

## AFTER A 50-YEAR DROUGHT, CITY AND STUDENTS COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE CHIEFS SUPER BOWL WIN

**A**s fireworks lit up the sky around the metro, part of the senior class celebrated the first time the Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl in 50 years by dancing to music in the middle of the round-a-bout on Monticello Road. The Chiefs played the San Francisco 49ers and won 31-20 Sunday, Feb. 2.

As a season ticket holder, physical education teacher Amy McClure felt especially emotional because of the outcome of the game.

"I cried during the game, at the end of the game and after the game," McClure said. "I was very excited. [I cried] tears of joy."

While most students watched the game on TV from home, senior John Rees traveled to Miami and watched it unfold in person.

"Right when they won the AFC Championship, my dad was like 'we have to get tickets.' He bought them online and we went from there," Rees said. "It was a crazy experience, once in a lifetime."

According to junior Avery Kuehl, the games leading up to the Super Bowl impacted their victory.

"I was really excited. It was just crazy how everything lined up for them to win and all the comebacks," Kuehl said. "It made us

really happy."

McClure believed the Super Bowl reflected positivity in the sports community.

"I was very happy for the Hunt family because they invested in it and showed perseverance in times when most people would have given up," McClure said. "It was fun to watch and really gave the true meaning of what sports are all about."

Because of the Chiefs' history, Rees found the Super Bowl win to be even more meaningful.

"The Super Bowl win really meant everything because we haven't been in so long. It was just a crazy moment," Rees said. "Going to the game and experiencing it [was my favorite part], and the Fan Fest was pretty fun."

McClure believed that throughout the Chiefs' season, fans' hopes added pressure to the outcome of the game.

"I think a lot of people expected them to either be in the Super Bowl or win the Super Bowl," McClure said. "I knew that when they started their rally with seven minutes left in the game that it was definitely going to be one of the most exciting Super Bowls that I had ever watched."

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