



# *A REAL PAGE TURNER*

2008-2009

Arapahoe High School

Arapahoe, NE





*PAGE TURNING  
PEOPLE...*







# KINDERGARTEN

The 2008-09 Kindergarten Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Mrs. Karmeca Fisher, Connor Breinig, Miya Odell, Brianna Conn, Conner Luke and Reilley Einspahr. Row 2: Ms. Amber Whitebear, Elizabeth Bell, Cord Frink, John Donovan, Tristan Abraham, Grady McDonald, Jonah Shimmin and Mrs. Karen Custer. Row 3: Jonna Metzger, Shane Sieja, Ashley Aranda, David Theobald and Gavin Doles.



# FIRST GRADE

The 2008-09 First Grade Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Angel Trujillo, Skyler Warburton, Yasmine Jones, Daniel Purdy, Jasmine Larson, Adrienne North and Mrs. Ann Collins. Row 2: Danielle Eidson, Hannah Utterback, Haylie Horton, Kaylee Odell and Miles Hemelstrand. Row 3: Cooper Schutz, Andrew Park, Faith Pruitt, Latrell Khan, Destry Hillebrand, Tanner Deisley and Carter Miller.





SECOND  
GRADE

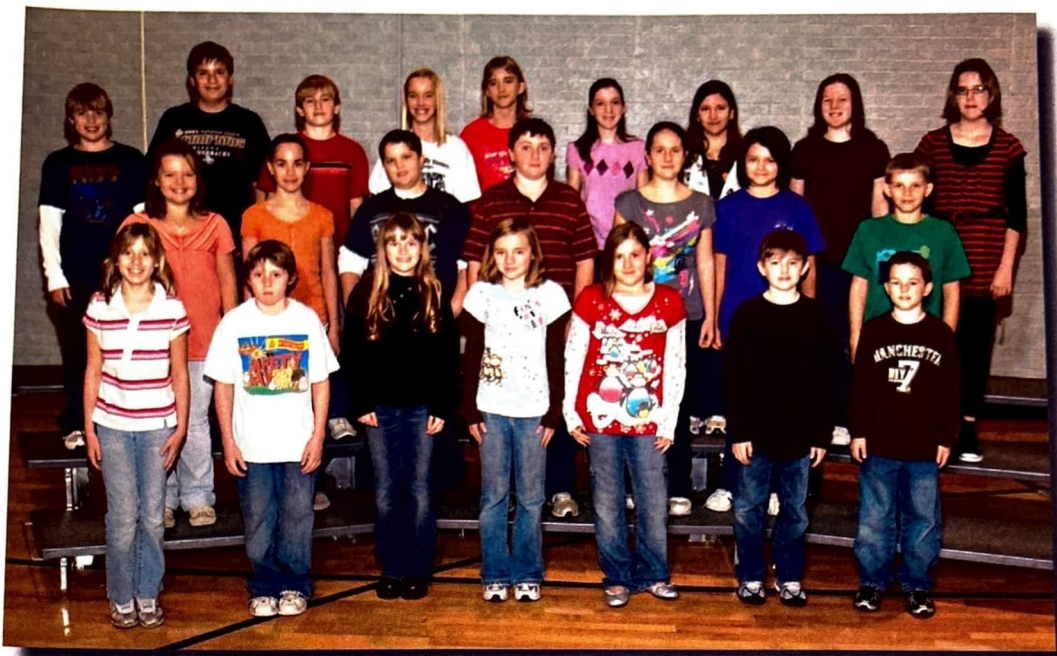
The 2008-09 Second Grade Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Colton Hearn, Hannah Jenkins, Ryan Davis, Eric Ellis, Jorjah Shimmin, Desirae Fage and Alivia Wasenius. Row 2: Jaelyn McDonald, Carson Schroeder, Jackson Koller, Hunter Swanson, Faith Simcox, Joslyn North and Mrs. Shari Mues. Row 3: Branigan Schaben, Chloe Carlson, Luis Ortega, Gentry Anderson, Cameron Groves, LeAndra Reed and Mariah Watson.



THIRD  
GRADE

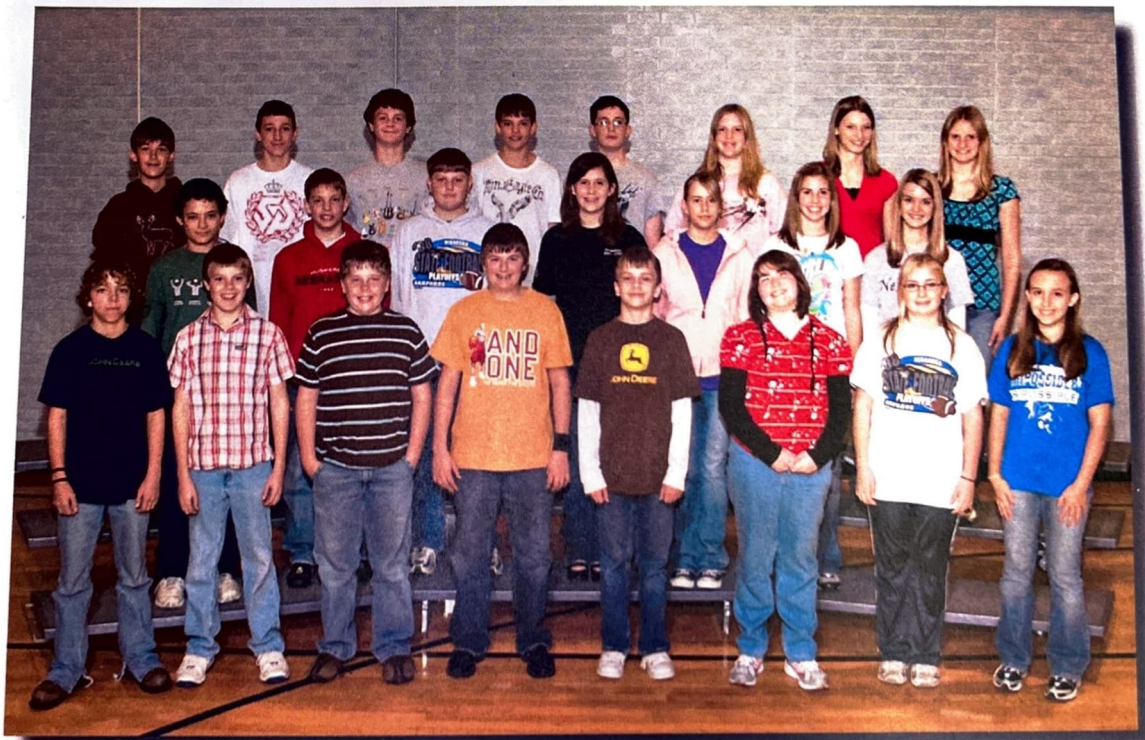
The 2008-09 Third Grade Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Alayna Whipple, Anthony Meyers, Hailey Utterback, Adrienne Einspahr, Tyler Kapperman and Mrs. Lisa Schutz. Row 2: Madison Hanke, Jacob Pruitt, Jacob Eichenberger, Roger Ellis and Morgan Deisley. Row 3: Katie Chaffin, Spencer Watson, Laine DeVries, Shannon Breinig, Nevada Gardner and Jonathon Kelly.





SIXTH  
GRADE

The 2008-09 Sixth Grade Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Bailey Pruitt, Brandon Pruitt, Kate Besler, Kaylee Warburton, Audrey Breinig, Tyson Hemelstrand and Collin Frink. Row 2: Kendra Simcox, Kaylea Watson, Tyrea Warner, Jordan Crosley, Savannah Schaben, Jacci Stagemeyer and Cole McDonald. Row 3: Brennan Koller, Zachary Wadleigh, Junior Hilker, London Scott, Ashely Groves, Elizabeth Peterson, Macy Martinez, Heather Eschen and Kirsten Reid.



SEVENTH  
GRADE

The 2008-09 Seventh Grade Class includes Row 1 (l to r): Chandler Hearn, Tanner Redenbaugh, Logan Warner, Aaron Hamel, Devin Hastings, Kendra Nitzel, Sabrina Gardner and Shae Sughroue. Row 2: Brett Gardner, Tyler Kipp, Chandler Hambidge, Kyla Monie, Sydney Henry, Stephanie Paulson and Carley Polston. Row 3: Brady DeVries, Anthony Shimmin, Caden Weverka, Garrett Rogers, Garrett Monie, Cheyenne Welch, Rochelle Wendland and Hannah Hanke.



# AHS FAVORITES

The 2008-09 school year was full of page turning people, athletics and activities. In addition, we had our own favorites . . . the little things that we don't want to forget as the years pass. From kinds of music to favorite movies, the most popular drink to the favorite homecoming dress-up day, we all have our faves. The results reflect the 71 surveys that were returned by students in grades 9-12.

## Favorite Movie

Step Brothers	39
Twilight	15
The Dark Night	14
Marley & Me	3

## Reasons For Attending AHS

To Receive an Education	30
To Socialize	21
Because I Have To	16
To Pass Time	4



## Most Popular Drink

Pop	30
Gatorade	27
Energy Drink	9
Water	5

## Favorite Lunch

Super Nachos	40
Pizza	14
Chicken Nuggets	9
Sub Sandwiches	8

## Favorite Homecoming Dress-up Day

Super Hero/Villain Day	24
Blue & White Day	16
Color Day	15
Cowboy/Indian Day	8
Twin Day	8

## Favorite Type of Music

R&B/Rap	21
Rock	18
Country	16
Alternative	16

Above Left: Joel Stagemeyer, Parker Loomis, T.J. Eichenberger, Dustin Park and Wyatt Kipp show their "anything goes" sense of style. Left: A fur-trimmed hooded jacket provided a popular clothing item for the females in 2008-09. Showing off this fashion statement are Paige Frink, Brittany Brooks, Hope Scott, Killy Lampe, Kaylee Anderson, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Cathy Paulsen, Danielle Schutz and Amy Breinig.



# FRESHMEN



Members of the Freshmen Class are Row 1 (l to r): Stephanie Shearer, Ashley McCoy, Wyatt Kipp, Bryce Linden, Cassie Yelton, Brittany Brooks, Rachel Koller, Paige Frink and Jessica Jording. Row 2: JoHanna Schnoor, Peggy Stonerook, Kelsy Goodner, Tira Ridenbaugh, Justice Hastings, Trisha Rogers, Andrea Leising, Alex Curran and Reid Stagemeyer. Row 3: Joel Stagemeyer, Kris Brown, Ryan Gardner, Justin Stagemeyer, Austin Hyke, Trev Hausler, Brad Loghry and Roy Wyrick.

## *I remember when . . .*

"I rode in a van for nine hours with nine other girls just to cheer at a football game."--Jessica Jording

"I got a sweet scar on my face in vocal class."--Joel Stagemeyer

"Brad Loghry was chased by his heifer during his FFA demo."-- Tira Ridenbaugh

"We made it to Boys' State Basketball."-- Austin Hyke

"I stole Mrs. Harris' smartboard remote."--Reid Stagemeyer

"The freshmen beat the teachers in the dodgeball tournament."-- Ashley McCoy

"I fell up the stairs when there was a lot of people coming down them."--Peggy Stonerook

"We sang in English class every day."--Brittany Brooks



All decked out in purple on Color Day are Row 1 (l to r): Tira Ridenbaugh, Kelsy Goodner, Stephanie Shearer and Jessica Jording. Row 2: Cassie Yelton, Brittany Brooks, Rachel Koller, Ashley McCoy and Alex Curran. Row 3: Justice Hastings, Reid Stagemeyer, Joel Stagemeyer, Justin Stagemeyer, Austin Hyke, Peggy Stonerook and Wyatt Kipp.



# SOPHOMORES



Members of the Sophomore Class include Row 1 (l to r): Megan Eschen, Amber Hampton, Heidi Mues, Maclane Scott, Jordan Edwards-Blow and Nancy Stonerook. Row 2: Bailey Fogel, Casie Campany, Amanda Loghry, Shannon Sommer, Jennifer Grindle, Caitlin Tangeman, Chelsea Stagemeyer and Michele Borden. Row 3: Elvis Diaz, Cayla Polston, Dakota Welch, Daniel Otten, Kaycee Rogers, Kaylee Anderson and Danielle Schutz. Row 4: Thomas Adams, Dustin Park, Garth Walbridge, Scott Williamson, Makayla Wendland, T.J. Eichenberger and Kaitlyn tenBensel.

## *I remember when . . .*

“Junior snuck a cat into school in his bookbag.”  
--Kaitlyn tenBensel

“Danielle and I won Twin Day dressed as Hannah Montana.”--Kaylee Anderson

“I filled out a yearbook survey . . . so fun.”  
--Maclane Scott

“Our quiz bowl team actually did well.”--Caitlin Tangeman

“We went to district football at Orchard and I brought two right shoes, so I had to wear Kaitlyn’s BLACK shoes while everyone else had white. When people asked about it, I said they were “captain shoes.”--Cayla Polston

“Mrs. Martin checked our room at 3:30 in the morning during state FCCLA.”--Makayla Wendland



Danielle Schutz and Kaylee Anderson dance to the Mexican music as part of the Cinco de Mayo program presented by Mrs. Foley’s Spanish I and II classes.



# JUNIORS



Members of the Junior Class include Row 1 (l to r): Vanda Braems, Killy Lampe, Kayla Locke, Grace Snyder, Regan Koller and Kendra Gardner. Row 2: Jackie Juhl, Shawn Bray, Carlos Ortega, Parker Loomis, Traica Park and Alaina Sughroue. Row 3: Dylan Ellis, Bradly Goodner, Andy Gardner, Derek Helms, Garrett Schutz, Jason Hambidge and Carmen Warner.

## *I remember when . . .*



Dylan Ellis and Vanda Braems are covered in green and shamrocks to celebrate the "luck of the Irish" on St. Patrick's Day.

"I tripped over the line at the soap scrimmage for basketball."--Carmen Warner

"Dustin, Dillon, Scotty, Parker, Ian and I went drive by paintballing through town."--Jason Hambidge

"People told me there were only 100 students at AHS, and I freaked out a little. Eventually I learned that small schools aren't that bad."--Vanda Braems

"We were required to play 'catch phrase' on the way to volleyball games."--Grace Snyder

"Parker and I sang at the top of our lungs on the speech bus while everyone else was trying to sleep."--Killy Lampe

"Mr. Hatch woke up late for work 'cuz the Mrs. wasn't home."--Andy Gardner

"Junior rolled down a hill in a pasture in a tractor tire."--Derek Helms



# SENIORS



Members of the Senior Class include Row 1 (l to r): Cece Stonerook, Norma Diaz, Faith Hampton, Amy Breinig, Hope Scott, Kayla Chambers and Jessica Duran. Row 2: Cathy Paulsen, Corey Duran, Grant Williamson, Dalton Hyke, Zach Fogel, Zac Campany and Ethan Jenkins. Row 3: Brenda Scripter, Dane tenBensel, Junior Dunn, Andy Wendland, Dillon Breinig, Korie Ross and Ivan Simic.

## *I remember when . . .*

“We won the District Championships in football and basketball.”--Dillon Breinig

“I attended Boys’ State Basketball with the cheerleaders . . . also, all of the random conversations with Ethan and Dane.”--Brianna Kruger

“We had interesting conversations at the cross country pasta suppers.”--Cathy Paulsen

“Mrs. Breinig ripped everyone out at CINDERELLA practice for obvious reasons, and I had the privilege of sitting next to Hope in government . . . need I say more?”--Amy Breinig

“I first came to school here during my freshman year. Ethan was in Mrs. Breinig’s room (probably in trouble), and he showed me the school. What a way to start school . . . with Ethan!”--Corey Duran

“Mr. Hatch was late for school.”--Dane tenBensel

“My mom even helped decorate for prom.”--Faith Hampton



Left: Catwoman (Cathy Paulsen) and the Joker (Corey Duran) roamed the halls of AHS during Homecoming 2008’s Super Hero/Villain Day. Below: Andy Wendland and Dillon Breinig listen attentively to the presentation on smart saving, credit management and other consumer issues. The seminar was sponsored by First Central Bank.







Senior cross country runners include Hope Scott, Ivan Simic and Cathy Paulsen.



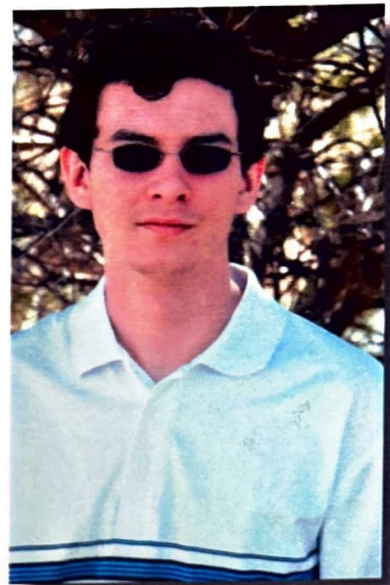
Amelia Breinig



Dillon Breinig



Senior cheerleaders include Norma Diaz, Brianna Kruger and Cecelia Stonerook.



Zachary Campany



Senior volleyball players include Brianna Kruger and Amy Breinig.



Kayla Chambers



# CLASS OF 2009



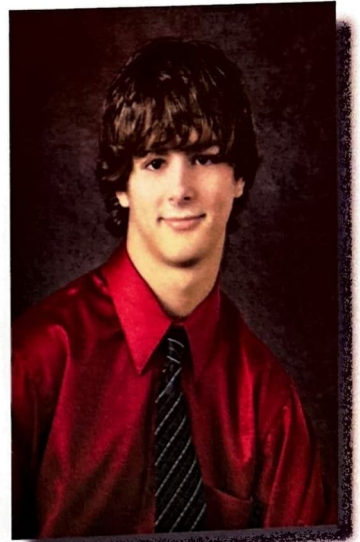
Senior class officers include Hope Scott, secretary/treasurer; Cecelia Stonerook, president; and Cathy Paulsen, vice president.



Corey Duran



Senior football players include clockwise from lower left: Andy Wendland, Ethan Jenkins, Dillon Breinig, Dane tenBensel, Junior Dunn, Dalton Hyke and Grant Williamson.



Zachary Fogel



Senior FCCLA members include Amy Breinig, Zach Fogel, Norma Diaz, Brenda Scripser, Faith Hampton and Dalton Hyke.



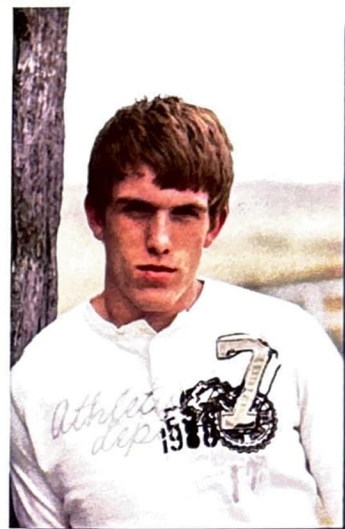
Faith Hampton



# CLASS OF 2009



Senior FFA members include  
Row 1 (l to r):  
Hope Scott, Amy Breinig, Cathy Paulsen and Dalton Hyke. Row 2: Junior Dunn and Dillon Breinig. Row 3: Cassie Pulley, Norma Diaz and Andy Wendland.



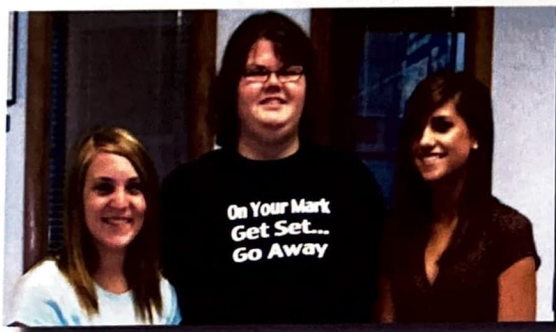
Dalton Hyke



Senior band members include Row 1 (l to r): Kayla Chambers, Amy Breinig, Brianna Kruger, Hope Scott and Cecelia Stonerook. Row 2: Brenda Scripter, Dalton Hyke, Cathy Paulsen and Dane tenBensel.



Ethan Jenkins



Senior quiz bowl team members include Amy Breinig, Brenda Scripter and Cathy Paulsen.



Brianna Kruger



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Seniors wrestlers include Zach Fogel, Dane tenBensel and Ethan Jenkins.



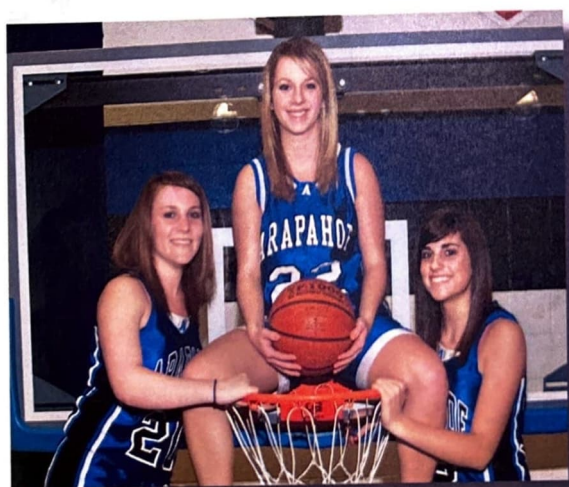
Catherine Paulsen



Senior boys' basketball players include Korie Ross, Andy Wendland, Dalton Hyke, Ivan Simic and Dillon Breinig.



Cassandra Pulley



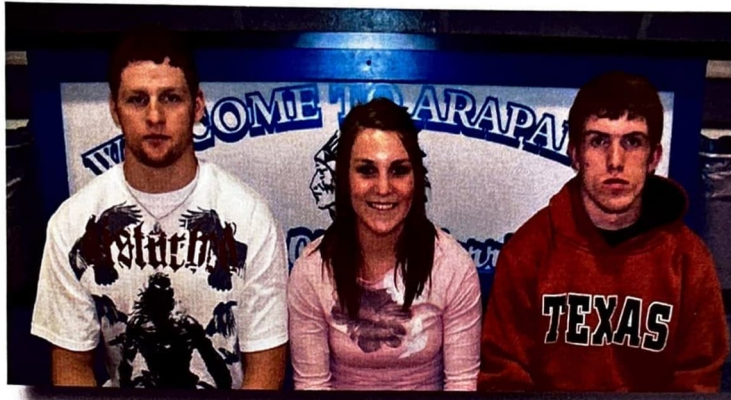
Senior girls' basketball players include Amy Breinig, Hope Scott and Cathy Paulsen.



Korie Ross



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Senior student council members include Dillon Breinig, Amy Breinig and Dalton Hyke.



Hope Scott



Senior class prom candidates include Korie Ross, Norma Diaz, Ivan Simic, Hope Scott, Andy Wendland, Cecelia Stonerook, Dillon Breinig and Amy Breinig.



Brenda Scripter



Senior vocal participants include (clockwise from lower left): Hope Scott, Faith Hampton, Cecelia Stonerook, Andy Wendland, Korie Ross, Brenda Scripter, Cassie Pulley, Junior Dunn, Dalton Hyke, Brianna Kruger, Jessica Duran, Norma Diaz, Cathy Paulsen and Amy Breinig.



Ivan Simic



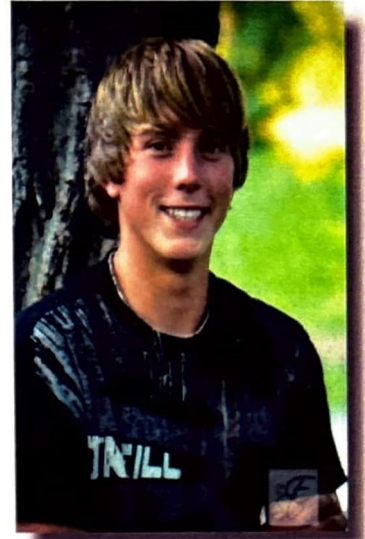
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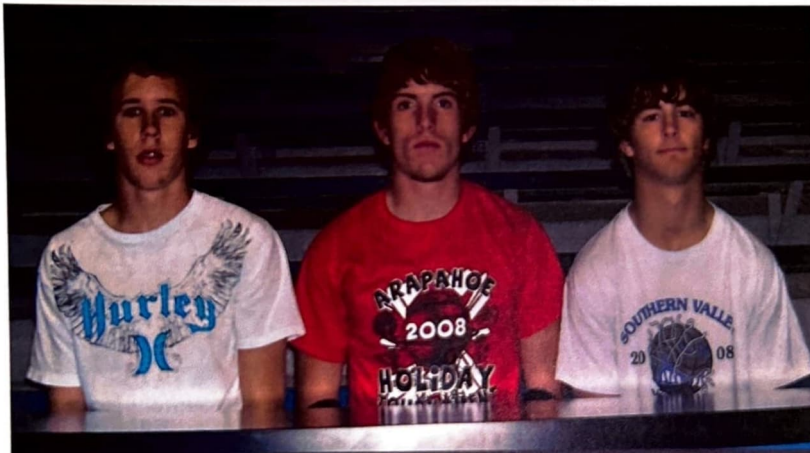
Senior flag team member is Kayla Chambers.



Cecelia Stonerook



Dane tenBensel



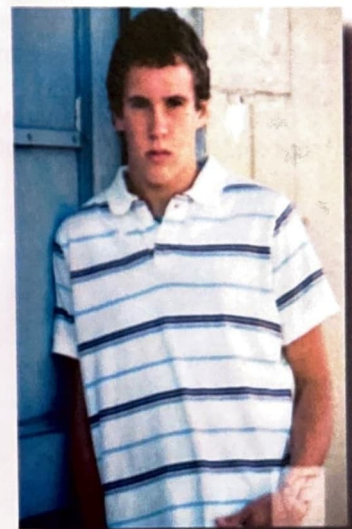
Senior golfers include Grant Williamson, Dalton Hyke and Zach Fogel.



Andrew Wendland



Senior track team members include (clockwise from lower left): Amy Breinig, Brianna Kruger, Ivan Simic, Cathy Paulsen, Dillon Breinig, Kayla Chambers and Hope Scott.



Grant Williamson



# CERTIFIED STAFF



Certified Staff members include Row 1 (l to r): Daren Hatch, Bob Braithwait, Leslie Wagner, Jennifer Schutz, Pam Breinig, Shari Mues, Judy Collins, Chris Snyder, Geri Steinbrink, LeAndra Monie, Lisa Schutz, Karen Custer and Damon McDonald. Row 2: Senja Stephens, Connie Hoefs, Kristen Harris, Lynn Crosley, Jeanne Paulsen, Sue Helms, Marcia Foley,

Diane Scriptor and Marilyn Martin. Row 3: John Paulsen, Dan Schaben, Paula Deisley, Colin Kubik, Jeremy Wood, Chuck Collins, Ann Collins, Deb McDonald, Julie Stagemeyer and Kip Stephens. Not pictured are Karmeca Fisher and Rogene Wenburg.

# CLASSIFIED STAFF



Upper Left: The Transportation Team includes Charles Pruitt, Sheila Pruitt, Sara Stonerook, Erma Pfeiffer and Lynn Crosley. Upper Right: The Cafeteria Staff includes Thersa Shearer, Ann Brooks and Deb Helms. Left: Classroom Aides include Row 1 (l to r): Amy Watson and Sara Stonerook. Row 2: Margie Gardner, Cedonnia Hyke, Trudee Hamel, Amber Whitebear and Cindy Bowers. Not pictured are Pam Lamb and Laura Strickland.



Left: The Custodial Crew includes Bruce Sander, Cheryl Chambers and Cindy Huxoll. Right: The Administrative Assistants include Kelly Breinig, Linda Anderson and Donna Fisher.





# CHEERLEADERS



Left: Rachel Koller and Chelsea Stagemeyer reach out for a Warrior victory. Above: At the Homecoming Pep Rally in the park, Brianna Kruger, Regan Koller, Rachel Koller,

Cayla Polston, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Cece Stonerook and Kaitlyn tenBensel yell the Warrior battle cry. Below Left: Norma Diaz, Killy Lampe, Jessica Jording and Cece Stonerook raise crowd spirit during a pep rally. Below right: Jessica Jording, Norma Diaz and Brianna Kruger lead a chant during a basketball game.



The 2008-2009 Arapahoe Warrior Cheerleading Squad includes Row 1 (l to r): Rachel Koller, Cecelia Stonerook, Cayla Polston, Killy Lampe and Jessica Jording. Row 2: Brianna Kruger, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Norma Diaz and Regan Koller.



# CROSS COUNTRY

## Cross Country Team Grows in Numbers

Ten distance runners opened their training during the summer of 2008 in preparation for the first cross country meet of the season at Cambridge. Two runners, Catherine Paulsen and Maclane Scott, placed in the top ten of each the girls' and boys' races, respectively.

As the season progressed, each of the nine thinclads focused not only on placing/medaling, but also on achieving personal bests by clipping seconds off their times. At the Dundy County-Stratton Meet in late September, Catherine ran a tough race on a sprained ankle and still managed to finish in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Fellow senior Hope Scott also captured a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish. Heidi Mues, Caitlin Tangeman and Chelsea Stagemeyer gave a solid effort at this meet, aiding the girls to their highest finish in two years. On the boys' side at this same meet, Maclane posted an awesome 4<sup>th</sup> place finish by pushing through and challenging his opponents at the race's end. Justice Hastings, Ivan Simic and Roy Wyrick put forth a solid effort at this meet, also. This attitude of attacking each race with a vengeance became a norm for the team as it competed at the remaining meets.

The D-4 District Cross Country Meet was held at the Crum Creek Golf Course in Kearney on October 16, 2009. Maclane qualified for and was a tough competitor at the State Cross Country Meet a week later.

### Meets

Cambridge

Lexington

McCook

Dundy County

Gothenburg

RPAC - Dundy Co.

District - McCook

State - Kearney



The 2008-2009 Cross Country Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Chelsea Stagemeyer and Heidi Mues. Row 2: Coach Chuck Collins, Hope Scott, Catherine Paulsen, and Caitlin Tangeman. Row 3: Justice Hastings, Roy Wyrick, Parker Lomis, Maclane Scott, and Ivan Simic.





Above: Arapahoe runners (l to r) Maclane Scott, Justice Hastings, Ivan Simic, Parker Loomis and Roy Wyrick focus on the job to be completed. The number of male runners

Senior Cathy Paulsen makes a quick start at the District Meet held at the Arapahoe Country Club. She holds the highest number of letters achieved in AHS cross country history.



doubled from the previous year with the addition of two freshmen and one senior. Caitlin Tangeman, Hope Scott, Chelsea Stagemeyer and Cathy Paulsen listen to the meet coordinator's directions prior to running the course. Below Center: Caitlin Tangeman, Heidi Mues and Chelsea Stagemeyer keep their focus on their form and the runners surrounding them. Below: Senior Hope Scott sticks to the course at the district meet.



Sophomore Maclane Scott pushes through the race at district competition. He went on to qualify for the Nebraska State Cross Country Meet, held in Kearney in mid October.





# FOOTBALL

## Gridmen Earn State Play-off Bid

Despite a gruesome 0-4 opening, the Warrior Football Team managed a strong season finish to earn a bid in post-season play.

"Losing those first four games was tough," commented Coach Daren Hatch, "but each loss gave us a focus for the next game."

The first win of the season came on Homecoming night against the Wilcox-Hildreth Falcons, 50-10. Coach Hatch continued to make improvements during the remainder of October; thus, he and his Warrior gridmen won their next four games. Sloppy field conditions from heavy rain postponed the game from Thursday evening. A very exciting Friday afternoon game against the Amherst Broncos brought the Warriors not only a victory but, also a district championship.

The Warriors met the Clearwater-Orchard Cyclones in the first round of the Nebraska State Football Play-offs and were handed a 14-34 loss.

Several Warriors earned post-season honors including Seniors Dillon Breinig (All-State, All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Defense) and Ethan Jenkins (All-State HM, All-District 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense), and Juniors Derek Helms (All-State HM, All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense) and Garrett Schutz (All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense). Other Warriors capturing second team or honorable mention status included Dustin Park, Dalton Hyke, Garth Walbridge and Andy Wendland.

Scoreboard		
AHS		OPP
0	Maxwell	31
16	Eustis-Farnam	18
12	Hayes Center	37
22	Overton	32
50	Wilcox-Hildreth	10
20	Alma	8
42	Bertrand	6
20	Amherst	0
14	Clearwater-Orchard	34



The 2008 Warrior Football Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Thomas Adams, Andy Gardner, Garrett Schutz, Andy Wendland, Dalton Hyke, Dillon Breinig, Ethan Jenkins, Dane tenBensel and Junior Dunn. Row 2: Grant Williamson, Derek Helms, T.J. Eichenberger, Garth Walbridge, Elvis Diaz, Dakota Welch, Jason Hambidge and Shawn Bray. Row 3: Trev Haussler, Scott Williamson, Bryce Linden, Brad Loghry, Reid Stagemeyer, Joel Stagemeyer and Dustin Park. Row 4: Assistant Coach Jeremy Wood, Assistant Coach Damon McDonald, Kris Brown, Wyatt Kipp, Justin Stagemeyer, Ryan Gardner, Austin Hyke and Head Coach Daren Hatch.





Above Left: Dustin Park carries the ball and manages to avoid a tackler. Above: The offensive line readies themselves for the play. Left: Dane tenBensel (68) and an unidentified Warrior survey the damage made on this tackle. Lower Left: Dillon Breinig makes his move on the Bertrand Viking ball carrier. Dillon finished the year in style and earned playing rights at several all-star games including the Nebraska Shrine Bowl. Bottom Left: Garth Walbridge looks for a receiver after Derek Helms (61 on ground) executed the tackle against a Wilcox-Hildreth ball player. Below Right: With a knee on the ground, Andy Wendland (28) tugs at the Falcon ball carrier as Dillon Breinig moves towards the play with anticipation. Bottom Right: Arapahoe Warriors Ethan Jenkins (77), Derek Helms (61) and Garrett Schutz (10) ward off a Falcon defender and protect T.J. Eichenberger (carrying the ball) as he scampers down the field with a touchdown in mind.





# VOLLEYBALL

## Two Seniors Provide Team Leadership

The Lady Warrior Volleyball Team opened its season with a home court triangular against Hitchcock County and Dundy County-Stratton. Even though HC and DC-S each handed the Lady Warriors a tough loss, Coach Deb McDonald's team was ready to focus on its upcoming opponents.

A highlight of the season came in mid September at the Hitchcock County Tournament. The Lady Warriors earned two wins and one loss to capture a third place finish.

Two Lady Warriors, Amy Breinig and Makayla Wendland, moved into the Republican Plains Activities Conference charts. Amy ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in serving percentage and 7<sup>th</sup> in ace serves/game. Makayla ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in blocks/game and 7<sup>th</sup> in blocks/match. She also secured a conference honorable mention spot at the close of the season.

"This group was an excellent group of girls, who were hard workers with great team chemistry," said Coach McDonald. "The two seniors' (Amy Breinig and Brianna Kruger) work ethic and efforts at team leadership helped hold the team together," she added.

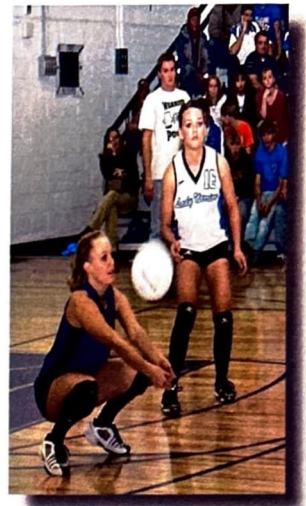
### Scoreboard

AHS		OPP
0	Dundy County	2
1	Hitchcock County	2
0	Maywood	3
2	Medicine Valley	1
2	Cheylin. KS	0
0	Hitchcock County	2
0	Cozad	2
0	Alma	2
0	Southern Valley	2
0	Bertrand	2
0	Hitchcock County	2
0	Cambridge	2
2	Wilcox-Hildreth	3
0	Axtell	3
3	Elwood	1
3	Medicine Valley	0
1	Alma	3
1	N.Platte St. Pat's	2
2	Southern Valley	1
0	Bertrand	2
0	Bertrand	2
0	Loomis	2
1	Elwood	3

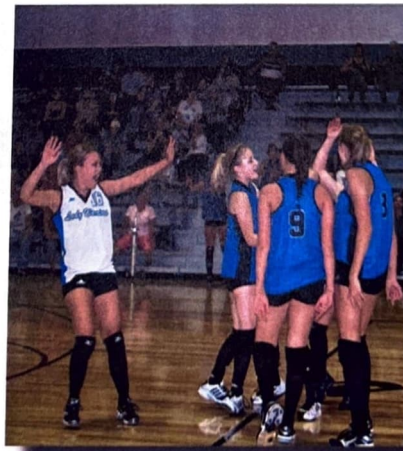
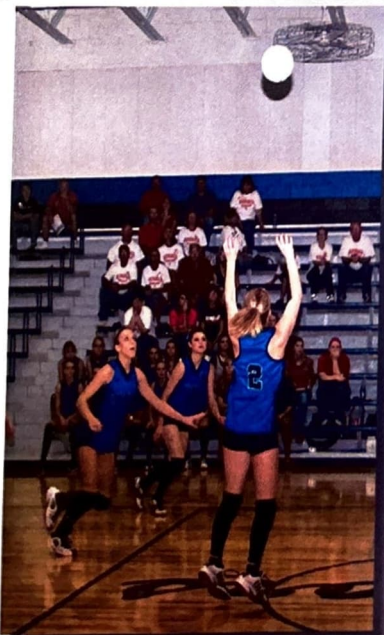


The 2008-2009 Lady Warrior Volleyball Team includes Row 1 (seated, l to r): Rachel Koller, Brittany Brooks, Paige Frink, Alex Curran, Jessica Jording and Tira Redenbaugh. Row 2 (seated): Kaylee Anderson, Danielle Schutz, Kayla Locke, Regan Koller, Amanda Loghry, Killy Lampe and Cayla Polston. Row 3 (standing): Amy Breinig, Grace Snyder, Kaycee Rogers, Makayla Wendland, Michele Borden, Carmen Warner, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Ashley McCoy and Brianna Kruger.





Above: Makayla Wendland makes the tip as teammates Amy Breinig, Grace Snyder, Michele Borden and Brianna Kruger anticipate the next play. Above Right: Kayla Locke digs the ball while Grace Snyder gets ready to help. Right: Amy Breinig spikes the ball just above the fingertips of a pair of Bertrand blockers. Far Right: Makayla Wendland puts the ball through a Wilcox-Hildreth Falcon on Homecoming night. The Lady Warriors came up on the short end of the match as they lost, 3-2. Below Right: The Lady Warriors celebrate the serving of libero Grace Snyder (in white). Below Far Right: Cayla Polston puts the ball up from the back row as Grace Snyder readies herself to cover. Below: Brianna Kruger gets off a high set as Cayla Polston prepares to spike the ball. Carnen Warner covers the play from the far corner.



Left: After the introduction of the starting players, the Lady Warrior Varsity squad took to the floor for some spirit-raising chants.



# WRESTLING

Three to State . . . Jenkins Claims State Title

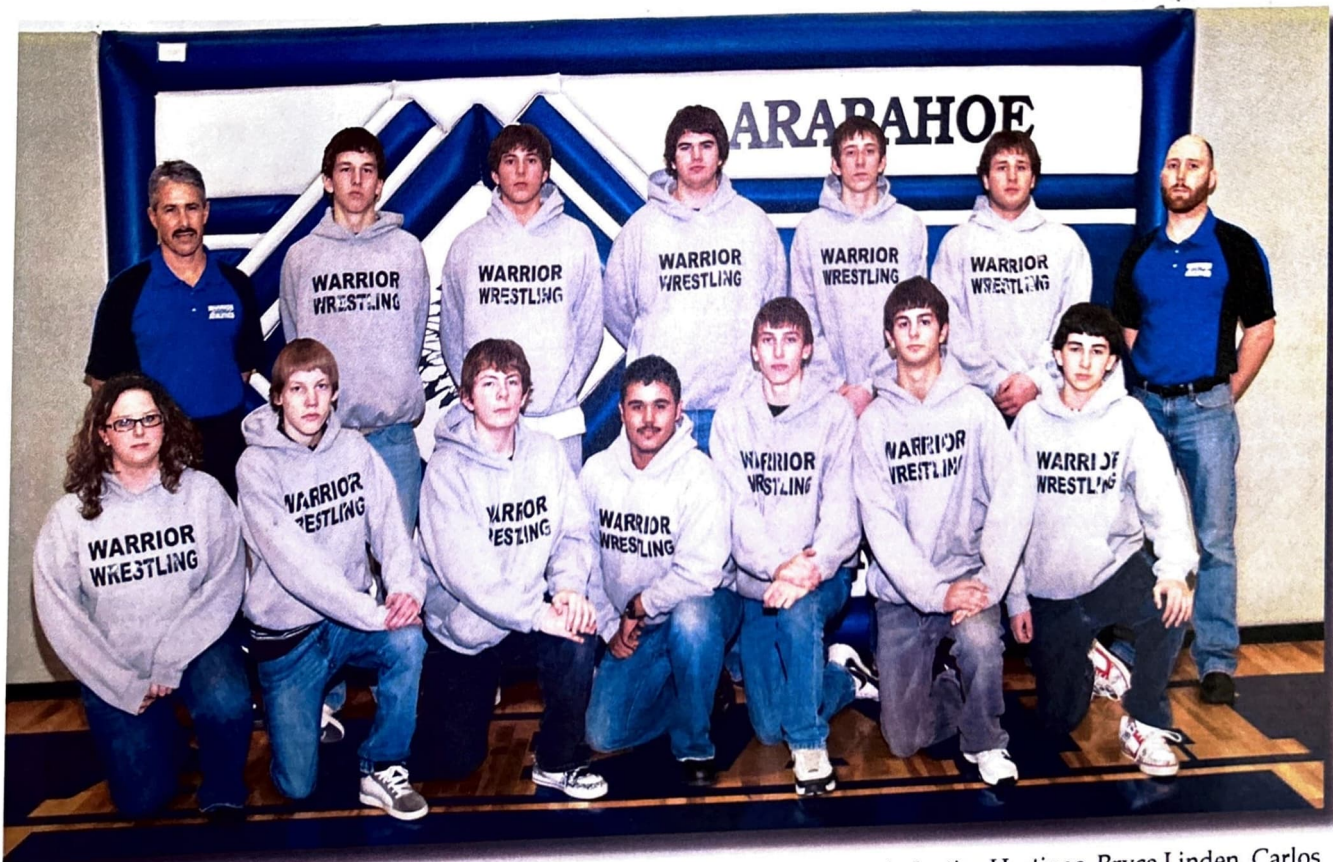
For the first time since 1992, a Warrior wrestler earned the gold medal at the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament. Senior Ethan Jenkins, 215 lb. division, not only earned the top piece of hardware, but also did so by pinning each of his opponents.

Junior Derek Helms also qualified for the state meet in the heavyweight class as did Freshman Wyatt Kipp in the 103 lb. weight division. Derek went on to capture 3rd place while Wyatt was one match away from bringing home a medal. As a team, these three young men finished 9<sup>th</sup> place at the state meet, a first top ten team finish in several years.

Twelve full-season competitors made up the team for Coach Jared Hemelstrand. They earned their first team trophy at the Elwood Meet by placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. In dual competition, the Warrior matmen posted a 4-6 record.

Other individual highlights included Wyatt setting the school record for 'wins as a freshman' with 31, and Derek breaking his 2007-08 record for 'pins in a season' with 35 and the state record for Class D for 'pins in a season' also with 35.

Scoreboard
Southwest Duals
Elwood Invite
Southern Valley Invite
Sutherland Invite
Amherst Invite
Elm Creek Invite
RPAC - Southern Valley
Atwood, KS Invite
Arapahoe Invite
Loup City Invite
District - Amherst
State - Omaha

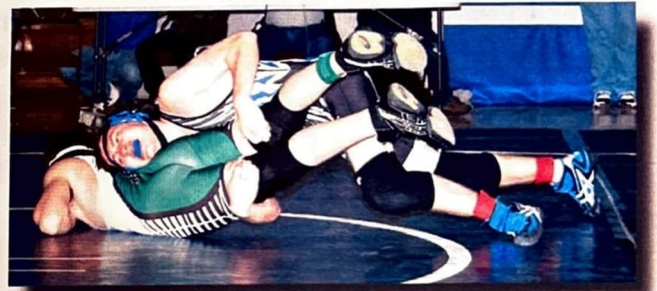
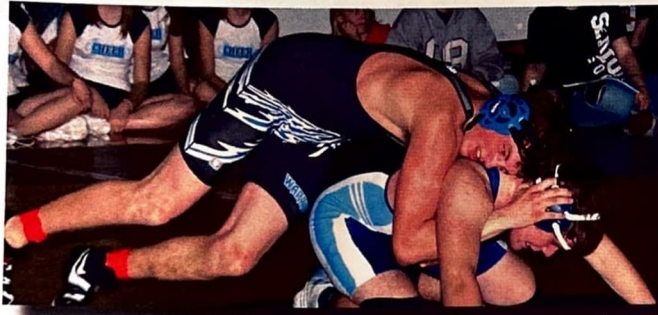
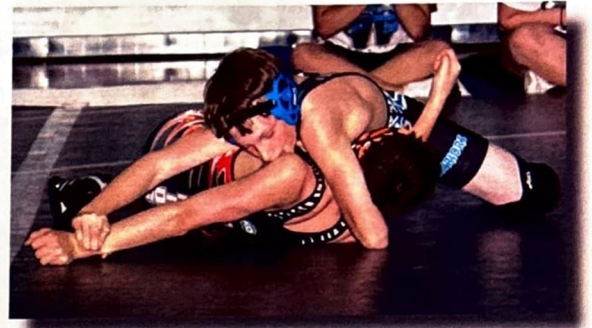


The 2008-09 Wrestling Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Statistician Nancy Stonerook, Justice Hastings, Bryce Linden, Carlos Ortega, Ryan Gardner, Zach Fogel and Jordan Edwards-Blow. Row 2: Assistant Coach Johnny Koller, Andy Gardner, Dane tenBensel, Derek Helms, Roy Wyrick, Ethan Jenkins and Head Coach Jared Hemelstrand. Not pictured is Wyatt Kipp.

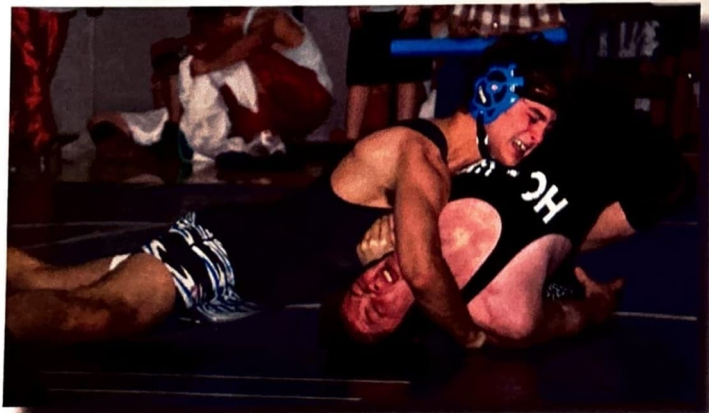




Left: Senior Ethan Jenkins bears down on his opponent during the Southwest Duals. Ethan finished the season 36-3 and earned top gold hardware at the Nebraska State High School Wrestling Meet in Omaha. He managed to pin each of his opponents while at the state meet. Below Left: Junior Derek Helms is only inches away from pinning his man at the SW Duals. Derek competed at the state meet and finished in 3rd place. He set a state record in Class D for "Pins in a Season" with 35 pins. Below: Freshman Wyatt Kipp nears a pin in SW Dual action. Wyatt qualified for the state meet but did not place. He broke the Arapahoe High School record for "Wins by a Freshman" with 31 victories.



Above Left: Senior Dane tenBensel uses his position to work down his opponent. Above Right: Freshman Ryan Gardner grabs a hold of his opponent's legs in an attempt to roll him over to the mat. Left: Sophomore Elvis Diaz maneuvers the head and shoulders of his foe into a more favorable position so that he can pick up some points and win his match. Below Left: Senior Zach Fogel grinds his chin into the ribs of his opponent in order to flatten him against the mat. Below Right: Junior Andy Gardner locks his opponent into an uncompromising position as he goes for the pin. These Warrior matmen earned numerous medals and team points at regular season wrestling meets.





# BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Warriors Earn State Berth for First Time Since 2001

After securing five tournament champion honors, the Arapahoe Warrior Basketball Team qualified for the 2009 Nebraska State High School Basketball Tournament in Lincoln.

The Warriors, under the coaching of Bob Braithwait, secured an opening season win and never looked back. They earned championship honors in the Cattle Trail Cartel, Pleasanton Holiday Tourney and the Arapahoe Holiday Tournament. In RPAC play, Arapahoe claimed a 56-50 win over the Cambridge Trojans after a first round bye. In the semi-final game, they knocked off the Medicine Valley Raiders, 46-42. Finally, the Warriors again met the Hayes Center Cardinals and gained a victory, 52-46, to claim top honors. The Warriors suffered one loss late in their regular season to the Cambridge Trojans, but in post-season play, claimed wins over Bertrand, Eustis-Farnam, and Wauneta-Palisade to earn a ticket to the state tournament.

Following a community/school pep rally and send-off, the Warriors headed to Lincoln for first-round basketball action. The 1st-ranked AHS club was set to take on Mead High School, ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the tourney, in a night game. Both teams came out strong, and the scoring lead literally bounced back and forth from team to team. In the end, Arapahoe came out on the short end, 50-48, and their season was put to rest while Mead went on to win the state title. The Warriors finished with a 25 win-2 loss record.

Seniors Dillon Breinig, Ivan Simic, and Dalton Hyke were selected for All-RPAC Honors; Dillon and Ivan were named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team while Dalton was added to the 2nd Team.

### Scoreboard

AHS		OPP
63	Overton	56
46	Blue Hill	38
61	Southwest	36
53	Medicine Valley	46
45	Hayes Center	40
65	Southwest	28
43	Litchfield	41
65	Pleasanton	48
66	Hitchcock County	41
75	SEM	39
52	Medicine Valley	40
59	Loomis	31
61	Eustis-Farnam	54
53	Elwood	30
52	Dundy County	34
46	Southern Valley	28
56	Cambridge	50
46	Medicine Valley	42
52	Hayes Center	46
83	Hitchcock County	31
55	Cambridge	56
55	Bertrand	31
57	Alma	36
42	Bertrand	35
59	Eustis-Farnam	49
49	Wauneta-Palisade	46
48	Mead:State Tournament	50



The 2008--09 Warrior Basketball Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Maclane Scott, Austin Hyke, Justin Stagemeyer, Joel Stagemeyer, Parker Loomis, Reid Stagemeyer and Dakota Welch. Row 2: Bradlee Loghry, Scott Williamson, Trev Haussler, Korie Ross, Andy Wendland, Ivan Simic, Garth Walbridge, Dillon Breinig, Dalton Hyke, Garrett Schutz, Jason Hambidge, T.J. Eichenberger, Dustin Park and Student Manager Thomas Adams. Not pictured are Head Coach Bob Braithwait and Assistant Coaches Colin Kubik and Jeremy Wood.



# GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Warriors Fight for Victories

After making Nebraska State High School Basketball appearances for two years running, several of Coach Kip Stephens' Lady Warriors hoped for another performance in Lincoln.

Taking a 1-1 record into the Cattle Trail Cartel in McCook, the Lady Warriors posted a huge win over Southwest, 72-40. After a heartbreaking loss to Maywood, they came out ready to play and downed Dundy-County Stratton in overtime, 56-53, to finish the tournament in third place.

A longer holiday break enabled the Lady Warriors to play in two holiday tournaments; they finished in second place at the Pleasanton Tourney and third at their own holiday invite. Following break, the Lady Warriors earned some hard-fought victories as well as some heartbreaking losses. The final regular season game found the Lady Warriors earning a victory over the Bertrand Vikings. Only three days later, it was this same Viking team that beat the Lady Warriors during sub-district play, 37-54, and ending hopes of any state play.

Senior Catherine Paulsen set a new school record for three point shots made in a single season with 68, breaking the record of Shawna Fisher.

### Scoreboard

AHS		OPP
60	Overton	48
37	Blue Hill	56
72	Southwest	40
37	Maywood	47
56	Dundy County	53
40	Southwest	43
81	Litchfield	34
41	Pleasanton	69
52	Hitchcock County	53
45	SEM	32
57	Medicine Valley	23
36	Loomis	44
32	Eustis-Farnam	44
50	Elwood	29
49	Dundy County	43
33	Southern Valley	41
45	Medicine Valley	37
41	Alma	42
33	Alma	65
38	Hitchcock County	64
35	Cambridge	64
44	Bertrand	35
37	Bertrand	54



The 2008 - 2009 Girls' Basketball Team includes seated (l to r): Kendra Gardner, Halle Stephens, Kaylee Watson, Aubriel Loomis, Melinda Eichenberger and Alexa Whipple. Standing (clockwise from center): Cathy Paulsen, Hope Scott, Grace Snyder, Kayla Locke, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Danielle Schutz, Cayla Polston, Kaylee Anderson, Regan Koller, Carmen Warner, Head Coach Kip Stephens, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Makayla Wendland, Kaycee Rogers, Assistant Coach Amy Watson, Tira Redenbaugh, Jessica Jording, Ashley McCoy, Paige Frink, Rachel Koller, Brittany Brooks, Amanda Loghry, Michele Borden and Amy Breinig.





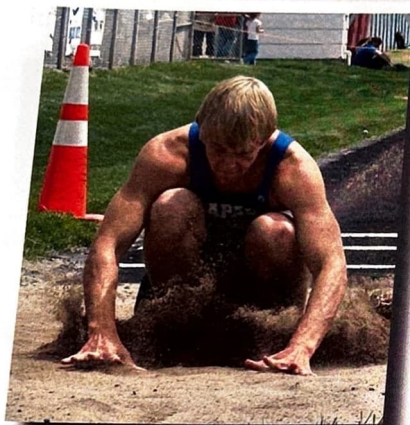
Left: Senior Amy Breinig drives the ball down the court as teammate Michele Borden fights off a Dundy County Tiger. Above: Grace Snyder and Kayla Locke play tough defense against the Loomis Wolves. Left Center: Michele Borden takes the ball past a Medicine Valley Raider. Center: Senior Cathy Paulsen surveys the court before she makes the play. Below Left: Makayla Wendland breaks



away from Bertrand's Taylor Tacha in the last game of the regular season. Cathy Paulsen is ready to assist. Below Center: Kayla Locke focuses on the hoop amidst Dundy County defenders. Below Right: Surrounded by Dundy County defenders, Cayla Polston goes up for two points in home court action.







Relay Team of Brittany Brooks, Kayla Locke, Rachel Koller and Amy Breinig pause before running the event for the last time at the district track meet.



Above Far Left: Dillon Breinig unleashes a state-qualifying throw in the discus at the district meet held in Arapahoe. Above Left: Cayla Polston concentrates on a strong finish at the tape during the 100m dash. Above: Maclane Scott rounds the curve in one of his distance events. Far Left: T.J. Eichenberger sails into the sand pit and adds another medal to his name. Left: Brianna Kruger clears the hurdle in fine fashion at the Arapahoe Invite. Below Far Left: Cathy Paulsen guts out another grueling 3200m run. Below Left: Hope Scott concentrates on the long race ahead of her. Below: The 4 x 400m



# GOLF

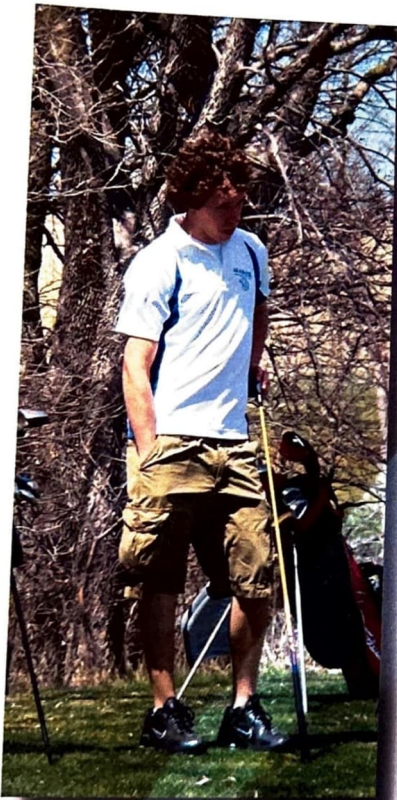
## Golfers Tee Off a New Season

Nine golf meets, including the D-4 District Meet at Cambridge, kept the golf team out on the greens during the 2009 golf season.

The six-member team was half comprised by seniors: Zach Fogel, Grant Williamson and Dalton Hyke. Sophomore Amanda Loghry and Freshmen Justin Stagemeyer and Paige Frink rounded out the team, coached by Jeremy Wood.

Zach earned three medals during the season. At the Arapahoe Invite, he shot an 88, which earned him an 11<sup>th</sup> place medal. At the Southern Valley Invite, Zach placed 10<sup>th</sup>, after he posted a 92. His highest place finish came near the end of the season when he shot a 94 and earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal at the Cattle Trail Invite.

Dalton Hyke was the other lone medalist. He captured 5<sup>th</sup> place, also at the Cattle Trail Invite, by shooting a 98.



The Arapahoe Golf Course was the site of the AHS Golf Invite in mid April. Above: Senior Grant Williamson contemplates his next stroke. Above Center: Senior Dalton Hyke has his work cut out for him as he attempts to clear his ball from the rough. Above Right: Senior Zach Fogel places his ball on the green to line it up for a putt.



The 2009 Warrior Golf Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Amanda Loghry and Paige Frink. Row 2: Justin Stagemeyer, Dalton Hyke, Grant Williamson and Zach Fogel.





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# STUDENT COUNCIL



Members of Student Council include Row 1 (l to r): Peggy Stonerook, Cayla Polston, Dalton Hyke, Dillon Breinig, Amy Breinig, Brenda Scripter and Cece Stonerook. Row 2: Jessica Jording, Kayla Chambers, Grace Snyder, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Michele Borden, Bradly Goodner and Jason Hambidge. The Student Council had a productive year

with the planning of activities for Homecoming 2008 and the resurrection of pre-holiday break activities. Homecoming went off without a hitch, and after a week of well-orchestrated activities from dress-up days to noon games, the group was ready to focus on its next assignment. StuCo President Amy Breinig was proactive in working with the administration and forming a plan for pre-holiday games and a movie on the last afternoon of first semester. A snowstorm raised havoc with the event, so the dodgeball tourney featuring each class and a faculty team was held after holiday break. Participants had a blast and were left wishing for a rematch.



Left: After a jam-packed week of homecoming events, Mr. Hatch is welcomed by a tunnel of students when he overslept on Blue and White Day. Below Left: StuCo Sponsor Mrs. Crosley works with the crownbearers at coronation practice.



Above: Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Schaben, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Wood and Mr. McDonald plan their attack at the StuCo Dodgeball Tournament. Below Right: Seniors Zac Company, Junior Dunn, Cece Stonerook, Kayla Chambers, Jessica Duran, Brenda Scripter and Zach Fogel get into the game. Each team sported a team color as well as a team name.





# HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2008 . . . A Week-long Event

Students ushered in Homecoming 2008 with a week full of activities and competitions.

Daily dress-up events found students in rare attire as themes included Super Hero Day, the ever popular Twin Day, Western Day, Color Day and finally Blue and White Day. Each class sponsored a daily noon competition—Ships and Sailors met its match as dodge ball made its way into the game arena and proved to be a favorite among many students.

A bonfire and pep rallies, both early in the week and again on Friday, raised spirit and pushed everyone to their enthusiastic limits as they focused on the athletic competitions.

Queen Catherine Paulsen and King Junior Dunn reigned as 2008 royalty while Amelia Breinig and Dane tenBensel were selected as princess and prince, respectively. Completing the court were Norma Diaz, Dillon Breinig, Hope Scott and Dalton Hyke. The AHS Choir, under the direction of Senja Stephens, provided special music during the coronation. Bob Braithwait served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The Student Council sponsored the week-long event which concluded with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening.



The 2008 Homecoming candidates are Norma Diaz, Junior Dunn, Cathy Paulsen, Dillon Breinig, Amy Breinig, Dalton Hyke, Hope Scott and Dane tenBensel.



The 2008 Homecoming Court includes Row 1 (l to r): Crownbearer Jonna Metzger, Queen Cathy Paulsen, King Junior Dunn and Crownbearer Grady McDonald. Row 2: 2007 Queen Morgan Breinig, Norma Diaz, Dillon Breinig, Princess Amy Breinig, Prince Dane tenBensel, Hope Scott, Dalton Hyke and Junior Escort Jason Hambidge.





Above Left: Class members and faculty show off their colors. Row 1: Mr. Hatch. Row 2 (l to r): Mandy Loghry, Kaylee Anderson, Brittany Brooks and Rachel Koller. Row 3: Cathy Paulsen, Amy Breinig, Kendra Gardner and Grace Snyder. Row 4: Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Breinig. Above: Carmen Warner and Grace Snyder just fell out of the M & M package during Twin Day. Right: Mr. Paulsen and Dakota Welch show off their finery on Cowboy and Indian Day.



Left: The 2008 AHS Royalty (Princess Amy Breinig, Queen Cathy Paulsen, King Junior Dunn and Prince Dane tenBensel) are all smiles before the pep rally in the park after coronation and the parade. Above: Jason Hambidge fires the ball during a noon game of Dodge Ball.

Each class was responsible for a daily noon activity, and this one proved to be a favorite among students. Left: Students from all grade levels show their western and Indian finery during Cowboy and Indian Day. Other dress up days included Twin Day, Color Day, Super Hero Day and the traditional Blue and White Day on Friday.





# MUSICAL

## The Prince Finds His Princess in CINDERELLA

“The Prince is giving a ball! The Prince is giving a ball!” And yes, the Prince did give a ball on November 1, 2008, as the Music Department performed CINDERELLA to a full house.

Preparations were ongoing from the previous May, when Directors Senja Stephens and Pam Breinig announced the cast and distributed scripts. Principal cast members worked throughout the summer on lines and lyrics to be ready for the full read-through in late August.

Arapahoe was a-buzz with anticipation for the show and Caitlin Tangeman (Cinderella) and Elvis Diaz (Prince) helped promote ticket sales by performing a snippet of the show and music at a P.E.O. salad luncheon in September.

As practices dodged volleyball and football games, costumes were rented primarily from Lesley Gould of Nebraska City. Mrs. Breinig toiled over their alterations and sewed a few last-minute pieces, while Kip Stephens and his crew brought the set to life.

A matinee performance for students, the community and 50 Elwood Public School students ended with a t-shirt signing by all the cast members. This was a huge success—students purchased CINDERELLA t-shirts and turned them into keepsakes with cast autographs.

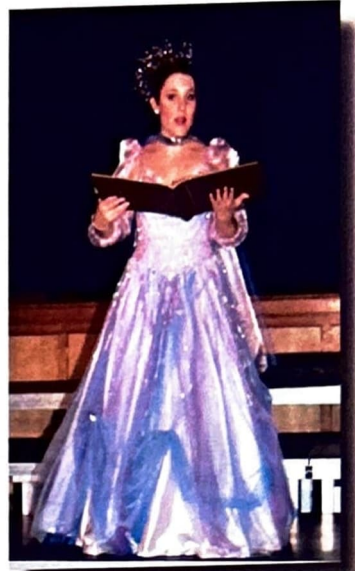
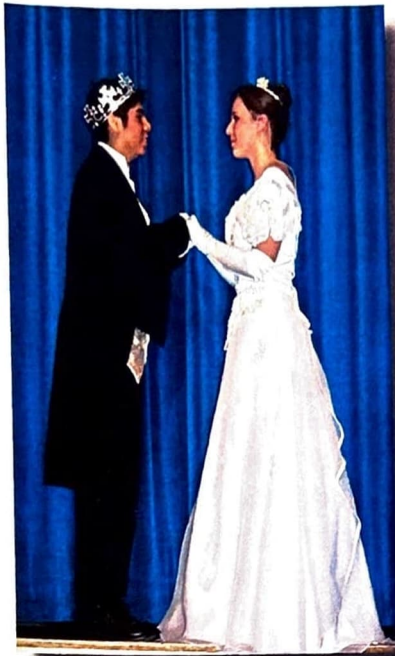
Approximately 300 people attended the Saturday event. Music Booster parents prepared the dinner, and the cast, in costume, served the crowd.

And at the end of the evening . . . four white mice did become four white horses, and the glass slipper found the foot of the princess, allowing everyone to live happily ever after.



The 2008 cast and crew of CINDERELLA includes Row 1 (Center l to r): Elvis Diaz and Caitlin Tangeman. Row 2 (Seated): Senja Stephens, Michele Borden, Carmen Warner, Bradly Goodner, Pam Breinig, Heidi Mues, Cece Stonerook, Junior Dunn, Dalton Hyke and Cassie Pulley. Row 3: Ashley McCoy, T.J. Eichenberger, Killy Lampe, Reid Stagemeyer, Justin Stagemeyer, Amy Breinig, Dakota Welch, Paula Deisley, Dane tenBensel, Dillon Breinig, Brenda Scriptor, Kendra Gardner and Julie Crawford. Row 4: Parker Loomis, Grace Snyder, Brianna Kruger, Joel Stagemeyer, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Bailey Fogel, Alex Curran, Jason Hambidge, Cathy Paulsen, Brad Loghry, Norma Diaz and Hope Scott. Row 5: Dustin Park, Garth Walbridge, Maclane Scott, Tracia Park, Ryan Gardner, Jessica Jording, Kayla Locke, Vanda Braems, Jessica Duran, Jennifer Grindle, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Danielle Schutz, Cayla Polston, Kaycee Rogers and Kaylee Anderson.





Left: The Prince (Elvis Diaz) declares his love for Cinderella (Caitlin Tangeman). Above: The wicked Stepmother (Cathy Paulsen) and her daughters (Danielle Schutz and Cayla Polston) give Cinderella a list of jobs to complete while they talk of nothing but the upcoming ball that the prince is giving. Above Right: The Fairy Godmother (Amy Breinig) introduces the play from her book all about "once upon a times" and "happily ever afters."



Above: The Chefs (Hope Scott, Kayla Locke, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Kaylee Anderson, Kaitlyn tenBensel and Vanda Braems) and Stewards (Parker Loomis and Jason Hambidge) present the menu for the upcoming dinner and ball to the Queen (Ashley McCoy) and King (T.J. Eichenberger). The Royal Guards (Ryan Gardner and Joel Stagemeyer) searches the village for the Prince's mysterious but beautiful dance partner by trying the slipper she left behind on every maid and maiden around. The Minstrel (Heidi Mues) and the Townspeople (Bradly Goodner, Carmen Warner, Junior Dunn, Michele Borden, Jessica Duran and Kaycee Rogers) watch the action. Below Left: The Stepsisters (Danielle Schutz and Cayla Polston) have chased the Prince all over the ballroom and simply cannot understand why he avoids them. Here, they sing "Why Would a Fellow Want A Girl Like Her?" as they continue their search. Below: Paula Deisley (Coodinator), Senja Stephens and Pam Breinig (Directors) pause for a breath after the matinee performance and ready themselves to make last minute adjustments to the show.



Below Right: The Fairy Godmother (Amy Breinig) and the Queen (Ashley McCoy) autograph keepsake CINDERELLA t-shirts for the elementary students who attended the matinee.



# ONE-ACT PLAY

## One-Act Cast Stretches Its Acting Talent

In usual fashion, one dramatic event often closes only to open the door to the next. With the completion of CINDERELLA, students focused on the one-act play, directed by Pam Breinig and Senja Stephens.

THE OLD FOLKS' HOME by Vern Harden, was ready for its first competition in November at Southern Valley Schools: the East Division of the Republican Plains Athletic Conference.

Nineteen students completely altered their personas, as they became characters four and five times older than they were. The plot centered on the zany events at a retirement home and included everything from lost dentures to an exercise group, from a traveling BINGO game to even a romance between cranky old Grandma (Amy Breinig) and Larry (Junior Dunn).

The cast placed 4th at the conference meet and then completed at the district meet at Axtell High School where they placed 6th. Amy Breinig and Junior Dunn were recognized for their outstanding performances at both the conference and district competitions. Ryan Gardner was cited for his acting at the district meet.



THE OLD FOLKS' HOME cast includes Row 1 (l to r): Ryan Gardner, Junior Dunn, Amy Breinig and Killy Lampe. Row 2: Maclane Scott, Elvis Diaz, Cathy Paulsen, Hope Scott, Brianna Kruger, Ashley McCoy, Kaitlyn tenBensel and Cassie Pulley. Row 3: Danielle Schutz, Cece Stonerook, Caitlin Tangeman, Vanda Braems, Cayla Polston and Parker Loomis. Below Left: Grandma (Amy Breinig) and Larry (Junior Dunn) struggle to play checkers as the traveling Bingo girls (Killy Lampe, Hope Scott, Brianna Kruger and Vanda Braems) distract them. Below: Myrtle (Cathy Paulsen) talks with the retired detective, Mr. Who (Elvis Diaz) as Peter (Maclane Scott) looks on. Peter has lost his teeth (they're actually in his pocket) and all of the care home residents try to find them for him.





# SPEECH

## Speech Team . . . Never at a Loss for Words

Battling the schedule with other winter activities, speech team members found the time to cast their efforts into their individual and group speech events.

Officially, the season began for them in January with the Hastings Invite. Five girls earned places in the top five—Stephanie Shearer (3<sup>rd</sup>—Persuasive), Kendra Gardner (4<sup>th</sup>—Entertainment), Caitlin Tangeman (4<sup>th</sup>—Serious Prose), Cece Stonerook (5<sup>th</sup>—Humorous Prose) and Jessica Jording (5<sup>th</sup>—Persuasive).

Other meets in January and early February were cancelled because of the weather or conflicts, and the next meet was at Minden in mid February. In the novice division, Stephanie again placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Persuasive and Vanda Braems earned 5<sup>th</sup> place in Poetry. In the varsity division, Heidi Mues placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Poetry and Kendra earned 7<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous Speaking.

At the RPAC meet in late February, the speech team captured a range of placings and brought home the hardware to match. Vanda was the lone 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in Entertainment. Kendra (Entertainment, Extemporaneous), Amy Breinig (Humorous Prose), and Killy Lampe and Dylan Ellis (Duet Act) earned 4<sup>th</sup> place medals. The Oral Interpretation of Drama group (Cece, Caitlin, Heidi, Ashley McCoy and Chelsea Stagemeyer) placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Sixth place medals went to Heidi (Poetry) and Caitlin (Serious Prose), while Stephanie (Persuasive) and Kayla Chambers (Informative) earned 7<sup>th</sup> place hardware. Finally, Jessica (Persuasive) and Norma Diaz (Serious Prose) finished 8<sup>th</sup>.

Two speakers emerged from the district meet—Amy Breinig and Norma Diaz—with 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes and state invitations in Humorous Prose and Poetry, respectively. While Norma placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in her rounds and Amy placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in hers, neither made it to the finals.



The 2009 Speech Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Kayla Chambers, Stephanie Shearer, Killy Lampe, Hope Scott and Jessica Jording. Row 2: Vanda Braems, Caitlin Tangeman, Norma Diaz and Heidi Mues. Row 3: Kendra Gardner, Tira Redenbaugh, Cecelia Stonerook, Amy Breinig, Chelsea Stagemeyer and Ashley McCoy. Row 4: Parker Loomis, Dylan Ellis, Carmen Warner, Junior Dunn, Maclane Scott and Coach Paula Deisley.

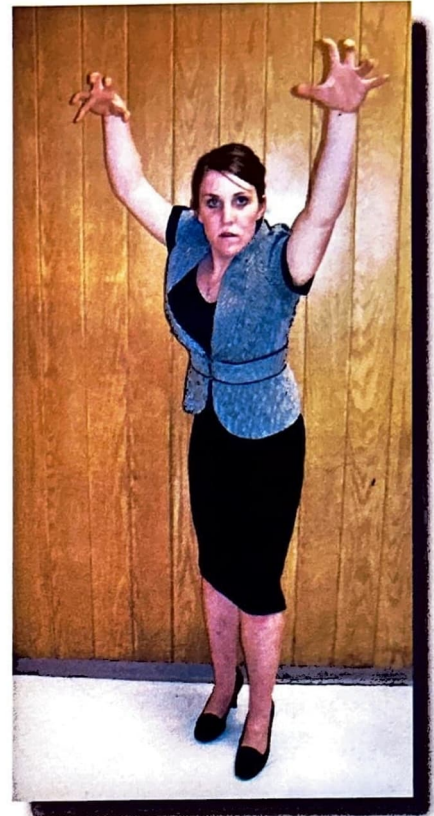




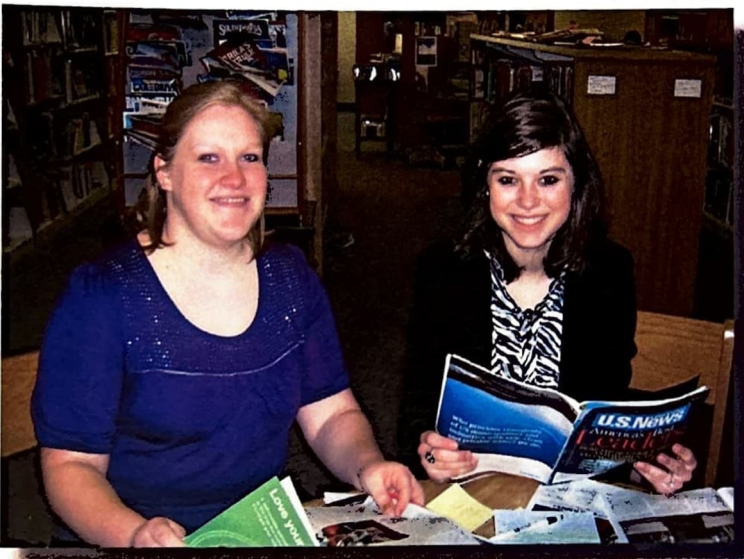
Caitlin Tangeman  
Serious Prose



Norma Diaz  
Poetry--State Qualifier



Amy Breinig  
Humorous Prose  
State Qualifier



Kendra Gardner and Carmen Warner browse through their resources in search of information to use in their extemporaneous speeches. Kendra also competed in entertainment speaking.



Above: Dylan Ellis and Killy Lampe practice their duet act from Saturday Night Live's writers about Spartan school spirit. They earned a 4th place finish at the conference meet at Hitchcock County. Left: Stephanie Shearer, Heidi Mues, Ashley McCoy and Jessica Jording take a break from rehearsing their individual events before competition. Stephanie focused on persuasive speaking while Heidi's emphasis was on poetry. Ashley presented informative speeches, and Jessica was a persuasive speaker. Also, Heidi and Ashley were members of the oral interpretation of drama group.





# BAND

## Band Hits the High Notes

Three parades dominated the band's early fall season. A second place finish in the Class C category at the UNK Band Day was an honor for the band since it is one of the smaller bands in this class. In November the band honored our military servicemen and veterans by providing music at the Veterans' Day Program. The winter season brought holiday programs and pep band performances. After having performed once in the fall to a mix of pop songs, the flag team also performed during a basketball halftime. Cece Stonerook (alto clarinet) and Kendra Gardner (bass clarinet) were selected to play in the UNK Honor Band.

Ten students were selected to perform in Class C All-State Bands in March. Amy Breinig, Regan Koller, and Grace Snyder were selected to the Jazz Band. Elvis Diaz and Caitlin Tangeman played with the Wind Ensemble. Performing in the Symphonic Band were Daniel Otten, Maclane Scott, Andrea Leising, Kendra Gardner, and Brenda Scripter. During the Pops Concert the band played a variety of Disney favorites. The next week, band members attended the Maywood Music Contest. Five instrumentalists brought home medals including Caitlin Tangeman (1<sup>st</sup>-piano), Kendra Gardner, (3<sup>rd</sup>-piano, 2<sup>nd</sup>-woodwind), Kaitlyn tenBensel (3<sup>rd</sup>-brass), and Daniel Otten (1<sup>st</sup>-percussion).

April brought the pre-contest recital and District Music Contest. Both the Concert and Jazz Bands earned superior ratings, as did eight other soloists or duets. Three soloists received excellent ratings. A final performance at the graduation exercises ended the year for Director Paula Deisley and the Warrior Pride Band.



The 2008-2009 Flag Team includes Row 1 (l to r): Stephanie Shearer, Kayla Chambers and Caitlin Tangeman. Row 2: Ashley McCoy, Carmen Warner and Kendra Gardner.



The 2008-2009 Band includes Row 1 (l to r): Kelsy Goodner, Stephanie Shearer, Tira Redenbaugh, Cayla Polston, Brianna Kruger, Caitlin Tangeman, Nancy Stonerook and Andrea Leising. Row 2: Brenda Scripter, Cecelia Stonerook, Kendra Gardner, Joel Stagemeyer, Kayla Chambers, Carlos Ortega, Heidi Mues, Regan Koller, Kaitlyn tenBensel and Rachel Koller. Row 3: Hope Scott,

Amy Breinig, Grace Snyder, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Reid Stagemeyer, Cathy Paulsen, Ashley McCoy, Carmen Warner and Jessica Jording. Row 4: Director Paula Deisley, Thomas Adams, Dalton Hyke, Dakota Welch, Maclane Scott, Daniel Otten, Ryan Gardner and Dane tenBensel.





The Warrior Pride Marching Band marches through the Grand Island streets during the Harvest of Harmony Parade in October.



Jazz Band members Reid Stagemeyer, Carlos Ortega, Carmen Warner, Bradly Goodner, Grace Snyder, Joel Stagemeyer, Amy Breinig, Brenda Scripter and Hope Scott perform during the Holiday Concert.



Pep Band members Joel Stagemeyer and Heidi Mues (front) and Amy Breinig and Hope Scott (back) bring on the spirit during a pep rally.



Freshmen Flag Team members Ashley McCoy and Stephanie Shearer twirl away during a half-time routine at a basketball game. The Flag Team marched with the band and provided routines during athletic contests.



Above: Regan Koller and Kayla Chambers play their saxophones at the Pops Concert in early spring. Left: Concert Band members attend to their individual parts during a winter performance.



# VOCAL

## Choirs, Clinics and Concerts Keep Music in the Air

Director Senja Stephens found herself in a quandary when the first vocal music concert came up on the calendar: the 70 plus choir members did not have enough choir robes to outfit themselves. She bought herself some time and was able to purchase additional robes for future concerts by having the choir dress in traditional blue and white colors for their Homecoming coronation performance.

From October through January, students auditioned for various choirs. Brenda Scripter was selected to the All-Class All-State Choir, and Kaitlyn tenBensel and Caitlin Tangeman were selected alternates. Brenda, Jason Hambidge, Bradly Goodner, T. J. Eichenberger, Killy Lampe, Elvis Diaz and Korie Ross were selected to the University of Nebraska at Kearney Honor Choirs.

Inclement weather before the holiday break brought the postponement of the holiday concert, making it an after holiday event titled "Sounds after the Season." Arapahoe also hosted the RPAC Vocal Clinic in January.

Spring brought contests at Maywood and the district event in McCook. The choir, mixed ensemble, girls' duet, and a host of individuals earned superior ratings. The Disney-themed pops concert featured music from *The Little Mermaid*, *Mary Poppins*, *Tarzan*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Toy Story* and *Lion King*.

Finally, the choir and band students traveled to Omaha to see the musical, *Wicked*, a story about the witches from the *Wizard of Oz*.



The 2008-2009 Choir includes Row 1 (l to r): Stephanie Shearer, Kayla Locke, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Grace Snyder, Regan Koller, Shannon Sommer, Carmen Warner, Dustin Park, Joel Stagemeyer, Justin Stagemeyer, Heidi Mues, Ashley McCoy, Killy Lampe, Kendra Gardner and Brianna Snyder. Row 2: Kaylee Anderson, Michele Borden, Danielle Schutz, Cathy Paulsen, Hope Scott, Amy Breinig, Amanda Loghry, Jessica Jording, Parker Loomis, Reid Stagemeyer, Dylan Ellis, Caitlin Tangeman, Brianna Kruger, Norma Diaz, Alex Curran, Rachel Koller and Director Senja Stephens. Row 3: Jessica Duran, Nancy Stonerook, Kelsy Goodner, Jennifer Grindle, Cassie Pulley, Faith Hampton, Tira Redenbaugh, T.J. Eichenberger, Garth Walbridge, Andy Wendland, Dalton Hyke, Jason Hambidge, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Cayla Polston, Makayla Wendland and Paige Frink. Row 4: Jackie Juhl, Cecelia Stonerook, Vanda Braems, Kaycee Rogers, Melissa Park, Bailey Fogel, Tracia Park, JoHanna Schnoor, Ryan Gardner, Korie Ross, Brenda Scripter, Junior Dunn, Brad Loghry, Austin Hyke, Dalton Steinhour, Trisha Rogers, Amber Hampton and Peggy Stonerook.





Vocalists Perform at Concerts and Clinics

Above Left: Row 1 (l to r): Stephanie Shearer, Jessica Jording and Kayla Locke. Row 2: Kaylee Anderson, Jessica Duran, Danielle Schutz and Cathy Paulsen. Row 3: Cece Stonerook, Vanda Braems, Kelsy Goodner and Nancy Stonerook. Above Right: Row 1: Wyatt Kipp, Dustin Park, Joel Stagemeyer and Justin Stagemeyer. Row 2: Elvis Diaz, Bradly Goodner, Kaitlyn tenBensel and Caitlin Tangeman. Row 3: Garth Walbridge, JoHanna Schnoor, Dalton Hyke, Korie Ross and Corey Duran.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST characters bring scenes from the musical alive during the Pops Concert. Above Left: Cathy Paulsen (Belle), Wyatt Kipp (Chip), Corey Duran (Suitor), Amy Breinig (Mrs. Potts), Andy Wendland (Gaston) and Hope Scott (Cogsworth) watch as Junior Dunn (Beast) woos Rachel Koller (Beauty). Above Right: Cathy Paulsen (Belle) chats

with Vanda Braems (Wick). Left: Korie Ross sings his heart out to Brianna Kruger in "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." Right: Killy Lampe (Mary Poppins) and Dylan Ellis (Bert) delight the audience and vocal members Norma Diaz, Jessica Jording and Cece Stonerook with a few classics selections from MARY POPPINS during the Disney-themed Pops Concert.





# FCCLA

## FCCLA Focuses on Community Projects

Community and school-wide projects were the focus of the 28-member senior high FCCLA, under the advising of Marilyn Martin. In addition to the back to school picnic and fall leadership workshops, the FCCLA provided a lunch stand for the annual Holiday Highlights Craft Fair.

November was an eventful month for FCCLA. First, they coordinated the Veterans' Day Program to honor area veterans. Kendra Gardner, Grace Snyder and Carmen Warner constructed an imovie which featured elementary students reading letters to veterans and servicemen. The members served a late morning brunch to honor the veterans and their spouses. Next, they operated the Red Cross Blood Mobile at the Ella Missing. Finally, the FCCLA attended the district meeting and STAR competition at Red Cloud High School.

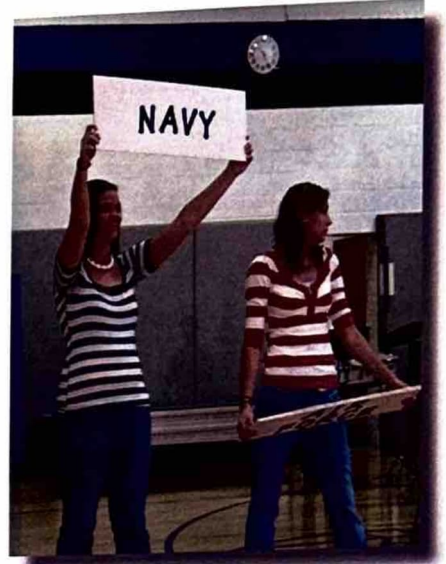
Basketball games provided the perfect venue for FCCLA members to hold cake raffles in the winter months. Another huge fund-raiser for the group was the Candy-grams that were sold for Valentine's Day which fell during FCCLA week. Another Blood Mobile was held in March, as was the FCCLA Carnival. A fishing pond, football toss and the cakewalk proved to be the big draws at the carnival.

State Leadership Convention was held in early April. Stephanie Shearer (pictured above) earned Top Gold, and as a Nebraska champion, qualified to represent Nebraska at the National Star competition in Nashville, TN. Jennifer Grindle was selected as public relations chairperson on the Student Body State Peer Officer Team which also met in Nashville, TN.



The 2008-09 FCCLA members include Row 1 (l to r): Stephanie Shearer, Kendra Gardner, Heidi Mues, Shannon Sommer, Advisor Marilyn Martin, Jennifer Grindle, Grace Snyder, Amy Breinig and Chelsea Stagemeyer. Row 2: Parker Loomis, Kyla Monie, Jessica Jording, JoHanna Schnoor, Tira Redenbaugh, Peggy Stonerook, Norma Diaz and Hannah Henke. Row 3: Jackie Juhl, Rochelle Wendland, Elvis Diaz, Carmen Warner, Caitlin Tangeman, Cayla Polston, Rebecca Stonerook and Bailey Fogel. Row 4: Christen Williamson, Kaycee Rogers, Dylan Ellis, Makayla Wendland, Brenda Scripter, Kendra Gardner, Zach Fogel and Kaitlyn tenBensel.





Upper Left (l to r): Grace Snyder and Carmen Warner present their interior design project at FCCLA Installation. Above (l to r): Kaycee Rogers and Makayla Wendland hold signs to encourage the veterans/servicemen to stand for recognition during the Veterans' Day Program. The program included presentations by elementary classes and FCCLA members. A nearly packed house attended the event. Left: The 2008-09 FCCLA officers include Row 1 (l to r): Kendra Gardner-Vice President, Marilyn Martin-Advisor and Stephanie Shearer-Public Relations/Historian. Row 2: Carmen Warner-President and Grace Snyder-Secretary/Treasurer. Row 3: Kaycee Rogers-Vice President of STAR, Makayla Wendland-District Officer and Chelsea Stagemeyer-Vice President of Programs.



While helping with the Blood Mobile, Zach Fogel encourages Parker Loomis as he donates blood.

Peggy Stonerook, Dylan Ellis and Caitlin Tangeman show off the baked goods during a cake raffle.



# FFA

## Activities and Contests Make for an Eventful Year

Combine range judging, a labor auction, fruit sales, tractor rides, and what do you get? The Arapahoe FFA Chapter and Advisor Colin Kubik, that's what.

Range Judging and Safety Day marked the opening of FFA activities in September. Reid Stagemeyer and Ryan Gardner competed at state competition, and the team finished in the Top 20—this finish was a best for the Arapahoe Chapter. A 12-demonstration safety activity for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders was held at the fairgrounds in Beaver City. Students from Southern Valley, Cambridge and Arapahoe attended with the AHS chapter providing the activities.

Over 350 people attended the Mountain Oyster Fry and Labor Auction in November. This event generates funds for the workshops and conventions that the chapter attends.

In December, NCTA was the site for District Leadership Skills Events. Amy Breinig earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in Job Interview, while Norma Diaz earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Sr. Public Speaking and Ashley McCoy earned 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jr. Public Speaking. Fruit Sales was another popular and tasty fund raiser.

February proved to be a busy month with State Degree Interviews for Dillon Breinig, Kayla Chambers and Andy Wendland. Several career development events and FFA Week were observed. A state officer visited our school, and tractor rides were a hit with the elementary students.

At the State FFA Convention, Amy earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in Ag Communications, and the Marketing Plan Team (Amanda Loghry, Kaylee Anderson and Michele Borden) also placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Dillon, Kayla and Andy earned their state degrees, and Kayla was a STAR Finalist in Production of Goats. The chapter earned the \$1000 Governor's Excellence Award, and three silver awards: the Community Award, National Chapter Award and Safety Award.



The 2008-09 FFA members include Row 1 (l to r): Advisor Colin Kubik, Amy Breinig, Jason Hambidge, Derek Helms, Andy Wendland, Dillon Breinig, Kayla Chambers and Garrett Schutz. Row 2: Ashley McCoy, Hope Scott, Cathy Paulsen, Bradly Goodner, Joel Stagemeyer, Justin Stagemeyer, Brittany Brooks, Tira Redenbaugh, Elvis Diaz and Ryan Gardner. Row 3: Kayla Locke, Michele Borden, Danielle Schutz, Dakota Welch, Trev Haussler, Amanda Loghry, Dalton Hyke, Kaylee Anderson and Reid Stagemeyer. Row 4: Jennifer Grindle, Junior Dunn, Paige Frink, Rachel Koller, Austin Hyke, Garth Walbridge, Bradlee Loghry, Maclane Scott and T.J. Eichenberger. Row 5: Kelsy Goodner, Nancy Stonerook, Cayla Polston, Kaycee Rogers, Killy Lampe, Norma Diaz and Thomas Adams.





Left: The 2008-09 FFA officers include Row 1 (l to r): Dillon Breinig, President; Amy Breinig, Secretary; and Kayla Chambers, Vice President. Row 2: Andy Wendland, Sentinel; Garrett Schutz, News Reporter; and Jason Hambidge, Treasurer. Row 3: Derek Helms, Parliamentarian. Above: Dillon Breinig, Andy Wendland and Kayla Chambers show off their State FFA Degree Certificates they received at the state convention in Lincoln in early April. Below Left: Cathy Paulsen, Amy Breinig and Hope Scott demonstrate aspects of grain storage at Safety Day. Below: Danielle Schutz and Kaylee Anderson prepare the mountain oysters for frying.



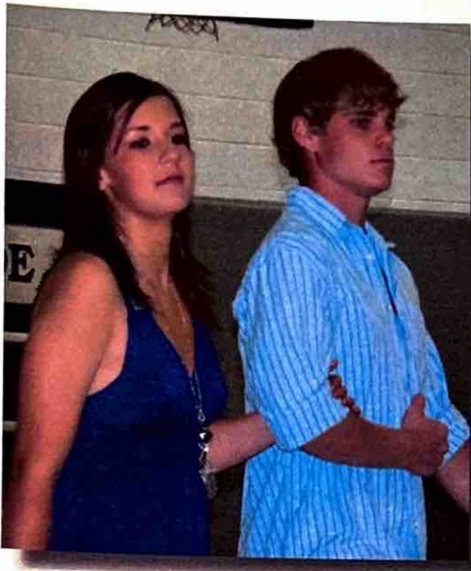
Far Left: FFA members (clockwise from left) Dillon Breinig, Hope Scott, Elvis Diaz, Bradly Goodner, Nancy Stonerook, Cathy Paulsen, Garth Walbridge, Junior Dunn, Dalton Hyke and Cayla Polston prepare for the mountain oyster fry. This event provides financial stability for the local chapter. Left: Senior Kayla Chambers looks over her scorecard during a judging competition in the fall. Kayla, an active FFA member, earned her state degree as well as STAR finalist status in Production of Goats.





## NHS

Members of National Honor Society include: Jason Hambidge, Amy Breinig, Garrett Schutz, Makayla Wendland, Garth Walbridge, Dillon Breinig, Caitlin Tangeman, Cathy Paulsen, Chelsea Stagemeyer, Maclane Scott, Brenda Scripter, Hope Scott, Cayla Polston, Kendra Gardner, Danielle Schutz, Regan Koller, Carmen Warner and Grace Snyder.



Above Left: Newly tapped NHS member Caitlin Tangeman is escorted by Jason Hambidge to the center of the gym during the induction ceremony. Above Center: Amy Breinig welcomes the audience to the induction ceremony of seven new members into the Arapahoe Chapter of the National Honor Society. Amy was the recipient of the chapter's scholarship. Above Right: Cathy Paulsen and Dillon Breinig make selling Runzas at the NHS fund raiser a dramatic affair.



## QUIZ BOWL

Members of Quiz Bowl include Row 1 (l to r): Cathy Paulsen, Brenda Scripter, Amy Breinig and Sponsor Dan Schaben. Row 2: Ryan Gardner, Kendra Gardner, Grace Snyder, Caitlin Tangeman and Ashley McCoy. Row 3: Andy Gardner, Zach Fogel, Reid Stagemeyer, Maclane Scott and Parker Loomis. The highlight for the team was a first place finish at the Southern Valley Meet.



# PROM

## Juniors Present Prom 2009 to the Seniors

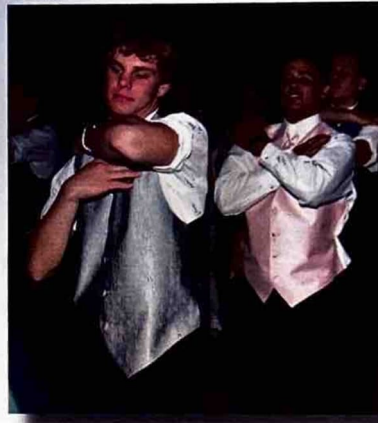
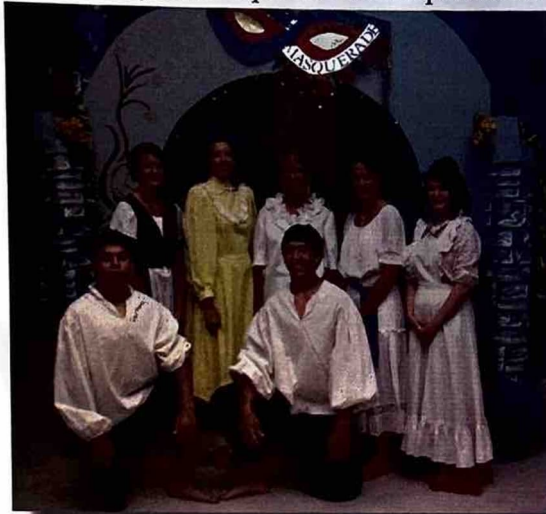
Selecting the theme, Midnight Masquerade, the Junior Class transformed the band room into the Mystic Forest and its neighboring castle, using shades of purple, green, orange and yellow in the decorations. They included stables, the dungeon, and the castle's sleep chamber, chapel and dining hall. Tables were set in these different areas, offering the prom goers a chance to experience an intimate dinner with their friends. They enjoyed a dinner fit for royalty—prime rib, cheesy potatoes, green beans and their choice of a chocolate or strawberry dessert.

Hope Scott and Ivan Simic were crowned as Prom Queen and King, respectively. Other members of the royalty included Amy Breinig, Dillon Breinig, Norma Diaz, Andy Wendland, Cece Stonerook and Korie Ross.

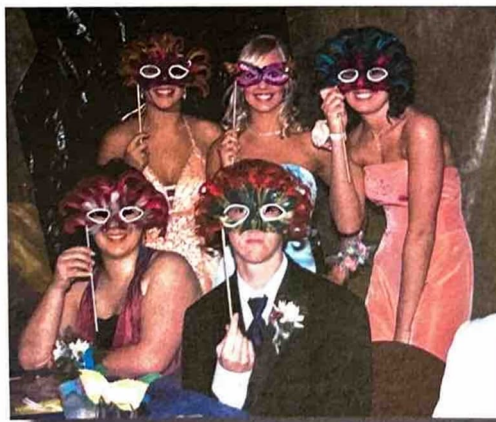
Following prom, students and their dates were bussed to Hasty Lanes in Holdrege where they bowled, ate, played games and drew for prizes. In the pre-dawn hours, a sleepy bunch of kids and sponsors feasted on a full breakfast provided by the Arapahoe Fire Department.



Right: Garrett Schutz and Derek Helms straighten the pillars as part of the main backdrop.



Above: Prom servers include (l to r): Elvis Diaz, Kaylee Anderson, Kaitlyn tenBensel, Danielle Schutz, Chelsea Stagemeyer and Heidi Mues. Above Center: Jason Hambidge, Carlos Ortega and Corey Duran get into the beat of the music with some line dancing. Right: Vanda Braems was instrumental in making the prom decorations a success. She used her artistic talents to craft many of the scenic backgrounds as well as some of the masks as shown below left on (seated)



herself and Dylan Ellis and (standing) Killy Lampe, Kayla Locke and Tracia Park. The masks were great mementos of the evening. Right: Royalty includes Korie Ross, Norma Diaz, King Ivan Simic, Queen Hope Scott, Andy Wendland, Cece Stonerook, Dillon Breinig and Amy Breinig.





# GRADUATION

## Twenty-three Seniors Earn Diplomas

Sunday, May 17, 2009 marked graduation day for 23 members of the Senior Class. Under the direction of Paula Deisley, the high school band performed prelude and processional music.

Amelia Breinig and Brenda Scripter (at right) earned valedictory and salutatory honors, respectively. Both young women delivered messages to their fellow classmates after Principal Daren Hatch welcomed an at-capacity crowd. Under the direction of Senja Stephens, the high school choir performed "You'll Be in My Heart," with Bradly Goodner singing a solo part and Brenda Scripter accompanying the group on the piano.

Counselor Pam Breinig distributed scholarships and awards, which equaled nearly \$75,000 for this group's freshman year at college. Since many of the scholarships were renewable, the four-year award could reach upwards of \$250,000.

Superintendent Damon McDonald presented the class members to District 18 School Board President Todd Watson for their diplomas, and the ceremony came to a close.



Garrett Schutz, Jackie Juhl, Jason Hambidge and Carmen Warner (left) served as ushers for graduation while Kendra Gardner and Grace Snyder (right) served as processional leaders.

Class Motto:  
"Life is either a daring ad-  
venture or nothing."  
- Helen Keller

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Red and Black



The Arapahoe High School graduating Class of 2009 includes Row 1 (l to r): Norma Diaz, Jessica Duran, Cassie Pulley, Cece Stonerook, Brianna Kruger, Amy Breinig, Faith Hampton, Kayla Chambers, Cathy Paulsen, Hope Scott and Brenda Scripter. Row 2: Grant Williamson, Andy Wendland, Dalton Hyke, Zac Campany, Junior Dunn, Dillon Breinig, Ivan Simic, Korrie Ross, Zach Fogel, Corey Duran, Ethan Jenkins and Dane tenBensel.



# A REAL PAGE TURNER

Before you turn the last page of this book, it is important that we recognize Mrs. Breinig and Mrs. Hoefs for all of their work on it. Without them we would have in no way, been able to get to this final page.

Helen Keller once said that, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." As you turned the pages of this book, you could see that life, for the students of AHS anyway, was—as the seniors' class motto stated—daring and adventurous. These pages tell the stories of a state bound basketball team, the story of two state speech qualifiers, the winnings of a witty quiz bowl team, the fearless five athletes who qualified for state track, and last, among countless others, the heroic finish of a state wrestling champion. This book proves that AHS has some extraordinary students with many different talents. It proves that while we are outstanding, it also bears witness to the rather ordinary lives of the students at Arapahoe Public Schools. It is through this book that you see the students of AHS for what they really are . . . just ordinary kids that do extraordinary things while trying to navigate themselves through this crazy thing called life. It documents the lives of our students through the thick and the thin, the laughter and the tears, and finally the triumphs and the sorrows.

It is our hope that as you turn these pages, you will not only witness these events again, but that sometime in the distant future, you will look at this book with a smile and remember just how daring and adventurous life at AHS could be. May this book remind you why this year was *A Real Page Turner*.

Thanks for the memories.  
With Love,

Amelia Breinig & Catherine Paulsen  
Co-Editors

