Teenager becomes speaker on abuse

tells the story now, the pivotal moment sounds like it came out of she stars in at Northwest High

Ashley Hoyle, her self-esteem destroyed by an abusive boyfriend, withdrew from the world.

One day, her mother took her by the hand and led her to a mirror.

"Who do you see?" Kandy Hoyle asked her daughter.

Her brown hair and hazel eyes were reflected in the mirror, but you off." Ashley didn't recognize the girl looking back at her.

"I didn't see the fun person I love to be. The person I want to hands on her at school. be," she recently told an auditogathered at Wichita State Univer-

Minutes earlier, the 18-year-old had played a short video about teen dating abuse that she wrote, won a national contest for Love is parents," she says. Respect, the national teen dating abuse helpline.

Because her video was chosen, Ashley will be the national Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

She also won a trip to New York last week. While there, she had lunch with contest judges Tim Gunn, chief creative officer for Runway," and Jaslene Gonzalez, winner of the eighth season of "America's Next Top Model."

Meeting famous people isn't really the point. "It's more about the people I get to help," she says.

When Northwest teacher Brian Latta told his digital film production class it would be making public-service announcements about teen dating abuse, he said Ashley, who is "quite a thespian," was in-

She wanted to use her own experiences and to make the point that abusive relationships aren't always easy to spot, but are going on all the time.

But Ashley says she didn't know exactly how to convey the idea in a one-minute commercial, so she enlisted the help of her dra-

The film opens on a typical hangout scene: About a dozen kids are at a party, lounging, listening to music, playing pool.

The words "Did you see any teen dating abuse?" flash on the

The scene rewinds and three abusers are revealed: one verbal, one physical and one emotional. Abuse can happen to anyone,

Ashley says, stepping in front

WICHITA (AP) - When she of the camera. Then she says, "I spoke out, and you can, too.'

At first he was incredibly attenthe script for a play, like the ones tive, almost the perfect boyfriend. He was popular, a cool guy. She trusted him.

But after awhile he stopped letting Ashley hang out with her friends and started insulting her.

"He would tell me I wasn't pretty enough without makeup," she remembers. He'd say things like, "I like that outfit, but I would like it to be tighter so I can show

In private, he pushed her, grabbed her, left bruises.

Three times, she says, he put his

He pushed her into a locker. rium full of high school students He slapped her in the middle of the hallway. When she said she wouldn't be his date for homecoming, he grabbed her wrist and wouldn't let go.

"When we broke up, he threw directed and starred in. The film me to the ground, in front of my

Ashley can't clearly say how she found the strength to end the relationship. One day, she just said she needed a break. For the spokeswoman for National Teen next six months, he kept calling, she says. One day, she deleted his number from her cell phone.

Ashley invited about 15 kids over to shoot the project in the basement of the Hoyles' home.

She planned to direct the film Liz Claiborne and star of "Project but wouldn't appear on camera, she told her mother. She asked a friend to be the narrator.

"I told her, I think you need to do (the narration) because you're the one who knows it," Kandy Hoyle told her daughter.

At the last minute, Ashley decided to take her mom's advice. She ad-libbed the final line so it would come across as genuine,

That's why it seems like she forgets her line for a second. "I'm not great at improv," she says.

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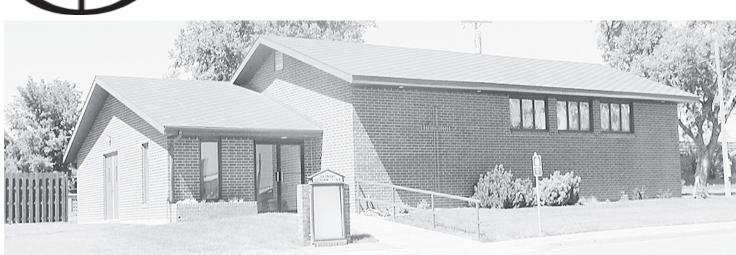
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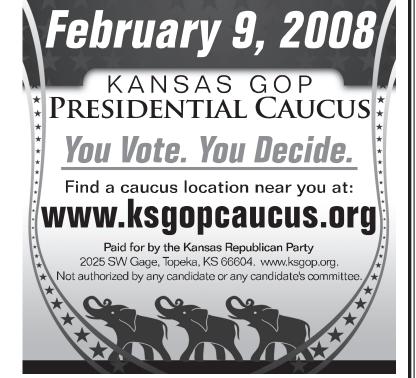
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