

COLORFUL MOMENTS Cheering on the varsity football team during the Southeast Polk game Sept. 7, seniors Mary Longmire, Avery Carneol and Anna Forbes join a chant in support of the Trojans. "The Best Buddies game is a really cool thing that the club does, and I think it's really great to support that," Longmire said. "It makes me so happy to see them on the field so excited."

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Changes to the building — including a new gym, weight room, dance/cheer room and a renovated cafeteria — inspired students and staff to rethink some traditions that had been in place nearly as long as the school itself.

In late September, Student Senate announced that the 2018 Homecoming Court would no longer consist of four guys and four girls voted to traditional categories such as king and queen, most spirited, most talented and most athletic. It was deja vu from 40 years ago, when the Class of 1979 voted to expand the court after two years of protests and alternative approaches. Our generation also opted for a more inclusive approach. Seniors would nominate 24 "Heroes of Troy," and juniors and seniors then chose six winners. One tradition that stayed: the names were announced at the dance, which was held Oct. 13 in the new South Gym.

Besides some traditions being turned upside down, Mother Nature created havoc at the start of the year. Classes, club meetings, practices and athletic competitions were interrupted or delayed on Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 9, when tornado warnings posed a safety threat. *But in our 51st year, a new generation continued to spread good vibrations.*

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