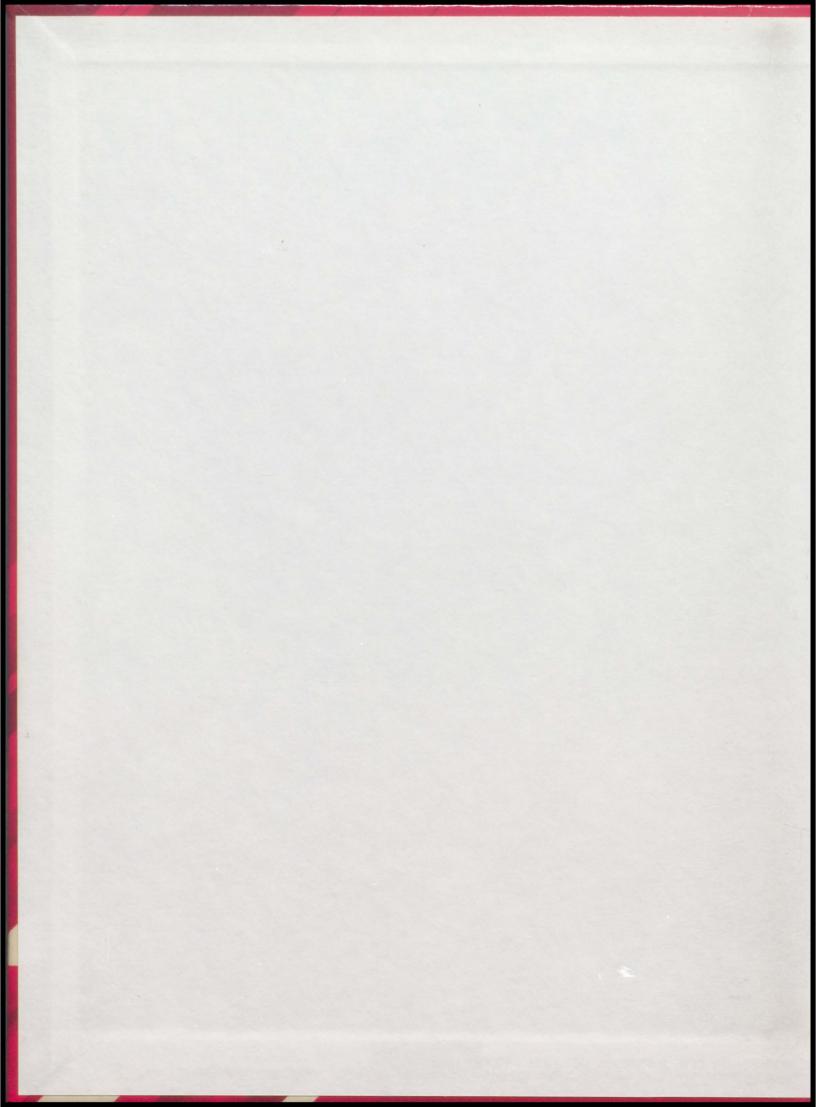
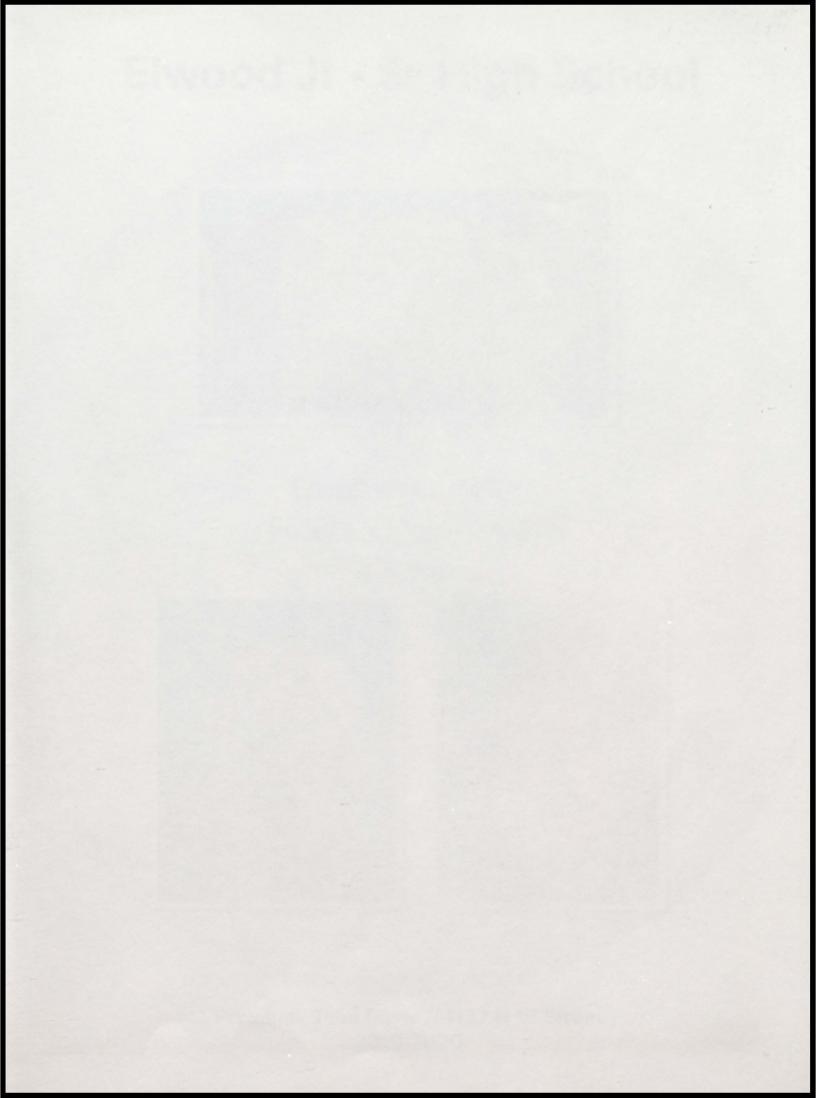
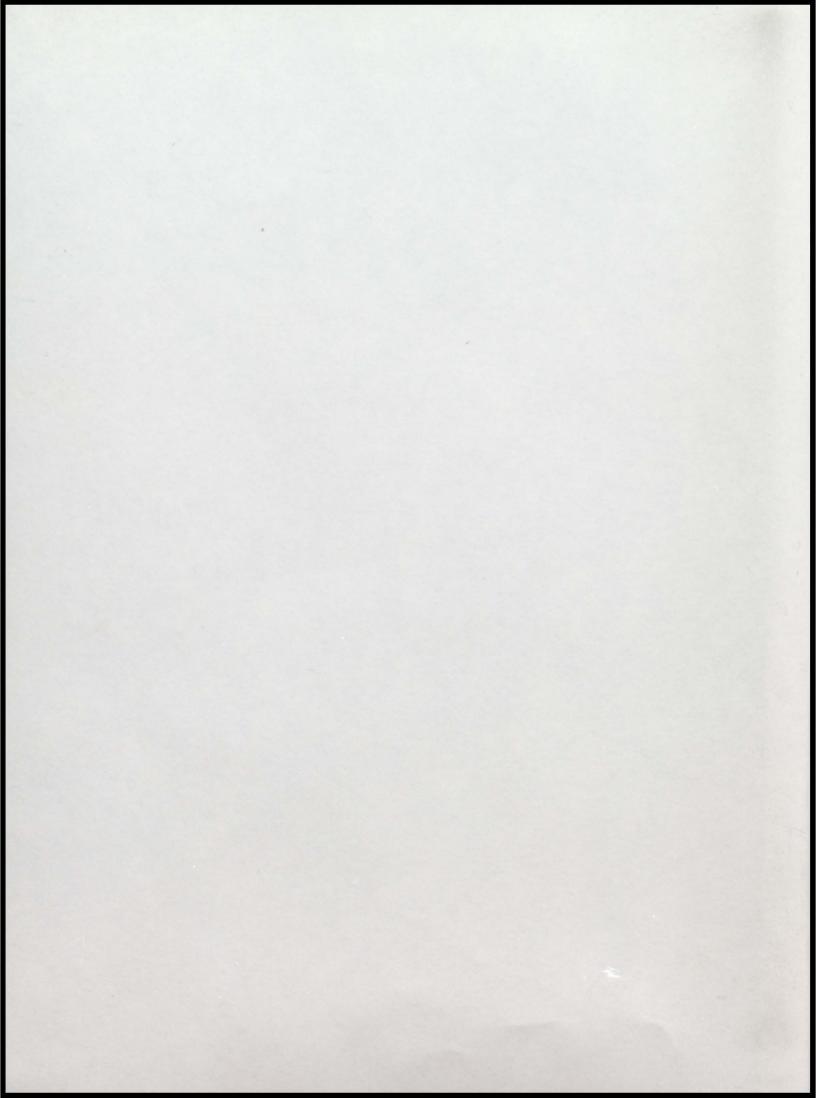


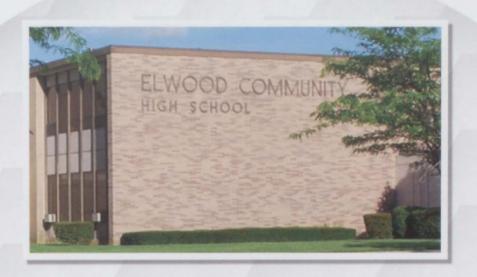
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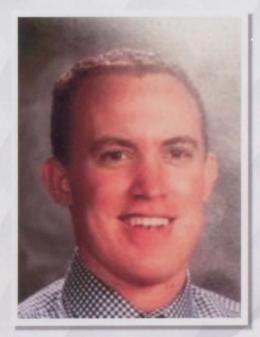


Elwood Jr - Sr High School



Empowering the Future, One Child at a Time





Principal: Tami Davis // 1137 N 19 Street 2019-2020

Hope you had a great year!!!

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Message From Mr. Arnold:

Hello All,

We have made it through a year that was full of excitement, confusion, doubt, hope, and anticipation. However, you may be thinking that this year was a waste, or it didn't matter, or does not "count." Seniors are definitely feeling like they have lost a very important chunk of their life. You may be feeling distanced from your fellow classmates, and without a prom, graduation, sports season, and many other important milestones, it could be difficult to see how this year is a blessing instead of a curse. Because you all have had to go through this historic event, you will become much stronger and wiser. You will be able to lead future generations without hesitation and fear, and lead this world into a better future. By going through this period of isolation and distancing, you will emerge closer to each other and have a major impact in life due to the unity you will naturally have due to this virus. The staff here at Elwood wants ALL students at this school to know how proud we are of each one of you! To the seniors, you have made it; to the Junior High, your time is coming; and to the rest of the high school, continue to show us the strength, hope, and love you have dedicated to making this year a great one!



(Top: left to right) Mackenzie Oyler, Morgan Scott, Jaleigh Crawford, Tyler Mendenhall, Dalton Trueblood, (Bottom: left to right Samantha Phillips, Wan-Ning "Winnie" Lin, Paige Updegraff, and Ella Flanagan



(Top Left to Right) Mason Robison, Colton Jetty, Coby Horton, Tyler Mendenhall, Cameron Tackett, Dalton Trueblood, (Middle Left to Right) Will Seibel, Samantha Phillips, Morgan Scott, Ella Flanagan, Prezli Stookey, Taylor Ash, Paige Updegraff, (Bottom Left to Right)
Köle Ruder, Hanna Lyttle, Kenzie Oyler, Katie Morris, Lauren May, Riley Sullivan

The 2019-2020 Yearbook Class!

This yearbook was created from the hard work and dedication of the students seen on the left. They have put in countless hours to ensure that this yearbook would be the best that it could possibly be. Throughout the year they have been dedicated to creating a book that would instill a sense of pride and respect for our school, into our students. Their idea was to prove that Elwood Jr. Sr. High School could be a source of happiness, a place to meet and make friends, laugh, learn, and have a little fun along the way. These students to the left deserve a great deal of recognition for putting together a yearbook from nothing and bringing the staff, students, and community closer while doing so!

"The Real Yearbook isn't the book itself, but the friends we make along the way."

Thank You!

Staff







Ken Austin



Brook Bartrum



Stacey Bock







Matt Boyland

















Tami Davis



Tony Dockery



Melissa















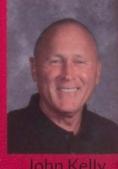
Kyle Hobbs













Volleyball









Spirit



But first, let me take a selfie... - The Mayor, Todd Jones

The volleyball team stops for a picture as they show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness



SEVENTH GRADE



Kendra Sallee serves the ball

VOLLEYBALL



Team communicating to get the ball



Kellyn Shope passes the ball to a teammate



Alivia Boston serves the ball

EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL



Back row down and ready for the ball



Trinity-Lynn Bryan hits the ball over the net for a point

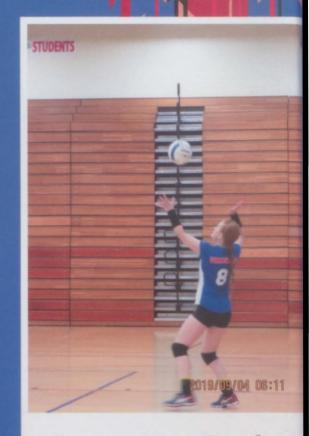


JV Volleyball



Team huddles before game





Kenzie Oyler serves the ball

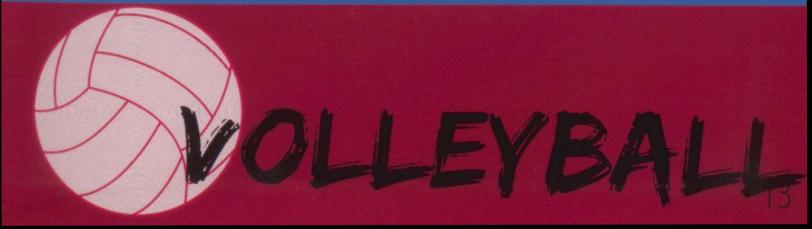
#1 Olivia Shannon #2 Macee McGahey #3 Kenzie Cornwell #4 Jada Saroka #5 Katie Morris #6 Kori Wilkey #7 Sevannah Arnold #8 Kenzie Oyler #11 Neveah Powell











Vellenpall

Morgan Scott #10 and Ella Flanagan #6 go up for a block against MG

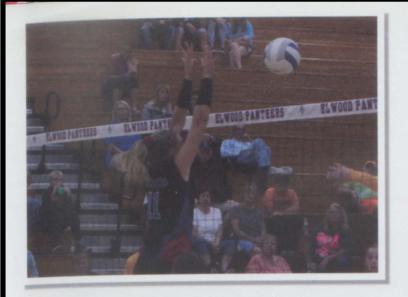




HIP HIP HOORAY... Lady Panthers celebrate a point!



Locker room shenanigans



Jaleigh Crawford #11 goes up for a solo block against Tri- central

Seniors; Annaka Wilson #13,

Jayla Thompson #3, Kelsey Ruder #8, Hannah Everson #12, Harley Trueblood #7, Korigan Wilkey#2

Dear Seniors,
Thank you for
helping all of us
through games and
practices you will be
missed in the
upcoming year

WE > ME



FOOTBALL STUDENT SECTION!



Zach Moody, Ethan Mendenhall, Thomas Kaszuba, Dakota Davis, Jayden Reese, & Ryan Hayes



McKenzie Cornwell, Ella Flanagan, Jaleigh Crawford, Macee Mcgahey, & Olivia Shannon





Friday Night Lights!





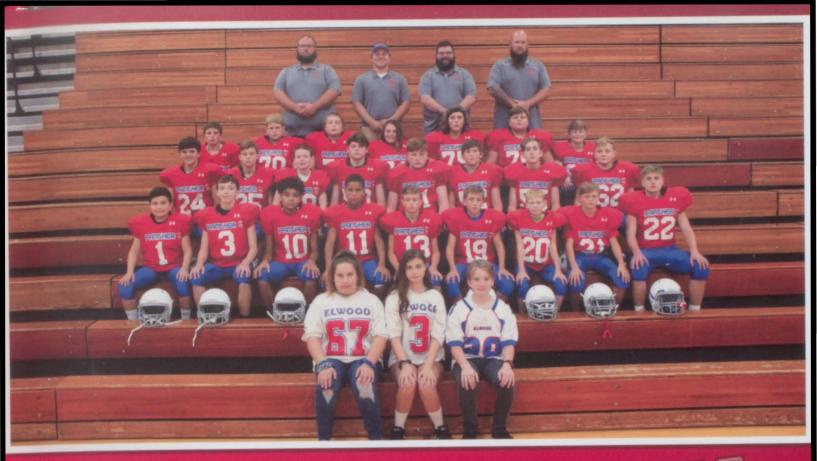
7th and 8th Grade Football

- #1 Isaac Casas
- #3 Owen Huff
- # 11 Jayden Mullins
- #13 Jac Jarrett
- # 14 Braydon Jackson
- #19 Owen Hinchman
- # 20 Ethin Phillips
- # 21 Jayde Noel
- # 22 Jackson Blackford
- #25 Kolton Sherrill
- # 34 Luke Jones
- # 41 Bryce Fowler
- # 50 Asa Blackford
- #51 Kaden Sullivan
- #52 Mavrick Powers

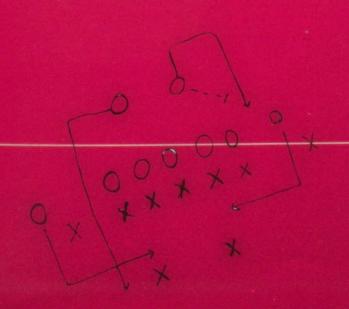
- #59 Owen Israel
- #62 Quentin Head
- #63 Dustin Maseman
- #70 Tim Fettig
- #71 Kaden Thompson
- #74 Gracie Pearson
- #75 Kailebb Baumbauer
- #78 Trevor Martin
- #83 Asher Perrin
- #85 Obediah Bryan



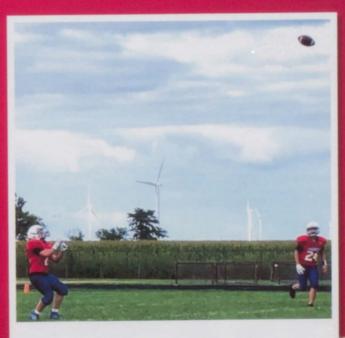
Owen Huff taking a snap from the shotgun formation!







FOOTBALL



The Elwood Panthers return a kick during a close game

JV Football









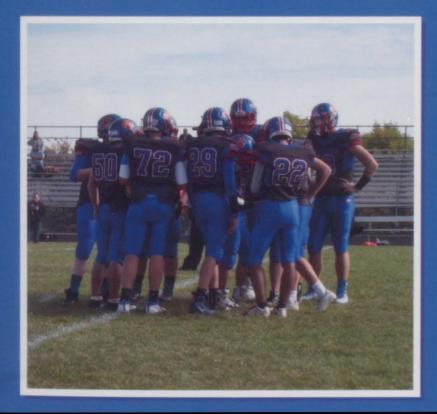
Everyone wants the ball!



Panthers preparing for an offensive attack.

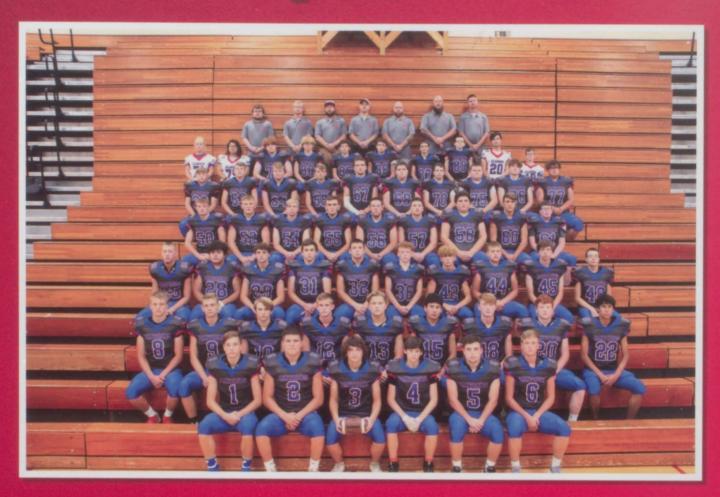
Defense trying their best to get the ball back.





The JV football team has a team huddle before they play.

Varsity Football



Chance Martin #1
Dylan Henderson #3
Trenton Poter #5
Josh Blackford #8
Landon Nosa #10
Colton Jetty #13
Hunter Scholl #18
Alex Munoz #22
Kylen Gonzalez #28
Drake Jackson #31
DJ Gmurk #36
Tyler Mendenhall #63
Ashton Kelly #65
Elijah Clos #68
Ayden Corbett #76
Payton Wilkey #79
Ryan Cole #86

Chase Lovell #2
Brayden Beeman #4
Will Retherford #6
Malachi Dunlap #9
Ben DeLong #12
Antonio Munoz #15
Heintz Sickmann #21
Coby Horton #25
Logan Lane #29
Keegan Moss #32
Hunter Sallee #44
Jayden Smedley #64
Elijah clarkson #67
Tyler DeHart #70
Blake Wilburn #77
Caleb Cole #85
Kaleb Colwell #87



"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller







"The best teamwork comes from men who are working independently toward one goal in unison."



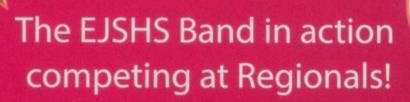
--James Cash Penney



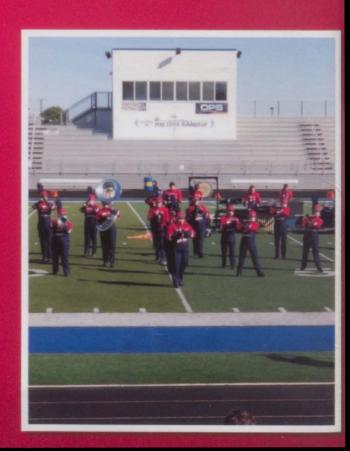
















2019-2020 Seniors Beat the Junior 32 to 0



Josh Blackford and a couple of his players scheming up a game plan to beat the Juniors





Pep Session





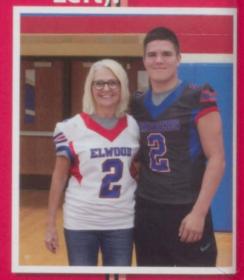




Coach Brown (Left)
and Ms. Nethery
(Right) addressing the
crowd which included
the football team and
Cheer Squad (Top
Left).



Freshman Christina
Moore, Chloe
Bright, and Addison
Updegraff (Left)
along with Mrs.
Davis and Junior
Chase Leavel take a
moment to pose for
the camera



EJSHS Staff
Destroys the
Competition!









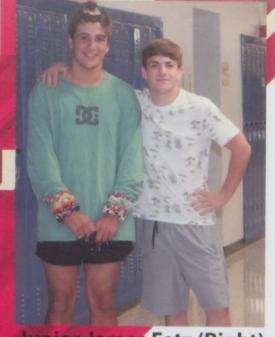
The Band (Left) and Cheer Squad (Top Left) lead the school through the fight song while Mr. Rutowski and Mrs. Davis (Top Right) Clap along!







The 7th graders (left) compete against the 8th graders (right) in a tug of war battle



Junior James Fetz (Right)
taking pride in fellow
Junior Colton Limoges
(Left) and his VSCO attire



Students of Elwood High School just rolling out of bed in time to snap a photo!



Sophomore
Lucas
Dauenhauer
"dressed to the
nines" for
Decades Day



EJSHS Staff brightening up the office for Class Color Day!



Seniors (Left to Right Eliza Hydleberg, Makayla Warner, and Korigan Wilkey help carry fellow senior Zachary Moody through Class Color Day!



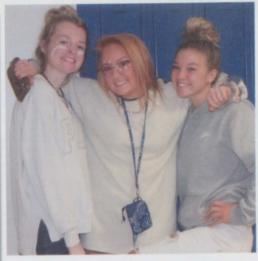
Elwood High School students "strike a pose" for Decades Day!



Students of Elwood High School light up the building for Neon Day!



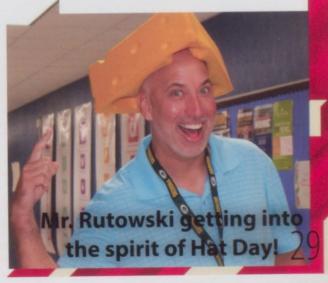
Freshman (left to right) Sierra Edwards,
Addison Updegraff, and Chloe Bright give
the thumbs up in class during Class Color
Day!



Sophomores (left to right)
Kendall Scott, Madyson
Deckard, and Macee
McGahey take time during
passing period to pose for
Class Color Day!



Senior Dakota Davis embraces fellow Senior Ethan Mendenhall during Class Color Day



CHEER



Panther Footballs' Cheer team!

First Football Game: Morgan Scott Riley Sullivan





Hannah Fox,
Addison Updegraff,
Chloe Bright, Christina
Moore,
Ellie Laub, Alyvia Savage,
Makayla Mcphearson,
Sierra Edwards, Brianna
Lane



Varsity:
Korigan Wilkey, Morgan
Scott,
Riley Sullivan, Annaka
Willson,
Taylor Ash, Chloe
Conner,
Kenzie Oyler, Katie
Morris,
Sevannah Arnold

First Football Game: Annaka Willson Katie Morris









CROSS COUNTRY

Katelyn Foor 9th Grade
Anna Bucksot 9th Grade
Delaney Cotham 9th Grade
Jayden Reese 9th Grade
Gavin Roberts 10th Grade
Cameron Tackett 10th Grade
Zach Hood 10th Grade
Courtney Todd 12th Grade
Hannah Lang 12th Grade
Robbie Gregg 12th Grade
Andrew Foga 12th Grade
Devin Thomas 12th Grade
Manager: Hanna Lyttle 10th Grade





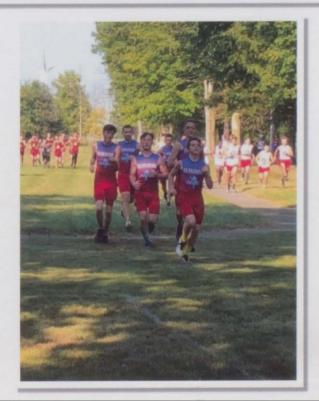














The Girl's Varsity Golf team waiting on the storm to pass so they can play. (Left to right) Taylor Ash, Claudia Leavell, Alyvia Savage, Sydney Tincher, Allison Johnson, Mady Deckard, and Coach Lydia Retherford





Girl's Varsity Gol





7th & 8th Cross



Country





Girls
Lainy Brown
Lily Amos
Kimie Fren
Addie Jones
Bella Lyttle
Lana May
Emilee Powers
Elysia Rivera
Addy Stout
Lily Swan-Sorg

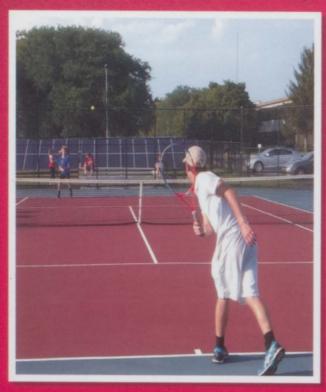


Boys:
Chris Shellinkhout
Liam Cannon
Isaac Capshaw
Devon Durm
Corbin Leavell
Blaise Jones
Laydon Morgan
Cristian Rivera



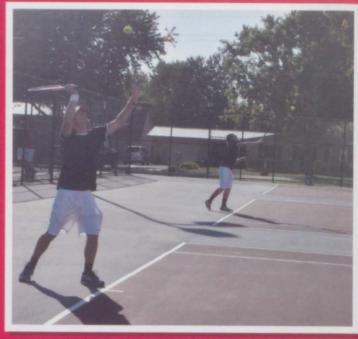


Boys Varsity Tennis







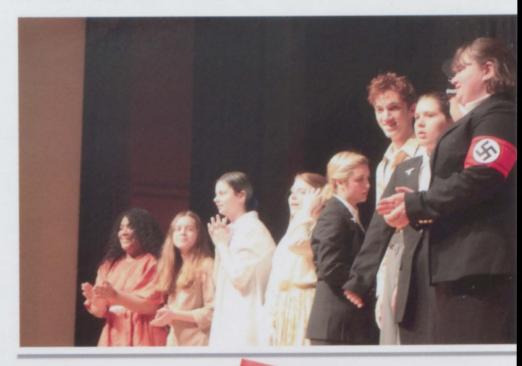




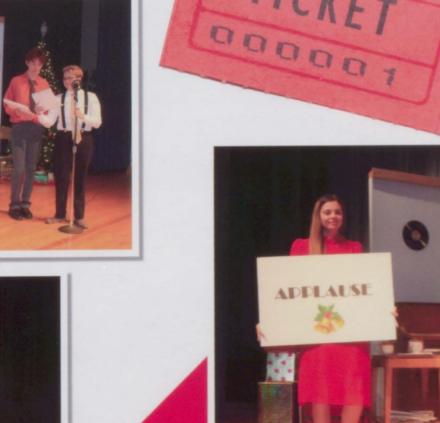
Players
Kaleb Haley -12
Ryan Hayes - 12
Hayden Watters - 11
Josh Pete - 9
Kole Ruder- 9
Ethan Haas - 9
Kevin Beaman -9

Drama









TICKET









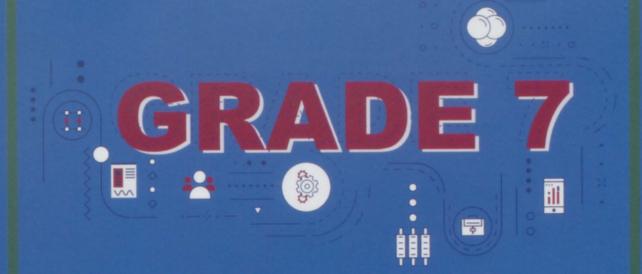
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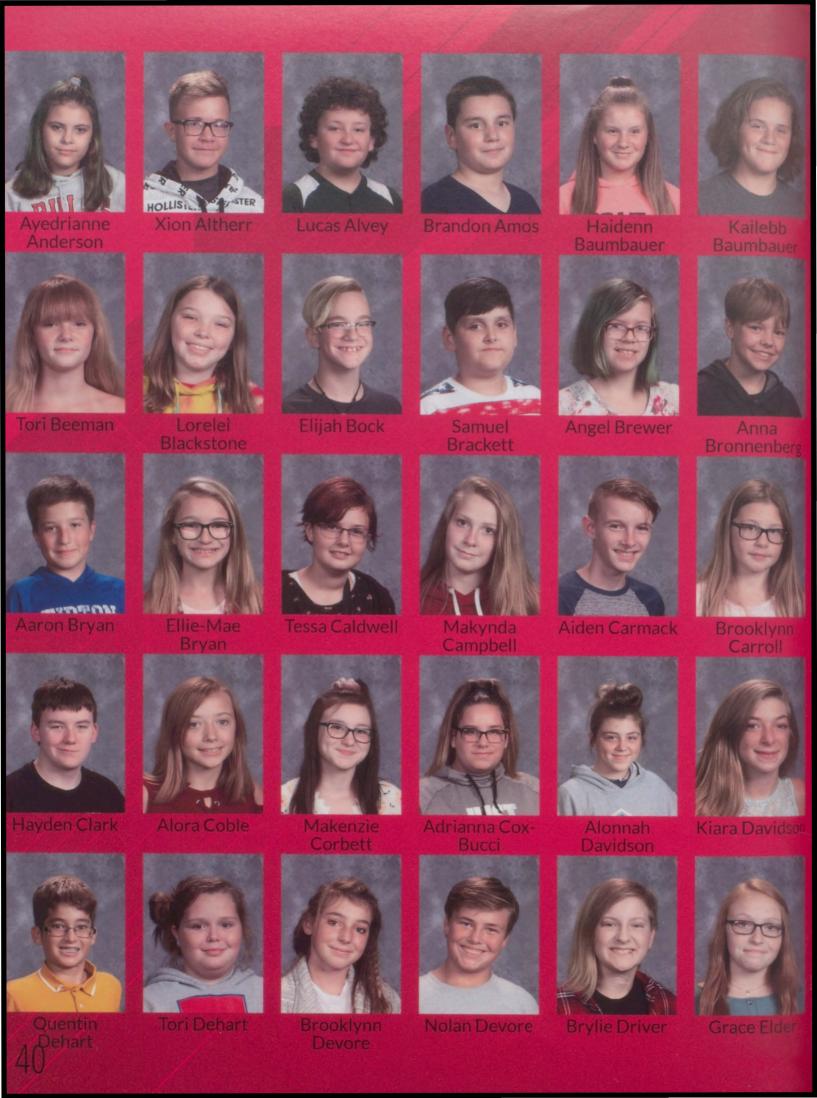
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Class of

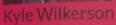








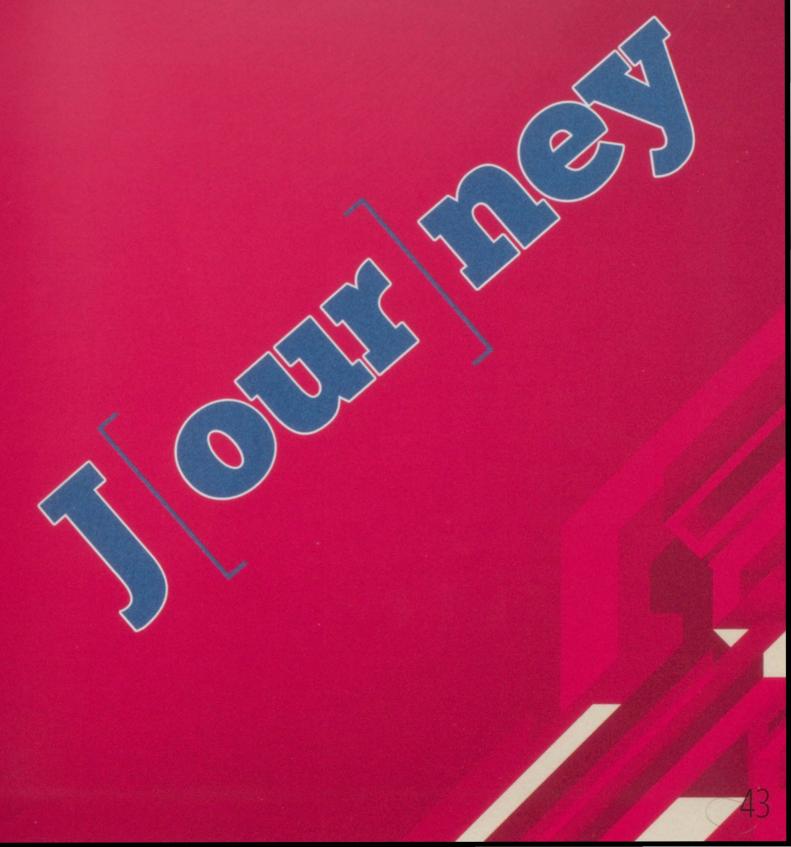






Ella Wylie

Hayley Blackford Lexie Haulk Jayden Mullins Marcquis Vasquez





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Class of







Kalani Davidson







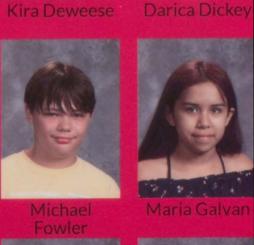
























Kaleb Powell









Zane Roller





Rybecki



Christopher Schellinkhout



Cayden Schick



Brianna Nicole Schiffner



Kelbin





Korbyn Sherrill





Andrew Smoot









Kaden Sullivan



Zoe Thornberry





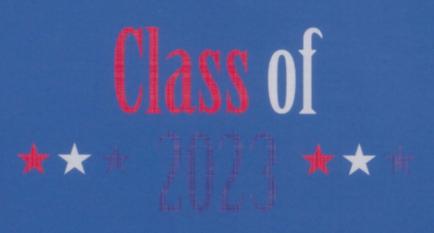




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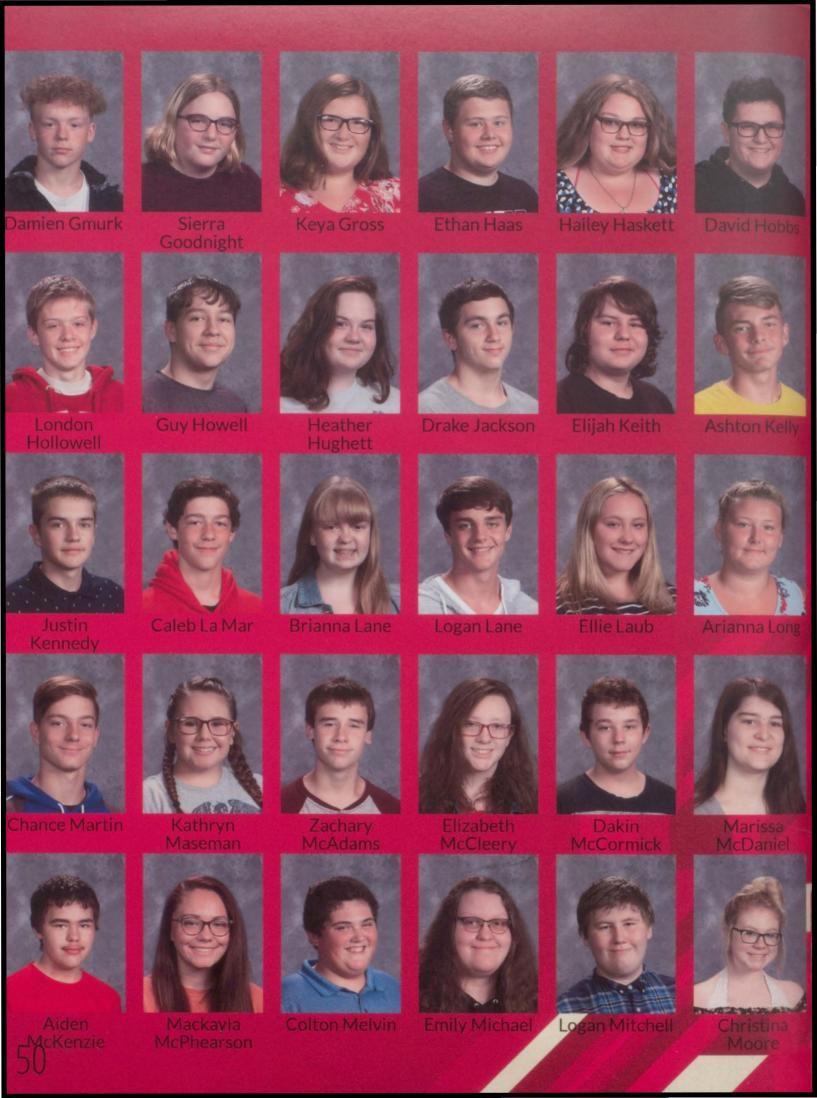
















Matthew



Emma Sneed





Riley Stacy







Sullivan



Gavin Tincher





Addison Updegraff



Brody Updegraff







Conner Walden



Joseph Weileman



Sophia Wellman



Jayce Wilde



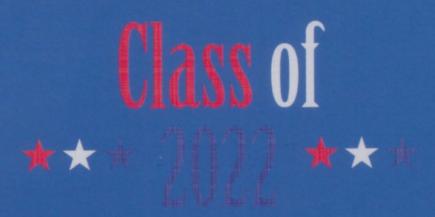




Joshua Bouslog Kegen Brooks Kaycie Grubb Haleigh Harris Amy Parish Juanita Ramirez

TENTH GRADE

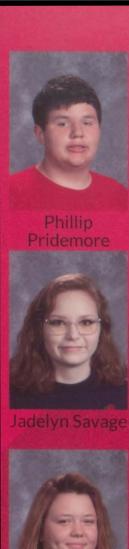
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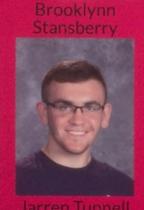




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Sevannah Arnold Madison Brackett Jackson Coats Aydan Corbett Damon Cornwell Dylan Henderson Summer Iliff Kortney Maddox Hayden Sheline Kenneth Stacy Prezli Stookey Brayton Wilson

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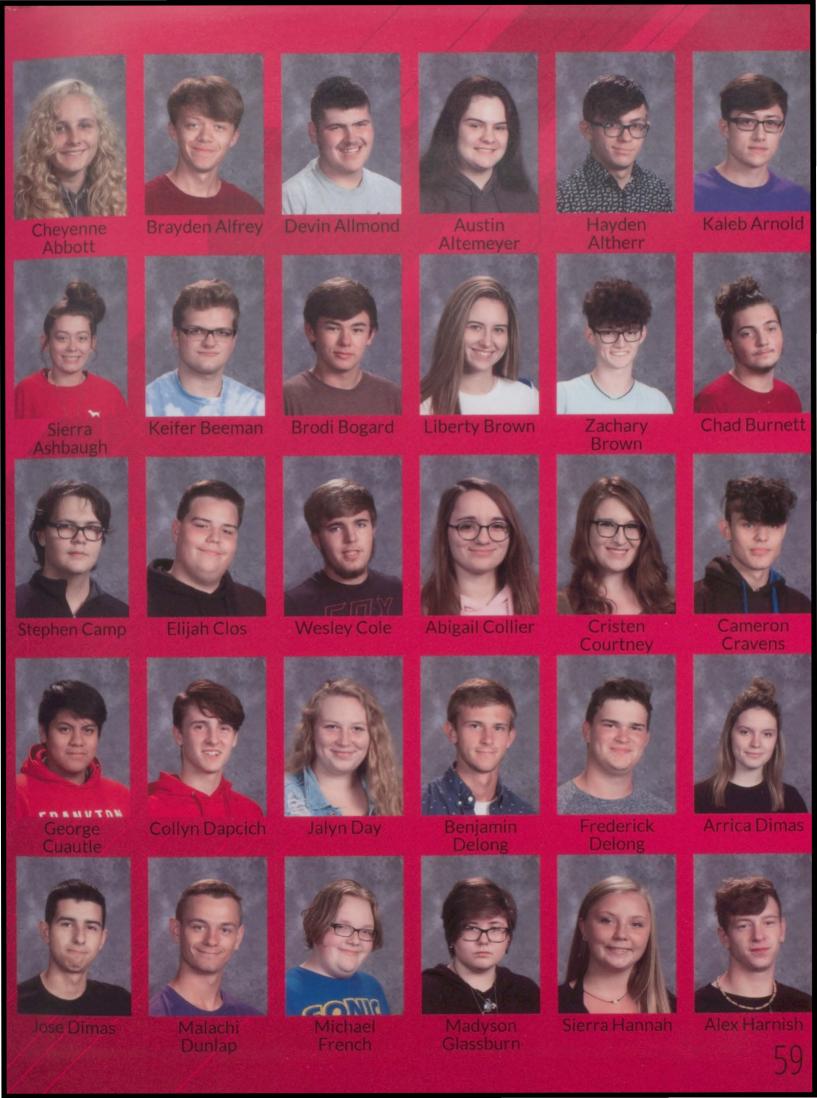
ELEVENTH GRADE

PORTRAITS

Class of

*** 2021 ***









Nevaeh Powell



Ethan Pratt





Brandon Purkey









Christian Tackett



Sydney Tincher



Jazmine Troup



Elizabeth Turpin



Ava Valentine



Eli Vehikite



Kirsten Waggoner



Hayden Watters



Bradyn Waymire



Alanah Wertz



William Worley



Not Pictured: Kevin Grubb Joshua Hernandez Teaira McCormick Raigen Sutton

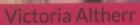
TWELFTH GRADE

PORTRAITS









Mckenna Ash

Andrew Ballman









Roselyn Beaman

Aubrey Beeman

Paige Beeman









Joshua Blackford

Skylyn Blackford

Sydney Bright











Brendon Coryell



Samatha Courtright







Dakota Davis



Tyler Dehart



Emily Dietzer





Andrew Foga







Sebastian Garner



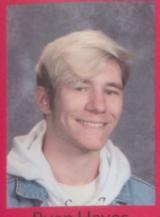


Robert Gregg



Kaleb Haley





Ryan Hayes



Mallory Helpling





Shelby Johns





Alexa Kelly



Hannah Lang



Claudia Leavell







Tapanga Leonard









Logan Lopossa



Travis Marshall-Taylor



Zoie Melton



Ethan Mendenhall



Benjamin Milburn



Zachary Moody



Neil Moore



Arizona Murphy





Trenton Porter



Julie Anne Proper



Alondra Ramirez









Mekayla Rudig



Austin Scheuermann







Austin Sexton



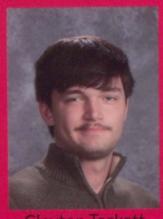
Trenton Shannon



Nicole Stephens



Trenton Stinson



Clayton Tackett

























Zackery Whitaker

Jonathon Wilkey







Kyle Angell Olivia Arnold Katelyn Brannum Nathan Frazee Katelynn Jones

Congratulations Seniors

"Sometimes you will never know the

value of a

moment until it

becomes a memory."

-Dr. Seuss



NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONORS SOCIETY!

Junior Members:

Benjamin DeLong
Liberty Brown
James Fetz
Amelia Howard
Trevor Israel
Allison Johnson
Thomas Kaszuba
Hayden Watters







Senior Members:

Rosie Beaman, Paige Beeman, Sydney Bright, Dacey Bryant, Sydney Collis, Tyler DeHart, Hannah Everson, Andrew Foga, Olivia Gaddis, Mallory Helpling, Shelby Johns, Hannah Lang, Claudia Leavell, Lynsey Leavell, Tapanga Leonard, Hailee Loar, Logan Lopossa, Zoie Melton, Ethan Mendenhall, Zachary Moody, Trenton Porter, Kelsey Ruder, Mekayla Rudig, Hunter Scholl, Clayton Tackett, Jayla Thompson, Courtney Todd, Harley Trueblood, Naomi Vehikite, MaKayla Warner, Korigan Wilkey, Annaka Wilson







7th Grade Basketball

Kailebb Baumbauer
Aaron Bryan
Quentin Head
Even Kaszuba,
Jayden Mullins,
Jayde Noel,
Anthony Pan,
Asher Perrin,
May Powers.





The team is back on defense!

8th Grade Basketball

Jackson Blackford,
Beau Brandon,
Isaac Casas,
Braden Harris,
Kadyn Harting,
Owen Hinchman,
Owen Huff,
Luke Jones
Christopher
Schellinkhout,
Kaden Sullivan,
Javon Wilson.







BASKETBALL STUDENT SECTION!











BLACK
OUT
NIGHT!



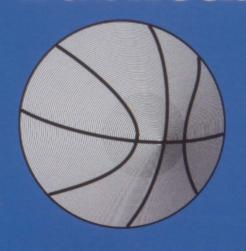




LEFT:

Number 14, Gage Blackford goes to pass the ball to teammate Alex Munoz

JV Boys Basketball



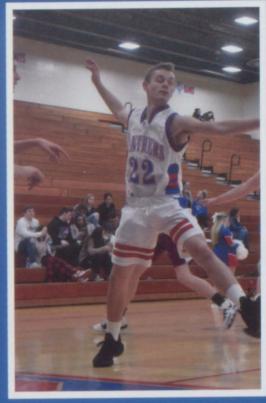












ABOVE:
Number 22,
Malachi Dunlap
blocks opposing
team from
scoring



Coach Jones, Coach Corn and Coach Chapman

#5 Trenton Porter #10 Jayden Reese #12 Ben DeLong #13 Mason Robison #14 Peterson Pan



#24 Antonio Munoz #30 Hunter Sallee #32 Will Retherford #33 Colton Limoges

VARSITY











BASKETBALL

Varsity Bowling ...





Brayden Alfrey
Alanah Wertz
Jordan Elsten
Aydan Coffman
Dalton Trueblood
Alex Rains
Tyler Dehart

Avg: 218 Avg: 152 Avg: 157 Avg: 199 Avg: 199

Avg: 154

Avg: 164

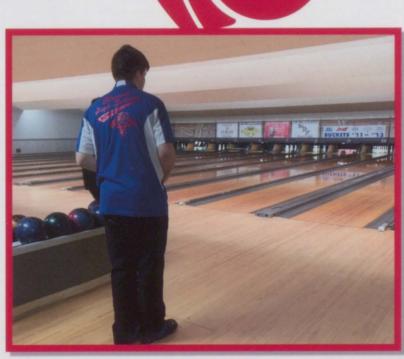


In the picture above the Panther bowling team defeats APA in a blowout match.



Brayden Alfrey in the picture above closing out the 10th frame to secure the win for the Panther bowlers.









BRAYDEN



Congratulations on 4th in State!



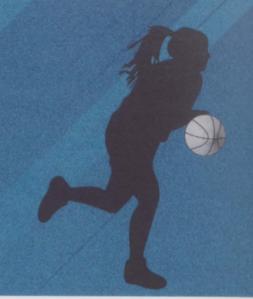




Elwoods participants include: Keya Gross, Lexie Crosbie, Lizzie McCleary, Arizona Murphy, Jeffrey Bouslog, Spencer Riddle, Dalton Trueblood, Preston Condon, Michael Craig, Alex Rains, Conner Mitchell, Andrew Smoot, Brady Waymire, Brayden Alfrey, Abbigail Ripberger, with coach Jordan Hamilton

7 & 8 Girls Basketball









"Discipline is doing what has to be done, when it has to be done, as well as it can be done, and doing it that way all the time."
- Bob Knight

7th grade

Kellyn Shope #0 Ellie-Mae Bryan #2 Lylah Morgan #4 Vivian Lynch #12 Juissa Rryes #14 kendra Salle #20 Sammie Sneed #22 Tori Beenman #24 Kenzie Weaver #32 Lexie Haulk #40 Lacey Gillam #42





Panther girls trying their hardest out on the court!





"Push yourself again and again. Don't give an inch until the final buzzer sounds."
- Larry Bird

8th grade

Hayeigh Christian #0, Raeghan Wisehart #2, Piper Smith #4, Stacey Gillam #10, Abby Ripberger #12, Darica Dickey #14, Trinity Bryan #22 Envy Horlander #24 Jordynn Rivera #40, Alivia Boston #45





Reaghan F., senior, who plays both JV and varsity

Yzabelle R. was one of the 6 freshman on JV this year





Kenzee G. making a shot



LADY



BASKETBALL

Kenzee Garringer #45 Kenzie Cornwell

#30

Reaghan Frye #24 Hannah McCleery #50 Yzabelle Ramey #22

Kaycie Grubb #32 Sevannah Arnold #23

Hannah M., one of the 3 Sophomores on JV





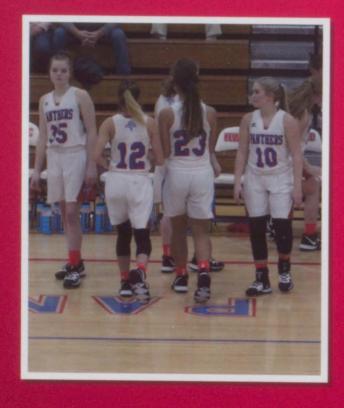
Kenzie C. as she makes a pass against Alexandria

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL













#10 Riley Sullivan #12 Olivia Shannon #20 Courtney Todd #22 Yzabelle Ramey #23 Morgan Scott

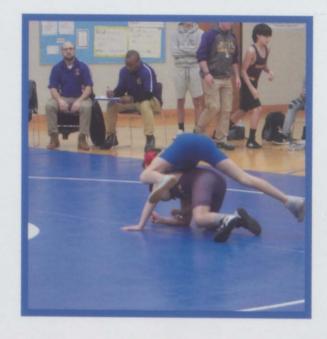
#25 Lexi Crosbie

#24 Reaghan Frye

#30 Claudia Leavell
#32 Jaleigh Crawford
#35 Katie Morris
#40 Hannah Everson
#42 Kenzie Cornwell
#45 Kenzee Garringer
#50 Sydney Scott

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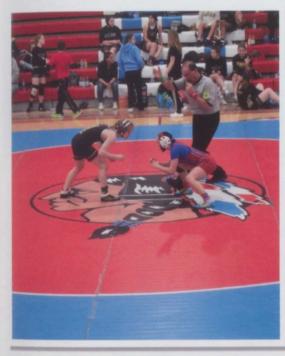




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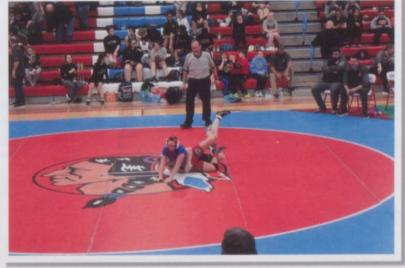


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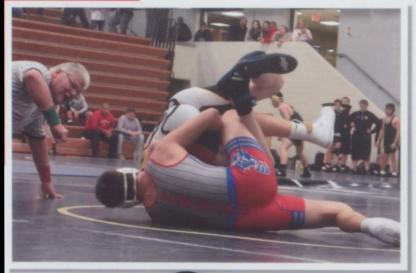


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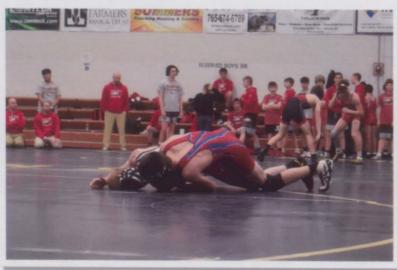


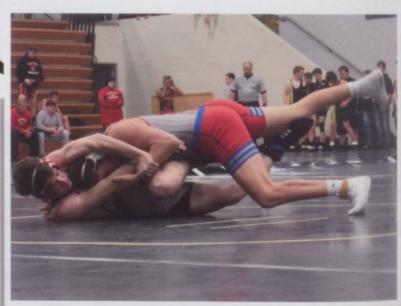
IN 2020 SHE CAME BACK FOR A REMATCH AND PLACED 3rd IN STATE 01











WRESTLING



Coaches; Jamie Jetty, Matt Craver, and Ron Brown

Keegan Moss, Drew Pridemore, Blake Wilburn, Coby Horton, Chase Lovell

Kayden McCray, Korigan Wilkey, Kaleb Colwell, Damon Cornwell, DJ Gmurk, Jayden Reese, Drake Jackson,

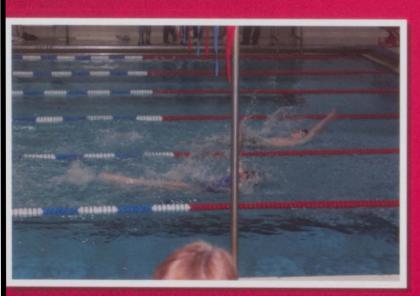
Managers; Jayla Murray, Gracie Pearson, Haidenn Baumbauer, Hanna Lyttle, Lexie Edwards, Jayla Blakenship

Elwood Jr High Swim

Boys Team:

8th grade Owen Huff Dustin Maseman

7th grade Brayden Jones Asher Perrin







Owen Huff competes in the Backstroke.











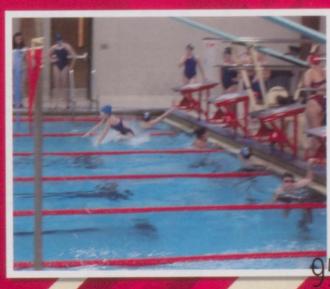


Girls Team:

<u>8th grade</u> Jordynn Rivera

7th grade
Yasmin Guzman
Ryleah Loar
Abbigail Mccleery
Shelby Moore
Allison Retherford





Vorsity Swim!





Annaka Wilson swimming, while Coach John Kelly cheers her on!

Senior Night!





Hannah Lang, being congratulated by Coach Mindy Kelly, on Senior Night.



Robert Gregg, shaking hands with Coach Kelly during senior night



Boys Team:

Kevin Beaman, Robert Gregg, Ethan Haas, Ryan Hayes, Thomas Kaszuba, Logan Lane, Ethan Mendenhall, Zachary Moody, Halden Sickmann, Brody Updegraff

Girls Team:

Anna Bucksot, Sydney Collis,
Madyson Deckard, Sierra Edwards, Katelyn Foor,
Allison Johnson, Brianna Lane, Hannah Lang,
Ellie Laub, Winnie Lin, Macee Mcgahey,
Kamryn Moon, Christian Moore, Kennedy Perrin,
Alyvia Savage, Kendall Scott, Emma Sneed,
Addison Updegraff, Annaka Wilson

Coronavirus Moments and Memories!

everything is gonna be ok

STAY





NO NEED TO PANIC

A Message from Miss Simmons:

Reality Sat In

One, two ready begin ... so we thought, but the world changed our lives forever ...

The chairs were empty, the sounds missing, the laughter missed and no

daily delights...

No glitter, sparkles, fancy clothes, dance or bright lights...

No festive celebrations or awards to take flight...

But as the world revolved a whole new way...

Our lives embraced a new normal and created a new way...

For the Class of 2020 your memories will surely include all that went

astray...

But let me remind you, YOU are YOU and nobody can take that away...
YOU are special, you are talented, and you are going to pave the way...

This journey you traveled will make you stronger, more creative, and

invested in your own future...

Remember the good times are always memories you have in your heart

and the music of your soul follows you wherever you go!

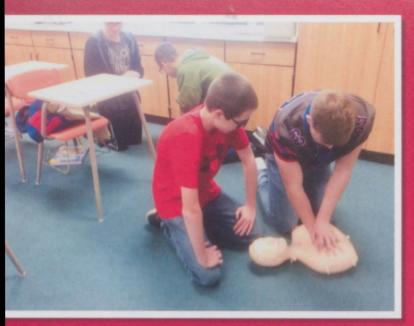
Best wishes to all and please believe in yourself-the YOU that YOU want to be! May your life achievements bring you happiness and

success.

God Bless You and encourage you.... "UNTIL WE SING AGAM"!

love, Miss Simmons





Learning CPR





Students prepare for disaster by.....



And preparing Hurricane proof houses!



Mrs. Woodard's Pre-Corona Memories:





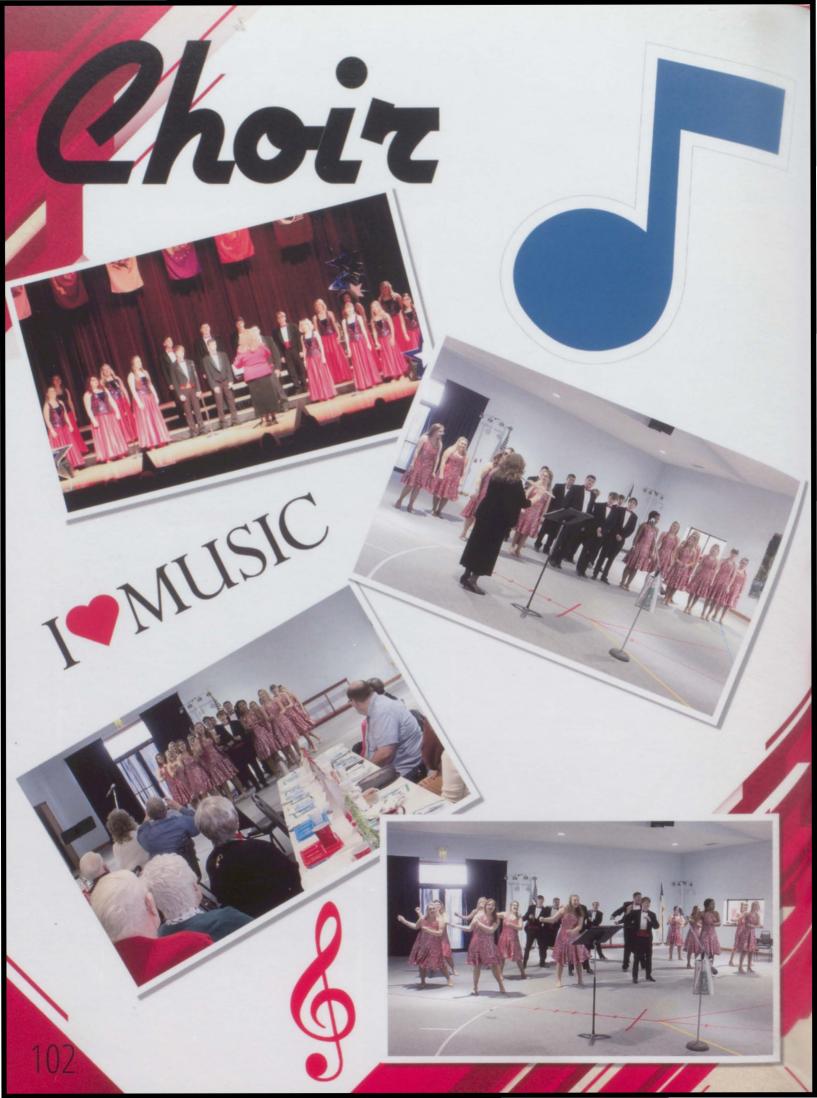
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Mrs. Tackett's Continued Love and Support for her Students!













DC Trip!!



























Spooky Steering Committee!













Christmas during Corona!













EJSHS Student Council visits State House advocate for suicide prevention, mental her

President: "Coronavirus under control" in









Student Council Conference!



Student council working hard at Disney World!



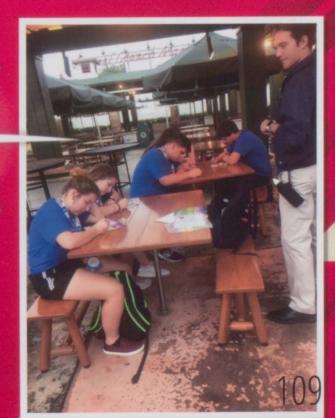
"IF pou can dream it,

pou can do it!"

- Wast Disnep



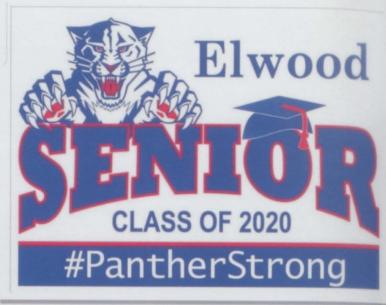




Senior Luncheon!











congratulations



Zach finished 2nd in the state in the Social Studies Academic Team Competition!



Hailee Received the honor of being a Thespian Scholar and won Best Actress for her performance in "Dark Road"



Olivia Arnold also received the honor of Thespian Vice President's

List Scholar!





Roselyn received recognition for being an Honor Thespian!



lan received an ward for Best Actor for his performance in "It's A Wonderful Life."



IT'S CORONA TIME!

With so many of us stuck at home, how are we dealing with the boredom?

There are still lots of things to do when you're stuck at home. From making art, trying a new hair color, quarantine photo shoots, going on a run, and so much more! Many students have taken on new skills or hobbies to learn.

Even our staff is having fun! From crafts with family, making awesome meals, and taking time out of their day to reach out to students to see how they are doing. Despite working from a different setting, they are making the most of it, and trying to make it fun.

While we have so many things to keep us busy, it's hard not to think about what we could be missing. Students have been sharing memories they made last year, wishing they could make similar ones this year. From sports, to prom, or even just missing the people they would see everyday.

Many staff have been doing the same as well. Telling how much they miss being around us all, and how they cannot wait to see us again.

No matter how you are spending your time away, it's important to know you are meaningful to Elwood. Despite how this year had to end, just know it was OUR year, and you made it very special.

Communication

Quarantine has affected our communication with others tremendously.

Thankfully, with access the internet and phones, we can easily see how our loved ones are doing. Many have been using video calls to talk with family and friends. Some have been going the extra mile by dropping off gifts to others with sweet notes. The small things are everything, many students and staff have been sending their loved ones kind messages for Good Fridays.

Many here at Elwood are using technology to their advantage when it comes to education as well. Online learning has created newer, easier ways for teachers and students to communicate. Students can contact their teachers a lot faster, and can even call them so questions can be more understood.

Despite the challenges, We still strive to keep a connection with one another. Elwood's students are displaying so much kindness to others. Lots of Elwood students are using this time to strengthen their bond with those they love, it's truly a wonderful thing to see.

Thanks to all of you for showing positivity and love toward others.

You are what makes Elwood great.

GRADUATION

The end of May and beginning of June, is a time of year that many seniors look forward to. It's the time when they get to walk across the stage, proving that they worked endlessly for thirteen years to get a diploma that sets them up for success in the future. They were born during a time when the country was at its weakest, when the 9/11 attacks shook America, and are graduating amid a global pandemic. Since 2006, the Class of 2020 has been focusing on the ideal goal of every student - graduating. Commencement ceremonies across the world have been turned virtual. Colleges and high schools alike, have made graduation what many would consider an online meeting. A "meeting" that does not feel personal or special for most seniors. Some schools made the decision to cancel their graduation ceremony altogether, making seniors feel like they're just being thrown out of school without a proper goodbye. Drive-up graduation is a thought for many schools, with seniors being handed their diploma through the window of their car. Fortunately, Elwood is allowing students to have a private graduation, similar to the typical ceremony. But, ultimately, what's most important, is making the seniors feel as though their hard work paid off.



Mom

Proms around the world have been cancelled, due to COVID-19. Many schools have had to come up with alternative ways to host the dance. For Elwood, prom is up in the air. Whether to postpone prom, or to cancel it altogether is the decision that many schools, like Elwood, are making. For seniors, prom felt like just another thing they wouldn't be able to attend. John Krasinski, actor on the hit show, "The Office", hosted a virtual prom for seniors around the world over Zoom, with celebrities like Billie Eilish, Chance the Rapper, and The Jonas Brothers, making a special appearance. Outside of the virtual world, in Alexandria, VA, teenager Sophia Kianni's father rented a party bus, allowing Sophia and her friends to decorate the inside of the bus the same theme that their prom would have had. Sophia, her friends, and their dates threw their own prom in the party bus so that they wouldn't have to miss out on their final high school prom.















A Message from Mrs. Beaman:

Dear Elwood Students:

This is what your history teachers have been trying to teach you for years. You are living it right now. History feels uncertain, and scary, and unsettled when it is happening. It doesn't have a settled or accepted narrative (a "story"), until it has been over for a really long time. The next time you read about a moment in history, or learn about an event that happened in years gone by, remember how you have felt these last two months. This is how people felt at the beginning of World War II, or at the beginning of the 1918 Flu Pandemic, or the Peloponnesian War, or any event at any time or place in history. People were uncertain. Children were uncertain at school. Parents lost their jobs. People died. People lived. Life moved on. Someday a child (maybe your child?) will ask you about this time. What will you tell them? What will you remember? It would be wonderful if you could record a video or write a letter telling about your experiences. That would help you remember in the future. Hey guess what? You are HISTORY! Lol

Always, Mrs. Tobey Beaman

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