

Fire It Up

Bonfire

Stacking pallets for the annual bonfire began almost as soon as school started in September. The pallets were placed in the empty field between the senior center and the softball field. Pallets were gathered from the gun range, family members, and companies that contributed to the senior class. Seniors spent days and sometimes late nights building the form of the bonfire going every afternoon to work on the pallets.

“Stacking pallets was fun. Unexpected friendships were formed; it was exciting, eventful, stressful, and straining,” said senior Gabby Martinez.

On October 2 the bonfire activities started at 8:00 p.m. with the cheerleaders leading the crowd in cheers along with the band playing before igniting the fire. Soon after sunset, the seniors gathered around the bonfire with lit torches to throw into pallet stack. The junior class lit the OHS letters while the seniors continued to build up the fire and take pictures with family and friends.

Later, after the lighting of the fire, the seniors and football players smashed a junk car, donated by Tretos. With a sledgehammer, everyone took a few swings and flipped over the battered car, which officially ended the bonfire festivities. Family and friends of the players and seniors spent some time after the car bashing to take some more pictures with the bonfire and their sons and daughters.

Yeni Rodriguez



Chase Dehoyos (12) hits the junk car with a sledgehammer on the night of the bonfire on October 2.



Jayton Rodriguez (12) and Christian Ozoria (12) light the bonfire at the field Thursday night.



Zach Taylor takes a traditional swing at the car at the bonfire festivities on Thursday night.



Madie Childress (11), Maddie Gallindo (10), and Brianna Sanchez (11) cheering during the bonfire Thursday night.



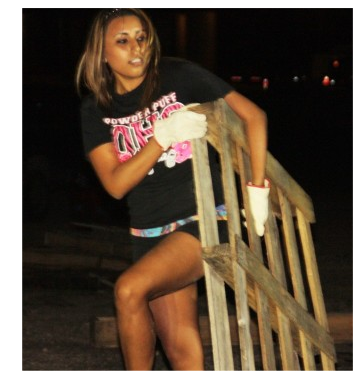
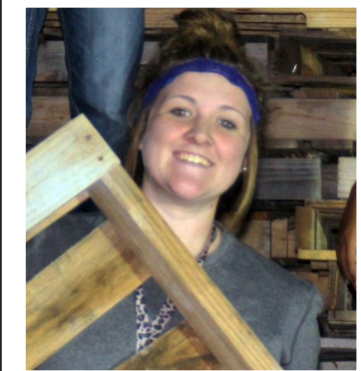
Christian Ozoria (12), Chase Dehoyos (12), Nathaniel Valdes (12), Jayton Rodriguez (12), Dalan Wilson (12), Bethany Martinez (12), Salma Calderon (12), Megan Bullard (12), Gabby Martinez (12), and Ricky Porras (12) taking a break during stacking pallets Monday night.



The flames surround the initial letter painted in Eldorado's school colors.

Justice Adkins (12), Zack Taylor (12), Dylan Wynns (12), Jayton Rodriguez (12), Daniel Lombrana (12), Ricky Porras (12), and Ryan Porras (12) lifting up torches to light the bonfire.





The progress of the bonfire stack on Monday night, two weeks before the lighting.

Megan Bullard (12) , Salma Calderon (12, and Nydia Valdes (12) help stack the pallets for the bonfire.