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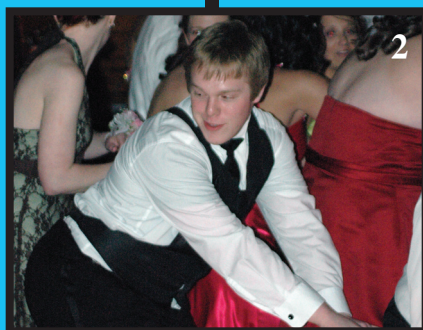


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Whether it be “you just had to be there” or “don’t worry about it”, many students know all about the popular sayings at Yutan High School. It could be from a movie, or just a random person making it up, but almost all the students know what these sayings mean.

Senior Justin Wagner has become known for making these sayings heard around the school.

“I use them because it makes people laugh,” Wagner said, “especially if people know what I am talking about.”

Some students use these popular phrases much more than others. Wagner said he says them all the time, and eventually everybody figures out what they mean and they spread throughout the school.

“If it hasn’t been said yet, I will say it,” Wagner said.

Wagner said many of the popular sayings this year have come from movies and television. Stepbrothers, Superbad and Role Models have been the sources of several of the most popular sayings this year.

- 1 SUSPENSE** - Eighth graders Makenzie Anderson, Kailey Heuertz and Lydia Perkins watch the pie eating during the Chieftain Games. Junior high students were allowed to participate.
- 2 SHAKE IT** - Sophomore Thomas Pascarelli shakes it at the prom to “One More Time” by Daft Punk. Many of the high schoolers made up their own moves to go with certain songs.
- 3 LAUGH IT UP** - Senior Dylan Brooks and Ben Barnard laugh while watching the Chieftain Games. The speed walk was added to the games this year.
- 4 GOOD TIMES** - Seniors Josh Schmidt and Andrew Harriger dance with the crowd at prom. The prom theme this year was “Happily Ever After.”
- 5 JUST GETTING STARTED** - Freshman Morgan Davis of her first bites during the pie eating contest. The pies ranged from apple, cherry, chocolate, and pumpkin.





**OH NO!** - Junior Jovi Mumme cringes as she fails to catch the water balloon without popping it during the water balloon toss of the Chieftain Games. The water balloon toss replaced the powder puff football during the games for the upperclassmen this year.



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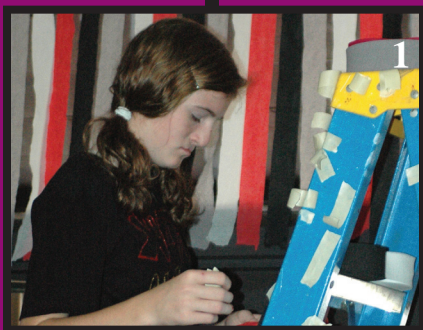
**DOIN' A JIG (above):** Seniors Justin Wagner and Josh Schmidt dance during the choir's performance at the annual Soup and Song concert. Wagner and Schmidt were actively involved in both band and choir.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT (top middle):** Juniors J.D. Schulz and Chris Koenig cheer on the Chieftains during the Homecoming football game. Students showed their school spirit all week by dressing up according to theme days.

**GULP (bottom middle):** Sophomore Lace Perrigo takes a large drink of water while running in a cross country meet. This was Lace's first year participating in cross country.

**GOSH! (above):** Junior Lydia Ranard successfully attempts her best impression of Napoleon Dynamite. Ranard dressed as Napoleon for Monday's Homecoming dress up theme - Nerd Day.

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Practice makes perfect. People say this all the time, but is it true? For senior Cheyenne Nelson, practice paid off in an extraordinary way. Nelson’s dedication earned her a spot in the Nebraska All-State choir. Nelson worked on learning all the selected pieces by herself, but would go to choir director Micheala Babic with any questions.

“I took a workshop at UNO that taught me how to speak German,” Nelson said, “which helped with one of the pieces.”

Nelson spent four or more hours a week working on the music until the week before auditions when she practiced every day.

“If you don’t spend a lot of personal time on it, you don’t even have a shot,” Babic said.

Nelson became the first girl from Yutan to make the choir in several years. It has always been a goal of hers to make this choir. Being her senior year, it was her last chance to make it so she focused and strived for the best and reached her goal.

“This has been the highlight of my senior year, so far,” Nelson said.

**1 DECORATE** - Freshman Shelby Anderson helps out during Homecoming week. Many students on the student council decorated the school before the dance.

**2 NATIONAL ANTHEM** - A select group of high school singers were chosen to sing at a state football game. For this honor, the group sang the national anthem to start the game.

**3 PUMPKINS** - Freshman Kelli Fisher helps the third grade class paint their pumpkins. Every year, the FBLA takes time to do this and spend time with the elementary students.

**4 MARCH** - Junior Kayla Ambrose plays her trumpet as the marching band practices outside. This year, the band marched in the River City Round Up parade in Omaha.

**5 ONE ACT** - Students Shawnee Peterson, Justin Wagner and Jordan Zauha act out a scene during a competition. This year’s production was titled “A Doctor In Spite of Himself”.





**SING IT OUT** - Sophomore Marshal Peterson breaks out in song during show choir practice. Peterson was involved in many school activities including: choir, show choir and basketball.