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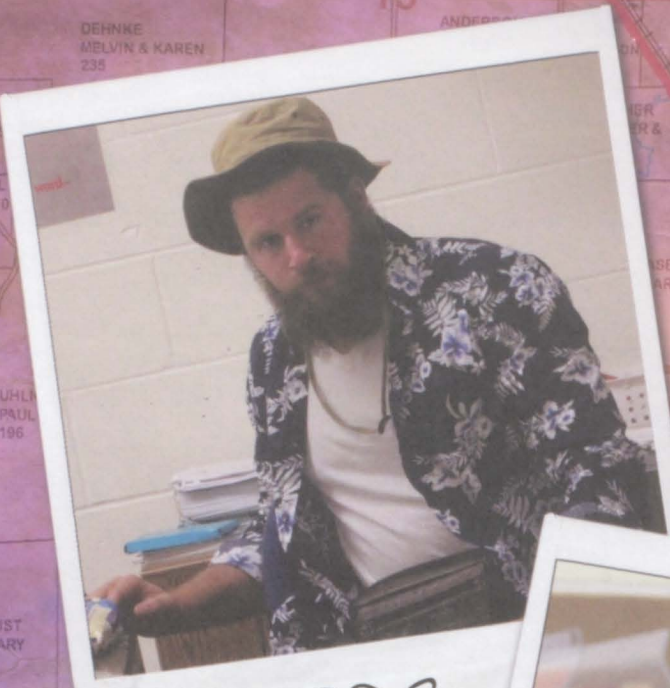
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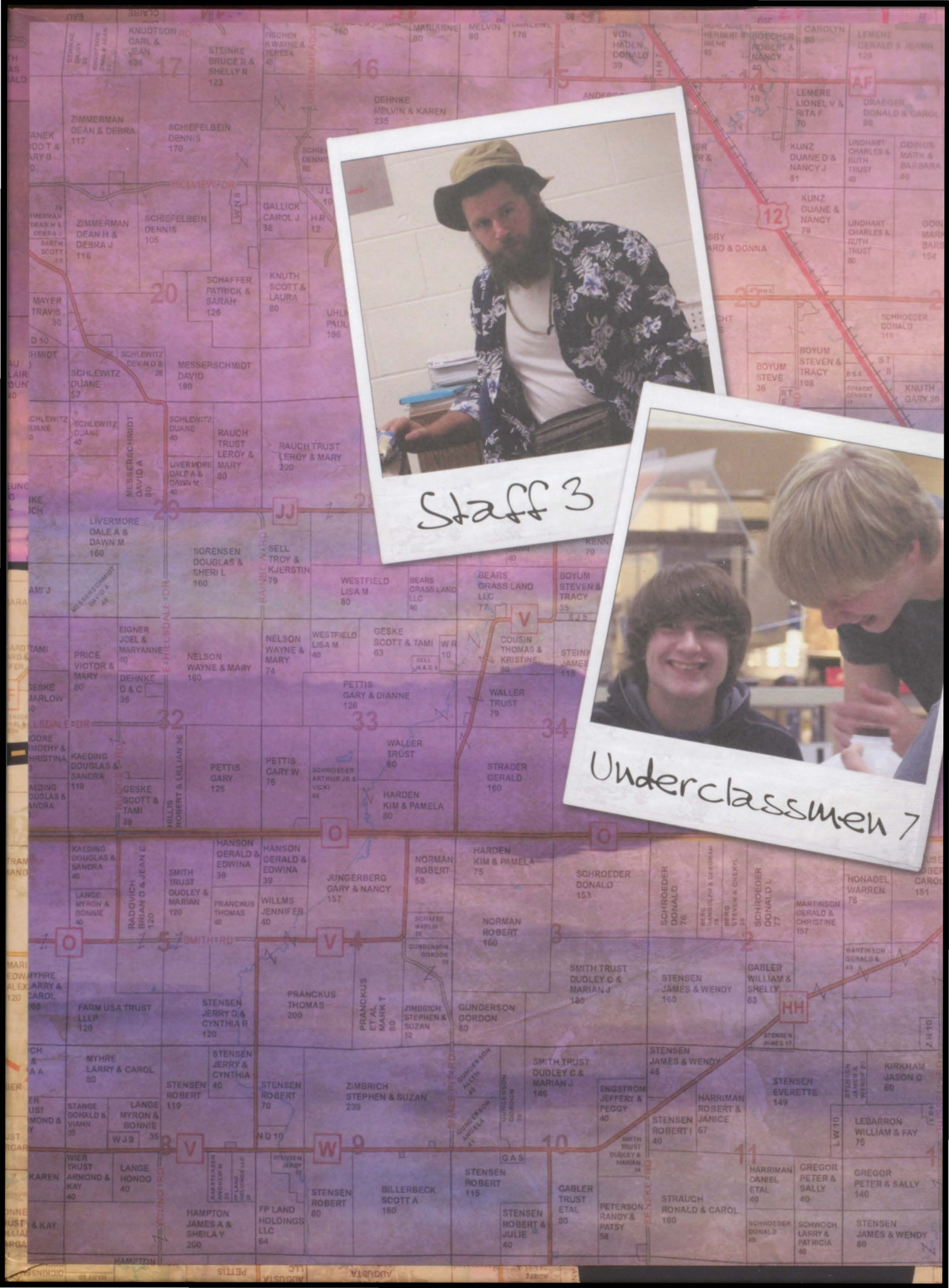
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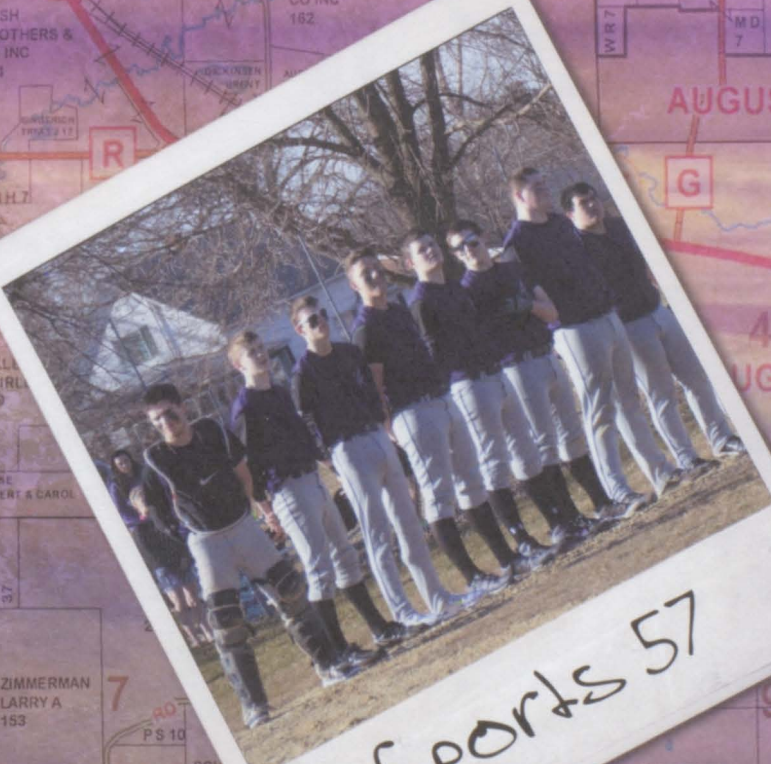




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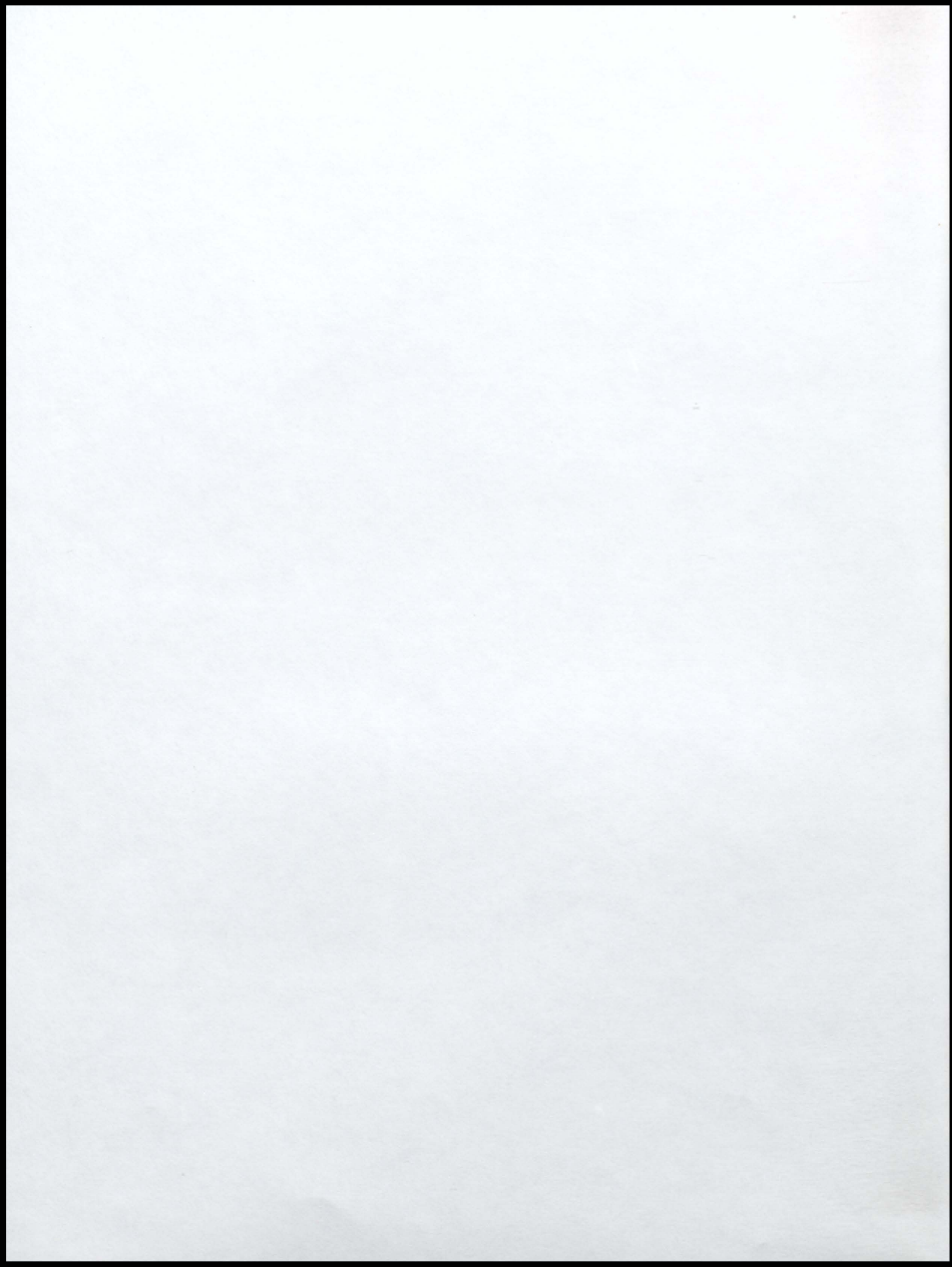
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Sports 57



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ROAD TRIP

The year was full of changes and positive outcomes. A big change for the high school which was building updates. One of the updates included the high school roof which was renovated during the summer, the total cost of the project was \$1.2 million. The clocks on the inside of the building were updated as well. A slight change was a different bell sound. Some staff changes that will take effect at the end of the school year include the retirement of Mrs. Kees, Mrs. Zastrow, Mrs. Kragness and Mr. Anderson. Mrs. Kees, librarian, worked here for five years. Mrs. Zastrow, the band director worked here for 26 years. Mrs. Kragness, the high school math teacher has been working here since 1986. Mr. Anderson who retired from the elementary school a few years ago is now retiring from the athletic director position. He worked here for a total of 39 years. A new rule for parking was that everyone had to park in the east parking lot or as some call it 'the pond', the rule had been the honors were able to park in the back parking lot. Sports highlights included baseball and volleyball bringing home regional plaques, JJ Breaker winning regionals in wrestling, ending with a record of 34-7. Another highlight included the Big Brother Big Sister members who were Alexa Stensen, Jasmin Boettcher, Anna Goodell, Cathy Renneke, Megan Bertrang, Katie Nelson and Maddie McConville.

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Detours

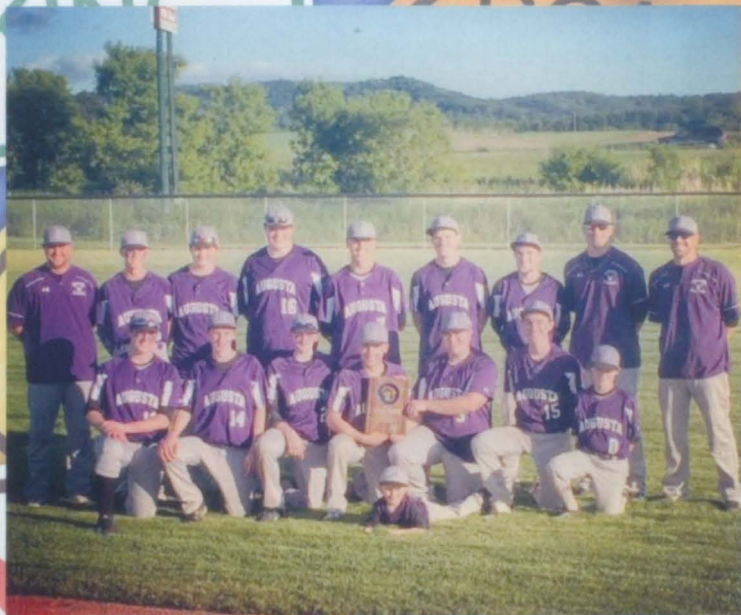
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Carter Berlin, who plays Tackle on the football team, is signing to play football at Winona State. He is accompanied by his mother Joan Berlin.



Girls Volleyball brought home a Regional Championship for the first time since 2007. The Lady Beavers beat Elmwood 3-1 to earn the Regional plaque.



The Boys Baseball team brought home a Regional Championship, beating Bangor 6-3. The boys avenged themselves after losing to Bangor last year in the Sectional Semi-Final.



Augusta High School welcomed the new principal Ken Abel to the staff.



Alyssa Laxon and Maddie McConville represented the USA and the Augusta Softball program last summer in the Dominican Republic. The girls were chosen by AIST, the American International Sports Program after tryouts were held in July 2014.



The Bean and Bacon Days Miss Augusta pageant was held on July 2, 2015. The contestants were judged on an interview, pop question, speech, talent, and poise. Abby Randall was crowned Miss Augusta Isabel Lane, Alexa Stensen and Jasmin Beottcher were on the court.





Staff



Staff



Ken Abel



Jill Alexander



Peggy Anderson



Rod Anderson



Chris Bertelsen



Audrey Boettcher



Amber Boone



Sarah Brenner



Penny Brost



Angela Brown



Chuck Catt



Karen Clark



Mike Collins



Jake Fields



Lars Forseth



Jerrilyn Geiger



Kay Goss



Katie Griffith



Jeff Hadorn



Paul Henrichs



Will Jacobs



Andy Jarzynski



Terri Johnson



Connie Kees



Arica Kirkham



Victoria Korger



Linda Kragness



Kayla Leirimo



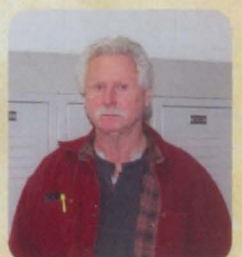
Lori Logterman



Susan Maenner



Ashley Mason



Ed Mayer





Kati Meyer



Stephanie
Mickelson



Ryan Nelson



Lisa Papke



Jessica Paulsrud



Skip Pettis



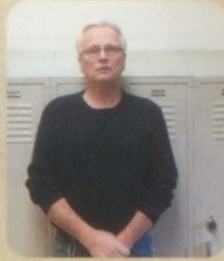
Collin Pomplun



Diedra Powell



Patricia Price



Darrel Reetz



Paul Robinson



Kyle Rothbauer



Aaron Sands



Kristine Selberg



Liz Seubert



Kenneth Sigurdson



Kelly Zastrow



School Board: Mike Lea, Byron King, Bernie Buttke,
Sarah Erdman
not pictured: Dudley Joe Smith



Food Service Staff: Joyce Evjen, Dorothy Kirkham, Kris
Perkovich



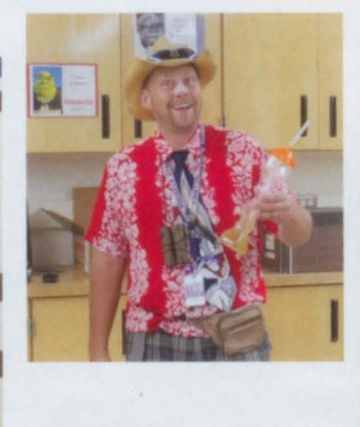
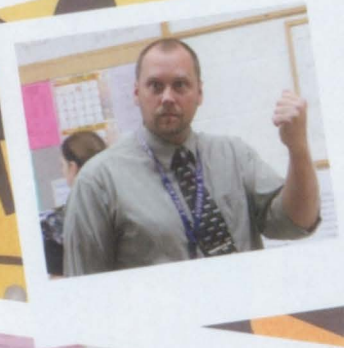
Lifeguards: row 1: Sydnie Paulsrud, Madeson Harshman,
Andy Lea
Row 2: Anna Schneider, Kaylee Kewin, Wesley Gerken
not pictured: Jackson Goings



Bus Drivers: Dean Place, Pat Moore, Diane Walker,
Melissa Davis, Amanda Kimball, Bill Englesby, Tory
Malcein, Jason Tepaske.



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UnderclassMen



Freshmen



Tanner Alix



Bailey Anderegg



Hunter Anderson



Noah Anderson



Travis Barnhardt



Matilda Bertram



Andrew Bizefski



Brenna Bowe



Colten Breaker



Logan Brown



Marissa Bruett



Santana Carrillo



Christian Collier



Lillian Engen



Kaleb Force



Kyle Gerken



Tiana Gonzalez



Grant Goodell



Ryan Grunewald



Alexander Gunter



Garrett Himebauch



Brock Horel



Hunter Jurgensmier



Rylee Kazort



Rian King



Kevin Kitchen





Ashlyn Korger



Megan Kunz



Clayton Lebaron



Devin Lemay



Austin Lengyel



John Lohmann



Sarah Marino



Grace Mayer



Kendall Mayer



Luis Mercado



Branden Molinaro



Tanner Peterson



Gabriel Petras



Jenna Reed



Spencer Schafer



Devin Schmitt



Sarah Shaffer



Carolyn Shult



Preston Sima



Brennen Stensen-
Veenendall



Sheyli Valdes-
Ellenberger



Jordan Videka



Josephine Vizer



Tenley Walker



Desiree Week



Karissa Wiebe



Jesse Zamora



Simon Ziehr



SOPHOMORES



Jenna Bauch



Kylie Behrendt



Natalie Belknap



Drew Bong



Lillian Brost



Nikolai Cerrillo



Avery Conner



Carmen Cordero



Shaylee Dekan



Teaera Fabian



Wesley Gerken



Jackson Goings



Estell Gunter



Cassandra Guse



Mason Harshman



Muriel Hawkins



Amber Heller



Carter Jacobs



Gatlin Joles



Kaylee Kewin



Abrianna Knutson



Brooke Krause



Nicholas Kuehl



Joshua Lane



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Lauren Lea



Michael Livingston



Molly McCormick



Ruby Mejorado



Sydnie Paulsrud



Robert Richardson



Mayachel Schaller



Anna Schneider



Rafier Schultz



Nathaniel Severson



Damon Shilka



Hunter Sommers



Cordell Stanek



Delilah Tuchalski



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Alex Watenphul



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Preston Waugh



Juniors



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Caleb Berthiaume



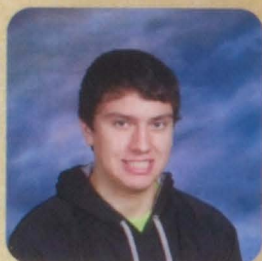
Jeffrey Breaker



Julieann Bullock



Jennifer Colby



Ryan Dorf



Andrew Fenner



Logan Fontecchio



Kyle Gjerseth



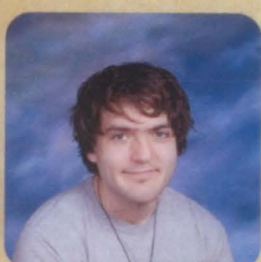
Christian Gribble



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Kyle Guntner



Jake Hamman



Breton Hansen



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Olivia Herold



Taylor Jensen



Justin Johnson



Austin King



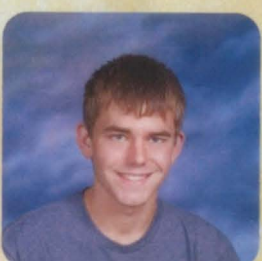
Colton King



Dylan Klindworth



Kayne Korger



Robert Krause





Polina Kudelina



Krista Kunz



Alyssa Laxson



Tyler Lone



Matthew Lyons



Devin Malcein



Kayla Martinson



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Alexis Pierce



Leo Plewa



Zoe Plewa



Abby Schneider



Silvia Severson



Evan Stensen



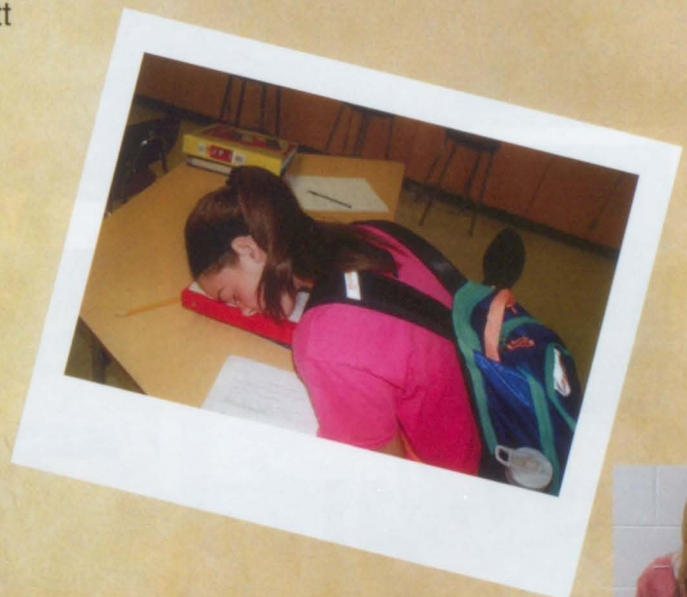
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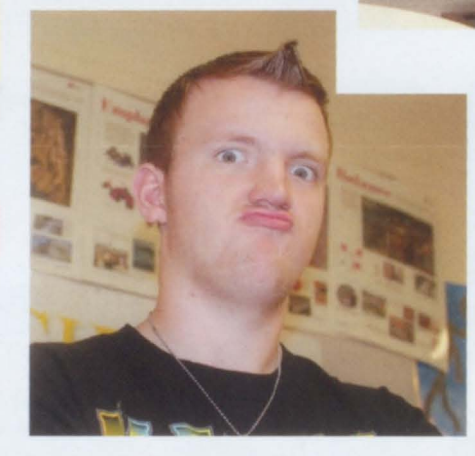


Nicholas Wood



Esme Ziehr







SeniOrs





Phoenix Abley

"Cause I'm as free as a bird now."

-Lynard Skynard



Hunter Alix

"If you look good, you play good. The swaggy starts with how I come into the arena- How I dress, the shoes I wear."

-Nick Young (Swaggy P)



Sebestyen Bandoli

"Even if we forget the faces of our friends, we will never forget the bonds that were carved into our souls."

-Yuruzu Otonashi (Angel Beats)



Carter Berlin

"You already know."

-Carter Berlin



Megan Bertrang

"The minute you stop making mistakes is the minute you stop learning."

-Miley Cyrus



Payton Bethke

"The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall."

-Vince Lombardi



Helen Black

"We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are."

-Max Depree



Jasmin Boettcher

"Never say goodbye, because saying goodbye means going away, and going away means forgetting."

-Peter Pan



Karen Bohn

"Sometimes the people around you won't understand your journey. They don't need to it's not for them."

-Joubert Botha



Matthew Bruett

"If you put something stupid for your senior quote we're cutting you out of the will, giving you no money for college, and kicking you out of our house."

-Mom and Dad



Gabriel Carrillo

"Well not everything a person does goes as planned. The important thing is to move on and to keep your mind open."

-Anonymous



Kacie Conner

"Unless your are a pizza, the answer is yes. I can live without you."

-Bill Murray





Bryce Cremeens

"If you say you're cooler than me... Does that make me hotter than you?"
-SvenjasMegan



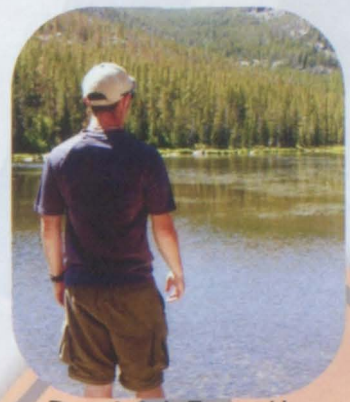
Felica Deering

"I have to be successful because I like expensive things."
-Felica Deering



Amber Ducommun

"People say nothing's impossible, but I do nothing everyday."
-Winnie the Pooh



Dominick Forseth

"Until they are purple."
-Eric Huth



Annalise Goodell

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine- and shadows will fall behind you."
-Walt Whitman



Skyler Hahn

"To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."
-Elbert Hubbard



Shantae Harke

"If at first you don't succeed then just give up and try and do something that requires a little less skill and talent."
-Anonymous



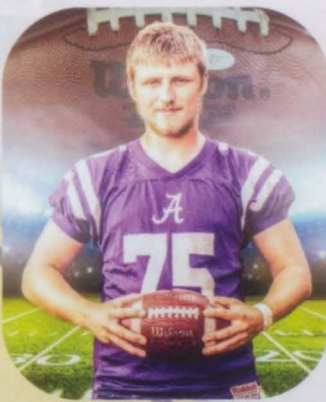
Eric Huth

"Dad, what's a day off? I don't know son, we're farmers."
-Unknown



Brittany Kirchoff

"You better start livin' right now cause days go by."
-Keith Urban



Timothy Kunshier

"Once in awhile someone amazing comes along... and here I am."
-Tigger



Svenja Kuoppala

"You have to be odd to be number one."
-Dr.Seuss

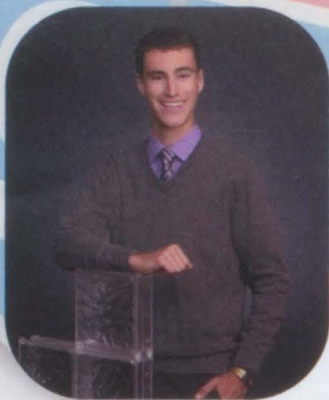


Isabel Lane

"A lot of people called it a prison when I was growin' up. But these are my roots and this is what I love 'cause everybody knows me and I know them and I believe that's the way we're supposed to live I wouldn't trade one single day here in small town USA."
-Justin Moore



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Andrew Lea
"I'm gonna wing it."
-Andy Lea



Faith Martin
"You must do the thing
you think you cannot
do."
-Eleanor Roosevelt



Madalaine McConville
"I did my waiting... twelve
years of it... in Azkaban!"
-Sirius Black



Madaline Mortimer
"To thine own self be
true."
-William Shakespeare

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Seann Nuetzmann
"I'm over it."
-Seann Nuetzmann



Taylor Opperman
"To be yourself in a world
that is constantly trying to
make you something else is
the greatest
accomplishment."
-Anonymous



Mayklin Petersen
"Everybody is a genius. But
if you judge a fish by its
ability to climb a tree, it will
live its whole life believing
that it is stupid."
-Albert Einstein



Abby Randall
"Yes, there are two paths
you can go by, but in the
long run, there's still time
to change the road you're
on."
-Led Zeppelin



Cathy Renneke
"It always seems
impossible until it's
done."
-Nelson Mandela



Alex Sobotta
"You know it's cold
outside when you
walk outside and it's
cold."
-Earl Dibbles Jr



Jeanne Solie
"Stay sassy."
-Jeanne Solie



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



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Summer Vandyke

"Crushed it."
-Fat Amy



Destiny Walker

"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible."
-Arthur C. Clarke



Mayzie Walker

"I lift weights and I run, that's what I do."
-Tyson Gay



Tyler Walters

"Don't mistake my kindness for weakness. I am kind to everyone, but when someone is unkind to me, weak is not all you are going to remember about me."
-Al Capone



Trystan Weister

"Keep 'er Going."
-Vanossgaming



Elizabeth Wood

"Always be yourself, unless you can be a turtle, then be a turtle."
-Anonymous



Volleyball Regional Game



Boy's Basketball Regional Game



TOP Ten



Abby
Randall



Madalaine
McConville



Catherine
Renneke



Timothy
Kunshier



Gabriel
Carrillo



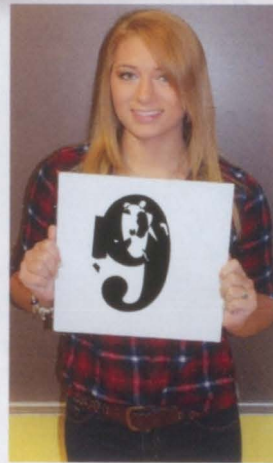
Mayzie
Walker



Skyler
Hahn



Megan
Bertrang



Seaann
Nuetzmann



Shantae
Harke



Christmas Band & Choir Concert 2015



8th Grade Boys Basketball Team



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Remember When...

- Eric almost stepped on a snake during the 8th grade canoe trip
- Megan fell off the stage while practicing her part for the 8th grade play
- Our substitute sang the "Milk and Cereal" song
- We wrote the "Grade 5" newspaper in 5th grade
- We went to the Christmas tea in elementary school
- There was a tornado warning on the last day of 3rd grade
- Eric fell asleep on Shantae's couch after the junior prom bonfire
- Carter attempted to grow a mullet...
- We traded marbles in 4th grade
- Sir Pops A Lot
- Webkinz were a big deal
- We performed *Annie Play Will Do* for our 8th grade play
- Hunter's button up pants flew off during the 8th grade play performance
- We didn't get the purple lockers in 8th grade
- A live scorpion was found in the school lunch in 10th grade
- Alex got his head stuck in a chair in middle school
- We went on our 6th grade Beaver Creek trip
- We played flag football during recess in elementary school
- We had our junior prom "Leave The Night On"



Homecoming 2015



Mrs. Lauer's First Grade Class

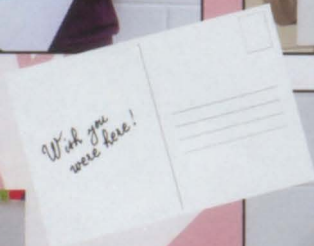
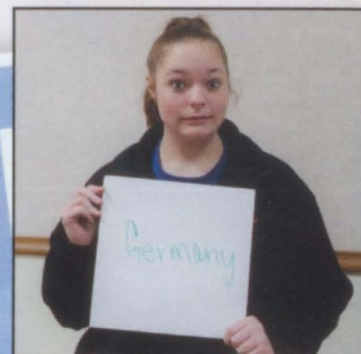
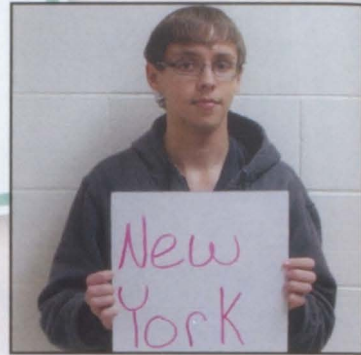
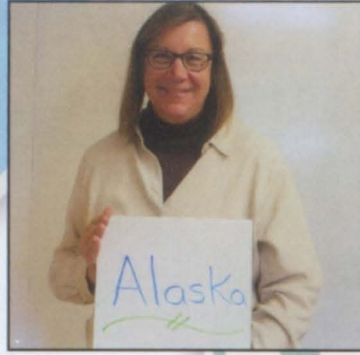


8th Grade Promotion

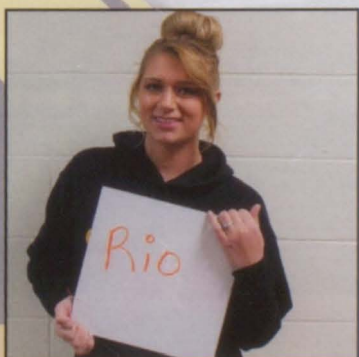
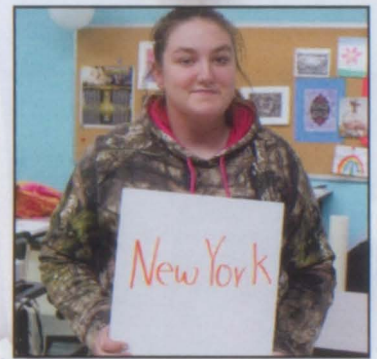
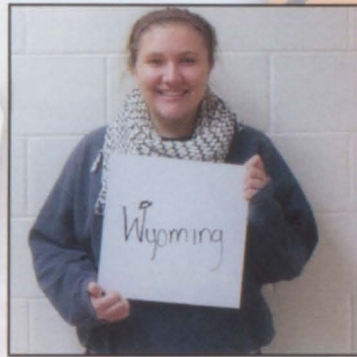
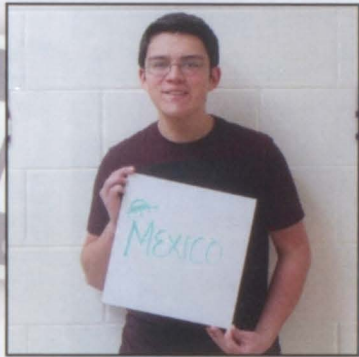
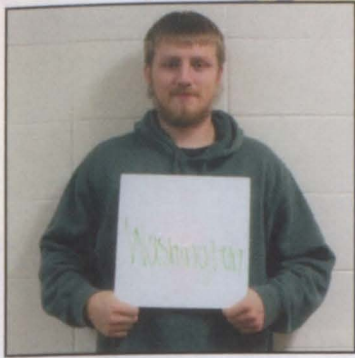


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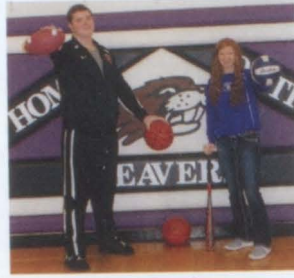
Destinations



MOST LIKELY..



Most Flirtatious:
Hunter & Megan



Most Athletic:
Carter & Maddie



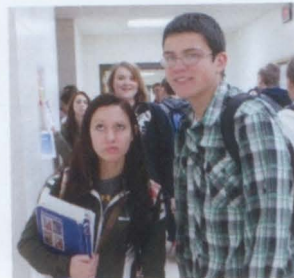
Most Dramatic:
Hunter & Megan



Most Likely To Be Late To Graduation:
Bryce & Phoenix



Most Likely To Succeed:
Abby & Andy



Biggest Procrastinator:
Megan & Gabe



Most Artistic:
Abby & Trystan



Most Gullible:
Alexa & Eric



Biggest Case Of Senioritis:
Faith & Gabe



Most Confused:
Anna & Eric



Best Dressed:
Shantae & Hunter



Most Likely To Live With 2016 pugs:
Sebestyen & Karen



Most Likely To Die In The Zombie Apocalypse:
Destiny & Sebestyen



Most Changed:
Payton & Kacie



Least Changed:
Skyler & Anna





Loudest:
Carter & Izzy



Quietest:
Skyler & Mayklin



Most Opinionated:
Carter & Megan



Teacher's Pet:
Abby & Skyler

Best Eyes:
Bryce & Abby



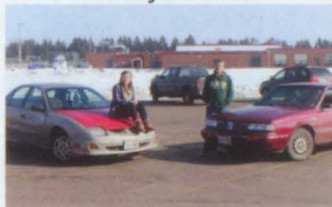
Best Smile:
Cathy & Dominick



Best Cars:
Cathy & Sebestyen



Worst Car:
Tim & Mayzie



Then & Now

Favorite Teacher

Then: Mrs. Wathke Now: Mr. Jarzinski

Favorite Drink

Then: Milk Now: Mountain Dew

Favorite Food

Then: Pizza Now: Pizza

Favorite Candy

Then: Kit Kats Now: Reeses

Favorite Actor

Then: Zach Efron Now: Will Ferrell

Favorite Actress

Then: Miley Cyrus Now: Jennifer Lawrence

Favorite Animal

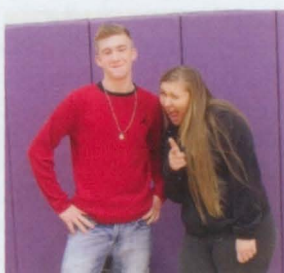
Then: Dolphin Now: Cat

Favorite Disney Character

Then: Cinderella Now: Frozen Characters



Best Hair:
Gabe & Amber



Class Clowns:
Hunter & Izzy



Best Choice To Take Home To Parents:
Abby & Andy



Most Likely To Stay In Augusta:
Payton & Alexa



Most Obnoxious Laugh:
Alex & Alexa



Most Likely To Be On Reality TV:
Hunter & Megan



Most Likely To Get Married First:
Tim & Amber



Craziest Drivers:
Carter & Anna



Abby,
We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and the person you've become. Our wish for you is to be happy where ever life takes you. Anything is possible- believe in yourself and follow your heart.
Love, Mom and Dad



Skyler,
I can't believe you are graduating! Where did the time go, it seems like only yesterday you were starting preschool. I am so proud of all your achievements and accomplishments you've made. I am sorry that your Dad is not here to share all of your milestones, but I know he is watching from above. He would be so proud of his "Little Buddy" and how you have grown into a fine young man.
Love, Mom

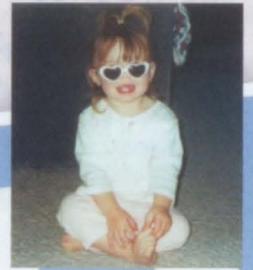
To our bright, beautiful daughter Cathy... you are our blessing, our sunshine. Don't let anyone ever dull your sparkle. Success is you!
All our love,
Mom and Dad



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Alexa,
We have enjoyed watching you grow into this amazing young lady. We are so proud of what you have accomplished, and can't wait to see what the future holds for you!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom and Dad



Shantae,
I'm not sure you really know what a gift you were for me. I can't even express to you how much I love you and how extremely proud of you I am. You've already had to endure so much as a young girl but it has made you a stronger and wiser young lady. Good luck in your future. I will support you in whatever your heart endeavors. Being your mother is the greatest gift of my life.
Love, Mom



Carter,
I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments! I am excited to watch you reach your goals. Continue to work hard and I know you will not only reach your goals you will make your dreams come true.
Love you! Mom



Hunter,
Its hard to believe graduation is here. These 17 years flew by. We can still see you running around the house trying to find your stash of "NO-NO's" you hid. Hear you pushing Tanner in his walker outside. Chasing your first pair of chickens, and find you sleeping in your crib with your dog. We are very proud of the person you strived to be, that made you the man you have become. You will forever be, Mom's "pooh bear", Dads "little man" and Tanners "brother bear".
Love Much, Mom, Dad and Tanner



Red,
 We are so proud of you
 and all your
 accomplishments! You
 have grown into such an
 amazing young woman
 and we are excited to
 see where this next
 chapter will take you!
 Don't forget that we will
 always be here for you.
 Congratulations!
 Love, Chin and Tori



Faith,
 Forever etched in my memory is that
 wide-eyed little bald newborn staring off
 into the new world as you took your first
 breath, you exploded into this world with
 personality and have never looked back.
 Our family has been blessed with you, and
 your ability to make us smile. Our reasons
 for parental pride are too numerous to
 put on paper. While learning at school,
 you also learned the discipline of life,
 being a wonderful sister to Colton and
 Darcie, and a great daughter, testing the
 work force, striving to do your best in
 sports, theater, and your education. I see
 you take initiative with confidence and
 determination, knowing these traits will
 take you far in life. Keep dreaming and
 pursuing- never give up. It's been fun to
 watch you enjoy your school years. I
 know it has been a tough road but at
 every curve was a lesson learned. And
 you battled them head on, (with a few
 phone calls to mom, & lots of tears).
 Graduation from AHS is just another step
 in your wonderful journey. Whether you
 go on to do Cosmetology, Business
 Management, or even a truck driver like
 your Daddy, we will be your loudest
 supporters. We look forward to see what
 your future will hold and then the family
 of your own you will have one day. Life
 will continue to throw many challenges
 your way; Meet them with an enduring
 faith that God is in control and that he
 loves you. WE will always be on your side!
 Happy Graduation Faith!
 We are so proud of you.
 Love, Dad & Mom

Maddie,
 You have given me so
 many reasons to be
 proud. But the proudest
 moment for me is telling
 others you are my
 daughter. You light up my
 life with your smile and
 sharp wit. Best wishes for
 a bright future.
 Love, Dad



To our baby boy Payton,
 We can't believe that you are graduating,
 it seems like yesterday I cried because
 you went to kindergarten! What an
 honor it has been to watch you grow
 into the wonderful young man that you
 are. Looking through photos to share we
 have had a flood of memories of your
 childhood. From your adorable Wink, your
 lack of wanting to wear clothes, your
 running around pretending to be on a
 motorcycle needing gas, to your goofy
 dance moves. We are so very proud of
 you and cannot wait to see what your
 future will bring. You have been through a
 lot of ups and downs (especially your
 blood sugars) and you have to come
 through it all with that awesome smile of
 yours... keep smiling and keep fighting the
 fight!
 We love you kiddo, with all our hearts.
 Mom and Dad



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Jasmin,
 We are so proud of you.
 You were a bundle of joy
 when you came into our
 lives. You are
 accomplishing your goals
 and we hope you keep it up.
 You are a loving and caring
 person, can't wait to see
 what you will accomplish
 later as you continue to
 grow.
 Love, Dad, Mom and Austin





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activities





Say Prom! Before the grand march, junior girls get their picture taken in the photo booth.



Royals! After all the anticipation Tim Kunshier and Cathy Renneke are crowned prom King and Queen. "I felt like a baller, but it was no shock to me", said Tim.



Dells Mill! Underclassmen travel to Dells Mill to take pictures before prom. "It was beautiful there, perfect for prom picture," said freshman Lauren Lea.



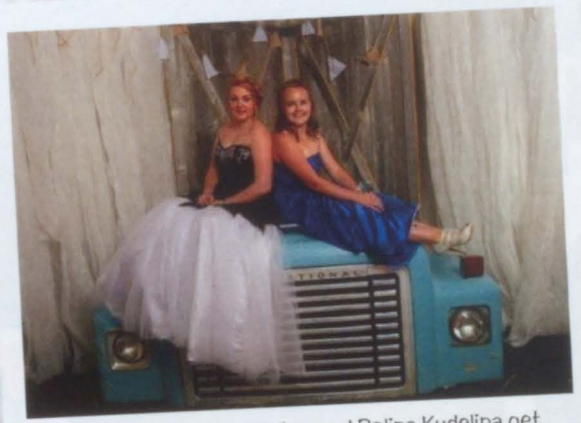
Strong Man! During the grand march, Carter Berlin carries Payton Bethke through the arch.



Rustic! Freshmen link arms for one of their prom pictures. "My friends and I took pictures at Banbury Place. It was rustic and vintage. We loved it!", said Brooke Krause.



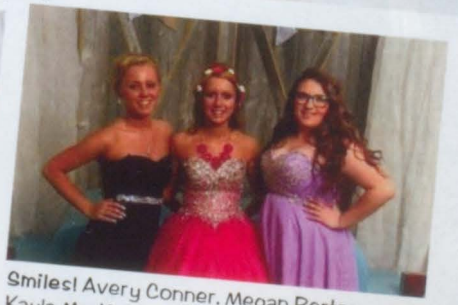
Ready, Set, Smile! The junior class after the grand march.



Quick Stop! Destiny Walker and Polina Kudelina get their picture taken by Ms. Clark, who ran the photo booth that night.



Party Bus! After the junior class drove around Eau Claire and Augusta juniors made sure they thanked their driver. Isabel Lane exclaimed, "My favorite part of driving around that night was going to the Augusta Fire Department to crash Ronald and Cindy Bohl's wedding reception!".



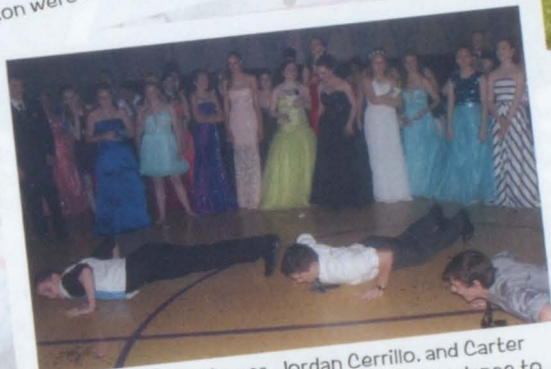
Smiles! Avery Conner, Megan Bertrang, and Kayla Martinson get their pictures taken at the photo booth.



Prom Court! Dani Nelson, Mackenzie Schnell, Mayzie Walker, Amber Ducommun, Cathy Renneke, Katie Nelson, Sydnie Paulsrud, Kyle Priest, Logan Green, Gabriel Carrillo, Hunter Goetz, Tim Kunshier, Matt Lyons, and Nathaniel Severson were all representatives.



Cheese! Juniors take advantage of the beautiful scenery in Eau Claire's Phoenix Park.



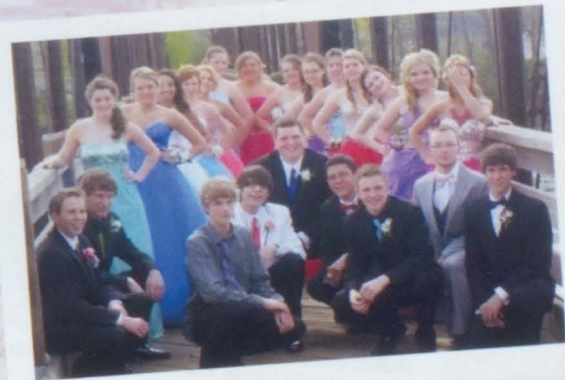
Get Low! Kayne Korgor, Jordan Cerrillo, and Carter Jacobs show off their dance moves as they dance to "Ice Ice, Baby" by Vanilla Ice.

PROM

By: Amber Ducommun and Abby Randall

Leave The Night On! After months of preparation, the juniors were eager to show off all their hard work. Prom's theme was based on a rustic country-chic look. Juniors pulled off their ideas by creating fabric pennants, a woven stick archway, the front of an antique Chevrolet, and a lot of painted mason jars! "I loved decorating for prom, because I was able to spend time with everyone. I think it brought our class closer together!", said junior Kacie Conner.

On May 2nd most of the Junior class ventured onto a party bus. They made a stop at Phoenix Park in Eau Claire for pictures and ate pizza at Green Mill. Before reaching the high school, they crashed a local wedding and visited Augusta's nursing home. "It was a blast! The party bus was definitely my favorite part," said Gabriel Carrillo.





Sing It! Juniors JJ Breaker and Kayne Korger lip sync to "Since You've Been Gone" by Kelly Clarkson.



Toga, Toga, Toga! Seniors decide to dress up as ancient Greeks for Thursday's dress up day, Time Warp.



Pump It Up! After the parade, grades group together for the traditional cheer-off led by Mr. Collins.



Sour! During Thursday's competition, throw up throw down, Ryan Grunewald quickly eats a lemon. Each grade had four students volunteer for this relay. Hot dogs, ice-cream, a lemon, and a blended mixture of the three were devoured by the lucky freshmen, and seniors.



Say Cheese! Freshmen Ashlyn Korger and Tenley Walker take a quick picture before Tuesday's competition starts.



Family! The football team gets ready to walk down the parade route. This year fall sport teams walked together during the Homecoming parade.



Where Are You? Freshmen boys search for one another during Tuesday's lunch competition, find a friend.



Pull! Junior girls put up a valiant effort hoping to beat the senior girls in tug of war. In the end, the senior girls were victorious.



Sticky! On Make It Stick Monday, seniors Alexa Stensen, Shantae Harke, Abby Randall, and Seann Nuetzmann show off their element inspired duck tape dresses.



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Say Cheese! Homecoming court consisted of Sarah Shaffer, Luis Mercado, Katie Nelson, Christian Gribble, Alexa Stensen, Andy Lea, Tim Kunschier, Kacie Conner, Josh Lane, and Avery Conner. Andy Lea and Alexa Stensen were crowned king and queen at the homecoming football game.



Run, Maddie, Run! Senior Maddie McConville sprints to victory, helping the seniors place first in powder puff.



Sugar Rush! Sophomores Josh Lane and Mason Harshman eat as much candy as possible during Monday's lunch competition, man candy Monday.

HOMECOMING

By: Alexa Stensen and Abby Randall

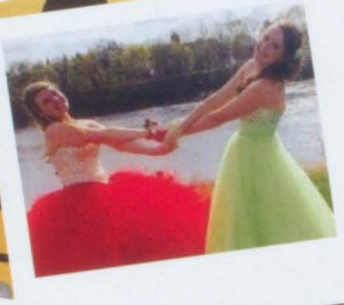
School Spirit! The theme this year for Homecoming was "Whip the Wildcats." Student Council chose this theme after a popular song "Watch Me", by Silento. Students showed their involvement with the homecoming activities by participating in dress up days including Make It Stick Monday, Tourist Tuesday, Wild Wear Wednesday, Time Warp, and Purple Pride Day. Grades competed in different competitions during lunch like man candy Monday, find a friend, woman crush Wednesday, and throw up throw down.

Friday, October 9th kicked off a whole day of competitions like boys' volleyball, class skits, tug of war, powder puff, class cheers, and more! At the end of the day it was announced that juniors won homecoming by two points, followed by seniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Juniors were the first grade to

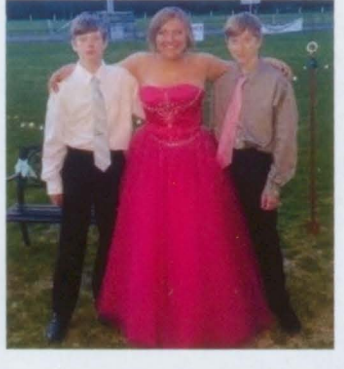
sign the newly made spirit stick. "I was surprised we won and proud of my grade for all their hard work", exclaimed junior Kayla Martinson.

Later that night Augusta's football players suited up for the homecoming game against the Blair-Taylor Wildcats. Augusta's flag team performed during halftime to "Friday Night", by Eric Paslay. The Beavers were victorious with a final score of 12 to 0. Homecoming week ended in the high school auxiliary gym with the dance on Saturday October 10th from 8-11p.m.





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Organizations



BAND

Play with passion! The past year has been a whirlwind for the high school band due to their trip to Chicago in May. Band members spent time at the Shedd Aquarium, Hard Rock Cafe, Millennium Park, as well as watching the Blue Man Group on their trip. "My favorite part about the trip was seeing the Blue Man Group because it was something I had never seen before," said sophomore Mason Harshman. Once school started up again, the band began teaching the freshmen all of the pep songs. "I like both concert and pep band although I like pep band more because the songs are more upbeat," said senior Andy Lea. As the football season came to a close, the band started to focus more on their songs for large group and their fall concert. The all conference band did well with six

students. Sophomore Brooke Krause said "It was a really good experience because each band from the other schools all worked together as a team and brought their best." With it being Ms. Zastrow's last year as the band teacher, the students worked extra hard on all of their music, and it was noticed by many in the audience. Jazz band was big with the students this year and junior Matthew Lyons said "Its a unique experience that isn't normally expressed in concert bands". As the school year progressed, the students worked diligently to prepare themselves for their pops and spring concerts, working and preparing every day in order to make the music they played the best that it could be. All in all, it was a great year for the high school band, and even though there were bumps in the road, the students still pulled through with a positive attitude.

By: Madeson Harshman



Play it loud! The pep band plays for the homecoming game against Blair-Taylor in which the football team won.



All about that bass! Seniors Abby Randall and Gabriel Carrillo and Junior Matthew Lyons playing pep band for one of the many basketball games this season.



Left Right Left. The high school band marches with drum major Cathy Renneke in the Bean and Bacon Days parade.



Say Chicago! The high school music department poses in front of the Cloud Gate otherwise known as the bean at Millennium Park during their trip to Chicago.



Lets take a selfie! Band kids get together for a quick picture while visiting the bean in Chicago.





Row 4: Jackson Goings, Alyssa Laxson, Kevin Kitchen.
 Row 3: Bailey Anderegg, Santana Carrillo, Ryan Dorf, Mayzie Walker, Skyler Hahn, Andy Lee, Matthew Lyons.
 Row 2: Kelli Zastrow, Avery Conner, Natalie Belknap, Gabriel Carrillo, Katie Nelson, Grace Mayer, Mason Harshman, Lauren Lee, Seann Nuetzmann, Shantae Harke, Maddie McConville.
 Row 1: Tenley Walker, Caroline Shuit, Kayla Martinson, Anna Schneider, Alexa Stensen, Abby Randall, Cathy Renneke, Madeson Harshman, Brooke Krause, Sydney Paulsrud, Josephine Vizer.



In the Big Leagues! Andy Lea, Gabriel Carrillo, Brooke Krause, Matthew Lyons, Alyssa Laxson, and Skyler Hahn line up for their all conference group photo.



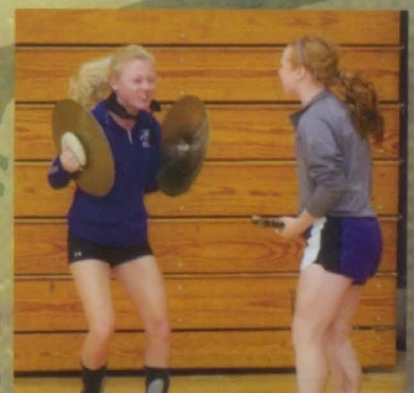
Purple Power! Members of the band gather for a group photo before they play at the football game during homecoming week.



Smile and Wave boys! Freshman Kevin Kitchen smiles at the camera as he prepares for the next pep song.



Say Cheese! Junior Kayla Martinson waves to the camera as the band begins to play one of their pep-band songs.



Jumping for Joy! Sophomore Avery Connor and Freshman Tenley Walker having a little fun before having to go back to playing for pep band.



FLags

Flags was an extra-curricular activity linked with high school band. The flag team consisted of seven members; four seniors, one junior and two sophomores. The potential new members got help from veteran members to learn the moves. After a couple of weeks of practicing and learning, the current members and the team's adviser critiqued the potential members and decided who to introduce to the team. Try-outs were held before the end of the previous school year, but no new members were introduced. The team looked to the four seniors for guidance and to choreograph the routine. In order to reach perfection, the girls would work during the summer, before school, and on the weekends. On Memorial Day, the band and the flag twirlers marched in the Memorial Day Parade. During the summer the girls got together and would practice for a couple hours,

then afterwards they would usually go out to eat or participate in a team building activity. Also, during the summer they performed during the Bean and Bacon Days parade with the high school band. The members also performed during football's homecoming game at halftime. The team twirled to the country song 'Friday Night' by Eric Paslay on October 9. There was a performance during the pep rally Friday of homecoming week. Senior Shantae Harke said that "My favorite part about flags is performing for the whole community during the summer for the Bean and Bacon Days Parade".

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Twirl! Seniors Seaann Nuetzmann, Alexa Stensen, and sophomore Lauren Lea twirl to the song 'Friday Night' by Eric Paslay.



Seniors! The senior girls get together to take a picture before their last high school flag performance.



Smile! Junior Katie Nelson keeps warm before the homecoming halftime performance.



Row 1: Lauren Lea, Katie Nelson, and Anna Schneider.
Row 2: Shantae Harke, Seaann Nuetzmann, Alexa Stensen, and Maddie McConville.



Nerves! Senior Maddie McConville and sophomore Lauren Lea wait for the end of the crowning of the homecoming king and queen.



Choir



Repeat after me. Choir teacher Ms. Powell, conducts to the song "Turning Tables" originally performed by Glee.



Fa la la! The school year started out with nine choir members, as the school year went on they gained thirteen more. Although the group was small, they still worked hard to prepare for their performances. "We worked really hard, and even though there was much frustration, I feel like we came closer as a family" said Polina Kudelina. Choir members performed for a fall Veterans program, Large group conference held at Eleva's school, Christmas concert, pops concert, spring concert, and graduation. Annalise Goodell, Abby Randall, Kacie Connor, and Polina Kudelina performed in the Dairyland All Conference Choir on October 28th. "It was nice getting to meet new people! I learned how to better my sound and brought what i had learned from the Dairyland All Conference to our small choir of Augusta. To be honest, i thought i was Mariah Carrey! The robe really brought out our

eyes! It was interesting to hear how it would have sounded if we had a big choir!" In spring of 2015 Augustas High School band and traveled in Chicago, Illinois. Students rode a coach bus down to the "windy city" early "date of departure" morning. Later that day they explored the Shedd Aquarium, saw Chicago's famous "bean", ate at the Hard Rock Cafe, at Chicago style pizza, and watched The Blue Man's Group.
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Row 1: Kacie Connor, Ms. Powell, Annalise Goodell
 Row 2: Shaylee Dekan, Abby Randall, Austin King, Dylan Klindworth, Polina Kudelina, Sarah Shaffer.
 not pictured: Amber Berg, Isabel Lane, Jeanne Solie



Cheese it out! Seniors Kacie Connor, Annalise Goodell, Abby Randall, and Junior Polina Kudelina get ready for the Dairy Land All Conference Choir performance.



First let me take a selfie! Choir director Diedra Powell, Seniors Annalise Goodell, Abby Randall, Kacie Connor, Sophomore Shaylynn Dekan, Junior Austin King, Junior Polina Kudelina, Freshman Sarah Shaffer, and Dylan Klindworth all take a selfie on their ride home from Eleva's Large group choir meet.



Practice makes perfect! Sophomore Shaylee Dekan isoprano and Senior Kacie Connor isoprano singing to the song Turning Tables by: Glee.



FBLA



Time is money! Junior Matthew Lyons gives Senior Svenja Kuoppala last minute advice before their accounting test.



This year Mr. Catt had his hands full with 12 amazing and dedicated FBLA members. Foreign Exchange Senior Svenja Kuoppala said "I love FBLA! It was really cool and there were so many people in it that helped me. Mr. Catt was great too, he's really funny". Over the year, the FBLA kids participated in many events including parliamentary procedure, accounting, business management, and many others. When asked how she prepared herself for her competition, Katie Nelson responded with, "I mean all I have to do is design a business meeting so it can't be too hard". Every Friday the students would gather in Mr. Catts room during lunch to prepare themselves for the first competition of the new year by doing pretests online to help them. After many weeks of practicing and hard work, the students were off to their first competition in Park Falls. When asked what he thought about the competition, freshman Ryan

Grunewald said, "A lot of the kids probably thought the questions were easy, but I thought they were really difficult". Throughout the day, the students worked hard doing tests and presentations with a total of 5 out of the 12 advancing to the regionals. "It was a very exciting experience that I think everyone should try at least once" said Annalise Goodell. Although it was tremendous work and took a lot of patience and practice, the FBLA team pulled together for a great score and even better memories.

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Row 1: Abby Randall, Katie Nelson, Ryan Grunewald, Annalise Goodell, Alexa Stensen, Svenja Kuoppala
Row 2: Grant Goodell, Ryan Dorf, Robert Krause, Timothy Kunisher, Gabriel Carrillo, Mathew Lyons



Eat Fresh! Junior Robert Krause eats his lunch before the team gets on the bus to go home after a long day of testing in Park Falls, Wisconsin.



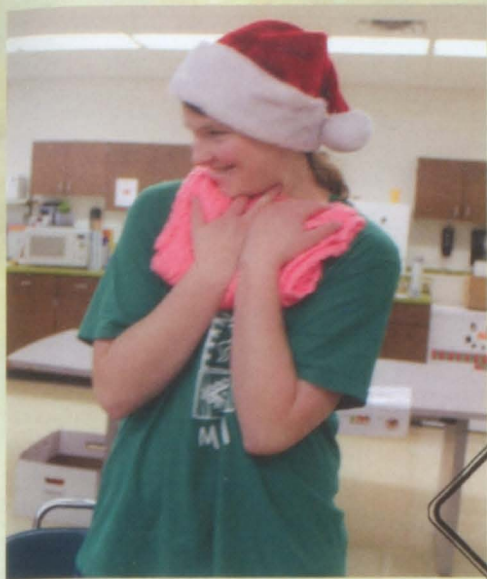
We didn't choose the thug life! Seniors Annalise Goodell, Abby Randall, Alexa Stensen, Gabriel Carrillo and junior Katie Nelson pose for a picture after taking their parliamentary procedure test at regionals.



Smiles all around! Katie Nelson smiles while being interviewed about her first competition.



FCCLA



It's so Fluffy! Freshman Sarah Marino is in love with her new scarf so much that she holds it tight and doesn't let go.



Despite only having eight members, FCCLA still had a busy year. The members participated in a bake sale held at the community center, which had a great turnout. FCCLA teamed up with the Student Council again this year to write letters from "Santa" to Elementary students. Christmas was a busy time for the members of FCCLA, because they Christmas caroled at the Augusta Nursing Home. FCCLA also sold butter braids to raise money for their organization. The top seller for two years in a row was Krista Kunz, who sold 27 butter braids. "I always love doing things for FCCLA because its an organization where I feel welcome." said Krista. The organization as a whole is a big family that opens its arms to anyone. "I really liked the adviser which made the year great and definitely full of surprises." said Matilda Bertram. With the STAR events approaching faster than expected, the members had to figure out which event they were

doing. This year, six out of eight members participated in the STAR events held on February 17, 2016. Junior Polina Kudelina said, "the competition this year will be tough, but hopefully we can all make it to state or even nationals in San Diego. Even if we don't, it was still a great year." This year three out of the six participants are going to state located in Wisconsin Dells. Those three girls are Abby who competed in Recycle and Redesign, and Polina and Destiny who competed together in Life Event Planning.

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A job well done! The star event participants gather around to take a quick picture after the presenting their projects, each hoping to earn Gold.



Oh Christmas Tree! Abby Randall, Ms. Leirno, and Taylor Opperman spread Christmas cheer by caroling at the nursing home.



Row 1: Ms. Leirno
Row 2: Polina Kudelina, Katie Nelson, Abby Randall, Krista Kunz
Row 3: Taylor Opperman, Matilda Bertram, Sarah Marino, Destiny Walker



Wrap It Up! Senior Abby Randall poses with her Tootsie Roll dress that she made for her STAR event. It took about 1,200 Tootsie Roll wrappers to create her project.



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FFA

The FFA Chapter this year was very active and very successful. Many may think that FFA is just for farmers; this year, the FFA officers wanted to show that it's not. They did that by the various activities throughout the year such as going to Mall of America and a hockey game. Other activities included the World's Toughest Rodeo, Career Development Events, speaking contests, Bruce Mound, and more! To attend those activities the students had to also attend the voluntary activities. Those activities included a highway clean-up, crafts at the nursing home, and food pantry help! "The creed speaking is my favorite because it allows me to express myself," said Kevin Kitchen. FFA had great participation this year! Also, if you are in FFA, you can show at the local Eau Claire County Fair as well as other fairs! Members show pigs, cows, sheep, and

chickens! "The fair and FFA have allowed me to meet many more friends," said Hunter Alix. I strongly encourage anybody and everybody to join FFA and to make it an even more fun environment for everybody!
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Tough Sophomore Josh Lane helping out with the soybean plot behind the school.



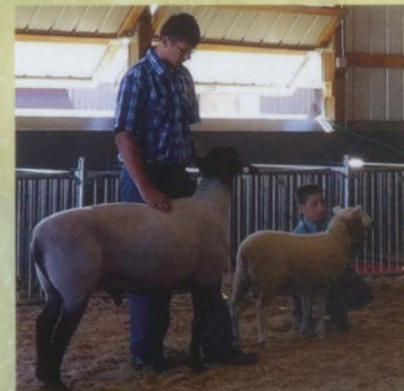
FFA Officer Team: Cordell Stanek, Damon Shilka, Evan Stensen, Hunter Alix, Mayzie Walker, Isabel Lane, Kayla Martinson and Megan Bertrang.



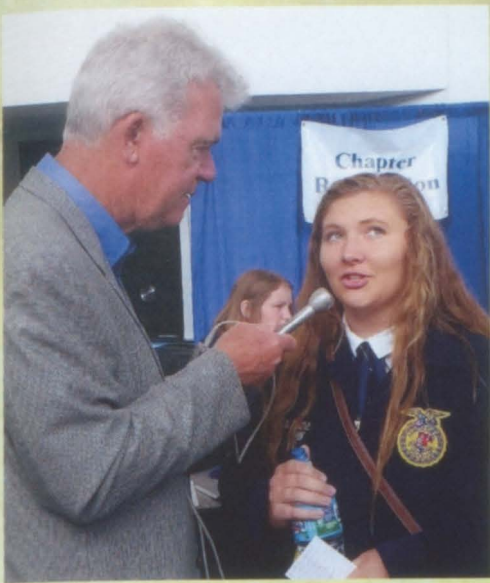
Having Fun? FFA Officers Hunter Alix and Evan Stensen making tie dye shirts at the Fun Dye Factory in Eau Claire.



Parade! Before the Bean and Bacon Days Parade the FFA members show off their float that they made. The members threw out cheese curds to the community members watching the parade.



BAAAAAA! Junior Dylan Klindworth and freshman Kevin Kitchen showing their sheep at the Eau Claire County fair! "It's especially fun competing against somebody I know," said Dylan!



Speak! Bob Bosold, spokesman for WAXX 104.5, interviews Isabel Lane at State Convention which was held in Madison.



Smash! Cordell Stanek poses for a picture as he is hitting the stake in the ground during the Elementary Community Night.



Proud! Hunter Alix shows off his Golden Laced Cochin at the Eau Claire County Fair. He received top blue in the class and top blue breed.



Row one: Cordell Stanek, Hunter Alix, Mayzie Walker, Isabel Lane, Megan Bertrang, Kayla Martinson, Damon Shilka, Evan Stensen
Row Two: Lexi Petras, Tenley Walker, Megan Kunz, Kevin Kitchen, Cody Breaker, JJ Breaker, Christian Gribble, Jackson Goings, Nathaniel Severson, Kaylee Kewin
Row Three: Ivy Mohr, Caitlyn Kirchoff, Kayleen Strauch, Gabe Petras, Brandon Molinaro, Chase Stensen-Veenendall, Jacob Engstrom, Michael Livingston, Cole Stensen, Kyle Stensen
Row Four: Mason Harshman, Carter Berlin, Robert Krause, Grant Goodell, Josh Lane, Alex Adams, Dylan Klindworth, Zach Gibson, Taylor Clark, Devin Randall



Smiles All Around! Troy Zimmerman, Kerry Stensen, and Matthew Stanek receiving their State FFA Degrees at State Convention, one of the highest degrees in FFA.



Tie-Dye! The FFA officer team went to the FunDye Factory during the FFA officer retreat!



Lovel! Kendall Mayer showing her Brahman heifer at the Eau Claire County Fair. "I love showing at the fair", said Kendall. "Especially when I get to see all of my friends!"



Forensics

Lights, Camera, Action! If you're someone who wants to become a better public speaker, then forensics would have been the organization for you. Forensics included seven members this year, with some competing in groups and others individually. The majority of members were sophomores including Avery Conner, Lauren Lee, Seth Watenphul, and Sydnie Paulsrud. Other forensics members were freshmen Bailey Anderegg, junior Marcy Olson, and senior Felicia Deering. Newcomer Avery Conner said, "Forensics has given me a chance to be whoever I want! I like that I don't have to be myself. It's also given me the chance to meet new people". Mr. Collins and Leslie Larose were the forensics coaches this year. On March 5th most of the members traveled to Regis High School to practice presenting their material in front of judges. Seth Watenphul performed his forensics piece at Regis and said, "I think the judges thought my piece was really

funny. This has been my first year of high school forensics and I've enjoyed it so far". On March 8th all forensics members performed at Memorial High School. If a group or individual's performance scored two 20s from their judges, they would earn a spot at state forensics. State took place at UW-Madison on April 15-16, 2016.

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Smile! Felicia Deering waits to perform her forensics piece, "Riding The Bus With My Sister". My forensics piece is about a women who writes about her sister's intellectual disability. Her disability causes her to continually ride the wrong bus," said Felicia.



Hold Up! Avery Conner, Lauren Lee, Sydnie Paulsrud practice performing their forensics piece. "Forensics makes me feel really relaxed and the environment is really chill," said sophomore Lauren Lee.



Waiting! Seth discusses his forensics piece with Mr. Collins. It's about a relationship that never was called, "Let's Hangout Sometime".



Forensic members gather for a team picture before they perform at Regis High School.
Row 1: Bailey Anderegg, Sydnie Paulsrud, Avery Conner
Row 2: Felicia Deering, Seth Watenphul, Lauren Lee, Mr. Collins
Not Pictured: Marcy Olson, Leslie Larose



Peace Out! Forensic members get ready to leave Regis High School's sub-district meet. Performing their pieces in front of judges helped the girls get ready for district forensics.

Math Team



Walk like an Egyptian! Tim Kunisher is confused as the other members of his team walk out in style from the math competition on February 20.



X marks the spot! The math team worked super hard this year to be at the optimal potential when they got to competing time. Practicing whenever possible including after school, before school, and during study hall, the team was more than prepared when it came down to seriousness. Because of the limit of participants per group, the team had to be divided into two groups for the tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. During the competition one of the groups did well enough to take second place. The scoring considers both a group test and an individual test that is graded for each member. Along with the team trophy,

the team brought back three individual awards as Abby Randall, Robert Krause, and Ryan Dorf all tied for sixth place. "It was cool to see how many people like math. It was a very good experience and opportunity for all of us and I think we all liked the food afterwards. I was completely surprised but proud that I placed," said Abby Randall.

The team then started looking forward to the annual Stanley-Boyd math meet. The crew got back to work on the packets of problems that Mrs. Maenner printed off. The packets are meant to prepare the team for any kind of math problem that the judges could ever think to put on a test.

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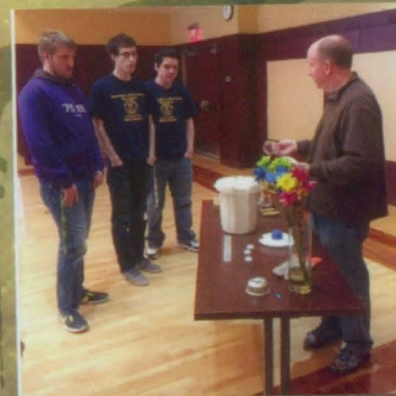
Silver! The participants at the math tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire gather for a picture with the team trophy that one of the groups won in that day's competitions.



Picture perfect! The team gets together for a quick picture with their award after they competed. The team took second out of twenty-nine teams.



Row 1: Nathaniel Severson, Annalise Goodell, Santana Cerillo, Alyssa Laxson, Katie Nelson, Travis Barnhart, Ryan Gruenwald, Natalie Belknap
Row 2: Alex Watenphul, Skyler Hahn, Ryan Dorf, Alexa Stensen, Abby Randall, Kyle Gjerseth, Robert Krause, Cathy Renneke, Kaylee



Science! The team is shown how closely related science is to math at the science exhibit at the tournament held at UW-Eau Claire.



One act PLay

One Act, the class where friends meet up to rehearse and perform a play. Many friends have developed friendships over the years, and have had a lot of fun while being in One Act together. Many students have enjoyed One Act over the past couple years, and they don't plan on stopping.

"It's fun, it's cool." said Gabe Carrillo about One Act. Some classmates from previous years have come back to witness and enjoy the plays that keep coming out, with new participants.

"It feels like family, that's what I like about it." Mrs. Maenner said after the Christmas Play on December 23rd, 2015. The One Act Play performed their play at state on November 20th, 2015. Mrs. Maenner earned a director's award. Travis Barnhardt earned an

Acting Award. The One Act Play also earned the All State Award along with an Ensemble Award as well, for their play "Blah Blah Blah."

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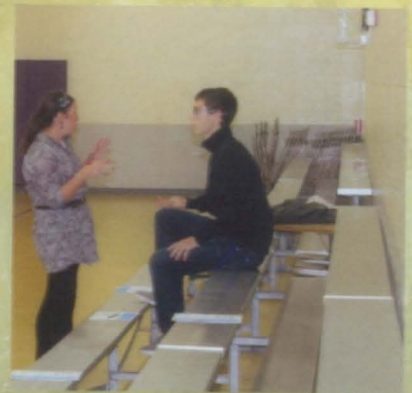
Row 1: Lilly Brost, Kevin Kitchen, Alyssa Laxson, Lauren Lea, Travis Barnhardt, Isabel Lane, Sydnie Paulsrud, Amber Heller.
 Row 2: Eric Huth, Wesley Gerken, Kayne Korger, Kayla Martinson, Anna Schneider, Ashlyn Korger, Bailey Anderegg, Alex Watenphul, Faith Martin.
 Row 3: Ryan Grunewald, Grant Goodell, Gabe Carrillo, Niko Cerrillo, Brock Horel, Dylan Klindworth.
 Not Pictured: Taylor Opperman, Skyler Hahn, Andy Lea, Jackson Goings.



Speak your mind! Faith Martin and Niko Cerrillo rehearse their lines in the auxiliary gym.



No Emotion! Fight for your life. Kayne Korger, and Travis Barnhardt duel in this lightsaber battle while they perform the nutcracker dance.



Listen Carefully. Mrs. Maenner gives Andy Lea advice on how to improve his performance.





Practical Some of the one act play students rehearse their play in the auxiliary gym. The members came in before school, after school, and during the class period to practice their parts.



Advice is to not be taken lightly. Andy Lea instructs Gabriel Carrillo on what he should do, in order to save Christmas.



Pure Enthusiasm! Dylan Klindworth awaits his time to shine as an air traffic controller.



Stop! Seniors Isabel Lane, Eric Huth, Andy Lea, Gabe Carillo, and Faith Martin get ready to bow for one last picture of their performance "Blah, Blah, Blah"



Happy Holidays! Santa Claus played by Anna Schneider, runs onto the stage to spread the love of Christmas cheer to everyone who were distraught by the chaos unfolding.



Stay Rehearsed Please try to remember your lines before your play "Blah Blah Blah"



Cowardice strengthens your performance! Everyone gets scared from the events to come up from their Christmas Play.



AHHHH!!! Ryan Grunewald and Grant Goodell start screaming when they crash their truck on their way to find a Christmas tree.



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N.H.S

Being smart is a great thing! "Most people think that NHS is about being popular and a teachers pet, but in reality its not. It's about being smart and a great leader." Mrs. Kees. New to NHS this year is the adviser and she is letting sophomores become part of NHS. National Honer Society is more than just academic recognition. There are four main points that a student must meet before they can become a member. Rule 1 is Scholarship with 3.0 or higher. Rule 2 Service, students who have volunteered in the school and community. Rule 3 is Character. Students with good character have integrity and no record of cheating or intentional dishonest., Rule 4 is leadership-students' who

have the ability to lead and solve problems. National Honor Society is an organization for those few Juniors and Seniors and Sophomores. This year NHS has nine returning seniors and are welcoming 7 Juniors and 8 sophomores . This year NHS held a blood drive on February 17th. "Working the blood drive and learning about the effect one donation can make a difference." Maddie McConville

Copy by: Jasmin Boettcher



New Adviser! Mrs. Kees sitting at her desk smiling for the camera



Friendship! NHS member Megan Bertrang is sitting around waiting for Bryce Cremeens to finish donating blood.



Row 1: Marcy Olsen, Alyssa Laxson, Katie Nelson
Row 2: Ryan Dorf, Robert Krause, Matt Lyons, JJ Breaker, Kayne Korger



Row 1: Anna Goodell, Abby Randall, Megan Bertrang
Row 2: Shantae Harke, Cathy Renneke, Gabe Carrillo, Tim Kunshier, Maddie McConville, Mayzie Walker



Row 1: Natalie Belknap, Anna Schneider, Brook Krause, Sydney Paulsrud,
Row 2: Nathaniel Severson, Michael Livingston, Carter Jacobs, Kaylee Kewin



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S.a.D.D



Life is worth it! Senior, Abby Randall speaks to the class about the consequences of substance abuse, telling students "It's just not worth the risk." on February 24th.



Within the last year, 60% of the Augusta High student body consumed alcohol. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) set a goal to make a difference in our community. This year's group consisted of 16 members. SADD strove to make the Augusta student body a drug and alcohol free environment. Statistics show that 25% of the student body has tried or currently does smoke marijuana. Mr. Sigurdson became the new SADD adviser this year. He has played a major role in this program and interacted with the students at Augusta High. The students invited Officer O'Brian to come to the school on January 9th to perform the 2016 mock drug bust. Kyle Guntner played the drug abuser, which allowed students to see the consequences of substance abuse. Gordy O'Brian, the officer who performed the mock drug bust said "I think it's a great opportunity for the kids, specifically at this age to see the effect that drugs

can have, not necessarily just having the drugs but getting the opportunity to talk about it and I was able to do that and express the importance of the dangers of it and the consequences that certain people can have". SADD also participated in a local conference in November that was focused on the drug, alcohol, and prescription drug abuse in the Eau Claire area. Members were informed on the effects of meth which are increased aggression, major weight loss, hallucinations anxiety and paranoia. After the conference, SADD members hung posters around the community to promote a local prescription drug turn in. SADD member Abby Randall said "The whole experience was very eye opening and interesting. It made me more aware of all the local problems Augusta faces and what we can do to make a difference."

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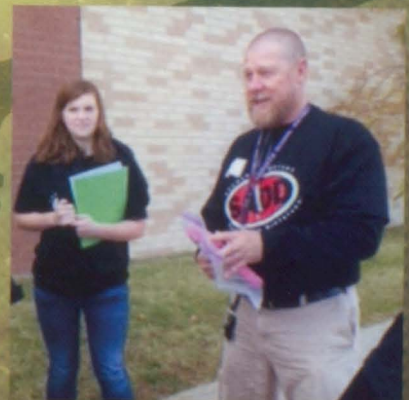
First row: Kenneth Sigurdson, Svenja Kuoppala, Brooke Krause, Kaylee Kewin, Joshua Lane, Abby Randall, Seth Watenphul.
 Second row: Carmen Cordero, Polina Kudelina, Bryce Cremeens, Kacie Conner, Destiny Walker, Ruby Mejorado.
 Third row: Sydnie Paulsrud
 Avery Conner (not pictured), Chaunessi Hangartner (not pictured), Megan Bertrang (not pictured)



Putting miles behind us! SADD members, seniors, Svenja Kuoppala and Kacie Conner fool around in the halls after a SADD meeting. Kacie tells yearbook "I kinda wanted to do something different and then try to apply that and make a difference and hope that we all come together as a group and help as many people as we can."



Caution Conference! Students attended SADD conference in Eau Claire County to further educate members on drug and alcohol abuse. In addition, students were informed on how to safely dispose of prescription drugs through the prescription drug turn in.



Five gold stars! Kenneth Sigurdson, SADD adviser, knows how to start a fire of confidence in the SADD team.



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council shook things up a little this year because no students were voted into office. Anyone who wanted to participate was welcomed into the organization and put to work right away to plan out homecoming week. While meeting every Tuesday throughout the school year, they were kept busy all the time. With at least one event planned per month, the group worked hard to stay involved in what was happening throughout the school year.

The organization was on a "donating kick", making several charitable donations. They donated to the Food Pantry for their November activity and participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army for part of their December activity. In December, they also helped write Santa letters and caroled at the

nursing home. In January, the organization used some of the holidays that are a little less recognized as dress up days. These days included national bird day, popcorn day, hat day, and bubble wrap day. As March came along, so did the second annual March Madness competition. It was very important for the organization to make sure that they had the best possible competitions set up for each round of the tournament and the teams had to start to form.

The organization was also very in tune with the Augusta School Board. They made sure that the School Board always knew what they were doing and what they had planned for the next month. The School Board thanked Student Council by making them the organization of the month in December.

Copy by: JJ Breaker



Just a Normal Day of Work! Junior member Kayla Martinson and Robert Krause work on making posters for the march madness



Sing It! The student council sings Christmas carols at the nursing home on December 17. It was the second year in a row that the organization took the trip to the nursing home to sing.



Catch The Bus! Members of Student Council quick stop for a picture at Ferguson's Orchards in Eau Claire.

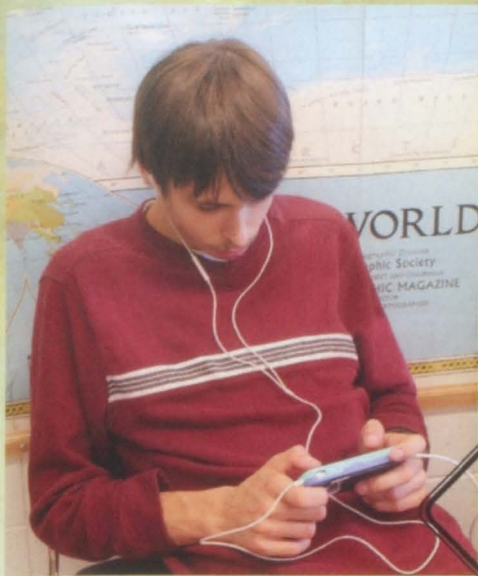


Row 1: Megan Kunz, Ashlyn Korger, Tenley Walker, Cody Breaker, Kevin Kitchen
 Row 2: Gabe Carrillo, Jackson Goings, Travis Barnhart, Avery Conner, Natalie Belknap, Mrs. Meyer, Svenja Kuoppala, Magzie Walker, Kayla Martinson, Kayne Korger, Carter Jacobs, Brooke Krause, Abby Randall, Mrs. Mickelson
 Row 3: Taylor Opperman, Sydney Paulcrud, Ryan Gruenwald, Grant Goodell, Robert Krause, Tim Kunshier, Alyssa Laxson, Katie Nelcon, Anna Schneider, JJ Breaker



Daydream! Freshman Kevin Kitchen is trying to be focused as student council presidents Tim Kunshier and Gabe Carillo lay out the plan for the rest of the group.

Vica



What Size? Junior member Christian Gribble looks up the price of some parts for the Tyrannosaurus Rex that Vica built this year.



Vica or Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is an organization led by Mr. Sands that spends the majority of their time in the shop. This year Vica participated in the CVTC welding competition as they have in previous years. For their competition piece, Vica created a Tyrannosaurus Rex. As they built it completely out of metal, there were many welds to make and perfect to make sure the dinosaur was at its best come competition time. When asked, President Evan Stensen said, "I love to be able to teach the younger kids about the importance of welding and how it works into all of our lives today. This is one thing that, unlike sports, the younger students know just as much about it as the older students." The organization worked for

countless hours in the shop finishing their project and completing other various chores that Mr. Sands needed help with. "I think the best part of Vica is to be able to just go down and be with my friends and just get to build whatever comes to mind and whatever we think we are capable of. A lot of us have been able to push what we thought of ourselves and give ourselves a little more confidence," said Kevin Kitchen. Afterwards, the group got to watch as professionals showed off their talents and what they have been working on throughout their lives. Vica then started looking forward to their visit at the Case International plant in Racine, Wisconsin.

Copy By: JJ Breaker



Nice and short! Vica reduced the size of the boat trailer by 16 inches to fit the boat perfectly. Kevin Kitchen said "It was fun and we got the metals class involved."



Not a centimeter too long! Juniors Evan Stensen and Justin Johnson work on the measurements for the Vica project.



Row 1: Devin Schmitt, Clayton Lebaron, Jesse Zamora, Kevin Kitchen, Olivia Herold
Row 2: Mr. Sands, Jordan Videka, Josh Lane, Preston Sima, Evan Stensen, Cody Breaker



Safety first! Safety is always the number one priority when the crew is working on a project.



YearBOOK

Road Trip, was this year's yearbook theme. The yearbook staff consisted of eight seniors, three of whom were returning from last year, five juniors and one sophomore. With the leadership and knowledge from the veterans and the tenacity from the newcomers this yearbook was destined for greatness. They looked to Mr. Catt, the adviser, for guidance throughout the year. To ensure the best theme for this year, every member came up with five possible themes, then everyone got together and narrowed it down to three. Next, everyone voted on their favorite theme, and whatever theme got the most votes was the theme for this year. The cover was produced by one of our own member, Abby Randall, with help from the rest of the members and our cover artist. The group was able to make the theme come to life by using complementary

backgrounds, dedicating pages to the theme and using stickers like road signs or post cards on pages. One important thing the crew focused on this year was editing each others pages to ensure perfection. Everyone would print off their pages at least once a week and everyone would go through and make edits. The crew had some extra help editing the book from Mrs. Sell and Mrs. Chumas. When asked what his favorite part of yearbook was, senior Hunter Alix said, "I enjoyed yearbook because I get to work hard everyday while working on pages I like. I also enjoyed working with other people I haven't worked with before. I think we all worked great together and produced a book that no one will ever forget, 'mic drop'."

Copy By: Maddie McConville



Concentration! Alexa Stensen is too busy working on one of the senior pages to look at the camera.



We're All In this Together! In the front is Olivia Herold working hard while editing pages. While Jasmin Boettcher, Micaela Mejorado, Skyler Hahn and Sebestyen Bandoli work on editing their pages.



Don't Quit! First year Jasmin Boettcher is working on her copy for the 8th grade play.



Goofy Shot! After taking the regular group picture the crew staffers are allowed to demonstrate their creative personalities.



Stunned! The yearbook adviser Mr. Catt is upset when he observes current student Sebestyen Bandoli photoshopping a picture of Donald Trump yet again.





Smile? Senior and second year Maddie McConville decides to stick her tongue out at the camera instead of smiling.



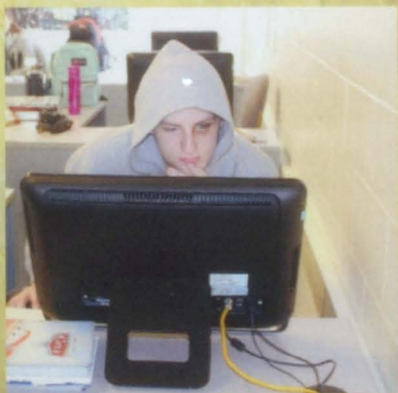
Work! Abby Randall works intently on the prom page. Abby is also a senior and this is her second year in yearbook.



Revisions! While looking at a printed out spread, Sebestyen Bandoli makes corrections to his page.



Row 1: Skyler Hahn, Hunter Alix, Sebestyen Bandoli, JJ Breaker, and Amber Ducommun
 Row 2: Alexa Stensen, Olivia Herold, Maddie McConville, Jasmin Boettcher, and Abby Randall
 Row 3: Madeson Harshman, Krista Kunz, Micaela Mejorado, and Ruby Mejorado



Raccoon! Even though the yearbook staff thought JJ Breaker's black eye was from Mr. Catt after JJ missed a deadline, it was actually from a wrestling tournament.



Working Hard! Members Skyler Hahn and Amber Ducommun are working hard on their copies and captions for the football page.



Editing! Madeson Harshman and Krista Kunz edit pages from the book.

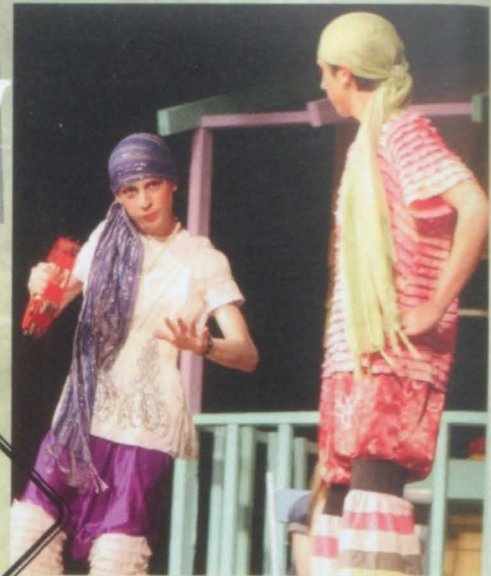


8th Grade Play

Life moves fast! For over 18 years Mrs. Maenner has been directing the eighth grade play. The 19th performance of the eighth grade play commenced on Thursday, April 30. The student body and local community enjoyed a hilarious performance of "That'll Learn Ya" written by Eddie McPherson. Mrs. Maenner's favorite part about the eighth grade play was "when Travis Barnhardt and Luis Mercado dressed up in the gypsies costumes and did their crazy dance. Another thing I loved about this eighth grade play was working on the extras dance." The audience was packed full of people, to watch the performance. The props were on point and the essence of an "old western simpleminded town" was captured with each

character's role. The setting took place in an old western town, where two gypsies took the challenge of ridding the town of an ancient curse. The curse was set by gypsies' ancestors that caused everyone in the town to become dunces. In order to lift the curse, the gypsies had to find a sacred blue box laden with diamonds. Throughout the performance the characters encountered bandits attempting to steal the box. Tanner Alix said, "The hardest thing about being in a play is remembering when to say your lines". While Sarah Shaffer said "that the dancing was her favorite memory." Luis Mercado says, "the group bonding was his favorite part of the eighth grade play."

Copy by: Jasmin Boettcher and Ruby Mejorado



Ready to Rock? Seymour (Travis Barnhardt) gets into his gypsy mode. While Edmund (Luis Mercado) looks a little hesitant to get into the gypsy role.



Closed is the new open? Seymour (Travis Barnhardt) and Edmund (Luis Mercado) get a lesson on what closed means by Rosemary (Santana Carrillo).



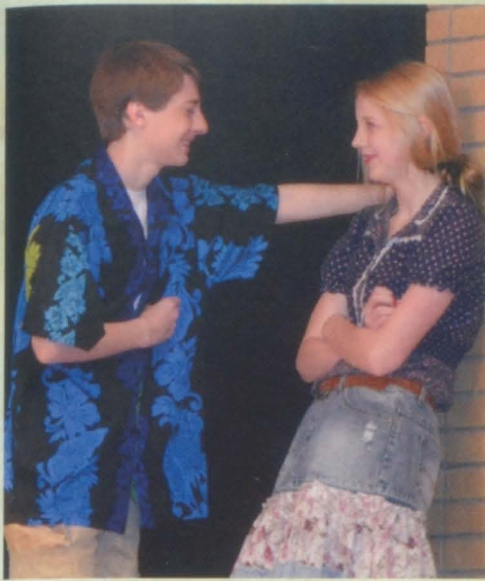
Busting Out! Ellen (Bailey Anderegg) is showing everyone her escape plan.



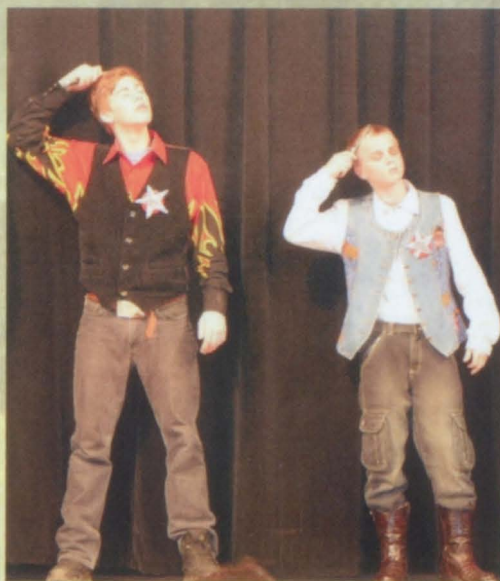
Empty? The townspeople and gypsies look into the box to find there was not an ancient piece of paper.



Woosh! Gypsy (Tenley Walker) curses the sleepy town into a state of dunce for 100 years.



Sweet Talk! Seymour (Travis Barnhardt) teaching Alice (Ashlyn Korger) how to talk smart.



Combing the town! Sheriff (Tanner Alix) and Deputy (Ryan Grunewald) are combing through the town.



Pets or Danger? Vivian (Brenna Bowel) gives Lydia (Sheyli Ellenberger) and Meredith (Carolyn Shult) boxes filled with cats and dogs, but turn out to be rattlesnakes and scorpions.



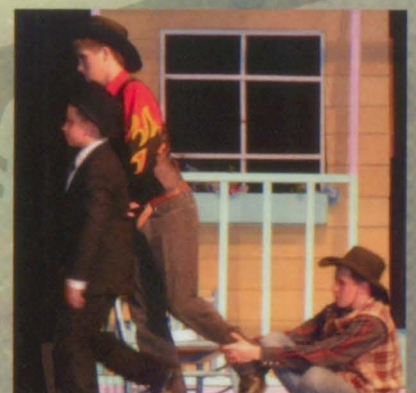
Row 1: Tanner Peterson, Brock Horel, Austin Lengyel, Ryan Grunewald, Grant Goodell, Sarah Shaffer, Preston Sima, Logan Brown, Brennen Stensen-Veenendall, Gabe Petras, Tanner Alix, Travis Barnhardt, Sheyli Valdes-Ellenberger, Ashlyn Korger, Tenley Walker, Sarah Marino.
 Row 2: Matilda Bertram, Megan Kunz, Luis Mercado, Kyle Gerken, Branden Molinaro, Colten Breaker, Noah Anderson, Kendall Mayer, Bailey Anderegg, Grace Mayer, Brenna Bowe, Josephine Vizer, Carolyn Shult.
 Row 3: Hunter Jurgensmier, Saryah Wolfgram, Andrew Bizefski, Jordan Videka, Kevin Kitchen, Jesse Zamora, Devin Schmitt, Clayton LeBarron, Preston Robinson.
 Not Pictured: Devin Lemay, Santana Carrillo.



Giddyup! Deputy (Ryan Grunewald) gets a piggy back ride from Sheriff (Tanner Alix)



Are you okay? Brennen Veenendeall and Jordan Videka are the comedians of this group and are seen taking it seriously while they entertain the audience.

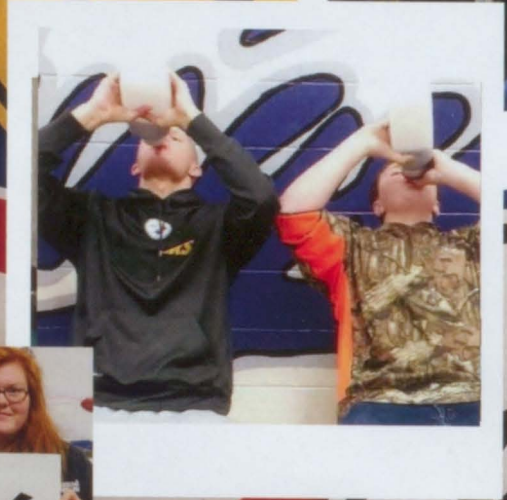


Hanging on! The Sheriff (Tanner Alix) and Mayor (Kevin Kitchen) start walking away while Erskins (Grant Goodell) hangs on.





ROAD





SPORts



Welcome to Dingerville! Junior Carter Berlin takes a huge swing at a pitch against Cochrane-Fountain City. Carter ended the season with 3 home runs and earned all-conference honorable mention designated hitter.



Taking Flight! Carter Jacobs flies through the air as he reaches and catches a ball in the outfield gap. Carter played in every game of his freshman year.



Number 11 The team celebrates after the final out is recorded, and the Beavers are awarded the Regional Championship plaque for the second consecutive year.



Team Spirit! The team cheers on the batter Payton Bethke in a big game against CFC. It was the first game that the team lost in a tough schedule of games.

BaseBALL

Copy by: Hunter Alix and JJ Breaker

Get up! Get Out of Here! Gone! Very quickly the team stepped up to the top of the conference as they entered the Dairyland conference. Only four of the teams had played Augusta in the previous year, and the Beavers worked to keep that to their advantage. The team did a very good job of keeping their motto of never giving up in the front of their minds as they fought back and won seven games in the last inning.

The greatest victory was a regional championship match-up with Bangor, a rematch from the sectional Semi-Finals game that the Beavers had lost the season before. The team was down by two runs going into the last two innings, but as they had done many times before during the season, they started to pull the momentum into their favor. The Beavers scored one run in the sixth inning and then quieted the crowd as they kept the home team scoreless in the bottom of

the sixth. The Beavers then came back and got four runs in the top of the seventh. In the next inning the Beavers had one error but got out of the inning without giving up a run. As the third out was recorded, the team rushed together to celebrate another successful season. "When we won the championship, it was the greatest feeling that I have ever felt," said junior Payton Bethke.

The Beavers ended the season with a 17-7 record and yet another regional championship. For the second consecutive season, the Beavers lost in the sectional Semi-Finals, this year to the Brookwood Falcons. "It was cool because even on an upperclassman heavy team, I was accepted as just someone that could help the team," said freshman Carter Jacobs. Four Beavers were honored by the conference: Quinn Kirchoff and Troy Zimmerman received first team honors, Jordan Cerrillo received second team, and Carter Berlin received honorable mention.





Row 1: Eric Huth, Jordan Cerrillo, Michael Schroeder, Colton King, Chris Lato, Payton Bethke, Hunter Breaker.
 Row 2: Coach Chris Schmitt, Kayne Korger, Carter Jacobs, Trent Meyer, Carter Berlin, Quinn Kirchoff, Preston Waugh, Troy Zimmerman, JJ Breaker, Coach James Gilbertson, Coach Luke Korger.



Lefty Power! Sophomore Kayne Korger prepares himself for a pitch in a match-up between Augusta and Eau Claire Immanuel. Kayne ended the season with 21 stolen bases.

Augusta

Opponent

10	Melrose-Mindoro	0
8	Cochrane-Fountain City	10
2	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	5
6	Eleva-Strum	5
13	Cornell/Lake Holcombe	10
13	Whitehall	0
12	Alma Center Lincoln	2
7	Independence/Gilmanton	6
14	Melrose-Mindoro	11
1	Cochrane-Fountain City	5
6	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	7
8	Owen-Withee	5
1	Blair-Taylor	3
10	Blair-Taylor	0
7	Eleva-Strum	3
10	Black River Falls	0
6	Whitehall	13
10	Thorp	9
18	Alma Center Lincoln	5
8	Independence/Gilmanton	5
5	Thorp	3
3	Independence/Gilmanton	0
6	Bangor	3
4	Brookwood	6

Season: 17-7 Conference: 10-6

Coaches: Luke Korger, Chris Schmitt,
 James Gilbertson



Strike! On the mound junior Payton Bethke throws a pitch against Thorp in his first win of the season.



Refuse to Lose! Freshman Preston Waugh pitches in a non-conference match-up with Owen-Withee. Preston picked up the first win of his career.



Head Start! Sophomore JJ Breaker gets his lead off of first. JJ ended the season with 29 walks and a .304 average.



Connection! Seann Nuetzmann connects for a hard hit ball right up the middle. Her hit, along with the other players hits, contributed to the 15 run-rule win against Osseo-Fairchild.



Break Down! The team gathers after their first game which resulted in beating Melrose-Mindoro 10-0. The girls soaked Coach Krueger with the remaining water and ice from the water bucket to celebrate the win.



Get Ready! 3rd baseman Katie Nelson and short stop Maddie McConville help defend the left side of the field.



Bringing The Heat! Alyssa Laxson pitches against Independence/Gilmanton on Friday April 24th. Alyssa had 10 strikeouts during the game. The girls lost 9-10 in eight innings.

SOFTBALL

Copy By: Maddie McConville

For the first time in years, the softball team was able to get outside for practice the very first week. The nice weather and new improvements to the field provided excitement for the season. Having lost only two seniors, a lot of the returning varsity starters had at least one season of experience. The girls had potential that promised a good run in the playoffs. The season started with a 1-2 record followed by two back-to-back games where they achieved a victory with the new fifteen-run rule in the third inning.

Though the team had a strong program of upperclassmen, they struggled to show it in their record. The lineup was changed multiple times trying to find the best spots for everybody before playoffs came. The girls' first round of playoffs was against Melrose-Mindoro; they came out with the win 10-9 after a hard-fought game. After losing to Alma

Center-Lincoln earlier in the season 3-4 and then again later in the season 0-1, the girls came out in playoffs and upset them 5-3 to make it to the Regional Finals. The Regional Final game was held at CFC and the girls fell to them 2-7. With all the varsity starters batting over .200 and five of the girls batting over .300, statistically it was a good hitting season for the team. 173 hits and 80 walks resulted with all the starters on base percentage over .300. Even though the record didn't show statistically, the girls had a good season, the final record for the season was 12-8. All-Conference awards were awarded to Alyssa Laxson and Cathy Renneke who earned 1st team, and Maddie McConville and Dani Nelson who earned 2nd team.





Row 1: Abri Knutson, Avery Conner, Katie Nelson, Devon Shilka, Alyssa Laxson, Dani Nelson, Kayla Erdman, Kayla Martinson

Row 2: Coach Krueger, Cathy Renneke, Taylor Opperman, Seann Nuetzmann, Karen Bohn, Alexa Stensen, Anna Schneider, Maddie McConville, Shantae Harke, Coach Zawacki



Meeting At The Mound! The infield comes together during the inning to talk about their next move during the EC Immanuel game. The girls were winning until the top of the seventh inning.

Augusta

Opponent

10	Melrose-Mindoro	0
8	CFC	15
4	EC Immanuel	7
17	Osseo-Fairchild	2
16	Lake Holcombe/Cornell	0
17	Whitehall	2
3	Alma Center Lincoln	4
9	Independence/Gilmanton	10
13	Melrose-Mindoro	7
2	CFC	3
4	EC Immanuel	7
5	Independence/Gilmanton	6
3	Blair-Taylor	0
6	Blair-Taylor	1
3	Elk Mound	1
12	Lake Holcombe/Cornell	9
12	Whitehall	5
0	Alma Center Lincoln	1
10	Melrose-Mindoro	9
5	Alma Center Lincoln	3
2	CFC	7

Head Coach: Jake Krueger
 Assistant Coach: Joe Zawacki
 Season: 12-9 Conference: 6-8



High Fives! Coach Zawacki congratulates Alexa Stensen after getting walked during the CFC game.



Watch The Pitch! Cathy Renneke is up to bat during the Alma Center Lincoln game. Cathy had 3 home runs on the season.



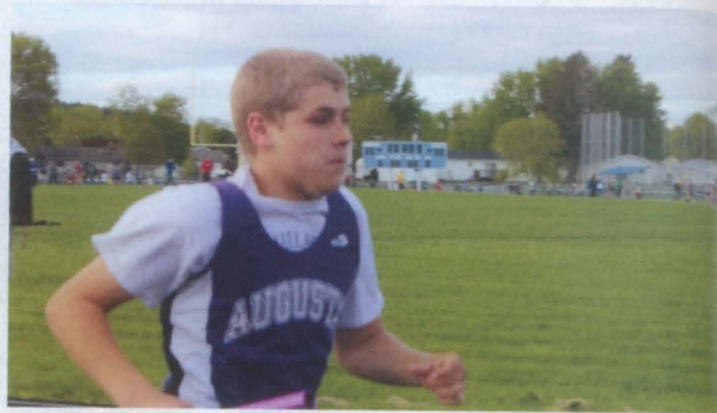
She's Out! A connection from one of the infielders to first baseman Shantae Harke results in an out against CFC.



Fight to the finish! Freshman Kaylee Kewin focuses on her inner energy to keep a steady pace during the 400 meter run.



Run fast or be last! Sophomore Andrew Fenner pushes through the 4x100 relay to help his team get a better record at Boyceville.



Pace the Race! Junior Andy Lea paces himself in the 1600 meter run at the Boyceville track meet!



Fight Strong! Sophomore Polina Kudelina fights strong to finish the 800 meter run!

Track & Field

Copy by: Olivia Herold and Miceala Mejorado

Getting things rolling right off the gun. The track team was able to get practicing in March. With no delays, or cancellations, there was only a week and a half of practice before the first indoor meet at Saint Mary's College in Winona. Next up was the second indoor meet at UW Stout. "This was the years meet was by far the biggest and most exciting meet of my career" said Kaylee Kewin. This season brought a new throwing and distance coach, as well as a great sprinting coach returning from last year. Many trackletes tried new events to better themselves or to get points for the team. Smaller meets in Whitehall and Eleva gave the team opportunities to get higher places. Next up on the schedule was the Conference meet in Blair Taylor on Tuesday May 14th. There were great opportunities for the team and even a couple honorable mentions. The boys 4x800 relay received honorable mention consisting of Jackson Goings,

Kyle Priest, Sam Witte, and Kyle Gjersest. Also Brandon Kimball received honorable mention for the boys 200m dash. A few athletes made it to sectionals, sophomore Olivia Herold for her discus, 4x800 relay including freshman Jackson Goings, sophomore Kyle Gjersest, and seniors Kyle Priest and Sam Witte." This season went great for the Augusta Beavers!" says Sam Witte. Athletes that earned a letter starting with the seniors were James Goings, Brandon Kimball, Halle Luedtke, Calvin Mayer, Kyle Priest, Matthew Stanek, Sam Witte, and Emerson Ziehr, juniors were Isabel Lane, Andy Lea, and Mayzie Walker, sophomores were Kyle Gjersest and Olivia Herold, and freshman Jackson Goings. The Beavers All-Conference Honorable Mention achievers' were senior Brandon Kimball in the 200m dash, and all of the participants for the 4x800m relay, seniors Kyle Priest, Sam Witte, sophomore Kyle Gjersest, and freshman Jackson Goings.





Row 1: Seth Watenphul, Polina Kudelina, Andrew Fenner, Olivia Herold, Lauren Lea, Jackson Goings, Mayzie Walker, and Halle Luedtke.

Row 2: Nathaniel Severson, Sam Witte, Kaylee Kewin, Emerson Ziehr, Josh Lane, James Goings, Matthew Stanek, Mason Harshman, and Isabel Lane

Row 3: Cordell Stanek, Kyle Gjerseth, Calvin Mayer, Evan Petras, Kyle Priest, Dylan Klindworth, Andy Lea, Matthew Lyons, and Brandon Kimball

Row 4: Coach Ashley Mason and Megan Rogus



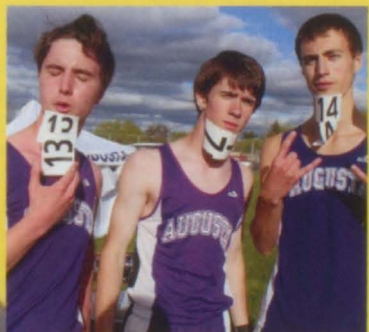
Get Ready, Get Set, Go! Freshman Kaylee Kewin sets up her blocks and is getting ready for the race.



Sectional Bound! Sophomore Olivia Herold made it to Sectionals for throwing discus. Along with a few of her teammates including Freshman Jackson Goings, Sophomore Kyle Gjerseth, and Seniors Kyle Priest and Sam Witte for the 4x800m relay. Pictured with Sophomore Olivia Herold were the Dair gland friends made throughout the season, including Katie Kircher (Melrose Mindoro), Brilyn Brecka (Alma/Pepin), Olivia Herold, and Kyra Ballentine (Blair Taylor). Sectionals were held in Bangor on Friday, May 29th.



Run For Fun, Race To Place! Freshman Jackson Goings stares into the distance satisfied with his 4x800 meter relay's performance.



They Can Go The Distance! Seniors James Goings and Sam Witte, and Junior Andy Lea pose for the camera after their 1600 meter run!



Pass The Stick! Sophomore Andrew Fenner runs as fast as possible to Freshman Cordell Stanek to finish the 4x100 meter run strong.



Pain is Weakness Leaving the Body! Junior Christian Gribble and Freshman Ryan Grunewald pass through to the finish line!



Row 1: Jackson Goings, Grant Goodell, Brock Horel, Branden Molinero, Andy Lea, Kyle Gjerseth, Niko Cerillo.

Row 2: Mayzie Walker, Tenley Walker, Ryan Grunewald, Kaylee Kewin, Carolyn Shult, Luis Mercado, Christian Gribble.



Warm Up Complete! The team heads back to the starting line to get ready for the race at their home meet on October 22.



May the Course Be With You! The runners prepare themselves to take off as Coach Jacobs readies the pistol.

CROSS COUNTRY

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Real athletes run miles, not yards. The Cross Country team came into the season with high hopes. "The team worked extremely hard during the season, it was unbelievable!" said Sophomore Kaylee Kewin. The team consisted of 14 athletes. They were made up of seven freshman, three sophomores, two juniors and two seniors. A breeze of emotion rose in their stomachs when the racers had to go up against their opponents. When asked what practice was like Kyle Gjerseth claimed, "On average we run about two miles a day, and that's just for warm-ups". Little did they know, the year would turn out to be great, and an even more fantastic learning experience from which to reflect

from and bring to the table next year. "This year went really well and a lot of people got better, I'm excited for next year already," stated Niko Cerrillo. When asked most of the runners remembered how well the team worked together, and how willing the upper classmen were to helping the many freshman. Like any team, there were moments of frustration, disagreement, tension, and exhaustion. The runners pulled through long and hard workouts, runs, and lectures from their coaches. "The only thing that we were focused on was success and how to achieve it," said Ryan Grunewald. All Conference Awards were earned by junior Kyle Gjerseth, sophomore Jackson Goings and freshman Carolyn Shult





Ready, Set, Fire! All the competitors begin the race at the Augusta vs. Lincoln meet! Augusta placed 6th overall with a team score of 159. Kyle Gjerset had the best time of 18:11.3 and Carolyn Shult had the best time 22:41.5.



Stand By! The team waits for Coach Jacobs to give them their racing numbers. For the first time there was a home meet.

Augusta Opponent

Team Score

Team Place

52	McDonell Central	1st
84	Colfax	2nd
114	Immanuel Lutheran	3rd
128	Durand	4th
158	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	5th
159	Augusta	6th
175	Glenwood City	7th
194	Spring Valley	8th
241	Boyceville	9th
279	Elk Mound	10th
293	Cadott	11th
327	St. Croix Falls	12th
340	Cornell/Lake Holcombe	13th
370	Elmwood/Plum City	14th
390	Thorp	15th
402	Eau Claire Regis	16th
406	Stanley-Boyd	17th

Coaches: William Jacobs
and Ashley Mason



Run Hard or Walk Home! The Augusta team heads to the starting line to begin the race.



Power Through! This is a race to the death! Junior Christian Gribble runs as fast as he can to get to the finish line.



Keep Going! Andy Lea keeps his pace with teammate Jackson Goings at Augusta's meet. The team took 3rd place.



Teamwork! Sophomore Gatlin Joles runs with the ball while his teammates sophomore Michael Livingston and senior Tim Kunshier block the opposing team. Alma Center Lincoln.



Drink Up! Senior Carter Berlin gets a quick drink before going back to the game against Alma Center Lincoln.



Smile Seniors! At the last game of the season the seniors gather for one last picture. The team ended the season with a great win against Gilman 33 to 21. The following Seniors are:
 Row 2: Carter Berlin, Tim Kunshier, Isabel Lane, Alex Sobotta.
 Row 1: Dominick Forseth, and Eric Huth.



Run Like the Wind! Junior Kayne Korger runs the ball down the Alma Center Lincoln field.

FOOTBALL

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The team looked for guidance from their six returning seniors; Carter Berlin, Tim Kunshier, Isabel Lane, Alex Sobotta, Dominick Forseth, and Eric Huth. Isabel Lane stated, "I'm going to miss being on the field with my brothers, me having their back and knowing they had mine." Starting their season off with a game at home against Lake Holcombe/ Cornell the team lost 7-40. With hardly any experience except for the six seniors, the middle of the season went the same as the first game did. There was a silver lining when the Beavers played the Blair-Taylor Wildcats for Homecoming. The Beavers beat the Wildcats 12-0. The first homecoming game won in 11 years! One of the most intense games during the season was against Alma Center Lincoln. JJ Breaker said, "It was hard to see all of the players working so hard but to have that kind of outcome." Coach Jarzynski decided to put an

extra game on their schedule against Gilman. The Beavers won 33-21 to end the season. All Conference awards presented this year include, 1st Punter Michael Livingston, 2nd Team Defensive Line Men Eric Huth, 1st Team Offensive Line Men Carter Berlin, and Honorable Mention Offensive Line Men J.J. Breaker. The Wendy's High School Heisman Award was presented to Tim Kunshier and Dominick Forseth. The WFCB Academic All State award was presented to Tim Kunshier. The Burlsworth Character award was presented to Dominick Forseth. Tim Kunshier and Kayne Korger stated, "The season didn't go as we planned, but it was fun playing as a family."





Row 1: Damon Shilka, Clayton LeBarron, Dominick Forseth, Eric Huth, Brennen Veenendall, Kevin Kitchen
 Row 2: Logan Brown, Kyle Gunther, Seth Watenphul, Caleb Berthiaume, Preston Sima, Mason Harschman, Jesse Zamora
 Row 3: Hunter Sommers, Nathaniel Severson, Josh Lane, Evan Stensen, Gatlin Joles, Kayne Korger, Cordell Stanek, Isabel Lane, Colten Breaker
 Row 4: Carter Jacobs, Justin Johnson, Michael Livingston, Austin King, Carter Berlin, Tim Kunshier, Alex Sobotta, Preston Waugh, Colton King, J.J. Breaker
 Row 5: Daniel Waters, Todd Kimball, Joe Zawacki, Andy Jarzynski
 Not Pictured: Andrew Bizefski



Ready? Set... Go! The Augusta Beavers face off against Cochrane-Fountain City at home.

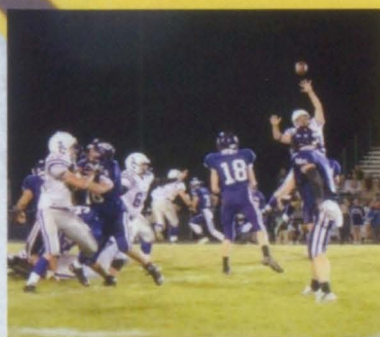
Augusta

Opponent

7	Lake Holcombe/Cornell	40
0	Clayton	36
0	Melrose-Mindoro	51
6	CFC	28
7	Eleva-Strum	50
6	Whitehall	40
19	Independence/Gilmanton	34
12	Blair-Taylor	0
25	Alma Center Lincoln	32
33	Gilman	21

Head Coach: Andy Jarzynski
 Assistant Coaches: Daniel Waters,
 Todd Kimball, and Joe Zawacki

Season: 2-10 Conference: 1-7



Jumping Sky High! Senior Tim Kunshier intercepts the ball at the game in Independence.



Gather Around! Coach Waters calls a time out during the Alma Center Lincoln Game.



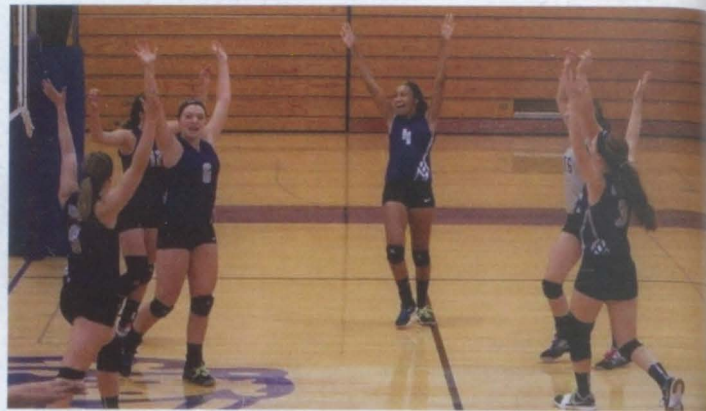
Soar Above! Sophomore Carter Jacobs looks down the field, getting ready to throw the ball to one of his teammates.



Grab the Tissues! Seniors Kacie Connor, Alexa Stensen, Maddie McConville, Shantae Harke and Cathy Renneke hold back the tears to take a picture after a speech given by the underclassmen. When asked how Senior night was, Alexa Stensen said, "It was emotional: it was our last hurrah".



Get Jacked! The Varsity team comes together and gets excited after earning a point against Melrose-Mindoro. The game may not have been the most intense, but the girls stayed pumped and finished the game strong.



Hardware! The Varsity team with their Regional Championship plaque. They pulled out the win in four matches against Elmwood.



Hip Bump! Seniors Alexa Stensen and Cathy Renneke perform their handshake while the starting line-up is being called. Alexa and Cathy both blocked middle for the team. The girls had 195 blocks combined this season.

VOLLEYBALL

Copy By: Maddie McConville

Cost of Volleyball gear \$130. Cost of Transportation to games \$50. Cost of the Memories made; Priceless. The four returning starters and captains Shantae Harke, Maddie McConville, Cathy Renneke and Alexa Stensen helped lead the team. The experienced team had high expectations for the season. Experience also meant that the girls would be tough physically and mentally. The team proved that when they played Whitehall, they were down 2-0, but fought back to win 3-2. Alexa Stensen was named player of the Whitehall game by WHTL radio with 17 kills and 7 blocks. The

Dairyland Conference tournament was held at Melrose-Mindoro, where the girls played 19 sets and brought home a second place trophy. Another successful tournament was held in Osseo-Fairchild where the team took 1st place. Even though there were defeats from Eau Claire Immanuel, and Cochrane-Fountain City which took a Conference Championship out of the question, the girls still began the playoffs with heads held high. With a



lower enrollment this year, Volleyball moved down to Division 4 which opened doors including earning the number-one seed in their Regional bracket. First round of playoffs was against a familiar team, Gilmanton; the girls swept the team for the second time. The next game was against another team in the Dairyland Conference, Blair-Taylor. The girls pulled out the win in three games and were moving on to the Regional Final against Elmwood. Winning the match in four games, the girls became 2015 Regional Champions. Maddie McConville was named player of the Blair-Taylor game with 17 kills, and the Elmwood game with 20 kills. Olivia Herold said, "The feeling of being Regional Champs was indescribable. I was so happy to make it so far and have a great experience with the ones I call family." The Sectional Semi-Final was held at La Crosse-Logan High School against Royal; the girls fell in 3 matches with scores of 17-25, 19-25, 22-25. All Conference awards were awarded to Shantae Harke and Maddie McConville for 1st Team and Cathy Renneke for 2nd Team. Maddie McConville was also named All Northwest Honorable Mention.



Row 1: Shantae Harke, Alyssa Laxson, Maddie McConville
 Row 2: Kayla Martinson, Coach Korger, Coach Perkovich, Anna Schneider
 Row 3: Cathy Renneke, Alexa Stensen, Olivia Herold, Katie Nelson



Row 1: Abri Knutson, Natalie Belknap, Megan Kunz
 Row 2: Coach Korger, Sarah Shaffer, Svenja Kuoppala, Bailey Anderegg, Coach Perkovich

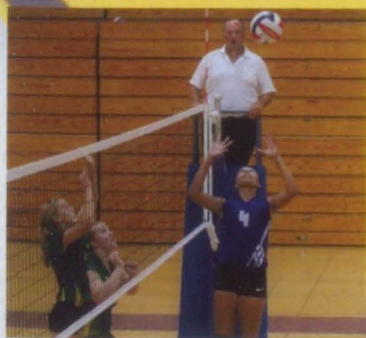


Row 1: Taylor Jensen, Sheyli Ellenberger, Megan Kunz
 Row 2: Lauren Lea, Ashlyn Korger, Kayla Martinson
 Row 3: Kacie Conner, Coach Korger, Anna Schneider, Coach Perkovich, Avery Conner

Augusta Opponent

3	Neillsville Triangular	3
3	Alma-Center	1
3	Independence	0
14	Dairyland Tournament	5
3	Whitehall	2
3	Melrose-Mindoro	0
4	Alma-Pepin	1
1	CFC	3
5	Eleva-Strum Tournament	3
3	Blair-Taylor	0
3	Eleva-Strum	0
6	Osseo-Fairchild Tournament	2
0	Eau Claire Immanuel	3
3	Gilmanton	0
3	Gilmanton	0
3	Blair-Taylor	0
3	Elmwood	1
0	Royall	3

Head Coach: Kris Perkovich
 Assistant Coach: Jessica Korger
 Season: 24-8 Conference: 8-2



In Her Element! Senior Shantae Harke sets up one of her teammates on September 17th against Melrose Mindoro. They beat Melrose Mindoro in three matches. Shantae had 533 assists on the season.



Can You Dig It? Senior Kacie Connor proves she can dig it with a perfect pass up to her setter after a hard hit ball. She has her teammate, freshman libero Sheyli Ellenberger by her side.



Strategy! The Junior Varsity team huddles after the first game to gather their thoughts on how to beat Melrose-Mindoro. The girls came out with the win 2-1 on Parents' Night.



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Jump Shot! Freshman Logan Brown takes a quick jump shot while being guarded by the Stanley Boyd defender, ends up making the shot.



Attack the glass! Sophomore Carter Jacobs drives the ball in for two points against the Melrose-Mindoro Mustangs on Tuesday, January 5th 2016.



Focus is Key! Junior Ryan Dorf focuses to knock down the free throw at the game against Melrose Mindoro held on Tuesday, January 5th.



Line it Up! Senior Carter Berlin lines up to shoot a free throw after getting fouled, he ended up making it.

Basketball BOYS

Copy By: Olivia Herold

Young talent shines and leadership takes a big role.

With three seniors, two juniors, and two returning varsity starters, leadership, was a big role for the five. More than half of this seasons team was made up of underclassmen. Junior Kayne Korger, also the captain, said "Having a younger team was exciting because it brings forth our future, and that means the years to come are going to be really good." Freshman Ryan Grunewald echoed that statement by saying "Being a freshman playing on varsity was scary, and nerve racking, but knowing the upperclassmen were there to help calm us down was a great feeling." On February 17th, the team played against Whitehall, the game went into over-time. The boys fell 66-65, from a long three with a second left. After losing a tough game to Whitehall and Melrose-Mindoro, the beavers closed out their regular season with an 81-79



victory over Alma Center Lincoln in double over-time. On Saturday, February 27th, the team played against Independence for their crossover game, the boys won 83-62, after the game conference awards were mentioned. Two All-Conference awards were awarded to the beavers, junior Kayne Korger for 1st Team All-Conference and sophomore Carter Jacobs for Honorable Mention. After the Dairyland Crossover the boys had to focus on play-offs, earning the 8th seed in their regional, they played Weston in the first round. At half the score was 25-24, but in the second round the boys pulled away to win 60-54. The second round of regionals was played at Hillsboro, the number 1 ranked team in the state for Division 5. Unfortunately the boys couldn't pull off the upset, they fell 47-66.



Row 1: Ryan Grunewald, Logan Brown, Grant Goodell, Tanner Alix, Kayne Korger, Payton Bethke, and Jackson Goings
 Row 2: Coach Schmitt, Coach Korger, Hunter Alix, Damon Shika, Ryan Dorf, Carter Berlin, Michael Livingston, Carter Jacobs, and Coach Henrichs



Row 1: Logan Brown, Jackson Goings, Niko Cerillo, Brennen Stensen-Veenendall, and Gabe Petras
 Row 2: Coach Schmitt, Josh Lane, Tyler Lone, Austin King, Michael Livingston, Damon Shilka, Grant Goodell, and Coach Korger

Augusta Opponent

53	Osseo Fairchild	43
61	CFC	71
61	Blair Taylor	69
57	Stanley Boyd	60
76	Whitehall	58
63	Cadott	59
59	Weyauwega Freemont	79
44	Melrose-Mindoro	61
54	Alma-Center Lincoln	66
62	Independence	48
40	Eau Claire Immanuel	58
72	Cornell	55
37	Eik Mound	73
67	Eleva Sturm	54
51	Alma/Pepin	66
65	Gilmanton	70
67	CFC	77
63	Blair Taylor	74
65	Whitehall	66
50	Melrose-Mindoro	68
81	Alma-Center Lincoln	79
83	Independence	62
60	Weston	54
47	Hillsboro	66

Head Coach: Paul Henrichs
 Assistant Coaches: Luke Korger and Chris Schmitt
 Season: 9-15 Conference : 6-11



Drive it in! Freshman Grant Goodell drives the ball to the hoop, and it was good for two points against the Stanley Boyd Orioles.



Nothing but Net! Sophomore Michael Livingston drives the ball to the hoop and makes it; nothing but net against Stanley Boyd.



Concentration! Sophomore Damon Shilka concentrates on his free throws to make sure he makes them both to help the team win against the Stanley Boyd Orioles.



STOLEN! Senior Madalaine McConville drives to the hoop after stealing the ball during the Melrose-Mindoro game. Maddie ended the season with a total of 74 steals.



Yummy pie! All The girls gather around the Wall of Hope for a quick picture after being pied in the face for the Cancer Society. The girls raised \$1,788.36 for cancer.



LINE UP! The girls line up in a row for the National Anthem at the Osseo-Fairchild game in Osseo. This game was a rough one, won by only one point.



JUMP JUMP SKY HIGH! Senior Alexa Stensen jumps high for the jump ball to start the game against Blair-Taylor. They won the game by five points. Alexa ended the season by getting a total 12 jump balls.

Girls Basketball

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Ball Out! The girls played really hard throughout the entire 2015-2016 season and it paid off! The team had a total of nine girls on varsity and 10 girls on junior varsity. The season itself had its ups and downs. The game against Osseo-Fairchild was very intense with an ending score 61-60, us winning. "The game was super intense, and everyone played until the very end. That's the main reason we deserved to win", said junior Katie Nelson to the game. A win is a win even if it's only by one point! Every game didn't end in a win, just like every game didn't end in a loss. Whether they lost or won the game, they did it as a team, and that's all that mattered. Cathy Renneke had the second highest average points per game in the Dairyland Conference; her average was

17.5 points. Katie Nelson had the highest assist per game, which was 5.4. Maddie McConville had the best shooting percentage with the most games played in the conference shooting .503. While playing Eleva-Strum, Alexa Stensen had 5 recorded blocks. Cathy said "We have a lot of talent on our teams and it was just a matter of putting it all together, and sometimes we didn't figure that out until the very end. But once we did figure it out, we pulled off some big wins". The girls were given the 6th seed out 16 teams it was based on their record. They played La Farge in the first round of Regionals, the ending score was 75-45, sending them into round two against Hillsboro. The game ended the girls' season with a defeat of 69-57. All-Conference awards were given to Seniors Maddie McConville and Cathy Renneke, both awarded Second-Team.





Row 1: Mayzie Walker, Ashlyn Korger, Shantae Harke, Katie Nelson
 Row 2: Darrin Nelson, Brookelynn Barnett, Alexa Stensen, Faith Martin, Cathy Renneke, Madalaine McConville, Tenley Walker



Row 1: Sarah Shaffer, Svenja Kuoppala, Kylie Behrendt, Abri Knutson
 Row 2: Byron King, Amber Heller, Lauren Lee, Kaylee Kewin, Anna Schneider, Megan Kunz
 Not Pictured: Olivia Herold

Augusta Opponent

70	Cadott	59
57	Mondovi	33
50	Stanley-Boyd	59
45	CFC	59
67	Blair-Taylor	62
81	Whitehall	58
47	Melrose-Mindoro	66
45	Alma Center Lincoln	58
46	Gilman	42
40	Independence	69
67	Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran	40
61	Osseo-Fairchild	60
37	Eleva-Strum	31
60	Cornell	17
67	Alma/Pepin	40
61	Gilmanton	41
45	CFC	78
53	Blair-Taylor	64
48	Whitehall	56
48	Melrose-Mindoro	72
39	Alma Center Lincoln	59
78	Gilmanton	21
75	La Farge	45
57	Hillsboro	69

Head Coach: Darrin Nelson
 Assistant Coach: Byron King
 Season: 13-11 Conference: 7-9



She shoots and she scores!
 Mayzie Walker shoots a free throw against Mondovi and sinks it in easily. Mayzie ended the season with 60% on free throws.



Cat fight! Junior Varsity player Lauren Lee fights with an opponent from the Blair-Taylor team to get the ball back in Augusta's possession.



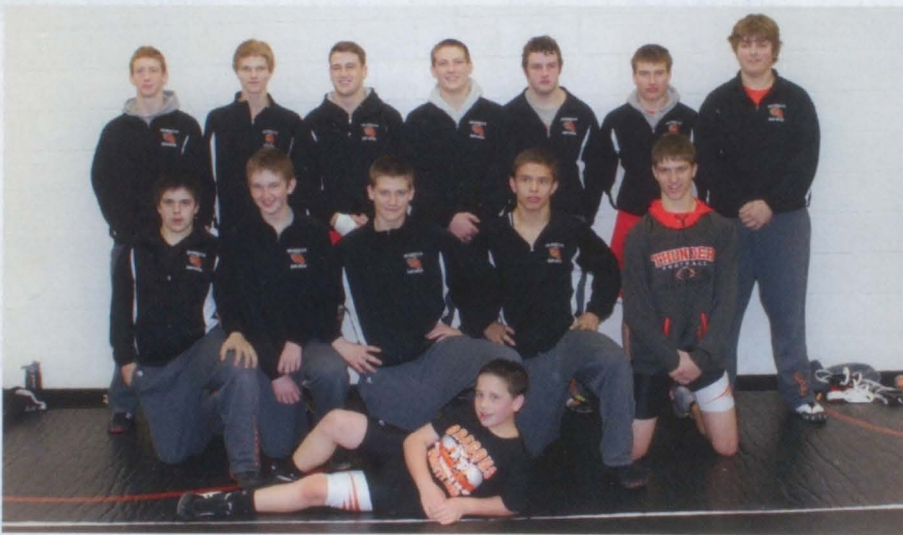
Team Work! Junior Varsity player Megan Kunz dribbles the ball down the court in an attempt to make a big play.



Pin! Evan Stensen holds his opponent on his back during the dual meet tournament in Osseo. This match was Evan's second win of his career and his first ever pin.



Stay There! Kevin Kitchen stays on top of an opponent at the Osseo Dual meet tournament on January 9. Kevin's goal for the day was to make it out of the first period at least once. Kevin accomplished this in his match that went into overtime resulting in a close loss.



1st row: Kevin Kitchen
 2nd row: Jesse Zamora, Kyle Gerkin, Cody Breaker, Joe Zamora, Tommy Fischer
 3rd row: Evan Stensen, Kyle Gjerseeth, Dakota Stienke, JJ Breaker, Michael Orth, Trevor Fischer, Hunter Brixon



Champ! Junior JJ Breaker is presented his bracket after winning the 195 pound weight. JJ wrestled tough through a cut by his eye which required two stitches after the tournament.

Wrestling

Copy by: JJ Breaker

Unmapped path ahead! This year's wrestling team included many new faces in the program. New to the wrestling team included freshmen Jesse Zamora, Cody Breaker, Kevin Kitchen, Kyle Gerken and junior Evan Stensen. Returning with high expectations after a rough trip to sectionals last year were JJ Breaker and Kyle Gjerseeth.

The young team got their first taste of tournament wrestling as they traveled to Necedah for a dual meet tournament. The team took third, winning three out of five duals during the day.

The next wrestling tournament the team participated in was not until the Northern Badger Tournament held in River Falls. Four wrestlers represented Augusta in brackets filled with many state recognized wrestlers. Junior JJ Breaker advanced to day two and placed fourth in his 29 participant field. For the first time in over 10 years, the team held a dual meet in Augusta. On January 11, the mats were brought over from Osseo and the team faced

Blair-Taylor. The team lost 26-30 but Augusta wrestlers Jesse Zamora(160) and JJ Breaker(195) notched wins on to their records. Up next for the Dragons was the Chippewa Falls tournament. Three Augusta Wrestlers placed there, a record for the Augusta members. JJ Breaker and Cody Breaker both placed third in their respected weight classes and Jesse Zamora placed fourth in a very strong 160 pound bracket. The next weekend was the Indee Invitational held in Independence. Kyle Gjerseeth took the crown as the consolation champ winning three and only losing one match on the day. JJ Breaker took the championship at the 195 pound weight class after being undefeated on the day. JJ ended the day by getting two stitches after receiving his award. The next tournament was conference for the team which ended with JJ Breaker receiving the only award as conference champ. JJ also went on to win the regional championship the next week. The season ended before planned though with a loss at sectionals the next week.



Standing proud! Michael Livingston (sophomore), Svenja Kuoppala (senior), Kaylee Kewin (sophomore), and Isabel Lane (senior) show that hard work pays off by earning Archery awards at the Augusta High School Awards Ceremony through the Augusta School District Archery Team.



Steady! There was much excitement during the awards ceremony as archery adviser, Kris Bertelson presented students with Archery awards. The students worked very hard to make the school proud. Thank you to the teachers for hosting the awards on February 11th.



Bulls-eye! Kaylee Kewin, sophomore, shot her first bulls-eye at archery practice on February 7th. Her focus and determination took her to the tournaments. Hope to see many more in her future!



Ready aim fire! That's a lot of fire power! Augusta School District's Archery team lines up at the start of practice to sharpen their aim.

archery

Copy by: Ruby Mejorado

Don't quiver under pressure! National Archery in the School Program (NASP) is a non-profit organization nation wide. It was created to improve student attendance, motivation, attention, behavior, and focus. NASP has been an established archery program at Augusta High School for five years. The program currently holds 87 members. 31 elementary, 41 middle school, and 15 high school. The team won 4th place at Gilman archery tournament. Their closest tournament was against Gilman School. Mr. Bertelson said "I definitely look forward to archery. The best part is helping kids better themselves. And just helping each student get better and better each year". Eighth grader, Jacob Engstrom, tells yearbook about practicing with other team members, "I think it helps us improve and gives us tips. It's always fun

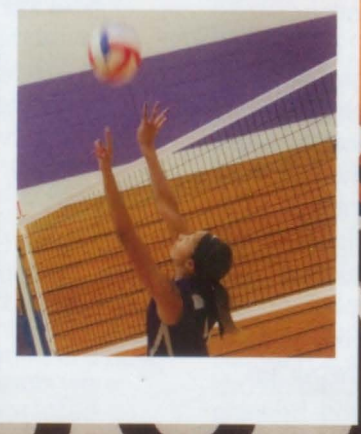
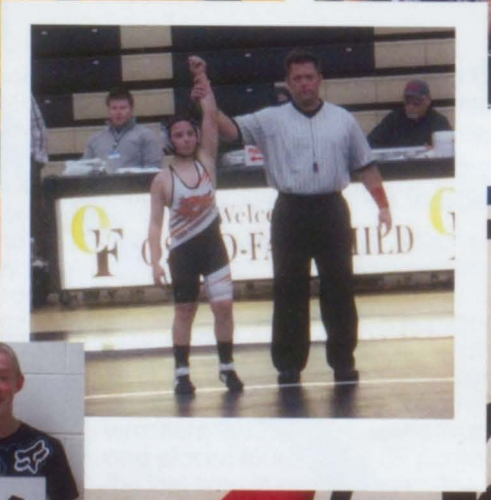
shooting with your friends and getting encouragement". The Archery team worked very hard this year. They participated in 7 total tournaments and were on their way to Nationals. As the Archery adviser and team would say "Aim small, miss small".



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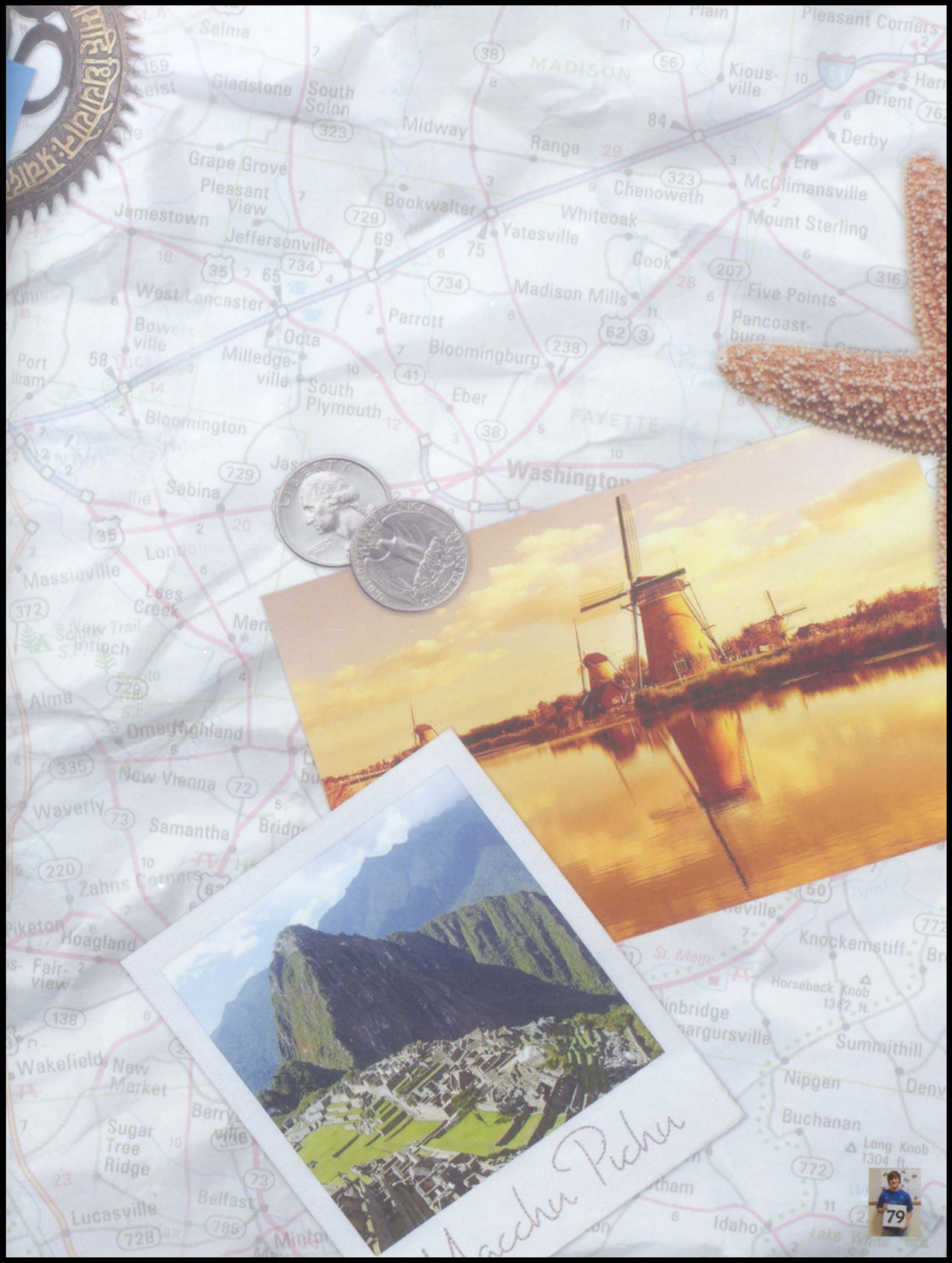
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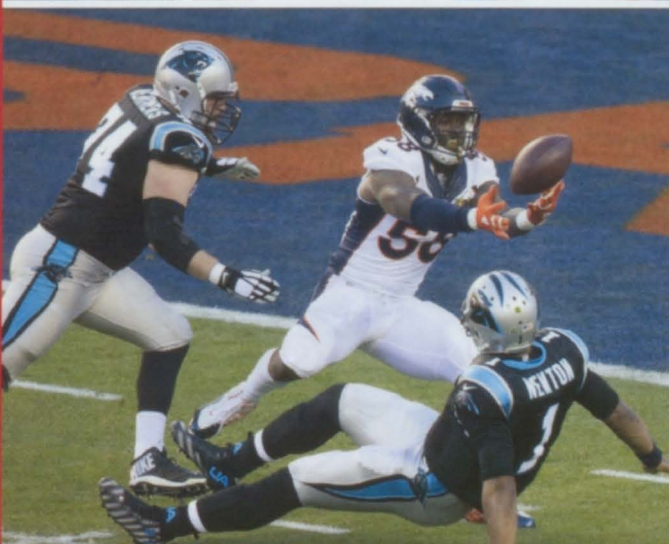


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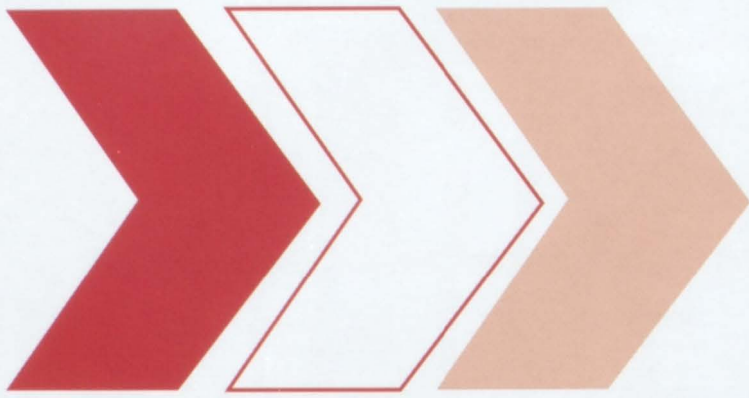


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YEAR IN REVIEW



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Adele released 25, her first new album in almost four years. The first single "Hello" became the first song to ever sell more than one million downloads in its first week.



Declared U.S. Presidential Candidates*

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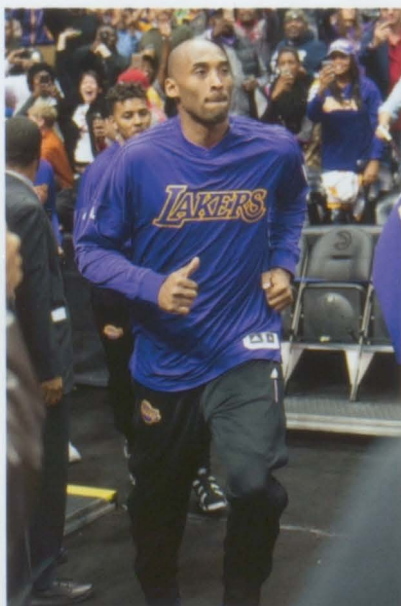
Hillary Clinton (pictured)
Martin O'Malley
Bernie Sanders

*10 months before the 2016 election

REPUBLICANS

Jeb Bush John Kasich
Ben Carson George Pataki
Chris Christie Rand Paul
Ted Cruz Marco Rubio
Carly Fiorina Rick Santorum
Jim Gilmore Donald Trump
Mike Huckabee (pictured)

KOBE BRYANT announced he was retiring from basketball after 20 seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers, an NBA record for a player spending the most seasons with one team. Bryant finished his career as a five-time NBA champion and 17-time All-Star with the Lakers, and the third-leading scorer in league history.



CHIPOTLE struggled after a series of food safety issues in several of its restaurants. E. coli and salmonella outbreaks left many sick late in 2015. By early 2016, the CDC declared the outbreak over and the chain started new food safety initiatives.



More people than ever started to **SHOP ONLINE**. A record \$4.45 billion was spent shopping online on Black Friday. Specific growth came in mobile shopping, which was up 34% from the previous year.



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Sci-fi novel *The 5th Wave* told the story of 16-year old Cassie Sullivan as she struggled to survive during an alien invasion. The book was popular enough that it was made into a movie starring Chloë Grace Moretz.

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLERS LIST — YOUNG ADULT PAPERBACK

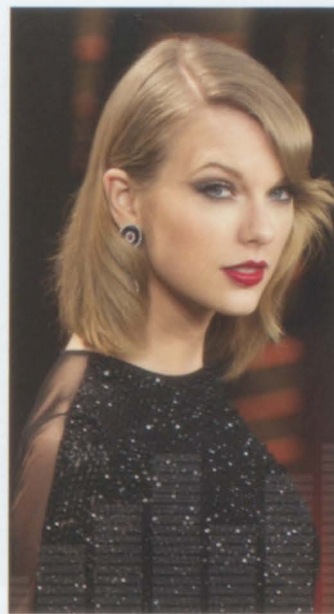
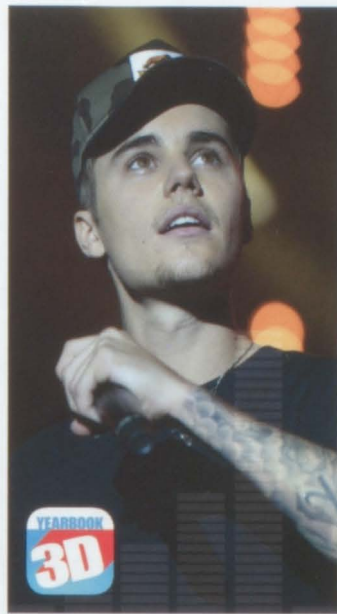
THE 5TH WAVE
RICK YANCEY

PAPER TOWNS
JOHN GREEN

LOOKING FOR ALASKA
JOHN GREEN

ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL
JESSE ANDREWS

THE BOOK THIEF
MARKUS ZUSAK



THE YEAR IN POP MUSIC had plenty of familiar faces at the top of the charts, such as Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. But there were also plenty of new stars who had breakout years, such as The Weeknd and Shawn Mendes.



COLORING BOOKS were no longer just for kids this year. Coloring books made specifically for adults became best-sellers, as adults took up the coloring hobby to relieve stress and have fun hanging out with their kids.



THE STRONGEST HURRICANE EVER RECORDED – named Patricia – made landfall in a sparsely populated area of southwest Mexico on Oct. 23. Hurricane Patricia caused a lot of damage in Mexico and then swept northeast, merged with another storm and caused flooding in Houston, Texas, and Louisiana.



After 16 years, comedian **JON STEWART** (pictured interviewing President Obama) stepped down as the host of popular satirical news program *The Daily Show*, surprising an entire generation of college-aged kids used to getting their news laughs from Stewart.



The Fox network drama, *Empire*, which centered around the story of fictional hip hop music company Empire Entertainment and its founding family members fighting for control of it, became a can't-miss show for many.



HIGHEST-RATED NETWORK TV SHOWS

EMPIRE

SCANDAL

THE BIG BANG THEORY

GREY'S ANATOMY

MODERN FAMILY

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Even after band member Zayn Malik left the group, boy band **ONE DIRECTION** still released a new album, *Made in the A.M.*, that was one of the year's top sellers. Despite that, the four remaining members of One Direction decided to take a break and pursue solo careers.



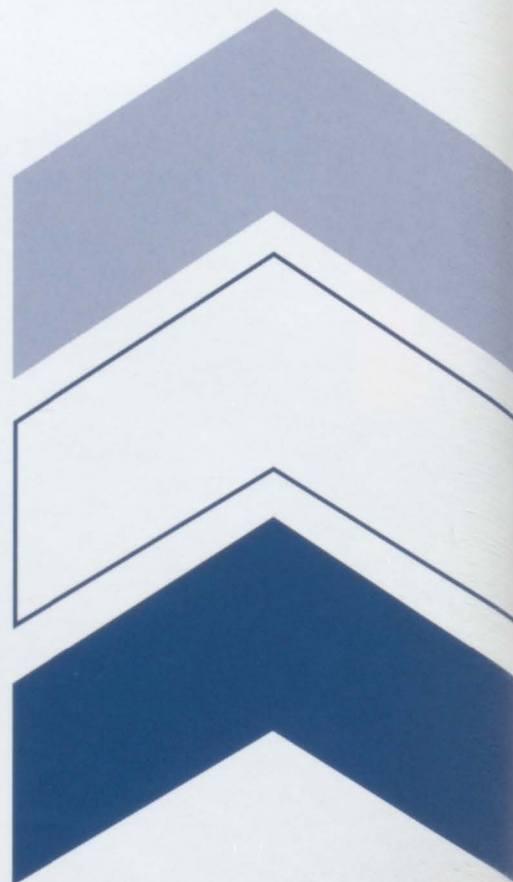
NASCAR driver **KYLE BUSCH** won five races during the 2015 season and won his first Sprint Cup championship. **JEFF GORDON** retired after 23 seasons and 93 career race wins.



GAS PRICES steadily crept lower throughout the year. By Thanksgiving and Christmas, the national average fell below \$2 a gallon for the first time around a holiday since 2008.



STEPHEN CURRY won MVP and led the Golden State Warriors to an NBA title, then got the 2015-16 season off to a 24-0 start, which set a new record for the most consecutive wins to start an NBA season.





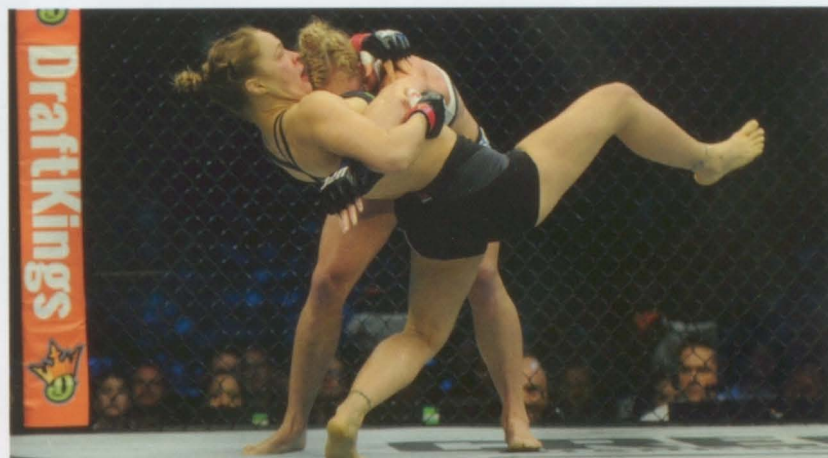
The Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers, 24-10, to win Super Bowl 50. Denver's top-rated defense, led by game MVP Von Miller, shut down quarterback Cam Newton and the Panthers' offense. The victory was also the second championship for Denver quarterback Peyton Manning.



Several **NEW SPECIES WERE DISCOVERED** in the Eastern Himalayas in recent years, and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) raised concerns this year about whether they are endangered. Among them were the Burmese snub-nosed monkey (shown), a "Dracula" minnow and the megophrys ancræa, a new species of frog.



This year's field of **BEST PICTURE NOMINEES** at the Oscars included *The Martian*, which saw Matt Damon playing an astronaut trapped on Mars. Other movies nominated included *Spotlight*, *The Big Short* and *Mad Max: Fury Road*. *The Revenant* starring Leonardo DiCaprio led all movies with 12 nominations.



Mixed martial artist **HOLLY HOLM** shocked the MMA world in November when she knocked out UFC women's bantamweight champ Ronda Rousey. The victory for the relatively unknown Holm was considered a huge upset.



ALABAMA DEFEATED CLEMSON, 45-40, in the championship game of the 2016 College Football Playoffs. The victory earned a fourth national title in seven seasons for the Crimson Tide under coach Nick Saban.



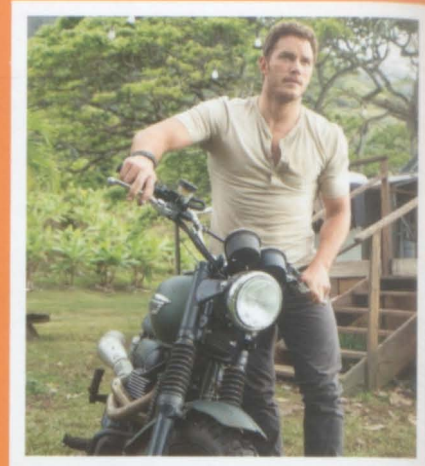
GOOGLE unveiled a new version of its famous multi-color logo, changing to a sans-serif font for the first time in more than 17 years. The company said the update was an attempt to make the logo look better on multiple devices.



Apple released the **APPLE WATCH**, a new brand of smartwatch that performed many of the same functions as an iPhone, but with a more personal connection for the user. In the first year, Apple sold 12 million watches.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II became the longest-reigning monarch of Great Britain on Sept. 9. She surpassed her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who sat on the throne 63 years and 216 days. Elizabeth was already the country's longest-living and oldest-serving monarch. She became queen in February 1952.



After more than a decade, the dinosaurs were set loose again and **Jurassic World** made millions at the box office. Star Chris Pratt played a raptor expert and trainer at the new dinosaur theme park.



TOP BOX OFFICE MOVIES

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

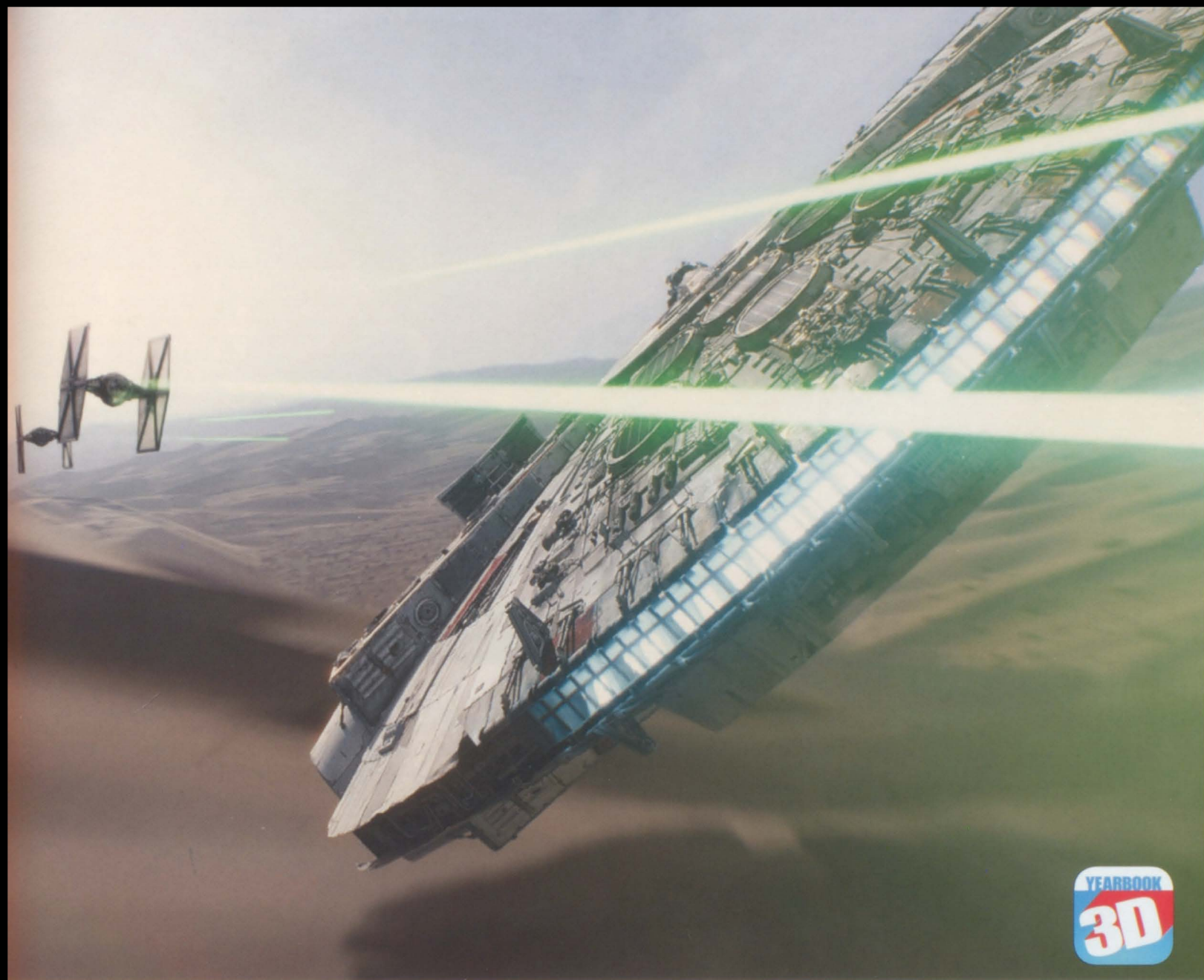
JURASSIC WORLD

AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

INSIDE OUT

FURIOUS 7

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The force was with many of us when **Star Wars** returned to the big screen for the first time in 10 years. *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* opened a week before Christmas to huge audiences. The movie introduced a new generation of characters, but also saw the return of favorites Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia.



Egg McMuffins all the time! For the first time, fast-food chain **MCDONALD'S** began serving several items from its popular breakfast menu 24 hours a day.



As more people purchased **DRONES**, local, state and federal governments debated how to regulate the aircraft for safety and security reasons. The FAA estimated that as many as 30,000 drones could be flying in the U.S. by 2020.



Stargazers everywhere received a treat in September when a **LUNAR ECLIPSE** took place. The event was rare as it was a total eclipse of a supermoon, meaning the eclipse took place at the same time as a full moon.



LIP SYNC BATTLE, which was originally introduced as a segment on the old *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* show, was developed into its own show on Spike. Viewers enjoyed watching celebrities compete with lip sync performances as the show became the most watched in Spike's history.



After spending 20 years in St. Louis, the **NFL'S RAMS** agreed to return to Los Angeles for the 2016 season. The return to L.A. meant a rebirth of the team's 46-year history as the Los Angeles Rams, even as St. Louis football fans were left without a team.



A MASSIVE BLIZZARD struck the East Coast of the U.S. in late January, from South Carolina up to New York and New Jersey. Some areas received more than 30 inches of snow in less than 36 hours, which shut down cities and led to travel bans.



CLIMATE CHANGE became a hot topic of discussion after meteorologists determined the average global temperature at the end of 2015 was the highest on record.



AMERICAN PHAROAH won the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first horse to win the Triple Crown of horse racing in 37 years.



The **DRINKING WATER** in Flint, Michigan, was discovered to be contaminated and causing a serious public health danger after several residents were found with high levels of lead in their blood. Class action lawsuits were filed against local government officials for negligence in how the water supply was managed and treated.





The Kansas City Royals defeated the New York Mets in five games to win the 2015 World Series. It was the first World Series title for the Royals in 30 years. In six of their 11 playoff wins, Kansas City trailed by at least two runs, setting a record for the most comeback wins in one postseason.



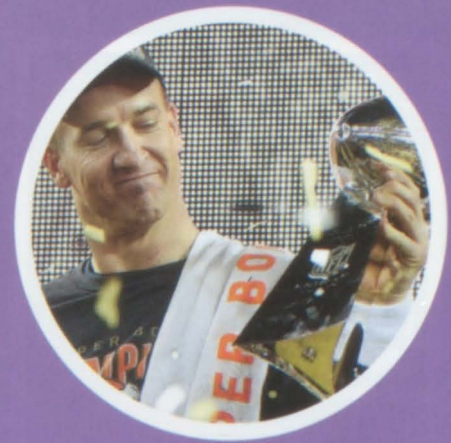
Tech company Oculus revealed its first **VIRTUAL REALITY** video game headset called the Rift. Even though the headset got great early reviews, the \$600 price tag made it strictly for early adopters.



With the rebirth of the Star Wars franchise, **DISNEY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BUILD STAR WARS-THEMED PARKS** at Disneyland and Disney World. Completion was still a few years away, but fan speculation about the parks began immediately.



California endured a fourth straight year of **RECORD-BREAKING DROUGHT**. Communities across the state were put on severe water restrictions. Some relief came in early 2016 from winter storms caused by the ocean warming from El Niño.



We loved watching **our sports** once again this year, and football was again tops. These events led the way in the TV ratings for their particular sports.



MOST WATCHED SPORTING EVENTS

SUPER BOWL:
112 MILLION

COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
34 MILLION

COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
28 MILLION

NBA FINALS GAME 6:
23 MILLION

WORLD SERIES GAME 5:
17 MILLION

Source: sportsmediawatch.com

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It seems that we prefer the stories and characters we're familiar with. Just like with movies, the **best-selling video games** of the year continued to be long-running franchises.

BEST-SELLING VIDEO GAMES



CALL OF DUTY:
BLACK OPS III

MADDEN NFL 16

FALLOUT 4

STAR WARS
BATTLEFRONT

GRAND THEFT
AUTO V



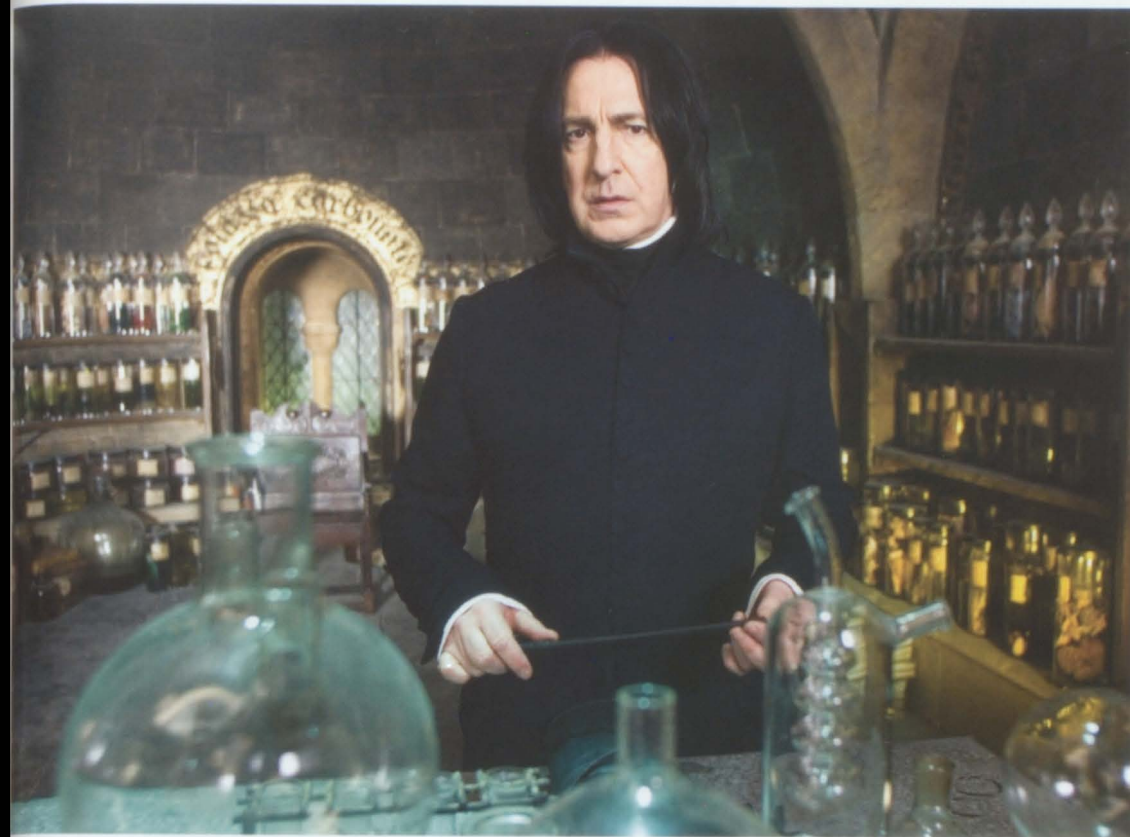
Pope Francis visited the U.S. for the first time, as he addressed Congress in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. He ended his trip in Philadelphia. His schedule included a parade and services, and crowds followed him hoping for a glimpse of or a hug from the pontiff.



The U.S., and several other coalition countries, continued its **MILITARY INTERVENTION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA** against ISIL, also known as the Islamic State and ISIS. Thousands of airstrikes were flown against ISIL targets. By the end of 2015, there were approximately 3,500 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Audi, BMW, Ford, Tesla, Google and several other companies began field-testing their versions of the **SELF-DRIVING CAR**. Some studies predicted that within the next decade, there were likely to be as many as 10 million self-driving cars on the road.

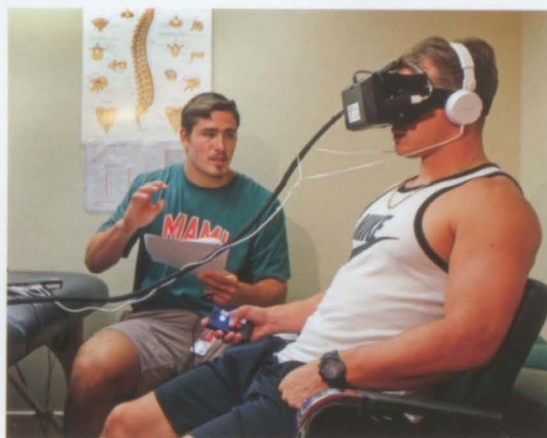
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ALAN RICKMAN, the English actor best known to young audiences for playing the role of Severus Snape in the popular Harry Potter movies, died at the age of 69. Other well-known celebrities that died this year included legendary rock stars **DAVID BOWIE** and **GLENN FREY**.



Multiple companies created and began selling **HOVERBOARDS** to consumers, and the two-wheeled vehicles quickly became popular. However, after safety and fire concerns with some brands, airlines banned them and many online retailers pulled them from their sites.



Continued research led to more awareness and advances in **CONCUSSION** science. More caution was being taken with hits athletes take to the head. Some even proposed the possibility of banning the practice of "heading" the ball in youth soccer.



Lottery fever swept the country in January as the **POWERBALL GRAND PRIZE** reached nearly \$1.5 billion. Players stood in long lines to buy tickets for a slim chance at the jackpot.



Viewers of HBO's fantasy/adventure drama **GAME OF THRONES** were left hanging between seasons with the fate of leading character Jon Snow left up in the air. Another mystery — the TV series planned to continue on even though it had outpaced the source novels by author George R. R. Martin.





The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2, the final movie in *The Hunger Games* series of films, hit theaters to wide fanfare in the fall. The movie, which saw Katniss Everdeen finally confront President Snow, received raves from fans and critics.



At the World Aquatics Championships in Russia, 18-year old American **KATIE LEDECKY** won five gold medals and set three new world records. Ledecky became the first swimmer to win the 200, 400, 800 and 1,500-meter freestyle events at the same world competition.

SOCCER CONTINUED TO GROW and become more popular in the U.S., specifically the highest levels of international soccer. NBC Sports paid around \$1 billion to sign a new six-year contract to broadcast England's Premier League in America.

Rapper **KENDRICK LAMAR** led the way with 11 nominations at the Grammy Awards, more than any other musical artist, including Song of the Year for his hit "Alright."



A whole new generation was introduced to the music of the **BEATLES** when several albums from the iconic band were made available on Spotify and other streaming services for the first time on Christmas Eve.



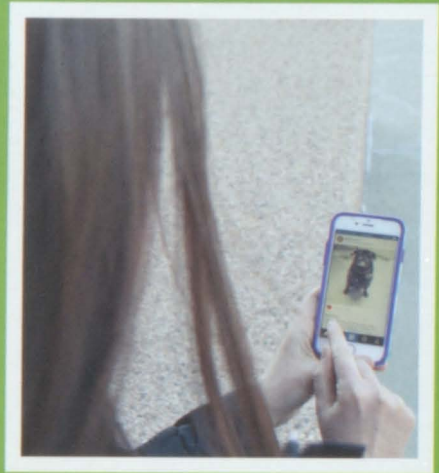
Golfer **JORDAN SPEITH** became the number one player in the world at only 22, winning the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same season.



The Environmental Protection Agency cracked down on **VOLKSWAGEN** after it discovered that the carmaker had violated clean-air standards in several of its vehicles over the past six years.



SERENA WILLIAMS was chosen the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year after winning the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. Only a shocking upset loss to Roberta Vinci at the U.S. Open kept her from winning the "Grand Slam" of tennis.



Facebook was still at the top, but photo-sharing social network Instagram continued to become more popular with nearly 60% of Internet users under the age of 24 saying they use the app.

MOST POPULAR SOCIAL NETWORKS AMONG TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

FACEBOOK – 74%

INSTAGRAM – 59%

SNAPCHAT – 57%

TWITTER – 32%

Source: statista.com

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A terrorist attack struck venues in Paris on the night of Friday, Nov. 13, and memorials went up around the city. Major cities around the world lit their iconic landmarks in a show of solidarity with France.



BEANIES AND PLAID SHIRTS were trending fashion items for both boys and girls this year, as were superhero and Star Wars items. For girls, knee-high boots, leggings, long cardigans and skirts of various lengths were being worn.



ALABAMA'S DERRICK HENRY, who already previously held the high school football record for career rushing yards, ran for more than 2,200 yards and 28 touchdowns and won the Heisman Trophy.



A study by the Pew Research Center

indicated that by 2015, 73% of teens were using smartphones. That's a lot of opportunity to play with apps. These were some of the most popular apps this year.

MOST POPULAR APPS



SNAPCHAT

YOUTUBE

INSTAGRAM

PANDORA

NETFLIX



PRETTY LITTLE LIARS was still going strong into its sixth season. The show won six awards at the Teen Choice Awards, including Choice TV Show: Drama. Star Lucy Hale won Choice TV Actress and Vanessa Ray won Choice TV Villain.



More than nine years after its launch, NASA's **NEW HORIZONS PROBE REACHED PLUTO**. The spacecraft was the first to reach the dwarf planet, send back images and record the atmosphere.



Rapper **SILENTO** hit it big with the song "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)," which went viral with a video on YouTube and led to a dance craze with people performing the Whip and Nae Nae dance moves.

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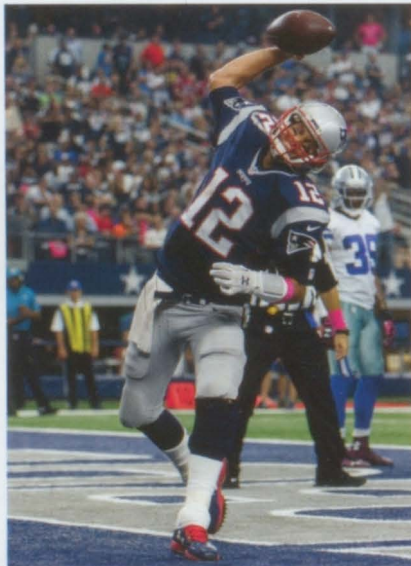
The U.S. women's soccer team defeated Japan, 5-2, to win the Women's World Cup. It was the third World Cup victory for the U.S. women, and its first since 1999. American Carli Lloyd memorably scored three goals in the first 16 minutes of the final match.



AMERICAN IDOL aired its 15th and final season with Keith Urban, Jennifer Lopez and Harry Connick Jr. taking their last turn as judges. Several past winners returned to make appearances in the show's last go-around.

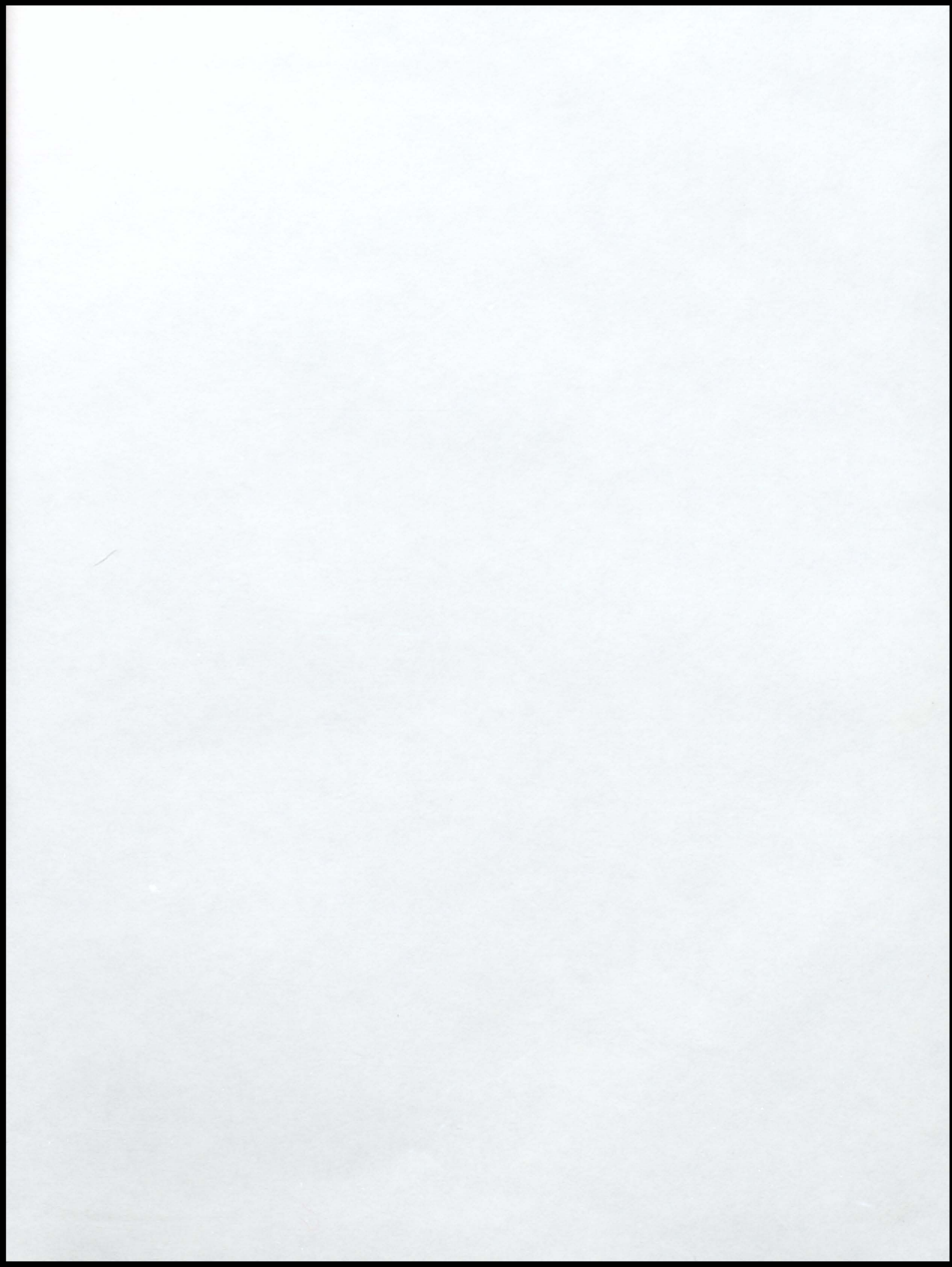
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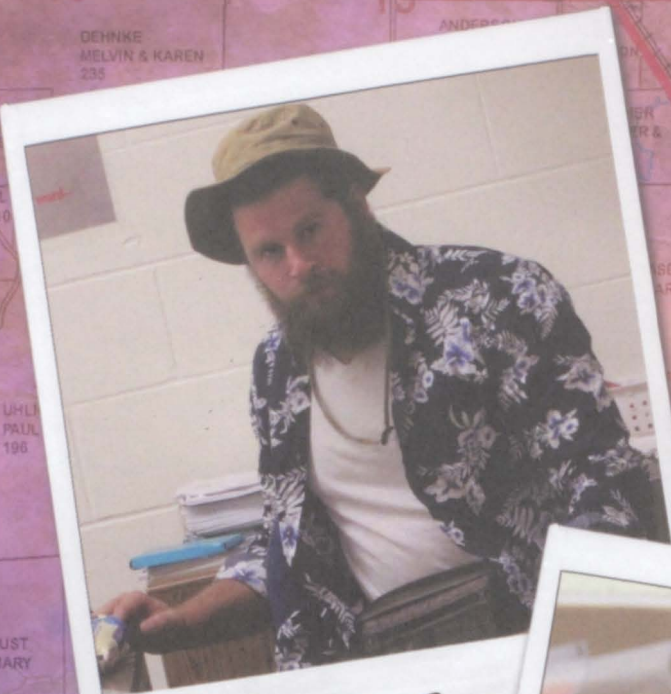
New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** was suspended for four games by the NFL when the league ruled he was "generally aware" of possible wrongdoing in the Deflategate controversy. However, Brady's suspension was overturned on appeal by a federal judge, allowing him to start the year for the defending Super Bowl champs.



A mass migration of **REFUGEES** from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries headed for Europe by foot or boat in search of better opportunities. The situation strained resources and raised tensions in many places.

The Oxford Dictionaries **WORD OF THE YEAR FOR 2015** was not actually a word – it was the emoji 🤩, known as the Face with Tears of Joy. In its announcement, Oxford Dictionaries said the emoji was chosen "as the 'word' that best reflected the ethos, mood, and preoccupations of 2015."





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