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Take My Breath Away: 2010 Prom

Juniors succeed in making soggy prom unforgettable

■ Emily French

Stunning dresses, well-fitting tuxes, unique modes of transportation, eating, dancing, no sleep, and lots of rain equal a perfect prom for Doniphan West High. The theme being "Take My Breath Away," the commons area and gym were decorated as a soft lighted, sparkling garden filled with luminous pillars, shining leaves, and a blue watered fountain.



Mariah Cunningham

The junior class worked countless hours the week of prom to prepare for the anxiously awaited Prom night.

A minor set-back to the evening was the downpour of rain during the picture taking and walk-in. However, the rain didn't stop the semis, tractors, and various sports cars from arriving in style.

With the rain destroying the plan to walk down the sidewalk into the building, the prom

goers met in the gym and formed

a make-due, announced walk-in.

The walk-in allows family, friends, and other interested patrons to see all of the outfits, who went with whom, and also clear up confusion about the names of the outside dates. Soon after, all of the prom guests sat down to a meal of spring salads, smoked brisket, twice-baked potatoes, onion-bacon-almond green beans, a roll, and for dessert, cheesecake of their choice, which was served by a few selected freshmen.

When the banquet portion of the prom was finished, the juniors, seniors, guests, and faculty entered the

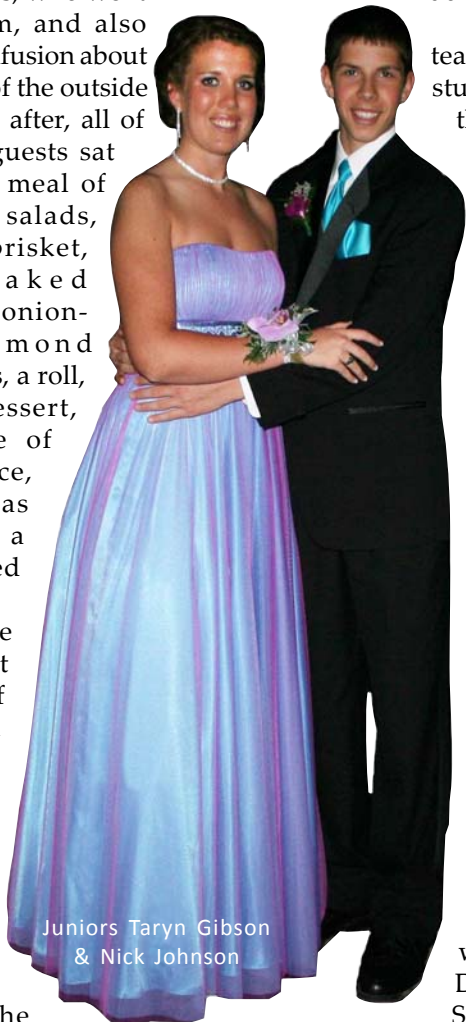
gym to enjoy a night of dancing, chatting with friends, and a fountain of chocolate with lots of sweets as dunkers.

After about three hours of tearing up the dance floor, the students quickly changed out their prom attire and headed to the middle school for the After Prom, which was provided by the Booster Club, a handful of generous volunteers, and the support from various local businesses.

A Las Vegas hypnotist, Daniel James, entertained the guests with his show of hypnosis, which got the crowd roaring as the on-stage participants followed his descriptive instructions while half asleep.

After the show, some snacks, and various mini-games, the Booster Club presented the juniors and seniors with prizes and gift cards.

At the end of After Prom, all headed home after a magical evening which marked the 2010 Doniphan West Junior-Senior Prom.



Juniors Taryn Gibson & Nick Johnson

"I really liked the decorations and how the juniors sort of switched the areas for the DJ and photographer. It made the dance seem like a more exciting environment."

-Senior Maggie Gilmore

"After it finally came, I liked the food."

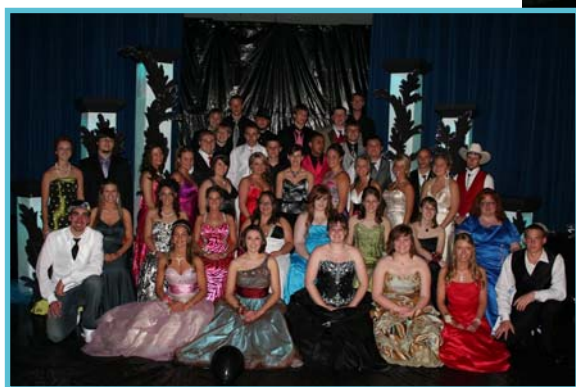
-Junior Ethan Larson

"I liked that there was such a great energy in the air. Everyone was having fun and that kind of made the night."

-Junior Ravin Walls

"Prom was really fun. Definitely a night to remember!"

-Senior Malia Sisk



The senior class celebrates their last prom together while gathered around the fountain and luminous pillars.

The junior class shows off their formal attire at Emily French's house while trying to avoid the bullets of rain.



Senior PD Simmons shows off his hidden dance moves.



Aaron Halling, Taylor Martin, Lorie Peuker and date, Kelby McNemee, Katie Crandall, and Stephanie Scales keep themselves occupied with good conversation while waiting for their dinner.



Junior Caleb Lackey takes senior Maggie Gilmore for a dip by the fountain.



Mackenzie Cunningham, Maddi Libel, Lindsay Libel, Kristy Denton, Brianna Cluck, and Mollie Tharp form a line in front of the DJ setup to get the line dances for the night started.

Class of 2010: Time has finally come to say Goodbye



Taking one of their last poses together, the Class of 2010 takes a picture at the Meadowlark Bed and Breakfast. It is a tradition for the seniors to take one final picture together at the end of the year which is used at graduation in the senior video.

■ Malia Sisk

It is that time of the year again when seniors are winding down their last years of high school and moving on to a life outside of high school. Can you believe it, seniors? The day is finally here when we can wave goodbye to DWHS and venture out on our own.

We are now done with high school and have many plans and ambitions for the future. Some of the seniors are even leaving behind some advice for the underclassmen to remember.

Summing up high school years can be heartfelt, relieving, and scary all at the same time. However, for the seniors of 2010 it's time to sum up those memorable high school years, and get ready to enter the real world where opportunities are endless.

Remembering the good times of high school gives seniors a chance to look back and share their most memorable moments. Sometimes students don't realize how fast their high school years will fly by until they have finally reached senior year.

"I can't wait to be done with high school. I am so excited to go off to college."

Cameron Twombly

"I'm going to miss my four best friends because we won't all be together in college," Kayla Schmitz said.

"I will always remember cheering at the volleyball tournament for the homecoming activities this year for our senior class," Savannah Stevens said.

Planning for the future is no easy task. The time has come for the class of 2010 to think about their futures. Some of the seniors are heading off to college right after high school while others are have other plans in mind.

"I plan to major in radiology and will get my associates degree at Highland Community College my first year, and then I will attend Washburn and get a degree in Science," Amanda Pickman

said.

"I plan to finish vo-tech and then see where the wind takes me," said Ben Lock.

Leaving behind some great advice for the underclassmen is important to many of the seniors. The class of 2010 does not just want to leave the inexperienced underclassmen without any advice to help them out with their final years of high school. High school is a journey, and many of the seniors believe with some great advice the journey will be even more enjoyable.

"For the juniors, make sure to fill out all your scholarships the first semester of your senior year and make sure to pick a Senior Project subject that really interests you," Lindsay Libel said.

Jacob Simmons advised, "Always turn in all of your assignments and you will pass."

Entering the real world and leaving high school behind can be somewhat scary and relieving all at the same time. For many of the seniors, leaving high school is exactly what they are looking forward to, while others are concerned and worried about the future ahead of them.

"I can't wait to be done with high school," said Cameron Twombly. "I am so excited to go off to college."

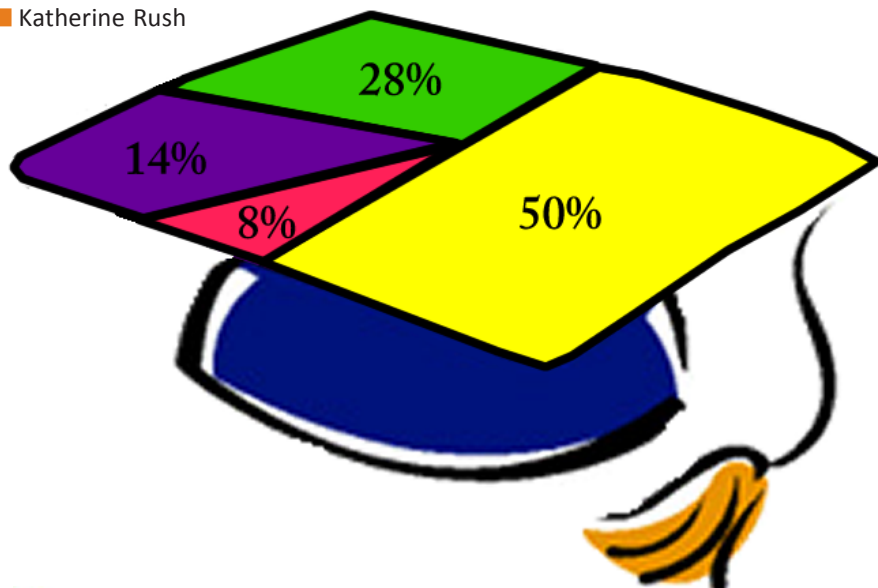
"I am a little nervous about leaving high school because I'm not going to be in that safe zone like the high school provides," said Lisa Scholz who will attend HCC. "I will have to be on my own completely."

The class of 2010 is ready to head out and leave DWHS behind in memory. The time has come for the seniors of 2010 to move on and take advantage of the vast opportunities in life.

The door is open for the class of 2010, and our lives are ready to begin!

Life After Graduation

■ Katherine Rush



- Attending Junior College
- Attending 4 Year College
- Attending Technical College
- Enlisting

Dedicated to the Seniors

■ Taylor Martin

As your class comes together one last time,
You realize this has been one heck of a climb.
The tears will fall down as if it had rained,
All because the friendship your class gained.

Freshman year your first day,
A senior pushes you and tells you to stay outta the way.
Finally, four years have come and went,
With all the drama and commotion, time was spent.

The last four years have been the best,
Even though senior project made you feel stressed.
Walking through the halls you may want to cry,
For now it's time to spread your wings and fly.

Graduation is merely not the end,
I have a message, with you, I'll send:
Look deep and you'll see,
Making the right decisions will lead a happy life 100% guaranteed!



Freshman Cheyenne Kerns, junior Mackenzie Cunningham, freshmen Maggie Johnson and BreAnne Caudle, sophomore Autumn Royer, and freshman Gabby Speer flaunt their fashionable flip flops.

Senior Spotlight



■ Mackenzie Cunningham

Alert! Alert! There is a student missing! He considers himself tall, dark and handsome. He is 18, tall, has a tattoo on his back that he drew himself, and black hair. He is gone in the mornings because of Votech, but since May 7 he hasn't been to school at all.

Dyllon Butrick is his name and he isn't missing. On May 9 he headed to Texas with his fellow seniors that he has been with since the fifth grade. When Butrick gets back from senior trip he plans to spend the rest of his summer break working at Hiawatha Thriftway, where he has been employed for two years, and spending time with his friends. He is currently undecided on what he plans to do after he graduates.

As far as high school goes it went by fast for Butrick. Throughout high school he was active in FFA all four years.

Butrick's most embarrassing moment was getting hypnotized and having to strip at after prom this year.

He is most known for saying I do what I can ...with what I got. Another phrase he wants to share is to the lower classman Butrick's advice for you is to not get behind in senior project. He is looking forward to not hearing about the drama and not having to do senior project again.

"I have too many good memories to choose just one favorite. I have always enjoyed hanging out with my friends, whether it was riding four wheelers, going to St. Joe, mudding, going to football and basketball games, or just sitting around talking. No matter what it is I just love spending time with friends," Butrick said.

Senior year went by fast and he will be back to school with the rest of the seniors in time for graduation on May 16. They will say farewell and make their last few steps down the Doniphan West hallways.

Flip flops: a risky, often painful fashion

■ Narda Cahue

People have been wearing flip flops for a long time, but they never wore them religiously (all day every day). Back in the day people most commonly used to slip them on to go grab the newspaper or for those days they went to the pool. Nowadays people wear these y-shaped sandals all the time. They wear them to go out, to church, places where people should be wearing actual shoes instead of these flat pieces of rubber with no support.

"They are fun to show off your painted toes."
Brook Fee, sophomore

People don't realize the harm they cause their feet or how these shoes can be dangerous.

According to the article "Flip-Flops Be Gone! Give Your Feet a Break!" "The foot is able

to go in any direction it wants to go in, and it directly impairs the ability of the foot to function as a shock absorbing part of the body."

Flip flops can cause long term ankle and hip problems. Also they make one's toes scrunch up causing them to throb and become tender. These shoes can cause anywhere from 5-10 injuries in a week during the summer. Flip flops may cause wearers to slip and fall or to twist your ankle. People with flat feet and high arches are also at risk of feet problems. These problems are for both men and women, but women

are more likely to be the victims here.

Junior Taryn Gibson has experienced the dangers of wearing flip flops, "I know now not to ever play basketball with flip flops on again because I practically tore my whole nail off," Gibson said.

Another danger of wearing these shoes is driving while wearing them because flip flops do not seem to stay on their wearers feet and can get stuck under the gas or brake pedal. Sophomore Brook Fee has had several problems while driving with flip flops, "That's why I don't wear flip flops because they get caught under the clutch when I shift."

Someone that isn't bothered by the dangers is sophomore Paige Ellis, "I have about seven pairs and I got them all cheap, my favorite one cost \$2.50."

Some of the reasons why people wear flip flops is because they slip on, come in a variety of colors, and they are also very cheap. One other reason is because your feet get fresh air.

"I like these shoes because they are cute and comfy and they are nice summer shoes," said Ellis.

One other reason to wear these comfy, cute shoes is, "They are fun to show off your painted toes," Fee said.

"I know now not to ever play basketball with flip flops on. . .I practically tore my whole nail off."
Taryn Gibson, junior

THE POP CULTURE QUIZ

■ Taryn Gibson

Students in the mix	Summer Job	I can bench...	How many texts do you average per month?	Farthest place away from home you've been	Favorite Summer Activity	Typical Weekend
 Amanda Pickman -Senior	Working at the College	105	7,000	Mexico	Hanging out at the LAKE!	Shopping or hangout
 Nick Johnson -Junior	Working on the Farm	135 lbs	5,000	Canada	Going to the Lake	Going to St. Joe
 Emma-Leigh Herra -Sophomore	Babysitting	The Bar	12,000	Mississippi	Summer Volleyball	Hang out with Joey
 Justin Simmons -Freshman	Nothing	145	10,000	Colorado	Basketball	Hanging out with friends

Express Yourself

Narda Cahue

What advice can you give the underclassmen now that you are leaving?



Savannah Stevens

"Enjoy the memories you make but remember that better memories are still to come."



Amber Folsom

"Don't procrastinate; it makes high school a lot easier and more enjoyable if you just get it done."



PD Simmons

"Have fun while you can because time goes by so fast."



Matthew Henry

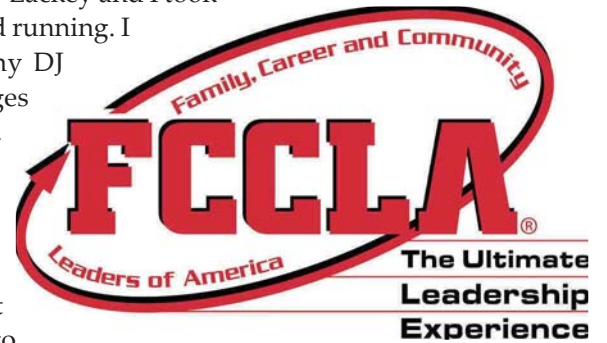
"Don't be afraid to be yourself."

Join FCCLA and receive the benefits 'The Ultimate Leadership Experience'

Landon Allen

After receiving gold at districts and gold at state I have qualified to compete at nationals for FCCLA in Chicago, Ill. This event will be the 2010 National Leadership Conference held on July 3-8, where I will listen to keynote speakers, attend several workshops and compete among many other entrepreneurs around the country. The idea of my first time flying and my first time in a big city is exciting but frightening at the same time.

During districts I had to give a 10 minute speech over the startup and steps Caleb Lackey and I took to get LC DJ Service up and running. I brought along some of my DJ equipment to give the judges a little taste in what we do. I prepared several days in advance by going over my speech and double checking to make sure all the necessary equipment was loaded and ready to go.



Also participating at the state leadership conference were Mackenzie Cunningham and Valerie Neibling who were voting delegates. FCCLA advisor June Roberts also accompanied us.

Even though FCCLA isn't a big organization in our school, those involved in the organization are finding the benefits that FCCLA offers.

Junior Mackenzie Cunningham has found the benefits of FCCLA. "I think it's an exciting way to meet new people and gain leadership qualities from them, she said. "I also enjoyed getting lost on the way to any Fall Leadership Academy or going to wrong buildings. It's a fun way to spend time with our advisor we love, Mrs. Roberts."

By becoming a member we are better preparing for the work force as many skills taught through FCCLA promote becoming a business leader. Members belong to a nationwide student leadership organization that promotes personal growth and leadership development.

By joining FCCLA you could be the next to earn a trip to Chicago! FCCLA offers great ways to jump start one's interest in several life subjects such as parenting, business, food innovations, and much more by signing up to participate in one of the several Star Events that targets your interests.

The Family, Community & Career leaders of America organization has been at Doniphan West High School four years and the average membership has been around 10 students.

Some fun things that are associated with FCCLA include meeting new friends and attending district conferences. Think about becoming a member during our first meeting next year.

Qualifiers to sign up would only have had to been in one previous FACS class. Help get our membership up, and come be a member during our 2010-2011 school year.

" I think it's an exciting way to meet new people and gain leadership qualities from them. "

-Junior Mackenzie Cunningham

What's Hot & What's Not

After Prom
Hypnotist



Fender Benders



Having American Sign Language as a new class



Fake UFC fighting after school

FINDING A SUMMER JOB

Bridge finally fixed



Putting inappropriate pics on Facebook

Gladiator Sandals

OIL SPILL



Sketchers
Shape Ups



June Roberts, Landon Allen, Mackenzie Cunningham, and Valerie Neibling stop for a picture at State FCCLA Star Events competition in Wichita, Kan.

Baby Namin'

Names for the distant future

Emily French

Baby names are constantly going in and out of style. They usually go along with the era. For example, in 1890, a hit name would have been Frank, George, or Henry. Whereas today's modern names sound more like Conner, Gabe, or Michael.

There are several methods when picking baby names. Parents may want to keep a name in the family, or they could branch out and make up a new name.

Parents could also refer to the Most Popular Baby Names list to keep up with the ever changing flow.

The most popular girl's name in 1990 was Jessica, and most popular 2010 name is Emma.

A handful of students were asked what they thought would be good names for babies.

Landon Allen

Olivia Jade Brayden Collin

Taylor Carwell

Quincey Ann Darrel Layne

Nick Johnson

Julianne Elizabeth Brennan Steven

Miranda Godfrey

Johannah Dawn Anthony Cole

Dusty Saunders

Riley Anne Keagon Porter

Kristy Denton

Hayden Ann Gage Bryan

Michael Hurd

Aubrey Lynn Riley James

Katie Crandall

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Gary Koelliker

Katie Mae Brock Thomas

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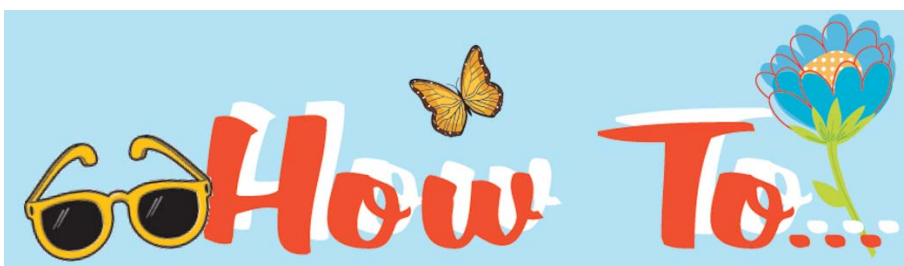
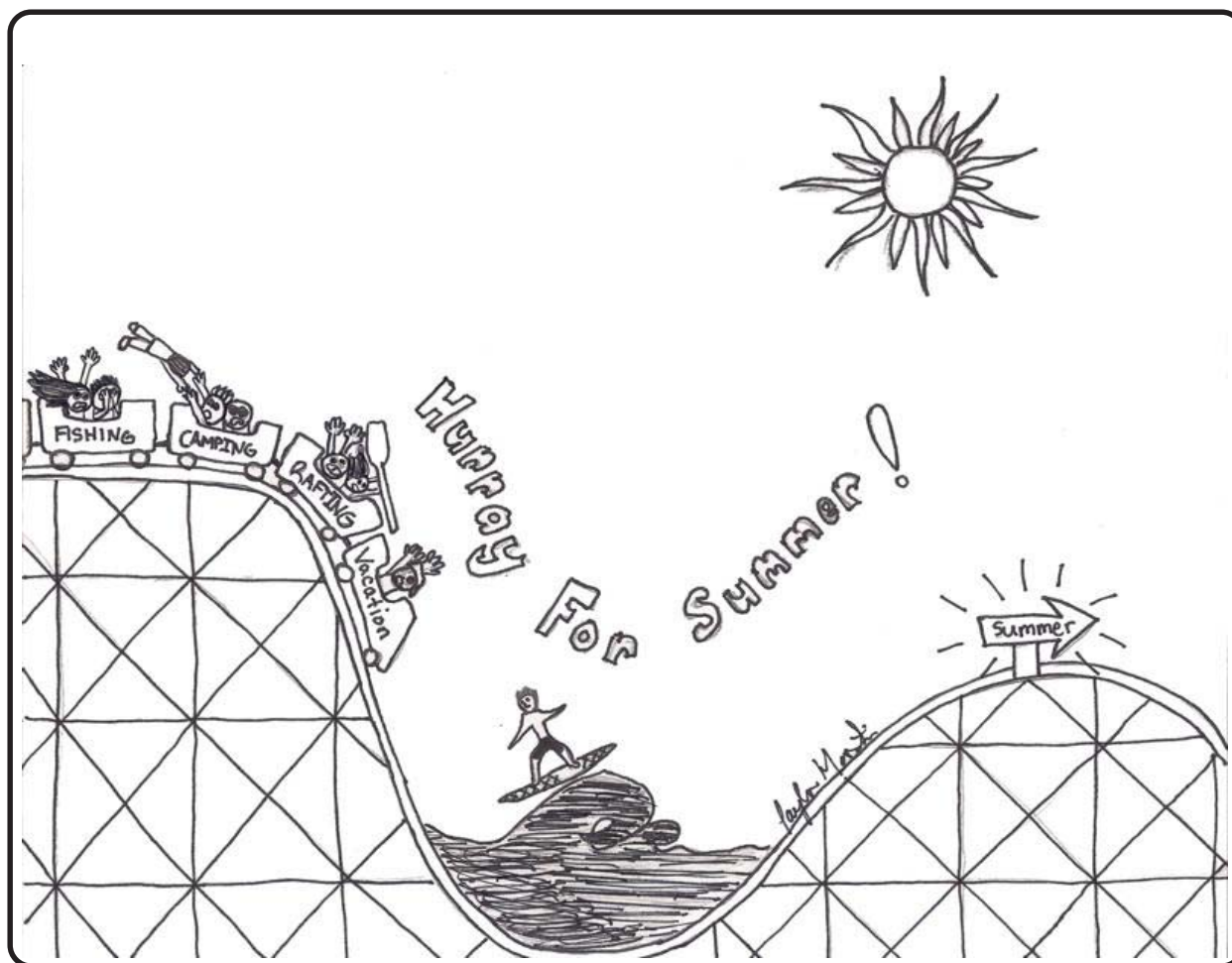
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Taryn Gibson

Beware: Summers have potential to be a drag. They can be boring, too long, and just plain awful. Here is some instructional advice on how to plan your way through an outstanding and phenomenal summer!

How to do it?

- Go on a vacation. Just get out of town for a few days.
- Get wet! Go to a pool or just play in a sprinkler.
- Get yourself a tan!
- Sleep in!
- Delight yourself with a theme park or concert.
- Go camping! Enjoy the great outdoors.
- Enjoy a boat ride.
- Relax and gaze at the starry night
- Go fishing!
- Spend time with the people you love. It always makes everything more fun.

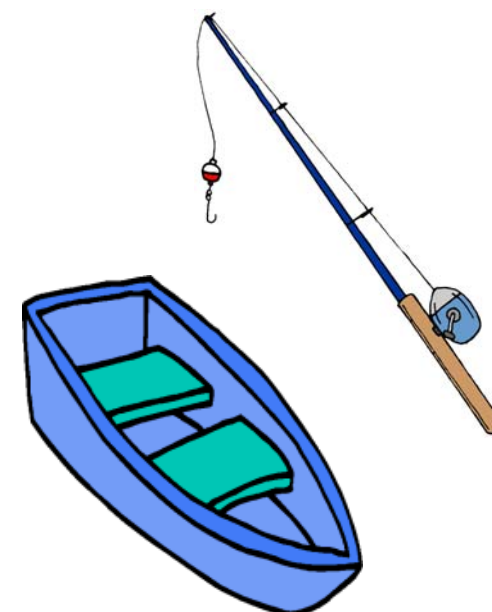


Things you'll need

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Sandals
- Money
- A job to get the money
- Transportation

WARNINGS

- Sunburn
- Could receive Mosquito bites
- Spend your money wisely
- Might get bored



The end is near for the FFA school year

■ Mackenzie Cunningham

"The meeting hall will come to order. We are now holding a meeting of the Doniphan West FFA Chapter. May we accomplish our purposes. I now declare this meeting of the Doniphan West FFA Chapter duly opened for the transaction of business, or attention to any matters which may properly be presented."

This has been an eventful year for the final showdown at State CDE's contests in Manhattan, Kan. Throughout the year the chapter has been busy preparing for and participating in career development events. The members that placed within the top ten in their events had the option of going to State May 2-4. Many teams as well as individuals competed throughout the two days. The chapter is pleased to announce the final results: Ag Mechanics team 3rd, Ag Communications 4th, Nursery and Landscape 10th, Poultry 16th, Ag Sales 20th, and Food Science 39th.

Individual scores include: Agribusiness Management-Brennan Davis 58, Mackenzie Cunningham 62, Valerie Neibling 63; Agricultural Communications-Kayla Schmitz 12, Valerie Neibling 24, Mackenzie Cunningham 32, Taryn Gibson 46; Ag Sales-

Nick Johnson 47, Josh VanLaar 52, Katie Crandall 62, Mason Rush 73; Ag Mechanics-Keaton Blevins gold, Brennan Davis gold, Jacob Simmons silver; Dairy Foods- Kassiday Blevins 123, Aisha Diveley 141, Brianna Cluck 143; Entomology-Aaron Halling, Lisa Scholz, Nick Johnson participated; Poultry-Tanner Veach 55, Jordan Cluck 57, Breanne Caudle 69, Maggie Johnson 144; Floriculture-Rachel Keller, Lindsay Libe, Katherine Rush, Mollie Tharp participated; Food Science-Aaron Johnson 40, Jordan Sellers 161, Maggie Johnson 172, and Abby Fee 189.

The next item on the agenda is the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) to take place this summer.

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve."

The last line of the FFA motto, "Living to Serve," is the main focus at the leadership conference. From the northeast corner of Kansas to the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., Valerie Neibling, and Mackenzie Cunningham, and advisor KaCee Thompson, will attend the week of June 15-20, 2010. With these three going

the event is expected to have 2,300 total FFA members present.

This five day event is organized by the National FFA organization with the partnership of Monsanto and many other organizations. The purpose of the event is to train members to make an affirmative impact in the school, local community, state, and nation. This is done by taking their leadership skills to the premier level by helping them learn their purpose, value people, take action, and serve.

One of the main focuses of the conference is to complete and dedicate 11,000 hours of community service to help those less fortunate. In the past two years participants have dedicated 23,000 hours of service to the D.C. area. The trip also contains a night tour of D.C.

"We are about to adjourn this meeting of the meeting of the Doniphan West FFA Chapter. As we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and, above all, honest and fair in the game of life. Fellow members and guests, join me in a salute to our flag." "I now declare this meeting adjourned."



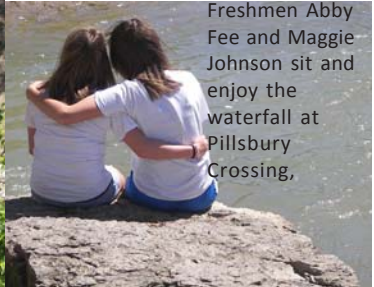
Freshman Maggie Johnson decides to strike her pose while playing in the water with some down time at Pillsbury Crossing during her stay in Manhattan for State CDEs.



KaCee Thompson walks on water at Pillsbury Crossing in Manhattan.



Valerie Neibling, Mackenzie Cunningham, Jordan Sellers, Aaron Johnson, Abby Fee, Maggie Johnson face the Manhattan sign.



Freshmen Abby Fee and Maggie Johnson sit and enjoy the waterfall at Pillsbury Crossing.

Center: Junior Taryn Gibson watches the action going on at the water spill in Manhattan while on her stay for State.

Above left: Junior Tanner Veach shows his finds at the spill-off in Manhattan.

Valerie Neibling enjoys her time at the General Store below the slide at a park in Manhattan.

Fine Arts students showcase talents at May 4, 'Night of the Arts'



Caleb Lackey, junior, and Matthew Henry, senior, perform one of their favorite forensics pieces from Improvised Duet Acting (IDA) competitions.

In this particular scene, Lackey plays a child with an imaginary friend Jeffrey, and Henry is an adult with less of an imagination. Lackey is showing Henry that Jeffrey really does exist.

At the state competition, the IDA teams of Henry/Lackey, and Lindsay Libel/Katie Crandall made it to the semifinals.



The choir, directed by Harry Hamblin, performs a German song, which was taken to contest.

Juniors Caleb Lackey and Katie Crandall perform their forensics competition duet, which is about a brother heading off to college with worries about his younger sister going into high school.

Their duet, as well as Lindsay Libel and Matthew Henry qualified for the state competition, but didn't make semi finals.

Snapshots of seniors on sneak class of 2010 ventures to Texas



1. The seniors leave their mark in the sands of a Galveston beach. 2. Amanda Pickman and Mariah Cunningham enjoy the 90 degree weather at a Galveston beach on Tuesday, May 11. 3. Maggie Gilmore enjoys a Texas-size waffle at their hotel before heading out for some shopping and return trip to the beach. 4. Korey Martin entertains the bunch at Joe's Crab Shack.