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Seniors have been offered (and accepted) a host of scholarships, academic and otherwise.

From Best Smile to Cutest Couple. voting results have come in. These are the favorites of 2009.

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A comprehensive list of seniors' academic, technical, military, and other choices for the coming years. Following a "simply sophisticated" evening, King, Queen, and Court reign on page 8.

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Brianne Younke



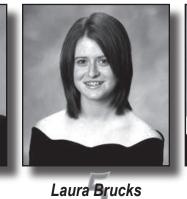




Rachel Parra



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Rachel Stonecipher

Brianne Younke, Lananh Tran take top class honors to state.

On May 12, after a suspenseful four-year competition for the top two places in the senior class, Brianne Younke was named valedictorian and Lananh Tran salutatorian.

Though both students worked long hours outside of school to attain their titles, homework was by no means their only activity. Younke participated in UIL Literary Criticism and UIL Science, and Tran competed in various math events and went to state in UIL Computer Applications. Younke is a member of Health Occupations Students of America and secretary of National Honor Society. Both Younke and Tran participated on the math and science team.

Recently, The Hawk sat

Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Afterwards. go to medical school, and eventually become a pharmacist. My cousin and I will eventually open up a pharmaceutical store.

How much of your free time did you dedicate to schoolwork this year? BY: It varied, really. Some days, none. Other days, a ton of time. About 14 hours a week, on average. LT: Usually like three hours each day.

What is a secret talent of yours? BY: I play guitar. Not well.

LT: I don't really have one.

What school subject do you most enjoy?

BY: Anything science-y, like

LT: A whole lot of money for an hour of work, with people who don't complain at you.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?

BY: Every crevasse of Europe.

LT: A trip around Europe - London, Paris, Rome and Spain.

What invention do you think needs to be invented? BY: Flying cars. I also wish food could just appear. Whatever you're thinking about could just appear. I guess I just want magic to be invented.

LT: Something to do your homework for you so you don't have to think. I would be so much happier if I because he kept the country united.

What kind of scholarships did you receive for college?

BY: The Dean's Scholarship from TCU, which is \$52,000 for four years, \$43,000 for four years from Notre Dame and \$44,000 for four years from Baylor. LT: A full ride to Trinity.

What teacher inspired you most?

BY: Mr. Hays, because I've really learned a lot from both of his classes. He's a really good teacher, but he's not too strict about it. He's given me guidance about my future in the medical field.

LT: Ms. Martin and Coach Mitchell, because I met

dreams?

BY: Before I even got my car, I had a dream that my brakes were cut, and I've had it over and over in many different forms. I'm now convinced I'm gonna die in a car wreck.

LT: I always dream about being late, forgetting my homework or dropping in ranking.

What was your favorite movie this year?

BY: The Dark Knight, because it actually got me liking Batman for a couple of days. Superman would definitely win in a fight, though. Or Wall-E.

LT: The Dark Knight.

What books have you read *multiple times?* BY: Harry Potter, Mary Kate

What is your life philosophy?

BY: I wish I followed it more, because I would be a lot happier person, but...RE-LAX. Don't freak out about things you don't need to freak out about. Life goes

on.

joy each day.

ite AP test?

down with the two top seniors to glean a few school tips and fun facts.

What are your future career plans? Brianne Younke: Um...doctor. Lananh Tran: Going to

biology and anatomy. LT: Math and science, because it's a lot of fun. Just the facts.

What would your ideal career be with no limitations? BY: Professional traveler with unlimited Diet Coke.

didn't have to think.

Who is your favorite president and why?

BY: George Washington, because he set everything up.

LT: Abraham Lincoln, because of the cool hat and

them freshman year and they've always been there. Ms. Martin's so cool because she pushes me to do stuff, like number sense and calculator [UIL]. Ms. Haynie always pushes me, too, in computer applications. That's what got me

I spent a good five minutes on the free response freaking out.

LT: Take each day as it

comes. Don't worry too

much about the future. En-

What was your least favor-

BY: Well, it's a tie between

U.S. History and Chemis-

try. I really felt like I didn't

do as well as I could have

for history, and my calcula-

tor didn't start in the Chem

test. Needless to say, I

freaked out. I'm pretty sure

LT: Economics and Government, because the subjects are hard and Econ was first semester.

Do you have any recurring

and Ashley books when I was about six, and many others that I can't remember right now.

LT: The Harry Potter series.

***** **Rachel Stonecipher** Editor-in-Chief



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To the Class of 2009:



Congratulations! I remember the excitement I felt as a senior at Birdville in 2002.

Without a doubt, my first year back at BHS has been quite a unique experience. While I know the students I have taught will

never forget the significance of technology, I also know I will not forget what I have been taught by my students. You are prepared (and more than willing) to enter an incredible time in your life. I know this because I hear it on a daily basis from my senior students :).

I'm going to miss your bright smiling faces in the halls of Birdville! Enjoy your post-high school years, and look back fondly on all that you experienced at BHS. As you move on, always remember what defines you and the life lessons you learned here: own the decisions you make, good and bad; be tolerant of perspectives other than your own; and maintain a high ethical standard when faced with difficult challenges.

It has been a pleasure to know you this year. Good luck with your endeavors and don't be a stranger to BHS. Thank you for making my first year teaching at Birdville a memorable one!

Ms. Cimino



Dear Senior Class,



I have mixed emotions about your upcoming graduation. While I am very excited to see you graduate and move forward to an important chapter in your lives, I am also sad to see such an outstanding class leave Birdville High School! Your class has such a wide range of personalities and talents that make you very special to the faculty and staff of BHS.

You will face many challenges in your upcoming years after high school that will play a large role in defining who you are as an individual and the impact you make on those around you. I ask that you take advantage of the opportunities presented to you, make the best of every difficult situa-

tion, stay positive, and do everything with a smile on your face!

I am excited to see what the future holds for the Birdville High School class of 2009! I anticipate there will be many successes for each of you!

Best wishes, Jason C. Wells

Dear Class of 2009:



It hardly seems possible that your time at BHS is ending, but it is May and Graduation is swiftly approaching. However, let's take a brief look back to August of 2005.

When you entered BHS four years ago, your view was limited to the size of the building and you had no idea of the possibilities contained within these walls. However, with your involvement in academics, athletics and fine arts, you learned that each one had a purpose and as you set and reached various goals, your expectations of personal and group accomplishments increased. For those who have watched you grow, we knew that your high

school career would rush by and you would all too soon attain "high school graduate" status. For some of you, higher education means a trip out-of-state to a place with challenging schedules, intriguing perspectives and fascinating people, while others begin their college or university careers closer to home. Regardless of where you study, you will be exhilarated with the transformations taking place in your life. For others, the next few years will be filled with work and the search for a different kind of knowledge, one that is not found in academia, but the type that comes from the "real world". No matter which path you select, you will be faced with difficult choices as you learn to separate your hopes from reality and become the person you were destined to be. At those times, remember to seek advice from family and friends and never forget that there are many people wishing you well.

At this pivotal moment, there are more things I would like to share with you, but others have said them better than I can. Therefore, I leave you with these words of wisdom:

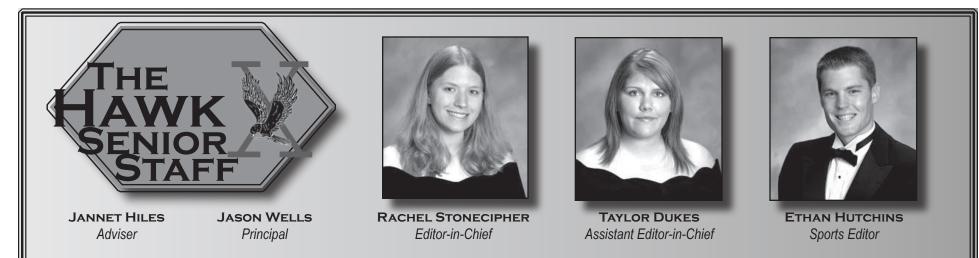
"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." --John Quincy Adams

"Why go into something to test the waters? Go into it to make waves!" --Mark Nolan

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -- Margaret Mead

My challenge to you is to make a difference in the world, for we are expecting great things from you, Graduates. Good luck!

Senora Wilson



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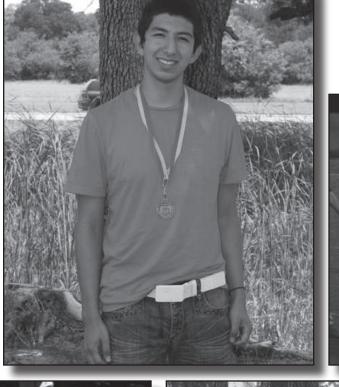
servicer Achievements

Recently Rafael Cervantes took the National Spanish Exam, and placed third. Rafael is the first BISD student to ever accomplish this in the district's history. Rafael may qualify for a \$2,000 scholarship based on his success at the test.

"If I receive the scholarship, I would be very grateful and happy.".

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The girl's soccer captain, senior Shelby Hartweck, received a full ride to SMU to play soccer for the upcoming 2009-2010 season. During her high school career, Hartweck has scored more than 100 goals for the Hawks and has had nearly 40 assists. She was the district's 2005-2006 freshman of the year and has earned district MVP honors in her sophomore and junior seasons, as well as being named to the all-region team.

"It's a relief that I don't have to pay \$50,000 a year."

John Connolly, who recently moved here from Scotland, has had his share of achievements. Connolly won a silver medal in hockey at the World Juniors held in Spain. In Estonia, at the under-18 tournament, he also won a gold medal and was named the contest's best defensemen and MVP. Connolly hopes to play junior hockey after graduation and then either play in college or go Professional.

"Backcheck, forecheck, paycheck."

Katie Steele was crowned rodeo queen, having been a member of the rodeo team for four years. The team competes at Saginaw Arena several times throughout the year, and Birdville also hosts "I want to get a business degree and be involved with profes-



Robert Bean, also a member of the Hawk tennis team, recently won first place at state in bowling. He qualified by placing second at district in singles. He succeeded because he worked hard on improving his game, not focusing on himself, but on benefiting his entire team.

"Bowling is a more fun sport than most give it credit for."

The Green Pepper is a the soup, guests are served a

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Hibachi Japanese steakhouse restaurant. The prices of their food range from \$9 to \$26. Customers sit around a table that features a stove in the middle.

While talking with friends and waiting, the chef prepares the food in front of the guests. Customers will need to make reservations in advance because tables fill up. The Hibachi lunch is served with salad, soup, vegetables, and steamed rice. When customers are seated, they are served hot towels to wipe their hands. When customers are ready to order, the waiter takes orders and while customers wait for the hibachi chef to come out, the waiter serves vegetable soup for an appetizer. After

small bowl of salad with house dressing. When the chef is ready, they come out with a cart of the food, unprepared, that the patrons ordered. The chef starts by cooking rice. The chef pours a big bowl of rice on the stove in front of the guests and starts breaking eggs and cutting small pieces of chicken to put in the rice. While he is cooking, the chef makes small jokes about the food. When he breaks the eggs, he throws them up in the air, catches them with his spatchula, and throws them up

again and then breaks them on the stove. After he is done cooking, he serves the food on each plate and cleans up the stove while the customers begin eating.

very exciting because the sword man lit his hand on fire and asked me to shake his hand. The atmosphere was very stimulating. And everybody was happy, and the calamari I ate was delicious. Some would say it was very uniquely tasty," student Arielle Martin said.

The staff at The Green Pepper is friendly with customers and includes them in the show.

"It was cool because he gave us nicknames and I was called Pokemon," Student Andy Zuniga said. "The food tasted good because it had many flavors because of the way they cooked it."

For people looking for a good time with friends and family but not wanting to spend too much a good choice.

"It was a good time to get together and bond with friends," Student Samantha Jones said. "It was also fun cause our waiter was really awesome."

The Green Pepper is located at 4843 Colleyville Blvd #330 in Colleyville. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. On Saturday, it is from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner times are: Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. They are closed all day Monday and during lunch on Sundays.

***** Donna Moore Staff Writer



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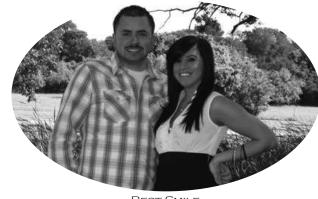




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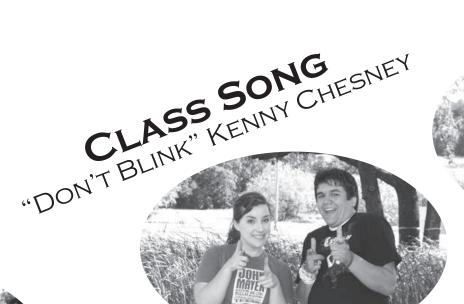


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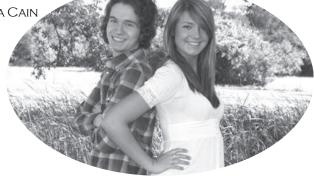


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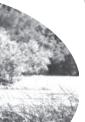
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MOST ATHLETIC WILL LEBLANC, SHELBY HARTWECK AND CHRIS BURNETT

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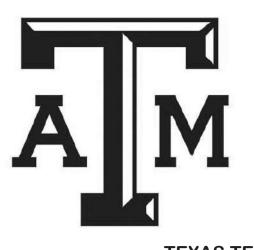
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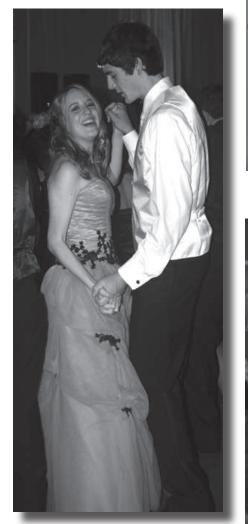
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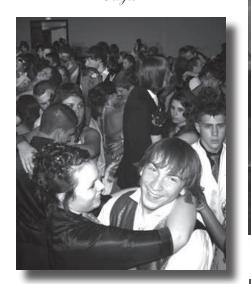
Prom 2009 Simply Sophisticated



Thomas Norton wears his class pride.



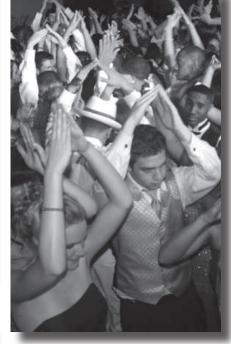
Adohree Balunda shares a dance with Chase Teague.





Mary Shive, Klara Knypinski, Elizabeth Thorn, Meredith Benton, Meredith Case, Shena Ly and Rachel Parra





Seniors dance to the YMCA.



Jessica Kellner sings a new rendition of Kenny Chesney's "Don't Blink", led by Garrett Sullivan and Sam Buckner.



Seniors slow dance with their special someones.



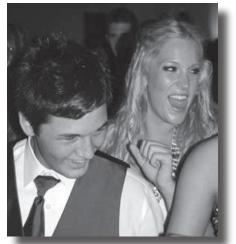
Steven Davidson and his date have a laugh while mingling.

Prom King Nick Gerard and Prom Queen Meredith Benton



Cranston Ballou Not Pictured

Rodney Lindsey and Anna Rose talk over dinner.



Curtis Mitchell and Margo Branach have a laugh on the dancefloor.