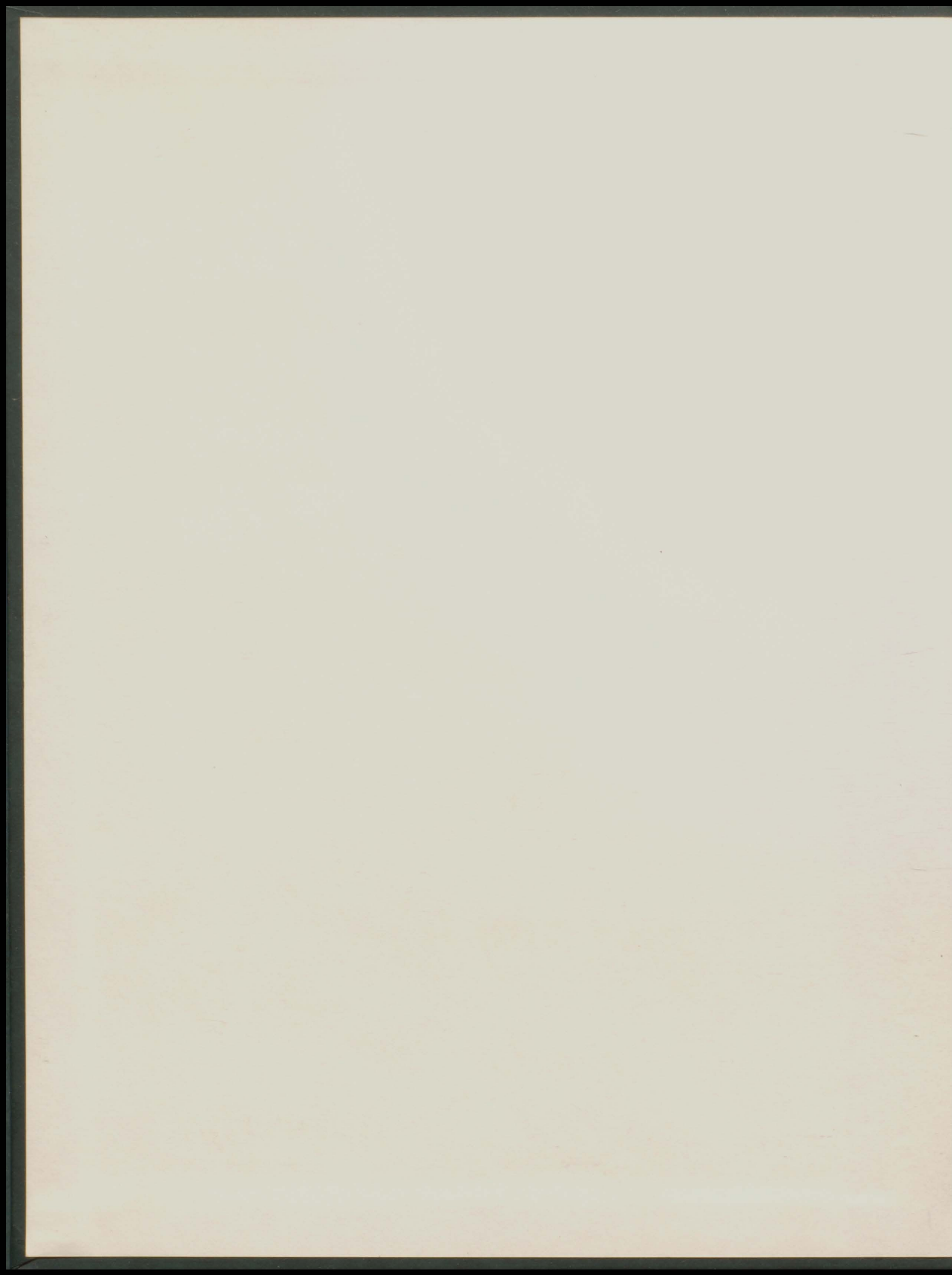


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■ Coach Freddie Doherty takes a time-out during the third place game of the 2A state tournament. The MHS girls lost, but made headlines as the first girls' team from Mansfield to make the trip to Columbia for the Final Four.

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■ Right, Sean Spyres warms up his trumpet before the start of Mansfield's Wilder Day parade in late September.

■ Left, while their proud teammates look on, seniors James Hanger and Tom Moody hold the state baseball championship trophy high for the fans to see.



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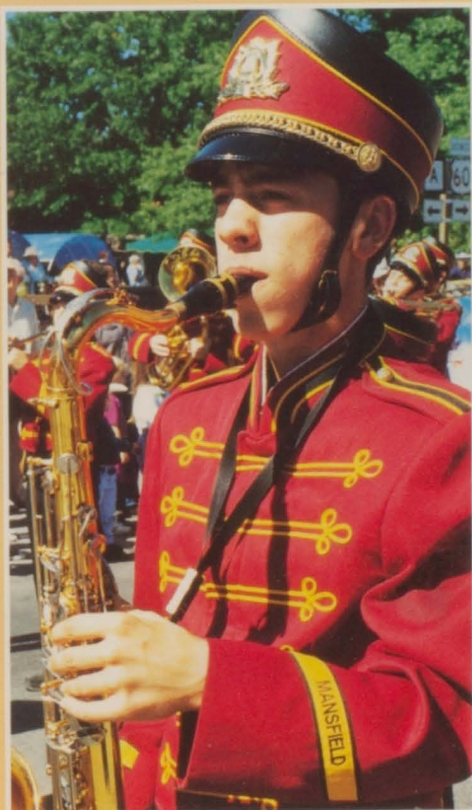
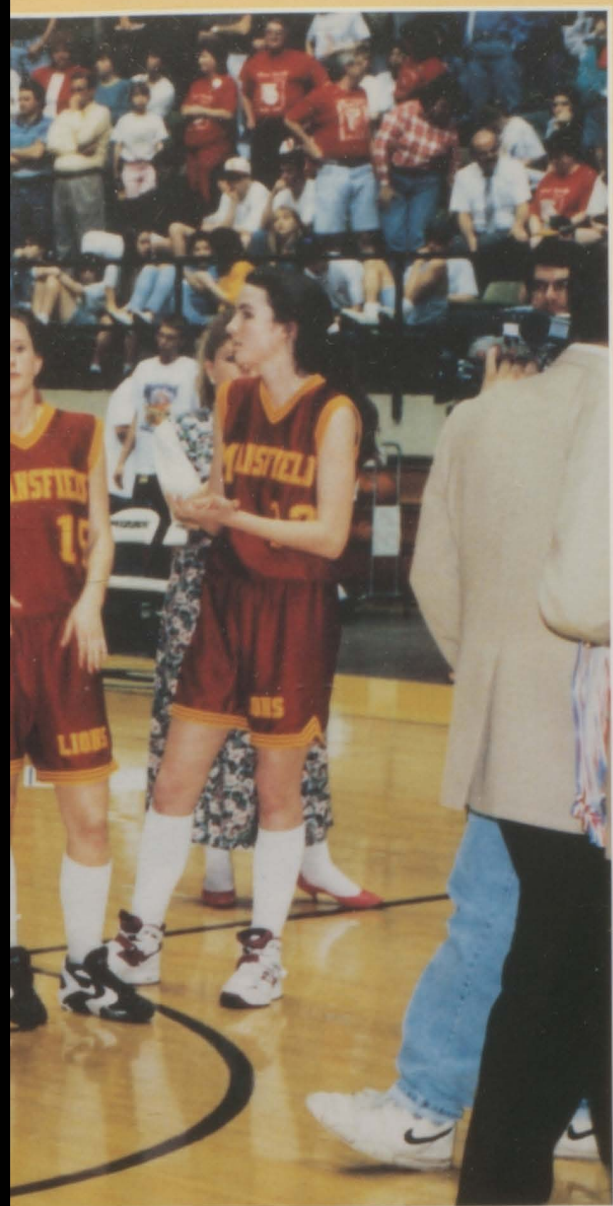
■ Seniors Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, and Missy Honeycutt hold the fourth place 2A state trophy high in the air from Mansfield fans to see. The Lady Lions were the first girls' basketball team in its 20 years of existence to make the Final Four and play in the state tournament. Behind the seniors are managers Kim Joseph and Melanie McGaw, and players Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine, Regina Roy, and Courtney Short. **SPORTS...pg. 64**

■ At the cross country pep rally, sophomores try to give the runners who have qualified for the state meet in Jefferson City a loud send-off. Amanda Stacy and Jill Adamson, front, are backed up by Jeffrey Brooke, Nick Brooke, Harry Crawford, and Chris Johnson. **STUDENT LIFE ...pg. 6**



■ Industrial technology teacher Bill Ghan helps Jason Lansdown with computer skills. The carpeted and air-conditioned lab was one of the school's improvements. **ACADEMICS...pg 84**

■ Eric Grubbs and the rest of the band pause on the town's main street to perform during the Laura Ingalls Wilder centennial celebration parade in October. **ORGANIZATIONS...46**



we **NEVER** *had it so good*

It's true. Computers everywhere. More teachers. Much smaller classes. Expanded activities. Academic successes. Sports records. While we hate to brag, you would have to look hard to find something bad to say about the 1995 school year. From the landscaping project which brightened the campus to the girls' basketball team which brought excitement to the whole community with a trip to the Final Four in Columbia, it was a year of positives, not negatives. We don't claim to be a bunch of Pollyanna's, but we never had it so good.

in our lives

Q: *Can you get too much of a good thing?*
A: *Never!*

Excuse us.

While we were out for summer vacation, did someone decide that Mansfield High School was going to win the lottery?

No?

Well, we may not have won \$10 million dollars, but it sure felt like we were winners from day one.

We came back in August to the first new high school classroom addition in two decades. There were computers everywhere, almost. Added staff

meant reduced class sizes. Somebody even decided to plant flowers all over the place.

Wow, we thought. It's going to be a pretty good year. But we were wrong. It was a great year, no doubt about it.

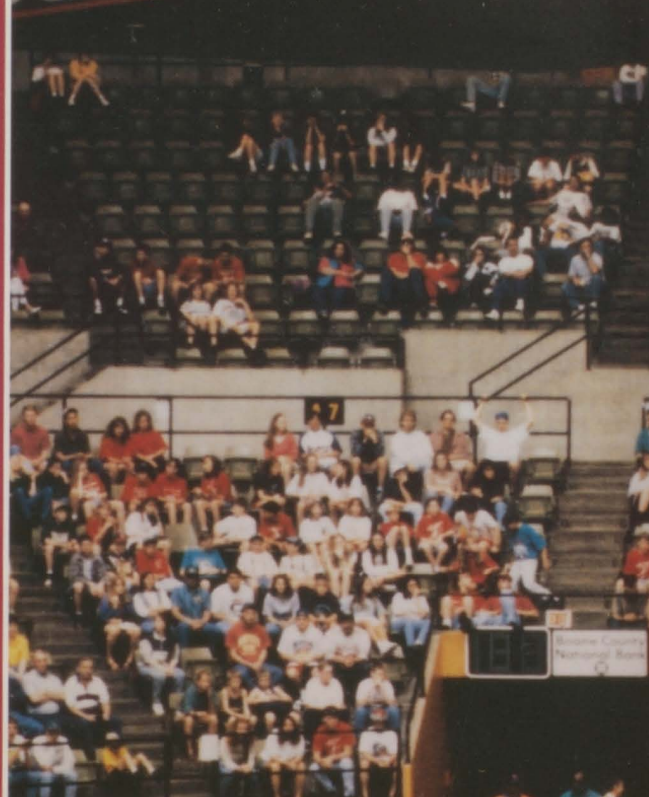
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An MHS senior was the first ever High School Heis-

man winner, and the girls' basketball team made the Final Four of the state tournament. And there's so much more. Actually, we never had it so good.

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BUSCH **BUD**



■ At the Homecoming pep rally, mock queen candidate Mike Spyres tries to sway a few votes. Behind him are Liz Roth, Sean Spyres, Stephanie Calhoun, Joe Allen, and Hayden Dennis.

■ Working in the newly carpeted and air-conditioned industrial technology computer classroom, Julie Brenner and Sarah Walker do an assignment in CAD, computer assisted drafting.





■ Teachers Vicki Blankenship and Kelly Brazeal work after school hours to plant mums in flower beds they helped construct on the school campus.



■ Trish Dalton's cheers (left) and Trisha Perry's tears (right) are both in reaction to the Lady Lions beating Springfield Catholic for a trip to the state Final Four.



■ With Jenny Blaine handling the ball, the Lady Lions play Clark County for third in the 2A state tournament. MHS lost 68-45. It was MHS's first girls' team to make the Final Four. Also on court are Trisha Perry, Niki Anderson, and Missy Honeycutt.

■ With the new classroom building in the background, students leave sixth hour keyboarding and English II classes for the main building, south of the new six-room addition. Jeff Hanger, Crystal Cook, and Liza Stovall lead the way.



■ In New York at The Downtown Athletic Club, Trisha Perry is the female recipient of the first ever Wendy's High School Heisman award. Perry beat out a field of 10,000 nominees to win the award, which was based on scholarship, athletics, and community service. This award set off a print and broadcast media frenzy far above anything MHS had ever experienced before.



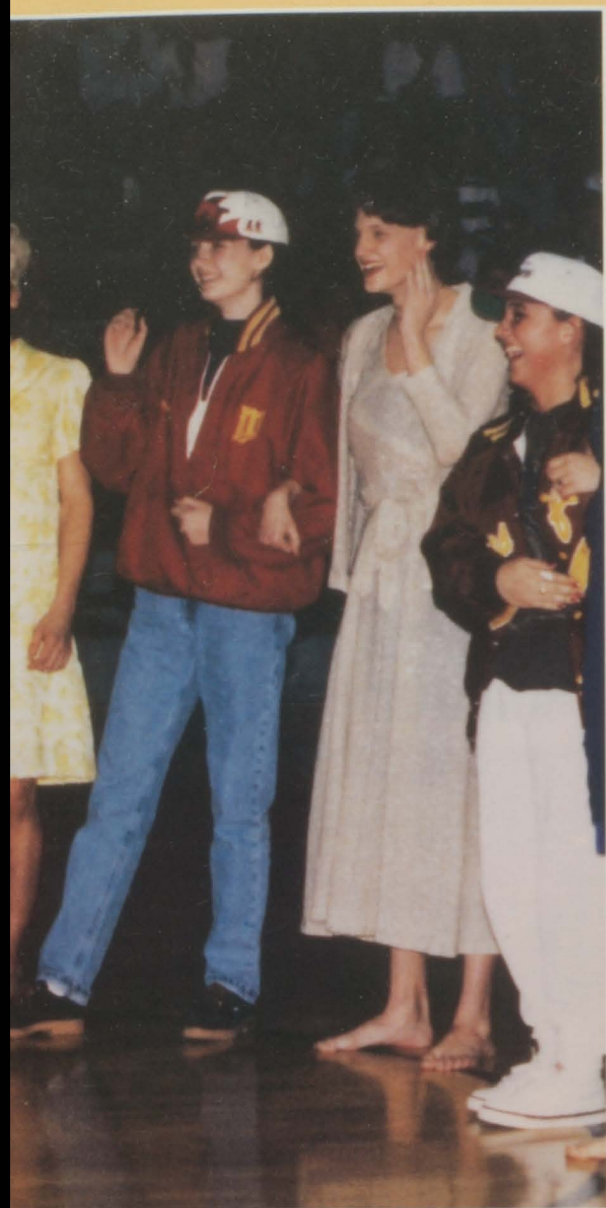
■ For laughs, the Homecoming pep rally has it in spades, as Sean Spyres, alias Carrie, shows the student body why they should vote for him/her for Homecoming Queen. The all-in-fun ceremony featured the Homecoming Queen candidates and princesses escorting some rather strange looking replacements from the boys' basketball team. Behind Spyres are Liz Roth, Stephanie Calhoun, Joe Allen, Ashley Miller, Hayden Dennis, Shannon Cantrell, Eric Grubbs, Courtney Short, Nick Brooke, and Tessa Bennett.

■ Joe Garrison and Stephanie House have different styles of dancing at the annual Barnwarming, sponsored by FFA and Future Homemakers of America.



■ Barbershop harmony is part of the annual choir production. The event also featured two short melodramas. Kneeling, Steven Chilson, Michael Spyres, Luke Johnson. Back, Sean Spyres, Jarod Coday, Eric Carampatan, Steven Welch, Dustin Lansdown, Ricky Boutell, and Matt Skyles.

■ Shoe polish in hand, Janie Carter shows off her handiwork after she writes #45, Psycho, on the bus window as the Lady Lions prepare to leave for the state tournament in Columbia.



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You have the same old events every year. Homecoming, Barnwarming, blah, blah, blah. Don't they get boring as all get out? Not at MHS. While the same events do roll around each year, they had a distinctive flavor in 1995. No one who was there will ever forget the basketball boys' rather lumpy imitation of Homecoming Queen candidates. And no one will forget the roping fun at Barnwarming, or the media frenzy over the High School Heisman winner, or any of a dozen other events that shaped the year. Believe it. We never had it so good.

in student life

SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT PERRY pitches in to help Wilda Watterson spread cedar chips in the newly planted flower bed several teachers and students built on an October Saturday.



TEACHERS
ARLENE
MAGNIN,
 Wilda Watterson,
 Stephaney
 Menzie, Kelly
 Brazeal, Vicki
 Blankenship, and
 Kathy Barnett
 build a flower
 bed at the middle
 school corner of
 the campus.

USING
BLACK
LATEX paint,
 Joe Allen, Stacey
 Arnall (back),
 and Trisha Perry
 put on finishing
 touches as they
 repaint the
 school sign
 located in the
 center of the
 school campus.
 The sign is
 located in the
 middle of a new
 flower bed they
 helped construct
 and plant.



LONNIE BELL, VICTOR Murray, Barry Wedge, and Matt Calhoun dig clay out of an old shrub area in front of the high school, above right. The clay was replaced with black dirt, and new shrubs were planted.

WITH SUSIE GRAHAM holding the landscaping timbers steady, Wilda Watterson nails them together to form a flower bed. The teachers worked all day Saturday on the project.



FLOWERS IN HAND, Arlene Magnin gets ready to plant mums in the spots Kelly Brazeal clears out.

Teachers
and
students
join to
improve the
school
campus,
and in
addition to
flowers,
pride

BLOOMS



Forty-five sets of mums need to be planted, and Trisha Perry tackles the job, working all day Saturday with several teachers and some other students to beautify the school campus. Perry's willingness to help with community projects is just one of the assets which a few months later won her the honor of being the female winner of the first Wendy's High School Heisman award. "I was passing by Saturday morning and some people were doing something and I was curious of what it was. So I went and looked at what they were doing and I got drafted." -- Trisha Perry

"It's nice to hear the compliments from faculty and students on how nice the flowers look."

-- **Stephaney Menzie,**
teacher

"The visual effect is tremendous, but more important is the knowledge that teachers and students are taking pride in their school."

-- **Robert Perry,**
superintendent

"I like the new flowers because when kids come to our school they look at them and think it is a good atmosphere."

-- **Sean Spyres**

Out with the old look and in with the new.

Several teachers, assisted by some of their students, changed the appearance of the school by adding new wooden planters, shrubs, and maroon, white and gold mums in four areas.

It took a full day on a Saturday and one evening after school to dig holes, move dirt, build the beds, and plant the flowers and shrubs.

Wilda Watterson was chairman of the project. She had already drawn up a landscaping design for the school in one of her college classes, so it was used as a starting point.

"It has improved the atmosphere and created a sense of pride in our school property," she said. "For me personally, it brightens my day to pull up and see something beautiful instead

of nothing at all."

Stephaney Menzie, learning disabilities teacher, worked with her students to prepare some of the areas.

"My students were in at the ground level," she said. "We had the job of first ripping out the old beds. We shoveled gravel, tore out old ties and wood, dug and transported the slimiest clay I've come across, trimmed bushes, spread mulch, and watered. Most of the students who participated in the project, dirty as it was, enjoyed a chance to do something for the school."

Teacher Kathy Barnett was also happy to help.

"I'm glad I could be a part of it," she said.

Menzie thinks the flower beds have brightened the look of the school.

"It's extremely pleasurable," she said, "to see the product of the hard work."

A HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE is what Mica Brooke gets when she takes part in one of open house's most popular attractions, the Van deGraaf generator demonstration in the science classroom.

CHOIR MEMBERS
ROBBY Decker,
Julie Brenner,
Sean Spyres, Eric
Carampatan,
Ricky Boutell,
and Jarod Coday
practice with
director Terry
Spyres at open
house. Music
students
provided several
types of
entertainment for
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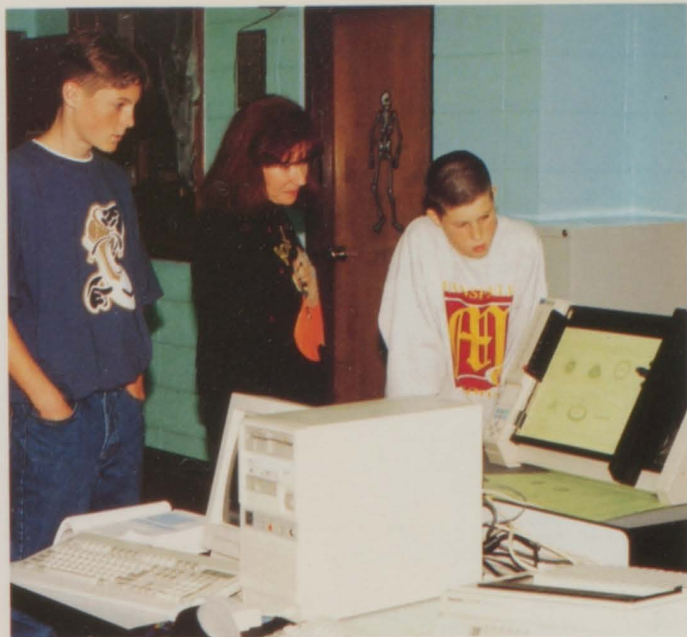
OPEN HOUSE GUESTS in the science room watch in amazement as Joe Allen shows what happens to an inflated balloon after being held in liquid nitrogen. In the background are James Hanger, Mark Brown, Steven Welch, and Nathan Carr.



PEOPLE OF ALL ages, including senior Emily Moody, gather information about high school clubs and classes as they browse through the open house displays in the main hallway.

For adults
who
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finding out
just how
much school
has changed
in the '90s
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Checking out all the new computers is a big part of the open house experience for Susan Corder and her sons, Scott Corder and Austin Corder. CAD (computer assisted drafting) student Stephen Stepro shows them how to print out a computer drawing he had made in industrial technology teacher Bill Ghan's class. Ghan's computer room boasted new carpet, air-conditioning, and wall-to-wall computers. The theme for open house was "We're Stronger Together," and emphasized the family, school, community connection. "We had a good crowd and several people received hands-on experience or observation." -- Bill Ghan

"I was sitting close to where they were demonstrating the Van deGraaf generator and I could almost feel the static. I thought that my hair was standing up, too."

-- Nathan Carr

"Open house helped the community learn a lot about the school, like our smaller classes, how many computers we have, and what the classes have been doing."

-- Niki Anderson

"Open house lasted 45 minutes longer than it was supposed to, so people must have been interested."

-- Bill Ghan, teacher

Hair-raising, side-splitting, and most of all, eye-opening.

The district's first all-school open house in more than a dozen years had entertainment, laughter, and education in mind as it used an entire evening to show off a new high school classroom building and new technology to parents and community members.

In some areas, special events took place every 15 minutes. In the science room, one presentation involved a Van deGraaf generator.

"I demonstrated the Van deGraaf generator and it was a really weird experience because your hair stood up on end," sophomore Jeremy Corder said. "I think the audience learned a lot about static electricity."

Another science demonstration using liquid nitrogen caused roars of laughter to drift down the

halls of the high school. Senior Joe Allen used roses, bananas, and other objects to show how quickly an object will freeze when held in the substance.

"Joe stuck a Vienna sausage down in the liquid nitrogen, but he made it look like it was his finger and when he took it out, it was frozen so he busted it with a hammer," senior James Hanger said. "The audience really thought that it was his finger and they got all excited."

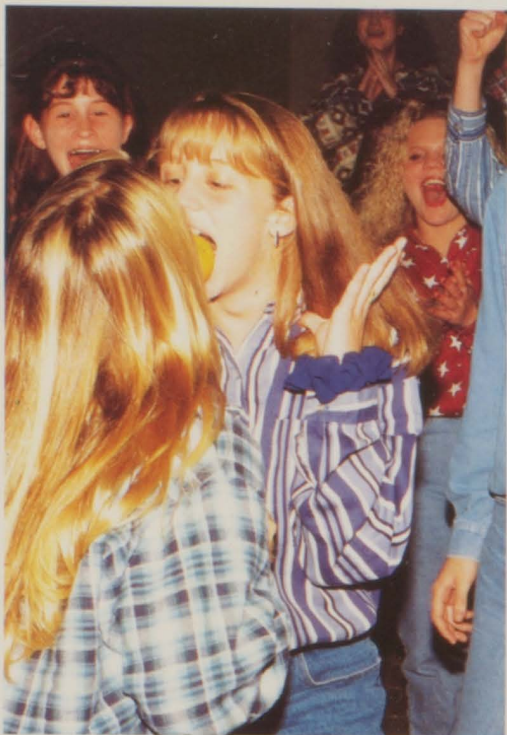
Showing the community new facilities, new computers, and new ideas received high marks from those who attended open house.

"I felt it was a good way to inform the parents about the school," said Nancy Porter, mother of senior Melisa Porter, "and it really gave parents insight into the school."

TO GIVE SATHA Kilgore a moving target to rope, Joe Garrison and Hayden Dennis get ready to send a hay bale "bull" sliding across the floor at Barnwarming. The roping went on all evening.

JENNY MOODY PASSES an orange to Leslie Lynch (left) while Allison Arnall and Kati Williams cheer them on. In a game pitting the four classes in a relay race, the freshmen gave new meaning to "pass, but don't use hands."

DANCING TO "YMCA" by the Village People, Bobby Hunsucker, Carrie Gleason, Sarah Johns, and dozens of other fill the dance floor at Barnwarming.



ROPE IN HAND, Satha Kilgore takes the roping contest between the classes seriously, and manages to rope the "bull" on his third try.



BARNWARMING ROYALTY WINNERS are front, Shelly Williams and Joe Garrison; queen and king Amanda Stacy and Jason Davis; Gary Slate and Kassy Calhoun; and back, Tessa Bennett and Matt Skyles.



It was a night of many activities, but the one that will be remembered the most was the old-time skill of



As the freshman entry in a roping contest at Barnwarming, Allison Arnall aims for a hay bale roping dummy. Sophomore Aimee Williams, junior Tessa Bennett, and senior Satha Kilgore also were entries. "Roping was lots of fun. The whole thing of Barnwarming was a lot different than what I thought it would be. I didn't expect for the decorations to be what they were, and I liked playing the orange game. But the roping was the best. I practiced a few times during the evening, but it was a lot harder when everyone was standing around watching." -- Allison Arnall

ROPING

"Everyone looked like they were having a good time. People were acting stupid and would jump around, just to have fun."

-- Donnie Young

"The roping contest at Barnwarming was very fun not only to play, but also to watch."

-- Garan Kinser

"Playing games and watching the roping kept the people who don't like to dance entertained."

-- Wendy Matlock

Boots, chaps, cowboy hats, ropes, and a hay bale "bull."

Barnwarming had it all, from country music to heavy metal and from dancing to roping.

However, the thing that set this Barnwarming apart from ones in the past was a bright green plastic roping dummy anchored to a bale of hay.

During the evening, anyone who wanted to could try his, or her, hand at roping.

"I liked roping the best of everything that we did that evening," senior Satha Kilgore said. "I rope all of the time at home, but I didn't do as well as at Barnwarming as I could have."

Later in the evening there was an informal roping competition with one representative from each class getting three chances to

lasso the "bull," while everyone else stopped to watch.

"It was so funny," said junior roping entry Tessa Bennett. "I couldn't get the rope around the bull's neck for nothing. I probably could have if I could have quit laughing, but that was impossible."

The roping addition gave a sense of authenticity to the annual event co-sponsored by FFA and Future Homemakers of America.

For the most part, students enjoyed themselves by dancing and being around friends.

"Every song just about everyone got up and danced," junior Joanie Fulbright said. "That's what made everybody have more fun. Because then everyone was dancing or laughing at everyone else acting crazy."

UPRIGHT AND TALL, hero Luke Johnson as Balderdash Trustworthy declares his plans to save his love while evil villains Maxine Mascara (Kim Joseph) and J. Tamarack Gargle (Mike Spyres) plan to get rid of him.



PRESSED FOR TIME, preacher Steve Chilson tries to encourage heroine Jenny Blaine to continue with the wedding to the play's evil villain.



SLY AND SNEAKY Maxine Mascara, Kim Joseph, lures Colonel Beauregard, Sean Spyres, into her evil plan, above. Right, Tessa Miller, as Clementine, struggles to get away from Mike Scott, portraying villain Jackpot Slade.



TEMPERANCE WORKERS KASSY Calhoun, Liza Stovall, and Sara Moody preach to Jared Coday, playing Barney McDougal, the town drunk, in the melodrama "The Miner's Daughter."



DESPERATE FOR AN answer, Jenny Blaine, Janie Carter, and Liz Roth think their hardest to come up with a way to keep Blaine from having to marry the wicked villain in the melodrama "True, Blue, and Trusted."



When it comes to villains and heroines, in melodramas the gallant hero always wins in the end, despite all the



Butterfly net in hand, Sean Spyres, as slightly daffy Colonel Beauregard, tries to catch a few specimens in the park, interrupting "villains" Kim Joseph and Mike Spyres as they are plotting evil deeds. The action took place during the choir's melodrama performance of "True, Blue, and Trusted." "My character spent most of his time catching horseflies and butterflies. Maxine Mascara (Joseph) was trying to seduce me, but I was running around trying to catch a South African spotted horsefly instead." -- Sean Spyres

CURSES

"It was great when Balderdash Trustworthy, Luke Johnson, ran through the crowd, leaped upon the stage, and saved the day."

-- Joe Bray

"I loved it when Janie (Carter) hit the cream pie instead of the table."

-- Emily Moody

"The best part was when the women's suffrage group came down the aisle, and Jenny (Blaine) was carrying a bass drum and walked into Mrs. (Terry) Spyres and knocked over her music stand."

-- Stephanie Calhoun

"Curses, foiled again!"

"Oh, oh, woe is me!"

These lines filled the gym during the melodrama, "True, Blue, and Trusted," presented by the mixed chorus and directed by vocal music teacher Terry Spyres.

Senior Janie Carter, who played Grandmama Lackamoney, ran into trouble when she accidentally hit a shaving cream pie instead of what she was supposed to hit, the table.

"I will always remember when I slammed my hand into the middle of the pan of shaving cream and it went all over my face and in my eyes," she said. "It happened right before the chase scene, so I couldn't see anything."

Other actors had some unusual experiences as well.

"During the play Duane Keys, the stage manager, forgot to put Tessa (Miller's) bench out, so she took my chair and when I sat down I

fell in the floor," said sophomore Jarod Coday, who played drunken Barney McDougal.

Students did not have to actually be in the play for it to be an experience.

"Standing behind the curtain gave me an interesting viewpoint," Keys said. "I was able to notice when people messed up. It was funny to watch them ad lib when they had to."

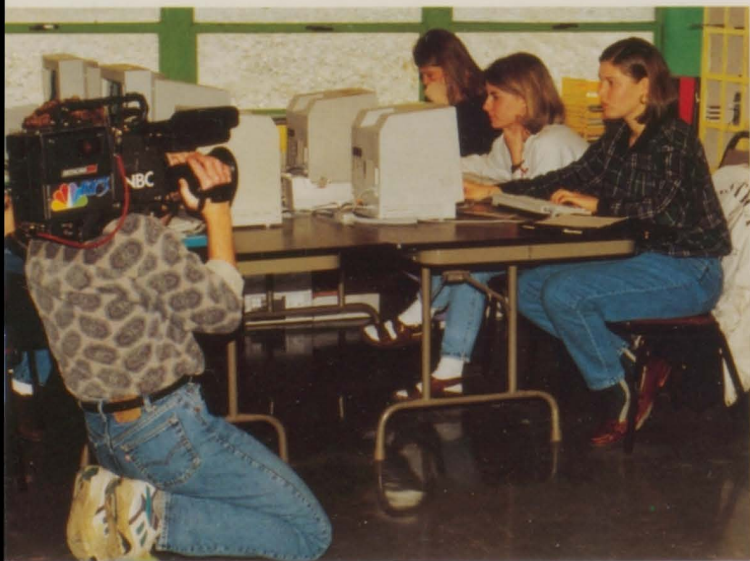
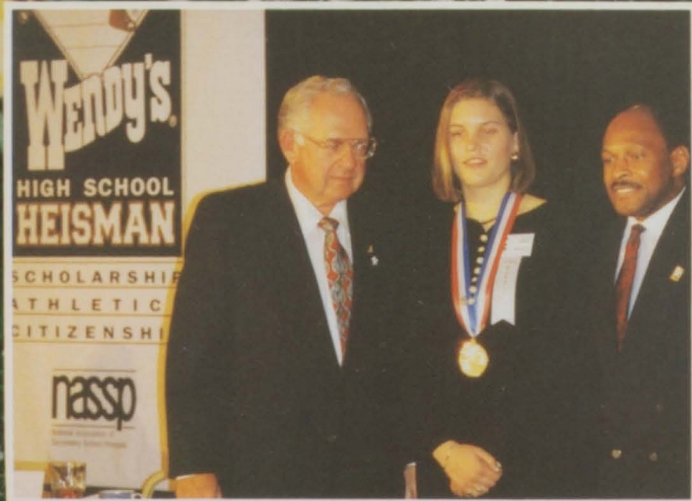
Even though many of the choir members had never performed in a play before, they survived being nervous and concentrated on fun.

"After we finally got the play together I really enjoyed performing in it," said senior Melisa Porter, who played Mother Lackamoney. "The cast from our play got pretty close, so if someone messed up or forgot their lines, someone else would cover up for them."

DAVE THOMAS, FOUNDER of Wendy's, and Archie Griffin are on hand as Trisha Perry is honored as the first Wendy's High School Heisman winner. Perry received a crystal trophy and a medal.

TRISHA PERRY

IS greeted by Emily Matlock as about 100 school friends, teachers, and other adults gather in her home at 9 p.m. on Sunday night for a surprise party. School officials found out when the family planned to return from New York, and the word spread.



A CAMERA-MAN FROM KY-3 television in Springfield is just one of many media types who is everywhere Trisha Perry is for several days after she is back home. A "Joe's Journal" segment had just been filmed, and Perry was trying to meet her deadline for the Lions Gazette.



BASKETBALL TEAM-MATES Trish Dalton and Missy Honeycutt are among the dozens of people gathered in Trisha Perry's home for her surprise party.



What began
with 10,000
nominees
ended with
Trisha
Perry as
the first
winner of
Wendy's
High
School



News cameras rolling, Trisha Perry, second from the left, checks out the original Heisman award at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. Also gathered around are some of the other High School Heisman finalists. Perry's win received a lot of media attention, including an article and picture in Sports Illustrated. "The news coverage was unbelievable. At the banquet we actually had a real press conference with tons of reporters there. I've also been on Channel One, and been interviewed by the News-Leader, Channel 3, and the Associated Press." -- Trisha Perry

HEISMAN

"Sometimes I have to stop and remember that this is our Trish, from right here in Mansfield, Missouri."

-- Pam Probert, teacher

"I don't think there are words to describe the amount of pride that the community feels about Trish's award."

-- Debbie Von Behren, teacher

"By Trish receiving this award, hopefully students can see that being from a small town, they have just as much of a chance to succeed as people do in the city."

-- Freddie Doherty, coach

Imagine hearing your name announced as the winner of an award that had over 10,000 nominees.

Senior Trisha Perry had that thrill when, at The Downtown Athletic Club in New York, she was announced as the female recipient of the first Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

"I just sat there in amazement," she said. "It didn't really sink in, but it was great. My dad (superintendent Robert Perry) jumped up and screamed 'Oh, my God!' When I was walking up there is when it really hit me."

After a teary acceptance speech, broadcast on ESPN, Perry was comforted by a former two-time Heisman winner.

"After my speech was done Archie Griffin came up to me and said that the first time he received his he cried also and it was expected,"

Perry said. "He also told me that I should be proud."

The award, in its first year, was based on achievements not just in athletics, but also in academics and community service.

"The balance in my achievements in athletics, community service and academics helped me out the most, I think, because I wasn't the smartest person there or the one who had done the most in community service," she said.

The media attention the first days back at school was almost unbelievable. Perry had video cameras pointed at her while she was working at the computer, walking down the hall, going through basketball practice, and more. Teachers and Perry's friends were also interviewed.

"All the hoopla was overwhelming," Perry said. "It was really exciting for everyone."

HOMECOMING QUEEN SHANNON Cantrell reigns with her court, which includes crown bearer Andy Carr; attendants Ashley Miller and Stephanie Calhoun; and flower girl Kate Probert.

WITH ROSE IN hand, senior Homecoming Queen candidate Stephanie Calhoun is escorted by senior James Hanger.

MANSFIELD PLAYERS CRASH the boards hard and look for the fast break as senior Chuck Campbell pulls down the rebound. Other MHS players on court are Matt Skyles, James Hanger, Hayden Dennis, and Joe Allen. The Lions beat Fordland 67-54, and Campbell had 19 points and 7 rebounds.



MHS SWEETHEARTS SHOW that "It's All Good" as they perform during halftime, above. Junior Tessa Bennett, freshman Courtney Short, and sophomore Liz Roth are Homecoming princesses, right.





After a
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changed the
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Homecoming
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Eyes closed and hands clenched, candidate Ashley Miller receives a reassuring pat from escort Chuck Campbell as everyone awaits the announcement of the Homecoming Queen. The three senior candidates, Miller, Stephanie Calhoun, and Shannon Cantrell, were more than a little nervous. "After we had taken our places, I told Chuck my knees were knocking. He kept patting my arm trying to comfort me. At that moment I felt a sense of relief, knowing a close friend had escorted me in and was there with me on such a special occasion." -- Ashley Miller

"I wasn't really nervous about who would win, but if I would have enough time to change for the rose ceremony."

-- Shannon Cantrell

"I didn't like having rose ceremony and Homecoming on the same night because it rushed everything."

-- James Hanger

"I thought it took a lot of emphasis off of Homecoming, because it slowed everything down."

-- Joe Garrison

Snow and ice may have cancelled the first Homecoming date, but that didn't stop things the second time around.

Originally set for Jan. 6, Homecoming was finally held Feb. 10, the only other Friday night home game. Rose ceremony, held the last home game of the season, had to be the same night.

For the seniors involved, this made for a big night.

"For me, it was a little too much," said senior Stephanie Calhoun. "First I had to go out on court as a queen candidate, then change my clothes, go back on court in rose ceremony, then about 10 minutes later I had to go back out on court to perform with the pom pon squad."

Homecoming Queen Shannon Cantrell said the meaning was lost.

"To me, Homecoming was just rushed and nobody

really cared about anything," she said.

To save time, only the queen candidates and princesses and their escorts participated in the ceremony. At least one of the basketball players thought that was a good idea.

"Every year we worry about Homecoming, and that gets our minds off the game," junior Matt Skyles said. "This year it seemed like that wasn't the situation."

However, having a delayed Homecoming was hardest on one group - Student Council members who counted the queen ballots and then had to store the information for weeks.

"Melanie (Blankenship) and I knew," junior Stephanie Blankenship said, "and I wanted to tell someone so bad. I had to about glue my lips together to keep quiet."

THE CROWD AT the Homecoming pep rally finds plenty to laugh about when the mock queen candidates are escorted into the gym, below. Right, junior Homecoming princess Tessa Bennett escorts Mike Spyres to center court for a pep rally contest.

WITH POM
PON girls
Lauren Miller,
Sara Moody, and
Jennifer Jones
leading the way,
members of the
boys' and girls'
basketball teams
try to get the
hang, mostly
unsuccessfully,
of an eight-count
from a routine.



FRESHMEN
AND
SOPHOMORE
basketball
players can't
quite keep up
with the fast
moves of pom
pon girl Kass
Calhoun as she
tries to teach
them part of a
pom pon routine
at the
Homecoming
pep rally.



STOPPING LAUGHING WOULD be almost impossible as these pep rally fans watch the mock Homecoming queen candidates compete against each other.





Homecoming
may be one
of the
biggest
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but the
Homecoming
pep rally is
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Beauty is definitely in the eyes of the beholder, as these lovelies reveal at the Homecoming pep rally. Mock queen candidates Hayden Dennis (front), Sean Spyres, Mike Spyres, Nick Brooke, Joe Allen, and Eric Grubbs made quite an impression on the audience during their "contest" to see who would be queen. Roars of laughter from the crowd kept the "ceremony" from getting too stuffy. "It fulfilled my life-long dream of becoming Homecoming Queen. The only problem was that I didn't win." -- Hayden Dennis

CRAZY

"It was great fun dressing up like a girl and making everybody laugh, but I wouldn't want to be one everyday."

-- Hayden Dennis

"It was hilarious when Michael Spyres started sticking his stomach out and tightening his dress to make himself look pregnant."

-- Sabrina Kelly

"I always love being the center of attention, and as dumb as I looked at the Homecoming pep rally, I was definitely that."

-- Joe Allen

Hairy legs, bare feet, and polyester dresses would best describe what MHS considers to be a "real" woman.

At least that's what anyone who watched the Homecoming pep rally would think.

The event definitely had a different ring to it than in years past.

A group of boys dressed up as mock Homecoming queen candidates, and were escorted into the gym by the real queen candidates and princesses, dressed as boys, of course.

Junior Sean Spyres, better known as "Carrie," after his lively performance, said this one was more exciting than the routine pep rally.

"I like going out and making a fool of myself and having everyone laugh at me," said Spyres, who won

the votes as the crowd favorite. "It was nice to get a good laugh out of something like that instead of just doing the same old thing."

Freshman Kassy Calhoun's first Homecoming pep rally is one she will always remember.

"I thought the pep rally was really fun," she said. "I loved it when Eric Grubbs walked out there, because he had such a womanly attitude."

Senior Melisa Porter said the Homecoming pep rally brought out a lot of reaction from the crowd.

"Sean Spyres was definitely the funniest, because he walked out on the floor and started flexing his muscles," Porter said. "Everyone was actually into the pep rally this year instead of just sitting there doing nothing."



WITH JENNY

BLAINE the only starter remaining on the floor near the end of the third place game with Clark County, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Missy Honeycutt, Stephanie Blankenship, and Trish Dalton reflect on the coveted trip to the Final Four.

LADY LIONS

APPLAUD their teammates as they accept their fourth place state medals. Shown are Janie Carter, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Trisha Perry, Trish Dalton, Missy Honeycutt, and Regina Roy.



WITH HER USUAL quickness, Jenny Blaine drives around a Clark County player in the 68-45 MHS loss in the third place state game.

AS THE MEDAL ceremony starts, MHS fans, disappointed, still show support for the fourth place finish, the best ever by a MHS girls' team.

RIGHT, REGINA ROY, with help from Aimee Williams, Courtney Short, and Trisha Perry, paints bus windows before the Columbia trip. Middle, Janie Carter shoots in the first game with Pembroke Hill, a heartbreaking 47-46 double overtime loss. Missy Honeycutt and Trisha Perry are also on court.



It was the first trip to the Final Four for the Lady Lions, and all the excitement for players, coaches, and fans started with



As the Lady Lions load the bus for the trip to the Final Four in Columbia, friends express good luck wishes to Trish Dalton. A brief pep rally had just been held for the high school in the gym, and the girls were given a big send off by elementary children with signs, and by radio station KKOZ, which would broadcast the 2A state tournament games. "When we all started painting our names on the bus windows, it was exciting, because at that moment I realized that we were going to the Final Four." -- Trish Dalton

DREAMS

"At the pep rally, everyone was chanting M-H-S, and I'm not sure who was the most excited, the crowd, the girls or Mr. (Jerry) Armstrong."

-- Torrie Collins

"It was really awesome playing on the same court that the Missouri Tigers play on."

-- Niki Anderson

"I was very proud of our girls and coaches. They represented our school at state well."

-- Jerry Armstrong,
principal

It was a year-long dream that came true, in part.

Ranked as high as first in the state during the season, the Lady Lions dreamed of a state championship. And that dream almost came true.

In the end, it all came down to one point. In the first game of the 2A state tournament at Hearnes Center in Columbia, the team was up by 9 points at half-time, but lost 47-46 to Pembroke Hill in a devastating double overtime game.

The next day in the third place game, the girls were unable to bounce back, and placed fourth.

"When I walked out the gym door, I knew it was my last high school career game," senior Trish Perry said. "I was emotionally drained, especially knowing we were one of the best teams there and we ended up with fourth place."

Past the disappointment,

this was the best finish ever for an MHS girls' team, and it was a great time for the team, school, and community.

"Nothing prepares you for the size of the gym or how loud the crowd is," junior Stephanie Blankenship said. "While we were watching the other games and the first big roar of the crowd came, the total impact of what we were about to do hit me."

Coach Freddie Doherty had been to the Final Four before, with Hartville.

"Making it to the Final Four was an excellent experience we will always remember," he said. "It's a shame everybody doesn't get the chance."

The girls realized that also, after the final game.

"When I walked out and saw the crowd of loyal supporters," senior Missy Honeycutt said, "my spirits lifted."

WHO SAYS DISCO isn't still in style? Junior Phillip Hull shows a new side of himself as he gives the crowd something to cheer about as he steals the show with his lively dancing. Even his dance partner, Tara Travis, has trouble keeping up with him.



MIKE IN HAND and instructions ready, Hits and Grins deejay Cindy Coffman teaches Elizabeth Chilson, Sabrina Kelly, Jennifer Jones, plus a crowd of others, how to do the electric slide.

TRISH DALTON AND Faye Dollarhide have the best "seats" in the house as they dance to the popular song "YMCA."



SCREAMING WITH LAUGHTER, the crowd roars approval as they watch Nick Brooke dance with a style all his own, taking advantage of his moment in the spotlight.



Junior-Senior Prom has finally arrived, the music is blaring, and all you gotta do is

DANCE



Sunglasses seemed to have a "Back to the Future" effect as students cheer from the sidelines while watching Jarod Coday breakdance and do the worm. It was all part of a game devised by deejays Hits and Grins. Sunglasses were passed around a circle of dancers, and the person left holding the glasses when the music stopped got to do a solo performance. "It was hilarious watching everyone get out in the middle of the circle and act crazy. Jarod looked like he was straight out of the '80s with the geeky, magic glasses and the John Travolta dance moves." -- Michael Spyres

"I usually don't fast dance, but this was Prom, so I decided I had to. Then they started chanting my name so I just kept dancing."

-- Phillip Hull

"I felt like I had just won the lottery when I had the sunglasses when the music stopped. I wanted them last year and didn't get them. Not very many people saw it, but I had a tear in my eye."

-- Nick Brooke

"At first I was a little nervous, but when the music started, I just got out there and let it go."

-- Jarod Coday

From the slide show of past memories to the final dance of the "Living on the Edge" event, most MHS students gave Prom rave reviews.

"It was the best prom that I'd ever been to," senior Shelly Williams said. "That says it all."

One of the highlights of the evening was the crowning of Prom king and queen. Seniors Chuck Campbell and Torrie Collins were chosen by a vote of the juniors.

"When they announced my name I was so shocked that I almost choked on my water," Collins said. "I couldn't believe I'd won."

From honor and tradition to laughs and comedy came the sunglasses game, back for the second year, where students were randomly selected to dance in front of the enthusiastic crowd.

"I'd never laughed so hard in my life when Nick (Brooke) got out there and started dancing," senior Stephanie House said. "He was having an absolute heyday with it and you could tell he was having a good time."

Others proved they didn't need a shouting crowd to have a good time as they danced song after song all night long.

"It was a little harder than I thought to dance in long dresses and high heels," sophomore Liz Roth said. "But that didn't stop us. We just kicked our shoes off and danced in our bare feet."

Between dancing, eating, laughing, and picture taking, Prom ended all too soon for some.

"I had a great time and was sorry to see it end," freshman Melvin Thompson said. "It was a great way to close the year."

PEOPLE IN LINE for pictures watch Phillip Hull turn into "Disco Phil." Several times at prom, Hull's dancing style had others crowded around to watch. Especially loving the moment are fellow juniors Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, and Melanie McGaw.

SHAKING WITH LAUGHTER, Allison Arnall, Trish Dalton, Aimee Williams and Jenny Blaine whirl around after seniors Janie Carter, Missy Honeycutt, and Trisha Perry break a bench and fall to the floor while posing for a girls' basketball team picture.



SENIORS CHUCK Campbell and **Torrie Collins** reign as prom royalty. The juniors voted for the winners.



FLASHES ON AND cameras ready, Melissa Scott, Kassy Calhoun, Natasha Bailey, Kati Williams, Karie DeChenne, and Shannon Reese wait for the baseball team to be arranged so they can snap away.

NEVER ONE TO shy away from being the center of attention, Nick Brooke struts his stuff as he puts on the "magic" sunglasses. Middle, senior girls wait for their last prom picture together to be taken.



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Hats on and vests off, baseball team members gather in front of the bright lights and listen avidly as photographer Dave Moore puts them in the perfect pose, in what has become an annual event for the team members. "It has just become a tradition for the team to get their pictures taken together. Somewhere along the way, some of us started taking our shirts off and turning our hats backwards. It's different, but it's us. It must be a hit though because every time we line up there are always a bunch of people snapping our pictures." -- Matt Skyles

S MILES

"Standing in line, I noticed the pearls on my shoe had fallen off and my heel was cracked, so I had to get my picture taken without any shoes on."

-- **Melanie McGaw**

"The bench broke while we were getting our basketball picture taken. We started laughing because the baseball team had four guys on it, but it broke when we had three girls on it."

-- **Trish Dalton**

"I had to hang my pictures in my room instead of the living room because the photographer had my date showing too much leg."

-- **Jeff Hanger**

Smile! Click!

Even though taking pictures is normally a rather quick action, it turns into hours of flashing on the night of Prom.

And with more than 130 students attending Prom, the line for pictures was even longer than usual.

"We had to wait in line for pictures forever," sophomore Liz Roth said, "but I knew it would be worth it to have something to remember my sophomore prom by."

Junior Class decorators had assembled a gold and black crescent moon for use in the photos. The area included star accents, blue balloons and a blue background.

"I really liked the decorations," senior Carrie Gleason said. "I thought having the moon and stars in the picture was really cool."

As the night progressed

students found themselves striking more than one pose as teams, clubs, and groups of friends gathered together.

"Most of the pictures I was in were pretty traditional," junior Stephanie Blankenship said. "The only different one was the picture where the FFA officers posed with Mr. (Lyle) Whittaker. It was sort of a way to make sure we'd all have something to remember one another by."

While some had tears in their eyes at picture time, others could barely stand because they were laughing so hard.

"We were getting our basketball picture taken and all of the sudden I heard a loud crack," junior Jenny Blaine said. "The bench the seniors had been standing on broke in half and they fell in the floor. It was one of the funniest things I'd ever seen."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH Freddie Doherty has plenty to talk about at the athletic awards night, since his Lady Lions won fourth place in the 2A state tournament. Doherty, who is also the middle school principal, had earlier announced that this was his last year as coach.

NEAR THE END of the academic awards night, High School Principal Jerry Armstrong presents Principal's Honor Roll awards to Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, and Chuck Campbell.



SOPHOMORES ARE LINED up at the front of the multi-purpose room to receive their academic letters from counselor Kelly Brazeal. Shown are Christa Choate, Stephanie Day, Jeremy Corder, Kim Joseph, Larry Lansdown, and Wendy Matlock.



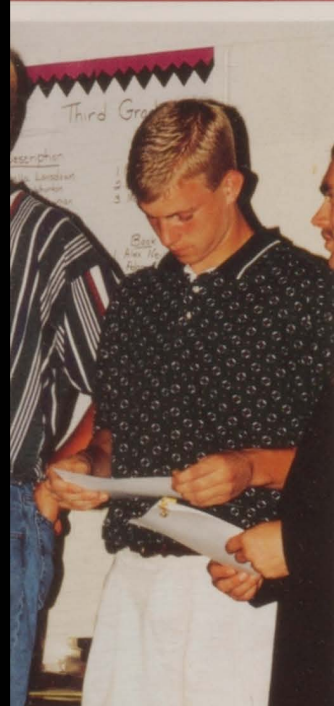
HOLDING UP A huge plaque which features the 1994 yearbook cover, journalism teacher Debbie Von Behren announces to the audience at the academic awards night that the El Leon was named All-American for the second year in a row.



COACH RANDY Short gives track awards at the athletic awards night. Behind him are Stephanie Blankenship, Janie Carter, and Trisha Perry.

AT THE ATHLETIC awards night, Chuck Campbell laughs at comments by basketball coach Chris Larsen. Matt Skyles is at the right.





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For 25 or more years of service to the Mansfield school, Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry presents a crystal apple award to high school secretary Cleo Chambers, in a special ceremony at the academic awards night. Alternative school teacher Kathy Barnett (middle), elementary principal Jean Coday, and elementary teacher Kay Scrivner were also honored. "It has been a pleasure working at the school for these past 27 years. I've enjoyed being involved in a small part of the students' education." -- Cleo Chambers

T RADITION

"At the awards nights, you never know what anyone's going to say about you. You just pray they don't embarrass you and then if they do you just have to grin and bear it."

-- Stephanie Blankenship

"I think giving out awards to the students is a good idea, because it gives us all an incentive to try our best."

-- Shelly Whorton

"I look forward to the awards nights because they mean one thing; school's almost over."

-- Niki Anderson

Win an award, and get ready for praise, honor, and more often than not, a few embarrassing stories that faculty members feel compelled to share with the hundreds of people who gather for the two annual awards nights.

The first event is the academic awards night. Teachers in every subject area present their top students, and language arts fair winners are revealed. The night also includes induction of new members into three prestigious groups - National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and Beta Chi Pi.

The next week, athletic awards are presented, usually with a more casual atmosphere.

"For the last several years, I've been stuck presenting my awards after girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty, and with

his crazy stories he's a hard act to follow," said Lady Letterman Club sponsor Debbie Von Behren. "Finally, I got to talk before him, and couldn't resist introducing him as Super Fred."

Doherty was unable to attend last year's awards because of a death in his family, and his embarrassing, but humorous, stories were sorely missed.

"Last year I was disappointed because Coach wasn't there to tell his 'true' stories," junior Melanie Blankenship said. "However, he made up for any disappointments by hitting us extra hard this year."

His team has learned to be ready for a few tall tales.

"Every year he always talks about me and some guy even though it's never true," said junior Jenny Blaine. "Still, everybody dies laughing, so it's okay."

ON THEIR SENIOR trip to St. Louis, Erin Calhoun and Stephanie House share a bumper car ride, just one of the many activities crammed into the three-day trip.

AT THE MURDER mystery dinner theater, Joe Garrison does his part to help find the "killer." It was all part of an evening of entertainment which has become a tradition during the annual St. Louis trip.



THE HOT TUB at the hotel becomes a senior trip gathering place for Janie Carter, Mark Brown, Trisha Perry, Angela Ragsdale, Missy Honeycutt, and Melisa Porter.



AFTER THEY HAVE been seated for dinner, Joe Allen and Mike Scott check out the directions they have been given in order to take part in the murder mystery that will soon unfold at the dinner theater.



WHILE AT UNION Station in St. Louis, a crowd of girls on the senior trip checks out one of the popular eating establishments.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS TAKES a moment to relax with the actors at the dinner theater after the excitement of catching the "killer" is over.



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During the visit to Six Flags, part of the three-day senior trip to St. Louis, Tara Moody and Ashley Miller model the latest in head gear, found in one of the many shopping areas at the amusement park. About 35 seniors made the trip, which was quite a few more than usual. "We had the best time on our senior trip. There were so many cameras brought along, that anytime anyone so much as moved, someone was right there to catch it on film." -- Ashley Miller

T RAVEL

"At Busch Stadium, when they started the music, I stood up and danced. I drew some unwanted attention when I did."

-- Janie Carter

"During the dinner theater, we heard Sarah (Johns) and Carrie (Gleason) scream bloody murder. Kelly (Brazeal) charged upstairs and told everyone to stop scaring people."

-- Julie Clouse

"At the ballgame, this fat guy had painted his face blue and written 'Go Cubs' in gold on his stomach. When he cheered he stood up and shook his stomach."

-- Joe Garrison

"Let's go Robin. It's time to fly!"

That's exactly what several seniors did when they visited the Six Flags amusement park during the senior trip to St. Louis.

The handful of seniors from MHS were among the first of the general public to ride the new Batman ride at Six Flags.

The new rollercoaster's main variation from normal rollercoasters is that the people are strapped in the seats like they are in a carseat.

This leaves the riders arms and legs dangling out of the seat while they are turning circles and flipping upside down.

"I was a little nervous about riding it," senior Jodi Edwards said. "If Chuck (Campbell) wouldn't have dragged me on it, I probably never would have ridden it.

After I got off, I decided that it wasn't too bad."

While apprehension was flowing through the veins of half the people, adrenaline was pumping through the other 50 percent.

"It was a rush," senior Tom Moody said. "We seemed to just fly through the air. It was definitely an awesome ride."

Friday, the day at Six Flags, was actually the conclusion of the trip.

When the students first arrived in St. Louis, they went to Busch Stadium to watch the Cardinals walk away with a victory.

The second day of the trip was filled with a few hours of shopping at the Galleria and having dinner at Bissel Mansion, a St. Louis murder mystery theater which has become a traditional part of the senior trip.

WITH THE CEREMONY over, friends Erin Calhoun, Tara Moody, and Stephanie Calhoun pause on the gymnasium lawn with a crowd of friends and relatives surrounding them.

WHILE HUNDREDS OF people watch from the bleachers, members of the Class of 1995 listen to the speech by Valedictorian Jennifer Top. Graduation had a different look, with the podium moved off the stage and most the people seated at the sides of the gym.



VALEDICTORIAN JENNIFER TOP is escorted to the graduation ceremonies by James Hanger.



AS TERRY SPRYES directs, members of the senior chorus sing "I'll be your Friend Until Forever."

RIGHT, BRIAN JOHNSON gathers his relatives around for a few snapshots after the graduation ceremony is over. Middle, Michael Douglas, Julie Clouse, Janie Carter, Mark Brown, Trisha Perry, Angela Ragsdale, Joe Allen, John Matney, and Torrie Collins listen to Salutatorian Melisa Porter's speech.



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Standing in front of the hundreds of people packed into the bleachers of the high school gymnasium, Salutatorian Melisa Porter speaks about the past years that shaped the Class of 1995. Instead of having the speaker and school officials on the stage as in past years, platforms had been set up on the gym floor, and the seats on the floor were for the graduates only. "I was really nervous at graduation, because I had to give my speech in front of my classmates, my relatives, and tons of strangers." -- Melisa Porter

GRADUATE

"I was happy to graduate, but I was also sad to leave my friends and to have to go off on my own direction, leaving everyone I know."

-- Sabrina Kelly

"It was weird receiving my diploma in the same gym I had played basketball in for the past four years of my life and would never play in again."

-- Chuck Campbell

"I'm glad that although school officials can't be involved in Baccalaureate, they don't try to stop us from having it."

-- Stephanie House

Dressed in maroon and white caps and gowns, 46 seniors became graduates of Mansfield High School in a Saturday afternoon ceremony.

Held May 20, a Baccalaureate service sponsored by the local Ministerial Alliance was held prior to commencement.

"I think that it's nice that they care enough to find a way for the seniors to have Baccalaureate," senior Shelly Williams said. "This way the seniors can have God involved in their graduation day."

Commencement began with a welcome from class president Tom Moody. Valedictorian Jennifer Top and Salutatorian Melisa Porter both gave speeches.

Senior sponsors Mike Kanaan and Kelly Brazeal recognized honor graduates Mark Brown, Erin Calhoun,

Stephanie Calhoun, Chuck Campbell, Janie Carter, Torrie Collins, Jodi Edwards, Joe Garrison, Missy Honeycutt, Sabrina Kelly, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Trisha Perry, Porter, Angela Ragsdale, and Top.

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

The senior chorus sang three songs, "I'll be Your Friend Until Forever," "Cheers," and "Like an Eagle."

Class officers in addition to Moody were vice president Dustin Lansdown, secretary Ashley Miller, and treasurer Melisa Porter.

The class motto was "Our deeds will travel with us from afar, and what we have been makes us what we are."

ARMS HELD HIGH, kindergarten students sing "Teddy Bear Parade" at their graduation ceremonies. They are directed by music teacher Terry Spyres.

AT THE BEGINNING of their graduation ceremonies, eighth graders wait in place as the rest of their classmates march in during the processional.



MICHELLE NAPIER IS escorted to the eighth grade graduation ceremonies by Daniel Soares.



KINDER POLLOCK AND Russell Hedrick take part in the processional at eighth grade graduation.



WALKING DOWN AN aisle packed with family and friends, Ryan Scott and Jarrod Walker take part in kindergarten graduation.

RIGHT, KINDERGARTEN graduates sing a lively song. Middle above, an eighth grade chorus performs at their graduation.



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Kindergarten graduation is not a place for those who are scared to be around cameras of every shape and size. Justin Ince and Maranda Pringle march down the center aisle on their way to their seats at graduation. Just about everyone they pass has a video camera aimed at the graduations, or several flash cameras. "Kindergarten graduation is a big time for the students and their families. Everyone wants to record the event to remember it for years. You pretty much have to fight your way through the crowd of photographers." -- Debbie Von Behren

CHANGE

"I was happy to graduate middle school and move up to high school. Now I can do lots of different things that I haven't been able to do in the past."

-- Kevin Heatherly

"While we were singing Amber Davis started to laugh and she made me laugh. I just knew she was going to make me laugh in front of everyone."

-- Bridget Keys

"Now after eighth grade graduation I'm officially a high schooler. Eighth grade is in the past. I was there, but now I'm gone."

-- Jason Brooke

May 16 and May 18 were special nights for two groups of students at Mansfield, when graduation ceremonies signalled a change in their education.

On May 16, 49 students participated in graduation ceremonies for the group that was also billed as the high school graduation class of 2007.

Directed by vocal music teacher Terry Spyres, the graduation was a musical program called "Bears on Parade."

Students with special parts were Chad Johnson, Lauren Rummens, Joshua Gresham, Hannah Persinger, Preston Goss, Welzie Bryant, Paige Hoover, Jarrod Walker, Chelsea House, Audra Dierksen, Nicole Slade, Melanie Moore, Kristin Campbell, Andy Naugle, Nichole Barlett, Chad Newton, Ryan Scott, Cherelle Taylor, Aimee

Williams, and Kristina Quamme.

Elementary Principal Jean Coday presented diplomas to the students.

On May 18, eighth grade graduation ceremonies were held for the 68 members of the class.

Middle school student council president Luke Anderson gave the welcome, and class president Rachelle Roy gave a brief speech.

An eighth grade chorus sang "Anytime You Need a Friend" and "Hero."

Mandy Goss performed "Gypsy Violins" on the piano for the recessional.

Middle School Principal Freddie Doherty presented the class to Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry for their diplomas.

Dorothy Mitchell provided piano accompaniment for both graduation ceremonies.

DIVISION WINNERS IN the Miss Mansfield pageant are Junior Miss Mansfield Jenny Moody, Miss Mansfield Julie Clouse, Little Miss Mansfield Katelyn Choate, and Young Miss Mansfield Tammy Burbach.

LITTLE MISS MANSFIELD winners are first runner-up Rachel Dollarhide, second runner-up Natasha Dixon, Little Miss Mansfield Katelyn Choate, and third runner up Brittany Borders.



YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD winners, above, are first runner-up Ashley Jones, second runner-up Whitney Hannaford, Young Miss Mansfield Tammy Burbach, and third runner up Stephanie Blevins.

JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD winners, above middle, are first runner-up Donna Young, second runner-up Loretta Chilson, Junior Miss Mansfield Jenny Moody, and third runner up Janisha Bennett.



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MISS MANSFIELD WINNERS are Stephanie House, third runner-up; Stephanie Calhoun, second runner-up; Julie Clouse, Miss Mansfield; and Shannon Cantrell, first runner-up.



POISED

Like always, the Miss Mansfield pageant was filled with bright smiles, fancy dresses, and pretty girls.

Julie Clouse, a senior, was chosen from a field of 14 girls in grades 10, 11, and 12 to reign as Miss Mansfield for a year.

Freshman Jenny Moody was chosen as Junior Miss Mansfield, in a competition between 14 girls in grades 7, 8, and 9.

In the Young Miss Mansfield division, which was for girls in grades 4, 5,

and 6, the winner was Tammy Burbach.

Little Miss Mansfield, which featured girls in grades 1, 2, and 3, had 20 contestants, and was won by Katelyn Choate.

Miss Mansfield is an annual pageant sponsored by Future Homemakers of America, and is a major fund raiser for the group.

The Miss Mansfield contestants are judged on everything from smiles, poise, and appearance, to a pleasing attitude.

we **NEVER** *had it so good*

New building adds three high school classrooms

Smells of fresh paint and new carpet were just a few features of the new building that brought the first expansion to the high school campus in almost two decades.

On the lower level, there are two high school classrooms. On the upper level are two sixth grade rooms, a middle school computer lab, and the alternative school room.

This provides a wide variety of benefits, high school principal Jerry Armstrong said.

"It gives us two more

classrooms and it helps us to add to our curriculum," he said. "It also allows us to have smaller classroom sizes in all classes, so students get more individual attention."

Smaller class sizes quickly won approval.

"I can tell a difference in the amount of individual attention I get, but I also recognize how the rooms are more open and how we have more working space," sophomore Kim Joseph said.

Marsha Appleby's business classes occupy one of the rooms.

"The new rooms are ideal for all of the space needed by the computers and typewriters in the business room, because of its larger size," she said.

With air conditioning in all the new rooms, students found it easier to concentrate.

While decorating the new rooms, teachers opted for a different look. Appleby's room has carpet, and she decorated in shades of blue.

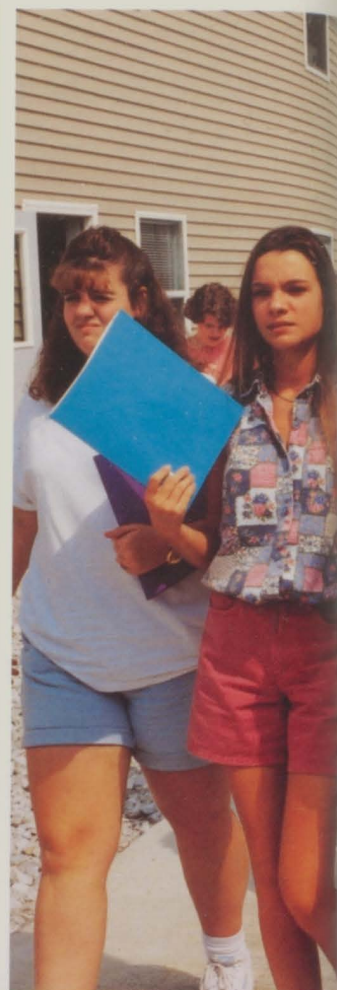
The other room is Doug Jones' science class in the morning, and Betsy Wight's English class in the afternoon.

"I wanted to do something that was different than wallpaper, so I sponge painted," Wight said. "First, I painted a base coat on all the walls, then with a natural sponge I added a lot of different colors."

Walking from building to building can cause problems for students.

"I always have to rush to get over to my class in the new building," sophomore Steven Welch said, "but the teachers usually give us a few extra minutes."

◆ **Jennifer Kingery and Michelle Roberts walk from the new building for the main classroom building.**



GOING SOLO: Senior musician travels to Europe

Most Mansfield teens enjoy their summers by taking a trip to the mall or spending a day at Silver Dollar City.

However, senior Dustin Lansdown didn't exactly have a normal summer. He saw the Eiffel Tower in Paris and performed a saxophone solo at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Lansdown was chosen for the United States Collegiate Wind Band, which took a three-week tour of Europe, including France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, England, and Switzerland.

Two bands were chosen by a committee at Purdue University in Indiana. Ranging in age from

15-20, 72 musicians were selected for each group. Lansdown was picked for the senior band.

"I feel that it was a major accomplishment for me to be chosen to be in the top band because there was only one more kid from Missouri besides myself," he said.

The band gave 15 different performances in Europe. At St. Paul's Cathedral, Lansdown had a solo.

"There were eight alto saxophone players in the group. They picked four of us to play solos," he said. "There were around 2000 people at the concert, but I wasn't nervous. I just played like it was a normal school program."

However, Lansdown did have a frightful experience.

"On my flight from London to Paris, my saxophone got lost," he said. "We were about to give a concert and I didn't know what I was going to do. Luckily, we got it back, 15 minutes before our performance."

Although the band had a busy schedule, the musicians had time to sightsee. They saw the musical "Kats" in London and took a walk on Broadway in New York, but Lansdown's favorite site came in Paris.

"The best thing we saw was the Eiffel Tower," he said. "Seeing pictures of it didn't prepare me for how big and outstanding it was."



◆ **Dustin Lansdown is on Mount Blanc in France. It was only one of the sights he saw on his three-week tour of Europe.**

◆ **During his three-week tour, Dustin Lansdown, right, performs at a concert in Belgium.**



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There was good news,
and then there was bad news...

O.J. Simpson on trial for double murder

In a drama that began before school started in August and continued long past the closing day in May, popular football star O. J. Simpson was charged and tried for the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

In a Lions Gazette poll for the first issue in October, 91 percent of MHS students said there had been too much media coverage of the case, and 56 percent believed Simpson was guilty.

Local counselor serves on crisis team

It could take months, even years, before co-workers, students, and family members overcome the death of Lisa Revelle, a second grade teacher at North Elementary in Ozark.

Revelle, who was 37, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, after a single gunshot was fired at her head from close range. Her husband, Ozark Bank chief financial officer George Revelle, told authorities a masked gunman shot her about 5 a.m. in a botched extortion attempt.

MHS counselor Kelly Brazeal was at Revelle's school as a member of a regional crisis team trained for tragedies. Brazeal is part of the Southwest Missouri Counselor Crisis Assistance Team.

"I am trained for crisis counseling," she said. "We have a group trained each year to go to schools to help students and teachers cope with tragedies such as this."

In the spring, George Revelle was charged in his wife's death.

Tobin-Hamilton shut-down affects community

On Dec. 2, 1994 the doors of Mansfield's Tobin-Hamilton shoe factory closed, leaving almost 40 years of labor behind and its dedicated workers unemployed.

"I felt like there was a problem, but it had been a problem for quite some time," Avenail Jones, an employee for 31 years, said. "Far East trade is much cheaper than in the U.S. and that was hard on the business. We can't afford to sell the shoes for that low of a price."

Before the factory started laying off people two years ago, it had been the second largest employer in town. Tobin-Hamilton had employed close to 400 workers, just behind Mans-Steel, which employs about 550 people.

Vandalism causes school dismissal

Because of one of the worst vandalism incidents in school history, classes were canceled Monday, Feb. 13 for Mansfield.

When bus drivers arrived at school Monday morning, they found that all but two of the 13 buses had slashed tires. A total of 33 tires was destroyed.

Insurance coverage will help pay for the destruction of the tires.

"It is going to be around \$7,000 and insurance will help cover some of it," Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry said. "Financially, the school will not have a big problem. The inconvenience to the school is little compared to what faces those who committed the crime."

Terrorist attack kills 167 people in Oklahoma

A 4,800-pound bomb made of fuel oil and fertilizer tore through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, killing 167 people and wounding hundreds more.

Especially devastating was the fact that about 20 of the dead were babies and toddlers staying in a daycare center in the building.

Bringing the tragedy closer to home, included among the dead were Richard Coss's two grandsons, Colton and Chase Smith. MHS students had met Coss earlier in the year when he presented an assembly on the dangers of crime and prison life. Coss, an evangelist, was in Mansfield for a revival at the First Baptist Church.

Coss's daughter, Edye Smith, worked in an IRS office across the street from the Murrah Building, and her two little sons were in the daycare center.

Timothy McVeigh and fellow suspect Terry Nichols were charged under a federal anti-terrorism statute in the blast. If convicted, they could face the death penalty.

◆ Misty Coffman, left, talks over a lesson she is working on with Natasha Wallin. Both girls are enrolled in alternative, an innovative educational approach for students with specific needs.



Alternative school new addition to curriculum

Alternative school is just like the name implies. It's a change from the traditional high school schedule.

Alternative school targets that small portion of the student body that is in danger of not graduating.

Former home economics teacher Kathy Barnett taught the class.

"The average course takes about one year to complete," Barnett said. "These students can get eight to eight and a half credits per year."

Although they stay in the same room all day, the students are sent the same assignments and tests that the students in the regular classrooms get.

"I like alternative school because you can work at your own speed and you don't have to switch subjects every hour," Brandy Greenwood said.

High School Principal Jerry Armstrong said alternative school has worked well, and has potential for the future.

"We want to reach the students who have dropped out, and have them come back to school and get their diploma," he said. "If we can only reach one I think it's worth it, if they complete their high school education."

By the end of the school year, four students had graduated from Mansfield High School through the alternative school program.

The people of

Marcia Clark	Judi Moriarty	Kurt Cobain
Robert Shapiro	Mel Hancock	Jocelyn Elders
Kato Kaelin	Dennis Rodman	Ricki Lake
Jenny Jones	O. J. Simpson	Oprah Winfrey
Susan Smith	Michael	Sheryl Crow
Connie Chung	Jordan	Pamela
Newt Gingrich	Brad Pitt	Anderson
Meg Ryan	Keanu Reeves	Christopher
Drew Barrymore	Selena	Reeve

SIMPLY THE BEST:

Students honored for maintaining leading grade point averages

One of the most prestigious awards given at the high school's annual academic awards night is the Principal's Honor Roll award.

To attain this award, a student must have maintained a straight A average (10.5) for the first three quarters of the school year.

The 32 Principal's Honor Roll recipients include the following.

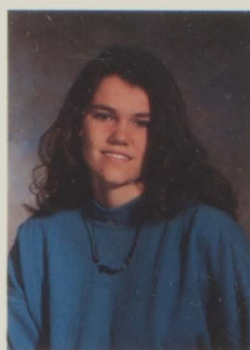
Seniors: Mark Brown, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Chuck Campbell, Shannon Cantrell, Jodi

Edwards, Missy Honeycutt, Sabrina Kelly, Emily Matlock, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Trisha Perry, Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale, and Jennifer Top;

Juniors: Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine, Stephanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, and Heather Persinger;

Sophomores: Christa Choate, Stephanie Day and Eric Grubbs;

Freshmen: Natasha Bailey, Julie Brenner, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan, Scott Corder, Chris Flageolle, Courtney Short, and Kathy Winsor.



TOP:

Academic All-Star

Jennifer Top was honored by the Springfield News-Leader as one of the 20 Academic All-Stars from southwest Missouri.

For the seventh year, the News-Leader honored the top high school seniors and their parents at a banquet to name the 1995 All-Stars.

Feature speaker for the banquet was Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Over 90 schools nominated one senior, based on grades, ACT scores, awards, and school and community leadership.

The newspaper officials then chose 75 seniors as finalists, then chose the 20 Academic All-Stars from that group.

Top received a plaque, and was featured in a special section of the newspaper.

MHS students show write to win in local language arts fair

Winners in MHS's language arts fair, with over 600 entries, were presented ribbons, trophies, and certificates.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Seniors - 1st Jennifer Top (trophy), 2nd Emily Matlock, 3rd Ashley Miller; Juniors - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd Jenny Blaine, 3rd Melanie Blankenship; Sophomores - 1st Emily Moody, 2nd Amanda Stacy, 3rd Larry Lansdown, HM Lauren Miller; Freshmen - 1st Shannon Reese, 2nd Kathy Winsor, 3rd Bobbi Greenwood.

PERSONAL ESSAY: Seniors - 1st Trisha Perry, 2nd Jennifer Top, 3rd Julie Clouse, HM Stephanie Calhoun, Torrie Collins; Juniors - 1st Stephanie Blankenship (trophy), 2nd Melanie Blankenship,

3rd M. Blankenship, HM S. Blankenship (2), Jenny Blaine; Sophomores - 1st Michael Spyres, 2nd Aimee Williams, 3rd Kenna Allen; Freshmen - 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Jenny Moody, 3rd Kathy Winsor.

DESCRIPTION: Seniors - 1st Jennifer Top, 2nd Michael Douglas, 3rd Emily Matlock; Juniors - 1st Jenny Blaine (trophy), 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Heather Persinger; Sophomores - 1st Larry Lansdown; Freshmen - 1st Eric Carampatan, 2nd Karie DeChenne, 3rd Allison Arnall, HM Rachel Barber, Bobbi Greenwood, Kathy Winsor.

SHORT STORIES: Seniors - 1st Jennifer Brooke (trophy), 2nd Trisha Perry, 3rd Joe Allen, HM Michael Douglas;

Juniors - 1st Melanie Blankenship, 2nd M. Blankenship, 3rd Melanie McGaw, HM Stephanie Blankenship; Sophomores - 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Jill Adamson, 3rd Liz Roth; Freshmen - 1st Kassy Calhoun, 2nd Jenny Moody, 3rd Leslie Lynch.

BOOK REPORT: Seniors - 1st Trisha Perry (trophy), 2nd Jennifer Top, 3rd Joe Allen; Juniors - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd Melanie McGaw, 3rd M. McGaw; Sophomores - 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Lauren Miller, 3rd Jason Davis; Freshmen - 1st Jenny Moody, 2nd Allison Arnall, 3rd Shannon Reese, HM Bobbi Greenwood.

PERSUASIVE ESSAY: Seniors - 1st Emily Matlock (trophy), 2nd Melisa Porter, 3rd Stephanie Calhoun, HM Trisha

Perry; Juniors - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd Melanie McGaw, 3rd Jenny Blaine, HM Karen Farris; Sophomores - 1st Eric Grubbs, 2nd Amanda Stacy, 3rd Michael Spyres, HM Stephanie Day; Freshmen - 1st Kathy Winsor, 2nd Allison Arnall, 3rd Shannon Reese, HM Gary Slate.

POETRY: Seniors - 1st Jennifer Top, 2nd Emily Matlock, 3rd Jennifer Top; Juniors - 1st Nathan Carr, 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd David Climer, HM D. Climer, Melanie McGaw, Melanie Blankenship; Sophomores - 1st Amanda Stacy (trophy), 2nd Lauren Miller, 3rd Larry Lansdown, HM Kim Joseph, Brian Jones, Aimee Williams; Freshmen - 1st Bobby Hunsucker, 2nd B. Hunsucker, 3rd Leslie Lynch.

JOURNALISM NEWS: Seniors - 1st Stephanie House (trophy), 2nd Joe Allen, 3rd Angela Ragsdale, HM S. House (2), Allen; Juniors - 1st Stephanie Blankenship, 2nd S. Blankenship, 3rd Jenny Blaine; HM Sara Moody, Jennifer Kingery; Sophomores - 1st Larry Lansdown, 2nd Regina Roy, 3rd Kim Joseph, HM Lisa Hodges, Jennifer Wright; Freshmen - 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Kathy Winsor, 3rd Shannon Reese, HM Tessa Miller.

JOURNALISM FEATURES: Seniors - 1st Joe Allen (trophy), 2nd Stephanie House, 3rd Missy Honeycutt; Juniors - 1st Melanie Blankenship, 2nd, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Sara Moody, Melanie McGaw; Sophomores - 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Christa Choate, 3rd Stephanie Day; Freshmen - 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Kathy Winsor, 3rd Jenny Moody.

JOURNALISM SPORTS: Seniors - 1st Joe Allen (trophy), 2nd Trisha Perry, 3rd T. Perry, HM T. Perry; Juniors - 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Tessa Bennett, HM J. Blaine; Sophomores - 1st Regina Roy, 2nd Jennifer Wright, 3rd Lisa Hodges; Freshmen - 1st Leslie Lynch, 2nd Allison Arnall, 3rd Kassy Calhoun, HM Bobbi Greenwood, Amanda Skyles.



◆ Trophy winners in the fourth annual Mansfield Language Arts Fair are front - Bobby Hunsucker, Emily Matlock, Stephanie House, Amanda Stacy; back - Stephanie Blankenship, Jenny Blaine, Trisha Perry, Jennifer Brooke, and Jennifer Top. Not shown - Joe Allen.

When you get a group together,
look what can happen...

Yearbook in 'Best of High School Press'

Mansfield's first All-American yearbook, the 1993 El Leon, has been featured in a national publication produced and distributed by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). The book is called the *Best of the High School Press*, and is filled with covers, themes, and double-page spreads from the top yearbooks in the nation in 1993. The cross country sports spread from the El Leon is printed in the "Best of Sports" section.

El Leon named All-Missouri, All-American

El Leon 1994 with the theme "On the Wilder Side" received the most prestigious national yearbook award available. It was named All-American by the National Scholastic Press Association. To be All-American a yearbook must earn Marks of Distinction in four of five areas. The categories are concept, coverage, writing and editing, design, and photography. The El Leon won Marks of Distinction in concept, coverage, writing and editing, and design. The yearbook was also named All-Missouri, for the 13th consecutive year.

Science fair overall win goes to Mansfield

After a second place finish in the conference science fair last year, Mansfield captured the first place crown. MHS not only won four of the eight division trophies, but also the big prize - the Best in Show trophy. Christa Choate, a sophomore, was Best in Show winner for her physics project. Choate's project was "The Effects of Polyethylene Reinforcements in Plaster of Paris Bars."

Band earns 'one'-derful rating at contest

For the first time in more than 40 years the high school band earned a one rating at the district band contest. Director Mike Kanaan described telling the band members the good news. "When they were loading the bus I told them to sit down and they immediately thought they had received a two," he said. "I told them that they got what they deserved, then paused before I said 'a one'. For a moment they just sat there in disbelief, but before long everyone was jumping up and down for joy.." The band also won the second place plaque in a 2A band competition at Worlds of Fun.

Soils team qualifies for national contest

The FFA had four state qualifying teams after district contests, and will be sending a team to the national contest. The soils team (juniors Jeff Chambers, Bobby Franks, Garan Kinser, and senior Dustin Lansdown) placed second at the state contest and will compete in the national contest held in Oklahoma. Kinser was the fourth high individual in the soils contest.

MHS wins two English contest sweepstakes

Mansfield students won the sweepstakes trophy for top school finish in the Summit Conference English contest. Mansfield has won the sweepstakes two years in a row. And after the awards were handed out at the annual writing contest sponsored by the College of the Ozarks, 12 Mansfield students walked away with an armload of prizes - 16 individual trophies and the school sweepstakes trophy. MHS's 16 trophies included seven firsts, four seconds, and five thirds.

Newspaper named All-Missouri fifteenth time

For the fifteen consecutive year, the Lions Gazette was named All-Missouri by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association. The Lions Gazette was one of only 14 school newspapers statewide to win the All-Missouri award, and was the only newspaper to be named All-Missouri in its size classification.

◆ Tara Moody, center, has a question for the Central Missouri State University representative, while Hayden Dennis, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, and Brooke Newton fill out request for information forms at the school's first College Day.



Students weigh choices at first College Day event

Mansfield recently hosted its first College Day for area schools. Students from Ava, Mtn. Grove, Hartville, Seymour and Norwood attended, and 37 colleges sent representatives. "I was only interested in a few colleges, but coming to College Day showed me I had many choices," junior Jeff Hanger said. Meeting the college spokes-people was a good way to gather information. "It gave me a chance to talk one-on-one with the representatives," senior Chuck Campbell said. "I also learned things about the colleges that I wouldn't have otherwise." College Day provided students with options they were unaware of. "When I came to College Day I did not have any intentions of attending college because I didn't think anything held my interest," junior Satha Kilgore said. "Then I talked to the representatives and decided that I might like to attend college in the future."

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Friends	Frasier	Picket Fences
Seinfeld	Murphy Brown	The X-Files
ER	The Nanny	On Our Own
Grace Under	Chicago Hope	Sweet Justice
Fire	Wings	My So-Called
NYPD Blue	Dr. Quinn	Life
Mad About You	Blossom	Party of Five
Ellen	Lois & Clark	Home
Hope & Gloria	Melrose Place	Improvement

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE:

Foreign exchange students livens up first semester

Vitaliy Lee from Kazakhstan, Russia has the distinction of being MHS's first official foreign exchange student.



♦ Russian foreign exchange student Vitaliy Lee shows Trisha Perry some soccer moves with a basketball.

Lee, a senior, spent the first semester of the year at Mansfield before transferring to another family in Seymour.

Teaching Lee turned into a challenge for MHS teachers, who had never had to deal with a student with limited language skills.

"Vitaliy is very bright and was already covered in calculus," said math teacher Susan Gressman. "He didn't understand the word problems, but I really enjoyed having him in my class. It was a good experience."

Senior Tom Moody became close friends with Vitaliy and was able to converse with him.

"Once you learned to watch your slang and sound out what he is saying, it became fairly easy to communicate with him," Moody said. "It felt really neat to teach him words that he never knew before."



♦ Trisha Perry and Chuck Campbell are honored as MHS's Army-National Guard Scholar-Athletes.

Perry & Campbell: Scholar-Athletes

Seniors Trisha Perry and Chuck Campbell received the Army-National Guard's annual National Scholar-Athlete Award at the academic

awards night. They were selected by MHS guidelines which specify that the awards go to the seniors with the highest scholastic rank in their class who have lettered in two sports.

Both received post-season honors in basketball, including All-State for Perry and All-Ozarks for Campbell. Perry also was strong in volleyball, softball, and track, while Campbell made the state finals in track.

Awards night honors the best of the best in academics

Before an audience of about 300 people, students were presented academic awards.

ART: Art I - Scott Corder; Photography - Joe Garrison, Hayden Dennis.

BUSINESS: Entrepreneurship - Duane Keys, Melisa Porter; Comp-

uter Application - Tara Moody, David Climer; Accounting - Niki Anderson; Keyboarding - Kathy Winsor, Joe Bray, Christa Choate; Office Technology - Jenny Blaine; FBIA Member of the Year - Melisa Porter.

ENGLISH: English I - Allison Arnall, Kathy Winsor, Julie Brenner,

Courtney Short; English II - Eric Grubbs, Stephanie Day, Christa Choate, Amanda Stacy; English III - Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship; English IV - Emily Matlock, Trisha Perry, Jennifer Top, Angela Ragsdale; Freshman Writer of the Year - Allison Arnall, runner-up Kathy Winsor; Sophomore Writer of the Year - Amanda Stacy, runner-up Larry Lansdown; Junior Writer of the Year - Stephanie Blankenship, runner-up Melanie Blankenship; Senior Writer of the Year - Jennifer Top, runner-up Trisha Perry.

LANGUAGE: French II - Jennifer Top, Angela Ragsdale; Spanish I - Angela Ragsdale.

HOME ECONOMICS: Nutrition and Foods - Aimee Williams; Parenting - Julie Clouse; Textiles and Clothing - Shelly Williams; Housing and Interior Design - Melanie McGaw; Health - Jennifer Top.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY:

CAD II - Misty Coffman; CAD I - Jason Lansdown, Chris Flageolle; Woodworking - Steven Chilson; Computer Technology - Shelly Whorton.

JOURNALISM: Story of the Year - Stephanie House; Reporter of the Year - Joe Allen.

MATH: Missouri Math Award - Duane Keys; Algebra I - Joe Sears, Julie Brenner; Algebra II - Eric Grubbs, Stephanie Day; Advanced Math - Joe Bray, Jenny Blaine; Calculus - Mark Brown, Tara Moody; Most Improved - Joe Bray; Outstanding Math Achievement - Melisa Porter.

MUSIC: Most Improved - Scott Corder, Mike Douglas; Director's Award - James Hanger; Patrick Gillmore Award - Sabrina Kelly; John Phillip Sousa Award - Dustin Lansdown; Section Leaders - Torrie Collins, Sabrina Kelly, Dustin Lansdown, Mike Spyres, James Hanger, David Climer, Luke Johnson; Brass - James Hanger; Woodwind - Dustin Lansdown; Percussion - Luke Johnson.

SCIENCE: Biology I - Christa Choate, Eric Grubbs, Stephanie Day, Lee Barber; Biology II - Stephanie Blankenship; Chemistry - Angela Ragsdale, Melisa Porter; Physics - Angela Ragsdale, Jennifer Top, Trisha Perry, Stephanie Calhoun.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Sociology - Niki Anderson; Government - Jennifer Top, Lee Barber, Stephanie Day; World History - Jenny Blaine, Lee Barber, Stephanie Day, Christa Choate; American History - Kathy Winsor, Julie Brenner, Courtney Short; Geography - Stephanie Day; Economics - Lee Barber; Modern European History - Jennifer Top, Jodi Edwards.



♦ English teacher Arlene Magnin announces winners in the language arts fair at the academic awards night. Top, band director Mike Kanaan presents the Patrick Gillmore band award to Sabrina Kelly.

When one person works really hard, 1995

'Shootout' winners qualify for districts

The Three-Point Shootout was sponsored by National Honor Society, and raised over \$250 for the American Cancer Society.

Winners made the most three-point shots in their age category. They had 60 seconds to shoot from the top of the key. Local winners advanced to the district contest.

Girls: 11-12 Nicole Soares (5 baskets); 13-14 Allison Arnall (8); 17-18 Trisha Perry (8); 19-29 Stacey Arnall (8). **Boys:** 13-14 Adam Grubbs (9); 15-16 Matt Skyles (13); 17-18 Chuck Campbell (20); 19-29 Chris Larsen (25).

Allen makes Washington journalism trip

Joe Allen, a senior and editor-in-chief of the Lions Gazette, was selected to attend the 1995 Washington Journalism Conference, held April 18 through 23 in Washington, D.C.

The conference is a joint venture of the National Press Club and the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. It is designed to offer students a once-in-a-lifetime look at the communications industry.

Allen spent five days of hands-on learning in areas including primetime news, crisis coverage, image makers, investigative reporting, and more. Sight-seeing was also on the schedule, with visits to the Vietnam Memorial, the White House, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, the Supreme Court, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian, and more.

Chambers selected for conservation honor

Junior Jeff Chambers was chosen to participate in the "Conservation Honors Program" sponsored by the School of Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Conservation Honors Program is a six-day seminar which was held in Columbia from June 18 to June 23. After completing the seminar, Chambers will receive one unit of college credit.

Top named to Missouri Scholars 100

Senior Jennifer Top was selected to Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program to honor 100 of Missouri's most outstanding academic students in the Class of 1995.

This was the first year for this honor. The selection was based on the student's grade point average and ACT score. Top had to first meet criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," which included having a minimum GPA of 3.75, a minimum ACT score of 27, being ranked in the upper ten percent of the class, and to have taken upper courses in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language.

All-District Journalists honored for first time

Eleven publication staffers received an honor started this year to recognize outstanding student journalists in southwest Missouri.

Named All-Ozarks Journalists were seniors Joe Allen, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Missy Honeycutt, Stephanie House, Emily Matlock, Ashely Miller, Tom Moody, Trisha Perry, Angela Ragsdale and Shelly Williams.

Mansfield had 11 of the 26 students chosen for the honor.

MHS teachers win state, national awards

Journalism teacher Debbie Von Behren won two national awards from the National Federation of Press Women. She traveled to Jackson, Mississippi to receive first place in the nation in the category of advisers of student publications, and honorable mention for a public relations campaign for a non-profit organization.

She had earlier won five first place awards in the Missouri Press Women state contest for news reporting, feature story, special articles - sports, public relations, and publications adviser.

Science teacher Pam Probert was one of 100 honorable mention teachers in the Tandy Technology competition, which honors outstanding teachers nationwide.

She received her award at the National Science Teachers Association Convention in Philadelphia.

♦ FFA members Jennifer Top, Amanda Stacy, Stephanie Blankenship, Stephanie Day, Nathan Carr, and Garan Kinser make time to flash smiles as they take a break from one of the tours at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C.



Washington or Bust: FFAers travel to capital

Six FFA members had the trip of a lifetime, traveling to Washington, D. C. for a national leadership program.

The six students paid \$650 to go on the trip, which had a registration fee alone of \$450.

"We did a lot of fund-raisers for the trip," sophomore Amanda Stacy said. "The community was really supportive."

Besides learning things about FFA and agriculture, students also learned how to get along with others.

"I learned to respect other peoples' privacy," sophomore Stephanie Day said. "I also think I got a better understanding of how to get along with others."

Adviser Lyle Whittaker drove a seven-passenger van for the three-day trip. For junior Garan Kinser the most memorable moments happened in the van.

"I think that the most exciting part of the trip for me was me getting to sit on Whittaker's briefcase all the way up there," he said.

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Major League baseball strike
O. J. Simpson murder trial

Missouri's Hancock II amendment election
Springfield's Revelle and Feeney murders
Terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City
Impeachment of Judi Moriarty

Republican landslide in off-year elections
Newt Gingrich's mom's interview with Connie Chung
Outbreak of the killer virus Ebola in Africa

TROPHY HEAVEN:

Students win 17 trophies at writing contest

After the awards were handed out at the annual writing contest sponsored by the College of the Ozarks, 12 Mansfield students walked away with an armload of prizes - 16 individual trophies and the school sweepstakes trophy.

MHS's 16 trophies included seven firsts, four seconds, and five thirds.

Junior Stephanie Blankenship with three trophies, sophomore Amanda Stacy with two trophies, and freshman Allison Arnall with two trophies were the top winners.

MHS first place trophy winners were the following.

Emily Moody, sophomore, 9/10 short stories; Amanda Stacy, sophomore, 9/10 poetry; Stephanie Blankenship, junior, 11/12 persuasive essay; Allison Arnall, freshman, 9/10 journalism feature; Joe Allen, senior, 11/12 journalism feature; Kathy Winsor, freshman, 9/10 jour-

alism news; Stephanie House, senior, 11/12 journalism news.

Second place trophy winners were junior Jenny Blaine in 11/12 short stories; senior Torrie Collins in 11/12 poetry; freshman Shannon Reese in 9/10 journalism news; and Stacy in 9/10 journalism features.

Third place trophy winners were junior Duane Keys in 11/12 persuasive essays; Blankenship in 11/12 personal experience narrative; Arnall in 9/10 journalism news; and sophomore Stephanie Day in 9/10 journalism features.

◆ Trophy winners at the College of the Ozarks Writing Contest are front - Kathy Winsor, Shannon Reese, Allison Arnall; middle - Stephanie Blankenship, Amanda Stacy, Jenny Blaine, Torrie Collins; back - Duane Keys, Joe Allen, Stephanie Day, Stephanie House, and Emily Moody.



LION COUNTRY: Athletes honored with special awards

MHS athletes were honored with special recognition at the annual athletic awards night.

The following special awards were presented.

CROSS COUNTRY (awards presented by Coach Randy Short): **Newcomer Award** - Wendy Matlock; **MVP** - Jenny Blaine.

TRACK (awards presented by Coach Randy Short): **High Point Girl** - Janie Carter; **High Point Boy** - Chuck Campbell; **Newcomer Award** - Sean Spyres.

VOLLEYBALL (awards presented by Coach Roger Wood): **Top Hitter** - Trisha Perry; **Top Serving Percentage** - Jennifer Jones; **High Point Serving** - Liz Roth; **Best Defense** - Julie Clouse; **Top**

Blocker - Janie Carter; **Hustle Award** - Missy Honeycutt; **MVP's** - Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter.

SOFTBALL (awards pre-

sented by Coach Roger Wood): **Top Hitter** - Missy Honeycutt; **Best On Base Percentage** - Jodi Edwards; **Best Defense** - Trisha Perry; **Hustle Award** - Sarah

Walker; **MVP** - Emily Matlock.

GIRLS BASKETBALL (awards presented by Coach Freddie Doherty): **Top 2-Point Field Goal Percentage** - Trisha Perry; **Top 3-Point Field Goal Percentage** - Trisha Perry; **Top Free Throw Percentage** - Janie Carter; **Top Rebounder** - Janie Carter; **Leading Steals and Assists** - Jenny Blaine; **Hustle Award** - Missy Honeycutt; **MVP** - Trisha Perry.

BOYS BASKETBALL (awards presented by Coach Chris Larsen): **Top Rebounder** - Chuck Campbell; **Top Field Goal Percentage** - Chuck Campbell; **Top Free Throw Percentage** - Joe Allen; **Leading Assists** - Matt Skyles; **Top Defense** - Matt Skyles and Hayden Dennis; **Hustle Award** - Hayden Dennis; **Most Improved** - Jason Davis; **MVP** - Chuck Campbell.

LADY LETTERMAN (awards presented by sponsor Debbie Von Behren): **Rookie of the Year** - Courtney Short; **Senior Standout** - Trisha Perry; **Heart Award** - Missy Honeycutt; **Female Athlete of the Year** - Trisha Perry.

A SPORTING CHANCE (awards presented by sponsors Georgianne Brown and Stephanie Menzie): **Special Award** - Robbie Van Orden.



◆ Boys' basketball coach Chris Larsen presents special awards at the athletic awards night. Behind Larsen are James Hanger, Randon Ivy, Chuck Campbell, and Matt Skyles.

◆ While assistant coach Wilda Watterson passes out letters, Coach Roger Wood gets ready to present special awards to the top volleyball players at the athletic awards night.

When one person works really hard, 1995

Top, Perry win agri-science awards

Seniors Jennifer Top and Trisha Perry both received awards on the state level for their entries in the FFA's Agri-Science Student Recognition Program.

Top won a \$1000 scholarship for her project on calcium phosphate and red flower beetles, which she had entered in several science fairs last spring. Perry's science project on how chemicals affect the growth of fungi won her a \$500 scholarship.

Six musicians make All-District chorus

Six members of the mixed chorus were selected for the All-District Honor Chorus after an audition at Drury College.

They were freshman Julie Brenner; sophomores Liza Stovall, Jarod Coday, and Mike Spyres; and juniors Brent Heatherly and Sean Spyres. The chorus was presented in concert at Evangel College.

Sara Moody wins Bausch & Lomb award

Sara Moody, a junior, was named local winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award. The award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at 6,500 schools throughout the country.

Counselor appears in teleconference

Kelly Brazeal, counselor, participated in an adolescent parent teleconference called "Meeting the Challenge: Working Together to Serve Teen Parents."

Brazeal went to Jefferson City for taping of the one-hour program, which was available for access nationwide. The teleconference was a panel discussion, involving a teen parent, a parent educator, a high school principal, a nurse, and a counselor (Brazeal).

Five teachers honored by 'Who's Who'

English teachers Arlene Magnin and Debbie Von Behren, science teacher Pam Probert, French teacher Vicki Blankenship, and sixth grade teacher Susie Graham were included in the third edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1994*.

They were selected by former students who themselves were listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Students picked for Nebraska symposium

Senior Melisa Porter and juniors Tessa Bennett and Sara Moody were chosen, on the strength of their science projects, to attend the National Science Symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Only 20 students from three states were chosen.

MHS singers chosen for Drury honor choir

Four MHS boys took part in a special music experience when they performed as part of the High School Men's Honor Choir in a concert at Drury College in Springfield.

They were juniors Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly and Sean Spyres, and sophomore Mike Spyres.

Senior attends Cadet Patrol Academy

Michael Douglas, a senior, attended the Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy in Jefferson City.

"I learned to be a state trooper," he said. "I went through the state patrol academy, the same thing a real trooper would do. I also got up at 2 a.m. and did push ups, drove a squad car on the track where they learn emergency driving skills, and I target practiced."

Stoval wins local oratorical contest

Liza Stovall, a sophomore, won the local level of the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

The contestants were judged on poise, content of their speech, and their topic, and the speech had to be five or six minutes long

◆ Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry, right, presents a plaque to retiring industrial arts teacher Bill Ghan. With 24 years at MHS, and 12 years at other schools, Ghan has received many honors, including Missouri Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year.



Ghan retires after 24 years at Mansfield High School

After 36 years in the teaching profession, and 24 of those years at Mansfield High School, Bill Ghan, award-winning industrial arts teacher, decided to retire.

Ghan, whose personal honors include being the 1985 Missouri Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year, has consistently produced students who were award winners themselves.

Known nationwide for his expertise in the teaching of airplane construction, Ghan has

been a teacher of other teachers many times in his career.

Three separate occasions during the last week of school marked his retirement.

First, his woodworking students surprised him with a going away party. Second, the Community Teachers Association honored him and wife Margaret with a cake and punch reception. Third, Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry presented him with a plaque honoring his years as an educator.

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Speed
Shawshank Redemption
Forrest Gump
Dumb & Dumber
Hoop Dreams
Legends of the Fall
The Flintstones
Little Rascals
The Client

The Brady Bunch
Disclosure
Interview with a Vampire
Tommy Boy
The Mask
Low Down Dirty Shame
Cowboy Way
Bad Boys



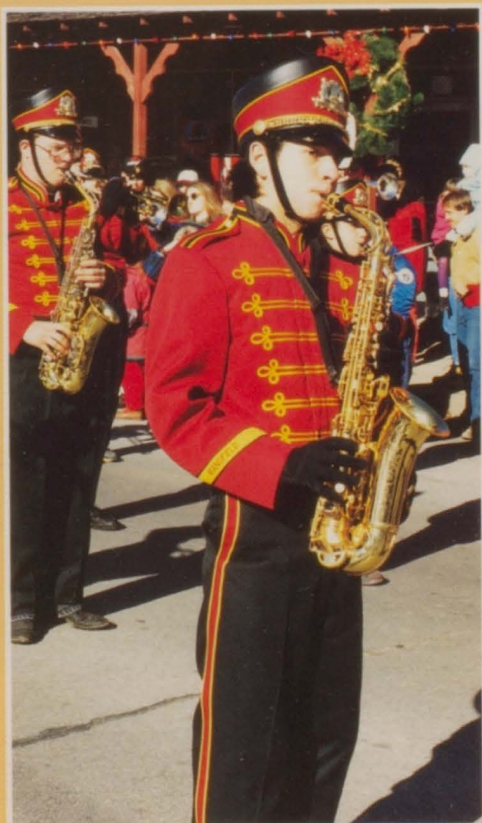
■ Swaying with their partners, choir members sing a few tunes from the gaslight era. This fall production also featured two short melodramas, and was directed by vocal music instructor Terry Spyres, whose well-known community "little theater" directing skills drew over 40 students to take part in this musical presentation, after she re-joined the MHS staff for the first time in a number of years. Shown are Liz Roth, Aimee Williams (seated), Jennifer Jones, Brent Heatherly, Lauren Miller, Tessa Bennett, Matt Skyles, Nick Brooke, Sabrina Kelly, and Eric Carampatan.

■ FFA Greenhand Michael Harris is blindfolded by Regina Roy as part of initiation activities. All sorts of mushy fun awaits Harris, who has long plastic gloves on in preparation.



■ Russian foreign exchange student Vitaly Lee doesn't quite know what to make of Janie Carter as she "whites out" his face as part of ESP's special day to recognize the dangers of drinking and driving. Watching are Jerry Henry, Melissa Farris, Bobbi Greenwood, and Kim Jones.

■ Band members Ricky Boutell and Danny Brito pause to perform Christmas tunes for the crowd gathered to watch the Mansfield Christmas parade on a freezing Saturday afternoon.



we **NEVER** *had it so good*

Forget the hills. It was the halls that were alive with the sound of music. Both vocal and instrumental music groups flourished, with record numbers in both choir and band. Through director Terry Spyres, vocal students who had always yearned to be on the stage got their chance. And band director Mike Kanaan kept the group growing and growing, after former years of decline. Many of the other clubs got in on the "let's be better than ever" act, and for students who joined up, we never had it so good.

in organizations

SPREADING SMILES IS what Carrie Gleason does as an ESP clown during the Wilder Days parade.



AUDIENCE VOLUNTEER JAROD Coday finds himself in a treacherous position during ESP's "Make Magic Happen" show designed to discourage drug use among teens.



WITH A TUBE of white paint, Janie Carter "whites out" Stephanie Blankenship's face in what is an ESP tradition - showing the number of deaths per day caused by drug and alcohol-related accidents. Helpers are Jenny Blaine, Joe Allen, and Mike Spyres.



USING ASSISTANT JILL Adamson as part of the fun, the "Make Magic Happen" magician shows the results of a card trick during a self-esteem and anti-drug assembly sponsored by ESP.



THE MOVIE ROOM is a popular place during ESP's New Year's Eve lock-in, above. Right, Jill Adamson clowns around in the town's annual Wilder Days parade, throwing candy to children along the parade route.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: Education Supports Prevention (ESP)

LEADER: Joe Allen

SPONSOR: Eric Spyres

MEMBERS: About 100

BIGGEST PROJECT: Hosting a New Year's Eve lock-in

BEST STORY: The New Year's Eve lock-in was held in the multipurpose room and other locations in the elementary building. ESP invited not only its members, but all MHS students to attend and enjoy food, movies, and all-night games of basketball.

The lock-in was designed to keep students away from the dangers that some ways of celebrating the holiday can bring.

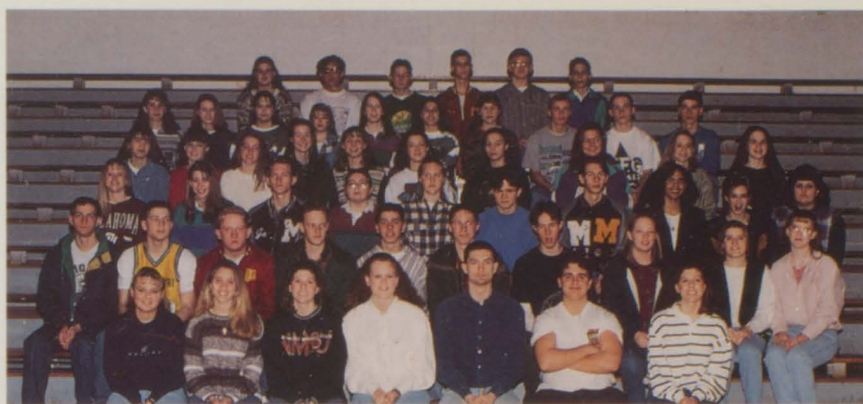
■ "The best thing about the ESP lock-in was that when I got tired, I became like I was high. I got a surge of energy and I could run around like an idiot and everyone was too tired to notice how stupid I was." *Phillip Hull, junior*

■ "I had a lot of fun. I actually got to play basketball without having to worry about the stuff I have to worry about during practice and games." *Aimee Williams, sophomore*

■ "The most memorable part of the night for me was when we were playing basketball and Jeff Brooke landed on my head and I was miserable for the whole night." *Nick Brooke, sophomore*

■ "The lock-in was great until about four in the morning. By then I was so tired I didn't feel like doing anything. I didn't even think that I would make it home."

Lauren Miller, sophomore



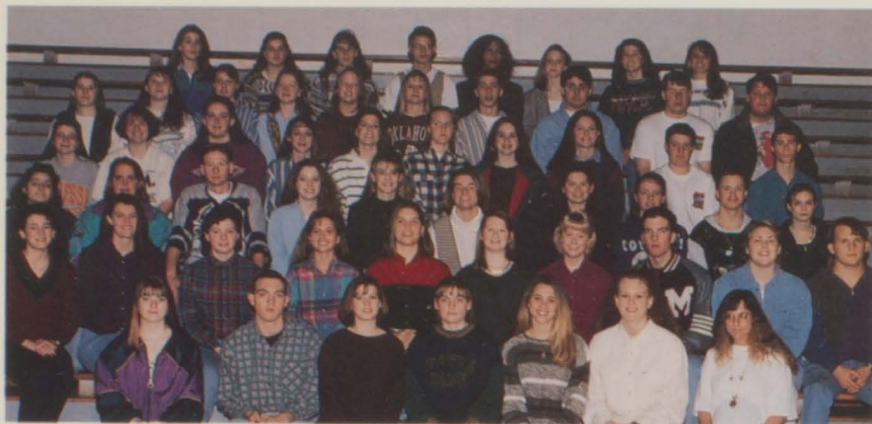
ESP (freshmen and sophomores). Front - Tessa Bennett (photographer), Jenny Blaine (historian), Melanie Blankenship (secretary), Janie Carter (vice president), Joe Allen (president), Mike Spyres (treasurer), Stephanie Blankenship (reporter); Row two - Chris Johnson, Jarod Coday, Steven Welch, Nick Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Jeff Brooke, Jason Johns, Christa Choate, Wendy Matlock, Liz Roth; Row three - Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Jason Davis, Summer Slade, Emily Moody, Larry Lansdown, Jeremy Corder, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day, Liza Stovall; Row four - Karie DeChenne, Kassy Calhoun, Tessa Miller, Courtney Short, Jenny Moody, Amanda Skyles, Emily Bray, Christy Hastings, Aimee Williams, Amanda Stacy; Row five - Rachel Barber, Shannon Reese, Melissa Scott, Natasha Bailey, Jessica Copeland, Ashley Blankenship, Allison Arnall, Melvin Thompson, Jeremy Brooke, Adam Grubbs; Back - Kathy Winsor, Eric Carampatan, Scott Corder, Chris Flageolle, Gary Slate, Jason Lansdown.



ESP (juniors and seniors). Front - Tessa Bennett (photographer), Jenny Blaine (historian), Melanie Blankenship (secretary), Janie Carter (vice president), Joe Allen (president), Mike Spyres (treasurer), Stephanie Blankenship (reporter); Row two - Sabrina Kelly, Joe Garrison, Trisha Perry, Carrie Gleason, Tom Moody, Chuck Campbell, Jennifer Top, Julie Clouse, Missy Honeycutt, Angela Ragsdale; Row three - Satha Kilgore, Jennifer Jones, Mark Brown, Tara Moody, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Shannon Cantrell, Ashley Miller, Brooke Newton, Melisa Porter; Row four - Joanie Fulbright, Jeff Hanger, Jennifer Kingery, Melanie McGaw, Hayden Dennis, Sean Spyres, Duane Keys, Heather Persinger, Jackie Honeycutt, Steve Chilson; Row four - Heather Gray, Matt Skyles, Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Niki Anderson, Mike Davis, Mike Scott, Dustin Lansdown, James Hanger, Michael Douglas; Back - Nathan Carr, Randon Ivy, David Climer.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB. Front - Hayden Dennis (treasurer), Chuck Campbell (vice president), Stephanie Blankenship (president), Jennifer Top (secretary), Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Trisha Perry, Julie Clouse, Missy Honeycutt, Ashley Miller, Melanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Angela Ragsdale; Back - Tom Moody, Michael Spyres, Sara Moody, Duane Keys, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Heather Persinger, James Hanger.



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA. Front - Melisa Porter (treasurer), Hayden Dennis (reporter), Tara Moody (vice president), Brooke Newton (president), Jenny Blaine (secretary), Janie Carter (parliamentarian), Marsha Appleby (adviser); Row two - Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, Jodi Edwards, Shannon Cantrell, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Angela Ragsdale, Joe Garrison, Ashley Miller, Dustin Lansdown; Row three - Christy Matney, Heather Gray, James Hanger, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Emily Matlock, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Steven Chilson, Stephanie Day; Row four - Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Niki Anderson, Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Blankenship, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Jennifer Jones, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers; Row five - Wendy Matlock, Misty Clanton, Trish Dalton, Joanie Fulbright, Christa Choate, Regina Roy, Eric Grubbs, Phillip Hull, David Climer, Bobby Franks; Back - Lauren Miller, Kathy Winsor, Rachel Barber, Duane Keys, Kim Joseph, Aimee Williams, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody.



FFA. Front - Lyle Whittaker (adviser), Amanda Stacy (historian), Nathan Carr (assistant secretary), Stephanie Blankenship (reporter), Mark Brown (second vice president), Jennifer Top (president), Chuck Campbell (first vice president), Naomi Strohm (parliamentarian), Deneane Sickles (sentinel), Stephanie Day (chaplain), Dustin Lansdown (treasurer), Garan Kinser (assistant treasurer); Row two - Michael Davis, Jerry Garrison, Mike Scott, James Hanger, Brian Johnson, Julie Clouse, Satha Kilgore, Janie Carter, Carrie Gleason, Shannon Cantrell; Row three - Steven Chilson, Bobby Franks, Jeff Chambers, Randon Ivy, Jeff Hanger, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, John Carnall, Steven Stepro, Michael Douglas; Row four - Matt Calhoun, Michael Bailey, Lonnie Bell, Brian Pollock, Kim Jones, Christy Hastings, Aimee Williams, Regina Roy, Kassy Calhoun, Larry Lansdown; Back - Gary Slate, Rachel Barber, Kathy Winsor, Kim Pippin, Robbie Baugh, John Roberts, Michael Harris, Danny Brito, Karie DeChenne, Liza Stovall.



SCIENCE CLUB. Front - Pam Probert (adviser), Jenny Blaine (junior representative), James Hanger (president), Trisha Perry (secretary-treasurer), Joe Allen (vice president), Kim Joseph (sophomore representative); Row two - Tara Moody, Mark Brown, Sabrina Kelly, Janie Carter, Jennifer Top, Tom Moody, Chuck Campbell, Missy Honeycutt, Angela Ragsdale, Jodi Edwards; Row three - Jennifer Jones, Stephanie Blankenship, Hayden Dennis, Joe Garrison, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Steve Chilson, Melisa Porter, David Climer, Duane Keys, Randon Ivy; Row four - Sean Spyres, Jeff Hanger, Jennifer Kingery, Melanie McGaw, Tessa Bennett, Nathan Carr, Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Mike Spyres; Row five - Matt Skyles, Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Joanie Fulbright, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Jeff Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch; Row six - Regina Roy, Aimee Williams, Jason Davis, Lauren Miller, Christa Choate, Jeremy Corder, Stephanie Day, Wendy Matlock, Liz Roth, Jason Johns; Back - Liza Stovall, Harry Crawford, Danny Brito, Larry Lansdown.

GOOD organization!

GROUP: Future Business Leaders of America

LEADER: Brooke Newton

SPONSOR: Marsha Appleby

MEMBERS: About 50

BIGGEST PROJECT: The school store, The Closet

BEST STORY: The first hour class, entrepreneurship, video-taped a Valentine's Day commercial advertising The Closet.

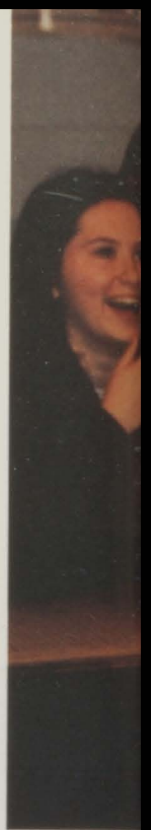
The commercial story was about a couple who ended up breaking up because he gave her rotten candy for Valentine's Day. However, another couple became closer because of candy from The Closet. Senior Joe Allen was recruited to play a part, even though he was not in the class.

■ "When we were making the commercial Joe (Allen) was supposed to step over the actor who was lying on the floor, and he accidentally tripped over him. We had to shoot it all over again, in between us all laughing." *Joanie Fulbright, junior.*

■ "I always get stuck with all the funny, gross-acting boys in all the commercials. It was funny because I got to pretend like I was kicking my boyfriend because he gave me out-of-date, smashed candy." *Tara Fetter, junior.*

■ "We had to do a lot of editing because people couldn't remember their lines and we had to reshoot a lot of parts." *Duane Keys, junior.*

■ "One of the actors had to pretend like he was dying after he ate spoiled meat, and he was supposed to fall on the ground and he ended up hurting himself when he fell." *Tessa Bennett, junior.*





WITH "ACTORS" STEPHANIE

Calhoun and Joe Allen up front, FBLA members watch a rough cut of a video commercial they just made to advertise Valentine's Day specials at their school store, The Closet.

CANDY CANES

AND bright ribbons make up the annual Christmas fund raiser for FBLA, and Jim Wallace helps tie and sort before delivery.

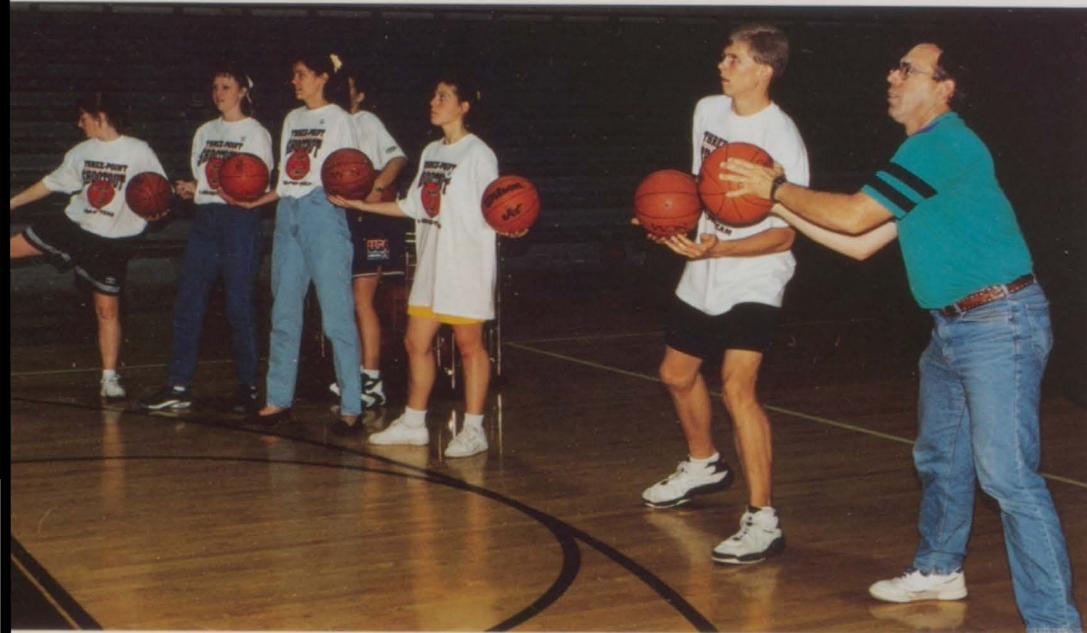


JENNIFER TOP GETS enjoyment from initiating Kassy Calhoun into FFA, left. Above middle, director Duane Keys signals it's time to tape the FBLA commercial for The Closet.

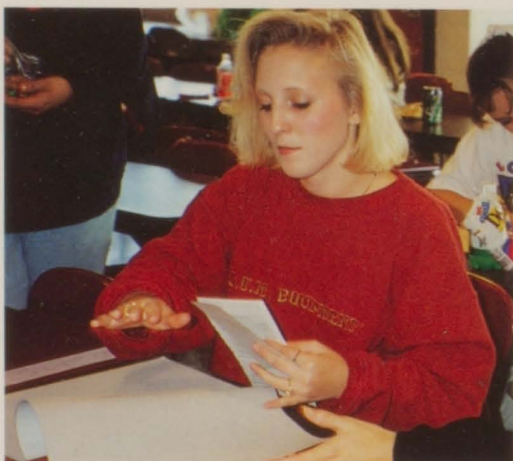
WITH DIRT STILL lingering on his face and shirt, John Roberts goes through FFA initiation, much to the delight of John Matney, Mike Davis, and Jerry Garrison.

NHS MEMBERS TAKE a break from the Three-Point Shoot Out, a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society.

ON THE ANNUAL FHA trip to Silver Dollar City, Julie Clouse and Jennifer Top are dressed and ready for the tintype photo which has become a club tradition.



AS CHUCK CAMPBELL hands him another ball, Bob Blankenship participates in the American Cancer Society's Three-Point Shoot Out, hosted by National Honor Society. From left are Missy Honeycutt, Stephanie House, Jennifer Top, and Melanie Blankenship.



FHA MEMBER SHELLY Williams assembles items in the club's scrapbook.



ABOVE, HAYDEN DENNIS and Tara Moody are ready for the FHA group picture at Silver Dollar City. Right, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, and Jennifer Top dress for the photo.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: National Honor Society

LEADER: Trisha Perry

SPONSOR: Arlene Magnin

MEMBERS: 38

BIGGEST PROJECT: Hosting the Three-Point Shoot Out to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

BEST STORY: National Honor Society tried a new fund raising method to help the American Cancer Society. The group held a Three-Point Shoot Out on a wintry Saturday morning and raised over \$250.

The participants paid an entry fee of \$5 and had 60 seconds to make as many shots as they could from the top of the key. The winners from eight different age categories then advanced to the district shoot out, which was held at Central High School in Springfield.

■ "I didn't expect to win.

My sister Stacey and I just went to mess around and have fun. We only expected to make two or three baskets, but we both made eight and did better than we thought we would." *Allison Arnall, freshman*

■ "I was just contributing to the cause, and besides, I couldn't let Chuck Campbell beat me." *Chris Larsen, boys' basketball coach*

■ "I was pleased with the number of older people that showed up. I expected a lot of kids to be there, but not so many older people." *Sean Spyres, junior*

■ "At first I was just doing it for fun. Then Joe Allen beat me by one and I couldn't lose by one, so I got some more money and beat him." *Chuck Campbell, senior*



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Front - Melisa Porter (treasurer), Tara Moody (secretary), Chuck Campbell (vice president), Trisha Perry (president), Arlene Magnin (adviser); Row Two - Jennifer Top, Missy Honeycutt, Brooke Newton, Ashley Miller, Emily Matlock, Stephanie Calhoun, Angela Ragsdale, Erin Calhoun, James Hanger; Row three - Sara Moody, Niki Anderson, Julie Williams, Mark Brown, Joe Allen, Janie Carter, Janet VanNess, Melanie Blankenship; Back - Melanie McGaw, Heather Persinger, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, Jenny Blaine, Stephanie Blankenship.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA (juniors and seniors). Front - Julie Carr (adviser), Janie Carter (reporter), Julie Clouse (historian), Jennifer Top (vice president), Brooke Newton (vice president), Tara Moody (president), Ashley Miller (recreational leader), Shannon Cantrell (secretary), Missy Honeycutt (reporter), Angela Ragsdale (treasurer), Jennifer Kingery (regional officer), Tessa Bennett (representative), Melanie McGaw (vice president); Row two - Carrie Gleason, Joe Garrison, Tom Moody, James Hanger, Sabrina Kelley, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Trisha Perry, Emily Matlock, Melisa Porter; Row three - Heather Gray, Christy Matney, Trish Dalton, Hayden Dennis, Nathan Carr, Steven Chilson, Sara Moody, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Jackie Honeycutt; Back - Jason Johns, Matt Skyles, Randon Ivy, Jeff Hanger, Jennifer Jones, Niki Anderson, Heather Persinger, Faye Dollarhide.



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NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK STAFF, QUILL & SCROLL. Front - Missy Honeycutt (Gazette senior editor), Trisha Perry (Gazette sports editor), Emily Matlock (El Leon editor in chief), Joe Allen (Gazette editor in chief), Angela Ragsdale (El Leon senior editor), Ashley Miller (El Leon editor in chief), Debbie Von Behren (adviser); Row two - Tessa Bennett, Jennifer Kingery, Tom Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Karen Farris, Crystal Cook; Back - Shelly Whorton, Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Blankenship, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Sara Moody, Jenny Blaine.



MATH CLUB. Front - Susan Gressman (adviser), Jennifer Top (coordinator), Angela Ragsdale (secretary-treasurer), Chuck Campbell (vice president), Melisa Porter (president), Sara Moody (junior rep.), Kim Joseph (sophomore rep.), Eric Grubbs (sophomore rep.), Kevin McDaris (adviser); Row two - Tara Moody, Mark Brown, Ashley Miller, Brooke Newton, Joe Garrison, Jenny Blaine, Trisha Perry, Tom Moody, Missy Honeycutt, Heather Persinger; Row three - Mica Brooke, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Stephanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, Duane Keys, Sean Spyres, Danny Brito, Larry Lansdown; Back - Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy, Christa Choate, Emily Moody, Jeremy Corder, Stephanie Day, Michael Spyres, Harry Crawford, Jason Davis.



LADY LETTERMAN CLUB. Front - Trisha Perry (president), Janie Carter (vice president), Jenny Blaine (treasurer), Missy Honeycutt (secretary), Jennifer Jones (junior rep.), Tessa Miller (freshman rep.), Debbie VonBehren (adviser); Row two - Jackie Honeycutt, Trish Dalton, Janet VanNess, Jodi Edwards, Julie Clouse, Melanie McGaw, Emily Matlock, Melanie Blankenship, Melisa Porter, Niki Anderson; Row three - Amanda Stacy, Emily Moody, Regina Roy, Kim Joseph, Wendy Matlock, Lauren Miller, Liz Roth, Aimee Williams, Stephanie Blankenship; Back - Amanda Skyles, Courtney Short, Ashley Blankenship, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody.



STUDENT COUNCIL. Front - Roger Wood (adviser), Melanie Blankenship (president), Jenny Blaine (vice president), Stephanie Blankenship (treasurer), Shannon Cantrell (secretary); Back - Michael Spyres, Adam Grubbs, Ashley Blankenship, Tom Moody, Stephanie Day, Sean Spyres.

GOOD organization!

GROUP: Yearbook Staff

LEADERS: Ashley Miller and Emily Matlock

SPONSOR: Debbie Von Behren

MEMBERS: 23

BIGGEST PROJECT: Selling yearbook advertising

BEST STORY: Trying to sell \$8000 worth of advertising in Mansfield and surrounding towns is always a challenge. Answers the yearbook ad teams hear range from "Of course" to "No thanks" to "Sorry" to "Sure, we would love to" to "Are you from Mannnnssssfield? We only buy from (fill in the blank with the name of the town)!"

Whatever the answer, funny situations abound with ad sales.

■ "I thought we had our share of rejections until we asked an older man to buy one for his store and he looked at us as if we were retards." *Sara Moody, junior*

■ "Jennifer Kingery and I were at the stoplight in Mtn. Grove and we were turning left to go towards McDonald's and as I turned my tire blew. It caused me to lose control and go flying sidewalk to sidewalk in circles and when I hit one sidewalk it turned me around and we were heading the wrong way." *Melanie McGaw, junior*

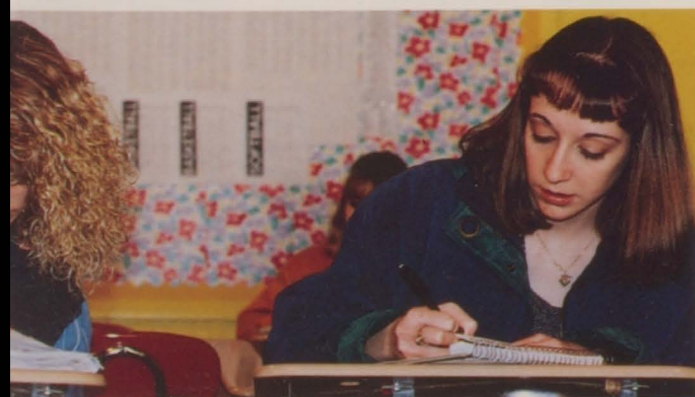
■ "I had told Tessa (Bennett) if she threw any more paper down in my backseat I was making her get out and walk. She did and I stopped the car and told her to get out. There was a line of traffic behind me. I was yelling at her so loud and was being so serious she almost started crying." *Shelly Whorton, junior*



STANDING OUTSIDE THE new high school annex, Melanie Blankenship interviews Eric Grubbs and Steven Welch for a story for the Lions Gazette.



LADY LETTERMAN CLUB officer Janie Carter hands balloons to Lauren Miller and Jenny Blaine, as part of the club's send off and pep rally for the girls' cross country team, on its way to the state meet in Jefferson City.



BEFORE THEY MOVE to the computers, Shelly Whorton and Melanie McGaw organize notes they have taken for stories they are writing for issue three of the Lions Gazette.

WHILE ANGELA RAGSDALE types in the senior credits for the senior section of the yearbook, Trisha Perry works on a sports story for the Lions Gazette. Behind Perry, Karen Farris waits for her turn at the computers.



TRYING TO GET an unusual angle, Trisha Perry uses the middle of the course to photograph a home cross country meet for both the Lions Gazette and the El Leon, with a little back-up help from Missy Honeycutt.



THE ENTIRE CAST joins to sing "In My Merry Oldsmobile," complete with a few props, during the Music Hall Revue.

IF CHRISTA CHOATE, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, Liza Stovall, Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, and Crystal Cook get their way, the audience at the Music Hall Revue will "Meet Me in St. Louis."



"IN THE GOOD Old Summertime" lets Luke Johnson, Matt Allen, Sean Spyres, Brent Heatherly, and Mike Spyres do some carefully choreographed moves during the mixed chorus Music Hall Revue.



SINGING AND DANCING to the original song "Mansfield, Gem City of the Ozarks," Kassy Calhoun, Jenny Blaine, Tessa Miller, and Christie Blaine perform on the grounds of the Laura Ingalls Wilder home in celebration the centennial of her arrival in Mansfield.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: Chorus

DIRECTOR: Terry Spyres

MEMBERS: About 40

BIGGEST PROJECT: 1890's Music Hall Revue

BEST STORY: At a time when most people were preparing for the Christmas season, mixed chorus was busy preparing a music hall revue.

The musical was made up of popular songs from the 1890 era. The show scenes ranged from driving little "Olds-mobiles" to a women's suffrage group marching through the audience.

The choir members performed four shows over a three-day period.

■ "The songs and dances were pretty easy to learn, but getting up in front of all those people dressed like a floozy that had just stepped out of a saloon was pretty embarrassing." *Christa Choate, sophomore*

■ "When we were singing 'Merry Oldsmobile,' me and Eric Carampatan were acting like spoiled brats and he hit me in the arm and pulled my hair, so I hit him in the back of the head and knocked his hat clean off his head." *Crystal Cook, junior*

■ "I enjoyed being in charge and telling everyone when to sing on cue. When I started singing, no matter if I was wrong or not, everyone followed." *Sean Spyres, junior*

■ "It was fun, and different from just singing in class. I think a lot of people liked the show, because the seats were always full, and mainly of high school students." *Kassy Calhoun, freshman*



MIXED CHORUS. Front - Crystal Cook, Amy Iott, Sara Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Jenny Blaine, Christa Choate, Aimee Williams, Liza Stovall, Deneane Sickles, Terry Spyres (director); Row two - Julie Brenner, Kim Joseph, Wendy Matlock, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Shannon Reese, Lauren Miller, Janie Carter, Liz Roth, Elizabeth Chilson; Row three - Jennifer Brooke, Sabrina Kelly, Melisa Porter, Steve Chilson, Michael Spyres, Duane Keys, Robbie Decker, Matt Skyles, Brent Heatherly, Lydia Chilson; Back - Ricky Boutell, Luke Johnson, Jarod Coday, Sean Spyres, Eric Carampatan.



EMILY MOODY, TESSA Miller, Kim Joseph, and Julie Brenner, standing, Jill Adamson and Aimee Williams, seated, put a few actions together to illustrate the song "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home." They were performing in the mixed chorus Music Hall Revue.

ON STAGE, LUKE Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Matt Skyles, Tessa Bennett, and Sean Spyres make up the Bill Bailey dancers, part of the Music Hall Revue presented by mixed chorus in conjunction with two short melodramas.

DRUM MAJOR DUSTIN Lansdown directs the band as it pauses to perform in downtown Mansfield during the Wilder Days parade.

ERIC GRUBBS AND Jeremy Corder march to the beat of the drums as they play a lively song.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: Marching band

LEADER: Drum major Dustin Lansdown

DIRECTOR: Mike Kanaan

MEMBERS: 50

BIGGEST PROJECT: Preparing for district contest, where the band earned a "one" rating

BEST STORY: Marching with the band sometimes left the musicians feeling like they could enter a Frosty the Snowman look-alike contest.

One case in point was the annual homecoming parade at Southwest Missouri State University, where the band members braved the cold and rain.

■ "I was so numb that I couldn't feel my fingers to play my clarinet. It made me glad to be a senior so I wouldn't go through that again." *Sabrina Kelly, senior*

■ "It seemed like we walked forever and my legs were killing me. I could barely pick them off of the ground. On top of that I was soaked." *Amanda Skyles, freshman*

■ "The rain was pouring down so hard in my face I could barely see in front of me. My contacts were blurred up from all of the dirty rain hitting me smack dab in the eyes." *Regina Roy, sophomore*

■ "By the time I got my saxophone to make any noise I was already two measures behind the rest of the band. It was frustrating, to say the least." *Jeremy Corder, sophomore*

■ "My socks were frozen when I got on the bus, so I went to the football game with frost-bitten feet." *Mike Spyres, sophomore*



MARCHING BAND. Front - Michael Douglas, Elizabeth Chilson, James Hanger, Brent Heatherly, Torrie Collins, Sabrina Kelly, Dustin Lansdown, director Mike Kanaan; Row two - Chris Flageolle, Danny Brito, Mike Spyres, Regina Roy, Jeremy Corder, David Climer, Garan Kinser, Luke Johnson, Sean Spyres; Row three - Lydia Chilson, Eric Carampatan, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Amanda Skyles, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray; Row four - Dusty Walker, Brandon Lansdown, Ricky Dugger, J. R. Penn, Adam Grubbs, Gary Slate, Scott Corder; Back - Travis Furr, Daniel Cain, Kevin Heatherly, James Lansdown, Mike Scott, Nathan Hanger, Rachelle Roy, Jessica Coonce, Summer Golden.

WAITING FOR THE

Wilder Days parade to start, Naomi Strohm, Jenny Moody, and Allison Arnall run through their flag routine.



PAUSING TO PERFORM for the large crowd at Mansfield's Wilder Days parade, drummers Garan Kinser, Luke Johnson, Michael Douglas, and Daniel Cain keep a steady beat.



PLAYING IN DEEP

in fog, members of the brass section of the band perform on the grounds of the Laura Ingalls Wilders Home in the early morning hours during the centennial celebration of her arrival in Mansfield. Shown are Travis Furr, Jeremy Corder, Sean Spyres, Mike Spyres, and Austin Corder.



BEFORE THE

WILDER Days parade begins, Regina Roy adjusts Adam Grubbs' uniform while band members are waiting to move into position.



MIDDLE LEFT, MARCHING band members take part in the Mansfield Christmas parade, on a day so cold that the crowd along the parade route was much smaller than usual. In the foreground are saxophonist Danny Brito and clarinetist Jenny Moody.

DIRECTOR MIKE KANAAN leads the band through a medley of Christmas songs as the group performs at a holiday concert in the high school gymnasium.



PEP CLUB MEMBERS rush the floor at Hillcrest, accidentally toppling the girls' basketball team in their excitement over the girls' beating Springfield Catholic and securing a trip to the 2A state tournament in Columbia.

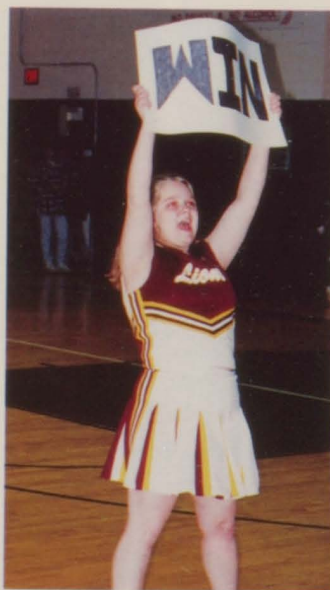
LESLIE LYNCH JUMPS out of a pyramid, and Liza Stovall, Crystal Cook, and Emily Bray are ready to catch her.



AT A HOME girls' basketball game, Pep Club members move to the bottom row of the bleachers during a break in the action to do The Wave.



JENNIFER WRIGHT AND Liza Stovall lead a cheer at a pep rally, above. Right, Crystal Cook uses a sign to let the Homecoming pep rally audience know what is expected from them.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: Pep Club

LEADER: Tom Moody

SPONSOR: Wilda Watterson

MEMBERS: About 70

BIGGEST PROJECT: Organizing the

Homecoming pep rally

BEST STORY: In the middle of the girls' basketball season senior Joe Allen and sophomore Jarod Coday, two members of the Pep Club, were largely responsible for adding pep to the games.

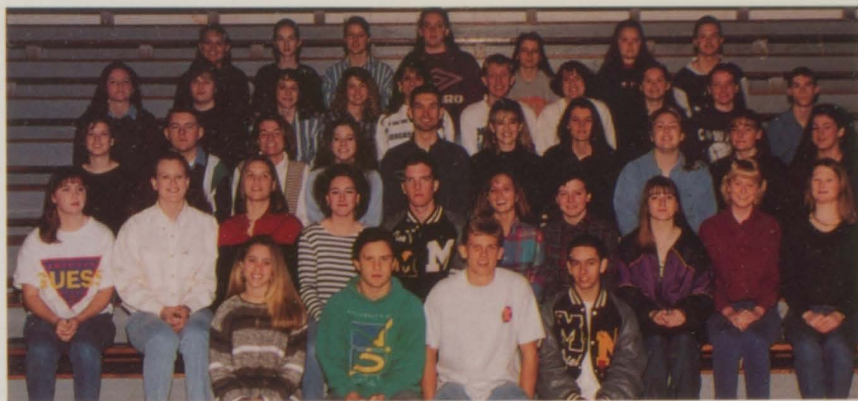
They managed to get most everyone cheering in the stands, moving to the bottom of the bleachers to do The Wave, and meeting the team at the locker room door after the game. Coday even threw in a few cartwheels.

■ "It all started out as a joke, but then all of the high school kids, and sometimes even the adults got involved, so we kept on doing it. I know from experience that it feels good to have people cheering you on, especially if it's your classmates." Jarod Coday, sophomore

■ "I think that it made the games more exciting because we were more involved and I think it helped the girls to know that we were backing them." Dustin Lansdown, senior

■ "It really made us feel good to know they were supporting us. If a team doesn't have that, I think that it hurts their performance on the court." Missy Honeycutt, senior

■ I'll never forget doing The Wave with everybody on the bottom bleachers, because we were having a good time." James Hanger, senior



PEP CLUB (juniors and seniors). Front - Jenny Blaine (secretary), Tom Moody (president), Chuck Campbell (vice president), Danny Brito (treasurer); Row two - Eric Grubbs, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, Jarod Coday, Christa Choate, Wendy Matlock, Jeremy Corder, Jeffrey Brooke, Harry Crawford, Stephanie Day; Row three - Jennifer Wright, Kim Joseph, Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Liza Stovall, Jason Davis, Steve Cannon, Larry Lansdown; Row four - Amanda Skyles, Shannon Reese, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Emily Bray, Karie DeChenne, Melvin Thompson, Gary Slate; Back - Cindy Dalton, Kathy Winsor, Rachel Barber, Scott Corder, Chris Flageolle, Adam Grubbs, Jeromy Brooke.



PEP CLUB (freshmen and sophomores). Front - Jenny Blaine (secretary), Tom Moody (president), Chuck Campbell (vice president), Danny Brito (treasurer); Row two - Sabrina Kelly, Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, Carrie Gleason, Joe Garrison, Shannon Cantrell, Jodi Edwards, Melisa Porter, Angela Ragsdale, Missy Honeycutt; Row three - Tara Moody, Mark Brown, Emily Matlock, Erin Calhoun, Joe Allen, Stephanie Calhoun, Jennifer Top, Ashley Miller, Brooke Newton, Julie Clouse; Row four - Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Kingery, Melanie McGaw, Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Sean Spyres, Janet VanNess, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Jeff Chambers; Back - Tessa Bennett, Mica Brooke, Trish Dalton, Niki Anderson, Julie Williams, Crystal Cook, Steven Chilson.



CHEERLEADERS. Seated - Crystal Cook, Leslie Lynch, Jennifer Wright; Standing - Emily Bray, Liza Stovall.

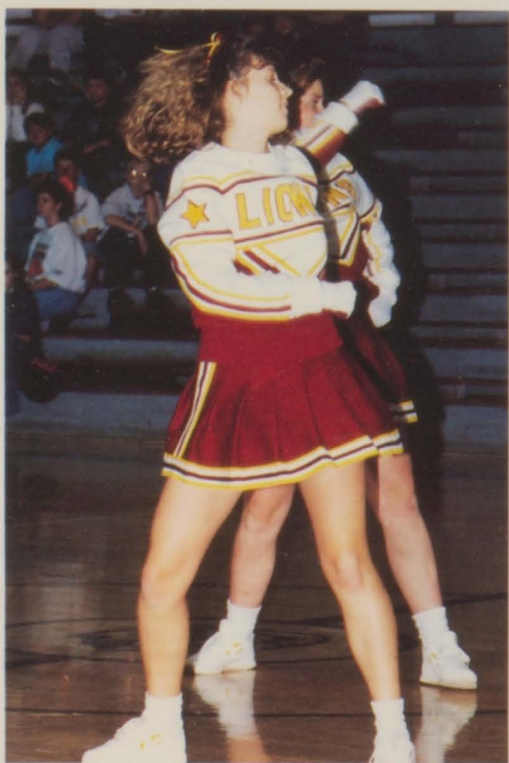


MHS Sweethearts. Front - Jennifer Jones, Tessa Bennett; Middle - Lauren Miller, Sara Moody, Christa Choate, Tara Fetter, Kassy Calhoun; Back - Sabrina Kelly, Tara Moody, Stephanie House, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Torrie Collins.



POM PON SQUAD members Tara Moody, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Sara Moody, Christa Choate, Sabrina Kelly, Kassy Calhoun, and Lauren Miller are all smiles as they perform for a home boys' basketball game.

TARA MOODY, A four-year member of the MHS Sweethearts, shows the crowd the fast moves she has perfected through weeks of practice.



GOOD organization!

GROUP: MHS Sweethearts pom pon squad

LEADERS: Five seniors shared co-captain duties - Tara Moody, Stephanie House, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, and Torrie Collins

SPONSOR: Brenda Quick, a former MHS Sweetheart herself

MEMBERS: 13

BIGGEST PROJECT: Choreographing the Homecoming routine

BEST STORY: Each year the pom pon squad holds a camp for girls in grades three through eight.

This camp is a fundraiser for the summer camp the Sweethearts will attend. They teach the younger girls at least one routine, then they get a chance to actually perform in front of a real audience.

At the halftime of one of the last home games of the year, the 52 girls got their big chance to show what they had learned during the camp.

■ "We had more little girls from elementary than we had ever had before in our camp. The older the girls get, the less they join because they get embarrassed easier." *Tessa Bennett, junior*

■ "Teaching the little girls the routines was kind of frustrating because they seemed to be more interested in talking to each other at times." *Christa Choate, sophomore*

■ "I hated that there was a mess up in the music for the older girls. I think they did a real good job even though they got nervous from standing waiting for the music to come on." *Brenda Quick, sponsor*





FROM JUMPING TO kneeling, the pom pon squad tries to incorporate a variety of moves into each routine, like the one performed here at Homecoming, "It's All Good," above, middle. Above, Tessa Bennett, Christa Choate, Sara Moody, Tara Moody, Stephanie Calhoun and Stephanie House kick in a pinwheel formation.

IT'S IN THEIR job description, but pom pon squad members gladly help cheer for the boys' basketball team. Shown are Kassy Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie House, Tara Moody, and Stephanie Calhoun.



PLENTY OF SMILES and

plenty of pep is what the Sweethearts are known for. Shown are Stephanie Calhoun, Lauren Miller, Stephanie House, Sabrina Kelly, Tara Moody, Tessa Bennett, Sara Moody, Christa Choate, and Tara Fetter.

MANY ROUTINES THE

squad performs leave the pom pons behind, but in this routine at Homecoming, Jennifer Jones flashes maroon and gold poms as she moves to the beat of the music.



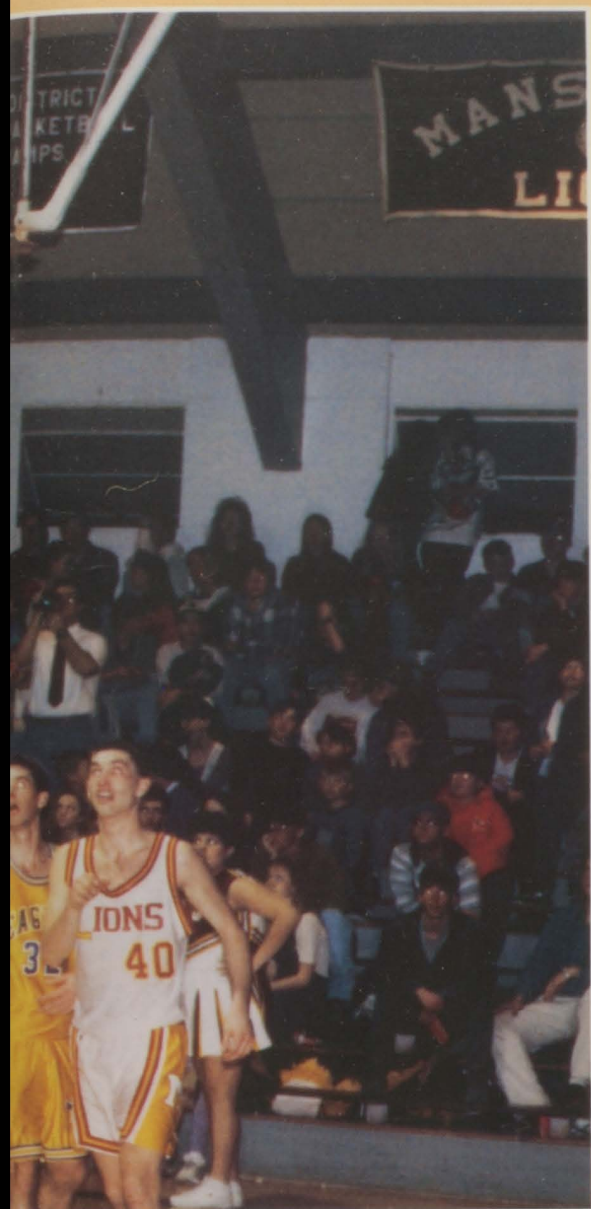
■ Going in for the layup, Sean Spyres scores two points for the Lions in the Homecoming game with Fordland, which MHS won 67-54. Other Mansfield team members on court are Chuck Campbell, Matt Skyles, and Joe Allen. The Lions finished the season with a 20-9 record, and overcame a sixth seed to play in the district tournament championship for the first time in a decade.

■ In a home game with Seymour, Liz Roth bumps the ball to setter Missy Honeycutt. The MHS team won the game 15-7 and 15-13. Roth had 7 serving points and Honeycutt had 4.



■ First baseman Joe Bray tries to snag a throw from the pitcher and pick off a runner who had taken a lead off the base. When he wasn't playing first, Bray often had pitching duties for the baseball team.

■ Before a crowd of thousands, the Lady Lions take a time out with Coach Freddie Doherty in the third place of the 2A state tournament, held in Hearn Center in Columbia.



we NEVER *had it so good*

It was historical. It was exciting. It was the year the Lady Lions arrived with a roar. The girls' basketball team, for the first time in school history, made it to the Final Four of the state tournament. Ranked as high as first in the state during the season, the girls had an unforgettable year, and so did their fans. A girls' cross country team qualified for the state meet, taking over a boys' tradition, and other sports teams also had banner years. With the boys' basketball team making the title game of the district tournament, we never had it so good.

in sports



HARD serving and HITTING

*Volleyball team wins the conference title
for the seventh year in a row*

With a 17-10 record, the volleyball team kept several streaks alive.

For the seventh year in a row, Mansfield won the Summit Conference league title.

The Lady Lions also extended their reign as Summit Conference tournament champions to three years in a row.

The tournament, held at Conway, was important for the team.

"We practically felt like we had to win or we would let everyone down," senior Julie Clouse said.

Concentrating on the basic fundamentals of the game is what team members think helped them be successful throughout the season.

"I think our strongest point in our games was our control of the ball," senior

Trisha Perry said.

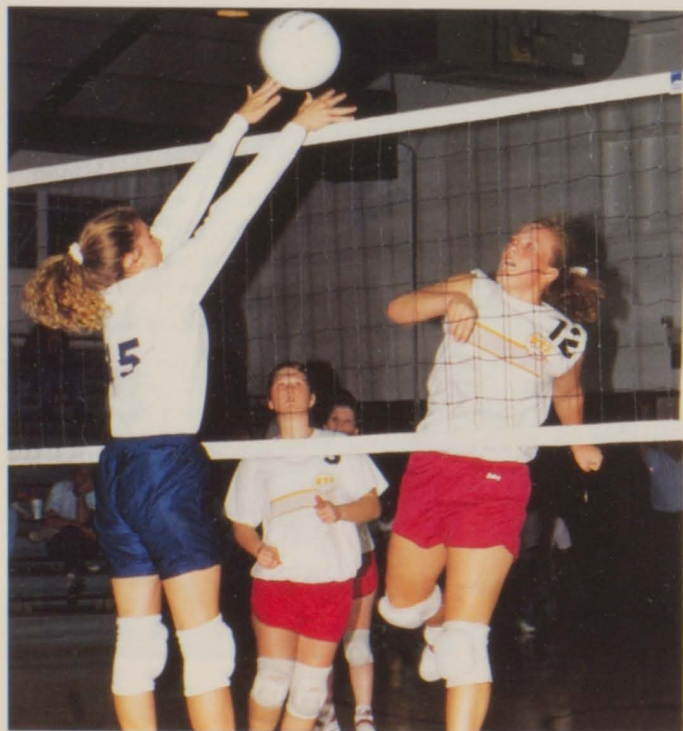
Junior Melanie McGaw agreed, but also cited other aspects of the game.

"I think control was our number one thing, but our serves were strong in some games and in others it was our spiking," she said. "As the games went on we started to put them all together."

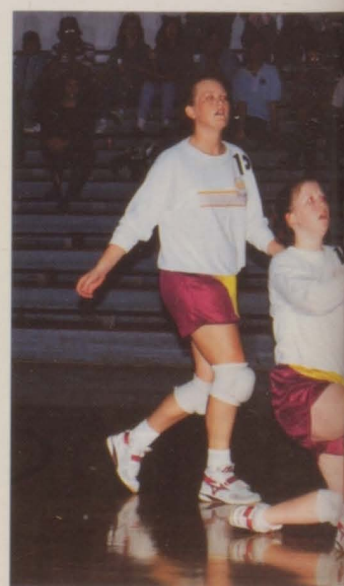
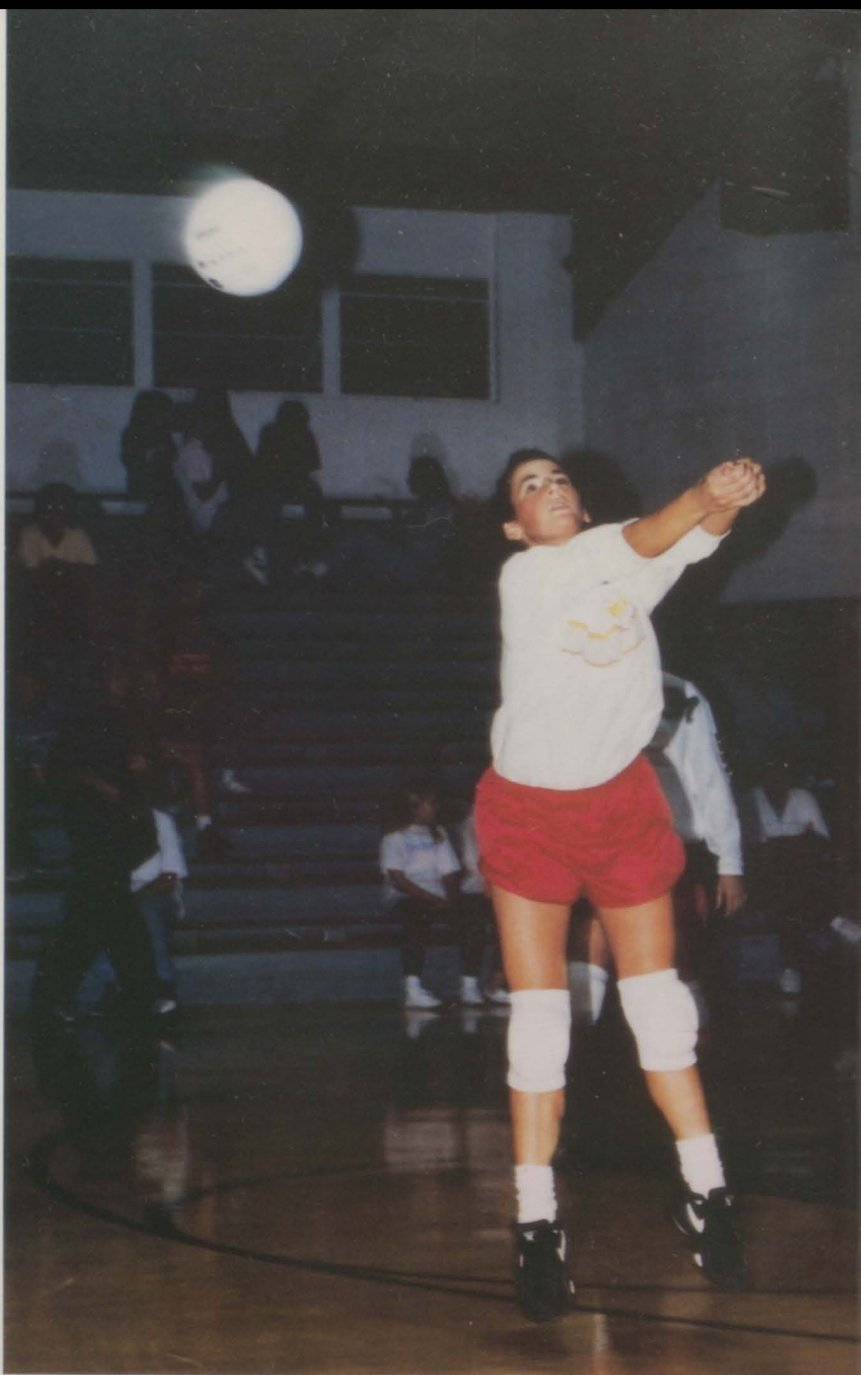
For the first time, Mansfield hosted the 2A district volleyball tournament, but the home court advantage wasn't enough to help the girls capture the championship.

They were eliminated in the second round.

"The teams were a lot better this year," senior Missy Honeycutt said. "They were all well prepared and they were a lot better than they had been before."

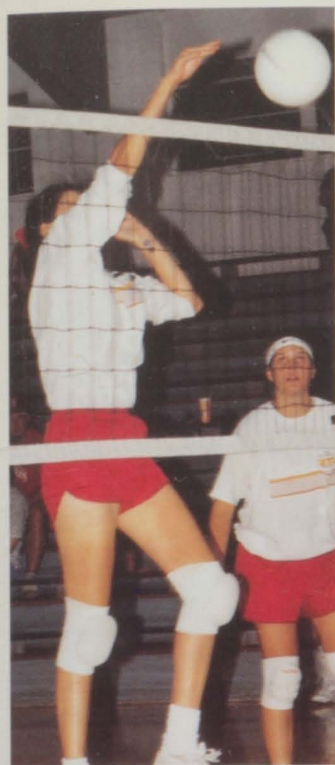


Smashing a spike over a Plato Eagles block, Janie Carter gets a kill and the Lions Lions get a win.



Following the standard bump, set, spike rhythm, Missy Honeycutt sets the ball to Trisha Perry for a kill.

Julie Clouse sets up the play in a home game with Plato which MHS won 15-8, 15-6.



Tapping it back

to Plato, Jennifer Top helps gain an MHS win of 15-8, 15-6.

Trisha Perry goes in for the kill with a spike against the Plato Eagles. Perry had 14 serving points in the game.

In a home game against Gainesville, Melanie McGaw bumps the ball to set up a new play. MHS went on to win the game 15-5, 15-13.



With Julie Clouse bumping the ball, Missy Honeycutt tries to prevent a collision. At left are Janie Carter and Liz Roth; at right Trisha Perry and Jennifer Top.

P L E N T Y to cheer about VOLLEYBALL

■ Mansfield made it to the consolation round of the 16-team Boatman's Showdown in West Plains for the first time ever. The tournament included many state powerhouses and several teams from other states.

■ Mansfield won the Conference Tournament for the third year with wins over Seymour, Gainesville, and Niangua.

■ During a match against Seymour, Janie Carter compiled 13 serving points and six aces in a win over the Tigers, 15-9, 15-8. Mansfield ended with five players serving 100 percent.

■ Liz Roth ended the season with 136 serving points. She had a 90 percent serving percentage. Trisha Perry had 129 serving points, for an 86 percent average. Janie Carter served for 123 points, and an 86 percent average.

■ For the first time, the 2A district volleyball tournament was held at Mansfield.

HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE - Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, first team; Liz Roth, Jennifer Top, honorable mention

ALL-DISTRICT - Trisha Perry, first team; Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, second team

VARSITY TEAM - Won the Summit Conference tournament for the third year in a row, Summit Conference league title for the seventh year in a row, and made it to the consolation round of the Boatman's Showdown Tournament in West Plains.

JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM - Third in the Laquey Tournament.

RECORD

17-10

MHS	Town	OPP
15-9, 15-8	Seymour	15-11, 15-11
15-10, 15-4	Licking	15-11
15-11	Niangua	15-3, 15-2
	Ava	15-11, 15-11
	Forsyth	15-2, 15-0
	Salem	15-7, 15-10
	Bishop Kelley	15-1, 15-0
15-10, 15-12	Mtn. Home	15-10
15-5, 15-6	New Haven	15-7, 15-2
15-7, 15-13	Spfd. Catholic	
15-8, 15-6	Marshfield	
15-6, 15-3	Seymour	
	Plato	
	Fordland	
	Mtn. Grove	15-7, 15-8
15-7	Willow Springs	15-8, 15-13
15-8, 15-7	Fordland	
15-11, 15-12	Plato	
15-10, 15-11	Cabool	
15-8, 15-5	Gainesville	15-7
15-7, 15-5	Conway	
15-4, 15-5	Seymour	
15-5, 15-13	Gainesville	
15-12, 15-8	Niangua	15-9
15-11, 15-8	Niangua	15-9
15-11, 17-15	Mtn. View-Liberty	
	Summersville	15-9, 15-10



Volleyball team. Front - Coach Roger Wood, Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, Julie Clouse, Missy Honeycutt, Jennifer Top, Brooke Newton, Tessa Miller, Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson; Middle - Janet VanNess, Jennifer Jones, Melanie McGaw, Regina Roy, Liz Roth, Amanda Stacy, Summer Slade, Kim Joseph; Back - Kathy Winsor, Rachel Barber, Melissa Scott, Karie DeChenne, Amanda Skyles, Jenny Moody, Courtney Short, Allison Arnall, Emily Bray. Not shown - Stephanie House.

RUNNING

can get

WILD

Girls' cross country team qualifies for the state meet; boys' team breaks state streak

After seven straight years of MHS boys' team running in the state cross country meet, the season ended with a different pace.

The boys faltered, but girls took up the charge.

For only the second time in school history, MHS qualified a girls' team for the state meet, while the boys' team failed to qualify.

"It was great to have a girls' team again," Coach Randy Short said of the first girls' team since 1988.

As it turned out, the hardest work of the season happened at the state meet. A 48-hour rain storm put a damper on things.

"I couldn't see while I was running because the rain was coming down so hard," junior Jenny Blaine said. "I kept having to wipe my face like windshield wipers."

Because the girls' race

was the second of the day, track conditions deteriorated as it continued to rain.

"The course was in the worst shape I had ever seen it in, in the 10 years that I have been going," Short said. "It was miserable."

Just about everyone on the six-member team fell during the race.

"I lost my balance, and the first thing I knew I was sliding head first down the hill," Blaine said. "It was better and more fun than a waterslide."

Stephanie Blankenship, a junior, didn't find the experience as much fun.

"I fell down four times," she said. "The first time wasn't that bad because I fell and got right back up. The second time I just wanted to cry because I had just fallen 10 feet from where I had fallen the last time."



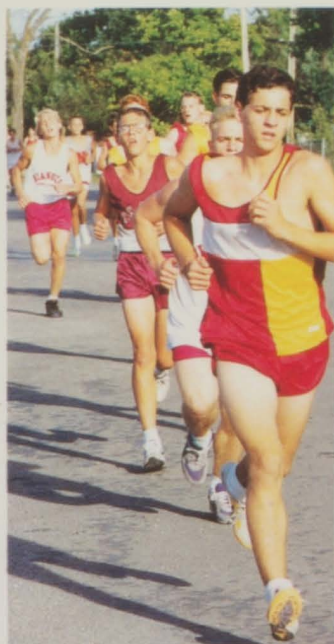
Muddy but smiling. Lauren Miller, Ashley Blankenship, Jenny Blaine, Wendy Matlock, and Tessa Miller show relief as the state meet is over. Runners faced hard rain and muddy fields as they competed at Jefferson City.



Moral support is shown as Emily Matlock walks younger sister Wendy to the table to receive her placing card at a Mansfield meet. Matlock's first year left her with an all-district honor along with several regular season medals.



Stephanie Blankenship, wearing the bright maroon and gold uniform of Mansfield, starts out with the pack in a large invitational meet on the home course. Tessa Miller is slightly behind her.



Kicking it in,

Chris Johnson leads the pack of runners in a home meet. Johnson went on to finish with the third best Mansfield time, 21:55, to place him 21st overall. Below, at the state cross country meet Jenny Blaine regains her footing after sliding head-first down a hill. Blaine finished 86th.



Side by side, Tom Moody and Hayden Dennis keep a steady pace as they compete in a home meet.

Taking it one stride at a time, Scott Corder hits the halfway point. He finished 9th with a time of 20:42.

P L E N T Y to cheer about CROSS COUNTRY

■ Unlike last year, when Jenny Blaine was the only girl who ran on the cross country team, this year there was a girls' team for the first time since 1988.

■ At the Conway meet, Sean Spyres medaled, taking first place. MHS had six other medal winners at the meet, including Jeremy Corder, Matt Skyles, Eric Grubbs, Jenny Blaine, Ashley Blankenship, and Wendy Matlock.

■ In cross country, the top ten boy runners at the conference meet are named All-Conference. Jeremy Corder placed fifth, making the team for the second year. Matt Skyles was fourth and was a first time honoree.

■ The top seven girl runners are named All-Conference. Jenny Blaine, who was third, made the team for the third year. Wendy Matlock was fifth, and Ashley Blankenship was sixth.

■ The girls' team qualified for the state meet, but because of nasty weather, rain, and a muddy course, only two girls finished the race. Jenny Blaine was 86th out of about 160 runners, and Ashley Blankenship was 104th.

■ Although the boys' cross country team did not qualify for the state meet for the first time in eight years, Sean Spyres and Matt Skyles qualified to run as individuals. Spyres was 104th and Skyles was 110th at the state meet.

HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE BOYS
CROSS COUNTRY - Matt Skyles, Jeremy Corder

ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS -
Jenny Blaine, Wendy Matlock, Ashley Blankenship

ALL-DISTRICT BOYS - Matt Skyles

ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS - Jenny Blaine, Wendy Matlock

RECORD

Season Record Won 2

MHS	Meet Location
Sixth	Mtn. Grove
Sixth	Mtn. Grove
Third	Mansfield
Seventh	Mtn. Grove
Third	Niangua
First	Conway
Sixth	Mansfield
First	Conference Meet
Second	Girls' District
Third	Boys' District



Cross country team. Front - Coach Randy Short, Ashley Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Jenny Blaine, Lauren Miller, Wendy Matlock, Tessa Miller; Middle - Mark Brown, Sean Spyres, Tom Moody, Hayden Dennis, Matt Skyles, Eric Grubbs, Chris Johnson; Back - Melanie Blankenship, Tara Moody, Scott Corder, Michael Spyres, Jeremy Corder.

DREAM

about this

TEAM

Lady Lions make the Final Four and place fourth in the state, the team's best

For the first time since girls' basketball began at MHS in '75, the team made it to the "Big Dance," the 2A Final Four in Columbia.

The team won the District 10 championship for the second year in a row, defeating the second ranked team in the state, Ellington.

In sectional play the girls defeated Newburg 47-38, then made it into the Final Four by pounding Springfield Catholic 63-48.

The state tournament was a long-held dream.

"When I heard the buzzer go off for the game against Catholic," senior Janie Carter said, "at that moment I knew what we had accomplished."

However, the girls' title hopes were ruined by a heart-breaking 47-46 double overtime loss in the first game in Columbia.

"It was very disappointing to lose the semi-final game to Pembroke Hill when we had a 9-point lead at halftime," Coach Freddie Doherty said. "We felt like we were the better team. They were obviously a good team, too, because they ended up winning the 2A state championship title."

The girls couldn't bounce back the next day in the third place game.

"We weren't focused on the game, because most of our attention and thoughts were on the game before," Doherty said.

Senior Missy Honeycutt was proud of the season, even though it ended on a bittersweet note.

"Even though I was sad when he placed the (fourth place) medal around my neck," she said, "a feeling of happiness came over me."



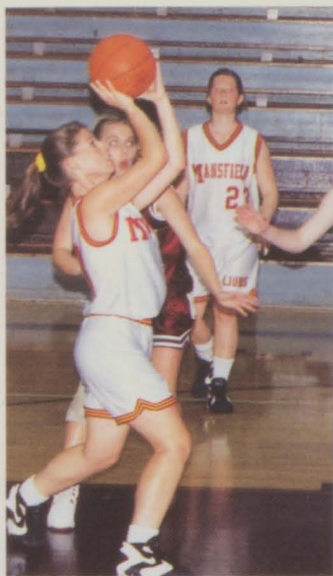
Janie Carter makes a move toward Jenny Blaine or Missy Honeycutt in a 55-50 victory over Hartville, before probably the biggest crowd to attend a girls' game at MHS.



Driving the baseline, Trisha Perry shoots over a Pembroke Hill defender in the first game of the state tournament. Perry had 15 points in the 47-46 double overtime loss. Niki Anderson is ready to rebound at left.



The team's reaction to beating Catholic and making the Final Four is captured, left. Below, Stephanie Blankenship scores 2 against Willow Springs in a 72-21 MHS win.



Driving hard around

a pick, set by Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine scans the floor to see her options during the sectional game against Newburg at Rolla. Blaine had 15 points in the 47-38 win, sweet revenge for a loss to Newburg in the same situation last year.



Trisha Perry and Missy Honeycutt are a defensive team in a 76-27 win over Seymour. Perry had 14 points and Honeycutt 4 in the game.

As Clark County defenders dart at her, Niki Anderson shoots in the third place game of the state tournament. She had 5 points in the Lady Lions' 68-45 loss.

P L E N T Y to cheer about B A S K E T B A L L

■ The team won first place in Summit Conference for the second consecutive year with a 6-0 record.

■ Prior to districts, all three tournaments resulted in second place finishes for the team; Lady Lions Invitational, Rogersville Tournament, and the conference tournament.

■ Scoring leaders for the team were Trisha Perry with a 16.8 average; Janie Carter 16.6; Jenny Blaine 12.5. Game highs were Perry 38, Carter 29, and Blaine 24.

■ Janie Carter led in rebounds with 9.3 per game and shot 66 percent from the line. Trisha Perry averaged 6.8 rebounds and shot 64 percent from the line. Jenny Blaine led with 166 assists and 122 steals.

■ Trisha Perry finished with 1570 career varsity points, and Janie Carter had 1001.

■ The entire team was chosen as the team of honor at KKOZ's Dream Team banquet, with Janie Carter selected as girl's player of the year, and Coach Freddie Doherty honored as coach of the year. These honors recognized the Lady Lions' fourth place finish in the 2A state tournament.

HONORS

LADY LIONS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM - Trisha Perry, Janie Carter

ROGERSVILLE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM - Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine

ALL-CONFERENCE - Trisha Perry, Janie Carter, Jenny Blaine, first team; Missy Honeycutt, Stephanie Blankenship, honorable mention

ALL-DISTRICT - Trisha Perry, Jenny Blaine, Janie Carter

ALL-OZARKS SECOND TEAM - Trisha Perry

ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM - Trisha Perry

RECORD

MHS	26-5 Town	OPP
72	Willow Springs	21
77	Seymour	33
47	Springfield Hillcrest	43
79	Cabool	37
49	Lebanon	36
51	Houston	56
79	Ozark	53
68	Fordland	28
43	Forsyth	29
91	Niangua	52
62	Norwood	46
37	Hartville	56
76	Buffalo	54
54	West Plains	37
50	Marshfield	52
88	Licking	38
76	Seymour	27
60	Ava	58
60	Gainesville	58
71	Conway	39
58	Conway	48
34	Hartville	49
55	Hartville	50
81	Fordland	28
88	Clearwater	27
72	Gainesville	52
42	Ellington	37
47	Newburg	38
63	Springfield Catholic	48
46	Pembroke Hill	47
45	Clark County	68



Girls' basketball team. Front - Kenna Allen, Ashley Blankenship, Aimee Williams, Allison Arnall; Row two - Regina Roy, Melanie Blankenship, Jackie Honeycutt, Niki Anderson, Stephanie Blankenship, Trish Dalton, Jenny Blaine; Row three - Coach Freddie Doherty, Liz Roth, Lauren Miller, Courtney Short, Emily Moody, Tessa Miller, Amanda Skyles, Assistant Coach Tonia Wynn; Back - Amber Davis, Jennifer Top, Trisha Perry, Missy Honeycutt, Janie Carter, Kim Joseph, Melanie McGaw.

TAKING another CHARGE

Basketball team thrives in the role of underdog at district tournament time

Starting with the sixth seed, the boys' basketball team ended up in its first district championship game in ten years.

The Lions proved they were a better ball team than the seeding showed, upsetting number three Clearwater in the first round and number two Alton in the second.

"It felt great to be the first team in such a long time to get into the championship game," senior Joe Allen said, "especially since it was my senior year."

Senior James Hanger said the low seed in districts was a great motivator.

"Being seeded sixth got us mad, and we wanted to prove to everybody that we could play ball," he said.

After those two emotional wins, Mansfield's season came to an abrupt

halt, losing to the top-seeded Licking Wildcats in the championship game.

"Districts were played with pure heart," senior Chuck Campbell said. "Being the underdog in every game, we had nothing to lose. We didn't want to go out so soon. We did what it took to win all three games, but Licking could have beat almost anyone that night."

Allen thought that the Lions had a chance for a third upset.

"When we started the second half we made a run and I thought we were going to pull it off, but with so many of us in foul trouble we just couldn't get over the hump," he said.

At one time during the year, the Lions made an appearance in the state rankings at number ten among 2A teams.



Keeping up the fast pace, Hayden Dennis and Chuck Campbell play tough defense against Cabool, in a 79-52 win for MHS. Campbell scored 23, Dennis 5 in the game.



Going up against Conway, Matt Skyles shoots for three in the championship of the Mansfield Tournament. Skyles was the top scorer with 28, but MHS lost 83-74. Also on court are James Hanger and Chuck Campbell.

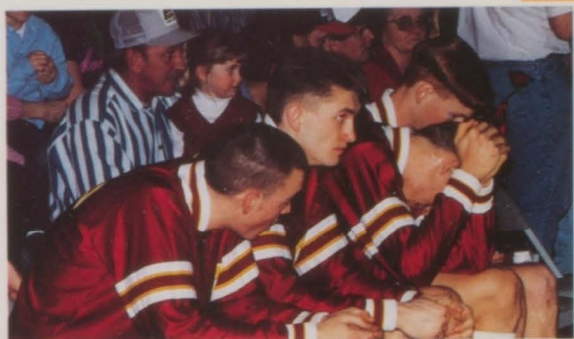


James Hanger drives into the lane to score against Cabool while Sean Spyres plays offense. Hanger ended the game with 12 points, and Spyres added 4 in the 79-52 MHS win.



Drawing a foul,

Joe Allen stops a Cabool player from shooting in an MHS victory on the home court. Below, starters Hayden Dennis, Joe Allen, Chuck Campbell, and James Hanger wait to be announced at their last home game.



Chuck Campbell drives in for 2 of his 19 points in the Homecoming game with Fordland, a 67-54 MHS win, above. Left, Joe Allen scores 2 of his 20 points in a 79-52 victory over Cabool.

P L E N T Y to cheer about B A S K E T B A L L

■ The team was second in the Mansfield Tournament, second in the Seymour Tournament, and third in the 16-team Blue and Gold Tournament in Springfield.

■ The team was ranked in tenth place in the 2A state rankings, and finished with a record of 4-2 in the conference.

■ Scoring averages were Chuck Campbell 18, Matt Skyles 18, and Joe Allen 15. Chuck Campbell averaged 11 rebounds a game, and Joe Allen had 5. Matt Skyles averaged 6 assists a game, followed by Chuck Campbell with 4.

■ The team scored an average of 73 points a game. Chuck Campbell shot 57 percent from the floor, and Joe Allen led the team by shooting 81 percent from the line.

HONORS

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

ALL-DISTRICT - Chuck Campbell

ALL-OZARKS SECOND TEAM - Chuck Campbell

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

MANSFIELD INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM - Chuck Campbell and Matt Skyles

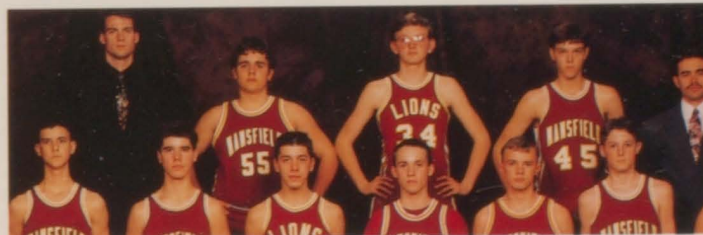
RECORD

20-9

MHS	Town	OPP
68	Catholic	61
85	Houston	78
81	Eminence	38
69	Marshfield	36
87	West Plains	59
78	Ozark	72
66	Hartville	50
73	Gainesville	66
65	Fordland	49
67	Ash Grove	50
92	Plato	75
83	Niangua	36
77	Norwood	57
87	Niangua	46
79	Plato	62
83	Conway	74
81	Mtn. Grove	71
69	Gainesville	62
79	Cabool	52
75	Conway	72
67	Hartville	63
63	Seymour	60
67	Fordland	54
73	Ava	70
63	Willow Springs	68
85	Lutie	55
83	Clearwater	72
66	Alton	59
79	Licking	93



Varsity team. Front - Eric Grubbs; Middle - Randon Ivy, Matt Skyles, Jarod Coday, Hayden Dennis, Sean Spyres, Jason Davis; Back - Travis Furr, Asst. Coach Kevin McDaris, Joe Skyles, James Hanger, Curt Stuart, Chuck Campbell, Austin Corder, Joe Allen, Rick Weaver, Coach Chris Larsen, Austin Miller.



Junior varsity team. Front - Chris Flageolle, Adam Grubbs, Eric Grubbs, Jeromy Brooke, Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Steven Welch; Back - Coach Chris Larsen, Mike Spyres, Gary Slate, James Strunk, Asst. Coach Kevin McDaris.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

titles mean

Softball team takes tournament and league championship with one game

While rainy weather is often the most talked about part of the softball season, things changed in 1995.

There was a new feature for the Lady Lions schedule.

Hartville hosted the first ever Summit Conference Softball Tournament. Teams entered were Hartville, Fordland, Mansfield, and Seymour.

In the first game the Lady Lions played Fordland. MHS won 15-1, with junior Niki Anderson gaining winning pitcher honors.

Anderson said it was hard pitching the game, because the field was wet and not in great shape.

"The field was muddy and very slippery," she said. "That made it very hard to pitch because my foot keep slipping and I felt like I was

going to fall at times."

The Lady Lions' next opponent was Hartville.

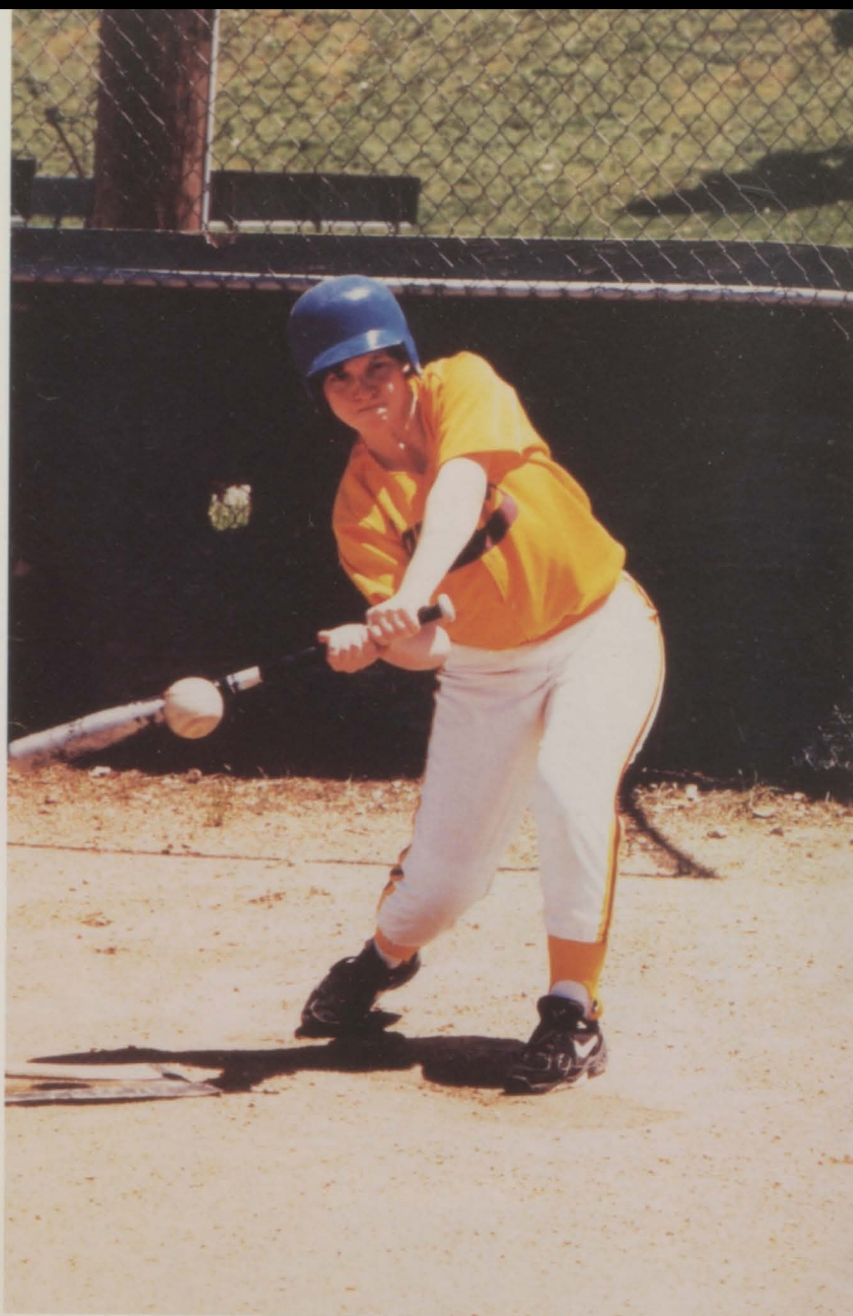
MHS won 17-3 with the help of senior pitcher Emily Matlock, and senior first-basemen Trisha Perry, who came through with a triple at just the right time.

With MHS beating Hartville, it also gave them their fourth consecutive league title, in addition to the tournament championship.

"Winning the first conference tournament was not only a great way to complete my senior year," said Missy Honeycutt said. "It will also give the younger players something to strive to achieve for the following years."

Senior Jodi Edwards liked how the season ended.

"It was nice going out a winner," she said.



Melisa Porter, who had an on-base percentage of .750 and made the All-Conference team, catches a ground ball that was hit to her in right field.



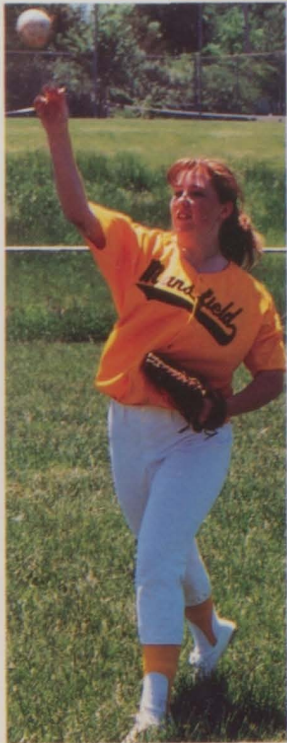
Julie Clouse catches a ball that was thrown to her by first baseman Trisha Perry, in an attempt to get a runner out at second.

Jodi Edwards, who ended the season with a batting average of .588, makes contact with the ball. Edwards also tied with Missy Honeycutt for top on-base percentage.

Emily Matlock, an All-Conference pick for three years and MVP her senior year, delivers a pitch to her opponent. Matlock was the winning pitcher in five of the six games she pitched for the Lady Lions.



Sabrina Kelly, releases the ball to her cut-off man at short stop, in a JV game at home.



P L E N T Y to cheer about S O F T B A L L

■ Mansfield won the Summit Conference title for the fourth consecutive year, beating Fordland, Seymour, and Hartville.

■ The team also was the winner of the first Summit Conference Softball Tournament, held at Hartville.

■ The MHS girls outscored their opponents 85-11 in their first six games. Emily Matlock was the winning pitcher for five of those six games.

■ In only three games did the opposing team score more than one run against the Lady Lions.

■ Sarah Walker earned the hustle award for the season, best defense award went to Trisha Perry, and the MVP was Emily Matlock.

■ Leading batting averages were Missy Honeycutt with .684, Jodi Edwards .588, Sarah Walker .583, Trisha Perry .500.

■ Leading with the highest on base percentage were Jodi Edwards and Missy Honeycutt with .783, followed by Melisa Porter .750, Sarah Walker .684, and Trisha Perry .667.

HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE
SOFTBALL TEAM - Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry, Emily Matlock, Jodi Edwards, Melisa Porter, Julie Clouse, Sarah Walker, first team; and Niki Anderson, honorable mention

RECORD

	6-1	
MHS	Town	OPP
10	Hartville	1
10	Seymour	0
22	Seymour	4
11	Fordland	1
15	Fordland	1
17	Hartville	3
0	Forsyth	13



Team members Julie Clouse, Sabrina Kelly, Emily Matlock, Melisa Porter, and Jodi Edwards have a conference at the mound to discuss a little strategy during a spring home game.



Softball team. Front - Missy Honeycutt, Emily Bray, Amanda Skyles, Sarah Walker, Jill Adamson; middle - Regina Roy, Sabrina Kelly, Wendy Matlock, Summer Slade, Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt; back - Coach Roger Wood, Lisa Hodges, Emily Matlock, Julie Clouse, Trisha Perry, Deneane Sickels, Melisa Porter, Jennifer Wright, Kathy Winsor.

STATE CHAMPS

2A baseball

Baseball team's season has storybook ending by bringing home the state title

Bringing Mansfield its first state title in any sport, the Lions proved winning can be everything.

Going to the state semifinals in Columbia four of the last six years but never getting exactly what they wanted, the players decided it was time to take care of business.

"It was hard for me because I had pitched my butt off and came up short in 1993, but this time I wasn't going to let it happen," said junior Matt Skyles, who had pitched in a state championship game as a freshman.

Early, the Lions weren't sure about the year.

"This year was such a different year from day one that I was not surprised when it ended in a story book fashion," Coach Doug Jones said. "We had so many ups and downs, but as the old saying goes 'it's

not so much how you start that counts, but it's how you finish.'"

Seniors provided solidity for the younger players.

"I had a lot of confidence in them," Joe Garrison said. "I knew they had the ability to perform well so I didn't want them to feel intimidated. I tried to relieve some of the pressure on them because they were freshman."

The team beat Fatima 2-1 after sophomore Jason Davis got a double and Skyles singled him in.

"I knew in the on-deck circle that I had to do it," Skyles said. "I told myself I had to be a gamer."

After being behind most of the game, it was an exciting finish.

"To win the state title in the bottom of the seventh inning is a dream come true," Jones said. "The dream was alive in '95"



Excitement on his face, Joe Garrison meets Jason Davis, #6, as he crosses home plate to score the winning run in the state championship in Columbia.

Before the win over Hermann 9-5, MHS players get pumped for the game which will send them to the state championship game, right. Above right, the starting line-up for Mansfield is announced. Shown are Jeromy Brooke, Jason Davis, Hayden Dennis, James Hanger, Jarod Coday, Melvin Thompson, Mike Spyres, Joe Garrison, Tom Moody, and Matt Skyles.

Tom Moody, left, and manager Ashley Miller, right, show the ranges of emotion as the baseball team celebrates its first state championship, after four trips to the Final Four in the last six years.



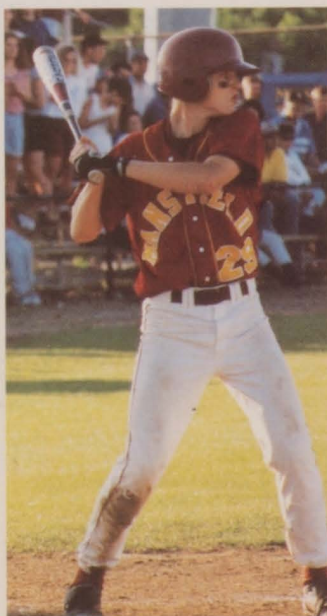
Joe Garrison pitches

against Hermann, in the 9-5 state semifinal win.



James Hanger catches a fly ball at Columbia. Tom Moody is at right.

Seniors Tom Moody, James Hanger, and Joe Garrison hold the state trophy as they are honored in the town's Butter Day parade.



Matt Skyles bats just before hitting the game winning single in the 2A state championship. He knocked in Jason Davis, who had doubled.



P L E N T Y to cheer about

B A S E B A L L

■ The Lions captured conference, district, and state titles for the 1994-95 season.

■ Tom Moody led the Lions with a .459 batting average including 56 singles, 7 doubles, 3 triples, 3 homeruns and 46 RBI'S for the season.

■ With a .545, junior Matt Skyles had the team's highest on-base average and scored 45 runs for MHS.

■ Joe Garrison ended the season with the most homeruns for the Lions with a total of 5.

■ Pitcher Matt Skyles had a .71 ERA with 145 strikeouts 11 wins and 1 loss. Joe Bray had an 2.78 ERA and Joe Garrison 3.01.

■ Steven Welch hit a fifth-inning single to give the team the lead as they rallied past Hermann 9-5 in the state semifinals.

■ In the state championship game, Matt Skyles gave up one earned run, five hits, and struck out 10.

HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE - Joe Garrison, James Hanger, Tom Moody, Matt Skyles, Mike Spyres

ALL-DISTRICT - Matt Skyles, Joe Garrison, Tom Moody

ALL-OZARKS - Matt Skyles, Tom Moody

ALL-STATE - Matt Skyles (first team); Tom Moody, Joe Garrison (second team)

RECORD

28-7

1	Willard	3
21	Niangua	1
21	Seymour	8
5	Hartville	0
8	Lutie	0
0	Kickapoo	4
1	West Plains	8
3	Conway	1
4	Licking	14
13	Norwood	3
6	Houston	1
2	District Tournament	
5	Hartville	3
0	Fordland	5
1	Ozark	9
1	Forsyth	4
14	Sectional	
4	Licking	0
0	Quarterfinal	
1	9 Plst. Hope	6
10	4 State Semifinal	
10	9 Hermann	5
3	State Championship	
2	2 Fatima	1

Baseball team and the state championship trophy. Front - Melvin Thompson, Jeremy Brooke, Matt Skyles, Joe Garrison, Coach Doug Jones, Tom Moody, James Hanger; back - Chris Flageolle, Jeff Chambers, Randon Ivy, Eric Grubbs, Mike Spyres, Joe Bray, Jarod Coday, Jeffrey Brooke, Hayden Dennis, Jason Davis, Steven Welch, Assistant Coach Randy Short.

TRIPLE events means THREAT

Senior Chuck Campbell qualifies for three events in the state track meet

In any sport there are always goals to be set at the beginning of the season. And that goal for almost every track team member is making it to the state meet.

Senior Chuck Campbell achieved this goal and more when he won first at the district meet in discus, and second in high jump and shot put, qualifying for state in all three events.

"My goal was to make it to state," he said. "I knew I had a good shot in discus and shot, but making it in high jump surprised me."

Campbell also had another goal.

"What I set out to do more than anything this year was to break records," Campbell said. "I ended up breaking the discus, shot, and most points earned."

However, Campbell wasn't pleased with his performance at state.

"I was very disappointed," he said. "I knew I

had a chance in discus but I ended up throwing my second worst throw of the season. I missed the finals by four inches. But what was more discouraging was the fact that I could have got fourth with the throws I had been throwing all year."

One complication of the day at the state meet was that Campbell's graduation ceremony was set for four o'clock, back in Mansfield, about a three-hour drive.

"Because of graduation being on the same day I had to leave early to get back in time," he said. "I think I could have made the top eight in shot, but I'll never know since I had to go before that event."

Campbell still had a positive attitude about the experience.

"I had a chance to medal," he said, "but I'm not upset because I was just in track to have fun."



Although Kim Joseph is just about at the finish line tape, all eyes are not on her. People are watching a Conway runner who just fell in the 800-meter relay race at Willow Springs, in which Joseph's team placed sixth.

Chuck Campbell, who later in the season qualified for the state track meet in this event and two others, makes the first place high jump at a meet at Willow Springs.

MHS runners Jeremy Corder, left, and Sean Spyres, right, compete in the 800-meter run in a meet at Willow Springs. Since Mansfield does not have track facilities, all the team's meets are at other schools.



On an unusually warm spring day, Amanda Skyles competes in the long jump event at Willow Springs.

Below, track team members find some cool shade at Willow Springs. Front, Kim Joseph, Amanda Skyles, Jenny Blaine, and Janie Carter; back, Sean Spyres and Jeremy Corder.



In a meet at Willow Springs, Brent Freeman competes in the mile run.



Stephanie Day, front, takes the handoff from Amanda Stacy in the 400-meter relay, in which they placed sixth at Willow Springs.

P L E N T Y to cheer about T R A C K

■ Chuck Campbell finished first in discus and second in shot put and high jump at the district meet, and advanced to state competition in Jefferson City.

■ Chuck Campbell broke three school records in discus, shot put, and most points earned.

■ Janie Carter and Chuck Campbell were high point individuals for the season.

TOP SEASON RESULTS

AVA MEET

Shot Put - Janie Carter 5th, Chuck Campbell 1st; **Discus** - Janie Carter 2nd, Chuck Campbell 1st; **High Jump** - Chuck Campbell 1st; **800 M Relay** - team of Jenny Blaine, Courtney Short, Kim Joseph, Amanda Skyles 3rd; **400 M Relay** - team of Jenny Blaine, Courtney Short, Kim Joseph, Amanda Skyles 5th; **Long Jump** - Kim Joseph 6th

MTN. GROVE MEET

1600 M Run - Sean Spyres 5th

WEST PLAINS MEET

Shot Put - Chuck Campbell 4th, Janie Carter 6th; **Discus** - Janie Carter 3rd, Chuck Campbell 5th

WILLOW SPRINGS MEET

Shot Put - Janie Carter 3rd, Chuck Campbell 1st; **Discus** - Janie Carter 2nd, Chuck Campbell 1st, Joe Allen 4th; **High Jump** - Chuck Campbell 1st; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 5th; **300 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 5th; **800 M Relay** - team of Jenny Blaine, Amanda Skyles, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 6th; **400 M Relay** - Jenny Blaine, Amanda Skyles, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 6th; **200 M Run** - Kim Joseph 6th

MTN. GROVE MEET

Discus - Chuck Campbell 1st, Janie Carter 3rd; **Shot Put** - Chuck Campbell 1st

NIXA MEET

Shot Put - Janie Carter 4th, Chuck Campbell 1st; **Discus** - Chuck Campbell 5th; **High Jump** - Chuck Campbell 1st, Trish Perry 4th; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 5th; **800 M Relay** - team of Amanda Skyles, Amanda Stacy, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 5th; **400 M Relay** - team of Amanda Skyles, Amanda Stacy, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 5th; **1600 M Run** - Sean Spyres 2nd; **200 M Run** - Kim Joseph 4th, Stephanie Day 5th; **3200 M Run** - Danny Brito 6th, Jeremy Corder 4th

DISTRICT MEET

Discus - Janie Carter 5th, Chuck Campbell 1st, Joe Allen 8th; **Shot Put** - Janie Carter 3rd, Trisha Perry 8th, Chuck Campbell 2nd; **High Jump** - Trisha Perry 3rd, Chuck Campbell 2nd; **800 M Relay** - team of Jenny Blaine, Amanda Skyles, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 8th; **400 M Relay** - team of Jenny Blaine, Amanda Skyles, Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day 7th; **100 M Hurdles** - Jenny Blaine 7th; **1600 M Run** - Sean Spyres 6th; **800 M Run** - Sean Spyres 5th



Track Team. Front - Trisha Perry, Amanda Skyles, Stephanie Day, Amanda Stacy, Brent Freeman, Danny Brito; Row two - Jenny Moody, Emily Bray, Courtney Short, Kim Joseph, Jenny Blaine, Janie Carter; Back - Jeremy Corder, Sean Spyres, Chuck Campbell, Joe Allen, Steve Cannon.

GOOD times, sporting CHANCE

For the second year in a row, this organization offers the chance to compete

For the second year, A Sporting Chance offered the opportunity to compete to all students.

Of all the sports team members played, basketball seemed to be the favorite.

"Basketball was fun because we all played hard and gave it our best," freshman Trish Freeman said.

Actually, interest in basketball teams tripled from the year before.

"We increased from one team to three teams and everyone showed up for practice and gave it all they had," Coach Georgianne Brown said.

With the tougher competition that A Sporting Chance had on the schedule, it meant having morning practices.

"I loved everything about basketball, but the only drawback was having to get up real early for

practice," junior Ricky Boutell said.

There were a few games that gave Mansfield trouble. In a game against Glendale, the boys' team had to play good defense, but fell a little short and lost 42-31.

"We played harder in the second half of the game than in the first half," junior Lonnie Bell said.

There will only be one member not returning next year because of graduation.

"Being the only senior isn't very different than it was last year," senior Robbie Van Orden said. "I have to go after the ball more and work harder."

MHS won first place in the local tournament.

"I was real pleased with the teams' performance throughout the year," Coach Stephaney Menzie said. "They did a great job."



Middle school basketball team. Front - Chris Kerns, Daniel Soares, John Ward, Jason Brazeal, Joe Bockelman, Coach Georgianne Brown; back - Robert Ward, Robert Pratt, Robert Rippee.

Joey Long, above, and Robert Rippee, right, compete in the running long jump event at A Sporting Chance track meet in Springfield.

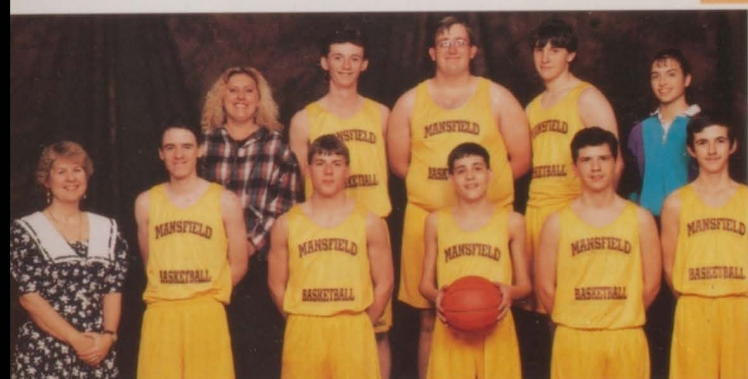
Trish Freeman runs the anchor lap of relay race during an A Sporting Chance track meet at Springfield.



Picking up as

much speed as he can, Roy Liles is on his way to a second place finish in the running long jump in a Springfield track meet.

High school basketball team.
Front - Coach Georgianne Brown, Donnie Young, Joey Long, Victor Murray, Joe Bell; back - Coach Stephaney Menzie, Lonnie Bell, Robbie Van Orden, John Rhodes, B. J. Knight.



For his four years in Special Olympics and A Sporting Chance, Robbie Van Orden is honored with a plaque at the athletic awards night. Making the presentation are coaches Stephaney Menzie and Georgianne Brown.

P L E N T Y *to cheer about*

A SPORTING CHANCE

■ The coed A Sporting Chance team started the season winning second place in the Branson soccer tournament. The middle school team won first.

■ The high school boys' team beat Nixa 44-12 in a basketball game.

■ A Sporting Chance finished the basketball season with the high school boys' team winning first place in the Branson Tournament. To win first, the team had to beat Liberty and Glendale.

■ The coed basketball team placed second in the Branson Tournament.

■ The middle school basketball team won first place in the district tournament at Hillcrest High School. The coed team also won first place. The high school team placed third.

■ At track meets, A Sporting Chance athletes can compete in the 50, 100, 200, or 400 meter dashes, shot put, softball throw, running long jump, standing long jump, the high jump, and the mile run.

■ A relay team of Trish Freeman, Roy Liles, Jason Coffman, and Joey Long placed second in the district track meet at Southwest Missouri State University.

■ Brian Johns was MVP for the All-Star National League Team, which featured the best players from eight A Sporting Chance teams.

■ A Sporting Chance also had bowling teams. The girls' team was Crystal Young, Erickia Cook, Shannon Todd, and Trish Freeman.



Co-ed basketball team. Front - Ricky Boutell, Robert Lang, Billy Furr, Christopher Wilson, Joey Long; back - Shannon Todd, Julie Lynch, Coach Stephaney Menzie, Trish Freeman, Nicole Soares.

STEADY improvement means PROGRESS

*Eighth grade boys' basketball team wins
third in conference tournament*

Even though the eighth grade basketball team had a few ups and downs and had to get used to the style of a new coach, they just kept getting better and better to prove that practice pays off.

The team was seeded fourth in the annual Summit Conference Tournament, but surprised many people by winning third.

"They did better in the tournament than I thought they would," Coach Don Sanders said. "In fact, they continued to play better as the games went by."

As a whole, the team appeared to perform well during their season.

"Overall we played pretty good," eighth grader Luke Anderson said. "We lost some games that we shouldn't have, but we also beat some teams that we lost to the year before."

One of the highlights of the team's season was defeating a team which had gone undefeated for most of the year.

"It felt good to beat Fordland," eighth grader Zach Whorton said. "It was a great accomplishment to beat a team that had never lost before."

The team owes its success to a variety of things, such as each other and their coach.

"Our new coach helped us a lot and we began to play more like a team as the season went on," eighth grader Travis Furr said.

The team's coach sees them as going on and adding to their success in high school.

"There are some guys who are hard working," Sanders said, "and will be contenders for starting positions next year."



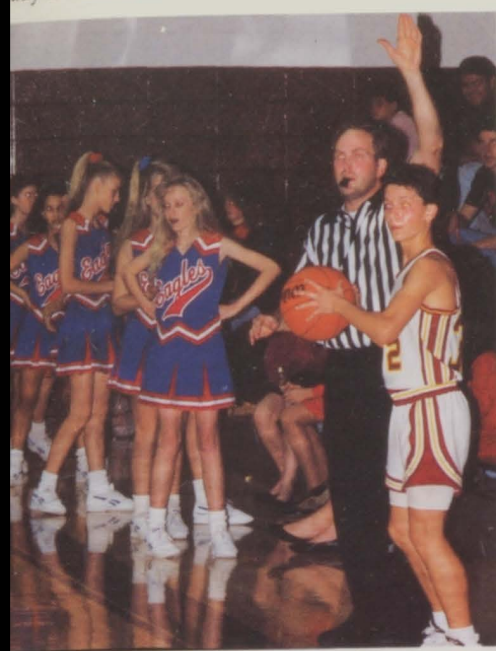
Middle school girls' basketball team. Front - Jessica Roth, Julie Lynch, Kristina Shropshire, Afton Ivy, Donna Young, Jessica Counce, Katrina Bailey; back - Sarah Brown, Lindsay Hannaford, Sumer Welch, Rachelle Roy, Amber Davis, Crystal Bennett, Stephanie Maxwell, Sarah Carr, Coach Tonia Wynn.



Eighth grade cheerleaders. Front - Jessica Counce, Tracy Oberbeck; middle - Bridget Keys, Kinder Pollock; back - Rodonda Davis, Stephanie Merrifield.



...Anderson goes for the basket in a home game with Hartville, a 46-35 victory for Mansfield. Travis Furr is ready to rebound for Mansfield.



Looking for an

open player to pass to, Travis Furr brings the ball in for Mansfield in a home game with Hartville.

Seventh grade cheerleaders. Front - Tamara Matlock, Katrina Bailey, Janisha Bennett; middle - Afton Ivy; back - Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Angela Fetter.



Eighth grade boys' basketball team. Front - Daniel Cain, James Lansdown, Arthur Slade, Brandon Edmonds, John Ward; middle - Luke Anderson, Brandon Lansdown, Jason Brooke, Travis Furr, Zack Whorton, Kevin Heatherly; back - Coach Don Sanders, Nathan Hanger, Stephen House, Russell Hedrick, Joseph Bockelman, Dusty Walker, Curtis Stuart.

P L E N T Y to cheer about GRADE SEVEN

Season Record: 4-4

MHS	Town	OPP
53	Niangua	28
36	Seymour	40
32	Conway	25
42	Hartville	35
21	Fordland	24
32	Gainsville	23
31	Hartville	39
41	Seymour	47

GIRLS

Record: 2-10

MHS	Town	OPP
38	Niangua	65
13	Seymour	28
22	Conway	40
29	Plato	40
25	Skyline	22
21	Hartville	20
11	Fordland	40
15	Gainesville	31
23	Norwood	42
13	Hartville	33
18	Seymour	36

GRADE 8

Record: 9-5

MHS	Town	OPP
35	Niangua	32
35	Seymour	29
56	Conway	25
28	Bakersfield	36
50	Norwood	35
26	Hartville	36
35	Fordland	29
34	Gainesville	36
48	Norwood	23
23	Hartville	34
45	Seymour	28
41	Seymour	22
24	Fordland	36
46	Hartville	35



Seventh grade boys' basketball team. Front - Austin Corder, Rick Weaver, Zack Miller, Craig Letsinger, Dustin McCleary, Dustin Clark; back - Coach Don Sanders, Austin Miller, Jonathan Lynch, Steven Collins, Jason Hilliard, Ben Moody.



■ Surrounded by a sea of red poinsettias, Shelly Williams, Satha Kilgore, and Michael Davis pick out several of the nicest looking plants for a customer at school. The horticulture class in the agriculture department used a greenhouse built on the school campus last year to produce these flowers in December, and other bedding plants in the spring.

■ Chad Keeling takes aim and fires a ping pong ball at a plate of sand in a trajectory contest at the local science fair. Behind him are Scott Corder and Gary Slate. Freshmen physical science students worked in groups with a senior physics student as a mentor to produce devices that would shoot a ping pong ball 10 feet. The groups later participated in a contest at the science fair.



■ For journalism students trying to get their newspaper stories typed in by deadline time, computers can be both miracles and headaches. Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Tom Moody, and Emily Matlock try to beat the clock for the first issue of the Lions Gazette.

■ With his hand on the Van deGraaf generator, Jeremy Corder demonstrates the effects of static electricity as part of the science department's demonstrations at open house.



we
NEVER
had it so good

MHS students make no bones about it. The bragging rights for academic success belongs right here. With teachers who push their students not just to learn, but to compete, the emphasis on academics is strong. As the school became more financially secure, it was able to provide computers for virtually every high school classroom. Students in every area from art to English to social studies to science could work with the technology the rest of the world uses. When you take a look around at what's inside MHS classrooms, we never had it so good.

in academics

WRITING

Concentrating on this skill pays off big for students

JOURNALISM

GOOD GOIN'

MISSOURI PRESS WOMEN STATE YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

First: Joe Allen, sports; **Second:** Stephanie Blankenship, news; **Third:** Tom Moody, column; Sara Moody, page design;

Hon. mention: Joe Allen, news; Joe Allen, Jenny Blaine, column; Melanie McGaw, page design; Melanie Blankenship, page design

QUILL & SCROLL INTERNATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

Sweepstakes Gold Key: Trisha Perry, sports; **Gold Key:** Stephanie House, news

MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS STATE NEWSPAPER CONTEST

First: Stephanie House, news; Joe Allen, feature; Jenny Blaine, sports; Allen, sports feature; House, academic story; Trisha Perry, sports column; In-Depth Series (Ashley Miller, Angela Ragsdale, Emily Matlock, Stephanie Calhoun, Allen, Karen Farris, House, Missy Honeycutt, Shelly Williams, Tom Moody); **Second:** Allen, news; Honeycutt, feature; Perry, sports; Stephanie Blankenship, academics; Moody, column; Melanie McGaw, page design; **Hon. Mention:** Melanie Blankenship, column & page design

MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS STATE YEARBOOK CONTEST

First: Ashley Miller, theme copy; Crystal Cook, academic copy; Stephanie Blankenship, sports copy; Angela Ragsdale, student life copy; Stephanie Calhoun, quick read copy; Shelly Williams, club copy; Tessa Bennett, academic layout; Jennifer Kingery, sports layout; Miller, Emily Matlock, theme design; Matlock, graphics layout; Trisha Perry, sports photo; **Second:** Karen Farris, academic copy; Melanie McGaw, sports copy; Michelle Roberts, feature copy; Shelly Whorton, quick read copy; Sara Moody, club copy; Hayden Dennis, personality photo

MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS MULTICULTURAL CONTEST

First: Stephanie House; **Third:** Missy Honeycutt; **Hon. Mention:** Jenny Blaine

OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS WRITE-OFF

Second: Jennifer Kingery, layout design; **Third:** Sara Moody, student life copy and caption writing; Melanie Blankenship, academics copy and caption writing; **Hon. Mention:** Shelly Whorton, yearbook cover; Emily Matlock, theme layout; Karen Farris, editorial; Joe Allen, sports; Stephanie House, news; Crystal Cook, advertising

OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS MAIL-IN CONTEST

First: Missy Honeycutt, feature; Stephanie Blankenship, humor column; In-Depth Series (Ashley Miller, Angela Ragsdale, Emily Matlock, Stephanie Calhoun, Joe Allen, Karen Farris, Stephanie House, Honeycutt, Shelly Williams, Tom Moody); Miller, Matlock, theme design; Matlock, layout; Miller, theme copy; Ragsdale, student life copy; Melanie McGaw, sports copy; Karen Farris, academic copy; **Second:** House, news; Sara Moody, theme design; Jennifer Kingery, layout; S. Blankenship, sports copy; Tara Fetter, Crystal Cook, ad; Sara Moody, infographic; **Third:** Allen, feature; Jenny Blaine, sports; Williams, academics; Erin Calhoun, ad; Shelly Whorton, quick read copy; **Hon. Mention:** Allen, news, sports feature; Melanie Blankenship, humor; Allen, Blaine humor; Trisha Perry, sports column; Tessa Bennett, layout; Michelle Roberts, student life copy; Stephanie Calhoun, quick read copy

ENGLISH

GOOD GOIN'

CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST

Division Trophy: Sean Spyres, composition; **Second:** Stephanie Blankenship, grammar; Tessa Miller, spelling;

Third: Jennifer Top, grammar; Angela Ragsdale, Niki Anderson, spelling; **Red Ribbons:** Emily Moody, Tom Moody, composition; Eric Grubbs, spelling; **White Ribbons:** Ashley Blankenship, composition; Stephanie Day, grammar; Eric Carampatan, Amanda Stacy, Heather Persinger, Trisha Perry, vocabulary

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE ARTS FAIR

First: Jennifer Top, 11/12 short story; Kenna Allen, 9/10 personal narrative; Stephanie Blankenship, 11/12 personal narrative; Eric Grubbs, 9/10 persuasion; Melanie Blankenship, 11/12 persuasion; Allison Arnall, 9/10 lit. analysis; S. Blankenship, 11/12 lit. analysis; Amanda Stacy, 9/10 poetry; **Second:** Emily Moody, 9/10 short story; Jenny Blaine, 11/12 short story; Allison Arnall, 9/10 personal narrative; Julie Clouse, 11/12 personal narrative; Kathy Winsor, 9/10 persuasion; Emily Bray, 9/10 lit. analysis; **Third:** Larry Lansdown, 9/10 personal narrative; Christa Choate, 9/10 lit. analysis; Tara Moody, 11/12 lit. analysis

THE WRITE CHOICE CONTEST

First: Allison Arnall, 7,8,9 editorial & reporting; Kathy Winsor, 7,8,9, profile; Missy Honeycutt, 10,11,12 reporting; Jennifer Top, John Carnall, tie, 10,11,12 fiction; Crystal Cook, 10,11,12 humor; **Second:** Rachel Barber, 7,8,9 profile; Stephanie House, 10,11,12 reporting; Stephanie Blankenship, 10,11,12 fiction; Bobby Hunsucker, 7,8,9 poetry; Top, 10,11,12 poetry; Melanie Blankenship 10,11,12 humor; **Third:** Trisha Perry, 10,11,12 column & humor; Stephanie Calhoun, 10,11,12 editorial; Amanda Skyles, 7,8,9 reporting; Joe Allen, 10,11,12 reporting; Christa Choate, 10,11,12 fiction; Leslie Lynch, 7,8,9 poetry; **Fourth:** Arnall, 7,8,9 column; S. Blankenship, 10,11,12 column; Jenny Moody, 7,8,9 reporting; Jenny Blaine, 10,11,12 reporting & humor

Mansfield writers could do no wrong as they swept 27 awards in The Write Choice contest.

The contest, new in 1995, was sponsored by The Write Stuff, a consortium of Springfield authors.

MHS students blew the competition away. Writers from all other schools combined won 24 awards to Mansfield's 27.

"I was really proud that we all did so well at the contest," junior Melanie Blankenship said. "Most people think that because we are from a small school that we are not as good as bigger schools, and we proved differently."

First place winners were invited to attend a ritzy \$25-a-plate banquet at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield. The event also honored the first four inductees into the Writers Hall of Fame, which included Mark Twain.

"It was so fancy and I felt underdressed," freshman Allison Arnall said. "There were three different forks to use and the food was a lot different than I expected, but it was good."

A few funny stories came out of the experience.

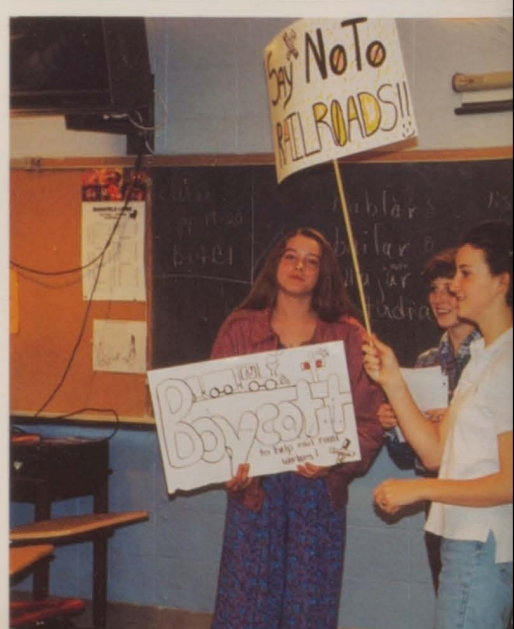
"One of the girls was eating a cherry tomato, when she unexpectedly coughed and it shot out like a cannon," freshman Rachel Barber said. "We laughed quietly because we didn't want to embarrass her more."

Freshman Kathy Winsor, also had a funny story.

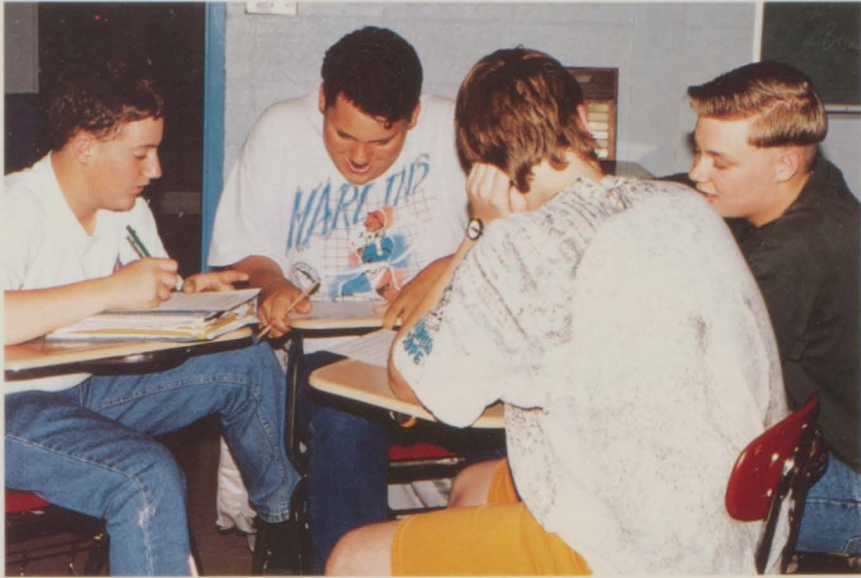
"We had two glasses, one for tea and one for water, and I set my tea goblet down and hit my water goblet and it shattered all over the table and water went everywhere," she said. "I was so embarrassed."

English teacher Arlene Magnin praised the event.

"Getting to attend the banquet at Highland Springs was a great reward for the students who wrote so much," she said, "and for the teachers who graded so much."

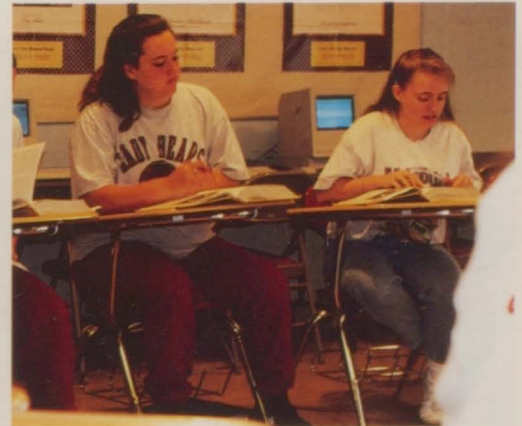
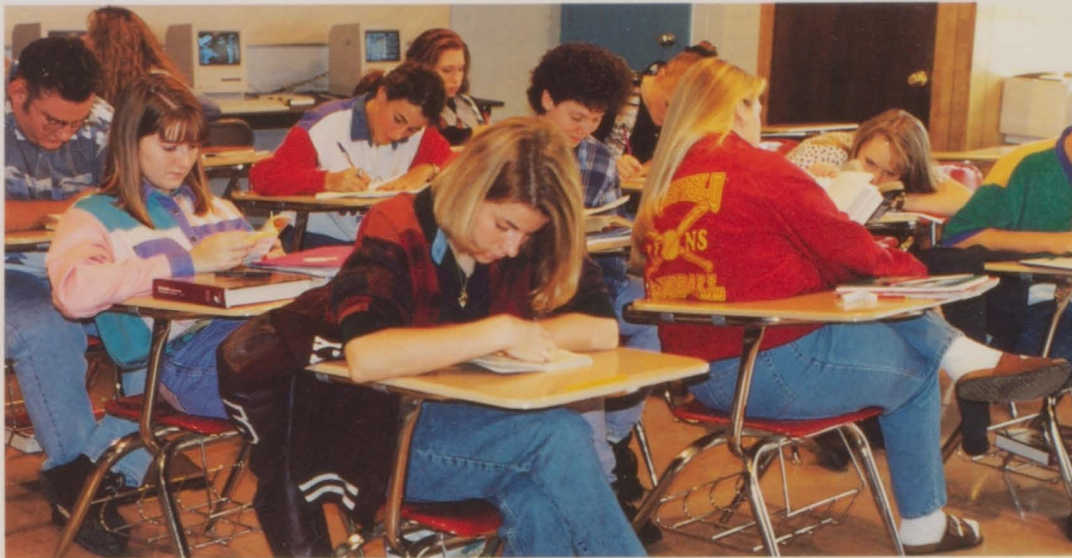


SMILING AT ONE of the usual jokes flying through the air during publications class, Emily Matlock works on a story for the second issue of the Lions Gazette.



ENGLISH III STUDENTS Garan Kinser, Bobby Franks, David Climer, and Brian Pollock do some small group work during the last weeks of school.

ASSUMING A VARIETY of positions, English IV students read their choice of novels for first quarter book reports.



WHILE NIKI ANDERSON, left, waits for her character to have a line, Heather Persinger reads from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar during English III class.

WENDY MATLOCK CHECKS ON the news of the day during a newspaper assignment in her world history class.

PICKETS IN HAND, American history students Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Amanda Skyles, and Allison Arnall try to convince their classmates to boycott railroads.

DISCOVERING

Dissecting just one way science students learn

SCIENCE

GOOD GOIN'

CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR

Best in Show: Christa Choate, physics;
Division Winners: Sara Moody, chemistry;
Jeremy Corder, physics; Chuck Campbell,
microbiology; Missy Honeycutt, earth
science; **Blue Ribbons:** Tom Moody, behavioral science; Trisha Perry, botany; Nathan
Carr, earth science; Stephanie Day, earth science; Jennifer Top, zoology; Kim Joseph,
zoology; Melisa Porter, microbiology; Stephanie Blankenship, microbiology; **Red
Ribbons:** Danny Brito, math and computers; Larry Lansdown, botany; Regina Roy,
botany; Melanie Blankenship, chemistry; Lauren Miller, microbiology; **White Ribbon:**
Melanie McGaw

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Division Winner: Tom Moody, behavioral science; **Second:** Danny Brito, computer
science; Nathan Carr, earth and space science; **Third:** Stephanie Blankenship,
environmental science; Melanie McGaw, mathematics; Jeremy Corder, physics;
Jennifer Top, zoology; Melisa Porter, microbiology; Lauren Miller, microbiology; **Hon.
Mention:** Chuck Campbell, microbiology; **Special Awards:** Tom Moody, first place -
Army, first place American Foundation for Vision Awareness, third place - Young
Edison Society; Stephanie Day, Association for Women Geoscientists

DISTRICT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

First: Mark Brown, Mission Possible; Melisa Porter, Qualitative Analysis; **Second:**
Melanie Blankenship and Tom Moody, What Are You Trying To Tell Me?; Jill Adamson
and Amanda Stacy, Qualitative Analysis; **Third:** Sara Moody and Melanie Blankenship,
Write It, Do It

DISTRICT JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Blue Ribbons: Missy Honeycutt; Trisha Perry

MATHEMATICS

GOOD GOIN'

CONFERENCE MATH CONTEST

First Place: Julie Brenner, Algebra I;
Advanced Math Team (Melisa Porter,
Brooke Newton, Ashley Miller); **Second:**
Melisa Porter, advanced math individual; **Third:** Brooke Newton, advanced math
individual; **White Ribbon:** Emily Bray, Algebra I

"You want me to do what?"

"Oh, how gross."

"You've got to be kidding."

All of these comments, and more, were made by students in the Biology II dissecting lab taught by Pam Probert. Some of the creatures they tested their carving skills on were frogs, pigs, earthworms, and starfish.

"The first time I dissected I didn't like it at all," junior Jennifer Jones said. "I thought it was very nasty and gross. I let everyone else dissect and I just watched."

The biggest gripe students had about dissecting seemed to be the odors that drifted around the room.

"Absolutely the worst thing about it is the smell of the exposed intestinal cavity," junior Joe Bray said. "I've never smelled anything like it before. And I'll warn you, if it's your first time dissecting, you might spend a lot of time gagging."

And speaking of gagging, junior Michelle Roberts had a problem with biology class and another activity being back to back.

"I had biology right before lunch, and the smell made me to where I wasn't hungry any more," she said. "I think I lost about 10 pounds while we were going through our weeks of lab."

Although the smell of the project turned the stomachs of many students, they still found dissecting to be a novel experience.

"To me, the most interesting thing about dissecting was seeing all the different parts of our project," junior Michelle Roberts said. "It was really neat to see all the organs and everything else inside."

Girls in the class said that they are better at dissecting than the boys.

"The boys are just plain wimps," junior Tessa Bennett said. "They never touch anything. It's like they're afraid they will get their hands dirty or something."



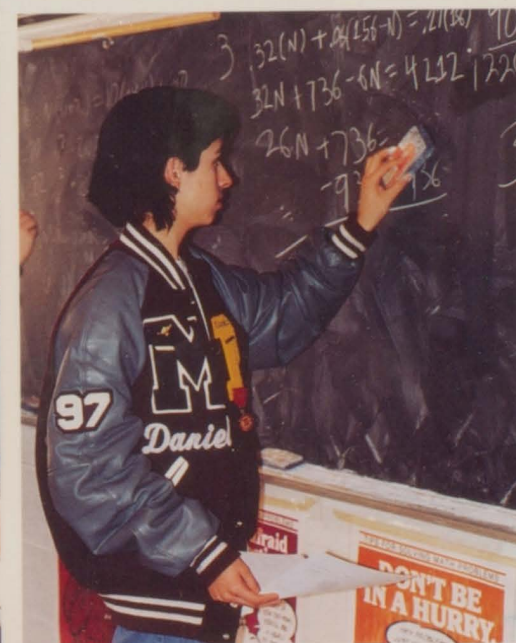
WHEN A MIXTURE threatens to boil over, Amanda Stacy and Biology I lab partners Harry Crawford, William Barnes, and Jason Davis have different reactions.

WORKING OVER A hot burner, Jeremy Corder prepares nutrient agar in order to grow micro-organisms in petri dishes. Watching are Jeffrey Brooke and Steven Welch.



BIOLOGY II LAB partners Jeff Hanger, Randon Ivy, Joe Bray, and Brian Pollock examine the respiratory system of a cat.

PHYSICS STUDENT ERIN Calhoun reacts when the Plaster of Paris bar she prepared to stand stress breaks on the first try. With her are Trisha Perry, Tom Moody, Stephanie House, Mark Brown, and Vitaliy Lee.



APPLIED MATH STUDENTS Cinday Dalton, Kim Pippin, and Heather Brooke move to the baseball field bleachers to work on some practical math problems.



JOE SEARS TRIES to propel a ping pong ball with his bicycle pump device in the physical science trajectory contest. Behind him are Gina Turley and Angela Pharris.

BOARD WORK HELPS Danny Brito prepare for an Algebra II test.

DESIGNING

Students let art projects show their creativity

VOCAL MUSIC

GOOD GOIN'

LEBANON MUSIC FESTIVAL

One Ratings: Tessa Miller, vocal solo; Kassy Calhoun, vocal solo; Julie Brenner, vocal solo; Freshman Sextet (Tessa Miller, Julie Brenner, Kassy Calhoun, Jenny Moody, Shannon Reese, Kati Williams);

Two Ratings: Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Kati Williams, vocal solo

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

One Ratings: Jenny Blaine, vocal solo; Mike Spyres, vocal solo; Sean Spyres, vocal solo; Mixed Double Quartet (Kati Williams, Aimee Williams, Mike Spyres, Jenny Blaine, Sara Moody, Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Sean Spyres); Boys' Quartet (Mike Spyres, Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Sean Spyres); Girls' Sextet (Jenny Blaine, Sara Moody, Elizabeth Chilson, Janie Carter, Melisa Porter, Sabrina Kelly); **Two Ratings:** Mixed Chorus; Tessa Miller, vocal solo; Kassy Calhoun, vocal solo; Julie Brenner, vocal solo; Brent Heatherly, vocal solo; Sara Moody, vocal solo; Kati Williams, vocal solo; Jarod Coday, vocal solo; Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Sabrina Kelly, vocal solo; Ricky Boutell, vocal solo; Miscellaneous Group (Julie Brenner, Liza Stovall, Jarod Coday, Steven Chilson, Sabrina Kelly, Melisa Porter); Freshman Sextet (Tessa Miller, Julie Brenner, Kassy Calhoun, Jenny Moody, Shannon Reese, Kati Williams); **Three Ratings:** Sophomore Sextet (Liz Roth, Christa Choate, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph, Jill Adamson, Wendy Matlock)

STATE MUSIC CONTEST:

One Ratings: Mike Spyres, vocal solo; Sean Spyres, vocal solo; Boys' Quartet (Mike Spyres, Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Sean Spyres); **Two Ratings:** Jenny Blaine, vocal solo; Mixed Double Quartet (Kati Williams, Aimee Williams, Mike Spyres, Jenny Blaine, Sara Moody, Luke Johnson, Brent Heatherly, Sean Spyres); **Three Ratings:** Girls' Sextet (Jenny Blaine, Sara Moody, Elizabeth Chilson, Janie Carter, Melisa Porter, Sabrina Kelly)

INSTRUMENTAL

GOOD GOIN'

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

One Ratings: High School Band; Dustin Lansdown, alto saxophone solo; Mike Spyres, trumpet solo; **Two Ratings:** Saxophone Quartet (Dustin Lansdown, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder, Chris Flageolle); Brass Sextet (James Hanger, Sean Spyres, Brent Heatherly, Mike Spyres, Adam Grubbs, Scott Corder); Brent Heatherly, tuba solo; Regina Roy, bell solo; Chris Flageolle, alto saxophone solo; Danny Brito, alto saxophone solo; **Three Ratings:** Jeremy Corder, baritone saxophone solo; Sabrina Kelly, clarinet solo; Emily Bray, flute solo; Trombone Trio (Gary Slate, James Hanger, Adam Grubbs)

STATE MUSIC CONTEST

One Ratings: Mike Spyres, trumpet solo; **Two Ratings:** Dustin Lansdown, alto saxophone solo

J. R. PENN AND Matt Calhoun are in the art room's resource area, looking for the right project for the next few weeks of school.



Express yourself.

In art, that pretty much says it all.

Art students of Dean Bray learned to explore their own creativity and imagination to create art projects of all shapes, colors, and sizes.

And one of the nice things about that was the fact that the student artists got to share that vivid imagination with everyone who walked down the halls of the high school.

A large display case outside the art room door let everyone know just exactly what was being done in art classes that week.

"Art is a neat experience," sophomore Kenna Allen said. "We learn how to use our imagination to draw difficult pictures we had no idea we could do."

Seeing artwork they have done in the display case was a proud moment for some students.

"I was very surprised to see some of my artwork in the display case," junior Joanie Fulbright said. "I never thought my artwork would be good enough for it."

Art students learned throughout the year how art applies to real life.

"It helps you to see things in a different matter," junior Joe Bray said. "It lets you see deeper than just the outside view."

Freshman Kim Pippin had a different way of looking at art.

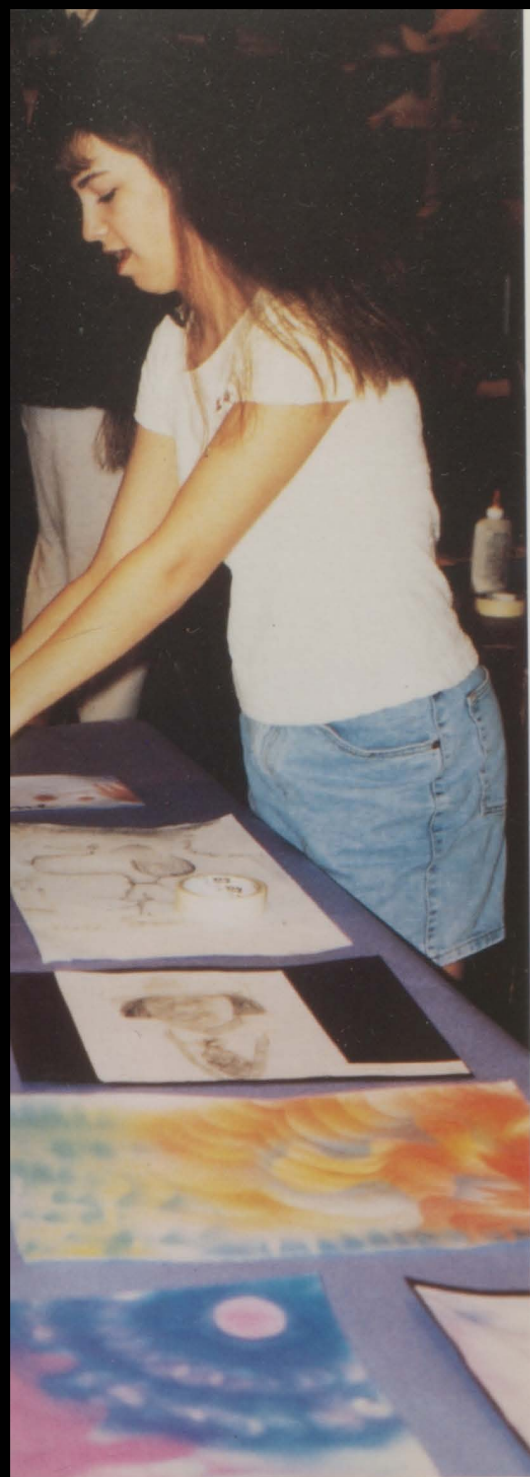
"Art is a great way to express how you are feeling," she said. "If you're mad you can take it and put it into your artwork."

Many art students liked getting away from the pencil and paper routine of the rest of the day.

"Working with clay is my favorite part of art," freshman Cindy Dalton said. "You're not just sitting there staring at a piece of paper; you actually get to do something."



ART I STUDENTS Chris Johnson and Karie DeChenne work together to glue art projects on sheets of blue paper for display in the high school art show in early May.

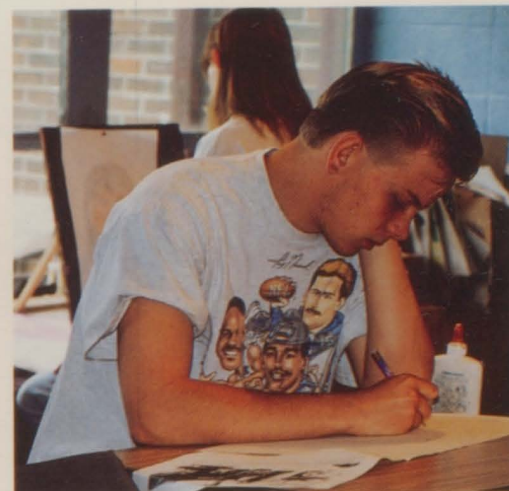


CINDY DALTON AND Kim Pippin admire the drawing Misty Coffman, center, completed during her art class through the new alternative school program.

USING AGE ENHANCEMENT techniques, Art I students Natasha Bailey and Joe Sears make sketches of what they think they will look like when they are 40 years old.



WITH THE EXCEPTION of sophomore Brian Jones, second from the left, Jerry Garrison, Stephanie House, and Robert Axsom work on their senior drawing finals.



WITH DESIGNS ON a dream house someday, Art I student Jess Fletcher works on a set of floor plans that could be used for building and construction.

USING A NEW stencil and other equipment, Melvin Thompson and Jason Lansdown try airbrushing.

BUILDING

Months of detail work creates beautiful furniture

INDUSTRIAL TECH

GOOD GOIN'

SUMMIT CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Best in Woodworking I: Christy Matney, oak cedar chest; **Best in CAD:** Trish Dalton, CAD drawing;

One Ratings: Chris Flageolle, CAD drawing; Stephen Stepro, gun cabinet; Stephen Stepro, CAD drawing; Misty Coffman, CAD drawing - two; Jim Wallace, clock; Jim Wallace, CAD drawing - two; Karen Farris, CAD drawing - three; Steven Chilson, oak entertainment center; Steven Cannon, computer animation; Robert Axsom, computer animation; Eric Carampatan, CAD drawing; **Two Ratings:** Shelly Whorton, computer program; Lisa Hodges, computer program - two; Harry Crawford, CAD drawing; Joe Sears, CAD drawing; Adam Grubbs, CAD drawing; Jeremy Brooke, CAD drawing; Melvin Thompson, CAD drawing; Chad Keeling, CAD drawing; Karen Farris, CAD drawing - three; Jim Wallace, CAD drawing - three; Christy Hastings, computer program; Emily Bray, CAD drawing; **Three Ratings:** Carrie Gleason, CAD drawing; Julie Brenner, CAD drawing - two; Gina Penn, CAD drawing; Joe Sears, CAD drawing; Eric Carampatan, CAD drawing; Melvin Thompson, CAD drawing; Jeremy Brooke, CAD drawing; Joe Bell, CAD drawing; Chad Keeling, CAD drawing; Stephen Stepro, CAD drawing; Travis Brooks, CAD drawing; Chris Flageolle, CAD drawing; Adam Grubbs, CAD drawing; Sarah Walker, CAD drawing

AGRICULTURE

GOOD GOIN'

HOUSTON FFA CONTEST

First: Soils Team (Dustin Lansdown, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers, Bobby Franks); **Top Individuals:** Garan Kinser,

first - soils; Jeff Chambers, second - soils; Dustin Lansdown, third - soils; Bobby Franks, fifth - soils; Nathan Carr, second - livestock judging

DISTRICT FFA CONTEST

State Qualifiers: Soils Team (Dustin Lansdown, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers, Bobby Franks); Entomology Team (Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Blankenship, Michael Davis, Aimee Williams); Forestry Team (Jennifer Top, James Hanger, John Carnall, Jeff Hanger); Nursery Landscape Team (Julie Williams, Janet Van Ness, Stephanie Day); **Top Individuals:** Chuck Campbell, third - entomology; Stephanie Blankenship, tenth - entomology; Jennifer Top, fifth - forestry

STATE FFA CONTEST

National Qualifiers: Soils Team (Dustin Lansdown, Garan Kinser, Jeff Chambers, Bobby Franks - second); **State Rankings:** Entomology Team (Chuck Campbell, Stephanie Blankenship, Michael Davis, Aimee Williams - third); Forestry Team (Jennifer Top, James Hanger, John Carnall, Jeff Hanger - seventh); Nursery Landscape Team (Julie Williams, Janet Van Ness, Stephanie Day - thirteenth); **Top Individuals:** Garan Kinser, fourth - soils; Chuck Campbell, tied for first - entomology; Jennifer Top, tied for third - forestry

UP WITH FFA WRITING CONTEST

State Winner: Jennifer Top

When the annual Summit Conference Industrial Technology contest rolled around in the spring, some Mansfield students got top awards for months of sanding, glueing, and staining.

For the first time, all the projects from the woodworking class that were entered in the contest received blue ribbons.

"I was very pleased with all the projects, and the four we took to contest all received first place," said woodworking teacher Bill Ghan.

One student got a little help from home on deciding to try his hand at this industrial arts class.

"My mom wanted me to take woodworking so I could build her a grandfather clock," junior Randon Ivy said.

One sophomore was planning ahead all those months ago, and made his project as a Mother's Day present.

"I have always thought that grandfather clocks looked nice, and I wanted to make something special for my mom," sophomore Steven Cannon said.

Several students made entertainment centers.

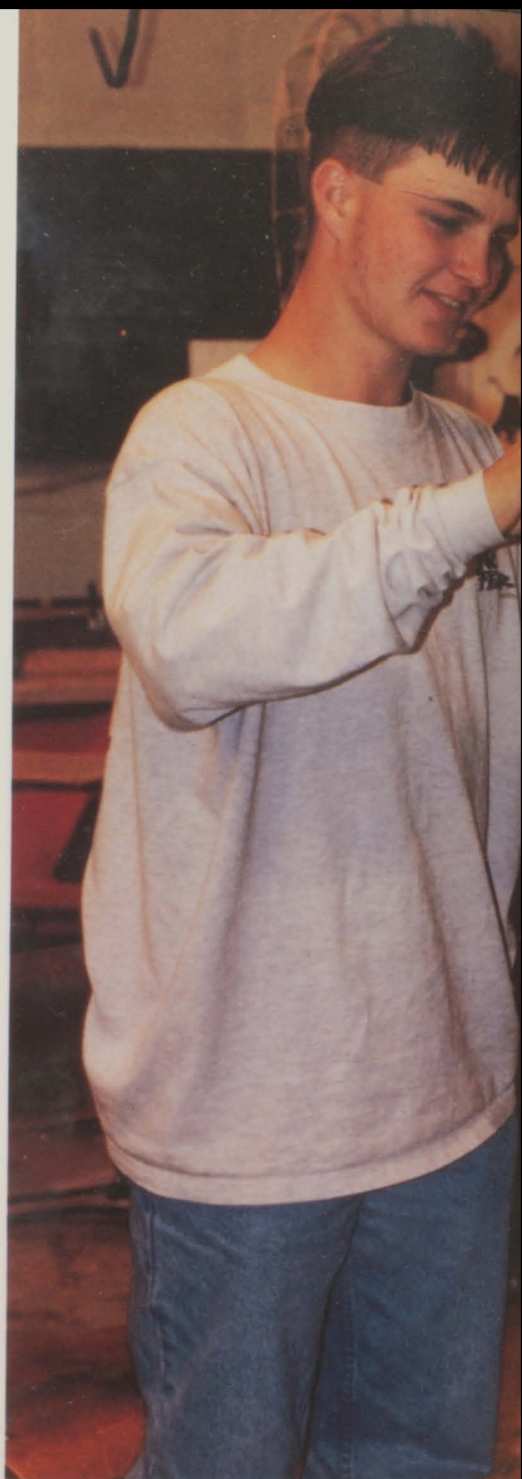
"I built an entertainment center to fit in the corner of my bedroom so I would have somewhere to set my TV," junior Jeff Hanger said.

Before he started his project, junior Steven Chilson wasn't quite sure what he would end up with.

"When I first decided to build an entertainment center I was nervous that it would turn out bad and have glue all over it, but to my surprise it looks pretty good," he said.

When junior Trish Dalton was making out her class schedule for the year, she was also planning ahead.

"I have always wanted an entertainment center," she said, "so I decided to take woodworking and build one."



HORTICULTURE STUDENTS SATHA Kilgore, Shelly Williams, Jerry Garrison, and Michael Davis choose the best poinsettias from their greenhouse to deliver to customers.

SANDING THE EDGES carefully, Randon Ivy works on the grandfather clock he is building in fifth hour Woodworking I class.



AGRICULTURE STUDENTS REGINA Roy and Deneane Sickels supervise as young children pet a rabbit during a field day event.

USING A ROUTER, industrial technology teacher Bill Ghan shows Steven Chilson, Lonnie Bell, and Steven Cannon the correct procedures.



AT THE UNIVERSITY of Missouri-Columbia, Amanda Stacy puts her arm in the stomach of a cow, through an opening specifically fixed for this purpose.

KAREN FARRIS AND Jim Wallace show off months of hard work on a clock which won a blue ribbon at the conference industrial technology fair.

WORKING ON A coffee table, Michael Davis uses a belt sander on the edges, while Steven Chilson watches the process.

JUDGING

Business students try their hands at deciding justice

BUSINESS

GOOD GOIN'

DISTRICT FBLA CONTEST

First: Duane Keys, computer concepts; Melisa Porter, word processing; Duane Keys and Dustin Lansdown, chapter exhibit; **Second:** Heather Persinger, economics; Melisa Porter, business calculations; Eric Grubbs, Business English I; Stephanie Calhoun, business law; David Climer, computer applications; **Third:** Kathy Winsor, Business English I; Jennifer Top, business calculations; **Fourth:** Jennifer Top, business procedures; Brooke Newton, information processing; **Fifth:** Jenny Blaine, machine transcription; Tara Moody, computer applications; Julie Williams, Business English II; Steven Chilson, economics

SUMMIT CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONTEST

First: Jenny Blaine, Typing II speed and Typing II production

It didn't quite have the suspense of O. J. Simpson's murder trial, but there was drama just the same.

Entrepreneurship students of Marsha Appleby applied their knowledge of business law through a mock murder trial, with Candy Kane as the victim.

Students were graded on how well they prepared evidence, props, and the necessary paperwork.

The case centered on the A-negative blood found on alleged killer Mike Mean, portrayed by junior Bobby Franks. A bizarre twist was the fact that Candy Kane's body was never found.

"Being the defense attorney," junior Tara Fetter said, "I had to prove to the jury that the defendant couldn't have committed the crime he was charged for, since his fingerprints weren't on anything and he didn't know her long enough to be mad enough to kill her."

Junior Duane Keys was the prosecuting attorney.

"I tried to prove that Mike Mean had a motive to kill Candy Kane," Keys said. "He had an open window of opportunity and a weapon."

The two-day trial showed the jury both sides of the story, with judge Janet Van Ness, a junior, presiding over the court.

"I had to know when a lawyer's comments were over-ruled or sustained," she said. "I had to listen to both sides of the story and see if the verdict for the case was appropriate."

Several witnesses were brought in, including junior Julie Williams.

"It was neat that just by what I said I could sway the jury to go in favor of the defense or in favor of the prosecution," she said.

Both sides presented their cases well, according to Appleby, but the defense got Mike Mean acquitted.

"In all the years we have had mock trials I think this was the best one yet," Appleby said. "They were all well-prepared."



JUDGE JANET VANNESS swears in members of the jury before a series of mock trials begins during entrepreneurship class.

IN BASIC SKILLS class, Bobbi Greenwood cuts out the pattern pieces for a shirt she plans to sew.



HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER Julie Carr checks out the fabric that Shannon Cantrell will use to make a vest in clothing class.



DURING THE FIRST weeks of school, Christa Choate works on learning the letters in her keyboarding class.

LEARNING TO DISPLAY, Heather Gray, Jennifer Jones, Lauren Miller, Shannon Cantrell and Christa Choate make several platters of appetizers in foods class.



INSPECTING HER WORK, Carrie Gleason gives Heather Gray some company while Gray is cutting out the fabric for a clothing class project.

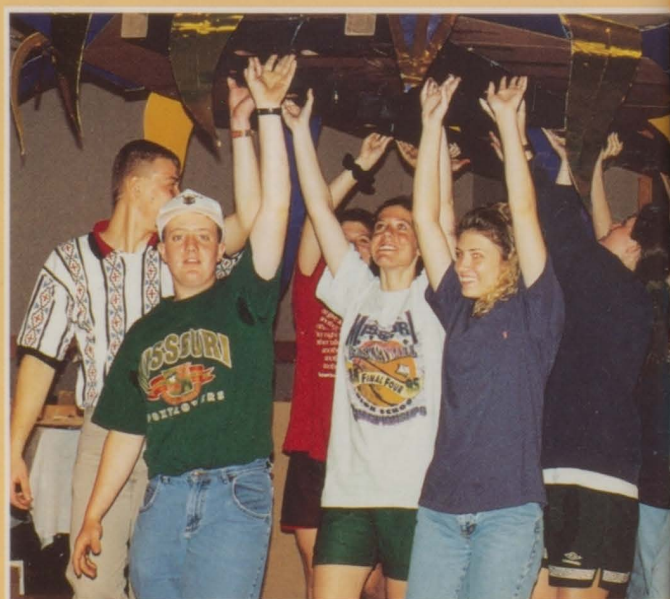
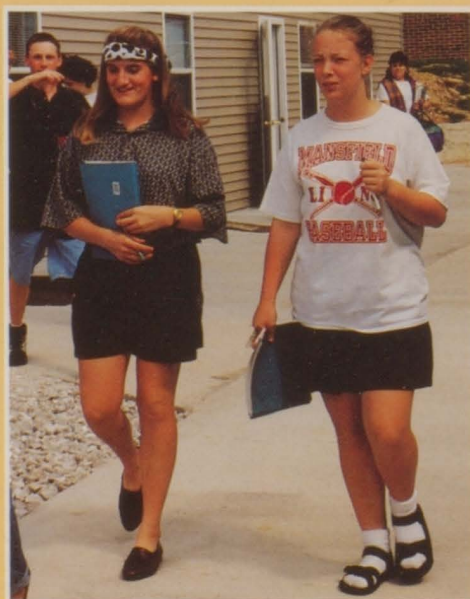
DURING CLOTHING CLASS, Sabrina Kelly pins a seam together.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENTS TARA Fetter and Duane Keys use the computer to work on a class assignment in the new business room located in the high school annex.



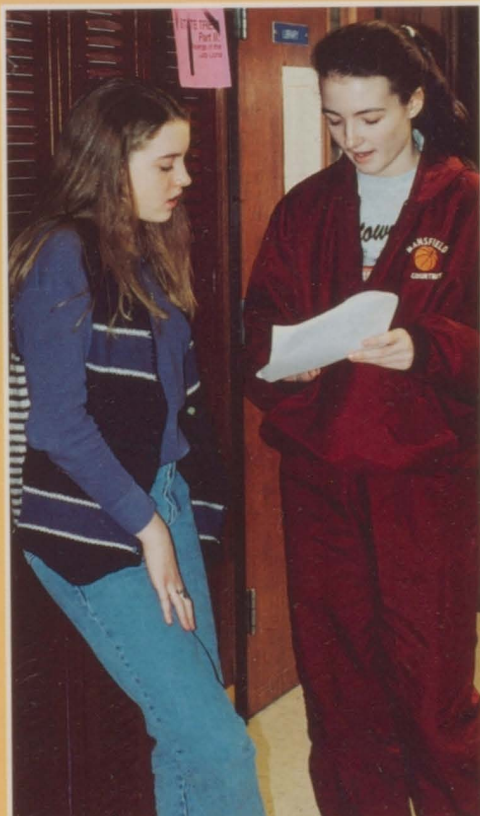
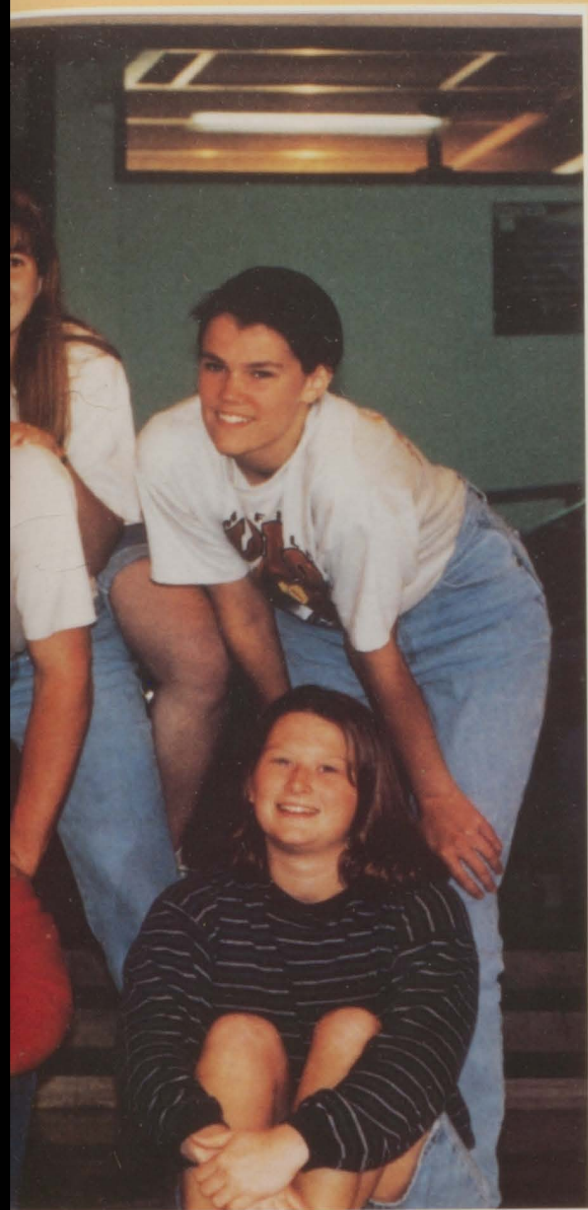
■ Senior honor graduates get ready to celebrate the last week of school, and the upcoming senior trip. Front - Janie Carter, Brooke Newton, Chuck Campbell, Mark Brown, Missy Honeycutt; back - Emily Matlock, Jodi Edwards, Stephanie Calhoun, Erin Calhoun, Ashley Miller, Tara Moody, Angela Ragsdale, Torrie Collins, Trisha Perry, Sabrina Kelly, Joe Garrison, Melisa Porter, and Jennifer Top.

■ On one of the first days of school, sophomores Wendy Matlock and Christa Choate head back to the main building after having class in the new high school annex building.



■ Juniors move a giant "sun" they just constructed at University Plaza Hotel to a spot near the head table, in preparation for Prom. Visible are Nathan Carr, Garan Kinser, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Shelly Whorton, Jennifer Jones, Michelle Roberts, and David Climer.

■ Before taking a test, freshmen Tessa Miller and Courtney Short go over a list of terms they need to have memorized.



we NEVER *had it so good*

When 18 out of 40-something seniors graduate with honors, a grade point of 9.5 or better, you know you're on the right track toward success. A school is nothing without people, and the students of Mansfield High School had a strong year both in academics and in sports. To accomplish all that was accomplished in the 1995 school year takes a cooperative administration, dedicated teachers, and hard-working students. When you check out the people at MHS that made the year so great, you'll know why we never had it so good.

in people

is it something

HE said?

Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry had a year he'll never forget. His daughter Trisha, a senior, not only was the nation's High School Heisman Trophy winner, but her basketball team made it to the Final Four of the state tournament.

Q. How did it feel to be the father of the Heisman Trophy winner?

A. "I had an overwhelming sense of pride, mixed with total disbelief that this is really happening, here in New York at The Downtown Athletic Club. Like you were now a part of history."

Q. What do you remember most about the New York trip?

A. "The royal treatment of

Trisha by what we would call 'big name' celebrities. People you have seen on TV or read about were all over the place."

Q. You would have been proud if any student from MHS had won the award, but how was it special when it was your daughter?

A. "I'm proud when any of our students receive recognition for their hard work, but when it is your daughter, that's real personal and doubles the pleasure and joy of the award."

Q. You had taken Trisha to watch the state basketball tournament for 15 years. How did it feel to watch her be a part of it herself?

A. "It was the realization of a dream. You always imagine what it would be like, but as the

song says 'There's nothing like the real thing.' Seeing your child play in a state tournament is

better than doing it yourself. It was great."

Administration



MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL and girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty gets to show off his baby son Cole at the state tournament.

FANS LINE THE way to the bus as the MHS Lady Lions are ready to head home after the third place game of the state tournament in Columbia. From left, school board member Larry Anderson, alternative teacher Kathy Barnett, Luke Anderson, Superintendent Robert Perry, High School Principal Jerry Armstrong, Ashley Blankenship, and Allison Arnall.



SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT PERRY, right, is in New York for Heisman Trophy Week. With him are his daughter Julie, daughter Trisha (winner of Wendy's High School Heisman Award), Dave Thomas (founder of Wendy's and sponsor of the award), and his wife Barbara. The Perrys spent several days in New York.



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TONI BAILEY (Bus Driver)
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JANET BROOKE (Lunch Clerk)
CONNIE CALHOUN (Cook)
CLEO CHAMBERS (High School Secretary)
NAOMI CLOUSE (Chapter I Aide)

CLAUDE DALE (Bus Driver)
LESTER DAVIS (Bus Driver)
HAROLD DENNIS (Maintenance)
DON HANGER (Mechanic)

DARLYS HIGGINS (School Nurse)
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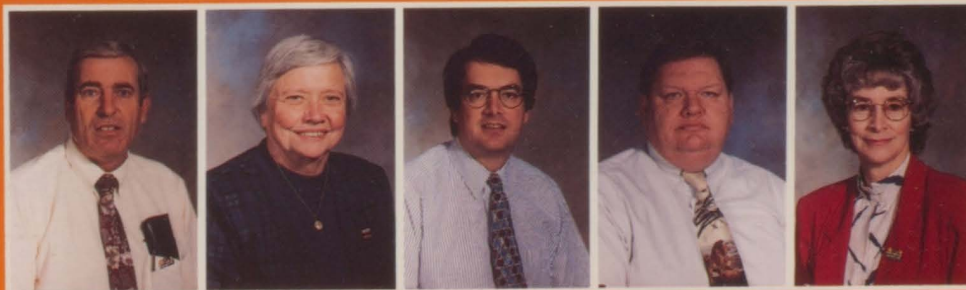
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JERRY
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High School
Principal

JEAN
CODAY
Elementary
Principal

FREDDIE
DOHERTY
Middle School
Principal

ROBERT
PERRY
Superintendent
of Schools

DOROTHY
WALLACE
Special Education
Director

is it something

WE said?

"I wanted to do something different than wallpaper, so I sponge painted."

Betsy Wight, on how she decorated her English room in the new high school annex

"This helps the students to work on their homework, rather than goofing off not doing anything."

Kathy Barnett, about her new duties as ISS (in-school suspension) teacher

"Even my freshmen have been able to do their writing at the computers, something that was impossible last year when we had 32 students in a class."

Debbie Von Behren, on the drastic reduction in class sizes in the 1995 school year

"I plan to play as long as I can move."

Mike Kanaan, about the thrill of paintball

"I think everyone had a good time, and it gave us the chance to get better acquainted with the ball players."

Kevin McDaris, about the camping and floating trip taken by the boys' basketball team and its coaches

"No matter how small their part, I made them feel like the show could not go on without them."

Terry Spyres, on directing the mixed chorus melodrama and musical revue

"The trip brought back lots of memories, because the last time

I was at a state basketball final was when I was in high school."

Kelly Brazeal, on watching the Mansfield girls' basketball team play in the state finals in Columbia

"All of our students won a ribbon this year, which is what helped us win the sweepstakes trophy. One or two high scores won't do it by themselves - everyone has to do well for the school to win."

Arlene Magnin, on winning the Summit Conference English Contest for the second year in a row

"He doesn't understand the word problems, but I really enjoy having him in my class. It's a good experience."

Susan Gressman, about having Russian foreign exchange student Vitaliy Lee in her calculus class

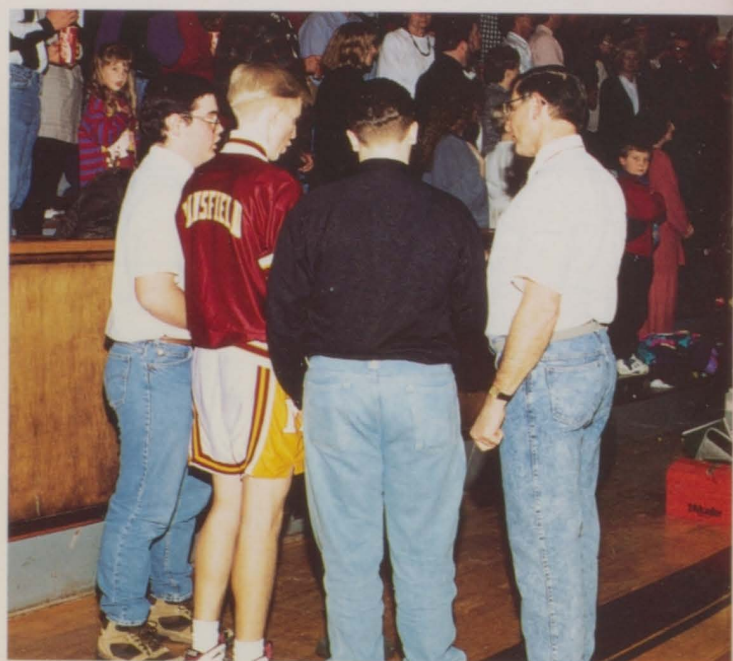
Faculty

"I felt that the officers needed to push what the week stands for to make it a great success."

Eric Spyres, on ESP's annual Red Ribbon Week



SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT in a visible way, social studies teacher Wilda Watterson, alternative school teacher Kathy Barnett, and science teacher Pam Probert are at Hearnes Center in Columbia to watch the Mansfield Lady Lions play in the 2A state tournament. Watterson and Barnett drove to Columbia together, while Probert detoured to Columbia on the last leg of a science symposium trip.



KELLY BRAZEAL, counselor, pitches in to help plant colorful mums in new flower beds built by teachers on the school campus.

ERIC SPYRES fills a vacancy in the boys' quartet, made up of Luke Johnson, and Spyres' sons Sean and Mike. They are singing the national anthem.



MARSHA APPLEBY (Business) Extra Duties: Future Business Leaders of America sponsor
KATHY BARNETT (Alternative School)
MARY BLAKEY (Orthopedically Handicapped)
VICKI BLANKENSHIP (French, Middle School English) Extra Duties: Foreign Language Club sponsor, Eighth Grade sponsor

DEAN BRAY (Art) Extra Duties: Sophomore Class sponsor
KELLY BRAZEAL (Counselor) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor
GEORGIANNE BROWN (Special Education) Extra Duties: A Sporting Chance sponsor
JULIE CARR (Home Economics) Extra Duties: Future Homemakers of America 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
DOUG JONES (Science, Physical Education) Extra Duties: Baseball coach, Freshman Class sponsor
MIKE KANAAN (Instrumental music) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor

CHRIS LARSEN (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys' Basketball coach
ARLENE MAGNIN (English) Extra Duties: National Honor Society sponsor
CINDY MARTIN (Art)
KEVIN MCDARIS (Math) Extra Duties: Math Club sponsor, Assistant Boys' Basketball coach

STEPHANIE MENZIE (Special Education) Extra Duties: A Sporting Chance sponsor
HELEN PERSINGER (Remedial Reading)
PAM PROBERT (Science) Extra Duties: Science Club sponsor
CHERI RUMMENS (Speech)

DON SANDERS (Middle School Social Studies) Extra Duties: Middle School Basketball Coach, Grade Seven Sponsor
KAY SCRIVNER (Chapter I)
BARBARA SEARS (Chapter I)
JANE SHIRLEY (Hearing Impaired)

RANDY SHORT (Middle School Math) Extra Duties: Cross Country coach, Track coach, Grade Seven
ERIC SPYRES (Elementary Counselor) Extra Duties: Education Supports Prevention sponsor
TERRY SPYRES (Vocal Music)
DONNA STREIGHT (Elementary EMH)

DEBBIE VON BEHREN (Journalism, English) Extra Duties: Public Information Director, Newspaper adviser, Yearbook adviser, Junior Class sponsor, Lady Letterman Club sponsor, Quill and Scroll sponsor
WILDA WATTERSON (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Cheerleader sponsor, Foreign Language Club sponsor
BETSY WIGHT (English)
LYLE WHITTAKER (Agriculture) Extra Duties: FFA sponsor

ROGER WOOD (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Volleyball coach, Softball coach, Student Council sponsor
TONIA WYNN (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Assistant Girls' Basketball coach

Class of 1995

JOE ALLEN

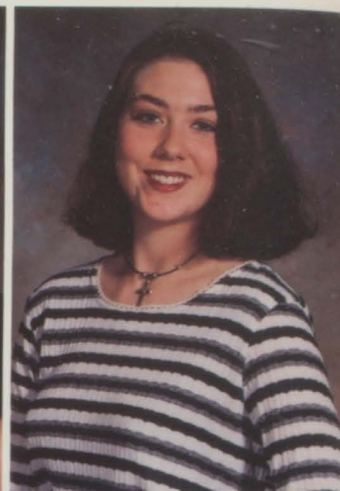
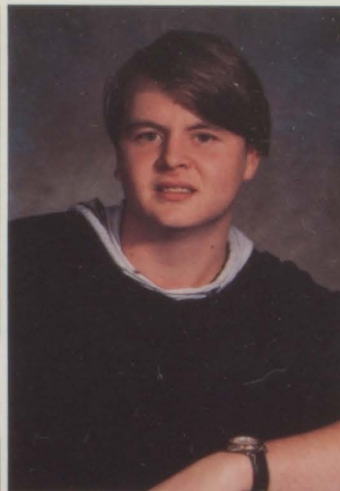
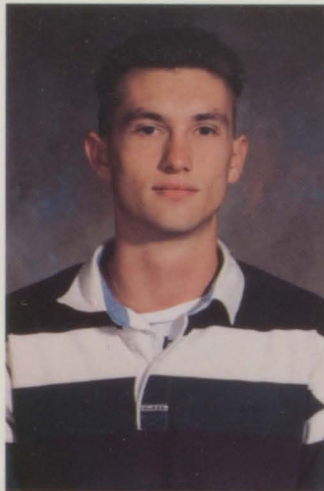
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ROBERT AXSOM

FBLA 2,3,4; Art Club 2; Science Club 3; FFA 1,2; Art Fair 3; Business Contest 3,4.

JENNIFER BROOKE

ESP 1,2; Pep Club 1; FFA 1; Choir 2,3,4; Volleyball 1; Track 1; Pom Pon 1; Music Contest 2,3; Art Fair 3.



MARK BROWN

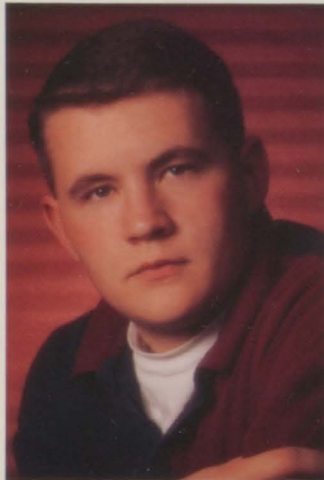
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ERIN CALHOUN

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Tennis Club 2; Class Officer 1,2; Softball Manager 2,3; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Business Contest 4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 1; Homecoming Princess 2; Miss Mansfield runner-up 2; Miss Mansfield 3.

STEPHANIE CALHOUN

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Beta Chi Pi 4; Tennis Club 2; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Business Contest 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4.



CHUCK CAMPBELL

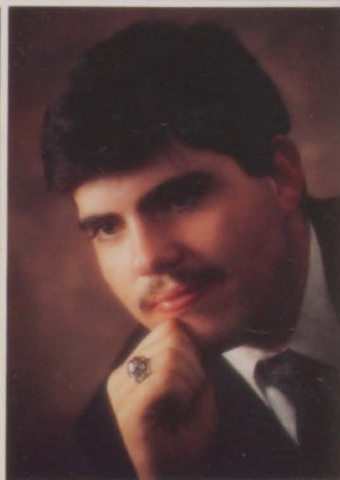
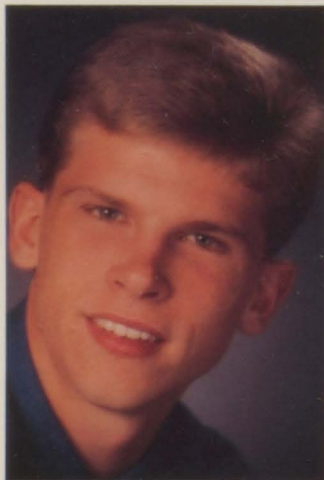
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SHANNON CANTRELL

ESP 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Lady Letterman Club 1; Choir 3; Class Officer 3; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1; Music Contest 3; Art Fair 4; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Star Events 2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Miss Mansfield runner-up 3.

JOHN CARNALL

FFA 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3,4.



JANIE CARTER

Foreign Language Club 3,4; and officer 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; and officer 4; Math Club 3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Choir 4; Softball 1,2,3; All Conference Softball 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 3,4; KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Volleyball 3,4; All District Volleyball 4; Track 2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3; Music Contest 4; Art Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Star Events 1,2,3; Business Contest 3; Lions Club Basketball All Star 4; KKOZ Dream Team Player of the Year 4.

JULIE CLOUSE

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 4; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 2,3; Math Club 2; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; and officer 3; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Art Fair 2,3; Star Events 2,3; Business Contest 3,4; Miss Mansfield Runner-up 3; Miss Mansfield 4.

TORRIE COLLINS

Foreign Language Club 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Science Club 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1; Pom Pon 2,3,4; and captain 4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Prom Queen 4.



memories of

1992

stay alive

"Joe Garrison and Michael Davis and I would sit in English and sing 'You've lost that Lovin' Feeling,' and the song to the Taco Bell commercial."

Stephanie Calhoun

"When I cut my hair completely off and I got the name Sinead O'Cantrell."

Shannon Cantrell

"The funniest time was when the gang and I would gather around the middle picnic table for lunch and go crazy."

Michael Douglas

"When Frank Jones made Mike Scott ride in the floorboard of the bus all the way home from Plato."

Joe Garrison

"During softball season it rained a lot; the team had fun wrestling in the mud."

Jodi Edwards

"When Joe Garrison made the buzzer beater to beat Plato at Plato after we came back by being down 21 points."

James Hanger

"At the Lady Letterman lock-in, me and Shannon Cantrell thought we were the only ones in the room so we started singing really loud and doing a puppet show with some puppets we found. When we pulled the curtain back, everyone at the lock-in was sitting there watching us and laughing at us."

Emily Matlock

"I forgot to go through substitution in volleyball. After my serve I ran off the court and sat down on the bench. Coach told me to go back and check out with the referees. Everyone was laughing."

Ashley Miller

"We were out at Prairie Hollow and Stacey Arnall, Jennifer Jones, and I had Ryan Miller and Trish Perry convinced that something was following us."

Tara Moody

"I was walking in after lunch and my shoe got caught on the rug and I fell flat on my face in front of everyone."

Brooke Newton

"The first day as a freshman, I thought that I would never find my classes."

Robbie VanOrden

"Being dragged down the hall to the bathroom by a bunch of older guys."

Joe Allen

"James Barnett, Barry Short, and I were walking to the gym. I slipped on a patch of ice and hit my head on the door."

Shelly Williams

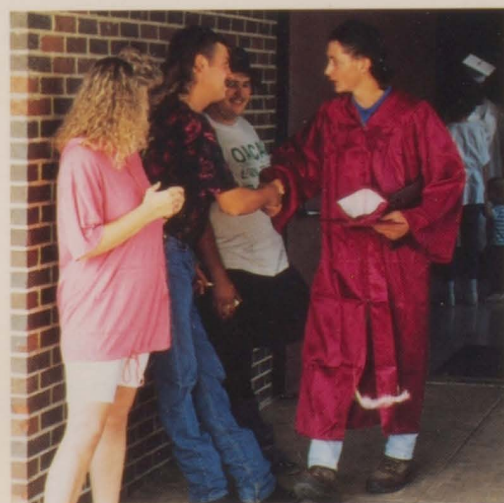
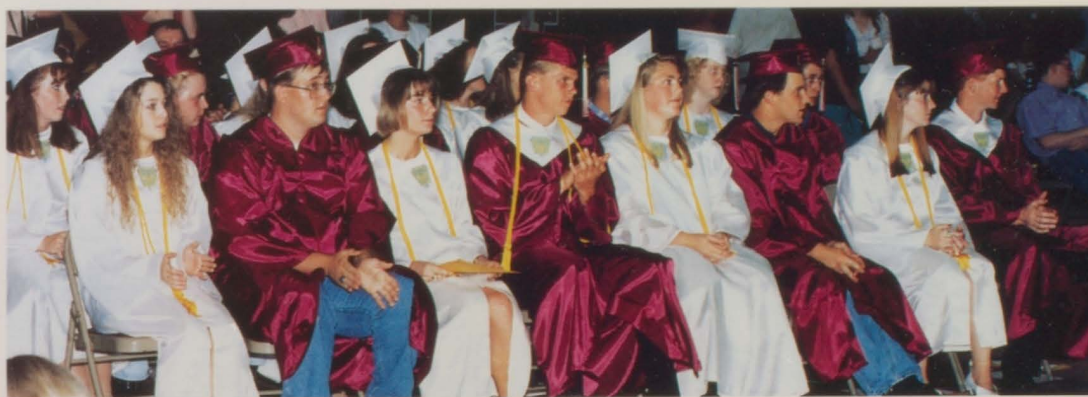
"Getting to perform with the pom pon squad at the state tournament."

Stephanie House



THE SENIORS OF 1995 shake off the remains of the confetti that they sent in the air as soon as they were declared graduates.

APPLAUDING THEIR CLASSMATES, the graduates wait for their turn to walk across the stage and receive their diplomas.

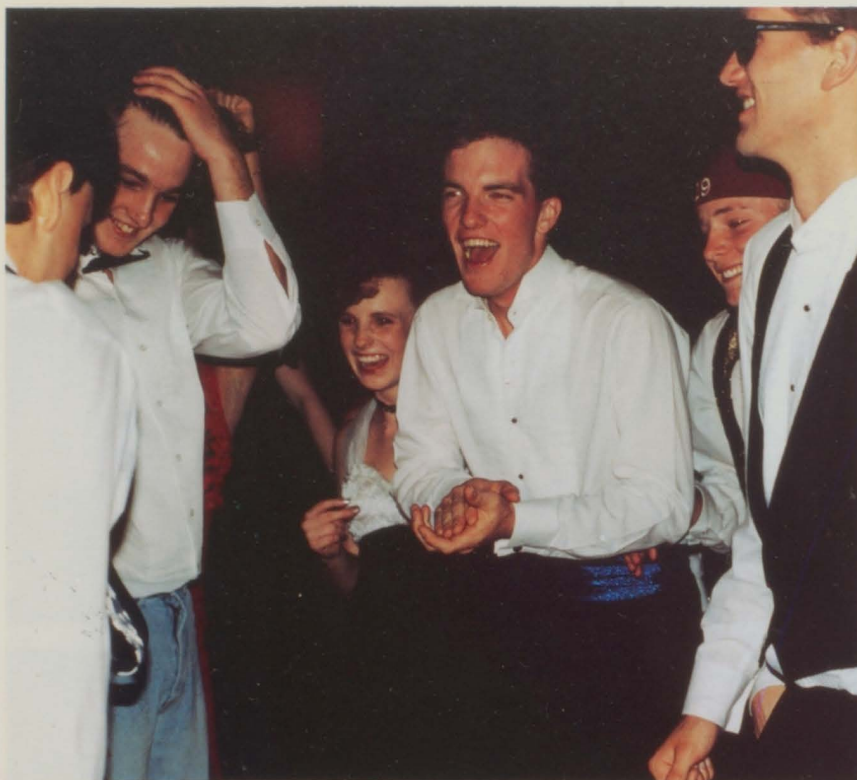


ABOVE, MICHAEL DOUGLAS escorts Melisa Porter to the graduation ceremonies. Middle, left, Angela Ragsdale and Brian Johnson make their way to their seats at graduation.

TAKING PICTURES IS an important time of the graduation experience for Brooke Newton, center. At left, John Matney is congratulated by friends after graduation.

GATHERED AROUND PHILLIP
Hull, left, Michael Davis, Kassy Calhoun, Joe Garrison, Matt Skyles, and Joe Allen react to Hull's dancing style.

SENIORS LINE
THE edge of the dance floor at Prom, while the "sunglass" dance is going on. Hits and Grins, the deejays, livened up the evening with the audience participation dance, a crowd favorite.



NAOMI STROHM AND her date take a break from the dance floor at Prom.

SENIORS BROOKE NEWTON, Stephanie Calhoun, Ashley Miller, Michael Davis, and Mark Brown, joined by sophomore Jill Adamson, front, dance the night away at Prom.



memories of

1993

stay alive

"We all had a blast on the softball trips to different schools and beating the pants off of them."

Deneane Sickels

"Me and John Carnall going to Mr. (Bill) Ghan's room every day during math."

Stephen Stepro

"James Hanger, Mike Scott, and I were spitting hockers off of our seventh floor balcony when we were in Biloxi, Mississippi. We were trying to see who could get closest to the sidewalk. After I spit, some guy on about the third floor leaned over the railing with a cup of coffee and my hocker landed dead center in his coffee. We all jumped back and practically died laughing."

Mark Brown

"Getting to start a varsity basketball game for the first time."

Joe Allen

"Shelly Williams, Janie Carter, and I were all going to Mtn. Grove with Julie (Clouse) and her car kept dying on the side of the highway. We were all going hysterical because it was the first time we'd all gotten to go out and we were afraid we would have to walk home in the middle of the night."

Jennifer Top

"Sarah Johns and I had our first fight over an English project. I wanted to see her grade and she wouldn't tell me so I took her paper myself to look and we slapped each other."

Carrie Gleason

"Mark Brown, Mike Scott, and I got to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was nothing but fun, sun, and science for a whole week."

James Hanger

"We were playing Rogersville and Jeremy Jones got mad and ran out to his position in centerfield and on a dead run he head-butted the fence."

Joe Garrison

"Emily Matlock and I were in the school parking lot playing catch and she threw the ball where I couldn't catch it. Mrs. (Robin) Pulsher's car caught it with no problem, leaving a little dent in the side."

Jodi Edwards

"The most fun was getting to go to state with the cross country team."

Brent Freeman

"Making All-Conference, the KKOZ Dream Team, and player of the week in the Springfield newspaper twice in basketball."

Chuck Campbell

Class of 1995



MICHAEL DAVIS

ESP 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3; Choir 3; Basketball 1; Cross Country 1,2



MICHAEL DOUGLAS

ESP 4; FFA 4; Band 4; Music Contest 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3; Cadet Patrol 3



JODI EDWARDS

Foreign Language Club 3; NHS 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Art Club 2; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 4; FHA 1; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball 2,3; Volleyball 1; Art Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Business Contest 3



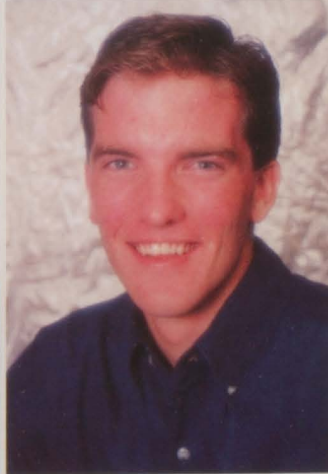
BRENT FREEMAN

Cross Country 1,2,4; Track 1,2,4; Art Fair 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1



JERRY GARRISON

FBLA 4; Science Club 2; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3; Cross Country 1,2



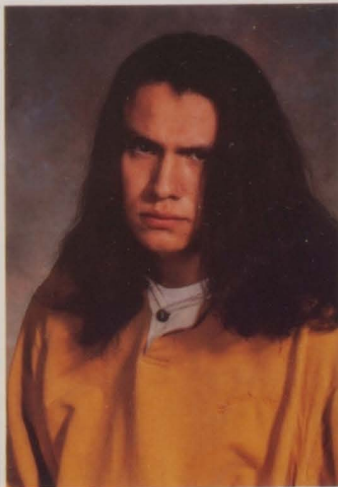
JOE GARRISON

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CARRIE GLEASON

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2; Art Club 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Choir 3; Music Contest 3; Art Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 3



JOHN GREYOWL

ESP 2,3,4; Art Club 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2,3; All Conference Cross Country 1,2,3; All District Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1,3



JAMES HANGER

Foreign Language Club 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Journalism Contest 3; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; International Science and Engineering Fair 2; Business Contest 2,3



MISSY HONEYCUTT

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball 1,2,3,4; All District Softball 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Volleyball 3,4; All District Volleyball 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1; District Junior Academy of Science 3,4; State Junior Academy of Science 3; Junior Science and Engineering Symposium 4



STEPHANIE HOUSE

Foreign Language Club 3,4; and officer 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 2,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Softball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Quill and Scroll Gold Key 4; Business Contest 2



SARAH JOHNS

ESP 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Choir 3; Music Contest 3; Art Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 3

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BRIAN JOHNSON

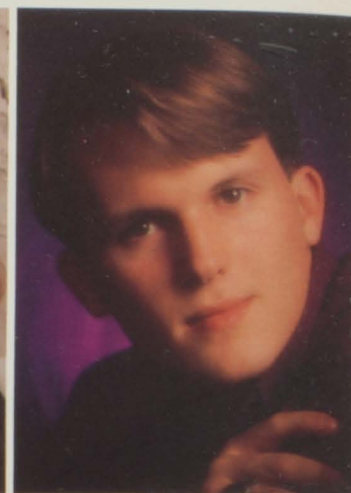
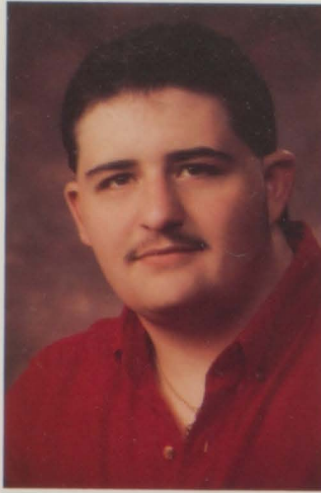
Pep Club 1,2; FFA 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 3.

SABRINA KELLY

ESP 2,3,4; NHS 4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Softball 4; Volleyball 1; Track 1,3,4; Pom Pon 4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4.

DUSTIN LANSDOWN

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; FHA 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Class Officer 4; Baseball 1; Track 2; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 3,4.



EMILY MATLOCK

ESP 1; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; Science Club 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 2; Class Officer 2; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1; Journalism Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Art Fair 3; Yearbook Queen Candidate 3; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 2.

JOHN MATNEY

Math Club 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Choir 3; Art Fair 2,3.

ASHLEY MILLER

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Art Club 1; Math Club 4; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; Student Council 1,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1; Class Officer 1,4; Softball 1; Volleyball 1; Journalism Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Art Fair 1,2; Math Contest 4; Star Events 1,2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Missouri Freedom Forum 3; Baseball Manager 2,3,4.



TARA MOODY

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Art Club 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; Student Council 2; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Class Officer 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3; Cross Country 4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 4; Star Events 1,2; Business Contest 2,3,4; Girls State 3; Yearbook Queen 2; Homecoming Princess 1.

TOM MOODY

Foreign Language Club 1,2,3,4; ESP 4; Math Club 4; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Publications Staff 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Class Officer 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Baseball 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; All Conference Cross Country 1,2; All District Cross Country 1,2; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 4; All District Journalist 4; Science Fair 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Yearbook King Candidate 3.

BROOKE NEWTON

Foreign Language Club 4; ESP 1,2,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Art Club 2; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1; Baseball Manager 2,3,4; Volleyball 1; and manager 2,3,4; Cheerleader 1; Pom Pon 3; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 4; Star Events 1,2; Business Contest 2,3,4.

TRISHA PERRY

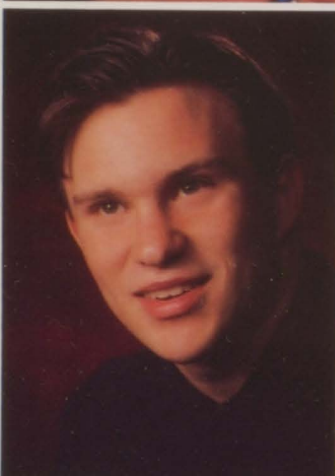
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MELISA PORTER

Foreign Language Club 3; and officer 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; FHA 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 3,4; Choir 1,2,4; Class Officer 2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; English Contest 1; Music Contest 1,2,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Girls State 3; Salutatorian 4.

ANGELA RAGSDALE

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 3; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FHA 3,4; and officer 4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Choir 1,2; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 3,4; Business Contest 2,3; Beta Chi Pi 4.



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"At FFA convention Randall Roy and Merle Strohm put shaving cream all over me because I wouldn't quit snoring."

Brian Johnson

"After a track meet Chuck Campbell and I got into an ice cream fight on the bus and we were drenched with a mixture of water, dirt, and ice cream."

Janie Carter

"Julie Clouse, Jennifer Top, and I curled Larry Lansdown's hair and put make up on him at the FFA convention."

Shelly Williams

"On the Science Club trip to Kansas City, the bus came to a red light and I heard a big crashing noise on the bus windows. Five kids were throwing rocks and bottles at us. I had to force myself to stand up and shut my window."

Erin Calhoun

"After Stephanie Calhoun gave blood she started feeling sick and she passed out in the hall and Erin Calhoun started screaming."

Trisha Perry

"Me and Trish Perry were standing in Mrs. (Marsha) Appleby's door waiting for the bell to ring, and we decided to race out of the door. I accidentally tripped her and she fell flat on her face."

Emily Matlock

"The first night I got my new car I came to town and loaded up 11 people in it."

James Hanger

"When I was unleashed with a car and me and Ashley Miller spent the summer trying to find guys, but we had more fun just hanging out with our friends than looking for guys."

Stephanie House

"Everyone was going to Green Mountain to swim. Josh Micheli almost got into a fight with this guy who is now in jail for first degree murder."

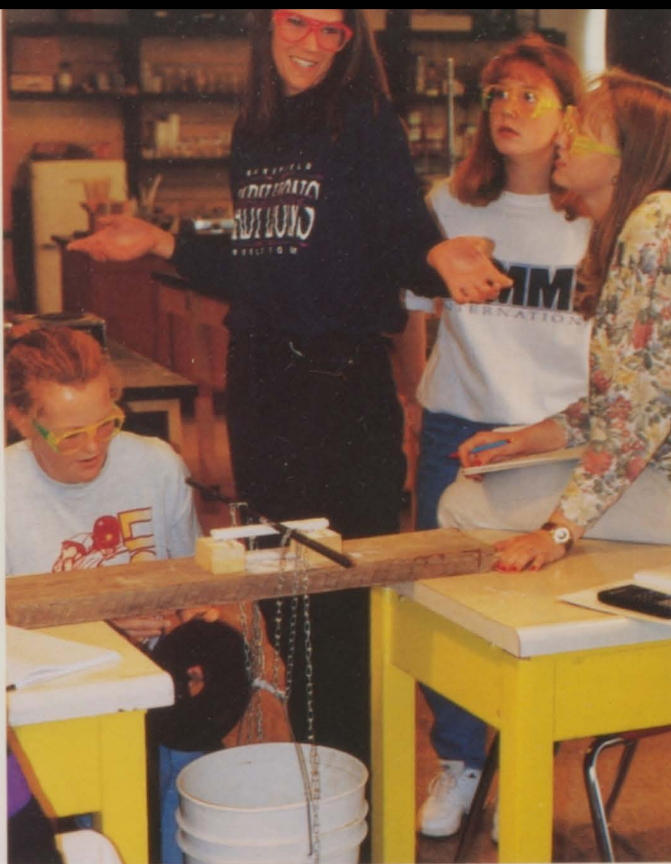
Sarah Johns

"Janie Carter, Jacque Lansdown and I dressed up as cave women for spirit day. We wore brown and black spotted dresses that were fringed on the ends and bone barrettes in our hair."

Julie Clouse

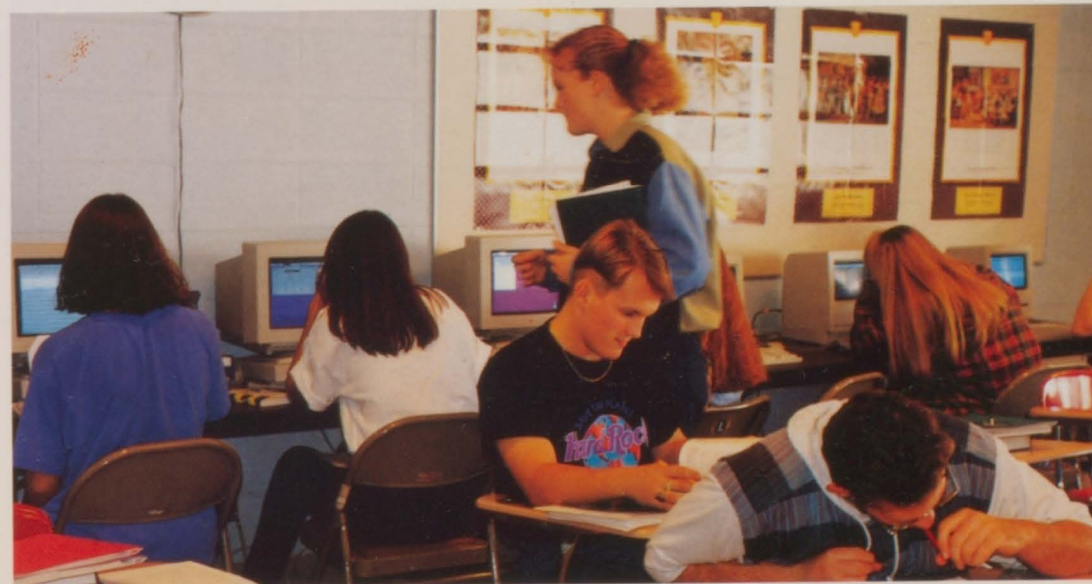
"Prom is something I will always remember. (As junior president) I thought I was going to have a nervous breakdown because there was so much to do. When I finally got to Prom, after everything I had been through rushing around, Mrs. (Debbie) Von Behren put her arm around me and told me what a good job I had done."

Torrie Collins



SHOWING SATISFACTION THAT her reinforced Plaster of Paris bar withstood a weight test, physics student Jennifer Top lets the rest of the class know their own tests will have to do well to beat her results. Also shown are Janie Carter, Sabrina Kelly, and Stephanie House.

ENGLISH IV STUDENTS work on a variety of writing projects, some at the Macintosh computers, and some at their desks. At the computers are Jennifer Brooke, Jennifer Top, Janie Carter, Ashley Miller, and Erin Calhoun. Dustin Lansdown and Michael Douglas are at their desks.



PHYSICS STUDENTS CHUCK Campbell and Mark Brown prepare for a class experiment which involves testing the strength of bars they have constructed.

BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND softball player Missy Honeycutt walks to center court to receive a rose to present to her parents.

TWINS JERRY, LEFT, and Joe Garrison present their roses to their parents in honor of support during the high school years at the annual rose ceremony for seniors.



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"At Prom, Missy Honeycutt and I, after four years of watching everyone else dance, finally got the courage to dance, too. It was a blast compared to sitting and watching everyone dance."

Julie Clouse

"On the science trip we stopped at Banister Mall and after I got my lunch I was going to find a seat, but I didn't realize there was a set of stairs to walk up, and I tripped and fell and my food went flying everywhere."

Sabrina Kelly

"Tara Moody, Brooke Newton, Stephanie House, and I all went to Searcy, Arkansas to look at my college, and on the way home I got pulled over for speeding in some town in Arkansas."

Ashley Miller

"Everyone decided to skip school and I had a wreck right in front of the school."

Tara Moody

"Watching the seniors try and get the information we needed for our critical analysis papers at the SMSU library one afternoon. Nobody had a clue what we were supposed to be looking for."

Trisha Perry

"At math contest, the advanced math team didn't think we placed. I jokingly told Ashley Miller to go pick up our trophy when we won. She laughed and said 'yeah right'. The next thing that was announced was 'the advanced math team trophy winner is... Mansfield'."

Melisa Porter

"There were huge puddles in the parking lot so Janie Carter, Jill Adamson, Jennifer Jones, Jeff Hanger, Satha Kilgore and I decided to play in the puddles and get in a water fight. It was still raining at the time, so by the time we got back from lunch we were drenched."

Jennifer Top

"The summer before my senior year one of my best friends, K.C. Findley, died. He always told me he knew how good I could play if I would just do it. Everytime I started to give up during season I thought of him and pushed myself."

Chuck Campbell

"Going crazy my senior year trying to get that last paper done for Mrs. (Arlene) Magnin."

Mike Douglas

"I'll never forget going to the state basketball tournament my senior year. All the food we ate would feed an army. Although we got fourth, we made history and I'll never forget it."

Missy Honeycutt

AFTER ALL THE seniors and their parents are announced, the crowd applauds their accomplishments.

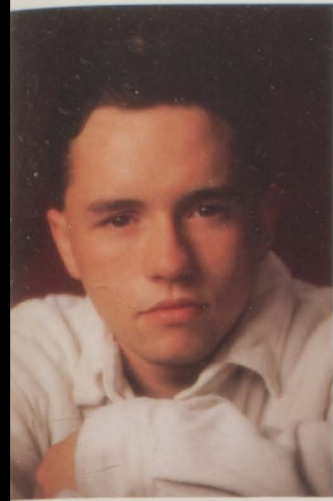
TRISHA PERRY, BROOKE Newton, and Tom Moody participate in the ceremony with their parents.



POM PON SQUAD member Stephanie House, right, is presented a rose by her cousin and fellow squad member, Jennifer Jones. As part of the ceremony, House would next present the rose to her parents for their support during her high school years. The rose ceremony was held at the last home basketball game of the season.



Class of 1995



MIKE SCOTT

ESP 2,3,4; FBLA 3; Art Club 4; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; FFA 2,3,4; FHA 1; Choir 4; Baseball 1,2; Science Fair 2; International Science and Engineering Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 2.



DENEANE SICKELS

FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Choir 4; Softball 2,3,4; All Conference Softball 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1.



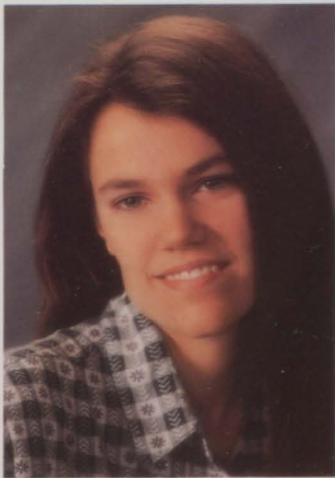
STEPHEN STEPPO

FFA 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3,4.



NAOMI STROHM

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Science Club 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; FHA 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1; Track 1; Cheerleader 1,2,3; and captain 2,3; Music Contest 1,2,3,4.



JENNIFER TOP

Foreign Language Club 3,4; and officer 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Art Club 2,3; and officer 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Basketball 1; and manager 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Volleyball 4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3; Art Fair 2,3; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2; Star Events 2,3; Business Contest 2,3,4; Girls State 3; Newsleader Academic All Star 4; Missouri Scholars 100 4; Springfield News-Leader Academic All Star 4; Area 8 FFA Officer 4; Missouri Agriscience Student of the Year 3; Geography Bowl 2; Beta Chi Pi 4; Valedictorian 4.



ROBBY VAN ORDEN

Art Club 2,3; Art Fair 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 3; A Sporting Chance 3,4; Special Olympics 1,2.



BARRY WEDGE

SHELLY WILLIAMS

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 3; Art Club 4; Science Club 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Band 1; Choir 1,3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,3; Art Fair 2; Star Events 2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 4.



NOT SHOWN:

ELIZABETH CHILSON

Foreign Language Club 2; Publications Staff 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 3,4.

LUCY CALHOUN

KIM CANTRELL

BRANDY GREENWOOD

JACKLYN KABAGE



AFTER PRESENTING HIS parents with a rose and receiving an autographed basketball from his teammates, Chuck Campbell takes his place for the rest of the ceremony.

COUSINS ASHLEY MILLER and Emily Matlock are flanked by their parents as they watch the rest of their classmates participate in the annual rose ceremony in February.

is it something

WE said?

If you knew the world was going to end tomorrow, what would you do today?

"I would probably spend half the day horseback riding and the last half with my family."

Julie Williams

"Have the best day I possibly could and not worry."

Shelly Whorton

"I would jump out of a 747."

Sean Spyres

"I would go either fishing or hunting."

Jeff Chambers

"Probably party all I could and then spend time with my family."

Heather Gray

"I would spend the entire day in the woods among my furry

friends."

Joe Bray

"I would pig out on cashew chicken, paint my nails, and go to bed reading a good book."

Janet VanNess

"Pray very hard."

Matt Skyles

"I would skip school, tell everyone exactly what I thought of them, say goodbye to my family and then go parachuting from an airplane."

Mica Brooke

"I would do absolutely nothing because if I told someone they would think I was crazy."

Luke Johnson

"I would try to say bye to everyone I knew."

Niki Anderson

"Continue my life as usual."

Garan Kinser

"I would tell everyone sorry for stuff I had done, whether I really needed to or not."

Sara Moody

"Live it like any other day and try to get someone to pray with me."

Hayden Dennis

"Wait until the day was almost over and then go skydiving over the Bermuda Triangle."

Tara Fetter

"Try to save as many people as I could before tomorrow."

Jeff Hanger

"I would apologize for all the mistakes that I have made in the last couple months."

Jennifer Jones

"I would bungee jump from an airplane."

Bobby Franks

"Spend time with friends and family telling them things I would dare not say under normal circumstances."

Duane Keys

"Put everything right that I've done wrong."

Brian Pollock

"Get married, go bungee jumping, and go scuba diving."

Steven Chilson

"Stay out all night and be with friends and family."

Trish Dalton

"I would spend the day with my closest friends."

Heather Persinger

Juniors

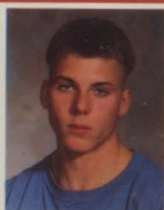


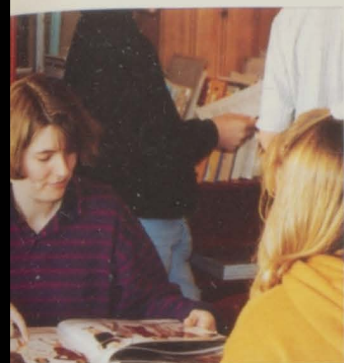
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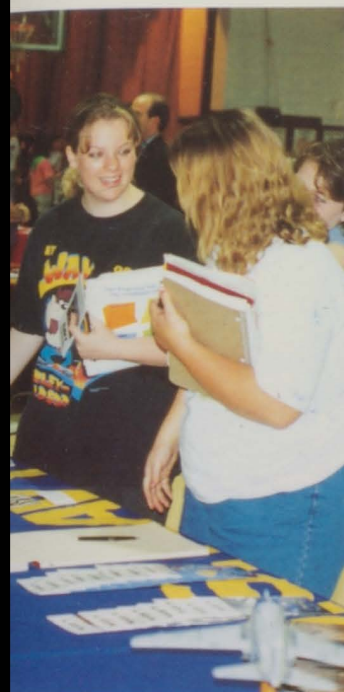
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Heather Gray
Jeff Hanger
Brent Heatherly





FRIENDS JULIE WILLIAMS, Janet Van Ness, and Tara Fetter spend part of lunch hour looking at pattern books in the home ec room.

ROLL WITH LAUGHTER is what entrepreneurship class members do as they watch a rough cut of the video commercial they just made for the school store, The Closet. Christy Matney is in front, and in back is Bobby Franks, Joanie Fulbright, Tessa Bennett, Tara Fetter, and Melanie McGaw. Janet Van Ness is standing in the back.



AT THE SCHOOL'S first try at College Day, Angela Darr and Heather Gray gather information provided at the Navy table. Jeff Hanger is in the background.

GIGGLING AT HIS antics, Elizabeth Chilson and Lydia Chilson wait for the punch line to be delivered as Steven Chilson recounts a joke for David Climer. All four students are killing time in the main lobby, waiting for lunch hour to be over.



Jackie Honeycutt
Phillip Hull
Randon Ivy
Luke Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Duane Keys
Jennifer Kingery

Garan Kinser
D.J. Lansdown
Christy Matney
Melanie McGaw
Sara Moody
Victor Murray
Heather Persinger

Brian Pollock
Michelle Roberts
Matt Skyles
Sean Spyres
Janet VanNess
Jim Wallace
Shelly Whorton

Julie Williams

is it something

WE said?

If you found \$100 what would you buy and why?

"I would spend it on the woman I love."

Danny Brito

"I would save it and buy a car."

Brian Jones

"I would buy clothes and C.D.'s, then whatever I had left I would use to buy Lauren (Miller) ponytail holders so she won't bum them off me."

Wendy Matlock

"A pair of shoes, I always have to have new shoes."

Jason Davis

"I'd get a lifetime supply of toothpicks."

Mike Spyres

"I would put in the Sunday offering."

Jill Adamson

"If I found \$100 I would probably buy clothes or just blow it on something I needed."

Christy Hastings

"I would buy all my teachers

some new t-shirts and buy me one too."

Jeffrey Brooke

"I'd buy some stock in MicroSoft, because it's a good investment, and if I lost it, big deal, it wasn't mine anyway."

Harry Crawford

"I would probably buy a lot of food and eat all I wanted."

Jeremy Corder

"If I found a \$100, I would save it for a new truck."

Jennifer Wright

"I would pay to get Kim Joseph's hair braided so she will stop complaining about people with great braided hair."

Amanda Stacy

"I would buy a lifetime supply of candy canes."

Aimee Williams

"If I found \$100 I would probably go to the mall and buy some clothes or buy a ring I really liked."

Regina Roy

"I would buy a new outfit from Merry-Go-Round; there's nothing else to buy because \$100 doesn't go very far."

Kim Joseph

"I would save it because then I could get something worth spending it on."

Rachel Thomas

"I would buy anything, because it's not my money to spend."

Sarah Walker

"If I found \$100 I would save it to either buy a car or save it for college."

Lee Barber

"I would buy lots of new socks."

Stephanie Day

"I would turn it over to the authorities. If no one claimed it, then I would buy a calf and make some money."

Jason Johns

"I would put it in the bank and save it for something. You can't buy much with \$100."

Chris Johnson

"I would buy a new fluffy pillow, so I can sleep better at night."

Christa Choate

"I'd save it until I could find something I really wanted."

Kim Jones

"If I found \$100 I'd buy food for the homeless. I have plenty of food, and I'd like to help."

Kenna Allen

"I'd probably pay back everyone I owe."

Mike Harris

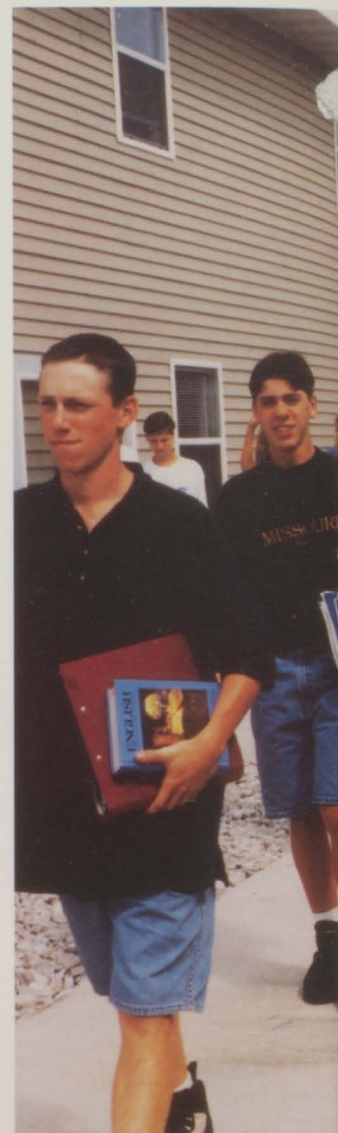
"I would buy some common sense for some people."

Lisa Hodges

"Save it for a day when I might need it."

Larry Lansdown

SUNNY DAYS, NO sweat; the new classrooms are air-conditioned. Jeffrey Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Trish Dalton, and Christy Matney head back to the main building.

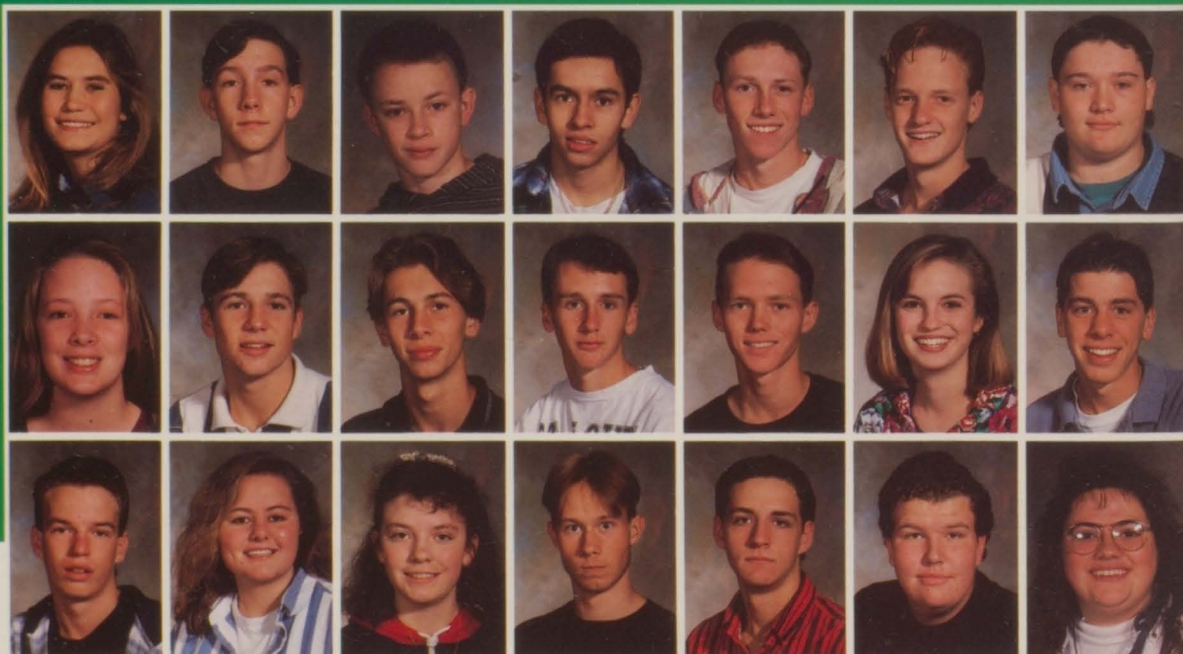


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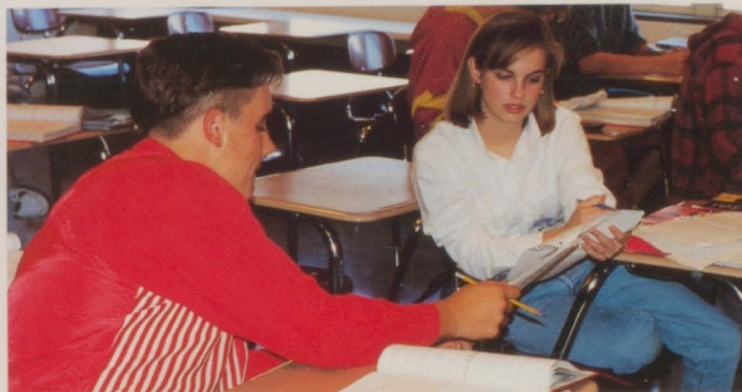
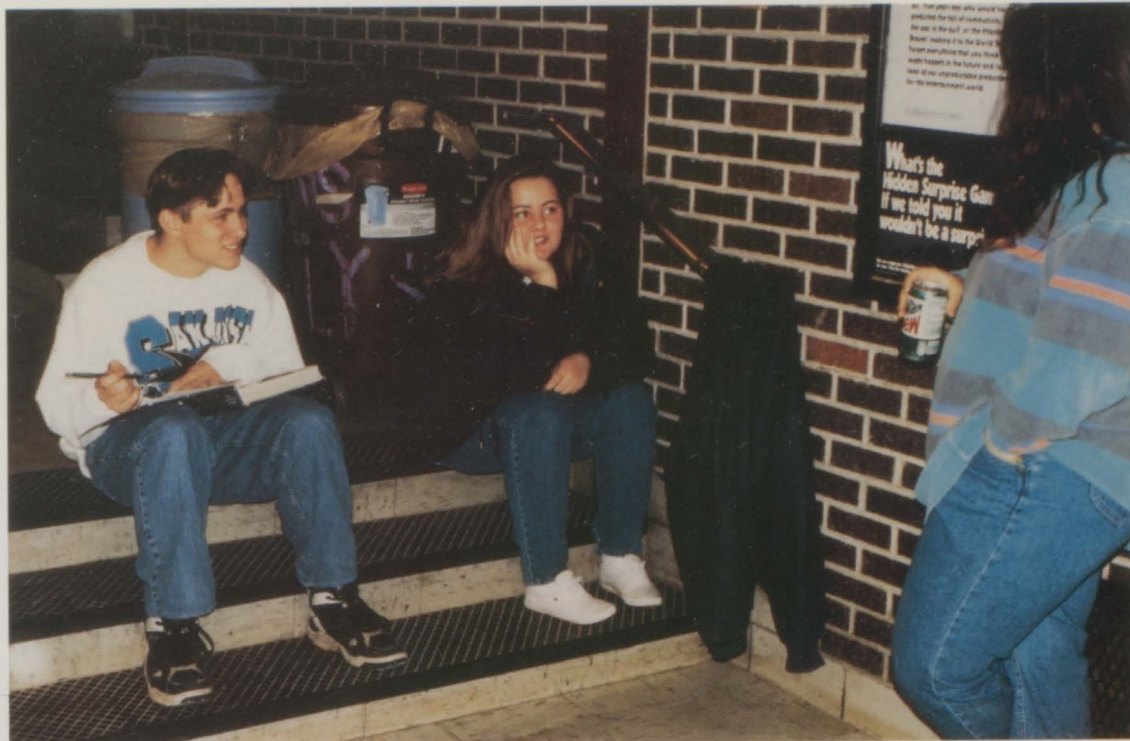
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Lisa Hodges
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Brian Jones
Kim Jones



LARRY LANSDOWN TAKES time out from his lunch hour homework to join Christy Hastings on the lobby steps as she listens to what Kim Jones has to say.



DURING LUNCH HOUR, Lauren Miller checks to make sure she has her fifth hour assignment while she talks to Jason Davis.

A LITTLE HELP from a friend can't hurt when math is at stake, finds Mike Spyres and Stephanie Day, Algebra II students.



Kim Joseph
Larry Lansdown
Ladonna Liles
Wendy Matlock
Lauren Miller
Emily Moody
Bert Munden

Gina Penn
Liz Roth
Regina Roy
Summer Slade
Michael Spyres
Amanda Stacy
Liza Stovall

Rachel Thomas
Sarah Walker
Steven Welch
Aimee Williams
Jennifer Wright
Crystal Young

is it something

WE said?

What would you change about yourself?

"My feet, because they are crippled up and I can't do a lot of things that I want to, like play basketball."

Tessa Miller

"My eyesight, because I hate wearing glasses or contacts."

John Roberts

"I'd get rid of my freckles; I've always hated them."

Jessica Copeland

"I would improve my priorities, because I have a hard time

getting my schoolwork done along with everything else I want to do."

Julie Brenner

"My weight, because I don't feel good about myself."

Katie Williams

"I would change my body. I wish I wasn't so weak, so I could do better in sports."

Scott Corder

"My size, because everybody is always running into me because I'm so short."

Kim Pippin

"My hair; it's a mess."

Bobby Hunsucker

"Everything, especially my nose."

Amanda Skyles

"I wish I had smaller feet, because it's hard to find shoes."

Courtney Short

"I wish that I was more

romantic."

Melvin Thompson

"Nothing. I like myself just the way I am."

Emily Bray

"I'd change my height, because I wish I was a little taller."

Jeromy Brooke

"My attitude toward my mom. I treat her terribly, but she's always there when I need her."

Rachel Barber

"My age; I hate being almost a year younger than everybody else in my class."

Karie DeChenne

"My eyes are brown-green, and I like blue."

Cindy Dalton

"I think I would look better with long and straight hair."

Angela Pharris

"I'd be taller; people think I'm a child and treat me like one."

Natasha Bailey

Freshmen



WHILE SHE GETS out her books, Rachel Barber listens to a story Bobbi Greenwood has to tell.

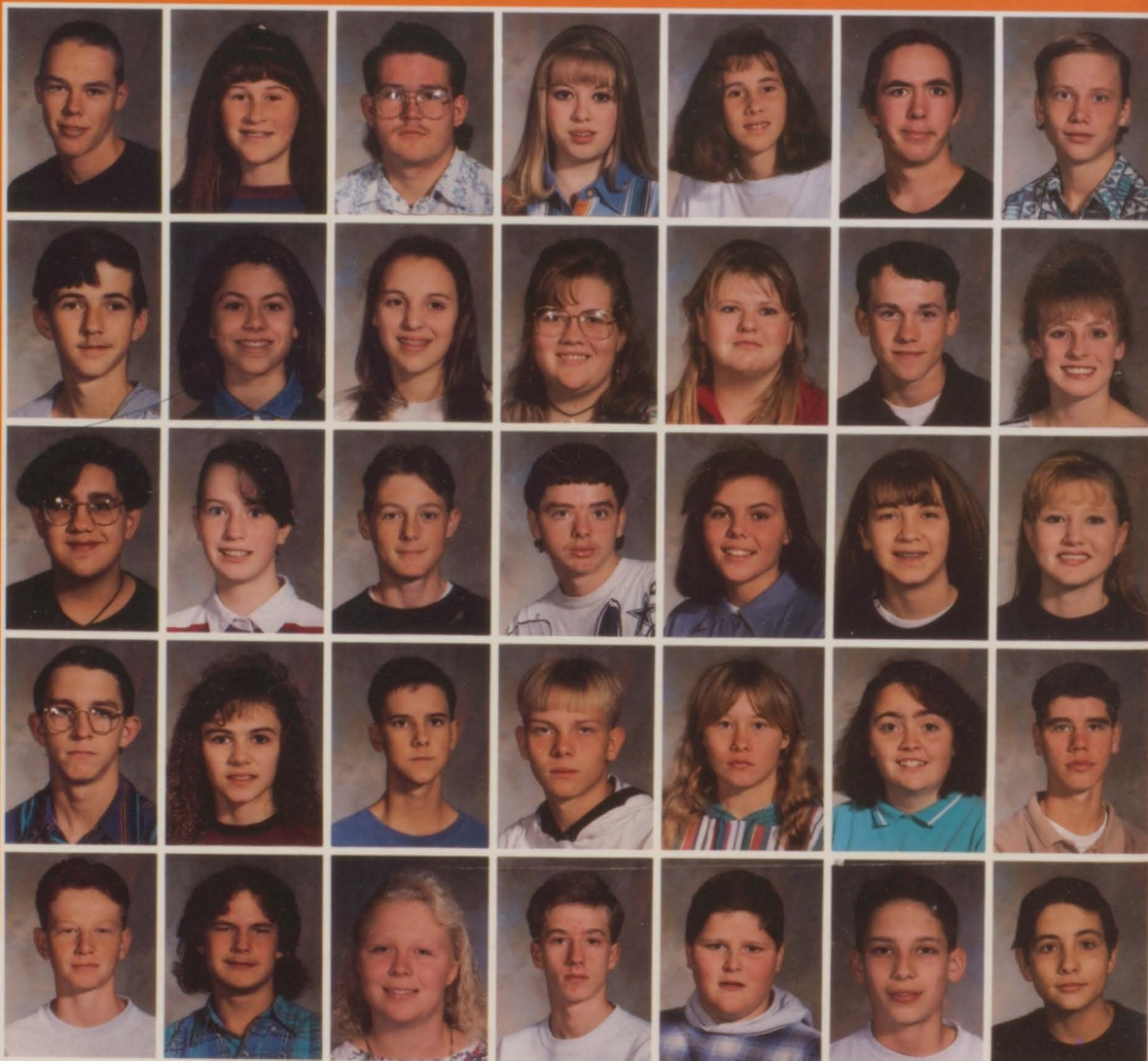
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Patricia Dollarhide

Ricky Dugger
Shelly Evans
Chris Flageolle
Jess Fletcher
Trish Freeman
Bobbi Greenwood
Adam Grubbs

Jerryl Henry
Bobby Hunsucker
Amy Iott
Chad Keeling
Eli Lansdown
Jason Lansdown
Joey Long



WHILE PHYSICAL SCIENCE students Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short, and Scott Corder watch the results, Billy Bailey tries his entry in the trajectory contest at the Mansfield science fair. With senior physics students as mentors, the freshmen had constructed devices to shoot a ping pong ball ten feet into a pan of sand.



LUNCH IS OVER, and Jeromy Brooke (left) and Kati Williams (right) gather around Kari DeChenne to bargain for her last piece of chewing gum. Behind them at their lockers are Jessica Copeland and Gary Slate.



Leslie Lynch
Curt Melton
Tessa Miller
Jenny Moody
Richard Myers
J. R. Penn
Angela Pharris

Velena Phillips
Kim Pippin
Shannon Reese
John Rhodes
Jeremiah Riggs
John Roberts
Melissa Scott

Joseph Sears
Courtney Short
Amanda Skyles
Gary Slate
Misty Stout
James Strunk
Johnny Sutton

Melvin Thompson
Shannon Todd
Gina Turley
Kati Williams
Donnie Wilson
Kathy Winsor
Donnie Young

is it something

WE said?

If you could go back in time where and when would you go?

"I would like to go back to the '60s because bell bottoms and plaid shirts are cool."

Curtis Stuart

"I would go back to when the Salem witchcraft trials were going on."

Somer Golden

"Back to when George Washington was President, so I could see what it was like living back in those days."

Nathan Hanger

"I would like to go back to when the Titanic sank, to see the ship and what it was like to be on it when it sank."

Mandy Goss

"I'd go back to prehistoric times, to see how it was to live without modern technology."

Tracy Oberbeck

"I would like to go back in time in the 1920s at Yankee Stadium to meet Babe Ruth."

Jason Brooke

"If I could travel to the past I would go back to the early '60s

so I could meet my great-grandparents and see how my parents acted when they were little."

April Farris

"I'd go back to when cavemen were alive to see what it was like to ride dinosaurs, live in caves, and drag women around

by their hair."

Luke Anderson

"Travel back to all of the embarrassing moments I've had, and prevent them."

Bridget Keys

"I'd go to when there weren't any cars, so I could ride horses any time I wanted to."

Rachelle Roy

"I would go back to the early '80s so I could meet my father and see what he was like."

Jason Eagleston

"I'd go back to the '60s. It would be neat to dress up like a hippy and wear my hair in different ways, and not be

told that it looks dumb."

Rodonda Davis

"The old West, because you would ride horses, and you wouldn't have to pay for gas."

Zach Whorton

Grade 8



Matthew Adamson
Luke Anderson
Mina Barrett
Joseph Bockelman
Jason Brazeal
Jason Brooke
Terry Cain

Dionna Cody
Jason Coffman
Erickia Cook
Jessica Coonce
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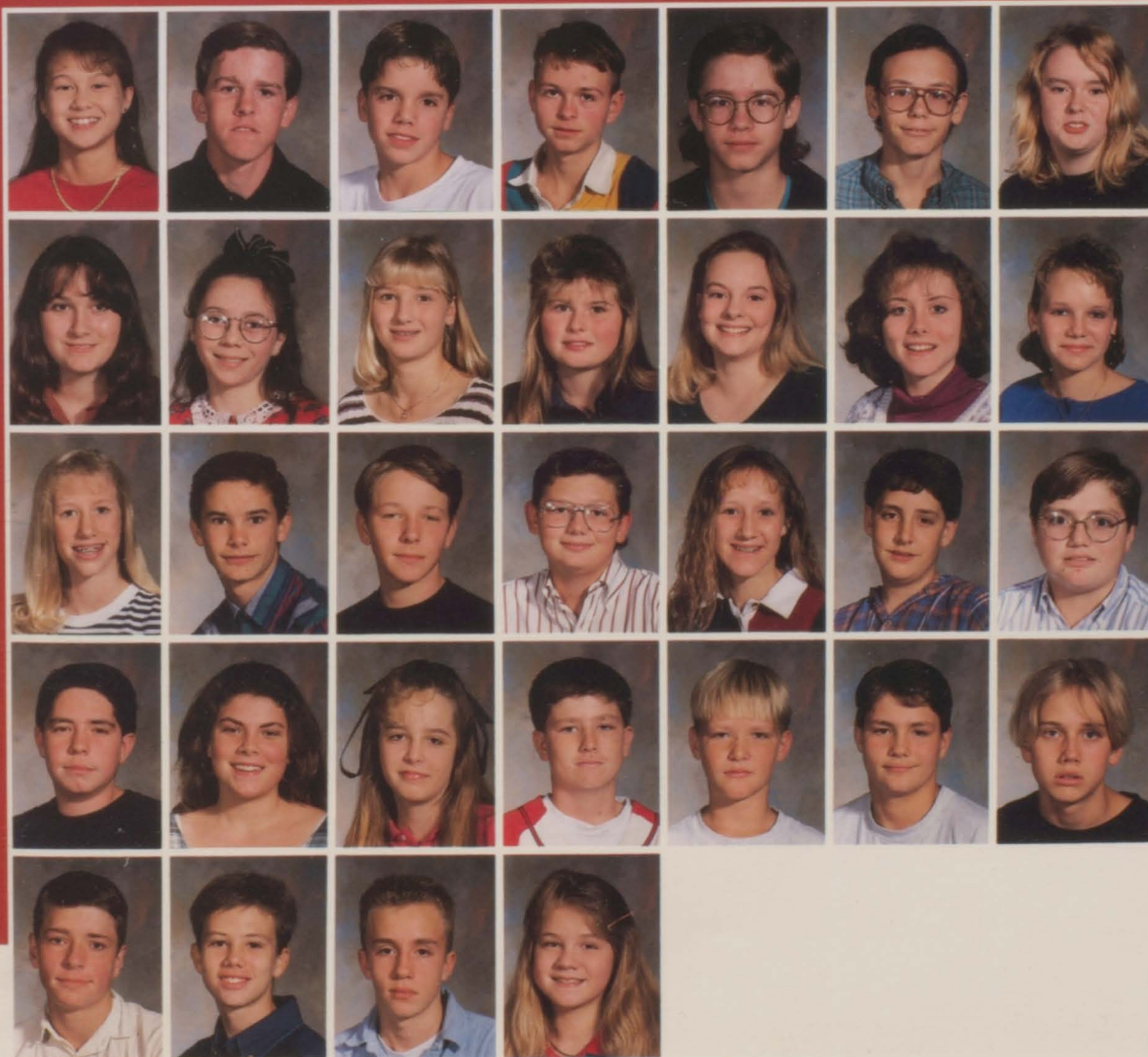
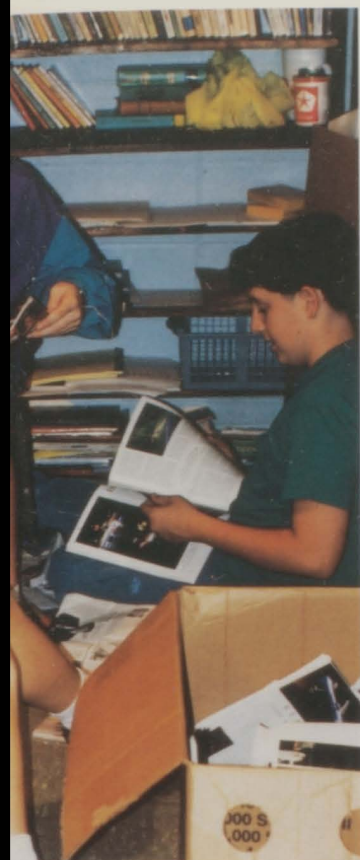
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Tad Harvill
Kevin Heatherly
Russell Hedrick
Linda Hickey

Lorie Hodges
Stephen House
Rachel Hull
Tiffany Hurst
Amanda Hutson
Carol Kelley
Christopher Kerns



FLIPPING THROUGH OLD magazines provided by their English teacher, Vicki Blankenship, Jason Brooke, Stephen House, and Matt Scott try to find the perfect pictures to use in constructing a collage. The collages, based on books the boys had read, were to be an alternative to the traditional English book report.

DONNA DOLLARHIDE, ERICKIA Cook, and Carol Kelley look through magazines for pictures they can use to make a book report collage.



Bridget Keys
Robert Lang
Brandon Lansdown
James Lansdown
John Lansdown
Roy Liles
Victoria Lockman

Stephanie Maxwell
Britten Medley
Stephanie Merrifield
Michelle Napier
Tracy Oberbeck
Christina Pharris
Amanda Piland

Kinder Pollock
Robert Pratt
Joey Rhodes
Robert Rippee
Rachelle Roy
Matthew Scott
Arthur Slade

Daniel Soares
Crystal Steffe
Jamie Stepro
Curtis Stuart
Erik Sutton
Dusty Walker
Shannon Wallin

John Ward
Zach Whorton
Joshua Wilson
Donna Young

is it something

WE said?

What kind of machine would you invent?

"A machine to put in your house that would make money. That way I could have money and I could go shopping all the time."

Brandi Dering

"I would make computerized soldiers to fight battles so none of our living soldiers would die."

Kodi Harris

"A clothes machine so when I want new clothes, I could put something old in and get out something new."

Sarah Carr

"I would invent something that knows everything. It would be at home so if I have a question on homework all I would have to do is push a button and it

will tell me the answers."
Sarena Baugh

"A machine to do my homework or check my homework to make sure it was right."

Karen Eagleston

"I would invent a hair brush that washed, dried, cut, and styled your hair in 10 minutes."

Jessica Roth

"A machine that lets you type in what you want and out it comes."

Austin Corder

"I would make a shoe that could burn rubber."

Zach Miller

"I would make a hover craft, and it would be made out of recycled cars. I would make going places easier and faster."

Steven Golden

"A machine that would make your wishes come true."

Stephanie Strunk

"A machine out of steel that when you walked through it in the morning it would brush your teeth, comb your hair, then read your mind and find what

you wanted to wear."
Matt Byerlee

"I would make a shirt that would look invisible and it would be made of oxygen and nitrogen. I would wear it, but it would look like I have nothing on."

Austin Miller

"I would invent a money-making machine."

Jason Hillard

"A Barney killer."

Sam Sears

"A football that had metal, and whenever I threw it, it would go directly to the person I threw it to, no interceptions."

Rick Weaver

"I would invent a robot to get things out of my locker so I wouldn't get as many tardies."

Kristina Shropshire

"A book that instead of reading it you push a button and it tells what the book says."

Angela Fetter

"A bed-o-matic with a TV, telephone, and built-in computer for late night homework."

Tamara Matlock

Grade 7



Katrina Bailey
B.J. Batten
Sarena Baugh
Crystal Bennett
Janisha Bennett
Presley Brewer
Lluvia Brito

Kacee Bujarski
Matthew Byerlee
Joshua Campie
Tracy Cantrell
Sarah Carr
Loretta Chilson
Bryon Clark

Dustin Clark
Steven Collins
Austin Corder
Brandi Dering
Jill Doyle
Karen Eagleston
Angela Fetter

Steven Golden
Casandra Harris
Kodi Harris
Dawn Hastings
Chris Hicks
Jason Hilliard
Andrea Hughes





TAKING PART IN the annual Laura Ingalls Wilder parade, seventh grader Kodi Harris plays the snare drum with the high school band. Harris was just one of many seventh and eighth grade students who were advanced enough to be chosen by director Mike Kanaan to perform with the high school band during several parades and concerts during the year.

TIME FOR FRIENDS is an important part of the day for seventh graders B. J. Batten, Zack Miller, Sam Sears, Kacee Bujarski, Andrea Hughes, and Beverley Pratt.



Todd Huskey
Afton Ivy
Scott Jackson
Kandy Kabage
Jay Keeling
Craig Letsinger
Julie Lynch

Tamara Matlock
Dustin McCleary
Destiny Millard
Austin Miller
Zach Miller
Ben Moody
Eric Moore

Jessica Penn
Beverly Pratt
Carl Ramsey
Jessica Roth
Sam Sears
Kristina Shropshire
Ryan Stacy

Stephanie Strunk
Karol Turley
Serina VanNess
Jonathan Walker
Diedra Wallace
Ricky Weaver
Sumer Welch

is it something

WE said?

Who in your life has most inspired you and how?

"My school teachers are the ones that inspired me. They helped me out a lot by teaching me to read and write."

Rickey Ramsey

"My dad has inspired me because he has taught me how to make it through life."

Matt Shevchuk

"My parents have inspired me a lot through the years. They've helped me out and have always been there for me."

Dannette Sickels

"Grandpa inspired me because he showed me how to do things like taking motors apart and putting them back together."

Chris Wilson

"Anyone who encourages

people to stay off drugs, because it could really help you and me in life."

Justin Crain

"My parents inspired me. They help me with my homework, and to raise my grades, and they helped me change my attitude."

Joe Farris

"One of the people that inspired me was my mom because she made time to spend with my brothers and I and she still kept her job."

Tona Carter

"Mrs. (Jana) Schlesener and my parents inspired me because they helped me change my attitude at school and at home."

Jacob Loper

"My uncle Dea inspired me to play music."

David Scrivner

"God, because he helps me to be good and tells me not to do something when I'm being bad."

Keith Jackson

"My parents inspire me because they encourage me to do my best at everything I do."

Ashley Hicks

"Mrs. (Susie) Graham has inspired me the most because she is one of the best teachers I've ever had and she is very kind."

Anthea Medley

"My cousin Michael because he always made me happy and could always cheer me up."

Mindie Sullivan

"The people who inspired the most are my parents because they have taught me many things I'll need to know later in life."

John Williams

"My parents inspire me because they teach me things, care for me, and are always there when I need them."

Lindsay Hannaford

"The person that has inspired me the most in my life is my older brother Matt. I have always looked up to him

and I want to be like him when I get older."

Sarah Brown

"My dad and mom inspire me because they will take me hunting sometimes when I want to."

Richard Kelley

Grade 6



WHILE TEACHER SUSIE Graham gets the words ready, Keith Jackson, David Scrivner, and Jerry Elliott wait for a sixth grade spelling bee to begin.

Rodney Bell
Matt Bennett
Sara Brown
Danny Cain
Tona Carter
Bud Chandler
Clark Choate

Josh Cleaver
Dustin Coday
Josh Coffman
Colleen Cook
John Crain
Justin Crain
Mike Crosby

Basil Davis
Bryan Dugger
Matthew Dunbar
Joe Ehlers
Jerry Elliott
Joe Farris
Cassy Franken

Billy Furr
Dustin Grass
Lindsay Hannaford
Joey Harris
Ashley Hicks
David Huskey
Keith Jackson





SIXTH GRADERS GET the chance to leave the elementary world behind as they become part of middle school for the first time. However, both sixth grade classes remained self-contained, meaning the students had the same teacher all day, while seventh and eighth graders changed classes each period.



JOSH BUBECK AND Lindsay Hannaford work quietly at their seats in Jana Schlesener's classroom, which is located in the new building.



SIXTH GRADERS WORK on an assignment. Both sixth grade classes were moved to the new building and became part of middle school instead of the elementary.



Tara Jackson
Carrie Jarrett
Chad Keith
Richard Kelley
Jacob Loper
Albert Matney
Ashley Maxwell

Rachel McCall
Anthea Medley
Garrett Norell
Brandon Olive
Randy Piland
Rickey Ramsey
David Scrivner

Matt Shevchuk
Dannette Sickels
Nicole Soares
Erica Spyres
Josh Street
Mindie Sullivan
Rachelle Thompson

Andrea Wallace
Robert Ward
John Williams
Tashina Wilson
Susie Graham
Jana Schlesener

is it something

WE said?

If you had three wishes what would your first wish be?

"If I had three wishes, my first wish would be to go to Heaven to see God, Jesus, and my sister, Lisa."

Brooke Hurst

"My first wish would be for more wishes because I could wish for more things."

Joe Gresham

"For world peace, because people are killing people and war is happening all the time."

Tara Allen

"My first wish would be to get a million dollars."

Nathan Cody

"To have a boyfriend that looks good and acts right."

Lindsey Dunbar

"My first wish would be to have a four-wheeler."

Donnie Slate

"I'd wish for a car so I could drive it to school."

Scotty Anderson

"I would wish for more wishes so I could wish for money to buy my parents a new car."

Crystal Wilson

"My first wish would be to have everyone healthy and wealthy so people can have things they want."

Steve Ward

"I'd wish to get out of school so I can become a cop."

Eddie Penn

"My first wish would be to have \$10,000 dollars to spend."

Lacie Vaverka

"That all the dinosaurs would be alive because I want to see what the dinosaurs and reptiles would look like."

Brian Carampatan

"My first wish would be that we had no school."

Melissa Napier

"I'd wish for a good future when I grow up, because I want to be a good mother."

Rhizza Renfro

"To be able to play football for the Kansas City Chiefs."

Jake Bennett

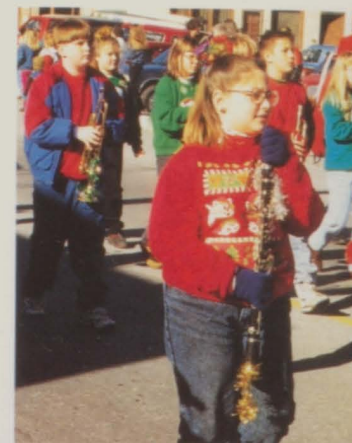
"To have a brand new Probe that had never been touched."

Sara Edmonds

"My first wish would be to go to Disneyland."

Juley Litz

Grade 5



Tara Allen
Jake Bennett
Josh Bennett
Ken Bennett
Stephanie Blevins
Kelsey Boyle
Eric Brewer

Timmy Bunch
Ben Cain
Brian Carampatan
Jeff Carr
Nathan Cody
Tiffany Coonce
Jeffrey Decker

Dusty Doyle
Lindsey Dunbar
Sara Edmonds
Jennifer Farris
Laura Furr
Amanda Golden
Joe Gresham

Michael Hammond
Brooke Hurst
Ashley Jones
Kristyn Jones
Michelle Jones
Amanda Lansdown
Kevin Liles

Juley Litz
Jacob Magnin
Stephanie Medley
Jeff Moore
Jessica Moore
Melissa Napier
Heather Nicks





FOLLOWING BAND DIRECTOR Mike Kanaan's lead, fifth grade band members play several selections at the Christmas concert in the high school gym, left. Below left, all decked out in Christmas colors, Shawna Williams and Crystal Wilson and other fifth grade band members march in their first parade, Mansfield's Christmas parade.



USING PERMANENT MARKERS, Stacey Wright, Crystal Wilson, and Kelsey Boyle make pumpkin globes during a geography lesson.



Eddie Penn
Greg Ramsey
Rhizza Renfro
Miranda Rhodes
Lacy Riggs
Ryan Roberts
Scotty Rousseau

Michael Scofield
James Scrivner
Nick Shelhamer
Donnie Slate
David Soares
Austin Steffe
Lora Thompson

Mike Turley
Lacie Vaverka
Steven Ward
Angie Waterman
Shawna Williams
Crystal Wilson
Stacey Wright

Becky Young
Carol Anderson
Pat Brown

is it something

WE said?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

"An engineer, because I looked at what my dad does, and I think it would be fun to be an engineer."

Jim Bailey

"When I grow up I want to lay tile. The reason why is because my dad lays tile and I want to be like my dad."

Keith Newton

"A veterinarian, because I really like animals. I have three dogs and four cats and kittens, and I love them very much."

Kasie Rueff

"A basketball player, because I want to play on the Golden State Warriors team."

Aaron Price

"A nurse because I want to help

people get better and I want them to enjoy their life."

Kelly Carampatan

"A vet, because I love animals. I also like helping them, and it would be sad if they die."

Tina Crain

"I want to be a singer when I grow up so I can show off my voice and be pretty."

Summer Taylor

"A pro baseball player so I will be rich. I'll be having fun at the same time."

Joe Skyles

"When I grow up I want to move to Paris and become a world famous dancer."

Amanda Walker

"A football player, because I like playing sports and I like getting dirty."

Justin Stafford

"A prosecuting attorney so I can make lots of money helping the person that didn't commit the crime."

Josh Slater

"I want to be an ice skater when I grow up, because I love to ice skate. We have a pool, and when it freezes, I can spin and

jump and so can my friend."

Jana Young

"I want to be a basketball player, and grow tall so I can slam dunk."

Travis Clouse

"I want to be a nurse, because I like babies and I like to be around them. They are so cute and cuddly."

Alisha Stewart

"When I grow up I want to be a person that works in the nursery with the babies."

Paige Butterfield

"I want to be a veterinarian for all kinds of animals."

Courtney Allen

"My best friend Brett Bailey and I are going to be room-mates in college."

Justin Kingery

"A teacher; I like kids, and you can get on to people."

Amanda Brewer

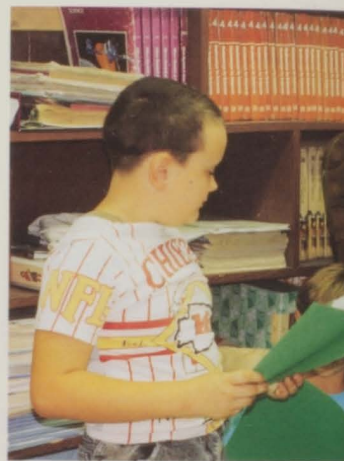
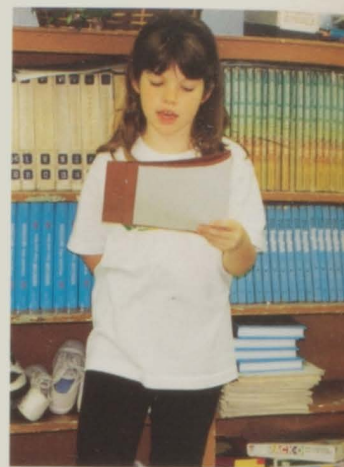
"A doctor, because I want to help people."

Cory Letsinger

"When I grow up I want to be a soccer player."

Dustin Dixon

Grade 4



FOURTH GRADERS TONY Lockman and Tim Brazeal practice a play that they will later perform for the rest of their classmates.

Courtney Allen
Brett Bailey
Sarah Bennett
John Blaine
Ashley Borders
Tim Brazeal
Amanda Brewer

Jesse Bricker
Paige Butterfield
Jennifer Calhoun
Nicole Calhoun
Jordan Cantrell
Kelly Carampatan
Lisa Chambers

Liz Clouse
Travis Clouse
Alicia Cook
Cody Corder
Tina Crain
Dusty Dering
Dustin Dixon

Christian Eichelberger
Whitney Hannaford
Matt Hickey
Melissa Hicks
Travis Hilliard
Brent Jones
Bruce Jones



TAKING TURNS IN a skit, Paige Butterfield and Brent Jones practice reading their parts before they perform for the whole class.

AS PART OF the Laura Ingalls Wilder centennial celebrations, the fourth graders, directed by Terry Spyres, perform a song from the Wilder era on the grounds of her home and museum east of Mansfield. The 8 a.m. concert was delayed by fog, but the fourth graders performed enthusiastically when they got the chance.



SQUARE DANCING IS part of the Laura Ingalls Wilder centennial program on the grounds of the Wilder home.



Tomi Jones
Justin Kingery
Cory Letsinger
Tony Lockmon
Cody McCleary
Amber Moore
Keith Newton

Laurel Oberbeck
April Pettibone
Timothy Pharris
Kristen Phelps
Aaron Price
Jimmy Reburia
Kasie Rueff

Rhett Scofield
Joe Skyles
Justin Stafford
Alisha Stewart
Summer Taylor
Geoffrey Travis
Amanda Walker

Jason Walker
Jana Young
Marcia Blaine
Vicki Box

is it something

WE said?

If you could design your own world what would it look like and what would it be called?

"It would be big and round and everything would cost a penny. It would be called Wierd World."

Zac Blevins

"My world would have lots of trees, animals, and love. It would be called Good Land."

Justin Schofield

"Mine would have unicorns and everything would stay alive forever. It would be called Forever Land."

Samantha Ousley

"It would be called Zachery World. It would be fun and there would be nice children."

Zachery Flageolle

"My world would be called

Good World and there would be no pollution, drugs, or hungry children."

Cody Whorton

"Everyone would be rich and have lots of food. There would be lots of restaurants."

Amanda Kuhn

"My world would have a lot of waterfalls and animals. There would also be more jobs and stores. It would be called Tiffany Land."

Tiffany Cline

"There would be lots of trees and flowers. The water would be crystal and it would be called Happy World."

Ashley Hood

"If my world existed everyone would be happy and there would not be drugs on the street. Instead of the Great Wall of China there would be the Great Wall-O-Mall."

Amanda Rokusek

"In my world there would be all kinds of arcades and fun places and there would be dinosaurs in my world. It would be called Natalie's World."

Natalie Waterman

"My world would be called Planet Garret and every mile there would be a Fuddrucker."

Garret Keith

"My world would be a crazy place to live. It would be called Wacko Land."

Monica Hattabaugh

"I would have a underwater city that has a giant two-foot thick glass dome. It would be called Aqua Land."

Tyler Rummens

"It would be called Strawberry World. Everybody would eat strawberries for breakfast, lunch, and supper."

Shane Loper

"There would be a lot of windmills to produce energy and people would live under the sea. It would be called Earth Two."

Cody Elliott

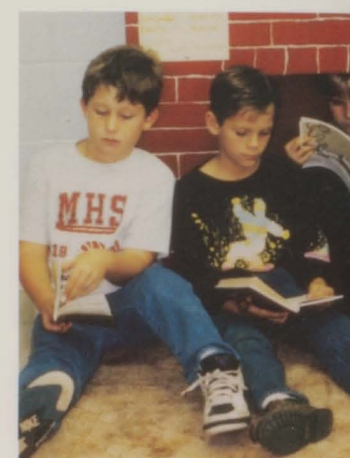
"I would call my world Animal World. It would have all kinds of animals in it."

Brenda Stratton

"I would not allow drinking or drugs because they can hurt people that don't deserve to be hurt."

Adam Bennett

Grade 3



Joshua Asher
LaToya Bell
Adam Bennett
Zachary Blevins
Tiffany Cline
Dustin Cornelius
Casey DeLapp

Chris Dodson
Ashley Eichelberger
Cody Elliott
Zachery Flageolle
Monica Hattabaugh
Eli Helms
Megan Hicks

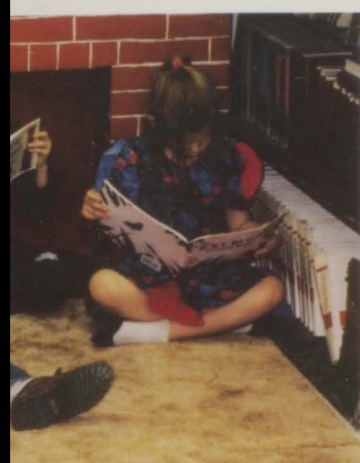
Brittany Hilton
Travis Hire
Ashley Hood
Brittany Huskey
Brian Jones
Jaron Keeling
Garret Keith

Amanda Kuhn
Brandon Lansdown
Della Lansdown
Shane Loper
Megan Millard
Paul Moody
Andrea Moore





AFTER READING ABOUT deaf children, all three classes of third graders take part in a special lesson about sign language.



PAUL MOODY, JOHN Piland, Natalie Waterman, and Brenda Stratton use their free time to read in front of the "fireplace" in their classroom. Each student has an assigned day when he can read a book of his choice.

THIRD GRADERS PROUD-LY display the quilt they made, after reading several stories about how important it is to work together.



Colt Naugle
Michael Newman
Alex Newton
Chasity Olive
Samantha Ousley
Hillary Persinger
Jessica Pettibone

John Piland
Amber Quamme
Randy Ramsey
Matt Rhodes
Amanda Rokusek
Tyler Rummens
Jason Schofield

Justin Schofield
David Shevchuk
Becky Slate
Matthew Smith
Daison Steffe
Brenda Stratton
Michael Tate

Carl Turley
Natalie Waterman
Cody Whorton
Bradley Young
Linda Graham
Brenda Quick
Julie Samuels

is it something

WE said?

What cartoon character is most like you and why?

"I am most like Dopey on Snow White because everybody kisses me, I am shy, and I talk a lot, and I am funny."

Whitney Miller

"I am most like Garfield because I like to eat a lot and when I get home I always tell my mom to get me something to eat."

Kate Probert

"I'm like Pongo because he runs fast and likes to take walks just

like me."

Alex Dunbar

"Billy the Power Ranger is most like me because I am kind of smart and because his blue suit is my favorite color."

Alex Miller

"I am like the Little Mermaid because I am nice and friendly to other people."

Samantha Kirby

"Tommy the Power Ranger is most like me because we have the same favorite color."

Michael Fuge

"Bugs Bunny is the character most like me because I love to eat bunches of carrots."

DeOndra Carnall

"I am like Sleepy of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs because we both like to sleep all of the time."

Jordon Williams

"I am most like Speedy Gonzales because we are both fast, little, and are good athletes."

Tom Brazeal

"I am most like Sonic the Hedgehog because we are both fast and sometimes I have a bad attitude."

Travis Lynch

"I am like Tweety Bird because we both always have someone chasing us."

Ria Renfro

"I think that I am most like the character of Bugs Bunny because I don't have very many teeth right now."

Taylor

Thompson

"I am like the cartoon character Garfield because I eat too much, sleep too much, and I am always hungry."

Nicholas Napier

Grade 2



Becky Bennett
Drew Berry
Ryan Bird
Kerri Blackwell
Brittany Borders
Tom Brazeal
Sammie Bryant

Wayne Cain
Cody Calhoun
Craig Campbell
DeOndra Carnall
Andy Carr
Tracey Cline
Amanda Cook

Mark Cruse
Melanie Davis
Tristan Dennis
Michelle Diesburg
Michaela Dodson
Alex Dunbar
Michael Fuge

Brandon Grass
Tommy Hance
Sara Henley
Phillip Hicks
Kayla Hilton
Justin Hutson
Michael Hutson

Matthew Hyden
Casey Ivy
Ashley Jackson
Steven Jarrett
Elaine Johns
Jonathan Jones
Nikki Jones



DURING QUIET TIME, Nicholas Napier browses through the classroom's book rack for something that interests him.

ELAINE CRUMP'S CLASS displays a quilt they will send to their Vermont pen pals. Front, Josh Pyle, Kerri Blackwell, Ashley McCrite, Ria Renfro, Ashley Paxton, Mike Moody; back, Crump, Travis Lynch, Christian Wilson, Steven Jarrett, Coy Holden, Annie Lynn, Michaela Dodson, Wayne Cain, Jordon Williams, Michael Hutson, Amanda Cook, Tom Brazeal.



Samantha Kirby
Travis Lynch
Annie Lynn
Alex Miller
Whitney Miller
Mike Moody
Hannah Moore

Nicholas Napier
Christy Nichols
Ashley Paxton
Kate Probert
Josh Pyle
Ria Renfro
Amber Schofield

Timothy Shelhamer
Greg Short
Shawn Singh
Kigan Smith
Samantha Smith
Tim Stuart
Taylor Thompson

Mikiala Upshaw
Jessica Williams
Jordon Williams
Charles Yost
Tiffany Young
Josie Adamson
Elaine Crump

Carol Hanger

is it something

WE said?

What is your favorite toy to play with and why?

"My favorite toy to play with is my baby doll because it cries."
Mandie Adamson

"My favorite toy is White Tiger sword because it knows Ninja."
Evan Jones

"I love my teddy bear because he is soft and fuzzy."
Julie Hutton

"I enjoy playing with my dog, because he is fuzzy and has black polk-a-dots."
Leanne Moody

"I like my robot because it is fun."
Ryan Loge

"I like to play with Predator because it goes fast."
Ryan Harris

"I like my Transformer because it changes to a robot."
Zachery Levan

"My favorite toy is my bike because it is fun to ride."
Adam Keith

"I like my sled because it is fun to slide with."
Ryan Moody

"I like my stuffed teddy bear because he is soft and his eyes are closed."
Jennifer Willbanks

"My favorite thing to play is basketball."
Blake Miller

"My favorite toy is a stuffed

kitten, because I sleep with it."
Natasha Dixon

"My favorite is my Power Ranger because it was my Christmas present."
Nathan Hildreth

"Tiger sword, because it makes noise and it's fun to play with."
Kendall Findley

"My favorite toy to play with is Mini Predator."
Nicholas Price

"My bear is my favorite toy."
Rachel Dollarhide

"My White Ranger sword is my favorite thing to play with."
William Milford

"I like my BB gun because I can shoot ducks."
Ronny DeLapp

"My favorite toy to play with is my stuffed bird, and my other favorite is my cat."
Katelyn Choate

Grade 1



Mandie Adamson
Vicki Billings
Eric Bricker
Shamala Bunch
Katelyn Choate
John Church
Jerica Cody

Josh Cornelius
Ronald DeLapp
Dillon Dering
Natasha Dixon
Rachel Dollarhide
Tiffany Dollarhide
Quisto Eutsler

Kendall Findley
Nicole Freeman
Kayla Gallion
Kevin Hance
Ryan Harris
Nathan Hildreth
Amanda Hilton

Trampus Hire
Julie Hutton
Joe Isbill
Danielle Jones
Evan Jones
Hollie Jordan
Brendan Keeling

Adam Keith
Joshua Lansdown
Zachery Levan
Ryan Loge
William Milford
Blake Miller
Leanne Moody





JOHN CHURCH, KENDALL Findley, Quisto Eutsler, and Billy Newton make free time fun by playing with colorful math geometric boards.

CHERYL KANAAN EXPLAINS to first graders Shamala Bunch, Sara Moody, Jerica Cody, Natasha Dixon, and Ronald DeLapp how to construct graphs with pattern blocks. The first graders found out that they could work better if they could spread out all their materials on the floor.



Ryan Moody
Sara Moody
Amanda Neal
Billy Newton
Shane Norell
Pamela Phelps
Nicholas Price

Ashly Renner
Cassie Sanders
Scott Short
Justin Skaggs
Jennifer Stofer
Lindsay Stout
Jesse Stuart

Josie Vaverlea
Tony Waterman
Jennifer Willbanks
Karensa Wilson
Jacob Wright
Patty Hanger
Cheryl Kanaan

Janet Mitchell

is it something

WE said?

If you could be an animal what would you be and why?

"A puppy because I really like puppies."

Audra Dierksen

"I would like to be a tiger because they have black stripes and I like black. Black is my favorite color and so is orange."

Joshua Gresham

"I would be a bear because I like bears."

Ryan Scott

"A lion because I like the lion because it's fun."

Michelle Easley

"An ant so I can get stepped on."

Paige Hoover

"A cat because it meows."

Maranda Pringle

"A dog so I could catch a ball and run."

Cherelle Taylor

"A lion because they are mean and they growl."

Jarrold Walker

"A monkey because I act so silly when the song's on."

Aimee Williams

"A dog because dogs go 'arf!'"

David Lister

"A baby kitty cat because their fur is soft and warm and on cold days it makes them warm."

Kristin Campbell

"I would like to be a lion because they are tough."

Welzie Bryant

"I would like to be a gorilla because I like gorillas because they're not afraid of anything and because my mom likes gorillas."

Zachary Weddle

"I would like to be a wolf because that is my brother's favorite animal and mine too."

Danny Thompson

"I would like to be a lion so I

could eat and bring food to my family."

Justin Ince

"I would like to be a cat because I like it when they have their kittens."

Lauren Rummens

"An elephant because they have long noses."

Joey Neal

"A dog because I like to bark."

Richie Lawrence

"I would be a horse because I could run wherever I want."

Bonnie Jo Hicks

"A rabbit because they eat carrots and because they hop and hop."

Travis Hutson

"I would like to be a cheetah because they can run fast and I like to run."

Lacey Tate

"A frog so I could hop and jump just like they do."

Sadie Vaverka

"I would like to be a cat because they purr and because people take care of them."

Hannah Persinger

Kindergarten



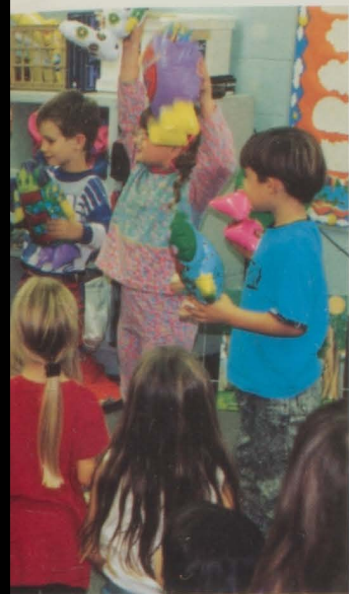
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Andrew Byerlee
Kristin Campbell
Audra Dierksen
Alexandria Douglas
Michelle Easley

Vincent Furr
Preston Goss
Joshua Gresham
Nicole Hance
Bonnie Jo Hicks
Paige Hoover
Chelsea House

Travis Hutson
Justin Ince
Chad Johnson
Michael Jones
Marcus Livingston
Michelle Lynn
Athena Milford

Melanie Moore
Andy Naugle
Joey Neal
Chad Newton
Adam Penn
Hannah Persinger
Maranda Pringle





SHARING THE LETTER people of the week with other classmates, kindergarten students Joe Neal, Sadie Vaverka, Travis Hutson, Cassandra Upshaw, and Andrew Byerlee hold up their favorite letters. They also are supposed to say a word that begins with the letter they are holding.

A LAURA INGALLS Wilder actress has the attention of the kindergarten and first grade students as she tells stories of Laura's youth.



AUDRA DIERKSON AND other kindergarten students wait patiently for the dismissal bell to ring before lining up to go home for the day.

CHEERING FOR THE varsity girls' basketball team, Jason Skaggs, Welzie Bryant, Justin Ince, Ryan Scott, and Adam Ward enjoy an awards assembly for the Score Points With Books read-a-thon. Each grade met its goal of books to read, so members of the high school girls' team played a brief game in the multipurpose room.



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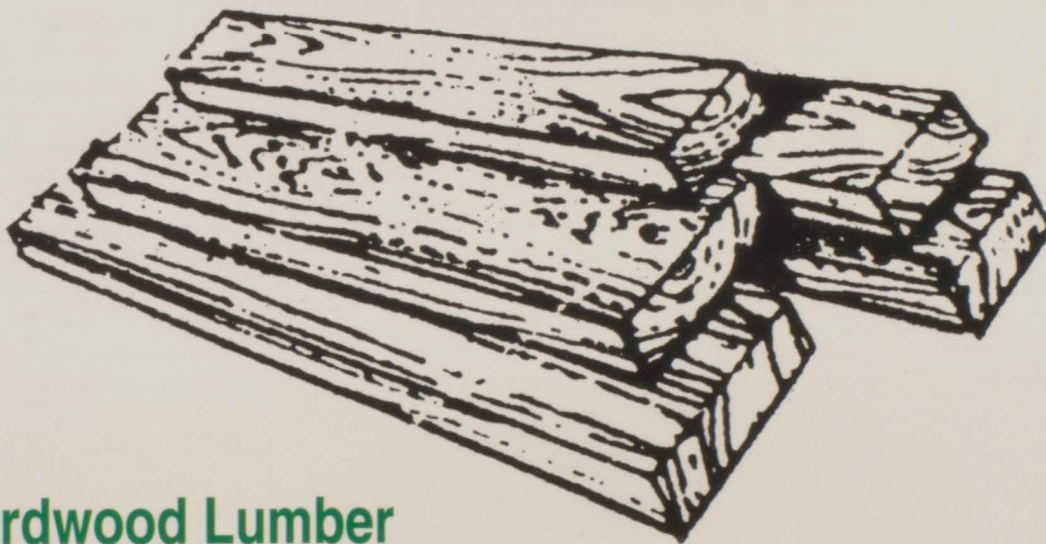
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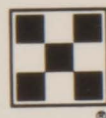
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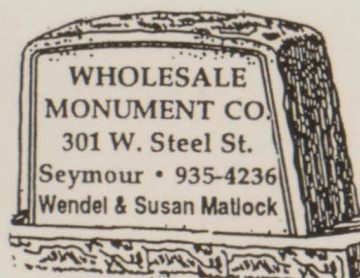
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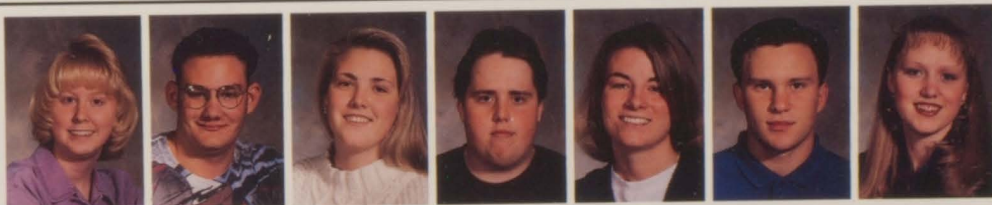
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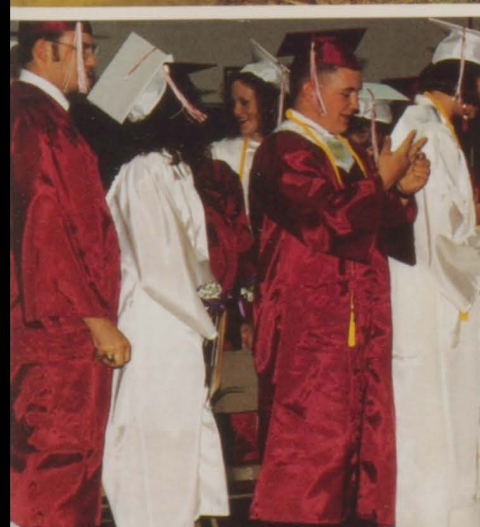
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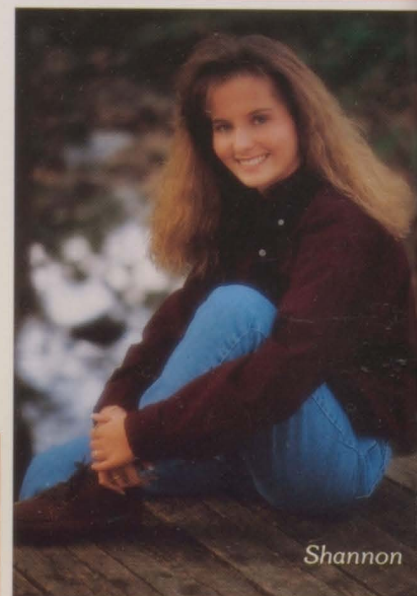
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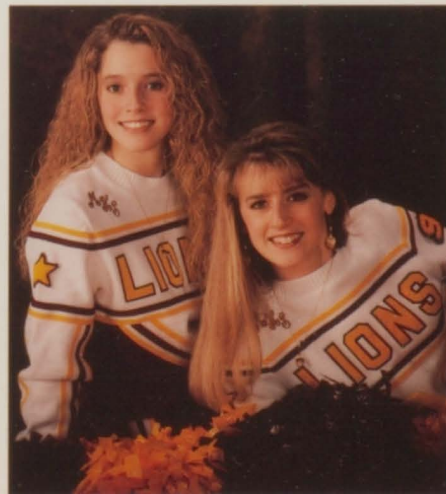
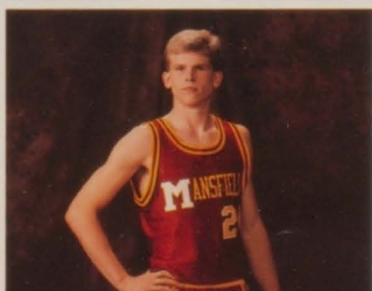
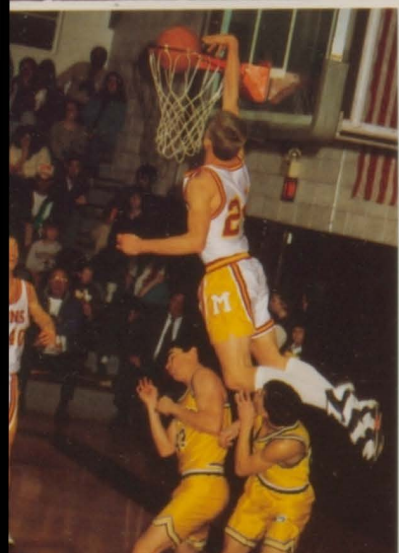
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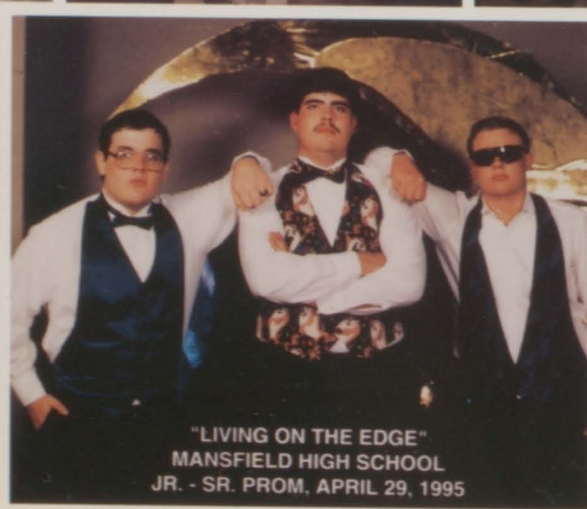
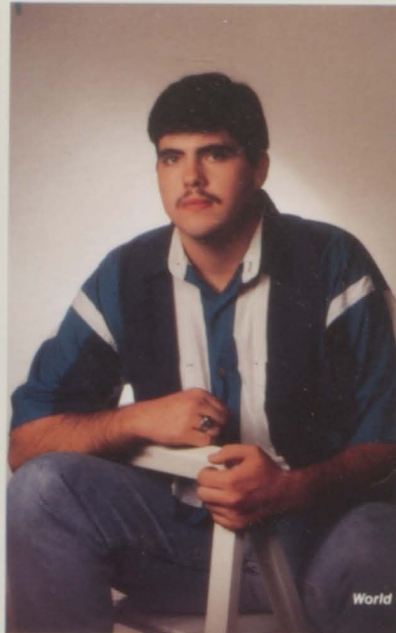
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Chuck Campbell

Yours is the earth and
everything That's in it.
Love, Mom and Dad





John Carnall

We love you and
are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad and Mom





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Nothing can stop you now.
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Dad, Mom, and Stephanie



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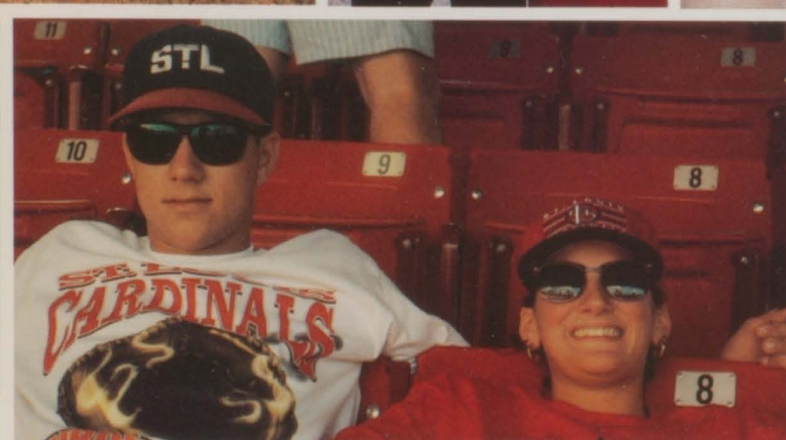
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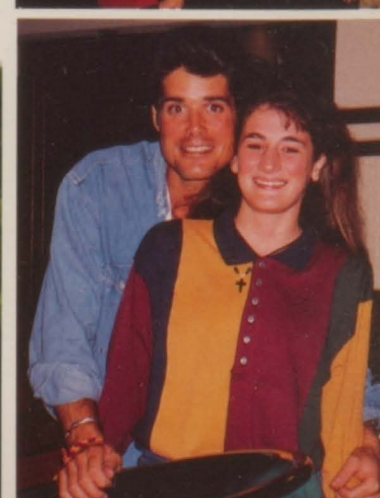
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We're all very proud of you for all your achievements, but most of all, for the "special" person you are and the "special" place you fill in each of our hearts.

Congratulations!

We love you, Mom, Dad, and family





Tara Moody

To our Ta:
You are a special
person. We're proud
you're ours. You've
made life better.
Love you lots,
Mom, Dad, Matt,
Tanya, and Makayla

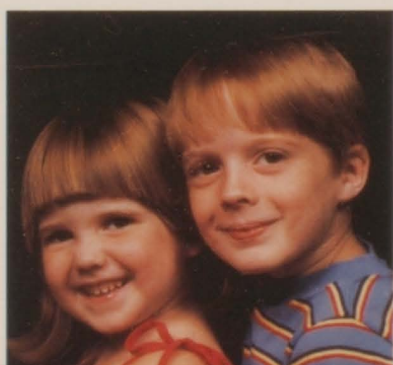


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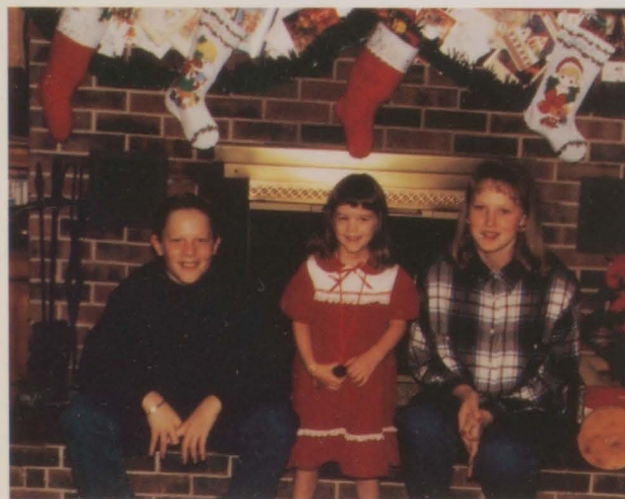
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whatever you want it to be.
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Even youths grow tired and weary...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. This is your time to soar. We are very proud of you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Jana, Stephen & Chelsea





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*A cousin is a special part
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in the heart...*

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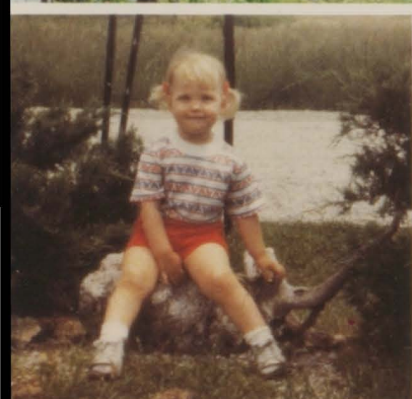




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ABOVE, STEPHANIE HOUSE and Ashley Miller try facial masks on their senior trip. Top, it's almost time for school to be out for front, Heather Brooke, Shannon Todd, Gina Penn, and back, Jeff Chambers, Heather Persinger, John Roberts, Chad Keeling, Jess Fletcher, Billy Bailey, Christy Hastings, Jesse Wade, Angela Pharris, and Jennifer Wright.



ABOVE, JEREMY CORDER demonstrates the Van deGraaf generator for the school's open house guests. Right, John Carnall displays the progress of his clock project in woodworking class.



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TOP LEFT, CINDY Dalton and Kim Pippin head to class after lunch. Left, Shannon Todd, Gina Penn, and Heather Brooke gather at the picnic tables to catch up on the latest news.

AT A HOME girls' basketball game, students form their own pep group, which includes a few floor cheers, some chants, and The Wave.

SHELLY WILLIAMS AND Nathan Carr take a break from dancing at Barnwarming to fill up on nachos and other food provided by FFA and FHA for its annual celebration.

Q: What was so good about this year?

A: Lots!

Q: Can you have too much of a good thing?

A: Never!

From the erection of the first new high school classroom building in over two decades, to the hiring of additional teachers, from the failure of the Hancock II amendment, to claiming the first ever Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner, from the girls' basketball team making the Final Four for the first time in school history, to the baseball team winning the school's first state championship, MHS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD.

When the school year started, students were greeted with a new building which houses three air-conditioned high school classrooms. This provided the school with extra room for more teachers and more sections of classes, which led to drastic reductions in class sizes.

Alternative school was a major addition to the curriculum. This program

targeted students who were in danger of not graduating, and allowed them to receive the credits they needed by working at their own pace.

When the crisp, autumn air arrived, several MHS teachers and students changed the appearance of the school by adding wooden planters, shrubs, and mums to the school campus. Because of the time they took, MHS never looked so GOOD.

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In November, voters went to the polls to vote on Amendment 7, better known as Hancock II, an issue which sent chills down the spines of school officials across the state. Potentially a disaster for Mansfield, budget cuts and the loss of teachers were averted when the amendment failed by a 2 to 1 margin.

Organizing late in the season, the girls' cross country team qualified for the state meet in Jefferson City. After the absence of a female team for six years, the girls proved

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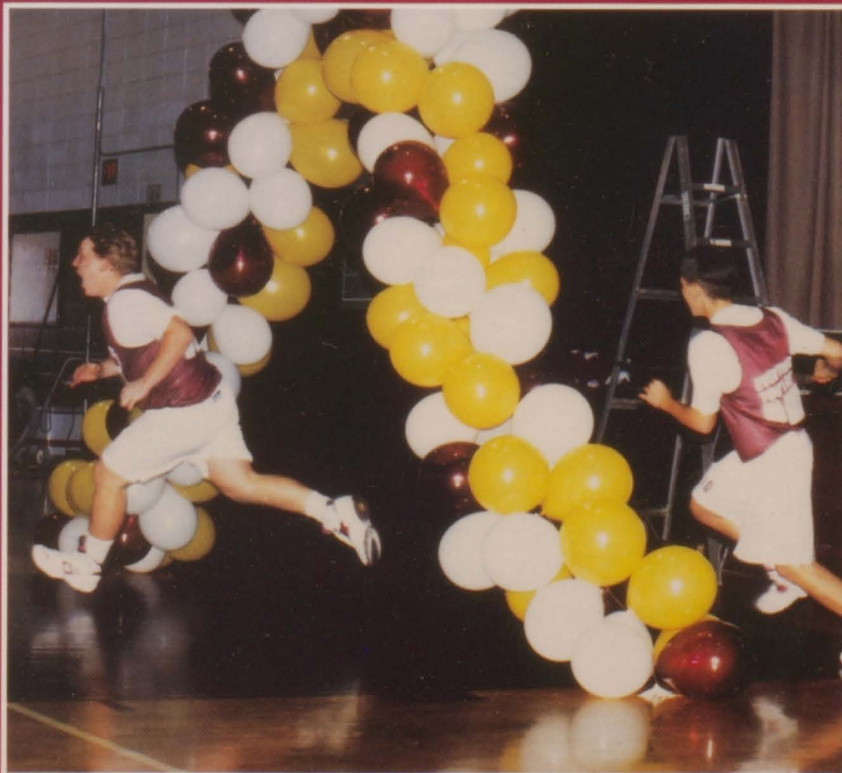


■ Coach Doug Jones offers advice between innings at the state baseball playoffs, prior to the team winning the state championship.

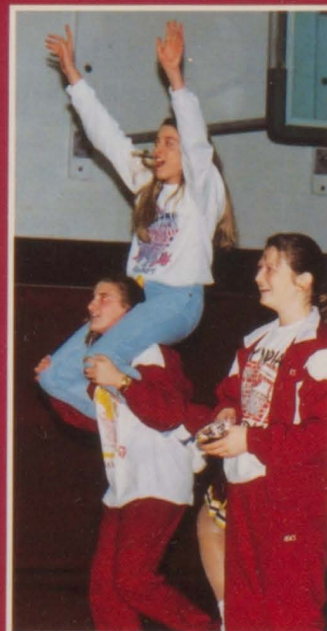
■ The Wave helps get the crowd going at the girls' home basketball game with Hartville.

■ Seniors James Hanger and Joe Garrison celebrate the 2-1 victory over Fatima in the state baseball championship in Columbia.

■ After winning second at a contest at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, the band celebrates. The group also made a one rating at district contest.



■ At the first basketball pep rally of the season, Steven Welch and Eric Grubbs join the rest of the players in making a run through a balloon arch constructed by cheerleaders and Pep Club members for the occasion.



■ Tessa Miller, on her cousin Wendy Matlock's shoulders, tries to encourage the crowd at the basketball pep rally. Missy Honeycutt is at the right.

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that determination pays off. And girls in another sport also had a better than GOOD year, since for the first time in school history the girls' basketball team was ranked first in the state among 2A teams.

In March, the team made the Final Four for the first time in the school's 20 years of girls' basketball, placing fourth, and providing lots of GOOD times for family and fans.

Not to be outdone by the female athletes at MHS, the boys' baseball team decided that now was as GOOD a time as any to bring home the state baseball title.

They beat Fatima 2-1 in the seventh inning of the state baseball championship, ending the spring season with a 19-7 record.

Putting Mansfield on the national map, senior Trisha Perry became the first ever Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner.

Beating out 10,000 other nominees, Perry traveled to New York, received national media coverage, and met some of the sports world's greatest athletes.

Her honor brought her the "key to the city" from Mansfield, a resolution of praise from the Missouri

House of Representatives, and a billboard advertising her award.

All the media hoopla, which included coverage by ESPN, Channel One, and Sports Illustrated, gave not only Perry but the entire school and community plenty to feel GOOD about.

Throw in the band making a one rating for the first time in possibly 40 years, and student writers sweeping just about every contest they entered, and 1995 was a banner year for MHS.

To cover all these exciting events, the publications staff decided to change over from black and white to an all-color yearbook. This decision increased the sale of yearbooks to

an all-time high.

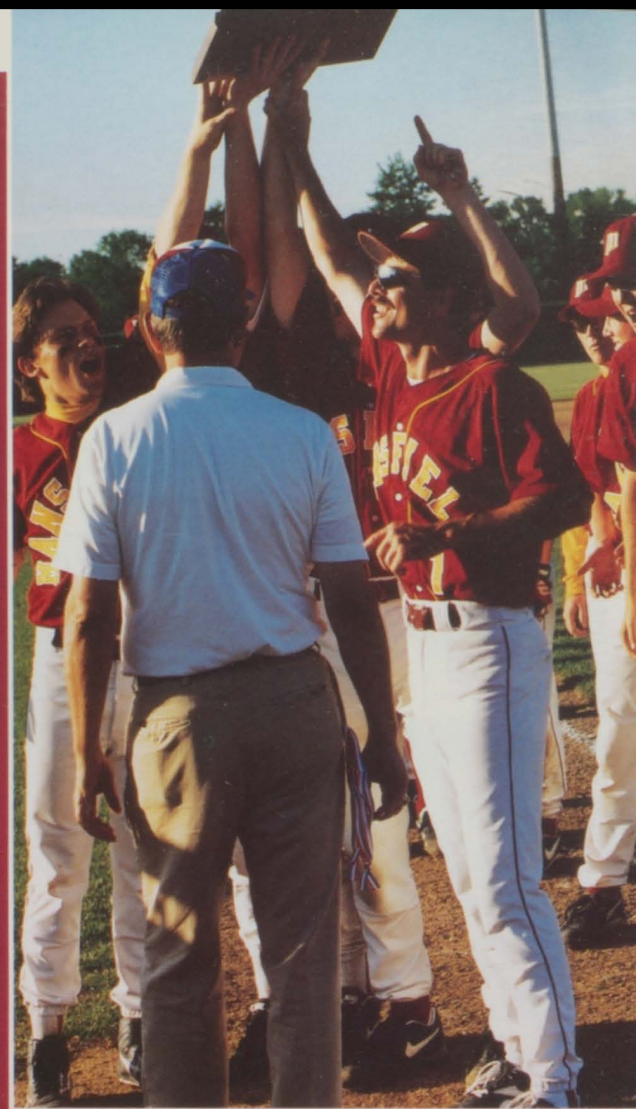
Now to be perfectly honest, everything about the 1995 school year wasn't great. MHS, like every school, had its ups and downs. And so did individuals.

But the preponderance of events most certainly weighed in on the GOOD side.

Pictures, stories, awards, accomplishments, trophies, and memories.

All are definite proof that we NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD.

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■ Working out the details for a photo of the honor graduates gets a little creative. Bottom, Jodi Edwards, Ashley Miller, Trisha Perry, Chuck Campbell, Joe Garrison, Mark Brown; middle, Emily Matlock, Erin Calhoun, Brooke Newton, Stephanie Calhoun, Sabrina Kelly, Melisa Porter, Tara Moody, Janie Carter, Missy Honeycutt; top, Angela Ragsdale, Torrie Collins, Jennifer Top.

■ At Union Station, Brooke Newton, Stephanie House, Torrie Collins, Erin Calhoun, Stephanie Calhoun, Ashley Miller, and Tara Moody find a train to help record senior trip memories. Top, Tom Moody and Coach Doug Jones lift high the baseball team's state championship trophy.



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