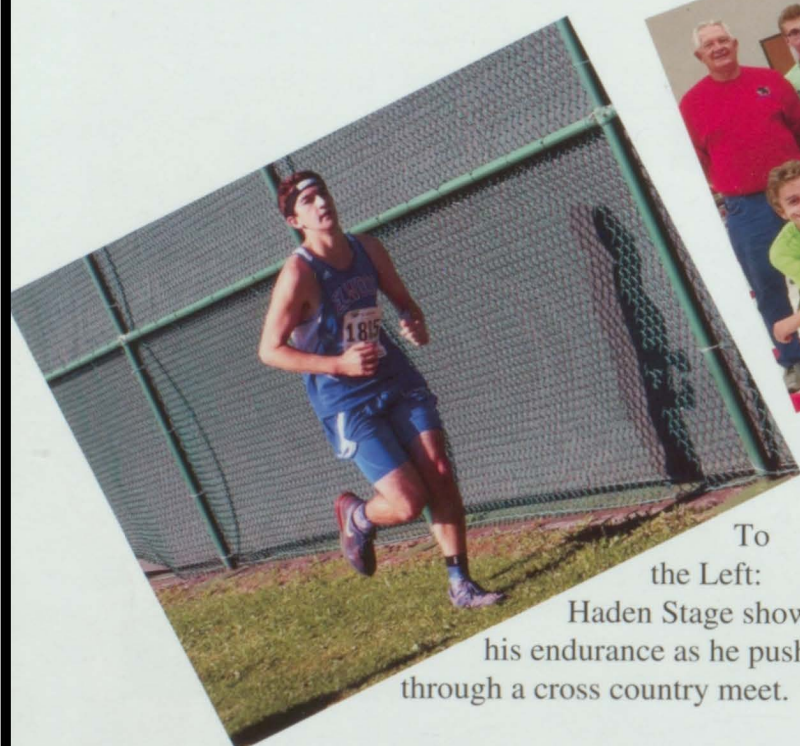


Above is Derek Sims, Will Dailey, Caley Vanbuskirk,  
Weston Elbert, and Aaron Hass before a tennis match



Back Row (From Left to Right): Mason Francis, Jake Ebert, Grayden Creamer, Grant Ebbert, Andrew Haas, Garrett Elder, and Gage Reynolds. Front Row: Sherrie Taylor, Mercy Coats, Zara Sanders, Karsyn Powell, and Kimmee Cole.

Kaylee Lane, Karsyn Powell, Zara Sanders, and Kimmee Cole smile for the camera just before a meet. This year, Lane set and broke distance records for our school and advanced to the Regional level.

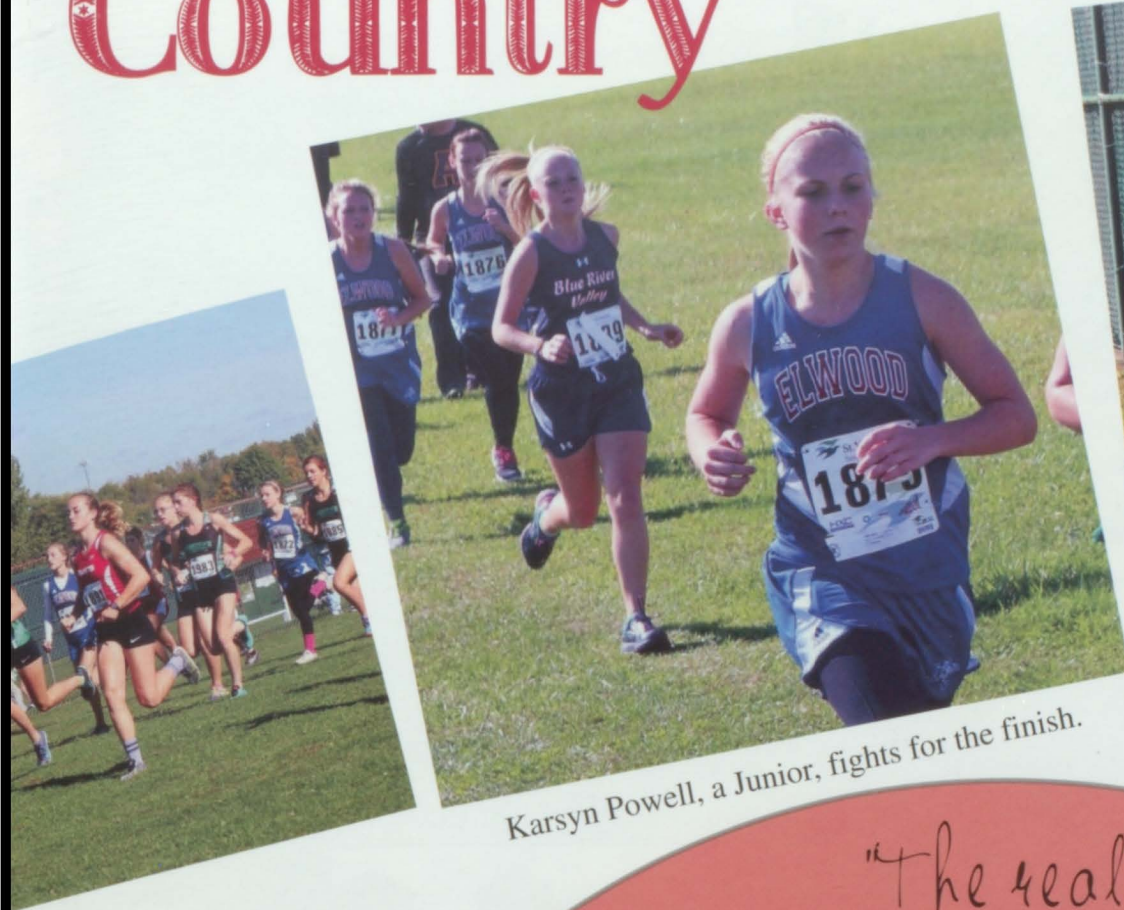


To the Left: Haden Stage shows his endurance as he pushes through a cross country meet.



# Cross Country

Below: Sherrie Taylor, a Freshman, participates in her first year of high school cross country.



Karsyn Powell, a Junior, fights for the finish.

"The real purpose  
of **running**  
isn't to win a **race**.  
It's to test the limits of the human  
**heart**."

-Bill Bowerman

# Homecoming Week



To the Left: The football team rode on the fire truck in the parade.



To the Right: Junior girls in the parade on their way to the Powder Puff game.



To the Left: Henry Mumba is pictured with his mom and step father after being crown Homecoming King.



To the Right: Skylar Hawkins, Emerson Howard, and Ari Wilson are pictured at the Powder Puff game.



To the Left: The Juniors were so excited when they won, after all the game went back and forth.

To the Right: Sophomores ride in the parade on their float ready for Tug-O-War.



To the Left: The Seniors fought a hard battle against the Juniors.



To the Right: Freshman on their way to battle against the Sophomores in Tug-O-War.



To the Left: Juniors ended up coming out with the win against the Seniors.



To the Right: Seniors scored against the Juniors to gain the lead.



# Homecoming

The streak continued as the football team blew through the Frankton Eagles, beating them 49 to 34.



Above: As the sun began to set on the Homecoming game, a clear rainbow could be seen framing the field, a sign of good things to come for the Elwood Panthers.



From the student section, Allyson Creamer, a Junior, cheers on the Panthers and keeps spirits high.



The student section ignores the cold as they support the team through its victory.

After finishing out their Homecoming victory, the players gather at the top of the stadium stairs for a traditional chanting of the school song, "We Are Loyal To You Elwood High."



The team meets out on the field just after their win. Their coach, Marty Wells, congratulates them as they prepare to go home.



Above: Prom Queen Ari Wilson celebrates with her teammates, the cheer squad.





**Above Right:** Drum Majors Morghan Ziegler and Aaron Cruz stand proud with a Gold rating won at the Lawrence Central competition. The Panther Band also received the 'Best Music' caption for Class D at Lawrence Central.

**Above Left:** The Pep Band travels to Ball State to help cheer on the football team during a Sectional game.

**Left:** Trumpet players Rose Arbuckle and Alex Kane perform up to the judges during the State Fair Band Day competition. The Panther Band was awarded 18th Place out of the 40 bands that attended the competition.



**Above:** A member of the Color Guard, Delaney Savage, dressed as the character Maria, smiles with her flag at the end of the show.



**Above Left:** Tenor Saxophone player Cody Worland pauses at an impact point during a half-time show. Half-time gives the band a chance to perform for the community and to showcase the hard work they have put into their marching show over the summer.

**Above Right:** Senior Band Captains, Raistlin Heady and Emma Vehikite, smile from the pep block in the stadium.



**Far Right:** Victoria Kazsuba, Hannah Ferguson, and Zach Hydeberg hang out on the band bus pre-competition.



Drum Major, Morghan Ziegler, leads and conducts the band through one of their songs.



Leaving a legacy  
of Panther  
Pride



# The Mighty Marching Panther Band!

By Emma Vehikite

"WE FEEL GOOD! OH WE FEEL SO GOOD! HA! OH WE FEEL SO, OH WE FEEL SO, OH WE FEEL SO GOOD! HA! HA!", is the cheer that can be heard echoing across the high school parking lot after the band has finished an especially productive rehearsal.

The Mighty Marching Panther Band can be found on most hot summer days running their drill, working on the fundamentals of marching, and rigorously memorizing and practicing their music. Band Camp ramps up the focus and excitement for the season with morning and evening practices, meals, sectional practices and fun activities at the end of each day.

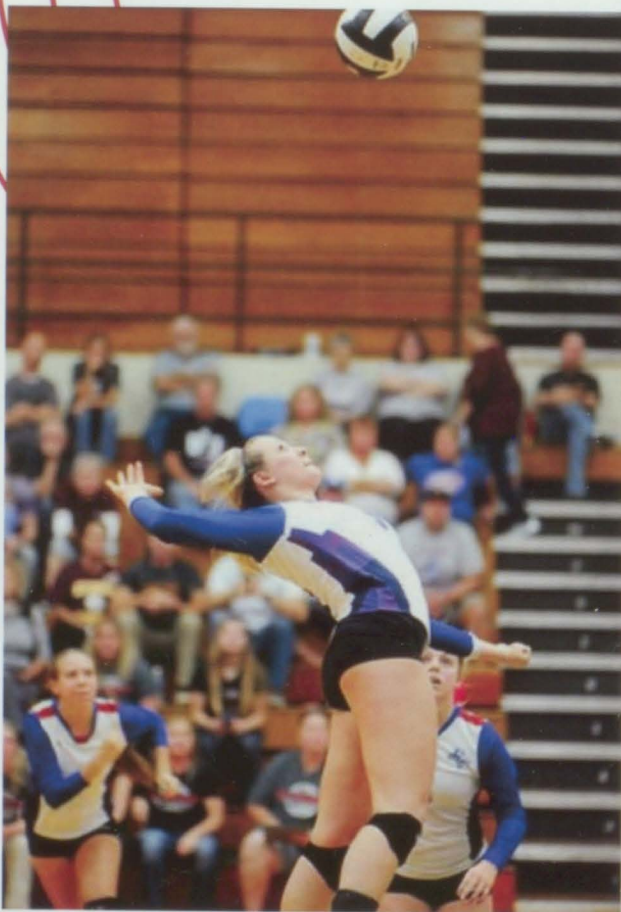
This years show was titled *West Side Story* and was based closely on the Broadway musical. The band parents and a handful of band kids spent many hours building, designing and painting props for the show. The combination of hard work and great staff members honed the band into a well-oiled machine. The band marched at Muncie Central, placed 11th at The Drums at Winchester Invitational, 18th at State Fair, they took Gold at Lewis Cass, 2nd place at the Lawrence Central Invitational, tied for 2nd with Clay City at the Ben Davis competition, and went all the way to Regionals at Lafayette Jefferson.

Good job on a great season this year Panthers!



Above: The Lady Panthers celebrate after a sectional win, led out onto the court by Lilli Vehikite, a Junior, and Grace Rogers, a Sophomore.

# Pass Set Kill



Mckenzie Wilson, a Junior, prepares to deliver a kill.



The Junior Varsity volleyball team, from left to right: Maleah Ruder, Maddie Dailey, Kaylee Alfery, Bailey Blackford, Sierra Andrews, Delani Sims, Macy Wilson, Devon Morris, and Madison Tincher.



The Lady Panthers celebrate after winning the Crispus Attucks Invitational. Back Row, From Left to Right: Coach Shauna BLANK, Sierra Andrews, Allyson Creamer, Claudia Swinford, McKenzie Wilson, Grace Rogers, Chloe Smith, Emily Booker, and Coach Reva Short. Front Row: Brookelyn Creamer, Delani Sims, Holly Sallee, Taylor Noone, and Lilli Vehikite.



Brookelyn Creamer and McKenzie Wilson jump for joy after a particularly good point. Creamer serves as the libero, a defensive specialist.



Above: Taylor Noone, the teams only Senior, hugs head coach Reva Short on Senior Night. Noone serves as one of the Varsity teams main setters.

# Lady Panther Volleyball

# Elwood Panthers

## 2015



Derek Bryant tackles the ball carrier.



Elwood continues to fight as they play at Ball State.



Elijah Huff looks out for the ball.



Quarterback Greyson Savage throws the ball to a teammate. Savage is a Junior.

To the Right: The Panthers break from the line as a play goes into action.



Elwood gears up for a game at Ball State's Scheumann Stadium.



Elwood gets in ready position.



The Panthers face off against Madison-Grant.



Jake Wilson, a Sophomore and Varsity player, watches over a game.





Back Row: Sydnee Klein, Victoria Kaszuba, Brooklyn Basham, Madyson Arbuckle, Delaney Savage, Ari Wilson, Madison Tincer, Drew Etchison, and Delaney Sims.  
 Front Row: Alyssa Nash, Madeline Easter, Briana Lewellen, Alexis Jones, Jillian Reese, Kaylee Lane, and Allison Douglass.

# cheer squad



They are the supporters through rain or shine. They smile through losses and celebrate our victories. They are the leaders of pep and spirit in our school. They are the cheerleaders.

From football in the fall to basketball in the winter, the cheer squad helps to keep spirits high as games progress. They're dedication and optimistic attitude is the essence of what it means to be a Panther.

To the Left: Sydney Klein, Jillian Reese, Briana Lewellen, and Delaney Savage support the football team at Ball State.



Jillian Reese, a Sophomore, and Briana Lewellen, a Junior, go up into an extension during a basketball game.

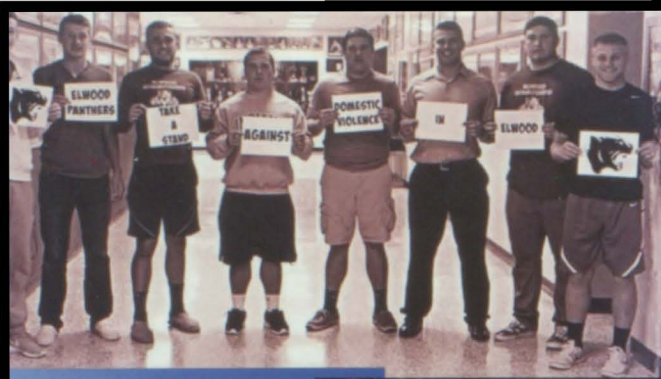


To the Right: Flyers Kaylee Lane, Jillian Reese and Victoria Kaszuba take to the air for a half-time cheer.

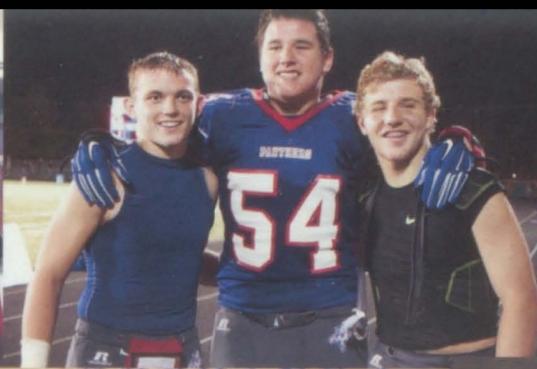


To the Right: Jillian Reese and Briana Lewellen are spotted by their teammates during the Ball State game.









# S.A.D.D

*Students Against Destructive Decisions*



S.A.D.D., or Students Against Destructive Decisions, is a student run organization that fights against alcohol abuse and drug abuse. This club encourages students to lead healthy, balanced lifestyles and stand up to the peer pressure all around them. From relationships to mental health, S.A.D.D. acts as a place for students to become informed and stay safe. S.A.D.D. often runs lunch-time programs to further spread its message.

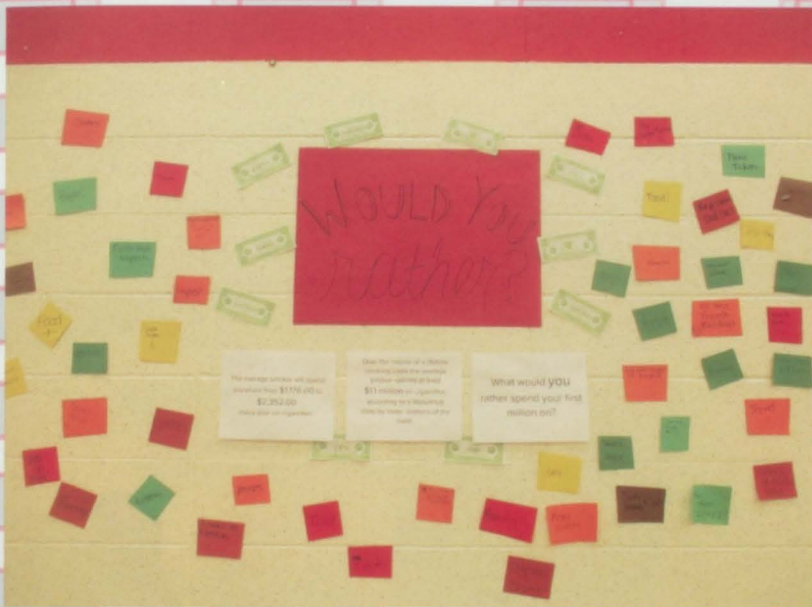
To the Left: S.A.D.D. member Derek Sims uses a football game display to encourage parents not to host parties mixing teens and alcohol.



S.A.D.D. Members, from left to right, starting in the back: Mrs. Moore (Adviser), Derek Sims, Maddie Harris, Delaney Savage, Bailey Blackford, Gabbie Leavell, Grace Rogers, Lauren Bennett, Claudia Swinford, Devon Morris, Taylor Humphries, and Taylor Noone.  
Front Row: Jillian Reese, Lilli Vehikite, Delani Sims, and Allison Douglass.

To the Right: Brooke Mosbaugh and Delaney Savage work the front line in the Morrisett Center.

Far Right: Allyson Creamer and Delani Sims stock the shelves during the MLK Day of Service.



# Advocacy for Change

Students who participate in S.A.D.D don't just fight against alcohol and drug abuse-- they also try to improve their community through service. For the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, S.A.D.D. students went out and volunteered at the Morrisett Center, where they distributed food to Elwood's less privileged. In this experience, these students stocked shelves, prepared distribution bags, and helped families select their food items. Activities such as these opened the students' minds to the need that is around them and allowed them to become more in-tune to our communities strengths and weaknesses. By learning more about our community, S.A.D.D. students can better learn how to further advocate for change.

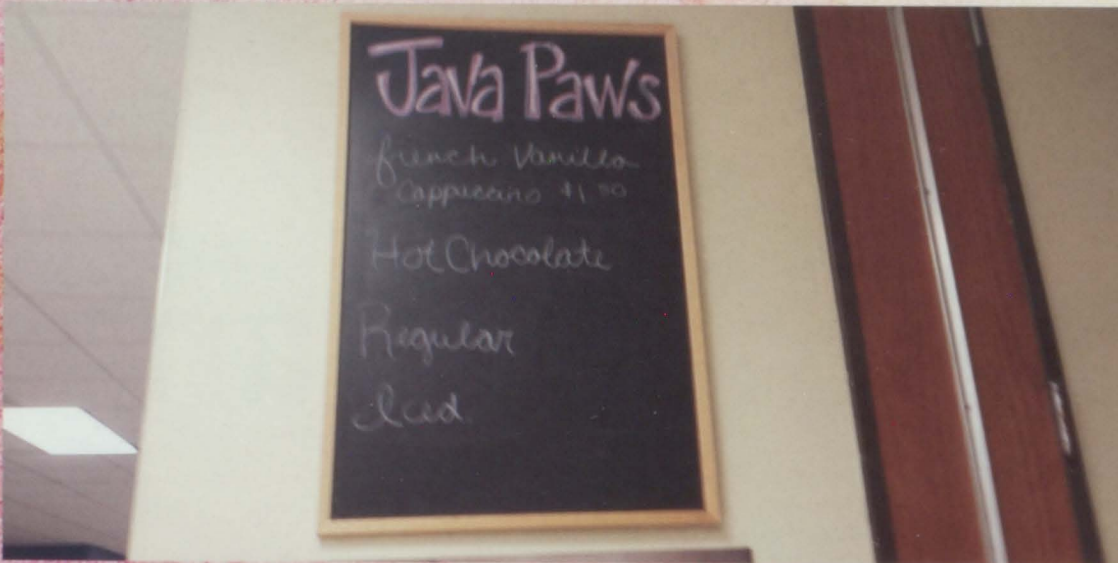




Mrs. Bernard gets ready to stir her daily brew. Java Paws is a fun in-school business that both students and teachers enjoy.



Morgan Clemons, a Sophomore, waits patiently for a customer to claim their cup.



All drinks only cost \$1.50 to keep prices low for all the students here at Elwood. From hot chocolates to cappuccinos there's always a little something for everyone at Java Paws.



To the Left: Java Paws after closing hours. Java Paws is located in the 7th grade and library hallway, making it a center of hustle and bustle as students come in every morning, especially through the winter months.

# Java PAWS



Ms. Small watches over the shop. Mrs. Small serves as the head of Java Paws as well as the adult coordinator that makes this morning coffee shop possible.



Johnnie Gross and Trey Phillips take orders. By applying through Ms. Small, students are able to help out in the mornings and make our coffee shop possible.



Lisa Helpling, Shanye Gonzalez, Morgan Clemons, and Danielle Buckmaster work on orders. Java Paws is always bustling in the mornings, as students trickle into the school and seek out their favorite morning-time drink.

Left to right is Miranda Landis, Briana Lewellen, Delaney Savage, Emile Creasy, and Maddie Harris enjoying the Peanuts Movie.



Miranda Landis and Briana Lewellen smile for the camera after some pizza during a Friend's Club outing at Pizza Shack on Tipton.



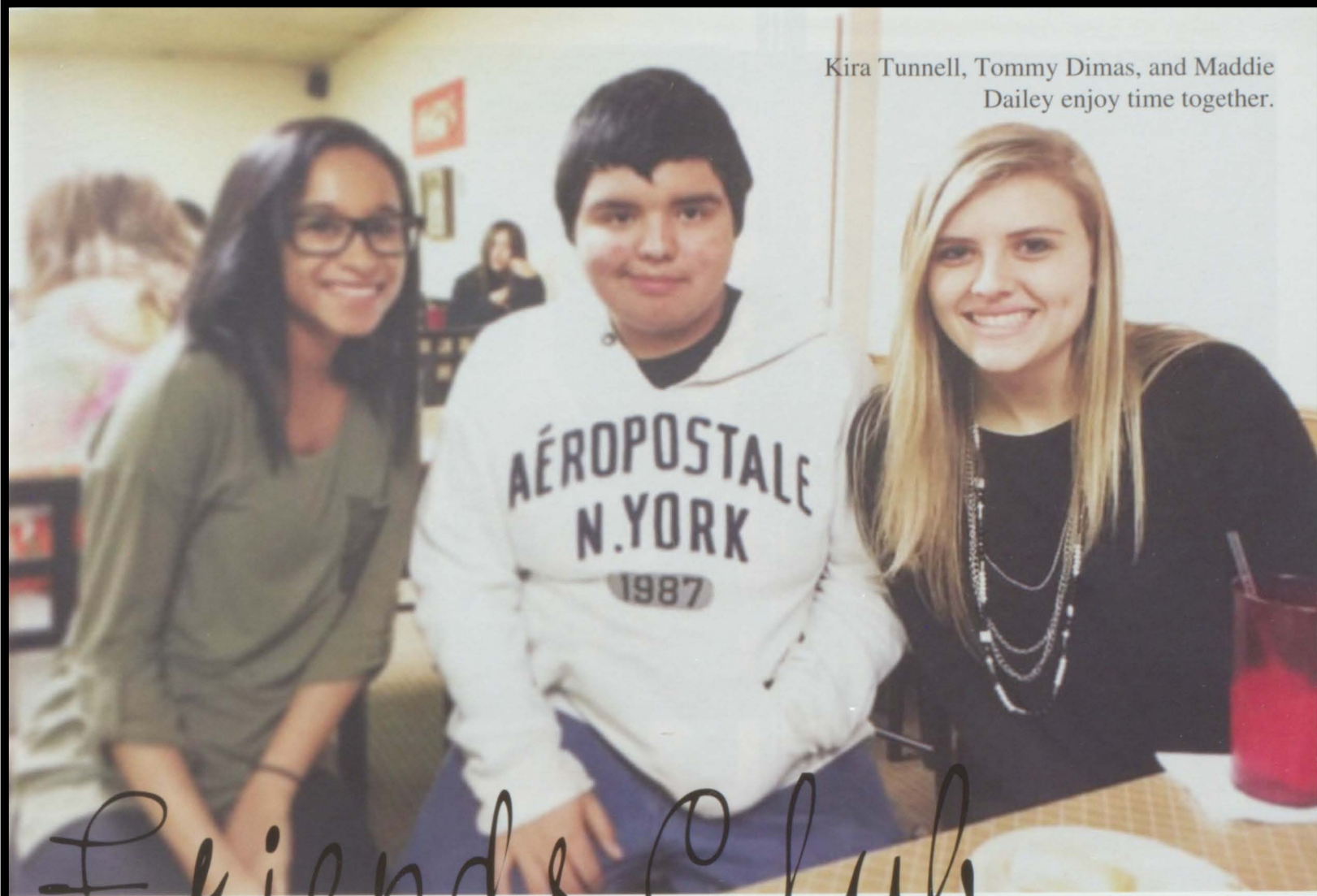
Far Right: Dayton Elsworth, Justin Jamison, and Jake Wilson eat together and share in a good time.



Bailey Crabtree, Destiny Chesnut, and Adriana Boudreax enjoy some time together at Pizza Shack as they get to know one another at a Friend's Club meeting.



Kira Tunnell, Tommy Dimas, and Maddie Dailey enjoy time together.



# Friends Club

Henry Drummond once said, "Wherever we are, it is our friends that make our world."

In the Friend's Club, students of all abilities and walks of life are welcomed. This group fosters a sense of community in our school and allows students to build relationships that they may have never had the chance to form. Miss Hofer's Life Skills Class worked hard to put on Friend's Club events throughout the school year,





# Lady Panther Basketball



The girls break away from their huddle at the start of the game.

Lady Panther basketball pulled through the 2015-2106 school year with a successful season. Led by their only Senior, Taylor Noone, the team was able to overcome difficulties and work together as a team. The Panthers work hard to condition throughout the year to be at the top of their game when the season comes around. Their coach, Kyle Pulley, helped to prepare the girls, taking them to Sectionals.



Above: Taylor Jones is shooting a free throw.





**Back Row, from the Left:** Devin Morris, Lauren Bennett, Taylor Jones, Gabbie Leavell, Brooklyn Basham, Grace Rogers, Maleah Ruder.  
**Front Row:** Haley Jetty, Brookelynn Creamer, Taylor Noone, Santa Claus, McKenzie Wilson, Sherrie Taylor.



**Above:** Gabbie Leavell goes up for a free throw as her teammates prepare to block out.





Drew Leisure shoots a free throw.



Jake Ebert is undecided on who he wants to have the ball.



Landon Diehl shoots a three point shot.



Jack Bennett goes up for a lay-up.



The first five starters sit on the bench waiting for the game to start.



The boys huddle up trying to decide what their next move is.



The Elwood Boys sit on the bench watching the game.

During the 2015-2016 basketball season, the Panthers showed resilience as they learned to overcome obstacles and work together as a team. Graduating Seniors, Will Dailey, Weston ELbert, and J.D. Sallee helped to lead the team under the direction of their coach, Landon Carroll.



The boys cheer on their starters.

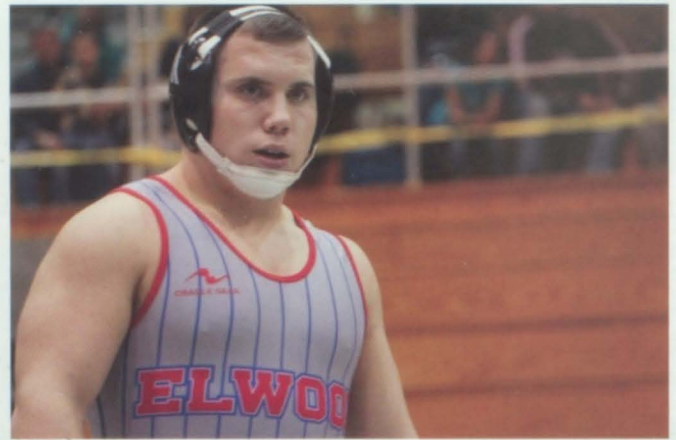
# BOY'S BASKETBALL

"You can't win unless you learn to lose"

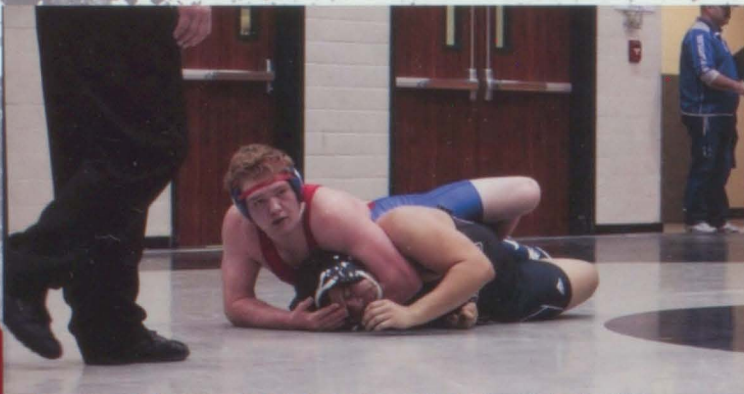
# Panther WRESTLING



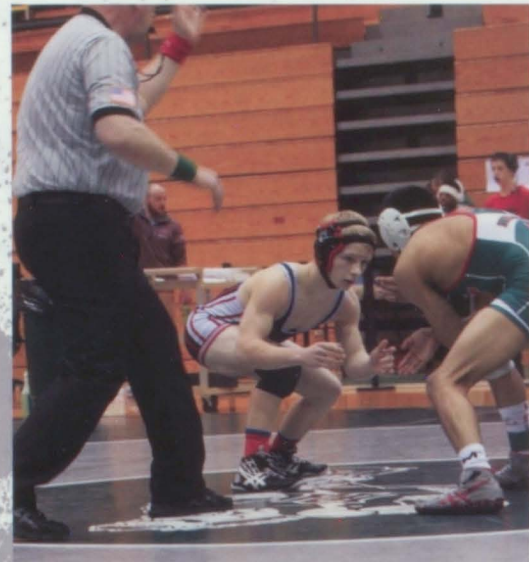
Jake Wilson was the Regional Champ.



Zane Boyer prepares to wrestle his opponent.



Kyle Cornwell gets pins his opponent at Regionals.



Josh Parish gets in his stance waiting to wrestle his opponent.

Jalen Morgan pauses during a break in his match.

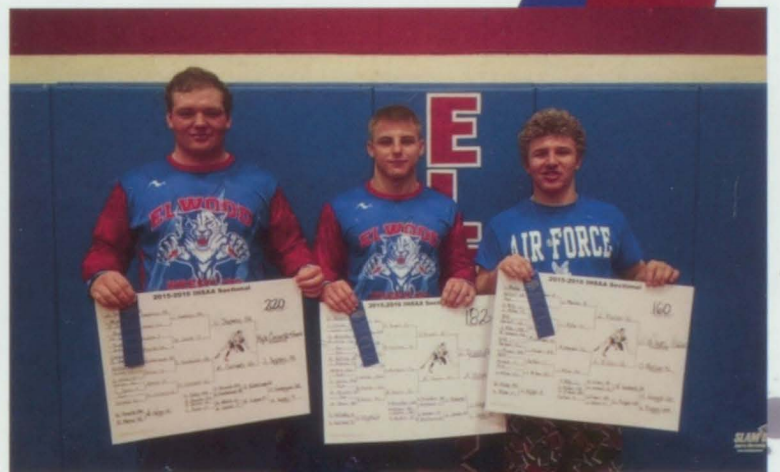




Back Row: Jonathan Morris, Justin Lintz, Marcus Stone, Kyle Cornwell, Tyler Jarrell, Kaine Stone.  
 Front Row: Kimmee Cole, Josh Parish, Nate Bartlett, Jamey Hensley, Travis Head, Jalen Morgan, Zane Boyer, Derek Bryant, Jake Wilson, Elijah Huff, Bayley Shock, Abby Gibson, and Shelby Stodgell.



Jake Wilson gets the pin on his opponent for the win at Regionals.



Kyle Cornwell, Derek Bryant, and Jake Wilson all moved on to Regionals.



Above, From Left to Right: Aaron Haas, Derek Sims, Morgan McCormick, Ethan Morris, and Ty Slayton get a picture together on Senior Night.



# Swim

Teamwork. Dedication. Passion.

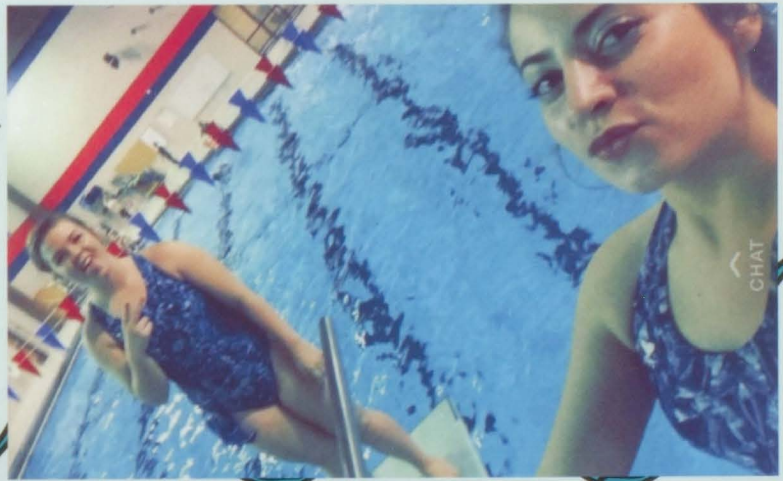
These are the three traits that the swim team embodies year after year. Throughout the winter months, our swimmers can be found in the halls, conditioning tirelessly in order to become strong enough and fast enough to break and set records. Over the past year, the swim team has shown resilience as they continued to train and practice despite the repairs and issues in the natatorium.



The team gathers around as Sydnee Klein has some words of encouragement.



To the Right: Sydnee Klein and Maddie Easter take a quick snapshot before a meet.



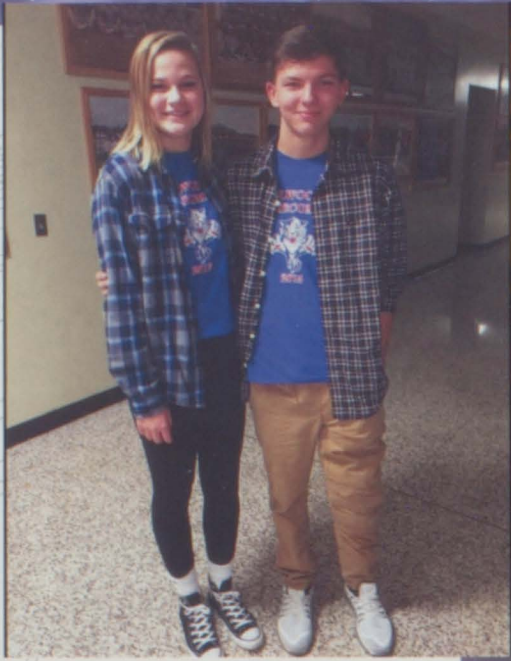
Below: Jillian Reese and Tori Wilkey



Morgan McCormick and her parents are pictured on Senior Night.



Brooklyn Basham and Harley Quillen went to Sadie Hawkins together.



Tyler Jarrell and Teah Walls went together.



Sierra Andrews and Glen Stewart pose for a picture.



Madyson Arbuckle, Maddie Harris, Victoria Kaszuba, Delaney Savage, Kira Tunnell, and Sierra Andrews pose for a picture at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.



# SADIE Hawkins

Sadie Hawkins is a traditional night of fun, food, and friends. Put on the the Sophomores, this themed dance invites Elwood students to grab a partner, a matching set of flannels (or awesome t-shirts!) and enjoy a few fall-time dances.



Students paid \$1.00 for a piece of tape to tape Mr. Rutowski to the wall.



Maddie Easter and her date Dakota Borders had fun at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.



Above is Caley Vanbuskirk, Katie Israel, and Shantel Blackford talking in between turns.



Above are seniors Brittney Needham, Katie Israel, and Caley Vanbuskirk posing for a picture.

# Girls Bowling



Above is the girls bowling team: Savanna Jones, Caley Vanbuskirk, Katie Israel, Brittney Needham, Megan Stoner, and Kaylee Alfrey



To the left is the girls bowling team after a winning meet



To the right is Savanna Jones going for the strike.

# Boys Bowling

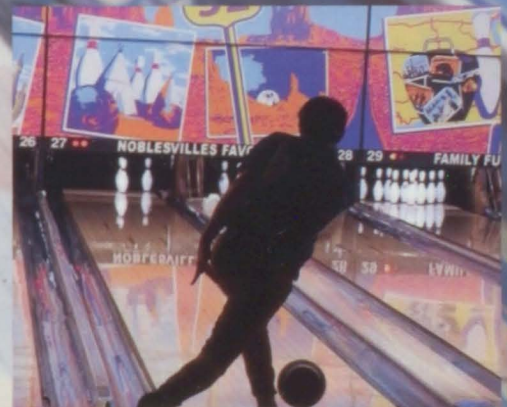
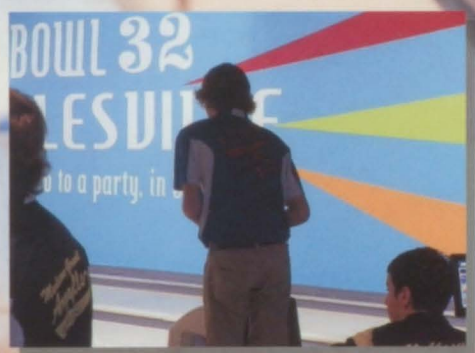
To the left is Mason Ebbert and Derek Delong supporting their team.



Ryan Sizemore proudly walking back after a strike.

Above is Mason Ebbert, Grant Ebbert, Derek Delong, Cody Devers cheering o their teammates.

To the right is Grant Ebbert throwing his first ball for a strike!



Above is Kelton Boyland throwing his second ball for a spare.



Above is Kelton Boyland and Ryne Gross watching as Alex Kane goes to through his ball.



Above is Ryne Gross going for a Spare

# Student Council

This year, the Student Council, was able to help out in the school, from sponsoring blood drives throughout the year and aiding in student programs such as the Prom and the selection of Senior flower and song.

The Council was also able to raise money in order to attend LEAD Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This conference acts as a place to share and learn leaderships skills and how to better become involved in one's school. In November, eight students and members of the Student Council headed out to the conference. Chaperoned by Mrs. Angie O'Donnell and her husband Keith O'Donnell, the students were not only able to attend instructional workshops and listen to keynote speakers, but also got a taste of the local culture in Phoenix.

As they learned and grew at LEAD, the students hope to be able to bring about more change in their school community.

Below: Ari Wilson participates in an opening exercise the first evening of LEAD Conference. These brief games allowed Elwood students to meet youth from all over the world who were attending the Conference.



Allyson Creamer (in white) sits in on a discuss over different activities that Student Council's across the country run in their schools.



Hailey Jetty and Mrs. O'Donnell spend a moment together between workshop sessions.



Above: Keith and Angie O'Donnell, Jake Wilson, Aaron Litherland, Ally Creamer, Claudia Swinford, and Abbigayle Kleinbub prepare to tour a segment of the Arizona mountains on horseback.



This year, EJSHS sponsored a Donkey Basketball game in order to raise money for the Europe Trip. The Europe Trip, which will take place during the summer of 2016.

This game was a fun event that was able to involve the community in assisting Elwood students on their way to Europe. As different adults in the community helped out by taking on the roll of the donkey riders, people from the surrounding area joined in to take part in the excitement.



# DONKEY Basketball!

# "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten"

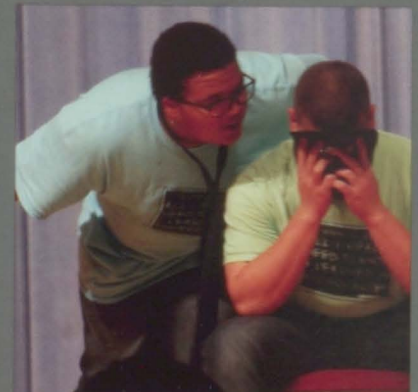
This year, the drama club chose to take on a play with deep meaning and important life lessons. In "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten," the audience was able to learn valuable life lessons that they may have first discovered in grade school.



The Drama Club performs "All I Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten" for the 50+ Club.



The Drama Club, from left to right, starting in the back: Mrs Cunningham (Director), Izrena Lapoint, Victoria Hibst, Mrs. Martin, Austin Meredith, Megan Ziegler, Hannah Ferguson, Emilee Sutherland, Aralyn Smith, Joey Diez, Danielle Buckmaster, Morghan Ziegler, and Aaron Cruz. Front: Zach Heidelberg, Kalie Strange, and C.J. Morgan.



Zakk Heidelberg and Aaron Cruz play out a scene in the Fall Performance.



# Drama Club

"Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, the Elwood High School Drama Club had put on two productions and performed for the 50+ Club. During the Fall of 2015, we performed "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten," and also later at the Main Street Wesleyan Church for the 50+ Club. Later in the Spring, we performed the "Little Play of Horrors," which our Troupe President, Aaron Cruz, helped cast. "I Really loved the reaction of the audience throughout our performance and how many of their emotions followed us through laughter, or being scared," stated Bree Stinson. Many of us attended Regional and State Thespian Conference in the winter. Although we did not perform, we all really enjoy watching other troupes performing at Regionals. Many also attended Indiana State Thespian Conference for a weekend in January at Vincennes University. Those who attended participated in multiple workshops involving all aspects of theatre from backstage work and make-up and acting. Aside from watching other productions and attending workshops, we also made many new friendships and bonded with each other over the trip. "I loved to see everyone's crazy side," said Aaron Cruz. This season was very fun and we hope to see more to come in in the next years, even after we graduate "I'd like to see us more involved within our school and put ourselves out there more. I'd like to see us perform more of a variety as well," said Morgan Ziegler. On May 19, 2016, we held our Golden 58's where we gave out awards, named 2016-2017 officers, inducted new Thespians into the Thespian Society, and recapped the season. When asked what he would remember most about the 2015-2016 season, Vice President, Zakk Hydeberg responded, "I'll always remember how much fun we had and all the laughs. We worked hard and so well together." We can't wait to see what the 2016-2017 season will bring us!"

- Aralynn Smith (Troupe 58 Historian)



Hannah Ferguson captures center stage as she delivers a monologue.

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things you probably didn't know about...

### Concert Band

- 1 We go through about ten pieces of music just to pick three out for our ISSMA Contest.
- 2 ISSMA stands for Indiana State School Music Association. Miss Simmons was the previous president of ISSMA.
- 3 The band is made up of about 54 members. Each one plays an important roll in the success of the group.
- 4 We are graded on posture, participation, cooperation, attendance and our performances.
- 5 During the Spring Concert we usually play two combined songs with the Junior High Band.
- 6 Pep Band is for a grade, but it is still fun!
- 7 We don't wear the shiny sash (or baldric) on our uniform during concerts because it catches too much light on stage.
- 8 Before each concert we practice for a week in the auditorium to get accustomed to different acoustics.
- 9 We have lots of parents that help behind the scenes to ensure that everything gets decorated and moves smoothly for the night of the concert.
- 10 Band mom, Cindy Tyner or "Mama T", makes sure that all our uniforms have all their buttons, are washed, pressed, and that we still fit them after a long winter of no marching. She is a life saver!

**Far Right:** Danielle Buckmaster and Gabe Satterfield play their trombones at the Arts Garden Music Festival.



**Top:** The Pep Band plays next to the student cheer block at the Boy's Sectional Basketball game.

**Right:** Emma Vehikite stands between Miss Simmons and her pianist, Sheri Vehikite, after winning a Gold at ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble.



**Below:** The Brass Sextet members hold up their new Gold medals at the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble Auditions.



**Above:** The band performs at the Arts Garden Music Festival. This was the first time in four years that they were able to return to play.

**Above Right:** Aaron Cruz plays his solo at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble with his pianist Barry Clouser.

**Right:** The Band performs everyone's favorite holiday tunes at the Christmas Concert.



*Leaving a Legacy of Musicianship*





# CONCERT BAND

by Emma Vehikite

The Concert band always endeavors to play music in a way that tells a story to the audience and expresses the composers true intent in writing the piece of music. They practice for months to perfect music for Solo and Group ISSMA Competitions. This year they received a Gold at Group ISSMA and also did a wonderful job with their Christmas, Spring and Variety Show concerts.

*"Music fills us with a sense of purpose. It can evoke strong emotion. It can paint brilliant pictures of landscapes, of people, or of times long forgotten. Where words leave off, music begins."*



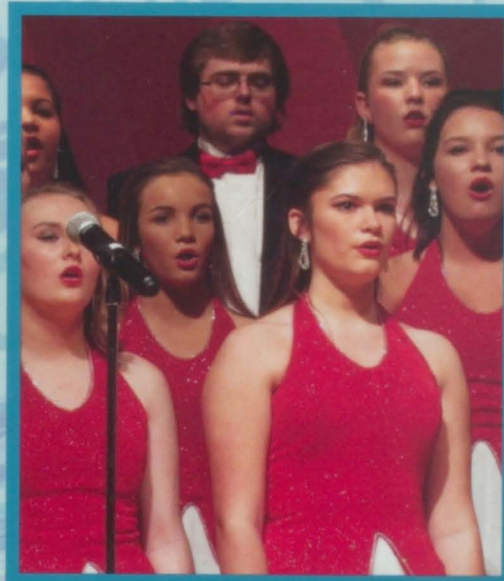
Above: Meaghan Ziegler plays her Baritone Saxophone at the Arts Garden Music Festival.

# Show Choir & Concert Choir

The Show Choir participates in one of their many holiday season performances. This group is called the Crimson Suite Show Choir, and is directed by Paula Simmons.



The Show Choir displays some fun choreography during their Christmas concert. All choreography is directed by Ms. Paula Simmons.



Sierra Vest, and Bailey Blackford, both Sophomore, sing out during the Christmas Concert.



From Left to Right: Johnny Gross, C.J. Morgan, Aaron Cruz, Devin Haas, Zach Hidleberg, Ty Slayton, Jake Wilson, Derek Sims, and Jake Manship.

Below: The Crimson Suite performs at Arts Garden Mistletoe Music Festival. The Christmas season grows brighter as they bring carols to all who listen.



The Show and Concert Choirs share in a performance during the Christmas Concert.

# Ally Cat

Ally Cat is a time for students to express themselves through song. Every Fall and Spring, Elwood students come together to showcase their talents and perform for their friends. Held in the art room, this lunchtime feature is open to everyone, and emphasizes the love of music in our schools.



Without  
music,  
life  
would be  
an error

-  
Fredrich  
Nietzsche



Danny plays some alternative.



Alexis sings, "Beautiful,"  
By Christina Aguilera.



**Danny Collier plays a tune on the guitar.**



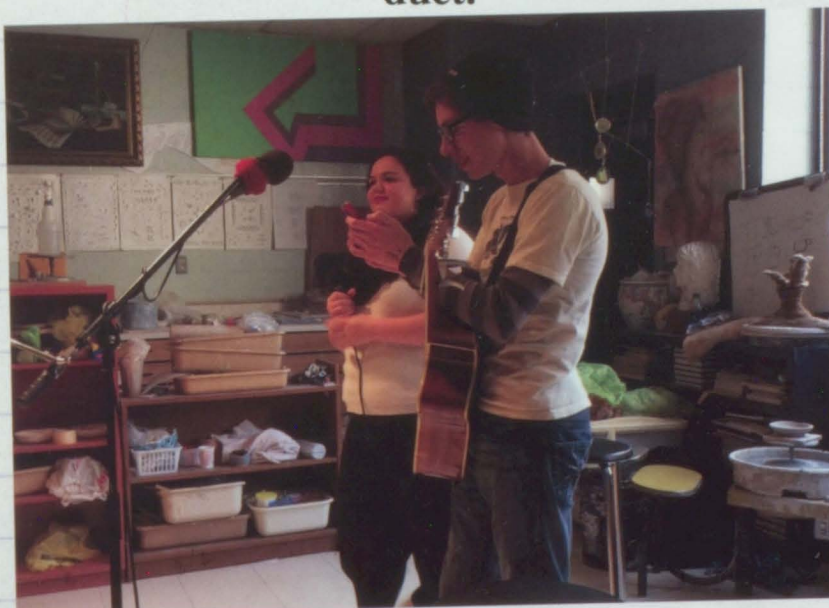
**Levi Connelly sings a solo.**



**Emma Vehikite and Levi Connelly sing a duet.**



**Levi Connelly plays another song.**



**Alexis and Levi sing, "Radioactive," by Imagine Dragons.**



**The audience enjoys the show.**





Mackenzie Bryan to the right pitching to the opposing team.



Alexandria softball team surprise Elwood softball team with roses in memory of Ms. Johnson.



The softball team celebrates after winning Sectionals.



Jillan Reese slides into second.



Hannah Amick takes a selfie with the team on the bus before the game.



Madison Tincher and Emily Booker pose for a picture with the trophy.







Above: Gabby Leavell and MacKenzie Bryan share a high five as Bryan goes up to bat.



Maddie Dailey slides into second and is safe.

# Elwood Lady Panther Softball

Lady Panther softball is a true strength at Elwood Jr./Sr. High. Through their hard work, training, and perseverance on and off the field, these girls meet success year after year. After the loss of Julie Johnson, a beloved umpire and Softball Hall of Fame inductee, the softball players were able to honor her memory by playing hard and having a truly excellent season. The Lady Panthers won the Central Indiana Conference, and progressed to Regionals.



The softball team lines up for the National Anthem.

**Below:** Eli Arnold, Drew Leisure, Jack Bennett, and Weston Elbert in front of the Julie Johnson memorial



Will Dailey and Drew Leisure waiting to bat



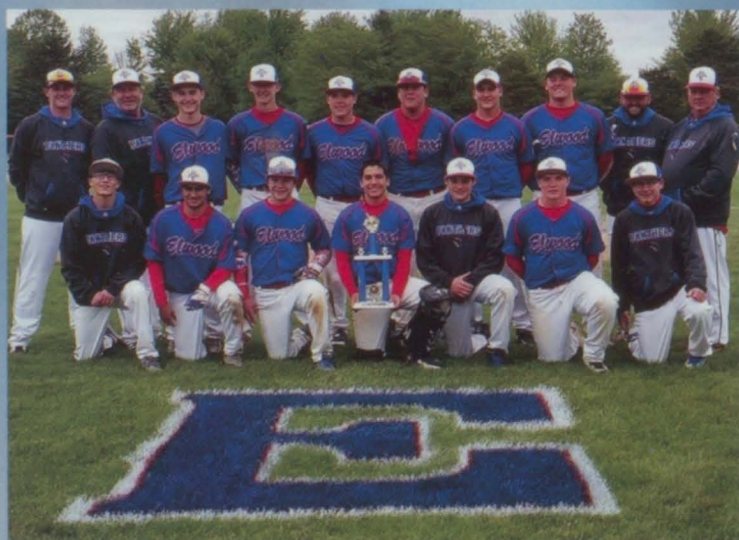
**Below:** JD Sallee, Aaron Litherland, Jack Bennett, and Drew



Aaron Litherland, catcher for the boys baseball team



Elwood boys baseball team walking back to dugout after an inning



**Below:** Boys baseball team after winning the Big Cat Classic for the first time



Boys baseball team talking in a huddle before the next inning begins



Elwood boys running out to the outfield for a new inning



# BASEBALL



Above: Jack Bennett going back to first base.



Above: JD Sallee pitching

# PANTHER TRACK & Field



**To the right:** Kaylee Lane and Maleah Ruder rounding the corner against the opponent. Their relay team consisting of Lane, Ruder, McKenzie Wilson, and Kimmee Cole succeeded in breaking relay records during the 2016 track season.



**Below:** McKenzie Wilson rounds the turn on her 200 meter dash. Wilson progressed to the State competition in both the 200 meter dash and the 100 meter dash, as well as broke multiple records, including those set by herself in previous years.

**Below:** Jake Ebert

**Below:** Nathan Foga



**To the right:** Lucas Vinson on long jump.



**Opposit Page:** Kyle Cornwell, a sophomore, throws discus for the field events during a home track meet.

**Below:** Ethan Morris, Dillon Martin, Kaine Stone, and Derek Bryant.



**Below:** Tyce Towner



**Below:** Maleah Ruder and Kimmee Cole



**Left:** Kaylee Lane, Macy Wilson, McKenzie Wilson, Maleah Ruder, and Kimmee Cole get ready for the meet to start during indoor season.



# Girl's Tennis

Every year, Spring means a time for change and for finishing up school. But for tennis players, spring means a time for fierce competition, team bonding, and evenings spent out at the courts. As the Lady Tennis Team grows year by year, the memories become greater, and the love of the game grows stronger.



Above: Ty Slayton asks Katelyn Worland to prom before a home tennis match.



After all of her hard work Caley Vanbuskirk won sectionals, advancing to Regional, and won 6-2, 6-1 against Blaine Kelly heading into the individual tournament.



**Back Row:** AJ Scheuermann , Ally Creamer, Caley Vanbuskirk, Haylie Crawford, Claudia Swinford , Delaney Savage, Karsyn Powell, and Coach Hoppell. **Second Row:** Delani Sims, Katelyn Worland, Brooke Mosbaugh , Brookelyn Creamer, Ashley Goolsby , Kalen Stage, Victoria Kaszuba , and Hannah Flanagan. **Front Row:** Casey Tishner, Derek Sims, Lilli Vehikite, Briana Llewellen, Alex Penn, Emilie Creasy, and Lydia Alexander



# The Academic Team

"Hoosier Heritage"



Academic Team participants, from left to right. Back Row: Shayne Gonzalez, A.J. Shuermann, Kalen Stage, Anastasia Hampton, Emma Vehikite, Lilli Vehikite, and Victoria Kaszuba. Front Row: C.J. Morgan, Andrew Creech, Derek Sims, and Ben Gaddis. **Not pictured:** Lauren Bennett, Meaghan Ziegler

**Left:** Lilli Vehikite, Lauren Bennett, and Kalen Stage compete in the English round of the Hamilton Heights Invitational.





The Academic Team, as a whole, placed well at all of the competitions that they attended this year. The most notable success of this season, however, was the English Team's victory and subsequent journey to the state competition that is held at Purdue each year for the top teams in the state.



**Above:** The State English Team. Back Row: Derek Sims and Mr. Smith (Coach). Front Row: Lauren Bennett, Kalen Stage, Lilli Vehikite, and C.J. Morgan.



**Above:** The Interdisciplinary Team gets ready for the first question of the round.



**Above:** Ben Gaddis, A.J. Shuermann, and Andrew Creech compete in the mathematics round of the Hamilton Heights Invitational.



**Above:** The Social Studies Team carefully reads through a difficult question.

*Leaving a Legacy  
of Learning*



From left to right. Back Row: Brennan Murphy, Alyssa Nash, Taylor Noone, Haily Gillam, Reilly Burdsall, Caley Vanbuskirk, Derek Sims, McKenzie Wilson, and Kaine Stone. Second Row: Meaghan Ziegler, Lauren Bennett, Abby Gibson, Hannah Amick, Derek Bryant, Katelyn Worland, Alex Penn, Michael Lang, and Malachi Jones. Front Row: Allyson Creamer, Lilli Vehikite, Morghan Ziegler, Madeleine Easter, Victoria Kaszuba, Delaney Savage, Brooke Mosbaugh, Karsyn Powell, and Danielle Buckmasater.



Above: Inductees to be enjoy their Tap Day lunch in the Auditorium lobby, with their sponsors, Mrs Wilson and Miss Bower.



From Left to Right: Karsyn Powell, Lauren Bennett, Hannah Amick, Allyson Creamer. Lilli Vehikite, Abigail Gibson, and McKenzie Wilson get together for a group picture during the Tap Day lunch, where new National Honor Society inductees celebrate their approaching induction.

# National Honor Society

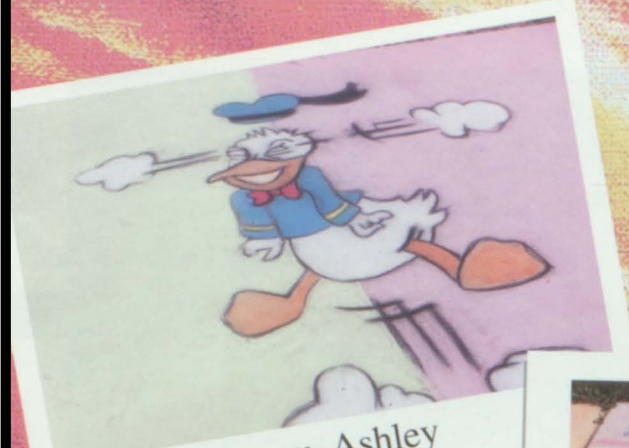


The National Honor Society honors juniors and seniors who display outstanding academic standing, citizenship, and leadership qualities. Every year, as those who qualify become inducted into the Society, they pledge to maintain the standards of this prestigious group.

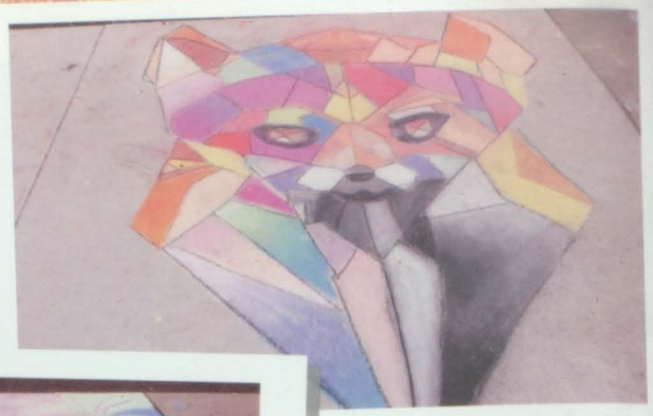


Left, from left to right: Seniors Kaine Stone, Katelyn Worland, Michael Lang, Alex Penn, Malachi Jones, Haily Gillam, Taylor Noone, Derek Sims, Caley Vanbuskirk, and Derek Bryant pose with their plaque at the Induction Ceremony.





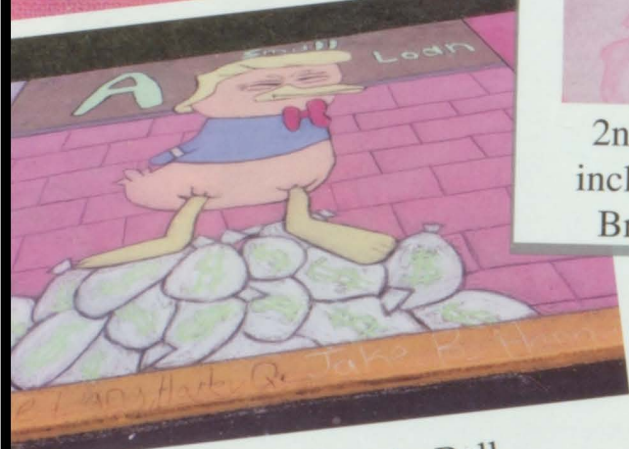
Emilie Creasy, Ashley Goolsby, & Maddie Harris did Donald Duck for their art work



1st place for geometry include Rose Arbuckle, Katie Taylor, Kenzie Bryan, & Tyler Jarell



2nd place nature category winners include Lilli Vehikite, Taylor Jones, Briana Lewellen & Sydnee Klein



Hannah Flanagan, Jake Ball, Harley Quillen, & Paige Lang



Delaney Savage and Sydnee Klein picking out chalk for their groups.



Victoria Kaszuba, Kalie Strange, Delaney Savage, & Kira Tunnell did The Lion King



Haleigh Adams, Zach Faulstich, Kimmee Cole, & Shelby Stodgell



1st place for nature category include Maddie Dailey, Haylie Crawford, Hannah Amick, & Brook Bashm



Students finishing up their art work



3rd place cartoon category include Brooklyn Scott, Bayley Shock, Derek Bryant, and Brayton Thomas



1st place for cartoon include Jilliam Reese, Gabby Leavell, Shantel Blackford, & Maleah Jackson



Emma Vehikite, Aaron Cruz, Hannah Ferguson, & Ally Creamer



2nd place for cartoon include Haden Stage, Ty Slayton, Katelyn Worland, & Marcus Stone

# Chalk Art

## Giving Back to our Community

Students in the High School and Junior High participated in various clean up and restoration projects around the town and in the schools. They did everything from painting benches and providing much needed water, to moving heavy wood from trees and gardening.

The best part of the the day was the good feeling you got inside from knowing you did your best to help and serve your community.



### What did the Day of Caring mean to you?

"When Mr. Retherford created "The Day of Caring" and asked for a committee, I knew I had to sign up. As a teacher I try and teach responsibility and caring in the classroom, but this concept of giving back to your own community was missing from the curriculum. Some students don't ever join churches or activities outside of school so they have never experienced that sense of pride you get by giving back. We started planning after school in meetings and met with community leaders and the enthusiasm brought great ideas to the table. After some time I thought, "Why not ask Glenda Ritz, who is the superintendent for all Indiana schools, to join us?" It truly was not that hard, and before you know it, she was on board. The day came, and from what I saw, students were genuinely excited. We started with a pep rally and then we were off! My group was put uptown to paint flower pots, and a lot of the students went picking weeds or garbage up in alleys. They worked really hard and with pride. The amazing thing was the people walking around or driving by. They would honk or shout "Keep up the good work!" All in all, this is now a tradition at Elwood Schools and will get better with time."

-Mrs. Bernard English Dept.



**Far Left:** Students help clean and organize the band and drama props out of the bus barn behind the school.  
**Left:** Students pull weeds from the flowerbeds in preparation for new mulch.

**Bottom:** David Elbert and Corbin Bartlett sweep Anderson Street.





To start off the day, students gathered in the auditorium to listen to words from community leaders, who commended them for what they were about to do for our community.

## *Leaving a Legacy of Service*



**Left:** Students helped to clean up around the elementary school.



Mrs. Norris, Katie Isreal, and Katelynn Hanes helped to paint flower pots along Anderson Street.



# The Day of CARING

# Panther Artwork



Mr. Piazza showing Emilie Creasy how to make a ceramics bowl.

Every year, students at E.J/S.H., students have the privilege of participating in art classes where they express themselves through drawing, ceramics, and painting. Mr. Bedel, the Art teacher has inspired students for many years, and unfortunately served his last term here in Elwood. However, his instruction leaves behind a legacy of love for art behind him.



Haylie Crawford created this three dimensional Doodle For Google based off of her own interests and the things that she feels describe who she is as a person.

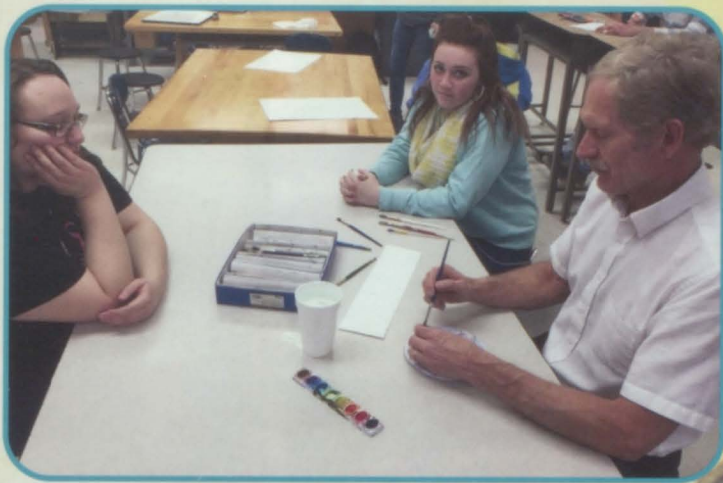


Brooklyn Basham showing off her finished tree.





April Zeller painting a tree with ink.



Mr. Bedel is showing Lindsey Griffin and Sarah Arthur how to do their next project.



Emma Vehikite works on a pair of painted Vans. Inspired by a beehive, her work packs a powerful punch.



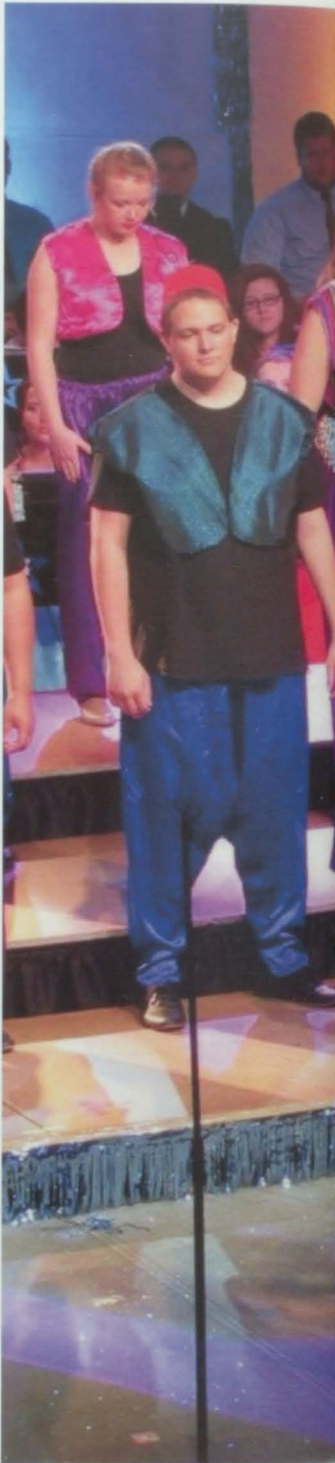
Sarah Arthur and Brooklyn Basham throwing clay on the pottery wheel.



# The Variety Show!

## Celebrate Music!

Throughout the second semester of school, the students in the music program work tirelessly to prepare songs and musical numbers for the Variety Show; a show that combines the musical talents of the band, both choirs, and several solo and group acts into a big, wonderful, entertaining show for the public to enjoy! Stage and lighting preparations take an entire week to perfect and are made possible through parent volunteers and a great lighting company. On top of the decorating and lighting the students have practices and dress rehearsals every night leading up to the show. All this hard work and preparation creates a dazzling show that really makes you want to *Celebrate Music!*



**Above:** The Show Choir performs "Always Look On The Bright Side of Life."



**Below:** The Seniors of the Class of 2016 pose for a picture with Ms. Paula Simmons. The Seniors presented Ms. Simmons with a commemorative ring.



**Above:** The choir boys give a performance of "Sweet Caroline."





**Zach Heidleberg** performs a quad solo.

**Ty Slayton**, a senior performs a fun solo of "Your Man."

**Above:** Devon Robinson, a senior, performs her solo, "Up To The Mountain."

### The Soloists

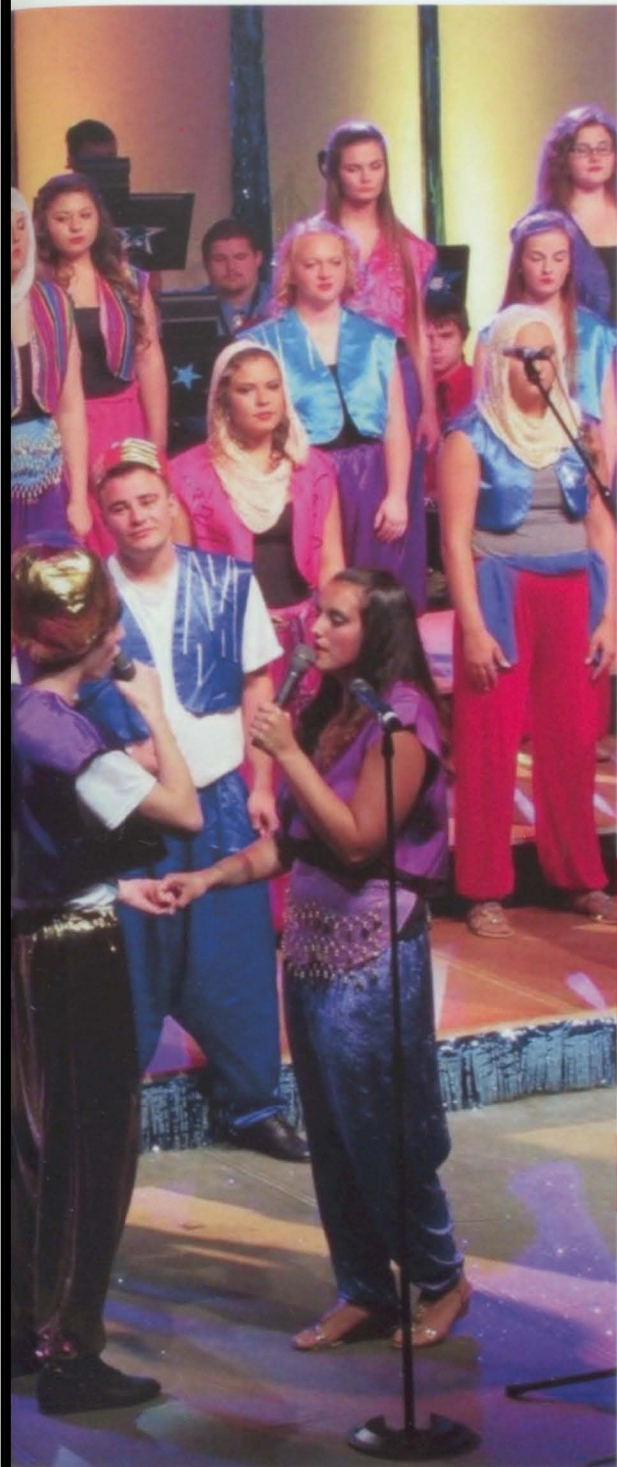


**Alexis Maxey** is pictured singing a wonderful Whitney Houston solo, "I Look to You"

**Brooke Mosbaugh** sang a great rendition of "Heartbeat."

**Kalie Strange** wowed the audience with her rendition of Sia's "Elastic Heart".

**Sydney Klein** performed a awesome Dolly Parton solo, "Jolene".



**Below:** The Concert Choir performs a fun medley called "60s Party Line".

**Below:** Emma Vehikite, Rose Arbuckle, Darsen Tracy, Aaron Cruz, Hannah Ferguson, and Danielle Buckmaster perform their Brass Sextet.





The yearbook staff are selected each year in order to create the best and most aesthetically pleasing book of your fun high school memories.

An Inside Look

# Behind the Scenes

## The Yearbook Staff

Yearbook class is a place for creativity. Its a place for planning, deadlines, and flexibility. The staff of the yearbook are able to get an inside look at different activities around the school, and are able to learn how to plan and use their time effectively as they build their pages throughout the year.

The  
2015-2016  
Yearbook  
Staff





Alex Bowman



Emilie Creasy



Shayne Gonzalez



Victoria Kaszuba



Brianna Lewellen



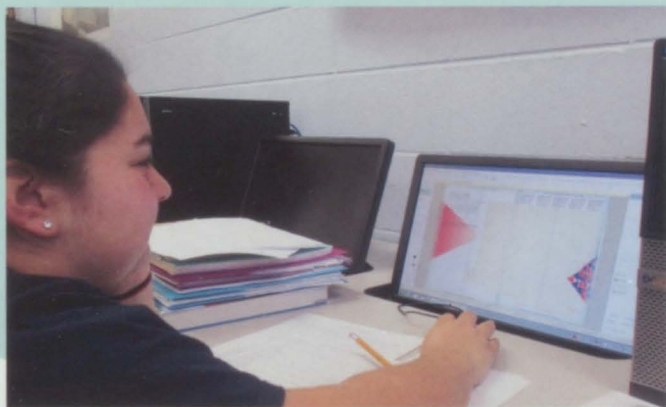
Emma Vehikite



Lilli Vehikite



April Zeller



Shayne Gonzalez works on the track page during 3rd period Yearbook.



Emma Vehikite carefully designs the Marching Band page, a group that she is a member of.

**On the Opposite Page:** The 2015-2016 Yearbook Staff, from left to right.  
First Row: Shayne Gonzalez, Emma Vehikite, Alex Bowman, and April Zeller.  
Second Row: Lilli Vehikite, Briana Llewellen, Victoria Kaszuba, and Emilie Creasy.  
Back Row: Mr. Bedel (Adviser).





The night that everyone waits for. The night every upperclassman, and a few underclassmen, anticipate all year long. Prom. This year, the prom was held in the Kelley Agricultural Historical Museum. The beautiful facility's rustic setting set the mood for a night of fun, food, and dancing. As students walked into the renovated round barn, they were greeted by music and friends. After prom finished, the students gathered at the high school for after prom, where a mechanical bull, pizza, and karaoke greeted the prom goers.



Back Row: Ty Slayton, Will Dailey, Kaine Stone, Malachi Jones, Ethan Morris, Landon Diehl, and Dillon Martin.  
Front Row: Tyce Towner, Derek Bryant, and Zach Faulstich.



Above: Derek Bryant, Taylor Jones, McKenzie Wilson, and Kaine Stone strike a pose before heading to the venue.

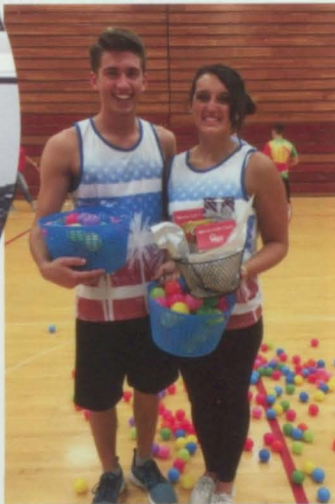
Below: Malachi Jones and his date, Taylor Noone, display their excitement as they head into the prom venue.



Above: The 2015-2016 Prom King and Queen celebrate their crowning with a slow dance. The Queen, Morgan McCormick, and King Brantley McCorkle smile for the camera while the song "Royals" by Lorde played.



Above: Alyssa Nash and Aaron Haas right before walk-ins.



Caley Vanbuskirk and her date win a night out at after prom.

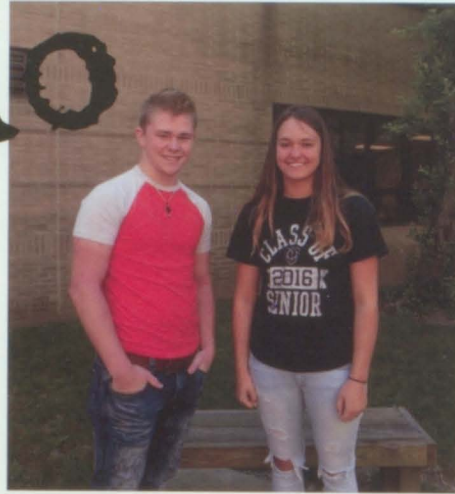


Noah Elsworth and Ashley Goolsby pose for a pre-prom shot.

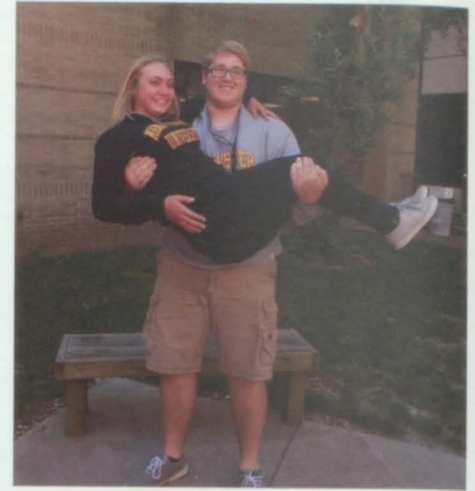
# OURS

# Prom 2016 The Night

# Who's Who



"Best Smile"  
Brooklyn Scott and Aaron Haas



"Best Couple"  
Ty Slayton & Katelyn Worland



"Most Shy"  
Shayne Gonzalez and Jacob Glassburn



"Most Huggable"  
Bayley Shock and Ty Slayton



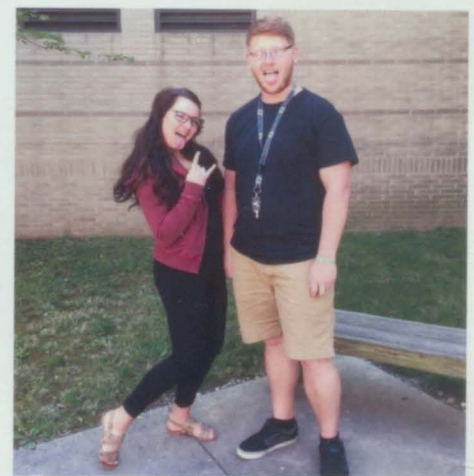
"Dare Devil"  
Ashley Goolsby & Ethan Morris



"Most Gullible"  
Henry Mumba & Megan Stoner



"Best Dressed"  
Abbigayle Kleinbub & Malachi Jones



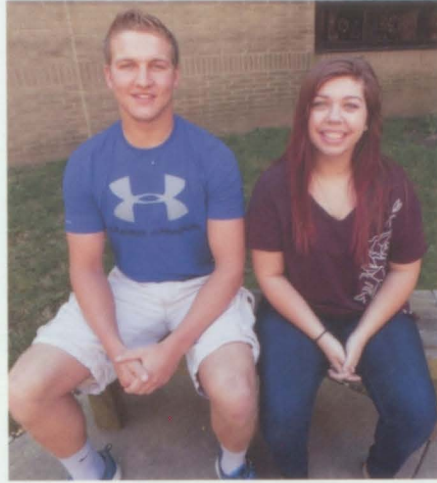
"Most Outgoing"  
Devon Robinson & Dillon Martin





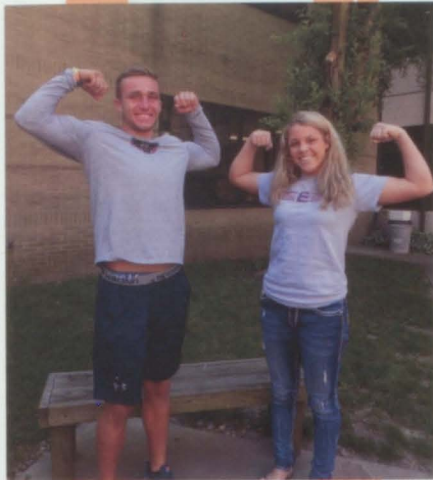
**"Best Musician"**

Emma Vehikite & Levi Connelly



**"Best Eyes"**

J.D. Sallee & Kaylee Todd



**"Most Athletic"**

Taylor Noone & Kaine Stone



**"Most Likely to Succeed"**

Derek Sims & Reilly Burdsall



**"Biggest Clutz"**

Katelyn Worland & Derek Bryant



**"Most Laid Back"**

Haily Gillam & Gavin Sowash



**"Most Likely to Fall Asleep In Class"**

Aaron Neese & (Not Pictured and Currently Sleeping) Brookelyn Ritter

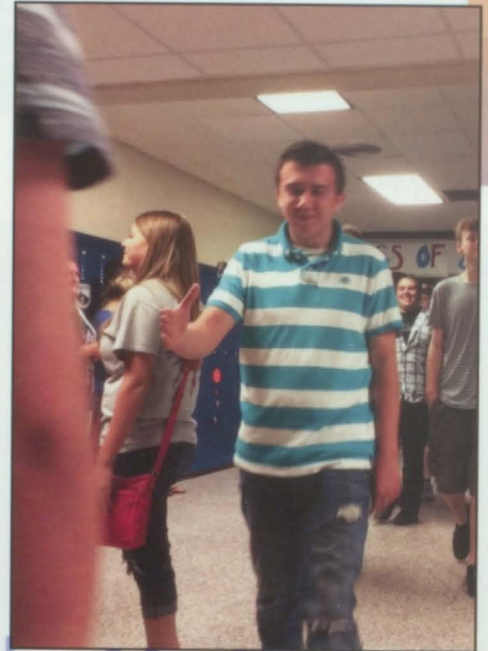


**"Most Likely to Get Their Licenses Revoked"**

Morgan Rice & Corbin Bartlett



Left: Chloe Smith and Dillon Martin share a hug. To their right, Reilly Burdsall continues her Senior Walk.



Above: Ryan Gross goes to give Mason Ebbert a good-bye handshake.



Emotions run high as the Seniors take their last tour of the halls, passing their friends, their peers, their *family* of the past four years. Teary goodbyes, and hugs are exchanged as students of all ages wish their graduating friends good luck in the future as they move on to the next chapter of their lives, leaving EJ/SHS behind.



# The Senior Walk



Left: Mr. Rutowski and Mr. Retherford lead the Seniors through the halls.

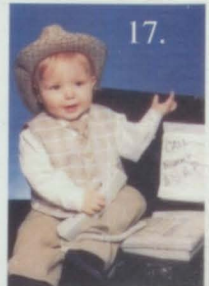
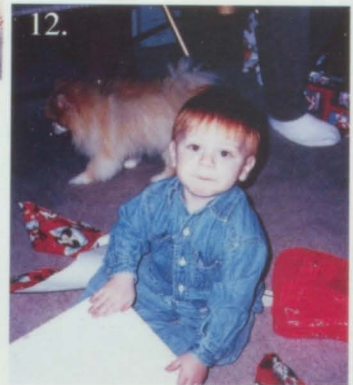
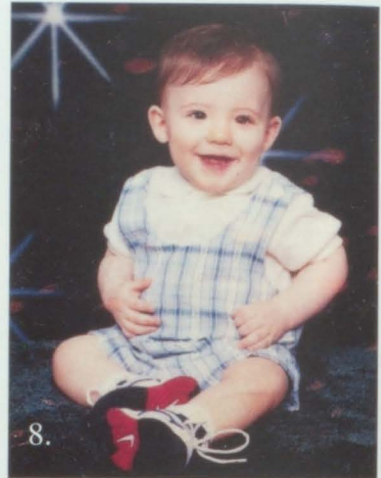
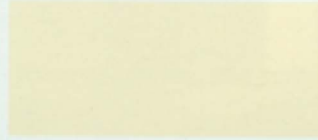
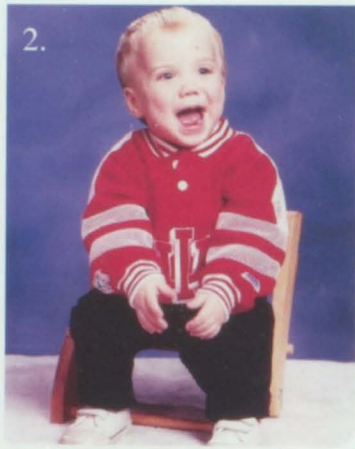


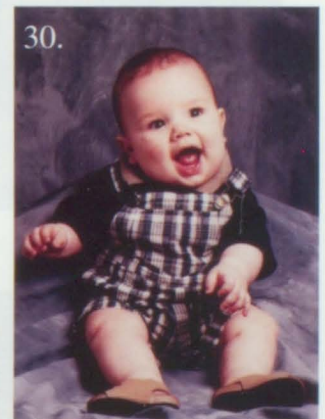
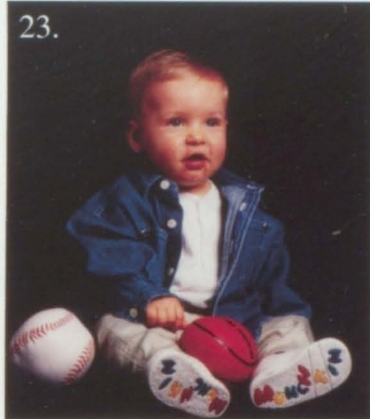
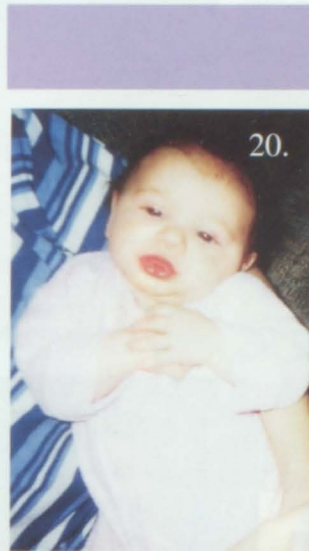
Right: Devon Robinson and Sydnee Klein embrace before Devon continues on her Walk.

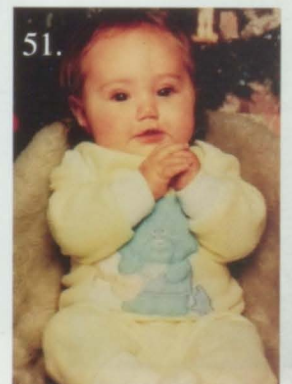
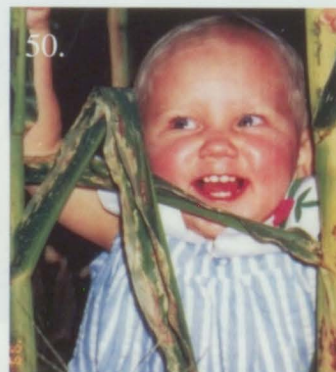
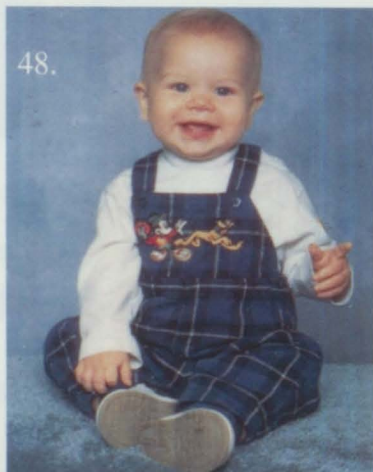
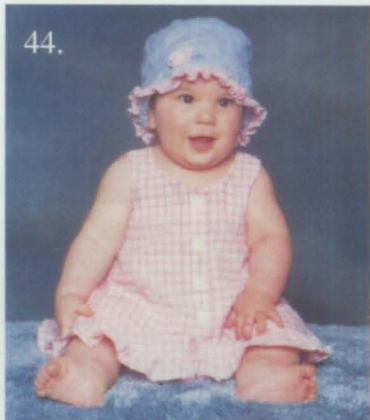
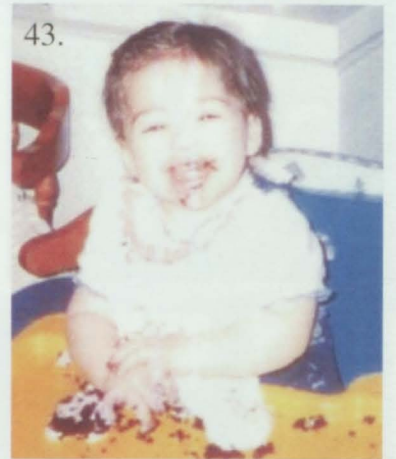
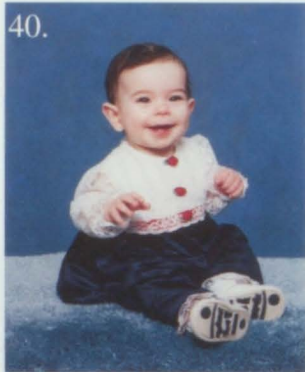


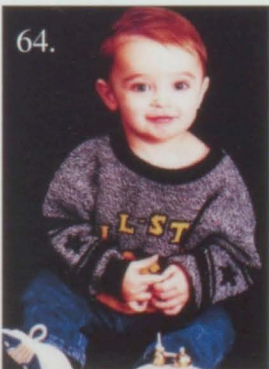
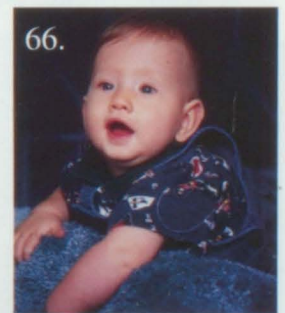
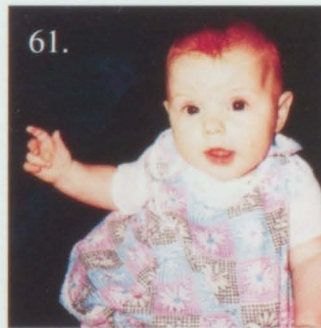
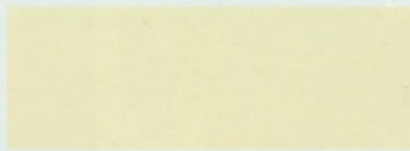
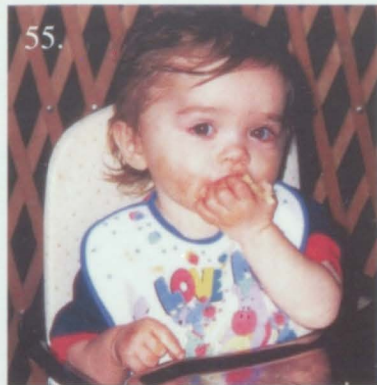
# From Sippy cups to Seniors

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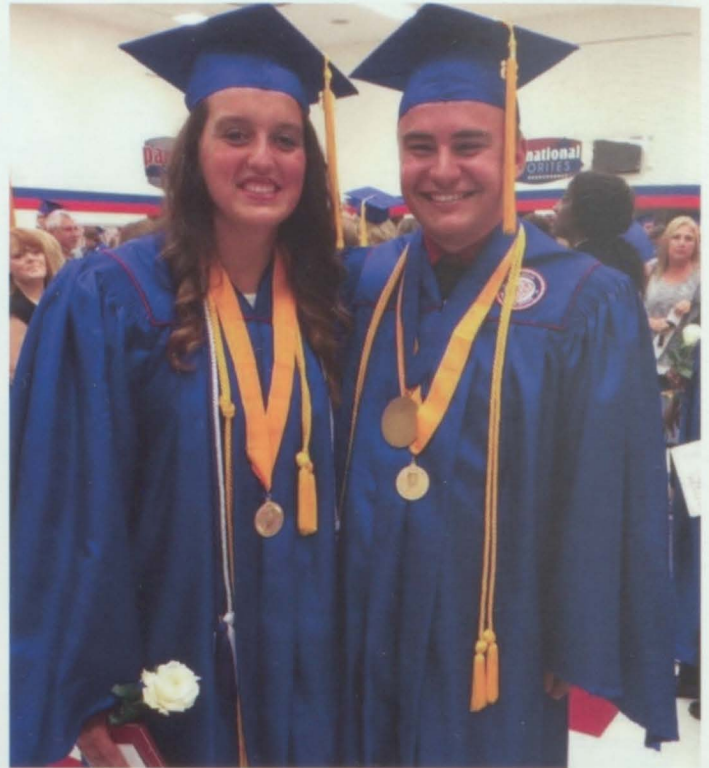








**Right:** Caley VanBuskirk and Derek Sims, the Class of 2016 Valedictorian, pose together as new graduates.



**Right:** Gavin Sowash descends off the stage after receiving his diploma and shakes hands with Mr. Rutowski.



**Right:** The Class of 2016 leave the auditorium as new graduates. Pictured are Dakota Whitaker, Emma Vehikite, Kailee Todd, Caley VanBuskirk, and Tyce Towner.



**Far Right:** Derek Bryant, Kaine Stone, and Zane Boyer smile for the camera in their ceremonial gowns before commencement.



**Right:** Emerson Howard shakes Mr. Rutowski's hand after receiving her diploma at graduation.





# Commencement

*From Seniors, to Graduates*



As the year draws to a close, we say goodbye to some of our peers for the very last time. Commencement offers a finality, an end, where Seniors move on to their next great journey in life. Speaking this year was Derek Sims on the topic of "Mosaic" and Reilly Burdsall on the topic of "Memories."

**Left:** Derek Bryant, Weston Elbert, Ethan Morris, Tyce Towner, Zach Faulstich, Kaine Stone, Zane Boyer, J.D. Sallee, Will Dailey, and Malachi Jones.



**Left:** Taylor Noone, the President and Salutatorian of the Class of 2016, delivered the final speech on the topic of, "Learn to Fail, Or Fail To Learn."



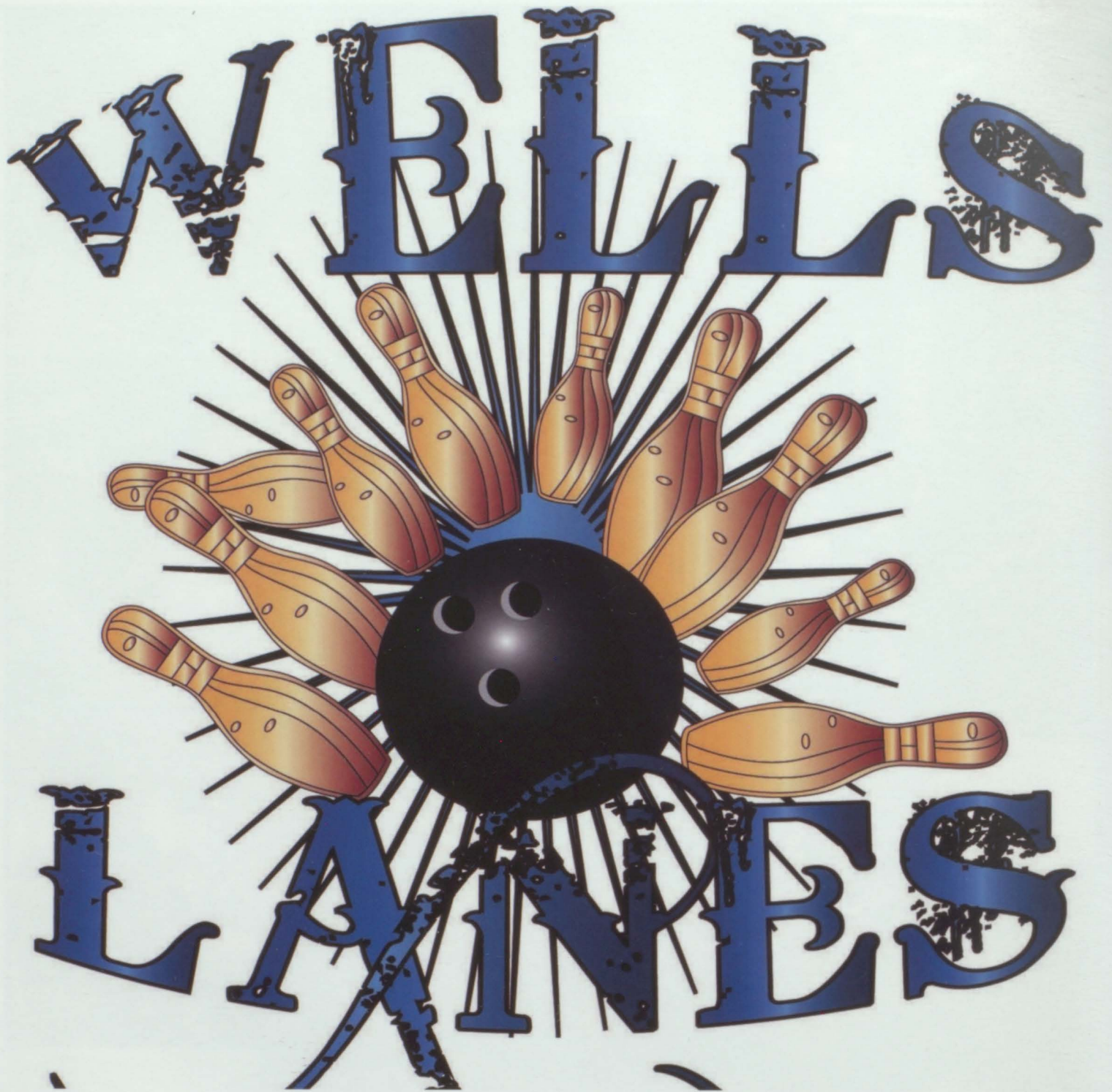


# A Year in Review





At this age, everything is changing. Day by day we don't notice, but just look back over the past year and you will realize everything has. People you thought were going to be there forever aren't, and people you never imagined speaking to are now some of your closest friends. Life makes little sense, and the more we grow the less sense it will make. So make the most of now, before it all changes once again, because in the near future, all of this is only going to be memories.



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*Congratulations*

# ELWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

*Class of 2016*



**from Pipe Creek Twp. Fire Department**



**Kourtnie Ballman**

Congrats! We are so proud of you.  
You can achieve anything you set your  
mind to, continue to reach for the stars.  
Love Mom & Dad



**Katelyn Lindsay**

Congratulations! We are proud of all  
your accomplishments!  
Love,  
Your Family



Alexis Capps

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You overcame alot of obstacles and worked hard. Keep it up Baby Doll.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Megan Stoner

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. We wish you the best with everything you do.

Mom and Dad



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Michael McGahey

Congratulations! We're  
proud of you bud!

-Dad



Caley VanBuskirk

Words can't describe how proud we are  
of you. We can't wait to see what the  
future holds.

Love

Mom, Dad, Cody, & Corey

*A Huge Thank You To Our  
Sponsors...*

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Claudia Swinford

# Baby Picture Answers:

- 1.) Wyatt Wilson
- 2.) Zane Boyer
- 3.) Kaylee Todd
- 4.) Bayley Shock
- 5.) Raistlin Heady
- 6.) Emerson Howard
- 7.) Megan Stoner
- 8.) Will Dailey
- 9.) Tyce Towner
- 10.) Zach Faulstich
- 11.) Ty Slayton
- 12.) Chris Gilles
- 13.) Aaron Haas
- 14.) Brooklyn Scott
- 15.) Derek Sims
- 16.) Logan Coston
- 17.) Cecil Keesling
- 18.) Shayne Gonzalez
- 19.) Ryne Gross
- 20.) Briana Hobbes
- 21.) Kourtnie Ballman
- 22.) Morgan McCormick
- 23.) J.D. Sallee
- 24.) Katie Isreal
- 25.) Michael McGahey
- 26.) Taylor Noone
- 27.) David Elbert
- 28.) Destiny Porter
- 29.) Zach Morris
- 30.) Brantley McCorkle
- 31.) Jacob Glassburn
- 32.) Ashley Goolsby
- 33.) Philip Stafford
- 34.) Alexis Capps
- 35.) Hailey Gillam
- 36.) Daniel Barnett
- 37.) Katie Luzzadder
- 38.) Hayla Jordan
- 39.) Caley VanBuskirk
- 40.) Amy Darling
- 41.) Kaine Stone
- 42.) Dakota Whittaker
- 43.) Bryanne Hendrix
- 44.) Emma Vehikite
- 45.) Shaylynn Mitchell
- 46.) Sarah Arthur
- 47.) Weston Elbert
- 48.) Grant Ebbert
- 49.) Alex Penn
- 50.) Morgan Rice
- 51.) Katelynn Worland
- 52.) Bree Winn
- 53.) Dalton and Derek Delong
- 54.) Ari Wilson
- 55.) Chrystal Chesnut
- 56.) Hayden Stage
- 57.) Justin Sexton
- 58.) Derek Bryant
- 59.) Abbigayle Kleinbub
- 60.) Ryan Bowsman
- 61.) Haley Jetty
- 62.) Aaron Neese
- 63.) Katelyn Hanes
- 64.) Damien Sizelove
- 65.) Reilly Burdsall
- 66.) Justin Jamison
- 67.) Katelynn Lindsey
- 68.) Levi Connelley
- 69.) Lisa Helping





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Yours Truly,

The Yearbook Staff



*In Loving Memory of*

## **Julie A. Johnson**

Beloved teacher, umpire, and friend.

**May 2nd, 1957 - April 28th, 2016**

Since 1976, Julie Johnson has served as a highly respected educator, coach and umpire for softball on the state, national and international level. The students of Elwood Community Jr./ Sr. High School are eternally grateful for Ms. Johnson's work and boundless spirit. She will truly be missed.



In Loving Memory of

# Christopher L. Bell

August 25, 1998 - May 8, 2016

Chris attended Elwood Community up until his sophomore year. Chris loved everyone, loved life, had a big heart, had a beautiful smile, and was a beautiful soul that was taken from this Earth far too soon. Chris will be missed so much by the community.

See you  
next year!!



