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Above, Becky Blitstein, Natalie Tanner, Kristina Tanner, and Hayden Gibb are all smiles during the Fourth of July parade as they watch the various spirited floats and townspeople sail by.
"I love seeing the faces of the little kids light up when the football boys throw them candy."
-Aaron Sebastian, 12th Grade

Buena Vista students are always seeking opportunities to make their summers matter. The Fourth of July parade is an event for both locals and tourists alike. For the Buena Vista students, the Fourth is an annual event that is enjoyed from atop a float as well as from the busy sidewalks. Students scatter across Main Street while watching the little kids run for candy, and perhaps collecting some sweet treats for themselves. Reminiscing the times when they would also decorate their bikes with streamers and ride in the parade, the teenagers of BVHS enjoy this snapshot of a familiar childhood memory during the Fourth of July parade. Although finding a high schooler on a tricycle is uncommon, many students find other ways to participate in this annual event, such as driving a float or even riding on one. Another favored summer event that students so eagerly participate in is County Fair. At this year's fair, Brook McFarland won Grand Champion for her sheep. Madelyne Cope also saddled up for success this summer and received Reserved Grand Champion for her steer. Aside from fair fun and Fourth of July frenzies, many student athletes head off to sports camp over the summer. The volleyball, basketball, wrestling, football, cross country and track teams attended camps all throughout the state and even crossed borders to build their success.

"Everyone is looking forward to the start of the fair because it is the highlight of the summer for many. We have made so many memories and so many more are to come."
-Rylie Troudt, 11th grade (right)
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Seniors: 43
Juniors: 77
Sophomores: 70
Freshmen: 62
Staff: 49
Principal: Brian Yates



## falling into PLACE.

turning over a chapter to the beginnings of a new year.
The days begin to grow shorter, and the grass slowly loses its vibrant green hue. football games now require more than a light jacket. everyone gathers in the high school gym, and memorizes the R.C. Cola and Slim Jim joke. laughter fills the room, as Andy McFarland struts to half court. wearing nothing but a bright bikini and a mini skirt. seniors attend senior sunrise and begin their college search juniors celebrate finally being upperclassmen. sophomores are thrilled with the idea of leaving campus for lunch, although less than half have their licence. freshmen are once again at the bottom of the food chain, but never lack a positive attitude to learn. sports seasons are already in full swing. with the most intense conditioning well behind the athletes.

## fall really

 MATTERS.


"Freshman orientation was a lot of fun because you got to meet some upper classmen and get a feel for the school and the community," says freshman, Hayden Gibb (right). Abby Schoger (left) says, " enjoyed freshman orientation because it helped me learn about the school and know where to go."

## breaking theICE

Every year the 8th grade class takes a new step in their lives as they enter the world of high school. This journey is completely new and often strange, which is why Freshman Orientation is such a significant event. Held by the Link Crew leaders and Ms. Shane, the freshmen spend an entire morning getting to know the ropes at BVHS. Link Crew leaders, an outstanding group of juniors and seniors chosen to introuduce high school to its new students, get to know the incoming freshmen and make them feel comfortable and excited about this new chapter in their lives. During freshmen orientation, the new, wild-eyed students partake in songs, group projects, and numerous other activities in order to break the ice.

"Freshman Orientation was awkward.
It was fun and helpful, but still awkward. I don't like to talk." says Freshman Khylie Trevillyan as she participates in the opening "ice breaker" game at freshmen orientation.


In this picture, junior Link Crew leader, Hannah Foreman, interacts with freshman, Kathryn Jordan. Kathryn says, "It was not what I expected, which isn't a bad thing."



Seniors Elle Eggleston and Sarah Taft begin their last first day of high school. Sarah says, "Fellow classmates, it was wonderful waking up at the break of dawn and getting to spend the frigid morning of our last year of high school together. And then the sun never rose. Good day!"


Top picture: Seniors (Left to Right) Aaron Sebastian, Chaz Tipton, Ryan Sharpe, and Tucker Lindsay all watch the sunrise.

Bottom Picture: The Senior Class gathers to have fun and hang out at the fairgrounds for the annual senior sunrise.

## new

BEGINNINGS


## A Clean Slate

Each year, a "first day" assembly is held for all students and staff. First day jitters are replaced with stories of R.C Cola, Slim Jims and Moon Pies, boys in bikinis, and laughs all around. In the top left photo, John Lopez performs a cheer routine to pump up the crowd. Below, Baylee Johnson, Brandon Fairchild, and Angel Accaira pose for a first day photo. In the top right photo, Andrew McFarland performs a "How to Fail High School" skit alongside other senior and junior students. Student Council President Sammi Jewell presents the students with a speech regarding acceptance and success that is threaded through the walls of BVHS.
8 fall really MATTERS.



## First Day Jitters

On August 22nd, students woke to dread or delight as they dressed in their newly bought clothes, packed up their locker shelves and binders and headed off to the first day of a new school year. An assembly kicked this new beginning into motion. Many of the seniors put on a short, comedic skit outlining the most encouraged ways to fail high school which included many jokes and even some disturbing sights. Students and staff members repeatedly recited a short story that told of Moon Pies and extra long Slim Jims and the school fight song echoed through the walls of the gym. The photo to the left displays the undying school spirit of the BVHS students while chanting the school fight song. Seniors introduced the teachers and convinced the rest of the student body what an excellent staff that the high school is lucky to have. An exciting beginning to the new school year ensured that excellent achievements await each and every student at Buena Vista High School this coming year. Freshman Hayden Gibb explains, "I am very excited about starting high school because there is a better sense of community and unity within the student body." She couldn't be more accurate. The freshman class is made up of 61 individuals approaching their last 4 years of schooling in the Buena Vista School District, and we will also say goodbye to 43 seniors, the class of 2014.

"I was super excited coming into high school. I expected a lot of things to be different.
-Arden Bardol, 9th
"As my senior year began, I kept thinking that I was so close but so far from graduating." -Karissa Wentz, 12th grade



"Coming from Missouri and not having any of that support, and having it here was amazing and I loved it! It really brought our school together."
-Jaymi Doke , 10th grade, Volleyball.
"It was very inspiring to see how everyone came together." -Mirei Rodriguez, 10th Grade, Cheerleading and Gymnastics.



Before the glamorous gowns, the frenzied football fans, or the presentation of the royal crown, homecoming weekend was kicked into motion with a powderpuff football game, pep rally, and bonfire. The BVHS annual pep rally was held on the Friday of homecoming weekend. After the girls finished powderpuff, all the athletes participating in a fall sport sauntered down to the football field to be recognized for their efforts. The football, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, cheer, cross country, and swim teams were introduced. Each coach had the chance to rant and rave about how great their athletes are and how each season has been playing out. Some sports even had special shows for the rest of the BVHS fans. With the student's spirit practically bursting through the seams of the stadium, it was sure to be a weekend of excitement.


The gymnastics team showcased their talent at the pep rally by presenting small routines for the crowd and students. Lindsey Fagerberg lands a front handspring in the photo on the right. Other gymnasts that performed the night of the pep rally included Emily Foreman, Sammi Scott, Mimi Rodriguez, Kathryn Jordan, Berlin VanNess, and Shawnee VanNess.

These boys showed their pride, for both the Demons and the Spartans, as they choose to play soccer for Salida High School due to the lack of a team at BVHS. This included Dustin Linza, Josh McGill, Kevin Scheidt, and Lukas Ommen.


"The annual bonfire is an event that BVHS students and staff look forward to year after year, it's a great place for students to mingle and get excited for the upcoming game. " -Ashley Blankenbeckler, 11th Grade.

## incinerate the

 SPARTANS.

Sophomores Sabyn Diamond and Gracie Graham can't contain their smiles as the bonfire, and their excitement.
"The fact that we get to play Salida for our senior homccoming makes the lighting of the bonfire that much more special." Thomas Enck, 12th grade



## rivalry SPARKS.

Flames and expectations rose as the homecoming game against the Salida Spartans neared. Hundreds of pieces of plywood and a Spartan helmet burned in the homecoming bonfire that reached over 20 feet high. Laura Wolfe, Kenneth Schell, Thomas Enck, Lindsey Fagerberg, Kevin Scheidt, Sarah Pascarelli, and Chaz Tipton were the "torch bearers" who had the elite privilege of igniting the 2013 Inferno. Fire fighters were on standby to control anything that got out of hand. Students from the high school, middle school, and elementary school, along with onlookers, stood in awe at the spectacular sight. Sparks from the fire obviously struck fear in the Spartans as we burned them on the football field, 52-6, the following afternoon in the homecoming football game. The annual bonfire never ceases to attract an enormous crowd and unify the incredible school spirit and pride that surrounds Buena Vista High School.


Silhouettes were cast from the fire onto students and bystanders watching the rising flames. There wasn't much left of the fire once it was put out; just ashes, singed plywood, and a melted Spartan helmet, putting an end to a hot Friday night.




On the bitter cold morning of September 28th, each class (except the sophomores) met at the softball field to board their floats for the annual Homecoming Parade. The juniors placed first with their viking themed float. Seniors placed second and freshmen came in third. The sophomores were awarded no points due to their failure to enter a float.

fall really MATTERS.






Thirty years from now, when a football season much more difficult than they could have ever imagined is well in their past, the group of young men that lined the football field every Friday night won't remember which plays to call out when they're matched up face to face against their opponent. They won't remember the subzero temperatures of late fall freezing up their noses behind red helmets adorned with their achievements. But there is one thing that will be remembered. They will never forget the coach that taught them to love their sport. Even after his passing, Dwayne Johnson's legacy was showcased more than once, in the most remarkable of ways. October 4th, in Rye, Colorado, as frosted snowflakes fell from black skies over a lit football field, a white sign that held Coach Johnson's name whipped in the wind- a symbol of victory to the small team who won an astonishing game by one point in overtime. Only the following week at the home stadium, the Demons were
able to hold off Peyton at the 1 yard line, keeping their challenger's final score at 8 . Weeks later at Fossil Ridge High school, Fort Collins, BVHS was able to take home a noteworthy last minute victory, solidifying their spot in the semifinal 1 A football bracket. It may be that this is a dedicated, talented team. It may also be that even though exhaustion and fatigue from the season had hit these players harder than a snow storm, they stepped onto the field, and they summed up every bit of strength they could. And, carrying the legacy of Dwayne Johnson, this resilient group of high school athletes got back on their freaking horse.


(W) Salida

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This year, the four seniors, Kaylynne Tucker, Ashle White, Elle Eggleston, and Laura Wolfe share a hug with their parents betore beginning the last home volleyball game they will play. Sophomore Jesse Osborne says, "This year's seniors were a huge contribution to our team. They were fantastic leaders on and off the floor and they will be greatly missed next year."


The C Team, JV, and Varsity all saw great success during their home game vs. Fountain Valley. Sentor Elle Eggleston passes the ball, sophomore Jesse Osborne prepares for her attack, as junio Cassidy DeFurio fakes out her opponent.


Determined sophomore Emily Perez digs the ball, while Junior, Rylie Troudt stands close by waiting to assist. This, alongside other fantastic plays and a desire to be the best, led to a win against Fountain Valley.



1. Cody Luebke goes up for a spike, Alicia Dooley (left) and Jaymi Doke (right) assist.
2. Arden Bardol (left) and Greer Franklin (right) jumping up for a block
3. Kaylynne Tucker (left) and Elle Eggleston (right) defend their court by going up for a block against Bishop Machebeuf.
4. Alex Drake focuses on an ace and a point for her team.



You can hit on us but you can't score. "I don't want to be known as just a player, I want to be known as the girl that left her entire heart on the court," said sophomore Emily Perez. For the third consecutive year, the girls' volleyball team made it to the Regional Tournament. "We really unified as a team through playing together and believing in each other, which lead to our trip to Regionals," junior Shelby Jensen says. In the Regional Tournament, the BV girls faced off against Fort Lupton and Sterling. In the first match, BV lost in 3 very close games against Sterling. The girls then battled in three hard games against Fort Lupton, but came up short in all three. "I want to be the girl that gives her all to play for the girls right next to her," Riley Shawhan, junior. The team finished the season with an overall record of 9-13 and a league record of 6-6. I am very proud of how far we came as a team this year, and I cannot wait to see how much further we go next year," says junior Cori Scott.

# first <br> to FINISH. 

Who's the only group of people faster than Speedy Gonzales? Our Buena Vista Cross Country team, of course! The team had a great fall season with the boys placing 4th overall at Regionals and finishing 10th at State, along with the girls placing 5th at Regionals and 15th at State, it's no wonder they are called the Speed Demons! "I really like our cross country team because there is a lot of unity between all of us," said freshman Whitney White.


The cross country girls showed support for the Johnson family at their regional for the Johnson family at their regional
cross country meet by wearing orange socks in honor of Kiowa Johnson and her favorite color. These orange socks favorite coior. These orange socks
certainly were the brightest fashion statement and sign of support at this cross country meet.
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"Chicks dig guys with endurance." -Chaz Tipton 12th



Team picture left to right, Evan Walters, Patrick Huffman, Colton Walters, Sawyer Huffman, Chaz Tipton, Ethan Greiner, Michael Goetsch, Chase Kuennen, Whitney White, Cheyenne Hargrove, Kaitie Workman, Sarah Pascarelli, Madelyne Cope, Karissa Gonzales, Ruby Skubella, and Mikayla Kavanagh

"Because it was such a small team, we all got really close. We were really united." Sarah Pascarelli, 12th grade Even though Sarah was the only senior cross country girl rumner. she stepped up and became an outstanding leader for the team.

Senior Evan Walters has run cross country all four years of high school. He has had an outstanding overall record in BVHS, some of his best places were 7th at Buena Vista and 13th at TCA. "We go really far, farther than anyone else," he says.



2013 proved to be a successful year for the BVHS gymnastics team. The gymnasts recieved their highest score in eight years with a score of 148.95 at Alamosa High School. The girls, placing 7th at regionals, missed going to state as a team due to a scoring fluke. This did not deter our gymnasts, though. Five girls qualified for the State competiton and brought home high scores and continuing excitement for the BVHS gymnastics program.

Below, (from left to right) the five state qualifers of the BVHS Gymnastics team, Shawnee VanNess, Berlin VanNess, Lindsey Fagerberg, Emily Foreman, and Sammi Scott, pose for a photo. To the left, Emily Foreman performs her routine at one of two home meets and to the right, Kathryn Jordan practices her floor routine.


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## kickin' and



In the second round of the play offs, junior Dustin Linza hammers the ball downfield to his awaiting teamates. The Spartans continued on to defeat Holy Family, with the final score of 3-0.

This year, seven dedicated BVHS boys traveled to Salida to add some Demon skills to the Spartan boys soccer team. Together, this team was unstoppable as they entered the playoffs undefeated. In the semi-finals the boys had the chance to take on TCA again, but fell to them with a score of 1-0. Although this loss was devastating, Junior Josh McGill keeps his head high, "this season was one of our best seasons yet, and the best since I have been a part of the team. I wish that we could have made it passed the semi-finals but am proud of how far we got."



Junior Kanyen Cates cheers her heart out, alongside the rest of her team, as they showcase their routine for the fans during a home game.
"Cheer was really fun and all the girls got along and worked hard."
-Mylinda Goetsch, 11th grade.

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"It was a good season because our team placed high. We medaled in several tournaments. Overall, our team did very well." -Jesse Stokes, 10th Grade



## forever in THUOUGHTS.

"Dream big - don't let the world dictate your aspirations. Be certain, be strong, be absolute and unwavering in what you believe. Believe in positive things. Be passionate about life. Be compassionate. Develop empathy. Develop an attitude of gratitude. Finish what you start. Don't lie. Don't cheat. Seek joy and satisfaction in all that you do, it is there if you look. Life is about the journey, enjoy the process. Laugh - a lot.


## BV Strong. September 30th, 2013 was a day that

 the town of Buena Vista will not soon forget. On this day, our community lost 3 of the greatest people it has known; coaches, mentors, parents, sisters, and, above all, friends. In the years that they have spent here, the Johnson family made an impact on this community that will never fade. Dawna, Dwayne, and Kiowa-Rain have touched and bettered the lives of countless people and these people are now doing what they can to repay the eternal debt that they owe to this family. The support, love, and compassion that has been shown afterthat fateful Monday has been unimaginable. The support by rival Salida during an away volleyball game, the cards and money that were sent from all over the world, the prayers, the hugs, and most of all, the perfect memorial only begin to cover the compassion that was shown after such a tragedy. This all mimicked the way that the Johnson's lived their lives: kind, giving, and grateful. After all of this sorrow and heartbreak, the most important thing to remember is that Dawna, Dwayne and Kiowa-Rain will live in in our hearts and our minds and we will continue to remain BV Strong.



Work and work hard, but make sure it's for the right reasons. Don't fear failure. Create a life that is yours. You will be disappointed, you will be knocked down, you will be disillusioned, you will experience great pain and great loss, these are tests - be strong, believe, have faith, persevere, LIVE. Strive constantly to reach your potential in all that you do. Find your purpose in life, we are all designated for a very specific, finite purpose. Avoid negativity like it wants to kill you and eat your brain because it does. Don't leave anything on the table. Have no regrets. Take risks. Smile. Face your fears and problems. Don't make excuses. Feed your soul. Relax and enjoy. Love more than you think is safe. Always get back on the horse." -Dwayne Johnson, 2013




From auditions to memorizing lines, blocking to the stress of opening night, students who participate in drama work hard for weeks to produce a successful show while attempting not to break a leg at the same time! This fall, the Advanced Drama class put on the play 1984 based on the novel by George Orwell. This play addresses the issues of society and whether or not the government can have too much power and violate our most basic human rights. Many students of all grades helped to put the wonderful show together. While most advanced drama students acted on stage, some chose to stay behind the red curtain and help backstage. The basic drama class participated on production crews, and it's no secret that the work backstage is just as important as what is happening on stage.

## "big brother" is WATCHING.


"It was interesting and exciting to play a character that was so different than myself," says Michael Hatfield. Michael played the part of O'Brian who is an old friend of Julia, played by Kristina Tanner. Julia tricks the two main characters into becoming traitors of their government.

Senior Colin Johnson received the lead part of Winston Smith. Smith, a seemingly loyal party member, later turns out to be against Big Brother and the life he has invented for all of Oceania."It wasn't your typical high school show, but it was really cool to play a character that had so many dimensions," says

Johnson.



## open books and OPEN MINDS.

Though we are only a school of 301 students, the variety of classes that are offered is remarkable. From calculus to cooking, studying plant and animal life to understanding music and the arts, students have an endless amount of freedom to express their individuality. Junior Sera McFarland says, "There's an opportunity for everyone here that enables them to follow their passion and do what they want to do." Students who attend BVHS leave high school and are prepared to build a future that is as bright as the minds that will create it. Our teachers are selectively chosen to help students achieve their full potential, no matter the circumstances. Mr. Keidel says, "I strive to make the kids who feel invisible, visible." BVHS is truly a unique family. "We have a close relationship with students. We care. There is a bond here that is unlike any school I've taught at," remarks Physical Education teacher, Mr. Drawbridge.


Mrs. Bunce's Language Arts class is hard at work, except Dylan Jewell. Over the year, the Language Arts 1 classes learn about short stories, writing structure, and literature such as Romeo and Juliet.

Cooper Armstrong and Tucker Lindsay enjoy their time in the shops building. Wood and Metal shops teaches our BVHS students how to use their hands to build anything they want.

On October 10th, the annual Academic Award banquet was held to honor students who excelled academically and who scored proficient and advanced on the state TCAP tests.



THE GROUND BECOMES WHITE, and the trees become bare,
the days get shorter, the air becomes crisper, AND ATHLETICS MOVE INSIDE.
When skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling
and sledding become four of the few outdoor activities one can do.
WHEN STUDENTS WALK THROUGH THE PARKING LOT WITH THEIR HEADS TIPPED BACK AND THEIR TONGUES OUT CATCHING SNOWFLAKES.
When everyone looks forward to the Friday games
AND THE LOWNET TOURNAMENT DURING FINALS.
When wrestlers personalities change because they're cutting wieght.
AND WHEN GIRLS AND BOYS LEAVE THEIR HEARTS ON THE COURT.
When snowmen and snow angels fill the snow covered front lawns around town.
WHEN UGLY SWEATER DAY IS PART OF SPIRIT WEEK, IN ORDER TO STAY WARM. When the roads become slick and driving for the inexperienced high schoolers becomes dangerous.
WHEN STUDENTS DREAM OF A SNOW DAY.
When everyone is waiting for the sun to come out, the snow to dry up, flowers and grass to grow, the trees to grow leaves, and it finally be spring.



For most high schools, finals week consists of intense studying, extremely long tests, and grades that come down to the wire. While this might be slightly true at BVHS, the last week of the semester has taken on an entirely new meaning. The annual Lownet Tournament takes place during the 30 minute prep period throughout the final week of the semester. Students create their own teams with whoever they want (the boys must include at least one girl on each team) and after weeks of stacking the best teams and recruiting only the top "lowneters," the tournament bracket was finalized. Monday, the first day of testing, came all too soon and the exams began. However, this also meant the beginning of the tournament. When the first bell rang, the audience filed into the wrestling room where the action was about to start. The players took their positions on the mat and Mr. Drawbridge, in his official attire, blew the first whistle and the games were underway!
For the remaining prep periods during the week, the tournament went on and teams fought their hardest for the title: 2013 Lownet Tournament Champions. The week went on and some teams were victorious while others were eliminated. In the final game on the last day, the remaining two teams rallied, served, and blocked their way to the end of the match. After
 the final ball rolled across the mat, the winners were crowned!


# mighty <br> APHRODITE. 



It's Valentine's Day and love is in the air at BVHS. Happy couples can be seen throughout the halls as their relationships are cherished and celebrated. However, February 14th isn't all about the couples. Friends send StuCo Val-o-Grams, candy, and flowers to each other and it becomes a day that everyone can enjoy. Well, except Sallie Tucker, her Val-o-Gram brings a grimace rather than a smile.


## dancing

 through

Unlike the real Titanic, you won't need a life-jacket for the 2014 NHS dance. This year, the students at BVHS were able to experience the Titanic in gowns and glamour. Lights twinkled above the deck, icebergs floated through the sea, and balloon anchors truly set the mood. "It was surely an unsinkable night!" according to sophomore passenger Gracie Graham.
This winter contained a semester full of must-see nights, which also included the annual Talent Show. Some of the talents included Niklas Armstrong on his guitar, Charlotte Ryen singing, and many more. "It was a fun experience listening to the musicians," says Annika Jensen, who played the night away on her violin and changed a boring Monday night into an exciting show.
Every year, February 14th proves to be a day full of love at Buena Vista High School. All day balloons and chocolate hearts fillup the lockers as emotion fills the hallways. Unfortunately, it wasn't all love according to Charlotte Ryen, "The only flower I got on Valentine's Day was from my sister and I had to pay her."


Each year, many incredible talents are showcased in front of the student body at the annual BVHS Talent Show. From songs to strumming, the BVHS students never cease to amaze the crowd when standing in the spotlight. This year, Kevin Scheidt brought home the gold with his stunning guitar piece. Colin Johnson and Amy Hawthorne landed second for their performance with their ukeleles, and Claire Erickson came up third with a presentation of an original song.

straight BALLIN'.


As cheers radiate off of the bench of the boy's varsity basketball team, Will Osborne, 12th grade, commented, "We cheer because the bench needs to encourage players and help them to get pumped up, which makes us play better." With celebrations after every basket made, the Buena Vista boys varsity basketball team are easily the most spirited guys on the floor.


Every game the BVHS basketball boys play is an amazing portrayal of their skill and teamwork. Buena Vista fans flock into the stands to support the guys and to watch them put on a fantastic show. With stuffs, three-point celebrations, and the bench cheering just as loud as the crowd, it's no secret that the guys basketball teams are all full of adrenaline and love for the game. Their spirits rise every time they win a game, yet their pride remains even when they lose. From freshman all the way up to seniors, these boys never stop hustling. Their effort, dignity, and determination are a fantastic
representation of student athletes at BVHS.



The boys basketball program is made up of more than just teams, they've developed a brotherhood. Between team dinners and special handshakes before the huddle, from C-team to varsity, there is always support. "I think the reason we're so close is because we're friends off the court, we hang out whenever we can which has helped us to bond. These guys are my family," says point guard Kenneth Schell, 11th grade.


## EACH OTHER.

This year, the girls basketball team faced unimaginable obstacles both on and off the court. During the 2013-2014 season, there would be one face missing from the inseparable team and one jersey that would hang on the wall rather than be on the floor. "Play for Kiowa" became the teams motivation and their teal socks that read "Get on your horse" was a constant reminder of their beloved teammate and their desire to play for her. Kiowa-Rain was a huge part of the Lady Demons basketball program from day one and she will continue to be with them until that last buzzer sounds. In the beginning of the season, the girls set five goals for their upcoming season: It's not about where you start, it's about where you finish. Be hungry for the game. Finish; finish everything. Be all in. And of course, play for someone other than yourself. It was obvious that the team kept these goals in mind as they finished a great season. According to Junior Rylie Troudt, "We played as a new team. We played our hearts out. As a team goal, we wanted to play for someone other than ourselves. We did that, we played for Kiowa-Rain. Every game I would remember that goal and think how different it would be if she was only here to play with us." The girls advanced from regular season and took on Ellicott at home in order to secure a spot at the district tournament. After they received a win, the girls traveled to Pueblo Central. Their season was unfortunately cut short after two losses at this tournament, but the Lady Demons had a great run.
One of the most memorable moments from this season, however, did not occur during the playoffs, but instead on February 11th: senior night. Before the tip off, Coach Gates told the Lady Demons that he was going to do something that he had never done before. Instead of the starting five girls stepping on to the court to begin the game, only four made their way to center court. Whispers ran through the crowd as everyone wondered what Coach Gates was doing. What the crowd didn't know was that there was in fact five players on the floor. Kiowa would have been the fifth starter and the other four girls knew that she was right next to each of them on the court.In the first play of the game, the demons won the jump, and scored a quick lay-up. The crowd erupted and everyone in the gym immediately knew that Kiowa was watching over them running up and down the court with her team.


## embrace the GRIND.



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42 winter really MATTERS.

Some people don't understand how the average teenage boy could devote his entire winter, Monday through Saturday, to a sport that forces him to sacrifice so much. Some people don't understand why anyone would choose to drop weight just so they are able to wrestle. Some people don't understand the early mornings, the late nights, the pain, the suffering, but these minor sacrifices do not faze the wrestlers of Buena Vista High School. They continue to show up every morning and every afternoon from early November until late February. They spend every second they have getting takedowns or lifting weights while thinking of one thing: the Pepsi Center. The last three days of the season the boys who qualified at the regional tournament will load buses and vans to begin their long journey to the podium.
This year seven BVHS wrestlers, Cameron Wolters, Denver Hargrove, Sabyn Diamond, Patrick Huffman, John Lopez, Keegan Wentz, and Antonio Navarrette, advanced to the state tournament. They each battled to stay alive through many different six minute matches, always looking
ahead to their spot on the podium All seven wrestlers fought hard to go as far as they could. Senior Antonio Navarrette, Junior John Lopez, and Sophomore Keegan Wentz all ended the season bringing home hardware with 5th, 3rd, and 2nd place finishes, respectively.
It is difficult to explain to someone who doesn't understand why anyone would ever put forth so much sacrifice and pain for six minutes on a foam mat. But for those who stand in front of their coaches with their arms raised; they understand,


"I came up a bit short this season, but I'll be back and better than ever!"
-Sabyn Diamond, Sophomore

"This year's season was good. It would have been nice to have had it go a little bit better but with all the young wrestlers that we had on the team, we did pretty well." -Antonio Navarrette, Senior


Andrew McFarland gives his undivided attention to Coach Todd as he listens to different techniques that lead to a victory.



The Salida Spartans are no match for the BVHS student section. This year, the Red Sea flooded the gym as both the girls and boys basketball teams dominated Salida.


Ernesto Venegas and Sabyn Diamond show their school spirit by dressing up as twins and channeling their inner hipster. (Above) Twin Day had the biggest turnout for the second spirit week at BVHS this year. Whether it was dressing up in their favorite team gear like Brook McFarland and Clay Aucoin, (Left) or keeping it classy in all black like Danielle Petri and Leah Cogan, (Top Left) each student was twinning with high hopes of victory for their beloved basketball teams.

## red <br> 

During the second spirit week at BVHS, the themes were decided as Favorite Sports Team Day, Tacky Tourist Day, Twin Day, Ugly Sweater Day, and obviously Red and White Day. Our boys and girls basketball teams faced off with our rivals, the Spartans. The student body supported the Demon teams by showing up with the biggest and loudest student section all year. The student section ranged from kids who show up for every game to the ones who had never been to any. There was an immense amount of cheering, rallying, and excitement radiating throughout the gym. "I usually go to games so I can cheer on our teams, but there's something different about playing Salida, both the good and the bad come out in our crowd," says sophomore Becky Blitstein. Students stood up, creating a "Red Sea" with their Demon gear and watched the girls and boys teams walk away with two victories- 45-40 and 72-28.

## eat sleep CHEER.

Hoots and hollers echo off the walls of the gym as the cheerleaders perform the routines that they have been practicing and perfecting over the past several months. With toes pointed and stunts tight, the winter and competition cheerleaders cheer their way into our hearts. This year, the Lady Demons competition cheer team took their talent all the way to the State Competition and finished 14th out of 27 total teams. Traditionally, the team showcases their State routine at the halftime of a Demon basketball game. This year proved to be no different as the perfectly choreographed dance wowed the crowd.


The BVHS Cheerleaders channel all of the energy and spirit of the crowd while keeping the students pumped up as they root for BVHS. Stunts are performed, pom poms shake, and the cheerleaders shout their cheers to the crowd, who shouts back. School spirit is felt all through the gym and the girls are able to cheer the Demons on to a win.


After months of practice and rehearsing, the high school band was finally ready to perform their winter concert. On the 9th of December, both high school and middle school band students met in the middle school gym and demonstrated their hard work to their friends and families. As the closing tune, the high school joined together with the middle school band to perform one song together




Freshman Khylie Trevillyan plays the clarinet in the band concert.

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## ALL STATE.



Above, Senior Claire Erickson and Junior Hannah Foreman prepare to sing at Western State Honor Choir. This All-

State award is a tremendous accomplishment for both of these talented singers.

The choir concert took place the following night in the middle school gym. The students performed a variety of songs from different time periods as well as numerous different genres. The high school choir performed after the middle school students and then both choirs joined together on stage to do a final number together. Many students in both band and choir are able to express their love for music on a daily basis thanks to BVHS's splendid musical programs. The band and choir talents never cease to amaze the audience.

To the right, Seniors Samantha Mathews and Nicole Wik and Sophomores Samantha Scott and Niklas Armstrong receive All State Band awards for Buena Vista High School.


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## outdoors MATTERS.



The 2014 girls soccer team begins practice by taking a lap around the field,
while dribbling their soccer balls.


Sophomore Anitta Ortega and Junior Malik Johnson practice a jump, twist, and start off the line.



When the grass starts to turn green again and the snow starts to melt, yet the cold weather is there to stay for a couple more months, you know that it's time to slip on the shin guards, tie the track spikes, and grab the baseball bats. All the athletes hit the track, dirt, and field, ready to compete in whatever the spring weather has prepared. Athletes push through the practices when it's miserable and still feels like winter. Everyone looks forward to those spring days when the sun's rays warm their skin and the creek becomes an ice bath for all of the athletes after practice. Spring athletes are some of the toughest, from the shin splints from running too hard, and the bruises that come from wearing pitches, everyone pulls through the pain. This year, spring sports have a whole new meaning: play for someone other than yourself. Two of the spring sports lost two huge components of their teams. The track team lost one of their top hurdlers and runners, and also their amazing hurdling coach, Kiowa and Dawna Johnson. Kiowa was also a huge asset to the soccer team, she played forward and midfield. Kiowa and Dawna will be sorely missed by all spring sports players.

Junior Sawyer Huffman practicing in the batting cages.



The BVHS football team finished their 2013 season with an 11-1 record. 5 BVHS football players received all state honors: Andrew
McFarland,
Trevor Close, Zakk James,

Michael
Wilcoxson,
and Keegan Wentz.
The Mountain Biking team
traveled all over CO to compete. Sophomore Jon Fox took 7th place at state.
Kenneth
Schell, BVHS
Golfer, made it to the State Golf
Tournament The
Gymnastics team took second at regionals advancing 5 gymanasts to state: Emily Foreman on beam,
Shawnee
VanNess and Sammi Scott on bars, Berlin VanNess on bars and beam, and Lindsey
Fagerberg all around.

## Football

Back row: Chase McNab, Ben Thielges, Dylan Baker, Jack Baroni, Chance Gaulter, Ryan Kay, Denver Hargrove, Dylan Jewell, Tyston Stout, Toby Camp Cooper Armstrong, Colton
Blankenbeckler, and Khylie Trevillyan. Third Row: Benjamin Deslauriers, Kiefe Crowley, Cody Coleman, Nik Armstrong, Doug Richie, Cal Rhoads, Cooper Eggleston, Josh Yates, Keegan Wentz, Keenan Barr, Tanner Lakovitch, Cody Sternlicht, Sabyn Diamond and Sera McFarland (manager) Second row: Coach Graff, Jonathan Wagner, Mark Harding, Mitch Hollenbeck, David Drake, Kenneth Schell, Jalen Porter, Clay Aucoin, Zakk James, John Lopez, Michael Wilcoxson Trevor Close and Coach Johnson. Front Row: Coach Hiltz, Coach Drawbridge, Thomas Enck, Aaron Sebastian, Antonio Navarrette, Andy McFarland, Ashley Blankenbeckler (manager), Kole Harms, John Weber,
 Tim Wilson, Will Osborne, Coach Flavin, and Coach Hargrove.


## Mtn. Biking

Back row: Thomas Rutherford, Dillon Tanner, Trent Gonzales, Jesse Young, Jon Fox, and Patrick Huffman.
Front Row: Coach McMurry, Coach Kep, Natalie Tanner, Aaron Huffman, and Riley Taft.

## Golf

Coach Shawna Kinkaid, Patrick Thompson, Bobby Schumann, Caleb Stephens, Kenneth Schell, Nic Rau, Tanner Harbick, and Jesse Stokes.


## Gymnastics

Back row: Sammi Scott, Mirei Rodriguez, Shawnee VanNess, Coach Moltz, Berlin VanNess, Bailey Stokes (manager), KelseyQuick.
Front row: Lindsey Fagerberg, Kathryn Jordan, and Emily Foreman.


## Volleyball

## Varsity:

Front Row: Coach Reavis, Kaylynne Tucker, Laura Wolfe, Riley Shawhan Ashle White, Elle Eggleston, and Coach Page
Middle Row: Coach Holly, Corina Scott, Winter Bardol, Emily Perez, Cassidy DeFurio, Alex Drake, and Tory Storms (manager)
Back Row: Jesse Osborne, Shelby Jensen, and Coach Stange. Junior Varsity:
Front Row: Cody Luebke, Alicia Dooley, Jaymi Doke, Riquelle Goetsch, and Gracie Graham. Back Row: Josie Scott, Anita Ortega, Summer Saar, Ryllie Troudt, and Coach Stange
C Team:
Front Row: Emma Michael, Brie Crannor, Jaycie Caroll, and Hayden Gibb.
Back Row: Josie Scott, Greer Franklin, Tyler Lockett, Haley Viers, and Coach Reavis


## Cross Country

Back row: Coach Whyte, Chase Kuennen, Colton Walters, Michael Goetsch, Chaz Tipton, Sawyer Huffman, Evan Walters, Coach Walters. Middle Row: Ethan Greiner, Brooke Walters, Katie Workman, Patrick Huffman, Karissa Gonzales, Mikayla Kavanagh, Madelyne Cope. Front row: Sarah Pascarelli, Whitney White, Ruby Skubella, Naomi Glenn, and Cheyenne Hargrove.

The
volleyball team ended their season with a 9-13 record.
Cori Scott, setter, and Winter Bardol, outside hitter, both received all conference honors. Winter
Bardol led the team in attacking with 173 kills. Cori Scott led the team in serving with 30 aces. Jesse Osborne led the team in blocking with 30 solo blocks and 14 block assists.

The BVHS cross country team had a very successful season, sending both the girls and boys teams to state. The boys team took 4th at regionals and 10th at state.
While the girls took 5th at regionals and 15th at state.
Whitney
White, top placer for the girls placed 14th at state and Ethan
Greiner, top placer for the boys, took 25th at state

The BVHS cheerleading squad overcame many obstacles this season. They were very young and most of the girls had not cheered before.
However, they didn't let that stop them! The girls brought incredible spirit to all of the sporting events BVHS hosted and propelled their competitive cheer team all the way to state!

The Chaffee County United Soccer Team, consisting of both Buena


## Cheerleading

Competition (clockwise) Karissa Gonzales, Chloe Shroger, Kerstyn Lane, Abby Shroger, Amy Hawthorne, Merei Rodriguez, Shelby Burtlow, Maranda Atha, Anitta Ortega, Riquelle Goetch, Kanyen Cates, Mylinda Goestch, and Assistant Coach Blythe.
Fall: Kierra Stoumbaugh, Niki Koch, Amy Hawthorne, Shelby Burtlow, Merei Rodriguez, Maranda Atha, and Kanyen Cates.
Winter: Chloe Schroger, Amy Hawthorne, Anitta Ortega, Mylinda Goetsch, Karissa Gonzales, Merei Rodriguez, and Riquelle Goetsch.



Vista and Salida players,
kicked their way into the semi finals this year. Unfortunately they lost 1-0, however, their season was a spectacular one!



## Wrestling

Back row: Coach Tucker, Coach Drawbridge, Coach Todd, and Coach Martinez. Third row: Chance Gaulter, Denver Hargrove, Keegan Wentz, Ernesto Venegas, Sabyn Diamond, Jack Baroni, Dylan Baker, and Becky Blitstein
Second row: Emily Perez, Brook McFarland, Patrick Huffman, Toby Camp, Daniel Hasley, Dylan Jewell, Berlin VanNess, Cameron Wolters, Josh McGill, and Maranda Atha Front Row: Sean Burdges, John Lopez, Andrew McFarland, Antonio Navarrette, Clay Aucoin, and Casey Russell.


Interact Club
Back row: Brandon Wilburn, Alex Drake, Casey
Russell, and Evan Dwyer
Front row: Melanie Roberts-Johns, Lacey Spear, and Maya Fowler.

## NAHS



## NHS:

Back row: Lindsey Fagerberg, Evan Walters, Thomas Enck, Aubrey Andreas, and Natalie Tanner.
Front row: Kole Harms, Alex Blitstein, Kyli Doke, and Laura Wolfe.

## NAHS:

Back Row: Alex Blitstein, Sarah Taft, Morgan Ryen, Jewel Jump, and Alicia Dooley.
Front Row: Kaitie Workman, Nikayla Stout, Amy Hawthorne, and Mylinda Goetsch.

The wrestling team sent 7 wrestlers to compete this year at the state
tournament:
Cameron
Wolters, Denver
Hargrove, Sabyn
Diamond, Keegan Wentz, Patrick Huffman, John Lopez, and Antonio Navarrette.

Antonio Navarrette placed 5th, John Lopez placed 3rd, and Keegan Wentz took 2nd.

NHS, NAHS, and Interact Club are organizations that help build the
community, the school district, and the student body. Each plays a crucial role in helping BVHS students grow as leaders and service members.

The boys
basketball
team ended their season with an overall record of 10-12.

Junior point guard,
Kenneth Schell,
ended the
season 2nd
in the Tri-
Peaks
League
West for
points per game (17.3.)

Hannah
Foreman and Claire
Erickson were
selected to attend
Western
State Honor
Choir and Adams
Sstate Honor
Choir in late
February.

## Basketball(Var.)

Back Row: Chase Kuennen, Josh Yates, Tanner Latkovich, Lukas Ommen, Michael Wilcoxson, Mark Harding and Keenan Barr, Middle Row: Coach Crites, Kenneth Schell, Tyler Murphy, Kole Harms, Will Osborne, Cooper Eggelston, Lacey Spear (manager) and Trevor Close.
Front Row: Zakk James and David Drake.

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Basketball (C-Team)
Back row: Aaron Huffman, Thomas Rutherford, Kiefer Crowley, Bobby Schumann Colton Blankenbeckler Front row: Dillon Tanner, Cooper Armstrong, Ty Koch, Ryan Kay, Caleb Stephens, Joe Behr



Basketball(JV)
Back Row: Coach Reavis, Colton Walters, Seth Kite, Keenan Barr, Lukas Ommen, Michael Neagle, Mitch Hollenbeck, Tanner Latkovich and Mark Harding.
Front Row: Tanner Harbick, Shane Smith, Matt Page, Cody Coleman, Cooper Eggelston, Michael Wilcoxsin and Chase Kuennen.

## All State Choir

Claire Erickson,
Hannah Foreman


## Basketball (Var.)

Back row: Coach Hollenback, Aubry Andreas, Coach Gates, Seraphim McFarland, Jaymi Doke, Kaylynne Tucker, Jesse Osborne, Sallie Tucker, Cassidy DeFurio, Coach Juba, Coach Harris Front row: Baylee Johnson, Gillian Franklin, Sarah Pascarelli, Kiowa Johnson, Lindsey Fagerberg, Winter Bardol, Corina Scott. In loving memory of KiowaRain Johnson.


## Basketball(JV)

Back row: Coach Hollenbeck, Cheyenne Hargrove, Tory Storms, Ara Marine, Jaymi Doke, Arden Bardol, Sallie Tucker, and Coach Harris.
Front row: Alex Drake, Cody Luebke, Rylie Troudt, Sera McFarland, Kristina Tanner, and Sammi Scott

## Basketball(C-Team)

Back row: Coach Harris, Sena Ali Maazou, Arden Bardol, Josie Scott, and Haley Viers.
Front row: Sana Ali Maazou, Cody Luebke, Greer Franklin, Ashley Blankenbeckler, Sammi Scott, and Tyler Lockett.

## Advanced Drama

Back row:Colin Johnson, Aaron Hanke, Charlotte Ryen, Hannah Foreman, Michael Rodriguez Middle row: Angelica Accaira, Raven Stubbs, Kaylin
Stoumbaugh, Shelby Burtlow
Front row: Katie Mullen, Kristina Tanner, Claire Erickson, Cody Luebke

## Baseball

Dylan Baker, Cameron
Gordanier, Jesse Stokes,
Sawyer Huffman, Dylan Trow, Mark Harding, Keenan Barr, Brandon Fairchild, Ryan Sharpe, Zakk James, Trevor Close, David Drake, Andrew McFarland, Michael
Wilcoxson, Jack Baroni, Toby Camp, Brian Keathley, Seth Kite, Denver Hargrove, Clay Aucoin, Colton Blankenbeckler, Chase Kuennen, Ty Stout, Joe Behr, and Zak Barfoot


BVHS students begin their final sports of the 2013-2014 school year, choosing either baseball, track, or soccer to participate in.


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## Girls Soccer

Back row:Coach Chuck, Coach Debbie, Arden Bardol, Emily Foreman, Shawnee VanNess, Baylee Johnson, Elle Eggleston, Kaylin Stoumbaugh, Shelby Jesen, Marlena Page, Aubry Andreas, Mirei rodriguezz, Jaymi Doke, Jesse Osborne, Corina Scott, Coach Keidel
Front row: Summer Saar, Becky Blitstein, Riley Shawhan, Tory Storms, Naomi Glenn, Jocelyn Scott, Kaitlynn Workman, Karissa Gonzales, Sarah Pascarelli

## Track

Back row: Coach McFarland, Michael Gaulter, Tatianna Popavich, Coach Graff, Coach Walters, Michael Goetsch, Douglas Richey, Lukas ommen, Evan Walters, Cooper Armstrong, Dillon Perkins Middle row: Whitney White, Cheyenne Hargrove, Lindsey Fagerberg, Chaz Tipton, Antonio Navarrette, Colton Walters, Ara Marine, Emily Perez, Sallie Tucker, Gracie Graham, Riquelle Goetsch, Anitta Ortega, Emma Michael Front row: Berlin VanNess, Brook McFarland, Cooper Eggleston, Dylan Jewell, Ethan Greiner


## Yearbook

Back row: Elle Eggleston,
Rylie Troudt, Natalie Zwingers, Ashley Blankenbeckler, Sera McFarland, Tory Storms, Becky Blitstein, Bobby Schummann, Hayden Gibb, Josie Scott, Leah Cogan, and Christian Witham Front row: Corina Scott, Will Osborne, Emily Perez and Ms. Kleber


## Honor Band

Nicole Wik, Samantha Scott, Samantha Matthews, Nik Armstrong and Mr. Toephfer


## Link Crew

Back row: Lindsey Fagerberg, Will Osborne, Colin Johnson, Tyler Murphy, Michael Wilcoxson, Alex Blitstein and Chase Kuennen
Front row: Kristina Tanner, Katie Workman and Cheyenne Hargrove

## Stuco

Back row: Sammi Jewell, Emily Perez, Alicia Dooley, Kyli Doke, Greer Franklin, Gillian Franklin, Tory Storms and Chase Kuennen
Front row: Mateo Dilillo, Riley Shawhan and Sallie Tucker

Your fantastic yearbook staff works hard to produce a book filled with all of the highlights and
memories of your high school career.

Link Crew leaders are juniors and seniors that are selected to introduce freshman to the high school atmosphere and mentor them
throughout their first year.

Student Council puts on various activities for the student body
including the Homecoming dance, Toys for Tots, and Mr. BVHS.

Four incredibly talented BVHS students attended Western
State Honor Band and Adams State Honor Band to show off their musical skills.

Each
semester BVHS holds a desert bar followed by an academic award banquet to recognize all students that received a 3.8 GPA or better for that semester.

Evan Walters, Lindsey Fagerberg, Alex Blitstein and Elle Eggleston, all received seven semester awards for earning a 3.8 GPA or better every semester in their high school career.

## Senior Academics

Back row: Evan Walters, Aubry Andreas, Lindsey Fagerberg, Lindsey Baker, Thomas Enck, Elle Eggleston, Tyler Murphy, and Will Osborne.
Front row: Natalie Tanner, Sarah Pascarelli, Andy McFarland, Kole Harms, Laura Wolfe, and Alex Blitstein.

## Junior Academics

Back row: Trevor Close,
Danelle Petri, Sawyer
Huffman, Kaylin Stoumbaugh, Michal Wilcoxson, Chase
Kuennen, Kyli Doke, Kenneth Schell, Jonathan Wagner,
Corina Scott, and Dustin Linza.
Front row: Kristina Tanner,
Cheyenne Hargrove, Katie
Workman, Karrissa Gonzales, Hannah Foreman, and Ethan
 Greiner


## Sophomore Academics

Keenan Barr, Emily Foreman, Jesse Osborne, Sallie Tucker, Nick Rau, Tory Storms, and Keegan Wentz

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## Freshmen Academics

Back row: Jared Brown, Tatianna Popavitch,
Thomas Rutherford, Bobby Schumann, and Dillon Tanner. Front row: Josie Scott, Hayden Gibb, and Whitney White.

## Yin and Rain

I'll always remember where I was when I found out.
I was at the library, and needed to take a break from my homework. I let my fingers slide across the screen as I unlocked my phone and looked down at the brightly colored apps. I tapped the Facebook app, and what I saw made my heart drop right through my chest. I stuffed my books into my bag and hurried out the door. My head was now light and uncomprehending. It couldn't be true. It couldn't be true. I thought that maybe if I thought it over and over, I could make myself believe it.

But when I got home, the somber looks from my parents and the blaringly loud news channel just served as confirmation. The bubble headed bleach blonde happily besieged our ears with what was to her just another news story. It meant nothing more than anything else she had to report. But it meant something to us. My gaze slid down, and I found myself staring blankly at the ornate, swirling patterns in the wood of the entertainment center. Rings that indicated the age of a tree, patterns that showed life cut short.

I got a phone call. A teary, shaky voice asked me where I was. I responded I was on my way over. I stood up and told my parents in a hollow voice that I was leaving, and I would be back. They told me that they wouldn't be far behind.

That was the first time in a while that I had cried. The music played softly over the radio, and coaxed the tears right out of me.

The air seemed physically heavy as I strode up to the school, friends gripping each other, crying, lamenting. Sadness seemed to permeate the air, like some thick cloud of smog.

Then a few of us football players began to stride towards the rugged rock. Just a couple at first, then more and more until we had all gathered in front of the massive stone. It was where victories were proclaimed with the acrid smell of spray paint, and the cool sense of purpose brought by the team. A car pulled up to shine its lights on the cragged surface of the boulder. The different shades of red and blue and white seemed to glow under the luminescent streams of light that cut through the darkness.

Wordlessly, soundlessly, we began to blanket the rock with a new coat. The scores were covered, and a new story was written. Silence ensued, replacing the hushed and husky conversations, as I could smell of the spray paint filling the air, hear the clinking of the ball in the can. More and more people found their way over and looked on as the rock underwent a transformation from a high school tradition to a true monument.

And it was then that I knew. Even in this vortex of depression and sadness, it became apparent that there was hope. A feeling so potent, that it warmed the soul from the inside in the midst of such a tragedy. We would persevere; we would march on, and we would never give in to the smothering darkness.
-R.L.B.


## Unsung

## HEROES.



We've been told over and over again; this year really matters.

## College applications due early fall really matters.

 Kiowa-Rain Johnson really matters.Receiving a diploma really matters.
This tiny class that hasn't changed much since the first grade really matters.
Leaving this high school
and making our way out into the world really matters.
But the friends and memories made here will always really matter.



## Aubrey Andrea Areas

Our prayer is that you will stay true to yourself and your faith. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6 Love, Mom and Dad


## Lindserta Reykeraker

I am so proud of the young woman you have become. You have faced numerous challenges and I admire your strength and ability to keep moving on, with your head up and humor intact! Always strive to be your best and accept the learning that comes from mistakes. I know you are in God's hands as you graduate and head out on your college adventure. All My Love-Mom

Embrace and cherish each moment in your life and let your passions radiate and shine. I believe in you and love my LKB. Dad

## Talent Bertrglas ola

Jalen, Papa and I are so proud of the young man you are becoming. Keep your head held high. The world is yours. Love, Grandma and Grandpa
Jalen- The best son ever!! Words cannot express how proud we are of you. We love you. Mom, JR, Peyton and Bailey



Robot


## Robordberatacever

Life is a song - sing it. Life is a game - play it. Life is a challenge - meet it. Life is a dream realize it. Life is a sacrifice - offer it. Life is love enjoy it.
--Sai Baba

## Alex Blitstein

Alex, we are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. We have loved every moment of this journey with you. Your willingness to work hard and your insatiable curiosity will take you far in life. Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life. Love, Mom \& Dad



Tabor.
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## Tabquabartidirtier

May the sun bring you new energy by day, may the moon softly restore you by night, May the rain wash away your worries, May the breeze blow new strength into your being. May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life. With much love and happiness always, Mom, Dad and Vic

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Elle, we are proud of you and are excited to share the next chapter of your life. After college, you will regret either having too much fun or not enough, so get it just right. Do the right thing even if it hurts, never pass up a chance to see the world, and most important... See as many concerts as you can and pay extra for the good seats! We love you, Mom, Dad \& Cooper
 querggeerne.

## Thompas Enclenck

Thomas, all the hard work has finally paid off! We're proud of all you've accomplished, but we're even more proud of who you are. As you get busy living your life, don't forget to LIVE! And let us know when you change locations.
Mom \& Dad

## Claicatirickespleson

Dear Claire, you're a ray of sunshine. Your optimistic spirit can take you far in life and you can be successful at whatever you choose, as long as you keep it with you. Whatever path you take, remember to use your talents in a way pleasing to God. We love you and are proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad


## Lindsey Faperbero

Lindsey, you have been a blessing from the moment you came into the world! We are so proud of the exceptional young woman you have become. God has incredible plans for you! Stay strong in your faith (Philippians 4:13), pray, love, give, persevere, be positive and choose happiness. Love you, Mum \& Dad

## AaronHankenke

A.J. - We love you so much and we couldn't be more proud of you. Your gift for bringing smiles and laughter to everyone around you is so precious and valuable. Heaven rejoiced the day you were born! Listen for Jesus and let him guide your heart.
Mom \& Dad


## Hopethfersensen

Hope, you are a beautiful, intelligent, and strong lady and you deserve to be treated that way. Always know I love you and let that be a source of strength for you wherever you are.
Love, Your Dad

## Kole Harms

 rmsKole,
We are so very proud of you. We hope you'll always be a fearless over-comer of life's adversity, never giving up... ever. God made you the way you are and we are blessed for it! We wish you happiness and hope you seek God's wisdom to lead you down your path. Love You, Mom and Dad


## The ACmr



## Emidy Hityefines

Emily,
We are very proud of the woman you have become. You have been a blessing to us since the day you were born.

We love you so much,
Mom and Dad

## Colitedohnsentison

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing on your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

Colin we love you! Love, Dad, Mom, Paul, \& Sarah.


## Kigrug-Raindohnson

Never lose your love of life. You have an amazing, carefree attitude. We all have so much to learn from you. I love you with all my heart. -Kindra

Have a fervor for life, love with ferocity. Have a compassion for all things no matter how small. Everyone is blessed to have had you in their lives. You are a gorgeous, once in a lifetime woman. I love you... -Cole

## Joseph Lind ssaydsay

"Be smart, be strong, be respectful, be positive, be a man."

Love, Uncle Mike


## Dylopytusicusin

What an amazing person you have become! We are so very proud of you, for how you handle yourself, your integrity, your kind, beautiful soul. In life's next adventures, live with no regrets, accept challenges, be spontaneous, live with intention, forgive \& always trust in yourself! Love, Mom \& Dad

## Samantha Mat themis

Samantha, you make us so proud! You will do great in the future. Just set your mind on something and you can accomplish it! Love always, Mom and Dad


## Andrea MaFgelaitland

"We make the world with our minds: choose peace, love and freedom."
We are so proud of you! There is no doubt that you will go far in life. Always remember to live life to the fullest and never regret anything that makes you happy. We love you to the moon and back! Mom, Dad, \& Sera

## Vaughn Mead

"Adventurous winds may take you wide and far. Always keep your company close and true to who you are."

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 Congratulations!
Keep following your dreams and never give up, we are proud of you and all you have accomplished. Your joy, laughter, ambition, and positive attitude will take you far in life.

Bubba we love you, M'Randah, Joslyn Love you, Mom, Dad, Cassy, Dakota

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Jared-
We are so very proud of you. You are so incredibly talented, creative, funny, kind hearted and fun loving! Keep your sense of humor, keep smiling. You are truly an inspiration and a blessing to us.
Love- Mom \& Dad


# AntanionNqugutettre ette 

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 Antonio,
Your mom and I are very proud of you, I know you've lived by the verse l've quoted, continue being strong and continue on the path God has for you.
We love you always. Mom and Dad


## Wilkialliditugrtorne

Will: Get wisdom, get understanding. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul \& mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. Tell the truth in love. I'm so proud of you \& love you very much! Mom
"There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience"

## Markena Page page

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all."
Your persistence will take you far! Don't ever stop dreaming!
We Love You! Mom, Dad, Matthew, and Trey


## Saroh Passarelli illi

Dearest Sarah~
You are an absolute treasure to our family. Your smile, your gentleness, your love for life itself is a true testimony to God's awesomeness. We are proud of you. Stay true to yourself always, Be strong. Always work hard, but in the midst of life, please don't forget to laugh, always remember your best friend, and never ever forget to dance. We love you so very much. Love, Papa, Mama, Doug, and Nick

## Kindra Roberts

Kindra,
You are one of the strongest, most determined young women I know. As long as you rely on your beautiful, quiet spirit you can handle whatever life throws at you. There will always be family to support you, God to protect you and love to surround you! Wise words from Marilyn: "I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so you can learn to let go. Things go wrong so that you appreciate them when you are right. You believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together." But most important, Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." In his hands you're safe.
Love, Your Family



Kevin,

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Know that you are loved so deeply by your family. You are our "rock star" and we are so proud of the person you have become forever and always. To set you free is bittersweet. May your life be blessed with love, good health, good friends, and great opportunities so to fulfill your dreams.
P.S. Don't forget to call your mother at least twice a week!!

## Aaronsebastian tian

## So here's the thing.

You are so talented, and God gives you the desires of your heart, so don't give up on your dream. We believe in you. Remember always who your life and heart belong to. We love you very much, and are so proud of who you are and will become.
Love, Mom and Dad


## Ryark Shathrgharpe

Ryan, you are great at everything you do. Good and bad (LOL). When you put your mind to something, and you want to do your best, you shine like no other. I know you'll be a success at whatever you choose. Have faith and go for the whole enchilada. Make me proud. You are an awesome son, even if you caused me many of these grey hairs. I love you son. Love you always and forever, Mom

## Kaykatalakyuthabough

 Kayla,You are my first born. Having you in our lives has been a God Send. Your grandma and grandpa have been a Big Part in your life growing up. We are so sad to see you grow up and move on with your life. We are so proud of you. You are beautiful inside and out. So please always remember, we will be here for you. No matter where life takes you, your younger sisters too, if you just let them. You did it!!! Yay!
Love, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Kiarra, and Kandiss



## Sarghrantitaft

Sarah;
Push yourself, make mistakes.
Set goals, ignite your passion.
Know, you can do it.
Live, without reservations.
Improvise, change is constant.
Laugh, it's good medicine.
We always Love You, Mom and Dad

## NatalieTtañ ner

To our Sunshine,
You inspire us beyond measure. Remember Nehemiah's wall: "...l am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down..." Continue in your great work with your infectious smile, servant's heart, and love for others. We love you so very much!
Love, Mom, Dad, Kristina, Dillon, and Lulu


Chaz, We are so proud of your accomplishments and know there are many more to come.
Aim High, Stay Focused, Go Like He**. Love you little buddy. Dad
Live the life you have imagined. Smile often and give hugs. We love it. Love Mom
"There is no one alive that is Youer than You." -Dr. Seuss. Hey bro, love you. Sis

## Kaylynne Tucker

Life isn't measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away.


## Ian Vainsoss

Don't be naive about the future or, for that matter, today. Seek a career that you love, regardless of the pay. I want you to look forward to getting up every day with joy and end your day with a sense of fulfillment. Always stand up for yourself, strive to fulfill your goals but remember to cherish the simple things daily. Continue to bring laughter to those around you, it is a wonderful gift you have, share it with everyone and it will come back tenfold.

## Evanowaltariters

Evan, you are loved beyond what words can describe! Your family will always be there for you and God will always be at your side. Make God, your family, and friends a priority. Laugh at yourself. Be passionate. Find adventure. Explore. Ask questions. Stand up for what you know is right. Be yourself.


## John Whehareber

Home is where your heart's dirt bike is parked. Don't let anyone hold you back from greatness! We believe in you, we love you, and will always be here for you!

## Karisissivisuratentz

Your heart \& soul are amazing! Remember... Patience is a life long lesson. Take one day at a time! You've come a long way in so many ways since we've moved you to the BV school! SO PROUD OF YOU!!! Can't wait to watch you spread your wings \& fly!!
Love, Mom \& Dad
Karissa Wentz


## Ashleshletitenite

You have grown into a wonderful young lady, so caring and loving. You have been a joy since birth always having a smile on your face that brightens our hearts.
Love you always, Dad and Mom


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Life is like a marathon; you need to work your way through it. Don't be in too big a hurry to get to the end of the race. Remember to stop along the way, look up and appreciate the beauty all around you. Take time to be thankful for the good and the bad in life. It's all there for a reason. We love you!
P.S. If your stomach tells you to run... run. If your heart tells you to stay, listen to your stomach.
Mom \& Dad


## Laura Wolfe

You made it Baby Doll! Close this chapter and move on to become the woman you were meant to be. You know what I mean.
"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson
Saura Woege All my love, Mom


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I believe everybody should be optimistic because being optimistic helps everyone get through even the hardest of times and can brighten even the darkest of days." -Katie Mullen


-Michael Wilcoxson
"I believe
peace can change the world by bringing an end to ignorance, intolerance, and hate." -Michael Hatfield



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\#7 Life is short. Don't dwell on the little things.
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