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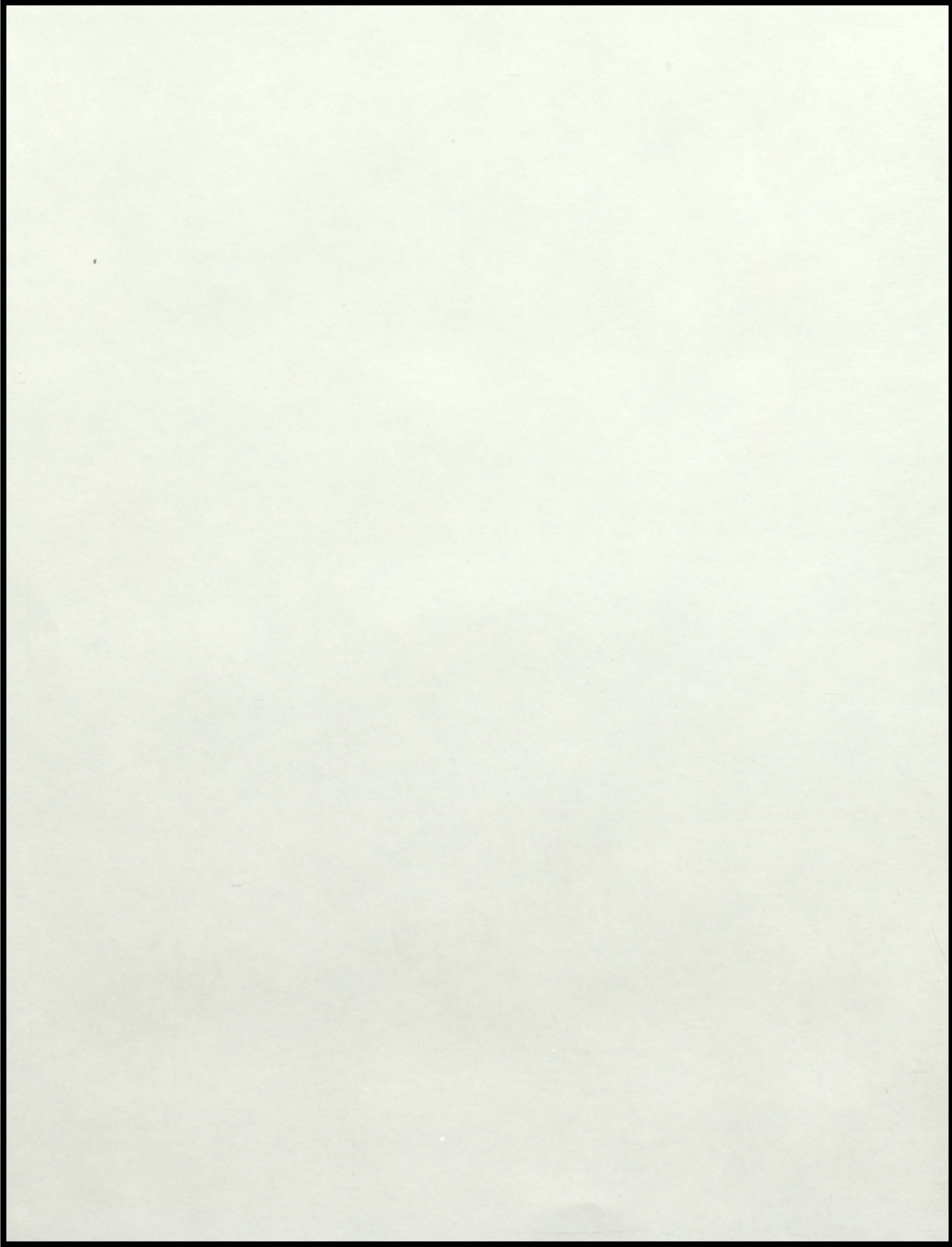
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FALL LEON 1994

● Playing Hartville always brings a full crowd to the Pep Club area. At this home boys' basketball game with the Eagles, Mansfield won 64-45. Joe Allen led MHS scorers with 15 points, and Chuck Campbell had 11 rebounds for the Lions.



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● While American Legion members present a flag salute, Stephanie Copeland, Virginia Fulbright, Joanie Fulbright, and Danny Brito play "The Star Spangled Banner" in a Veteran's Day ceremony at the public square. **ORGANIZATIONS...pg. 44**

● Waiting for the rest of the Senior Class to get lined up for a group picture at the park pavillion, Jerry Brazeal, Dusty Stout, Russell Wallace, and Jesse Evans, back; and Steve Pearson, front, make a few memories of their own. **PEOPLE...pg. 94**

RIDING HIGH

It was just one of those years. A wild one. You know those years when the basketball team loses to midgets, your science project blows up, and nothing much happens that is any good? Well, 1994 was not one of those years. Almost everything at MHS weighed in on the wilder side. Bigger, better, stronger, wilder. Riding high on success.

● Honor graduates are Stephanie Joseph, Shawn Williams, Christie Blaine, Randall Roy, Bobbi Hanger, Stephanie Copeland, front; Justin Long, Areatha Sickels, Jennifer Shropshire, Sunny Watterson. A bright convertible looks like a good place for senior fun.



● With pom poms held high in the air, MHS Sweethearts Erin Calhoun and Tara Moody begin a series of arm ripple moves for their routine called "Mesmerized," which they performed at Homecoming. **STUDENT LIFE...pg. 6**



● On a hot September day, Joe Allen, Matt Skyles, and John Greyowl make the first lap of the home cross country course. Skyles was the top MHS runner, placing tenth, and Allen was third for MHS, placing thirteenth. **SPORTS...pg. 64**



● Titrating sodium hydroxide with hydrochloric acid, Brooke Newton and Tara Moody try to determine the strength of the acid during a chemistry lab. **ACADEMICS...pg. 84**

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ON THE WILDER SIDE

Craziness comes out at Halloween

Basketball. Baseball. Volleyball. Try adding masquerade ball to the list.

Education Supports Prevention sponsored the school's first Halloween extravaganza. Senior Adam Brooke, ESP president, thought it was a safe alternative to going out and partying.

"The ball was a good idea because it kept people out of trouble," he said. "In a small town like Mansfield there's not a lot to do on Halloween, so people usually go out and do things that they probably shouldn't."

Senior Josh Micheli, first place winner of the costume contest, enjoyed the whole evening.

"I liked the dance because it didn't last too long and it wasn't expensive," he said. "It's also the only time you can dress up like a girl and get a bunch of free stuff."

● Cleopatra, alias Jennifer Shropshire, has found her man, James Hensley, who even comes equipped with a sword that blows bubbles. The couple was a prize winner at ESP's masquerade ball costume contest.

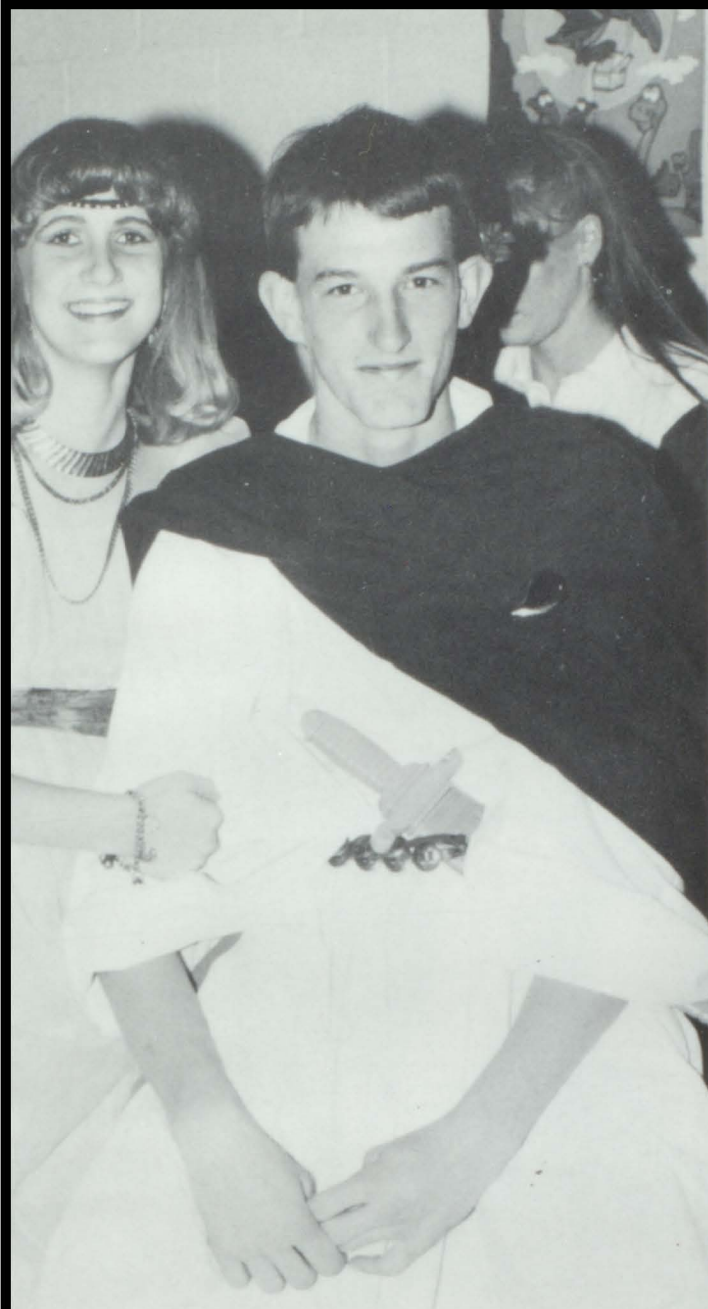


● It's a sister act as Kim Joseph, Stephanie Joseph, Jenny Blaine, and Christie Blaine provide a flashback to the Roaring Twenties.

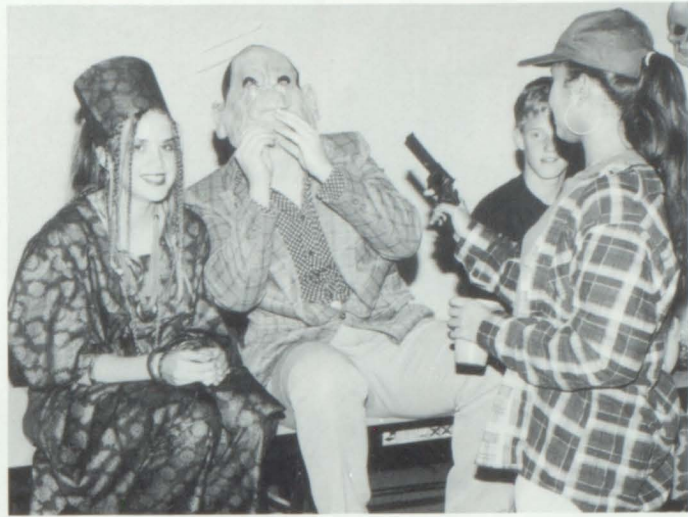


● The judges are watching, so Jeremy Corder, Danny Brito, Carrie Gleason, Sean Spyres, Jack Becker, Steven Welch, Jarod Coday, and Michael Spyres pull out all the stops to get votes in the costume contest at ESP's masquerade ball.

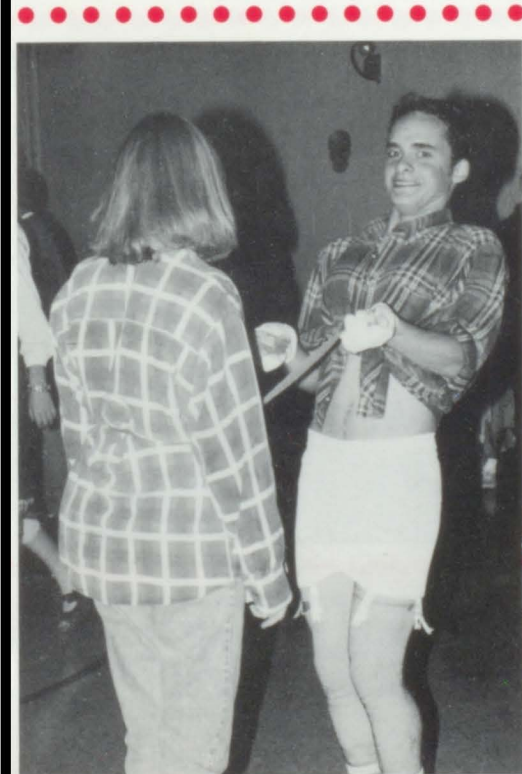
● Although some people had trouble relating to his colorful costume, Josh Micheli, dancing with Sarah Johns, won the prize for the best overall costume at ESP's first Halloween masquerade extravaganza.



● Queen Latifa, also known as Amanda Stacy, Steven Welch, and Nick Brooke play along as "gang member" Anica Loftin uses her toy gun to get a few more pieces of Halloween candy.



● Chuck Campbell reveals his colorful candy corn boxers to a judge in the Halloween costume contest, while Jeffery Brooke and Stephanie Calhoun enjoy John Greyowl's version of "Aladdin."



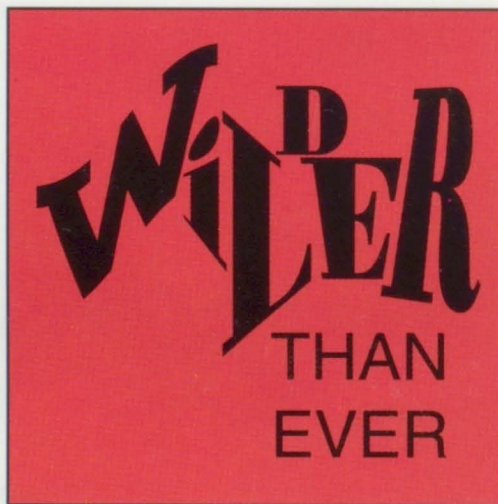
● Fireman Steve Wilson and doctor Jodi Edwards team up to save lives and possibly get their hands on the first place prize for the couple division of the costume contest.



● Disguised as President Bill Clinton, Chuck Campbell meets with Jeffrey Brooke, dressed for the occasion as a "shady lady."



● While her escort Adam Brooke looks on, Christie Blaine is crowned Homecoming Queen by last year's queen Amy Compton.



● "Paramedic" Steve Wilson checks Mike Scott's vital signs before pronouncing him "dead" as part of ESP's White Out Day, which was designed to show the number of teen deaths per day that are caused by alcohol-related accidents.

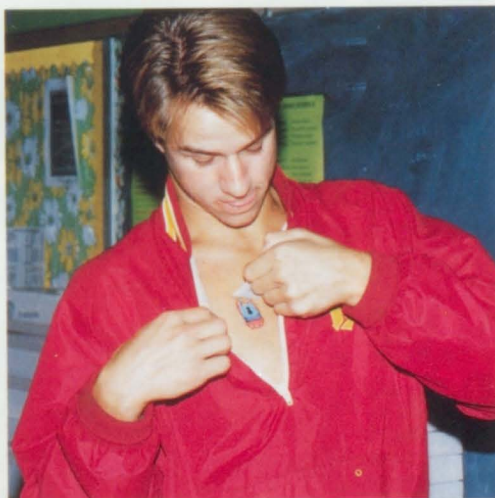
KICKING BACK

Small town America. That's us. Except we're a little "wilder" than most towns. Laura Ingalls Wilder, that is. She wrote all her books here, and 1994 was a special year for the school and town when she was honored by the state. It was also the centennial of her arrival here. Kicking back, we thought we'd make life at school wilder than ever.

● At ESP's first masquerade ball, flappers Kim Joseph, Stephanie Joseph, Jenny Blaine, and Christie Blaine try to impress the costume judges with their flamboyant version of "The Charleston."



● Mark Brown helps Trisha Perry find her FFA Greenhand pin, which is at the bottom of a toilet full of a mixture of oatmeal, bananas, and toilet paper. The event was part of FFA's initiation ceremonies.



● As part of a Lions Gazette staff review of Halloween candy for the first issue of the newspaper, Randall Roy tries out the tattoo that came with some trick or treat bubble gum. Those tattoos got two thumbs up from the reviewers.



● During "The Villain of Glitter Gulch," Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Christie Blaine, and Mica Brooke surround heroine Jenny Blaine as they hear a knock on the door.

Fourth graders from Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary perform at the unveiling ceremonies for the bronze bust of Wilder, which was to be added to the Hall of Famous Missourians. They are framed by the murals of Thomas Hart Benton, which portray the history of Missouri. "I was mostly just thinking of the songs and the speeches we had to make. It felt weird being in pioneer clothes. We had to practice the songs on the bus ride to Jefferson City. I really liked the walls with all the paintings." -- Laura Furr

• This bronze bust of Laura Ingalls Wilder is now on display at the state capitol building in Jefferson City. Wilder becomes one of only three women included in the Hall of Famous Missourians. Wilder, the author of the "Little House" series of books, was also honored by Mansfield, which had a second casting of the bronze bust made for permanent display in the city park.



• Erica Spyres plays the fiddle as Terry Spyres, Eric Spyres, and Pat Allen perform a pioneer song during the musical part of the unveiling ceremonies at the state capitol.

• With director Eric Spyres seated in front, fourth graders Michael Hammond, Jacob Magnin, Jeff Moore, Jake Bennett, Jeffery Decker, James Scrivner, Josh Bennett, Ryan Roberts, Eric Brewer, Ben Cain, and Scott Rousseau perform songs from the Wilder era. The fourth grade boys and girls were costumed in pioneer clothing for the ceremony in Jefferson City.



● Shawn Williams, Jennifer Shropshire, Stephanie Copeland, Stephanie Joseph, and Sunny Watterson admire the newly unveiled bust of Laura Ingalls Wilder. The girls were there to report for the Lions Gazette.

● Erica Spyres and Becky Clouse act out a scene from "Little House Memories." They performed before a large crowd at the unveiling ceremony.



WILDER: FAMOUS MISSOURIAN

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ith the addition of a bronze bust sculpture of Laura Ingalls Wilder to the Hall of Famous Missourians, Mansfield students were able to share in the community's moments of fame.

A ceremony commemorating Wilder was held in the state capitol building in Jefferson City. Several Mansfield groups, including the entire fourth grade, participated in the ceremony.

Wilder's inclusion was made more memorable because she is only the second woman to be honored.

"When we were in the process to pick the next contributors, we noticed that the contributions of women had been neglected," said Missouri House Speaker Bob Griffin.

High school reporters who attended the ceremony were surprised at the large number in attendance.

"I didn't realize what a big deal it was," senior Shawn Williams said. "I was glad I had the opportunity to attend the ceremony."

The fourth graders performed several songs for the program, and they were the first elementary class from the school to get to travel as a group to Jefferson City.

"I really enjoyed touring the capitol, but I had to get up at five o'clock," Jacob Magnin said.

The ceremony also included remarks by sculptor Williams J. Williams and Wilder Elementary Principal Jean Coday, who is also president of the Laura Ingalls Wilder-Rose Wilder Lane Association.

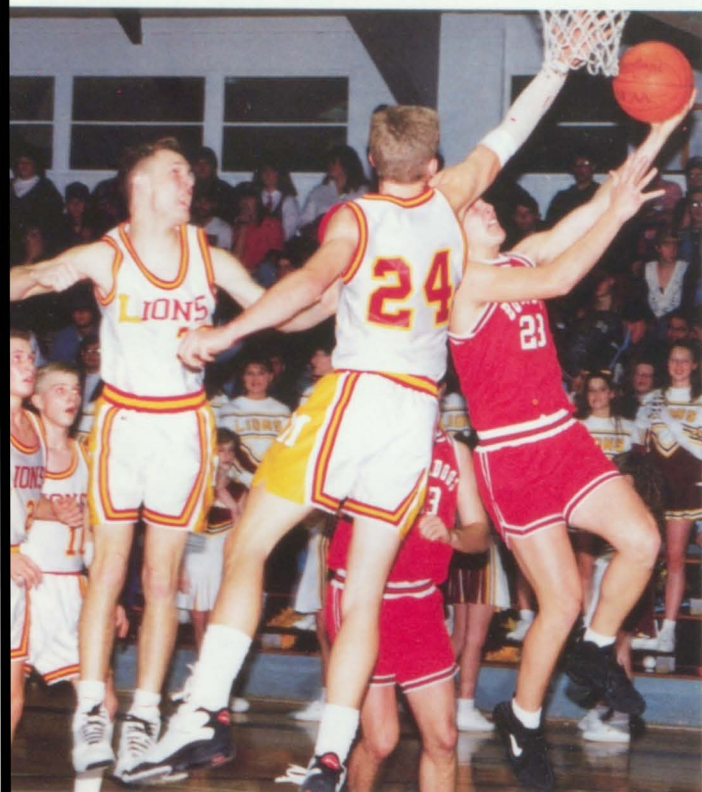
● Once the bronze bust of Laura Ingalls Wilder has been unveiled, Wilder Elementary Principal Jean Coday, sculptor William Williams, and House Speaker Bob Griffin share a moment in history.



"Three generations have admired her stories of a true pioneer girl. I know Laura would have been honored to be recognized in this way." -- Jean Coday



● Chuck Campbell, #24, and Adam Brooke try to stop Gainesville's Jason Strong from scoring during the opening minutes of the Homecoming game, which MHS won 56-42. Behind are Nate Moore and Matt Skyles.



● All smiles and enthusiasm for the packed Homecoming night gym crowd, pom pon girls Jennifer Shropshire, Christa Choate and Stephanie Calhoun perform their routine entitled "Mesmerized" which was a medley of dance songs "My Name is Prince" by Prince, "Workaholic" by 2 Unlimited, and "If" by Janet Jackson.



● The stage is decorated with a black double-door archway for Homecoming. At each side stands a black park bench and lamp post covered with red and gold glitter and gold and fuchsia balloons. Three senior candidates were chosen by their class to run for Homecoming Queen. In a vote of the student body, Christie Blaine, center, was elected queen. Attendants were Shawn Williams and Sunny Watterson. "What makes me the happiest is not necessarily winning the title, but knowing that people actually voted for me. It's something I can tell my grandchildren about." -- Christie Blaine





● With red rose in hand, Homecoming Queen candidate Shawn Williams and her escort Randall Roy walk to join the other candidates and princesses already at center court.

● Queen Christie Blaine, center, and her court includes front, attendant Shawn Williams, crown bearer John Piland, flower girl Natalie Waterman, attendant Sunny Watterson; back, sophomore princess Stephanie Blankenship, junior princess Julie Clouse and freshman princess Jill Adamson.



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

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now and ice couldn't stop Homecoming. As they say, the show must go on.

With school canceled for the entire week of Homecoming and lots of work to be done, students had to give up their snow vacation to help out.

"We Student Council members had to come in all week to get the decorations put up," president Stephanie Joseph, a senior, said. "It showed how dedicated we are, because we came in to decorate when we could have been sleeping in."

Being a StuCo member as well as a pom pon girl put pressure on junior Torrie Collins.

"It was a major hassle," she said. "I had to split my days between practicing our routine for pom pon, and decorating the stage with balloons and confetti for Student Council."

However, having extra time was an advantage for the pom pon squad.

"It gave us more opportunities to get things done," sophomore Jennifer Jones said. "We had longer to practice than we would have had after school."

But extra time made anxiety grow for senior Christie Blaine, who was later crowned Homecoming Queen.

"I badgered my sister all week to tell me who won queen," she said. "I was more concerned about who won because I had more time to worry about it."

Basketball players also had extra stress, since some were sleeping in and staying up later than usual.

"I got off my routine of what I would normally do," senior Adam Brooke said. "Homecoming wasn't an ordinary game day."

● Anxious to know who is queen, Matt Skyles, Torrie Collins, Jeremy Corder and Sara Moody listen to the background music and watch as the rest of the Homecoming court advances, forming a path for the queen's court.



"Homecoming was hectic. I was about to go crazy when we had to spend the J.V. game blowing up balloons because half of the ones on the stage had popped." -- Melanie Blankenship

● Dancing to her favorite song, Erin Calhoun tries to get her sister, Stephanie Calhoun, right, to join in on the fun at Barnwarming. Ashley Miller is at the left.

● Trying to make do without cowboy hats at Barnwarming, Chuck Campbell, Jodi Edwards, and Missy Honeycutt use paper napkins to improvise. They are waiting for the pizzas to be delivered.



● Taking a break from the dancing, Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, and Janie Carter head out to the lobby for some quiet. Barnwarming was decorated with a country theme, and the doorway into the gym was covered with red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers.



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Swinging to "Sticks and Stones" by Tracey Lawrence, Casey Mattix and Shannon Cantrell take this opportunity at Barnwarming to show off their stuff. About 150 students attended Barnwarming, and county dancing was as popular as rock dancing at the event, with many students using it as an opportunity to learn line dances. **"What I like about country music and dancing to country music is that it's done as a couple. Also, there's a lot more types of dances that can be done to country, like swinging, two-stepping, and the Wooden Nickel."**
 - Shannon Cantrell

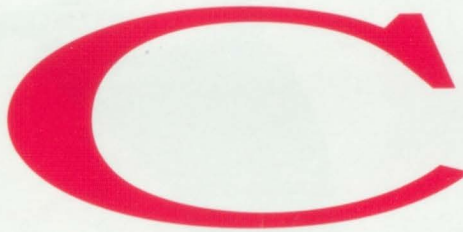


● Tara Moody and Hayden Dennis get the country dancing started at Barnwarming by two-stepping to Travis Tritt's "Number One."

● Seniors Casey Mattix and Shawn Williams, top, are Barnwarming Queen and King. Candidates are juniors Mark Brown and Ashley Miller, freshmen Jeffrey Brooke and Lauren Miller, and sophomores Jennifer Jones and Chad Clanton.



COUNTRY TOPS THE CHARTS



attlepanels, hay bales, and western clothing provided the atmosphere, and it was country all the way.

And that's what FFA sponsor Lyle Whittaker had in mind when he created a dance area for Barnwarming that could have doubled as a ranch corral.

"Everybody got more involved because the dance area was closed in," senior Steve Wilson said. "It also gave some people a chance to dress differently in roper-style clothes."

Junior Brooke Newton enjoyed the western styles of clothing people wore at Barnwarming, FFA and FHA's annual dance.

"I really liked dressing up like a roper and learning the western dances," she said.

Sophomore Melanie McGaw found her own reasons to like Barnwarming.

"Being able to goof off, dance, and having fun with all of my friends was part of what made Barnwarming fun," she said.

However, there were times when the event slowed down, so some students improvised when things got a little dull.

"When the music got bad my friends and I would go out and slam dance or goof off to make it more fun," freshman Nick Brooke said.

Michael Spyres, a freshman, said Barnwarming was a step up from school parties he had gone to before.

"I really liked it better than the dances we had in junior high," he said. "It seemed like more people were involved and had fun."

Seniors Shawn Williams and Casey Mattix were chosen Barnwarming royalty.

● Getting a sneak peak, Jeremy Corder and Jeffrey Brooke check out the money in the voting container for the freshmen royalty candidates, Lauren Miller and Brooke.

"Well, they weren't really playing the greatest music in the world at Barnwarming, so we all just danced real stupid and made the whole thing a lot more fun." -- Nick Brooke



● Choir members sing a medley for the melodramas. Front, Mica Brooke, Wendy Matlock; middle, Luke Johnson, Stephanie Kelly, Areatha Sickels; back, Carrie Gleason, Brent Heatherly, Shannon Cantrell, Casey Mattix.

● The whole choir adds a little fancy footwork to their singing as cast members from both "The Villain of Glitter Gulch" and "The Stage Coach Inn" take the stage to perform a medley of patriotic songs from the late 1800s.



● Steven Wilson and Michael Spyres duke it out in a fierce, simulated battle in the choir's production of "The Villain of Glitter Gulch," an old-fashioned melodrama. In the background, Brent Heatherly, playing the character Constance Lafoon, looks anxiously at the dueling pair.



Josh Micheli is cloaked in black as the cunning villain, Fargo Fink. He tries without much success to escape the vicious beating dished out by the fiercely aggravated Granny Wilde (Areatha Sickels) and her trusty cane in the choir's production of "The Stage Coach Inn." Micheli spent much of the play twirling his moustache and swinging his cane, playing the role to the hilt. The chase scene brought lots of laughs from the audience. "It was kind of ironic because I was holding a gun and I was running from an old lady with a cane." -- Josh Micheli





● Jody Philpott, as Marion Dove, stands in shock of the evil villain, Fargo Fink (Josh Micheli) as he tries to take advantage of the innocent hotel owners, Harry and Marion Dove.

● Taken hostage in the Nugget Saloon, Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Mica Brooke, Christie Blaine, Jenny Blaine, and Sean Spyres cower from the scolding of Michael Spyres.



OH, CURSES, FOILED AGAIN

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astardly villains and triumphant heroes took the stage along with other lovable characters in the choir's production of two short melodramas.

Choir members held two performances Dec. 4, and then by popular request, the show was presented to the entire school the following Friday morning.

For some aspiring actors and actresses, this was a great opportunity to gain experience.

"It was fun because I love to act and I'm looking forward to a career in acting," said freshman Michael Spyres, who had the lead part in "The Villain of Glitter Gulch." "This was a great start for me, and it boosted my morale."

Others who participated also enjoyed their chance to perform.

"The melodramas were probably the funnest things I did all year because they made people laugh, and I really enjoyed performing with all of my friends," said senior Christie Blaine who played the Glitter Gulch sheriff.

Senior Adam Brooke played the hero in "The Stage Coach Inn."

"Remembering my lines was difficult," he said, "but the hardest part was getting my gun in and out of my holster."

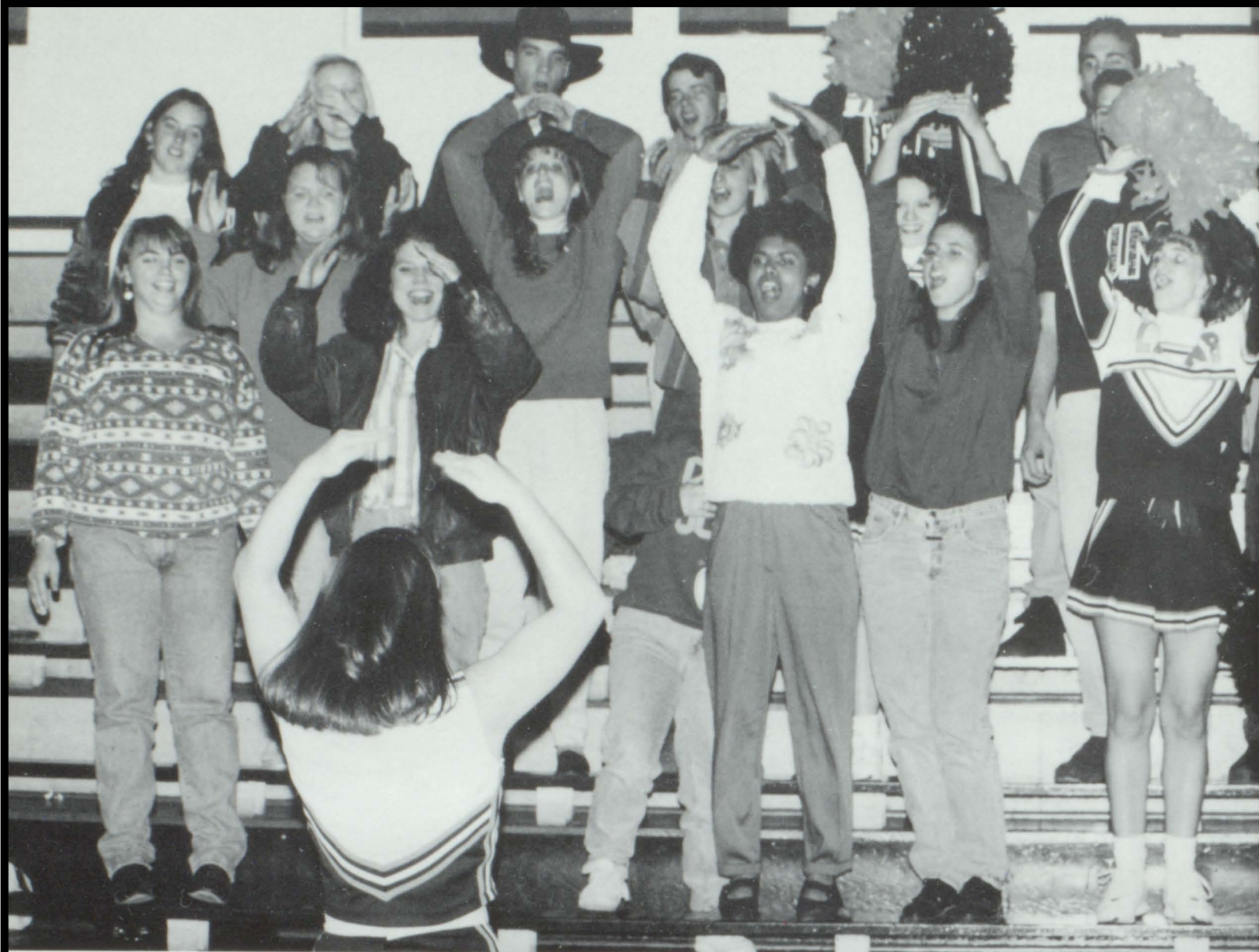
Choir leader Eric Spyres, who directed along with his wife, Terry Spyres, and pianist Dorothy Mitchell, said that the shows were a nice change for his group.

"The kids got to do something," he said, "that they don't normally get to do in school."

● Sean Spyres and Christie Blaine listen sympathetically to Jenny Blaine's tragic story of how her "small yet scrupulously neat and tidy cottage" would be taken from her by the nasty, cold-hearted Smedley Pewtree.

"I thought having the two melodramas was a nice change of pace from the regular choir activities. Everyone enjoyed watching them because they were hilarious."—Stephanie Blankenship





After dividing the student body up according to classes, the cheerleaders try to see which class has the most school spirit, by spelling out 'Lions.' The seniors are enthusiastically working on the letter 'O.' Girls standing on the front row are Areatha Sickels, Kim Hyde, Stephanie Joseph, Christie Blaine, and Jennifer Shropshire. "It was a girls' game pep rally, and since I was the manager of the girls' basketball team, and since Christie Blaine and I usually act a little crazy anyway, I thought I'd join the others in spelling out 'Lions' to show my school spirit and pride." -- Stephanie Joseph

● Pom pon girls Tessa Bennett, Bobbi Beck, and Jennifer Jones show a preview of the year's routines during the first pep rally of the basketball season.



● Steve Wilson tries to get a balloon to Jack Becker in a pep rally relay race, while Missy Honeycutt waits for her partner.





● During Spirit Week, social studies teacher Roger Wood chooses to pair up with English student teacher Beth Ann Strain on Pep Club's Twin Day.

● Trisha Perry reacts to the announcing of the girls' basketball team's undefeated record at a mid-season pep rally. At the right is teammate Jenny Blaine.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO

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antyhose, balloons, and rolled-up socks don't have much in common, but these items made for great pep rallies.

For one pep rally game, teams from each of the classes had to navigate a balloon the length of the gym, using a pair of pantyhose

weighted with a rolled-up sock.

The contraption was tied around their waists, and participants had to swing the pantyhose along the floor without using their hands.

"It was humiliating being out in front of the whole school playing the sock game because it was my freshman year in high school," Amanda Stacy said, "but it was also cool because I was representing my class."

The first team to get their balloon across the gym, which wasn't an easy task, was the winner of the spirit stick.

"The spirit stick was a great idea," said cheerleader Misty Coffman, a sophomore. "For the first time it gave us something to do at pep rallies besides listen to the coaches talk."

Jennifer Kingery agreed that added activities helped pep up the pep rallies.

"The pep rallies were ten times better than last year," she said. "The pantyhose game was the best because it looked silly and made everyone laugh."

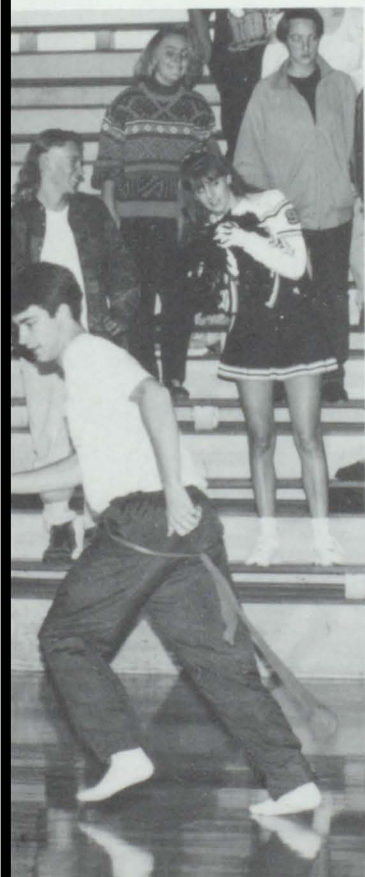
Pep Club president Jack Becker, a senior, also thought the spirit stick idea worked.

"The battle of the classes for the spirit stick was a great idea," Becker said, "because we all wanted to win, and it left everyone pumped for the game."

● Cheerleaders Naomi Strohm, Mica Brooke, Stephanie Copeland, Stephanie Kelly, and Heather Persinger yell chants to get the student body pepped up at the beginning of the basketball rally.



"When they divided us up into classes for the pep rally, everyone was trying to outdo the other classes by yelling louder and acting crazy. Seniors do that best, of course." - Jennifer Shropshire



● Counselor Kelly Brazeal grabs freshman Steven Welch for a wild dance, brought on by the sunglasses Brazeal is wearing. The sunglasses were part of a game set up by D.J.'s Hits and Grins, which turned out to be one of the most popular parts of Prom.



● Couples Shannon Cantrell and Casey Mattix and Stephanie House and Jerry Garrison take advantage of the time when the D.J. told the Prom-goers to find their favorite partner to dance with.



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Sunglasses were a part of Prom that most people will remember, especially Jennifer Shropshire, who struts her stuff in the middle of the cheering crowd. "It was hilarious when Steven Welch and Kelly Brazeal were dancing during the games, because Kelly just walked out and started shaking and swinging with her sunglasses, then she drug Steven out onto the floor and started swinging him around. The funniest part was after they danced, I got stuck with the sunglasses and had to dance all by myself, and nobody thought I would." -- Jennifer Shropshire



● Janie Carter moves to the quick beat of one of the dance songs at Prom. Earlier in the day, Carter was part of the 15-member crew of juniors that decorated University Plaza Hotel for the occasion.



● Seniors Adam Brooke and Stephanie Joseph reign as Prom King and Queen. The juniors voted at Prom, from a list of all the seniors who were attending the event.

● Jenny Blaine, Lauren Miller, Janie Carter, and Trisha Perry lead the entire Mansfield crowd down the hall and back to their own ballroom, after making a raid on Strafford's prom.



MHS SAYS: PROMS R US

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unglasses and huge circles of people have one thing in common. Fun, goofy dancing that made Prom THE dance of the year.

"The dance was the best part about Prom," senior Jennifer Shropshire said. "The games got everyone involved, and made

them go wild dancing with everyone else."

Prom was held at University Plaza, and juniors used the theme "Amazing" and carried out the theme with black and silver holographic skyscrapers and green and purple balloons.

One of the games used by the D.J.'s from Hits and Grins involved forming a circle and passing sunglasses around. When the music stopped, the person left holding the sunglasses had to dance to crazy songs in the middle of the circle.

Combining dancing and games was new for some people.

"I had never seen anything done like that before," senior Merle Strohm said. "It was neat to have something like the games to do instead of just regular dancing."

When a Conga dance line started, Hits and Grins told the MHS kids to go "visit" a prom down the hall, which they did. Mansfield students danced in, and danced out, of Strafford's prom.

"Crashing Strafford's Prom was fun," junior Tara Moody said, "because they looked like their prom was really dull, and that made our prom seem even better."

● Tuxedos, and dates, discarded, several boys group together near the end of the evening for some wild disco songs. Dancers include Adam Brooke, Sean Spyres, and Joe Allen.



"Prom was a blast because everybody was just silly and had a lot of fun. But the best part was when Jennifer Shropshire had to dance in the middle of the circle in front of everyone." -- Torrie Collins

Cameras ready for action, a crowd of girls gathers behind the photographer as he tries to take a group picture of the baseball team. Most of the boys had taken off their shirts and were wearing vests and bow ties for the Chippendale look. Since it was a large group and it took a long time to arrange them for the picture, there was time for quite an audience to gather to watch the action. "We were all standing around discussing how skinny or fat our boyfriends looked with their shirts off while they were getting ready to take the baseball team picture." -- Shannon Cantrell

● Friends Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, and Trisha Perry are almost to the front of the line and ready to have their turn in front of the camera.



● Players and managers of the girls' basketball team get in position for a group picture at Prom. Front, Sunny Watterson and Christie Blaine; middle, Missy Honeycutt and Jenny Blaine; back, Stephanie Joseph, Melanie Blankenship, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Melanie McGaw, and Wendy Matlock.

● Following the song "I'm Too Sexy..." members of the baseball team shed their shirts and go with the Chippendale look for their group picture. Prom photographer Dave Moore gives instructions to Adam Brooke, Scott Mallernee, James Hanger, Randall Roy, and Tom Moody, back, and Steven Wilson, front.





● While members of the baseball team stand in line to get a group picture made at Prom, Shelly Williams helps Nate Moore adjust his bow tie in preparation for his photo opportunity.

● Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, Jennifer Shropshire, Shelly Williams, Brooke Newton, and Tara Moody discuss possible poses while waiting to have pictures taken at Prom.



SAY CHEESE AND SMILE

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little more to the left. Tilt your head to the right. Lean forward just a bit.

Prom pictures are a tradition. The line is long and the wait is horrendous but the results are picture perfect.

The long wait in line is not one of the more popular Prom attractions.

"It was frustrating because I stood in line forever," junior Emily Matlock said. "My feet were hurting before I even started dancing."

Once at the front of the line, the dilemma of posing becomes an issue.

"Chuck (Campbell) and I were so close that if I had been with someone other than my boyfriend I would have been embarrassed," junior Stephanie Calhoun said.

Team pictures have become especially popular at Prom. The baseball team and the girls' basketball team made sure to strike a pose.

"The girls' basketball team was proud of our season and thought it would be a funky thing to do," senior Christie Blaine said.

Any way you look at it, or them, Prom pictures supply lasting memories of a special night.

"Having your picture made is great because you can look at it 10 years later or even next week and think about how much fun Prom was," senior Stephanie Copeland said. "If nothing else, some day your kids will have something to laugh at."

● While Sean Spyres and Christie Blaine decide which photo package they are going to order, John Greyowl, Michael Davis, and Jerry Garrison try to figure out how they are going to do their group picture.



"I got aggravated having to wait in line for such a long time, but when our turn came Jennifer (Jones) and I enjoyed taking up our share of time in front of the camera." -- Joe Garrison

● After a hard day of having fun on the senior trip, Jody Philpott, Steven Pearson, and Virginia Fulbright relax in style back at the hotel's hot tub.



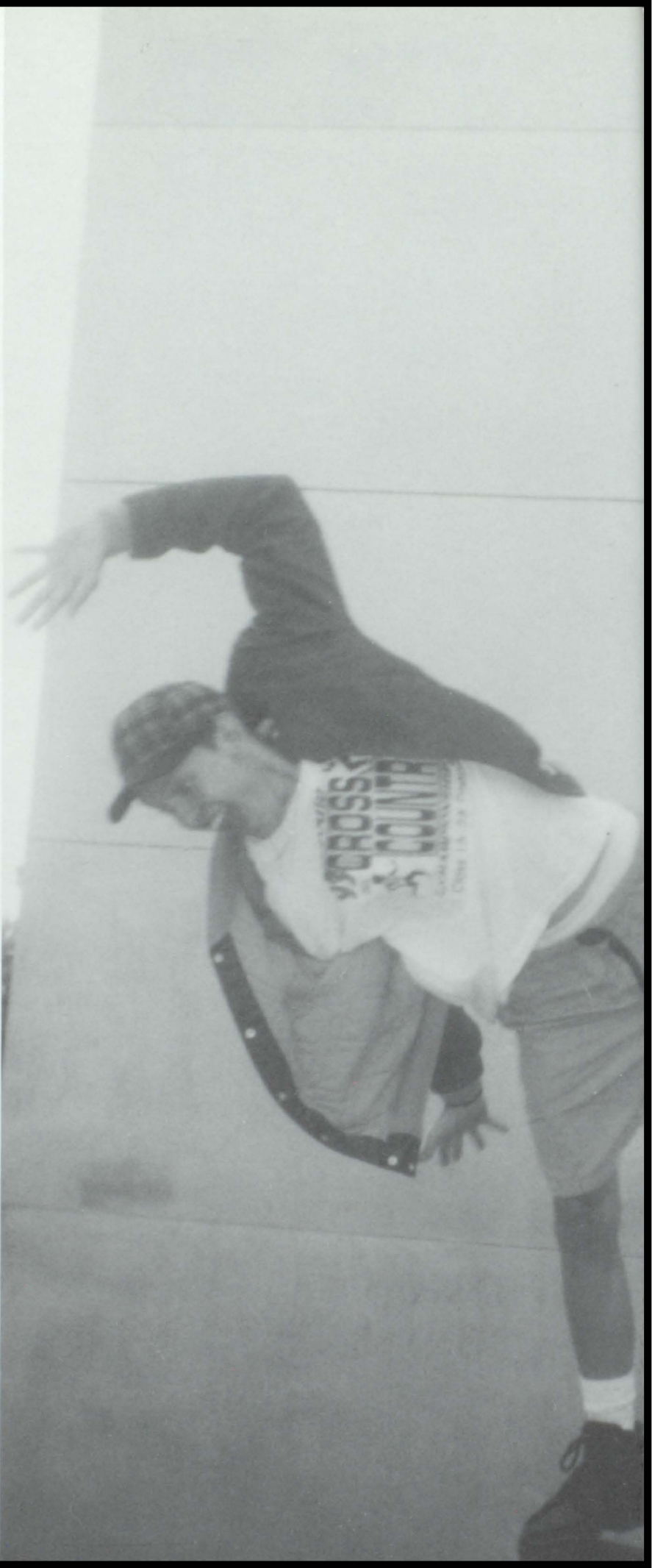
● It's a mystery to Merle Strohm as he plays a part in a murder mystery at a dinner theater. Sunny Watterson is in the background.



● The bus ride to St. Louis has fun around every turn. In the front are Jodi Philpott and Stephanie Copeland.

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Falling for Jack Becker's joke? While visiting the Gateway Arch in St. Louis on the senior trip, Becker gives his best imitation of an unlucky soul who has had the misfortune to have fallen from the observation area at the top of the arch. Seniors visited this and other popular St. Louis attractions during their three-day trip, which included shopping and a Cardinals baseball game. Becker was overheard later saying: "**Don't try this trick at home. After all, I'm a trained professional.**"





● Aaron Brooks is one of several people on the senior trip who decided to invest in some new, cutting edge fashion statements in the form of joker's hats.

● Some are cold, some are sleepy, but everyone is ready to have fun on the senior trip to St. Louis.



MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

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eventeen soon-to-be graduates went on the annual senior trip to take in the sights and sounds of St. Louis.

One of the first attractions they visited after they hit the city was something that has become somewhat of a

tradition on MHS senior trips - a mystery theater.

The seniors went to Bissell's Mansion, a mystery dinner theater in which everyone plays a character and each person has to act out his or her part throughout the evening.

At the end of the show, it was revealed that Adam Brooke was the murderer.

"I was kind of surprised to find out I was the murderer," Brooke said. "I didn't think I had it in me."

Sunny Watterson thought the murder scene was the best part of the show.

"It was kind of boring until the suspects had to act out their parts," she said. "There were four or five people who were the suspects and they had to act out the murder scene according to the script. Adam was hilarious."

The next day, a rainy Friday, included a tour of the St. Louis Science Center, and an expedition to Six Flags.

On the final day of the trip, they shopped at Union Station, visited the Gateway Arch, and attended a Cardinals' game (which unfortunately, they lost).

"There were four or five people who were the suspects and they had to act out the murder scene according to the script. Adam (Brooke) was hilarious." - Sunny Watterson

● Adam Brooke makes friends with a couple of Trekkies on the annual senior trip to St. Louis.



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Chanting, clapping, and cheering, girls' basketball team members Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine, Trisha Perry, and Christie Blaine introduce the crowd at the athletic banquet to Zaba, far left, their unofficial mascot. Their coach, Freddie Doherty, well-known for keeping the banquet lively with his jokes and stories, was unable to attend. **"With the absence of our coach, we thought we should do something that showed everyone how much fun such a serious team can have. Jenny brought it up, and we all thought we should to give a little inside view of our team."** -- Trisha Perry

● National Honor Society president Jennifer Shropshire introduces new members at the academic banquet. Behind her are Angela Ragsdale, Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, and Charlene Chambless.



● Industrial technology teacher Bill Ghan introduces his award winners at the annual academic awards night, held in the multipurpose room. Behind him are Duane Keys, Lonnie Bell, Michael Douglas, Hayden Dennis and Angela Darr.

● While Coach Randy Short is making some humorous remarks about Michael Spyres, right, and his participation on the cross country team, Michael's brother Sean Spyres and Steve Wilson check out his reaction at the annual athletic banquet. The banquet honored athletes in all sports at MHS.



● Areatha Sickels and Jacque Lansdown hold softball letter awards, while Coach Roger Wood gets ready to present special awards to members of the softball team.



● National Honor Society officers hold installation ceremonies. They are Trisha Perry, Chuck Campbell, Tara Moody, Melisa Porter, Stephanie Joseph, Jennifer Shropshire, and Randall Roy.

'ZABA-DABBA-DO', THEY SAY

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wo events, more than any others except for graduation, seem to signal that the school year is over - the athletic banquet and the academic awards night.

After several years of combining the academic awards with a banquet, the school decided to streamline the event, which has become increasing long over the years. To do so, the meal was left out, and dessert was served after the awards were presented.

However, the athletic banquet remained the same, except for one thing. Coach Freddie Doherty, well-known for his brand of humor when introducing the girls' basketball award winners, was unable to attend the banquet because of a death in his family.

In his place, team members Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine, Trisha Perry and Christie Blaine performed the "Zaba chant" they had used most of the season.

"Jenny (Blaine) and I decided that we needed to have something to boost our spirits before the games, so we threw some trash together and what we made was Zaba," Carter said.

The "creation" became an unofficial mascot for the team.

"Zaba is a little hard to explain, since he's made out of trash," Perry said. "We chanted Zaba cheers before every game in the locker room for the last ten games, and we kept winning, so we kept chanting."

● Chuck Campbell, center, stands with several basketball plaques he has been awarded, and reacts to some humorous comments from Coach Duane Hiler about the fact that he won't be getting the award for free throw percentage. Aaron Brooks is at left, Joe Allen right.



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● Marvin Johnson, Tina Crawford, Dusty Stout, Nancy Davis, and Russell Wallace listen as the senior chorus performs at graduation.



● Graduates applaud Salutatorian Bobbi Hanger. Shown are Randall Roy, Jennifer Shropshire, Scott Mallernee, Christie Blaine, Jack Becker, Areatha Sickels, and Casey Mattix.



● Bobbi Hanger, Jacque Lansdown, and Areatha Sickels celebrate graduation with photos.

While Carol Farris reacts to the audience, Dusty Stout is intent on making his way to the front of the gym during the graduation processional. Their class of 34 members was the smallest group to graduate from MHS in many years. Usually, the classes have about 50-60 members. "There are some advantages to being a small class. Our graduation was short and sweet, but still just as memorable as graduations for larger classes." -- Shawn Williams



● Sunny Watterson, Valedictorian of the Class of 1994, presents her speech to fellow classmates and their family and friends attending the Sunday afternoon ceremony.

● A chorus made up of members of the graduating class sings "Over the Rainbow" at commencement exercises.



A WHOLE NEW WORLD

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fter the ceremonies came to an end, seniors were left feeling a variety of emotions.

Graduation had been anxiously awaited for months, even years, but when it finally arrived, so did unexpected feelings.

"I had a mixture of emotions," senior Adam Brooke said. "One moment I was sad because I will never be with my classmates again, and one moment I was happy because I was finally graduating."

Graduation ceremonies for the 34 members of the Class of 1994 were held Sunday, May 9 in the high school gym.

Commencement began with a welcome from class president Shawn Williams. Valedictorian Sunny Watterson and Salutatorian Bobbi Hanger both gave speeches.

Senior sponsors Mike Kanaan and Kelly Brazeal recognized honor graduates Christie Blaine, Stephanie Copeland, Hanger, Stephanie Joseph, Justin Long, Randall Roy, Jennifer Shropshire, Areatha Sickels, Watterson, and Williams.

Principal Jerry Armstrong presented scholarships, and Superintendent Robert Perry announced the class.

The senior chorus sang three songs, "A Whole New World," "Over the Rainbow," and "Let It Be."

Class officers were Shawn Williams, president; Jack Becker, vice president; Christie Blaine, secretary; and Jennifer Shropshire, treasurer.

● Nancy Davis and Johnny Kuhn take part in the processional at their graduation ceremonies. The girls wore white gowns and carried yellow roses, and the boys wore maroon gowns.



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-- Adam Brooke

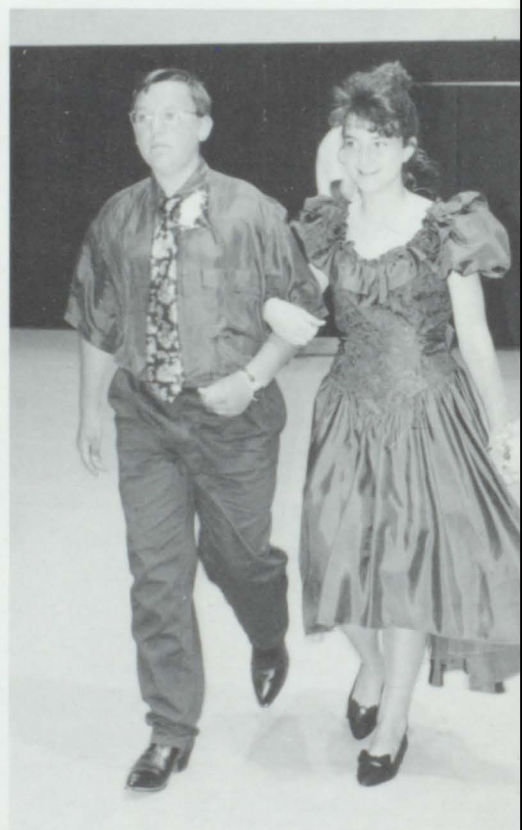


Eighth grade graduation is over, and just about everyone is either taking pictures or posing for pictures outside the gym. The only male in sight, Chris Flageolle gets the royal treatment from fellow graduates Leslie Lynch, Erica Chambless, Ashley Blankenship, Jenny Moody, Kati Williams, Allison Arnall, Jessica Copeland, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, and Natasha Bailey. "We were all getting our pictures taken together. Since Chris was the only boy, somebody suggested that the girls hold him up." -- Allison Arnall

● All smiles, Jason Lansdown and Jenny Moody enter the gymnasium during the eighth grade graduation procession. Both have been attending school at Mansfield since their kindergarten year.



● Eighth graders listen as class president Jeromy Brooke presents a speech at the eighth grade graduation ceremonies.



● Above, eighth graders John Roberts and Amanda Skyles enter for graduation. Right, Joshua Lansdown and Blake Miller and Katelyn Choate and Cassie Sanders are kindergarten graduates.

● Dressed in their finest, kindergarten graduates watch for their cue for the next song.



MOVING UP THE LADDER

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oving from one stage of life to the other was the key ingredient for two graduation ceremonies.

Mother Goose was the theme for kindergarten graduation, as the young students showed off some of their musical skills for family and friends.

The welcome was presented by Evan Jones and Danielle Jones. A variety of songs such as "Little Miss Muffett," "Jack and Jill," "Mary Had A Little Lamb," and "This Old Man," featured a Mother Goose theme. Katelyn Choate, Ashly Renner, Kayla Seyler, Nathan Hildreth, Joe Isbill, Nicole Freeman, Tony Waterman, and Julie Hutton all introduced a song.

Jesse Stuart, Karensa Wilson, Leanne Moody, and Lindsay Stout had special parts, and Principal Jean Coday gave diplomas to the kindergarten graduates.

Eighth grade graduation for the Class of 1998 also showcased student talents.

The welcome was by Adam Grubbs, and class president Jeromy Brooke presented a speech.

The eighth grade chorus sang "Somewhere Out There," and a trio of Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, and Kati Williams sang "Pray For Me." Allison Arnall performed "For Elise" as a piano solo.

Middle School Principal Freddie Doherty announced the class and Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry presented diplomas.

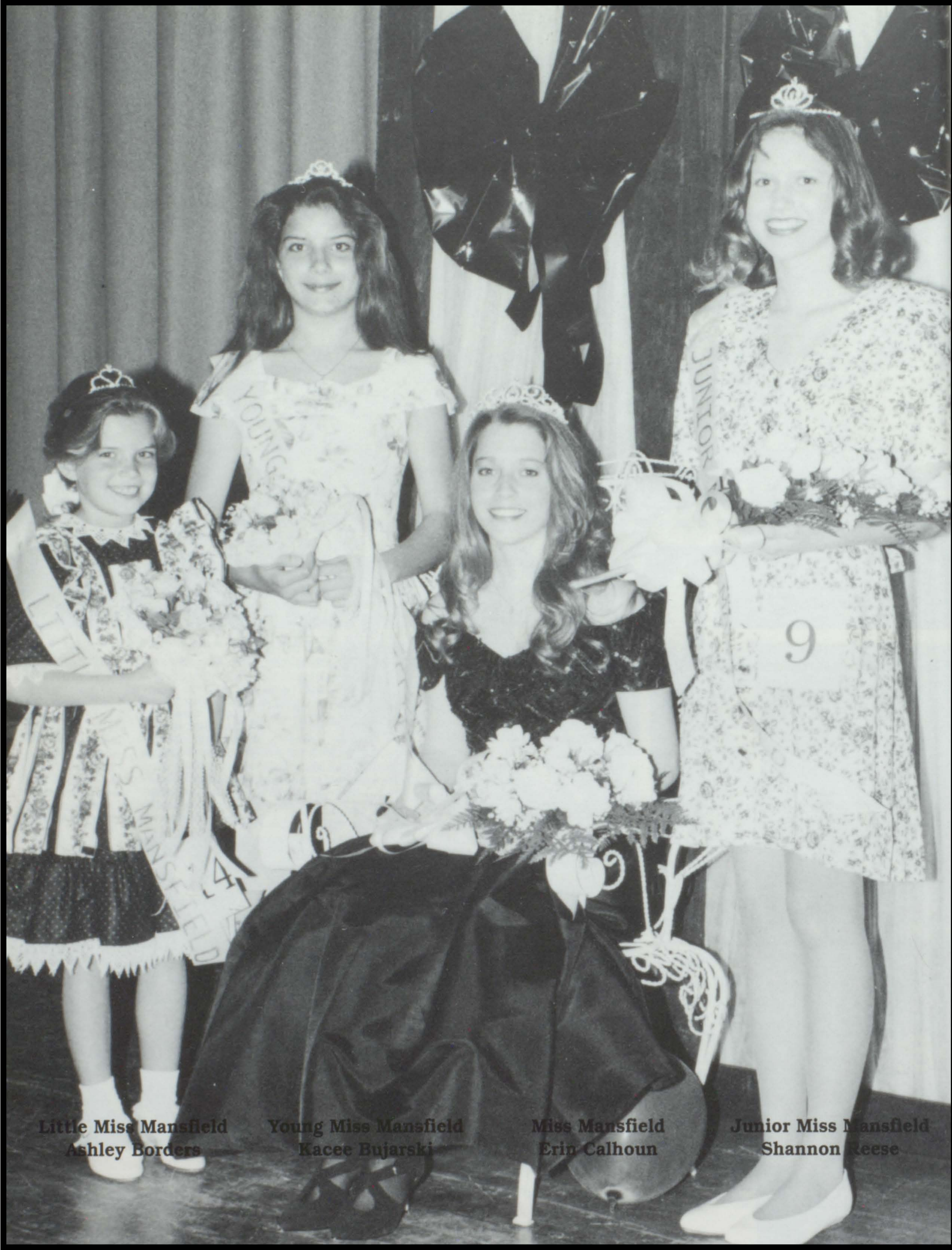
Dorothy Mitchell was pianist for both graduation ceremonies.

● Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, and Kati Williams team up to sing "Pray for Me" at their eighth grade graduation ceremony, held May 17 in the high school gymnasium.



"The very best part of eighth grade graduation was knowing that the year was over and we are finally going to be in high school." -- Ashley Blankenship





Little Miss Mansfield
Ashley Borders

Young Miss Mansfield
Kacee Bujarski

Miss Mansfield
Erin Calhoun

Junior Miss Mansfield
Shannon Reese



● **MISS MANSFIELD.** Second runner-up Shannon Cantrell, third runner-up Julie Clouse, Miss Mansfield Erin Calhoun, first runner-up Shawn Williams.

● **LITTLE MISS MANSFIELD.** Third runner-up Della Lansdown, first runner-up Melanie Davis, Little Miss Mansfield Ashley Borders, second-runner up Kate Probert.



BEAUTY RUNS THROUGH IT

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Erin Calhoun, a junior, was chosen from a field of 10 contestants to reign as Miss Mansfield for a year.

Winners in the other divisions were Junior Miss Mansfield Shannon Reese, an eighth grader; Young Miss Mansfield Kacee Bujarski, a sixth grader;

Little Miss Mansfield Ashley Borders, a third grader.

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

Future Homemakers of America sponsors the pageant each year.



● **YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD.** Third runner-up Tiffany Coonce, first runner-up Laura Furr, Young Miss Mansfield Kacee Bujarski, second runner-up Ashley Jones.

● **JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD.** First runner-up Leslie Lynch, second runner-up Natasha Knight, Junior Miss Mansfield Shannon Reese, third runner-up Allison Arnall.

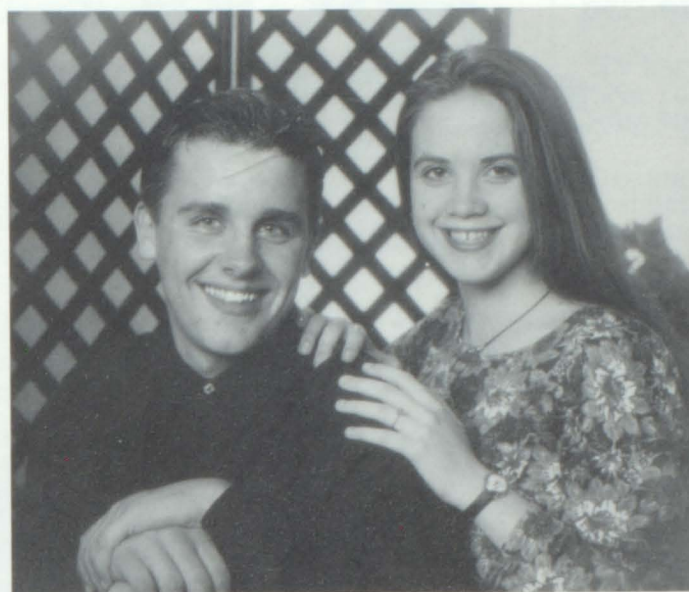






● Sophomore candidates for El Leon royalty are Jeff Hanger and Charlene Chambless.

● Freshmen candidates for El Leon royalty are Michael Spyres and Amanda Stacy.



GETTING THE ROYAL TREATMENT

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eniors Shawn Williams and Randall Roy won the El Leon Royalty titles.

Four couples were elected to represent the high school classes, and then professional portraits were taken and sent to the KY-3 television news team in Springfield for judging.

Roy and Williams were chosen to reign for a year as 1994 El Leon King and Queen.

The judges for the annual photo contest were Tony Beason, Brian Shipman, and Ann Andersen, news personalities for the KY-3 television station.

Beason has been in charge of choosing the winners for several years.

The judging for the contest was based on photogenic qualities, smiles, compatibility of the couple, and their naturalness.

Candidates chosen by the Freshman Class were Amanda Stacy and Michael Spyres.

Sophomore candidates were Charlene Chambless and Jeff Hanger.

Candidates elected by the Junior Class were Emily Matlock and Tom Moody.



● Junior candidates for El Leon royalty are Tom Moody and Emily Matlock.

Randall Roy and Shawn Williams reign as El Leon King and Queen, chosen by members of the KY-3 television news team. Roy and Williams represent the Senior Class in the annual contest.

THEY WERE

Wild TIMES

Up, Up, and Away: Computer tech class gets flight simulator 'off the ground'

Flying high had new meaning in the industrial technology department.

Bill Ghan's latest project for his students was a flight simulator.

"Flight simulators have been around for many years," Ghan said. "Computers offered many flying programs, but they didn't seem real because of the keyboard functions."

To get around that problem, Ghan's computer technology students changed the keyboard functions of a computer to a simple aircraft-type switch panel.

"Next, we needed an enclosure to isolate the 'pilot' from the world," Ghan said. "The pilot's world becomes the computer screen and simulator. This idea is unique to us, but probably not to the world. It is the only 'home-made' one I know of anywhere."

Ghan estimates that a

simulator of this type could cost thousands of dollars, but the MHS project cost much less.

"We spent less than \$200 on everything this year," he said. "But we had to do a lot of work ourselves which involved learning and skill development."

Building the simulator has been a chance for MHS students to do something no other students have done.

That was what Stephen Stepro, a junior, liked the most about the project.

"The flight simulator was a great experience because it taught me many things that I never knew before," he said. "I really enjoyed getting to fly it and creating something no other school had at the industrial arts fair."

For Brian Pollock, a sophomore, the design work was the best part.

"I enjoyed designing the flight simulator the most

because I could use my imagination," he said.

Although the project was high tech, it wasn't high stress for the students.

"I really liked working on the flight simulator because I could work at my own pace," Pollock said. "When I made mistakes Mr. (Bill) Ghan just helped me correct them instead of yelling at me."

Junior Michael Douglas demonstrated the flight simulator at the conference Industrial Arts Fair, where it earned blue ribbons for the computer technology class.

"The part I liked best about the whole thing was showing it off at the contest," Douglas said. "The reason I liked showing it off was because of the way the teachers, students, judges, and parents reacted to such a project as this. It made me feel good to represent Mansfield High as a high tech first place school."

'All-Everything' Athletes



■ CHUCK CAMPBELL and TRISHA PERRY.

Trisha Perry, a junior, became the first MHS female athlete in a team sport to be named to an All-State team.

Perry was named as one of 10 second team 2A All-State athletes, and she also garnered a school first by being named to the Class 2A All-District first team.

Coach Freddie Doherty explained the selection process.

"Area coaches vote on All-District and All-Ozark, while state sportswriters vote on All-State," he said. "It is easier to get recognition if you are on a winning state-ranked team as opposed to an average team. Very few players can make All-State if they don't win their district, and advance on to state play."

Doherty was pleased with the awards.

"Trish is an excellent athlete who at 5'11" can handle the ball and play either inside or outside," he said.

Chuck Campbell, a junior, also received several post-season honors. He was named to the All-District first team, and to the All-Ozark honorable mention squad.

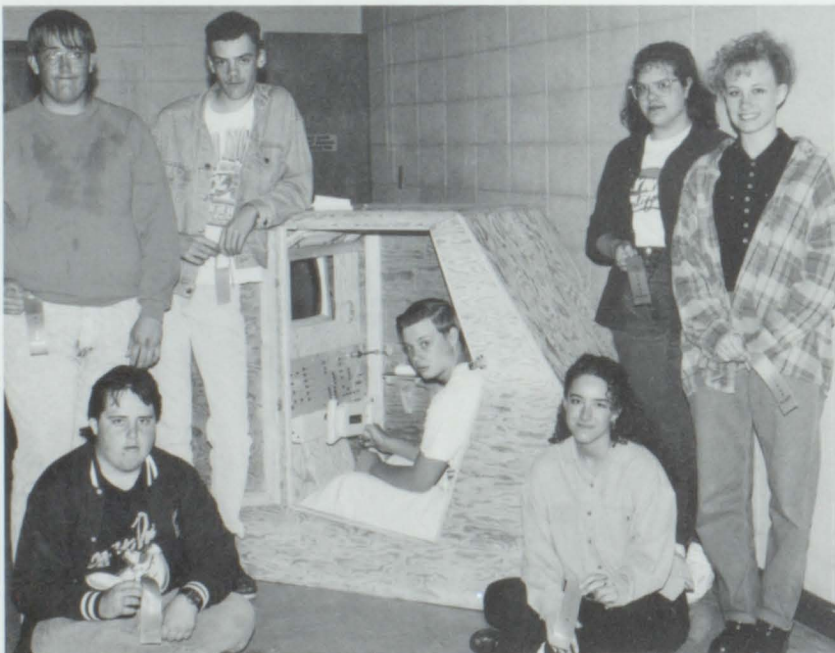
Coach Duane Hiler said Campbell's awards came from effort and desire to succeed.

"Chuck is deserving of these honors because of his hard work and determination," he said. "I thought that he had the potential for this all along."

■ GOING FLYING

becomes almost possible with the flight simulator built by the computer technology class.

Clockwise from bottom left, Stephen Stepro, Robbie Van Orden, Michael Moody, Brian Pollock, Lucia Howard, Sarah Johns, and Carrie Gleason.



FARM LIVING

FFA honors outstanding members

Several special awards were presented at the annual FFA banquet.

They included the following.

STAR GREENHAND - Nathan Carr; **STAR CHAPTER FARMER** - Garan Kinser; **STAR CHAPTER AGRI-BUSINESSMAN** - Mark Brown; **OUTSTANDING JUNIOR** - Chuck Campbell; **OUTSTANDING**

SENIOR - Steve Pearson; **OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER** - Jennifer Top;

FORESTRY TEAM members Jeff Hanger, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers, and Steve Pearson react to a funny story adviser Lyle Whittaker is telling on them at the FFA banquet.



DEKALB AWARD - Jennifer Top.

Guest speaker was Roland (Pig) Paul, owner of a pig farm in Willow Springs.

The Williams family, senior Shawn, junior Shelly, and freshman Aimee, provided musical entertainment for the banquet, which was held May 3 in the multipurpose room.



FFA OFFICERS Naomi Strohm, Jennifer Top, Chuck Campbell, Merle Strohm, and Shelly Williams recite the creed at the annual FFA banquet.

SHROPSHIRE: Academic All-Star

Jennifer Shropshire was honored by the Springfield News-Leader as one of the 75 Academic All-Star finalists from southwest Missouri.

For the sixth year, the News-Leader honored the top high school seniors and their parents at a banquet to name the 1994 All-Stars.

The banquet was held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield in late May.

Ninety-three schools each nominated one senior, based on grades, ACT test scores, awards, and school and community leadership.

Shropshire was chosen by a faculty selection committee at MHS.

The newspaper then chose 75

seniors as finalists, then chose the 20 Academic All-Stars from that group.

All finalists were featured in a special section of the newspaper.



THE PEOPLE

Richard Nixon

John Candy

Tonya Harding

Nancy Kerrigan

Michael Jordan

Dr. Kevorkian

The Bobbitts

Nelson Mandela

Helen Hunt

Stephen King

Whoopi Goldberg

Michael Jackson

River Phoenix

Whitney Houston

David Letterman

Roseanne Arnold

Dan Jansen

Bonnie Blair

Steven Spielberg

Loni Anderson

Burt Reynolds

Hillary Clinton

Bill Webster

John Grisham

Diane Sawyer

Heather Locklear

What is the most stressful part of Prom?

"Having to sell all those candy bars." -- **John Greyowl**

"Getting everything to match." -- **Naomi Strohm**

"Worrying about finding the money to pay for all of the stuff." -- **Mark Brown**

"The fear of waking up Saturday morning and having a huge, festering boil between your eyes." -- **Adam Brooke**

"Making sure my dress doesn't rip up the slit." -- **Tara Moody**

"Decorating." -- **Justin Long**

"Hoping that the decorations turn out alright, and that the seniors enjoy their last Prom." -- **Shannon Cantrell**

10 TOP ways to spot freshmen at Mansfield High School

10. They're the ones lugging in the two tons of equipment at away ballgames.
9. Tend to be wet or muddy.
8. Usually hanging around at the upperclassmen lockers with wannabe expressions on their faces.
7. Always on time to class.
6. They carry everything they own around with them in a giant gym bag.
5. They're being yelled at by a teacher for trying to hide a 9x12-inch magazine behind their 6x8-inch textbook.
4. Only walk in clumps of 10 or 12.
3. They say "please don't hurt me."
2. Anyone who gets sent to the office twice in one day.
1. The only students dumb enough to actually push a penny all the way down the hall with their noses.

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

Top basketball players honored at annual KKOZ banquet

MHS basketball athletes were honored at the annual KKOZ radio station's Dream Team Banquet.

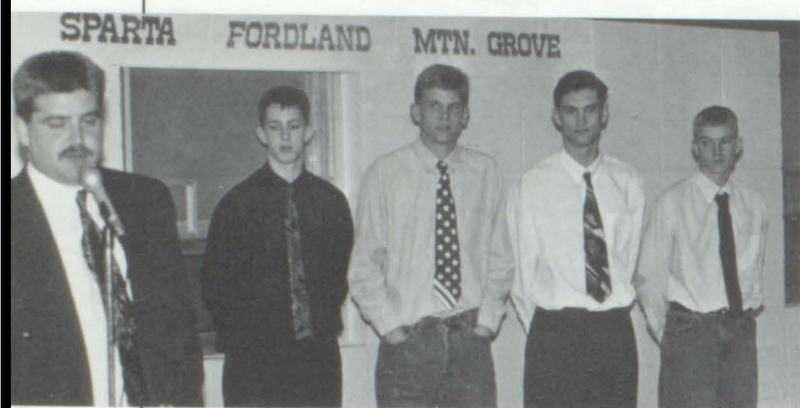
The varsity girls' team was the team of honor, for being district champs. They were Sunny Watter-

son, Christie Blaine, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, and Trish Dalton.

Boys' players honored as Dream Team members were Aaron Brooks, Chuck Campbell, Joe Allen, and Matt Skyles.

Players were chosen from Mansfield, Ava, Lutie, Seymour, Gainesville, Sparta, Norwood, Mtn. Grove, and Fordland.

■ **COACH DUANE** Hiler speaks about his basketball team at the annual Dream Team banquet, held at Ava High School. MHS players honored with Dream team status are Aaron Brooks, Chuck Campbell, Joe Allen, and Matt Skyles.



HEAD OF THE CLASS

Probert honored as one of state's top educators

Science teacher Pam Probert was chosen as one of three educators in Missouri to be honored with the State Presidential Science Teaching Award.

As a state winner, she received a plaque, a certificate of achievement, and \$250 at the Science Teachers of Missouri Convention in November.

Because of the state award, Probert also

received a check for \$750 from the National Science Foundation.

Probert teaches chemistry, physics, biology, and earth science.



JUST WRITE IT

Third annual language arts fair winners chosen

Winners in MHS's language arts fair, with over 600 entries, were presented ribbons and trophies at the annual awards night.

SHORT STORIES: Grade 9 - 1st Regina Roy, 2nd Christa Choate, 3rd Regina Roy; Grade 10 - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd Jenny Blaine, 3rd Janet Van Ness, Honorable Mention Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship; Grade 11 - 1st Jennifer Brooke, 2nd Trisha Perry, 3rd Michael Davis, HM Jennifer Top, Stephanie Calhoun; Grade 12 - 1st Christie Blaine, 2nd Stephanie Joseph, 3rd Christie Blaine, HM Stephanie Joseph.

MYTHOLOGY: Grade 9 - 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Stephanie Day, 3rd Emily Moody; Grade 10 - 1st Melanie Blankenship, 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Melanie Blankenship.

BOOK REVIEW: Grade 9 - 1st Stephanie Day, 2nd Michael Spyres, 3rd Wendy Matlock; Grade 10 - 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship; Grade 11 - 1st Tara Moody; Grade 12 - 1st Stephanie Joseph, 2nd Stephanie Joseph.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Grade 9 - 1st Harry Crawford, 2nd Amanda Stacy, 3rd Emily Moody; Grade 10 - 1st Charlene Chambless, 2nd Melanie

Blankenship, 3rd Sean Spyres, HM Sara Moody, Angela Darr, Tessa Bennett; Grade 11 - 1st Jennifer Brooke, 2nd Shannon Cantrell, 3rd Jennifer Top, HM Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Joe Allen; Grade 12 - 1st Randall Roy, 2nd Christie Blaine, 3rd Bobbi Hanger.

PERSUASIVE ESSAY: Grade 10 - 1st Charlene Chambless, 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Tessa Bennett, HM Stephanie Blankenship; Grade 11 - 1st Stephanie Calhoun, 2nd Trisha Perry, 3rd Jodi Edwards, HM Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale; Grade 12 - 1st Sunny Watterson, 2nd Stephanie Kelly, 3rd Shawn Williams, HM Scott Mallernee.

PERSONAL ESSAY: Grade 9 - 1st Aimee Williams, 2nd Liz Roth, 3rd Stephanie Day, HM Lauren Miller; Grade 10 - 1st Gar Kinser, 2nd Jenny Blaine, 3rd Melanie Blankenship; Grade 11 - 1st Sabrina Kelly, 2nd Shelly Williams, 3rd Trisha Perry, HM Angela Ragsdale, Julie Clouse; Grade 12 - 1st Sunny Watterson, 2nd Randall Roy.

POETRY: Grade 9 - 1st Eric Hunsucker, 2nd Jeremy Corder, 3rd Christa Choate, HM Kevin Polhemus, Liz Roth, Stephanie Day;

Grade 10 - 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Luke Johnson, 3rd Gar Kinser, HM Stephanie Blankenship, Jennifer Jones; Grade 11 - 1st Shannon Cantrell, 2nd Erin Calhoun, 3rd Stephanie Calhoun, Melisa Porter, HM Tom Moody, Jerry Garrison, Shannon Cantrell; Grade 12 - 1st Shawn Williams, 2nd Jennifer Shropshire, 3rd Christie Blaine, HM Stephanie Joseph, Scott Mallernee, Sunny Watterson.

JOURNALISM NEWS: Grade 9 - 1st Aimee Williams, 2nd Stephanie Day, 3rd Emily Moody; Grade 10 - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd Julie Williams, 3rd Niki Anderson, HM Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship; Grade 11 - 1st Ashley Miller, 2nd Emily Matlock, 3rd Trisha Perry, HM Stephanie Calhoun (2), Ashley Miller; Grade 12 - 1st Jennifer Shropshire, 2nd Shawn Williams, 3rd Stephanie Copeland.

JOURNALISM SPORTS: Grade

9 - 1st Eric Grubbs, 2nd Christa Choate, 3rd Aimee Williams, HM Stephanie Day, Amanda Stacy; Grade 10 - 1st Niki Anderson, 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Hayden Dennis; Grade 11 - 1st Missy Honeycutt and Trisha Perry, 2nd Joe Allen, 3rd Joe Allen, HM Joe Allen, Stephanie House, Jennifer Top; Grade 12 - 1st Randall Roy, 2nd Sunny Watterson.

JOURNALISM FEATURE: Grade 9 - 1st Emily Moody, 2nd Amanda Stacy, 3rd Christa Choate; Grade 10 - 1st Melanie Blankenship, 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Jenny Blaine, HM Michelle Roberts, Hayden Dennis; Grade 11 - 1st Jennifer Top, 2nd Stephanie House, 3rd Chuck Campbell, HM Missy Honeycutt (2), Trisha Perry; Grade 12 - 1st Jennifer Shropshire, 2nd Stephanie Copeland, 3rd Stephanie Joseph, HM Shawn Williams.

■ **TROPHY WINNERS** at the language arts fair are, front, Trisha Perry, Stephanie Day; Christie Blaine, short story; middle, Sunny Watterson, personal essay; Jennifer Shropshire, journalism news, features; Stephanie Joseph, book review; Jennifer Brooke, autobiography; Stephanie Calhoun, persuasion; Melanie Blankenship, mythology; Missy Honeycutt, journalism sports.



FLOOD OF '93

Lives of thousands of people are dampened by this unnatural natural disaster

While the majority of high school students enjoyed normal summer vacations, those in many parts of the Midwest were faced with the merciless waters of the Flood of '93.

Rains along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers forced over 20,000 people from their homes, killing almost as many as the L.A. riots.

Cities affected ranged from St. Paul, Minnesota to Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, Louisiana, hitting mid-points Missouri and Iowa the hardest.

The flood was not-so-affectionately nicknamed the "billion-dollar flood," with damages totalling over \$10 billion.

Although the waters of the Flood of '93 did not reach southwest Missouri, the consequences did.

For instance, sophomore Luke Johnson's uncle was a military policeman in the National Guard, stationed near St. Louis.

"He made sure everybody was doing their jobs in order to save the levee," Johnson said.

Others, like junior Serena Walker, saw the flood while visiting friends. In Perryville, from lakes that used to be farm fields to a flooded popcorn factory, the raging waters spared no one.

"Seeing it on the news you don't get the full impact, but going up there and seeing all the peoples' lives being destroyed really hit home," Walker said.

Some rerouting was necessary as southwest Missourians attempted to reach cities across the Missouri River.



■ **SEEMINGLY ADRIFT** in a world of water, a house one-fourth mile from the Missouri River sits with water up to its window sills.

High school principal Jerry Armstrong was forced to find alternative roads in order to see relatives in Lexington. Yet Armstrong still "drove through three or four inches of water" with one lane completely closed.

He observed some of the problems the people of Lexington and nearby Richmond were faced with since the bridge between the two was closed.

"People who live in Richmond and work in Lexington or vice versa have to drive 70 miles to go 8 miles," he said.

Parents as Teachers director Kathy Short also had to brave her way through the waters to reach the other side, during a trip to a meeting in Columbia.

After crossing Rocheport Bridge on I-70, cars were driving one at a time between barricades of sandbags holding back water well above car level.

"I've never seen water like that," Short said. "You could only see the tops of silos."

The Missouri River also had unusually strong currents compared to the normally placid flow.

"It looked like small ocean waves," Short said.

Stephanie Calhoun, Chuck Campbell, Jodi Edwards, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Trisha Perry, Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale, Jennifer Top.

Sophomores: Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Charlene Chambliss, Sara Moody, Heather Persinger.

Freshmen: Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs, Regina Roy.

THE SONGS

"The Sign"

"Amazing"

"Mr. Jones"

"Deuces are Wild"

"What's Up"

"Mary Jane's Last Dance"

"The Power of Love"

"Daughter"

"Cheap Seats"

"I Swear"

"God Bless Texas"

What is something that really irritates you?

"When people walk one mile per hour down the hall." -- **Jodi Edwards**

"When teachers assign tons of homework the night of a ballgame." -- **Tara Fetter**

"When the freshmen forget to bring their baseball equipment." -- **Casey Mattix**

"When people go to school for eleven years, and then decide to drop out." -- **Brooke Newton**

"When people pull out in front of you and then drive really slow." -- **Melanie McGaw**

"What really annoys me are people with whiny voices and ones who are tone deaf and can't sing." -- **Michael Spyres**

10 TOP rejected themes for the 1994 edition of the El Leon yearbook

10. A yearbook runs through it.
9. We're the Mansfield Lions and you're not.
8. My mom and dad vacationed in beautiful Mansfield, Missouri, and all they bought me was this lousy yearbook.
7. Sometimes you gotta stop and smell the yearbook.
6. Little School on the Prairie.
5. Make a run for the yearbook.
4. Read it and weep.
3. All My Children: The Young and the Restless Days of our Lives in Another World.
2. Fat-free and full of taste.
1. El Leon, yearbook in tights.

TOP SCHOLARS

Students honored for leading grade point averages

Twenty-nine students were given special recognition at the academics awards night for being on the Principal's Honor Roll the entire year.

These students maintained a grade point of 10.5 or above. They are as follows.

Seniors: Christie Blaine, Stephanie Joseph, Bobbi Hanger, April Lynch, Randall Roy, Jennifer Shropshire, Sunny Watterson.

Juniors: Erin Calhoun,

COUNTDOWN TO PROM

Even though Prom is held at a hotel in Springfield, there is still plenty to do, like building skyscrapers and covering arches with balloons.

Juniors worked at school for days, then took the show on the

road to Springfield on Saturday.

"It was fun to do, but a lot of it was really hard to put together," junior Angela Ragsdale said. "We were stressed out on the last day because we wanted everything to be perfect."

▼ WHAT BROOKE

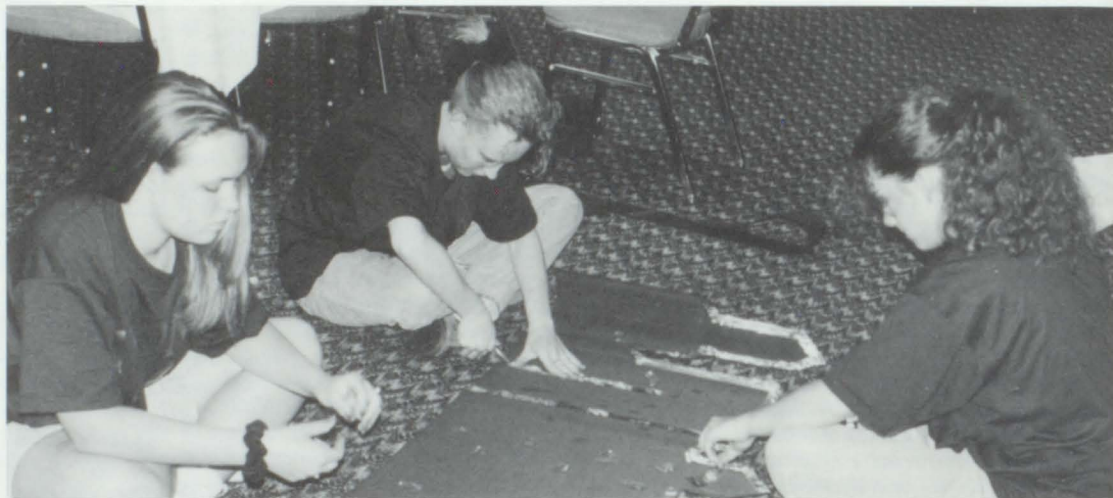
Newton and Janie Carter blow up, right, Shannon Cantrell attaches to columns, below.



■ **AS THE** decorating winds down, Joe Allen, right, and Tom Moody send green and purple balloons in the direction of people using them to cover pedestals on the dance floor, above. "It was fun bonding with my pals and decorating together before the big dance." -- Allen

■ **CLOCKWISE FROM** top left, Jennifer Top, Shannon Cantrell, Ashley Miller, Shelly Williams and Janie Carter work on centerpieces, above right. "Nobody liked them when we first tried to figure them out. Actually, not many people liked them after they were together, but people still took them home after Prom." -- Top

■ **JUNIOR PRESIDENT** Torrie Collins is joined by Sarah Johns and Carrie Gleason to add holographic streamers to the skyscrapers, right.



GREEN THUMBS

FFA members build greenhouse so students can get firsthand experience with plants

With a little help, the FFA chapter built a greenhouse to provide hands-on learning about plants and soils.

The greenhouse, located just north of the agriculture and industrial technology building, was partially paid for with funds from a state matching grant.

Building the greenhouse took most of the first semester, and every agriculture class helped, although only the horticulture students actually worked in the greenhouse once it was completed.

At Christmas, FFA members sold poinsettias grown in the greenhouse, and in the spring, they sold bedding plants like impatiens, marigolds, petunias, and other flowers.



▼ **HELPING HANDS** get the FFA greenhouse started.

PRIME TIME

Student's animation project shown on Channel One

Wednesday, Jan. 26 definitely wasn't an ordinary day at school for junior Dan Boyle.

On that day, Boyle and eight million other teenagers in 12,000 schools across the country viewed his computer-animated artwork on Channel One.

Channel One is a 12-minute news program seen in 40 percent of the high schools in the nation.

The contest Boyle entered was a chance for computer animators to have their work featured on the show.

Boyle worked for many weeks preparing the animation, and industrial technology teacher Bill Ghan entered it in September.

When Ghan finally received the telephone call in January that the project

would be aired, he was skeptical.

"Mr. Ghan came to my house at 7 in the morning," Boyle said. "He told me dad, my dad told me, and I didn't believe it. It had been so long since I'd sent it in, that I'd given up hope."

But on Jan. 26, principal Jerry Armstrong announced over the intercom that Boyle's project would be on Channel One.

What eight million students saw was a classic Greek column used as a pedestal upon which the Channel One logo rotated.

Boyle said he was confident all along.

"I knew it was going to win," he said, "because when it was on television it looked very professional."



■ **DAN BOYLE** shows what his animation project for Channel One looks like, the Channel One logo rotating on a Greek column.

LEADERSHIP AT WORK

HOBY motivates, trains, develops

Sophomore Melanie Blankenship attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at Independence April 15-17.

The three-day meeting



experience is better known as HOBY. The whole seminar is designed to motivate, train, and develop future leaders.

Only sophomores are eligible to attend the seminar. Approximately 200 sophomores from around the state attended.

Blankenship was chosen to go by a faculty selection committee. The sophomores who were interested in attending filled out an application.

The committee then chose a student who was active in the community and who exhibited leadership potential.

The seminar concentrated on America's free enterprise system and what it means for a high school student to be a "Leader of Tomorrow."

THE TUBE

David Letterman

X-Files

Baywatch

Angel Falls

Seinfeld

Northern Exposure

Home Improvement

Martin

Melrose Place

Living Single

Grace Under Fire

Mad About You

What was your New year's reolution?

"I want to start being good." -- **Jeffrey Brooke**

"To be nicer to my sister's boyfriends." -- **Aimee Williams**

"I want to gain some weight." -- **Sean Spyres**

"To quit falling for the same girl." -- **Merle Strohm**

"To stay out of in-school suspension for a week and a half." -- **Bert Munden**

"I'm not going to fight with my boyfriend." -- **Stephanie Kelly**

"To do my stuff ahead of time." -- **Stephen Stepro**

"To keep an open mind about people and things in this world today." -- **Summer Slade**

10 TOP

signs that a student is stressed out

10. Sends off for information about Rogaine after seeing it advertised on television.
9. Claims Elvis cut in front of him in the cafeteria line.
8. Spotted talking to the hunky pin-up posters hanging in her locker.
7. Pencils look as if they had been worked over by a beaver building a dam.
6. Cries when the snack machine is out of Laffy Taffy.
5. Brings stuffed animal to school.
4. Attacks anyone who puts down Marcia on the Brady Bunch.
3. Asks to go see the school nurse to get a Valium.
2. Gets lost in the hall.
1. Can't remember who Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea are.

Sophomore dies in drowning accident

Michael Moody, a sophomore at Mansfield High School, drowned Wednesday, May 18 in Lick Fork Creek near London Road bridge.

Moody, who was 16, had been swinging from a rope over the water, and appeared to

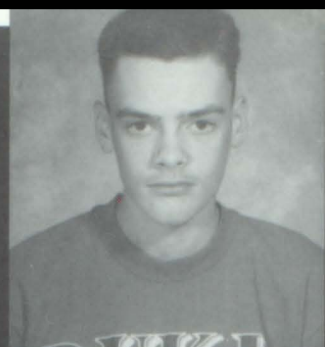
be struggling after diving in. Friends tried to rescue him, but he went under, according to law officials.

Attempts to revive him with CPR failed, and he was pronounced dead at 8:36 p.m. in Mercy Clinic.

The accident

happened the night before school was to be dismissed for the summer.

Funeral services for Moody were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21 in Bergman-Miller Funeral Home in Mansfield. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery.



SPECIAL WRITERS

College of the Ozarks contest features trophies, and lots of them

MHS students received top honors in the annual College of the Ozarks Writing Contest by walking away with the sweepstakes award.

Students attended an awards ceremony in which 39 individual trophies were distributed in the categories of short stories, poetry, personal narratives, personal essays, drama, journalism news, and journalism features.

The students were judged in two grade levels. Level one was grades 9 and 10 and level two was grades 11 and 12.

Mansfield walked away with 13 trophies, one-third of the total handed out, including six firsts, two seconds, and five thirds.

MHS winners include the following.

First Place: Stephanie Blankenship, a sophomore, 9/10 short stories; Shannon Cantrell, a junior, 11/12 poetry; Stephanie Blankenship, 9/10 persuasive essay; Kim Joseph, a freshman, 9/10 journalism news writing; Emily Moody, a freshman, 9/10 journalism feature writing; Jennifer Shropshire, a senior, 11/12 journalism feature writing.

SECOND PLACE: Jennifer Top, a junior, 11/12 short stories; Jennifer Shropshire, 11/12 news writing.

THIRD PLACE: Charlene Chambless, a sophomore, 9/10 persuasive essays; Melanie Blankenship, 9/10 personal narrative; Aimee

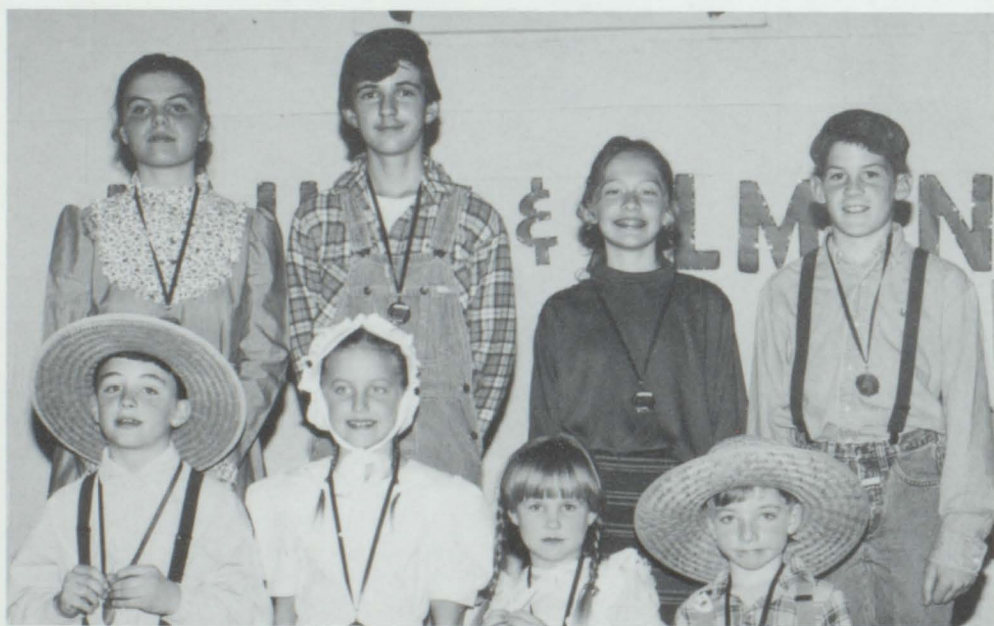


■ **TROPHIES AND** more trophies, 14 in all, are displayed by winners at the College of the Ozarks Writing Contest. Front - Kim Joseph, Melanie Blankenship, Shannon Cantrell; back - Emily Moody, Charlene Chambless, Jennifer Top, Jennifer Shropshire, Joe Allen, Stephanie Blankenship, Aimee Williams.

Williams, a freshman, 9/10 news writing; Jennifer Top, 11/12 news writing; Joe Allen, a junior, 11/12 feature writing.

The students spent most of the day on the College of

the Ozarks campus, where they heard readings of some of the contest winners. These included Top's and Blankenship's short stories, and Cantrell's poem.



■ **CARNIVAL ROYALTY** is front - Cody McCleary and Kacie Rueff, Gayla Morris and Evan Jones; back - Cindy Dalton and Joe Bell, Kristina Shropshire and Dustin Clark. Right, Emily Moody clowns around for ESP at the annual carnival.

CARNIVAL TIME



Academic Awards

Spring banquet honors students in all subject areas

A crowd estimated at over 300 attended the annual academic awards night held in the multipurpose room April 25.

Academic awards were presented to the following high school students.

ART:

Art I - Joe Bray and Hayden Dennis; **Art II** - Duane Keys.

BUSINESS:

Office Technology - Melisa Porter;

Accounting I - Jennifer Top; **Accounting II** - Melisa Porter; **Entrepreneurship** - April Lynch; **Keyboarding** - Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship;

Outstanding FBLA Member - Stephanie Copeland.

ENGLISH:

English I - Stephanie Day; **English II** - Charlene Chambless, Sean Spyres, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship; **English III** - Jennifer Top, Trisha Perry, Angela Ragsdale; **English IV** - Stephanie Joseph, Christie Blaine, Jennifer Shropshire; **Freshman Writer of the Year** - Stephanie Day; **Runner Up** - Amanda Stacy; **Sophomore Writer of the Year** - Stephanie Blankenship; **Runner Up** - Melanie Blankenship; **Junior Writer of the Year** - Trisha Perry; **Runners Up** - Jennifer Top and Stephanie Calhoun; **Senior Writer of the Year** - Stephanie Joseph; **Runner Up** - Sunny Watterson.

FRENCH:

French I - Jennifer Top, Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale, Charlene Chambless.

HOME ECONOMICS:

Basic Skills, Foods - Melanie McGaw, Christa Choate; **Basic Skills, Clothing** - Kim Joseph, Emily Moody; **Basic Skills** - Sara Moody; **Parenting** - Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale; **Health** - Emily Matlock, Melisa Porter; **Economics** - Jennifer Shropshire, Brenda Winsor; **Family Relations** - Tara Fetter.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY:

CAD I - Hayden Dennis; **CAD II** - Mike Douglas; **Computer Technology** - Duane Keys, Angela Darr; **Woodworking** - Lonnie Bell.

JOURNALISM:

Junior Story of the Year - Jennifer Top; **Junior Reporter of the Year** - Joe Allen; **Senior Story of the Year** - Jennifer Shropshire; **Senior Reporter of the Year** - Jennifer Shropshire.

MATH:

Algebra I - Stephanie Day, Lucia Howard; **Algebra II** - Jenny Blaine; **GTA III** - James Hanger.

SCIENCE:

Biology I - Jenny Blaine, Stephanie Blankenship, Charlene Chambless; **Biology II** - Erin Calhoun; **Chemistry** - Chuck Campbell, Jennifer Top; **Physics** - Melisa Porter.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

American History - Stephanie Day, Christa Choate; **World History** - Charlene Chambless, Stephanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson; **Economics** - April Lynch; **Government** - Julie Williams, Janet Van Ness, Sabrina Kelly; **Sociology** - Julie Williams; **Modern European History** - April Lynch.

THE MOVIES

"Jurassic Park"

"Mrs. Doubtfire"

"Tombstone"

"Ace Ventura: Pet Detective"

"Philadelphia"

"Pelican Brief"

"Sleepless in Seattle"

"Cool Runnings"

"Schindler's List"

"Son-in-law"

"Beverly Hillsbillies"

"Above the Rim"

What do you swear you won't do to your kids?

"I won't ground my kids all the time." -- **D.J. Lansdown**

"I definitely won't make my kids carry in wood." -- **David Climer**

"I won't give my kids a curfew on weekends." -- **Heather Gray**

"I won't give my kids pointless lectures about things they've done wrong." -- **James Bailey**

"If I have a boy and a girl, I won't always take the girl's side in an argument." -- **Harry Crawford**

"I won't embarrass my kids in front of their friends." -- **Dedra Bell**

"I won't tell my kids 'you'll know how it is when you have kids'." -- **Jennifer Kingery**

TOP 10

excuses to give when you get caught in the hall

10. I thought I heard my locker alarm go off.
9. Just wanted to see what the place looked like without a bunch of people in it.
8. I don't want to be tardy for my next class.
7. Just happened to get lost today.
6. I was sent to make sure there were no troublemakers out here.
5. The teacher locked me out.
4. I heard you wanted to see me, so here I am.
3. Can't seem to find my contact.
2. Didn't you hear the fire alarm go off?
1. I'm on an assignment for the Lions Gazette and if I miss my deadline I'm in deep trouble.



BAND DIRECTOR Mike Kanaan talks about the John Philip Sousa Award, which he will present to Stephanie Kelly at the academic banquet. In the background are James Hanger, Stephanie Copeland, Jeremy Corder, Sean Spyres, Kelly, Dustin Lansdown, and Regina Roy.

MHS

athletes honored with special awards at spring banquet

Special awards in each sport were presented at the annual athletic banquet.

Plaques were presented to the top players in volleyball, basketball, cross country, track, and softball.

Coach Roger Wood presented volleyball awards.

TOP SERVER: Janie Carter;

TOP SPIKER: Trisha Perry;
TOP ASSISTS: Sunny Watterson;

HUSTLE AWARD: Missy Honeycutt;

BEST DEFENSE: Missy Honeycutt.

Cross country awards were given by Coach Randy Short.

NEWCOMER AWARD: Eric

Grubbs, Jeremy Corder;
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jack Becker.

Track awards were also presented by Coach Short.

HIGH POINT GIRL: Jenny Blaine;

HIGH POINT BOY: Chuck Campbell.

Girls' basketball awards were presented by Assistant Coach Tonia Wynn, filling in for Coach Freddie Doherty.

TOP REBOUNDER: Janie Carter;

TOP FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: Janie Carter;

TOP FREE THROW PERCENTAGE: Trisha Perry;

LEADERSHIP AWARD: Sunny Watterson, Christie Blaine;

LEADING STEALS AND ASSISTS: Sunny Watterson;

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Sunny Watterson, Trisha

Perry.
Coach Duane Hiler presented the boys' basketball awards.

TOP REBOUNDER: Chuck Campbell;

TOP FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: Chuck Campbell;

TOP FREE THROW PERCENTAGE: Matt Skyles;

LEADING STEALS AND ASSISTS: Aaron Brooks;

CHARGES/GUTS: Aaron Brooks;

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Chuck Campbell, Aaron Brooks.

Coach Wood also presented softball awards.

TOP HITTER: Trisha Perry;
ON BASE PERCENTAGE:

Trisha Perry;
BEST DEFENSE: Julie Clouse;

HUSTLE AWARD: Jodi Edwards;

MVP: Jacque Lansdown.

Lady Letterman Club awards were presented by sponsor Debbie Von Behren.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Regina Roy;

SENIOR STANDOUT: Sunny Watterson;

MHS FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Trisha Perry;

HEART AWARD: Janie Carter and Jacque Lansdown.



■ **BASKETBALL PLAYERS** applaud as Aaron Brooks, right, is presented an award. From left, Nate Moore, Scott Mallernee, Randall Roy, and Hayden Dennis. At left, girls' basketball letters are presented to Nikki Anderson, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine, Christie Blaine, and Trisha Perry.

All-Missouri Gazette honored fourteenth time

For the fourteenth consecutive year, the Lions Gazette was named All-Missouri by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

Judge Ron Hayes had high praise for the Gazette, which was the only newspaper in its size category to win the honor.

"The Lions Gazette is an example of what high school journalism is all about," he said. "It is a prime example of strong use of graphics, layout and design, strong coverage in story variety, strong use of journalistic writing techniques and editing, strong evidence of staff effort and dedication, and strong evidence of adviser-teacher skills."

He mentioned the newspaper's quality in relation to other publications.

"The Gazette has become, and

continues to be, one of the state's best examples of a secondary school publication," Hayes said. "Its mix of magazine-newspaper format and reportage stands it beside the best of even the larger school publications. In fact, some college newspapers could learn something by reading the Gazette."

The Gazette scored 97 out of a possible 100 points to win the award, which is the highest state award.

Senior Jennifer Shropshire was editor-in-chief of the Gazette and Stephanie Copeland was senior editor.

Earlier in the year, the 1993 El Leon was named All-Missouri.

Both publications are advised by Debbie Von Behren. In fourteen years, the Gazette and El Leon have brought in 26 All-Missouri awards.

CLASS ACTS

Class of '94's top graduates honored

After four years of high school, the two top scholars emerged - Valedictorian Sunny Watterson and Salutatorian Bobbi Hanger.

Both were presented medallions to wear at graduation, to show their academic excellence in a class of 34 students.



■ **ABOVE, SALUTATORIAN** Bobbi Hanger, right, Valedictorian Sunny Watterson.



ALL-STATE REPORTER

**MHS senior selected as
one of top six in the state**

Stephanie Joseph, a senior, was selected as one of Missouri's top six reporters when she was named All-State Reporter, honorable mention.

For the second year, at the annual Missouri Interscholastic Press Association's Awards Day at the University of Missouri in Columbia, a write-off contest was held to select the top reporters in the state.

The contest was started to enable students from all sizes of schools to compete against each other. One student per school is allowed to compete.

Students entered in the write-off took notes during a keynote speech, which covered the topic of the information superhighway. After the speech, the student journalists had one hour to write a news story.

The stories, which were identified



only by number rather than name or school, were judged by three members of the journalism staff of the University of Missouri.

The writers of the three top stories were named All-State Reporters, and Joseph, along with two other writers, was chosen All-State Reporter, honorable mention.

A Mansfield journalism student was one of four named All-State Reporter in last year's contest.

The lunchroom gets involved in SPICING IT UP

Shrimp. Cashew chicken. Catfish.

Red Lobster? Jade East? Captain D's?

Although these items may sound like food from a fancy restaurant, guess again. It was all part of the new and improved lunch menu offered in the school cafeteria.

The cooks also added new items to the salad bar, including clam chowder, deviled eggs, and broccoli and cheese soup.

"This year they actually care what you eat," senior Josh Micheli said. "Before they were just worried

about getting in the nutrition."

English teacher Vicki Blankenship, a member of the school's nutrition committee, said the reason for the changes was to make the lunchroom a more appealing place to students.

"We wanted to add more variety to the meals, and make them more nutritious by cutting out the grease," she said. "We were trying to find things the kids would enjoy eating."

Freshman Liz Roth likes the idea of not having repetition.

"We don't have the same thing every week," she said. "In years past

we always had chili every Wednesday and had pizza every Friday."

Many of the new items have been well-accepted by the students. Junior Joe Allen was sold on the Mexican approach to lunchroom food.

"I really liked the chicken fajitas," he said. "It was the best school lunch I had ever eaten."



■ **DANNY BRITO**, Robert Axsom, Sean Spyres, Steve Wilson, and Merle Strohm try out the new and improved menu for the school cafeteria. Today's selection was bacon cheeseburgers.

THE EVENTS

Great Flood of
1993

Former President
Nixon's death

The attack on
figure skater
Nancy Kerrigan,
and the Tonya
Harding scandal

Dan Jansen's
success at the
Winter Olympics

The Bobbitt trial

Michael Jordan's
retirement from
basketball

Michael
Jackson's child-
molester
scandal

10 TOP

**wild and crazy
things you
can do in
Mansfield**

10. Go to open gym at night and park your car out of the designated lines.
9. Go cruising - in other towns.
8. Park on the square and watch the cars leave to go cruising in other towns.
7. Buy a News-Leader and find out what movies are playing in Springfield so you can go there.
6. Have water gun fights in the school parking lot.
5. Watch a cat fight.
4. Jog around the square at midnight.
3. Rent a movie and have all of your friends over to watch it and crush Doritos into the carpet.
2. Sit in the IGA parking lot and discuss which fun thing you want to do tonight in Mansfield.
1. Watch Barney on television.

**What is
something you
cannot stand?**

"People comparing me to my brothers."
-- **Jeff Hanger**

"People who finally get up to the snack machine and don't know what they want after standing in line for 5 to 10 minutes." -- **Sara Moody**

"When a teacher decides to throw a pop quiz on our class." -- **Jeff Chambers**

"When I wash my hair and loose hair gets wrapped around my fingers."
-- **Julie Williams**

"When people stand in the middle of the hall and talk when I'm trying to get to my classes." -- **Jennifer Jones**

"Telling me what happens next in a movie I haven't seen." -- **Kim Joseph**



CALL OF THE **WILD**

● FBLA members Angela Ragsdale, Melisa Porter, and Jodi Edwards organize balloons the club sold for Valentine's Day delivery.

● Adam Brooke, Steven Wilson, Jack Becker, and Stephanie Copeland welcome Angela Darr to the world of the "dead" as part of an ESP activity during Red Ribbon Week, an anti-drug and alcohol campaign.

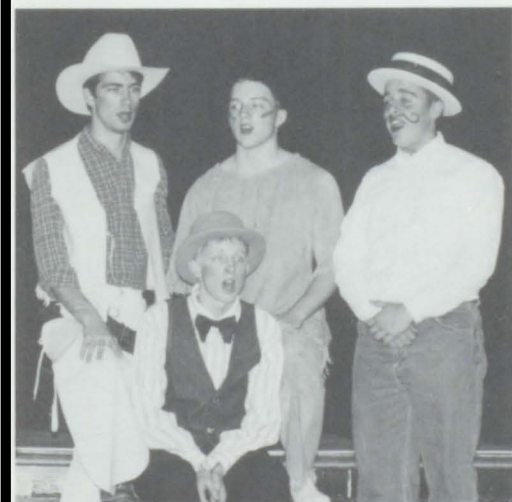


MOVING FAST

Not everyone gets involved in organizations. But the ones who do get involved go wild, hog wild, as they say in the Ozarks.

A single evening can find those students dividing their time between two or even three different activities. Being in an organization at MHS isn't about being lazy, it's about answering the call of the wild.

● Entertaining the crowd with a moving kick line, MHS Sweethearts Stephanie House, Jennifer Jones, Brooke Newton, Jennifer Shropshire and Christa Choate perform their Homecoming routine, "Mesmerize."



● Using traditional barbershop harmony, choir members Steve Wilson, Sean Spyres, Brent Heatherly, and Michael Spyres harmonize during a drama presentation which included two melodramas.

● Tara Moody and Erin Calhoun prepare tasty treats for the March board of education meeting. The "foreign food" catering project is an annual tradition for the French Club members.

● Jarod Coday, Mark Brown, and James Hanger march in step with the high school and middle school band in the town's annual Wilder Day Parade.

W I L D

ABOUT ACTION



● **EDUCATION SUPPORTS PREVENTION.** Front - Stephanie Copeland (HiStep Leader), Stephanie Joseph (secretary-treasurer), Jack Becker (vice president), Adam Brooke (president); Row two - Steven Pearson, Stephanie Kelly, Scott Mallernee, Sunny Watterson, Jennifer Shropshire, Bobbi Beck, Shawn Williams, Jacque Lansdown, Jody Philpott, Randall Roy, Nate Moore, Christie Blaine; Row three - Melisa Porter, Dustin Lansdown, Naomi Strohm, Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Sabrina Kelly, James Hanger, Joe Allen, Julie Clouse, Shelly Williams, Jennifer Top; Row four - Mark Brown, Angela Ragsdale, Carrie Gleason, Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Tara Moody, Torrie Collins, Stephanie House, Shannon Cantrell, Casey Mattix, Aaron Brooks; Row five - Steven Throne, Niki Anderson, Mica Brooke, Nathan Carr, Michael Davis, Joe Garrison, John Greyowl, Mike Scott, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Christy Matney; Row six - Melanie McGaw, Jennifer Jones, Sara Moody, Tara Fetter, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, Michelle Roberts, Anica Loftin, DeeJay Lansdown, Heather Gray, Trish Dalton, Crystal Cook; Row seven - Aimee Williams, Stephanie Blankenship, Regina Roy, Christa Choate, Summer Slade, Wendy Matlock, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Christy Hastings, Michael Spyres, Jenny Blaine; Row eight - Chris Johnson, Jarod Coday, Jason Davis, Jeff Brooke, Jeremy Corder, Amanda Stacy, Jill Adamson, Lauren Miller, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, Jason Johns, Eric Grubbs, Michael Baty; Back - Liz Roth, Stephanie Day, Melanie Blankenship, Joanie Fulbright, Natasha Knight, David Climer, Hayden Dennis, Sean Spyres, Jeffrey Hanger, Randon Ivy.



● **STUDENT COUNCIL.** Front - Roger Wood (adviser), Melanie Blankenship (treasurer), Jenny Blaine (secretary), Randall Roy (vice president), Stephanie Joseph (president); Back - Luke Johnson, Torrie Collins, Shannon Cantrell, Bobbi Beck, Shawn Williams, Kim Joseph, Amanda Stacy.



● **ART CLUB.** Front - Jennifer Top (secretary), Hayden Dennis (vice president), Bobbi Beck (president), Dean Bray (adviser); Row two - Steven Cannon, Tara Moody, Carrie Gleason, Julie Clouse, Trish Dalton, James Bailey, Duane Keys; Back - John Greyowl, Jason Johns, Jason Davis, Jeff Brooke, Kim Joseph, Mica Brooke, Julie Williams, Robbie VanOrden.

Student Council members Amanda Stacy and Kim Joseph gather pop cans for their group's recycling project.



Sunny Watterson, Shawn Williams, Jennifer Shroshire, and Christie Blaine carve pumpkins for the school's first masquerade ball, sponsored by ESP.



Clowning around suits ESP members Christie Blaine, Jenny Blaine, Joe Allen and Jack Becker, who are ready to hand out candy and anti-drug literature during the Wilder Days parade.

Melanie Blankenship watches Shawn Williams fill out a blood donor form as they help with the Student Council's Red Cross Bloodmobile visit.

Clubs show concern for students, town

From teaching students the dangers of alcohol, to organizing blood drives, several clubs help others

It's a frightening statistic.

Every 15 minutes someone dies in an alcohol- or

drug-related accident.

And ESP (Education Supports Prevention) made that fact a reality, by whitening out faces to represent those deaths.

"By whitening out faces, we were trying to represent how many people actually die in a seven hour period," senior Adam Brooke said. "I think it made everyone realize what can happen."

Walking the halls "dead," made senior Aaron Brooks think about the situation.

"I had just been dead for a half hour and I was already getting lonely," he said. "I am glad that they had white-out day, because it made me realize what can happen."

However, others thought the point should have been stronger.

"I really think to get more out of white-out day they should send them home or gather them in one spot," senior Josh Micheli said. "You can still hang out with them even though they're not saying anything."

Student Council also made a point, sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive.

"We worked with the Bloodmobile to try and help make sure they would have blood in an emergency," sophomore Melanie Blankenship said.

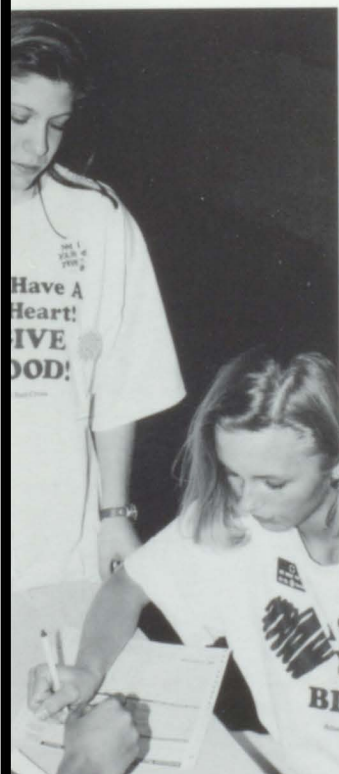


**"In a small town we don't usually have people dying because of drugs or alcohol, so by white faces I realized that it can happen to me or one of my friends."
-- Christie Blaine**



"By having white-out day everyone realized the effects drugs and alcohol have. When people were walking down the hall with white faces, they were 'dead,' and everyone realized that if you abuse drugs or alcohol, you are dead." -- Steve Wilson

Portraying an emergency medical technician, Steve Wilson checks the heartbeat of Scott Mallernee while he has his face whitened-out by Stephanie Copeland. Behind, Adam Brooke waits to pronounce Mallernee "dead" to represent teen deaths related to alcohol, as part of an ESP service project.



While donating blood inside the Red Cross Bloodmobile, April Lynch relaxes on a reclining seat. The blood drive was a service project sponsored by Student Council.

Clubs just gotta have fun, they say

Food, folks and fun is more than just a McDonald's slogan.

For FFA and FHA members, it meant initiation, Silver Dollar City, and lots of laughs.

In September 77 FHA members, two bus loads, made their annual trip to Silver Dollar City.

Though they enjoyed the arts and crafts and riding the stomach-curling rides, the highlight was when the group took time out to watch the saloon show.

"It was a blast," sophomore Melanie Blankenship said. "We all went to the saloon show and laughed when they pulled someone from the audience onto the stage. I was just rolling in the aisle watching everyone."

FFA members had a different experience on their Greenhand initiation day.

The initiation involved sticking your hands in all kinds of goop and stepping over imaginary things while you are blindfolded.

Freshman Regina Roy found the whole experience amusing, when she was only watching.

"Sticking our hands into the bucket of hot oatmeal was a ball," she said. "The extremely gross part was sticking our hands into the stool of bananas. I quit early because I didn't like it, but watching everyone else made up for it."

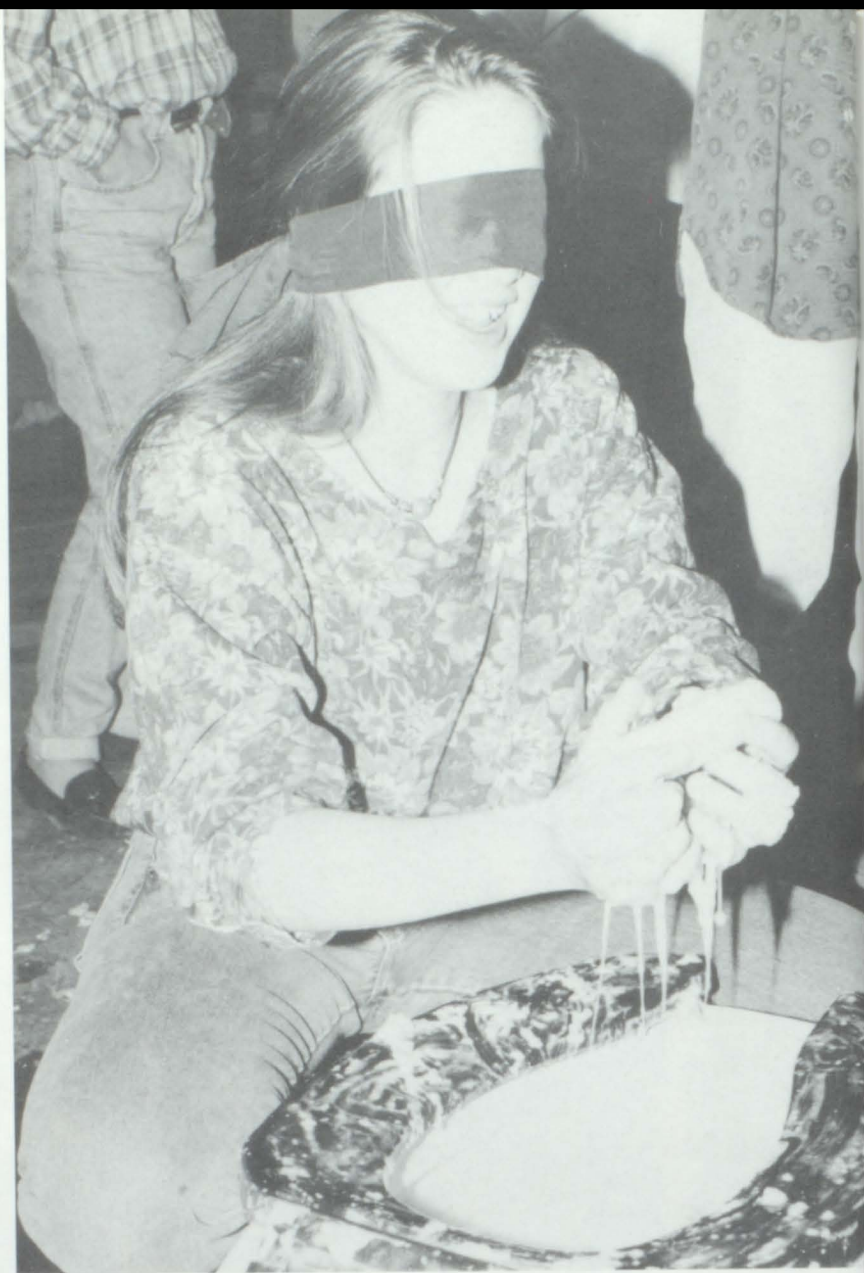
Whether it was a trip to a theme park or a good laugh at initiation, clubs found fun everywhere



"I enjoyed playing in the toilets. We were all blindfolded but I could see underneath my blindfold. Even though I could see really good I still didn't find the ring we were supposed to look for." -- Jason Davis



"It was hot outside and the clothes were really uncomfortable and sticky but it was really fun watching as all the tourists at Silver Dollar City stopped to take a picture of us in our goofy costumes." -- Sara Moody



For FFA Greenhand initiation, Christie Blaine tries not to get shocked by the imaginary electric fence that Chuck Campbell and Brian Johnson have told her is in front of her.



In what has become a tradition for the group, FHA members on a trip to Silver Dollar City dress in an array of costumes for a tintype photograph.



With oatmeal and bananas in hand, Amanda Stacy takes her turn in being grossed out at FFA Greenhand initiation.

Identical twins Melanie and Stephanie Blankenship opt for clothes for different sexes for the FHA group tintype photo at Silver Dollar City.



Stephanie Copeland, right, and Regional FHA President Jan Humphreys take a break from FHA national convention meetings to clown around with Beetle-juice at Universal Studios in Hollywood.



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● FFA. Front - Lyle Whittaker (adviser), Merle Strohm (president), Areatha Sickels (vice president), Mark Brown (vice president), Chuck Campbell (treasurer), Shelly Williams (secretary), Jennifer Top (reporter), Naomi Strohm (sentinel), Julie Clouse (parliamentarian); Row two - Steven Pearson, Christie Blaine, Adam Brooke, Casey Mattix, Deneane Sickels, Dustin Lansdown, Jerry Garrison, John Greyowl, James Hanger, Janet VanNess, Shawn Williams, Randall Roy, Aaron Brooks; Row three - John Matney, Brent Freeman, Robert Axsom, Shannon Cantrell, Mike Scott, Brian Johnson, Mirissa Stillwell, Josh Micheli, Steven Throne, Jacque Lansdown, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter; Row four - James Bailey, Stephen Stepro, Steven Chilson, Brian Pollock, Nathan Carr, Kyle Prettyman, Garon Kinser, Jeff Chambers, Jeffrey Hanger, Randon Ivy, Phillip Hull, Bobby Franks; Back - Bert Munden, Summer Slade, Aimee Williams, Regina Roy, Jill Adamson, Jason Davis, Stephanie Day, Jeffrey Brooke, Amanda Stacy, Robby Decker, Melanie Blankenship, Heather Gray, Julie Williams.



● FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA, juniors and seniors. Front - Torrie Collins (devotional leader), Brooke Newton (treasurer), Ashley Miller (president), Emily Matlock (recreation leader), Stephanie House (second vice president), Jennifer Top (second vice president), Janie Carter (first vice president), Tara Moody (secretary), Shawn Williams (reporter), Jennifer Shropshire (reporter), Stephanie Copeland (first vice president), Julie Clouse (historian), Shelly Williams (parliamentarian); Row two - Kathy Barnett (adviser), Jody Philpott, Carrie Gleason, Stephanie Joseph, Bobbi Beck, Jack Becker, Joe Allen, Sabrina Kelly, Sunny Watterson, Stephanie Kelly, Randall Roy, Nate Moore; Row three - Steven Throne, James Bailey, Robert Axsom, Melisa Porter, Tom Moody, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Jacque Lansdown, Tina Crawford; Back - Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Shannon Cantrell, Casey Mattix, Joe Garrison, Michael Davis, Mark Brown, Scott Mallernee, Dustin Lansdown.



FHA, freshmen and sophomores. Front - Torrie Collins (devotional leader), Brooke Newton (treasurer), Ashley Miller (president), Emily Matlock (recreation), Stephanie House (second vice pres.), Jennifer Top (second vice pres.), Janie Carter (first vice pres.), Tara Moody (secretary), Shawn Williams (reporter), Jennifer Shropshire (reporter), Stephanie Copeland (first vice pres.), Julie Clouse (historian), Shelly Williams (parliament.), Stephanie Blankenship (historian); Row two - Kathy Barnett (adviser), Melanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt, Sara Moody, Melanie McGaw, Hayden Dennis, Steven Chilson, Crystal Cook, D.J. Lansdown, Heather Gray, Christy Matney; Row three - Rachel Thomas, Jeremy Corder, Anica Loftin, Tara Fetter, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, Jennifer Jones, Lauren Miller, Jason Johns, Christy Hastings, Dedra Bell, Faye Dollarhide; Row four - Valerie Turley, Michelle Roberts, Kimberly Jones, Jill Adamson, Kim Joseph, Wendy Matlock, Emily Moody, Liz Roth, Natasha Knight, Michael Baty, Crystal Young, Lisa Hodges, Sandy Nelson, Jennifer Wright; Back - Amanda Stacy, Christa Choate, Christina Morgan, J.W. Hutson.

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● **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA.** Front - Angela Ragsdale (secretary), Melisa Porter (treasurer), Brooke Newton (reporter), Tara Moody (parliamentarian), Trisha Perry (vice president), Stephanie Copeland (president), Marsha Appleby (adviser); Row two - Stephanie Kelly, Torrie Collins, Naomi Strohm, Jodi Edwards, Jenny Blaine, James Hanger, Christie Blaine, Missy Honeycutt, Jennifer Top, Janie Carter, Jacque Lansdown; Row three - Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Niki Anderson, Hayden Dennis, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie McGaw, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, Julie Clouse, Heather Persinger, Jackie Honeycutt; Back - Dustin Lansdown, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Robert Axsom, Dan Boyle, Joe Garrison, David Climer, Justin Long, Virginia Fulbright, Brenda Winsor, April Lynch.



● **SCIENCE CLUB.** Front - Hayden Dennis (representative), Tom Moody (representative), Jack Becker (treasurer), Bobbi Beck (vice president), Adam Brooke (president), Pam Probert (adviser); Row two - Ashley Miller, Stephanie Kelly, Stephanie Copeland, Sunny Watterson, Jennifer Shropshire, Shawn Williams, Stephanie Joseph, Christie Blaine, Jody Philpott, Randall Roy, Nate Moore; Row three - Jodi Edwards, Dustin Lansdown, Melisa Porter, Naomi Strohm, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, James Hanger, Joe Allen, Merle Strohm, Julie Clouse, Shelly Williams, Jennifer Top; Row four - Mark Brown, Angela Ragsdale, Brooke Newton, Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Tara Moody, Stephanie House, Shannon Cantrell, Casey Mattix, Robert Axsom, Dan Boyle; Row five - Jenny Blaine, Niki Anderson, Nathan Carr, Michael Davis, Joe Garrison, John Greyowl, Mike Scott, Heather Persinger, Joanie Fulbright, Bobby Franks; Back - Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Tara Fetter, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, Michelle Roberts, Melanie Blankenship, Charlene Chambless, David Climer, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers.



● **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.** Front - Arlene Magnin (adviser), Jennifer Shropshire (president), Randall Roy (vice president), Stephanie Joseph (secretary), Sunny Watterson (treasurer); Row two - James Hanger, Melisa Porter, Stephanie Copeland, Bobbi Beck, Shawn Williams, Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, Christie Blaine, Jennifer Top; Back - Mark Brown, Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie House, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Emily Matlock, Brooke Newton.

All is well after hero Josh Micheli has rescued heroine Christie Blaine from the railroad tracks in the FBLA production of a silent film-type commercial to advertise The Closet.

Working hard to get Valentine orders on time, Angela Ragsdale and Melisa Porter try to get things organized in The Closet, FBLA's school store.



After a trip to the State FBLA Leadership Conference, Dan Boyle, left, tries out hypnotic skills he saw during one of the general sessions. His subject is Brent Heatherly, and Johnny Wintjen, Phillip Hull, and Deneane Sickels watch for the results of the experiment.

Business club produces silent 'film'

FBLA members got in on the drama bandwagon when they produced a melodrama commercial

They're not in Hollywood yet, but a handful of actors and actresses are already

stars at MHS.

Future Business Leaders of America members produced a three-minute commercial to advertise The Closet, the FBLA school store.

"We decided to do a silent melodrama-type commercial to catch the attention of the students," senior Christie Blaine said.

The commercial featured a helpless heroine, Blaine, who was tied to railroad tracks by two villains, junior Dan Boyle and senior Justin Long.

After the fearless young hero, senior Josh Micheli, went to The Closet for strength from some pure chewing satisfaction, he rescued the heroine.

The heroic getaway was accomplished with a stick horse, on which the two rode off into the sunset.

"It was a blast," Micheli said. "All of the props we had to use were neat, like the paper railroad track and the stick horse. It was like making a short movie."

Junior Carrie Gleason helped produce the commercial, which featured dialogue printed on cards, just like the old silent films.

"It was great because it was so different," she said. "It was set back in a different age of time and the quietness seemed to top it all off."



"The melodrama commercial was fun to do, but it took a really long time. However, I didn't mind, because it kept us from having to do classwork." -- Robert Axsom



"When I first heard the idea for the melodrama commercial to advertise The Closet I didn't think too much of it, but once we started practicing it and filming it I knew it was going to be good." -- Angela Darr

It's Valentine's Day and FBLA members Jody Philpott, Virginia Fulbright, and Melisa Porter hurry to get balloons aired up so that candy and stuffed animals can be tied to them. The balloons and other items were sold by the club as a fundraiser through The Closet.



Trying to make money for FBLA, Angela Ragsdale, Jodi Edwards, and Melisa Porter sell raffle tickets in the park on Wilder Day.

Newspaper staff goes wild for Halloween

G r e m - lins, ghouls and goblins, sour faces and tattoos.

No, it's not a twisted episode of "Friday the Thirteenth." It's just the newspaper staff having a little fun.

"We started doing newspaper reviews this year," senior Stephanie Joseph said. "Mrs. (Debbie) Von Behren got this crazy idea to do reviews of Halloween treats, so we ate horribly tasting wax 'lips,' bit bitter sour balls, and pasted stupid tattoos on one another. Then we wrote reviews of them. It was a blast."

Some were surprised with the "treats."

"I've never seen people make such awful faces in my entire life," senior Stephanie Copeland said. "They were all spitting and sputtering and coughing and choking. Obviously the FDA has never touched any of this stuff."

Many items were more trick than treat, the reviewers found.

"The tattoos were the worst," junior Missy Honeycutt said. "They were supposed to be easy to come off but we couldn't peel them off. When we rubbed them off they also took arm hair with them."

Junior Shelly Williams had her own "hair raising" experiences with the Halloween treats.

"Some of the candy was so gross," she said, "it brought tears to my eyes."

For a Gazette review, staff members test atomic candy, wax gum, and 'gory' tattoos

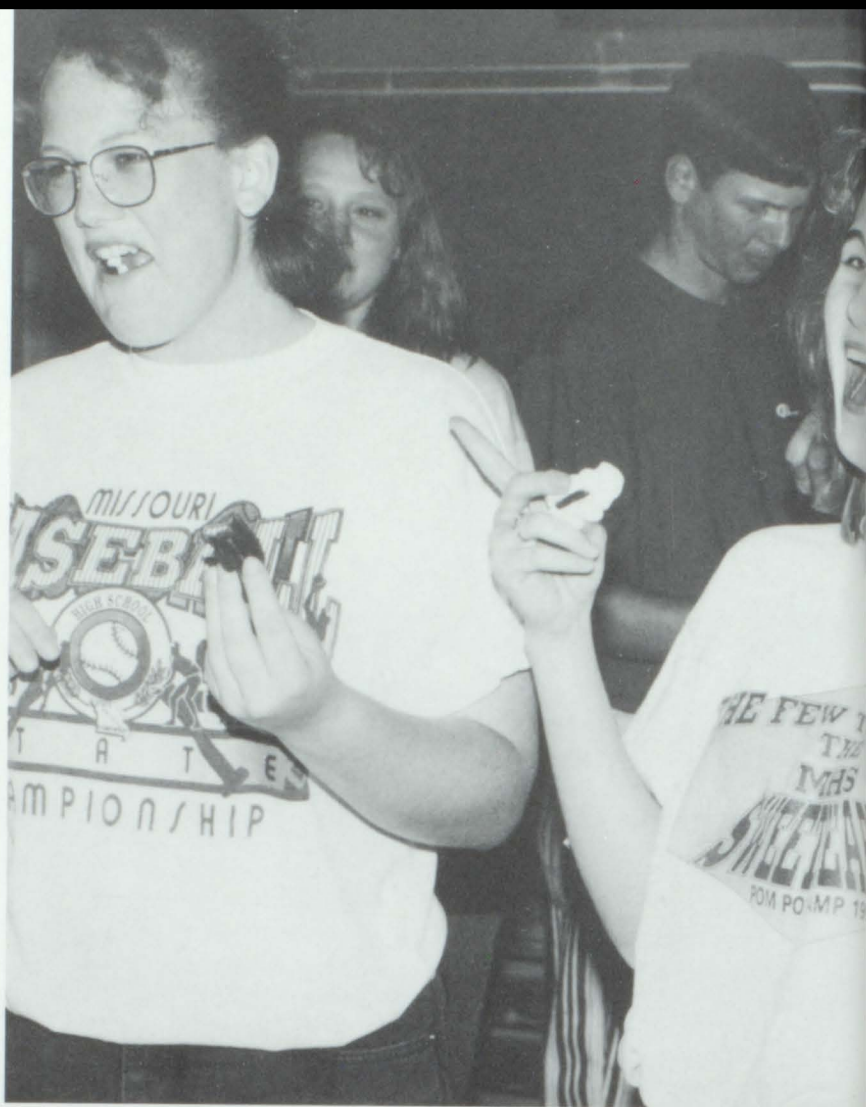


"After chomping down on a piece of wax gum that was in the shape of a vampire's teeth, I had a sick feeling in my stomach and my teeth had a gritty look to them." -- Shelly Williams



"When I tried to wash my tattoo off, it wouldn't come off with soap, but instead it came off with an eraser and tape. I never knew a tattoo would pull so many hairs off my arm." -- Stephanie House

Tasting wax gum shaped like vampire lips, Janie Carter obviously gives the treat a bad report during the newspaper staff's review of Halloween treats for the first issue of the Lions Gazette. Editor-in-chief Jennifer Shropshire laughs at the new staff member's expression.



Applying water like the directions said, newspaper staffers James Hanger, Ashley Miller, and Stephanie Copeland apply temporary Halloween tattoos the staff was reviewing for the first issue of the Gazette.

After the Jefferson City ceremony inducting Laura Ingalls Wilder into the Hall of Famous Missourians, newspaper staffers Stephanie Copeland, Shawn Williams, Stephanie Joseph, Sunny Watterson, and Jennifer Shropshire leave the state capitol.



Lions Gazette editor-in-chief Jennifer Shropshire gets help from Sunny Watterson as they work on a headline for issue seven of the newspaper, which was named All-Missouri for the fourteenth consecutive year.



Because the publications room was overflowing with Prom decorations, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, James Hanger, Stephanie House, and Shelly Williams assembly issue seven of the Lions Gazette in the hallway.

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● **LADY LETTERMAN.** Front - Jacque Lansdown (representative), Missy Honeycutt (representative), Sunny Watterson (president), Trisha Perry (vice president), Christie Blaine (treasurer), Janie Carter (secretary), Jenny Blaine (representative), Lauren Miller (representative), Debbie Von Behren (adviser); Row two - Melisa Porter, Stephanie House, Emily Matlock, Jodi Edwards, Stephanie Kelly, Areatha Sickels, Jennifer Top, Julie Clouse, Melanie Blankenship; Row three - Trish Dalton, Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt, Sara Moody, Melanie McGaw, Jennifer Jones, Stephanie Blankenship, Janet VanNess, Jill Adamson; Back - Amanda Stacy, Kim Joseph, Wendy Matlock, Emily Moody, Liz Roth, Aimee Williams, Regina Roy.



● **FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB.** Front - Stephanie House (reporter), Melisa Porter (treasurer), Vicky Blankenship (adviser), Chuck Campbell (president), Janie Carter (vice president); Row two - Stephanie Blankenship, Jody Philpott, Bobbi Beck, Jack Becker, Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, April Lynch; Row three - Stephanie Calhoun, Angela Ragsdale, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Joe Allen, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Niki Anderson, Heather Persinger; Back - Tom Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Joe Garrison, Charlene Chambless, Sara Moody, Jodi Edwards, Erin Calhoun.



● **MATH CLUB.** Front - Charlene Chambless (sophomore representative), Trisha Perry (junior representative), Jennifer Shropshire (treasurer), Bobbi Beck (secretary), Jack Becker (vice president), Stephanie Joseph (president), Susan Gressman (adviser); Row two - Angela Ragsdale, Melisa Porter, Brooke Newton, Jodi Edwards, Sunny Watterson, Shawn Williams, Jody Philpott, Nate Moore, Scott Mallernee, James Hanger, Jennifer Top, Missy Honeycutt; Back - Jenny Blaine, Niki Anderson, Chuck Campbell, Hayden Dennis, Tara Moody, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie McGaw, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, Heather Persinger, Joe Garrison, Jackie Honeycutt.

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● PUBLICATIONS STAFF. Front - Shawn Williams (yearbook editor-in-chief), Sunny Watterson (yearbook senior editor), Stephanie Joseph (yearbook senior editor), Stephanie Copeland (newspaper senior editor), Jennifer Shropshire (newspaper editor-in-chief), Randall Roy (newspaper sports editor), Debbie Von Behren (publications director); Row two - Joe Allen (newspaper junior sports editor), Angela Ragsdale (yearbook club editor), Trisha Perry (yearbook business manager), James Hanger (yearbook sports editor), Missy Honeycutt (yearbook business manager), Jennifer Top (yearbook junior editor), Janie Carter (yearbook sports editor); Back - Stephanie House (newspaper junior editor), Emily Matlock (yearbook junior editor), Ashley Miller (yearbook junior editor), Shelly Williams (yearbook academics editor), Erin Calhoun (yearbook index editor), Stephanie Calhoun (yearbook index editor), Chuck Campbell (newspaper junior editor).

Taking a seat in the hall, Dan Boyle listens closely as Shelly Williams interviews him about his winning animation project in a Channel One contest. Williams' story was for the yearbook's minimag section, and was also being written to enter in state and regional contests.



School pictures have arrived, and Missy Honeycutt starts dividing them up by classes, so that teams of yearbook staff members can start work on the class pages.

El Leon '93 named NSPA All-American

*For the publications staff,
hard work and
determination paid off in
a big way*

The 1993 El Leon, entitled "Never Quite Like This," received the high honor

of being named All-American by the National Scholastic Press Association.

"It's cool to be a member of a staff that has an All-American yearbook because it means that all our hard work has paid off," senior Jennifer Shropshire said.

Senior Sunny Watterson agreed.

"It's nice to get recognized for doing something that we take such pride in," she said.

Senior Stephanie Copeland likes being part of an elite group.

"It is a really great feeling to know that something I had a part of received national recognition," she said. "There are very few high school students that even have a chance at an award like this."

Even after 12 years of having an All-Missouri yearbook, adviser Debbie Von Behren was still surprised with the All-American award.

"It's such a big award that I never really expected it to happen since we are such a small school," she said. "But the nicest part for me was that it happened the year my daughter (Stacey Arnall) was the editor-in-chief. I know how hard she and the other staff members worked to make the yearbook the best they could."



"When we were named All-American it proved that doing strenuous hours of work for the yearbook was worth the effort." -- Shawn Williams



"Being on a yearbook staff for the first time and taking many months doing only God knows how many pages, layouts, captions and stories and going over them so they would be just perfect, it was nice to know they were winners." -- Stephanie Joseph

It's Prom night, and members of the newspaper and yearbook staff take advantage of the chance to celebrate the end of a successful year, which included an All-American award, two All-Missouri awards, and the sweepstakes of two contests.



Jennifer Top works with James Hanger and Chuck Campbell to organize the teachers' and staff members' pictures for the yearbook.

Alphabetizing class pictures for the yearbook, Ashley Miller and Emily Matlock team up to speed up the process.



Band members work to improve image

With the addition of cowbells, electric guitars, and many new members, pep band jazzed up its image with solid performances at home basketball games

"I think we improved a bunch," sophomore percussionist Luke Johnson said. "We've worked harder and been more disciplined, and we sound better than we have in the last two years put together."

Students outside of the band group also believe the musicians are moving forward as a unit. "I think people are taking pep band more seriously," freshman Lauren Miller said. "I've noticed that a lot more students have joined this year than there have been in years past."

Adding new events to the band schedule, like a trip to perform at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, gave the desire to improve.

"I think our band came along quite well this year," freshman percussionist Steven Welch said. "Going to Worlds of Fun for a band contest made us work even harder."

Band director Mike Kanaan thought that between improved pep band performances and better showings at parades, the band had an excellent year.

"The band is definitely gaining more pride and enthusiasm," he said. "It's the most positive year we've seen yet."

Pep band improves sound, impresses crowd with toe-tapping songs at basketball games



"We have improved greatly, because pep band has gotten bigger and more people are interested. The crowd and the Pep Club seem more interested because most people stay and listen to us instead of going out to the lobby." - Michael Spyres



"Pep band, and band in general, have gotten better because of Mr. (Mike) Kanaan. I don't think we could have a better director." -- Torrie Collins

Cheerleaders Stephanie Kelly and Naomi Strohm join the pep band by playing their instruments while sitting on the edge of the stage. The rest of the pep band is standing behind them for the performance at the Hartville ballgame.



Band members get in a little practice by performing for a school assembly the afternoon of the district music contest at Willow Springs. Front - Sabrina Kelly, Regina Roy; middle - Dustin Lansdown, Eric Grubbs, Chris Flageolle; back - Travis Furr, Jarod Coday, Michael Spyres, Sean Spyres.

Michael Spyres and Jarod Coday ring out a trumpet melody as the pep band performs for the boys' basketball game with Hartville.



Timpanis are the instrument of choice for Luke Johnson, who performs at a school assembly just prior to the band's departure for spring music contest.

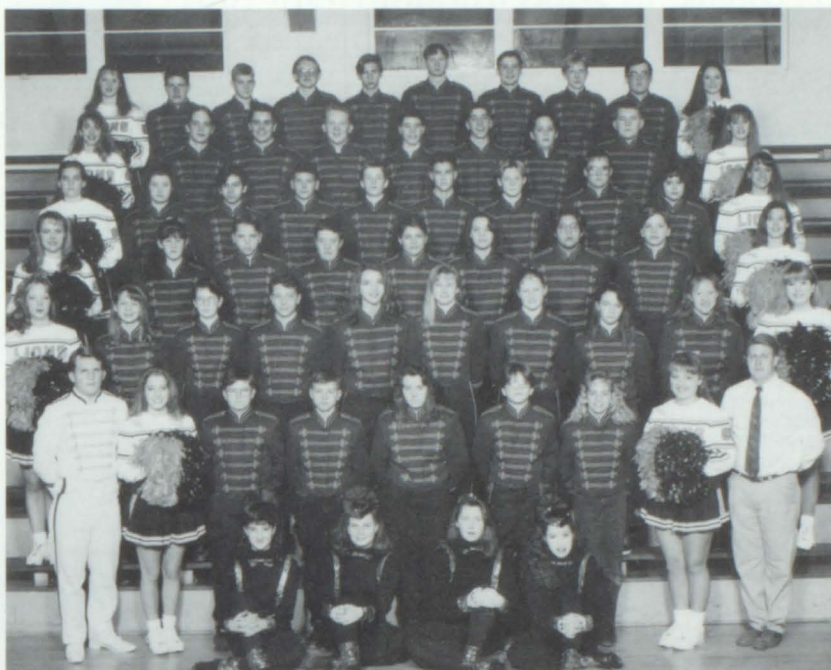


Wilder Days celebration of the town's most famous citizen, Laura Ingalls Wilder, has the band marching down main street, leading the parade. In the foreground are Regina Roy, Jill Adamson, and Jarod Coday.



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● **BAND.** Front - Amanda Skyles, Stephanie Copeland, Sabrina Kelly, Naomi Strohm; Row Two - Dustin Lansdown, Erin Calhoun, Curtis Stuart, James Lansdown, Lori Hodges, Daniel Cain, Jessica Curtman, Tessa Bennett, Director Mike Kanaan; Row Three - Christa Choate, Jenny Moody, Jessica Copeland, Travis Furr, Amber Davis, Regina Roy, April Quinn, Summer Golden, Rachelle Roy, Tara Fetter; Row Four - Torrie Collins, Allison Arnall, Kevin Heatherly, Garan Kinser, Dusty Walker, Emily Bray, Eric Carampatan, Brandon Lansdown, Tara Moody; Row Five - Brooke Newton, Stephanie Kelly, Danny Brito, Nathan Hanger, Shoji McGhee, Chris Flageolle, Scott Corder, J. R. Penn, Melissa Scott, Sara Moody; Row Six - Lauren Miller, Eric Hunsucker, Michael Spyres, Steven Welch, Adam Grubbs, Eric Grubbs, Matt Scott, Mark Brown, Stephanie Calhoun; Back - Stephanie House, David Climer, Matt Skyles, Gary Slate, Jeremy Corder, James Hanger, Jarod Coday, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, Jennifer Jones.



Pep band members give a stirring performance at a home basketball game. In the front are Dustin Lansdown, Jessica Copeland, Sabrina Kelly, Stephanie Copeland, Amanda Skyles, and Allison Arnall.

A beautiful November morning in the public park is the setting for the band's performance in the American Legion's celebration of Veterans' Day. Behind the band is the Legion color guard.

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● **MIXED CHORUS.** Front - Eric Spyres (director), Jenny Blaine, Shelly Williams, Lauren Miller, Jacque Lansdown, Stephanie Kelly, Wendy Matlock, Jill Adamson, Mica Brooke, Carrie Gleason, Sabrina Kelly, Shannon Cantrell; Row two - Jennifer Brooke, Crystal Cook, Aimee Williams, Sara Moody, Anica Loftin, Christie Blaine, Stephanie Joseph, Shawn Williams, Areatha Sickels, Liza Stovall, Jody Philpott; Row three - Adam Brooke, Josh Micheli, Scott Mallernee, Casey Mattix, Johnny Wintjen, Michael Davis, Jack Becker, James Bailey; Back - Matt Skyles, Nate Moore, Aaron Brooks, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, Michael Spyres, Brent Heatherly, Randall Roy.

During a break between the two melodramas choir students presented, barbershop quartet members Steven Wilson, Brent Heatherly, Sean Spyres, and Michael Spyres add some fancy footwork to their vocal harmony.

In a variety of western styles, choir members open their meoldrama with the song "And the Band Played On." Front, Mica Brooke, Wendy Matlock; middle, Luke Johnson, Stephanie Kelly, Areatha Sickels; back, Sean Spyres, Carrie Gleason, Serena Walker, Brent Heatherly, Jenny Blaine and Adam Brooke.



Adam Brooke delivers one of his crowd-pleasing lines during one of the short melodramas the choir performed for both the school and community.



Michael Spyres, Scott Mallernee, Nate Moore, Luke Johnson and Brent Heatherly perform "Fairest Lord Jesus" at the spring concert.

Contest time means stress for singers

Freshman earns vocal and instrumental ones at district contest, and also wins a vocal one at state

Singing in the shower or the car may be easy, but when it's contest time it's a different story.

"Preparing for my solo was very hard," sophomore Sean Spyres said. "Since I made a one at state last year I had to work twice as hard this year."

He wasn't thrilled with his state rating.

"At state this year I had a different judge than everyone else and she gave me a two," he said. "I knew I should have got a one, but I can't cry about it."

Freshman Michael Spyres made a name for himself by getting a one rating for a vocal solo and an instrumental solo at district contest, and also earned a vocal one at state.

"Practicing wasn't all that bad," he said. "For about two months we would practice once out of every day of the week, and I sang a lot by myself too."

Nerves didn't seem to get to the soloists.

"I wasn't nervous, which is unusual," senior Christie Blaine said. "I was up in front of the room and I knew I just had to perform and not worry about being judged."

Senior Shawn Williams felt a hint or nerves, but got over it.

"I was kind of nervous when I thought I was going to have to sing in front of people from other schools, but they left right before I sang. It really relaxed me because I got to sing to people I was familiar with."



"District music contest was hard work for me because I was competing in both band and choir, so I had to work twice as hard and that just made it twice as difficult." -- Luke Johnson



"I was confident when I went up to sing my solo at district contest, but when I got a two, I felt cheated. They said that my breathing wasn't good enough and that it needed some work." -- Brent Heatherly

Members of mixed chorus, directed by Eric Spyres, perform a spring concert including one of the festival songs they sang at district music contest, where they received a state three rating.



Choir students bring the melodrama to a close with "In the Good Old Summertime." Front, Michael Spyres, Christie Blaine, Sara Moody, Steven Wilson; middle, Jody Philpott, Crystal Cook, Travis Patton; back, Sara Johns, Josh Micheli, Jacque Lansdown, Lauren Miller, Shelly Williams, Anica Loftin, Michael Davis, Marvin Johnson.

Pep Club has to deal with competition

Basketball season began with a roar of a different kind, that of the revived, and soon extinct, Animals.

Revival of an informal pep group from the past sparked excitement, but faded quickly

The Animals were a small, all-male group which designed tee-shirts to wear, but died out after the first game after conflicts with school officials.

There was initially some concern as to the competition between the Animals and the Pep Club and cheerleaders, but that problem was about as short-lived as the Animals themselves.

"I was a little disappointed with the attitude of some students after the first game," Pep Club sponsor Wilda Watterson said. "But I think things eventually came around and the season ended up real well."

The "all in good fun" attitude of the Animals didn't dampen many spirits for long.

"I had fun being Pep Club president," senior Jack Becker said. "Attitudes could have been better, but I didn't think they were too disruptive."

Cheerleader captain Naomi Strohm, a junior, thought the Animals didn't cause that much of a hassle.

"I appreciated the enthusiasm and support they showed for the teams," she said. "They weren't doing anything to hurt the players, they were just a little too ram-bunctious when they were doing it, but everything worked out."



"As a basketball player out on the court, the large amount of enthusiasm from Pep Club felt good. Pep Club was supportive, and helped to draw large crowds to our games."
-- Joe Allen



"Pep Club had more spirit than in the past, and because the pep band is also steadily improving, ballgames were a lot more fun than they used to be."
-- Jenny Blaine

Trying to get the cross country team fired up for its appearance at the state meet in Jefferson City, cheerleaders Stephanie Copeland, Stephanie Kelly, and Heather Persinger are backed up by members of the pom pon squad.



James Hanger, Heather Persinger, Randon Ivy, and Misty Coffman take part in the Homecoming coronation ceremonies, forming a pathway for the queen candidates to enter the gym.



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After the cheerleaders finish a floor cheer, Pep Club members respond with enthusiasm. The crowd is waiting for the varsity team to be introduced for the Homecoming basketball game with Gainesville, which Mansfield won 56-42. Between the junior varsity and varsity games, the cheerleaders had taken part in the traditional Homecoming coronation ceremony.



Showing their spirit, cheerleaders Crystal Cook and Mica Brooke try to get the crowd yelling with them at the first basketball pep rally of the season.

With the stands packed, Pep Club members show enthusiasm as the varsity team is announced prior to a game with traditional rival Hartville.



● PEP CLUB. Front - Jack Becker (president), Christie Blaine (secretary), Jenny Blaine (treasurer), Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - Scott Mallernee, Adam Brooke, Stephanie Joseph, Sunny Watterson, Stephanie Copeland, Jennifer Shropshire, Bobbi Beck, Shawn Williams, Jacque Lansdown, Jody Philpott, Randall Roy, Nate Moore; Row three - Stephanie Kelly, Melisa Porter, Dustin Lansdown, Naomi Strohm, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Sabrina Kelly, James Hanger, Joe Allen, Julie Clouse, Shelly Williams, Jennifer Top; Row four - Dan Boyle, Carrie Gleason, Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Calhoun, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Torrie Collins, Stephanie House, Erin Calhoun, Brooke Newton, Aaron Woods; Row five - Niki Anderson, Mica Brooke, Luke Johnson, Nathan Carr, Tom Moody, Joe Garrison, John Greyowl, Mike Scott, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Janet VanNess, Julie Williams; Row six - Melanie McGaw, Jennifer Jones, Sara Moody, Tara Fetter, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, Michelle Roberts, Anica Loftin, DeeJay Lansdown, Misty Coffman, Trish Dalton, Crystal Cook; Row seven - Amanda Stacy, Lauren Miller, Regina Roy, Christa Choate, Summer Slade, Wendy Matlock, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Christy Hastings, Sandy Nelson, Jennifer Wright; Back - Jill Adamson, Kim Jones, Jason Davis, Jeff Brooke, Jeremy Corder, Eric Hunsucker, Steven Cannon, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, Jason Johns, Eric Grubbs, Michael Baty.



● CHEERLEADERS. Front - Mica Brooke; Middle - Misty Coffman, Naomi Strohm; Back - Heather Persinger, Stephanie Kelly, Crystal Cook.

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● MHS SWEETHEARTS. Front - Stephanie House, Jennifer Jones, Sara Moody, Lauren Miller; Middle - Tara Fetter, Tessa Bennett, Christa Choate; Back - Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Brooke Newton, Jennifer Shropshire, Torrie Collins, Tara Moody, Ashley Miller.

Before one of the largest crowds of the year, Jennifer Shropshire, Stephanie Calhoun, Stephanie House, Torrie Collins, Erin Calhoun, Jennifer Jones, and Tara Moody complete the routine "Mesmertzied" at a home game with Hartville.



Tara Moody, Jennifer Jones, and Tessa Bennett are all smiles as they perform a partner routine called "Mamma's Always on Stage."



On bended knees, Lauren Miller and Sara Moody perform at a girls' basketball game with Gainesville.

Completing a ripple in the Homecoming routine performed for the game with Gainesville, Erin Calhoun, Tara Moody, and Stephanie Calhoun draw cheers and applause from the crowd for their precision movements.



Shaking pom pons and flashing smiles, Torrie Collins works through a series of motions that has the pom pon squad gathered in a tight formation in the center of the gym. Collins and the other girls are wearing new jumper uniforms the squad purchased to give their routines a little variety.



Sweethearts perform at state tournament

A crowd of thousands made the last dance of the year a memorable one for the pom pon squad

Dazzling crowds, state championships and excitement describe the MHS Sweet-

hearts' last performance.

The girls were invited to entertain the huge crowd at the 1A and 2A state basketball tournament in Columbia.

"It was weird because we performed at state my freshman year and it was like deja vu to perform again at Mizzou," junior Erin Calhoun said.

Few familiar faces added to the excitement for sophomore Jennifer Jones.

"Performing at state was a blast, but also different than at home because I didn't know anyone," she said.

Receiving cheers from the crowd was memorable.

"It seemed very quiet during the beginning of our routine," junior Stephanie House said, "but when we started into our kicks the crowd started yelling and cheering."

Performing at state was special for senior Jennifer Shropshire.

"Knowing that I was performing for the last time in the state tournament at the Norwood girls' game for the state championship was neat," she said, "but ending my years as an MHS Sweetheart at Harnes Center with such a large crowd made my last performance unforgettable."



"Performing at state was the most exciting thing I've ever done, because when I walked out on that floor and saw all those people I just about died." -- Tara Moody



"Getting to perform at the state basketball tournament was the best feeling I ever had. As soon as I walked into Harnes Center I got goose bumps." -- Tessa Bennett

Hands outstretched, MHS Sweethearts Stephanie House, Jennifer Jones, Brooke Newton, Jennifer Shropshire, Christa Choate, and Stephanie Calhoun prepare to do a kick circle in the routine "Mesmerized," performed at the Hartville ballgame.





● Scott Mallernee drives past a Conway defender in the semi-finals of the Mansfield Tournament. He scored 5 points in the 74-52 MHS victory.



● In a non-conference matchup with Cabool, Janie Carter "kills" the ball past a block. Mansfield won the game 15-7, 15-10 with the help of Carter's 13 serving points.



● Before the tip-off of a home game against longtime rival Hartville, the Lions get fired up and ready to play in the pre-game huddle. Mansfield trounced the Eagles 64-45 in this conference game. Adam Brooke is at the left, Joe Allen right.



PLAYING HARD

When you think it can't get any better, watch out. Cross country to state. It's expected. Baseball team a steamroller. It's expected. Volleyball team rarely loses. It's expected. Then basketball kicks in, both teams fourth in the state rankings, and the girls make the state tournament for the first time. Get out of our way, we're running wild.

● Intensity showing on all faces. Sunny Watterson drives past Hartville's Cory Chandler in a conference game at Hartville. MHS won the hard-fought contest, 47-40, and went on to compile a perfect 6-0 conference record.

RUNNING

WILD



● Trisha Perry hits a triple in a 13-11 win over Hartville. Perry also had a single and two RBI's in the game. The Lady Lions went on to play in the district semi-finals, where they lost to defending 2A state champion Morrisville.



● In the conference cross country meet, Jeremy Corder, Joe Allen, and John GreyOwl finish the second lap. MHS won the conference meet with five of the top 15 runners.

Playing in a tournament championship game against a volleyball team they always love to beat, the MHS girls found that, without a doubt,

RIVALS

FALL THE HARDEST

Double your pleasure, double your fun.

Winning the championship of not one, but two tournaments gave the volleyball team pure sporting satisfaction.

The girls won their second straight Conference Tournament title, and second straight Norwood Tournament championship.

A strenuous game against a perennial rival decided the number one spot at Norwood.

"The final game in the Norwood Tournament against Gainesville was our most exciting," junior hitter Jennifer Top said. "It was our best win because we had to fight them right down to the wire. The atmosphere among the players was tense because every point was so important."

The game took three sets, and the third had rally scoring.

"Rally scoring was much

harder and went a lot quicker because every serve could count as a point," junior setter Missy Honeycutt said. "I knew that every mistake we made would count against us."

The final set was hard on the players.

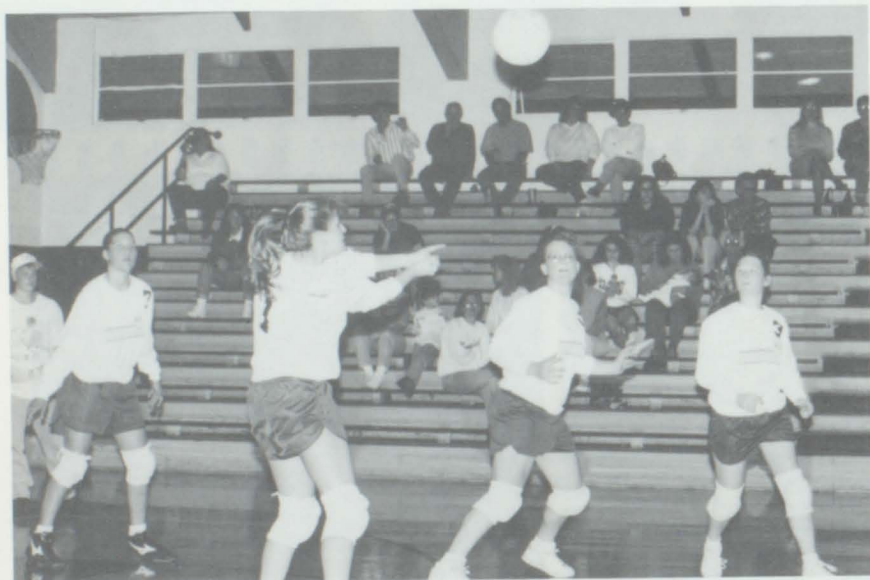
"I was so worn out, I just wanted it to be over," senior setter Sunny Watterson said. "At the end we always had to counter their score."

It was a hard-fought battle, but MHS beat Gainesville 17-15, 6-15, 18-16.

"It felt great to win such a big game like that," junior hitter Stephanie House said. "Not only was Gainesville our rival, but it was a championship game."

Teamwork was the key to winning the tournament.

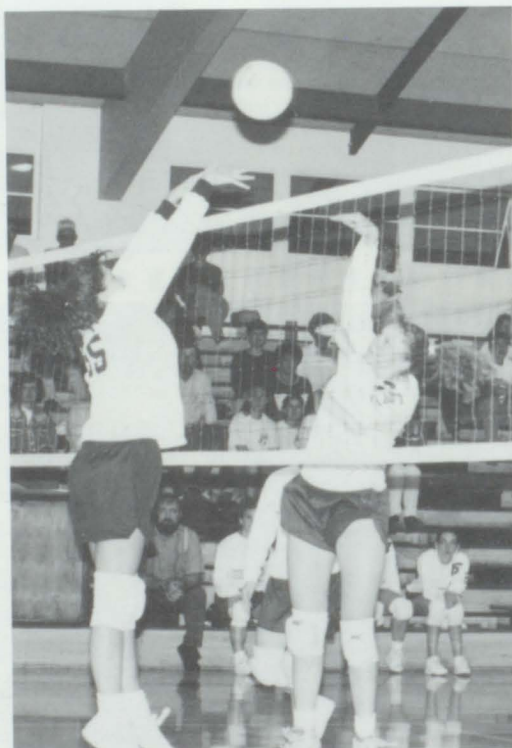
"We had to fight so hard," senior server Stephanie Kelly said. "It took everything we had to pull it out."



● With Sunny Watterson setting the ball, Janie Carter, middle spike, starts toward the net for a spike. At left, Trisha Perry, and at right, Missy Honeycutt. The home game with Cabool was a 15-7, 15-0 MHS win. Carter had 13 serving points.

● Hitting over a Gainesville block, Stephanie House gets a kill and Mansfield gets a 15-4, 15-4 win.

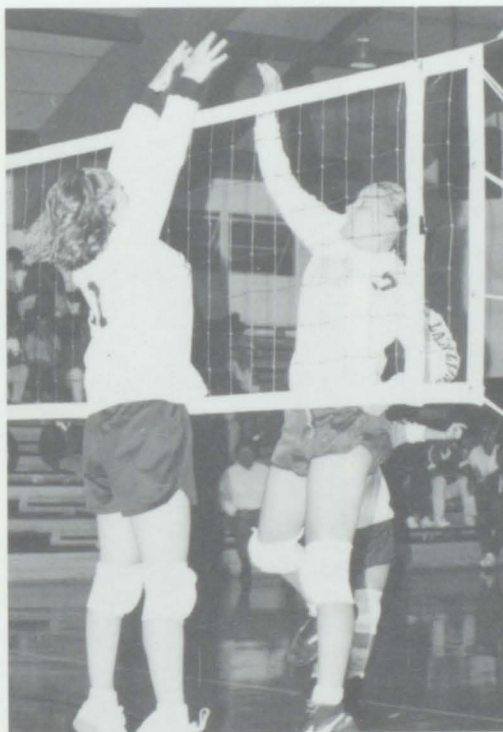
● JUNIOR VARSITY. Front - Jennifer Jones, Melanie McGaw, Janet VanNess, Charlene Chambless, Liz Roth, Kim Joseph, Amanda Stacy; Back - Roger Wood, Luke Johnson, Emily Moody, Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Jill Adamson, Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Brian Pollock.





Not an easy win, but a happy one, is what the team celebrates with the first place trophy of the Norwood Tournament. In the championship against Gainesville, the game went three sets, using rally scoring to a nail-biting score of 18-16 before MHS could claim a victory. Team members are Stephanie House, Jennifer Top, Stephanie Kelly, Sunny Watterson, Trisha Perry, Julie Clouse, Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, and Jacque Lansdown.

● Jennifer Top spikes the ball in a game with Niangua in the Norwood Tournament. MHS won 15-0, 15-6.



● Going in for the kill, Trisha Perry spikes the ball in a 15-4, 15-4 home win over Gainesville. The match was a conference game, and assured the team its sixth consecutive league title.

● In a game with Gainesville, Janie Carter goes up for a block. Carter had 11 serving points in the MHS win.

WILD about winning

Volleyball

For the first time in six years, the team did not make it to the championship game of the 2A district tournament, held at Cabool. A 15-2, 15-3 loss to Liberty ended the season.

The 20-team Boatmen's Showdown pitted MHS against 3A and 4A powerhouses. Several of the teams MHS played had won state championships, or been nationally ranked.

Janie Carter ended the season with 195 serving points, coming close to the school record of 199. She had a 96 percent serving percentage.

Trisha Perry had a total of 205 kills, for an average of 7 per game.

With rally scoring being used in the third set of the championship of the Norwood Tournament, Missy Honeycutt dinked the ball into an open hole to score the winning point.

Honors

ALL-CONFERENCE - Sunny Watterson, Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry, first team; Jacque Lansdown, Janie Carter, honorable mention

ALL DISTRICT - Trisha Perry, first team; Sunny Watterson, second team

TEAM - Norwood Invitational Tournament champions for the second year in a row, Summit Conference Tournament champions for the second year in a row, Summit Conference league champions for the sixth consecutive year

Season Record 21-7

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 15-6, 15-8 | Seymour | |
| 15-12 | Licking | 15-11, 15-3 |
| 15-7, 15-11 | Niangua | |
| 15-4, 15-0 | MHS JV | |
| 15-0, 15-6 | Niangua | |
| 15-6 | Norwood | 15-11 |
| 15-11, 15-8 | Plato | |
| 17-15, 18-16 | Gainesville | 15-6 |
| 15-9, 15-4 | Ava | 15-3 |
| 15-12, 17-15 | Forsyth | |
| 17-15 | Houston | 15-10, 17-15 |
| 15-11, 15-8 | Park Hill | 15-4, 15-5 |
| | Webb City | 15-10, 15-8 |
| | Eminence | 15-6 |
| | New Haven | 15-3, 15-6 |
| 15-4, 15-5 | Seymour | |
| | Mtn. Grove | 15-12, 15-7 |
| 15-9, 15-5 | Willow Springs | |
| 15-3, 15-6 | Fordland | |
| 15-4, 15-4 | Gainesville | |
| 15-4, 15-4 | Conway | |
| 15-12, 15-11 | Niangua | |
| 15-1, 15-0 | Seymour | |
| 15-8, 15-4 | Conway | |
| 15-12, 15-3 | Norwood | |
| 15-2, 15-5 | Thayer | |
| | Liberty | 15-2, 15-3 |



● VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM. Front - Stephanie Kelly, Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, Missy Honeycutt, Sunny Watterson, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Jacque Lansdown; Back - Coach Roger Wood, Luke Johnson, Melanie McGaw, Stephanie House, Janet Van Ness, Charlene Chambless, Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Brian Pollock.

WILD about winning

Cross Country

Cross country runners had to endure the two extremes of weather over the course of their season. The first practices and meets took place in weather so hot that morning runs and swimming pool practices were the rule. By the time the district and state meets rolled around, the team members were bundled up, dealing with below freezing temperatures, and running over courses covered with light snow.

Jenny Blaine was the only girl who ran on the cross country team. She finished sixth in the district meet with a time of 27:27.

With times of 19:59, 21:22, 18:59, and 19:15, Sean Spyres was the top MHS runner in four meets. His time of 18:59 was the best for an MHS runner all season.

At the conference meet at Mansfield, Eric Grubbs was the top finisher for MHS. His time was 20:04, and he placed third overall.

In the district meet, Mansfield finished first with 15 points, enabling the team to make its seventh consecutive trip to the state cross country meet. Sean Spyres was the top MHS runner.

At the state meet held in Jefferson City, the team placed fourteenth, with Jack Becker as the top runner with a time of 19:50.

Individual placings at the state cross country meet of about 150 runners were Jack Becker 77, Eric Grubbs 84, Hayden Dennis 104, Sean Spyres 117, Jeremy Corder 119, Tom Moody 123, and Jenny Blaine 80.

Honors

ALL-CONFERENCE - Jeremy Corder, Eric Grubbs, Hayden Dennis, Jenny Blaine

ALL-DISTRICT - Jack Becker, John Greyowl, Hayden Dennis, Sean Spyres, Eric Grubbs, Jenny Blaine

Season Record Won 3

| MHS | Meet Location |
|--------|-------------------|
| Second | Mansfield |
| First | Mansfield |
| Second | Niangua |
| Sixth | Mansfield Inv. |
| First | Conference Meet |
| First | Plato (District) |
| 14th | Jeff City (State) |



● CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Front - Jeremy Corder, Tom Moody, Hayden Dennis, Jack Becker, Jenny Blaine, Sean Spyres, Joe Allen, John Greyowl; Back - Coach Randy Short, Mark Brown, Chris Johnson, Merle Strohm, Brent Heatherly, Michael Spyres, Eric Grubbs, Christie Blaine.



● Hayden Dennis pulls away from the pack on the final lap of a home meet. Dennis finished twelfth in the meet, with a time of 21:14. Behind Matt Skyles, he had the second best time for MHS. Skyles placed tenth with a time of 20:57.

● At the state cross country meet in Jefferson City, Sean Spyres, Hayden Dennis, and Eric Grubbs stretch out and try to stay warm despite the freezing temperature. At state, Grubbs placed number 84 with a time of 20:03, Dennis 104 with a time of 20:28, and Spyres 117 with a time of 20:42.



Trying to keep each other at a steady pace, Merle Strohm and Jack Becker are halfway through the first lap of a cross country meet at Mansfield. Becker finished in fifth place for the MHS team, with a time of 22:23. Overall, Becker was ninth in the four-school meet, which also included runners from Dora, Seymour, and Fordland. Jenny Blaine, the only female runner for MHS, placed first. Other top runners in the race were Sean Spyres fifth, Jeremy Corder sixth, Hayden Dennis seventh, and John Greyowl eighth.

● Steve Wilson and Sean Spyres compete in a home cross country meet which included runners from Seymour, Dora, and Fordland. Spyres was the top runner for MHS in the meet, placing fifth with a time of 21:22. The Mansfield team placed first overall in the meet.



When it came to district and state meet time, cross country runners found that fighting freezing temperatures and layers of snow kept them

RUNNING AGAINST THE WIND

Blustery snow at districts and chilling winds at state caused discouragement and discomfort, but still couldn't stop the cross country team.

The district meet was at Plato, and despite the snowy conditions, the team won its sixth straight district title.

"When we were at the starting line I was ready for the race to be over," senior Jack Becker said. "Because of snow, I had on two layers of clothes and spikes to run in."

At the team's seventh consecutive state meet in Jefferson City, the weather was fairly nice, compared to years past. Temperatures were in the 20's at race time.

"I've gotten used to the bad weather because in the years before it wasn't just cold, it also precipitated," junior Tom Moody said. "You've got to keep moving in

order to stay warm."

Sophomore Jenny Blaine found the cold weather at the state meet to be an advantage.

"After a certain period of time, I ran better because my whole body went numb," she said. "Since I could no longer feel the pain, I just kept going faster."

Freshman Eric Grubbs had that same sensation.

"I only had on a pair of shorts and a tank top, so by the time I was finished running my toes were so numb that I felt like I was running on a pair of stubs," he said.

Becker was the top MHS runner at the state meet, placing 77. Others were Blaine 80, Grubbs 84, sophomore Hayden Dennis 104, junior John Greyowl 107, sophomore Sean Spyres 117, freshman Jeremy Corder 119, and Moody, 123.



● Midway through the final lap of a home meet, Jenny Blaine keeps her pace on the way to a time of 27:09, which placed her eighth in the nine-school meet held in September.

● Moving away from the other runners, Joe Allen and John Greyowl compete at a home meet. Greyowl placed eighth in the meet with a time of 22:04.

Being the first girls' team of any kind at Mansfield High School to win a district championship meant that the Lady Lions basketball team was

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

While Olympic fever was running high in Lillehammer, district fever was on a rampage at MHS, thanks to the Lady Lions.

When the team beat Thayer 44-35 in the 2A district championship, it was the first district title for a Mansfield girls' team of any kind.

"I felt confident that we would win," senior Sunny Watterson said. "We were out for the district title because we knew we deserved it and had worked hard for it."

The Lady Lions were the top seed in the tournament, and in the last minutes of the game, it became obvious that a long-held dream was about to come true.

"Me and Jenny (Blaine) were standing at half court when Sunny was shooting her freethrows with about a minute left," junior Trisha

Perry said. "We looked up at the scoreboard and realized we were district champs. It was a great feeling."

By beating Thayer and finally winning districts, the team knew it had achieved more than just a game victory.

"It felt great because we accomplished something that has never been accomplished before," junior Missy Honeycutt said. "I think we played one of our very best games."

The team became the first MHS girls team to advance to state play, but lost to Newburg 51-39 in the state sectionals. The final record was 26-2, also the best in school history.

Coach Freddie Doherty expected a good season, but was still surprised at just how good it really was.

"I knew they would do well," he said, "but I didn't expect them to end with a 26-2 record."



● In Mansfield's first appearance in the state sectionals, Trisha Perry shoots from the top of the key. She finished with 9 points and 7 rebounds as the Lady Lions lost to Newburg 51-39.

● As two Seymour defenders try a full court press, Missy Honeycutt looks for a pass up the sideline. MHS won the home game 89-43 and went undefeated in the conference.

● 70 BASKETBALL





A drive to the basket by Sunny Watterson provides 2 of her 6 points in the state sectional game with Newburg, which the Lady Lions lost 51-39. The game was at the University of Missouri-Rolla, and was the first appearance in state play for any MHS girls' team. Other scorers were Trisha Perry 9, Christie Blaine 8, Jenny Blaine 8, Janie Carter 4, and Missy Honeycutt 4. The trip to the state sectionals was the culmination of the best year ever for the team. The Lady Lions were undefeated for 18 games, until a loss to 3A power Marshfield in the championship of the Rogersville Invitational.

● In the district championship at Mtn. View-Liberty, Christie Blaine waits for a guard to cross the halfcourt line so a pass can be made. Blaine scored 4 points in the 44-35 defeat of Thayer.



● Shooting inside the paint, Janie Carter scores two points against Seymour. MHS won 89-43, and Carter had 23 points and 6 rebounds.

● The district title has been won; history made. Front - Christie Blaine, Sunny Watterson; back - Melanie McGaw, Tonia Wynn, Stephanie Blankenship, Janie Carter, Coach Freddie Doherty, Jenny Blaine, Trish Dalton, Melanie Blankenship, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Niki Anderson, Regina Roy, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Joseph.

WILD about winning

Girls' Basketball

The team won first place in the Summit Conference, with a 6-0 record.

First place in the conference tournament and the Lady Lions Invitational went to MHS. Lady Lions took second place in the Rogersville Tournament.

Scoring leaders for the team were Trisha Perry with a 15 average, Janie Carter 13, Christie Blaine 11, Sunny Watterson 11. Perry's high was 36, Carter 23, Blaine 20, and Watterson 18.

Janie Carter led in rebounds with 7.5 a game and shot 58 percent from the field. Sunny Watterson led with 77 steals and 127 assists. Trisha Perry shot 76 percent from the line.

Honors

LADY LIONS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Sunny Watterson (MVP), Trisha Perry

ROGERSVILLE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Sunny Watterson, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter

ALL-CONFERENCE

- Christie Blaine, Sunny Watterson, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, first team; Missy Honeycutt, honorable ment.

KKOZ DREAM TEAM

- Sunny Watterson, Christie Blaine, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Missy Honeycutt, Jenny Blaine, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Trish Dalton

Season Record 26-2

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 81 | Hartville JV | 19 |
| 66 | Seymour | 35 |
| 56 | Gainesville | 38 |
| 69 | Willow Springs | 29 |
| 58 | Licking | 54 |
| 66 | Ava | 63 |
| 89 | Seymour | 43 |
| 57 | Spfd. Hillcrest | 44 |
| 80 | Cabool | 33 |
| 76 | Mtn. Grove | 43 |
| 60 | Houston | 52 |
| 54 | Ozark | 37 |
| 58 | Hartville | 27 |
| 64 | Fordland | 22 |
| 87 | Lutie | 46 |
| 83 | Niangua | 41 |
| 65 | Willard | 44 |
| 52 | West Plains | 39 |
| 49 | Marshfield | 77 |
| 53 | Gainesville | 35 |
| 69 | Seymour | 38 |
| 53 | Conway | 35 |
| 47 | Hartville | 40 |
| 71 | Fordland | 35 |
| 91 | Mtn. View Liberty | 33 |
| 59 | Gainesville | 44 |
| 44 | Thayer | 35 |
| 39 | Newburg | 51 |



● GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM. Front - Emily Moody, Liz Roth, Aimee Williams, Sarah Walker, Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy; Middle - Coach Freddie Doherty, Melanie McGaw, Trish Dalton, Stephanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, Jackie Honeycutt, Stephanie Joseph, Assistant Coach Tonia Wynn; Back - Sara Moody, Jenny Blaine, Trisha Perry, Sunny Watterson, Christie Blaine, Janie Carter, Missy Honeycutt, Kim Joseph.

WILD about winning

Boys' Basketball

With a 6-0 record, the team claimed the Summit Conference championship.

The team was ranked as high as fourth in the 2A state rankings, losing to Licking in the district semifinals.

Scoring averages were Chuck Campbell 16, Aaron Brooks 13, Joe Allen 12, Matt Skyles 12, and Nate Moore 7. Campbell had a high of 33, Skyles 25, Brooks 23, Allen 21, and Moore 13.

Chuck Campbell and Joe Allen shot 61 and 59 percent from the floor, respectively. Matt Skyles shot 72 percent from the line. Campbell averaged 9 rebounds, and Aaron Brooks averaged 10 assists.

Honors

MANSFIELD INVANTIONAL ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM - Chuck Campbell (MVP), Aaron Brooks

KKOZ DREAM TEAM - Aaron Brooks, Chuck Campbell, Joe Allen, Matt Skyles

ALL CONFERENCE - Aaron Brooks, Chuck Campbell, Matt Skyles, first team; Joe Allen honorable mention

TEAM - First place in Mansfield Invitational Tournament, first place in the Seymour Tournament, fourth place in the Blue and Gold Tournament

Season Record 22-5

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 67 | Lutie | 72 |
| 81 | Plato | 63 |
| 82 | Niangua | 37 |
| 64 | Norwood | 44 |
| 91 | Dora | 38 |
| 74 | Conway | 52 |
| 56 | Spfd. Catholic | 39 |
| 66 | Houston | 51 |
| 61 | Morrisville | 50 |
| 54 | Spfd. Hillcrest | 43 |
| 54 | West Plains | 63 |
| 50 | Branson | 61 |
| 50 | Hartville | 33 |
| 96 | Cabool | 47 |
| 99 | Cabool | 53 |
| 64 | Gainesville | 38 |
| 68 | Ash Grove | 67 |
| 56 | Gainesville | 42 |
| 82 | Conway | 56 |
| 64 | Hartville | 45 |
| 76 | Seymour | 52 |
| 71 | Fordland | 55 |
| 79 | Ava | 67 |
| 58 | Willow Springs | 62 |
| 74 | Thayer | 56 |
| 65 | Licking | 76 |



● **BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front - Chuck Campbell, Melvin Thompson, Chris Flageolle, Jeremy Brooke, Adam Grubbs, Joe Allen; Middle - Coach Duane Hiler, Nate Moore, Aaron Brooks, Adam Brooke, Randall Roy, Scott Mallernee, Coach Jerry Songer; Back - Sean Spyres, Hayden Dennis, Matt Skyles, Randon Ivy.

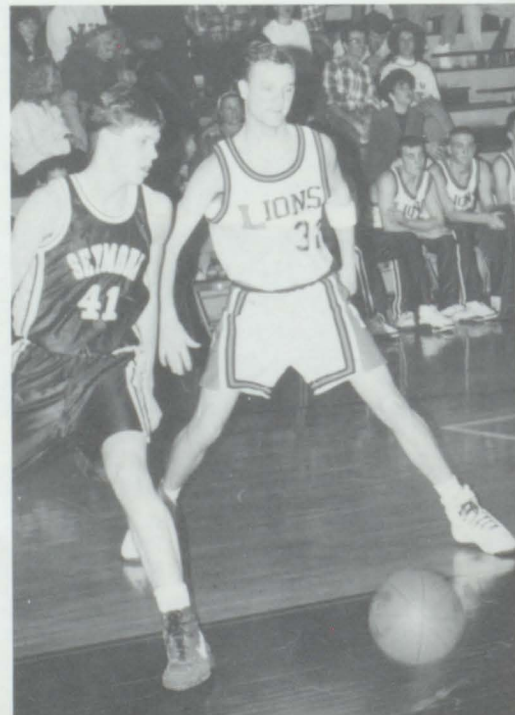
Joe Allen drives hard past a Hartville defender for 2 of his 15 points, and Chuck Campbell turns to get in good rebounding position. Campbell pulled in 11 rebounds and scored 13 points. Allen also had 5 rebounds. Mansfield won the home conference game 64-45, beating perennial rival Hartville for the second time in the season. The other game, at Hartville, was a 50-33 Mansfield victory.

● Chuck Campbell, #24, and Randall Roy get set to rebound as Aaron Brooks goes up with a shot in the Blue and Gold Tournament. In this third place 61-50 loss to Branson, Campbell and Joe Allen tied for scoring honors with 13 each. Brooks had 9 points and Roy scored 4. Mansfield was seeded seventh in the 16-team tournament.



● **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front - Joe Skyles; Middle - Adam Grubbs, Melvin Thompson, Jeffrey Brooke, Jeremy Brooke, Chris Flageolle; Back - Steven Welch, Chris Johnson, Jason Davis, Randon Ivy, Michael Spyres, Sean Spyres, Jarod Coday.

● Adam Brooke hustles for a loose ball in a home conference game with Seymour. Brooke pulled in 7 rebounds and scored 2 points in Mansfield's 76-52 victory. The conference win helped give MHS a perfect 6-0 conference record and the league title.



Playing in the championships of not one but two tournaments, the boys' basketball team gave their loyal fans two exciting games when they took the

VICTORY

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Call 'em barn-burners, nail-biters, or just plain old exciting, but two tournament championships went right down to the wire.

In the Mansfield Tournament, the second-seeded Lions played first-seeded Houston in the championship.

The Lions beat the Tigers 62-61 with a clutch freethrow by junior Joe Allen. With the score tied at 61, there were 7.8 seconds left on the clock.

"I tried not to think about it, but I was just really glad I had a chance to put us ahead in such a big game," Allen said.

A month later in the championship game of the Seymour Tournament, the Lions faced Ash Grove.

After a hard-fought battle, MHS was down by 3 with six seconds left. Senior Aaron Brooks hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game

into overtime, once again tied at 61.

"Coach (Duane Hiler) set up a play for me to dribble down and pass to Matt (Skyles) so he could shoot a three," Brooks said. "I looked at the clock and there wasn't enough time to pass it, so I shot it myself and just got lucky."

Ash Grove led by two points in overtime, but sent senior Nate Moore and Allen to the free-throw line where Moore hit one and Allen made the last two, giving Mansfield a 68-67 victory.

Brooks scored 18 and junior Chuck Campbell contributed 11 rebounds.

Hiler said that type of game is only fun if you're in the stands.

"It was one of those games that has to be fun to watch," he said, "but not to be involved in."



● In a home conference game with Hartville, Matt Skyles passes to an open teammate under the basket. Skyles, known for his three-point shooting, scored 9 points in the 64-45 defeat of Hartville.

● A loose ball has Chuck Campbell diving for possession in a home game with Hartville. Aaron Brooks, #44, and Nate Moore, #22, await a possible pass. Campbell scored 13 points, Brooks 10, and Moore 8.

It seems like the same thing happens year after year. Plenty of softball games are scheduled, but they never seem to get played, because

WEATHER CALLS THE SHOTS

The rain in Spain may fall mainly on the plain, but in Mansfield, it seems to fall best on the softball field.

When spring rolled around, Mother Nature only allowed the softball team to get in four games out of a schedule of eight. Players weren't too happy about the situation.

"I was disappointed because there were so many rain-out games and nobody ever wanted to reschedule," senior Jacque Lansdown said.

Mother Nature also threw the junior varsity team a curve and sent players scattering off the field during a spring game when a tornado was sited in Ozark and was said to be coming "our way."

"I was getting ready to pitch when the sirens went off and we were told to go to the school because a tornado was headed our direction,"

sophomore Niki Anderson said.

The short season left the players with mixed feelings.

"Softball was very exciting and successful, but it was also disappointing because we didn't have much of a season," junior Janie Carter said.

For the first time ever the softball team played in the fall and competed in the district tournament. The team had six games, but most of the girls were also on the volleyball team, which came first because it has been the traditional fall sport for girls at MHS.

Fall softball practices were few and far between.

"It was a lot harder playing in the fall because we were up against much tougher teams," junior Emily Matlock said. "It was fun, but we didn't play much like a team, because of the lack of practice time."



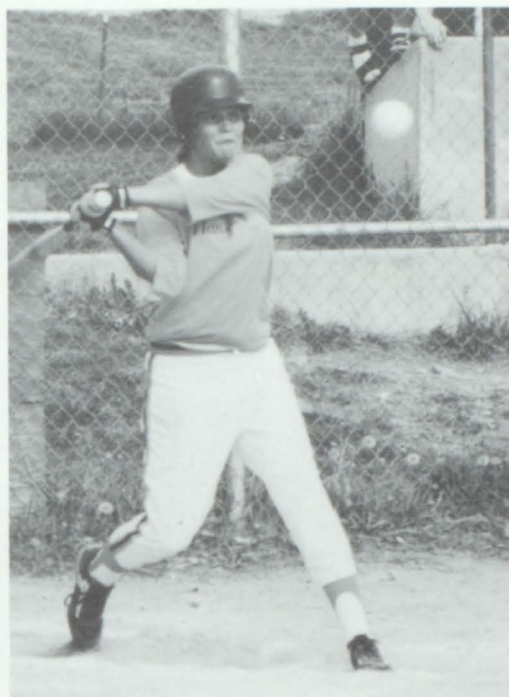
● Seeing the batter make contact with the ball, Jodi Edwards heads to third in a 13-11 defeat of Hartville.

● Sending the pitch over the plate, Jacque Lansdown comes up with the 20-4 win over Fordland. Backing her up is shortstop Sarah Walker.



Julie Clouse makes a running grab from centerfield in the Lady Lions home spring opener with Seymour, which Mansfield won 19-8. Close to the play is #23, second baseman Missy Honeycutt. MHS matched up with Seymour again in the last game of the season, winning 21-9, and claiming the conference championship.

● Swinging at a high pitch, Trisha Perry hits one of her three singles in a 20-4 home conference win over Fordland. Perry led the team with a .733 batting average.



● Getting the signs straightened out with Coach Roger Wood, Emily Matlock gets ready to bat in the last fall game with Hartville. Matlock was the winning pitcher, and hit a single and a triple in the 9-7 MHS win.

● Janie Carter makes contact with the ball and gets one of her two doubles in a 20-4 defeat of Fordland.



WILD about winning

Softball

For the second year in a row, only four of the seven conference schools (Mansfield, Seymour, Fordland, and Conway) fielded softball teams in the spring. Because of rain, Mansfield was unable to play two scheduled games with Conway.

Mansfield was the Summit Conference champion, beating Seymour and Fordland.

In the second inning of a home game with Fordland, Missy Honeycutt hit an out-of-the-park grand slam home run, becoming only the third girl to hit one out since the field was built.

Missy Honeycutt became the first MHS girl to ever be named to an All-District softball team. The team played fall softball for the first time at MHS, and so was eligible for district play, which is only held in the fall.

Leading batting averages were Trisha Perry with .733, Niki Anderson .666, Jodi Edwards .583, and Julie Clouse .556.

Trisha Perry also led the team with a .894 on-base percentage. Other top on-base percentages were Jodi Edwards .764, Julie Clouse .764, Jacque Lansdown .705, Areatha Sickels .571, and Janie Carter .562.

Honors

ALL-DISTRICT SECOND TEAM - Missy Honeycutt

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM - Areatha Sickels, Jacque Lansdown, Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry, Julie Clouse, Jodi Edwards, Emily Matlock, Janie Carter

Season Record 7-2

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1 | West Plains | 10 |
| 14 | Hartville | 12 |
| 13 | Hartville | 11 |
| 9 | Hartville | 7 |
| 0 | Morrisville | 14 |
| 29 | Strafford | 7 |
| 19 | Seymour | 8 |
| 20 | Fordland | 4 |
| 21 | Seymour | 9 |



● **SOFTBALL TEAM.** Front - Jacque Lansdown, Areatha Sickels; middle - Jodi Edwards, Julie Clouse, Janie Carter, Emily Matlock, Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry, Melisa Porter, Deneane Sickels, Niki Anderson; back - Erin Calhoun, Jill Adamson, Summer Slade, Jackie Honeycutt, Wendy Matlock, Lauren Miller, Regina Roy, Melanie McGaw, Sarah Walker, Coach Roger Wood.

WILD about winning

Baseball

The team won the Willard Lead-Off Tournament, defeating Ozark in the championship game 4-0.

With a .451, Steve Wilson had the team's highest batting average, and the team's highest on-base percentage with .550. Wilson scored 27 runs.

Casey Mattix led in most home runs with 12, most doubles with 12, and tied with Tom Moody for most triples with 2. Mattix also led the team in stolen bases with 25, and in runs scored with 36.

Tom Moody had the least strike-outs with 6, and also had 9 triples. Moody scored 21 runs.

Pitcher Matt Skyles had a 1.21 ERA with 84 strike-outs. Nate Moore had a 2.12 ERA.

Honors

ALL-CONFERENCE

- Casey Mattix, Steve Wilson, Nate Moore, Scott Mallernee, Tom Moody, Joe Garrison, Matt Skyles

LEAST STRIKE OUT AWARD - Tom Moody

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, BEST DEFENSE, AWARD, HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE AWARD - Steve Wilson

TEAM - Won the Summit Conference championship, won the 2A district title, won the Willard Lead-Off Tournament championship.

Season Record

24-5

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|---------------|-----|
| 10 | Fordland | 5 |
| 7 | Sparta | 3 |
| 9 | Fordland | 5 |
| 2 | Norwood | 1 |
| 5 | Norwood | 6 |
| 7 | Seymour | 1 |
| 3 | Branson | 7 |
| 5 | Nixa | 4 |
| 1 | Ozark | 0 |
| 10 | Pleasant Hope | 0 |
| 5 | Marshfield | 4 |
| 12 | Fordland | 2 |
| 4 | Willard | 3 |
| 35 | Niangua | 0 |
| 5 | Plato | 3 |
| 7 | Rogersville | 4 |
| 12 | Hartville | 0 |
| 22 | Lutie | 6 |
| 2 | Lebanon | 4 |
| 4 | Ozark | 0 |
| 4 | Ava | 5 |
| 6 | Rogersville | 3 |
| 10 | Houston | 0 |
| 12 | Seymour | 1 |
| 11 | Conway | 0 |
| 12 | Hollister | 7 |
| 5 | Forsyth | 2 |
| 3 | Licking | 5 |



● Left, Casey Mattix adjusts his batting helmet in a district tournament game with Hollister. Mattix had a double, a single, and two stolen bases. Right, Tom Moody waits on first before stealing second. He also had a double and a single in the 12-7 win.



● **BASEBALL TEAM.** Front - Steve Wilson, Coach Doug Jones, Kevin Polhemus, Tom Moody, Hayden Dennis; row two - Matt Skyles, Joe Bray, Jarod Coday, Jeffrey Brooke, James Hanger, Brooke Newton; row three - Jason Davis, Eric Grubbs, Steven Welch, Ashley Miller; row four - Harry Crawford, Michael Baty, Randon Ivy, Jeff Chambers, Garan Kinser, Joe Garrison, Michael Spyres; back - Scott Mallernee, Adam Brooke, Casey Mattix, Nate Moore, Randall Roy.

● Waiting for his turn at bat, Matt Skyles pauses in the on-deck circle during a district tournament game with Hollister, which MHS won 12-7.

Concentrating on the pitch, Steve Wilson bats for Mansfield in a district tournament game with Hollister, which MHS won 12-7. Wilson had a double, a single, two RBI's, and two stolen bases in the game. Wilson was the team's best hitter, with a .451 average for the season, and a .550 on-base percentage. Nate Moore was the winning pitcher for the game, striking out five and giving up only two earned runs. Moore also had 3 RBI's in the game. The next game of district play was a 5-2 win over Forsyth in the championship game. However, the team lost to Licking 5-3 in the opening round of state play.

After blowing away many opponents in the fall, the baseball team looked for a higher level of competition in the spring, because the team is always

HUNGRY

FOR MORE ACTION

Lookin' for more in '94. The Lions found exactly what they were looking for. Competition.

Coach Doug Jones scheduled his team for several games with larger schools, and the results were usually wins for MHS.

"In some ways I was surprised, but as I always tell the kids 'baseball is baseball' and if you do things right it doesn't matter whether the teams are 3A or 4A, you have a good chance to win," Jones said.

The Lions pulled together for the stronger teams they faced in the spring.

"We improved a lot in the pitching and defensive areas," Jones said. "These improvements kept us in all of our games in the spring. The reason we got beat was our lack of hitting, and only because of that."

For the first time, the Lions were invited to the Willard Lead-Off Tournament, accepted the invitation, and walked away with the title.

"Winning this tourney, involving the tough competition, made our spring schedule look a lot easier," senior Steve Wilson said. "This accomplishment gave our boys a boost into the season."

Although the team had hoped to return to the Final Four, Jones was happy with the season.

"I was extremely pleased with our spring season, record-wise 19-4, an over-achievement that I definitely did not expect," he said. "Our highlights of the spring were winning the district title and the Willard Tournament. The only major disappointment was our loss to Licking in the state sectional, and once again our bats let us down."



● After pitcher Nate Moore appeared to be tiring in the Hollister game of the district tournament, Coach Doug Jones, center, goes to the mound with Steve Wilson, Scott Mallernee, Casey Mattix, Moore, Adam Brooke, and Joe Garrison.

● On first after hitting one of his two singles in the Hollister game, Randall Roy also gets ready to steal second.

For years, Mansfield has fielded Special Olympics teams in a variety of sports, but now a new organization brings sports to everyone, and

CHANGE IS ALL AROUND

Sooner or later, every team gets to the point where it's time for a change.

And Mansfield's Special Olympics organization reached that point early in the school year, changing its name to A Sporting Chance.

Coach Georgianne Brown said the new group offers different opportunities for the students involved.

"A Sporting Chance is an organization that provides sports training and athletic competition for all individuals with any disability," she said. "It allows schools to combine regular education students with special education students to form teams."

The new group will phase out Special Olympics at Mansfield.

"A Sporting Chance marks a new beginning for our athletes," Brown said. "We will no longer be coaching Special

Olympics at Mansfield."

Students involved like the change to A Sporting Chance.

"It gives us a lot more competition, like Springfield schools," junior Robbie VanOrden said. "Although it wasn't too much of a change, we seem to like it a lot better."

A Sporting Chance is involved in many sports, such as softball, bowling, basketball, track, volleyball, and gymnastics.

The middle school and high school teams even had the chance to go on road trips to several weekend tournaments.

"The changes were definitely great and it probably should have been done a long time ago," sponsor Stephaney Menzie said. "This gives more students the chance to participate in different sports and the kids seem to like the change a lot better."



● SPORTING CHANCE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM. Front - Victor Murray, Michael Bailey; back - Angela Ulrich, Barry Wedge, Lonnie Bell, David Henry, Robbie Van Orden, Chad Clanton, Coach Georgianne Brown.

● Robbie Van Orden runs to a third place finish in the 50-meter dash at a track meet at Springfield's Kennedy Stadium.



● Blue ribbons displayed proudly, Robbie Wallin, Robbie Van Orden, Scott Storms, and Chad Dacumos are first place winners in the district bowling tournament, left. Below, Gina Turley accepts the third place ribbon for the softball throw event at the Springfield track meet.



● Jason Brazeal stretches as far as he can to take second place in the long jump event at A Sporting Chance track meet held at Kennedy Stadium in Springfield. Brazeal also placed second in the softball throw event and third in the 50 meter dash at the meet.

At the Sporting Chance track meet in Springfield, Jason Coffman competes in the running long jump event, in which he placed third. Coffman won first in the softball throw event, and second in the 50 meter dash. Coffman was part of Mansfield's new A Sporting Chance team, which participated in a variety of sports during the school year and also during the summer months. A Sporting Chance is coached by Georgianne Brown and Stephaney Menzie, who were both involved in Special Olympics previously.

WILD about winning

A Sporting Chance Basketball

The high school team won first place in the A Sporting Chance Invitational Basketball Tournament, beating Nixa 55-25 and beating Springfield Glendale 53-51.

In the Nixa game, Ronnie Lansdown was high scorer with 12 points, and in the Glendale game David Henry led the Mansfield scorers with 18 points.

The junior high team was as successful as the high school group, beating Liberty 18-6 and T. J. Sales 36-26.

In the Liberty game, James Lansdown scored 8 points to lead the team. Against T. J. Sales, Joe Bockelman led the Mansfield scorers with 18 points.

The teams were also involved in a Special Olympics basketball tournament. The high school team beat New Madrid County 37-28, but then lost to Springfield Glendale 74-55.

The junior high team rang up two wins in the Special Olympics tournament, beating Nevada 42-6 and Glendale 56-8.

A Sporting Chance Track

SPRINGFIELD MEET

Roy Liles - First in softball throw, first in running long jump.

Janice Liles - Second in 25 meter walk, second in softball throw.

Joe Bockelman - First in running long jump, third in shot put.

Jason Brazeal - Second in softball throw, second in running long jump.

Jason Coffman - First in

softball throw, second in 50 meter dash.

Bobby Hunsucker - First in 100 meter dash, second in long jump.

Angela Ulrich - First in shot put, fourth in 50 meter dash.

Gina Turley - Third in softball throw, third in running long jump.

Robbie Van Orden - Third in 50 meter dash, third in shot put.



● SPORTING CHANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM. Front - Robert Rippee, James Lansdown, Sam Shockey, Jason Coffman, Joey Long; back - Angela Ulrich, Ely Lansdown, Jeremiah Shockey, Joe Bell, Billy Bailey, Joe Bockelman, Coach Georgianne Brown.

WILD about winning

Track

By finishing first in the 100 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles, Jenny Blaine qualified for two events in the state track meet in Jefferson City.

Janie Carter finished second in discus and Jack Becker finished second in the 400 meter dash at the district meet, both advancing to state competition in Jefferson City.

Janie Carter broke the school record in shot put with a throw of 31' 6 1/2".

Jenny Blaine and Chuck Campbell were high point individuals for the season.

Top Season Results

Ava Meet

Shot Put - Chuck Campbell 1st, Janie Carter 2nd; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 3rd; **Discus** - Janie Carter 3rd.

Mtn. Grove Meet

Discus - Joe Allen 2nd; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 3rd; **Long Jump** - K.C. Prettyman 3rd; **High Jump** - K.C. Prettyman 3rd.

Ava Meet

100 M Hurdles - Jenny Blaine 1st; **300 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 2nd; **Shot Put** - Janie Carter 2nd; **Discus** - Janie Carter 2nd; **Long Jump** - K.C. Prettyman 2nd, Christie Blaine 3rd; **100 M Dash** - Jenny Blaine 3rd; **High Jump** - K.C. Prettyman 3rd; **200**

M Dash - Jack Becker 3rd; **800 M Relay** - Jenny Blaine, Christie Blaine, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 3rd.

Willow Springs Relays

300 M Hurdles - Jenny Blaine 1st; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 2nd; **Shuttle Hurdle Relay** - Stephanie Day, Christie Blaine, Kim Joseph, Amanda Stacy 2nd.

District Meet

100 M Hurdles - Jenny Blaine 1st; **300 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 1st; **Discus** - Janie Carter 2nd; **400 M Dash** - Jack Becker, 2nd; **High Jump** - Chuck Campbell 3rd, Trisha Perry 3rd; **Shot Put** - Chuck Campbell 3rd.

● Amanda Stacy reaches for a handoff from Stephanie Day in the 4 x 200 meter relay event. The team of Stacy, Day, Stephanie Joseph, and Christie Blaine finished fourth at Willow Springs with a time of 2:06.69.



● Amanda Stacy stretches for a few extra inches in the long jump event at Willow Springs.



● TRACK TEAM. Front - Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Day, Amanda Stacy, Kim Joseph, Jenny Blaine, Janie Carter; middle - Sabrina Kelly, Chuck Campbell, Joe Allen, Trisha Perry, Mark Brown, Dan Boyle; back - Christie Blaine, Jack Becker, Jeremy Corder, K.C. Prettyman, Chris Johnson.

Giving it all he's got, Mark Brown releases the shot put at a meet in Willow Springs. In a previous meet at Ava, Brown placed sixth in the discus event with a throw of 99'10". Also at the Willow Springs meet, Jack Becker finished fourth in the 200 meter dash with a time of :23.94. At the district meet at Fatima High school, Becker qualified to compete in the state track meet by finishing second in the 400-meter dash.

Even though Mansfield track athletes suffer through a lack of actual track facilities at the school, they still manage to surprise everyone by

RUNNING WITH THE WIND

Having only a grass field to practice in, the MHS track members still hold their own at track meets in the spring.

The team attends up to eight meets a year, ranging from five 3A teams in a meet to fifteen 2A through 4A teams in a meet.

"Considering we practice on a bumpy, grassy field," sophomore Jenny Blaine said, "we compete with bigger schools well."

Most of the meets the team attends are made up of 3A and 4A schools.

"We get intimidated during the big meets," junior Mark Brown said. "The bigger schools are used to practicing on a track."

Competition is much harder in events like relay races because the lack of facilities.

"It's tough competing against bigger schools that are

used to practicing on a track," sophomore Kim Joseph said.

Field events are usually the team's best. The individuals in these events usually finish near the top.

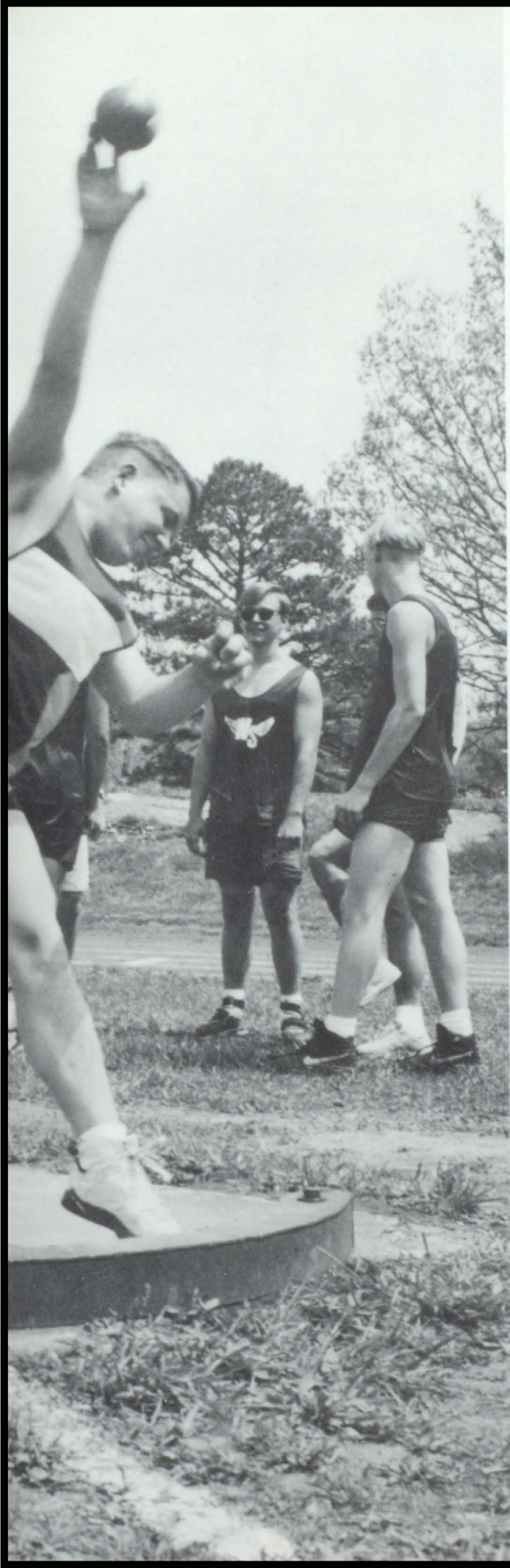
"Being a thrower, a track isn't really important," junior Janie Carter said. "We have a pad to throw shot on and that's about all that the field events people need."

Although facilities aren't needed for some field events, the others need more equipment.

"It's hard to practice hurdles because we only have 10 hurdles," Blaine said.

For most of the team members there is no place like home, but without a track, they are in the position of having to travel to all meets.

"It would be nice to have a track," Joseph said, "so we could have home meets every once in awhile."



● Jenny Blaine, #650, center, receives instructions before she competes in the state track meet.

● Clearing the final hurdle, Jenny Blaine places second with a :17.89 time. She was in the top three in the 100 meter hurdles in six meets, including a first place finish at the district meet, which qualified her for the state meet. She also was first in 300 meter hurdles at the district meet.

After they started out the year with a string of losses, winning second in the conference tournament gave the middle school girls' team the

SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES

Slow and easy wins the race, or so they say. And the middle school girls' basketball team agrees.

The girls got off to a slow start with a string of seven straight losses, but got into the groove at the end of the season, winning second in the conference tournament.

Seeded sixth in the seven-team meet, the MMS girls knocked out third-seeded Seymour and second-seeded Niangua to make the championship game with Fordland.

"We had many individuals who improved over the season, and with a lot of hard work we were able to do well in the tournament," Coach Jerry Songer said.

Team members were excited about their showing.

"I'll always remember how everyone thought we would never make it in the tournament, and that we got second

place," eighth grader Tessa Miller said.

Although the girls lost their first seven games, they won four of their last eight games, beating teams they had lost to earlier.

"We didn't play well in the beginning, but then we got used to each other, and towards the end of the season it showed," eighth grader Allison Arnall said.

In the first game, MMS beat Seymour 28-27; Arnall was high scorer with 8 points.

Against Niangua, eighth grader Courtney Short scored 12 points in the 34-31 victory. Eighth grader Amanda Skyles added 10. In the championship game with Fordland, MMS lost 36-22. Short was high with 7.

Overall, Short led in scoring, averaging 6 points a game. Arnall led in freethrow shooting with 46 percent.



● Middle school girls place second in the conference tournament. Front - Leslie Lynch, Allison Arnall, Courtney Short, Amanda Skyles, Kati Williams, Ashley Blankenship, Stephanie Maxwell; back - Kassy Calhoun, Rachelle Roy, Amber Davis, Stephanie Merrifield, Jessica Coonce, Tessa Miller, Cindy Dalton, Jenny Moody, Shannon Reese, Coach Jerry Songer.

● In a home game with Hartville, Courtney Short jumps for Mansfield. At left, #30 Tessa Miller, and at right, #32 Allison Arnall and #54 Amber Davis. The girls lost 35-22. Amanda Skyles and Arnall both scored 6 points for MMS. Short and Davis both scored 4, and Miller added 2.



● EIGHTH GRADE CHEER-LEADERS. Natasha Bailey, Shannon Reese, Kassy Calhoun, Melissa Scott, Amanda Skyles, Emily Bray, Leslie Lynch.

● SEVENTH GRADE CHEER-LEADERS. Front - Kinder Pollock; Back - Traci Oberbeck, Rachelle Roy, Jessica Coonce, Amber Davis, Stephanie Merrifield.



On his home court, Jeromy Brooke keeps a close guard as Hartville moves the ball down the floor. Hartville won the game 68-35. Brooke and the rest of the eighth grade team had their best game of the season in a 92-10 defeat of Norwood. In that game, Brooke scored 40 points, more than the whole Norwood team scored. Adam Grubbs had 17, Melvin Thompson 16, Chris Flageolle 8, Gary Slate 5, Shoji McGhee 4, and Scott Corder 2. Overall, Brooke averaged 14.5 points per game, followed by Grubbs with 13.2.

● Over a Hartville defender, Chris Flageolle shoots in the eighth grade game, which Hartville won 68-35. With 14 points, Adam Grubbs was the high scorer for Mansfield. Jeromy Brooke scored 9, Melvin Thompson 7, Scott Corder 3, and Shoji McGhee 2.

WILD about winning

Girls' Record 4-11

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-------------|-----|
| 12 | Niangua | 31 |
| 12 | Seymour | 20 |
| 15 | Conway | 38 |
| 10 | Norwood | 36 |
| 16 | Skyline | 28 |
| 23 | Plato | 37 |
| 21 | Hartville | 33 |
| 34 | Gainesville | 19 |
| 15 | Norwood | 50 |
| 27 | Seymour | 26 |
| 13 | Fordland | 27 |
| 22 | Hartville | 35 |
| 29 | Seymour | 27 |
| 34 | Niangua | 31 |
| 22 | Fordland | 36 |

Eighth Boys 8-6

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-------------|-----|
| 55 | Niangua | 25 |
| 45 | Seymour | 52 |
| 52 | Conway | 39 |
| 41 | Skyline | 38 |
| 34 | Bakersfield | 49 |
| 36 | Hartville | 62 |
| 48 | Gainesville | 43 |
| 92 | Norwood | 10 |
| 35 | Seymour | 45 |
| 55 | Fordland | 38 |
| 35 | Hartville | 68 |
| 62 | Conway | 37 |
| 42 | Seymour | 53 |
| 44 | Fordland | 41 |

Seventh Boys 5-3

| MHS | Town | OPP |
|-----|-------------|-----|
| 39 | Seymour | 14 |
| 61 | Conway | 32 |
| 28 | Hartville | 50 |
| 47 | Gainesville | 31 |
| 44 | Norwood | 15 |
| 47 | Seymour | 27 |
| 26 | Fordland | 39 |
| 21 | Hartville | 42 |

Honors

GIRLS - Second place in Summit Conference Tournament

BOYS - Eighth grade third place in Summit Conference Tournament



● **GIRLS' TEAM.** Front - Stephanie Maxwell, April Quinn, Amber Davis, Rachelle Roy, Jessica Coonce; Middle - Kassy Calhoun, Leslie Lynch, Jenny Moody, Shannon Reese, Ashley Blankenship, Katie Williams; Standing - Coach Jerry Songer, Rachel Barber, Cindy Dalton, Tessa Miller, Courtney Short, Amanda Skyles, Allison Arnall, Erica Chambless, Jessica Copeland.



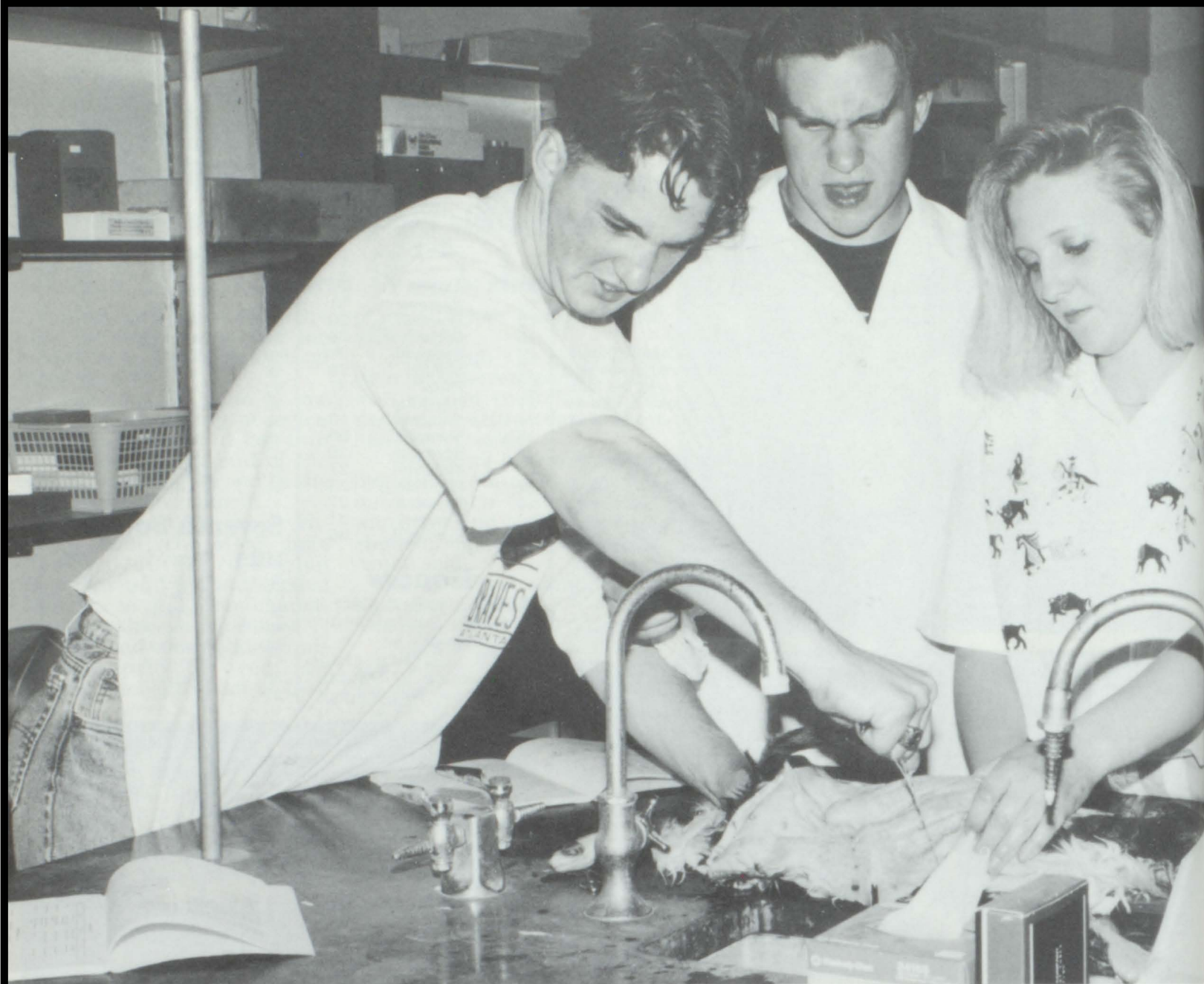
● **GRADE SEVEN.** Front - Jason Brooke, Daniel Soares, Brandon Edmonds, James Lansdown, Curtis Stuart, Daniel Cain, Arthur Slade; Back - Coach Jerry Songer, Jessica Copeland, Kevin Heatherly, Stephen House, Travis Furr, Nathan Hanger, Brandon Lansdown, Joe Bockelman, Rachel Barber.



● **GRADE EIGHT.** Coach Jerry Songer, Jessica Copeland, Jeromy Brooke, Shoji McGhee, Chris Flageolle, Gary Slate, Adam Grubbs, Scott Corder, Melvin Thompson, Rachel Barber.



● Brandon Lansdown struggles for the rebound in a 42-21 seventh grade loss to Hartville. Daniel Soares and Travis Furr help out with defense.



● Woodworking student Stephen Stepro uses a mallet to connect the pieces of the coffee table he is assembling.



● Safety glasses in place, Shawn Williams and Sunny Watterson watch Jennifer Shropshire as she uses a Bunsen burner as part of an experiment the three are working on for their chemistry class.



● Checking the spelling on the work she has already typed in the computer, Stephanie Joseph works on a persuasive essay, an assignment for her English IV class.

CUTTING LOOSE

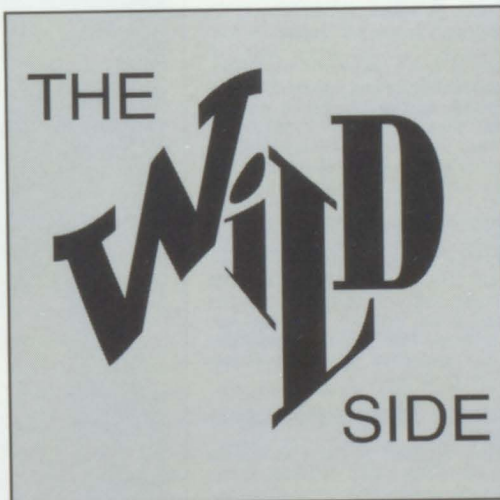
Paper and pencil and books?

Well, only when something more exciting isn't going on, like dissecting or building or creating. Computers have easily captured the attention of most students, and judging by success at academic contests, students at MHS take no prisoners; they live and learn on the wild side.

● Working carefully, Biology II students Michael Davis, Tom Moody, and Shelly Williams continue dissection of a cat, a project which will take the class members several days to complete.



● Paper and magic markers in place, Brooke Newton, left, tells Tara Moody and Shannon Cantrell where to start drawing on a Missouri time line that their small group is working on for government class.



● Chris Johnson, an Art I student, does some preliminary sketching on a mobile project that he and other class members have started.

Working on journalism assignments makes for a busy afternoon for Janie Carter and Missy Honeycutt.



While some students move their desks together, Lisa Hodges ends up on the floor as she gets ready to interview Jennifer Wright for their journalism feature story assignment in English I.



LAD (LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT) FAIR at NIXA

Blue Ribbon - Stephanie Day, description, fictional journal; Crystal Cook, journal, play script; Stephanie Blankenship, personal narrative; Sophomore Class of 1993, prose and poetry anthology; Emily Moody, feature; Kim Joseph, news; Jennifer Shropshire, persuasion; Chuck Campbell, sports; Lions Gazette, school newspaper; **Red Ribbon** - Jenny Blaine, autobiography, fictional journal, analysis of setting; Stephanie Blankenship, short story; Ashley Miller, autobiography; Jennifer Top, narration; Bobbi Hanger, persuasion; Shannon Cantrell, long free verse; Mike Davis, short free verse; Brooke Newton, narrative poetry; Shropshire, feature, news; **White Ribbon** - Duane Keys, autobiography; Melanie Blankenship, description; Jenny Blaine, narration; Stephanie Joseph, review; Joe Allen, narrative poetry; Shropshire, feature; Miller, news; Randall Roy, sports; **Hon. Ment.** - Melanie Blankenship, personal narrative; Brooke Newton, autobiography; Christie Blaine, short story; Shawn Williams, free verse; Allen, feature, sports; Stephanie Calhoun, news.



QUILL & SCROLL INTERNATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

Gold Key - Jennifer Top

MISSOURI PRESS WOMEN STATE JOURNALISM CONTEST

Second - Stephanie Copeland, page layout; Jennifer Top, news story; **Third** - Stephanie Calhoun, news story; **Hon. Ment.** - Randall Roy, sports story.

OPA REGIONAL JOURNALISM CONTEST

First - Jennifer Shropshire, news; Joe Allen and Jennifer Top, humor column; Trisha Perry, sports column; Shawn Williams, yearbook cover and theme; Chuck Campbell, sports copy; Janie Carter, academics copy; James Hanger, manual ad; Stephanie Calhoun, computer ad; Erin Calhoun, quick read copy; Stephanie Copeland, infographic. **Second** - Top, sports; Stephanie Joseph, theme copy; Ashley Miller, sports copy; Allen, sports photo; **Third** - Copeland, humor column; Shelly Williams, computer ad; Shropshire, Copeland, Shawn Williams, Joseph, Sunny Watterson, in-depth; **Hon. Ment.** - Miller, layout; Angela Ragsdale, academic copy; Allen, Williams, Roy, Stephanie House, Joseph, Watterson, Shropshire, Copeland, Top, in-depth.

OPA REGIONAL WRITE-OFF CONTEST

First - Stephanie Joseph, student life copy and captions; Stephanie Copeland, club copy and captions; Joe Allen, sports writing; **Second** - Randall Roy, sports writing; Stephanie Blankenship, poetry; **Third** - Jennifer Shropshire, news writing; Stephanie Calhoun, review writing; **Hon. Men.** - Trisha Perry, sports copy and captions; Melanie Blankenship, poetry.

MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE CONTEST

First - Jennifer Top, news; Joe Allen, sports feature; Trisha Perry, sports column; Jennifer Shropshire, feature; Shawn Williams, academics, cover and theme design; Stephanie Copeland, column; Janie Carter, academic copy; Chuck Campbell, sports copy; Emily Matlock, academic layout; Ashley Miller, sports layout; Missy Honeycutt, portrait layout; **Second** - Top, sports; Randall Roy, sports feature; Stephanie Joseph, feature; Shropshire, academics; Angela Ragsdale, faculty copy; Miller, sports copy; Shelly Williams, portrait copy; Sunny Watterson, club layout; Allen, Copeland, Stephanie House, Joseph, Roy, Shropshire, Top, Watterson, Shawn Williams, in-depth; **Third** - House, sports feature, student life copy; Joseph, theme copy; Matlock, club copy; **Hon. Ment.** - Copeland, Shawn Williams, Watterson, Joseph, Shropshire, in-depth; Allen, Calhoun, Campbell, Honeycutt, Joseph, Perry, Roy, Shropshire, Watterson, Shawn Williams, in-depth.

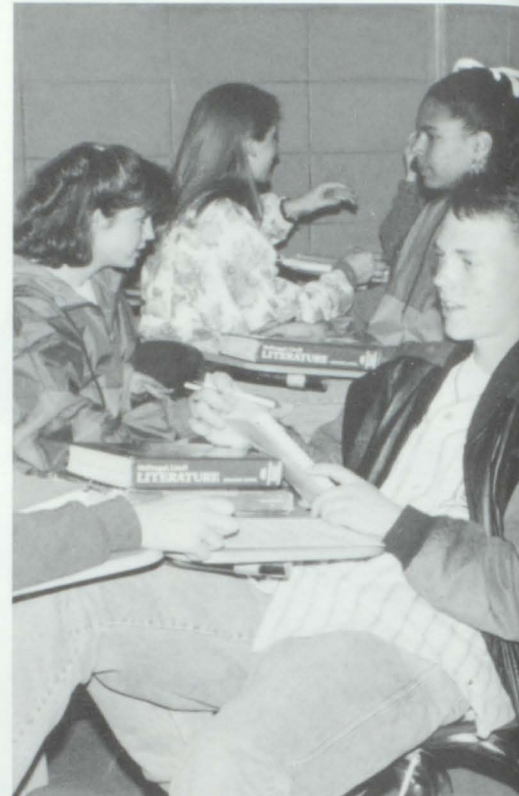
SUMMIT CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST

Blue Ribbon - Christie Blaine, composition; **Red Ribbon** - Tom Moody, composition; Scott Mallernee, grammar; Jennifer Top, grammar; Charlene Chambliss, grammar; **White Ribbon** - Stephanie Joseph, vocabulary; Sean Spyres, composition; Stephanie Day, composition; Almee Williams, grammar; **Yellow Ribbon** - Trisha Perry, vocabulary; Lucia Howard, vocabulary.

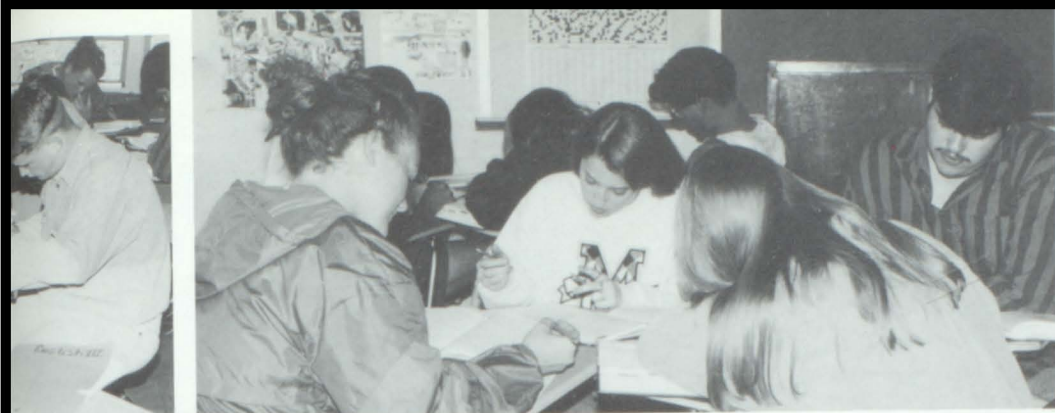
Mike Scott, Stephen Stepro, and Mark Brown work together on an English III grammar assignment.



"It was fun when we interviewed each other for feature stories because I leaned a lot about the person I was writing about. The lead was easy, but you had to use quotes and that made it hard." -- Jarod Coday

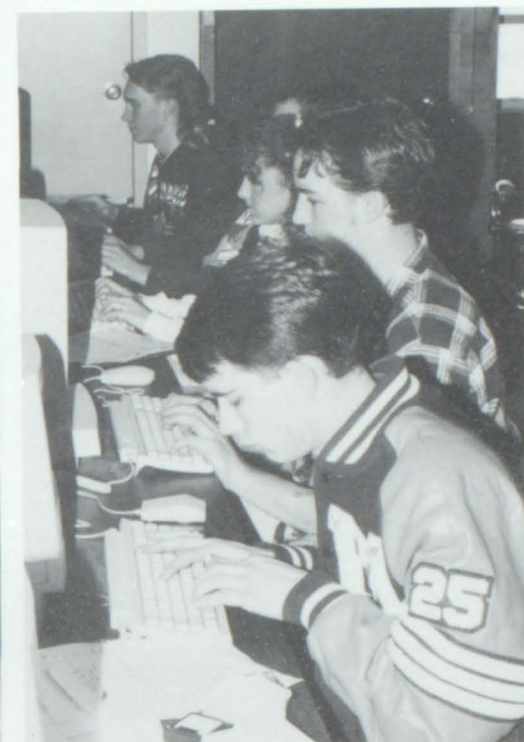
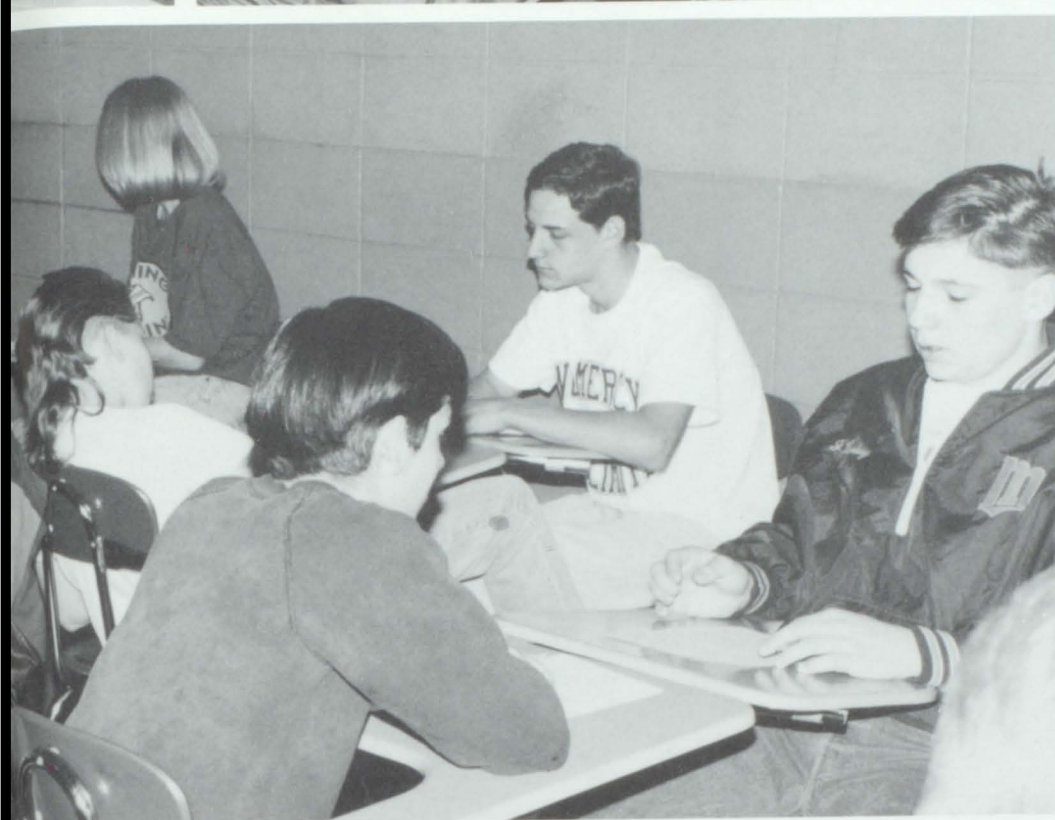


Drawing a timeline of Missouri history puts Brooke Newton, Tara Moody, and Shannon Cantrell in the middle of a group project in government class.



English III students Janie Carter, Erin Calhoun, Ashley Miller and John Carnall use group effort to perfect a writing assignment.

Using computers to make quicker progress, Steven Wilson, Michael Davis, Carrie Gleason, and Aaron Woods work on autobiographies assigned in their English III class. Arlene Magnin's English classroom had six Macintosh computers available for use by her writing students.



English I students pair up with each other to do interviews for a journalism feature story assignment, which was also something the students could later enter in the school's language arts fair. Other writing assignments included personal essays, poetry, and autobiographies.

Concentrating on writing pays off big for students

Writing, re-writing, and printing out what seemed to be thousands of computer pages kept MHS students' talents on the run.

Many students entered a number of writing contests, with strong results. Entries ranged from poetry to personal narratives to journalism.

MHS students claimed two writing sweepstakes trophies, one from the College of the Ozarks Writing Contest and the other from the Ozarks Publication Advisers Journalism Write-Off.

"I love entering writing contests," soph-

omore Stephanie Blankenship said. "I get to see how my writing compares to other people's."

Students were often surprised with the contest results.

"I just entered my things to receive extra credit," sophomore Tessa Bennett said. "I never expected to win anything like I did."

Junior Ashley Miller found the contests fit right in with assignments she had to produce for her English and journalism classes anyway.

"It wasn't hard to enter writing contests because everything we

had written was on a computer," she said. "We had an advantage because everything we had written had already been assigned to us earlier."

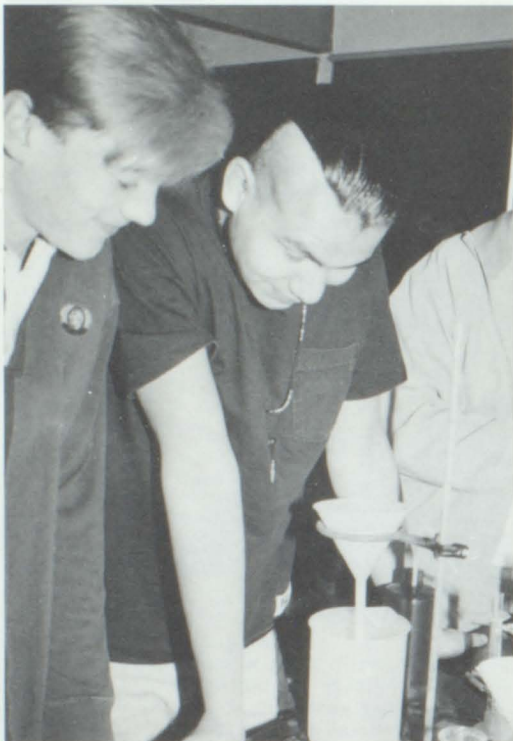
Hard work in the fall and winter was vindicated when the awards started rolling in during the spring.

"I spent an abundant amount of hours in front of a computer screen writing, perfecting, doing more writing, and printing out huge amounts of stories and papers," senior Stephanie Joseph said. "Winning ribbons and trophies made all that work seem like fun."

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In Biology II class, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, and Julie Clouse begin skinning their cat in preparation for its dissection. Students worked in groups of three during this lab exercise.

Dusty Stout and John Greyowl work in an earth science water filtration lab developed as a result of the "Energy, Environment and Policy Choices" workshop attended by science teacher Pam Probert. The workshop was in Washington, D.C., and social studies teacher Roger Wood also attended.



In science, as in life, the best plans sometimes fail

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"They just started dying mysteriously. It was depressing to walk into the lab every day and find out that another one had kicked the bucket."

Ah, the wonderful world of science. Mothering mice, dealing with lazy worms, and just generally going crazy trying to get experiments done on time.

Science projects can be fun, just like Mr. Wizard says, but sometimes things go wrong.

In the middle of a two-year project on aging, senior Stephanie Joseph was working with nine white mice.

"At first only one died, but that was fine because I'm used to having one die," Joseph said. "But over that long weekend that we had because of snow, they dropped like flies and just kept dying and

dying, even though we came to school and fed them each day of the bad weather."

Neither Joseph nor science teacher Pam Probert could figure out why the mice died until they called Carolina Biological, the company they bought them from.

"At first I thought they had all gotten this sickness, because last year one died of a sickness, but come to find out they were just old mice," Joseph said.

Joseph wasn't the only one with problems. Junior Tom Moody's project involved studying planaria, a free-living flatworm.

"I started out

with 10 planaria, but I only ended up with three that I could use for my experiment," he said. "They just started dying mysteriously. It was depressing to walk into the lab every day and find out that another one had kicked the bucket."

And Moody didn't have much luck with the worms that did live. He needed to time their passage through a maze, and they just weren't in the mood.

"Half of the time the planaria wouldn't even run the maze; they just sat there," he said. "I had to just sit there and watch them, no matter how much time it took."



"I was getting really sick, because while we were skinning the cat, hair was sticking to everything and the formaldehyde smell was really strong." -- Ashley Miller



Stephanie Copeland and Jody Philpott try to determine the strength of an acid by titrating sodium hydroxide with hydrochloric acid during chemistry class.

WILL about SUCCESS

SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCIENCE CONTEST

Division Winners - Trisha Perry, botany; Stephanie Copeland, physics; Missy Honeycutt, earth science; Stephanie Blankenship, microbiology; **Blue Ribbons** - Angela Ragsdale, chemistry; Chuck Campbell, microbiology; Tom Moody, behavior; Tessa Bennett, botany; Sara Moody, chemistry; Jenny Blaine, zoology; Melanie McGaw, math/computers; Kim Joseph, zoology.

Red Ribbons - Stephanie Joseph, zoology; Melisa Porter, microbiology; Jennifer Top, zoology; Dan Boyle, math/computers; Michelle Roberts, botany; Nathan Carr, earth science.

Special award - Stephanie Joseph.

SOUTH CENTRAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Division Winners - Missy Honeycutt, environmental science; Sara Moody, chemistry; Melanie McGaw, mathematics.

Seconds - Angela Ragsdale, biochemistry; Nathan Carr, earth and space science; Stephanie Blankenship, microbiology.

Thirds - Dan Boyle, computer science; Jennifer Top, zoology.

Honorable Mentions - Stephanie Copeland, engineering; Chuck Campbell, microbiology; Melisa Porter, microbiology; Kim Joseph, zoology.

Special awards - Missy Honeycutt (4), Stephanie Copeland (3), Sara Moody (2), Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Joseph, Kim Joseph.

REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD at SMSU

Firsts - Duane Keys, Sean Spyres, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, pentathlon.

Seconds - Bobbi Hanger, Shawn Williams, Adam Brooke, Joe Allen, write it, do it; Niki Anderson, Bobbi Hanger, bio process lab; Adam Brooke, Jack Becker, qualitative analysis; Joe Allen, Niki Anderson, Nate Moore, Christie Blaine, pentathlon; Joe Allen, Shawn Williams, it's about time.

Thirds - Jack Backer, Adam Brooke, nature quest; Shawn Williams, Chuck Campbell, chemistry lab; Jack Becker, Christie Blaine, circuit lab.

DISTRICT JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Blue Ribbon (superior) - Trisha Perry.

STATE JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Blue Ribbon (superior) - Trisha Perry.

SCIENCE GRANT WINNERS

\$375 Marion Merrell Dow grant - Sara Moody.

\$108 Marion Merrell Dow grant - Stephanie Joseph.

\$50 American Association for Advancement of Science grant - Kim Joseph.

SUMMIT CONFERENCE MATH CONTEST

Silver Medal - Melisa Porter, trigonometry.

White ribbons - Sandy Nelson, pre-algebra; Mica Brooke, Algebra I.

Second place in team competition - Mica Brooke, Lucia Howard, Jennifer Wright, Algebra I.

Studying the properties of motion, Joe Allen wiggles out a transverse wave in physics, while Stephanie Joseph observes.



Earth science students Rodney Cantrell and Karen Farris watch Deneane Sickels filter soil for a lab experiment their group is working on.



After dipping a rod in a special chemical, Jennifer Shropshire tests the Bunsen burner flame for discoloration, while lab partners Nate Moore, Shawn Williams, and Sunny Watterson take notes on the results.

Summer Slade adjusts some of the colorful mobiles that art students have constructed and hung from the art room ceiling.



Holding a stencil in place, Harry Crawford works on a airbrush design in the Art I class. In the background, Tara Fetter gets started on a design of her own.



With just about every shade of colored pencil spread out around him, Brent Freeman works on a sketch in his Art I class.

WILL about SUCCESS

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST - VOCAL

One Rating - Michael Spyres, vocal solo; Liza Stovall, vocal solo; Shawn Williams, vocal solo; Sean Spyres, vocal solo; Christie Blaine, vocal solo.

Two Rating - Stephanie Joseph, vocal solo; Sabrina Kelly, vocal solo; Shelly Williams, vocal solo; Sara Moody, vocal solo; Brent Heatherly, vocal solo; Aimee Williams, vocal solo; Boys Double Quartet (Adam Brooke, Scott Mallernee, Nate Moore, Steve Wilson, Sean Spyres, Brent Heatherly, Luke Johnson, Michael Spyres); Girls Sextet (Christie Blaine, Stephanie Kelly, Stephanie Joseph, Shawn Williams, Shelly Williams, Jennifer Brooke); Mixed Quartet (Christie Blaine, Jenny Blaine, Sean Spyres, Michael Spyres); Girls Trio (Shawn Williams, Shelly Williams, Aimee Williams).

Three Rating - Mixed Chorus.

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST - INSTRUMENTAL

One Rating - Michael Spyres, trumpet solo.

Two Rating - Stephanie Kelly, tuba solo; Dustin Lansdown, saxophone solo; Saxophone Quartet (Dustin Lansdown, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder, Chris Flageolle); Concert Band.

STATE MUSIC CONTEST - VOCAL

One Rating - Michael Spyres, vocal solo.

Two Rating - Shawn Williams, vocal solo; Christie Blaine, vocal solo; Liza Stovall, vocal solo; Sean Spyres, vocal solo.

STATE MUSIC CONTEST - INSTRUMENTAL

Two Rating - Michael Spyres, trumpet solo.

ALPHA RHO TAU ART CONTEST 1994

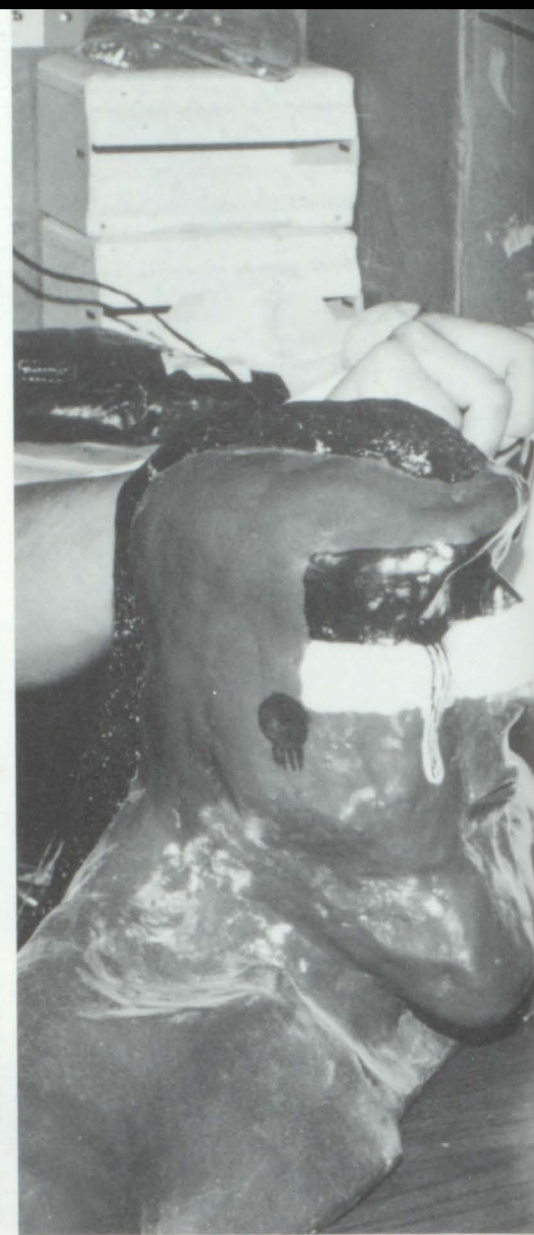
First - Julie Clouse, black and white design.

Second - Duane Keys, commercial art; Robert Axsom, acrylics; Ashley Miller, black and white photography; Steve Pearson, clay relief.

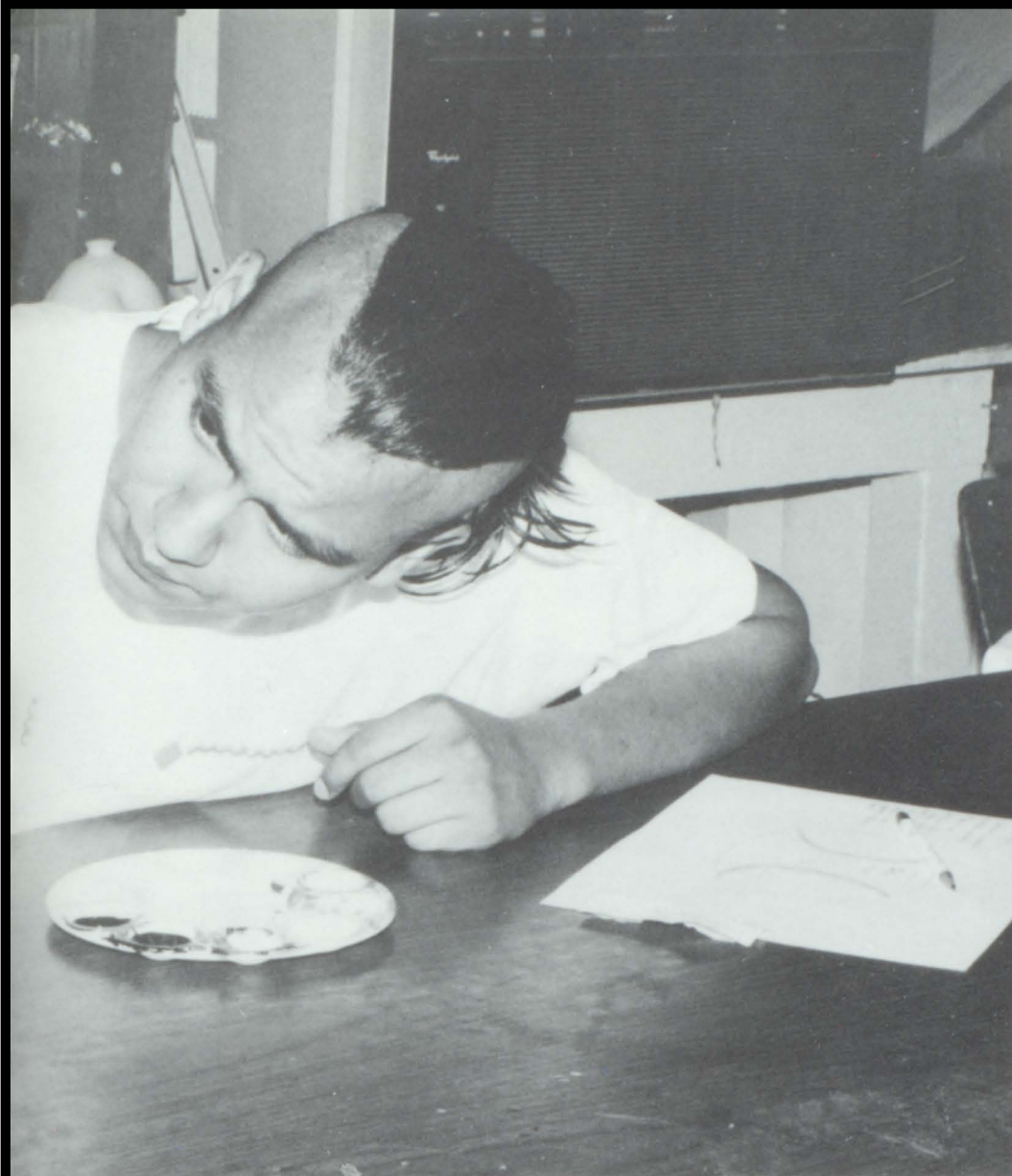
Third - Duane Keys, clay relief; Stephanie Calhoun, black and white photography.

Fourth - Hayden Dennis, clay relief.
Honorable Mention - John Greyowl, clay relief; Bobbi Hanger, pencil drawing - animals.

"I wanted somebody to talk to that wouldn't get tired of listening, so I made him with no ears. And I wanted him not to see anybody else, so I made him without eyes." -- John Greyowl



Shane Bujarski carefully measures the correct proportions of his 3-D project in Art I class.



John Greyowl puts the finishing touches on a bronze Indian with accents of black and white paint. The first step in the process was to get the air bubbles out of the clay, then Greyowl sculpted the clay into the shape he wanted. The next step was firing the clay in the kiln to harden it, then last came painting.

Doing the preliminary air-brushing work, Stephanie Day starts a project that will end up as three-dimensional.



School's first art show showcases student talents

Picasso, Raphael, Michaelangelo...

To some people these are the names of true artists, but students at MHS took pride in their own artwork and presented the school's first art show.

One student says he gave it his all to prepare for the show, held in mid-May. Each artist had his own display area, which for some students, contained as many as 15 to 20 items.

"I always work harder if I know it's for a show," sophomore Hayden Dennis said. "I put in all of the time and effort I have."

Senior Steve Wilson

enjoys doing artwork for shows and he liked the idea of having an art show that's open to the public.

"I took free time in other classes to go work on artwork for shows," he said. "I think it's a neat idea to have an art show for the public because it gives other students and parents an opportunity to look at all of the talented artists."

One student said everyone deserves a chance to "show off."

"I think it's great to have this kind of show, because after everyone puts in all of their time and effort, they deserve

recognition," sophomore Joe Bray said. "When students have their own section of just their work to show to the public, it makes them more proud of what they've accomplished during the year."

Art teacher Dean Bray believes in students showing their artistic pride.

"We did this art show to display the students' artwork and show the public what they've been doing all year long," he said. "I hope that it promoted awareness of art and I want it to help students have pride in what they're doing."

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With Christie Hastings supervising, Dedra Bell browns ground beef for a casserole the two are cooking for their basic skills class.

Michael Douglas applies walnut paste wood-filler on a door for the white oak entertainment center he is building in woodworking class. The entertainment center took most of the year to build.

Applying walnut paste to his end table, Robbie Van Orden's project will later be chosen Best in Woods I at the conference industrial arts fair. Robbie Decker sands in the background on his white oak cedar chest lid.



Playing the role of a custodian, Josh Micheli serves as a witness in a mock trial put on by the entrepreneurship class. Dan Boyle plays the part of the prosecuting attorney.



Woodworking projects require patience from builders

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"It takes a lot of work and dedication to complete a project in one year working one hour a day. Much attention must be given to detail and sanding."

Things have changed in the shop building the past few years.

What goes on there is not really considered industrial arts anymore, it's industrial technology.

But while Bill Ghan's students work with high-tech computers for the most part, doing everything from drafting to animation, one part of the subject area has remained the same. Woodworking.

No computers for students involved in woodworking. Just plenty of hard labor, often a year of it, in order to create something computers can't

produce, a beautiful, hand-crafted object that will last for years.

"It takes a lot of work and dedication to complete a project in one year working one hour a day," Ghan said. "Much attention must be given to detail and sanding."

Projects students work on usually range from gun cabinets to coffee tables. Students pay for the cost of the materials for their project, which range from \$50 to over \$200.

Junior Michael Douglas built an entertainment center. It has two doors, and eight compartments to hold a

TV, VCR, and stereo equipment.

"I've gone through sanding, sawing, glueing, jointing, staining and oiling," Douglas said. "The hardest part was jointing, because when you're trying to glue the coffee table it is very hard to hold the joints together."

Stephen Stepro, junior, used red oak to build a coffee table.

"Working on my project, I've planed, sawed, sanded, glued, and stained," he said. "For me, the part that has been the hardest is the staining, because of all the hard to reach places."



"I'm proud of my entertainment center, because I put a lot of hard work into it, and it was definitely the biggest accomplishment I have had this year." -- Michael Douglas



James Bailey and Duane Keys inspect the doors on Keys' swivel-top white oak television stand, constructed in woodworking class.

WILD about SUCCESS

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA STAR EVENTS

Gold Star Rating - Julie Clouse, senior job interview; Kim Joseph, junior job interview.

FFA AREA 8 PROFICIENCY CONTEST

First - James Hanger, forestry production; Mirissa Stillwell, horse production.

Second - Deneane Sickels, specialty animal production.

Third - Mark Brown, agriculture processing; Dustin Lansdown, turf and landscape management.

STATE FFA CONTEST

Seventh Place - Forestry Team (Garan Kinser, Jeff Hanger, Jeff Chambers, Steve Pearson).

DISTRICT FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS CONTEST

First - Robert Axsom, Dan Boyle, Dustin Lansdown, chapter exhibit; Jennifer Top, Business English II; Melanie Blankenship, Business English I, business math.

Second - Stephanie Copeland, Ms. FBLA; Jennifer Top, Accounting I; Jenny Blaine, keyboarding.

Third - Justin Long, Accounting II; Tara Moody, Accounting I.

Fourth - Brenda Winsor, business law; Janie Carter, job interview.

Fifth - Virginia Fulbright, information processing; Melisa Porter, business procedures.

STATE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS CONTEST

Seventh - Jennifer Top, Business English II.

SUMMIT CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONTEST

First - Melisa Porter, Typing II speed, Typing II production; Jenny Blaine, Typing I speed.

Second - Jenny Blaine, Typing I production.

Third - Jennifer Top, accounting.

Fourth - Brooke Newton, accounting.

Fifth - Niki Anderson, Typing I production.

CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Best in Woods I - Robbie Van Orden

Runner-Up in Drafting - Michael Douglas

One Ratings - Phillip Hull, Tessa Bennett (2), Rachel Thomas, Michelle Roberts (2), Michael Douglas (2), Robby Decker, Robbie Van Orden (2), Hayden Dennis, Jenny Blaine, John Carnall, Carrie Gleason, Lucia Howard, Jason Johns, Sarah Johns, Michael Moody, Brian Pollock, Stephen Stepro, Barry Wedge, James Bailey.

Two Ratings - Phillip Hull (2), Victor Murray, Heather Persinger, Jim Wallace, Brian Johnson, John Carnall, Stephen Stepro, Duane Keys, Steve Wilson, Jenny Blaine, Danny Brito.

Three Ratings - Phillip Hull, Lonnie Bell, Heather Persinger, Michael Douglas, Barry Wedge, Jenny Blaine, Virginia Fulbright.

Chopping up lettuce for the salad is Steven Throne's contribution to his group's menu for food lab in basic skills class.



Heather Gray and Misti Coffman do sanding on some rough spots on the white oak gun case that Coffman is building in woodworking class.



Mark Brown concentrates on each letter while taking the weekly timed test in his keyboarding class.



● Jason Johns goes for the wild and free look when it comes to hair fashion, as he takes notes in American history class.

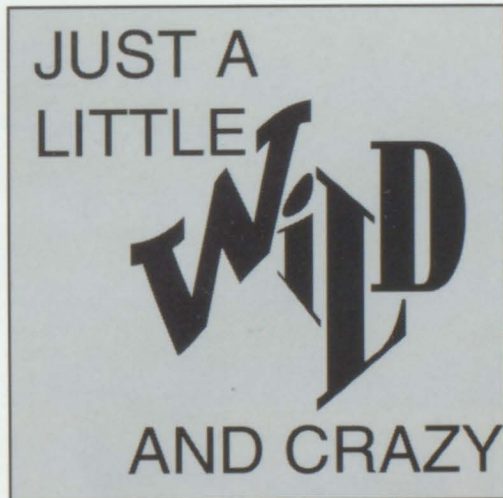
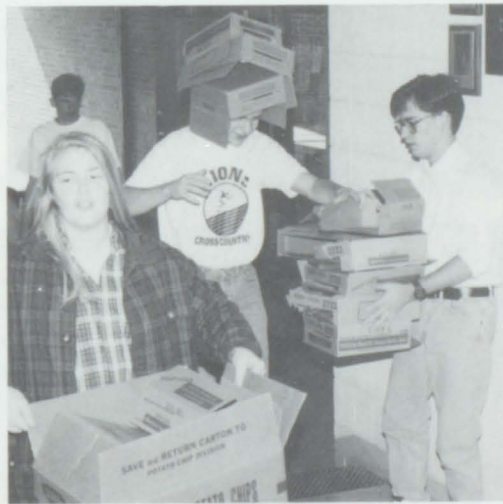
● After their traditional group photo has been taken, seniors walk back to the school. Things got a little wild during the photo session when a picnic table several boys were standing on collapsed, sending them jumping in all directions.

● Trisha Perry gets a "tattoo" applied by Joe Allen, while Stephanie Joseph waits her turn. The newspaper staff members were testing Halloween treats for a review in the first issue of the Lions Gazette.

RAISING CAIN

Mansfield just doesn't do normal very well. Normal as in serious all the time. Normal as in boring and stuffy. For us, normal is finding ways to laugh about everyday things, and finding ways to be different from the crowd. Being silly. Having fun. Making memories. Because we're just a little wild and crazy.

● The day before Christmas break, after finals are all over, freshmen go wild with a game of Simon Says. In front, Eric Grubbs, Lauren Miller, Aimee Williams, Jeffrey Brooke, Nick Brooke, and Michael Spyles.



● After remembering she has a pep rally performance later in the afternoon, pom pon squad member Stephanie Calhoun finds an empty classroom during lunch hour and uses an electric razor to neaten herself up.

● Juniors just wanna have fun, as in the case of Tom Moody, who finds creative ways to dispose of candy bar boxes that the class fundraising products arrived in. At the left is Ashley Miller, and Dan Boyle is at the right.

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BILL BENNETT (Elementary Custodian)
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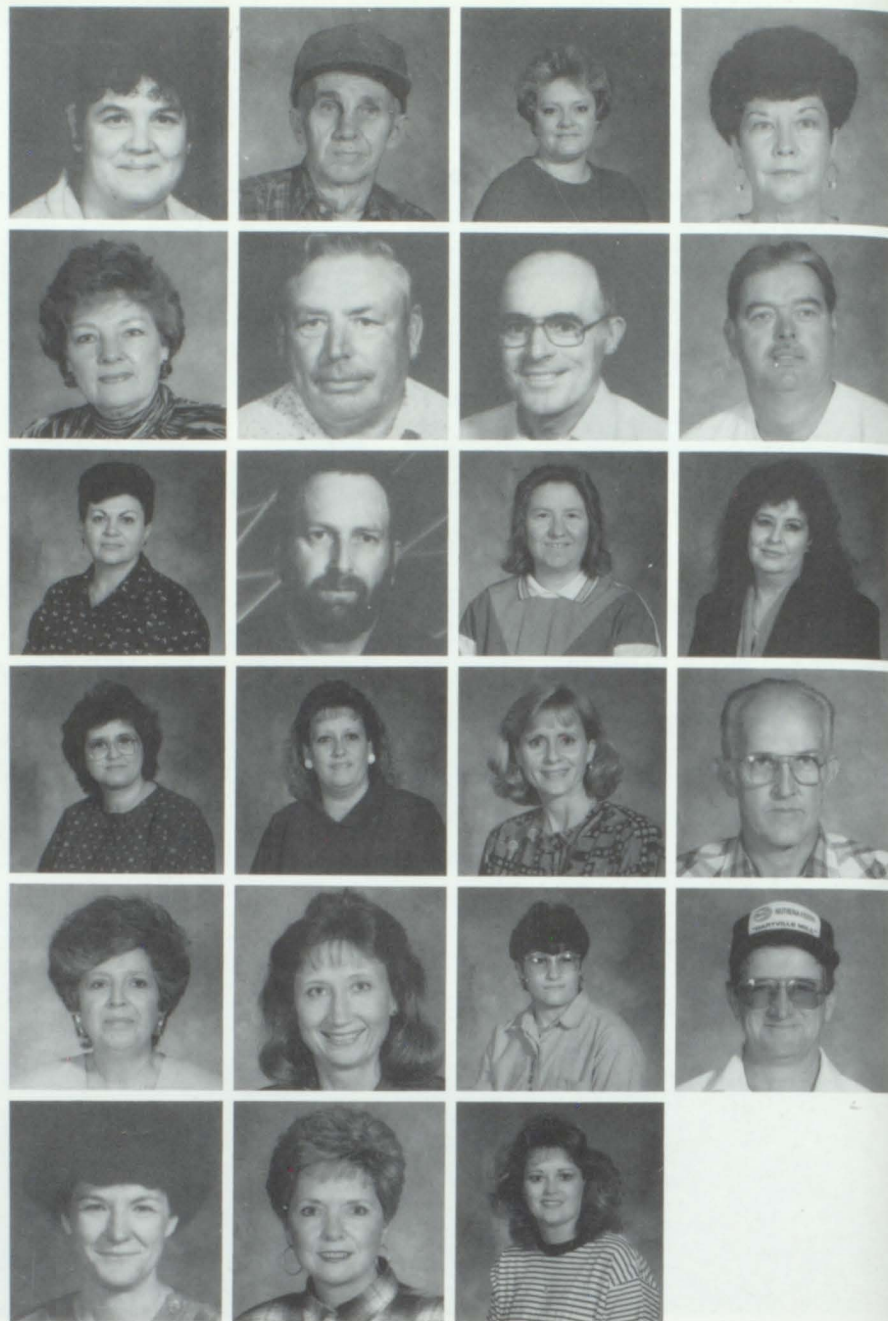
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DON HANGER (Mechanic)
PATTY HANGER (Chapter I Aide)
BARBARA JACKSON (Elementary Secretary)

CHERYL KEITH (Cook)
KAY LANSDOWN (Cook)
DEBBIE LETSINGER (Superintendent's Secretary)
JIM LUND (Head Mechanic)

JANICE MCNEIL (Middle School Secretary)
BECKY MOODY (Special Education Aide)
MERCEDE PRICE (Cook)
RONNIE ROY (High School Custodian)

KATHY SHORT (Parents as Teachers)
NANCY VEIT (Cook)
SHERRY WELCH (Cook)



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Superintendent
of Schools



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Special Education
Director

Perry named Missouri Administrator of the Year

Mansfield Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry was honored as Missouri Administrator of the Year.

The award is a joint presentation of the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) and the Missouri Journalism Education Association (MJEA).

Perry was formally honored and presented with a plaque at the University of Missouri-Columbia on April 19.

Five criteria were used to determine the recipient of the award, including financial support given to the journalism department, support of freedom of the press, and encouragement and support for the journalism program.

Debbie Von Behren, 1991 Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year, nominated Perry for the prestigious award.

"He has done more than anyone else to help me take Mansfield from being a school with a non-existent journalism program," Von Behren said, "to being a school that has received state and national recognition for its newspaper and its yearbook."

Von Behren said that one of Perry's strongest points has been his help in switching to desktop publishing.

"Mr. Perry agreed early on that the journalism department needed computers and a laser printer," she said. "He helped us get new equipment when the technology demanded that we either move on or lose out."

Perry, who has been with the Mansfield school system for 16 years, with 14 of those years as superintendent, said he was honored by the award.

"It was really nice to be recognized after so many years as an administrator," he said.

Perry credited many other people in Mansfield with helping him qualify for the recognition at the state level.

"The Administrator of the Year was an easy award to receive," Perry said, "because all you have to have is a supportive board of education, a talented journalism teacher, and a good bunch of kids, and we have all of that at Mansfield."



■ SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Robert Perry makes a brief acceptance speech at the ceremony in Columbia which honored him as Missouri Administrator of the Year.

■ AT THE ACADEMIC banquet, High School Principal Jerry Armstrong presents the Principal's Honor Roll awards. Behind him are Ashley Miller, Trisha Perry, Jodi Edwards, Brooke Newton, Jennifer Top, Jenny Blaine, Niki Anderson, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, and Charlene Chambless.



■ MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Freddie Doherty announces the Class of 1998 as they receive their eighth grade diplomas.

■ KEVIN FINDLEY HANDS Elementary Principal Jean Coday a boutonniere so she can help the kindergartners get ready for graduation.

MARSHA APPLEBY (Business) Extra Duties: Future Business Leaders of America sponsor, Middle School Cheerleader sponsor

KATHY BARNETT (Home Economics) Extra Duties: Future Homemakers of America sponsor, Pom Pon Squad sponsor

MARY BLAKEY (Orthopedically Handicapped)

VICKI BLANKENSHIP (French, Middle School English) Extra Duties: French Club sponsor, Seventh Grade

DEAN BRAY (Art) Extra Duties: Art Club adviser, Sophomore Class sponsor

KELLY BRAZEAL (Counselor) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor

GEORGIANNE BROWN (Special Education) Extra Duties: Sporting Chance sponsor

DALLAS CHAMBERS (Remedial Math)

FRANCES CODAY (High School EMH)

BILL GHAN (Industrial Arts)

KAY GOSS (Librarian)

MAX GREENE (Middle School Science) Extra Duties: Eighth Grade sponsor

SUSAN GRESSMAN (High School Math) Extra Duties: Math Club sponsor

CAROL HANGER (Remedial Reading)

DUANE HILER (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys' Basketball coach

LAURA HILER (Chapter I)

DOUG JONES (Science, Physical Education) Extra Duties: Baseball coach, Freshman Class sponsor

MIKE KANAAN (Instrumental music) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor

ARLENE MAGNIN (English) Extra Duties: National Honor Society sponsor

CINDY MARTIN (Art)

STEPHANIE MENZIE (Special Education) Extra Duties: Sporting Chance sponsor

HELEN PERSINGER (Remedial Reading)

PAM PROBERT (Science) Extra Duties: Science Club sponsor

BRENDA QUICK (Speech)



FACULTY MEMBERS

KAY SCRIVNER (Chapter I)

JANE SHIRLEY (Hearing Impaired)

RANDY SHORT (Middle School Math) Extra Duties: Cross Country coach, Track coach, Grade Seven

JERRY SONGER (Middle School Social Studies) Extra Duties: Middle School Boys' and Girls' Basketball coach, Assistant Baseball coach

ERIC SPYRES (Vocal Music)

DONNA STREIGHT (Elementary EMH)

DEBBIE VON BEHREN (Journalism, English) Extra Duties: Newspaper adviser, Yearbook adviser, Junior Class sponsor, Lady Letterman sponsor, Quill and Scroll sponsor

WILDA WATTERSON (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Cheerleader sponsor



Grants help provide computers for English, science

"We're in the money, we're in the money!"

Science teacher Pam Probert and English teachers Arlene Magnin and Debbie Von Behren received grants during the school year totalling \$20,900.

Probert received the TAPESTRY (Toyota's Appreciation Program For Excellence To Science Teacher's Reaching Youth) grant worth \$9,900.

"This grant will enable us to buy a computer, laser disc player, laser disc, bar code scanner, and color printer," Probert said.

Probert also received an all-expenses paid trip to Anaheim, California to accept the grant for innovations in science education.

Von Behren and Magnin both received state incentive grants worth \$5,500 each. It was the second year both had received the grants, which they have used to add eight computers to the English and journalism department.

Von Behren's grant was for English II students, and one of the main projects was producing a literary anthology of sophomore short stories, poetry, and essays.

"The incentive grants have been great for our English students," Von Behren said. "They are able to use a computer for writing most of their assignments now, because we have access to so many computers."

The English III students wrote business letters to colleges and companies for Magnin's grant.

"I wanted to do something that seemed worthwhile," Magnin said. "This way the kids get a hands-on response on things that they will use in real life. Everybody will use letter writing skills in their life sometime or another."



■ **SCIENCE TEACHER PAM** Probert shows the parts of a bovine reproductive tract to her Biology I students. Front, Brenda Winsor and Michelle Roberts; back, Kyle Prettyman, Heather Gray, Julie Williams, and John Matney.



■ **MARCHING STEP BY** step with the band, director Mike Kanaan wears a headset to help drum major Dustin Lansdown during the town's Wilder Days parade.



■ **ACADEMIC LETTER WINNERS** receive recognition at the annual awards night, with counselor Kelly Brazeal making the presentation.

■ **AGRICULTURE TEACHER LYLE** Whittaker presents the Star Chapter Farmer award to Garan Kinser at the annual FFA banquet.



LYLE WHITTAKER
(Agriculture) Extra
Duties: FFA sponsor
ROGER WOOD (Social
Studies) Extra
Duties: Volleyball
coach, Softball
coach, Student
Council sponsor



CLASS OF 1994

JACK BECKER

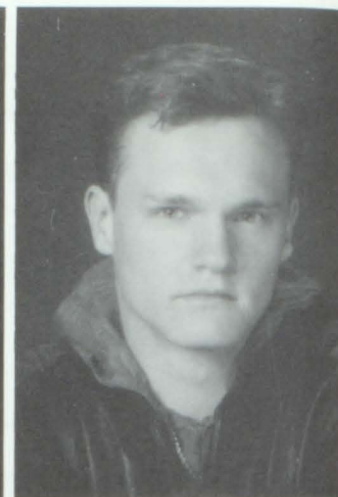
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CHRISTIE BLAINE

ESP 3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; FFA 4; Lady Letterman 3,4; and Officer 4; Band 4; Choir 2; Class Officer 4; Softball 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 2,4; KKOZ Dream Team 2,4; Volleyball 1; Track 3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 2,4; Math Contest 2,3; Business Contest 2,3; Homecoming Queen 4.

ADAM BROOKE

ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FBLA 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Class Officer 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 4; Science Fair 2; Yearbook King Candidate 2; Barnwarming King Candidate 1, Prom King 4.



AARON BROOKS

Science Club 4; Pep Club 4; FFA 4; Student Council 1; Choir 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 4.

STEPHANIE COPELAND

ESP 1,2,3; and Officer 4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Math Club 2,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2,3,4; Regional FHA Officer 4; Youth Alive 4; and Officer 4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Band 1,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3; and Captain 2,3; English Contest 2,3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Star Events 1,2; Business Contest 2,3,4;

TINA CRAWFORD

Art Fair 3.



NANCY DAVIS

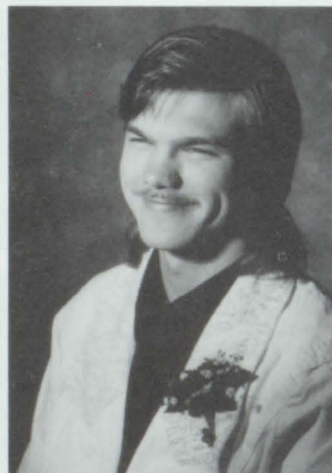
Art Club 4; FHA 1,2; Art Fair 4.

JESSE EVANS

Class Officer 3; Student Council 3; FFA 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4.

CAROL FARRIS

FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Art Fair 1.



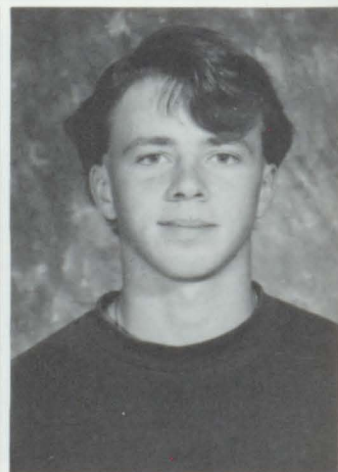
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MARVIN JOHNSON



IT'S ALL in the past

SENIOR STORIES

"The summer before my senior year I was playing softball and slid into second base and had to have surgery the day after school started. I missed most of the first semester and still graduated." -- **Carol Farris**

"It was hard having a great basketball season end and leaving the team. We've been such good friends for so long." -- **Sunny Watterson**

"The thing I'll remember most is when the MHS Sweethearts performed at the state basketball tournament for the Norwood girls' game and they won the state title." -- **Jennifer Shropshire**

"Rolla science fair and district music contest were the same day and I was determined that I could go to both. After we were finished at Rolla the bus took me to Willow Springs. The band played at 8:40 and we got there about 8:40. Mrs. (Pam) Probert and I were running across a parking lot. It was pitch black and I tripped over a chain stretched across the parking lot. When I hit the asphalt I broke my clarinet in two pieces." -- **Stephanie Copeland**

"The saddest thing about my senior year is graduation, because I realize I'm not going to see my friends and classmates every day." -- **Steven Pearson**

"Winning two major basketball tournaments and getting fourth in the Blue and Gold was the best." -- **Nate Moore**

"At Bobbi Beck's shower, we had a race to see what team could make the best wedding dress, the catch was that we had to make it out of toilet paper. The person on my team was Jennifer Shropshire and we spent at least 20 minutes trying to get the toilet paper to stay on her." -- **Stephanie Joseph**

"The saddest part of being a senior is thinking about how things are going to change." -- **April Lynch**

"When we played Lutie in baseball the game was there and when we showed up their on-deck circle was marked like a basketball." -- **Randall Roy**

"Our senior year we had to do something almost every week for graduation, Project Graduation, senior trip, and stuff like that." -- **Brenda Winsor**

DRESSED in a "wedding gown" made of toilet paper, Areatha Sickels goes through a dress rehearsal at her wedding shower, with help from "junior bridesmaids" Shannon Cantrell and Missy Honeycutt.



SENIOR honor students Areatha Sickels, Bobbi Hanger, Stephanie Copeland, Justin Long, front; and Jennifer Shropshire, Shawn Williams, Sunny Watterson, Randall Roy, Stephanie Joseph, and Christie Blaine get a little wild and crazy when they try silly costumes for a group picture.

Seniors Scott Mallernee, Sunny Watterson, Randall Roy and Nate Moore show support for the cross country team. They are waiting for the runners to make the first lap of the course, which goes in front of the school parking lot.

Sampling the new and improved menu, Areatha Sickles, Jacque Lansdown, Bobbi Hanger, Stephanie Copeland, Stephanie Joseph, and Kim Joseph spend lunch time together in the school cafeteria. New lunch choices included cashew chicken, shrimp, bacon cheeseburgers, chicken fajitas, catfish, clam chowder, and teriyaki chicken.



Virginia Fulbright, Heather Persinger, Jody Philpott and Brenda Winsor, stationed in front of the senior lockers, chat during the last couple of minutes of lunch time.

IT'S ALL *in the past* JUNIOR JOURNEYS

"I'll never forget selling so many boxes of candy bars for Prom, since our class was so small." -- **Bobbi Hanger**

"The best was going to state in baseball." -- **Adam Brooke**

"Me, Stacey Arnall, and Ryan Miller went to Jon Freeman's house, took all his clothes out of his closet, turned all his TV on to just fuzz, and turned all his pictures face down to scare him because his parents were gone for the weekend." -- **Shawn Williams**

"When I was a junior I pitched a no-hitter against Mansfield, then I moved here for my senior year." -- **Nate Moore**

"I'll never forget decorating for Prom and we didn't have the directions and Jesse (Evans) had to have them faxed to us at University Plaza." -- **Jennifer Shropshire**

"Me, Mackie Murray, and Torrie Collins had fun cruising back roads, just talking and laughing." -- **Josh Micheli**

"Going to state in baseball and hitting a two-run double to tie the ballgame and force extra innings, then Randall Roy hit the winning RBI." -- **Steve Wilson**

"On club day, me and Scott Hall were just going crazy. I would nominate him for every office and then try to get people to vote for him." -- **Jack Becker**

"Mack (Murray), Josh (Micheli) and I missed the bus for Prom. My dad followed the bus all the way to Springfield and we got to go to Prom" -- **Carol Farris**

"My junior year was the year I came here, and it was a new experience for me considering I'd never moved while I was in school." -- **Tina Crawford**

"The sad thing about my junior year was that I spent a large portion of it in my room grounded." -- **Christie Blaine**

"The funniest times were when Amy Compton, Julie Clouse, Stephanie Kelly, Kim Hyde, Jennifer Top, Janie Carter and I all sat bench for varsity volleyball and we always made fun of everyone else, from the other teams of course." -- **Jacque Lansdown**

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STEPHANIE JOSEPH

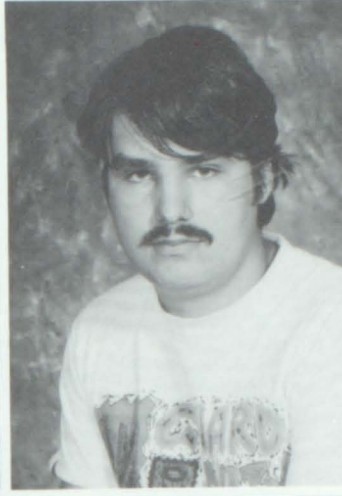
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STEPHANIE KELLY

ESP 4; and Officer 4; FBIA 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Lady Letterman 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Cheerleader 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2; Business Contest 2,3,4.

JOHNNIE KUHN

Art Club 4; Art Fair 4; Industrial Arts Fair 4.



JACQUE LANSDOWN

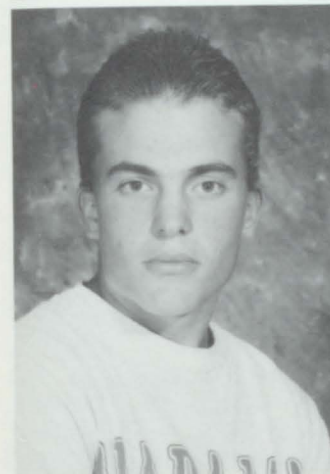
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JUSTIN LONG

FBIA 4; FFA 3; FHA 1; Band 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2; Music Contest 1,2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Business Contest 4; Boys State 3.

APRIL LYNCH

French Club 2,3,4; FBIA 2,3,4; FFA 1; FHA 1; Publications Staff 3; Art Fair 2; Business Contest 2,3,4.



SCOTT MALLERNEE

ESP 1,2,3,4; Math Club 3,4; Science Club 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Student Council 3; and Officer 3; Choir 4; Class Officer 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 4; English Contest 4; Music Contest 4; Art Fair 3; Math Contest 3; Business Contest 3.

CASEY MATTIX

ESP 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Class Officer 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 2,3; Barnwarming King 4.

JOSH MICHELI

Art Club 2; FFA 4; Choir 3,4; Art Fair 1,2,3.



NATE MOORE

Math Club 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Choir 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 4.

STEVEN PEARSON

ESP 4; Math Club 2; Science Club 2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3; Industrial Arts Fair 3.

JODY PHILPOTT

French Club 2,3,4; ESP 3,4; Math Club 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Choir 4; Journalism Contest 3; Math Contest 4.



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RANDALL ROY

ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 3,4; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; and Officer 4; Publications Staff 3, 4; and Editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 4; Class Officer 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 4; Math Contest 1; Boys State 3; Carnival King 1; Barnwarming King Candidate 3; El Leon King 4.

JENNIFER SHROPSHIRE

ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2,3; Math Club 3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 1,2; Class Officer 2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and Captain 4; English Contest 1; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1; Science Fair 2; Business Contest 3; Girls State 3; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; Junior Miss Mansfield 1; Miss Mansfield Runner-up 3; All-American Scholar 3; News-Leader Academic All-Star finalist.

AREATHA SICKELS

ESP 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 1,2,3,4; Lady Letterman 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Music Contest 1,2.

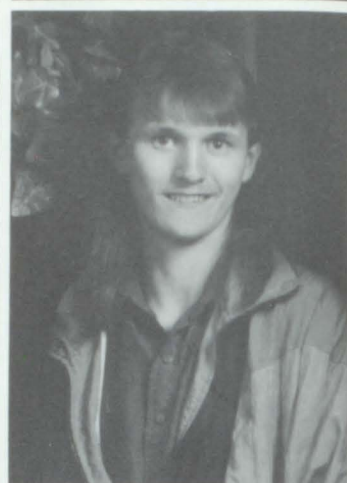
DUSTY STOUT

Art Club 4; Pep Club 1; FFA 4; FHA 1; Choir 1; Art Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1.

MERLE STROHM

Math Club 1,2,3; Science Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2, 3,4; Band 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; All-Conference Cross Country 4; All-District Cross Country 4; Track 1,3; Art Fair 3; Boys State 3; Yearbook King Candidate 3; Barnwarming King Candidate 2.

RUSSELL WALLACE



SUNNY WATTERSON

ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 1,2,3; Math Club 3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lady Letterman 3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 2,3,4; KKOZ Dream Team 2,3,4; Lady Lions Invitational MVP 4; Rogersville All-Tournament Team 4; Lions Club All-Star 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Volleyball 3,4; All-District Volleyball 2,4; English Contest 1,2; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2; Science Fair 1; Math Contest 2,3; Business Contest 3; Girls State 3; Yearbook Queen Candidate 2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1; Homecoming Princess 1, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Junior Miss Mansfield Runner up 1; Miss Mansfield Runner up 2; Miss Mansfield 3.

SHAWN WILLIAMS

ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3; Math Club 2,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; Student Council 1,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 1,3,4; Class Officer 1,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,3,4; Star Events 2; Business Contest 3; Yearbook Queen 4; Carnival Queen 1; Barnwarming Queen 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Miss Mansfield runner up 4.

STEVEN WILSON

ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FBLA 2,3; and Officer 3; Science Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FFA 1,2; and Officer 2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3,4; All-District Baseball 3; All State Baseball 3; Basketball 1,2; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Boys State 3; Yearbook King Candidate 1.

BRENDA WINSOR

French Club 2; FBLA 3, 4; FFA 1; FHA 2; Business Contest 4.



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EARLY EVENTS

"We were always going to Jon (Freeman's) and playing dunk ball with Jeremy (Jones), Casey (Mattix), Adam (Brooke), Randall (Roy), and whoever else was out there until 2 or 3 in the morning." -- **Sunny Watterson**

"I remember how we always pulled pranks on Kim Hyde because she was so gullible." -- **Jacque Lansdown**

"The craziest thing about my freshman year was trying to get through the halls between classes." -- **Justin Long**

"The funniest night of my sophomore year was Prom. It was my first Prom, and everyone was in the mood for a dance but we were dancing before we ever got to eat. The DJ was really surprised and told us no other school had ever done that before." -- **Bobbi Hanger**

"The most memorable thing of my freshman year was when we took second in state baseball." -- **Casey Mattix**

"My friends and I were afraid of being late for class so we'd walk really fast like a herd of cattle coming through the hall." -- **Jody Phillpott**

"We were always afraid of being initiated and when seniors came to get us, Steve (Wilson) always acted like a tough guy and made them hate us all." -- **Randall Roy**

"The funniest thing about my sophomore year was after Sunny (Watterson) got her license and Shawn (Williams), Sunny, Julie (Clouse), Shelly (Williams), and myself took off to Mtn. Grove cruising and a bunch of drunk guys tried to stop us and talk to us." -- **Jennifer Shropshire**

"The thing I remember about my freshman year is when most of our softball games had been rained out and Jacque (Lansdown) and I stayed out on the field all day draining water by paper cups, just so we could play a game." -- **Areatha Sickels**

"The stupidest thing that I did my sophomore year was when I skipped about two weeks when school just started. I was behind in everything, but I passed." -- **Dusty Stout**



John Senekdjian, Jill Adamson, and Steve Wilson stand back and enjoy watching Adam Brooke do his impression of James Brown during a sunglasses game that took place during Prom. The sunglasses were passed around a circle, and the person who had them when the music stopped had to do a solo dance in the middle of the circle.

Even just watching the Prom craziness on the dance floor was fun for Aaron Brooks, Sunny Watterson, and Shawn Williams. Prom was held at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.



One of the last dances of the evening finds several couples swaying together, including Joe Garrison and Shawn Williams, Julie Clouse and Randall Roy, and Shelly Williams and Nate Moore.

April Lynch and Steve Pearson two-step their way across the floor at the Prom. Although most music played was rock, an occasional country tune blasted out to provide some variety.



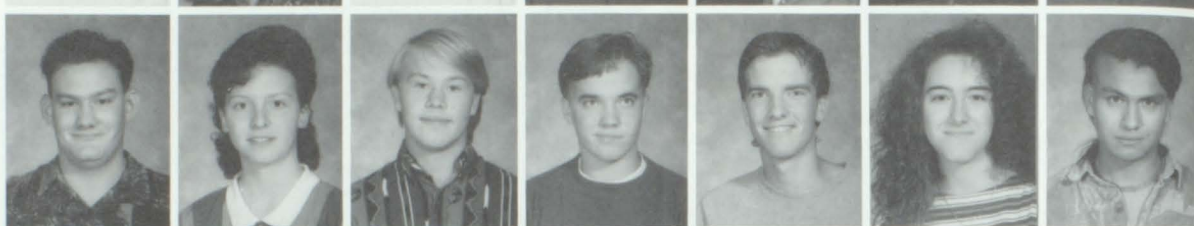
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Stephanie Calhoun



Chuck Campbell
Shannon Cantrell
John Carnall
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Torrie Collins
Michael Davis



Michael Douglas
Jodi Edwards
Brent Freeman
Jerry Garrison
Joe Garrison
Carrie Gleason
John GreyOwl



James Hanger
Missy Honeycutt
Stephanie House
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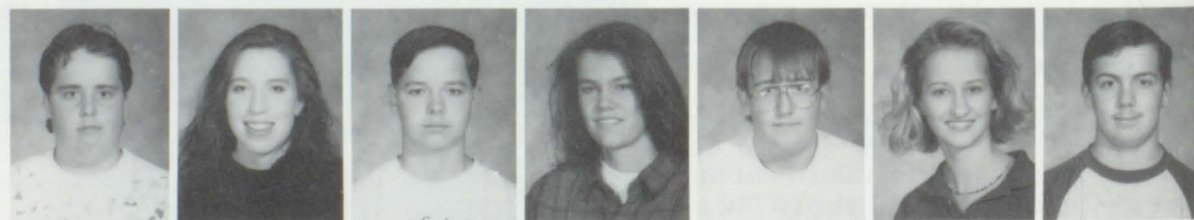


Brooke Newton
Trisha Perry
Melisa Porter
K.C. Prettyman
Angela Ragsdale
Mike Scott
Deneane Sickels



GRADE ELEVEN

Stephen Stepro
Naomi Strohm
Steven Throne
Jennifer Top
Robbie Van Orden
Serena Walker
Barry Wedge



Shelly Williams
Johnny Wintjen
Aaron Woods



What is your greatest high school accomplishment?

"I feel that my biggest accomplishment during my high school years has been making straight A's while still participating in sports and everything else that high school life involves." -- **Emily Matlock**

"Being the first person to make the All-District team for softball at this school." -- **Missy Honeycutt**

"Scoring 36 points at the basketball game against Willow Springs." -- **Trisha Perry**

"Through my sophomore and junior years I have had perfect attendance." -- **Michael Davis**

"I made it through the night observing in the emergency room at Cox South Medical Center without passing out." -- **Angela Ragsdale**

"Being able to be on the Principal's Honor Roll all three years of high school, even while I'm taking pretty tough classes." -- **Stephanie Calhoun**

"I am proud of being chosen to present my science project at the Science Symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska." -- **Melisa Porter**

"Receiving a varsity letter in all of the sports I have participated in since my freshman year." -- **Janie Carter**

"Being selected to attend the International Science Fair in Biloxi, Mississippi for a week with two other classmates, James Hanger and Mike Scott." -- **Mark Brown**

"I've gained confidence because of what has happened to me in high school." -- **Stephanie House**

"My biggest accomplishment was when I won a scholarship for \$395 to go to Missouri Business Week last summer." -- **Tara Moody**

"My proudest accomplishment would probably be the fact that I've made it this far without bombing any classes." -- **Shannon Cantrell**

"Being ranked ninth in the state in basketball after we haven't been in a long time." -- **Chuck Campbell**

"When I ice skated at an ice skating rink in a mall in Tulsa, Oklahoma." -- **Jennifer Brooke**

"Getting on the B honor roll for the first time." -- **Deneane Sickels**

"Living and remaining sane." -- **Tom Moody**



■ **CAPTIVATED BY THE** hundreds of faces that are spread around them, Shannon Cantrell and Serena Walker, front, and Jack Becker, Missy Honeycutt, and Trisha Perry, back, look through the strips of school pictures that will be used in the yearbook.

■ **LUNCH IN THE** home economics proves to be a good time to catch up on the daily gossip for juniors Stephanie House, Erin Calhoun, Ashley Miller, and Stephanie Calhoun.



■ **ROBERT AXSOM AND** Mike Scott wait until the line clears out so they can buy a slice of pizza from the selection the band has for sale during lunch hour.



Niki Anderson
Michael Bailey
Lonnie Bell
Tessa Bennett
Jenny Blaine
Melanie Blankenship
Stephanie Blankenship



Joe Bray
Mica Brooke
Matt Calhoun
Nathan Carr
Jeff Chambers
Charlene Chambless
Steven Chilson



Chad Clanton
David Climer
Misty Coffman
Crystal Cook
Trish Dalton
Angela Darr
Amy DeLapp



Hayden Dennis
Karen Farris
Tara Fetter
Bobby Franks
Joanie Fulbright
Heather Gray
Jeff Hanger



Brent Heatherly
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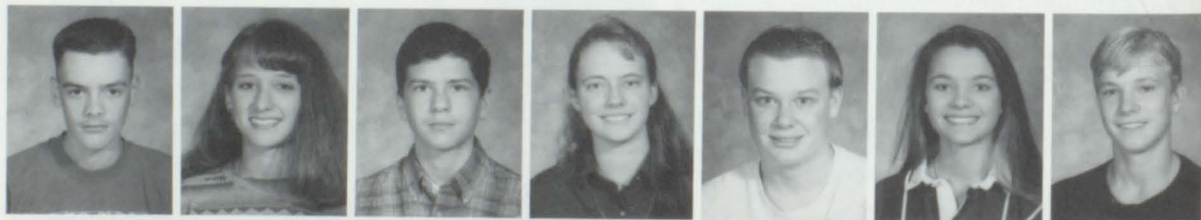


Jennifer Kingery
Garan Kinser
B.J. Knight
DeeJay Lansdown
Anica Loftin
Christy Matney
Melanie McGaw



GRADE TEN

Michael Moody
Sara Moody
Victor Murray
Heather Persinger
Brian Pollock
Michelle Roberts
Matt Skyles



Sean Spyres
Janet VanNess
Jim Wallace
Natasha Wallin
Jerry Ward
Julie Williams
Laura Young



What's it like waiting for (or getting) a driver's license?

"It's not fun waiting around while all my friends have their license, but I suppose my birthday could be a lot later." -- **Jenny Blaine**

"It drives me crazy waiting for my license. I ride with everyone now, but I want mine so that when I want to go somewhere I can just go." -- **Tessa Bennett**

"It wasn't bad until I got to the courthouse and then I started getting real nervous. Now all I have to do is take my driving part when I turn 16, so that won't be hard." -- **Hayden Dennis**

"When I was going to take my test I was more nervous than I'd ever been before. When I was finished I couldn't help from crying when the old man told me I flunked and that he wouldn't advise me to take the test again for a couple of weeks." -- **Jennifer Kingery**

"I really don't care. I guess I'm not as worried about driving as others." -- **Sean Spyres**

"Waiting to take my driver's test doesn't bother me because I know that if I was to get my license I wouldn't get to go anywhere." -- **Charlene Chambliss**

"I always thought that getting my license would be just great, but when it came down to it, it was just another everyday thing." -- **Karen Farris**

"It was just like taking any other test, a lot of studying and reading." -- **Jeffrey Hanger**

"Waiting was the worst part. I kept going over everything they would make me do over and over again in my mind. I just knew I would make one stupid little mistake that would cost me one point too many." -- **Stephanie Blankenship**

"It was no big deal. I was just late to school that day." -- **Garan Kinser**

"While I was taking my written test it felt like I was in a prison. There were two police officers sitting three feet away from me and the room was like a prison cell." -- **Sara Moody**

"It seems like half the people who had taken it said it was hard and the other half said it was easy and my parents keep saying I'll just fail. I'm not sure if I want to take it or not." -- **Crystal Cook**

"Since I am the youngest sophomore, I won't be able to get my license for another year. Imagine that, only getting to drive the last semester of your junior year. I'll just bum rides off everyone else." -- **Duane Keys**



■ **WHILE PREPARING FOR** their fifth hour class, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie McGaw, and Sara Moody catch up on the day's gossip, store their gear, and put the finishing touches on hair messed up by walking to lunch in the winter wind.



■ **NATASHA WALLIN, ANGELA Darr, Heather Gray, and Brandy Greenwood** finish their lunch in front of one of the most popular spots in the school on a cold winter day - the heater opening in the lobby.



■ **TAKING BLOOD FROM** her finger, sophomore Tara Fetter gets ready to check her blood sugar level at school by using a strip of chempaper. The process is a daily procedure for Fetter, who is diabetic.

Jill Adamson
Lee Barber
William Barnes
Michael Baty
Dedra Bell
Shannon Boyd
Danny Brito



Jeffrey Brooke
Nick Brooke
Shane Bujarski
Steven Cannon
Christa Choate
Jarod Coday
Jeremy Corder



Harry Crawford
Jason Davis
Stephanie Day
Michael Fox
Eric Grubbs
Michael Harris
Ross Harville



Christy Hastings
David Henry
Lisa Hodges
Lucia Howard
Eric Hunsucker
J.W. Hutson
Jason Johns



Chris Johnson
Brian Jones
Kim Jones
Kim Joseph
Natasha Knight
Larry Lansdown
Ronnie Lansdown



Ladonna Lyles
Wendy Matlock
Lauren Miller
Emily Moody
Christina Morgan
Bert Munden
Sandy Nelson



GRADE NINE

Sarah Parle
Liz Roth
Regina Roy
Summer Slade
Michael Spyres
Amanda Stacy
Rachel Thomas



Valerie Turley
Sarah Walker
Melissa Wedge
Steven Welch
Aimee Williams
Jennifer Wright
Crystal Young



Is high school everything you expected it to be?

"I expected it to be harder and more exciting, but now I think it is kind of easy and boring although it does have its fun moments." -- **Kim Joseph**

"I figured my sisters and I would never talk and we would argue all the time, but I think that high school has brought us closer." -- **Aimee Williams**

"It's really not much of a change from middle school except for getting to freeze to death walking to lunch everyday." -- **Amanda Stacy**

"I expected the work to be harder than what it is." -- **Lee Barber**

"I expected the freshmen to be treated really bad, but actually we have been treated pretty good." -- **Jill Adamson**

"To me, high school has been just like middle school." -- **Jennifer Wright**

"If you put effort into it, it's just like any other grade. The only thing different is that your grades could change your life." -- **Michael Spyres**

"My class still gets in trouble a lot." -- **Christa Choate**

"I thought the seniors would pick on us every time we walk down the hall." -- **Brian Jones**

"High school is a daily struggle of everyone trying to fit in." -- **Valerie Turley**

"There are more people to be with and you don't just see about the same ten people day after day." -- **Lauren Miller**

"The work is a lot harder and I always have homework, but I figured that it would be this way." -- **Jason Davis**

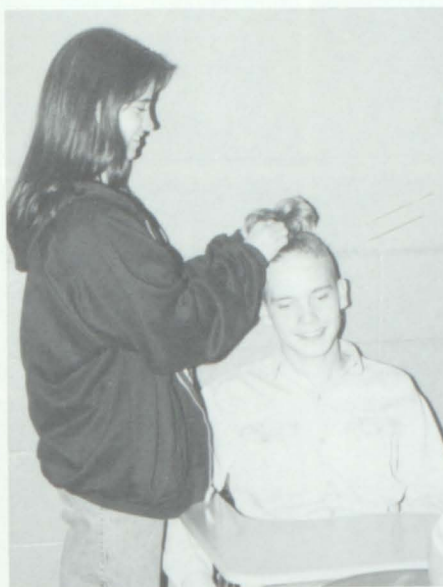
"I heard high school was fun except your freshman year, but I think my freshman year so far has been great." -- **Nick Brooke**

"I expected to have fun in high school and to become friends with other people than just my own classmates." -- **Wendy Matlock**

"I thought that it would be boring and I would get treated bad by upper classmen, but it is nothing like that." -- **Regina Roy**

"Everyone told me that the teachers would assign a lot of work but they haven't so far." -- **Bert Munden**

"I thought we would have more privileges." -- **Danny Brito**



■ **SARAH PARLE DECIDES** that classmate Eric Hunsucker could use a hairstyle reminiscent of one worn by Pebbles in the Flintstones cartoons.

■ **WITH SUMMER SLADE** and Jeffrey Brooke in the middle of the action, freshmen play Simon Says on the day after second semester finals are over and its time for Christmas break. Eric Grubbs and Michael Spyres are in the foreground, and in the background are Lauren Miller, Aimee Williams, Wendy Matlock, Jeremy Corder, Kim Joseph, and Steven Welch.



■ **LUNCH PERIOD MAKES** a perfect time for Christa Choate, Regina Roy, Emily Moody to discuss the upcoming Lady Lions basketball game.

Allison Arnall
 Billy Bailey
 Natasha Bailey
 Rachel Barber
 Robert Baugh
 Joe Bell
 Ashley Blankenship



Emily Bray
 Heather Brooke
 Jeromy Brooke
 Kassy Calhoun
 Eric Carampatan
 Erica Chambless
 Jessica Copeland



Scott Corder
 Daniel Crain
 Cindy Dalton
 Patricia Dollarhide
 Ricky Dugger
 Evelyn Elliott
 Chris Flageolle



Trish Freeman
 Bobbi Greenwood
 Adam Grubbs
 B.J. Henry
 Jerry Henry
 Bobby Hunsucker
 Chad Keeling



Ely Lansdown
 Jason Lansdown
 Janice Liles
 Joey Long
 Leslie Lynch
 Shoji McGhee
 Curtis Melton



Tessa Miller
 Jenny Moody
 Angela Pharris
 Kim Pippin
 Shannon Reese
 John Rhodes
 John Roberts



GRADE EIGHT

Melissa Scott
 Joe Sears
 Courtney Short
 Amanda Skyles
 Gary Slate
 Misty Stout
 James Strunk



Melvin Thompson
 Gina Turley
 Kati Williams
 Don Wilson
 Brandon Winchel
 Kathy Winsor
 Donnie Young



What will you remember about middle school?

"I will remember all the crushes I had." -- **Erica Chambless**

"What I remember most about middle school is in eighth grade Ashley Blankenship and I were in coed PE and we started laughing at Coach (Duane Hiler) and the next thing I knew we were doing situps sideways." -- **Leslie Lynch**

"When half of the basketball team went to Pizza Hut after our basketball game, and Allison Arnall and I got up and started dancing to 'Mercury' and then everyone else joined in." -- **Amanda Skyles**

"What I will remember most about middle school is going to state in baseball and getting to stay in foster homes." -- **Chris Flageolle**

"Being the manager for the basketball teams. Coach (Jerry Songer) would get up to yell and when he would start to sit down he almost sat on me every game." - **Jessica Copeland**

"When Coach (Freddie) Doherty and Coach (Randy) Short would tease people about their girlfriends or boyfriends in math class." -- **Natasha Bailey**

"I will always remember my basketball season. How we were so terrible and the guys thought that we would never make it in the Conference Tournament and we got second place and they got third." -- **Tessa Miller**

"When Jenny Moody and I got in trouble for chewing gum in band and had to pick up trash in front of the whole middle and high school." -- **Allison Arnall**

"I remember once when it was icy outside and I slipped and fell and Coach (Randy) Short wouldn't let me forget it." - **Gina Turley**

"I will remember how our girls' basketball team went from only winning two games to playing for first in the Conference Tournament." -- **Kassy Calhoun**

"The teachers, because they are always teasing everybody and they are funny." -- **Rachel Barber**

"I will remember the first F I made on a test because it was the very first one in American history." -- **Kathy Winsor**

"The thing I will miss most about middle school is saying 'ain't' in Mrs. (Vicki) Blankenship's class because she hated it." -- **Jason Lansdown**

"What I remember most is having good friends." -- **Joe Sears**

■ EIGHTH GRADERS ROBBY

Baugh, B. J. Henry, Kim Pippin, and Misty Stout, in Max Greene's science class, look in awe at preserved Siamese twin pigs.



■ CHRIS FLAGEOLLE, JEROMY

Brooke, Jenny Moody, J. R. Penn, and Jason Lansdown grade papers in Vicki Blankenship's eighth grade English class.



■ BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN,

eighth graders Kari DeChenne, B. J. Henry, and Rachel Barber catch up on the latest news in middle school.

Matthew Adamson
 Luke Anderson
 Joseph Bockelman
 Jason Brazeal
 Justin Borders
 Jason Brooke
 Daniel Cain



Terry Cain
 Dionna Cody
 Jason Coffman
 Christin Cook
 Erickia Cook
 Jessica Coonce
 Patricia Crain



Amber Davis
 Jason Eagleston
 Brandon Edmonds
 April Farris
 Travis Furr
 Shane Gladden
 Mandy Goss



Nelson Greenwood
 Nathan Hanger
 Tad Harvill
 Kevin Heatherly
 Russell Hedrick
 Bonni Henderson
 Lorie Hodges



Stephen House
 Rachel Hull
 Tiffany Hurst
 Mandy Hutson
 Carol Kelley
 Chris Kerns
 Bridget Keys



Brandon Lansdown
 James Lansdown
 Roy Liles
 Victoria Lockman
 Stephanie Maxwell
 Stephanie Merrifield
 Michelle Napier



GRADE SEVEN

Tracy Oberbeck
 Christina Pharris
 Amanda Piland
 Kinder Pollock
 Robert Pratt
 April Quinn
 Joey Rhodes



Robert Rippee
 Rachelle Roy
 Matthew Scott
 Arthur Slade
 Daniel Soares
 Jamie Stepro
 Curtis Stuart



What was the first day of middle school like for you?

"It was very scary because I thought the work would be hard, but I thought wrong." -- **Donna Young**

"It was kind of tough, but fun. It made me glad I was out of elementary." -- **Luke Anderson**

"I felt like I was in prison. They gave us numbers for lunch, for our lockers, for our books, for everything." -- **Tiffany Hurst**

"All the eighth graders thought they knew everything." -- **Tia Pharris**

"The first day of middle school was a little scary." -- **Kinder Pollock**

"I was very nervous. I walked into the wrong class and sat down. They were calling roll and my name was never called. I felt so bad." -- **Patricia Crain**

"I had heard that they push you in the lockers, so I tried to stay in the very middle of the aisle." -- **Radonda Davis**

"I liked it because I got to see my friends." -- **Jessica Coonce**

"It was sort of scary at first, and I didn't know where all the classes were, but then it became easier after a while." -- **Kevin Heatherly**

"My first day in middle school was all right. It was scary at first because I didn't know any of the teachers, but when I met the teachers it wasn't so bad." -- **Robert Rippee**

"It was confusing trying to find all the classes." -- **Stephanie Merrifield**

"It was like walking into a foreign country." -- **John Ward**

"My first day of middle school was scary. I couldn't get my locker open and when I did a mountain of papers fell on my head, but it turned out to be fun because I didn't have any homework." -- **Matthew Adamson**

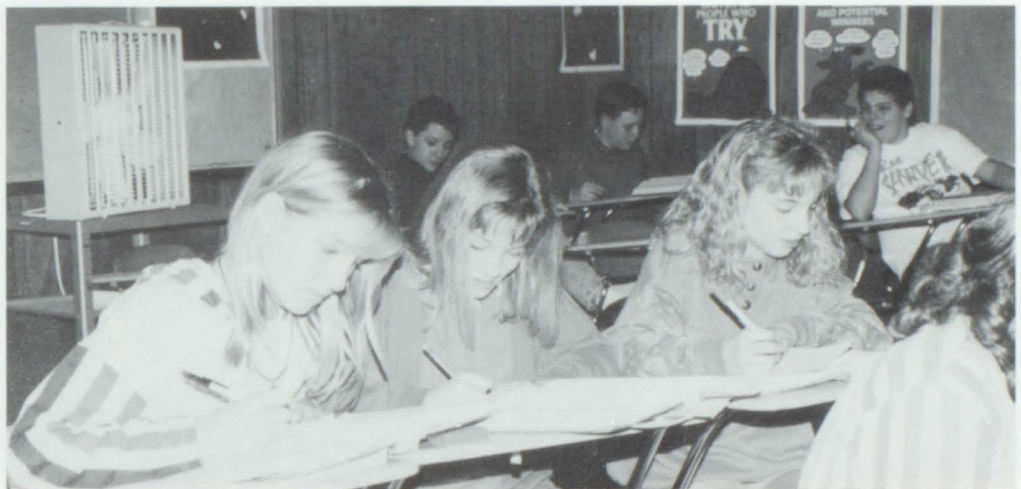
"It was better because you didn't have a teacher looking over you every minute, and you felt like you were free, and more grown up." -- **Jamie Stepro**

"It was fun for half the day, then it got pretty old." -- **Jason Brooke**



■ **STANDING AT THE** railing that looks down over the stairs to the basement area of the middle school, seventh graders Curtis Stuart and Arthur Slade talk to friends who are on their way to art class.

■ **STEPHANIE MERRIFIELD, TRACY Oberbeck, and Jessica Coonce** put their heads together to complete their seventh grade math assignment for the day, which is about complex fractions. Behind them are Travis Furr and Luke Anderson.



■ **ON THE STEPS** of the middle school building, seventh graders Nelson Greenwood, Josh Wilson, and Shannon Wallin have some time to talk while they wait for the bell to ring.



Sherry Turley
Dusty Walker
Shannon Wallin
John Ward
Josh Wilson
Donna Young

Katrina Bailey
B.J. Batten
Sarena Baugh
Crystal Bennett
Janisha Bennett
Ricky Boak
Presley Brewer



Lluvia Brito
Kacee Bujarski
Josh Campie
Tracy Cantrell
Sarah Carr
Loretta Chilson
Byron Clark



Dustin Clark
Steven Collins
Austin Corder
Brandi Dering
Karen Eagleston
Angela Fetter
Mitchell Hammond



Kodi Harris
Dawn Hastings
Chris Hicks
Jason Hilliard
Andrea Hughes
Jackie Hutson
Afton Ivy



Scott Jackson
Jay Keeling
Craig Letsinger
Jonathan Lynch
Julie Lynch
Tamara Matlock
Dustin McCleary



Chris McCoy
Destiny Millard
Austin Miller
Zach Miller
Ben Moody
Beverly Pratt
Jessica Roth



GRADE SIX

Sam Sears
Sam Shockey
Kristina Shropshire
Ryan Stacy
Stephanie Strunk
Karol Turley
Serina VanNess



Jonathan Walker
Rick Weaver
Sumer Welch
Teachers:
Susie Graham
Jana House



What is the best part about being in the sixth grade?

"You get to do things that you can't do in other grades, like being on the safety patrol." -- **Julie Lynch**

"The best thing is that all the other kids in the elementary are smaller than you." -- **Presley Brewer**

"The best thing about being in the sixth grade is having a cool teacher, being the oldest kids in school, and having a lot of privileges that other kids don't." -- **Tamara Matlock**

"The girls are pretty, you get to do a lot more stuff and the teachers understand you more." -- **Zach Miller**

"The good thing about being in the sixth grade is we get to sell pencils, do safety patrol, put the gate up and take it down, write letters and have parties." -- **Beverly Pratt**

"You get to be the big kid for once." -- **Jonathan Walker**

"I think the best thing about being in sixth grade is it's halfway through school." -- **Matt Byerlee**

"I can have the opportunity to be with my friends, and have time on the playground. We also get to go to the computer lab and have food at the end of the day." -- **Loretta Chilson**

"I think the funnest thing is getting to be the oldest because we get to do more stuff, and we only have to wait one more year to go to junior high." -- **Kacee Bujarski**

"First of all, I love my teacher. Even though the work is a little harder, it is a lot of fun with Mrs. (Susie) Graham." -- **Jessica Roth**

"You are the oldest and you get to do things that younger children can't do." -- **Brandi Dering**

"We get to have parties." -- **Austin Miller**

"We get to go to the computer lab every other day." -- **Karol Turley**

"The best thing about sixth grade is that we get to do a lot more stuff than the rest of the elementary." -- **Sarah Carr**

"I think it is great because you're older than anyone in the elementary and you get to do more things and go more places." -- **Austin Corder**

"It's the last year until we go to junior high, and we get to do more and I have a nice teacher." -- **Scott Jackson**

"Being head of the school." -- **Afton Ivy**

■ **STEVEN GOLDEN, BRANDI Dering, and Scott Jackson** look over new books, including the latest "Goosebumps" story by R. L. Stine.



■ **HOMEWORK TAKES A** group effort for sixth graders Angela Fetter, Byron Clark, Rick Weaver, Serina Van Ness, Ben Moody, and Afton Ivy.



■ **SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS** Loretta Chilson, Crystal Bennett, and Kacee Bujarski take a break from classroom studies to sing patriotic songs in music class.

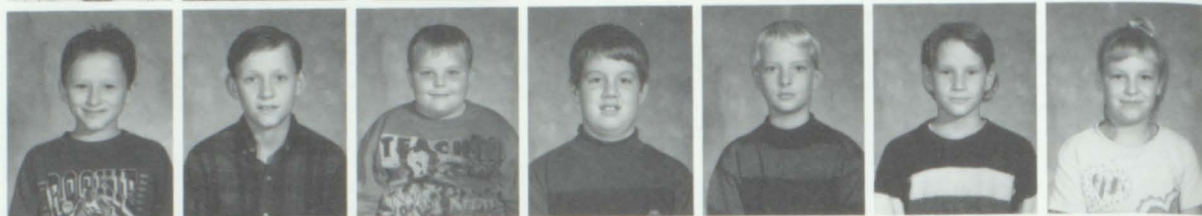
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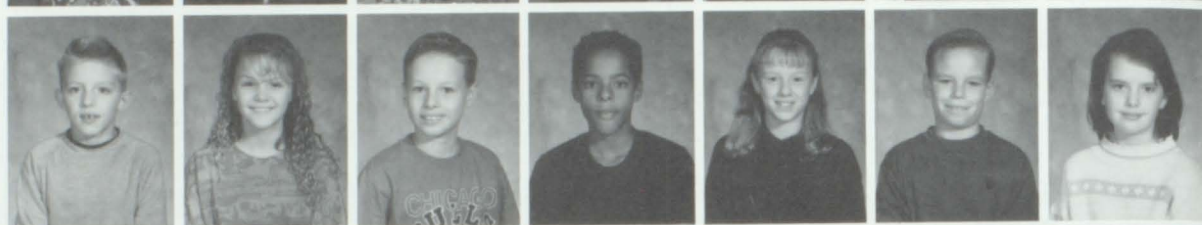
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Joe Farris
Cassy Franken



Billy Furr
Shannon Gilbreath
Dustin Grass
Quentin Hammond
Lindsay Hannaford
Joey Harris
Ashley Hicks



Heather Ingerson
Keith Jackson
Tara Jackson
Carrie Jarrett
Chad Keith
Richard Kelley
Scott Litz



Jacob Loper
Rachel McCall
Albert Matney
Ashley Maxwell
Garrett Norell
Brandon Olive
Randy Piland



GRADE FIVE

Rickey Ramsey
David Scrivner
Matt Shevchuk
Dannette Sickels
Nicole Soares
Erica Spyres
Josh Street



Mindie Sullivan
Rashelle Thompson
Robert Ward
Melissa Whorton
John Williams
Tashina Wilson
Teacher:
Carol Anderson



Of all the people you know, who do you think of as a hero?

"My mom is my hero because she has helped me whenever I needed her." -- **Sarah Brown**

"My hero is my dad because he is smart, funny, and helps me with my homework." -- **Melissa Whorton**

"My hero is Shaquille O'Neal because he can play basketball." -- **Brandon Olive**

"Melody Howard is my hero because someday I hope to be as good as her at basketball." -- **Lindsay Hannaford**

"My grandfather is my hero because he saved my life when our house burned down, and thanks to him I'm alive right now." -- **Quentin Hammond**

"My hero is my brother-in-law because he saved my life when I was drowning in the creek." -- **Dannette Sickels**

"Jean Claude VanDamme is my hero because he's strong, fast, and smart." -- **Basil Davis**

"My hero is Albert Einstein because he was very smart." -- **Dustin Cook**

"My dad is my hero because I never would have learned how to fish without him." -- **Garrett Norell**

"My heroes are my mom and dad because my mom is nice and my dad helps me to fix things that I can't and also because he helps me with my math homework." -- **Rashelle Thompson**

"My brothers Sean and Michael are my heroes because they are good at sports and they set a good example for me." -- **Erica Spyres**

"My family is my hero because when I need something they help me and because I get what I want for Christmas." -- **Billy Furr**

"The Power Rangers are my heroes because they fight Rita, the bad witch." - **Bryan Dugger**

"My hero is Batman because I like his outfit." -- **David Scrivner**

"Eric Cooper of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is my hero because he is very cool and strong." -- **Dustin Grass**

"God is my hero because without him we wouldn't be alive." -- **Clark Choate**

"My parents are my heroes because they take care of me and are my best friends." -- **Carrie Jarrett**

"My hero is my dad because we go fishing and he plays with me." -- **Josh Street**

■ **USING SHEET MUSIC** to help with the words, Josh Coffman, Bud Chandler, Basil Davis, Josh Street, Matt Bennett, Joe Farris, and Matthew Dunbar participate in music class.



■ **STACKING THEIR ART** boxes in the center of the table to allow more room. Sarah Brown, Mindie Sullivan, Dannette Sickels, and Lindsay Hannaford make tubes from old newspapers in the beginning stages of a class project.



■ **TONA CARTER AND** Ashley Hicks pair up to work at one of the computers in the elementary computer lab, which their class gets to visit on a regular basis.



Teacher:
Pat Brown

Tara Allen
Jake Bennett
Josh Bennett
Stefanie Blevins
Kelsey Boyle
Eric Brewer
Timmy Bunch



Ben Cain
Angela Calhoun
Jeff Carr
Nathan Cody
Tiffany Coonce
Jeffery Decker
Lindsey Dunbar



Sara Edmond
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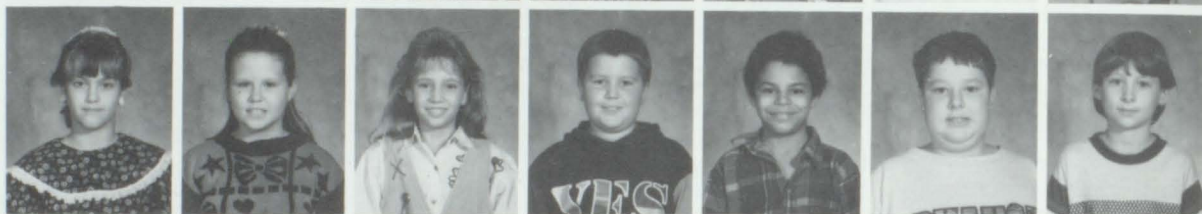
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Kristyn Jones
Michelle Jones
Amanda Lansdown
Juley Litz
Kevin Liles



Jacob Magnin
Lesa Maples
Sean McGinnis
Jeff Moore
Jessica Moore
Tanya Nagyiski
Melissa Napier



Shari Paxton
Amanda Reese
Miranda Rhodes
Ryan Roberts
Scotty Rousseau
James Scrivner
Nick Shelhamer



GRADE FOUR

Donnie Slate
David Soares
Austin Steffe
Lora Thompson
Mike Turley
Lacie Vaverka
Steven Ward



Angie Waterman
Shawna Williams
Crystal Wilson
Stacey Wright
Becky Young
Teachers:
Vicki Box
Jana Schlesener



What will you remember about the trip to 'Jeff' City?

"My favorite part of the whole trip was actually getting to see the man who made the Laura Ingalls Wilder statue."
-- **Brooke Hurst**

"I liked taking a tour through the capitol building because we got to see lots of neat things." -- **Stefanie Blevins**

"I remember the capitol building with the statues of people and of the soldiers on the very top of the building." -- **Ben Cain**

"It was fun to listen to the people argue in the room where they make all the decisions." -- **Joseph Greshman**

"I liked singing and the bus ride up there. I liked saying my part and looking at the pictures and offices." -- **Jacob Magnin**

"The one thing I liked was bothering the boys on the bus about their hair." -- **Lindsey Dunbar**

"I remember that we sang in a little room that had pictures all around the room. I liked to explore the place, but I didn't like to climb the stairs." -- **Austin Steffe**

"What I liked about Jefferson City was inside the capitol, the neat statues and the chandeliers." -- **Michelle Jones**

"I liked seeing the capitol building and eating on the way home." -- **Josh Bennett**

"I liked the room we sang in. All around there were paintings on the wall." -- **Lacie Vaverka**

"I remember when the lady got mad at us for stepping on the automatic door opener." -- **Kristyn Jones**

"It was fun because we didn't have to do any school work." -- **Amanda Lansdown**

"The part I liked best was when we were singing the songs to all the people." -- **Shawna Williams**

"I liked going to Jefferson City and going in the upstairs of the capitol. I also liked looking down in the air and seeing the people; they looked like ants." -- **Michael Hammond**

"The thing I liked most about the trip was the tour. Except when I climbed the steps to get up to different floors I couldn't handle looking down. Everybody looked down through the holes in the floor." -- **Tiffany Coonce**

"The part I remember most when we went to Jefferson City was singing in the capitol and everyone taking pictures of us." -- **Angie Waterman**



■ **FRAMED BY THOMAS** Hart Benton murals, fourth graders watch their music director Eric Spyres and other members of the Ozark Mountain Players perform a scene from "Little House Memories" at the unveiling of the bronze bust of Laura Ingalls Wilder at the state capitol in Jefferson City. The unveiling was part of the ceremony to induct Wilder, world-renowned author and Mansfield's most famous citizen, into the Hall of Famous Missourians.

■ **FOURTH GRADE BOYS** perform a song from the Laura Ingalls Wilder era as part of the ceremonies inducting her into the Hall of Famous Missourians in the capitol in Jefferson City. At right, the girls wait their turn to sing.



■ **WATCHING PRINCIPAL JEAN** Coday give a review of Laura Ingalls Wilder's life, fourth grade girls in their pioneer costumes wait for their turn to entertain the audience.

Courtney Allen
Brett Bailey
Sarah Bennett
Ashley Borders
Ellis Boyd
Tim Brazeal
Amanda Brewer



Jesse Bricker
Paige Butterfield
Jennifer Calhoun
Nicole Calhoun
Jordan Cantrell
Kelly Carampatan
Lisa Chambers



Elizabeth Clouse
Travis Clouse
Alicia Cook
Cody Corder
Tina Crain
Dusty Dering
Dustin Dixon



Christian Eichelberger
Sharell Frantz
Dawn Frazier
Whitney Hannaford
Melissa Hicks
Travis Hillard
Bobby Hutson



Doug Ingerson
Brent Jones
Bruce Jones
Laura Jones
Tomi Jones
Justin Kingery
Cory Letsinger



Randy Liles
Tony Lockman
Tiffany Maples
Cody McCleary
Josh Millard
Amber Moore
Neithan Napier



GRADE THREE

Keith Newton
Jackie Nobert
Laurel Oberbeck
April Pettibone
Tim Pharris
Aaron Price
Jimmy Rebura



Kasie Rueff
Joe Skyles
Justin Stafford
Alisha Stewart
Summer Taylor
Geoffrey Travis
Amanda Walker



What food do you really dislike or really like?

"I dislike spinach. It doesn't taste good. My mom tried to make me eat some, but I didn't." -- **Amber Moore**

"I hate saurkraut, especially whenever it's mixed with hotdogs." -- **Geoffrey Travis**

"I love pancakes with syrup because I love syrup." -- **Paige Butterfield**

"Spinach is what I hate. It smells the worst. It is very juicy." -- **Cody Corder**

"I like green grapes because they're bite size and you can pop them in your mouth." -- **Amanda Walker**

"I don't like meatloaf because it has onions in it." -- **Alisha Stewart**

"Peas are gross and they taste funny and they are green." -- **Ashley Borders**

"My favorite food is pork chops with lemon pepper." -- **Jana Young**

"I dislike cauliflower because it leaves an awful taste in my mouth. I only like it with dip. I even dislike looking at it." -- **Christian Eichelberger**

"I think cashew chicken is great, because I like the sauce on it and the spicy chicken." -- **Whitney Hannaford**

"Brussel sprouts are the worst. They taste like they are made out of spinach, salt, and saurkraut. When I tasted them I gave most of them to Penny, my dog." -- **Stephanie Dannen**

"The food I really dislike the most is salad. The taste makes it so gross." -- **Kasie Rueff**

"My favorite food is egg drop soup because it's good on a cold day." -- **Cory Letsinger**

"I don't like spinach. It is very gross. I would not eat it for anything in the world. Not even for \$1,000." -- **Jennifer Calhoun**

"I dislike pizza with mushrooms because it tastes bad and it looks ugly." -- **Kelly Carampantan**

"My favorite food is spinach, because it helps you and me grow." -- **Bruce Jones**

■ **DIGGING AROUND IN** their art box for just the right tools, third graders Courtney Allen and Lisa Chambers get some items out of the way so they can find what they need.



■ **WITH THE HELP** of glue, rulers, paper, and even a feathered pencil, Sharell Frantz, Cory Letsinger, and Amanda Walker work on a class project in their third grade classroom.

■ **CODY MCCLEARY SHOWS** Whitney Hannaford where a city in South America is on the world map they use in their classroom.



Jason Walker
Jana Young
Teachers:
Linda Graham
Julie Samuels

Joshua Asher
Melissa Beckner
LaToya Bell
Adam Bennett
Zachary Blevins
Brandy Borders
Amanda Boyd



Drew Boyd
Tiffany Cline
Casey DeLapp
Chris Dodson
Candace Dutcher
Ashley Eichelberger
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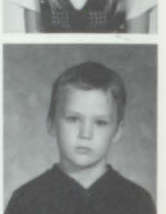
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Amanda Kuhn
Brandon Lansdown
Della Lansdown



Shane Loper
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Paul Moody
James Newman
Alex Newton
Chasity Olive



Samantha Ousley
Hillary Persinger
Jessica Pettibone
John Piland
Amber Quamme
Randy Ramsey
Cecil Reese



GRADE TWO

Matt Rhodes
Tyler Rummens
Jason Schofield
Justin Schofield
David Shevchuk
Becky Slate
Matthew Smith



Daison Steffe
Natalie Waterman
Cody Whorton
Aaron Woody
Bradley Young
Teachers:
Elaine Crump
Carol Hanger



Who is your favorite character in a cartoon?

"Tom and Jerry are my favorite cartoon characters. I like Jerry when he tricks Tom, and Jerry is funny because when he gets caught by Tom, he makes a weird face." -- **Natalie Waterman**

"My favorite cartoon character is Garfield because he always kicks Odie off the table. It makes me laugh. Garfield eats, sleeps, and gets fat." -- **Tyler Rummens**

"I like Dennis the Menace because he shoots an aspirin down Mr. Wilson's throat." -- **Zachery Flageolle**

"Babs Bunny is my favorite cartoon character because she can scream as loud as an airplane." -- **James Newman**

"Garfield and Odie are my favorite cartoon characters because they are funny. Odie always slobbers on Garfield and John, Garfield always kicks Odie off the table, and Garfield always steals John's chicken." -- **Matthew Smith**

"My favorite cartoon character is Sonic the Hedgehog because he can save trains and also people's lives." -- **Cody Whorton**

"Mickey Mouse is my favorite character because I have a stuffed Mickey Mouse." -- **Della Lansdown**

"My favorite cartoon character is Wolverine because he is in X-Men and is fast, strong, and brave." -- **Zach Blevins**

"My favorite cartoon character is Superman because he is a hero." -- **Jessica Pettibone**

"Daffy Duck is my favorite because he talks funny. He also acts funny. Sometimes he laughs funny." -- **Hillary Persinger**

"My favorite cartoon character is Sonic the Hedgehog because of how he goes real fast and how his friend flies." -- **Garret Keith**

"I like Clementine Coyote because he falls off cliffs." -- **John Piland**

"My favorite cartoon character is Ariel because she is pretty and she swims in water. Ariel is a mermaid and very, very pretty." -- **Samantha Ousley**

"Bart Simpson is my favorite because he says 'eat my shorts,' and that makes Homer mad." -- **Eli Helms**

"Tom and Jerry are funny because they chase each other around the house." -- **Megan Hicks**

"Eek the Cat is my favorite because he is always falling down." -- **Michael Tate**



■ **WHILE TAKING A** break between reading classes, second graders James Newman and Brittany Dannen watch Tiffany Cline sketch the beginnings of a picture.

■ **A BIG GROUP** of second graders stay in tune with "Mary Mack" by using rhythm sticks, bells, and other instruments during their music class. Front - Ashley Eichelberger, Hillary Persinger, Jessica Pettibone, Brad Young, David Shevchuk, Zac Blevins; second row - Randy Ramsey, Amber Quamme, Becky Slate, Cody Whorton, Garret Keith, Matthew Guenther, Casey DeLapp, Paul Moody; back - Della Lansdown, Travis Hire, Jeffrey McCoy, Amanda Rokusek, Monica Hattabaugh, Candace Dutcher, Brittany Hilton.



■ **TRYING TO KEEP** the beanbags in the air, second graders Brittany Dannen and Megan Millard, foreground, enjoy a parachute game called "Popcorn" during their physical education class.

Becky Bennett
Drew Berry
Ryan Bird
Brittany Borders
T.J. Boyd
Dakota Branham
Tom Brazeal



Wayne Cain
Cody Calhoun
Melinda Calhoun
Craig Campbell
DeOndra Carnall
Andy Carr
Tracey Cline



Amanda Cook
Mark Cruse
Melanie Davis
Tristan Dennis
Michaela Dodson
Alex Dunbar
Sara Franken



Merisa Frazier
Michael Fuge
Brandon Grass
Gina Guenther
Sara Henley
Phillip Hicks
Kayla Hilton



Justin Hutson
Michael Hutson
Matthew Hyden
Casey Ivy
Ashley Jackson
Steven Jarrett
Elaine Johns



Nikki Jones
Jonathan Jones
Zachery Levan
Travis Lynch
Annie Lynn
Jacob Micheli
Whitney Miller



GRADE ONE

Hannah Moore
Mike Moody
Nicholas Napier
Christy Nichols
Jessie Nobert
Ashley Paxton
Kate Probert



Amber Schofield
Tim Shelhamer
Greg Short
Shawn Singh
Samantha Smith
Tim Stuart
Joshua Sullivan



What do you want to be when you are grown up?

"I want to be an airplane pilot because I like flying." -- **Jonathan Jones**

"I want to be a policeman, so I can fly a helicopter." -- **Tim Stuart**

"Because my dad is a farmer I want to be one, too." -- **Craig Campbell**

"I want to be a preacher because I am a Christian." -- **Jordan Williams**

"I want to be a nurse because they help people." -- **Tracey Cline**

"When I grow up I want to be a basketball player." -- **Josh Pyle**

"I want to be a cop, so I can ride in a cop car." -- **Wayne Cain**

"When I grow up I want to be the President." -- **Alex Dunbar**

"I want to be a nurse when I grow up because my mom is a nurse." -- **Kerri Blackwell**

"When I grow up I want to be a Wal-Mart worker." -- **Brittany Borders**

"When I grow up I want to be a cop because I want to help people." -- **Nick Crandall**

"I want to be an office worker when I grow up because I like to stamp things." -- **Kate Probert**

"When I grow up I want to be a fireman." -- **Casey Ivy**

"I want to be an artist, because you can draw things." -- **Mike Moody**

"When I grow up I want to be a singer because I really like singing." -- **Nikki Jones**

"When I grow up I want to be a judge, because you make lots of money." -- **Mark Cruse**

"I want to be a sheriff because they pull people over." -- **T.J. Boyd**

"When I grow up I want to be a horse jockey, because I love horses." -- **Samantha Smith**

"I want to be an airplane pilot because you fly in a plane." -- **Tristan Dennis**



■ **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING** interesting to read, first graders Steven Jarrett and Amber Schofield search through a file of books.

■ **CASEY IVY, TIMOTHY** Shelhamer, and Craig Campbell carefully cut out pictures of fish which they will glue to other sheets of paper in a project during their art time.



■ **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** Tara Moody and Chuck Campbell demonstrate paper chromatography to first graders during National Chemistry Week. Clockwise from right, they are Melinda Calhoun, Casey Ivy, Dakota Branham, and Micheala Dodson.

■ **TIME IN THE** elementary computer lab is serious business for first graders Zachery Levan and Ashley Jackson, who are both concentrating on the different projects they have on the screen.



Taylor Thompson
Josie Vaverka
Jessica Williams
Jordan Williams
Tiffany Young
Teachers:
Josie Adamson
Cheryl Kanaan
Janet Mitchell

Mandie Adamson
Leramy Bennett
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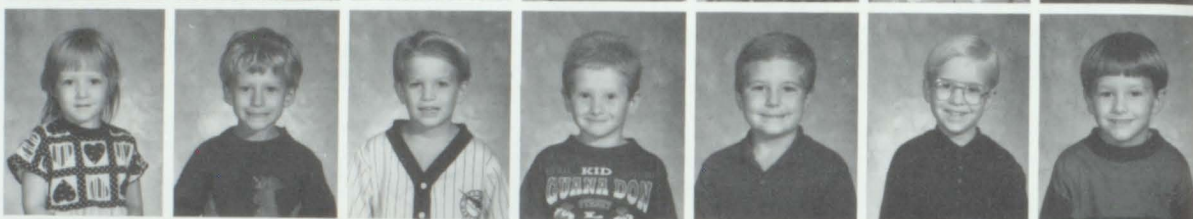
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What part of kindergarten do you like the best?

"I like to go to lunch." -- **Kendall Findley**

"The thing I like best about kindergarten is getting to play on the chalkboard." -- **Kaila Slate**

"I like playing kickball in gym." -- **Jesse Stuart**

"My favorite thing is to play on the swings." -- **Nicole Freeman**

"I like people reading to me." -- **Mandie Adamson**

"I like to chase each other on the playground." -- **Natasha Dixon**

"My favorite thing is the computer lab." -- **Adam Keith**

"I like playing games in gym." -- **Ryan Loge**

"The thing I like the best at school is learning how to read." -- **Blake Miller**

"I like going outside to play." -- **Leanne Moody**

"I like taking a nap at rest time." -- **Nicholas Price**

"The best thing is our reading program about the dinosaur." -- **Kayla Seyler**

"I like making things out of Play-Doh." -- **Jasmine Singh**

"I like playing on the geoboards because you can put the rubberbands all kinds of ways." -- **Tony Waterman**

"I like to build cars and houses with the Leggos." -- **Justin Ince**

"My favorite thing about kindergarten is to stay inside and read books." -- **Sarah Moody**

"I like to play on the swingsets on the playground." -- **Gerald Dutcher**

"I like to play house in our classroom." -- **Amanda Hilton**

"My favorite thing about kindergarten is snack time." -- **Leramy Bennett**

"I like gym and recess because we get to run." -- **Danielle Jones**

■ **DOWN ON THE** floor so they can work better, Blake Miller, Evan Jones, Shane Norell and Sarah Moody make colorful patterns with sets of linking cubes in their kindergarten classroom.



■ **WITH YARDS OF** brightly colored fabric floating up and down, Ryan Loge, Adam Keith, Brendan Keeling, Justin Ince, Sarah Moody, Hollie Jordan, Cassie Sanders, and Tony Waterman have fun with parachute play in gym.

■ **DURING MATH CLASS,** Ronald DeLapp and Lindsay Stout cut out numbers to correspond to the number of footballs in an assignment they are working on.



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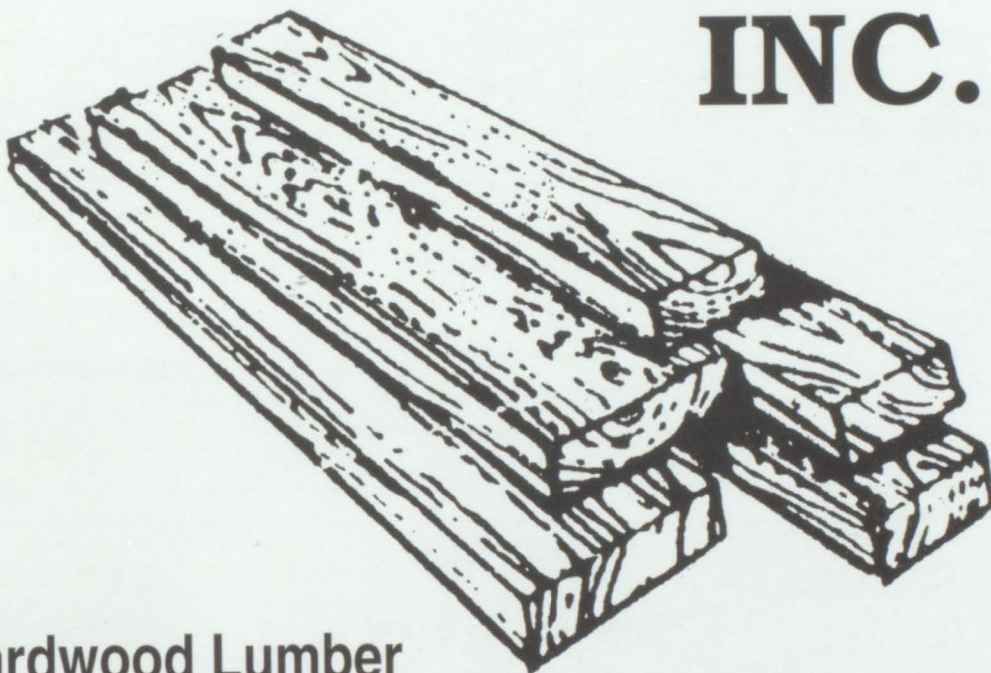
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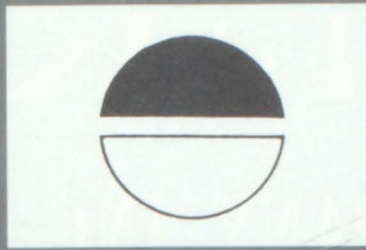


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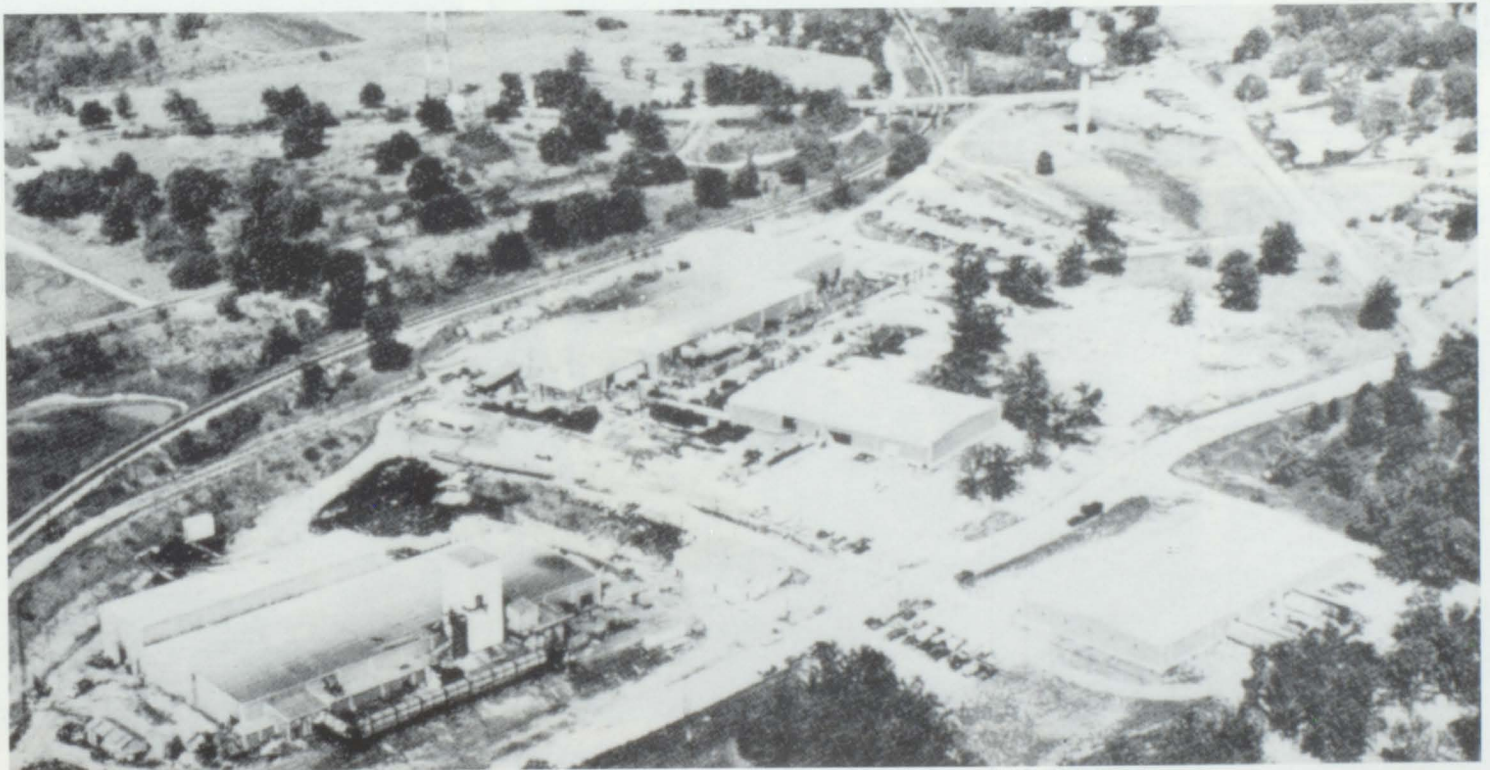
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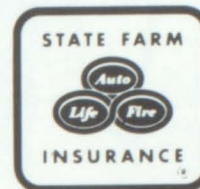
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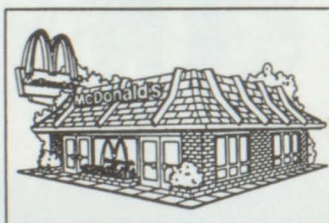
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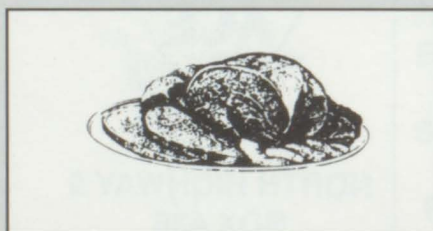


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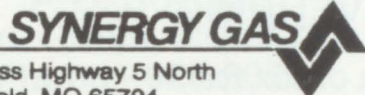
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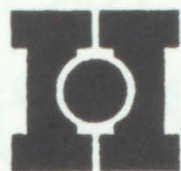
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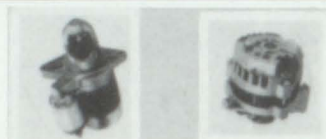
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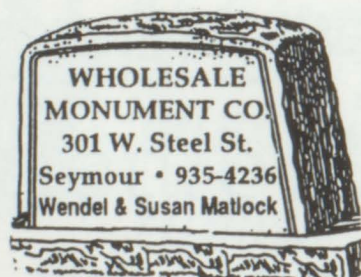
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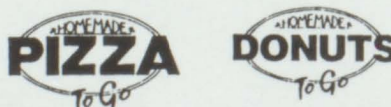
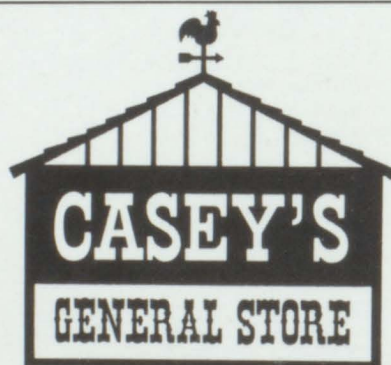
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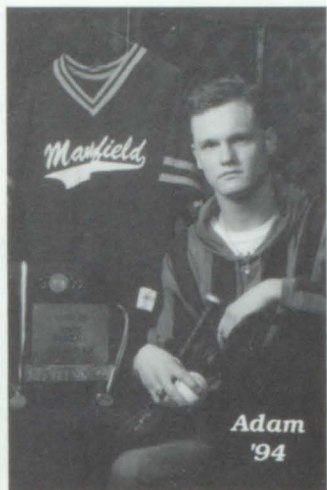
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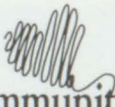
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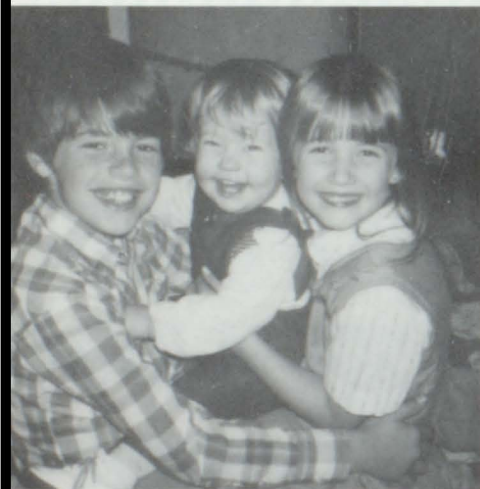
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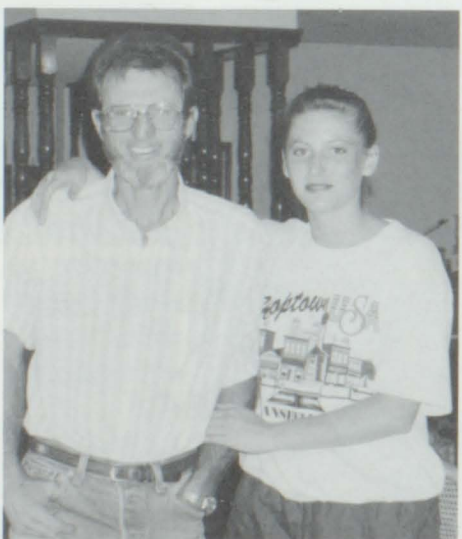


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whatever
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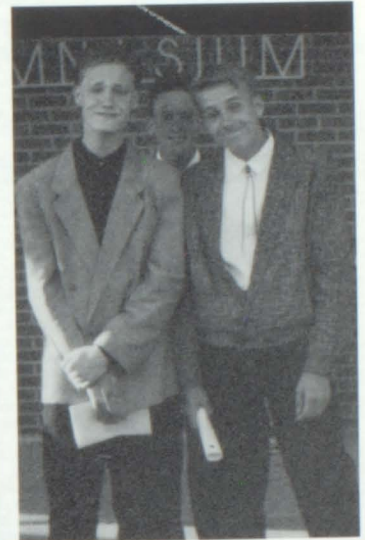
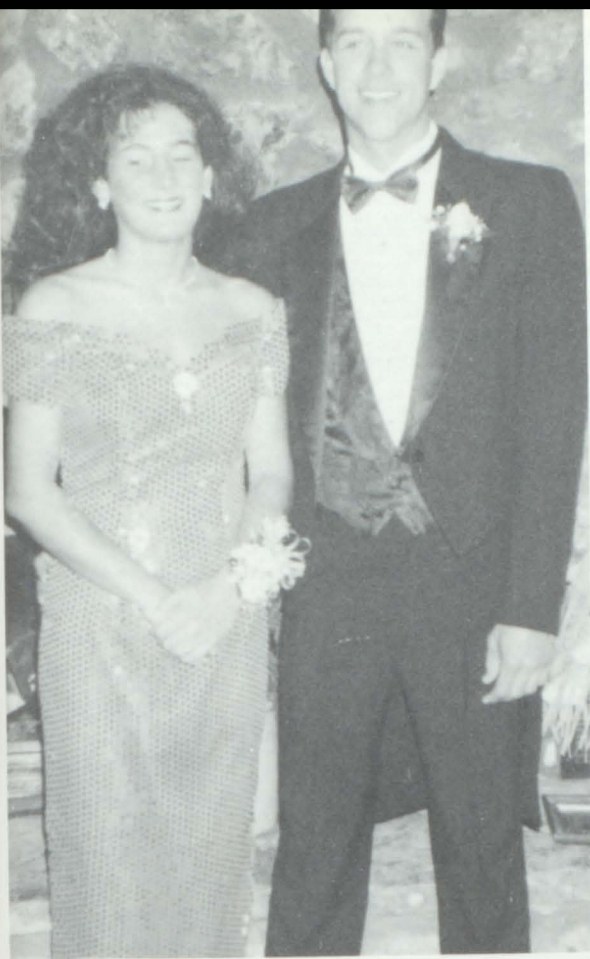


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Top, Christy Matney, center, talks with members of her group in English II class. Jim Wallace is on the left, Victor Murray right.

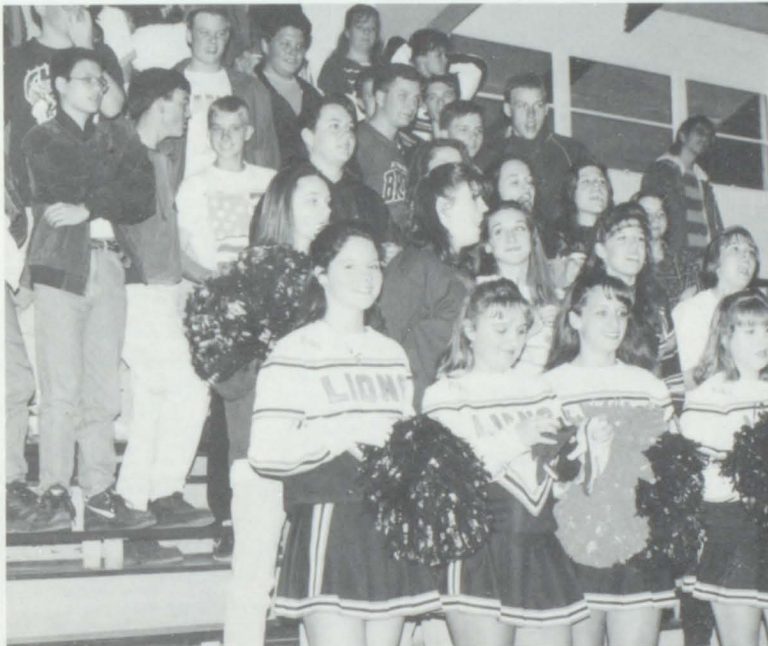
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During a break in the action at the basketball pep rally, members of the Sophomore Class wait for their turn to try to win the spirit stick contest.

Padded to the limits. Steve Wilson tries out "Sumo wrestling" during Project Graduation, which was held at the Springfield Family Y. A wide variety of other activities was also available.



Brian Johnson proudly displays the end table he made out of oak as an assignment for his woodworking class.

Earth science students visit the city's water treatment plant. Right, ag students listen to a class discussion with teacher Lyle Whittaker.

With Kyle Prettyman as the "victim," Steve Wilson, Adam Brooke, and Jack Becker fix him up for White Out Day. Below right, Russell Wallace escorts Brenda Winsor at graduation.

Nathan Carr and Michael Moody work on an earth science assignment during one of the last few weeks of school.



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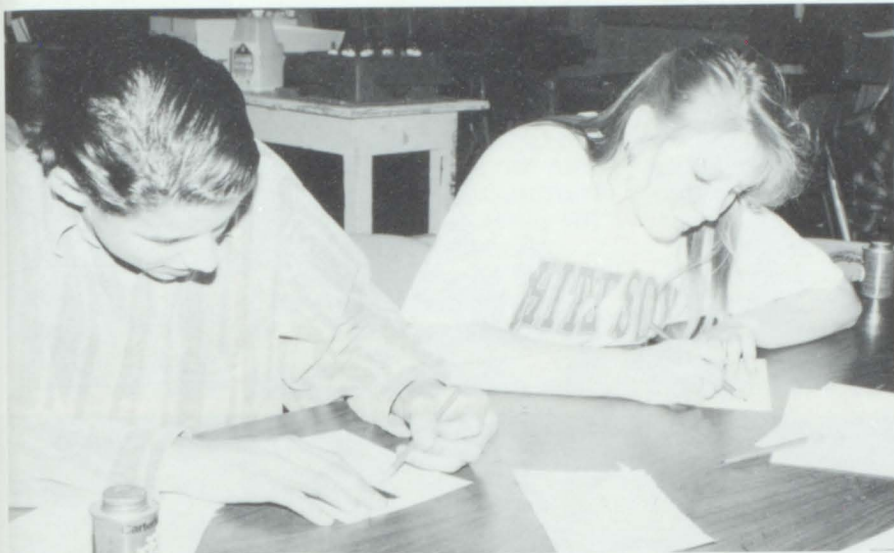
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Using colored pencils, Shane Bukarski and Faye Dollarhide work on sketches in their Art I class.



Luke Johnson, back, and David Climer perform at the band's spring concert.

In basic skills class, Sandy Nelson and Kim Joseph work on a cheesecake recipe during a foods unit.



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JUST WAITING FOR something fun to come along, Angela Ragsdale, Melisa Porter, and Jodi Edwards hang out in the hall at lunch.

It was a wild one. The year 1994 had it all. Devastating floods across the state. Drama on ice at the Olympic Games. History-making games for female athletes at MHS. At school, in the state, and in the world, it seemed that most everything was a little ON THE WILDER SIDE.

A summer flood washed over portions of the Midwest with damage totaling well over \$10 billion. Though Mansfield was not directly affected, the tourist industry was, with fewer people visiting the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home because many believed all of Missouri was under water.

Closer to home, Southwest Missouri was hit by a heavy flood after nine inches of rain fell in

a 36-hour period. Many area roads were under water, including a stretch of Highway 60 leading to Springfield.

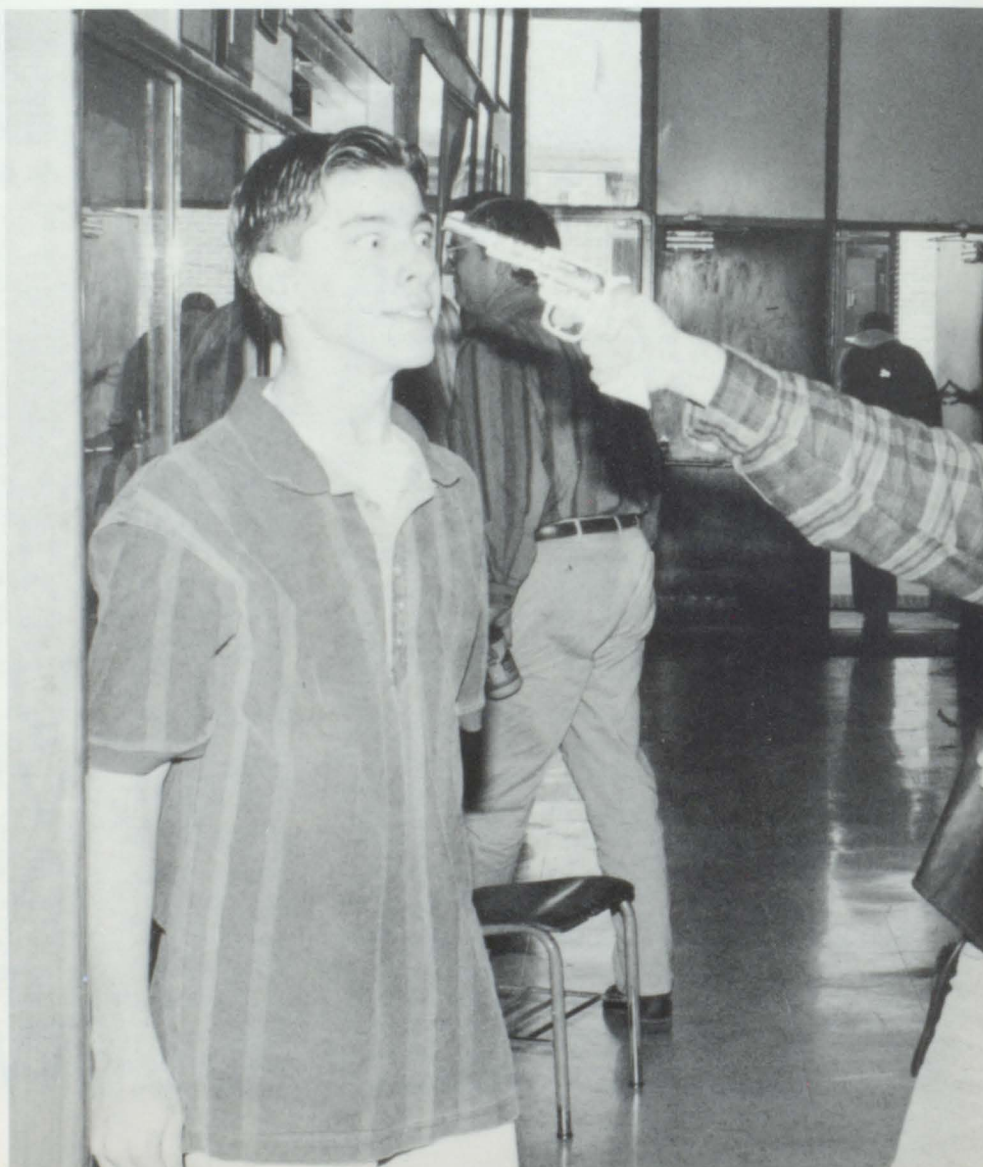
The 1994 Winter Olympics held in Lillehammer, Norway, were marred by the off-the-ice drama swirling around figure skaters Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. Allegedly, Harding's ex-husband and her bodyguard were hired to hit Kerrigan in the knee, which made her unable to compete in the national championship. After a long drawn-out battle both Kerrigan and Harding skated in the Olympics. Kerrigan won the silver medal, and Harding was hounded by the press.

Mansfield stood in awe as a bust of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the town's most famous citizen,

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FIRST COUSINS ASHLEY Miller and Emily Matlock show some family fun as they clown around with wax lips the week of Halloween.



FORGET THAT BARNWARMING was country-style, Jason Johns and Nick Brooke have their own style.



DECKED OUT LIKE the evil Hannibal Lecter from "The Silence of the Lambs," Lauren Miller is escorted to mock court by Janie Carter and Jenny Blaine, during a business class trial.



A RAINY DAY sends Deneane Sickels and Jennifer Brooke indoors with plenty of time to catch up on all the latest news.



APRIL LYNCH AND Steve Pearson sit this dance out at Prom, after wearing themselves out dancing everything from rock to country.

IT'S MELODRAMA TIME and Christie Blaine takes her sheriff role seriously, mistaking Eric Grubbs for the villain of Glitter Gulch. The fair heroine Jenny Blaine is present to see that justice is done.

was added to the Hall of Famous Missourians in Jefferson City. A replica of the bust was placed on the Mansfield square not only to celebrate Wilder's success, but also to commemorate the centennial of Laura and Almonzo's arrival in Mansfield.

In August three MHS teens lived ON THE WILDER SIDE when they joined 180,000 others in Denver, Colorado for World Youth Day. The highlight of the trip was the visit of Pope John Paul II. The pilgrimage to Mile High Stadium was so difficult and exhausting that some people died trying to make it.

Back at school, a new

attendance policy was implemented. The new policy made it harder for students to skip, and rewarded those that had 100 percent attendance.

In late September science teacher Pam Probert found a potentially dangerous chemical, trinitrophenol or picric acid, that had been lying dormant in the science room storage closet for 20 or 30 years. Students who took classes in both the science room and the adjoining business room were ON THE WILDER SIDE as their classes were held in other rooms for several days.

People who went to the cafeteria lived ON

THE WILDER SIDE as they experienced a change in the food offered for lunch. Foods such as chicken fajitas, clam chowder, cashew chicken, and shrimp were added to the menu.

The traditional choral concert usually done in the fall by choir students was replaced with two melodramas. Living ON THE WILDER SIDE of choir was enjoyable for both those students performing and those who watched the plays.

ON THE WILDER SIDE of agriculture, the FFA chapter built a greenhouse to provide a chance for ag students to get experience

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HAVING A GOOD time at Prom is no problem for Natasha Wallin, Steve Throne, and Steven Chilson.



BRENT HEATHERLY AND Michael Spyres are both just a little out of character from their normal school routine, as they perform in the choir's melodrama, "The Villain of Glitter Gulch."



BASKETBALL RALLY ARRIVES and Adam Brooke introduces Nate Moore, Aaron Brooks, Randall Roy, Scott Mallernee, Chuck Campbell and Joe Allen.

WITH MARK BROWN, Janet Van Ness, and Steven Chilson waiting for her reaction, Christie Blaine goes through FFA initiation.



WITH THE HELP of Ashley Miller and a handy folder used as a fan, Jennifer Shropshire tries to cool off after taste-testing an "atomic fireball." Shawn Williams, behind Shropshire, hasn't tried out the candy yet.

ROVING REPORTERS. THE five top editors of the MHS yearbook and newspaper are on the scene at Jefferson City to get all the information on the induction of Laura Ingalls Wilder into the Hall of Famous Missourians.

THE LAST DAY of classes for the seniors means cleaning out lockers and just generally having some fun with friends that soon will be graduated and gone from MHS, like Adam Brooke, Nate Moore, Steve Wilson, Jack Becker, and Randall Roy.

working with plants and soil. Though the greenhouse cost \$3,800, the FFA only had to pay half because of a state grant.

Homecoming's theme, "End of the Road," almost became "road to disaster" when the entire week of school was cancelled because of snow. Student Council members and others who participated in the ceremony had it ON THE WILDER SIDE when they skidded to school for more than 20 hours of decoration and preparation for the festivities, while other students were sleeping in.

ON THE creative WILDER SIDE, an MHS

student entered a Channel One contest for computer animators and his creation was aired on the January 26 edition of Channel One. Eight million teenagers in 12,000 schools viewed his design, which was a classic Greek pedestal upon which the Channel One logo rotated.

For the first year ever, Math Club hosted a math contest for fifth through eighth graders. Over 200 students from ten area schools participated in the event.

And 1994 was a year for MHS sports to be ON THE WILDER SIDE. Even though the cross country team was young

and inexperienced, the runners went to the state meet for the seventh consecutive year. But the biggest story was basketball. Both the boys' and girls' teams reached state rankings of fourth among 2A schools, and both teams had 20-win seasons and won two tournaments each.

However, the girls were hungry for more, and became the first MHS girls' team of any kind to win a district championship and advance to state play.

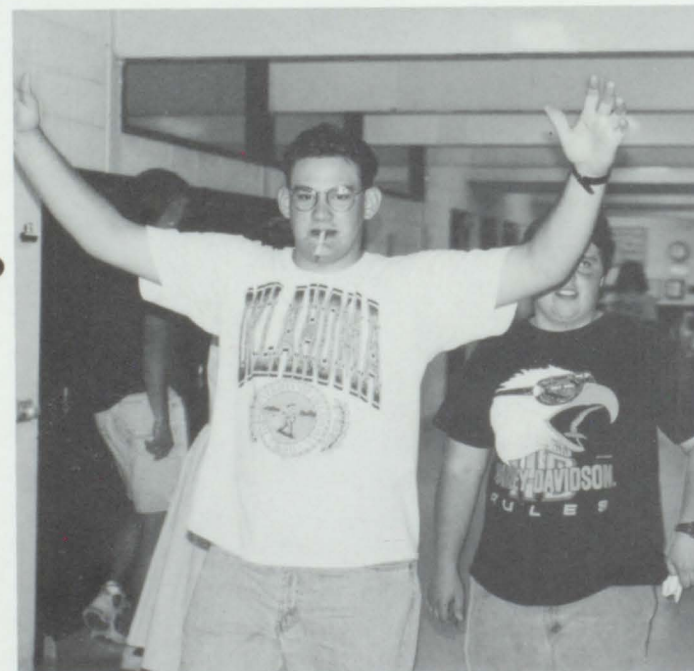
If ever a year were bigger, better, stronger, wilder, it was 1994. Without a doubt, life was ON THE WILDER SIDE.



SMILES THIS BIG mean that it's the last week of school and Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, and Garan Kinser can relax a little.

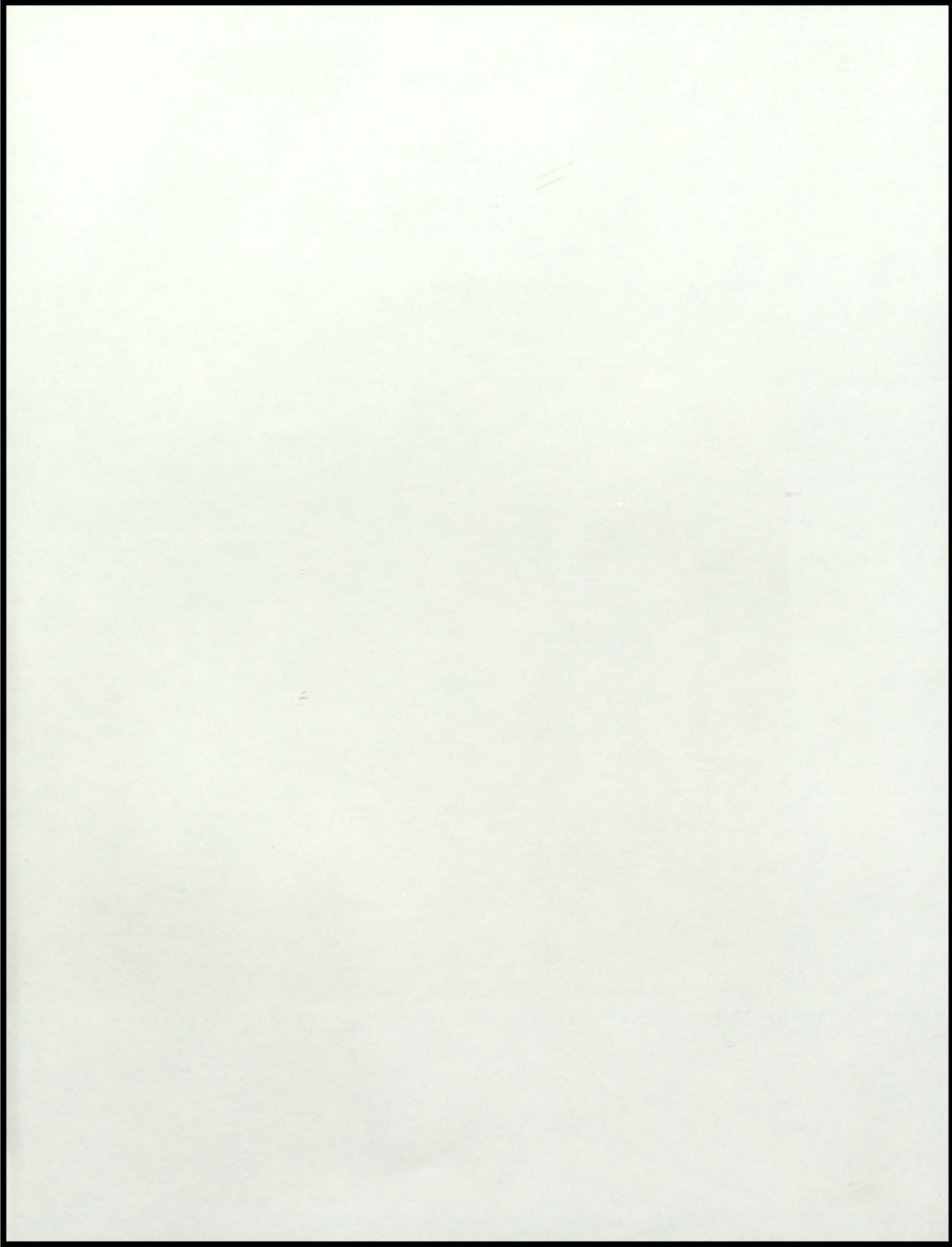
DAN BOYLE and Tom Moody use their heads to dispose of junior candy bar boxes.

SEASON'S GREETINGS from Michael Douglas and Stephen Stepro, even though it's just about time for summer vacation.



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