

12% - gossamer hangers  
 23% - centerpiece creators  
 38% - balloon blowers  
 27% - light hangers

- POLL RESULTS FROM DECORATION COMMITTEE

**OVER-INFLATED.** As prom night looms over the decorating committee, juniors struggle with putting the finishing touches on the decorations. "We all had our separate jobs on Friday," junior Aaron Chavez said. "I was put in charge of blowing up the extra red balloons and popping the deflated blue balloons. Afterwards, we set up all the tables with the prom centerpieces that the girls worked on. Before we knew it, the day was over and prom was here."



(Photo by Ashley Harris)



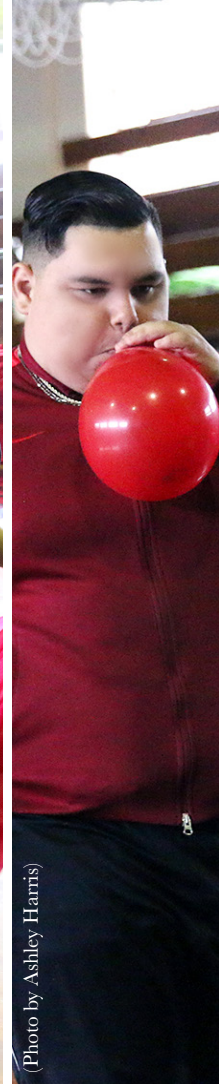
(Photo by Ashley Harris)

junior Alyssa Reyes



(Photo by Ashley Harris)

junior Corrina Navaro



(Photo by Ashley Harris)

junior Aaron Chavez



**A BAD WRAP.** Using Christmas lights donated by the class' families, juniors **Brooke Boettcher** and **Shelby Aschenbeck** wrap the prom arch in lights that finally worked. Broken lights caused a slow in work production for the decoration committee. "Half of the lights were actually broken, so we were double wrapping the whole thing," Aschenbeck said. "It was just making a big mess!" (Photo by Ashley Harris)

**DIZZYING DECO.** A group effort is put forth as juniors **Donald Sewell**, **Nicklee Ruiz**, **Alyssa Reyes**, **Denise Robles**, and **Arriel Oliveriz** blow up a massive amount of balloons for the balloon drop. Over 100 balloons were used in decorating for February Fire. "I was 15 balloons in before I got lightheaded and had to take a break," Sewell said.

(Photo by Ashley Harris)





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junior **Allen Anderson**



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junior **Russell Zahradnik**



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junior **Morgan Swoboda**



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Mrs. **Michele Grymes**



junior **Blake Whitley**  
(Photo by Ashley Harris)



juniors **Christine Welborn, Kelbi Fortenberry, Haley Clark**  
(Photo by Beverly Keller)



juniors **Maren Ellis, Russell Zahradnik**  
(Photo by Ashley Harris)

### HOW DID YOU HELP?

"I was in a foot brace and unable to play sports prior to prom, so I jumped at the chance to help by operating the lift to hang the ceiling decorations."

**JUNIOR BLAKE WHITLEY**

"I organized everything to make the center pieces for the tables by materials and color- I mean, what is OCD even?"

**JUNIOR HALEY CLARK**

"When I initially showed up to help decorate, I was the 'Attendance Nazi' according to our decoration director Mrs. Michele Grymes."

**JUNIOR RUSSELL ZAHRADNIK**

# FIRE

## FEBRUARY

### FROM DISFUNCTIONAL TO FUN FOR ALL

**B**etween struggles with the theme and malfunctions with decorations, prom came a long way before becoming the elegant scene it is remembered as being.

Over 100 red and blue balloons were inflated by hand by a subgroup of the decorating committee that only blew up balloons. When the juniors entered the gym Friday morning, more than 50 half-deflated blue balloons greeted them. All of the time and effort spent on the decorations left the committee deflated with only one

solution to the problem: mix the blue, just use red. "We thought we wouldn't finished in time, but **Shelby Aschenbeck** stepped forward and got everyone to help the balloon blowers pop the blue ones," junior **Alyssa Reyes** said.

Of course, though, when it rains, it pours. After the balloon problem, juniors realized that the ends of the archway would not fit into the base. "I saw that we had a big problem, and I knew how to fix it," junior **Alan Anderson** said.

"A group of guys and I took the pieces that were sized wrong into the school's ag shop and ground down the ends with electric shears."

With hopes re-inflated, the group rallied together to put the final touches on the gym that would hold over 128 couples, chaperones and spectators during the event. "We worked hard to make prom awesome for the seniors," junior **Aaron Chavez** said. "The overall goal was to create something memorable for the class of 2015 and I think we did just that."