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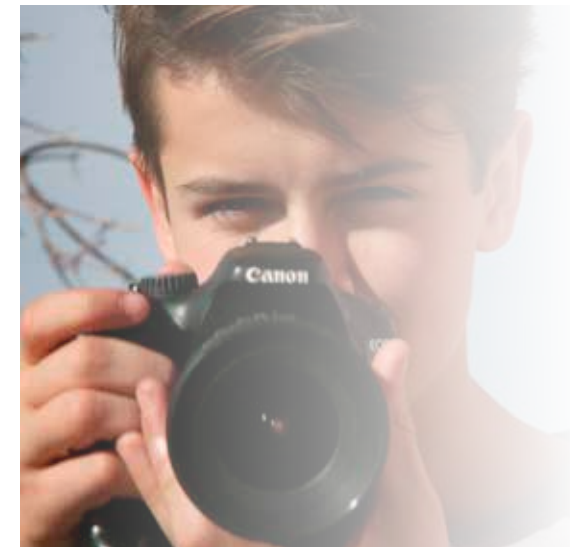
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310 Juniors

354 Seniors

119 Staff

SPIRITED As a Mustang we show our pride through cardinal and gold. We chant out P-PON-PONDEROSA THAT'S WHO WE ARE as we throw glitter in the air to show Legend no matter the score we are Ponderosa. In the last seconds to the basketball game our team is down 12 points but we still root our team on. We show our rivalry team what it means to be a mustang. We unite together and show our pride through our dedication to the school. As Legend calls Justin Babb (12) a traitor to put him down, we chant for him to make that free throw and we chant louder for Babb and Legend to hear.

ACTIVE What defines us as a mustang is that we are proud of our school. No matter if we win or lose, we cheer our team on. As the cheerleaders perform their stunt for the school and one flyer falls down, we cheer her on to get back up. As a mustang we encourage each other to do better because we know we can. We accept a challenge. Even when the odds aren't in our favor we take it on as if there is no tomorrow. We have shown this through every sports game we play. We might be a small school in Douglas county, but we stand apart from everyone else. We have character to our students and our building. We put a lasting impression on anyone that walks into the door. Cardinal and gold stand out from all of the other schools. We accept every one is different we aren't here to judge who you are.

TALENTED We are also defined by our award winning programs in art, music, and theater. DECA, FBLA, FCCLA compete at the highest levels and go on to state and national competitions. Mock Trial team is one of the best in Colorado. One of the best yearbooks nationally, Eques, received a Hall of Fame award for receiving the highest state ranking for 7 plus years.

INVOLVED This 35 year old institution offers big school opportunities in a small school setting. It is ranked as one of the top 500 high schools in the country by Newsweek Magazine. Our school was selected as one of the top 300 in the country by U.S. News and World Report. We recently received the College Success Award from GreatSchools.org, which recognizes high schools who well-prepare students for post-secondary success. Students can choose from 33 college credit courses and 18 Advanced Placement courses. On average, Ponderosa students earn over 5 million dollars in scholarships annually.

PROUD: Our students unite together to become one family we are defined as Mustangs. The P sticker on the back of car isn't for decoration, it's a symbol of pride, and that's who we are. Where ever you may go after Ponderosa you will always remember your time here as a mustang and you will never forget. We teach our students to be proud of the colors you wear and remember what Ponderosa has brought you. 32 state champions, and 121 league championships. We show dedication and determination with everything we do. Mustangs are **PROVEN**

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ACTIVE

Reece Sparks *A CHAMPION IN THE MAKING*

SPORTING CLAYS DEFINED. In Colorado there were lots of things to do such as, biking, hiking, and fishing. Most students would consider Sporting Clays unexceptional except for Colorado Native and 2018 Junior Colorado State Champion in the sport, Reece Sparks (11). He earned the award in September, 2018. "It felt great to earn this title, and I knew that it was and still is a very impressive title to get within the shooting community. But I'm still so eager to do better and I know that I can. It's just about putting everything for that final performance but until then, I am very proud of myself for earning that award," said Sparks.

When it came to training, Sparks kept his body in shape by participating in school sports and going out to his local shooting range with

his father/coach. He did this twice a week. He imagined the range as a tournament to keep his mind focused and studied the ones he missed. In any activity, Spark's' parents were his biggest supporters from Lacrosse to Sporting Clays. "I have been very proud and excited to see Reece excel in this individual sport., He continues to impress us with his skill, his great attitude, calm demeanor while in the game, and finally- his dedication to continue to excel," said Sparks mother, Katy Sparks.

Reece earned recognition for the 2018 All American team. In 2017, he earned recognition for the NSCA Champions tour A class 1st place as well as placing fourth in the Sub Junior class. Reece also qualified for three 2018 All American teams. Reece Sparks defined: *ACTIVE*.

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AWARD WINNING SHOTS The certificates are from the National Sporting Clays Association. Reece Sparks (11) earned them when he placed 2nd in the sub junior team, and earning his way up to 1st. "He continues to impress us with his skill, his great attitude, calm demeanor while in the game," Mrs. Sparks said.
PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. SPARKS.

Katelyn Kline

BALANCING CHEER, FRIENDS, AND SCHOOL

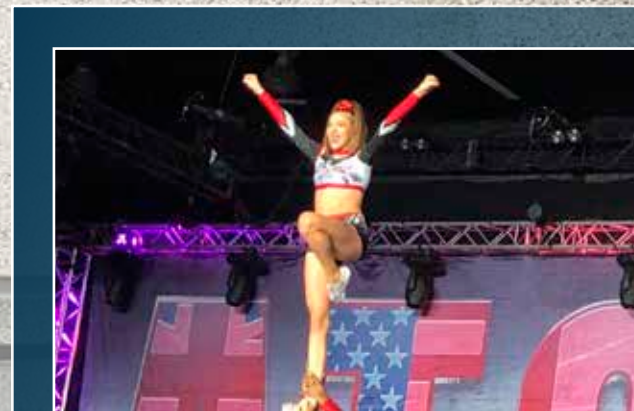
Leaves are changing, pumpkins are carving, students are waiting for the first break from school, fall break. Katelyn Kline (9) is a cheerleader for Steele Athletics, on Rust, senior open coed level 4. This fall, Kline went to Salt Lake City for her team's first competition of the season. They came home with first place. Two weeks later they went to Seattle, Washington, and came home with another first place title. Kline's cheer seasons last from July to the end of May, but during her one month of freedom she still goes to team workouts. "During the season we practice three times a week, and have workouts and tumbling once a week," Kline said. Kline has been doing cheer for nine years, starting at six years old. "When I was six my family friend brought me to one of her cheer practices, and after watching how fun it was I decided I wanted to cheer too," Kline said. Kline is a flyer, the person at the top of the stunt. "To be a flyer you have to be really flexible and

have great balance," Kline said. Her favorite part of cheer is stunting. Stunting can be very fun to try new things, but it can also be scary if you don't know what you're doing. "Sometimes when we are trying new things it can be scary because I don't know if I'm doing the right thing or if my bases are going to catch me," Kline said. Managing four practices a week, all an hour away, can become very difficult. "A lot of the time I have to do my homework in the car on the way to practice. Since my practices end late I have to stay up when I get home to finish my homework I didn't get done in the car," Kline said. Kline sometimes sleeps in the car on the way home, since it is too dark to do homework and she has to stay up when she gets home to do homework. "I can't imagine my life without cheer and it makes all the hard work worth it. My gym is my second home and my second family," Kline said. Katelyn Kline defined: **SPIRITED**

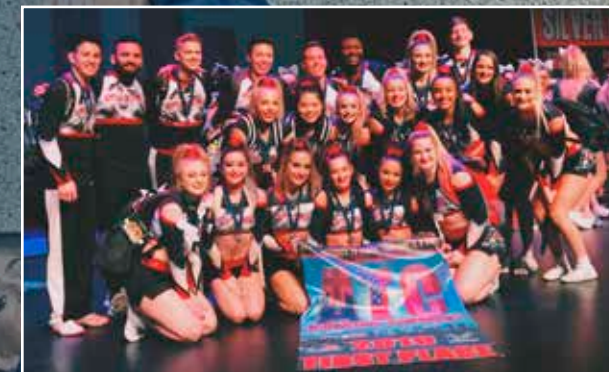
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Katelyn Kline (9) hits a lib at ATC (All Things Cheer Competition) in Seattle, Washington. "Cheer has taught Katelyn many things and given her lifelong friendships," Kline's mom, Kelly Kline, said. Rust placed first at the ATC competition.



Katelyn Kline (9) poses with her team after winning first place in Seattle, Washington. "Katelyn is a delight to have at practice, she always comes with a great mind-set and is always pushing herself to be the best she can be," Kline's coach, Brent Steele said.



INVOLVED

Winter

ELLIOT KNEELAND

FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, CHOIR, OH MY!



During halftime at the Football Senior night, Elliot thanked his mom and dad for all of their support. "Elliot has made me proud at every twist and turn of his life. He has always had to work extra hard - in school, sports, and music and he has always found success," Kneeland's mom, Emily Kneeland said.



Elliot goes up for the layup at the Varsity Basketball game against Elizabeth High School. "Elliot's biggest strength is his attitude. He always works hard and really encourages his teammates during practices and games," Kneeland's basketball coach, Max Schuman said.

Snow was falling outside, the temperature was dropping, students were studying for finals as their minds drifted to what they were doing over winter break. Some were staying in Parker, others were traveling to spend the holidays with their family. Winter sports were in full swing. Elliot Kneeland (12) was going to basketball tryouts, playing in the football state playoffs, and singing in the winter concert, all while trying to cram for finals. Elliot Kneeland played football and basketball and participated in Pegasus choir. Participating in so many activities while maintaining your grades was very difficult. "It's tough to balance everything, I have to put school first and work my hardest to make time for everything else, but the outcome is worth it," Kneeland said.

Kneeland first started playing football for the Hawks in seventh grade and was only seven years old when he joined his first basketball team through his elementary school. "My first coaches

were all really nice and taught me how to love each sport, which pushed me to keep playing them all the way until now," Kneeland said.

When Kneeland was a freshman, his Freshman Transition teacher was the choir teacher, Sheresa Willbanks. Since Elliot was young, his mom had always told him that he had a gift for singing, but he never pursued it. Mrs. Willbanks had overheard Elliot singing to his music, and convinced him to try out for choir. Elliot made the highest choir, Pegasus, and continued in this for three years.

Kneeland said basketball is probably his favorite activity he participates in. "Basketball has been in my life the longest, and it has taught me a lot of important life lessons," Kneeland said. Kneeland enjoyed all of the activities he did and was thankful for what they have taught him. "They don't call me renaissance man for nothing," Kneeland said. Elliot Kneeland defined: **INVOLVED**

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Spring

TALENTED

ALESSANDRA TIBBETTS

POEMS IN THE HEART · SCHOOL IN THE MIND

Poems were in the heart for the future but she was stressing due to the school work and cramming for all the finals and tests.

Sophomore Alessandra Tibbetts was in AP Human Geography, a district officer for FCCLA, women's select choir, and honors English. With all the homework and stress, due to school, she made time to write poetry because it's relaxing and she could say things in her poems that she couldn't say to anyone else. Sometimes it was very deep and meaningful but other times it was upbeat poems about love and happiness. Her first poem she ever wrote was when she was in her 8th grade English class. She had an assignment to write a poem about an event that happened in her life and had to share it to the class, right then she realized how good she was at writing poetry. "My first poem was about being in the hospital with my mom when she got breast cancer and the poem was about a girl copping with her mom dying due to cancer," said Tibbetts.

In her free time when she was not writing poems she is reading books about psychology. She loves reading about how people's brains work and function. "It's interesting to see how one person is different from another and how people's minds work and the type of person they are with all of their different quirks," said Tibbetts. While reading those books Alessandra hoped

that one day in the future that all this reading would help people and she could become a psychologist. Helping people made her feel good and knowing that put a smile on her face.

Even with being in Women's Select choir, Alessandra could not get enough singing in. She sang in the car, when she's alone, when she's with her friends, even around her house when she's with her parents. "My dad got me into singing because he likes a lot of different types of music and we would always go into my basement and play songs off of his stereo. We would sing and dance to every song and singing is amazing for me because in those few minutes the song is playing, I can be a different person and I'm lost in the lyrics and music and I don't care if I'm being judged or if I sound good because I'm having a great time," said Tibbetts.

In middle school Alessandra used to participate in a lot of talent shows because she loved to show off her singing. Every time she was in the talent show, she would sing Katy Perry. "I loved singing Katy Perry songs because I was obsessed with her when I was 12 and I thought she was very colorful because she always wore a different outfit every-time she would go on stage," said Tibbetts. Alessandra Defined: **TALENTED**

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People

PROUD

STARTING A NEW GENERATION OF SKATING

Reilly Kaiser only saw a few girls skateboarding online, so she found an old skate deck in her garage gave it a try. Ever since then she has skateboarded for 2 years. "I started on a old deck that I found it didn't work out well but I got a new one and haven't stopped since," Kaiser said. She learned that her father skateboarded since he was 6 years old. He was able to teach her new tricks while keeping the thrill alive. Almost every weekend Reilly, her father, and a couple of his friends would go out skateboarding around Colorado. "I like how scary it is, I never got completely comfortable with it but even if I do it over and over again I will never lose the thrill of it," Kaiser said.

To show that the Kaiser's loves skateboarding so much, they display a lot of their skateboards in their household. Except for Reilly's mother who wished there would be some more space for something nicer. "When you walk into our house it's full of skateboards, like there's 7 on my coach and my mom hates it," Kaiser said. With having so many skateboards Kaiser

knows her favorite one of all time. She mainly used her favorite skateboard to show off her skills. "My favorite real deck has a pink holographic, pink and red roses, and has pink wheels as well," Kaiser said.

To help keep the traditions within her family, her brother Quentin had just recently started skateboarding. "He had been riding scooters, so he wanted to start skating to go to the park with us and he caught on really well," Kaiser said. Reilly even though she was one of just a few girls who skateboarded, it didn't even phase her because it's just something she was passionate about. "To be honest, I don't even associate myself with being a girl skater, the only time I think about it is when people point it out. I hope in the future girl skaters will be normalized and they will not be accused of doing it for attention or boys or to seem cool," Kaiser said. She hoped that she could help a new generation change the views of females in society. Also to always continue having the thrill of the dangerous sport of skateboarding. Reilly Kaiser defined: **PROUD**



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Seniors

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AUSTIN PORRAS

LOVES TO PLAY IN THE MUD Senior, Austin Porras was interested in sculpting art work ever since he started his sophomore year when he enrolled in Ceramics I. From throwing mugs to vases, Porras preferred making anything that involves throwing pottery. "I enjoy making anything thrown on the wheel, but especially bigger vases. They come from a really simple beginning form but can be transformed into so many things, which makes them fun to make," said Porras. All artists have their inspiration for their work, for Austin, it came from another student at Ponderosa. "This kid named Thomas Dickson was in AP ceramics during the same period as me, and when I saw his art work, I just liked it a lot, which made me want to get better. So the following semester I just spent both of my off periods in the ceramics room and began to learn how to throw and from there, I just stuck with it, but Mr B has been a big inspiration to me, art wise, I declared myself unartistic before I took his class. through his teaching style and the fun I was able to have in his class, I was able to re-evaluate

and figure out that I was good at least one form of art," said Porras. Taking his dedication, sweat and a whole ton of clay to make the artist he is today, Austin finished his final year at Ponderosa with a 4.4 GPA. After highschool, Porras still hopes to continue this hobby all throughout his life, "I see ceramics as a long time hobby, not really a job, I just do my best to finish my homework and once I'm done, I can move onto having more fun. It's amazing how much faster work goes by when you're giving it 100% attention," said Porras. Everyone has their hobbies and enjoyments, but Austin will always stick to ceramics. "I really enjoy how relaxing ceramics is and how satisfying it is when the form comes out correctly. I bought a wheel last year and have been able to do ceramics outside of school and over the summer, I imagine that I will continue using pottery throughout college and the rest of my life as a hobby," said Porras.

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"When it's made properly, the clay flows easily, making the piece a lot easier to work with," Porras said.



"It's amazing how much fun you can have once your important work is completely finished," Porras said.

Juniors

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Cadence Shipman

SOFTBALL FIELD OF DREAMS

Cadence Shipman, 11, was a proud Mustang her whole high school career. Attending games in full spirit and on top of that, playing varsity softball at 110%. Shipman an all around player, gave her heart to the sport and to the team, "I usually take the leading role in groups, I don't boss around and I'm with the rest pulling my weight," said Shipman. Cadence ended her 3rd season of Softball with 12 hits and a fielding percentage of .867 both of which are above the national average.

Cadence was born in Littleton and raised in Kiowa Colorado, she worked at her family owned and ran Mexican restaurant named Adriana's on Highway 86

in Franktown as a hostess. Cadence started working at 10 years old. "It's laid back and easy" said Shipman. She planned to pursue the dreams she started in high school, hopefully to succeed after graduation.

"When I graduate I don't want to continue with the restaurant, I want to attend The University of Oklahoma to do something bigger for the common people," Shipman said.

Cadence played for the All American team for Colorado during the offseason to work on her skills and gain experience for her senior season with Ponderosa. "I love softball and wish to play for my whole stay at OU," said Shipman.

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Cadence Shipman (11) and the American Freedom softball team took 2nd place in the national tournament. "It was an exciting day fighting for the top but ending just short of 1st was a let down, but 2nd is the best right?" said Shipman about the most exciting game in her career so far.



Sophomores

CLASS OF 2021

Lauren Banas

CRAZY ABOUT BUSINESS AND SOCCER

Lauren Banas was an outstanding student in her high school career. Not only did she balance the overload of classes and after school clubs, she also participated in school athletics. When Lauren Banas started her high school career, she was interested in helping out others in the school community. So Lauren joined Student Council and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

Student Council kept her busy. It focused on school events such as spirit days, assemblies, and other important school events. "It's really fun working with everyone in StuCo and getting to make spirit weeks and events for the school look nice and it's always enjoyable," said Banas. Banas also had an interest in business especially

international business so she did FBLA. Learning to balance these activities with her other core classes was at first a struggle for Lauren but once she fell into a routine she was able to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

If StuCo and FBLA weren't enough, Lauren also played on the soccer team. "It was really hard balancing soccer with school...but in the end it kind of worked out," said Banas.

After graduation from high school she planned on going to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for international business or psychology. Lauren's other plans included opening up a small shop of some kind such as a small coffee shop after college.

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Lauren Banas working with Student Council members decorating senior hall for Spirit Week. "This was during HOCO spirit week and I was setting up for nerd day," Banas said.



Lauren Banas right with Morgan Palermo (10) left, as they work together at Parent teacher conferences. "FBLA is definitely a lot of work and volunteering, I plan on lettering," Banas said.



Lauren Banas and Lindsay Weidl (11) working with Student Council to clean up the route of the homecoming parade. "It took forever but it was so fun because my friends and I made a game out of it," Banas said.

Freshmen



JOE ELLIOT

ALWAYS OUT AND ABOUT

Freshman Joe Elliot was always an incredibly nice and caring kid. As he grew up, he became more interested in different things such as mountain biking, lacrosse, and C.A.P. “I like Mountain biking because it is a physical challenge I enjoy,” said Elliot.

Joe has been playing lacrosse for almost seven years. Lacrosse is a very physical and aggressive sport that Joe is very engaged in. Being involved in these activities has taught Elliot to never give up and that when it hurts to push harder. Joe has made many friends and is very easy to get along with. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and being active outside of school. His friends describe him as a good guy. “Joe is one of my closest friends, he’s very nice, makes

everyone laugh and knows how to lighten the mood,” said Wehri (9) Doing what he does for so long, Joe has made so many new friends. “I’ve made friends by being a nice person and talking to everyone I can, and then once I made those friends I tried to get my self to be introduced to they’re friends. Before I used to be more shy and I didn’t really like being social but I’ve changed to be more outgoing,” said Elliot.

Joe has come a long way from where he started, he’s learned new skills and developed new attributes and characteristics about him. He looks forward to making memories with those he loves and seeing where his future takes him “In the future I hope I get a job, and I eventually marry and have kids to then prepare them for their future,” said Elliot.



FANTASTIC FINISH After finishing the 11 Mile bike race, Elliot looked at the camera and held his finger up, celebrating. “Elliot is enthusiastic and always gives 110%, but sometimes he talks too much,” Coach Huff said. Elliot was all in disbelief that he could actually finish. Working very hard and putting his all into something he never thought he could do, and finished the race 4:33:17.

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Staff

STAND UP FOR STANTON

AN EXHAUSTING BATTLE MANY CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE Sra. Stanton, one of our many Spanish teachers took a temporary leave of absence from Ponderosa while she was diagnosed with cancer. Ponderosa and many of her close friends and family had continued to support her. "My family, friends and faith have helped me through the struggles of cancer," said Stanton. With many of her supporters from her friends and family, Ponderosa continued to lift her spirits with their sincere hope to Sra. Stanton. "Being diagnosed with cancer is such a life-changing event. However, in the midst of surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy, the support shown by Ponderosa's staff and students has been so encouraging and uplifting. I am overwhelmed, grateful, and appreciative of our Ponderosa family," said Stanton. The World language department, while staying connected, was eager to have her back, including Mrs. Iglesias. "She plans on coming back

after spring break and our department is excited for her to come back," said Iglesias. Many Ponderosa students were eager for her return, including Lanae Johnson (11). "She told us and I wanted to cry, so after class I went to talk to her and she gave me a big hug and told me to not be upset and continued to tell me that I will grow up to accomplish great things and when she sees my name on her roster and it puts a big smile on her face," said Johnson. Many students and staff looked forward to Sra. Stanton's return after the end of Spring break. Stanton had battled through a total of 15 months of chemotherapy and many varieties of treatment. Through the process, 7 months in, Stanton began to see changes in her appearance. "Chemo has changed me a lot- I now have short, grey hair and almost no eyebrows or eyelashes. However, I'm still the same inside...I still love Spanish and being a teacher at PHS," Stanton said.



SUPPORTERS: Ryan Dix (11) Attended the Stand Up For Stanton Varsity Football game on September 29 against Vista Ridge High School. Ryan came to support the cause of Ponderosa's beloved Spanish teacher, Sra. Stanton. "I really enjoyed the game mainly because it was a really exciting game and it was for a very good cause," Dix said. The game was turned to success and Ryan believed it was his best decision to attend the game. *PHOTOS BY ADAM PARSONS.*



Reference

PROVEN

ASHLYN WILLIAMS

BALANCING THE BEAM AND LIFE

Ashlyn Williams started gymnastics at age 8 at Alpha gymnastics with coach Dan. She continuously worked with coach Dan throughout her competitive career. "I started because my dad did it when he was in college until he got injured and I wanted to carry that on and it sounded really fun," said Williams.

As a Freshman in High school Williams joined the Ponderosa gymnastics team. For her club team Overland they always got first in state and being on a different team she had the chance to show them up knowing what skills she had. "We are all really close and during meets; were always cheering for each other and its always fun to be around them," said Williams. Ponderosa's gymnastics team worked and lifted others to do their best. Williams enjoyed both teams and learned a lot from each.. "Mental health is really big in this sport if you're scared of something you'll get stuck but if you push past it you can do what you do," said Williams.

Balancing sports and school took a lot of planning to prepare and do specific things. Balancing time was not

easy but had been practiced for so long. "It's kind off hard but during meets I can do it and my team will help me and even days without meets I do it before practice," said Williams.

There were four events in gymnastics; they included vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor. Each one took on different skills sets. "On vault you need a tuck, on floor I need a full front tuck, a back full and a double front layout, on beam I had a backhand spring series dismount and a back tuck, on bars I need giants and a snap back," said Williams.

Competing her floor routine was always fun. Williams performed her best on floor. With her apposing teammates by her side she always tried to draw their attention with her wow factor but still wanted to beat them. Gymnastics was always cheering on others which created an uplifting atmosphere. "I'm planning on doing it all four years because its so much fun and I'm planning on doing it next year," said Williams. Ashlyn Williams defined: *PROVEN*

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At the Homecoming parade, part of the gymnastics team gathers for a picture "I love my team they are so supportive and so fun to be around. We have so much fun together," Williams said. Ashlyn loved the team atmosphere and couldn't wait till next year. PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. FISHER

SPIRITED Ponderosa students weren't afraid to show their pride for their school. Seniors got together for their last homecoming and continued a tradition that has been passed down for years, Toga Tuesday. Walking down senior hall made you think you were in Greece. Even though it's a bed sheet wrapped around you Senior's were excited to wear it. They set the example for the juniors becoming seniors next year.

ACTIVE This year was full year of success and progress. Almost Every team qualified for Regionals or State. It was Tim Ottmann's first full year of being our principal and he hit the road running in planning a overhaul of next years schedule and making plans to spruce up our school with new flooring. We've really showed our pride of the mustang nation with every event we've went to.

INVOLVED Mustangs got together for the fifth wish week to grant Jackson's wish to go to the Disney owned resort, Aulani in Hawaii. StuCo added the first corn hole tournament, 10 teams joined in. Most popular was the dodgeball tournament that StuCo threw every year, we had over 20 teams competing for the win. Having more food choices for the students this year made it easier to raise more money, raising 2,000 dollars for dish for a wish. Ethan Waite (12) hosted the first Late show, where teachers participated in games and students got to vote for the best one. David and Leonard our security guards won for the funniest skit. We raised over 36,000 dollars, way more then we did last year. We've raised money for 17 other Make a Wish kids in the past five years. Wish week was the happiest week of the year for the Mustang community. Proving when we commit to helping, we go all out.

TALENTED Mock Trial student had another good showing at State competitions. Mr. Lamb and Mrs. Gabel went with the Mock Trial Team to State. The Team of Duncan Brasa, Emma Ramunda, Eric Osicka, Hannah Bowen, Trent Lowe, Jack Plotke, Emma Newton, and Jaxson Pagano came in 14th of 26 - up 3 spots from last year's finish! Duncan Brasa, earned a Best Attorney award. Ponderosa DECA had award winning performances at the State competition as well. Our international qualifiers traveled to Orlando in April to take on the best high school marketing competitors from around the world! International qualifiers were: Professional Selling - 1st Meredith Duce, Food Marketing Series - 2nd Maddie Zink, Hospitality and Tourism Team Decision Making - 3rd Henry Cox & Tyler Liberati. Yearbook received 3 Gold Circle Awards from Columbia Scholastic Press's national competitions.

PROUD Yearbook accepted a Hall of Fame award for receiving All-Colorado honors 7 years in a row during J-Day at CSU. World class wrestler Cohlton Shultz won another state championship making him a four time winner. Ponderosa students stands proud next to these accomplishments and made us love the school we go to. The SSN students opened the The Stable with coffee and hot chocolate back in December. We're very proud of those students for coming up with a unique idea. Mustangs defined: **PROVEN**

UP IN THE SKY The senior section show Jackson how excited they are for wish week by crowd surfing Ryder Blair (12) who is the most excited. "It was mine and Jeorg's idea to raise me up, we just thought it would be funny and get the crowd hype," Blair said. Mrs. Garcia wasn't too happy with Ryder, but she let it slide knowing it's wish week, the happiest week of the school year. PHOTO BY ISABELLE MCGUIRE

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