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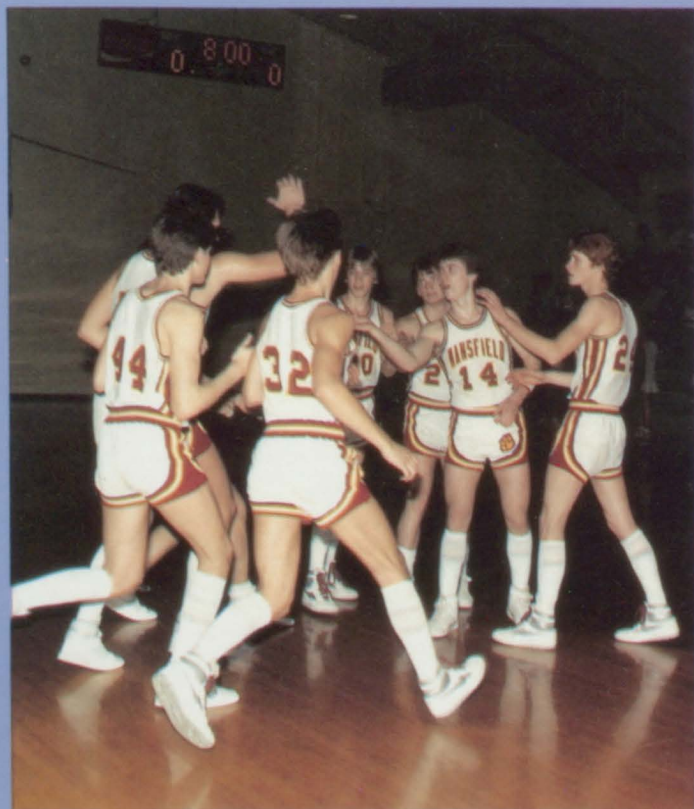
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*Sports . . . Varsity ballplayers get fired up after the team is introduced at the Homecoming game.*



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*Activities . . . Surrounded by her court, senior Lisa Johnson reigns as Homecoming Queen.*

*Organizations . . . Presenting her parents a rose, Arian Dasmalchi honors them at Pep Club's rose ceremony.*

*Seniors . . . Jerry Ragsdale talks with Connie Adamson and Kim Crews at the senior breakfast.*

*Academics . . . Working on the foundation, Greg Spell and April Light build a model house in shop class.*



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## *Acting crazy always in style*

*Art teacher Mrs. Judy Middleton and her paper maché spider have a little fun with Jana Euler, Kevin Clouse, and Randal Fuge.*



*Instead of a traditional formation, the seniors try a more comical approach to group pictures.*

*Varsity cheerleader Becky Brennan shows that limbering up before the game can be fun.*



*Dressed in unique style, Stephanie Eldson, Bobby Page, and Kim Robinson bring in the Junior Olympic torches.*

*Along with a few props, school publications staffers clown their way through a photo session.*





*Bobby Page, Carl Cook, Brad Dertherage, and Mike Cantrell use the goal to steady a triple stack before it falls.*

*Drumsticks where he can easily find them, James Coday kids the camera.*



## **L**aughter no stranger to this place

Solemn and dignified are not the best adjectives to use to describe student life at MHS. Cheerful and fun-loving would more aptly tell the story. Although MHS kids can get as serious as anyone when they want to, they would much rather face school days and school events with smiles, laughter, and a healthy dose of craziness. Life at school is just so much more fun when you can loosen up and love every minute of it.





# *Lovin' every minute of it*

## *Fashion games great fun to play*

*Dressed up, but not in their Sunday best, Shavon Campbell, Tassie Baker, and Amanda Fletcher are ready to party, FHA - style.*



*Duos for a club party are "pom poms" Kim Price and Brenda Miller, football players Mary Cantrell and Paula Duncan.*

*Art teacher Mrs. Judy Middleton, alias Cyndi Lauper, provides the crowd in the office, including Coach Jim Nichols, a good laugh.*

*Straight from gangster-land, Sean Moore gets advice from Devonna Sickels.*



*At Christmas, band members put their act on a float instead of marching.*





*Coming to school in frilly dresses made FFA initiation memorable for Wayne Young and Terry Henry.*

*From atop the freshman float, Santa Claus Missy McGaw throws candy to children watching the Christmas parade.*



## Dressing up always in at school

Give MHS students the slightest excuse to masquerade as someone a little more flamboyant than their normal selves, and watch out.

Initiations, floats, parties, and special theme days at school all provide occasions to come up with wild and colorful costumes.

An FHA "Duo party" was attended by couples ranging from mustard and ketchup to Peter Pan and Tinkerbell. And FFA initiation is always a favorite day, for everyone except the boys who come to school dressed as girls.

Look around on Punk Day, or Dress Up Day, or Cowboy Day and you can tell that MHS students are loving every minute of it.





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**Bright smiles  
enchant crowd**

*Lighting up Hammons Center with big smiles, Claire Brennan, Diane Holt, and Brenda Miller charm the crowd.*



*Before the performance, Diane Holt, Mary Cantrell, and Brenda Miller give each other a hug and words of encouragement.*

*Heads thrown back, the Sweethearts do a precisely timed ripple movement.*

*Hands free from pom poms, Kim Price, Launa Matlock, and Mary Cantrell continue the routine.*







*With nervous fingers, Serena Quessenberry fixes a shoe lace moments before the performance.*

*Jacqueline Batcheller and Claire Brennan perform with pep and enthusiasm.*



## Sweethearts show goes on the road

Like the basketball Lions did last year, the MHS Sweethearts captured the attention of the crowd at the 2A State Basketball Tournament. The pom pon group was invited to perform after requesting permission from state officials. At Hammons Center in Springfield, the girls performed the routine they had previously done at Homecoming. The routine included the "worm", a fall, line kicks, a running pom pon pass, and ripples. The large audience frequently interrupted the performance with loud applause, and it was obvious that they, and the girls, were loving every one of the six minutes.



*Pom pons a blur of motion, the Sweethearts head for a new formation.*

*Launa Matlock, Susan Zorsch, Kim Price, and Serena Quessenberry kick and circle their way around Hammons Center.*





*Lovin' every minute of it*

## Wet times at Mansfield High

Soaking wet after a cross country run in the pouring rain, Brad Detherage and Tommy Keith head for the warm, dry gym.



Balloons floating in the air, school publications students celebrate a birthday.

Using strings of popcorn, juniors decorate a Christmas tree, part of their float entry in the local parade.



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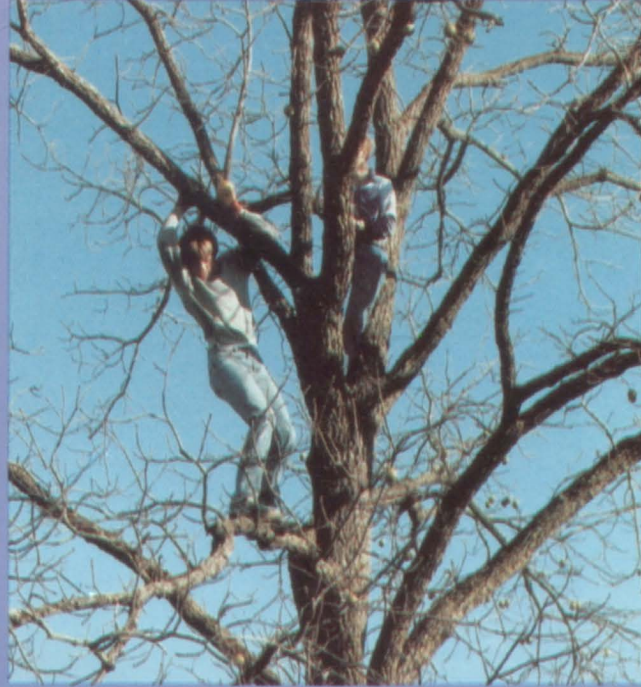
John Top and Becky Brennan twist dozens of crepe paper streamers to get Homecoming decorations ready.

For Wilder Day, the band gets rid of regular uniforms for jeans and bandanas.



*Painting carefully, Susan Huffman gets a spirit sign ready for the first basketball game.*

*Holding on tight, Brett Neal and Jon Ingerson shake walnuts loose for a Science Club fund raiser.*



## Getting involved means fun

Kids that only attend classes don't know what they are missing.

Getting involved in clubs, sports, and class activities makes high school more than just a place you have to go five days a week.

It's hard to believe that kids would run three and a half miles in the rain, or spend a Saturday picking up walnuts, or hang miles of crepe paper streamers, if they weren't loving every minute of it.



*Following the crowning, Homecoming Queen Lisa Johnson is congratulated by Glenda Biesenmeyer.*



Some of the best times at MHS happen when students get together for ceremonies, parties, or games. Events like Homecoming and Junior Olympics are anticipated, enjoyed, and remembered. For students involved in clubs and activities, the school year can pass quickly in a blur of concerts, carnivals, dances, cook-outs, and contests. Lovin' every minute of it may be an understatement for many active MHS students.



*Prom King Miles Marlock accepts a plaque from Junior Class president Joe Freeman.*

*Becky Dennis and Shannon Watterson carefully handle an orange during a Barnwarming game.*

*Clutching the tricycle, Sophomore Brian Marney races for the finish line at Junior Olympics.*

*Future Homemakers raise money by holding a rock-a-thon at Butter Day.*



# ACTIVITIES



*Seniors Arian Dasmalchi and Becky Dennis try their best to finish first in the wheelbarrow race at Junior Olympics.*



# Barnwarming games amuse crowd

## *Royalty elections changed to keep classes together*

"Jana didn't know I had bitten such a big hole in the end of the bottle, and she squeezed Kool-Aid into my mouth so fast I thought I was going to drown." Brad Detherage

Changes do occur every once in a while, even in events so traditional they seem chiseled in stone.

For decades, Barnwarming royalty has been selected by the penny-a-vote system, and that part remained the same. The change was that the king and queen this year were selected as a couple, rather than as individuals.

Winners, "crowned" with cowboy hats, were

junior candidates Jana Euler and Brad Detherage.

Other candidates were seniors Kim Price and Dwight Young, sophomores Shavon Campbell and Clint Jackson, and freshman Angle Brazeal and Larry Chilson.

Bales of hay, pumpkins, and bright fall-colored streamers set the atmosphere for FFA and FHA's annual event.

Games pitting the contestants against each other included a ping-pong ball and spoon relay and baby bottle drinking race. The baby bottles were filled with Kool-Aid, and the four couples tried to slurp their way to victory. At least one tried a shortcut.

"Jana didn't know I had bitten such a big hole in the end of the bottle," Detherage said, "and she squeezed Kool-Aid into my mouth so fast I thought I was going to drown."

There were also games for everyone who wanted to try passing grapefruit, without the use of hands, or lifesavers, using teeth and tooth picks.

"Luckily I was a candidate and got to start one of the race lines," Price said, "that way I didn't get anyone else's germs."

Dance music provided entertainment for the rest of the evening.



Barnwarming royalty, clockwise from top, Queen Jana Euler, King Brad Detherage, Kim Price, Dwight Young, Angela Brazeal, Larry Chilson, Clint Jackson, and Shavon Campbell.



Drinking from a bottle with help from Clint Jackson proves challenging for Shavon Campbell.

Kim Price helps Dwight Young steady a ping pong ball in a relay race.







*Moving carefully, Steven Bruce passes a lifesaver to Becky Brennan in a Barnwarming relay.*

*Refreshments are a break from Barnwarming activities for Susan Zorsch and Elizabeth Euler.*



*FFA adviser Gene Cravens watches students enjoy a slow dance.*

*Julie Kelley and DeDee Hall fill their plates during a refreshment break.*

*Claire Brennan crowns Jana Euler with the traditional Barnwarming cowboy hat; Barnwarming King Brod Detherage will be next.*







*Girls of all ages learn a routine from the pom pon girls during the carnival.*

*Throwing a dart, Vicky Noble tries to bust a balloon at the fifth grade booth.*

*Carnival royalty, front, fifth graders Ryan Miller and Kristi Vineyard, third graders Joe Garrison and Torrie Collins; back, juniors Stephanie Eidson and Brett Neal; seventh graders Maxi Cannon and Matt Moody.*







FFA booth worker Jerry Allen waits to see if Shavon Campbell's softball toss will win her a prize.

Lisa Collins gets a colorful design painted on her face by Paula Duncan at the cheerleaders' booth.



# Rain doesn't halt good times

## *Carnival sights, smells and games still appeal*

**R**ain began to pour, but so did the good times.

A nasty rain storm pelting the building didn't dampen the festivities at the fifth annual Community Teachers Association Fall Festival Carnival.

Although the crowd was smaller than in past years, there was still plenty of activity.

Yummy aromas of popcorn, caramel apples, and hot dogs filled the air.

There were games for every skill and every age. Carnival goers could try their hand at bingo, the fish pond, a softball toss, the cake walk, or dozens of other games.

The chance to learn a pom pon routine is always a popular carnival activity.

"We do it more in the spirit of fun rather than to just make money," pom pon sponsor Mrs. Kay Goss said. "The ele-

mentary girls love it."

But elementary kids weren't the only ones who paid a ticket to learn a pom pon routine.

Sophomore John Top and some friends learned the routine, complete with kicks.

"We were bored," Top said, "and we thought it would be fun. We didn't know everyone would have such a good time watching us."

To top off the night, there was a coronation of carnival royalty.

There were four divisions. High school winners were Brett Neal and Stephanie Eidson. The junior high chose Matt Moody and Maxi Cannon. Upper elementary winners were Ryan Miller and Kristi Vineyard, while lower elementary picked Joe Garrison and Torrie Collins.

Other candidates and grades were Lance Johnson,


"We were bored and we thought it would be fun. We didn't know everyone would have such a good laugh watching us." John Top

Angie Levan, twelve; John Top, Amanda Fletcher, ten; David Adamson, Lori Wood, nine; Rodney Vogt, Dana Sheppard, eight; James Barnett, Tracy Coffman, six; Adam Brooke, Candice Dierking, four; Randon Ivy, Natasha Wallin, two; Jeffery Brooke, Brandi Crisp, one; and John Roberts, Patricia Cook, kindergarten.

King and queen voting jars were placed at various locations in town, with the candidates getting one vote for each quarter.

Proceeds went to the CTA scholarship program and school beautification project.



A black and white studio portrait of two teenagers. In the foreground, a young woman with dark, curly hair and bangs is smiling. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless dress with a large white V-neck collar and a white wristband on her right wrist. Her hands are clasped in front of her. Behind her, a young man with short, dark hair is also smiling. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved button-down shirt. They are both standing in front of a dark, mottled studio background. In the lower right foreground, there is a decorative white metal railing with a repeating scroll pattern.

*Yearbook Royalty Bart Evans and Susan Huffman*



## Huffman, Evans are yearbook royalty

**F**reshman Bart Evans and junior Susan Huffman won the El Leon Royalty titles.

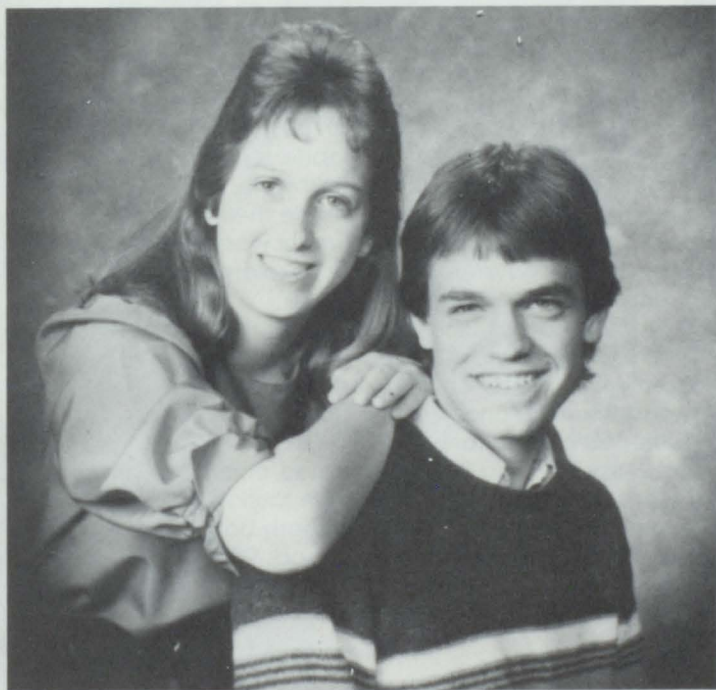
Four couples were elected to represent the high school classes, and after professional portraits were sent for judging

to the KY-3 Television News Team for judging in Springfield, Evans and Huffman were chosen to reign as 1986 El Leon King and Queen.

The other candidates were seniors Brenda Miller and Shannon Watterson, junior Kevin

Martin, sophomores Susan Zorsch and John Top, and freshman Julie Perry.

Judges from KY-3 were Tony Beason, Erin Gray, and Steve Grant.



*Senior candidates Brenda Miller and Shannon Watterson, top; sophomore candidates Susan Zorsch and John Top, bottom.*

*Junior candidates Susan Huffman and Kevin Martin, top; freshman candidates Julie Perry and Bart Evans, bottom.*



*Sophomore princess Kelly Jones, freshman princess Stacy Veit, senior candidate Missy Lair, Homecoming Queen Lisa Johnson, senior candidate Rebecca Bennett, junior princess Jana Euler, flower girl Jennifer Jones, and crown bearer Steven Chilson.*



## Lions shoot over century mark

### *Senior Lisa Johnson crowned Homecoming Queen*

"I had never been so surprised in my whole life. Being Homecoming Queen was the thrill of a lifetime." Lisa Johnson

Campaign posters for queen candidates covered the walls. Encouraging words to basketball players filled the air.

Entering the gymnasium that night, it was easy to sense the importance and specialness of the evening to come.

A junior varsity 50-38 win over the Gainesville Bulldogs started things off.

Then it was time for the Homecoming Queen to be announced.

Lisa Johnson was the happy winner, chosen from three se-

nior candidates in a secret ballot vote of the high school student body.

"I had never been so surprised in my whole life," Johnson said. "Being Homecoming Queen was the thrill of a lifetime."

Johnson was crowned by Brenda Miller, Student Council president and 1983 Homecoming Queen. Senior president Danny Hylton gave Johnson an engraved bracelet from the Student Council. Shannon Watterson, her escort, presented her a bouquet of flowers and the traditional kiss.

Other candidates for queen were Missy Lair and Rebecca Bennett. Princesses chosen by the other three classes were junior Jana Euler, sophomore Kelley Jones, and freshman Stacy Veit. Flower girl and

crownbearer were second graders Jennifer Jones and Steven Chilson.

To the theme song "Cherish", the queen and her court entered a diamond-shaped formation composed of basketball players, cheerleaders, and pom pon girls. Following the crowning, they made their way to the stage, which was decorated in rainbow-colored streamers and crepe.

After the ceremony, varsity players recorded an impressive 102-51 win to claim two from the Bulldogs.

MHS Sweethearts pom pon squad entertained the crowd with routines during half-times of both ballgames.

Rock 99 provided music for the dance held after the game.





*Her expression shows that Lisa Johnson has just been named Homecoming Queen. Shannon Watterson is her escort.*

*Brenda Miller, Homecoming Queen 1983 and Student Body President, crowns Lisa Johnson.*

*Jumping high, Shannon Watterson gets a rebound for the varsity Lions in the match with Gainesville.*



*Seated at a wicker throne, Lisa Johnson reigns as Homecoming Queen.*



# Seniors win Junior Olympics

## *Tug-of-war battle brings crowd out of bleachers*

"I thought Junior Olympics was great. It was a good chance for us to show class spirit. Winning made the event more enjoyable." Arian Dasmalchi

**W**ild costumes. Screams and laughter. It had to be Junior Olympics time.

The senior team won the eighth annual contest of the classes with 32½ points, while the juniors followed closely with 31½.

"I thought Junior Olympics was great," senior Arian Dasmalchi said. "It was a good chance for us to show class spirit. Winning made the event even more enjoyable."

Once again the freshmen won the sportsmanship award.

"It was an honor winning the sportsmanship award and getting our names on the

plaque," Bart Evans said, "but it wasn't a surprise. The freshman win every year."

If there was a surprise of the evening, it was when the juniors beat the seniors in the tug of war final. Most of the crowd came off the bleachers onto the floor to cheer the two groups on to victory.

The Junior Class made almost \$500 from the fund raiser to help pay for the Junior Senior Prom.

Olympic events include the tricycle race, leap frog, blind-fold race, basketball bonus, shoe relay, getting to school on time race, and the tug of war.

Senior team members were Rhonda Hedrick, Lynette Top, Becky Dennis, Missy Lair, Kim Price, Arian Dasmalchi, Brenda Miller, Brett Dennis, Mike Cantrell, Kenny Moody, Dwight Young, Shannon Watterson, Miles Matlock, and Danny Hylton.

Junior team members were Jana Euler, Becky Brennan, Devonna Sickels, Mica Watterson, Angie Bradshaw, Rona Baker, Mary Ann Young, Craig Carter, Steve Box, Joe Freeman, Brad Detherage, Greg Jones, Steve Bruce, and Brent Evans.

Sophomore team members included Claire Brennan, Shavon Campbell, Susan Zorsch, Wendy Bogart, Lori Emerick, Diane Holt, Kelley Jones, John Top, Romin Dasmalchi, Brian Marney, Kelly Hall, Rick Oliver, Larry Durham, and Clint Jackson.

Team members for the freshmen were Lori Wood, Missy McGaw, Julie Perry, Stacy Veit, Tammy Dunn, Rhonda Fuge, Heather Hensy, Aaron Gray, Bart Evans, David Adamson, Dale Cook, Randy Reburu, Mike Freeman, and James Coday.

Junior Susan Huffman was emcee for the Olympics.







*Moving fast, Susan Zorsch steers wheelbarrow John Top to the sophomore finish line.*

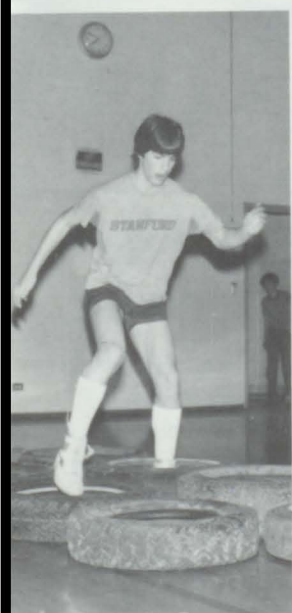
*Hopping to a junior victory, Angle Bradshaw and Craig Carter are leapfrog partners.*



*In a preliminary match with the freshmen, the juniors show their winning form.*

*Trying to balance arms and legs, freshmen Mike Freeman and Missy McGaw run the wheelbarrow relay.*

*Stepping carefully, sophomore Romin Dasmalchi goes through the tire portion of the obstacle course.*





*Little Miss Mansfield*  
Carrie Thurman

*Junior Miss Mansfield*  
Tassie Baker

*Miss Mansfield*  
Stephanie Eidson

*Young Miss Mansfield*  
Stacey Arnall





*April Light*, third runner up; Missy Lair, first runner up; Miss Mansfield Stephanie Eidson; Rona Baker third runner up.

Karena Durham, third runner up; Heather Krider, second runner up; Tassie Baker, Junior Miss Mansfield; Deidra Barnett, first runner up.

Angela Landsdown, third runner up; Amy Compton, first runner up; Stacey Arnall, Young Miss Mansfield; Merriam Kusch, second runner up.

Rolandia Fisher, third runner up; Christy Brazeal, second runner up; Carrie Thurman, Little Miss Mansfield; Jennifer Jones, first runner up.



## Judges look for smiles, poise

### *Stephanie Eidson crowned Miss Mansfield 1986*

**S**tephanie Eidson, a junior, was chosen from a field of 13 contestants to reign for a year as Miss Mansfield.

Winners in the other divisions were Junior Miss Mansfield, freshman Tassie Baker;

Young Miss Mansfield, fifth grader Stacey Arnall, and Little Miss Mansfield, third grader Carrie Thurman.

Out-of-town judges looked for smiles, poise, posture, an attractive appearance, and a pleasant attitude.

Future Homemakers of America sponsor the pageant each year as a fund-raising activity.

Each of the four divisions was composed of three grades. Little Miss Mansfield was open to grades one, two,

and three. Young Miss Mansfield was open to grades four, five and six. Junior Miss Mansfield contestants were from grades seven, eight, and nine; and girls in grades ten, eleven, and twelve were eligible for Miss Mansfield.



Arian Dasmalchi and Miles Matlock are Prom Queen and King.

Rebecca Bennett gets her souvenir glass from Devonna Sickels, Danny Hylton, and Claire Brennan.



## Glass elevators enchant crowd

### *Junior-Senior Prom moves to University Plaza*

"The elevators were awesome. Everyone looked funny looking down from the ninth floor." Clay Jackson

Pastel dresses, white tuxedos, and glass elevators combined to help Prom live up to its theme, "Heaven."

As the Prom moved to the University Plaza, "Heaven" was a perfect description of the evening.

After the meal and program, Prom-goers took advantage of the freedom they were given at Springfield's University Plaza to wander around and explore the beau-

ty of the place.

All attending seemed impressed with the huge indoor waterfall, atrium, the ninth floor view, and the carriage rides, but the glass elevators were the most fascinating.

"The elevators were awesome," junior Clay Jackson said. "Everyone looked funny looking down from the ninth floor."

Decorations in the banquet hall featured a burgundy and pink balloon arch. Junior Class President Joe Freeman served as host of the evenings program, and on behalf of the Junior Class, presented souvenir glasses to juniors, seniors, faculty, and board members.

Seniors Miles Matlock and Arian Dasmalchi were

crowned Prom King and Queen, chosen by a secret ballot vote of the Junior Class.

The buffet style meal featured roast beef. During the meal, Dave Moore of World Photography presented a slide show to recap events of the year.

Seniors Lisa Johnson and Gail Levan read the senior will and juniors Jana Euler and Susan Huffman read the senior prophecy. Both were met with mixed reactions.

"I thought the will was kind of cute," junior Craig Carter said. "I only hope Lynette's prediction about me never getting a black belt is wrong."

The dance music was provided by Rock 99 and Cedrick Randall.



*Susan Huffman and Jana Euler read the senior prophecy. Seated at their right is Junior Class President Joe Freeman.*



*Wearing her date's tuxedo jacket was a fad followed by Shavon Campbell, dancing with a coatless Craig Carter.*

*Waiting for the dance to begin, Bobby Page, Candy Giffin, and Coleena Anderson have a chance to talk.*



Playing "The Rose", Deidra Barnett provides recessional music.

Eighth graders await their turn to march out of the gymnasium.

Lori Durham, Nancee Clouse, Karrie Durham, Kim Mills, Audra Suits, Deanna Kelley, and Kelly Tutt sing "The Way We Were."



"Friends" is performed at eighth grade graduation by Lisa Hurst, Jayme DeChenne, Shannon Kirkland, Heather Krider, Gina Box, and Deidra Barnett.



A quartet composed of David Wilson, Matt Calhoun, Jimmy Freeman, and Gary Greene sings "Jerusalem."



# Kindergarten sings about Spring

## *Eighth graders graduate in formal ceremony*

**W**hether it was singing a solo, being a part of an ensemble, playing the piano, or giving a speech, the eighth graders chose graduation as a time to shine.

Class members used their final farewell to junior high to show off their talents.

Pianists John Ragsdale and Deidra Barnett provided the processional and recessional for eighth grade graduation. Dana Sheppard sang a solo and three songs were presented by small ensembles.

Most of the graduates even enjoyed getting fixed up in

their best clothes for the ceremony, and for the party at the Lion's Hall afterwards.

"I thought it was neat getting all dressed up," Gina Box said, "and the party afterwards was lots of fun."

Jimmy Freeman gave the invocation, followed by the welcome from Karrie Durham. After a speech by Matt Calhoun, Tracy Light gave the benediction.

"All About Spring" was the musical theme for kindergarten graduation. The program was under the direction of elementary music teacher Mrs. Debbie Dale. Mrs. Dorothy

"I thought it was neat getting all dressed up, and the party afterwards was lots of fun." Gina Box

Mitchell provided piano accompaniment.

Jessica Copeland and Scott Corder welcomed the crowd of relatives and friends. Jennifer Dunn and Mickey Calhoun presented elementary principal David Brouse, who gave the 64 kindergarten graduates their diplomas.



*The kindergarten Class of '86 sings a peppy song during graduation exercises.*

*Kindergarten aide Mrs. Patty Hanger gives Kassie Calhoun a poster to use for her part in graduation.*

*Shelby Lyming and Chris Flageolle introduce the kindergarten program.*



# Musicians work hard for contest

## *Concerts, parades add up to busy music year*

"I was in shock when I got the one at state. I didn't think I would make it since because of the senior trip I only had two hours of sleep." Lisa Johnson

Concerts, parades, and district music contest were the main items on the music department agenda.

Adding a new twist to the Mansfield Christmas Parade, band members built a float on which they rode during the parade.

Hard work and dedication went into the months of preparation for the district music

contest. Vocalists and instrumentalists alike had goals of achieving a one rating at district, enabling them to move on to the state level.

District music contest produced average marks for those participating, with one exception.

With her vocal solo, senior soprano Lisa Johnson received the only one rating given to Mansfield. Johnson advanced to the state contest where she competed against singers from about 362 schools.

Despite the rough competition, Johnson made a one at state.

"I was shocked when I got the one at state," she said. "I

didn't think I would make it since because of senior trip I only got two hours of sleep."

Earning two ratings at district contest were the mixed eight; Sean Hannum, instrumental solo; Jim Cantrell, instrumental solo; Brenda Miller, vocal solo; and Bobby Page, vocal solo.

Three ratings were given to the following instrumentalists: band, brass quartet, clarinet quartet, flute quartet, Mary Helsley, Shauna Theiman, Melissa Helsley, and Kenny Garrison.

Vocalists receiving threes were girls quartet, girls sextet, boys quartet, Stephanie Edison, and Tammy Barlett.



**Mixed Chorus.** Front - Marsha Cox, Jana Cole, Susan Huffman, Serena Quessenberry, Stephanie Edison, Monique Slade, Sandra Adamson, Sara Cox, Row two - Eric Spyres, Kim Price, Lisa Johnson, Michelle Walker, Angie Cruse, Tammy Barlett, Lea Bemby; Back - Gail Levan, Glenda Biesemeyer, (reporter) Brenda Miller, Jimmy Cantrell, (vice-president), Lance Johnson (president), Jerry Ragsdale, Missy Holper, Lori Johnson, Kim Crews.

For the warm weather of Wilder Day the band traded uniforms for jeans and bandanas.





*Lisa Johnson, vocal soloist who made a one at state contest.*



*Flute trio. Shauna Thieman and Lori Wood. Not shown, Mary Helsley.*

*Bandroom Rats. Lori Johnson, Sean Han- num, Melissa Helsey, Lance Johnson, James Coday, Lisa Johnson, Mary Helsey, Jim Cantrell, Kenny Garrison.*





*Quartet. Lori Johnson, Susan Huffman, Lisa Johnson, Brenda Miller.*



*Quartet. Jerry Ragsdale, Jim Cantrell, Lance Johnson, Bobby Page.*

*Instrumental soloists. Front - Shauna Theiman, Lance Johnson, James Coday, Jerry Ragsdale; Back - Kenny Garrison, Jim Cantrell, Melissa Helsley, Sean Hannum.*

*Directed by Eric Spyres, mixed chorus performs during the Christmas concert.*



*Junior high band. Front - Heather Krider, Deana Kelly, J. J. McNeill, Gina Box, Shannon Kirkland, Susan Jones, Andrea Turner, John Ragsdale; Row two - Jimmy Logan, Eric Lansdown, Jeff Long, Jimmy Shropshire, Jim Farmer, Deidra Barnett, Debra Bryant, director, Eric Spyres; Row three - Tina Gage, Julie Jurewicz, Kristy Burnett, Rachelle Lansdown, Matt Moody, Kevin Hall, Billy Strofer; Back - Shelly Detherage, Jeanne Bryan, Christy Evans, Tiffany Waterson.*



*Mixed Eight. Lori Johnson, Jerry Ragsdale, Lance Johnson, Jim Cantrell, Brenda Miller, Bobby Page, Lisa Johnson, Susan Huffman.*



*Vocal soloists. Lisa Johnson, Jim Cantrell, Brenda Miller, Lance Johnson, Tammy Barlett, Bobby Page, Stephanie Eidson.*



High school band performs a Christmas selection.



**High school band.** Front - James Coday, Jana Euler, Glenda Biesemeyer, Brenda Miller, Mary Helsley, Lori Johnson, Kim Crews, director Eric Spryes; Row two - Callie Pruitt, Lance Johnson, Noel Rummens, Julie Kelley, DeDee Hall, Jim Cantrell, Shauna Thieman, Lori Wood, Melissa Helsley, Lisa Johnson, Jerry Ragsdale; Row three - Robbie Turner, Kim Robinson, Launa Matlock, Arian Dasmalchi, Shavon Campbell, Julie Perry, Stacy Veir, Sherlyn Gallion, Cindy Carnall, Scott Ingerson, Carl Cook; Back -Angela Brazeal, Missy McGaw, Rhonda Fuge, Brandon Frantz, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, John Farmer, Wesley Lebahn, Joe Long.

**Sextet.** Clockwise from front, Sarah Cox, Lisa Johnson, Gail Levan, Missy Holper, Glenda Biesemeyer, Kim Price.



**Brass quartet.** Kenny Garrison, Jim Cantrell, Missy McGaw, John Ragsdale.

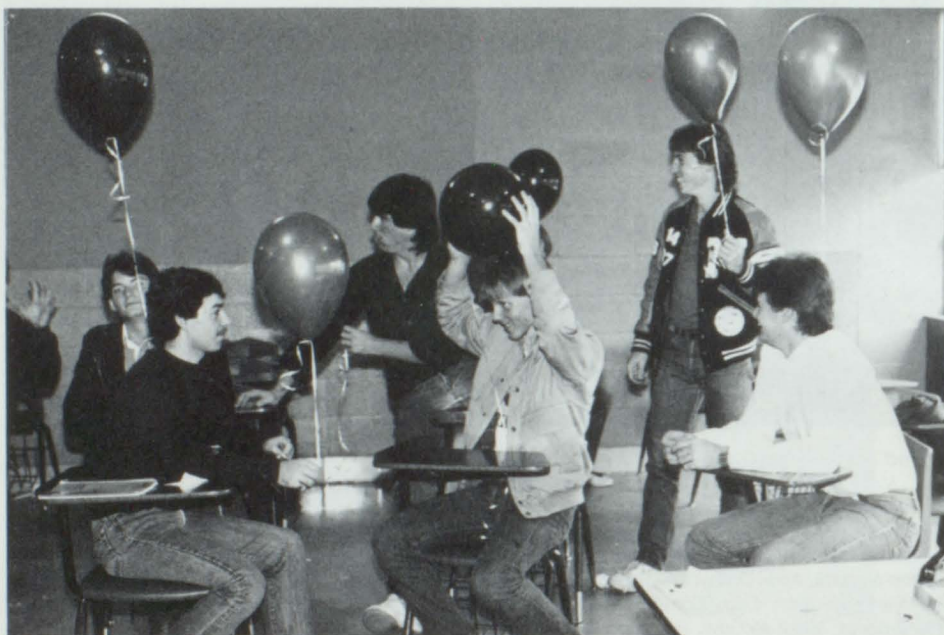
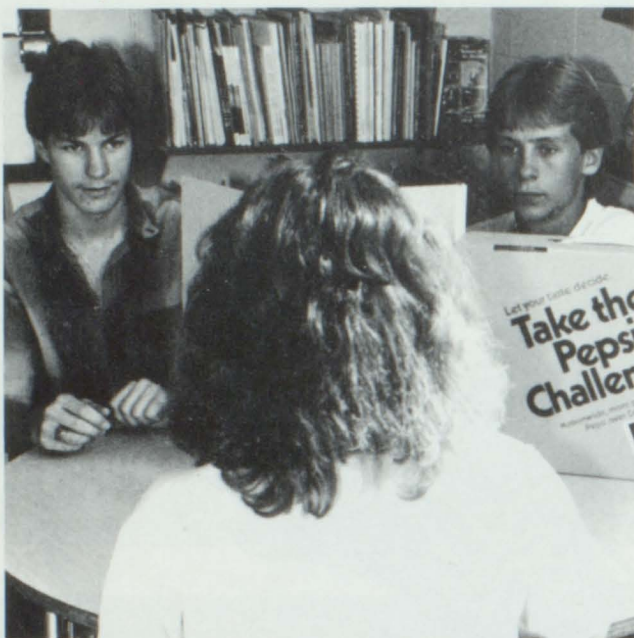
**Clarinet trio.** Lori Johnson, Sherlyn Gallion, Melissa Helsley.



*Watching for her reaction, Brad Detherage and Steven Bruce give Rona Baker the Coke-Pepsi taste test.*

*Cutting elementary photos apart, Kim Price, Glenda Biesemeyer, and Brenda Miller start organizing the yearbook.*

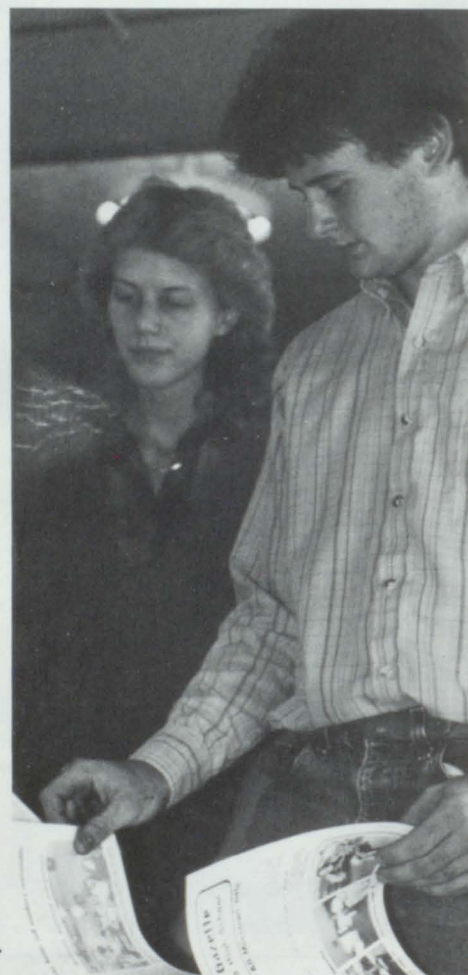
*Publications staff. Seated - Susan Huffman, Brenda Miller, (yearbook editor), Mike Cantrell, Glenda Biesemeyer, Teresa Napier, Angie Seyler; Middle - Darin Raney, Jana Euler, Miles Matlock, Kim Price (yearbook editor), Brett Neal, Steve Bruce, Debbie Arnall (adviser), Joe Freeman, Noel Rummens, Arian Dasmalchi (newspaper editor), Rhonda Hedrick, Angie Bradshaw, Danny Hylton; Top - Steve Box, Craig Carter, Greg Jones, Brad Detherage.*



*A birthday party was a good reason to take a day off from reporting.*

*Assembling pages, Jana Euler and Greg Jones get the Lions Gazette ready for sale.*

*Susan Huffman, Arian Dasmalchi, and Greg Jones sell yearbooks at the CTA Carnival.*







# All-Missouri for year six

## *Staff claims both state sweepstakes titles*

**B**ig smiles were standard equipment for publications staff members once the awards started rolling in.

This was the biggest year ever since the staff began eight years ago. For the sixth year in a row, the Lion's Gazette, the newspaper, was named All-Missouri, the highest state award. Likewise, the yearbook was named All-Missouri for the fourth year.

But that's not all. Staff members went on to accomplish something no other school in the state could match. They won both the Missouri Yearbook Sweepstakes and the Missouri Newspaper sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes titles are based on individual state winning entries.

Sixteen MHS journalists combined for 14 yearbook winners and 8 newspaper winners to claim both top awards.

Yearbook winners as fol-

lows:

First place - Brenda Miller mood copy, Craig Carter sports copy, Jana Euler and Susan Huffman theme development, Arian Dasmalchi graphics layout, Mike Cantrell color photography;

Second places - Brett Neal sports copy, Kim Price non-portrait layout, Greg Jones graphics layout, Cantrell sports photography; third place - Brad Detherage academic/faculty copy;

Honorable mentions - Euler and Huffman student life copy, Darin Raney club copy, Miller club copy, and Rhonda Hedrick club copy.

Newspaper winners were the following.

First places - Hedrick sports story, Detherage and Hedrick sports feature, Cantrell sports column, Carter, Neal, Dasmalchi, Miller, Danny Hylton, and Joe Freeman in-depth series;

Second places - Huffman feature story, Cantrell photog-

"It was funny to see people who were sure they could pick their favorite cola take the test and find out they were wrong." Brenda Miller

raphy; third place - Miller, Raney, Dasmalchi, Euler, Steve Bruce in-depth series; honorable mention - Neal, Dasmalchi, Freeman, and Glenda Biesemeyer in-depth series.

Results of the second annual Ozarks Publications Adviser's Write-Off Contest were also gratifying for MHS.

In overall on-the-spot competition, MHS tied for second with Springfield Glendale and Mt. Vernon. Webb City beat out the three second place schools by one point.

Staff members took first place in two of the ten categories. Huffman won first in caption writing and Miller took first in feature writing.

In the category of yearbook layout Jones took second and

Euler placed third.

In the Missouri Press Women's Youth Writing Contest, Hedrick and Detherage won third place in the state for their feature story on Lynette Top's state qualifying cross country run.

Possibly the most fun event for the staff was the in-depth newspaper series on the Coke-Pepsi taste test conducted early in the school year. Both cola companies and practically every kid in school got wrapped up in the test and its results.

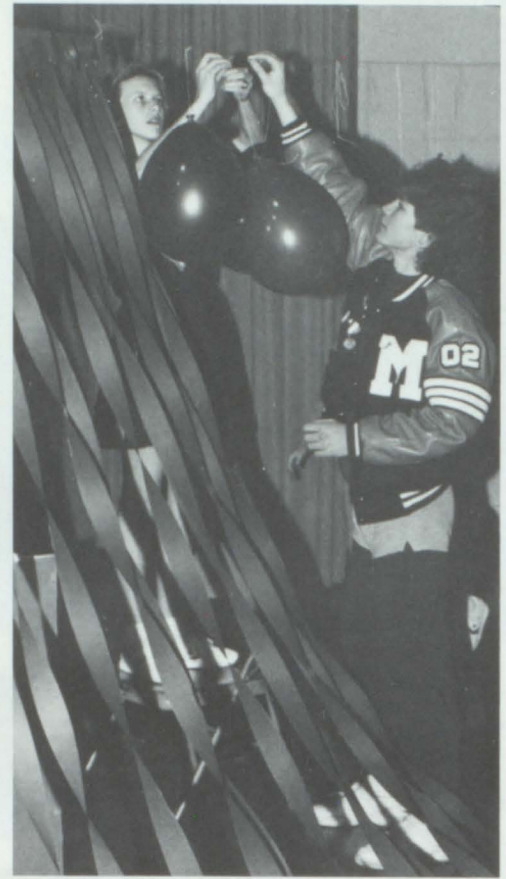
"It was funny to see people who were sure they could pick their favorite cola," Brenda Miller said, "take the test and find out they were wrong."



*Sophomores line up to receive ballots for spring council elections.*

*Securing balloons, Jana Euler and Brad Detherage decorate the stage for Homecoming.*

*Curriculum committee member Sean Hanum, with help from council member James Today, assists in pre-registration.*



## Council projects meet success

### *Picnic area construction will wait for next year*

"I wish the area could have been completed this year, but knowing the ground work is set, I'm sure future councils will see the plans through."

Danny Hylton

Success was no stranger to the plans and projects of Student Council members.

"Luck may have played a part," adviser Eric Spyres said, "but in general, the council worked well together to achieve the goals they had set."

Vice President Becky Brennan took an active part in the fall Regional Student Council Meeting by leading a session dealing with the way students are treated and the way they

treat others.

"It went pretty well for my first time at leading a session," Brennan said. "I would enjoy leading another."

The second annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot was a surprise, but the afternoon of dancing to loud music in the gym was a welcome break from classes.

Homecoming was the biggest success, with an attendance of nearly 300 for the dance by Rock 99 held after the ballgame.

Student Council President Brenda Miller felt relieved when the hoopla was over.

"It was a day full of decorating, practicing, and worrying," Miller said, "but to know that it turned out well made it all worthwhile."

Plans for a picnic area between the school and the gym were carefully considered by council members. One regret of the council was the project completion date which was uncontrollably postponed.

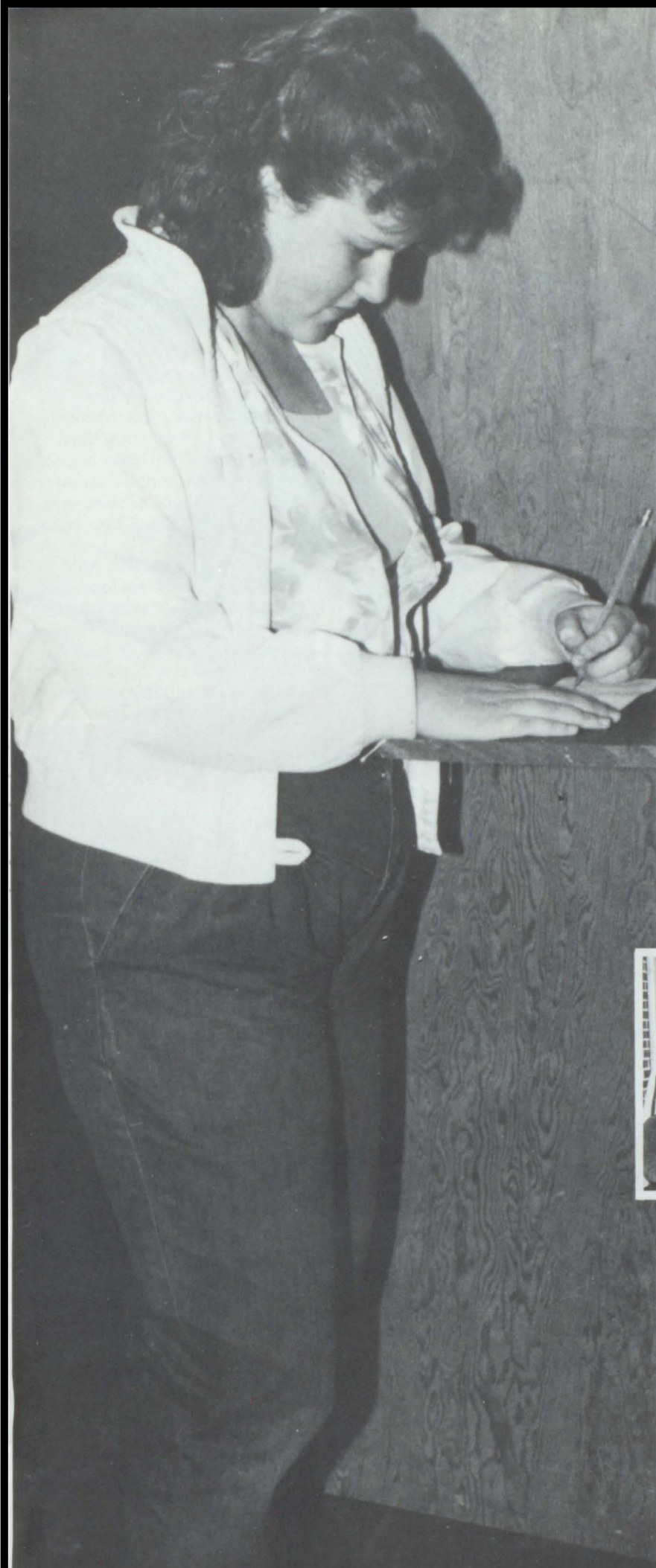
"I wish the area could have been completed this year," Senior Class President Danny Hylton said, "but knowing the ground work is set, I'm sure future councils will see the plans through."

Elections for new members were conducted in April.

To run for council officer, petitions were required and a B- grade average was necessary.

Curriculum committee members advised the administration on class offerings for the next school year.





*Pencil in hand, sophomore Elizabeth Euler casts her vote for Student Council officers.*

*Teresa Barnum, Sandra Caudle, and Randal Fuge check out the ballots for the Council elections.*



*Student Curriculum Committee. Front - Sean Hannum, Julie Perry, Susan Zorsch, Brenda Miller, adviser Eric Spyres; Back - Susan Huffman, Steve Bruce, Becky Dennis, Bo McAlister, Mike Cantrell.*

*Student Council. Front - Brad Detherage, Danny Hylton, Shauna Thieman, Lisa Johnson, Brenda Miller (president), Eric Spyres (adviser), Back - Claire Brennan, Joe Freeman, Jana Euler (secretary) Bart Evans, Kenny Lindsey (treasurer) John Top. Not shown, Becky Brennan (vice-president).*



*Using a carefully measured amount, Craig Carter waters young plants for his science project.*

*Carl Cook discusses statistics gathered for his science project with Rick Oliver.*



*Science Club. Front - Becky Brennan (vice president), Lynette Top, Claire Brennan (secretary-treasurer), Arian Dasmalchi (president), Randy Sarver (sponsor); Row two - Brett Neal, Susan Zorsch, Diane Holt, Mike Cantrell, Joe Freeman, Craig Carter, Jacqueline Barcheller, Kim Robinson, Laura Suits, Clint Jackson; Row Three - Kelly Hall, Romin Dasmalchi, Becky McConnell, Jana Euler, Noel Rummens, John Top, Kelley Jones, Rick Oliver, Bo McAlister; Back-Brice Adamson, Randal Fuge, Clay Jackson, Greg Jones, Steve Bruce, Steve Box, Kenny Lindsey, Darrin Raney, Gary Davis, John Farmer, Wesley Lebahn.*



*Making some last minute adjustments, Steve Box and Steve Bruce work on their solar powered science project.*



# Science projects win at Rolla

## Math Club celebrates contest win with cookout

Long hours of planning, executing, and interpreting projects paid off for Science Club members after area fair results were in.

MHS students entered projects in both the Summit Conference Science Fair at Conway and the South Central Science and Engineering Fair at Rolla.

After the conference fair, two trophies came home with MHS students. Arian Dasmalchi won the trophy in microbiology and Elizabeth Euler and Diane Holt combined to take the physics trophy.

Blue ribbon winners at the fair were Jacqueline Batcheller, Lynette Top and Jerry Ragsdale, Missy Lair and Joe Freeman, Becky Brennan and Jana Euler, and Becky McConnell and Brenda Livingston.

At the Rolla fair, 6 of the 16 projects were in the top three

of their division.

Jacqueline Batcheller placed first in biochemistry and her project received an honorable mention from the U.S. Army and a Certificate of Achievement from the Marines.

Arian Dasmalchi placed first in microbiology, and received Outstanding Science Project from the U.S. Air Force and a Certificate of Super Achievement from the U.S. Marines.

Brett Neal placed second in physics with Outstanding Achievement from the U.S. Marines.

Darin Raney placed second in microbiology and Kenny Lindsey placed third in chemistry.

Susan Zorsch and Clair Brennan placed second in zoology.

Math Club members took possession of the traveling trophy at the Summit Conference

"After seeing the projects entered I was glad I had worked so hard on mine." Jacqueline Batcheller

Math Fair for the second year in a row.

After raising money from a booth at Wilder Day, a booth at the CTA Carnival, and the Pepsi machine in the lobby, the Math Club went all out for a cookout.

The cookout, held at Joe Freeman's home, was attended by Math Club members. Students who had competed in math contests were special guests.

Hamburgers and pork chops were barbequed, and after eating, members and guests played basketball and wiffle ball.



**Math Club members.** Front-Becky Brennan (vice president), Lynette Top (president), Arian Dasmalchi (reporter), Jacqueline Batcheller (treasurer), Brenda Miller (secretary), Morgan Dale (sponsor); Row two - Brett Neal, Susan Zorsch, Diane Holt, Noel Rummens, John Top, Rick Oliver, John Farmer, Wesley Lebahn; Row three - Becky McConnell, Louisa Matlock, Claire Brennan, Joe Freeman, Kenny Lindsey, Shaun Moore, Clint Jackson, Patty Richardson; Back - Romin Dasmalchi, Brent Evans, Jana Euler, Randal Fuge, Jerry Ragsdale, Missy Holper, Deana Moyers, April Light.



Joe Freeman and his plastic bat get ready for fun at the Math Club cookout.



# Duo party sparks membership

## Future Homemakers first to charter alumni group

"Everybody stopped and stared at me walking down the hall. It made me feel ignorant."

Paula Duncan

**W**e did it first! The Mansfield Future Homemakers of America chapter can make that claim since they organized an FHA Alumni Chapter. Mansfield is the only chapter in Missouri to include an alumni group.

A "dynamic duo" member-

ship drive party was held at the beginning of the year, for the high school group. Members were asked to pair up and come as their favorite duo. There were lots of combinations, such as mustard and ketchup, Peter Pan and Tinkerbelle, and Laverne and Shirley.

Throughout the year, Brenda Miller served as state FHA Vice President. She traveled across the state, helping organize new chapters, and holding workshops.

The annual Parent-Member Banquet featured a turkey

and dressing dinner. Seniors honored their parents with roses, kisses, and poems.

Mrs. Kathy Barnett was given a trophy for 15 years of service as FHA adviser.

New members were initiated in the fall of the year and were easily recognized around school by their plaid skirts, clashing blouses, and pin-curl hair. Books were carried in a laundry basket.

"Everybody stopped and stared at me walking down the hall," Paula Duncan said. "It made me feel ignorant."



**Future Homemakers of America.** Front - Mrs. Kathy Barnett (adviser), Brenda Miller (state vice-president), Kim Price (reporter), Glenda Biesemeyer (devotional leader), Lisa Johnson (song leader), Serena Quessenberry (parliamentarian), Kim Robinson (treasurer), Claire Brennan (secretary), Susan Zorsch (historian), Becky Brennan (vice-president), Susan Huffman (president), Jana Euler (regional officer); Row two - Teresa Napier, Angie Levan, Gail Levan, Jacqueline Barcheller, Rona Baker, Becky Dennis, Mica Watterson, Becky McConnell, Julie McNeil, Candi Light, Lynette Top, Rhonda Hedrick; Row three - Ruth Prock, April Light, Lori Emerick, Diane Holt, Kelly Jones, Launa Matlock, Shavon Campbell, Melissa Taylor, Stephanie Eidson, Laura Suits, Mary Ann Young; Row four - Jana Cole, Sherlyn Gallion, Heather Hensy, Julie Perry, Rhonda Fuge, Paula Duncan, Vickey Jones, Monique Slade, Amanda Fletcher, Lesa Kingery, Angela Cruse; Row five - Tassie Baker, Mary Cantrell, Dee-Dee Hall, Julie Kelley, Michelle Morris, Lynda Henry, Lawanda Young, Cindy Carnall, Barbara Emerick, Angela Meritt; Row six - Missy McGaw, Stacy Veit, Angela Brazeal, Cathy Whipple, Wanda Williams, Beverly Peterson, Tammy Young.

**Becky Brennan crowns Glenda Biesemeyer** FHA Member of the Year.

**State FHA Vice President Brenda Miller** welcomes guests to the FHA Parent-Member Banquet.





At the "duo party", FHA members loosen up with a game.



Current president Susan Huffman installs Jana Euler, left as incoming president at the FHA Banquet. Other officers are Becky Brennan, Claire Brennan, Susan Zorsch, and Glenda Biesemeyer.

Launa Matlock receives her first year pin from Jana Euler at the FHA Banquet.

With their books in a laundry basket, FHA initiates Michelle Morris, Shirley James, and Cathy Whipple suffer through another class.







*Kim Robinson, Launa Matlock, Kim Price, April Light, and Jacqueline Batcheller are installed into FBLA.*

*Mrs. Okema Haden gives Diane Holt a sign-up sheet for workers for a club project during an honor society meeting.*



*Future Business Leaders of America members. Front - Gail Levan, Ruth Prock, Kim Price (reporter), Brett Neal (treasurer), Susan Huffman (vice-president), Jacqueline Batcheller (president), Kim Robinson (secretary), Rona Baker, Noel Rummens, Audra Suits; Back - Shaun Moore, Brenda Livingston, Serena Quessenberry, Joe Freeman, Claire Brennan, Diane Holt, Launa Matlock, Susan Zorsch, Becky Dennis, John Top, April Light, adviser Mrs. Jean Sreinbauer.*



**National Honor Society members.** Front - Holly Clark, Arian Dasmalchi, Lynette Top (secretary), Missy Holper, Becky Brennan, April Light; Row two - Mrs. Okema Haden (sponsor), Kenny Lindsey, Jacqueline Batcheller (treasurer), Brenda Miller (president), Joe Freeman (vice president), Claire Brennan, Diane Holt, Elizabeth Euler; Back - Greg Jones, Brett Neal, Jana Euler, Romin Dasmalchi, Susan Zorsch, Mary Helsley, Jerry Ragsdale, Shaun Moore.



## Business students organize club

### *Honor society presents financial aid meeting*

New opportunities for participation happened when a new group was added to already numerous clubs at MHS.

FBLA was the new addition, standing for the Future Business Leaders of America. The Mansfield group was sponsored by the Gainesville FBLA chapter, which held formal initiation ceremonies at MHS.

During this initial year of the organization, local insurance agent Don Tripp and stock broker Arthur Olson spoke to the club on topics of business.

"I really enjoyed the speakers that we had," April Light said. "They made careers in business sound interesting."

The club organized after the first semester of classes.

"It was still a kind of getting

organized year," sponsor Mrs. Jean Steinhauer said.

National Honor Society, however, raised money for several reasons, including paying for the scholarship applications of two NHS members and helping to pay for a picnic table.

Financial Aid Night for juniors, seniors, and their parents was a new activity for NHS.

"I hope to continue this meeting," sponsor Mrs. Okema Haden said, "for it benefited many students and parents."

To become a member of NHS, a student must be in grades 10-12, maintain at least a B average (8.0), and be nominated by at least three teachers on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service,

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and character.

Those nominations are later voted on for final selection by a chapter council consisting of four teachers and the high school principal.

Many students find it an honor to be a member of the selective group.

"It's an honor and privilege to have been a member of NHS," Jerry Ragsdale, MHS senior said. "It was one enjoyable part of my high school years."



*FFA members spread straw over the newly-seeded bank at the baseball field.*

*Future Farmers of America members, Front - Gene Cravens (advisor), Devonna Sickels (historian), Clay Jackson (reporter), Craig Carter (sentinel), Steve Bruce (vice president), Becky Dennis (secretary), Shannon Watterson (president), John Top (parliamentarian); Row two Lynette Top, Angie Bradshaw, Danny Hylton, Brad Detherage, Rick Oliver, Steve Box, Joe Freeman, Eddie Whipple, Rusty Carter, Willie Henry, Terry Henry, Wayne Young; Row three - Miles Matlock, Brett Dennis, Kevin Martin, Gary Davis, Jeff Bary, Sean Babb, Brent Daniels, Larry Chilson, Mica Watterson, Dennis Ryan, Larry Livingston, John Arthey; Row four - Russell Prock, Ricky Henry, Tim Brooke, Brian Matney, Tracy Calton, Robbie Wallin, Randal Fuge, Wesley Lebahn, Jerry Allen, Tim Page, Lonnie Cook; Row five - Stephanie Eldson, Kelly Taylor, Mary Ann Young, Teresa Barnum, Patty Richardson, Tammy Bartlett, Bo McAlister, Byron Taylor, Hal Noble, Al Hire; Back - Jim Shannon, Greg Spell, Dwight Young, Kim Price, Nancy Seavers, Monique Slade, Rick Coudle, Charlie McClain, Tony Hooker, Dale Cook, Candy Giffin, and David Adamson.*



## Livestock team goes to state

### *Future farmers work to help school, community*

"The contest was a big challenge, knowing that I was judging against the best in the state," Wesley Lebahn

Besides learning how to be better farmers, Future Farmers of America chapter members were busy helping in school and community projects.

The first project of the year for the group was picking up rocks and doing general clean-up at the site of the new Little League baseball field.

In addition, FFA'ers took part in the city-wide clean-up effort by picking up trash in several

areas around town.

Fund raisers for the group included selling beef jerky and fresh fruit. They also operated a "jail" at Wilder Days charging a quarter to lock people up for five minutes.

Nine teams from the Mansfield chapter participated in district judging contests.

The livestock team qualified for the state competition held at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The team received a Group II rating. Team member Wesley Lebahn earned a high individual and Group I rating, plus a gold medal.

"The contest was a big challenge," Lebahn said,

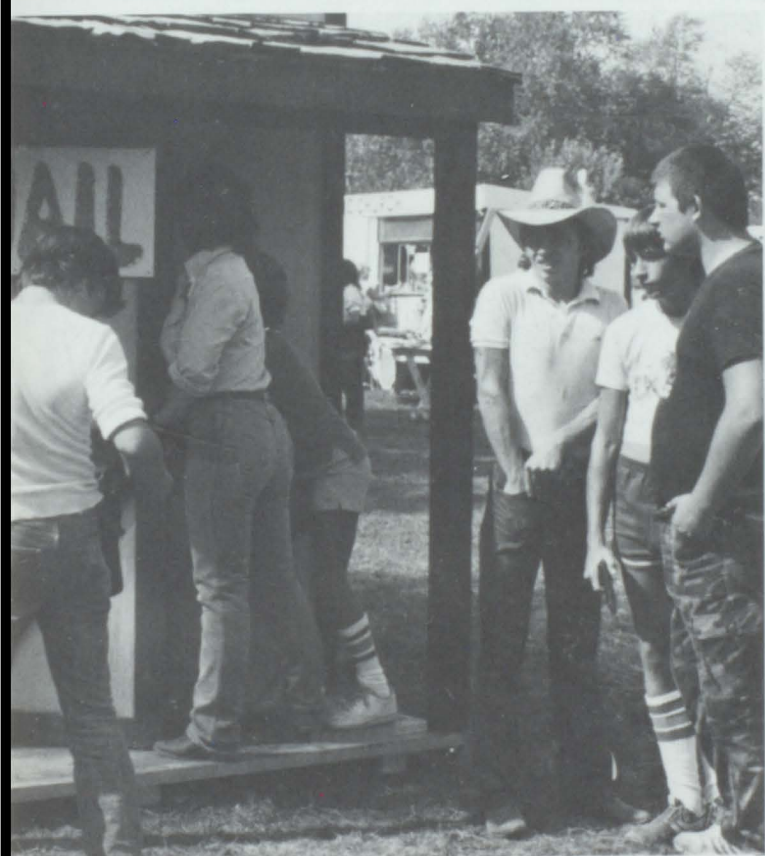
"knowing that I was judging against the best in the state."

Other team members were Clint Jackson, John Top, and Larry Durham.

In another contest, the Mansfield chapter placed eighth in the nation. The 56th annual Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Judging contest had 1505 entries from around the nation in the high school division.

"I am proud of the group effort," adviser Gene Cravens said. "I feel this contest gets students involved in the fundamentals of judging, because the entire chapter is required to participate."





*State-qualifying livestock team members John Top, Clint Jackson, Wesley Lebahn, and Larry Durham.*

*Noel Rummens adjusts the sound of the music he and Miles Matlock selected to play at Barnwarming.*

*FFA members operate a jail to raise funds at Wilder Day.*



**Pep Club members.** Front - Serena Quessenberry, Jacqueline Batcheller, Brenda Miller, Kim Price, Mike Cantrell (president), Sherlyn Gallion, Mrs. Jean Steinhauer (adviser), Becky Brennan, Susan Huffman, Mica Watterson, Rona Baker; Row two - Susan Zorsch, Jana Euler, Coleena Anderson, Michelle Walker, Patty Richardson, Angela Brazeal, Brent Daniels, Tammy Wilson, Clint Jackson, Romin Dasmalchi, Sarah Cox, Deana Moyers, Missy Lair; Row three - Diane Holt, Launa Marlock, Angie Bradshaw, Angela Cruse, Kim Robinson, John Top, Rick Oliver, Missy Holper, Brett Neal, Shavon Campbell, Holly Clark, Kelley Jones, Tassy Baker; Row four - April Light, Claire Brennan, Joe Freeman, Kevin Martin, Clay Jackson, Becky Dennis, Bart Evans, Aaron Gray, Miles Marlock, Brad Deitherage, DeDee Hall, Vickey Jones, Heather Hensy; Row five - Mary Cantrell, Rhonda Fuge, Brian Matney, Dwain Swopes, Stacy Veit, Scott Hesterly, Tommy Keith, Kelly Hall, Bo McAlister, Jimmie Lynn Shirley, Julie Kelley, Julie Perry, Paula Duncan; Back - Brent Evans, Stephanie Eidson, Julie McNeil, Candy Light, Laura Suits, Charlotte Clark, Lynda Henry, Michelle Morris, Lawanda Young, Lori Emerick, Amanda Fletcher. Not shown - Craig Carter (vice president).



**French Club members** and Mrs. Vicki Blankenship prepares French dishes for a school board meal.

**Varsity cheerleader** Susan Huffman leads the Pep Club in a cheer.



**Speech and Debate Club.** Front - Noel Rummens, Lisa Johnson, James Coday, Jacqueline Batcheller, Becky Brennan (president), Lori Wood, Angela Brazeal, Arian Dasmalchi (vice-president); Row two - Glenda Biesemeyer (reporter), Susan Zorsch, Claire Brennan, John Farmer, Kelly Hall, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, Shawna Theiman, Rick Oliver; Back - Brenda Miller, Bo McAlister, Diane Holt, Kelley Jones, Joe Long, Miss Debbie Clevenger (adviser). Not Shown - Missy Lair (secretary.)

**French Club.** Front - Becky Brennan (secretary), Jacqueline Batcheller (president), Romin Dasmalchi (vice president), Arian Dasmalchi (treasurer), Glenda Biesemeyer (reporter). Row two - James Coday, Brenda Miller, Sean Hannum, Lori Wood, Melissa Helsley, Angie Cruse, Tammy Barlett, Michelle Walker, Amanda Fletcher; Back Mrs. Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Diane Holt, Rhonda Hedrick, Jon Ingerson, Kenny Lindsey, Jana Cole, Holly Clark.



# Pep Club proudly gets new name

## *French Club corresponds with foreign pen pals*

The name "MHS Pep Club" just didn't seem to fit. As spirit increased, a name change was made.

"Paw Pride Pep Club" was the new name given the group of seventy-eight members, the largest and most enthusiastic group in years. The efforts of the club members were rewarded with a tournament trophy.

"I was really pleased with the record membership," Mike Cantrell, Pep Club president said. "I also loved winning the Pep Club trophy at the Seymour Tournament."

Dues were five dollars, providing transportation to all away games. Spirit buttons were sold early in the year to raise extra money.

Pep Club once again sponsored the Senior Rose Ceremony held at the last home ballgame. Twenty-one seniors from sports teams, cheerleading squads, pom pon squads, and pep band presented their parents with a long-stemmed red rose.

Two new clubs were organized at MHS. Speech and Debate Club was sponsored by Miss Debbie Clevenger. Becky Brennan served as president, and there were 23 members.

"It was great to get this club started again," Brennan said. "Even though it was a lot of work, it was a lot of fun."

The club members attended three contests during the year including meets at Hillcrest, Licking, and the districts

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as SMSU.

French Club was organized by Mrs. Vicki Blankenship for her French I students.

In addition to cooking some French foods, members of the club received pen pals from France for the year.

"Having a pen pal allows you to get an idea of what the culture is like in France," club president Jacqueline Barcheller said. "Writing back to them in French was a challenge."



A larger than usual crowd jams the Pep Club area for the Homecoming game.



# Cheer groups put in long hours

## *Sweethearts squad performs at state tournament*

"It makes you realize that no matter how many times you perform, there are still times when nerves take over. But never let them see you sweat."

Kim Price

**P**recision takes practice. Cheers rang clear in the multipurpose room during early morning practices as cheerleaders worked, along with sponsor Mrs. Jean Steinhauer, to add that extra polish to their performance.

"Hard work and effort, good attitudes, and communication with each other and with our sponsor," varsity cheerleader Missy Lair said,

"helped us accomplish a lot as cheerleaders this year."

Cheerleaders chose not to attend a summer camp, but used their own imagination and creativity in designing cheers, pyramids, and pep rallies.

On the other hand, camp was quite an experience for the Sweethearts pom pon girls, who brought home a total of 62 ribbons, a second place home routine trophy, and a superior camp trophy, awarded for ribbon accumulation, points, and overall attitude during the week.

"Everyone gave their best," junior Jacqueline Bat-

cheller said, "to make the group sparkle."

A spirit stick, which the girls had kept all week, was also brought home.

Hard work and early planning paid off for the Sweethearts, when they got the opportunity to perform at the 2A state basketball playoffs at the SMSU Hammons Student Center.

Senior Kim Price was thrilled with the whole experience.

"It makes you realize that no matter how many times you perform," she said, "there are still times when nerves take over. But never let them see you sweat."



**Pom Pon squad.** Front - Brenda Miller, Kim Price; Row two - Serena Quessenberry, Jacqueline Batcheller, Jana Euler; Back - Claire Brennan, Launa Matlock, Diane Holt, Susan Zorsch, April Light, Mary Cantrell, Rhonda Fuge.

**Varsity cheerleader** Missy Lair leads a sideline cheer encouraging the Lions.



**Junior Varsity cheerleaders.** Front - Vickey Jones; Row two - Heather Hensy, Julie Perry, Tassie Baker; Row three - Paula Duncan, Back - Kelley Jones





*Arm stretched high, varsity cheerleader Mica Watterson leads a cheer.*

*During a break in a game against Willow Springs, Deana Moyers does a floor cheer.*



*In the Wilder Day parade, pom pon girls Claire Brennan, Launa Matlock, and Susan Zorsch march with the band.*

*Smiles sparkle as the MHS Sweethearts perform a routine at Homecoming.*



*Varsity cheerleaders. Front - Mica Watterson, Susan Huffman, Deana Moyers, Rona Baker, Becky Brennan, Back- Missy Lair.*



*Getting past an Ava defender, Becky Brennan dribbles to the goal.*



A milestone in MHS history occurred when Lynette Top qualified for the state cross country meet. It was the first time any female individual or team from the school had made it to state play. Other girls sports programs at MHS had successful seasons, especially the softball team who went through most of the schedule undefeated. As usual, boys teams provided many moments for spectators to love.



*Arms stretched high, Greg Jones tries to keep a Gainesville player away from the basket.*

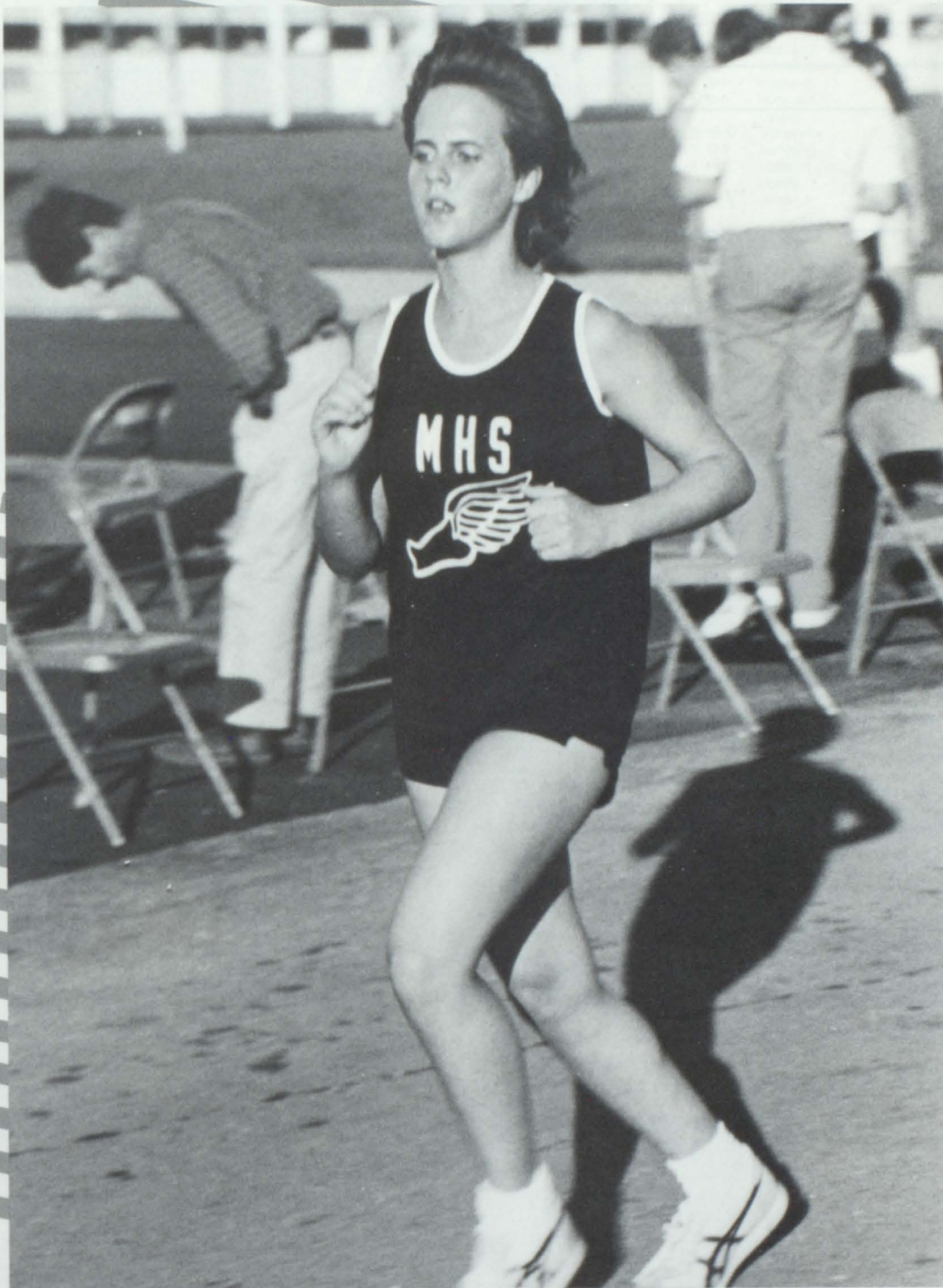
*Rhonda Hedrick keeps the ball in play during a volleyball match with Norwood.*

*In a game at Seymour, Brent Evans gets a base hit for MHS.*

*Following the team introduction, the varsity Lions get ready for action.*



# SPORTS



*Beginning the second lap of a three-mile run, Claire Brennan paces herself to give MHS a winning cross country score.*



# Volleyball team sweeps home games

*"I was proud since I'm a senior that we won every game at home. It gave us a sense of accomplishment." Rhonda Hedrick*

*Jumping high, Rhonda Hedrick spikes the ball in a game against Norwood.*



*Setting the ball, Shavon Campbell gets ready to pass to Kim Price, Becky Dennis, or Coleena Anderson.*



Home sweet home.

The MHS gymnasium was the place where the Lady Lions volleyball team roared, as they won every game at home and finished the season 9-7.

"I was proud since I'm a senior that we won every game at home," Rhonda Hedrick said. "It gave us a sense of accomplishment."

The milestone of winning every home game was accomplished under first year head coach Roger Wood and first year assistant coach Jeff Dill.

"The girls had a very successful year," Wood said. "They worked very hard."

Shavon Campbell, a sophomore transfer from Houston, led the squad in scoring with 134 points. Senior Hedrick was the team's leading spiker. Seniors Kim Price and Becky Dennis were offside spikers, and senior Coleena Anderson and junior Rona Baker were the teams setters. Senior Mary Helsey was top blocker.

The girls on the team saw a reason for all their hard work.

"I think we had a great year. This season was a lot of hard work, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything," Campbell said. "It taught

me that no matter what the final score is, you can always come out a winner."

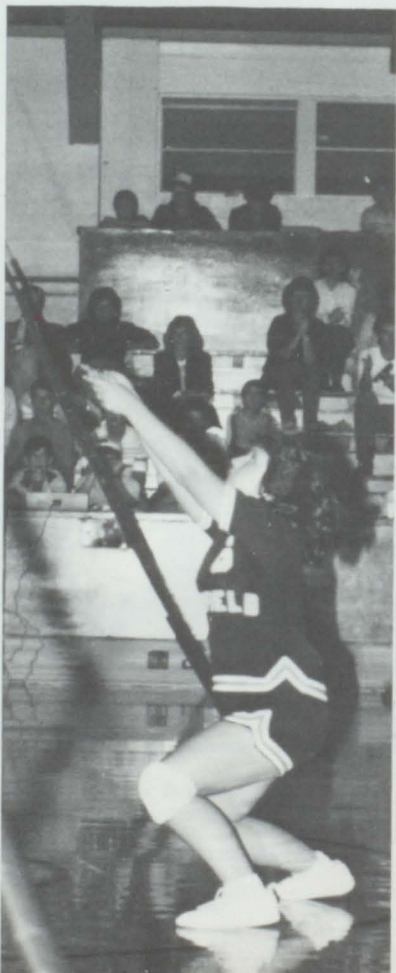
Two games that went into the third set against Seymour were the closest matches of the year, with Seymour winning the first and the Lady Lions winning the second.

Team members were enthusiastic about this year's success.

"We were close as a team," Dennis said, "And I think that made our playing better."

"I really enjoyed this season," Baker said, "because we reached a lot of the goals we were striving for."

A fourth place in the Norwood Tournament and qualifying for regionals were two more achievements by the team this season.







## VOLLEYBALL

Us	Opponent	Them
15-11	Seymour	15-2, 15-5
15-2, 16-14	Bradleyville	
	Sparta	15-11, 17-15
	Seymour	17-15, 15-4
	Ava	15-11, 15-8
15-5, 15-12	Forsyth	
15-0, 15-13	Seymour	15-5
15-6, 15-8	Chadwick	
	Willow Springs	15-10, 16-14
15-8, 15-11	Fordland	
15-8, 15-6	Norwood	
	Cabool	15-6, 15-4
15-11, 15-13	Gainesville	
15-3, 15-3	Norwood	15-8
15-2, 15-11	Fordland	
	Liberty	15-5, 15-10
9	Totals	7

*Getting set to play defense, Becky Dennis, Shavon Campbell, and Kim Price compete at Fordland.*



*Stopping a spike from the Norwood team is Shavon Campbell's goal.*



**Volleyball team.** Front - Paula Duncan, Heather Hensy, DeDee Hall, Brenda Livingston, Rona Baker, Becky Dennis, Angela Merritt, Sherlyn Gallon, Melissa Helsley, Julie Kelley; Back - Coach Roger Wood, Kim Price, Lori Wood, Teresa Barnum, Mary Helsley, Rhonda Hedrick, Diane Holt, Shavon Campbell, Candy Giffin, Coleena Anderson, Coach Jeff Dill.



# Crawling gets runner to state meet

*"Lynette showed a lot of self-pride. The fact that she had to crawl about six or seven feet to finish proves it. It was gutsy." Max Greene*

*Falling leaves and a steady drizzle don't keep Brad Detherage from finishing his cross country run at Mansfield.*



It was a Cinderella story from beginning to end.

Who would believe that the girl who began the cross country season as team manager would find herself running in the state meet a few months later.

After Coach Randy Short took the clipboard out of her hands and got her started running the 3.2 mile cross country course, senior Lynette Top had a successful year against area competition. However, her real test came at the district meet at Lake Springfield on a bitterly cold November morning.

"After the first lap I felt real tired in a different way than I had ever felt running before," Top said. "But I kept on running and my legs felt real numb. Over the last hill to the finish line I tried to sprint, but my legs weren't moving. I felt I was getting shorter and that I was running in slow motion."

Collapsing within six feet of the finish line, Top crawled the remaining distance and collapsed again, unable to move. Determined, she had finished number fifteen and qualified for state.

Top's sister Rhonda and former cross country coach Max Greene carried Top away from the finish line. They dressed her in warm clothing, then her brother John carried her to the bus where it took 30 minutes for her to revive.

"Lynette showed a lot of self-pride," Greene said. "The fact that she had to crawl about six or seven feet to finish proves it. It was gutsy."

Top placed 79 out of 144 runners at state, with a time of 24:06. She was the first girl from MHS to compete in a state event.

Other cross country team members had good years. Top finishers at most of the meets were John Farmer, John Top, Gary Davis, Tommy Keith, Kenny Garrison, and Brad Detherage. Sisters Claire and Becky Brennan usually were top contenders.

A track team member placed high at districts, enabling him to compete at the state meet in May.

Senior Mike Cantrell placed ninth in the state in the shotput division. He also collected several first place wins at local meets.



*Mike Cantrell receives the most valuable player award in track from Coach Randy Short.*



*Wet and tired, Tommy Keith nears the end of the cross country course in a home meet.*



## TRACK

Meer SMSU	Runner	Event	Place
	Lori Wood	800-meter	first
	Carl Cook	200-meter	first
	Mike Cantrell	Shotput	first
	Brad Detherage	3200-meter relay	first
	Russell Prock		
	John Top		
	John Farmer		
	Kenny Garrison	800-meter	second
	Larry Durham	300-meter hurdles	second
	John Farmer	3200-meter	second
	Dwain Swopes	440-meter relay	second
	Mike Cantrell		
	Bobby Page		
	Carl Cook		
	Rick Oliver	1600-meter relay	second
	Larry Durham		
	Tommy Keith		
	Kenny Garrison	800-meter	second
	Wendy Bogart	400-meter	second
	Lori Wood	Discus	second
	Mike Cantrell	1600-meter	third
	Tommy Keith	300-meter hurdles	third
	Kenny Garrison	400-meter	third
	Larry Durham	110-meter hurdles	third
	Wendy Bogart	400-meter	third
	Bobby Page	Shotput	third

*Track and cross country teams. Kneeling - Brandon Frantz, Rhonda Fuge, Julie Perry, Sherlyn Gallion, Lori Wood, Mary Cantrell, Wendy Bogart, Travis Watterson; Row two - Tommy Keith, Kelly Hall, Kenny Garrison, John Top, Gary Davis, John Farmer, John Livingston, Brent Daniels, Rick Oliver, Russell Prock, Larry Durham, David Adamson; Back - Carl Cook, Mike Cantrell, Rona Baker, Dwain Swopes, Brad Detherage, Lynette Top, Bobby Page, Dale Cook. Not shown - Becky Brennan, Claire Brennan.*



*Showing signs of fatigue, Lynette Top completes the first lap of a medal-winning cross country run at the Mansfield Invitational.*



# Winning season eludes team

*"Despite having a losing season, I had a great time.*

*There's no telling how much I'll like it next year if we win."* Joe Freeman

After years of conference championships, district titles, and even a state runner-up title, a 7-16 record doesn't seem up to par for the baseball team.

But despite the record, the experience gained by a team without a single senior definitely leaves something to look forward to.

"Despite having a losing season, I had a great time," junior infielder Joe Freeman said. "There's no telling how much I'll like it next year if we win."

Junior Steve Bruce led the team with a .313 batting average, with sophomore Kirby Skyles close behind with .303.

Junior Brent Evans won the most valuable player award, and also earned the lowest strike-out award with only 7 strike-outs in 80 at-bats.

Freshman Bart Evans was leading pitcher for the Lions. He threw 26 innings, allowing 20 hits, walking 27, and striking out 24.

Starting players and their positions were Craig Carter, catcher; Brent Evans, pitcher and center-field; Kirby Skyles, pitcher and shortstop; Joe Freeman, pitcher and infield; Bart Evans, pitcher and infield; Darrin Moore, left field; Clint Jackson, first base; Steve Bruce second base; Sean Hannum, right field.

Brent Evans and Joe Freeman made the All-Conference first team, and Kirby Skyles got honorable mention.

Other statistics for the team included a .231 team batting average. Joe Freeman led in runs batted in with 16, and Brent Evans and Steve Bruce both hit a home run.



*In a home game, freshman Bart Evans pitches for the Lions*

*Teammates gather to congratulate Brent Evans on his home run against Houston*



*Sophomore Darrin Moore pitches in a fall game.*

*Craig Carter tries to keep a Lion rally alive in a game against Houston.*



*Stretching to touch the base, Joe Freeman puts out a Seymour player.*





## BASEBALL

Us	Opponent	Them
9	Fordland	7
2	Seymour	12
4	Conway	5
11	Hartville	13
22	Norwood	5
1	Fordland	2
4	Seymour	7
8	Hartville	4
3	Fordland	8
6	Norwood	10
4	Seymour	4
14	Niangua	5
10	Hartville	7
0	Houston	12
3	Gainesville	11
5	Seymour	12
3	Ava	3
4	Conway	7
6	Gainesville	17
4	Marshfield	6
5	Houston	12
0	Fordland	3
2	Hartville	16
7	Totals	

*Waiting for the game to start, the baseball team gathers in the dugout.*

*Dirt flying all around, Sean Hannum slides in safe at second.*



*First baseman Clint Jackson watches the batter in a game against Houston.*



*Baseball team. Front - Kelly Eidson, Bryan Reed, Aaron Gray, Eddie Whipple, Larry Chillson, Johnie Jones, James Coday; Row two - Clay Jackson, Shaun Moore, Sean Hannum, Scott Hesterly, Romin Dasmalchi, Kirby Skyles, Bart Evans; Back - Coach Jim Nichols, Joe Freeman, Steve Bruce, Greg Jones, Craig Carter, Sean Babb, Brent Evans, Clint Jackson, Darrin Moore, Coach Duane Widholm.*

*From second base, Steve Bruce fires a throw to first.*



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Us	Opponent	Them
36	Conway	50
29	Ava	40
22	Niangua	50
23	Stratford	48
26	Bradleyville	28
63	Fordland	17
42	Norwood	29
43	Niangua	47
62	Norwood	29
45	Forsyth	65
46	Conway	61
43	Seymour	66
49	Bradleyville	28
32	Bakersfield	75
31	Seymour	40
51	Hartville	36
51	Hartville	36
39	Seymour	40
37	Hartville	51
51	Fordland	36
31	Cabool	58
6	Totals	14

*Chasing a loose ball, Claire Brennan regains control, with sister Becky Brennan ready to assist.*

*Kim Price makes a bounce pass to a teammate in a game against Fordland.*



*In a game against Seymour, Lynette Top takes the ball in for MHS.*

*In the middle of hands protecting the ball, Claire Brennan goes for control for the Lady Lions.*





# Lady Lions gain new team

For the first time in several years, the interest was there.

After struggling along with only enough girls for a varsity team, this year there were enough girls to add a junior varsity team.

According to the team members, Coach Randy Short, a former boys basketball coach at MHS, was largely responsible for the renewed interest in the team.

Although the girls only bettered their record by one win, they were optimistic about the year's results.

"I think we had a pretty good year," senior Lynette Top said. "It is obvious that the girls basketball program is improving."

Learning the fundamentals and being able to get the ball in the hole were just a few of the goals Coach Short set for the girls.

"I really think people saw a different style of girls basketball," he said. "I expected the girls to be ladies on the court, but also to play like boys."

The teams were composed of

four seniors and one junior, with the rest being underclassmen.

"I thought we had a good year," freshman Julie Perry said, "for having a junior varsity team for the first time in a couple of years."

Sisters Becky Brennan and Claire Brennan were both named to the All-Conference teams.

*"I really think people saw a different style of girls basketball. I expected the girls to be ladies on the court, but also to play like boys."*

**Coach Randy Short**



Varsity girls basketball team. Coach Randy Short, Claire Brennan, Becky Brennan, Rhonda Hedrick, Susan Zorsch, Lynette Top, Diane Holt, Shavon Campbell, Kim Price, Becky Dennis, and Coach Roger Wood.



Junior varsity girls basketball team. Front - Angela Merritt, Diane Holt, Shavon Campbell, Lori Wood; Back - Coach Randy Short, Heather Hensy, Julie Perry, Melissa Helsley, Missy McGaw, Rhonda Fuge, Coach Roger Wood.



Rhonda Hedrick scores two points with a fast break lay-up against Ava.

Scrambling on the floor, Susan Zorsch fights an Ava player for control of the ball.



# Injuries plague basketball team

*"I was afraid to go out and practice. We just had a string of bad luck that you would not believe. At one time, five of my first nine players were hurt." Coach Jim Nichols*



Two casts, an eye patch, and yards of tape bandages were as much a part of the team uniform as jerseys and warm-ups for the varsity basketball team.

A knee operation, two broken bones, and at least five sprained ankles delivered the team a year of adversity.

Returning All-State center Nick Zorsch was hampered with ankle problems at the beginning of the season and also the week before regional tournament. He was one of the four starters who developed bad ankles, with several injuries occurring at practices early in the season.

Junior guard Joe Freeman watched the first game of the season from the sidelines, after spending time on crutches.

"It was very disappointing," he said, "to practice all that time and then to hurt my ankle the day before the first game."

"I'll tell you something," Coach Jim Nichols said, "I was afraid to go out and practice. We just had a string of bad luck that you would

not believe. At one time, five of my first nine players were hurt."

Starting guard Brett Dennis suffered an eye injury late in the season, had to wear a patch for several days, but made it back in the line-up for the last home game.

"It hurt really bad," Dennis said. "I was just glad I got to play in the next game."

However, with all the injuries, the Lions still pulled it together for a 20-7 record which included the Seymour Tournament championship and second in the Mansfield Tourney. This was the fourth year out of five that the varsity Lions reached the 20-win plateau under Coach Nichols.

The team was led by four players whose scoring averaged in double figures.

Zorsch averaged 15.6 points per game, closely followed by returning starter Shannon Watterson with 14.3. Junior starter Brent Evans scored the most overall points, 376, for a 13.9 average, and Dennis averaged 12.7.

Dennis was leading rebounder for the team, averaging 10.6 per game. His 97 offensive rebounds added up to more than twice as many as any of his teammates.

Watterson led in free throw accuracy, hitting 63 percent, while Zorsch led in the field goal shooting with 58 percent.

The Lions averaged 66.3 points per game, while holding their opponents to 55.1. The MHS squad shot 49 percent from the field.

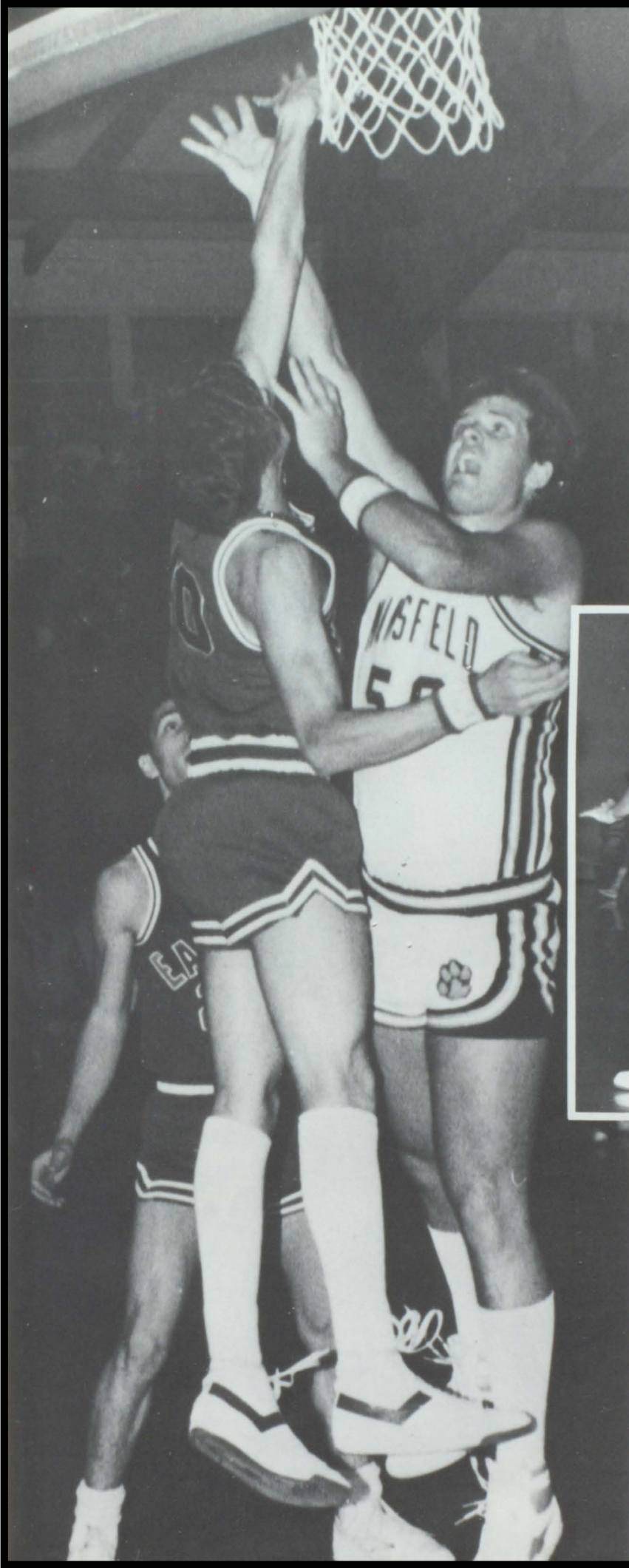
Watterson, Zorsch, Dennis, and Evans made the All-Conference team.



**Varsity basketball team.** Front - Kirby Skyles, Shaun Moore, Joe Freeman, Romin Dasmalchi, Darrin Moore, and Brent Evans; Back - Coach Jim Nichols, Shannon Watterson, Craig Carter, Brett Dennis, Nick Zorsch, Brett Neal, Greg Jones, and Coach Duane Widhalm.

*Shannon Watterson fires a pass in front of a Gainesville defender during Homecoming action.*





## VARSITY BASKETBALL

Us	Opponent	Them
86	Plato	59
54	Niangua	29
60	Fordland	49
76	Gainesville	51
57	Conway	40
41	Hartville	55
62	Seymour	56
61	Conway	62
58	Forsyth	76
57	Hartville	65
57	Cabool	52
97	Gainesville	47
57	Cabool	52
58	Mtn. Grove	55
89	Norwood	54
102	Gainesville	51
63	Ozark	57
75	Cassville	77
89	Reeds Springs	53
82	Conway	54
56	Hartville	53
86	Seymour	67
62	Fordland	47
50	Ava	42
55	Willow Springs	52
58	Cabool	51
61	Alton	66
20	Totals	7



*Hustling after a Gainesville player, Brett Dennis tries for Homecoming victory.*

*Senior center Nick Zorsch makes a strong move to the basket against Hartville defense.*

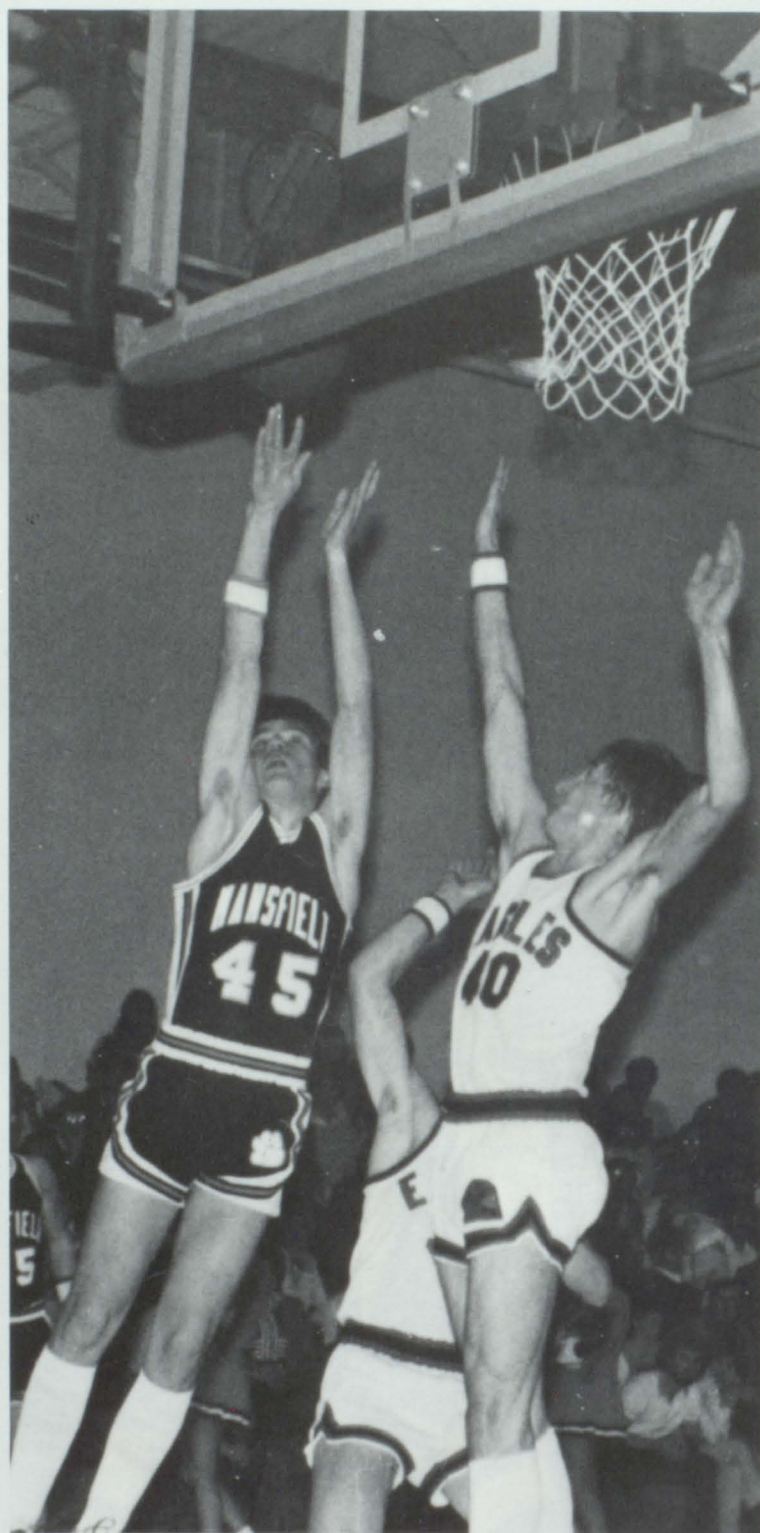


# Injuries plague basketball team

Junior varsity basketball. Front - Aaron Gray, Eddie Whipple, Kenny Garrison, Sean Han- num, Scott Hesterly, Tommy Keith, James Coday; Back - Coach Jim Nichols, Romin Dasmalchi, Kirby Skyles, Shaun Moore, Greg Jones, Darrin Moore, Bart Evans, Coach Duane Widhalm.



Romin Dasmalchi brings the ball in to Kirby Skyles in a junior varsity game.



Before a capacity crowd at Hartville, Brett Neal moves to the basket to help upset the Eagles.

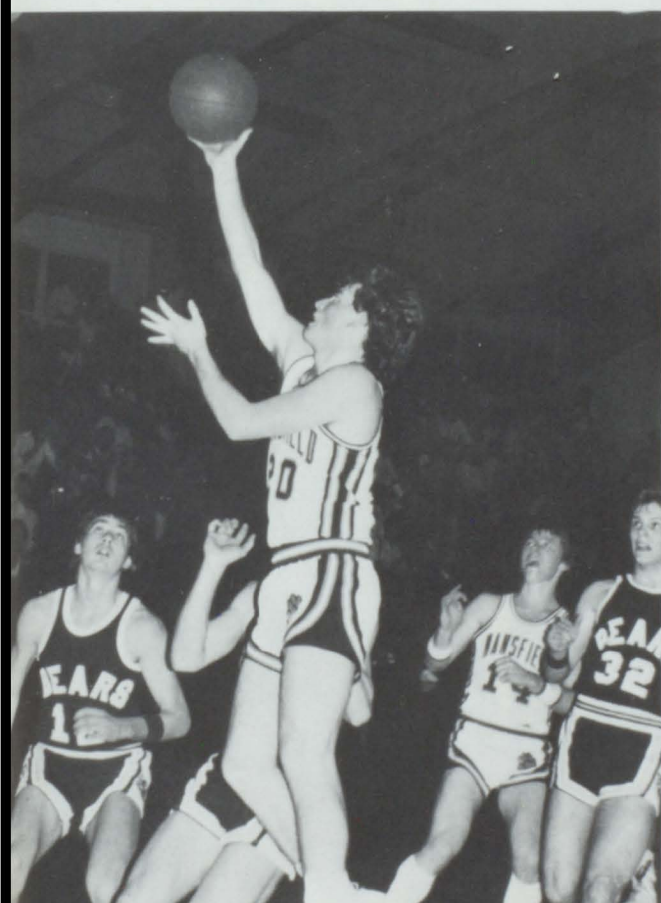




JUNIOR VARSITY		
Us	Opponent	Them
36	Plato	60
32	Niangua	22
42	Fordland	44
48	Seymour	41
36	Conway	42
50	Forsyth	29
32	Hartville	56
49	Cabool	42
53	Norwood	20
50	Gainesville	38
26	Conway	48
33	Hartville	39
44	Seymour	34
26	Fordland	41
14	Ava	27
29	Willow Springs	44
7	Totals	9

*Cousins Shannon Watterson and Joe Freeman both try for a rebound against the Gainesville Bulldogs.*

*In a game against Willow Springs Coach Jim Nichols discusses strategy with the varsity team.*



*Driving for a lay-up, Joe Freeman scores two for the varsity Lions to help defeat Willow Springs.*



# Lady Lions share conference title

*"We had fun since we won most of our games. I'm glad my pitching was effective and allowed us to hold the other teams to low scores." Deana Moyers*

For the first time ever, the Lady Lions can claim a share of a conference title.

When the softball team finished the season with a 9-1 record, they were Summit Conference Co-Champs with Hartville. This was the first time in MHS history that the Lady Lions had accomplished that feat.

On their way to the winning season, the girls combined for a .498 batting average.

Coach Roger Wood was pleased with the success, especially since the group was a young team.

One of the upperclassmen was junior pitcher Deana Moyers, who

had a no-hitter game against Fordland.

"We had fun since we won most of our games," Moyers said. "I'm glad my pitching was effective and allowed us to hold the other teams to low scores."

The Lady Lions went on a scoring rampage in every game, scoring in double figures each time. In most of the games, the girls doubled and even tripled their opponents score.

Kim Price, a senior, had a grand slam late in the season. Moyers was the leading hitter for the year, followed by sophomore Claire Brennan.

**Softball team.** Front - Heather Hensy, Stacy Veit, Becky Brennan, Kelley Jones, Shavon Campbell; Row two - Diana Holt, Claire Brennan, Tammy Dunn, Tassie Baker, Cathy Whipple, Julie Kelley, Angela Merritt, Lori Emerick, Brenda Livingston; Back - Coach Roger Wood, Kim Price, Susan Zorsch, Missy McGaw, Deana Moyers, Melissa Helsley, Mary Helsley, Lawanda Young, DeDee Hall, Coach Jeff Dill.

**Sliding safe** into home plate, Deana Moyers scores a run for the Lady Lions to go ahead of Hartville.



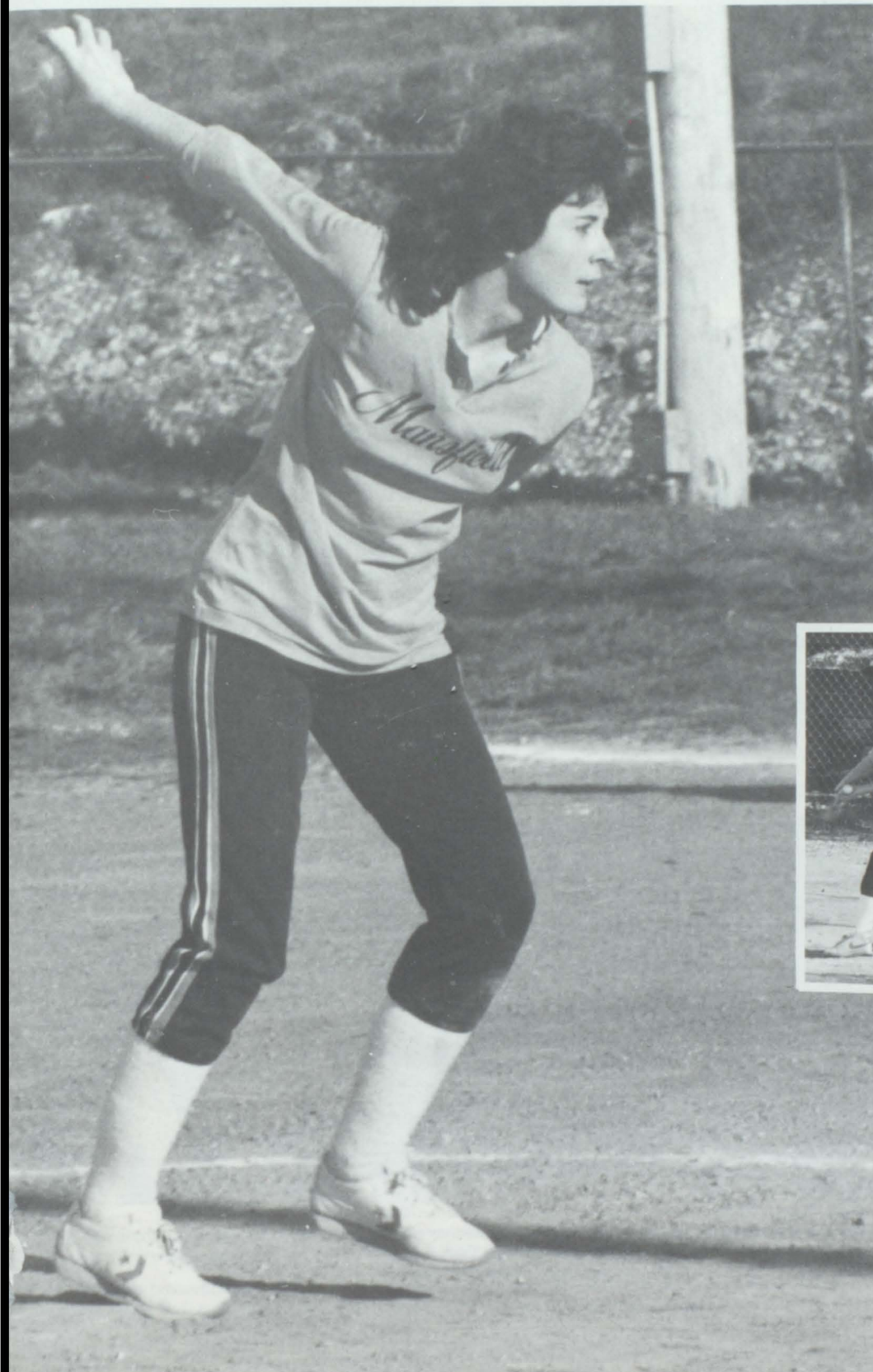
**Infield and outfielders** Missy McGaw, Lawanda Young, and Mary Helsley wait for action from the batter.





## SOFTBALL

Us	Opponent	Them
26	Fordland	5
16	Norwood	6
19	Seymour	10
14	Niangua	4
10	Hartville	8
21	Seymour	6
20	Conway	19
16	Conway	13
13	Hartville	20
12	Fordland	2
9	Totals	1



*Claire Brennan pounds out a hit to help the Lady Lions defeat Hartville in a home game.*

*Eyes challenging the batter, Deana Moyers pitches her way to a victory over Hartville.*



# Girls team learns how to win

"It was great at the end. Everyone was jumping around and some were even crying." Stephanie Duncan

*Eighth grade boys basketball team. Front - Jon Barcheller, Bruce Keith, Jimmy Freeman, Lane Adamson; Back - Coach Duane Widhalm, Darren Campie, Marty Henry, Lance Adamson, Matt Calhoun, David Wilson.*



It finally happened.

For the first time in three years, the junior high girls basketball team recorded a win.

And after that first win, the girls went on to compile a 4-7 record. Although that is a losing record, it is impressive when you consider the fact that the girls team has only been in existence for four years, and had only won one game before this season.

Team members were excited about the win that broke the three-year drought.

"I'm really glad we broke the losing streak," Jeanne Bryan said. "It was around for too long."

It was an emotional game for the junior high girls.

"It was great at the end," Stephanie Duncan said. "Everyone was jumping around and some were even crying."

The girls got their victories from Fordland, Hartville, and Seymour.

"Although it is great to win," Coach Roger Wood said, "the purpose is to teach the athletes the fundamentals and prepare them

for high school basketball."

After losing the first game of the season to Conway, the eighth grade boys basketball team took revenge on everyone. They lost only one other game, ending the season with a 12-2 record.

Since both losses were to Conway, beating them 34-31 at the last home game of the year and handing them their only loss was sweet revenge.

"The highlight of the season was defeating Conway," Coach Duane Widhalm said.

The eighth graders were sorry to see a winning season come to a close.

"I hated to see it end," Gary Greene said. "We were just starting to play good as a team when the season ended."

Although the seventh grade boys had a losing season of 4-5, Coach Widhalm emphasized that winning isn't everything.

"We had hard work and dedication," he said, "which means more than the wins."

Team members were pleased with their first year of junior high basketball.

"We didn't do too good at first," Marc Brazeal said, "but at the last of the season we beat two teams that had beaten us before. I think we can have a winning season next year."



*Eighth grade cheerleaders. Front - Karrie Durham, Lisa Hurst, Audra Suits; Row two - Jamie DeChenne, Deidra Barnett, Heather Krider; Back - Gina Box.*



*Seventh grade cheerleaders. Front - Tiffany Watterson, Kristy Burnett, Jeanne Bryan, Julie Jurewicz, Maxi Sharp; Back - Angela Miller, Christie Evans, Shelly Detherage.*





EIGHTH GRADE BOYS		
Us	Opponent	Them
28	Conway	37
64	Seymour	28
44	Hartville	28
52	Fordland	22
55	Seymour	15
44	Hartville	21
58	Fordland	25
34	Conway	31
59	Ava	22
48	Gainesville	23
66	Dora	22
50	Norwood	32
30	Hartville	28
27	Conway	38
12	Totals	2
SEVENTH GRADE BOYS		
Us	Opponent	Them
24	Conway	57
36	Seymour	29
29	Hartville	35
28	Fordland	44
47	Seymour	22
21	Hartville	39
33	Fordland	32
45	Conway	42
22	Ava	33
4	Totals	5
JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS		
Us	Opponent	Them
9	Conway	25
21	Seymour	25
8	Hartville	13
18	Fordland	5
18	Seymour	24
22	Hartville	20
13	Fordland	21
21	Conway	31
20	Seymour	17
17	Conway	30
31	Hartville	25
4	Totals	7

While Deidra Barnett and Annette Walker scramble for position, Shelly Detherage passes to Christie Evans.



Gary Greene tries to setup a play with Robert Elliott and Matt Callhoun.

Going around a Conway player, Marc Brazeal tries to pass to Kris Gray.



Junior high girls basketball team. Front - Julie Jurewicz, Jeanne Bryan, Christie Evans, Maxi Sharp, Back - Tiffany Watterson, Shelly Detherage, Deidra Barnett, Audra Suits, Karrie Durham, Vicky Franks, Annette Walker.

Seventh grade basketball team. Front - Benji Dennis, Scott Cantrell, Billy Strofer, Marc Brazeal; Back - Coach Duane Widholm, Kevin Hall, Matt Moody, Kris Gray, Randy Taylor, Richard Gallion, Mike Bogart.



*At Junior Olympics, Shannon Watterson gives Kenny Moody a helping push in the tricycle race.*



Whatever the occasion, whether it is a class, a special event, or just goofing around the senior year brings added importance. Seniors are aware from the first day of school that it is the beginning of the end of their time together as a class. They seem to make a special point to love and savor every minute of the long awaited year that passes all too quickly once it finally arrives.



*Seniors wait for instructions on how to line up for the traditional group photo.*

*On the last day of school, Monty McConnell stops to talk with a classmate.*

*In secretarial office practice, Angie Levan types a business assignment.*

*Coleena Anderson, Candy Giffin, and Kristie Dering clown around during a bus trip.*



# SENIORS



*Locating "middle C", Mike Contrell strikes up a chord to liven up an afternoon at school.*



# SENIORS



*Speaking to a large audience at Commencement, Jerry Ragsdale gives the Salutarian address.*

*Diplomas in hand, the Class of 1986 sings the school song.*



*Valedictorian Lynette Top tells classmates to strive for success in the future.*

*A mixed ensemble of seniors performs the song "Friends" at graduation.*



*Straightening caps and clutching roses, seniors gather outside for the procession.*





## Graduates close chapter

As the graduates walked two by two out of the gymnasium, they knew another chapter in their lives was closed.

The 1986 class celebrated their graduation in two ceremonies. Baccalaureate services were on Sunday, May 18, and Commencement was the following Monday.

Rev. Dick Bishop of the Mansfield First Baptist Church delivered the message during Baccalaureate.

There were two songs during Baccalaureate services, "Sabbath Prayer" by a group of senior girls, and "It's Time To Fly Away", by the Senior Chorus. Sarah Cox read a poem.

Jerry Ragsdale began the Commencement exercises with the invocation. Triplets Lance, Lori, and Lisa Johnson gave the welcome, which was followed by speeches by Valedictorian Lynette Top and Salutatorian Jerry Ragsdale.

Other honor students were Brenda Miller, Arian Dasmalchi, Missy Holper, and Mary Helsley.

"Receiving an honor cord was really something special," Brenda Miller said.

Recognition of honor graduates was conducted by the senior class sponsors, Mrs. Jean Steinhauer and Mrs. Judy Middleton, followed by principal Gene Garrison with recognition of scholarship winners.

There were three songs during Commencement: "All I Can Be" by the Senior Chorus, "The Greatest Love of All" by Lisa Johnson, and "Friends" by the Senior Chorus.

The presentation of diplomas was done by Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry and Board President Dale Keith. The singing of the school song followed.

Lisa Johnson closed the ceremony with the benediction.

Motto for the class was "Remember yesterday, dream of tomorrow, but live for today."

The class flower was the red rose, and the class colors were maroon and white.



Before the recessional, class members inspect their diplomas.

Arian Dasmalchi is presented a scholarship by principal Gene Garrison.

Triplets Lisa, Lance, and Lori Johnson welcome family and friends to graduation ceremonies.

Mary Helsley receives her honor cord from senior sponsor Mrs. Judy Middleton.

"Receiving an honor cord was really something special." Brenda Miller



# SENIORS

## COLEENA ANDERSON

FFA 2,3,4; FHA 2,4; Pep Club 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Softball 2,3; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1

## REBECCA BENNETT

FFA 1,2,3; and officer 2; FHA 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Class Officer 1; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Yearbook Queen 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Art Contest 2; Science Fair 2

## GLENDIA BIESEMEYER

German Club 1,2; French Club 4; and officer 4; FHA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 2; Speech and Drama 3,4; and officer 4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; and officer 4; Mixed Chorus 4; and officer 4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Art Contest 3; District Music Contest 2,3,4; Speech Contest 3,4



## JAMES CANTRELL

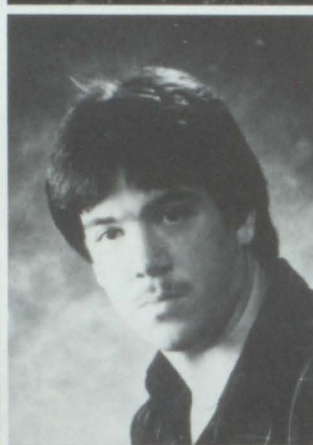
Pep Club 1,2; Speech and Drama 3; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Mascot 1; Business Contest 3; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; State Music Contest 1,2; Speech Contest 3

## MIKE CANTRELL

Science Club 1,2; Pep Club 4; officer 4; Pep Band 1,2; Curriculum Committee 4; Band 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 3,4; Cross Country 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Art Contest 3,4; District Music Contest 1,2; Science Fair 2

## SARAH COX

FHA 2,3; and officer 2; Pep Club 3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Art Contest 4; District Music Contest 3,4



## KIM CREWS

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,4; Art contest 4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4

## ARIAN DASMALCHI

French Club 2; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; FHA 1; Pep Club 1,2,3; Speech and Drama 2,3,4; and officer 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; and officer 4; Pep Band 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Newspaper Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 4; Basketball 1; Yearbook Queen Candidate 2; Carnival Queen Candidate 3; Prom Queen 4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Speech Contest 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4

## BECKY DENNIS

FFA 3,4; and officer 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Curriculum Committee 3,4; Class Officer 1; Newspaper Staff 3; Yearbook Staff 3; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2,4; Track 1; Basketball 2,4; Cheerleader 1,3; Art Contest 2; Business Contest 4



## BRETT DENNIS

FFA 3,4; Science Club 2; Junior Olympics 1,2,4; Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Barnwarming King Candidate 3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Science Fair 1,2

## MIKE DODSON

FFA 2,3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2

## REGINA FREEMAN

FHA 1; Softball 1; Art Contest 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1







## *Seniors make 'most' choices*

Five pairs of seniors were the victors when the battle of the "most" was settled.

The annual popularity contest is a tradition at MHS. The Senior Class chooses the winners.

*Lance Johnson and Glenda Biesemeyer reign as Class Clowns.*

*Picked as Mostly Likely to Succeed are Jerry Ragsdale and Brenda Miller.*



*Most School Spirit honors go to Lance Johnson and Missy Lair.*

*Missy Holper and Jim Cantrell are Best All Around, middle left.*

*Senior Class officers are Missy Holper, secretary, and Danny Hylton, president. Now shown is vice president Patricia Peterson.*

*Most Athletic award goes to Kim Price and Shannon Watterson*



## Look out, Kansas City

About twenty members of the MHS Senior Class descended on an unsuspecting Kansas City for a senior trip.

From a visit to Worlds of Fun, to a pizza party, to a dinner theater, the trip was filled with activities. The group also found time to shop, swim, play video games, and consume junk food.

Senior sponsors Mrs. Judy Middleton, and Mrs. Jean Steinhauer went on the trip, and Randy Short chauffeured the group around.

*Brenda Miller gives Lance Johnson encouragement during a video game session.*



*Waiting on a stack of pillows, Arian Dasmalchi waits with Gail Levan for the bus.*

*Laughing all the way, Becky Dennis, Shannon Watterson, and Missy Lair enjoy the senior trip.*

*Full after a supper of pizza, the seniors rest long enough for a picture.*





# SENIORS



**PAM GAGE**

FHA 1; Art Contest 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 2.

**CANDY GIFFIN**

FFA 3; Volleyball 2,3,4; Softball 1; Art Contest 2.

**MATT GITTINGS**

Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3,4.



**RHONDA HEDRICK**

FFA 2,3; French Club 4; FHA 1,2,4; Pep Club 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,4; Track 1,2; Basketball 1,2,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 2.

**MARY HELSLEY**

National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Band 3,4; and officer 4; Volleyball 3,4; Softball 3,4; Art Contest 3,4; Math Contest 4; District Music Contest 3,4.

**MELISSA HOLPER**

FHA 3; Pep Club 3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Class Officer 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Art Contest 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Business Contest 4; Math Contest 1,3,4; District Music Contest 3,4; Math Club 3,4.



**DANNY HYLTON**

FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3; FFA Teams 1,2; Science Club 3; Student Council 3,4; Class Officer 1,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Barnwarming King 1; Yearbook King Candidate 1; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Math Contest 1; Science Fair 3; Math Club 3.

**LANCE JOHNSON**

Student Council 1; Speech and Drama 4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; and officer 4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; State Music Contest 2; Speech Contest 3,4.

**LISA JOHNSON**

Science Club 3; FHA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Student Council 4; Speech and Drama 3,4; Pep Club 1,3,4; Band 1,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Queen 4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; State Music Contest 3,4; Science Fair 3; Speech Contest 3,4.



**LORI JOHNSON**

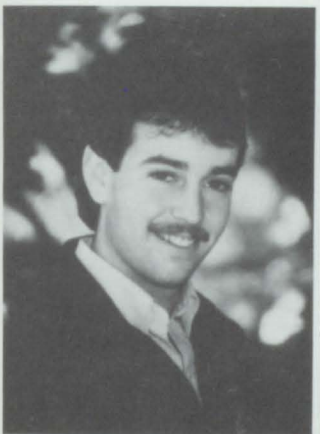
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**THERESA KEITH**

FFA 2; FHA 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Curriculum Committee 3; Mixed Chorus 2; Junior Olympics 1; Cheerleader 2; Pam Pon 1; District Music Contest 2.

**MISSY LAIR**

FFA 3; FHA 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3; Class Officer 1,3; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Miss Mansfield Runner Up 2,4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Art Contest 4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Science Fair 4; English Contest 3; FBLA 4.





# SENIORS

## ANGIE LEVAN SEYLER

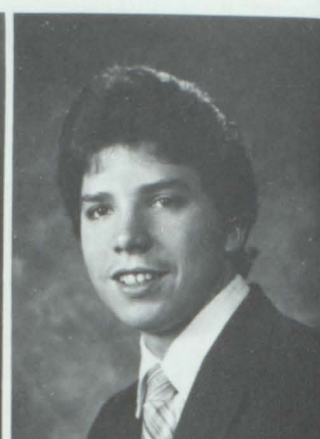
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## MILES MATLOCK

FFA 4; Pep Club 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Junior Olympics 2,3,4; Baseball 2; Track 2; Basketball 2; Carnival King Candidate 3; Prom King 4; Art Contest 3; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3,4.

## MONTY McCONNELL

Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,4; Science Fair 2.



## BRENDA MILLER

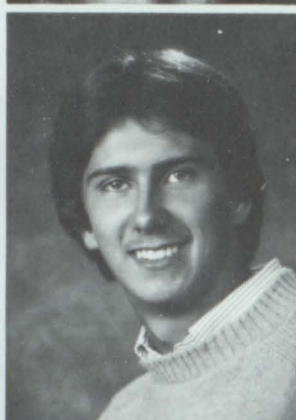
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## KENNY MOODY

FFA 3; Junior Olympics 4; Cross Country 3; Track 3; Science Fair

## TERESA NAPIER

FHA 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Industrial Arts Fair 2.



## PATRICIA PETERSON

Science Club 2; FHA 1; Pep Club 2,3; Speech and Drama 2; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Class Officer 4; Band 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Yearbook Staff 3; Softball 1; Basketball 1; Homecoming Queen Candidate 2; District Music Contest 1,2,3.

## KRISTIE PHILPOTT DERING

FFA 1,2; FHA 1,2,3; and officer 3; Pep Club 1,2,3; and officer 1; Pep Band 1,2; Band 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 3; Yearbook Staff 3; Cheerleader 3; Pom Pon 2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; District Music Contest 1,2,3.

## KIM PRICE

FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 2,3; Pep Band 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; and editor 3; Yearbook Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Cheerleader 3; Pom Pon 2,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 4; Homecoming Princess 3; Art Contest 1,2; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; FBIA 4.



## JERRY RAGSDALE

Science Club 3; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Curriculum Committee 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 2; Math Contest 2,3,4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 3,4; Math Club 2,3,4.

## JANET SCHOFIELD

Art Contest 4; Industrial Arts Fair 2.

## PATTY SCHOFIELD

Volleyball 1,2; Softball 1.







## *Earning funds no breeze*

It's a year that eats up money like no other year.

The senior trip and graduation are traditional money-guzzlers, and the seniors know they need to earn big bucks to finance those two special events

Beginning early in the year, the class earned money in a variety of ways, including operating a booth at the CTA Carnival and a concession stand at home basketball games. They also built a float to enter in the town's Christmas parade.



*Using strings of popcorn, Becky Dennis and Theresa Keith trim the Christmas floor.*



*At the CTA Carnival, Connie Adamson, Lance Johnson, and Kristie Dering handle the cotton candy booth for the seniors.*

*Missy Holper gets a Coke for Shaun Moore at the senior concession stand.*



## *Seniors' skill put to test*

Unlike the old saying, it was the fourth time that was the charm for the Class of '86.

In the eighth annual Junior Olympics, the seniors pushed themselves to the limit, edging past the juniors by one point to claim the victory.

The contest wasn't decided until the final event, the tug of war, and although the juniors won, the seniors still got enough points to win the Olympics.

In every event from leapfrog to the obstacle course, the seniors showed a determination to win the "battle of the classes."

*With Miles Matlock securely under their control, Brenda Miller, Missy Lair, Lynette Top, and Becky Dennis run the body race.*



*The seniors pull together to bear the sophomores in the first round of the tug of war.*



# SENIORS



## LYNETTE TOP

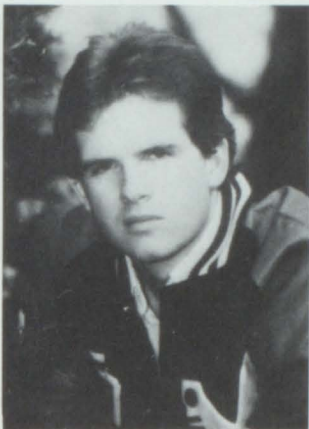
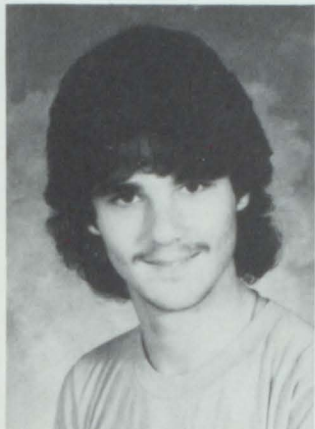
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## GAIL SMITH LEVAN

FHA 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Junior Olympics 1; Volleyball 1; Carnival Queen Candidate 1; District Music Contest 4.

## SHANNON WATTERSON

FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 2,3,4; FFA Teams 1,2; Student Council 1,2; Class Officer 1,2,3; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Barnwarming King Candidate 2; Yearbook King Candidate 4.



## DWIGHT YOUNG

FFA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Barnwarming King Candidate 3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2.

## NICK ZORSCH

FFA 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Yearbook King 3.

## NOT SHOWN:

## CONNIE ADAMSON

FFA 1; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; FHA 1.

## MELINDA KEELING

FFA 2; FHA 1,4; Curriculum Committee 1; Art Contest 2,3,4.



*Directed by Dwight Young, a "blind" Kim Price searches for objects to fill her basket.*

*Working on speed, Becky Dennis maneuvers through the tire part of the obstacle course.*

*Brenda Miller jumps as far as she can over Angie Levan in the leap frog race.*

*Senior sponsor Mrs. Jean Steinhauer, Mike Cantrell, and team captain Danny Hylton discuss strategy.*





# SENIORS



*Waiting for graduation practice to begin, Arian Dasmalchi and Theresa Keith share a laugh.*

*Secretarial students Teresa Napier, Becky Dennis, Coleena Anderson, Angie Levan, and Missy Lair cook breakfast to start off their last day.*

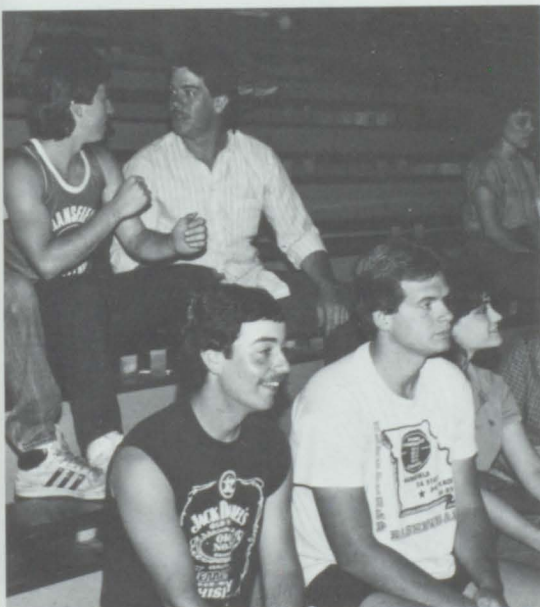


*Brenda Miller steadies the camera for a snapshot during graduation practice.*



## Many activities form last day

The last day of classes was a bittersweet one for MHS seniors. There were lockers to clean, pictures to take, moments to sit and just talk. Graduation rehearsal took up a big portion of the day, and books had to be checked back in to the office. Then all too soon, it was over.



Not content with snapshots, Jim Cantrell brings a video camera to help remember that last day.

Lynette Top and Rhonda Hedrick take turns snapping photos of each other.

On her last day of high school, Candy Giffin gives her locker its last cleaning.

Graduation practice is a time for the seniors to share a few memories.



*Getting the class close to the problem, Morgan Dale explains a vocational math equation.*



**B**ooks. Studying. Tests. How can MHS students love every minute of it? Well, to be honest, of course they don't. But they do love the results of all that work in and out of the classroom. They get satisfaction from collecting awards and winning contests, individually and as groups. And sometimes, if it's a subject that interests them, they really do love those minutes they spend learning.



*Steve Box, Craig Carter, and Greg Jones discuss the right answer to a question in biology class.*

*Aiming carefully, Mary Ann Couch and Jimmie Lynn Shirley learn target shooting skills.*

*On a cold winter day, Darin Raney paints a Christmas scene on a downtown business window.*

*With a diagram close by, Becky McConnell and Brenda Livingston dissect a fetal pig.*



# ACADEMICS



*Clothing class members gather around Mrs. Kathy Barnett to watch a sewing demonstration.*



*Interested in a new song, Christy Evans holds the music for Mrs. Debbie Dale.*

*Working on an art collage project, April Light carefully adds the finishing touches.*



*Senior Patricia Peterson creates stained glass for art class.*



*John Farmer, Holly Clark, and Wendy Bogart watch as Mrs. Judy Middleron shows how to hold the charcoal colors.*



*Eric Soytes reads the daily announcements to his class.*



Catching the Christmas spirit, Pam Gage paints winter scenes for local businesses.



Mrs. Wanda McGhee explains new projects to her junior high art class.

At a baseball game, Mica Watterson experiments with a camera for photography class.

# FINE ARTS

## *Art students repeat contest title victory*

The second time around didn't make the victory any less sweet.

Mansfield students received a total of 84 points to earn the Sweepstakes Award in the annual Alpha Rho Tau Art Fair.

Outscoring 13 other schools to claim the championship, it was a repeat win for MHS.

Senior Missy Holper was named "Top Individual Student" by finishing first in perspective, pastel, water color, pencil still life, and pencil portraits. She also had three seconds in pastel, pencil still life, and color design; a third in calligraphy; an honorable mention in pencil portraits.

"It has been great to have an artist like that around," art teacher Mrs. Judy Middleton said. "She has been an inspiration to my art classes, and I feel confident I'll see her name in a well-known gallery someday."

Others under the direction of Mrs. Middleton placed as follows: metal sculpture, Kevin Clouse first place, Randal Fuge second place; perspective, Deana Moyers second place; posters, Serena Quessenberry honorable mention; wood sculpture, April Light honorable mention; cartoon, Shaun Moore honorable mention; fashion, Melinda Keeling first place and fourth place; prints, Shaun Moore fourth place.

Miscellaneous sculpture, Shaun Moore fourth place; crayon, Michelle Morris second place; pastel, Holly Clark third place; design base relief, Lawanda Young second place; mixed media, Melinda Keeling second place; commercial design, Darin Raney and Nova McClain second place.

In addition to traditional art classes, Mrs. Middleton taught a photography class, and was again a Senior Class sponsor.

Mrs. Wanda McGhee taught junior high and elementary art classes.

Eric Spyres, high school and junior high music teacher, entered several musicians and vocalists in district and state competition, directed several concerts, and continued to provide marching entertainment at area parades. Mr. Spyres was the Student Council sponsor.

Mrs. Debbie Dale taught elementary and junior high music. She also accompanied several students at music contest.

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# VOCATIONAL ARTS

## Shop student captures 'Best in Show' prize

Fifty-five one ratings for MHS students gave them a tie for top spot at the Summit Conference Industrial Arts Fair. In addition, projects by a junior girl and a senior girl won "Best in Show" and "Best in Drafting" honors.

Devonna Sickels' coffee table and matching end tables beat out dozens of entries to gain "Best in Show" honors, and Melissa Holper won "Best in Drafting."

Bill Ghan's students also earned 20 twos and 7 threes. Projects making ones were eligible for the SMSU District Contest, where MHS students scored 8 one ratings. They included projects by Monty McConnell, Terry Welker, Shane Potts, David Severs, Scott Storms, John Ragsdale, Devonna Sickels, and the 7A junior high class.

General shop students made the halls echo with the sound of music after they built 9-transistor radios.

"Making a 9-transistor radio that works as good as any you have at home," Mr. Ghan said, "must be a really good feeling for anyone."

His students also built one-twelfth scale model houses, exact in detail through the framing stage.

Mr. Ghan was sponsor for the Freshman Class.

Business students organized under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Steinhauer to form a Future Business Leaders of America chapter.

At the annual Summit Conference Business Contest, Missy Lair won a second place red ribbon in Typing II, and Susan Huffman won second place in Typing I.

In addition to organizing FBLA, Mrs. Steinhauer was cheerleader and Senior Class sponsor.

Home economics students tried a multitude of projects ranging from decorating cakes to sewing to planning weddings and receptions. Teacher Mrs. Kathy Barnett emphasized that "home ec" classes are no longer just girl stuff.

"I try to encourage young people to take home economics classes," she said, "because no matter what their plans are after high school, they will need these basic skills."

Mrs. Barnett served as sponsor for Future Homemakers of America.

Future Farmers of America advisor Gene Cravens took his agriculture classes on numerous field trips. His group assisted in several community projects, including clean-up at the new Little League ballpark.

*"I try to encourage young people to take home economics classes because no matter what their plans are after high school, they will need these basic skills." Kathy Barnett*

Ag instructor Gene Cravens helps Scott Calhoun, Steve Bruce, Bobby Page, and Miles Matlock complete a project.



Teresa Napier gets a review of computer techniques from Mrs. Jean Steinhauer, business teacher.

Typing students Launa Matlock and Wesley Lebahn concentrate on a timed exercise.



Woods process class takes a close look at a woodworking project with instructor Bill Ghan.



Sherlyn Gallion, Mary Cantrell, Paula Duncan, Tassie Baker, and Rhonda Fuge wait to taste casseroles they prepared.

Agriculture instructor Gene Crovens.

Mrs. Kathy Barnett, home economics teacher.



Advising her to hold the gun steady, Randy Short gives Jimmy Lynn Shirley shooting instructions.



A cool splash in the pool awaits physical education student Willie Henry.



Bobby Page and Clay Jackson wrestle in lifetime activities class.

Ninth graders line up to shoot baskets in Duane Widholm's physical education class.





With his ninth grade physical education class gathered around, Duane Widhalm demonstrates volleyball techniques.



Drivers education teacher Jim Nichols and student drivers Wendy Bogart, Lori Emerick and Michelle Walker.

Randy Short demonstrates a peller gun for his ninth grade physical education class.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*All male 'P.E.' staff offers change from past*

Getting away from the trend of women teachers for girls athletics, the Mansfield system hired Randy Short as physical education teacher and girls basketball coach.

Mr. Short had previously taught at Mansfield, but had been in private business for several years before returning to education. He feels physical education is an important subject in school.

"Physical education is good for high school students," he said, "because it teaches them sportsmanship, discipline, and gives kids a feeling of satisfaction."

Mr. Short was also track and cross country coach, and spent the main part of the day as elementary and junior high physical education teacher.

Athletic Director Jim Nichols taught drivers education classes and a study hall in addition to coaching duties.

Mr. Nichols was head basketball and baseball coach for high school boys. Athletic director duties included scheduling games and officials for sports.

Duane Widhalm was junior high boys basketball coach and assistant coach for high school basketball and baseball. He also taught elementary and junior high physical education classes.

Junior high girls basketball and high school softball was coached by Roger Wood, who was also a history teacher.

The coaches operated "pee-wee" programs for elementary age basketball players.

As before, physical education students were allowed to spend time at the municipal pool when the temperature was hot at the beginning of school. This included elementary as well as high school and junior high students.

*"Physical education is good for high school students because it teaches them sportsmanship, discipline, and gives kids a feeling of satisfaction." Randy Short.*



# LANGUAGE ARTS

## Department grows with new subjects and clubs

Can you spell sesquipedalian?

If you can't, you might want to ask sophomore Claire Brennan or freshman Wanda Williams, since they both won blue ribbons in the spelling division at the Summit Conference English Contest.

But they weren't the only winners. Senior Brenda Miller and junior Kenny Lindsey both brought home white ribbons in language mechanics, as did sophomore Romin Dasmalchi in composition.

In addition to these winners, senior Arian Dasmalchi and sophomore Susan Zorsch took third place in vocabulary and language mechanics, respectively.

Mrs. Gayle Stenson accompanied the group to the contest. She taught English I, III, and IV, as well as an American History class. This was her first year of teaching.

It was a big year for journalism students at Mansfield.

In the Ozark Publications Advisers write-off contest at Evangel College, Mansfield tied for second place with Springfield Glendale and Mt. Vernon.

At the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association contest at the University of Missouri, staff members won 22 state awards, captured the state yearbook sweepstakes title and the state newspaper sweepstakes title, and had both publications named All-Missouri.

Journalism adviser Mrs. Debbie Arnall was one of ten nominees for Journalism Teacher of the Year. She taught English II and American History in addition to School Publications I and II. She was Junior Class sponsor and adviser for the newspaper and yearbook.

Mrs. Arnall praised the publications staff for their accomplishments.

"We had the biggest publication staff in years, and it was by far the most talented group I have ever worked with," she said. "They cleaned up at state and we sang along to 'Lovin' Every Minute of It' on the way home from Columbia."

This was the first year that Mansfield had a Speech and Debate Club.

The club, which was formed by Miss Debbie Clevenger, participated in three speech contests this past year.

"I am very happy with the group," she said. "I think we did very well, considering it was our first year."

Miss Clevenger was junior high language arts teacher, and also taught English I. She was seventh grade and junior high cheerleader sponsor.

Mrs. Kay Goss, who left the language arts department two years ago to work in the library, recently completed her certification in the library sciences. She was sponsor of the Junior Class and the pom pon girls.

Mrs. Vicki Blankenship joined the Mansfield staff as part-time French instructor, then took over as junior high math teacher in the spring. She sponsored French Club.

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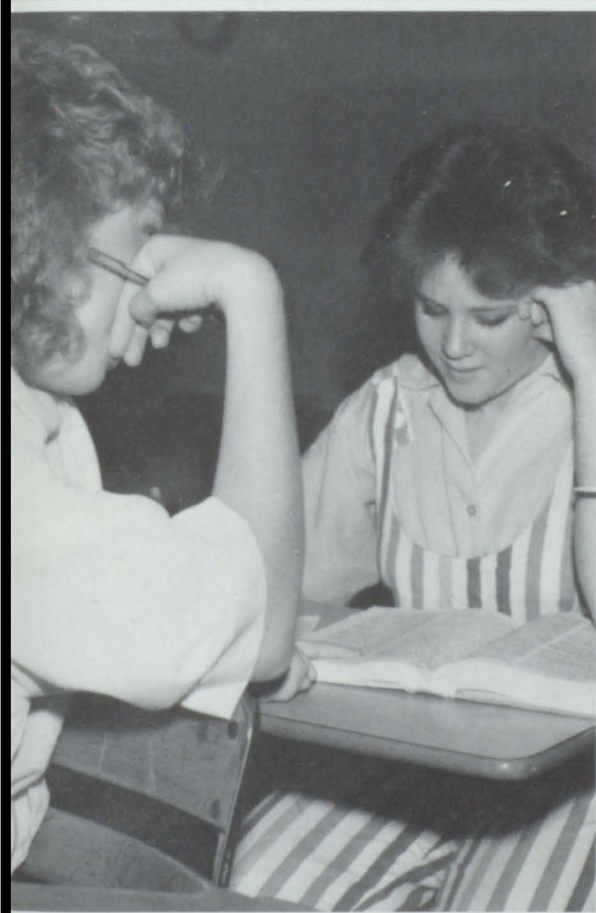
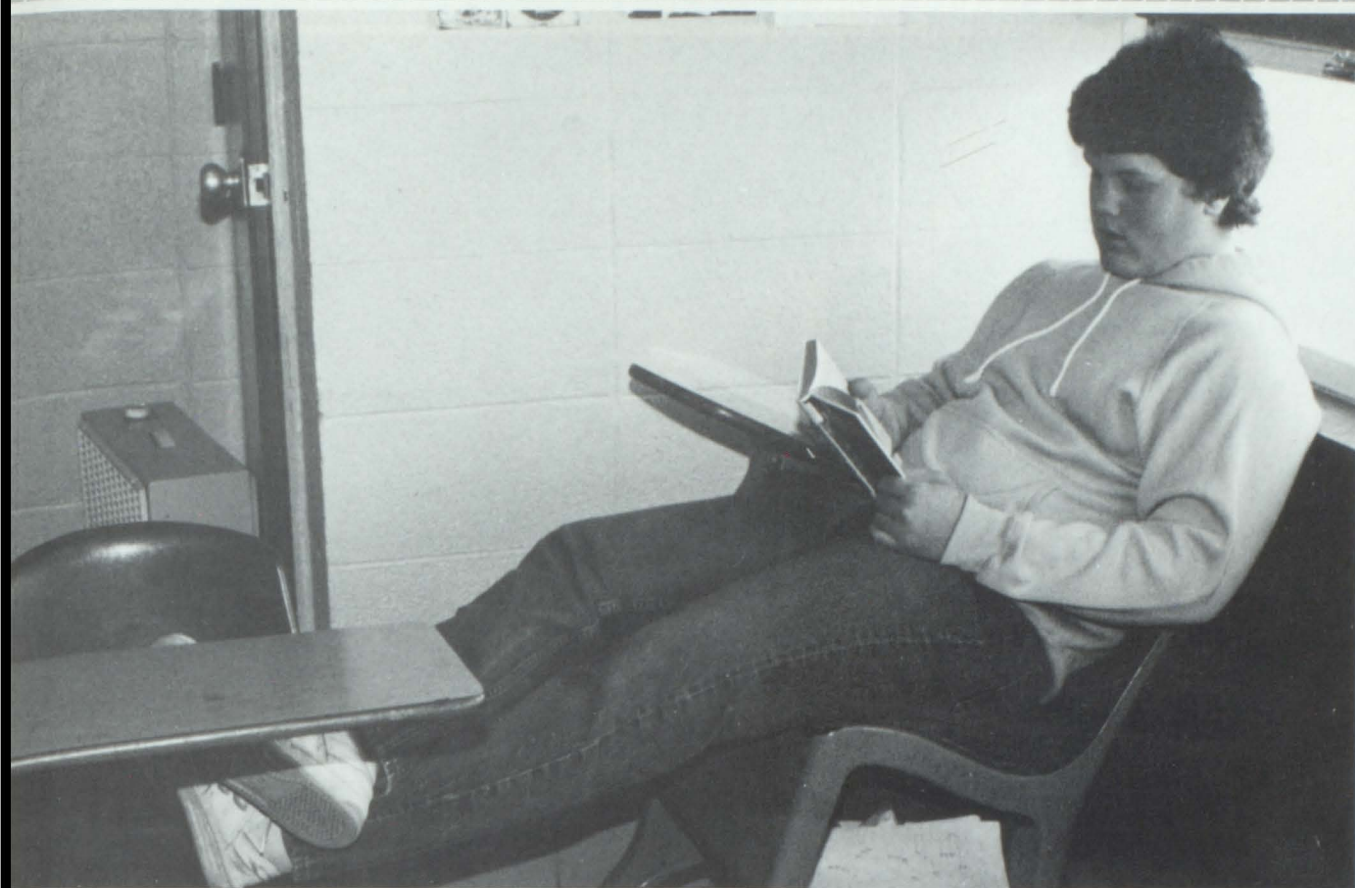
English IV students listen to a grammar explanation from Mrs. Gayle Stenson.



Mrs. Kay Goss, librarian, right; Mrs. Gayle Stenson, high school language arts teacher.



*Relaxing against the wall, Kevin Martin reads a short story in English III.*



*Newspaper staff members listen to Coca-Cola Bottling Company President Ed Rice discuss the "Lion's Gazette."*



*Lori Wood and James Coday help Mrs. Vicki Blankenship whip up French recipes during French I class.*

*Working together, Teresa Barnum and Julie McNeil try an English assignment.*



*Miss Debbie Clevenger helps Scott Hesterly with a tricky English I assignment.*



Enlargements of World War I photos help American History students understand that time period.

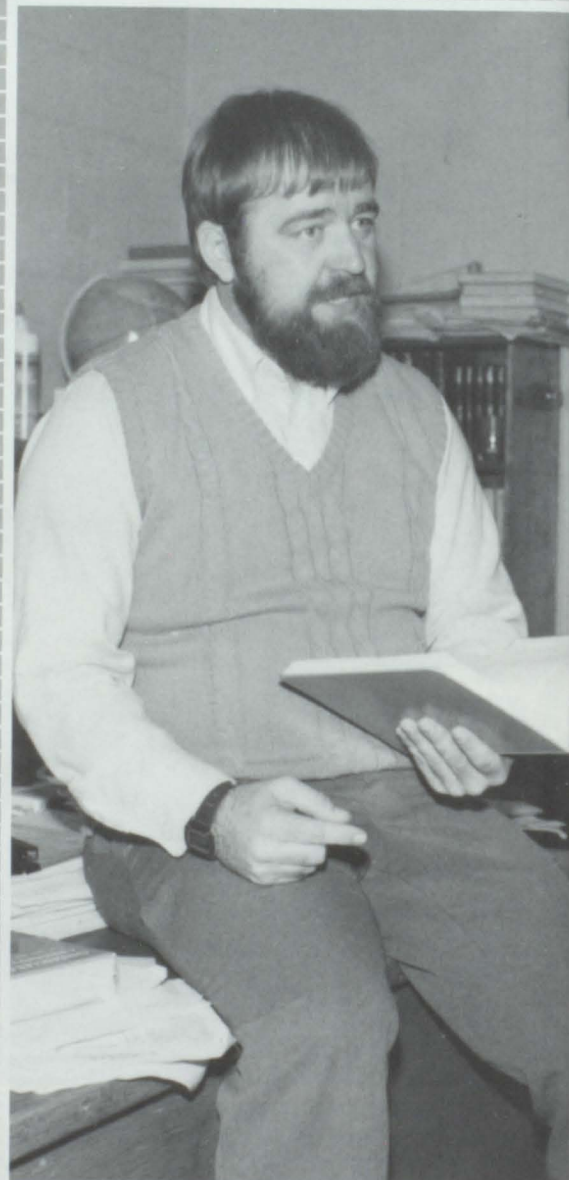


American History students discuss pictures of World War I with teacher Mrs. Debbie Arnall.

During a sociology lecture, Kim Robinson has a question for teacher Roger Wood.

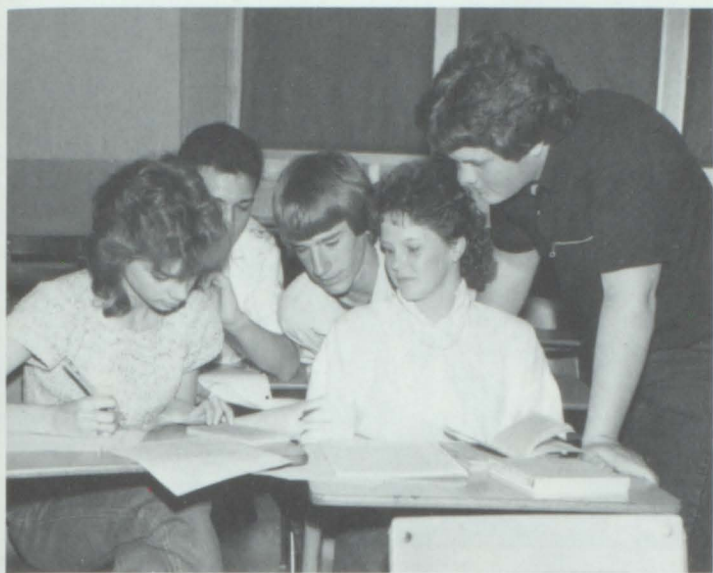


Roger Wood, social studies teacher.





Jacqueline Batcheller, Darin Raney, Dwaine Swopes, Becky Brennan, and Kevin Martin work together on an American Government report.



Mrs. Debbie Arnall, American History, English and journalism teacher.

Jeff Dill helps history students Darrin Moore, Sean Babb, and Kirby Skyles find an answer.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

## *History students urged to help teach class*

From the back row of the classroom, teaching may look easy. But when you are standing in the front of the room, easy evaporates.

To help students learn the difficulty in teaching, Roger Wood, high school social studies teacher, required each student to teach class for one day. The students worked in groups of two or three, and could teach the class however they desired. The assignment was worth 100 points of their quarterly grade.

His world history classes also spent a couple of weeks studying Russian history and watching the movie "Peter the Great."

In addition to teaching world history, American History, sociology, and psychology, Mr. Wood coached softball, volleyball, and junior high and high school girls basketball.

Mrs. Debbie Arnall, who taught American History, tried a different method of teaching.

"We tried to supplement our textbooks," Mrs. Arnall said, "with material that brought the subject to life. Several television mini-series and movies were right out of the history books, so we took advantage of the school's VCR. The classes really enjoyed 'The Blue and the Gray' and 'Enola Gay: The Men and the Mission'."

Mrs. Arnall also was part of the language arts department, and was the newspaper, yearbook, and Junior Class sponsor.

Jeff Dill, who taught junior high social studies, high school government and geography, also helped coach volleyball and softball.

Teaching for his first year, Mr. Dill was trying to get organized and learn a good method of teaching.

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# SCIENCE / MATH

## Math students keep traveling trophy at MHS

The traveling trophy didn't travel very far.

MHS students took the traveling trophy for the second year in a row at the Summit Conference Math Fair held at Conway High School.

With 56 points, Mansfield was far ahead of the four other schools. Fordland accumulated 30 points, Hartsville 22 1/2, Conway 17 1/2, and Seymour 0.

Math Club sponsor Morgan Dale was pleased with the contest results.

"Winning the trophy was great," Mr. Dale said. "The kids worked very hard. The testing was unusual because everyone in all the divisions took the same test, but we still won by a large margin."

Three MHS students were first in their divisions. Susan Zorsch took top honors in geometry, Kenny Lindsey in Algebra II, and Missy Holper in trigonometry.

Kevin Lindsey placed second in Algebra I. Third place ribbons were taken by Michelle Morris in basic math, Mary Helsley in Algebra II, and Jerry Ragsdale in trigonometry.

Lynette Top took fourth in trigonometry and Shauna Thieman and Melissa Helsely got honorable mention in Algebra I.

Math classes were taught by high school teacher Morgan Dale and junior high instructor Floyce Maxwell. French teacher Mrs. Vicki Blankenship took over the junior high classes when Mr. Maxwell resigned in early spring. Mrs. Blankenship helped sponsor the seventh grade.

Under the leadership of high school science teacher Randy Sarver, MHS students took two division titles at the University of Missouri-Rolla Science Fair.

Out of fourteen projects sent to the fair, Mansfield had six place in the top three of their divisions.

Taking first place in their divisions were Jacqueline Barcheller in biochemistry and Arian Dasmalchi in microbiology.

Taking seconds were Darin Raney in microbiology, Brett Neal in physics, and Susan Zorsch and Claire Brennan in zoology.

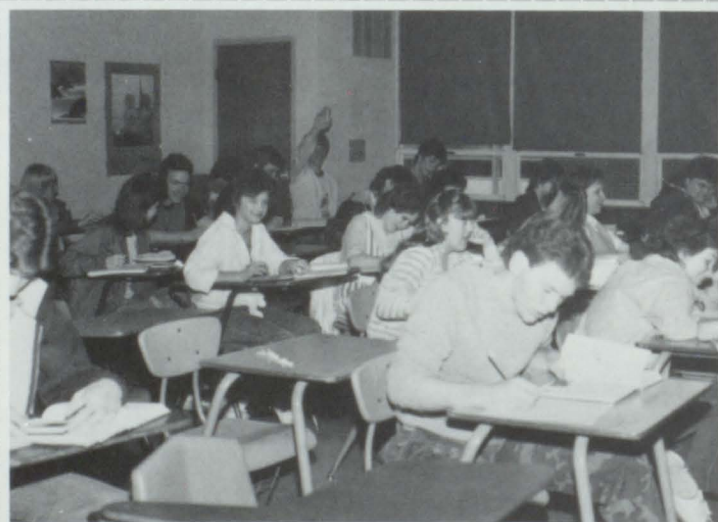
Mr. Sarver was the sponsor of Science Club, which required members to enter projects in area fairs.

Junior high science classes were taught by Max Greene who also taught conservation for high school students. Conservation covered subjects such as air pollution, water pollution, wild animals, fish, forestry, hunter education, and the geography of Missouri.

*"Winning the math trophy again was great. The kids worked very hard. The testing was unusual because everyone in all the divisions took the same test, but we still won by a large margin." Morgan Dale*

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Environmental science students examine the contents of the seine they used at Bryant Creek.

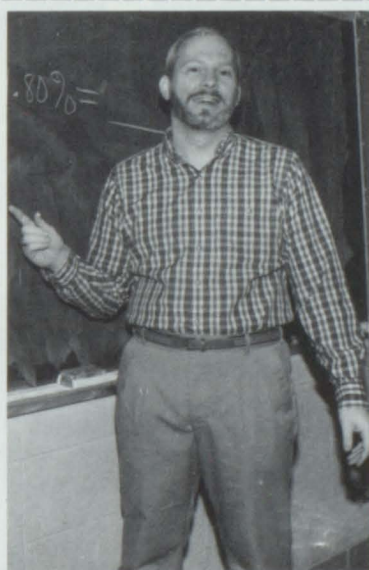
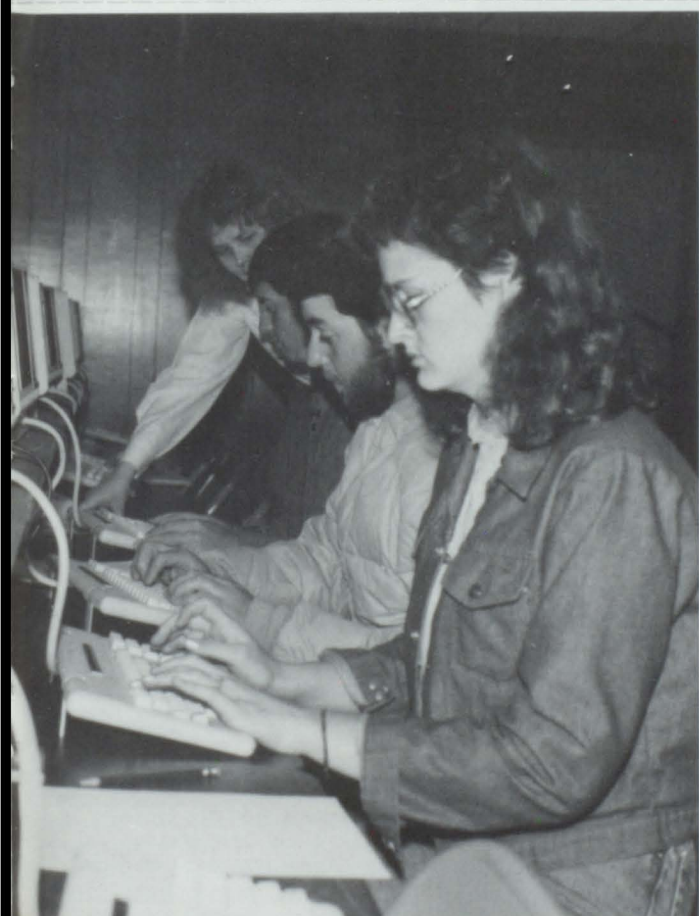


Computer teacher Mrs. Carolyn Todd, left; junior high science teacher Max Greene, right.

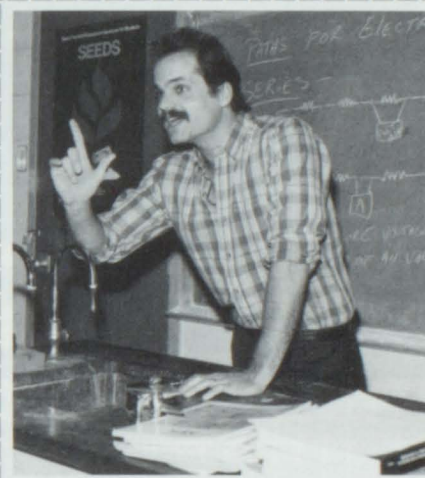
While some vocational math student start on an assignment, Dwain Swopes has a question.



Removing the skin carefully. Biology students Kevin Clouse and Randal Fuge dissect a feral pig.



Morgan Dale, high school math teacher.



Randy Sarver, high school science teacher.

While Danny Hylton and Mary Helsley write computer programs, Mrs. Carolyn Todd helps Darrin Moore with a problem.



High School Principal Gene Garrison, right;  
Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry, be-  
low.



Board of Education members Mrs. Joyce  
Vinson, Dale Keith, Steve Moody, Larry  
Kingery, Larry Hesterly, and Curt Calhoun.



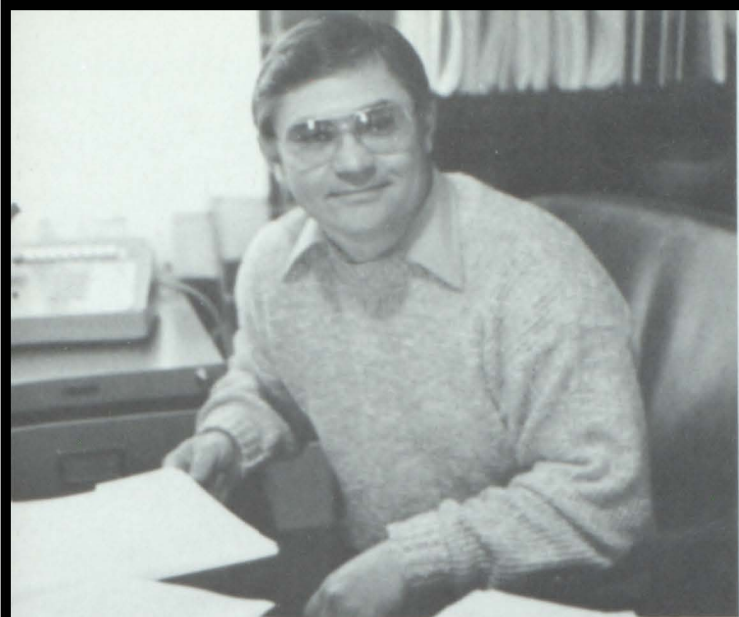
Mrs. Cleo Chambers, high school secretary.

Mrs. Ruby Johns, secretary to the superin-  
tendent.

Mrs. Lana Kirkland, special programs sec-  
retary.

Mrs. Debbie Letsinger, elementary sec-  
retary.





# ADMINISTRATION

## *Superintendent Perry at MHS for eight years*

Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry has completed his eighth year in the Mansfield R-IV school system. His first two years were spent as the high school principal, and the last six years as superintendent.

Gene Garrison, principal of the junior and senior high school, marked his sixth year, and David Brouse was principal of Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary for his first year.

Mr. Garrison praised students and faculty for their high involvement in school activities.

"The extra time and hard work that go into the activities take a lot of dedication on the students, coaches, and sponsors part," he said. "Nature forces an individual to reach down into themselves to achieve."

Merlin Miller was special program coordinator for the third year.

Mrs. Ruby Johns marked her twenty-second year with the school system. She spent eight years as the elementary secretary and the past fourteen as the secretary to the superintendent and school bookkeeper.

Cleo Chambers spent three years as elementary secretary and has now completed fifteen years as the high school secretary and receptionist.

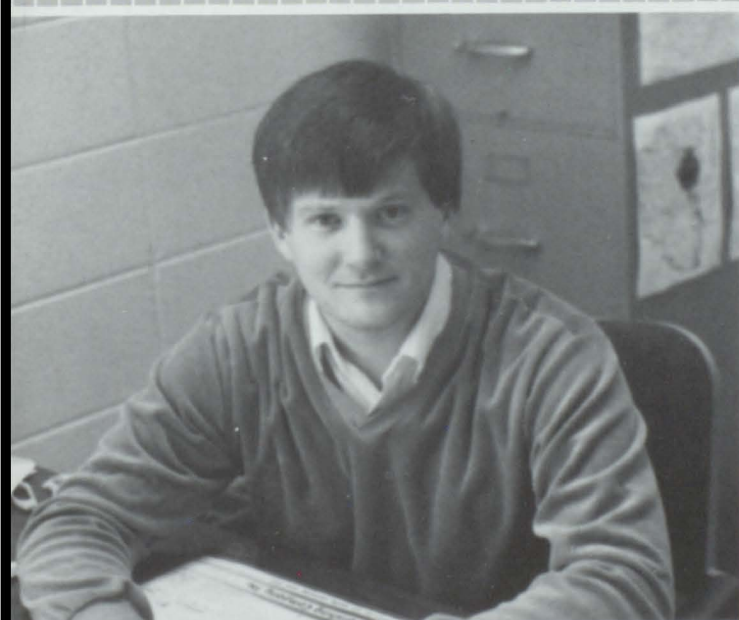
Mrs. Debbie Letsinger was elementary secretary for her fifth year. She was junior high secretary for three years before moving to the elementary.

For the fourth year, Mrs. Lana Kirkland was secretary to the special programs coordinator. She was also in charge of keeping lunch records.

The Mansfield Board of Education president was Dale Keith.

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*"The extra time and hard work that go into the activities take a lot of dedication on the students, coaches, and sponsors part." Gene Garrison*



Special Programs Coordinator Merlin Miller, middle; and Elementary Principal David Brouse, above.



*Mrs. Cindy Dreid-Baker, hearing impaired teacher; Miss Vickie Johnston, behavior disorders teacher; Mrs. Mary Blakey, orthopedically handicapped teacher.*



*Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, elementary learning disabilities teacher; Miss Jeanette Sparks, elementary EMH teacher.*

*Miss Stephoney Wright, junior high school EMH-LD teacher.*

*Miss Linda Graham, remedial language arts; Mrs. Helen Lawrence, remedial reading; Dallas Chambers, remedial math.*





Mrs. Okema Haden, junior and senior high counselor.



Miss Lori Johnson, speech therapist for Mansfield students.

# SPECIAL TEACHERS

## *School provides classes for special students*

A wide range of teachers whose duties are to provide more specialized training are available at Mansfield, in addition to regular classroom teachers.

Mrs. Okema Haden, the junior and senior high school counselor, has a variety of responsibilities. Her main duties were serving as test coordinator and consultant to students for class selection and college preparation.

"I assist in helping students make decisions for their future goals and personal relationships," Mrs. Haden said. "An important part of my job is providing a friendly ear when they need to talk."

Four teachers were involved in remedial instructions to help students keep up with their class if they lagged behind. Mrs. Helen Lawrence taught remedial reading, Miss Linda Graham taught remedial language arts, Dallas Chambers taught remedial math, and Miss Lori Johnson was speech therapist.

Three teachers at the regular campus also provided instruction for students who needed special attention.

Mrs. Dorothy Wallace was responsible for elementary learning disabilities, Miss Jeanette Sparks taught elementary EMH, and Miss Stephaney Wright was the instructor for junior and senior high school EMR and learning disabilities students.

Miss Wright entered several of her students in the Special Olympics bowling tournament at Springfield.

"Special Olympics events allow the students to participate in a sport with other people of the same age group and ability levels," she said. "It's a good experience for everyone. There are no losers."

The special education trailers were moved at the beginning of the school year from the downtown area, closer to the regular campus for the convenience of special education students from Mansfield and surrounding towns. The name was changed following the move, and the portable building were permanently established as the "Annex."

Teachers at the Annex and their subjects were Mrs. Mary Bakey, orthopedically handicapped, Mrs. Cindy Breid-Baker, hearing impaired, and Miss Vickie Johnston, behavior disorder.

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Lunchroom workers Mrs. Pat Dennis, Mrs. Jean Helsley, Mrs. Marge Short, Mrs. Sue Findley, and Mrs. Connie Calhoun dress up for Halloween.



Bus drivers John Ryan, Don Garman, Emmett Allen, Bill Smith, Lester Davis, Don Hanger, Bill Gray, Tom Lansdown, Harold Dennis, James Lund, Claude Dale.

School nurse Mrs. Janet Brooke.

Mrs. Becky Moody, elementary librarian.





Special education aides Mr. Janice McNeil and Mrs. Melanie Light, top; high school custodians Danny Coday and Donnie Dennis, below.



Cooks Mrs. Coleen Garman, Mrs. Marge Short, Mrs. Jean Helsley, Mrs. Nancy Veit, Mrs. Connie Calhoun, Mrs. Pat Dennis, and Mrs. Sue Findley, middle.

Elementary custodians Bill Bennett and Robert Maxwell, and elementary aides Mrs. Helen Euler, Mrs. Laurel Hall, and Mrs. Patty Hanger.

# SUPPORT STAFF

## *New librarian tries own approach*

The year began for Mrs. Becky Moody with the difficult task of filling Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell's shoes.

Mrs. Mitchell, who retired last year, had long worked with kids and teachers at Mansfield, which made it a little more difficult for Mrs. Moody to take over as elementary librarian.

"I felt like I would have to do things in my own way," she said, "because there will never be another Mrs. Mitchell. Hopefully, the children will come to like me and respect me as they did Mrs. Mitchell."

Mrs. Moody received a great deal of pleasure from seeing kids excited about reading.

"The thing I like most about my job," she said, "is when a student brings back a book and is anxious to check out another one."

School nurse Mrs. Janet Brooke also found fulfillment from working with younger children.

"Somedays it's a challenge," she said, "but when one of the kids acts appreciative for something I've done, it makes it all worthwhile."

The lunchroom workers tried to add variety to the menu, and they continued with the salad bar open to junior high and high school students. They also provided free Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches to all students and staff.

Five aides worked for the school system. Elementary aides were Mrs. Helen Euler, Mrs. Patty Hanger, and Mrs. Laurel Hall. Special education aides were Mrs. Janice McNeil and Mrs. Melanie Light.

*"The thing I like most about my job is when a student brings back a book and is anxious to check out another one." Becky Moody*



# Locker art adds class to juniors' daily routine

**W**hether it be a shrine to a loved one, a favorite cartoon character, or a rock group, juniors found locker art an essential part of high school life.

Uniquely decorated, each locker offered a little lift to routine days.

Brad Detherage had the only locker dedicated to a girlfriend. He used pictures of her high school achievements in pom pon and volleyball to make his day cheerier.

It's nice to open my locker," Detherage said, "and have Kelly's smile brighten my day."

Several girls plastered lockers with pictures and memorabilia of their boyfriends.

Susan Huffman arranged photos of her boyfriend, Jackie McCleary, on contact paper background. She filled in the spaces with Care Bear Stickers.

Serena Quessenberry sported a "Rock Hall of Fame" including posters of Iron Maiden and Night Ranger.

"At least I see something nice," Quessenberry said, "and I don't have to look at or think about teachers all day."

Craig Carter took a more relaxed approach to locker art. He gave the privilege to his girlfriend, Shavon Campbell.

Jacqueline Barcheller papered her locker with red and white Ziggy paper before converting it into a "Donnie Dennis Museum." The locker contained photos of Dennis, arranged to leave room for his name, which was spelled out down the door in huge red letters.

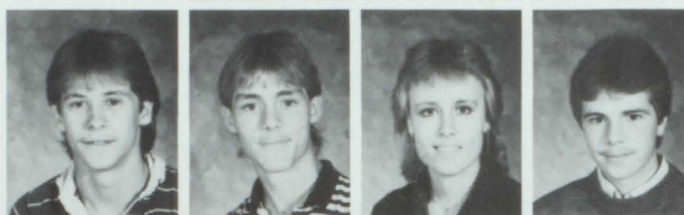
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Becky Brennan



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Sandra Caudle  
Kevin Clouse



Martha Cox  
Brad Detherage  
Stephanie Eidson  
Jana Euler



Brent Evans  
Joe Freeman  
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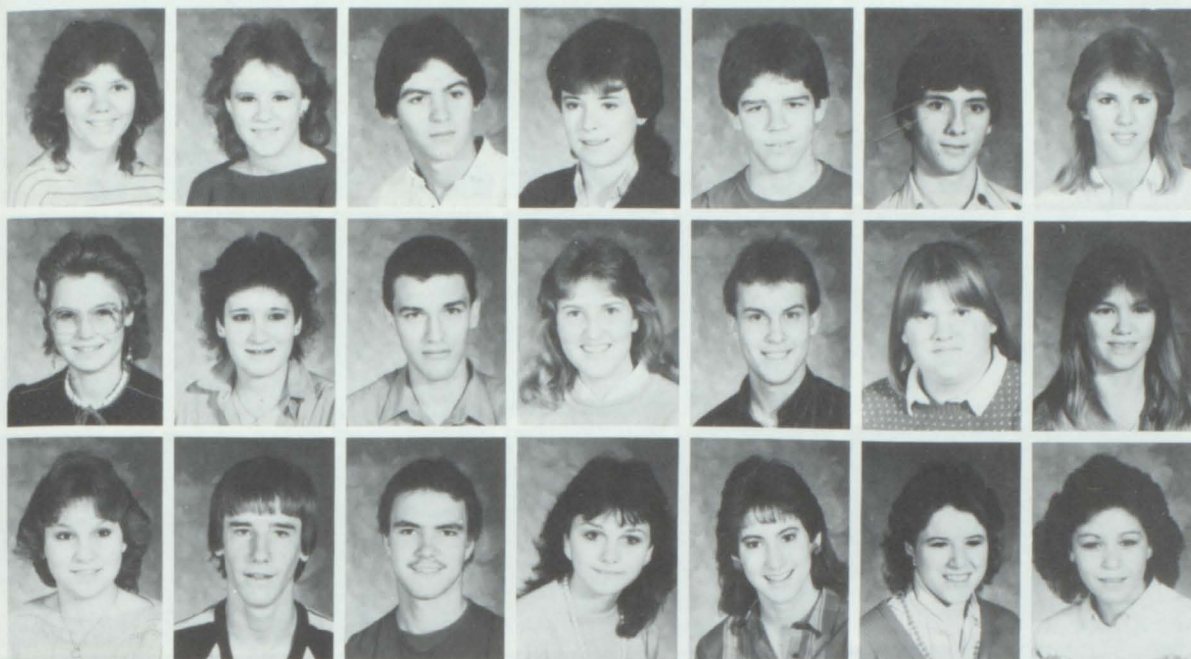


Brenda Livingston  
Kevin Martin  
Joyce Matney  
Nova McClain



*Members of the Christmas float committee, Devonna Sickels, Tammy Barlett, Brenda Livingston, Ruth Prock, and Serena Quessenberry, discuss theme ideas.*





Becky McConnell  
Julie McNeil  
Shaun Moore  
Deana Moyers  
Brett Neal  
Bobby Page  
Ruth Ann Prock

Callie Pruitt  
Serena Quessenberry  
Darin Raney  
Kim Robinson  
Noel Rummens  
Patty Short  
Devonna Sickels

Laura Suits  
Dwain Swopes  
Greg Spell  
Kelly Taylor  
Mica Watterson  
Tammy Wilson  
Mary Ann Young  
Not shown:  
Scott Calhoun  
Byron Taylor



*Using an assembly line approach, Bobby Page, Randal Fuge, and Kim Robinson string popcorn for the Christmas float.*

*Junior Class officers are Mary Ann Young, secretary; Joe Freeman, president; Devonna Sickels, vice president; and Greg Jones, treasurer.*





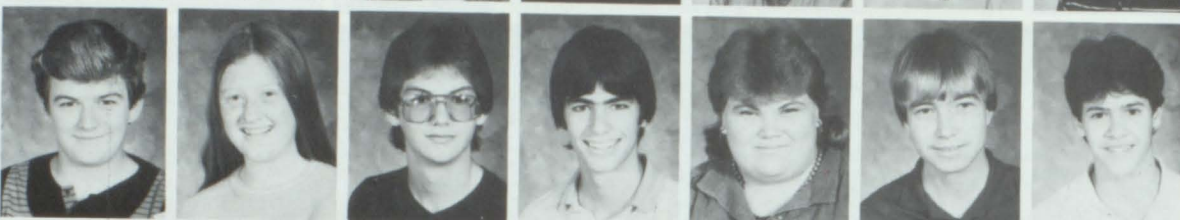
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Holly Clark  
Jana Cole  
Carl Cook



Lonnie Cook  
Angela Cruse  
Brent Daniels  
Romin Dasmalchi  
Denise Davis  
Gary Davis  
Roger Downen



Dondra Dowsey  
Rhonda Dowsey  
Larry Durham  
Roger Elgie  
Lori Emerick  
Elizabeth Euler  
John Farmer



Amanda Fletcher  
Don Fulbright  
Tricia Gage  
Kelly Hall  
Diane Holt



*Sophomore officers are Claire Brennan, president; Romin Dasmalchi, treasurer; Clint Jackson, secretary, and Rick Oliver, vice president.*

*With a bag full of books, Robby Wallin heads for his second hour class.*

*Lavadia Hicks helps Lori Emerick decide what to take home after school.*







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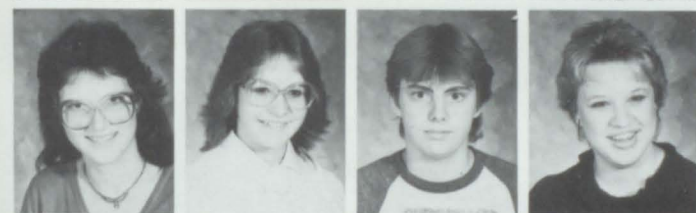
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Beth Ann Rose



Georgia Rose  
Nancy Severs  
Jim Shannon  
Shalene Simpson



Kirby Skyles  
Monique Slade  
Melissa Taylor  
John Top



Michelle Walker  
Robby Wallin  
Travis Watterson  
Susan Zorsch

## Sophomores find braces can be challenging

As you walk down the halls of MHS you might notice a "sparkling smile" or "tin grin" from passing students.

The sparkle and the tin signal braces, those expensive possessions that are not a fun experience for most of their owners.

Braces, as everyone knows, are used to straighten teeth and correct overbites and other misalignments.

According to local dentist Dr. Rick Grubbs, who refers his patients who need braces to an orthodontist, the average time length of wearing braces is about twenty-four months.

Shalene Simpson has worn braces for one year and three months. She is looking forward to the time when she gets them taken off.

Lots of fun eating habits become forbidden when braces are put on. Crunchy, sticky, or gooey foods can't be eaten. This means no popcorn, caramel, or peanuts.

Simpson already knows the forbidden food that will be on her list in seven months from now.

"The first thing I'm going to eat," she said, "is corn chips."

Holly Clark has worn braces for two years and hopes to get them taken off soon. She says she doesn't miss any of her favorite foods because she eats what she isn't supposed to eat.

She has learned to live with braces, but still has silly times.

"It is embarrassing," she said, "when you try and say something fast and spit on everybody."



## Ninth graders collect year of memories

It's time to grow up.

Most freshmen feel that their first year of high school is a time of accepting responsibility, and all the privileges that go along with it.

Now that the class of '89 has made it through what is undoubtedly the most difficult year of high school, what memories will stand out most in their minds about that first year?

"I will always remember my first day in high school," Rhonda Fuge said, "because we finally got some privileges, like open lunch hour."

Initiation was on the minds of many freshmen.

"I hated being initiated," Rusty Carter said, "but when I get older it will be a lot of fun to do it to other people."

Homecoming is another event that many freshmen will always remember.

Tassie Baker felt that Homecoming was the best part of her freshman year, and Larry Livingston remembered Rock 99 D.J. Cedric Randall providing music for the Homecoming dance.

Some freshmen will remember high school as an opportunity to make new friends.

"I liked getting to know all the older high school kids," Mary Cantrell said, "It was really fun."

"I'll always remember getting to run around with all the juniors while I was a freshman," Heather Hensy said.

Shauna Thieman said that being class president will be one of her favorite memories.

"It gave me an opportunity to get to know all my classmates better," she said, "and it gave me a chance to meet more people."

David Adamson  
Debbie Adamson  
John Athey  
Tassie Baker



Jeff Bary  
Angela Brazeal  
Jeff Colhoun  
Mary Cantrell



Cindy Carnall  
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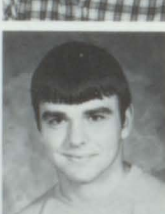
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Bart Evans  
Brandon Frantz



Mike Freeman  
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Sherlyn Gallion  
Kenny Garrison



Aaron Gray  
DeDee Hall  
Sean Hannum  
Melissa Helsley



Linda Henry  
Terry Henry  
Willie Henry  
Heather Hensy







Scott Hesterly  
Al Hire  
Scott Ingerson  
Shirley James  
Johnie Jones  
Julie Kelley  
David Kuhn



Kevin Lindsey  
Larry Livingston  
Joe Long  
Missy McGaw  
Angela Merritt  
Michelle Morris  
Hal Noble



Julie Perry  
Beverly Peterson  
Jesse Phillips  
Russell Prock  
Bryan Reed  
Dennis Ryan  
Jimmie Lynn  
Shirley



Shauna Theiman  
Robert Turner  
Stacy Veit  
Cathy Whipple  
Eddie Whipple  
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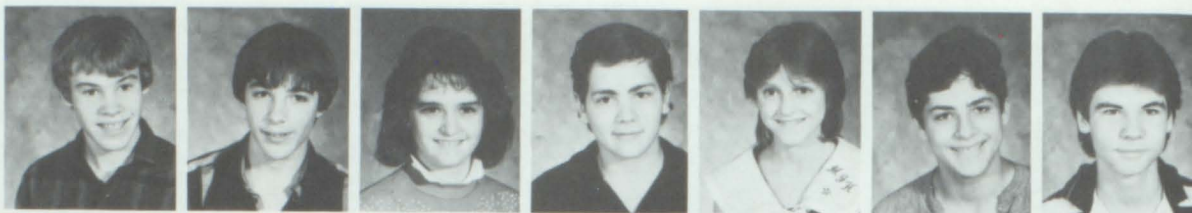
*Freshmen officers* are Wayne Young, vice president; Angie Brazeal, secretary; Shauna Theiman, president; and Melissa Helsley, treasurer.

*Freshmen home economics students* Mary Cantrell, Tassie Baker, and Missy McGaw try out their first cooking project.

*James Coday, Melissa Helsley, Lori Wood, and Sean Hannum* read a funny line while looking for a book to check out.



Lance Adamson  
Lane Adamson  
Deidra Barnett  
Jon Barcheller  
Gina Box  
J.J. Brown  
Matt Calhoun



Darren Campie  
Russell Caudle  
Shelley Clanton  
Leslie Climer  
Nancee Clouse  
Brent Coffman  
Darrell Cornelius



Peggy Dake  
Jamie Dechenne  
Scott Dunsmuir  
Karrie Durham  
Lori Durham  
Robert Elliott  
Jim Farmer



Timmarie Franken  
Jimmy Freeman  
Rebecca Fry  
Gary Greene  
Stuart Hanson  
Marty Henry  
Ray Hicks



Lisa Hurst  
Bryon Ivy  
Robert Johnson  
Susan Jones  
Bruce Keith  
Deana Kelly  
Jeff King



*Eighth grade officers are Robert Elliott, secretary; Shannon Kirkland, vice president; and Matt Calhoun, president.*

*Sightreading a new piece of music, eighth graders combine musically.*







Shannon Kirkland  
Heather Krider  
Catherine Kuhn  
Kathline Kuhn



Eric Lansdown  
Traci Light  
Timmy Logan  
Jeff Long



Patty Marney  
J. J. McNeil  
Everett Merritt  
Kim Mills



Larry Mitchell  
Jamie Napier  
Keith Philpott  
Shane Potts



John Ragsdale  
George Round  
David Severs  
Jimmy Shropshire



Edwin Slade  
Scott Storms  
Audra Suits  
Audrea Turner



Lesa Turner  
Kelly Tutt  
Rodney Vogt  
Annetta Walker



Karen Wallace  
Jenifer Wallin  
David Wilson  
Darrell Young  
Not Shown:  
Brian Fullbright  
April Light  
Michael Tuders  
Tony Ward

## Eighth graders enjoy free time after school

**A**fter the school bell rings, the eighth graders show a wide variety of out of school interests.

Watching television is how Susan Jones likes to spend her spare time. Her favorite show was "Silver Spoons." Ricky Schroeder is really cute, she said.

Heather Krider revealed that talking to her friends on the phone was a favorite past time. Boys and homework were some of her favorite topics.

Chasing girls was Matt Calhoun's hobby.

"I try to practice my hobby everyday," Matt said.

Many students showed an interest in outdoor activities. They seemed to enjoy the freedom of being outside. Their activities ranged from a relaxing fishing trip to a wild motorcycle ride.

Deana Kelly enjoyed riding her quarter horses on her father's farm.

Playing basketball was a relaxing escape for Gary Greene. He played for nearly an hour each day after school.

Jon Barcheller enjoyed hunting deer and turkey near his home on U Highway.

"Being out in the woods," Barcheller said, "is very enjoyable."

Marty Henry enjoyed fishing whenever the weather was warm enough.

"I try to go fishing every chance I get," Henry said.

Robert Johnson enjoyed riding motorcycles at his grandfather's home.



# Seventh grade admires many famous people

While sitting in a junior high classroom and trying, but failing, to pay attention, some seventh grade students are dreaming about famous people.

Many of the entertainment and sports figures are idolized because of their looks.

"I admire Rob Lowe," Shelli Detherage said, "because he is absolutely gorgeous."

"Don Johnson is really something," Angie Miller said. "He looks good unshaven and he wears no socks."

Carla Swopes and Kristy Burnett both like Michael J. Fox; Burnett because she thinks he so cute, and Swopes because she thinks he is a good actor.

Another group of seventh graders admire people for their athletic ability.

"Spudd Webb is great," Christi Evans said. "He is five foot seven inches tall and can dunk it."

Rachelle Lansdown looks up to Kansas City Royal George Brett because he is good at baseball, but St. Louis Cardinal Ozzie Smith fascinates Marc Brazeal.

"I watch him a lot," he said, "He is my idol."

Lots of other celebrities made the list of most admired famous people.

Billy Strofer thinks Mr.T is great because he has lots of gold, and Vickie Franks admires Bill Cosby because he is so funny.

"I think Sylvester Stallone is great," Mike Young said. "No one could play Rocky like he did."

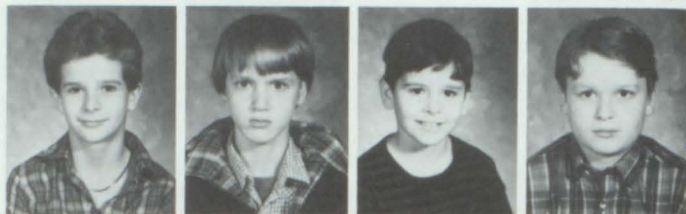
Sylvia is someone Diane Lansdown thinks is special.

"I like her songs," she said. "I listen to them a lot."

Michael Bogart  
Marc Brazeal  
Jeanne Bryan  
Kristy Burnett



Scott Cantrell  
Mark Christian  
Bobby Clanton  
Brad Cruse



Johnny Davis  
Benji Dennis  
Shelly Detherage  
Eddie Doan



Tommy Dugger  
Stephanie Duncan  
Donna Durham  
Shalawn Emerick



Christi Evans  
Glen Evans  
Melissa Farris  
Shannon Farris



Vicki Franks  
Tina Gage  
Richard Gallion  
Kris Gray



Ben Hall  
Kevin Hall  
Mike Helsley  
John Hooker



Troy Hughes  
Robin Igow  
James Jackson  
Waylon Johnson







Julie Jurewicz  
Michael Keys  
Shannon Koster  
Joyce Lansdown  
Diane Lansdown  
Rachelle Lansdown  
Robbie Maxwell



Jamie McClain  
Melissa Meltron  
Angie Miller  
Matt Moody  
Shawn Moss  
Brent Napier  
Bryan Pierce



Angela Rose  
Maxi Sharp  
Cynthia Simpson  
Billy Strofer  
Carla Swopes  
Randy Taylor  
Clay Thompson



Clint Thompson  
George Thompson  
Brian Thornsberry  
Floyd Turley  
Tiffany Watterson  
Terry Welker  
Danny Young



Mike Young  
Travis Young



Clint Thompson, Robby Maxwell, Vickie Franks, and Angie Miller find the city in Europe they were looking for on the globe.

Seventh grade officers are Marc Brazeal, president; and Maxi Sharp, vice president.



Seventh graders try a math assignment on their own after having the procedure explained to them.



Jennifer Adams  
James Barnett  
Melissa Carter  
Ben Choate  
Tommy Christeson  
Richard Chilson  
Marny Clark



Douglas Coffman  
Tracy Coffman  
Lisa Collins  
Gina Davis  
Marlon Doan  
Christopher Dunn  
Serena Dunsmuir



Christopher Farris  
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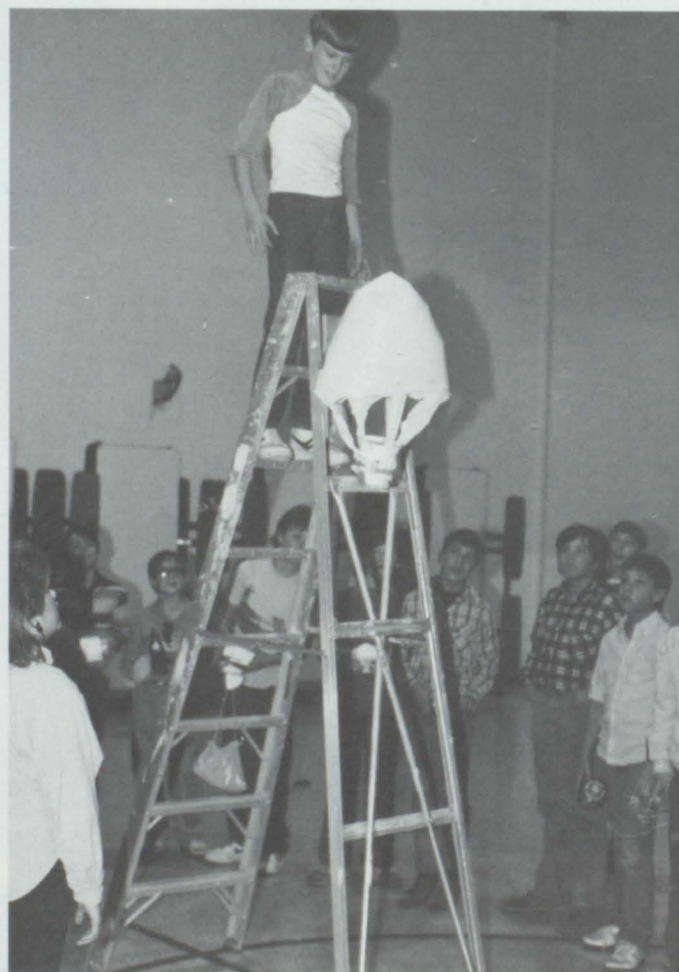


Shelby Hesterly  
William  
Jackson  
Frank Jones



Chris Farris and Shannon Marney watch James Barnett unwrap his egg container after the drop.

Sixth grade teachers are Mrs. Vicki Box, left, and Mrs. Mary Lou Rush, right, with students Angela Kingery and Marsha Ross.





# Sixth graders egg drop proves smashing success

**D**ozens of odd - shaped containers, ranging from styrofoam cartons to cardboard boxes, and several dozen eggs kept the sixth grade occupied.

As a class project, the students carefully planned the egg - vessels to survive the drop from atop the elementary playground slide. Due to rain, they were forced to use a twelve - foot ladder in the multi - purpose room.

Tying in with their science studies, Project Egg drop proved to be a big success.

Chris Dunn was relieved that his egg hadn't broken in a cottage cheese container with styrofoam packing.

"My container was a piece of garbage," Kerrick Lindsey said, "but my egg didn't break."

Half a trash bag was successfully used as a parachute by Pat Williams to protect his newspaper - wrapped egg.

Tommy Kingery's egg made an easy landing in a cardboard box covered with play money.

Barry Short took every precaution to keep his egg unbroken.

"I used a parachute and wings on my container," Short said.

Although there were many successful landings, there were also those that didn't survive.

"It took half an hour to unwrap my egg to find out it was broken" Marlie Clark said.

The project was sponsored by sixth grade teachers Mrs. Mary Lou Rush and Mrs. Vicki Box. All contestants received a candy prize.



Jamey Kabage  
Deana Kelley  
Carla King  
Shawn King



Angela Kingery  
Tommy Kingery  
Karl Kusch  
Heather Lansdown



Gina LaRue  
Kerrick Lindsey  
Matt Lorimer  
Teresa Lowe



Shannon Matney  
Carolyn Mills  
Serina Page  
Mike Porter



Brandy Potts  
Crystal Pruitt  
Marsha Ross  
Candida Ravig



Reggie Roy  
Barry Short  
Carl Splain  
Janet Turley



Harvey Wedge  
Kim Whitson  
Brian Williams  
Pat Williams



Lori Wilson  
Tracey Wilson  
Brandy Wright  
Johnny VanNess  
Not Shown:  
Greg Best

*Using a parachute, Chris Dunn watches his egg float safely to the ground.*



# Fifth graders sharpen their band skills

**B**eing able to join band was an exciting experience for many fifth graders.

"I always wanted to play the drums," Taylor Franken said, "It was a lot of fun."

"The clarinet was the best instrument to fit me," Patricia Millsap said.

This was the second year for fifth grade band, and the class was larger than last year. It was made up of thirty members, compared to last year's twenty-five.

"It was a large group," band director Eric Spyres said. "It was also a good group to work with."

Mr. Spyres taught the fifth graders basic fundamentals such as quarter notes and half notes. They mastered their first song, "Mary's Little Lamb," and performed in two concerts.

Other events for the fifth grade included a Thanksgiving dinner. The fifth graders did most of the meal preparation in their classroom, with some items prepared at home. They all contributed 50 cents to pay for the ham.

The menu consisted of ham, baked potatoes, corn, green beans, deviled eggs, salad, hot rolls, fruit punch, and special desserts.

Committees of students were responsible for sending invitations and decorating the classroom.

"It was really fun," Carrie Gray said. "Everyone are together and we had a nice time."

"I'm glad Mom got to eat the food she had fixed for us," Scott Hall said.

The dinner was a class project, following a unit on nutrition. Parents and administrators were invited guests.

Stacey Arnall  
Dale Athey  
Christopher Barba  
Christy Barber



Jason Bennett  
Clinton Berry  
Matthew Brown  
Becky Bryson



Clinton Buchanan  
Deana Calhoun  
Lucy Calhoun  
Yvonna Climer



Michele Collins  
Amy Compton  
Joey Conley  
Deborah Cook



Jamin Corder  
Rebecca Dake  
Marty Decker  
Rhonda Derking



Mark Doan  
Byron Dugger  
Matt Duncan  
Steven Duncan



Hearther Fairbairn  
Taylor Franken  
Stacy Frantz  
Jon Freeman



Elizabeth Gaddis  
Carrie Gray  
Sophia Greyowl  
Barbra Hall



*Traci Sharp, Michelle Moody, and Stacey Arnall help themselves to the Thanksgiving meal prepared for fifth graders for their parents.*





Scott Hall  
Bradley Hanger  
Brian Hodges  
Melissa Holt  
Jeremiah Johnson  
Jared Jones  
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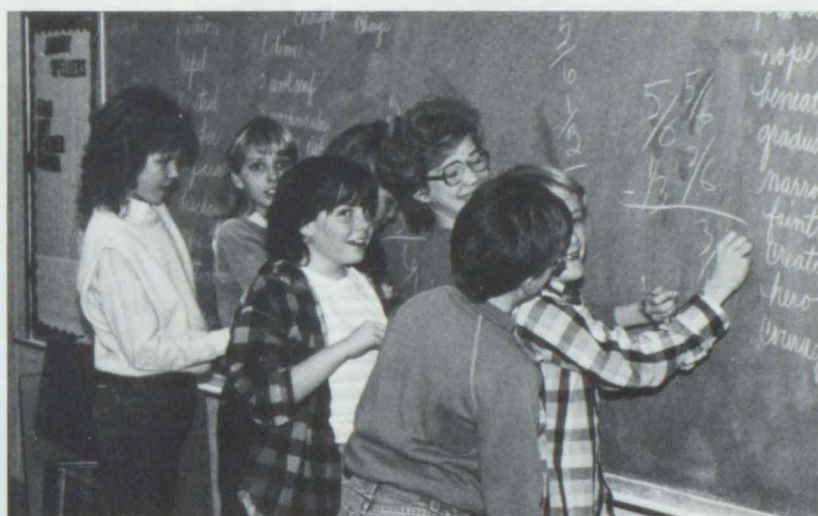
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Michelle Moody  
Vicky Noble

Shannon Page  
Robert Pierson  
Chris Rovig  
Traci Sharp  
Donald Squires  
Kristi Vineyard  
Douglas Walker



Tawna Watterson

*The chalkboard makes fractions more fun for Kristi Vineyard, Amy Compton, Rhonda Derking, Heather Faribairn, Jon Freeman, and Matt Brown.*



Mrs. Susie Graham and Mrs. Kathryn Nichols are fifth grade teachers.



Bobby Beck  
Elizabeth Bingham  
Adam Brooke  
Adam Bryan  
Sharon Calhoun  
Brad Collins  
Misti Collins



Shelly Cook  
Stephanie Copeland  
John Crain  
Nancy Davis  
Candice Dierking  
Rebecca Duncan  
Jesse Evans



Virginia Fulbright  
Kathy Hall  
Janette Hampton  
Chad Hannaford  
Greg Henry  
Lisa Henry



*Stephanie Kelly works on a computer exercise while classmates gather to give advice.*

*Fourth grade teachers are Mrs. Elaine Crump and Mrs. Carol Garrison.*







Tracy Hughes  
Kimberly Hyde  
Marvin Johnson  
Stephanie Joseph



Stephanie Kelly  
Billy Kennedy  
Johnnie Kuhn  
Merriam Kusch



Annette Lansdown  
Jacque Lansdown  
Justin Long  
Dan Lorimer



April Lynch  
Beckie Lynn  
Benji Moore  
Steven Pearson



Jody Philpott  
Randall Roy  
Melanie Routh  
Randal Schofield



Terry Schofield  
Cheri Sharp  
Jennifer Shropshire  
Aretha Sickles



Tanisha Thacker  
Russell Wallace  
Sunny Watterson  
Shawn Williams



Steven Wilson  
Brenda Winsor  
Michael Wright  
David Young

## Flutophones big hit with fourth grade

**J**umping on the "bandwagon" seemed to be the popular thing to do for fourth graders.

In music class, the fourth graders learned to play flutophones. While they are much like a clarinet or saxophone, flutophones are made completely out of plastic. Flutophones are played by blowing air through a mouthpiece, producing a sound similar to the flute.

Although the school provided one for every child, about 30 students ordered their own to practice with at home. For three dollars they received a flutophone, along with a songbook.

The instruments were popular with the students.

"I wanted one the first time I saw one," Candice Dierking said, "because it looked like lots of fun."

"It is the first thing I do when I get home from school," Greg Henry said.

He, like most of the kids, enjoyed playing the flutophone because they learned things that will help them later with "real" band.

Mrs. Debbie Dale began early this year working on teaching the kids the music staff and notes. They also worked on time signatures and reading music.

She hopes this project will build enthusiasm and excitement for fifth and sixth grade band.

"After I played my brother Matt's, I wanted one," Becky Duncan said, "When I get big I want to play flute in the band."

"I like the sound of it," Stephanie Kelly said, "and I think it is fun to play."

*Fourth grade Stephanie Copeland fixes a slide for Jesse Evans to examine under a microscope.*



# Third graders learn about famous citizens

**W**hat do a pro baseball player and a nationally acclaimed writer have in common?

Both famous people are part of Mansfield's history.

Laura Ingalls Wilder, world famous author, and Carl Mays, submarine pitcher notorious for accidentally causing the only professional baseball fatality, were only two of the people the third grade studied this year while learning about Mansfield's history.

"I didn't know Laura lived in Mansfield," Chuck Campbell said. "I had fun learning about her."

"I didn't know that a professional baseball player had lived in Mansfield," Laura Shannon said.

Third graders also learned about businesses in the Mansfield community. They talked about who founded the town, and why it grew.

Besides learning about Mansfield's history, social studies was a new subject for the third grade. A state book and a President's book were part of the curriculum.

"It was fun," Tommy Clouse said. "It was stuff I didn't really know, but I know now."

"I liked learning about the Presidents the best," Holly Dry said.

Science was another new class to the third grade.

Hornets nests, cotton plants, and mold cultures were the center of attention.

"The kids were really excited and interested in the science class," said Mrs. Twila Collins, third grade teacher.

Joey Allen  
Jennifer Brooke  
Mark Brown  
Jason Bryson



Matthew Calhoun  
Charles Campbell  
Shannon Cantrell  
Stephen Cantrell



Torrie Collins  
John Carnall  
Mary Carter  
Lynda Christenson



Tommy Clouse  
Michael Davis  
Crystal Doan  
Michael Douglas



Holly Dry  
Jodi Edwards  
Dale Evans  
Brent Freeman



Jeremy Garrison  
Joseph Garrison  
Carrie Gleason  
John Greyowl



Joyce Hall  
James Hanger  
Melissa Honeycutt  
Stephanie House



Lisa Hyde  
Brian Johnson  
Marissa Joseph  
Amy Kelley



*Reading a story, Holly Dry, Janie Carter, Melisa Porter, and Jeremy Garrison, prepare to dramatize a play.*





Sabrina Kelly  
Virginia Keys  
Dustin Lansdown  
Emily Marlock  
Dawn Merka  
Ashley Miller  
Karen Miller

Tara Moody  
Tom Moody  
Brooke Newton  
Billy Pasley  
Trisha Perry  
Melisa Porter  
Angela Ragsdale

Diana Riley  
Kristi Rogers  
Michael Scott  
Laura Shannon  
Deneane Sickels  
Dallas Smith  
Stephen Strepro

Mirissa Stillwell  
Carrie Thurman  
Jennifer Top  
Robert VanOrden  
Barry Wedge  
Michelle Williams

*Third grade teachers are Mrs. Carol Anderson and Mrs. Twila Collins.*



*Snuggled into a corner, Deneane Sickels, Jodi Edwards, and Laura Shannon practice a valentine's play.*



Niki Anderson  
Lonnie Bell  
Tessa Bennett  
Melanie Blankenship  
Stephanie Blankenship  
Christy Brazeal  
Mica Brooke



Nathan Carr  
Jeffery Chambers  
Steven Chilson  
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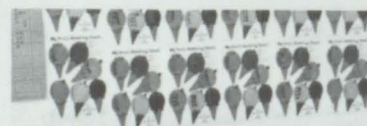
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David Henry  
Jackie Honeycutt  
Dottie Hughes  
Phillip Hull



Randon Ivy



Complete with ears and tails, second graders become mice for a Christmas musical.

Second grade teachers are Mrs. Jean Coday, Mrs. Pat Brown, and Mrs. Josie Adamson.







Bill Jones  
Jennifer Jones  
Luke Johnson  
Jason Kabage



Jennifer Kingery  
Garan Kinsery  
Michael Kirkland  
Deloris Lansdown



Christy Marney  
Melanie McMaw  
Brandon Miller  
Amanda Mills



Kimberly Moody  
Michael Moody  
Sara Moody  
Brian Moore



T.J. Pasley  
Mark Pearce  
Brian Pollock  
Michelle Pruitt



Michelle Roberts  
Clint Rovig  
Laurel Simpson  
Matthew Skyles



Sean Sypres  
Janet Vaness  
Jim Wallace  
Tassy Wallin



Brian Welker  
Timothy Welker  
Julie Williams  
Dawn Wingo  
Not Shown:  
Valerie Turley

*Working hard, Timmy Welker, Kevin Goforth, Nathasa Wallin, and Vanessa Brett do an art assignment.*

## Second graders finicky when choosing foods

**S**econd graders do many things, but one of the things they don't do is eat certain foods.

Spaghetti seemed to be one of the most disliked foods. Niki Anderson doesn't like the sauce, and one of her classmates doesn't like the way it looks.

"It looks like worms," Sara Moody said.

"I don't like it," Jennifer Moody said, "because it has hamburger in it."

Another hated food for the second graders was spinach, even though they knew that Popeye thinks it is really great stuff.

"It tastes gross," Hayden Dennis said.

Luke Johnson and Heather Gray agreed that it doesn't taste good.

"I just don't like it," Lonnie Bell said of spinach.

Another green vegetable got thumbs down from second graders.

Nathan Carr and Sean Spyres don't like green beans. Nathan said they taste yucky and Sean said the bean on the inside tasted weird.

Several second graders don't like broccoli. Mark Pearce said he tasted it once, but didn't like it.

"I don't eat it," Dottie Hughes said, "because I'm allergic to it."

David Climer said it just tastes yucky!"

Two other items made the list of food "worsts".

Jennifer Lynnkling doesn't like butter beans because they don't have any taste.

Brandon Miller said he doesn't like hot peppers for an obvious reason - they're hot.



# First graders plan futures with optimism

**B**ig plans are in the scheme of things for the class of '97.

While most of the boys in the first grade want to be football players and most of the girls want to be ballerinas or nurses, there were a few unusual goals.

Take Angie Bingham for example.

"I want to be a grocery store check-out person," she said, "because I like the noise that the typewriter makes."

Jarod Coday plans to take his life in another direction.

"I am going to be a Solid Gold dancer," he said, "because it looks like so much fun to dance to the music and be on television."

Regina Roy wants to spend her life taking care of babies.

"I am going to be a baby-sitter," she said, "because I love to take care of babies. They're just like Cabbage Patch Kids."

Erica Grubbs says his destiny is to star in war movies.

"I have to be in war movies," he said, "I watch them all the time and nothing else would be as much fun."

Ralania Fisher has decided to go with a simpler life - style.

"I'm going to be a cowgirl," she said with determination, "because I'll get to ride a pony all day long."

All in all, the Class of '97 should turn out children with optimistic outlooks on life, confident that they can be whatever they want to be.

Jill Adamson  
Lee Barber  
Michael Bary  
Dedra Ball



Angie Bingham  
Micheal Brame  
Jeffrey Brooke  
Nicholas Brooke



Shane Bujarski  
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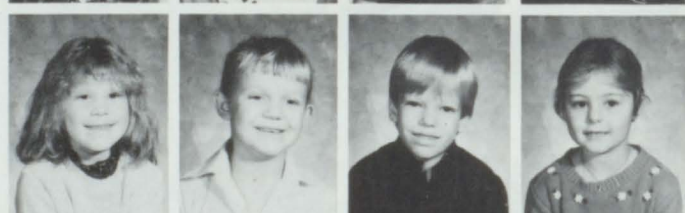
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Ralania Fisher  
Rodney Franken  
Eric Grubbs



Elizabeth Hale  
Debbie Hall  
Michael Harris  
Christy Hastings



Liso Hodges  
J.W. Hutson  
Kimberly Joseph  
Chris Johnson



*Dressed as mice, first graders perform in "Achoo: The Sneeze that Saved Christmas".*





LaDonna Johnson  
Janet King  
Justin King  
Mindy Kurz  
Loretta Lansdown  
Ronnie Lansdown  
Janice Liles



Joey Long  
Wendy Marlock  
Joe Merka  
Tina Merriman  
Lauren Miller  
Jennifer Millsap  
Emily Moody



Mitzi Nichols  
Justin Pruitt  
Teddy Rose  
Regina Roy  
Summer Slade  
Jeromie Shavely  
Micheal Spyres



Jason Thomas  
Tara Travis  
Angela Ulrich  
Melissa Wedge  
Steven Welch  
Allison Wheat  
Aimee Williams



Jennifer Wright  
Crystal Young  
Donnie Young  
Not Shown:  
Stephanie  
Clopper  
Dean Buttram



Rodney Franken, Janet King, Jason Thomas, Jeffery Brooke, Jeremy Corder, Joe Merka, and LaDonna Johnson participate in a reading activity with Janet Mitchell, first grade teacher.



First grade teachers are Mrs. Kathy Nichols, Mrs. Janet Mitchell, and Mrs. Frances Coday.



Allison Arnall  
 Natasha Bailey  
 Rachel Barber  
 Timothy Barba  
 Joseph Bell  
 Ashley Blankenship  
 Jeromy Brooke



Nicole Broome  
 Johnny Bryan  
 Kassondra Calhoun  
 Mickey Calhoun  
 Thomas Climer  
 Jason Coffman  
 Patricia Cook



Jessica Copeland  
 Scott Corder  
 Daniel Crane  
 Rebekah Dale  
 Cindy Dalton  
 John Davidson  
 Patricia Dollarhide



Ricky Dugger  
 Chris Dunbar  
 Jennifer Dunn  
 Melissa Etzel  
 Melissa Farris  
 Christopher Flageolle  
 Patricia Freeman



Frances Gittings  
 Alice Goldsberry  
 Adam Grubbs  
 Jerry Hall  
 Nathan Hanger  
 Bradley Henry



Kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Kay Scrivner  
 and Mrs. Cindy Brouse.



Fireman Hank Flageolle shows the fire hose to  
 Kindergarten students and Mrs. Kay Scrivner.





Jerryl Henry  
Jessica Heartherly  
Weslie Jones  
Chad Keeling



Jason Lansdown  
John Lansdown  
Roy Liles  
Leslie Lynch



Shoji McGhee  
Curtis Melton  
Krista Merka  
Kyle Mitclersch



Tessa Miller  
Jennifer Moody  
Maribeth Pierowski  
James Ramsey



John Rhodes  
John Roberts  
Stephen Russ  
Matthew Scott



Melissa Scott  
Courtney Short  
Amanda Skyles  
Gary Slate



Jodee Snively  
Justin Stoner  
James Strunk  
Jamay Thacker



Melvin Thompson  
Kari Williams  
Don Wilson  
Kathy Winsor  
Nor Shown:  
Guy Persinger  
Gina Turley

## Kindergarten makes tepees for Indian time

It was pow - wow time for the kindergarten classes when they helped make ceiling - high tepees.

The authentic - looking tepees transformed the classrooms into pretend Indian - lands for several weeks.

Children from each class brought brown grocery bags to help make the tepees. After being decorated with crayons, the sacks were crumpled and sewn into large sheets. The sheets, resembling buckskin, were draped over large sticks to form the tepees.

The kids studied Indian customs, and each day a different child got to spend naptime in the tepee.

"It made me feel like an Indian," Ricky Dugger said, "when I slept in the tepee."

A special day for the kindergarten kids happened when local volunteer fireman Hank Flageolle and John House visited during Fire Prevention Week. They explained fire safety and showed off the fire trucks.

"I learned to roll out of bed and stay close to the floor," Kassie Calhoun said, "when there is a fire."

The siren was a favorite part for most of the kids.

"It was really loud," Allison Arnall said.

"It was neat," Jerry Henry said, "when the alarm went off and the light was flashing."

After the firemen left, the children colored pictures related to fire prevention, and reviewed what they had learned.



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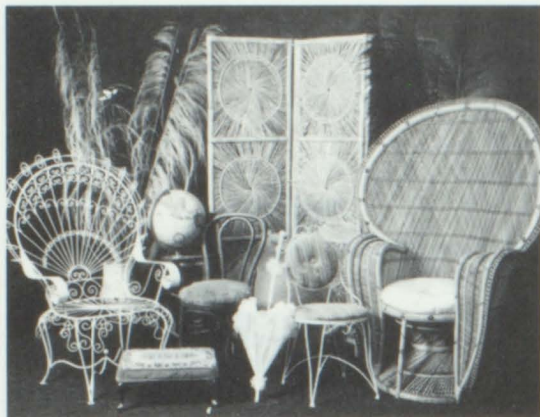
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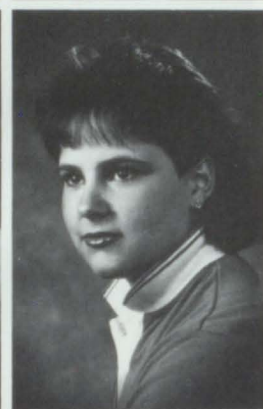
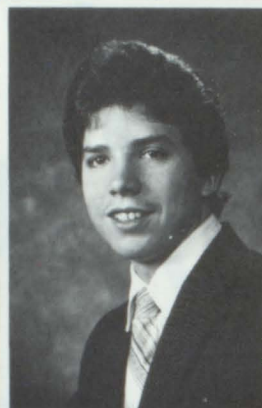


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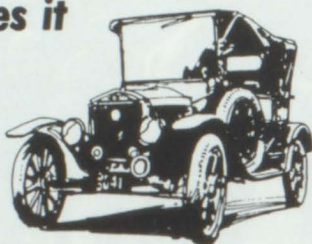


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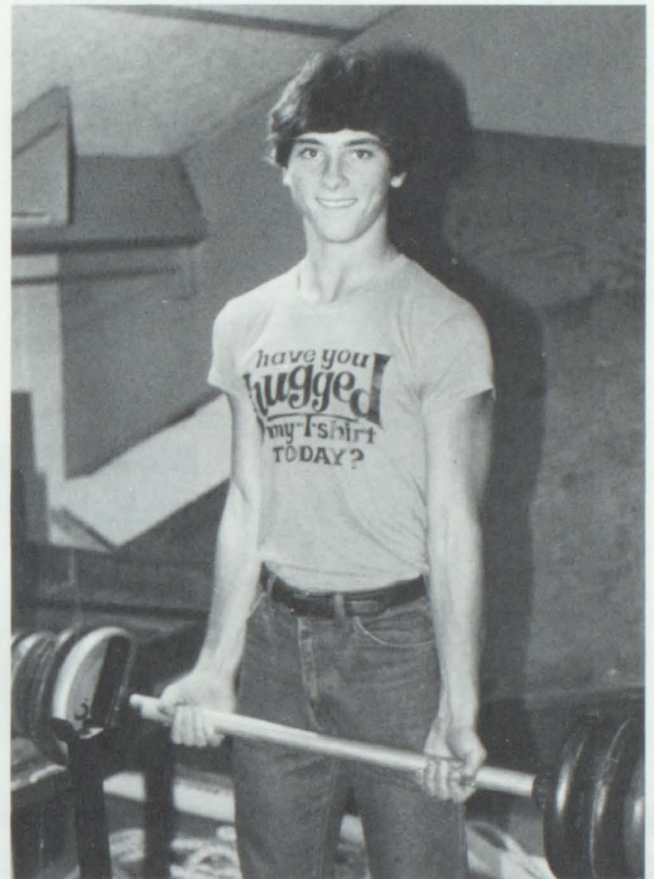
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## Those ever-lovin' minutes now memories

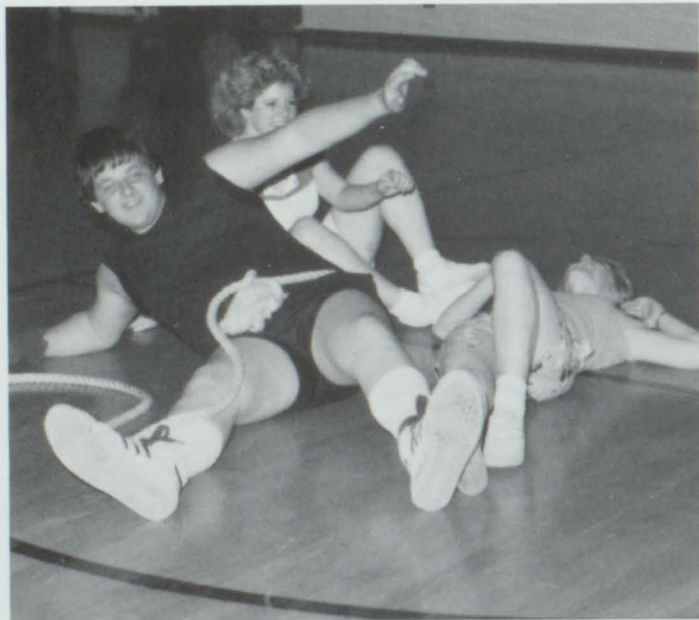
**T**o some it passed quickly. To others it seemed an eternity.

Either way, the past year became a collage of memories for students.

Although at the time we prayed for snow, the long winter days spent at school proved beneficial the first of April when we enjoyed the first week-long spring vacation ever at MHS.

Maroon and white had to make way for the popular acceptance of gold as the color of spirit at MHS. The bright yellowish-gold, a big change from the more somber, traditional colors, could be seen on many sweatsuits, uniforms, and spirit items.

Students were given the opportunity to practice their "disaster drill skills" when a fire broke out in the junior high science room, causing everyone to be evacuated to the gymnasium. In a mock disaster,



*Collapsing on the floor, Jerry Allen, Shavon Campbell, and Wendy Bogart try to recover from tug-of-war.*

*Stretched out across two desks, Joe Freeman catches a quick nap.*



*Thanks to a softball accident, Diane Holt sports a taped-up broken nose.*



*Tim Brooke and Travis Watterson spend time between classes talking.*

*Darrin Moore, Sean Babb, Dwain Swopes, and Kirby Skyles relax in the library.*







journalism students helped Mercy Hospital by posing as victims of a nursing home explosion.

Things weren't always serious though. We joined the nation and put the colas to the test. New Coke? Classic Coke? Pepsi? That was the question.

The taste test caused a stir not only on the local scene, but with area bottling company officials who kept an eye on our every move, supplying us with everything from statistics to chilled cola. New Coke came out on top, surpassing Pepsi and the new generation.

Memorable events of the year brought tears to our eyes, smiles to our faces, and in some cases money to our pockets.

Missourians anxiously purchased lottery tickets in hopes of hitting the state's first jackpot.

The I-70 World Series sent a sense of pride and excitement throughout the state as both Missouri baseball teams battled for the championship.

We also shared the grief of the whole country as we watched the space shuttle Challenger take a fiery plunge which ended the lives of the seven on board. Losing a teacher made it all the more sorrowful for anyone connected with school.

Attention was also focused skyward as school children and adults alike watched for Halley's Comet. (continued)

*Continuing a freshmen tradition, Kelly Eidson takes an unwilling shower, complete with clothes.*

*When they hear they are the Junior Olympics winners, the senior team goes wild.*





# Lovin' every minute of it

Here at home, girls athletics took a big step forward at both the high school and junior high levels. We were no stranger to the state competition as we enthusiastically supported the first female state cross country runner from MHS, while the Sweethearts took to the road and performed at Hammons Center for the State 2A Basketball Tournament.

It was evident that academics took a back seat to nothing as students received medals and awards for accomplishments in several fields of study.

New beginnings enabled us to grow.

We were exposed to the French language, enjoyed the jazz of the Bandroom Rats, and watched the Future Business Leaders of America organization take off on the right foot.

For seniors, it was a time to look back. It was a time to be together.

Doughnuts at the Mimosa after group pictures, meetings to decide on announcements and caps and gown, and the feeling of graduation. These are all things locked in their hearts.

MHS held special memories for all who wished to take them. Just ask someone who was there and they will probably say "I loved every minute of it."

The next time you wonder how things were, just take a look through these pages. You'll see that we were lovin' every minute of it!



*Hands ready, Becky Brennan and a water balloon prepare to meet.*

*Jim Cantrell, Jerry Ragsdale, Lance Johnson, and Bobby Page goof around in the music room.*



*Principal Gene Garrison waves a friendly goodbye for the summer.*



*Leafing through old yearbooks amuses Michelle Walker, Jana Cole, and Angie Cruse*











