

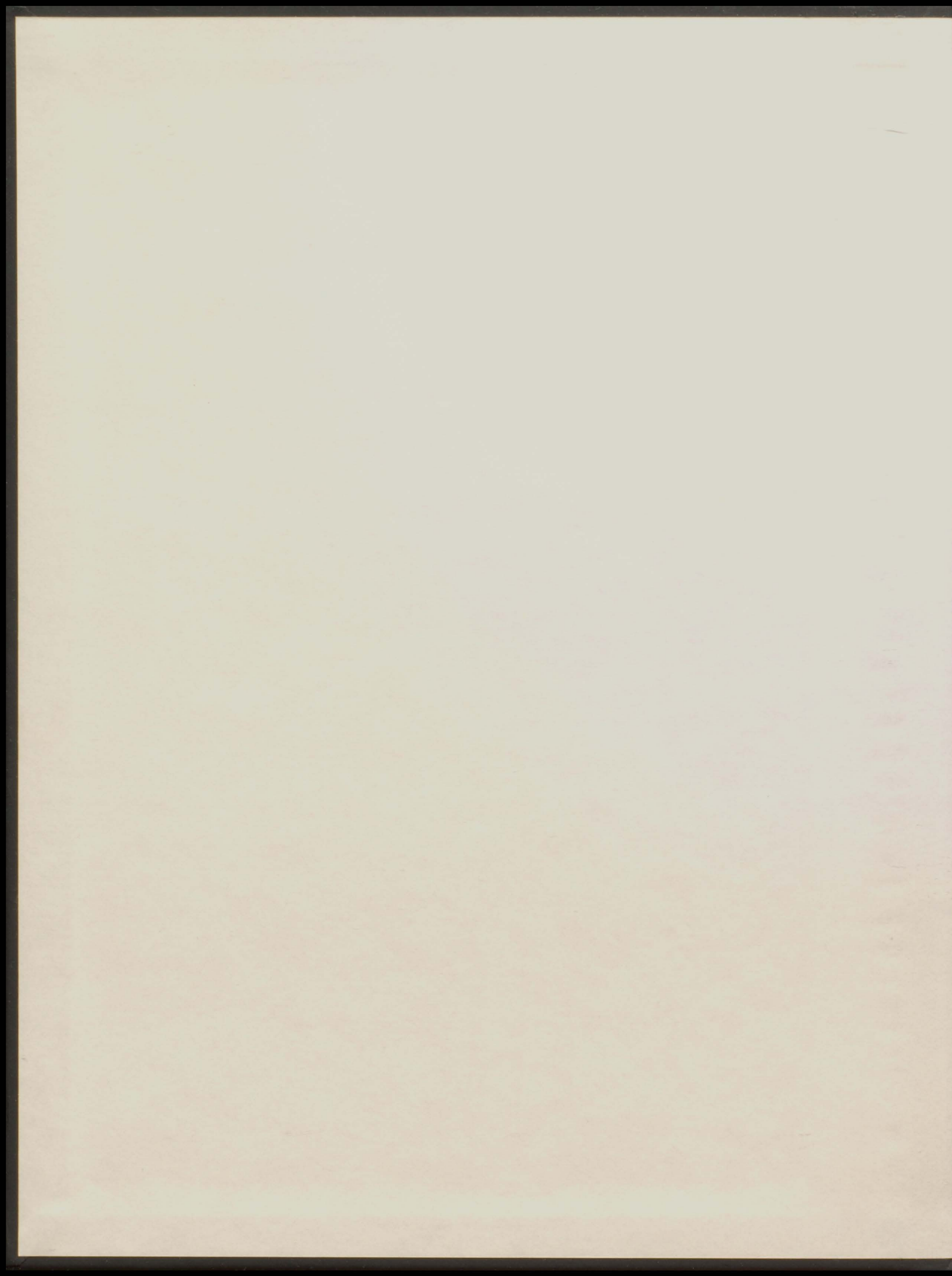


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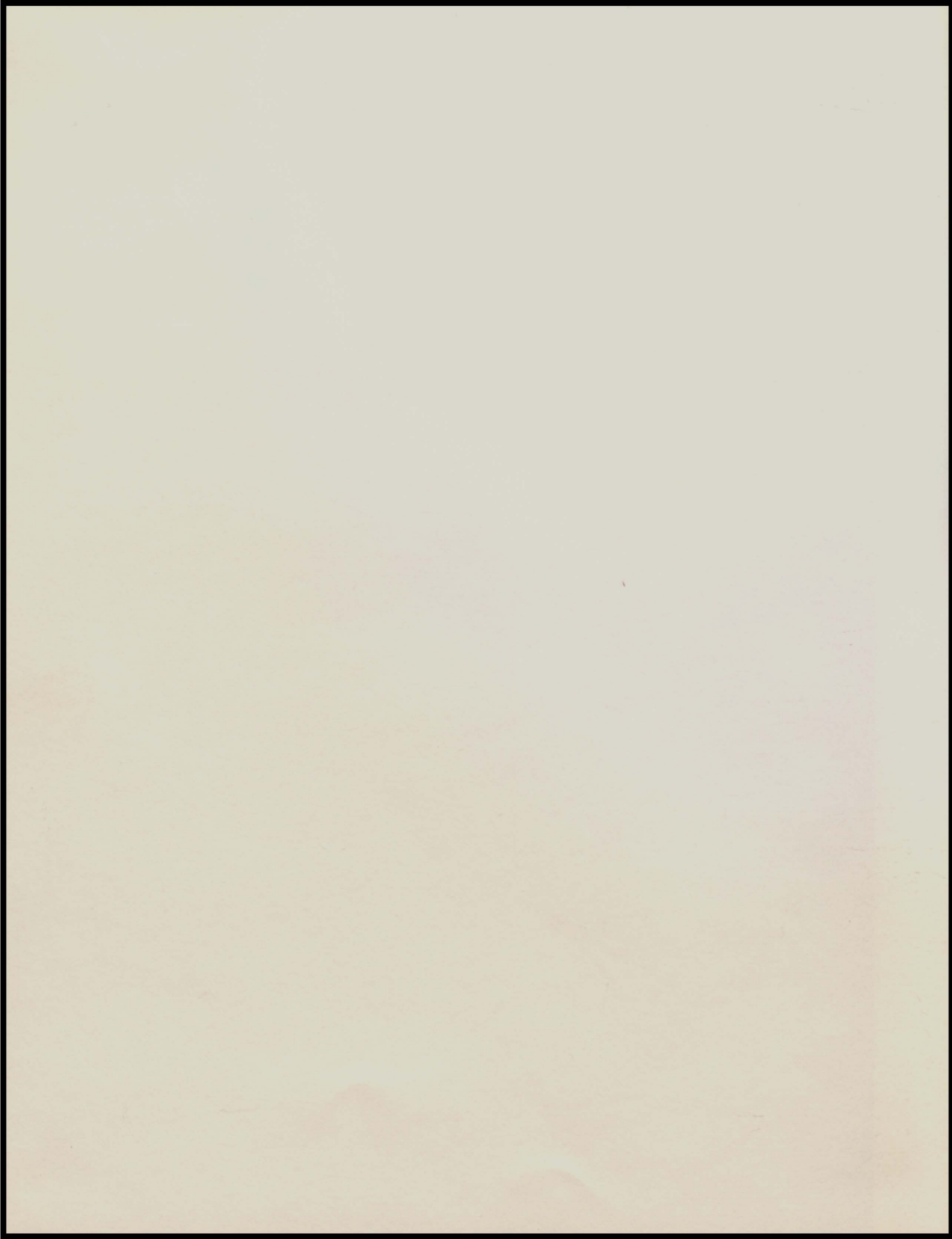
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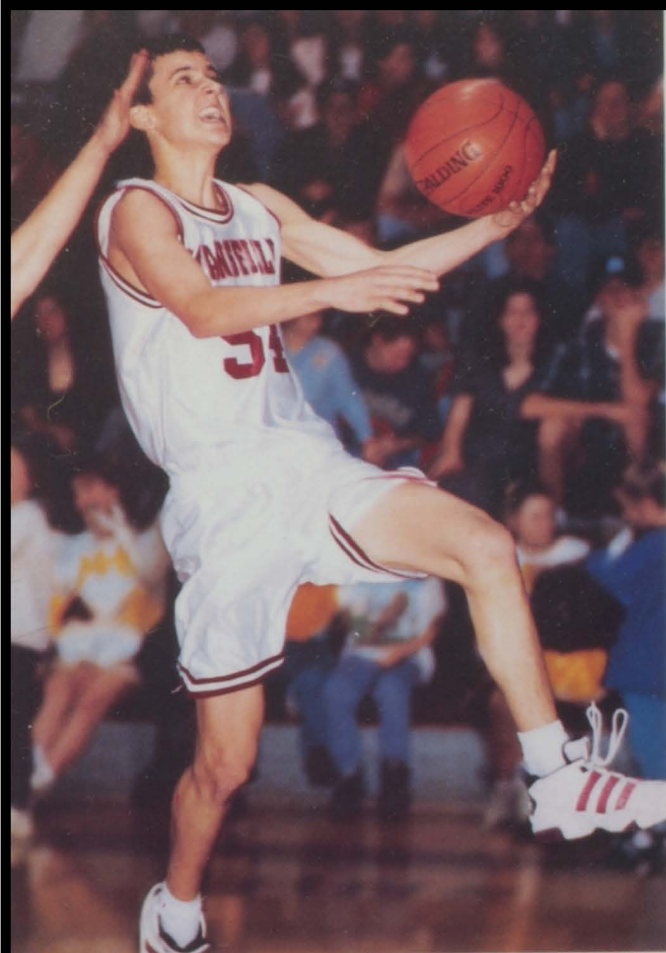




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■ DURING A JUNIOR varsity basketball game, Chris Flageolle unexpectedly takes to the air, leaving his Conway defender behind. Flageolle had 9 points in the 57-30 MHS win.



El Leon 1996

■ JESSICA COONCE AND other band members march in the daylight Christmas parade in Mansfield. The group had an unexpected treat when it marched in the night-time parade in Seymour.

■ SHOWING UNEXPECTED SUPPORT at the state baseball championship, Curtis Stuart, Brandon Edmonds, Brandon Lansdown, Kevin Heatherly, Stephen House, Doug Tripp, and Dustin Clark shed their shirts for some maroon and gold paint. The Lions did win the state championship for the second year, but the boys put their shirts back on when temperatures dropped to the 50s during the game.



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■ **HOMECOMING**
QUEEN JENNY
Blaine, escorted
by Matt Skyles,
played
basketball at
Rogersville, then
rushed back to
MHS for the
coronation.



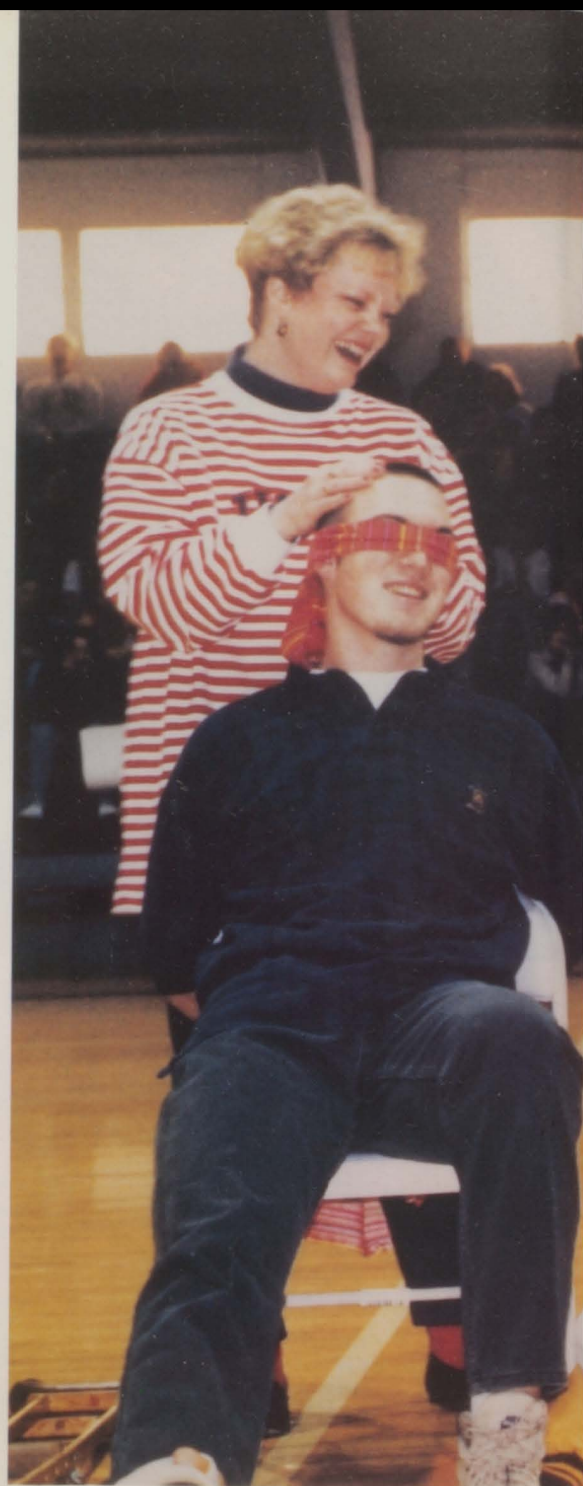
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■ **FRESHMAN**
JESSICA
COONCE, running
in a home meet,
went on to
qualify for the
state meet, a feat
expected from
the boys' team,
but not
accomplished.



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■ **GIRLS AND**
POWER tools
don't go together
to some people,
but at MHS, as
shown by
Christy Matney
in woodwork-
ing, girls tackle
any subject they
want to try.



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■ **SHOWING**
THEIR SCHOOL
spirit, freshmen
Kevin Heatherly
and Jason
Brooke sport
painted faces of
maroon and
gold at the
basketball pep
rally.



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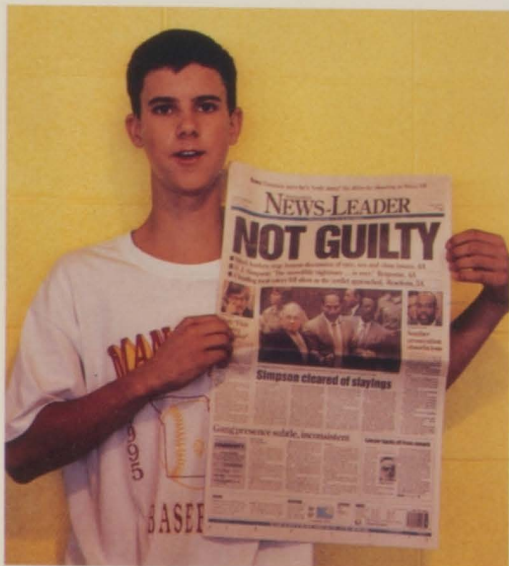
A board of education member's death delaying the opening of school. O. J. Simpson being found not guilty. Dropping the school-sponsored senior trip. Disappointing basketball seasons. Snow days being piled on top of more snow days. From beginning to the very end, the 1996 school year caused the unexpected to become expected time after time.

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■ SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS get a little trick played on them at the Homecoming pep rally, compliments of past Homecoming Queens Janet Brooke, Mercedes Price, Debbie Von Behren, and Debbie Letsinger. While Hayden Dennis, Sean Spyres, and Matt Skyles wait their turns, Price plants a kiss on Randon Ivy, who had been told the kiss was going to be from one of the current queen candidates.

■ CHEMISTRY STUDENT MIKE Spyres shows amazement at the stretchy, foamy goop he has created in Pam Probert's class.

■ WITH THE FRONT page story to prove it, Chris Flageolle, who followed the trial from beginning to end, shows the O. J. Simpson verdict.



■ FINALLY BACK IN school on Monday after a weekend of record low temperatures which dropped to minus 15, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Aimee Williams, and Stephanie Day tromp through the remainder of the snowfall. By Friday, temperatures were in the 60s.



■ GETTING AROUND ON crutches, Hayden Dennis deals with the aftermath of a gun accident which left him shot in the foot and out of most of the basketball season.



■ EXPECTING A SMOOCH from a Homecoming candidate, Sean Spyres instead gets a kiss from past Homecoming queen Debbie Von Behren. Fellow basketball player Matt Skyles will be kissed by Debbie Letsinger.



■ COVERED WITH WHIPPED CREAM, Emily Moody takes part in the junior's game booth at the annual school carnival. Several classmates took turns taking a hit from customers who paid 50 cents for the privilege.



■ AT QUEST TRAINING held at the Lions Club building in August, elementary principal Jean Coday and high school counselor Kelly Brazeal try a lively group activity.

Accidents, weather, and events combine to give 1996 an edge

From the start, expecting the unexpected became commonplace.

Just days before school even started, an accident took the life of board of education member Bobby Blankenship, delaying the start of classes to give both faculty and students time to adjust.

Later, in two separate hunting accidents, seniors Jeff Chambers and Hayden Dennis lived to tell stories about gunshot wounds and how their lives were affected.

Weather mysteries also dominated the year, with record lows and snow days in December, January and February completely wiping out spring break and adding several days to the school calendar in May.

Throw in some surprising pep rallies, the monumental O. J. Simpson not guilty verdict, and several changes in school activity policies, and students in 1996 definitely learned to expect the unexpected.

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■ KASSY CALHOUN is on the receiving end of an unexpected kiss from sweethearts Lauren Miller and Jarod Coday in the choir's melodramas.

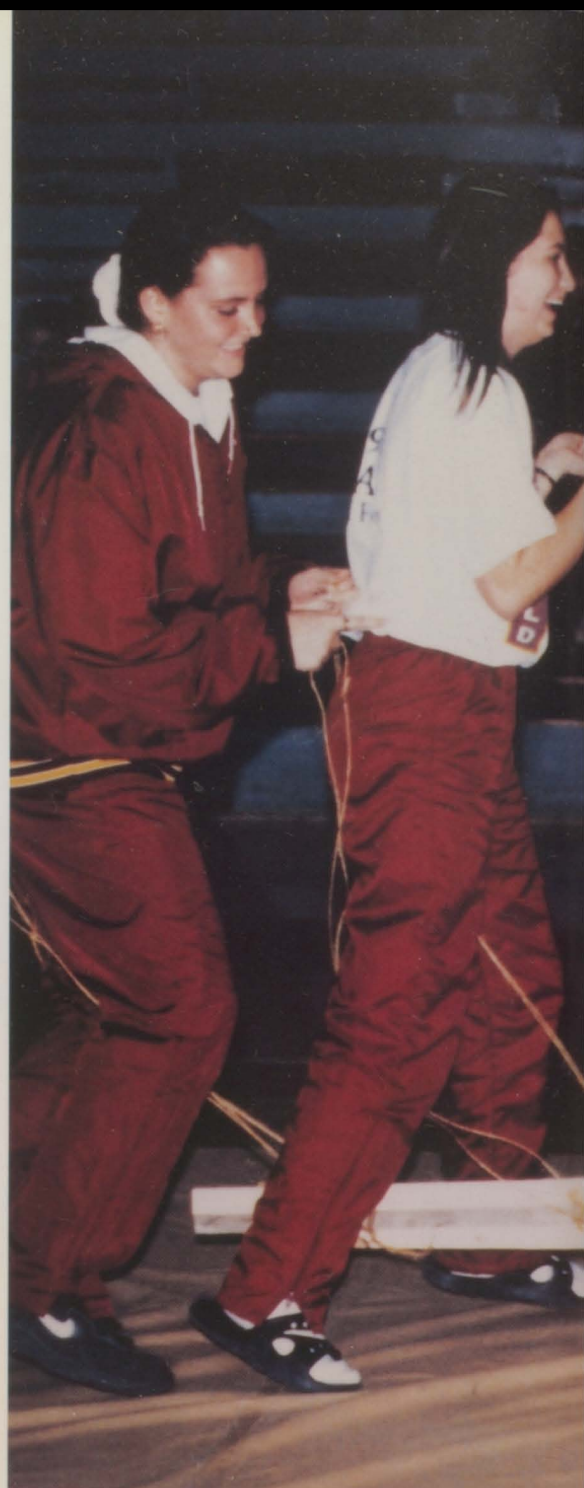
■ JEFF HANGER, JEFF Chambers, and Bobby Franks use senior strength to try and win the tug of war at Barnwarming, but the freshmen were surprise victors.



■ LAUGHING AT THEIR mistakes, Tessa Bennett, Shelly Whorton, and Sara Moody fumble their way through a pom pon routine at open house.



■ NEVER ONES TO do anything ordinary, Sean Spyres, Jenny Blaine, and Steven Welch decorate the Student Council Christmas tree for the school lobby.



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*the unexpected
in student life*

■ DURING THE CHOIR'S melodrama performance, Mike Spyres almost gives Sara Moody an unexpected dip to the floor while making a marriage proposal.





■ GIRLS' BASKETBALL PLAYERS find it takes teamwork to move together in a race with the pom pon squad and the boys' basketball team at a pep rally. Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt, Melanie Blankenship, Lauren Miller, and Jenny Blaine take a spill and have to reposition themselves.

Who knew? Surprises around every corner were what awaited MHS students all year long, or so it seemed. From Homecoming Queen candidates who had to be two places in one night, to senior basketball players getting some shocking kisses at a pep rally, to the dropping of the school-sponsored senior trip, the year kept everyone guessing right up to the end.

I never expected...

"...it to be by far the best day I had ever had at school. The whole school got out and everyone got to support the team." -- **Jason Lansdown**

I never expected...

"...the top of my head to burn so bad I couldn't comb my hair until the last day of school." -- **Roger Wood, teacher**

SUNSHINE

Afternoon game brings rare occasion

For the eighth consecutive year, the Lions won the 2A District 10 Tournament, but for the first time, the entire student body was there to witness the event.

Because school events were scheduled for the night of the Thursday game, the district championship game, held at Mansfield, started at 1 p.m. on a day blessed with lots of sunshine.

High school students were excused from classes to watch the game.

"It was a nice day, but it was really hot," sophomore Allison Arnall said. "A bunch of us sat on quilts on the hill, and I ended up getting sunburned, like a lot of other people did that day."

The championship pitted MHS against Hartville, a team which hadn't played a district championship game in baseball in 20 years.

"It was cool," junior Nick Brooke said. "I got to get out of school and cheer on my fellow classmates as they kicked Hartville."

However, the game started off slow and was scoreless until the second inning when sophomore Jeromy Brooke hit a grand slam home run and gave MHS a 4-0 lead.

In the 15-2 win, senior pitcher Matt Skyles struck out 14 Hartville batters.

To make it to the championship, Mansfield beat Forsyth, a team which had defeated the Lions during the last game of the regular season.

"We put it in our minds," junior Eric Grubbs said, "that we weren't going to let Forsyth beat us twice and end our season."

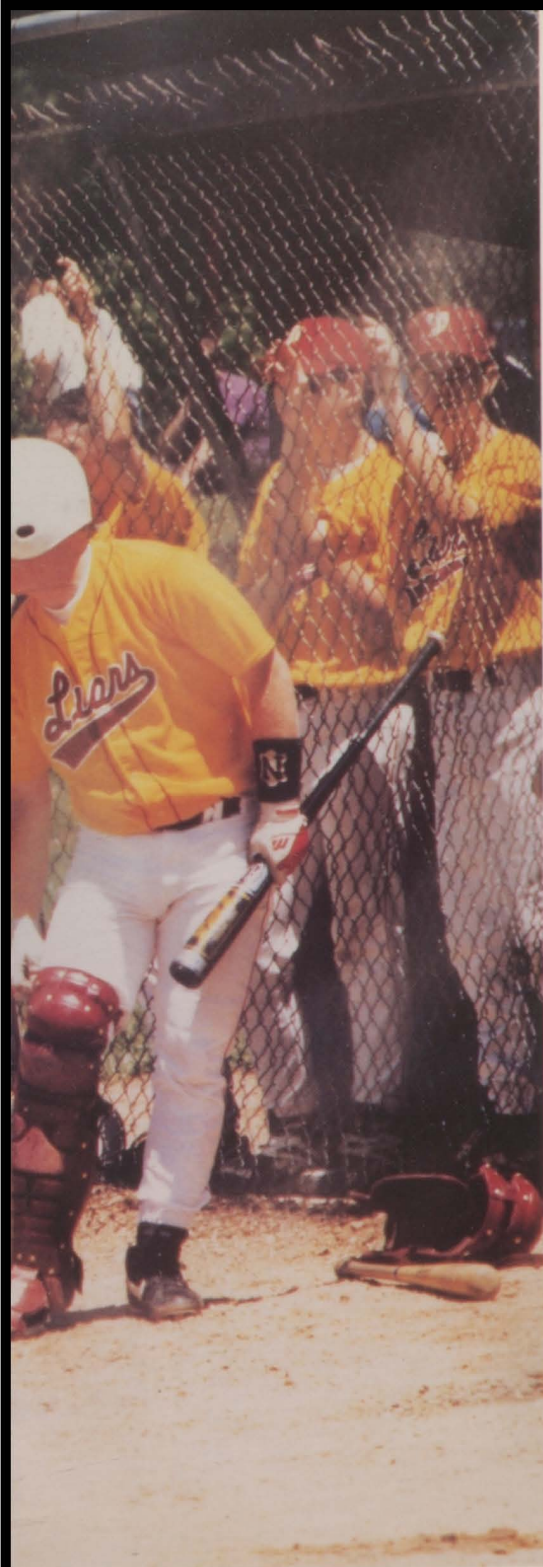
The Lions' season went on through the state playoffs as the team collected its second consecutive state championship.



"It was great to see our school have enough support to let the students out to cheer on the baseball team." -- **Lauren Miller**

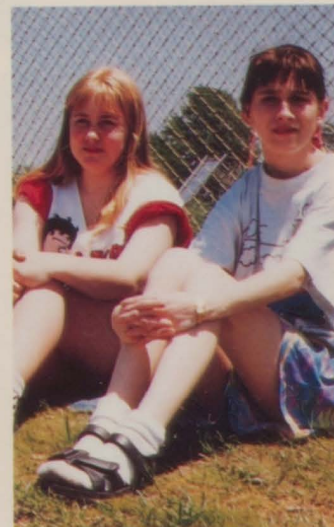


■ WHEN THE BATTER before him gets on base, catcher Steven Welch starts taking off his leg gear during the district championship game, held at Mansfield. MHS beat Hartville 15-2 to claim its eighth consecutive title.



■ A HIT BY MHS in the district championship gets a cheer from Curtis Stuart, Brandon Lansdown, Kevin Heatherly, Tracy Oberbeck, Dusty Walker, Jessica Coonce, Liz Macado, and Michelle Napier.

■ A SHADY HILLSIDE is the perfect spot for students and teachers to watch the district baseball playoff.



■ RACHEL HULL AND Erickia Cook get some sun as they watch the Lions beat Hartville in the district championship.

■ IT'S HOT ENOUGH at the game to need a cool drink, and Jeffrey Brooke uses the hose behind the baseball dugout, while Eric Grubbs waits his turn.



■ AFTER BEATING HARTVILLE 15-2, MHS players go through the traditional "good game" line. Shown are Chris Flageolle, Matt Skyles, Luke Anderson, Jason Davis, Randon Ivy, Zach Whorton, and Eric Grubbs.

I never expected...

"...in the CAD room, a baby kept hitting the buttons on the keyboard. I didn't plan on having to be a babysitter that night." --Sandy Nelson

I never expected...

"...so many people to watch us do our pom pon routines. I thought there'd only be a couple of people and the room was full." -- Bridget Keys

UPLIFTING

Open house draws bigger crowd than before

With the theme "Educating Everyone Takes Everyone," the second annual open house drew a crowd estimated at over 1,000, and provided the opportunity to see the school's new technology equipment, student work, and highlights of class and club activities.

"I couldn't believe how many people were there as soon as it started," junior Michael Spyres said. "It was so full I couldn't find a parking space anywhere."

Most high school displays were set up in the main hallway.

"I'm glad we get a chance to set up boards that show what our clubs do," senior Janet VanNess said. "It shows our parents that we're here at school not only to have fun but also to learn."

Every 15 minutes, two or three mini-events took place, and in other places, like the science room, continuous demonstrations were going on.

"Kids were in the science room constantly," said senior Heather Persinger. "They all loved the bicycle gyroscope and the Van deGraaf generator. Once they realized they weren't going to fall off or get hurt, you couldn't keep them away from them. They were still coming in when we were shutting down."

The only problem with open house seemed to be the challenge of seeing everything in an hour and a half.

"I was glad to see that a lot of parents came," said special education assistant Becky Moody. "It's a good chance for the parents to see the entire school. The trouble is having enough time to see everything and visit every room."

"Open house is lots of work, but it's a great chance for students and teachers to pull together."

-- Marsha Appleby, business teacher





■ DONNA YOUNG FINDS her shoulder-length hair gets out of control when she hooks up with the science department's Van deGraaf generator during the annual open house.



■ WITH TOES POINTED and legs straight, the MHS Sweethearts show off their new dance, "All Shook Up," to a crowd gathered in the basement to watch them perform at open house.

■ ERIC CARAMPATAN, LYDIA Chilson, and Dawn Furlong lead the woodwinds during a mini-event band performance at open house.



■ LADLE IN HAND, Michelle Napier serves punch to school district patrons who are taking a break from viewing the open house attractions.

■ DUANE KEYS GIVES Satha Kilgore instructions in the science room as he demonstrates how the rotating platform enforces the law of conservation of angular momentum. Sean Spyres is in the background.

I never expected...

"...there to be so many booths and people everywhere. The carnival has never been that big of a success." --

Melvin Thompson

I never expected...

"...that working at a carnival booth could be so dangerous. I was hit by footballs all night while at the football toss." --

Heather Persinger

EXCITEMENT

Carnival's games have something for all

Hunted hay mazes, pie throwing booths, and face-painting stands were some of the school sponsored booths that made the annual Community Teachers Association carnival a hit.

There were booths that were as traditional as the carnival itself, like the cake walk, sponsored by Future Homemakers of America.

"I always like doing the cake walk because each year I am always fortunate to win a great big, delicious cake to take home with me," senior Tessa Bennett said.

In addition to the traditional booths, there were several newcomers.

The Junior Class had a pie throwing booth. An assortment of juniors let people throw pies at their faces for 50 cents. The activity helped the class raise over \$40.

"I enjoyed getting to throw pies at Jeffrey Brooke," junior Larry Lansdown said. "It gave me a chance to let off some steam."

Another successful booth was the sophomores' "haunted" hay maze.

"The maze was made out of a ton of hay and wood," sophomore Kathy Winsor said. "It must have been really scary for little kids because it was pitch black in there."

Last year there were around 22 booths at the carnival. This year there were 36, and high school groups were largely responsible for the change.

"We had a considerable increase in high school participation this year," carnival chairman Susie Graham said. "I was very glad to see that everyone was willing to help make this the best carnival that we have ever had."



"It was funny to watch people have their faces hit with a whipped cream pie. There was whipped cream everywhere"

-- **Shelly Whorton**





■ AFTER BEING SLAMMED in the face with a whipped cream pie, Jarod Coday and Nick Brooke wait for the next person to pay 50 cents for the privilege of messing up Junior Class volunteers at the carnival.



■ STAYING BUSY AT the carnival, National Honor Society adviser Arlene Magnin and members Sara Moody and Heather Persinger take in money and give out prizes at the NHS's carnival stand, which featured the movie "Casper" as the grand prize.

■ CARNIVAL ROYALTY IS front - Preston Goss, Trishta Turley, Adam Bennett, Tiffany Cline, Bryce Matlock, Rashawnda Jackson; back - Tristan Dennis, Melanie Davis, Travis Mason, Tomi Jones, Kendall Findley, and Brittane Beggs.



■ DUSTIN WILLIS SITS quietly while his face is painted by Lauren Miller at the spirit squad's carnival booth.



■ TESSA BENNETT GETS a chance to test her artistic abilities while working at the spirit squad's face painting booth, which raised over \$65. Elementary student Nikki Jones gets her favorite design painted on her face.

■ THE SOFTBALL TOSS, being worked by Jeff Chambers, is just one of the three booths that the Senior Class had open at the carnival, hoping to help finance senior trip.

I never expected...

"...Barnwarming to be so much fun. I'm a freshmen, and it was different than I had expected. The games were great." --Curtis Stuart

I never expected...

"...the finger foods set up in the lobby to improve things. It gave us a chance to dance and play games, then eat later on." --Regina Roy

COMPETITION

Tug of war, other games challenge classes

Finding time to get bored at Barnwarming took some effort.

"I've been to Barnwarming the last three years and this was the best year ever," senior Steven Chilson said. "I danced more than I usually do and I think that made me have a better time."

Tug-of-war and roping games gave a sense of authenticity to the annual event, co-sponsored by FFA and Future Homemakers of America.

"I thought the games went over really well," junior Regina Roy said. "Some people don't like

to dance and that gave them something that they liked to do. The more people that get involved the more fun it is."

The freshmen, to some people's surprise, won a tug-of-war contest that pitted the four classes against each other.

"The tug-of-war contest was the best game we played," senior Satha Kilgore said. "But it would have been better if we had won. Instead, the little freshmen beat our butts."

Several underclassmen noticed the change from other school activities they had been involved in.

"At middle school dances no one ever danced," freshman Brandon Lansdown said. "It was nice to go to a dance that people actually got up and danced."

Kilgore and senior Julie Williams were selected as Barnwarming royalty, using the penny-a-vote method.

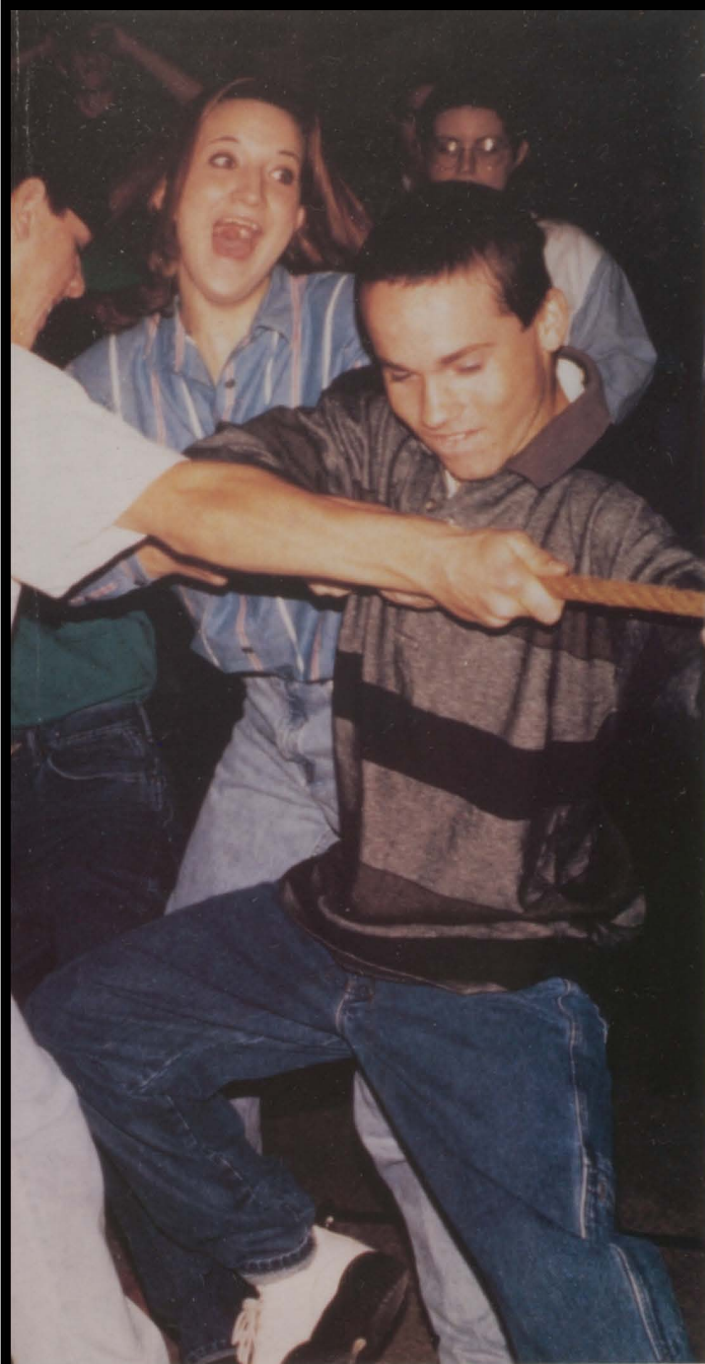
Decorations of hay bales and a corral set the mood for the rustic evening, and a snack table set up in the lobby was a popular spot for many students.



"Barnwarming was really great. The music was awesome and everyone seemed to have a great time roping and dancing."

-- Dustin Willis





■ SOPHOMORES PUT TONS of body language into their unsuccessful effort to beat the freshmen in the tug of war game. From right, Jeromy Brooke, Amanda Skyles, Adam Grubbs, Kassy Calhoun, and Jessica Copeland.



■ RACHELLE ROY TRIES her luck at roping the hay bale "bull" during the battle of the classes at Barnwarming.

■ BARNWARMING ROYALTY IS front - freshmen candidates Travis Furr and Amber Davis, sophomore candidate Jenny Moody, junior candidates Christa Choate and Nick Brooke; back - queen Julie Williams and king Satha Kilgore.



■ SENIORS BOBBY FRANKS, Steven Chilson, and Garan Kinser struggle to untangle the rope for the games.

■ FRESHMEN BOYS PULL to win against the juniors, and go on to be the tug of war champions of the night.



■ SHOWING THE STRAIN, Jeffrey Brooke and Nick Brooke are the front of the line in the Junior Class effort to beat the seniors in the tug of war.

I never expected...

"...until it was too late that I didn't know any of my lines for scene one, so I made them up as I went along."

-- Jill Adamson

I never expected...

"...that when I hit Larry Lansdown with a rubber chicken that his face would stay bright red for the whole play." -- Liz Roth

MELODRAMATIC

Two shows means double fun for audiences

Do you feel lucky? Well, do ya, punk?," ad-libbed Algernon Oakheart to Cadwallader Snipe.

Trusty Oakheart, played by senior Sean Spyres, was the perfect foil for the evil Snipe, played by junior Mike Spyres, in the choir class's rendition of "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge."

For the second year in a row, vocal music director Terry Spyres and her students brought melodrama characters to life. Some people seemed to be naturals.

"I just did whatever came to me," said Larry Lansdown, a junior. "Pa was a real hick, and I have a lot of practice at acting stupid."

Student actors worked hard to learn parts.

"I gave the part of the town drunk to freshman Shannon Wallin," Spyres said. "He really played his part to the limit. He really made an excellent drunk."

Wallin liked to ham it up for the crowd.

"I had a real fun time playing the drunk," he said. "The audience thought it was real funny when I fell off of my chair on accident, but they don't know how bad it hurt. I thought I broke my nose."

Most all of the actors had their little mistakes during the three performances.

"I totally forgot my lines at one point," junior Lauren Miller said, "but Luke Johnson, Benjamin J. Slick, continued on, even though what he said made no sense without my line."

Even the "veterans" fell to stage fright.

"Sean (Spyres) forgot his line at a key point in the climax of the final performance," junior Jarod Coday said. "He looked off stage to see if anyone could help, so I yelled the line out for him. It just made the whole scene even funnier."

"Before the performance, I couldn't find the props I needed, so I ran around the stage like a weirdo to find them."

-- Kassy Calhoun



■ JENNY BLAINE, AKA "Tarantula Tess," struts her stuff across the stage during her solo, revealing her "bad" side to the audience.



■ SURE THAT SHE'S destined for Broadway, Lauren Miller stretches to help her character, heroine Sally McDougal, hit a sour high note during the melodrama.



■ CADWALLADER SNIFE, BY Mike Spyres, tries to convince Sara Moody's Purity Snow to marry him in "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge."

■ READY TO HAVE another shot of "demon rum," Shannon Wallin is too much for Bible-reader Julie Brenner.



■ FLAUNTING HIS BICEPS, Jarod Coday, as hero Willie Singletree, is ready to take on the bad guys in "The Farmer's Daughter."

■ MA AND PA, Liz Roth, right, and Larry Lansdown, left, try to reason with the villain Luke Johnson in "The Farmers Daughter."

I never expected...

"...not being able to play my last Homecoming because I shot my foot. But my best friend wore my uniform; that helped a little". -- **Hayden Dennis**

I never expected...

"...to have less than 45 minutes to get ready for Homecoming. I worried myself into a frenzy about being late." -- **Melanie Blankenship**

CORONATION

Two candidates race from spot to spot

Needing to be at two places at once caused a couple of Homecoming Queen candidates to wish they could beam themselves from spot to spot like "Star Trek" travelers.

As members of the girls' basketball team, seniors Jenny Blaine and Melanie Blankenship were scheduled to play in the Rogersville Tournament 40 minutes away, and also participate in Homecoming back in Mansfield -- all on the same Friday night.

"All I kept thinking was that I wasn't going to get home in time to get dressed and I wouldn't be able to take a shower," Blankenship said.

The girls played Mtn. Grove and won, which meant they would play for consolation the next night.

"I was so excited about winning that I totally forgot about Homecoming," Blaine said. "Once I got into the locker room, I screamed 'I've got to hurry, I have Homecoming to go to.'"

To give the girls' time to get ready, the Homecoming ceremony was held after the varsity game instead of between games.

Senior Jennifer Jones was the third candidate. Freshman princess was Jessica Coonce, sophomore princess was Patricia Dollarhide, and junior princess was Emily Moody.

The boys lost the game to Willow Springs 80-55, and Blaine was crowned queen. She reigned on a stage decorated with a country scene, including some cardboard "barnyard animals" which many students had thought would not be appropriate for the occasion.

"I was excited about winning Homecoming Queen, but I think I was more excited when we beat Mtn. Grove," she said. "We needed the win and it felt really good to beat them."



"We griped about using the barnyard theme, but when it was done I decided it was nice to be a little different for once." --

Wendy Matlock



■ **HOMECOMING QUEEN** JENNY Blaine reigns with her court including crown bearer Adam Smith, attendant Melanie Blankenship, sophomore princess Patricia Dollarhide, junior princess Emily Moody, freshman princess Jessica Coonce, attendant Jennifer Jones, and flower girl Amanda Neal.

■ **FORMER HOMECOMING QUEEN** SHANNON Cantrell crowns new queen Jenny Blaine.



■ **FOLLOWING HER CROWNING,** Jenny Blaine accepts a bouquet of roses from past Homecoming Queen Shannon Cantrell, just before the court moves to the stage for photographs.

■ **HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATE** Jennifer Jones waits at center court with escort Sean Spyres a moment before the 1996 queen is announced.



■ **MATT SKYLES DRIVES** past a Willow Springs player, with #20 Jason Davis ready to rebound.

■ **MHS SWEETHEARTS** "Hypnotize" the crowd with pinwheels kicks by Tessa Bennett, Bridget Keys, Tracy Oberbeck, Jennifer Jones, Kim Joseph, and Shelly Whorton.

I never expected...

"...to be kissed by someone who I had for a teacher at one time. When they took the blindfold off I was so surprised." -- Sean Spyres

I never expected...

"...Debbie Letsinger to be kissing me. I though maybe my grandma, because I remember a couple of years ago when they did that." -- Matt Skyles

ASTONISHING

Pep rally surprise leaves boys blushing

Four senior boys never expected to be kissed by Homecoming Queens, "old" ones, that is.

At the Homecoming pep rally senior basketball players Hayden Dennis, Randon Ivy, Sean Spyres, and Matt Skyles were blindfolded, told the Homecoming Queen candidates were going to kiss them and they had to figure out which one it was.

Little did they know they were about to be kissed by four former Homecoming Queens, Janet Brooke, Mercedes Price, Debbie Von Behren, and Debbie

Letsinger, all school employees.

"I had no idea what they were going to do," junior Kim Joseph said. "I thought they were going to pour something on their heads or something. Watching them being kissed by old high school alumni was so much better. Everyone was laughing so hard that they had tears in their eyes."

The boys were also expecting a trick.

"I felt so stupid when I got kissed," Ivy said. "I was expecting to have something mean done to me. I never thought I was going to be kissed."

Spyres' friends enjoyed the moment.

"It was so funny watching Sean being kissed by a teacher," senior Luke Johnson said. "I told him that he was never going to live that one down. Now I have something to tease him about for the rest of his life."

Members of the audience got a real kick out of watching the boys discover who their kiss was from.

"I laughed so hard when the guys realized who had kissed them," senior Sara Moody said. "Their faces were so funny. Some were so red with embarrassment, and everyone in the crowd was laughing so hard."



"When I was Homecoming Queen, I never expected to be trotted out 27 years later for a pep rally stunt."

-- Debbie Von Behren, journalism teacher



■ AT THE HOMECOMING pep rally, the crowd gets a little lively during chants by the spirit squad.

■ SHELLY WHORTON AND Tessa Bennett lead the pom pon entry in a pep rally race trying to prove that they have more coordination than the boys' and girls' basketball teams.



■ SEAN SPYRES AND Matt Skyles show their reaction to finding out the kiss they were given while they were blindfolded came from past Homecoming Queens Debbie Von Behren and Debbie Letsinger.

■ BASKETBALL PLAYERS STEVEN Welch, Matt Skyles, Sean Spyres, Jason Davis, and Mike Spyres yell out orders trying to win a relay race against two teams of girls.



■ JOINED BY THE Lion mascot, pep band members liven up the basketball pep rally.

I never expected...

"...to win Miss Mansfield, because there were so many to choose from. All the girls in the contest looked really good." -- **Sara Moody**

I never expected...

"...to not hear my number called. I was number one and they had to call my number three times before I heard them." -- **Amanda Stacy**

PAGEANTRY

Key to success is looking cool and calm

Miss Mansfield is definitely a tradition at MHS, and Sara Moody, a senior, was chosen from a field of 11 girls in grades 10, 11, and 12 to reign as Miss Mansfield.

Miss Mansfield is sponsored by Future Homemakers of America. Contestants are judged on smiles, poise, appearance, and a pleasing attitude.

A fashion show was also held, with clothes from The Buckle.

Bridget Keys was one of the models.

"Tessa Bennett had a shirt wrapped around her shoulders that she was supposed to take off and swing around," Keys said. "When she took it off it flew out of her hands all the way to the other side of the stage. I ended up laughing hysterically."

"I was laughing and felt like an idiot because I was supposed to be modeling, but I couldn't even walk straight."

-- **Bridget Keys**



■ YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD winners are first runner-up Stephanie Medley, Young Miss Mansfield Ashley Jones, second runner-up Kendra Smith, and third runner-up Amber Moore.



■ DIVISION WINNERS in the Miss Mansfield pageant are Little Miss Mansfield Melanie Davis, Junior Miss Mansfield Kellie Harris, Miss Mansfield Sara Moody, and Young Miss Mansfield Ashley Jones.

■ MISS MANSFIELD WINNERS are first runner-up Melanie Blankenship, Miss Mansfield Sara Moody, third runner-up Amanda Stacy, and second runner-up Leslie Lynch.



■ LITTLE MISS MANSFIELD winners (middle photo) are first runner-up Audra Dierksen, Little Miss Mansfield Melanie Davis, third runner-up Brittany Borders, and second runner-up Paige Hoover.

■ JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD winners are first runner-up Donna Young, Junior Miss Mansfield Kellie Harris, second runner-up Loretta Chilson, and third runner-up Amanda Hutson.

I never expected...

"...it would take so long just to take pictures and to eat, but once the music started I had a lot of fun." --

Natasha Bailey

I never expected...

"...to be picked as Prom Queen, especially after there was a tie. When they announced the results, I was shocked." --

Michelle Roberts

JUNGLEMANIA

Juniors use wild theme to fit wild night

Welcome to the Jungle" was the theme and bright jungle decorations made the scene for Junior-Senior Prom festivities held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Putting up the jungle foliage and bright bird and animal decorations the morning of Prom became a challenge for juniors and sponsor Betsy Wight.

"At 10:15 in the morning the hotel management asked us to move to a different room in another building," Wight said. "They had inadvertently scheduled our group next to a church group who would be holding a prayer meeting that night."

Wight's negotiations with the hotel management let the Mansfield group stay in the original room, but meant that the dance could not start at 8 p.m. as usual.

"We agreed to stay in the original room, but we had to delay the dance until 9:30 p.m.," she said.

Prom King and Queen were seniors Hayden Dennis and Michelle Roberts.

Besides eating and dancing, those attending saw a slide show designed by sponsor Debbie Von Behren. It featured pictures from the current year, and from when the juniors and seniors were in elementary school.

"The slide show made me laugh, almost cry, and then made my face turn bright red," senior Niki Anderson said. "At first I thought the slides were really funny, but then they started playing the song, 'I'll Remember' and I realized that my senior year was almost over. At the end of it, they showed an embarrassing picture of me in the first grade and my emotions went from sad to extremely embarrassed."



"After all the time and effort I put into finding the right outfit for Prom, it was nice to get there and have lots of fun and laughs."

-- **Shelly Whorton**



■ GROOVIN' TO THE Village People song "YMCA" has practically become a tradition for MHS, and Trish Dalton, Faye Dollarhide, and Mica Brooke dance on chairs, while Heather Gray stays on the dance floor.



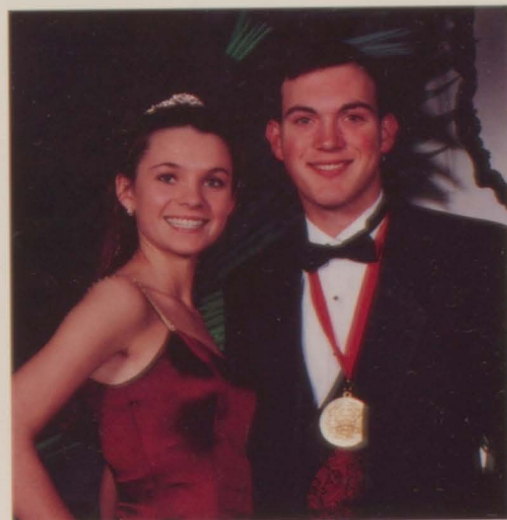
■ HAVING A GREAT time, Duane Keys and date Lisa Potter wait for their turn in the photograph line.

■ WEARING THE MAGIC sunglasses, which means he becomes the entertainment during a special game at Prom, Satha Kilgore struts his stuff in front of the enthusiastic crowd ringing the dance floor.



■ TRYING TO FIGURE out the right pose for their senior friends picture, Sara Moody, Shelly Whorton, Niki Anderson and Melanie McGaw talk to the photographer.

■ GETTING DOWN WITH the music, Liz Roth and Jeremy Corder show off a few moves on the dance floor.



■ PROM QUEEN MICHELLE Roberts and Prom King Hayden Dennis are chosen by a vote of the juniors attending the event. Roberts won after breaking a three-way tie which included Sara Moody and Niki Anderson.

I never expected...

"...that halfway through the night, the jungle trees we had worked hours on, would fall on the arch and almost ruin it." -- **Emily Moody**

I never expected...

"...to see something I never thought I'd see, Grant Williams fast dancing. I was dancing and almost fell over when I saw him." -- **Mike Spyres**

CRAZINESS

Dancing games keep Prom at a fast pace

Crazy dancing and silly picture taking set the mood for the evening as Prom-goers enjoyed a night of pure "jungle fever."

Like previous years, one of the highlights of the night was the passing around the circle of the infamous sunglasses. Whoever has the glasses when the music stops has to perform a solo dance in the middle of the floor.

When middle school social studies teacher Don Sanders ended up with the glasses, the deejay played the song "I'm Too Sexy." Sanders moon-walked, stripped off his jacket and twirled it around, and even did the splits.

"It was hilarious," senior Janet VanNess said. "I knew when he got stuck with the sunglasses that he would go out there and dance, but he got downright funky. I just started laughing and I thought, 'he's a limber son of a gun.'"

Sanders' performance kept people talking for days after Prom.

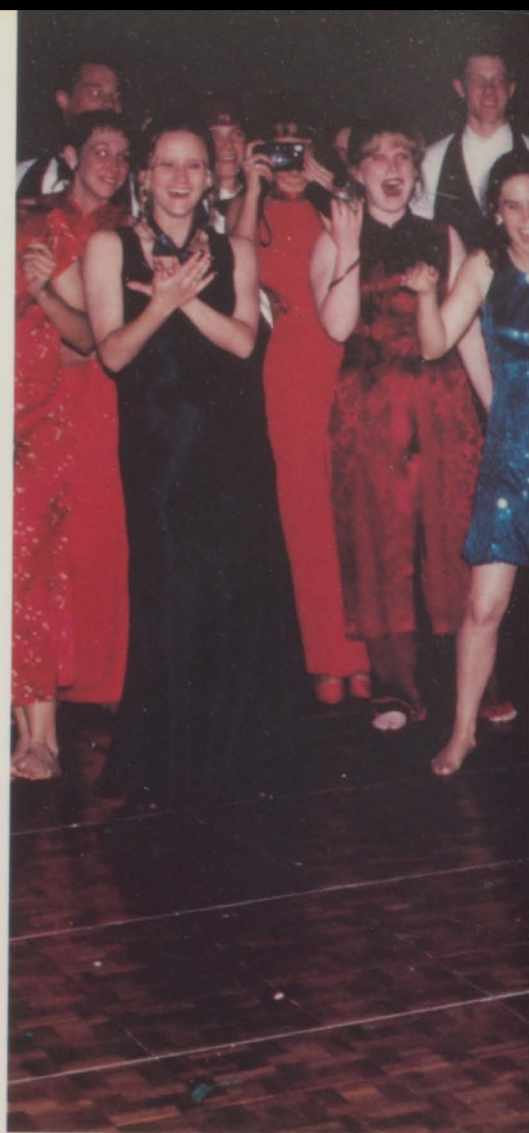
"All anyone asked me for a week was how he kept from ripping his pants," said junior sponsor Debbie Von Behren.

While students were dancing on one side of the room, others were saying cheese and posing with monkeys, toucans, and parrots.

"Everyone was doing the same old thing, so we looked around and found the toucan," sophomore Kassy Calhoun said. "I put it on Lauren (Miller's) shoulder. I knew if nothing else, we'd remember that picture forever."

Overall, students said it was a night to remember.

"I had a really great time at Prom," senior Jeff Chambers said. "It was definitely one of the highlights of my senior year."



"The fact that we couldn't start the dance music until 9:30 was a drag, but once the music got going, it was really fun." --

Stephanie Blankenship



■ TO THE CROWD'S delight, middle school social studies teacher Don Sanders wears the magic sunglasses and moon-walks to "I'm Too Sexy."

■ NICK BROOKE AND Lauren Miller strum imaginary guitars as they energetically dance to the theme song of Prom, "Welcome to the Jungle."



■ LET'S TWIST IS the general consensus as dancers at Prom decide to go back in time several decades and twist the night away.

■ STANDING ON CHAIRS for a better view, Dedra Bell and Faye Dollarhide watch Satha Kilgore take the magic sunglasses and dance, left middle.

■ THE NATIVES ARE restless and "chief" Sean Spyres leads the conga line of Brandon Lansdown, Nick Brooke, Larry Lansdown, and Wendy Matlock.

■ THERE'S MORE THAN one way to dance, as this group of boys including Jeremy Corder, Sean Spyres, Mike Spyres, Brandon Lansdown, Phillip Hull and Chris Ridens gathers in a circle to show a unique style of dancing.

I never expected...

"...to win the parenting award. Gary (Slate) and I had been competing all year, and I guess I won." -- Kathy Winsor

I never expected...

"... it to be so exhilarating to hear about myself and others winning awards for our intellectual abilities." - Chris Flageolle

RECOGNITION

"Awards Honor Students who Excel"

April 29 was set aside for awards, awards, and more awards.

That was the date of the annual academic awards night, when all subject areas presented departmental recognition.

In addition, National Honor Society installed new officers Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs, and Aimee Williams, all juniors.

"It was an honor to be selected as an officer for NHS," junior Eric Grubbs said. "I've always sat and watched the older people be installed; now it was my turn."

Academic letters were presented by counselor Kelly Brazeal.

"I was happy to receive an academic letter," junior Christa Choate said. "Although it's just a small pin it shows accomplishment."

The Mansfield Language Arts Fair and LAD Fair winners were presented trophies and certificates by English teachers Arlene Magnin, Debbie Von Behren, and Betsy Wight.

"You get a good feeling when you win for something you've worked really hard on," sophomore Ashley Blankenship said.

Some students were surprised with their winnings in the writing categories.

"I almost fell out of my chair when our group anthology won first place from the LAD Fair," freshman Bridget Keys said. "I didn't even expect it to place."

With students receiving recognition for national, state, regional, and local accomplishments, the evening was not a short one.

"I was so glad when it was over," sophomore Courtney Short said. "I mean it's great winning, but sitting for hours is not so great."

Athletic awards for all sports were presented about three weeks later.



"I didn't even begin to think that when Mrs. (Pam) Probert was announcing the Baush & Lomb award that it would go to me."

Stephanie Day

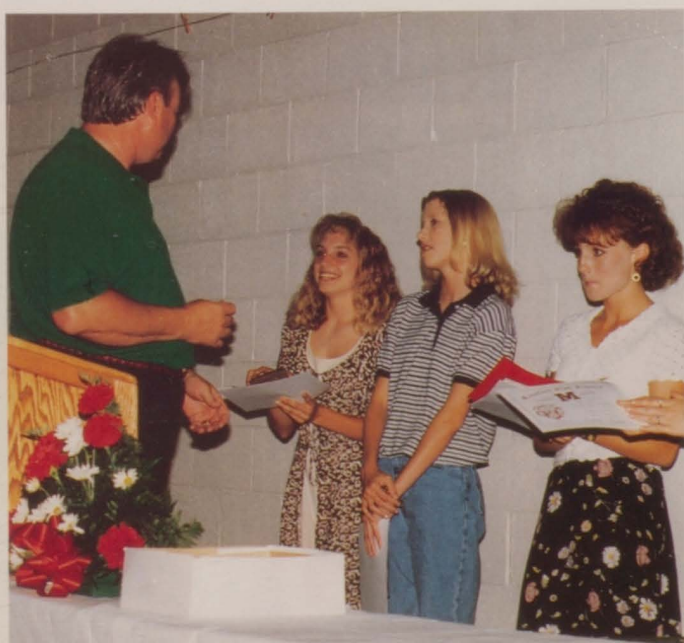


■ ENGLISH TEACHER ARLENE Magnin presents a certificate from the MHS Language Arts Fair to Shelly Whorton, at the academic awards night. Kim Joseph and Lee Barber are in the background.



■ ASSISTANT GIRLS' BASKETBALL coach Tonia Songer checks with Aimee Williams, right, to see if the letter she holds is what she should receive at the athletic awards presentation. Jenny Blaine, Niki Anderson, and Jackie Honeycutt are also receiving letters.

■ BAND DIRECTOR PHILIP Thomas presents band letters and awards at the academic awards night. Shown are Allison Arnall, Lydia Chilson, Eric Carampatan, Eric Grubbs, Scott Corder, and Mike Spyres.



■ WATCHING FOR A reaction from Hayden Dennis, Matt Skyles listens as Coach Chris Larsen talks about the gunshot injury to Dennis's foot. The injury kept Dennis from playing in several basketball games.



■ WITH SENIOR ACADEMIC letters to present, counselor Kelly Brazeal jokes around with Stephanie Blankenship, Jeff Chambers, and Bobby Franks during the academic awards night.

■ JESSICA COONCE, KINDER Pollock and Kassy Calhoun, track team members, listen to Coach Randy Short as he presents letters and honors at the athletic awards night.

I never expected...

"...that the saddest thing about graduation would be leaving all my friends and facing the real world." --

Brian Pollock

I never expected...

"...the main emotion I felt during the last days of school to be relief, because my senior year was over." --

Melanie Blankenship

GRADUATION

Class of 1996 ends high school career

Clad in the traditional maroon and white caps and gowns, 56 seniors became graduates of Mansfield High School on Saturday, May 18.

A Baccalaureate service, sponsored by the local Ministerial Alliance, was held prior to commencement.

Commencement began with a welcome from class president Sean Spyres.

Speeches were also given by Valedictorian Jenny Blaine and Salutatorian Stephanie Blankenship.

Senior sponsors recognized honor graduates Niki Anderson, Tessa Bennett, Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Duane Keys, Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Heather Persinger, Sean Spyres, Janet VanNess, and Julie Williams.

The senior chorus sang "Dreams to Dream" and "Lean On Me." Soloist Sean Spyres sang "May You Always."

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

An emotional part of the program was the presentation of three \$500 scholarships in memory of Brandon Miller, a class member who died in the fifth grade.

The scholarships were presented by his sister Tessa Miller, a sophomore, and his brother, eighth grader Zach Miller, to Nathan Carr, Jennifer Kingery, and Sean Spyres.

Other class officers were vice president Hayden Dennis, secretary Stephanie Blankenship, and treasurer Duane Keys.

The class chose the white rose as its flower, navy and white as colors, and as the motto, "It's All Good."



"Receiving the Brandon Miller scholarship was emotional for all three of us. None of us have ever forgotten him." --
Jennifer Kingery



■ VALEDICTORIAN Jenny Blaine is escorted to graduation by Sean Spyres. Blaine presented a speech, and Spyres sang a solo during the program.



■ WHILE JENNIFER KINGERY and Nathan Carr stand in tears, Sean Spyres is hugged by Tessa Miller and Zach Miller during the presentation of the Brandon Miller scholarships. The three graduates were given \$500 scholarships in memory of their classmate who died in fifth grade.

■ MEMBERS OF THE Class of 1996 applaud the solo by Sean Spyres.



■ SALUTATORIAN STEPHANIE BLANKENSHIP is escorted to graduation ceremonies by Duane Keys.

■ KAREN FARRIS AND Jim Wallace share the graduation processional, which started the 4 p.m. ceremony on a Saturday.

■ WITH TERRY SPYRES directing, the senior chorus sings "Lean on Me" during graduation.

I never expected...

"...our eighth grade graduation to be kind of sad, but I'm still excited about entering high school." -- **Serina VanNess**

I never expected...

"...much about graduation, but I'm not the type to make a big deal of it. I'm just glad that I am now officially a high schooler."

TRANSITIONS

Two groups move up the education ladder

May 21 and May 23 were two special evenings for students at Mansfield.

One of the two evenings involved a group of children who will further their education in elementary school. The other involved a group of students who will have new beginnings when they reach high school.

On May 21, 63 kindergarteners participated in graduation for the group that was billed as the high school Class of 2008.

Directed by vocal music teacher Terry Spyres, the graduation was a musical program called "Letter People Land."

Students with special parts were James Stafford, Dustin Taylor, Quentin Berry, Austin Bogart, Chandler Vogt, Chandi Harris, Morgan Scott, Kati Sherman, Chelsea Jones, Matthew Leonard, Bryce Matlock, Jessica Isbill, Rashawnda Jackson, Emily Nichols, Appleasia Hughes, Gabrielle Millard, Mike Pagel, Will Brazeal, Rebecca Freeman, Jordan McDowell, Courtney Odle, Jordan Williams, Mary Kate Phelps, and Elizabeth Woods.

Elementary Principal Jean Coday presented diplomas to the students.

On May 23, eighth grade graduation was held for 56 members of the Class of 2000.

Middle school student council president Ben Moody gave the welcome and class president Ryan Stacy gave a brief speech.

The eighth grade chorus sang "Stand By Me" and "I'll Be Your Friend Forever."

Middle school principal Freddie Doherty presented the class to Superintendent Robert Perry for diplomas.

Janisha Bennett and Sara Leonard played their saxophones for the recessional.

"Being in the eighth grade was fun while it lasted, but I have heard all the good things about being in high school so I'm really excited."

-- **Rick Weaver**



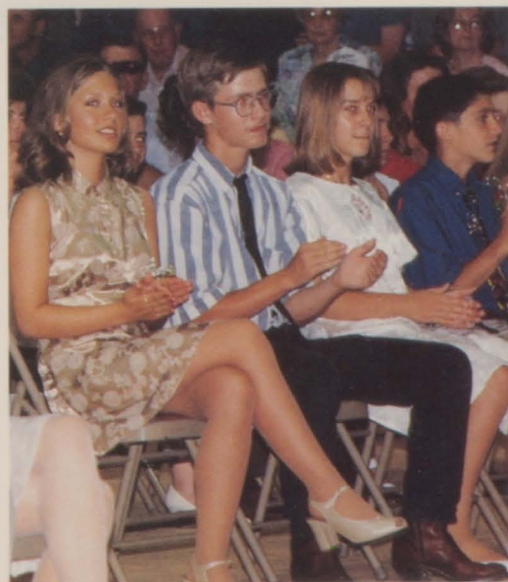


■ CASONDRA HARRIS IS escorted to eighth grade graduation ceremonies by Jay Keeling. The graduation was held on May 23.

■ DUSTIN TAYLOR AND James Stafford, front, and Austin Bogart, Quentin Berry and Chandler Vogt give the kindergarten graduation welcome, with help from program director Terry Spyres.



■ THE ENTIRE KINDERGARTEN class enthusiastically sings the "A-Choo Song" at their graduation program.



■ EIGHTH GRADERS Kristina Shropshire, John Lansdown, Kandy Kabage, and Rick Weaver applaud Ben Moody's speech at graduation for the Class of 2000.



■ DAWN HARPER AND Allen Fosness walk down the center aisle during kindergarten graduation's processional.

■ "STAND BY ME" is performed by the eighth grade chorus at their graduation ceremonies.

I never expected...

"...the umpire waited a second before he called the strike, so I had to wait. Then we just went crazy." -- **Matt Skyles**

I never expected...

"...I didn't have my best stuff early, but I hung in there and pitched better later on." -- **Jason Davis**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Lions repeat as state baseball champs

Two runs doesn't seem like much, but it was plenty for the Mansfield Lions as they repeated as the 2A state champions.

The team defeated Principia 2-0, behind junior Jason Davis, who pitched five shut-out innings before turning the game over to senior Matt Skyles, who pitched the final two innings.

"I can't say enough about Jason," Coach Doug Jones said. "He gave us what we needed."

Skyles pitched seven innings in the semifinal game, when the Lions beat Fatima 1-0. He struck out 13, breaking the state playoff record.

"Matt's the best pitcher I've ever had, and he took over the game for us," Jones said. "He did a nice job of mixing his pitches up and he threw it with some pop when he had to."

In the semifinal, senior Hayden Dennis hit a single in the third, scoring sophomore Jeremy Brooke, who had just hit a two-out triple.

"Hayden's hit was huge," Skyles said. "It got me the run I needed and it came at the right time."

In the championship, Skyles knocked in the Lions' first run on a two-out triple in the third, scoring Dennis. Sophomore Melvin Thompson's RBI single in the sixth made the score 2-0.

Principia's last batter took a called third strike from Skyles, setting off a celebration by the Lions.

"I knew it was a strike before the umpire called it," Davis said. "I was running toward Matt before the pitch got to the plate."

Mansfield joins Licking and Cape Girardeau Notre Dame as the only back-to-back state champions in class 2A.

"Last year, I wondered if we'd ever win one (state championship), and all of a sudden we've got a second one." -- **Doug Jones, coach**



■ THE STATE 2A CHAMPIONSHIP trophy is presented to seniors Randon Ivy (front), Matt Skyles, and Hayden Dennis.

■ FIVE SHUTOUT INNINGS of pitching by Jason Davis in the state championship help give MHS the 2-0 win over Principia.

■ WATCHED CLOSELY BY the Principia bench, Jarod Coday bats in the 2A state championship game, which MHS won 2-0.

■ IN THE CEREMONY on the field after the Lions won the state title, medals are presented to Luke Anderson, Randon Ivy, Matt Skyles, Chris Flageolle, Mike Spyres, Jason Brooke, and Travis Furr.



■ LIONS' TEAM MEMBERS rush pitcher Matt Skyles after the last Principia batter is called out on strikes, giving MHS the state championship.

■ LOYAL FANS CHEER on the team, making the trip to Columbia for the game. Jenny Blaine, Lauren Miller, Amber Davis, and Niki Anderson are in the front.

■ MHS IS THE repeat state winner. Front, Randon Ivy, Jeromy Brooke, Coach Doug Jones, Asst. Coach Randy Short, Matt Skyles, Jeffrey Brooke; middle, Eric Grubbs, Chris Flageolle, Melvin Thompson, Adam Grubbs, Jason Davis, Travis Furr; back, Jason Brooke, Hayden Dennis, Luke Anderson, Jarod Coday, Mike Spyres, Steven Welch.

I never expected...

"...the Terminator 2 ride to be so much fun, but the special effects they used on it were great." -- **Bobby Franks**

I never expected...

"...Kennedy Space Center to be one of the neatest places we went to. We were able to see a model space shuttle." -- **Shelly Whorton**

FLORIDA

First parent-sponsored senior trip hits the road

At the first of the school year when it was announced that the school would no longer sponsor a senior trip and a group of seniors and parents said they could raise enough money to go to Florida, many people were skeptical.

But they pulled it off.

The first week in June, about 30 graduates and about a dozen parents boarded a chartered bus for a 20-hour ride to Florida.

"The bus ride wasn't one of the better experiences that I have gone through in my life," said senior Melanie McGaw. "It was

long, boring, and there wasn't much room so my legs were cramped up the whole time."

However, the trip perked up when Florida came on the horizon.

Once there, the group sunned on the beach, visited DisneyWorld and Universal Studios and the Kennedy Space Center and other Florida attractions, and just generally had the trip of a lifetime.

Day One: A trip to Wet N Wild Water Park, plus a barbecue.

Day Two: DisneyWorld and the Magic Kingdom, plus a fireworks display over Cinderella's castle. Tinkerbell, a real person, flew down from the very top of the castle.

Day Three: Kennedy Space Center, plus a trip to the beach beside Jetty Park, where seniors had close encounters with stingrays, sea lice, manatees, and dolphins.

Day Four: Universal Studios, which featured rides like "Back to the Future" and "Terminator 2."

Each night at the hotel, the big attraction was a karaoke set-up, which the graduates gathered around with enthusiasm.

"It was amazing how Tinkerbell flew down from the castle (at DisneyWorld). She was only held up by a tiny wire."

-- **Sara Moody**



■ AFTER A DIP in the ocean at Jetty Park Beach, Sean Spyres wraps up in a warm towel on the seniors' trip to Florida in June.

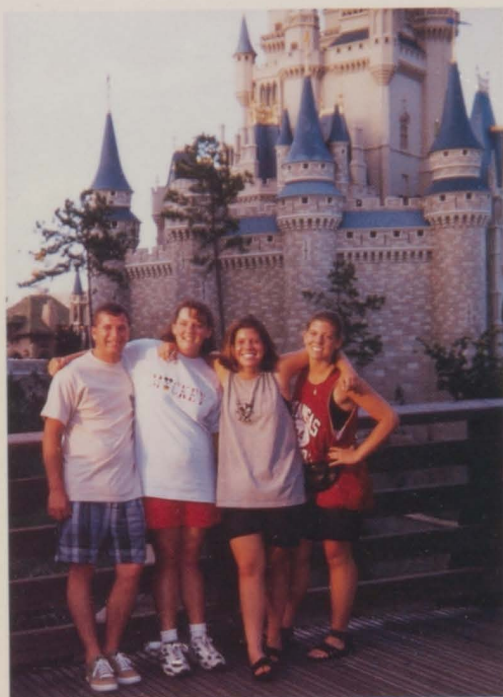
■ EDWIN SINGH, LUKE Johnson, Sean Spyres, Satha Kilgore, and Duane Keys gather around the karaoke machine at the hotel in Florida.

■ A DAY AT the beach spells fun in the sun for Duane Keys, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Sean Spyres, and Luke Johnson.



■ IN FRONT OF Universal Studios, the whole group of graduates making the senior trip to Florida stops for a group moment.

■ THIS CHARTERED BUS means transportation to and from Florida for senior trip travelers.



■ THE HOT TUB at the hotel is a popular spot for Sara Moody, Melanie McGaw, Shelly Whorton, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, and Edwin Singh.



■ DISNEYWORLD HOLDS MAGIC for Jeff Hanger, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, and Stephanie Blankenship. The popular theme park was one of several destinations on the senior trip to Florida.

■ SENIORS GATHER FOR karaoke on their Florida trip. Front - Sean Spyres, Satha Kilgore, Duane Keys, Melanie McGaw, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, Mica Brooke, Sara Moody, Stephanie Blankenship; back - Luke Johnson, Edwin Singh, David Climer, Jennifer Kingery, Shelly Whorton.

EXPECT

The unexpected

Simpson trial: 'Juice' is loose

On Oct. 3, virtually the whole nation stopped to hear the verdict of the most highly publicized trial in history.

Sports legend O. J. Simpson was acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Even President Bill Clinton took time out to hear the jury's decision, which according to the networks, was the most-watched 15 minutes in television history.

After less than one day of deliberation, the jury reached a verdict.

"I had no idea how things would turn out

because I hadn't been keeping up with what was going on," senior Jeff Chambers said.

Classes at MHS were different fourth hour on the day of the verdict.

"Mr. (Dean) Bray told us that we could watch if we wanted to," senior Mica Brooke said. "Everybody got really quiet and listened to the verdict."

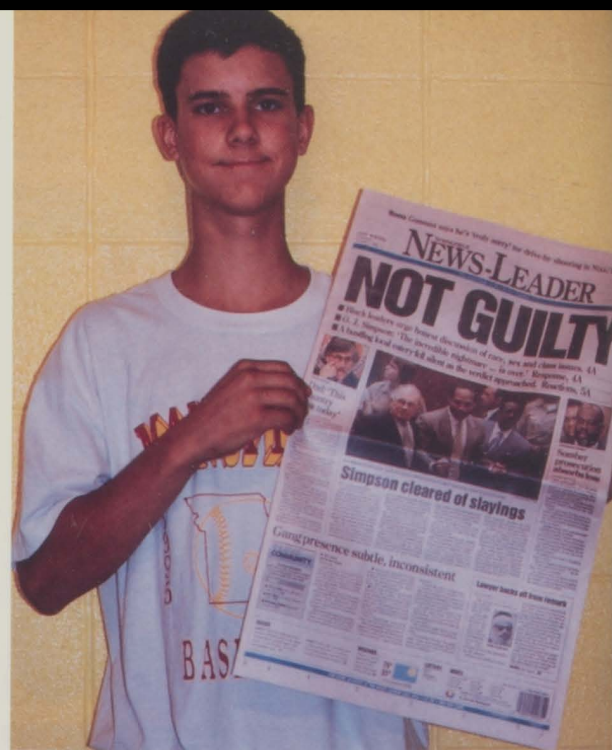
Students weren't the only ones interested. Teachers Arlene Magnin and Debbie Von Behren were at a technology conference at Tan-Tar-A at Lake of the Ozarks. During lunch break, they rushed to a restaurant with a television.

They were part of an estimated 150 million people across the country who dropped what they were doing to see the verdict.

"The waitresses stopped working and just stared at the screen like the rest of us," Von Behren said. "I didn't care that much about the outcome, but I found myself getting nervous waiting for the court clerk to get the words out."

Sophomore Chris Flageolle's sociology class also watched the verdict.

"Everybody suddenly had an opinion about what was right and wrong," he said. "They all had mixed feelings."



■ O. J. Simpson makes headlines again. Chris Flageolle holds the Oct. 4 issue of the Springfield News-Leader, which declares the verdict in three-inch high letters.

Lasting nine months, the trial was too long for many people.

"The trial wasn't worth spending that much time over," junior Dawn Furlong said.

Simpson's fame accounted for the trial's length, said senior Jeff Hanger.

"If he wasn't famous, it would have been like any other trial," he said. "It would have probably been over in one or two

weeks."

Brooke found other things to do besides watching the trial.

"It was either watch the trial or do the dishes," she said. "And I would rather do dishes."

Others were extremely interested.

"I watched the trial every day except the days I had baseball practice," Flageolle said. "I wanted to keep up with what was going on."

SWEET SWEEPSTAKES: MHS three-peats at C of O



Once again Mansfield students walked away with a load of prizes -- 13 individual trophies and the school sweepstakes trophy -- in the annual writing contest sponsored by the College of the Ozarks.

For the third year in a row, MHS repeated as the overall winner.

MHS's 13 trophies included seven firsts, three seconds, and three thirds.

First place trophy winners were Tiffany Hurst, freshman, 9/10 poetry; Amanda Stacy, junior, 11/12 poetry; Emily Moody, junior, 11/12 short

story; Allison Arnall, sophomore, 9/10 feature story; Kim Joseph, junior, 11/12 feature story; Sean Spyres, senior, 11/12 personal narrative; and Eric Carampatan, sophomore, 9/10 news writing.

Second place trophy winners were sophomore Kassy Calhoun in 9/10 personal narrative, freshman Bridget Keys in 9/10 news writing, and senior Duane Keys in 11/12 news writing.

Third place trophy winners were Duane Keys in 11/12 persuasion, junior Stephanie Day in 11/12 feature story and in 11/12 news writing.

The students spent the day on the C of O campus, where they listened to selected readings, which included Hurst's poem, Moody's short story, and Stacy's poem.

The trophies were presented at an awards luncheon.

■ Trophy winners at the College of the Ozarks Writing Contest are front - Tiffany Hurst and Stephanie Day; back - Amanda Stacy, Allison Arnall, Duane Keys, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Kassy Calhoun, and Bridget Keys.

Big Names Of

Courtney Cox	John Travolta	Michael Jordan
Lisa Kudrow	Alicia Silverstone	Noah Wyle
Jennifer Aniston	Colin Powell	George Clooney
David Schwimmer	Hugh Grant	Christian Slater
Matt LeBlond	Michael Jackson	Unabomber
Matthew Perry	Lisa Marie Presley	Sandra Bullock
Bob Dole	John Kennedy	Cal Ripkin
Robin Williams	Monica Seles	Alanis Morissette
Tom Hanks	Yitzhak Rabin	Shania Twain

Good News and Bad News...

Calvin Klein ads pulled after porn charges

When a new Calvin Klein advertising campaign hit hot off the presses, it set a fire under a vocal portion of the public, sending tempers flaring. Protestors of the ads, which were provocative because of the young age of the models, even threatened to boycott stores.

Magazines refused to print the ads which seemed to cross the line of child pornography, and Klein eventually pulled the print and television advertisements.

Seven killed in Illinois bus-train accident

On the morning of Oct. 25, a commuter train smashed into a school bus partially stopped on railroad tracks in Cary, Illinois, killing seven students age 16 or younger.

The bus was waiting for a red light while still on the railroad tracks. Witnesses described the students fleeing to the front of the bus, but to no avail. The impact caused the cabin of the bus to break away from the chassis of the bus and spin 180 degrees.

National speed limits raised to 1974 levels

Congress voted to repeal the speed limits set because of the 1974 energy crisis, and in the spring of 1996, many area highways left the 55 mph speed limit behind.

The states had the option to raise limits if they wanted to. In Missouri, four-lane roads like Highway 60 to Springfield now have a 65 mph limit.

City voters easily approved bond issue

Overwhelming support was demonstrated Nov. 7 when city voters approved a \$625,000 bond issue by a vote of 300 to 13.

Money generated will be used to buy the Tobin-Hamilton factory buildings, vacant since the shoe factory closed last year.

Senior loses finger in shooting accident

On Nov. 13, senior Jeff Chambers' life was changed forever. After a deer hunting trip, his father Larry was unloading his gun and Jeff was standing by the rear passenger door.

"When the last shell entered the chamber, it took it awhile to eject," Larry said. "It was a sound I'll never forget."

The bullet went through the back seat of the car and through the door, striking Jeff in the leg and hand.

"The bullet grazed my index finger, taking a chunk of hide so big that it went down to the bone and broke my middle finger," Jeff said. "Then it took an even bigger chunk out of my ring finger, nearly shooting my pinky off."

Two days after the accident, surgeons removed his little finger, and Chambers was back at school as soon as possible.

Science teacher Pam Probert is presented the national Tandy Technology Scholars Award by Tim McKay, from RadioShack.



Probert receives national Tandy Technology Award

Science teacher Pam Probert was named a national Tandy Technology Scholar.

"I was really surprised when I found out, because the award only goes to 100 teachers out of the whole country," Probert said.

The Tandy program honors students and teachers in science, computers, and mathematics.

The school received a trophy in Probert's honor, and she was presented a check for \$2,500.

"It is a very great honor," Probert said. "When I was at the

national conference in March, all the recipients had ribbons with Tandy Technology Scholar written on them. My friends would come up and say, 'Wow! You got the Tandy Prize.'"

Probert received the trophy from a representative from RadioShack, a division of Tandy Corporation, at the annual MHS academic awards night.

In addition to the cash award and trophy, Probert was pictured in *Time*, *Forbes*, and *Fortune* magazines.



The Write Choice

Jacob Magnin, Stephanie Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, and Duane Keys are Write Choice winners.

At a banquet at Highland Springs Country Club, Mansfield writers were honored as first place winners in The Write Choice contest.

They were sixth grader Jacob Magnin, short story; freshman Tiffany Hurst, short

poetry; sophomore Kassy Calhoun, non-fiction; and senior Stephanie Blankenship, poetry.

They each received a \$25 gift certificate.

For his writing ability, senior Duane Keys was awarded a \$250 scholarship by the Writers Hall of Fame.

SPYRES: All-State Choir



Junior Mike Spyres was chosen as a member of the 24-voice All-State Choir.

After several days of practice, Spyres, a bass, performed with the group at the state music teachers' convention at Lake of the Ozarks.

His mother, MHS vocal music teacher Terry Spyres, was also at the convention.

DOUBLE ALL- AMERICAN

For the third consecutive year, the yearbook was awarded an All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. For the first time, the newspaper also was All-American.

To receive an All-American rating, the yearbook must receive Marks of Distinction in four of the five categories and must score at least 2900 points. MHS's El Leon received Marks in every category except design and earned 3850 points out of 4000 points.

Six issues of the newspaper were judged. The Lions Gazette received Marks of Distinction in every category except photography and graphics. It earned 3546 points out of a



■ Senior staff members of the double All-American awards for newspaper and yearbook display the finished products. Clockwise from top middle, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Jennifer Kingery, Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Jenny Blaine, Shelly Whorton, Tessa Bennett, and Michelle Roberts.

possible 4000 points.

To the staff, having the Lions Gazette make All-American was a year-long project.

"One of our staff's goals last year was to try to earn an All-American rating for the newspaper," senior Melanie Blanken-

ship said. "The yearbook had earned the award before, but we wanted to be the ones to achieve this honor for the first time."

Senior staff member Jennifer Kingery also was happy about the awards.

"Whenever I see someone looking at the

newspapers and yearbooks and they say how much they like the stories or pictures, it makes me feel proud that I can say I had a part in that," she said. "Being named All-American in both the yearbook and newspaper is just icing on the cake."

GET IT WRITE: Students show abilities at local fair

In the fifth annual MHS Language Arts Fair, writing winners in 10 categories were announced at the school's annual academic awards night.

Certificates were presented to all winners, and the Best in Category winners won trophies.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Sophomores, 1st Allison Arnall (trophy); Freshmen, 1st Tiffany Hurst, 2nd Britten Medley, 3rd Donna Dollarhide.

DESCRIPTION: Seniors, 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Julie Williams, HM

Stephanie Blankenship; Juniors, 1st Christa Choate (trophy), 2nd Kim Joseph, 3rd Amanda Stacy, HM Stephanie Day, Lee Barber, Kim Joseph; Sophomores, 1st Kassy Calhoun, 2nd Ashley Blankenship, 3rd Tessa Miller, HM Natasha Bailey; Freshmen, 1st

Travis Furr, 2nd Tiffany Hurst, 3rd Britten Medley, HM Tia Pharris.

PERSUASIVE ESSAY: Seniors, 1st Duane Keys, 2nd Sara Moody, 3rd Melanie Blankenship, HM Melanie McGaw; Juniors, 1st Stephanie Day (trophy), 2nd Eric Grubbs, 3rd Lee Barber; Sophomores, 1st Kassy Calhoun, 2nd Natasha Bailey, 3rd Kathy Winsor, HM Julie Brenner; Freshmen, 1st Mandy Goss, 2nd Bridget Keys, 3rd Jamie Stepro, HM Britten Medley.

POETRY: Seniors, 1st Sara Moody, 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Brian Pollock; Juniors, 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Lauren Miller, 3rd Lauren Miller; Sophomores, 1st Adam Grubbs, 2nd Julie Brenner, 3rd Kassy Calhoun; Freshmen, 1st Tiffany Hurst (trophy), 2nd Hurst, 3rd Hurst.

SHORT STORY: Seniors, 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Melanie Blankenship; Juniors, 1st Emily Moody (trophy), 2nd Wendy Matlock, 3rd Aimee Williams; Sophomores, 1st Kassy Calhoun, 2nd Ashley Blankenship, 3rd Tessa Miller; Freshmen, 1st Tiffany Hurst, 2nd Hurst, 3rd Hurst.

BOOK REPORT: Seniors, 1st Jenny Blaine (trophy), 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Melanie Blankenship; Juniors, 1st Joanna Harris, 2nd Lauren Miller, 3rd Christa Choate; Sophomores, 1st Kathy Winsor, 2nd Allison Arnall, 3rd Eric Carampatan, HM Rachel Barber; Freshmen, 1st April Farris, 2nd Britten Medley, 3rd Bridget Keys, HM Keys.

PERSONAL NARRATIVE: Seniors, 1st Jenny Blaine, 2nd Jeff

Chambers, 3rd Sara Moody, HM Sean Spyres, Duane Keys, Melanie Blankenship; Juniors, 1st Aimee Williams (trophy), 2nd Stephanie Day, 3rd Amanda Stacy, HM Lauren Miller, Steven Welch; Sophomores, 1st Tessa Miller, 2nd Kassy Calhoun, 3rd Julie Brenner, HM Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Chris Flageolle; Freshmen, 1st Tia Pharris, 2nd Somer Golden, 3rd Tad Harvill, HM Jason Eagleston, Tiffany Hurst, Travis Furr.

NEWS STORY: Seniors, 1st Duane Keys (trophy), 2nd Stephanie Blankenship, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Melanie McGaw; Juniors, 1st Emily Moody, 2nd Stephanie Day, 3rd Day; Sophomores, 1st Eric Carampatan, 2nd Allison Arnall; Freshmen, 1st Bridget Keys, 2nd Britten Medley, 3rd Tia Pharris.

FEATURE STORY: Seniors, 1st Sara Moody (trophy), 2nd Crystal Hodges, 3rd Stephanie Blankenship, HM Sara Moody; Juniors, 1st Stephanie Day, 2nd Kim Joseph, 3rd Day, HM Aimee Williams; Sophomores, 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Courtney Short, 3rd Tessa Miller, HM Kathy Winsor; Freshmen, 1st Britten Medley, 2nd Bridget Keys, 3rd Medley, HM Curtis Stuart.

SPORTS STORY: Seniors, 1st Melanie McGaw (trophy), 2nd Melanie Blankenship, 3rd Crystal Hodges; Juniors, 1st Jeffrey Brooke, 2nd Aimee Williams, 3rd Aimee Williams; Sophomores, 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Jessica Copeland; Freshmen, 1st Tori Lockmon, 2nd Britten Medley, 3rd Tiffany Hurst.



■ Trophy winners in the fifth annual MHS Language Arts Fair are front - Stephanie Day, Aimee Williams, Duane Keys, Emily Moody, Jenny Blaine; back - Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Allison Arnall, Christa Choate, Tiffany Hurst.

Big TV Shows Of

Friends	Mad About You	Seinfeld
Frasier	The Nanny	3rd Rock from the
ER	Ned & Stacy	Sun
Murder One	Living Single	The Client
Mad TV	David Letterman	Baywatch
Party of Five	Home Improvement	Wings
Melrose Place	X-Men	Drew Carey
Single Guy	The Simpsons	JAG
Ellen	Fresh Prince	Cybill

Pride of MHS...

Musicians chosen for All-District Choir

Senior Sean Spyres, juniors Mike Spyres and Liza Stovall, and sophomore Julie Brenner were chosen for All-District Choir in a tryout at Rogersville. They performed at Evangel College in Springfield on Nov. 4.

Brazeal selected to head crisis team

Counselor Kelly Brazeal was chosen as the Area 4 and 5 Crisis Team Leader. Her responsibility was to receive all crisis calls from a 10-county area and then put together teams of counselors to go to the affected school to help deal with the situation.

Climer attends statewide business seminar

David Climer, a senior, was one of 225 students in the state chosen to attend Missouri Business Week. The week-long seminar took place at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Blaine, Spyres are Heisman state finalists

Seniors Jenny Blaine and Sean Spyres were chosen as part of the 10 female and 10 male finalists in Missouri for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, in its second year. They each received bronze medals. The award is based on scholarship, awards and honors, athletic ability, and community service.

Singers selected for Drury Honor Choir

After tryouts, seniors Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, and Ricky Boutell; juniors Mike Spyres and Jarod Coday; and sophomore Eric Carampatan were selected to perform with the Drury Men's Honor Choir.

Blankenship wins essay contest scholarship

Senior Melanie Blankenship won first place in a essay contest sponsored by an area physical therapy group. For her winning entry, she received a \$100 college scholarship.

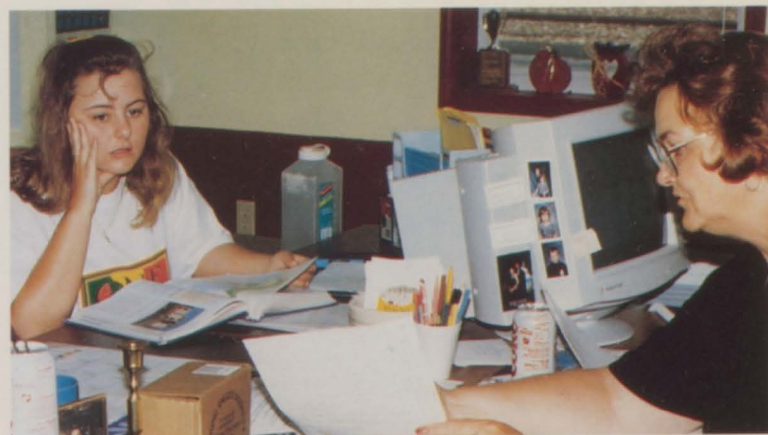
Juniors chosen for Nebraska science meet

Juniors Stephanie Day, Christa Choate, and Jeremy Corder were selected to attend the High School Scholars Research Symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska. Only 20 students are chosen to attend, and Day was one of only 10 who were selected to present their science projects to the group.

Sophomore picked to be HOBY representative

Ashley Blankenship, a sophomore, attended the HOBY Leadership Seminar, designed to motivate and develop future leaders. Each school is allowed to choose one sophomore for the trip.

Alternative school student Christy Hastings goes over a lesson with teacher Kathy Barnett.



Alternative school has 12 'grads' for Class of 1996

Successful in its first year, in its second it surpassed itself, helping 12 students to graduate who might not have without the program.

The program is Mansfield's alternative school, taught by Kathy Barnett. As its name implies, it's a change from the traditional high school schedule.

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

"To find an alternative schooling system in a school of our size is especially rare," Barnett said. "Any time you help one kid graduate you know your

time has been worthwhile."

In alternative school, students may finish up to 10 credits a year. They do their work in a special classroom instead of changing classes each hour.

Some students have come back after having dropped out, and others might be in alternative school for medical reasons.

Students who graduated with the help of alternative school were Dedra Bell, Misty Clanton, Marc Farris, Karen Farris, Crystal Hodges, Satha Kilgore, Michelle Moody, Jaimie Patton, Lisa Pierson, Edwin Singh, Rachel Thomas, and Natasha Young.



BLANKENSHIP: Academic All-Star

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

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

Featured speaker was Gov. Mel Carnahan.

About 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.

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

FFA banquet held to honor outstanding ag achievements

Surrounded by decoration of bright yellow and blue, FFA members and their parents gathered in the multipurpose room one night in May to honor the accomplishments of the chapter members.

Stan Coday, who was in his first year at Mansfield High School as agriculture teacher, was master of ceremonies for the occasion.

A slide show honored the members of the group, and showed a variety of activities students had participated in during the year.

New officers were installed in a special ceremony, and several prizes were given away for the results of mock judging

contests similar to ones the FFA members were in.

Special awards were presented, and included the following.

Chapter Farmer - Gary Slate;

State Farmer - Garan Kinser;

Proficiency Awards - Nathan Carr, Bobby Franks, John Roberts, Garan Kinser, Julie Williams, Jeff Hanger;

Star Greenhand - Jason Eagleston;

Star Chapter Farmer - Gary Slate;

Outstanding Junior - Stephanie Day;

Outstanding Senior - Garan Kinser;

Outstanding Member - Bobby Franks;

Honorary Chapter Degree - Kelly Brazeal.



■ Above, Garan Kinser is honored by adviser Stan Coday at the FFA banquet for attaining the rank of State Farmer.

■ Top left, Stephanie Day receives the Outstanding Junior Award from adviser Stan Coday.

■ Left, Bobby Franks is honored as the Outstanding Member of the Year by FFA adviser Stan Coday.

Awards night honors the top students in academics



Before an audience of about 300 people, students were presented academic awards. They included the following.

ART: Art I - Stephanie Maxwell and Emily Bray; photography - Jeff Hanger; Art III - Hayden Dennis.

BUSINESS: Entrepreneurship - Gina Penn; computer applications - Duane Keys and Niki Anderson; accounting - Melanie McGaw, Shelly Whorton, and Christy Matney; keyboarding - Lydia Chilson (semester) and Allison Arnall (year); office tech - Kathy Winsor; FBLA Member of the Year - Christy Matney.

ENGLISH: English I - Tiffany

Hurst, Britten Medley, Bridget Keys, Mandy Goss, Travis Furr, Zach Whorton; English II - Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan, Chris Flageolle; English IV - Jenny Blaine, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship; Freshman Writer of the Year - Tiffany Hurst; runner-up - Britten Medley; Sophomore Writer of the Year - Allison Arnall; runner-up - Kassy Calhoun; Junior Writer of the Year - Stephanie Day; runner-up Aimee Williams; Senior Writer of the Year - Jenny Blaine and Melanie Blankenship (tie); runner-up - Sara Moody.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES: Julie Brenner, Jenny Blaine, Stephanie Day, Karen Farris, Dawn Furlong, Mandy Goss, Gary Slate, Zach Whorton, and Kathy Winsor.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY: Computer aided drafting - Steve Chilson, Edwin Singh; computer technology - Julie Brenner; Woodworking I - Joanie Fulbright; Woodworking II - Christy Matney; Overall - Steven Chilson.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: Most Improved - Emily Bray; Patrick Gilmore Award - Luke Johnson; John Phillip Sousa Award - Sean Spyres; Flute - Emily Bray; Trumpet - Mike Spyres; Percussion - Luke Johnson; Clarinet - Eric Carampatan; Trombone - Adam Grubbs; Baritone - David Climer; Baritone Sax - Jeremy Corder; Tenor Sax - Eric Grubbs; Tuba - Sean Spyres.

JOURNALISM: Story of the Year - Duane Keys; Senior Reporter of the Year - Duane Keys; Jun-

ior Reporter of the Year - Stephanie Day.

LANGUAGE: French I - Stephanie Day and Christa Choate; Spanish II - Julie Williams.

MATH: Applied Math I - Nathan Hanger; Applied Math II - Billy Bailey; Pre-Algebra - Britten Medley, Rachel Hull; Algebra I - Jason Eagleston, Mandy Goss; Algebra I - Stephanie Maxwell, Luke Anderson; Algebra II - Julie Brenner, Joe Sears; geometry - Christa Choate, Lee Barber; math analysis - Niki Anderson, Duane Keys, Heather Persinger.

SCIENCE: Biology I - Eric Carampatan, Julie Brenner, Courtney Short, Kassy Calhoun; Biology II - Christa Choate; chemistry - Christa Choate, Stephanie Day; physics - Duane Keys.

SOCIAL STUDIES: American History - Tia Farris, Devon Furlong, Luke Anderson, Zach Whorton, Somer Golden; world history - Gary Slate, Julie Brenner, Eric Grubbs; sociology - Stephanie Blankenship; government - Regina Roy, Sara Moody, Joe Sears; economics - Niki Anderson; geography - Niki Anderson; modern European history - Heather Persinger.

VOCAL MUSIC: Drama Newcomer - Larry Lansdown; Choir Newcomer - Rachelle Roy; Most Improved - Eric Carampatan; Outstanding Vocalists - Mike Spyres, Julie Brenner; Overall Accomplishment - Sean Spyres.

MISCELLANEOUS: Student Council Member of the Year - Duane Keys; America Legion Awards - Duane Keys and Melanie Blankenship.



■ Top, Christy Matney is given the outstanding FBLA member award by sponsor Marsha Appleby; above, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Tad Harvill, Mandy Goss, Jason Eagleston, and Adam Grubbs receive writing awards from Betsy Wight.

Big Movies Of

Seven	Braveheart	The Usual Suspects
Apollo 13	Judge Dredd	
Twister	Twelve Monkeys	Bridges of Madison County
Pocahontas	Before Sunrise	The Scarlet Letter
Batman Forever	French Kiss	Waterworld
Babe	Now and Then	First Knight
Sense and Sensibility	Toy Story	The Postman
Waiting to Exhale	Clueless	Fair Game
	Get Shorty	

Pride of MHS...

Both publications win All-Missouri awards

The El Leon was named All-Missouri for the 14th consecutive year, and the Lions Gazette, the school newspaper, was named All-Missouri for the 16th consecutive year.

Blaine wins speech contest scholarship

Senior Jenny Blaine was the first place winner in an oratorical contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Contestants recorded their speeches at a radio station. Blaine won a \$500 scholarship, and second place winner Liza Stovall, a junior, won \$250.

Ten MHS students are All-Ozarks Journalists

Ten students were named All-Ozark Journalists. They were seniors Tessa Bennett, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Crystal Hodges, Duane Keys, Jennifer Kingery, Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Michelle Roberts, and Shelly Whorton.

They had to have won at least one national journalism award or two state or regional awards, plus meet other qualifications.

Juniors awarded science research grants

Juniors Stephanie Day and Christa Choate won national science grants. Day won \$300 from Marion-Merrell Dow; Choate won \$50 from the American Association for Advancement of Science.

Parent-teacher group, VOICES, formed

VOICES, Volunteer Organization Involved in the Community's Educational System, was formed in December. The group is a parent-teacher organization, and met monthly.

Von Behren wins Communicator of Year award

At the Missouri Press Women state convention, Debbie Von Behren, public information director, was honored as state Communicator of the Year. She was also elected second vice president of MPW. Von Behren had 12 winning entries in the state contest, and two of those entries went on to win first and second places in page design in the National Federation of Press Women contest.

Stephanie Day wins Bausch & Lomb award

Junior Stephanie Day was named local winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award. The bronze medals are presented each year to winners at 6,500 schools across the country.

For second year, Stovall wins speech contest

Liza Stovall, a junior, won the local level of the American Legion Oratorical Contest for the second year in a row. Stovall went on to win second in the county level of the contest.

■ Emily Moody reads an excerpt from her short story "The Day Nanna Cut the Hay" at the Writers Express author's tea.



Author's tea held to honor Writers Express efforts

On Tuesday, May 24, members of Writers Express and their parents met in the library for the school's first author's tea.

Writers Express was a year-long program for gifted writers, and was funded by a \$5500 grant written by Debbie Von Behren.

At the author's tea, several members of the group read poems, descriptive pieces, and excerpts from short stories for their parents and the other guests.

Readers included Emily Moody, Emily Bray, Ashley

Blankenship, Eric Carampatan, Mandy Goss, and Tiffany Hurst.

At the end of the program, the 24 members of the group presented their parents with personal anthologies they had written and bound into book form, and a Writers Express anthology was also given to each family.

Earlier in the year, Writers Express members met in Springfield with authors Sandy Asher, Suzann Ledbetter, and David Harrison. Later in the day, they were each given \$20 for a shopping spree at Barnes and Noble Bookstore.



■ Sara Moody, Tiffany Hurst, and Jason Eagleston help themselves to cookies and candies at the end of the Writers Express author's tea program of readings of student writing.

Let it snow!

Thanks to several feet of snow and temperatures hovering at zero, Mansfield students missed a total of 12 days of school in December, January, and February.

For Mansfield students and parents, possibly the worst day of the winter onslaught was Thursday, Jan. 18. The day before, the temperature reached a high of 66 degrees, but by 6 p.m. Thursday temperatures had dropped to 6 degrees, with the wind chill factor at 35 degrees below zero.

When the buses started running routes on Thursday morning, it was raining. But by the time the buses began arriving, the rapidly falling temperature had turned the rain to ice. For the first time in recent memory, school was dismissed at 8:45 a.m.

"My mom brought me to school, but she didn't want to because she

didn't think that we would stay all day," junior Dawn Furlong said. "I was told to go home before I even got in the door."

Principal Jerry Armstrong was one of the school officials heading students back home.

"I was meeting kids at the door and telling them to go home as soon as they got here," he said.

In another unusual occurrence, classes were canceled three days in December for bad weather. This postponed second quarter finals until after the holiday break.

The vacation was scheduled to end on Jan. 2, but classes did not resume until Jan. 10. Ten to 12 inches of snow fell on Jan. 1, covering the ground and refusing to melt during a series of days when the wind chill factor was well below zero.

That left several days for students to spend



■ Science teacher Doug Jones, right, shows off the snow family that he and his real family made during the first week of January, when Mansfield students got the whole week off unexpectedly. Shown are Colton, Evan, and Calleen.

doing whatever.

"Me and a bunch of my friends went sledding in a field close to my house late at night," junior Jeremy Corder said. "We tied the sleds to the back of my car and we all almost died, but it was great anyway."

Junior Amanda Stacy was in on the activities.

"First I was behind Jeremy's car on this ancient, old sled," she

said. "About two minutes after take-off, the cord tied to the car broke and the sled ran over my leg. I rolled around in the snow and nearly got frostbite."

Finals set for Dec. 20, 21, and 22, weren't until Jan. 15 and 16.

Students and teachers alike weren't optimistic about the delay.

"The long break was devastating to finals," math teacher Susan Gress-

man said. "Grades weren't as good as they would've been if we had taken them before Christmas."

Sophomore Natasha Bailey worried about grades.

"I dreaded coming back to school because I knew we would have finals," she said. "It had been so long since I had even been to class that I was afraid I'd forgotten everything."

LION PRIDE: 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: Newcomer Award - Jessica Coonce; MVP - Sean Spyres.

TRACK: High Point Boy - Scott Corder; High Point Girl - Kim Joseph.

VOLLEYBALL: Top

Server - Liz Roth; Top Hitter - Kim Joseph; Best Defense - Melanie McGaw; Hustle Award - Liz Roth; MVP - Liz Roth.

SOFTBALL: Hustle Award - Jackie Honeycutt, Emily Bray; Top Hitter - Niki Anderson; Best Defense - Wendy Matlock; Best On Base Percentage - Sarah Walker; Most Improved - Tia Pharris; MVP - Niki Anderson.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Hustle Award - Aimee Williams; Most Improved - Niki Ander-

son; Best Defense - Jenny Blaine; MVP - Jenny Blaine.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Most Improved - Sean Spyres; Hustle Award - Hayden Dennis; Best Defense - Matt Skyles; MVP - Matt Skyles.

A SPORTING CHANCE: Senior Award - Ricky Boutell.

BASEBALL: Top Batting Average - Matt Skyles; Least Strike Outs - Matt Skyles; Best Defense - Steven Welch; MVP - Matt Skyles.

■ Top, MVP Sean Spyres is congratulated by cross country Coach Randy Short; above, Coach Roger Wood presents softball's MVP award to Niki Anderson. At her right are Jackie Honeycutt, Jill Adamson, Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy, and Amanda Skyles. Right, Ladonna Liles, Robert Pratt, Roy Liles, and Robert Rippee receive athletic letters for A Sporting Chance.



Big Events Of

The Internet and The Web become household words

The Atlanta Braves win the World Series

Christopher Reeve is paralyzed after a riding accident

The federal government shuts down

The Blizzard of '96 hits

Dallas Cowboys spend \$35 million for Deion Sanders

George Reville is convicted of murdering his wife

Blue M & M's are added to the popular candy

Colin Powell decides not to run for President

LAD Fair Winners

Mansfield High School writers pulled in 77 awards in the Southwest Missouri LAD Fair. Over 100 schools competed in over 75 categories ranging from poetry to journalism.

High school writers were divided into two age levels, grades 9 and 10, and grades 11 and 12. First and second place winners are:

■ **FIRST PLACE:** Tiffany Hurst, autobiography 9/10; Stephanie Blankenship, description 11/12; Allison Arnall, literary analysis of character 9/10; Jenny Blaine, literary analysis of conflict 11/12; Ashley Blankenship, literary analysis of theme 9/10; Stephanie Day, literary analysis of theme 11/12; Kassy Calhoun, personal experience narrative; Jenny Blaine, personal opinion 11/12; Stephanie Day, persuasion 11/12;

Allison Arnall, prose anthology individual 9/10; Allison Arnall, prose and poetry anthology individual 9/10; Tiffany Hurst, long free verse 9/10; Tiffany Hurst, acrostic 9/10; Stephanie Blankenship, long free verse 10/11; Tiffany Hurst, short narrative poetry 9/10; Shelly Whorton, short narrative poetry 11/12; Tiffany Hurst, short rhymed poetry 9/10;

Jessica Copeland, journalism feature 9/10; Kim Joseph, journalism feature 11/12; Eric Carampatan (tie), journalism news story 9/10; Allison Arnall, (tie) journalism news story 9/10; Stephanie Day, journalism news story 11/12; Melanie McGaw, journalism sports story 11/12;

Christy Matney, Sarah Walker, Gina Penn, Dawn Furlong, poetry anthology, small group 11/12; Christa Choate, Jill Adamson, Lauren Miller, Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, prose anthology, small group 11/12; Tiffany Hurst, Britten Medley, Bridget Keys, Tia Pharris, April Farris, Donna Dollarhide, Somer Golden, Tori Lockmon, prose anthology, class 9/10;

Magnin, Von Behren, and Wight English classes, poetry anthology, school; Magnin, Von Behren, and Wight English classes, prose anthology, school; Lions Gazette, school newspaper;

■ **SECOND PLACE:** Bridget Keys, letter 9/10; Melanie Blankenship, description 11/12; Britten Medley, fictional journal 9/10; Donna Dollarhide, personal journal 9/10; Tessa Miller, literary analysis of conflict 9/10; Bridget Keys, literature-related newspaper 9/10; Amanda Stacy, personal experience narrative 11/12; Britten Medley, persuasion 9/10; Sara Moody, persuasion 11/12; Emily Moody, short story 11/12;

Tiffany Hurst, biopoem 9/10; Stephanie Blankenship, haiku 11/12; Tiffany Hurst, long rhymed poetry 9/10; Jenny Blaine, short free verse 11/12; Christa Choate, short narrative poetry 11/12; Tiffany Hurst, short rhymed poetry 9/10;

Allison Arnall, journalism feature 9/10; Stephanie Day, journalism feature 11/12; Jeffrey Brooke, journalism sports 11/12;

Allison Arnall, Tiffany Hurst, Britten Medley, Bridget Keys, prose and poetry anthology, small group 9/10;

Eric Grubbs, Lee Barber, and Steven Welch, prose and poetry anthology, small group 11/12;

25 YEARS TIMES FOUR



■ Special programs director Dorothy Wallace is honored at the academic awards night for 25 years with the school district. Making the presentation is Superintendent Robert Perry, who also presented crystal apple awards to teachers Susie Graham, Frances Coday, and Josie Adamson for their 25 years of service.

School board member's death delays start of school

Tragedy struck a family with close ties to the Mansfield school district just days before classes were set to open for the year.

Robert Blankenship, a member of the board of education, was on a golf outing in Branson with other board members and administrators on Saturday, August 19 when a severe storm struck before they had time to get off the golf course.

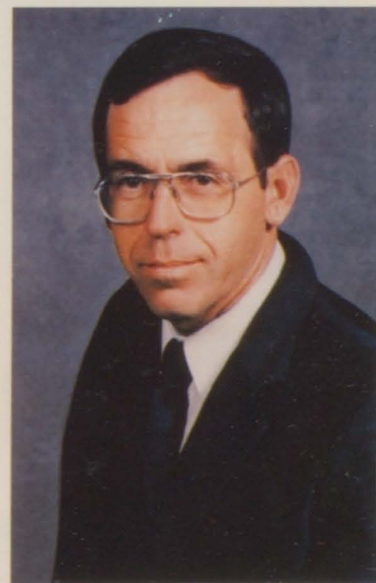
A tree was uprooted and fell on the golf cart Blankenship was riding in, and he was killed instantly.

Joe Neal, husband of board member Nancy Neal, was in the cart with Blankenship and was hospitalized with serious injuries.

School was scheduled to start on Wednesday, August 23, but was delayed until Monday, August 28 to allow time for his family and school employees to deal with the tragedy.

Funeral services were held in Ava on Tuesday, August 22.

Blankenship was a graduate of Mansfield High School and



Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Vicki, the middle school English teacher; and daughters Stephanie and Melanie, seniors; and Ashley, sophomore.

■ STOPPING IN FRONT of the town square, J. R. Penn, right, and Colleen Cook perform a lively holiday tune during the town's Christmas parade.



■ DURING THE AWARD ceremony of the 15-school Future Business Leaders of America district contest held at Mansfield, David Climer accepts his Mr. FBLA certificate.



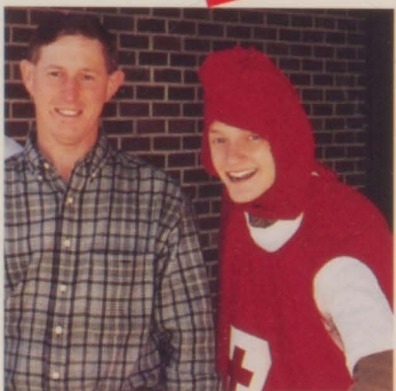
■ FOUR YEARS AS a member of the MHS Sweethearts pom pon squad makes it natural for Sara Moody to flash a smile as she performs, along with Tessa Bennett.



EXPECT

*the unexpected
in organizations*

■ WITH LARRY CORDER on his way to the Bloodmobile, Student Council member Nick Brooke, dressed as a Red Cross "blood drop" can try to drum up some more donors.





■ MEAN VILLAIN CADWALLADER Snipe, played by Mike Spyres, right, tries to rid himself of urchins Ricky Boutell, Joanie Fulbright, Jessica Coonce, Jill Adamson, Rachelle Roy, and Dustin Willis in the choir's performance of the melodrama "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge."

The director breaks her arm, but the show goes on, at least for members of the melodrama play casts. Fifteen schools sign up to enter a contest at Mansfield, but no sweat, FBLA has it organized to the hilt. There's a red blob running around the school? Don't worry, it's time for Student Council's annual blood drive. Nothing ordinary, that just wouldn't be Mansfield.

DURING FOOD FOR America, FFA member Nathan Carr shows elementary student Justin Hudson how to lead a calf.

TRISH DALTON GETS a face-full of whipped cream when Julie Williams makes her kiss what was supposed to be an FFA manual.



WITH A PAN

of whipped cream, Bobby Franks waits to shove it in a Greenhand's face during FFA initiation. Watching are Randon Ivy, Nelson Greenwood, Jeff Hanger, Jason Lansdown, and Ely Lansdown.



AS AN OPEN house demonstration, Gina Turley and Crystal Beggs show the correct procedure for artificially inseminating a cow.

WITH TEAMWORK, GARA Kinser and Bobby Franks prepare sausage for the annual FFA Businessmen's Breakfast.



FHA MEMBERS MELANIE McGaw, Shelly Whorton, Kim Joseph, and Sara Moody present a puppet show about safety to elementary students.



EXPECT THE BEST FROM

FFA

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Each year, FFA presents Food for America to elementary students. The presentation is given to enhance students' knowledge on general agriculture and expose them to different animals.

Students were led from station to station, listening to FFA students talk about what was at their station. Demonstrations varied from letting kids sit on a donkey to making home-made ice cream.

BEST STORY:

FFA members participate in annual career development events each spring. Contests areas vary from livestock judging to poultry.

Members go to practice contests in preparation for district contest at SMSU-Springfield. If teams get in the top designated number of teams in the district, they advance to state.

The poultry team, junior Regina Roy and seniors Janet VanNess and Julie Williams, was the only Mansfield team which qualified to participate in state competition in Columbia. The team placed eleventh in state and received a Group I rating. Roy received a Group I individual rating as well.

MEMBERS SAY:

"This year I was a group leader. It was great to see the reaction on the little kids' faces when they experienced something for the first time, like making homemade ice cream. It's a good way to get the little kids involved in FFA." -- *Jeff Chambers, senior*

"I had chickens at my station. I let the kids pet them and ask any questions that they had. Some of their questions didn't make a lot of sense, but I tried to do my best to answer them. At the end of one group of kids, the chickens got out of their cages. Everybody was running around trying to catch them." -- *Bill Chilson, junior*

"It's always fun to see the reactions of kids and know they enjoyed the day." -- *Stephanie Day, junior*

FFA



FFA. Front - Stan Coday (adviser), Regina Roy (chaplain), Nathan Carr (vice president), Bobby Franks (historian), Garan Kinser (president), Jeff Chambers (treasurer), Stephanie Day (secretary); Row two -- Gary Slate, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, Billy Chilson, Steven Chilson, Randon Ivy, Janet VanNess, Julie Williams; Row three -- Tori Lockmon, Carol Kelley, B.J. Henry, Marc Farris, Karie DeChenne, Gina Turley, Crystal Young, Dawn Furlong; Row four -- Shelly Evans, Kim Phippen, Cindy Dalton, Trish Freeman, Jason Lansdown, John Roberts, Robby Baugh, Britten Medley, Somer Golden; Back -- Brandon Edmonds, Matt Adamson, Trish Dalton, Bobby Hunsucker, Tad Harvill, Crystal Beggs, April Farris, Devon Furlong.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



Future Homemakers of America. Front - Julie Carr (adviser), Jennifer Kingery (president), Tessa Bennett (vice president), Melanie McGaw (vice president), Jennifer Jones (treasurer), Kassy Calhoun (reporter), Kati Williams (secretary), Kim Joseph (vice president), Wendy Matlock (historian), Tessa Miller (historian); Row two -- Shelly Whorton, Michelle Roberts, Niki Anderson, Sara Moody, Hayden Dennis (devotional leader), Nathan Carr (parliamentarian), Matt Skyles (recreational leader), Fay Dollarhide, Heather Persinger, Randon Ivy; Row three -- Christy Matney, Amber Davis, Stephanie Day, Liz Roth, Christa Choate, Emily Moody, Regina Roy, Aimee Williams, Lauren Miller, Ashley Blankenship; Row four -- Jeffrey Brooke, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, Emily Bray, Natasha Bailey, Amanda Skyles, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Courtney Short, Jenny Moody; Row five -- Tori Lockmon, Crystal Steffe, Kinder Pollock, Donna Young, Amanda Hutson, Travis Furr, Kevin Heatherly, Bridget Keys, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, Chris Johnson; Back -- Radonda Davis, Michelle Napier, Jamie Stepro, Stephanie Maxwell, Tia Pharris, Curtis Stuart, Brandon Edmonds, Steven House, Donna Dollarhide, Michelle Napier, Lee Barber.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB



Foreign Language Club. Front - Wilda Watterson (adviser), Sara Moody (reporter), Melanie Blankenship (secretary-treasurer), Stephanie Blankenship (vice president), Hayden Dennis (president), Vicki Blankenship (adviser); Row two -- Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day, Liz Roth, Emily Moody, Christa Choate, Janet VanNess, Julie Williams, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Niki Anderson; Back -- Duane Keys, Lee Barber, Ashley Blankenship, Aimee Williams, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Natasha Bailey, Jennifer Wright, Lisa Hodges.

WILLY ONE BLOOD, Nick Brooke, clowns around with StuCo members at their blood drive. Front - Courtney Short, Melanie Blankenship, Rachelle Roy; back - Sean Spyres, Ashley Blankenship, Duane Keys, Travis Furr, Steven Welch, Mike Spyres, and Jenny Blaine.

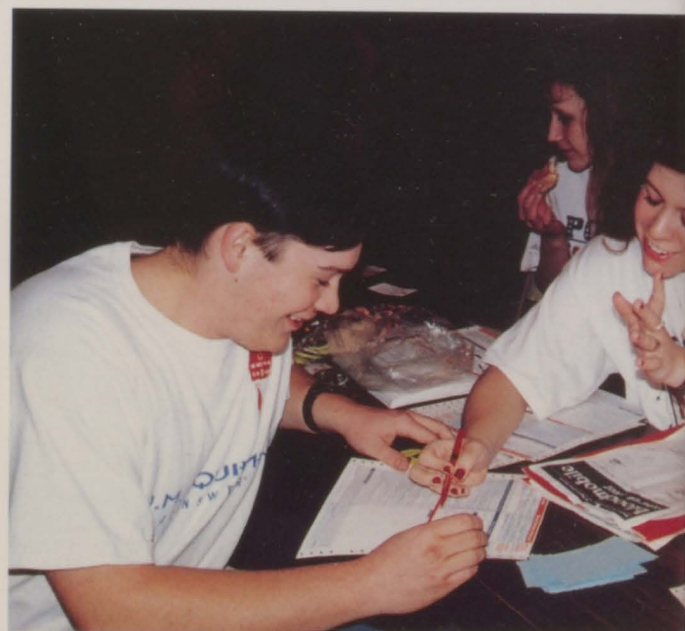
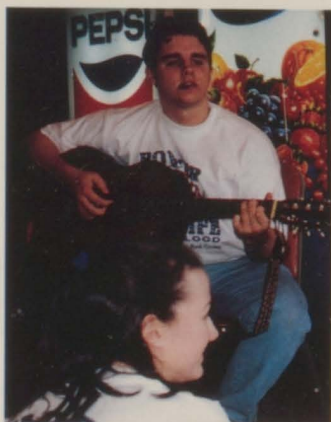
SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER in the high school lobby is one of the many joys of Student Council members Duane Keys, Mike Spyres, Jenny Blaine, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch, and Eric Grubbs.



RECITING THE NHS creed, National Honor Society president Melanie Blankenship holds induction ceremonies for new members Shelly Whorton, Christa Choate, Kim Joseph, Regina Roy, Mike Spyres, Ashley Blankenship, and Julie Brenner.

POTENTIAL DONOR STEVE Cannon gets help filling out the Bloodmobile registration card from StuCo members Melanie Blankenship.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS take a break during their annual blood drive to enjoy pizza, soda, and a good song from Mike Spyres.



IT'S COUNT DOWN time at Education Supports Prevention's annual New Year's Eve lock-in, held in the multipurpose room.

EXPECT THE BEST FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Barnyard animals and white picket fences aren't usually what people see when they think of Homecoming decorations. However, the 1996 Student Council wanted to do something original and out of the ordinary for Homecoming, which it organizes and decorates for.

"The group didn't want to do the exact same thing that the previous members had done," StuCo president Jenny Blaine said. "We wanted to do something people would remember."

BEST STORY:

Each year, Student Council participates in the Red Cross blood drive, but to get more student participation in 1996 they invited a "visitor" to pep up the donors for the Bloodmobile.

Willie One Blood, a red blood cell, came to the school to try and persuade the students to give blood. Also known as junior Nick Brooke, he went from classroom to classroom pulling out students, dancing around the halls, and singing songs about the joys of giving blood.

PEOPLE SAY:

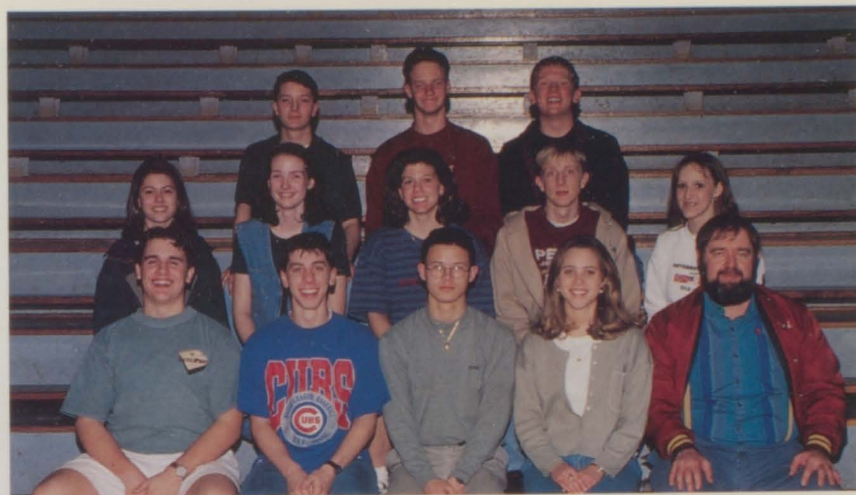
"Everybody nominated me to be the blood drop because they thought I was the only one with enough guts to do it. I'm glad I did it because it gave me a chance to dance around the school dressed up in a little red suit." -- *Nick Brooke, junior*

"I almost gave blood this year, but when I saw the needle they were going to stick in my arm I freaked and got out of there as fast as I could." -- *Christa Choate, junior*

"They should have scheduled the blood drive another day because none of the seniors were able to give blood because of shots we took the week before." -- *Christy Matney, senior*

"Nick (Brooke) was so funny. When he walked into class I just died laughing and almost fell out of my chair." -- *Bridget Keys, freshman*

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council. Front - Mike Spyres (treasurer), Eric Grubbs (secretary), Duane Keys (vice president), Jenny Blaine (president), Roger Wood (adviser); Row two - Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short, Melanie Blankenship, Sean Spyres, Rachelle Roy; Back - Travis Furr, Nick Brooke, Steven Welch.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



National Honor Society. Front - Arlene Magnin (adviser), Sara Moody (treasurer), Stephanie Blankenship (secretary), Jenny Blaine (vice president), Melanie Blankenship (president); Row two - Sean Spyres, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Melanie McGaw, Niki Anderson, Heather Persinger; Back - Luke Johnson, Duane Keys, Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs, Aimee Williams.

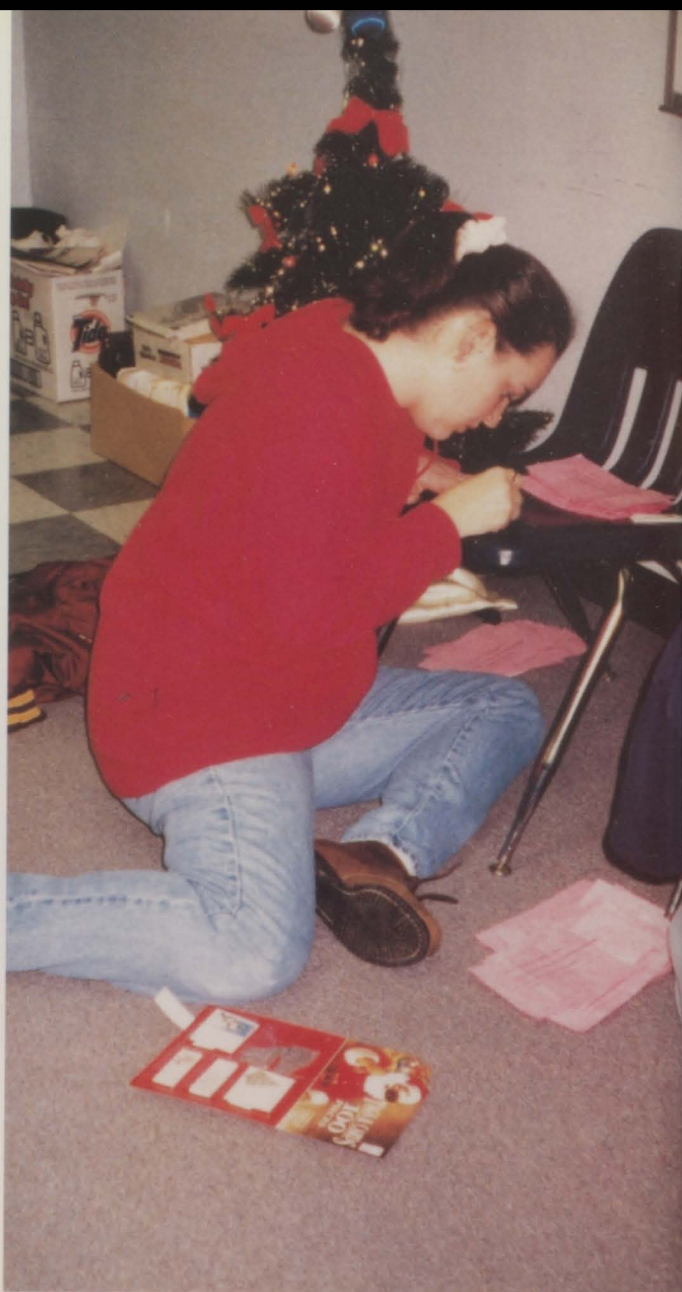
MATH CLUB



Math Club. Front - Jenny Moody (sophomore representative), Duane Keys (treasurer), Eric Grubbs (junior representative), Sara Moody (secretary), Niki Anderson (vice president), Heather Persinger (president); Row two - Chris Flageolle, Regina Roy, Aimee Williams, Liz Roth, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Christa Choate, Rachel Barber, Kathy Winsor; Row three - Jeffrey Chambers, Courtney Short, Ashley Blankenship, Stephanie Day, Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, Joe Sears, Julie Brenner, Emily Bray; Back - Bobby Franks, Gary Slate, Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Adam Grubbs, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan. Not shown - advisers Susan Gressman and Kevin McDaris.

SHOWING OFF THEIR newly-won plaques, David Climer, Phillip Hull, Hayden Dennis, and Duane Keys compare accomplishments at the district FBLA contest.

NIKI ANDERSON AND Shelly Whorton check orders for FBLA message candy canes at Christmas.



FBLA MEMBERS FROM area schools, including MHS's Duane Keys and Hayden Dennis, far left, wait for their awards at the district FBLA contest at MHS.

ACCEPTING THE PLAQUE from a district officer, Melanie Blankenship wins second place in the Ms. FBLA category at the district contest.



DURING THE BATTLE of the States contest held at Mansfield, Heather Persinger and David Climer eat pizza after the contest is over.



HEATHER PERSINGER ANSWERS an adviser's question at the registration table for the Battle of the States contest, hosted by MHS. Helping are Niki Anderson, Steven Chilson, Larry Lansdown, and David Climer.



EXPECT THE BEST FROM

FBLA

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Paper, pencils, and frenzied students comprised the extremely busy scene at the Future Business Leaders of America district contest, hosted by Mansfield.

Besides being involved in all the different contests, the MHS students and adviser Marsha Appleby had the added worries of preparing for this 15-school contest.

BEST STORY:

Even with all the extra work involved in organizing and hosting the event, Mansfield still competed well with the other schools and placed in many categories to win second overall in the contest.

Six different MHS entries qualified to compete in the state contest, including first place winners Courtney Short in Business Communications I, Stephanie Blankenship in Business Communications II, Duane Keys and David Climer in chapter exhibit, and Keys, Climer and Niki Anderson in chapter scrapbook.

The chapter exhibit went on to win fifth place in the state FBLA contest.

MEMBERS SAY:

"I was really stressed out by the time district FBLA contest day finally rolled around. I was glad that everything turned out well and came off without a hitch." -- *Janet VanNess, senior*

"I thought everyone did a really good job of working together and doing their fair share of work. We didn't have anyone complain about the extra work. Everyone just went in and got the job done." -- *Hayden Dennis, senior*

"It's tradition for the Mansfield FBLA exhibit to go to the state contest. We went the last three years, and we started early looking for someone to take over for us in this category next year." -- *Duane Keys, senior*

"I thought the kids did an excellent job, especially considering that we didn't have as much time to prepare for the contests since we had to worry about having everything set up. I was very proud of everyone." -- *Marsha Appleby, adviser*

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



Future Business Leaders of America. Front - Hayden Dennis (co-president), Duane Keys (parliamentarian), Steven Chilson (reporter), Janet VanNess (co-president), Niki Anderson (secretary), David Climer (vice president), Heather Persinger (treasurer), Marsha Appleby (adviser); Row two - Phillip Hull, Christy Matney, Trish Dalton, Joanie Fulbright, Melanie McGaw, Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Jackie Honeycutt, Melanie Blankenship, Rachel Barber, Stephanie Blankenship; Row three - Michelle Napier, Jamie Stepro, Ricky Boutell, Jeffrey Chambers, Christa Choate, Lauren Miller, Kathy Winsor, Jessica Coonce, Dawn Furlong; Back - Bobby Franks, Garin Kinser, Ashley Blankenship, Karie DeChenne, Leslie Lynch, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Liza Stovall.

ART CLUB



Art Club. Front - Joanie Fulbright (secretary), Faye Dollarhide, Trish Dalton (president), Dean Bray (adviser); Row two - Lee Barber, Hayden Dennis, Duane Keys, Steven Chilson, Liza Stovall, Eric Carampatan, Emily Bray; Back - Donna Young, Cindy Dalton, Kim Pippin, Stephanie Maxwell, Amanda Hutson.

SCIENCE CLUB

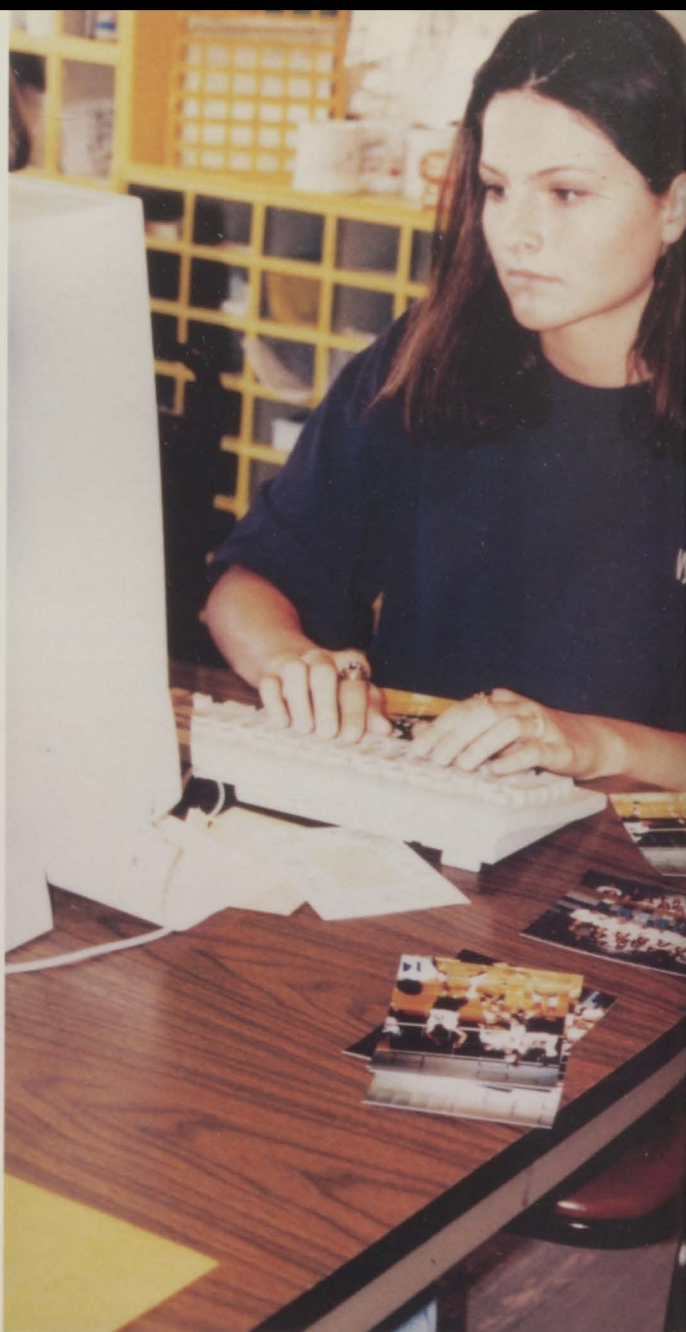


Science Club. Front - Pam Probert (adviser), Matt Skyles (vice president), Shelly Whorton (secretary), Mike Spyres, Tessa Miller; Row two - David Climer, Duane Keys, Joanie Fulbright, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Melanie McGaw, Niki Anderson, Heather Persinger, Jackie Honeycutt, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Jenny Blaine; Row three - Jeremy Brooke, Aimee Williams, Wendy Matlock, Liz Roth, Emily Moody, Christa Choate, Kim Joseph, Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Liza Stovall, Dawn Furlong; Row four - Adam Grubbs, Jason Davis, Stephanie Day, Jeffrey Chambers, Bobby Franks, Garin Kinser, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Rachel Barber, Kathy Winsor, Jennifer Wright; Row five - Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Eric Carampatan, Melissa Scott, Leslie Lynch, Courtney Short, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray, Chris Flageolle; Back - Randon Ivy, Gary Slate, Julie Brenner, Kati Williams, Natasha Bailey, Nick Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Steven Welch, Tessa Bennett, Michelle Roberts.

INDUCTING NEW QUILL and Scroll members at the academics awards night, Sara Moody explains the selection process which Duane Keys, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph, Aimee Williams, and Amanda Stacy went through to be chosen for the honor society.

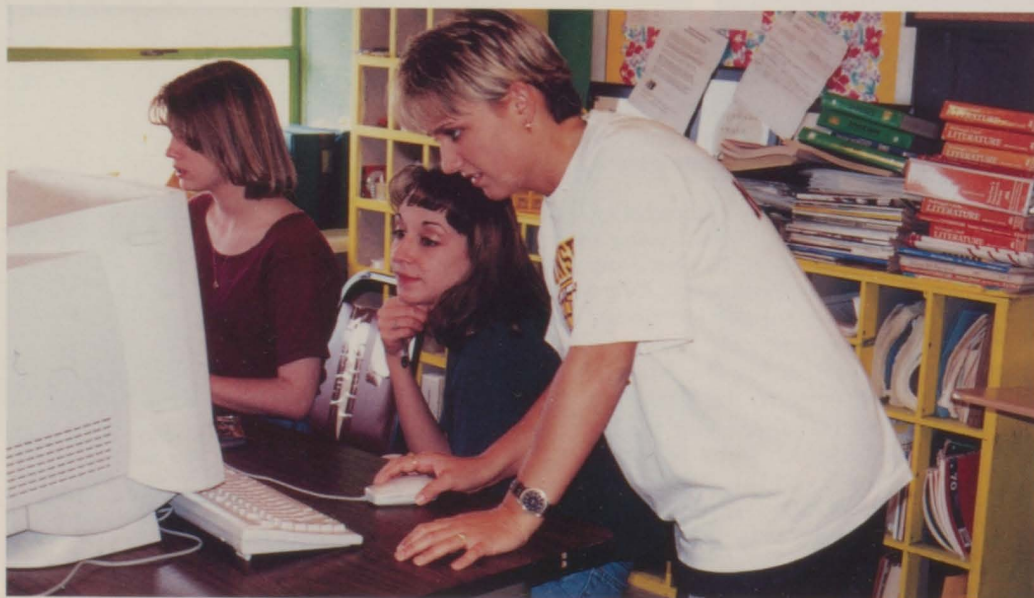


WORKING AGAINST A deadline in March, Jennifer Jones works at the computer to get her volleyball spread completed and ready to be



WRITERS EXPRESS MEMBERS listen to area authors David Harrison, Suzann Ledbetter, and Sandy Asher tell about their careers in writing, during a field trip to Springfield.

TESSA BENNETT HELPS Melanie McGaw with a computer question as Shelly Whorton rushes to finish her story for the April issue of the Lions Gazette.



CALLING NUMBER AFTER number, Duane Keys tries to get his fast food article interviewing finished for an in-depth series in the January issue of the Lions Gazette.

EXPECT THE BEST FROM

'PUB' STAFF

BIGGEST PROJECT:

The publications staff puts out eight issues of the *Lions Gazette* newspaper and also the El Leon yearbook. Both publications are self-supporting, meaning that the 18 staff members had to sell about \$3000 in newspaper advertising and about \$8000 in yearbook advertising.

BEST STORY:

It was a banner year, with both publications being named All-American and All-Missouri. Several reporters received national honors. Senior Duane Keys was one of the five finalists chosen from 11,000 entries in the first ever Hemingway Writing Awards for High School Journalists. Senior Melanie McGaw was the Gold Key sweepstakes winner in the Quill and Scroll International Writing Contest. She received a typewriter and a plaque for writing what Quill and Scroll considered as the nation's best sports story of the year.

MEMBERS SAY:

"The most frustrating thing about pub is trying to get good quality quotes because no one wants to express how they feel. It was like pulling teeth." -- *Aimee Williams, junior*

"Being one of two guys in pub was pretty rough. If you don't like being in girls' conversations and listening to the silly things they talk about, you're in trouble. There were lots of times they made me blush." -- *Jeffrey Brooke, junior*

"I was very honored to receive the award and recognition of the Quill and Scroll sweepstakes winner. It was a shock to know that my story was picked as the best of 309 sports stories in the country." -- *Melanie McGaw, senior*

"My most memorable day of pub was when everyone had been telling me that Mrs. (Debbie) Von Behren had married Coach (Don) Sanders. I ran up to her and said, 'Are they lying to me?' I had heard right. Everyone was telling me the truth." -- *Tessa Bennett, senior*

NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK STAFF

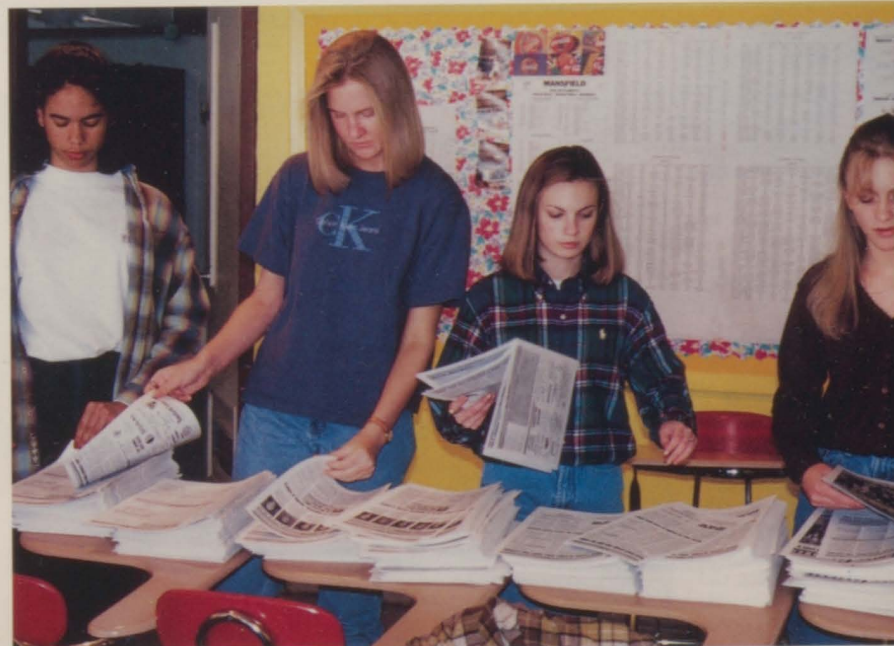


Publications Staff. Front - Sara Moody (yearbook editor-in-chief), Jennifer Kingery (yearbook senior editor), Shelly Whorton, Stephanie Blankenship (newspaper editor-in-chief), Duane Keys (newspaper senior editor), Melanie Blankenship (yearbook senior editor); Row two - Jennifer Jones, Tessa Bennett (yearbook senior section editor), Michelle Roberts (newspaper senior editor), Debbie Von Behren (advisor); Back - Kim Joseph, Stephanie Day, Aimee Williams, Jeffrey Brooke, Emily Moody, Lauren Miller. Not shown - Crystal Hodges, Amanda Stacy.

WRITERS EXPRESS



Writers Express. Front - Adviser Debbie Von Behren, Duane Keys, Sara Moody, Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship; Row two - Aimee Williams, Stephanie Day, Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph; Row three - Eric Carampatan, Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray, Kathy Winsor; Back - Britten Medley, Tracy Oberbeck, Bridget Keys, Mandy Goss, Tiffany Hurst. Not shown - Crystal Hodges, Amanda Stacy, Jason Eagleston.



WORKING THEIR WAY down the assembly line, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Stephanie Day, and Aimee Williams fill the dreaded junior job description of putting together 500 copies of the *Lions Gazette*.

JENNIFER JONES, TESSA Bennett, and Sara Moody sing and twirl their parasols with their partners Luke Johnson, Dustin Willis, and Sean Spyres.

SINGING TRIO STYLE, Luke Johnson, Sean Spyres, and Mike Spyres provide pre-show entertainment before the melodramas presented by mixed chorus.



THE ENTIRE CAST of the mixed chorus fall production joins in to sing the traditional ballad "Cross The Wide Missouri."

SHOWING THEIR PATRIOTISM, Christa Choate, Liz Roth, and Wendy Matlock wave miniature flags while they sing "You're A Grand Old Flag." Joanie Fulbright and Julie Brenner are in the background.



DURING A NUMBER performed by the female chorus members, Julie Brenner, Jennifer Kingery, and Melissa Stowell sing "Cross The Wide Missouri."

EXPECT THE BEST FROM

MIXED CHORUS

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Singing, dancing, acting, having a ball?

That pretty much sums up life as a member of mixed chorus, complements of director Terry Spyres, who doesn't just have her students stand on risers and sing songs all year long.

While other students were sitting in a stressful classroom in the fall, members of mixed chorus were busy preparing their biggest production of the year.

The chorus members performed its show four times in one weekend. The event included two short melodramas and a musical program including a patriotic medley to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II.

BEST STORY:

Just after school began, director Terry Spyres was cleaning up after a community theater production and bent down to pick up a rubber snake. She saw two snakes. "Rubber snakes don't move," she thought. To her horror, it wasn't a rubber snake, but a real one. She ran, fell over a cement block, and broke her arm. For several months, she had to learn a new way to direct music with the use of only one hand.

MEMBERS SAY:

"I loved the singing and dancing part because it takes your mind off school stresses and allows you to move around instead of sitting in a class." -- *Rachelle Roy, freshman*

"I liked singing the old time songs because they created a fun and energetic mood. I think it made the elders feel young again." -- *Jill Adamson, junior*

"During the patriotic songs we did some really neat dancing that allowed us to have fun and at the same time honor our country." -- *Wendy Matlock, junior*

"Since this was my first year in choir I didn't quite know what to expect, but I love to sing and dance so I had a great time learning new songs and dances." -- *Bridget Keys, freshman*

MIXED CHORUS



Mixed Chorus. Front - Director Terry Spyres, Jenny Blaine, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph, Liza Stovall, Sara Moody, Liz Roth, Wendy Matlock; Row two - Patricia Potter, Tiffany Hurst, Bridget Keys, Rachelle Roy, Julie Brenner, Melissa Stowell, Jennifer Jones, Jessica Coonce, Erickia Cook, Kim Jones; Back - Ricky Boutell, Eric Carampatan, Mike Spyres, Jerry Henry, Jarod Coday, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson, Dustin Willis.



AS THEY CELEBRATE the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II in song during a fall program, the female portion of mixed chorus snaps their fingers and sways to the popular wartime song "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B."

THE ROUSING FINALE is sung by the cast members of "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge," including Mike Spyres, Jenny Blaine, Liza Stovall, Eric Carampatan, Jennifer Kingery, and Christa Choate.

ON THEIR FEET, pep band members play a lively song as students file into the gym for the basketball pep rally.



MARCHING THEIR WAY to the town square, Mike Spyres, Scott Corder, and Adam Grubbs hold their instruments at attention just before they will stop to play a Christmas tune.



LUKE JOHN-
SON, JAY

Keeling, and Grant Williams provide the percussion beat as the band performs in the Mansfield Christmas parade.



TWIRLING BRIGHT FLAGS, Amanda Skyles, Rachelle Roy, and Jessica Copeland perform with the band at the local Christmas parade.

DUSTY WALKER, GARY Slate and Adam Grubbs perform pep band music as part of a mini-event at the school's open house held in October.



EXPECT THE BEST FROM BAND

BIGGEST PROJECT:

No question about it. That would be parades. The 60 marching band members spent much time learning the techniques that first-year director Philip Thomas thought were important.

The group even had the chance to march in a night parade during the Christmas season, which band members said was a nice change from other parades.

BEST STORY:

The band broke from tradition. Instead of holding its spring concert in the gymnasium, it held a "concert in the park." The location for the concert was the newly constructed community theater stage and the adjoining park area near the school. Families enjoyed the concert from lawn chairs or quilts.

The only snag was when a member of the band was sent to load up instruments for the concert and deliver them to the park at starting time. He misunderstood and delivered the instruments to the city square, delaying the start of the concert.

MEMBERS SAY:

"I liked marching in the dark in the Seymour Christmas parade because it was different. Everyone gets sick of doing the same thing over and over again." -- *Gary Slate, sophomore*

"We were marching in the SMSU Homecoming parade and I was so cold I thought I was going to go into some kind of shock." -- *Travis Furr, freshman*

"The uniforms are so hot on some days that everyone stands on the side of the road and strips off their clothes. Then other days it is so cold that you can't get enough clothes on to keep you warm." -- *Jeremy Corder, junior*

"I froze my butt off in the flag girls' uniforms. They were short and we had to stand in the cold forever." -- *Rachelle Roy, freshman*

"The band was a little smaller this year, but you couldn't tell it by our performances." -- *Amanda Skyles, sophomore*

BAND



Band. Front - Kodi Harris, Melissa Scott, Leslie Lynch, Rachelle Roy, Amanda Skyles, Jessica Copeland; Row two - Mandy Goss, Emily Bray, Tara Jackson, Jacob Loper, Colleen Cook, Janisha Bennett, Jessica Penn, Sarah Brown, Jenny Blaine, director Philip Thomas; Row three - Tracy Oberbeck, Karen Eagleston, Zach Miller, Dustin Grass, Justin Crain, Rick Weaver, Jay Keeling, Erica Spyres, Jenny Moody; Row four - Tessa Bennett, Eric Carampatan, J. R. Penn, Clark Choate, Sarah Leonard, Jessica Coonce, Austin Corder, Lydia Chilson, Christa Choate; Row five - Radonda Davis, David Climer, Daniel Cain, Garrett Norell, Dawn Furlong, Dusty Walker, Travis Furr, Eric Grubbs, Kassy Calhoun; Row six - Sara Moody, Luke Johnson, Scott Corder, Brandon Lansdown, Adam Grubbs, Mike Spyres, Austin Miller, Bridget Keys; Back - Jennifer Jones, Lauren Miller, Sean Spyres, Gary Slate, Matt Shevchuk, Kim Joseph, Shelly Whorton.



MARCHING WITH HEADS up and instruments in position, the band gets ready to stop at the town square and perform for the crowd lining the streets at the Mansfield Christmas parade.

PLAYING AT HALFTIME of a boys' basketball game, pep band members Eric Carampatan and Allison Arnall take care of the clarinet portion of "Louie, Louie."



ON THEIR FEET, a group of boys adds some clapping to the basketball pep rally.

PEP BAND TRUMPET players Jarod Coday, Sean Spyres, and Travis Furr blast away during the Homecoming pep rally.



AT PEP CLUB'S annual rose ceremony for seniors, Sean Spyres, Matt Skyles, and Sara Moody honor their parents.

JENNIFER JONES, MELANIE Blankenship, and Jenny Blaine are given balloons and roses as queen candidates at the Homecoming rally.



SISTERS AT CENTER court, sophomore Jenny Moody gives senior Sara Moody a hug at rose ceremony.



SENIOR SPIRIT SQUAD members Jennifer Jones, Sara Moody, Shelly Whorton, and Tessa Bennett lead the crowd in a chant.



EXPECT
THE BEST
FROM

PEP CLUB

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Each year, Pep Club sponsors what has become known as the rose ceremony, where seniors in sports and sports-related activities honor their parents.

The event was held at the last home game of the boys' basketball season, and underwent a change.

In years past, Pep Club members and pep band members were included, as well as seniors who had played sports but had quit along the way, but this year only senior athletes and spirit squad members were allowed to participate in this time of recognition.

BEST STORY:

Pep Club members had so much spirit that they won the spirit award at the Seymour Boys' Basketball Tournament. A club member took it upon himself to get the crowd cheering. Junior Nick Brooke got on the floor and started doing jumps and cheers. He got people standing up in the stands and kept them cheering constantly.

MEMBERS SAY:

"I had fun at the games and I think it helped the team out a lot knowing they had supporters. I liked getting down on the floor and leading cheers and doing my famous toe touch that the chicks went wild over." -- *Nick Brooke, junior*

"The student body's interest in the Pep Club was a much needed boost for the athletes. Since I had to cheer this year I was glad to have support and great help." -- *Christa Choate, junior*

"I didn't know what to expect at the Homecoming pep rally. I had no idea what they were planning for me. I thought I was going to be kissed by one of the candidates or that they were going to do something bad." -- *Matt Skyles, senior*

"I thought the Pep Club was so much better than in the past. The basketball boys appreciated it and I know I did because I had to cheer and I liked the help of the crowd." -- *Sara Moody, senior*

PEP CLUB



Pep Club. Front - Wilda Watterson (adviser), Liz Roth, Eric Grubbs, Steven Welch; Row two - Jennifer Kingery, Duane Keys, Joanie Fulbright, Steven Chilson, Melanie McGaw, Janet VanNess, Shelly Whorton, Julie Williams, Jackie Honeycutt, Heather Persinger, Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine; Row three - Adam Grubbs, Jeff Chambers, Luke Johnson, Melvin Thompson, Sara Moody, Jarod Coday, Regina Roy, Michelle Roberts, Tessa Bennett, Jennifer Jones; Row four - Scott Corder, Jeromy Brooke, Stephanie Day, Wendy Matlock, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Christa Choate, Nick Brooke, Lauren Miller, Jennifer Wright; Row five - Curtis Stuart, Daniel Cain, Jason Davis, Leslie Lynch, Melissa Scott, Karie DeChenne, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Amanda Skyles, Jessica Copeland, Kathy Winsor, Rachel Barber; Row six - Gary Slate, Jason Brooke, Travis Furr, Kevin Heatherly, Brandon Lansdown, Kassy Calhoun, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Zach Whorton, Chris Flageolle, Mandy Goss, Michelle Napier; Back - Jessica Coonce, Donna Young, Kinder Pollock, Amanda Hutson, Dusty Walker, Stephen House, Matt Scott, Tracy Oberbeck, Bridget Keys, Rachelle Roy.



NICK BROOKE, BACKED up by the spirit squad, leads a cheer at the basketball pep rally.

AT ROSE CEREMONY, Kim Joseph presents senior basketball and baseball player Randon Ivy with a rose which he will in turn present to his parents.

"WHINY, WHINY" provides the beat for Jenny Moody, Bridget Keys, Tessa Bennett, and Kim Joseph.

AT THE HOMECOMING game Jennifer Jones and Tessa Bennett perform "Hypnotize" as part of the halftime



AT THE FIRST home game the spirit squad performs to "Hop to the Sound." It was one of the routines that they learned while attending a summer dance camp.

Shown are Mandy Goss, Amanda Skyles, Jenny Moody, Kassy Calhoun, Tracy Oberbeck, and Sara Moody.



FLASHING THE COLORS of maroon and gold, spirit squad member Tracy Oberbeck performs to the routine "Right Type of Mood."



MANDY GOSS AND Leslie Lynch do a kick routine to country tune "Kick A Little," a crowd pleaser.

WITH ARMS STRETCHED Shelly Whorton preps before a "Russian" move at Homecoming.



EXPECT THE BEST FROM SPIRIT SQUAD

BIGGEST PROJECT:

Taking the 23-year old pom pon squad and re-shaping it into a spirit squad gave many of the MHS Sweethearts a change of "heart" during basketball season.

Since 1973, MHS had used both a pom pom squad and a cheerleading squad, but because of the declining interest in cheerleading over the past several years, the school decided to combine the two groups.

BEST STORY:

The original plan explained to the girls had them remaining primarily a pom pon group, with sideline cheering during the ballgames an optional part of their duties.

"When we tried out they said we didn't have to cheer, that it was only if we wanted to," Kassy Calhoun, sophomore, said. "But once we made it the rules changed. It was mandatory that we had to cheer at every home game, and I didn't think that was fair."

MEMBERS SAY:

"I didn't enjoy pom pon as much as I thought I would because of all the changes. We have always had two different squads and combining them made pom pon a lot less enjoyable." -- *Christa Choate, junior*

"It really didn't bother me either way since I was a cheerleader in junior high and I enjoy doing both. Since this was my first year of pom pon I didn't really mind the change." -- *Bridget Keys, freshman*

"When I tried out I thought I was trying out for pom pon which was considered dancing. I didn't realize that we'd have to be cheerleaders also. I would have enjoyed cheering better if we would have practiced the chants before we had to do them in front of everyone." -- *Shelly Whorton, senior*

"After it all happened I didn't mind the change. I guess I made it all out to be worse than it really was, but honestly it was kind of fun." -- *Tessa Bennett, senior*

SPIRIT SQUAD



Spirit Squad. Front - Shelly Whorton, Sara Moody, Jennifer Jones, Tessa Bennett; Row two - Mandy Goss, Lauren Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Amanda Skyles, Jenny Moody, Christa Choate; Back - Tracy Oberbeck, Bridget Keys, Kim Joseph, Leslie Lynch.



POMS HIGH IN the air, Tracy Oberbeck, Sara Moody, and Shelly Whorton twist to the beat of "Hop to the Sound" during the Lions' first game in the Mansfield Tournament.

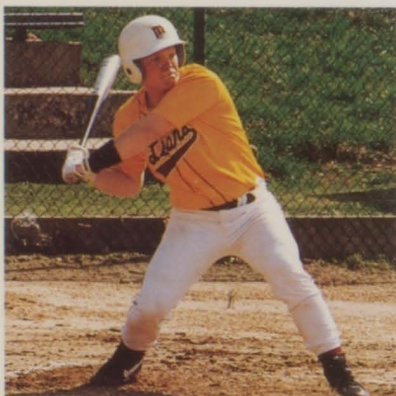
WITH PLENTY OF pep and smiles, Jennifer Jones, Kim Joseph, Jenny Moody, and Tessa Bennett help liven up the crowd at Homecoming during the pom pon squad's routine.



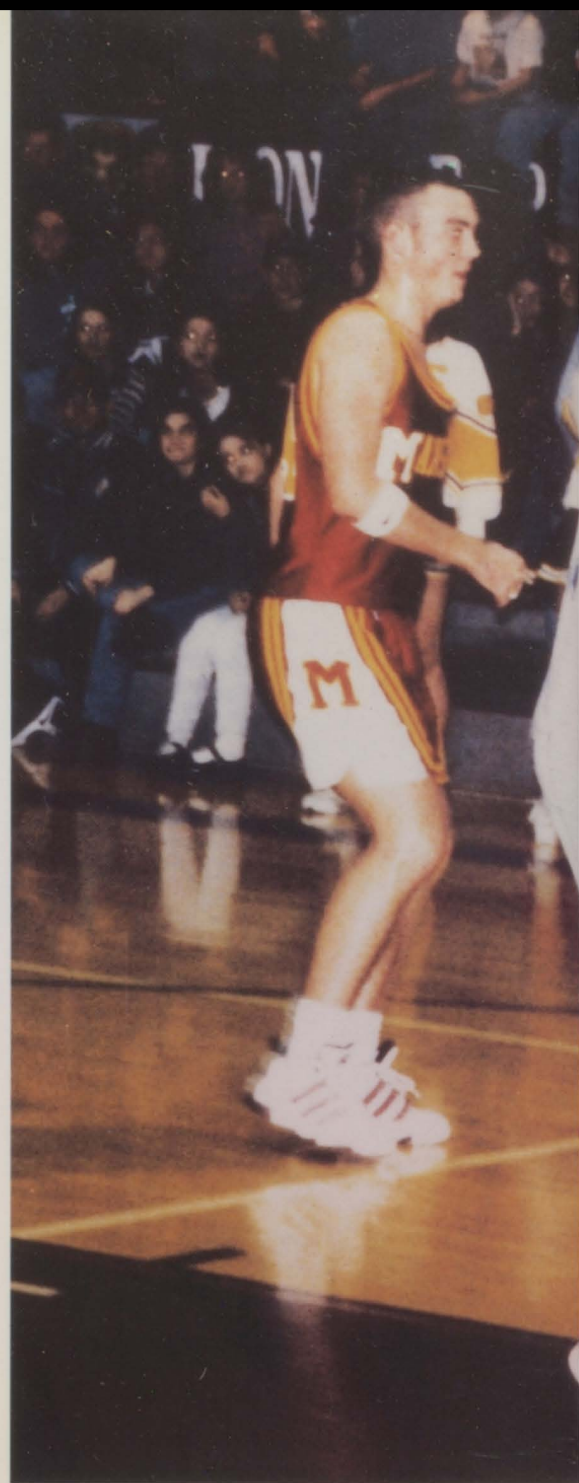
■ IN A TYPICAL move, Jenny Blaine is the team's first player down the floor in a game with Fordland, which the Lady Lions won 60-25. Blaine had 23 points in the game.



■ AFTER WATCHING THE first pitch, Steven Welch gets ready to hit in the baseball team's 7-2 spring loss to Forsyth. At that point in the season, Welch was hitting .386, with 4 home runs and 25 RBIs.



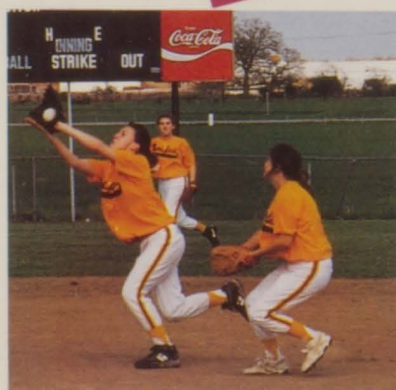
■ JENNIFER JONES BUMPS the ball to Kim Joseph, left, with back-up from Liz Roth in a 15-3, 6-15, 12-15 loss at home to Gainesville. Roth served for 12 points in the game.



EXPECT

*the unexpected
in sports*

■ BACKED UP BY Wendy Matlock and Jill Adamson, Emily Bray catches a fly ball in third base territory in the softball team's only victory, a 15-8 win over Seymour in the last game of the season.





■ DRIVING AROUND A Norwood player, Matt Skyles shows his All-State form in a move toward the basket for two of his 22 points. Hayden Dennis, who spent part of the season sidelined after a gunshot wound to his foot, scored 10 points and is at the left. MHS won 82-68 to claim third in its home tournament.

You can't sugar-coat it. The facts are that after huge successes for sports teams last year, 1996 was not a banner year, except for the baseball team. Following a year of state and area championships and conference titles, losing records in volleyball, girls' basketball, softball, and boys' basketball gave the MHS sports scene an unexpected twist.

Keeping a vigorous pace, senior Sean Spyres is on his way to a time of 20:26 and a seventh place finish, the team's best, at a home meet.

Elbow to elbow Jessica Coonce, behind the two Irish runners, and Kassy Calhoun fight for space in a pack of runners at the Mansfield Invitational meet. Wendy Matlock, who finished in 43rd place, is behind them. Coonce was runner number 44.



Quickly gaining on two Seymour runners, Chris Johnson pushes himself in the final stretch of the course at a home meet. Johnson finished in 24th place with a time of 24:19.

With runners still packed together at the start of the race, Kassy Calhoun, right, and Wendy Matlock try to keep a steady pace in the Mansfield Invitational 17-school meet.



MHS

cross country

"I was really pleased with our results as a team. The competition from other schools has become more difficult each year I have run."

-- Sean Spyres



■ Jessica Coonce, freshman, was the only Mansfield runner to qualify for state. She placed seventh at the district meet at Plato and 114th of 140 at the State meet in Jefferson City. Her time was 26:40.

■ Sean Spyres, the only senior on the team, was Mansfield's top male finisher in five

of the first six cross country meets.

■ Sean Spyres' sixth place run at Niangua helped MHS place first. Jeremy Corder was 8th, James Lansdown 10th, Eric Grubbs 16th, Nick Brooke 17th, Brandon Lansdown 24th, Chris Johnson 27th.

■ There were only four girls

on the cross country team, which meant that unlike last year, the girls only ran as individuals, not as a team.

■ Seventeen schools ran in the Mansfield Invitational Meet.

■ Sean Spyres had a time of 19:36 in the district meet, and Jessica Coonce had a time of 26:11.

TEAM FINALS

MHS	Meet Site
Seventh	Mansfield
Sixth	Mansfield
First	Niangua
Second (tie)	Mansfield (Conference)
Third	Plato (District)

Holding her own, Jessica Coonce gets early experience at a home meet. She later qualified as Mansfield's only entry in the state meet. She placed 114 out of 140 with a time of 26:40.



With night shadows falling, Eric Grubbs runs the first lap of a home meet. With a time of 21:05, he finished in 42nd place.



When boys' team falters, freshman picks up the pace

Tons of pressure was what seemed to rest on the shoulders of the boys' cross country team, after the group had been to the state meet in seven of the past eight years.

However, the boys' team placed third at the district meet, and fell short of its state goal.

Instead, the bright spot for MHS was a freshman female runner. After placing seventh at the district meet, Jessica Coonce qualified to run at the state meet as an individual.

"It was a privilege to be good enough to be the only one from Mansfield to run in the state meet," Coonce said. "When it was all over I was really tired and I thought I had done really terrible, but Coach (Randy) Short said that I didn't do that bad."

Coonce, who placed 114th out of 140 runners, faced harsh weather and tension.

"The weather was colder than at any of the other meets, and I was nervous at first when the race started," she said. "There were more people watching us at state and the course was different, but my time at state was about the same as at district."

While Coonce was having a banner year, her male counterparts thought about what could have been had the district race been just a little different.

"I don't think everyone ran the best they could do, and that's why we didn't qualify for state," said senior Sean Spyres.

Other runners say that the competition was much stronger.

"The main reason we didn't qualify for state is because the teams this year were better than they have been in the past," junior Chris Johnson said. "Maybe we needed a wake-up call to force ourselves to improve."



Cross Country Team. Front - Wendy Matlock, Kassy Calhoun, Ashley Blankenship, Jessica Coonce, Coach Randy Short; Back - Scott Corder, Kevin Heatherly, Sean Spyres, Nick Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Brandon Lansdown.

TEAM SPIRIT

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE BOYS -- James Lansdown, Sean Spyres (The top 10 male runners in the conference meet are All-Conference. Both were first time honorees.)

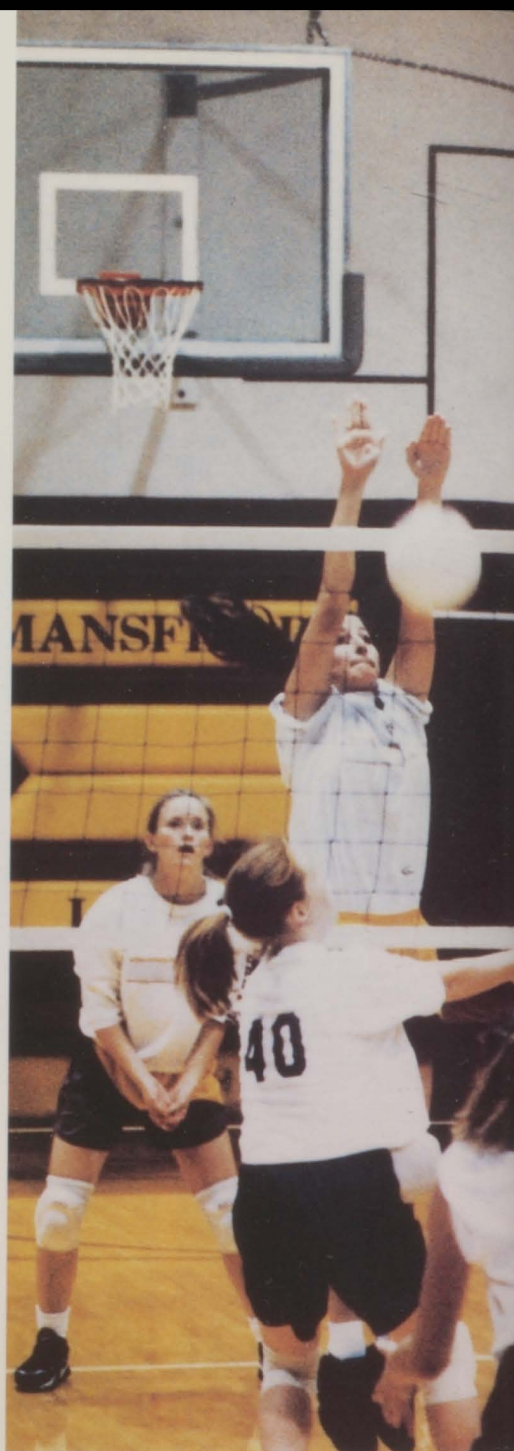
ALL-CONFERENCE GIRLS -- Jessica Coonce (The top eight female runners in the conference meet are All-Conference. Coonce was also a first time honoree.)

ALL-DISTRICT BOYS -- Sean Spyres (The top 10 male runners at the district meet are All-District.)

ALL DISTRICT GIRLS -- Jessica Coonce (The top 10 female runners at the district meet are All-District.)

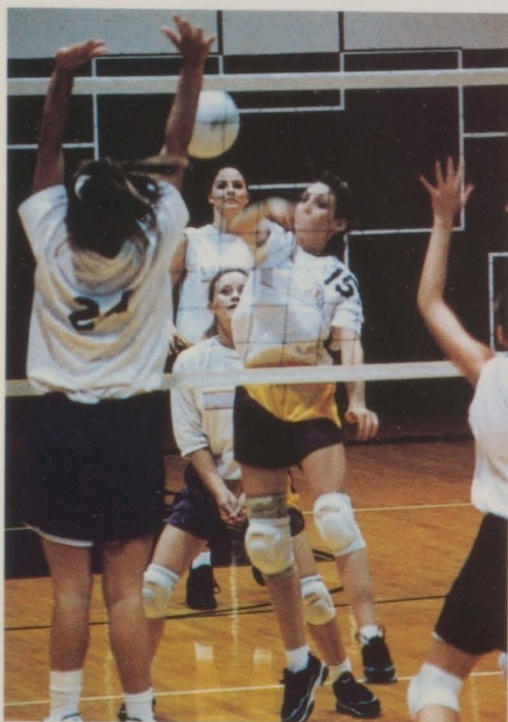
Determination on their faces, Jennifer Jones and Courtney Short go up for a block against Gainesville in a game Mansfield lost 15-13, 6-15, 12-15. Regina Roy, who had six serving points in the game, is behind Jones.

With Coach Roger Wood talking and assistant Chris Larsen demonstrating, the varsity team gets ready to go back on the floor in a home game with Nian-gua, which Mansfield won 15-8, 12-15, 15-9.



Down in position, Liz Roth gets ready to bump the ball to a setter while Melanie McGaw waits for the next play. Roth had 11 serving points in the loss to Gainesville.

As Melanie McGaw goes up for the spike she has the support of players Regina Roy and Jennifer Jones. McGaw had 7 kills in the 15-12, 13-15, 15-3 win over Plato.



MHS

volleyball

"We played extremely well as a team, considering we lost so many strong players last year and had to rebuild our confidence and strength."

-- Melanie McGaw



RECORD 9-14

MHS	Town	OPP
15-11, 15-8	Seymour	15-9, 15-0
15-8, 12-15	Licking	
	Niangua	15-6, 15-10
	Ava	15-5, 15-1
	Summersville	15-0, 15-4
15-8	West Plains	15-10, 15-9
16-14	Spg. Glendale	16-14, 15-12
	Seymour	15-1, 15-6
	Forsyth	
15-13, 15-2	Fordland	15-7, 15-13
16-14	Mtn. Grove	15-3, 15-12
15-5	Willow Springs	
15-11, 17-15	Fordland	15-8
15-12	Skyline	15-5
15-6, 15-4	Seymour	15-6, 15-3
	Bradleville	15-10, 15-7
	Cabool	15-6, 15-12
15-8, 15-4	Gainesville	
15-8, 15-4	Conway	15-7, 15-5
	Niangua	
15-5, 15-4	Conway	
15-12, 15-3	Seymour	15-13
15-10,	Plato	15-2, 15-11
	Gainesville	

■ Liz Roth ended the season with 154 serving points. She had an 86 percent serving average for the season, and served 60 aces.

■ Regina Roy had 96 points and ended the season with an 87 percent serving average.

■ Only one varsity starter had less than an 80 percent scor-

ing average.

■ The team played in the tough Boatman's Showdown tournament in West Plains, facing Oak Park, Summersville, West Plains, and Springfield Glendale. Although MHS won a set with Glendale, the other games were losses.

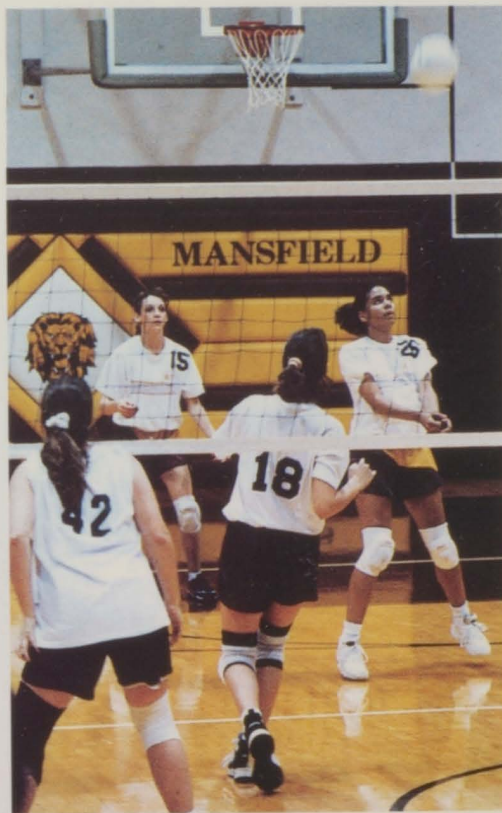
■ During a match against

Fordland Liz Roth had 9 serving points in a 15-11, 17-15 Mansfield win.

■ In a Summit Conference Tournament game with Nian-gua, Kim Joseph scored 10 serving points.

■ In the district tournament game with Gainesville, Courtney Short had 11 serving points.

Setting her team up for a kill is Kim Joseph's mission in a 15-3, 6-15, 12-15 loss to Gainesville. Melanie McGaw is behind Joseph.



Janet VanNess receives the ball and takes it to the front row for the set up. Liz Roth backs her up. VanNess had 11 points in the home game with Gainesville, which MHS lost 15-3, 6-15, 12-15.

Team struggles after losing three All-District players

With a 17-10 record to live up to, the volleyball team struggled to surmount the loss of three All-District players to graduation.

Many players tried to not let that interfere with their determination to play hard.

"I think that we played the best we could, and we played as a team and that's what counts," junior Liz Roth said. "The only thing that got us down was playing in so many tournaments, because the teams were a lot tougher and the tournaments were all day long. We got worn out playing one game after another."

Struggling to live up to the past years' teams gave one senior an attitude of determination.

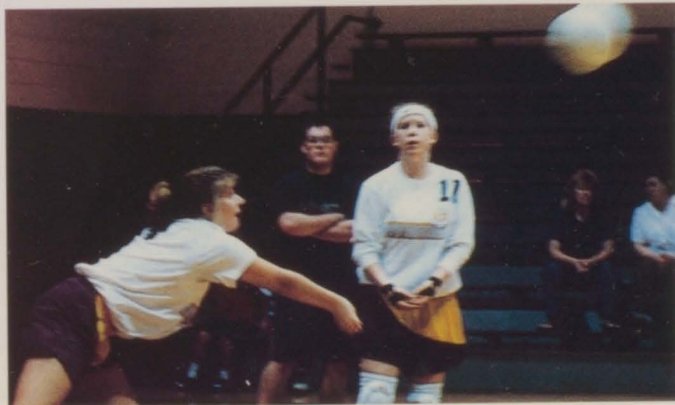
"I think that the overall season was very struggling," Janet VanNess said. "We had to rebuild our team, because we lost our strong hitters last year, and had a lot to live up to because they got so much recognition. I just kept telling myself we had to play the best we could play and not worry about the past."

Although the season did end with a losing record, the girls had a third place finish in the Summit Conference Tournament to be proud of.

"We played extremely well as a team, but we all lacked the killer instinct needed to beat the tough teams and win the title," sophomore Courtney Short said.

The final game of the year was a loss in the first round of districts.

"We needed to prove to Gainesville that we could play and prove to everyone else that we had a team that could win," Roth said. "We played well, but we just couldn't pull it off."



Volleyball Team: Front - Jennifer Jones, Janet VanNess, Melanie McGaw, Kim Joseph, Liz Roth, Courtney Short, Rachel Barber; Row two - Karie DeChenne, Jenny Moody, Amanda Skyles, Tessa Miller, Leslie Lynch, Kathy Winsor, Regina Roy; Back - Assistant Coach Chris Larsen, Luke Johnson, Melissa Scott, Emily Bray, Rachelle Roy, Christa Choate, Coach Roger Wood.

TEAM SPIRIT

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE - Kim Joseph, Courtney Short, first team; Liz Roth, honorable mention.

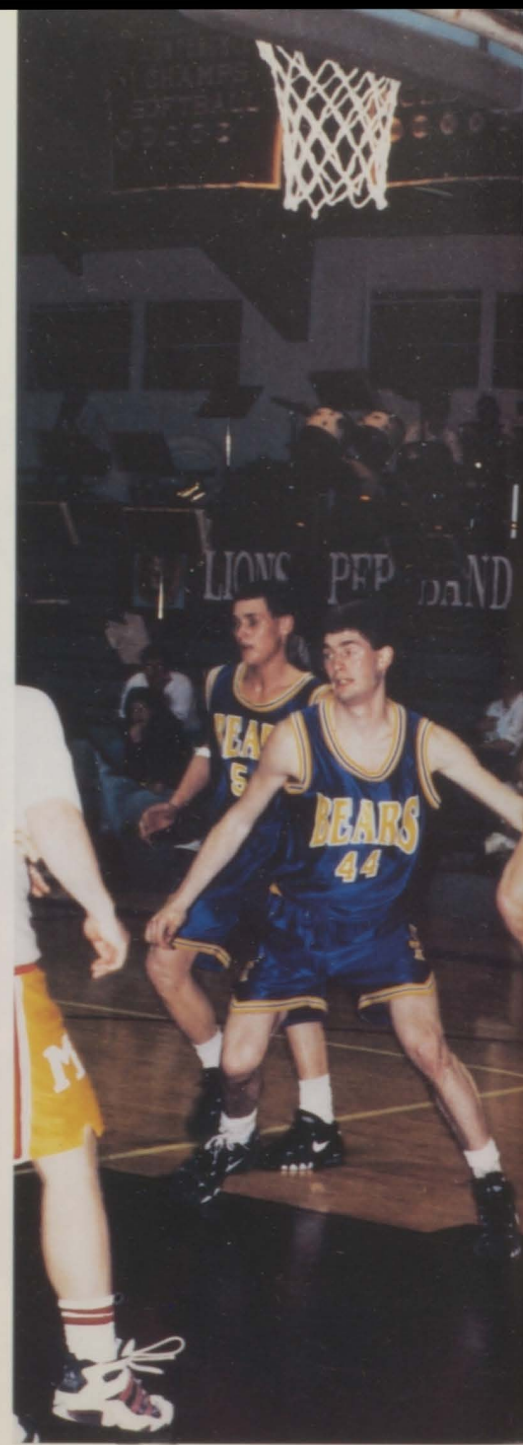
VARSITY TEAM - Won third place in the Summit Conference Tournament; won consolation in the Niangua Volleyball Tournament, new to the schedule this year.

DISTRICT PLAY - Lost to Gainesville in the first round of the tournament, hosted by Mansfield.

Shooting for two, Hayden Dennis scores 2 of his 7 points in a 88-63 win over Conway in the first round of the Mansfield Tournament.

On his way to scoring 40 points, Matt Skyles pulls in one of his 7 rebounds in a 93-81 Mansfield loss to the Ava Bears.

Zach Whorton aggressively attacks Hartville's defensive holes as he tries to score for the Lions in a 92-38 MHS loss.



Taking on two Cabool players, Melvin Thompson goes for the basket in a home game which the Lions won 75-64.

Jason Davis stays right with a Norwood player as he drives to the basket in the third place game of the Mansfield Tournament. MHS won 82-68; Davis had 8 points.



MHS

basketball

"I had to watch my emotions, because when I had a frown on my face, then my teammates saw it and it affected their playing."

-- Matt Skyles



RECORD 9-15

MHS	Town	OPP
69	Plato	66
112	Niangua	69
88	Conway	63
60	Seymour	68
82	Norwood	68
60	Catholic	76
66	Houston	69
47	Camdenton	87
95	Fordland J.V.	56
54	Seymour	74
85	Fordland	79
38	Hartville	101
80	Mtn. Grove	83
72	Norwood	82
55	Willow Springs	80
76	Conway	70
73	Seymour	74
75	Fordland	62
81	Ava	93
38	Hartville	92
64	Cabool	75
51	Gainesville	68
75	Lutie	96

■ Mansfield claimed third place in the annual Mansfield Tournament, defeating Conway and Norwood to gain the honor.

■ The team also won third place in the Seymour Tournament.

■ In a victory over Norwood Mansfield had four players in double figures. Matt

Skyles had 19, Sean Spyres had 15, Hayden Dennis had 12, and Melvin Thompson had 10.

■ Matt Skyles averaged 26.8 points per game, and Hayden Dennis averaged 11.

■ In rebounding, Matt Skyles averaged 6.5 per game, Sean Spyres had 6.3, and Hayden Dennis had 6.1.

■ Matt Skyles led the team with 85 steals and 112 assists.

■ From the line, Matt Skyles shot 73.6 percent, and Melvin Thompson shot 72.7.

■ Mike Spyres led the team with a 56.4 percent field goal percentage, Hayden Dennis shot 48.5 percent, and Sean Spyres 45.1 percent.

Sean Spyres uses his inside position to muscle one of his 8 rebounds in a 92-38 loss to Hartville. Spyres also scored 10 points in the game. Steven Welch is in the foreground.



Scoring 46 in one game makes senior year memory

It was a night of tension and excitement, and everything fell for senior Matt Skyles.

Skyles scored an extraordinary 46 points in a nail-biting game against Mtn. Grove, which MHS lost in overtime.

"I was concentrating so much on winning that I didn't know I had scored 46 points until (radio announcer) Gary Moore told me after the game," Skyles said.

Skyles had 11 of 25 points in the first quarter, 3 of 13 in the second, 15 of 22 in the third, 10 of 11 in the fourth, and 7 of 9 in overtime.

"Matt did a good job selecting his shots, and he didn't force any shots," Coach Chris Larsen said.

For a player to score 46 points, the shot selection has to be made carefully.

"I really didn't shoot a lot, but I worked hard to choose the right shots," Skyles said.

Although Larsen gives Skyles the recognition, he also gives the team credit for helping him make it to 46 points.

"When anyone scores that many points in a game, the teammates have a lot to do with it," Larsen said.

Although 46 points is an attention getter, it's not the school record. Wiley Bogart scored 63 points in a 1953 game, including 38 points in the third quarter. In the 80s, Brent Evans scored 50 points.

All season, Skyles was a team leader.

"The way we played was determined by Matt's attitude," junior Eric Grubbs said. "When he was down, we were down, and when he was up and feeling good, we could be unstoppable."

JV Team. Front - Joe Skyles, Brandon Edmonds, Daniel Cain, Curt Stuart, Travis Furr, Adam Grubbs, Zach Whorton, Jordan Coonce; Row two - Coach Chris Larsen, Jason Brooke, Luke Anderson, Brandon Lansdown, Scott Corder, Gary Slate, Chris Flageolle, Kevin Heatherly, Coach Kevin McDaris; Back - Doug Tripp, Zach Miller, Austin Miller.



Basketball Varsity Team: Front - Joe Skyles, Mike Spyres, Zach Whorton, Eric Grubbs, Melvin Thompson, Jason Davis, Brandon Lansdown, Jordan Coonce; Row two - Coach Chris Larsen, Randon Ivy, Sean Spyres, Hayden Dennis, Matt Skyles, Steven Welch, Assistant Coach Kevin McDaris; Back - Luke Johnson, Zach Miller, Austin Miller, and Doug Tripp.

TEAM SPIRIT

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE - Matt Skyles.

ALL-DISTRICT - Matt Skyles.

ALL-STATE - Matt Skyles.

KKOZ DREAM TEAM - Matt Skyles.

KKOZ DREAM TEAM STARTING LINE-UP - Matt Skyles.

MANSFIELD INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM - Matt Skyles.

With her usual quickness, Jenny Blaine darts around a Norwood player in a 57-35 loss for the Lady Lions. Blaine scored 15 points and had 5 rebounds.

Tough defense is the key as Niki Anderson plays tough defense trying to stop a Norwood player from scoring in a 57-35 MHS loss. Anderson scored 9 points.

A Hillcrest player tries to drive around Melanie Blankenship and Lauren Miller in a 47-33 MHS win against the 4A school. Blankenship scored 4 points and Miller 2 points in the game.



Jackie Honeycutt leaps to stop a Fordland player from scoring in a 60-25 win for MHS. Honeycutt scored 6 points in the game.



MHS

basketball

"It was great beating Gainesville (in the Summit Conference Tournament) since they had beaten us earlier in the year."

-- Niki Anderson



RECORD 10-16

MHS	Town	OPP
43	Willow Springs	45
26	Hartville	56
66	Seymour	36
47	Spfd. Hillcrest	33
44	Houston	55
43	Willow Springs	48
47	Ozark	55
48	Gainesville	55
49	Niangua	38
35	Norwood	57
48	Morrisville	54
60	Mtn. Grove	41
41	Willard	54
80	Licking	47
60	Fordland	25
39	Seymour	44
49	Conway	55
67	Niangua	55
35	Hartville	58
71	Gainesville	62
50	Hartville	64
51	Forsyth	57
61	Fordland	29
71	Ellington	64
40	Hartville	62

■ Mansfield won third in the conference tournament, defeating Niangua and Gainesville.

■ The team did not make the finals of the Lady Lions Invitational Tournament, and although the team played in the consolation game of the Rogersville Tournament, it lost

that game.

■ As a team, the girls averaged 50.9 points per game.

■ Scoring leaders for the team were Jenny Blaine with a 17.0 average and Niki Anderson with a 13.7 average. Game highs were Blaine 24 and Anderson 20.

■ Courtney Short averaged

6.2 rebounds per game, and Lauren Miller had 5 rebounds per game.

■ Niki Anderson shot 68.4 percent from the free throw line.

■ Jenny Blaine led the team with 69 steals and 84 assists.

■ Niki Anderson had a 50.6 percent shooting average from the field.

In the Lady Lions' last home game, a 61-29 win over Fordland, Courtney Short grapples with a Fordland player for a defensive rebound. Short scored 2 points in the game.



Girls' losing season still had some strong points

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ven though it wasn't a total surprise, that didn't make it any easier to take.

After making the Final Four and placing fourth in the state tournament last year, the girls' basketball team had to deal with a 10-16 season, and the first losing record in years.

High expectations before the season started were shattered for the team as the year went by.

"This whole year was a letdown because I thought we had enough talent to do good and we just didn't use it," senior Stephanie Blankenship said.

One major adjustment was getting used to a new coach. Jack Harris took over for Freddie Doherty, who had directed the squad for five years.

"Last year we had a set program and didn't have to worry about anything changing and this year we had to get used to a new coach," Blankenship said. "It took time to become a unit."

The loss of three starters to graduation changed the roles of remaining players, who took on leadership responsibilities.

"We couldn't take any team or any win for granted," senior Jenny Blaine said. "The players I played with last year graduated and we had to adjust to a whole new team at once."

However, the girls did manage to pull together by the end of the season, winning third in the conference tournament.

"We played really well in the tournament," senior Niki Anderson said. "In the Gainesville game we played well all four quarters instead of two or three like we had been."

Stephanie Blankenship plays in-your-face defense, backed up by Niki Anderson, against Hillcrest, in a 47-33 win for MHS.



TEAM SPIRIT

Girls' Basketball Team: Front - Ashley Blankenship, Rachelle Roy, Jessica Coonce, Kassy Calhoun, Amanda Skyles, Amber Davis; Row two - Kristina Shropshire, Sarah Carr, Leslie Lynch, Coach Jack Harris, Assistant Coach Tonia Songer, Ashley Hicks, Afton Ivy, Sumer Welch; Row three - Kati Williams, Lauren Miller, Liz Roth, Courtney Short, Crystal Bennett; Back - Aimee Williams, Jackie Honeycutt, Melanie Blankenship, Jenny Blaine, Stephanie Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Regina Roy.

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE - Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine, first team; Courtney Short, honorable mention.

KKOZ DREAM TEAM - Niki Anderson, Jenny Blaine.

KKOZ DREAM TEAM STARTING LINE-UP - Jenny Blaine.

Matt Skyles pitches in a home game with Forsyth. For the year, Skyles compiled a .91 ERA and had 179 strike-outs.

Shaking hands with the reserve players, Melvin Thompson makes his way to the field as the starting line-up is announced for the 2A state championship game in Columbia.



Heading toward third, Mike Spyres gets on base during the state championship game with Principia.

After hitting a grand slam home run in the district title game which MHS won 15-2 over Hartville, Jeromy Brooke is congratulated by Jarod Coday, Randon Ivy, and Matt Skyles.



MHS

baseball

"(Winning the state 2A baseball championship) was and still is the biggest accomplishment of my life."

-- Hayden Dennis



RECORD 34-4

MHS-Opp	Town	17-2	Spfd. Cath
		14-2	Seymour
		9-2	Liberty
10-0	Fordland	10-0	Hartville
6-0	Hartville	13-1	Ozark
12-0	Norwood	5-11	Kickapoo
12-3	Seymour	8-2	W. Plains
16-2	Norwood	8-1	Conway
11-1	Conway	8-1	Licking
15-5	Hartville	2-1	Norwood
3-0	Fordland	3-1	Fordland
10-2	Forsyth	8-4	Rogersville
12-2	Sparta	11-1	Ava
12-0	Seymour	2-7	Forsyth
6-4	Republic	14-3	Forsyth
6-7	Branson	15-2	Hartville
5-4	Nixa	6-2	Summersville
13-8	Willard	14-2	Stratford
9-7	Republic	1-0	Fatima
3-11	Marshfield	2-0	Principia
21-2	Gainesville		

■ Matt Skyles broke five school records: games pitched (new 65 - old 48); innings pitched (268 - 260); career ERA (1.23 - 1.64); career strike-outs (444 - 378); season strike-outs (179-178).

■ Jeromy Brooke broke the season stolen bases record (31) by stealing 37.

■ Matt Skyles had the highest batting average at .491, followed by Hayden Dennis with .409, Melvin Thompson .376, Jarod Coday .363, and Jeromy Brooke .360.

■ Matt Skyles hit 14 home runs, Steven Welch hit 7, and Jeromy Brooke hit 4.

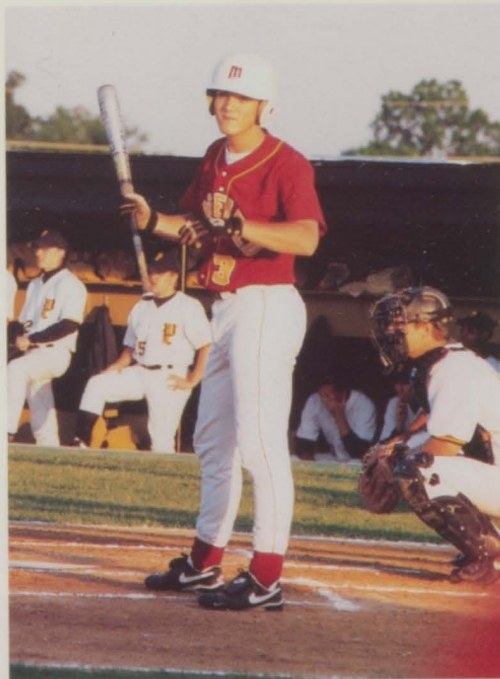
■ The RBI leader was Matt

Skyles with 57, and Steven Welch was second with 42.

■ Pitching ERAs were Matt Skyles .91, Steven Welch 2.33, and Jason Davis 2.52.

■ Matt Skyles led in on-base percentage with 58 percent, followed by Jeromy Brooke and Hayden Dennis, 51 percent; and Jeffrey Brooke, 48.

In the first inning of the state championship at Columbia, Hayden Dennis checks signs with Coach Doug Jones. MHS beat Principia 2-0 in the game.



First baseman Jarod Coday quickly moves to field a ground ball hit during a game against Forsyth, one of only 4 MHS losses.



Team wins second 2A state baseball championship

Never a doubt. At least that's what you would hear if you asked MHS baseball players about their chances of repeating as state champions.

And while sports teams aren't always right about their chances, this team was.

It won the 2A state baseball tournament, held in Columbia in late May, beating Fatima 1-0 and Principia 2-0.

Senior lefthander Matt Skyles shut out Fatima in the semifinal game, and junior righthander Jason Davis combined with Skyles to shut out Principia in the title game.

Beginning in early fall, the players were optimistic about their post-season chances.

"I think we're the best team in 2A baseball," junior Jeffrey Brooke said, and he was proved right in the spring.

The team compiled an undefeated fall record of 11-0, then started the spring season off with the championship of the Willard Lead-Off Tournament, which featured 3A and 4A schools.

"Winning the Willard tournament gave us a little boost," junior Eric Grubbs said. "It showed us that we were capable of beating any team."

Other accomplishments of the team included winning the Summit Conference championship for the tenth year in a row, and winning the district 2A tournament for the eighth year in a row.

A confident attitude spoke for much of the team's success.

"We went out there with the attitude that nobody could hit us," Davis said, "and they very seldom did."

Baseball Team: Front - Randon Ivy, Melvin Thompson, Jeffrey Brooke, Jeromy Brooke, Jason Davis, Eric Grubbs, Travis Furr; Back - Jason Brooke, Asst. Coach Randy Short, Zach Whorton, Mike Spyres, Hayden Dennis, Matt Skyles, Jarod Coday, Adam Grubbs, Chris Flaegolle, Luke Anderson, Coach Doug Jones, Steven Welch.

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE - Matt Skyles, Hayden Dennis, Steven Welch, Melvin Thompson, Jason Davis, Mike Spyres, Jarod Coday, Jeromy Brooke, Jeffrey Brooke.

ALL-DISTRICT - Matt Skyles, Hayden Dennis, Jason Davis, Jeromy Brooke.

ALL-STATE - Matt Skyles, Hayden Dennis, first team; Jeromy Brooke, second team.

VARSITY TEAM - Won the Willard Lead-Off Tournament, District 2A Tournament, State 2A Tournament.

Playing shortstop, Amanda Skyles gets a ground ball and throws it to Niki Anderson at first base in a 16-8 win over Seymour. Skyles hit a single in the sixth inning and collected two RBIs.



In the last game of the season against Seymour, Sarah Walker relieves starting pitcher Niki Anderson to go on for the 16-8 win. Walker had one hit in the game.



Coach Roger Wood goes to the mound to discuss making a pitching change with Niki Anderson, right. From left - Regina Roy, Amanda Skyles, Dawn Furlong, Jill Adamson, and Sarah Walker.

Emily Bray bats in the second inning of a win over Seymour, 16-8, in the last softball game of the season.



MHS

softball

"I didn't expect to end my senior season in softball sitting on the bench with a broken ankle. Being on crutches for weeks wasn't fun either."

-- Jackie Honeycutt



■ Leading batting averages were Niki Anderson with .591, Amanda Skyles with .583, Jill Adamson with .395, and Sarah Walker with .370.

■ Amanda Skyles, a sophomore, led in on-base percentage with .607, followed closely by Sarah Walker with .606. Other leaders were Niki Anderson

with .579, and Tia Pharris .500.

■ In a 4-3 loss to Fordland, Sarah Walker hit a home run and Emily Bray hit a triple.

■ The team operated at a disadvantage, since there was only one pitcher most of the season, Niki Anderson.

■ The team averaged 7 errors per game.

■ During a home game with Fordland, senior Jackie Honeycutt broke her ankle and was out for the rest of the season.

■ In the team's only win, a 16-8 decision over Seymour, multiple hitters were Jill Adamson, Niki Anderson, Amanda Skyles, Regina Roy, and Tia Pharris.

RECORD 1-10

MHS	Town	OPP
1	Conway	11
0	Norwood	15
3	Hartville	4
12	Hartville	7
14	Hartville	13
3	Fordland	4
4	Fordland	6
6	Fordland	12
18	Strafford	19
7	Forsyth	11
16	Seymour	8

Niki Anderson has just released a pitch in a game with Seymour, which Mansfield went on to win 16-8 for its only mark in the victory column. Anderson collected two hits in the game.



As Tia Pharris makes her way to first base, Dawn Furlong is ready to cross home plate in the team's 16-8 win at Seymour. Pharris collected an RBI for her efforts.



Softball team gets a win in last game of the season

Experience provided obstacles as the Lady Lions have had a difficult time with spring softball, ending the season with a disappointing 1-10 record.

After winning the conference title for four years in a row, the team could only muster one win all season, the last game against Seymour.

Unlike the past, the team only had one pitcher to rely on, senior Niki Anderson.

"It added a lot of extra pressure," she said, "because I knew if I didn't pitch well in a game there was no one to come in for me."

Seven players graduated last year, leaving the team with a different situation than it had faced in recent history.

"We had a rough season," junior Jill Adamson said. "We were used to depending on the girls that graduated last year, and this year we struggled a little because now we were the ones the younger players depended on."

In addition, the team lost a senior, Jackie Honeycutt, to a broken ankle.

"Jackie had been playing any position from catcher, to short stop, to third base," Coach Roger Wood said. "With her gone we were having to start a freshman in her place, and we definitely missed her experience."

The Lady Lions struggled throughout the year, but still didn't lose sight of their goals.

"Although we had a difficult year, we still worked really hard," junior Dawn Furlong said. "We were practicing not only for this year's games but for next year's as well."

Softball Team: Front - Jamie Stepro, Radonda Davis, Donna Young, Emily Bray, Amanda Skyles, Tia Pharris, Stephanie Maxwell; Back - Sarah Walker, Jill Adamson, Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy, Dawn Furlong, Niki Anderson, Jackie Honeycutt, Jennifer Wright. Not shown - Coach Roger Wood, Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson.

TEAM SPIRIT

H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE - Niki Anderson, Jill Adamson.

ALL-CONFERENCE, HONORABLE MENTION - Amanda Skyles



While other runners are getting in position in starting blocks, Kim Joseph, left, prefers to run her 100 meter dash without them. She placed eighth in the event at the district meet.

Kinder Pollock and Courtney Short, members of the 800 meter relay team, wait for their event to start lining up.



Stephanie Day tries to limber up before the 800 meter relay starts at the district track meet in Waynesville. She, along with Kinder Pollock, Courtney Short, and Kim Joseph, placed eighth in the event.

Forging starting blocks, Courtney Short is ready to start the 100 meter dash at the district track meet.



MHS

track

"Of my years in track, this year was the oddest. We spent half our time watching it rain and listening to intercom messages about cancelled meets."

-- Sean Spyres



HONORS

TOP MALE INDIVIDUAL IN POINTS - Scott Corder

TOP FEMALE INDIVIDUAL IN POINTS - Kim Joseph

MEDAL WINNER - Scott Corder won a third place medal at a Mtn. Grove track meet for his performance in the high jump event.

FIRST PLACE TRACK FINISHER - Scott Corder placed first in the high jump competition at a track meet in Ava

TEAM EVENTS

■ AVA MEET - 800 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Jessica Coonce, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 4th; 400 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Jessica Coonce, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 4th.
■ AVA MEET - 3200 M Relay

- Sean Spyres, Tad Harvill, Nick Brooke, Kevin Heatherly 5th.

■ MTN. GROVE MEET - 800 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Jessica Coonce, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 7th; 400 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Courtney Short, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 5th.

■ MTN. GROVE MEET - 800 M Relay - Kinder Pollock,

Courtney Short, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 4th; 400 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Courtney Short, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 3rd.

■ DISTRICT MEET AT WAYNESVILLE - 800 M Relay - Kinder Pollock, Jessica Coonce, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph 8th.



At the district meet at Waynesville Scott Corder gets in a practice jump before the contest start. He finished fourth in the competition.



With Kinder Pollock behind her for the handoff, Stephanie Day starts on her lap of the 800 meter relay at the district track meet in Waynesville. Other team members were Courtney Short and Kim Joseph.



Track team's biggest obstacle had to be weather

With freezing temperatures one day and rain pouring down the next, the track team found it hard to find an opportunity to practice, or even go to meets.

"The whole first week of practice was canceled because of the cold," junior Stephanie Day said. "Nothing went right from then on. Four meets were canceled because of rain and tracks being flooded."

Freshman runner Kinder Pollock regrets missing one particular meet.

"People that ran last year told me that it was easy to medal at Willow Springs," she said. "That meet was only canceled and rescheduled twice, and we still didn't go."

Runners' performances were affected by fewer practices.

"There's no doubt that we would have done better as a team if we had been able to be out practicing every day," track coach Randy Short said. "The more time you get on the track the better you will be."

Pollock agrees with Short.

"I wish that we'd been able to have more practices," she said. "Our relays would have been better if we had more time to practice, especially on hand-offs."

One Ava meet proved that the weather has a mind of its own.

"We were under the bleachers because the sun was burning our faces off," junior Kim Joseph said. "While we were getting ready to run the 800-meter relay, the clouds started rolling in. It suddenly got really cold and started to sprinkle. By the time we were lined up, it was pouring. Our race was postponed until after the rain. It never really stopped raining, so we all ended up going home."



Cross Country Team. Front - Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph, Kinder Pollock, Courtney Short, Jessica Coonce; Back - Scott Corder, Kevin Heatherly, Tad Harvill, Sean Spyres, and Nick Brooke. Not shown - Coach Randy Short.

TEAM SPIRIT

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

■ AVA MEET - 100 M Dash - Courtney Short 3rd, Kim Joseph 4th; 200 M Dash - Courtney Short 4th; 800 M Run - Nick Brooke 2nd, Jessica Coonce 3rd; 1600 M Run - Jessica Coonce 2nd; High Jump - Scott Corder 1st, Courtney Short 2nd, Nick Brooke 3rd, Kim Joseph 4th.

■ AVA MEET - 300 M Hurdles - Tad Harvill 7th; 1600 M Run - Sean Spyres 7th; High Jump - Scott Corder 3rd.

■ MTN. GROVE MEET - 1600 M Run - Sean Spyres 4th; High Jump - Scott Corder 3rd.

■ MTN. GROVE MEET - 100 M Dash - Kinder Pollock 6th; 300 M Hurdles - Tad Harvill 5th; High Jump - Scott Corder 2nd.

■ DISTRICT MEET - High Jump - Scott Corder 4th; 100 M Dash - Kim Joseph 8th; 200 M Dash - Kim Joseph 8th.

Jason Coffman
takes a fall after a
tag in a flag foot-
ball game in the
fall season.



Celebrating a victory are players Trish Freeman, Robert Pratt, Carl Ramsey, Erickia Cook, front; Coach Stephaney Menzie, Ricky Boutell, Robert Rippee, Joe Bockelman, Jason Brazeal, Roy Liles, Coach Georgianne Brown.

At the line Michael Bailey shoots a free throw. Teammates are Joe Bockelman, Jason Brazeal, and Robert Rippee.



MHS

A Sporting Chance

"Sporting Chance has been great for me. When you're handicapped, you don't have anything to do and it helps me and other kids get the chance to be in sports.

This year we added football and I really enjoyed that."

-- Ricky Boutell



■ Flag football replaced soccer in the schedule, and an MHS team won second in its first tournament, in Springfield. Players were Robert Pratt, Jason Brazeal, Joe Bockelman, Carl Ramsey, and Chris Wilson.

■ A girls' team made up of Trish Freeman, Erickia Cook,

Mary Heidelberg, and Christina Wilson won first place in a bowling tournament at Holiday Lanes in Springfield.

■ A bowling team of Jon Heidelberg, Robert Rippee, and Roy Liles won first in the tournament in Springfield.

■ The Lions I team made up of Michael Bailey, Trish

Freeman, Joey Long, Donna Young, Joe Bockelman, Jason Brazeal, Roy Liles, and Robert Rippee won second in its division in a basketball tournament at Hillcrest High School. Bockelman scored 34 points, and Rippee scored 15.

■ The Hanger Sawmill team made up of Ricky Boutell,

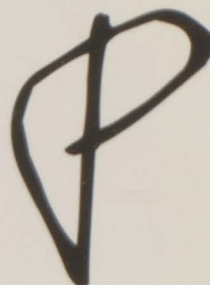
Crystal Young, LaDonna Liles, Rodney Bell, Steven Collins, Jason Farris, and Carl Ramsey won second in a basketball tournament. Farris led the team with 12 points

■ A Sporting Chance teams also competed in volleyball games and leagues and track meets.

Coach Georgianne Brown instructs the Sporting Chance flag football team. Clockwise from her left, Trish Freeman, Robert Pratt, Ricky Boutell, Chris Wilson, Carl Ramsey, Michael Bailey, Erickia Cook, and Joe Bockelman.

In a spring track event, Ricky Boutell throws the shot put at an A Sporting Chance track meet.

Flag football is welcome addition to sport schedule



Passing the ball from one end of the field to the other without getting the flag pulled off your belt is the object of flag football, a new addition to the A Sporting Chance schedule.

The group continued to offer all students a chance to compete.

"This is the first year football has been offered, and although we knew it would be hard we decided to try it," Coach Georgianne Brown said.

Since the students enjoy watching the Kansas City Chiefs football team, they picked a popular name for their team.

"We all like to follow and support the Chiefs, so we chose to call ourselves the Mansfield Chiefs," Brown said.

The students put in a lot of hard work, but at the same time had a lot of fun.

"Playing football was fun and I learned a lot of rules that I didn't know before," senior Ricky Boutell said.

Some of the students were already familiar with the rules of football.

"I played fleetball in my P.E. class, which is similar to football, so I knew pretty much what I was doing," freshman Jason Coffman said.

Boutell said the team got better as the season progressed.

"In the first game we didn't do so good, but in the second game we came together as a team to try to win," he said.

To prevent potential injury, flag football uses passing instead of rushing, but it is still a contact sport.

"I got hurt after I was knocked down by a big boy on the other team," freshman Erickia Cook said. "But at least I made a touchdown."

Football in hand, Robert Pratt makes his move in a flag football game held in the fall in Springfield. This sport was added to the schedule for the first time.



In a track meet at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Erickia Cook competes in the long jump event.

TEAM SPIRIT

A Sporting Chance Basketball Team, at left. Front - Robert Rippee, Coach Georgianne Brown, Joe Bockelman; Middle - Donnie Young; Back - Joey Long, Jason Brazeal, Trish Freeman, Roy Liles, and Michael Bailey.

A Sporting Chance Basketball Team, far left. Front - Crystal Young, Coach Georgianne Brown, Coach Stephaney Menzie, Ricky Boutell; Back - Jason Coffman, Ladonna Liles, Rodney Bell, Erickia Cook, Steven Collins, Jason Farris, and Carl Ramsey.



Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball Team. Front - Chad Keith, Rodney Bell, Josh Street, Jordan Logan; Back - Coach Don Sanders, Dustin Coday, Matt Shevchuk, Adam Bennett, Josh Cleaver, Clark Choate.



7TH - RECORD 1-8

MMS	Town	OPP
31	Fordland	41
19	Seymour	24
21	Conway	44
20	Norwood	32
27	Hartville	42
39	Gainesville	31
38	Seymour	41
28	Norwood	35
25	Hartville	27



Trying to knock the ball away from a Gainesville player, Afton Ivy is followed down court by Ashley Hicks and Erica Spyres. Mansfield won 36-26.



Nicole Savers dribbles past a Gainesville defender in a home game which Mansfield won 36-26. The girls beat Gainesville twice during the season.



MMS

basketball

GIRLS - RECORD 8-7

MMS	Town	OPP	MMS	Town	OPP
22	Fordland	23	36	Gainesville	26
26	Seymour	21	4	Norwood	53
31	Conway	24	23	Seymour	24
33	Norwood	17	22	Hartville	37
28	Niangua	24	27	Gainesville	25
20	Plato	11	21	Hartville	41
9	Norwood	39	27	Conway	29
10	Hartville	31			



Middle School Girls' Basketball Team. Bottom: Lora Thompson, Jessica Roth, Julie Lynch, Tara Allen, Laura Furr; Row two - Ashley Hicks, Serena Baugh, Amanda Mason, Dedra Wallace, Erica Spyres, Crystal Bennett, Sarah Leonard; Back - Lindsay Hannaford, Carrie Jarrett, Sarah Brown, Jennifer Shopshire, Sumer Welch, Sarah Carr, Afton Ivy, Coach Tonia Songer.

Ben Moody is ready to rebound if Presley McQuigg misses in 61-30 eighth grade win over Gainesville.

Seventh Grade Cheerleaders. Front - Tashina Wilson; Middle - Ashley Hicks, Tona Carter, Colleen Cook; Back - Rachel McCall.



Eighth Grade Cheerleaders. Front - Janisha Bennett, Katrina Bailey, Afton Ivy, Casandra Harris; Standing - Kristina Shropshire, Kodi Harris, Sumer Welch.

Eighth grade boys win first, second in tourneys

After losing the first two games of the season, the eighth grade boys' basketball team stepped up and decided that it was time to take care of business the rest of the season.

The team came back strong with strings of 4 and 6 wins, and finished its season with 10 wins and only 4 losses.

In addition, the team, coached by Don Sanders, claimed first place in one tournament and second place in another one.

The first was the Norwood Tournament. MMS beat number-one seed Norwood for the championship as the Lions outscored the Pirates 37-28. Doug Tripp led the team with 14 points.

In the conference tournament at Gainesville, the eighth grade boys beat Hartville 52-44 in the semifinals, but lost to Seymour in the championship.

The seventh and eighth grade girls' team combined won 8 and lost 7, while the seventh grade girls, on their own, finished with 5 wins and no losses.

In the Norwood Tournament the girls' team brought home the second place trophy.

"I feel that the girls did well this year and that the season went very smoothly," said Coach Tonia Songer. "All of the girls improved their fundamental skills. They worked very hard and had a successful season."

Members of the girls' team were also pleased with their performance.

"I think we had a really good season," seventh grader Lindsay Hannaford said. "Our whole basketball team worked well together."



Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball team. Front - Zach Miller, Craig Letsinger, Rick Weaver, Jason Hilliard, Austin Corder, Johnathon Walker, Steven Collins; Back - Coach Don Sanders, Austin Miller, Doug Tripp, Dustin Clark, Ben Moody, Ryan Stacy, Dustin McCleary.

8TH - RECORD 10-4

MMS	Town	OPP
41	Fordland	48
32	Seymour	36
48	Conway	44
44	Niangua	27
48	Bakersfield	28
37	Norwood	28
27	Hartville	33
61	Gainesville	30
34	Norwood	23
48	Seymour	46
40	Hartville	29
41	Gainesville	21
52	Hartville	44
24	Seymour	28

TEAM SPIRIT



■ HAVING A CALCULATOR nearby comes in handy for Duane Keys as he checks a problem during his trigonometry and advanced math class, taught by Susan Gressman.



■ IN ONE OF her first writing assignments of the year, Carol Kelly works on correcting her biopoem at the computer during her English I class.



■ FOR A MOMENT, Jeremy Corder is stumped on where to go next with the design of the molecule model he is constructing in his chemistry class.



EXPECT

*the unexpected
in academics*

■ USING BRIGHT PINK paint, Donna Dollarhide airbrushes a picture, using skills she has learned in her Art I class taught by Dean Bray.





■ JOE BRAY'S BLUE foam and Kim Joseph's green foam continue to grow after they have mixed two solutions together in a plastic cup. The project was an experiment in Pam Probert's chemistry class.

Strange-colored foam overflowing plastic cups? It's chemistry. A

soup line and homeless people sleeping under newspapers? It's

American history. A real divorce case in a real court? It's

entrepreneurship. The list could go on, but don't expect classes at

MHS to be doing the same old thing year after year after year.

Always expect something different.

DISSECTING

Sheep, cats provide 'smelly' learning in biology class

"There's no way I'm going to touch that, whatever it is."

"This smells so bad that I'm going to gag."

Enter the Biology II classroom on a day when students are dissecting and expect to hear remarks such as these. Students of Pam Probert investigated sheep hearts, kidneys, eyes, and brains, and entire cats.

Most comments centered around the odor of the preservative.

"The smell when you first cut something open overwhelms your senses because it's so powerful," junior Lee Barber said.

Students in the labs said the smell can't be put into words.

"The stench hangs around all day," junior Emily Moody said. "It can't be explained to someone who

hasn't experienced the joy of dissecting."

Junior Jennifer Wright found not the smell, but the actual sheep's eye to be the most repulsive aspect.

"It had this jelly stuff inside that squirted everywhere once you cut into it," she said. "The outside was a really tough tissue that took forever to cut through."

Some students prefer to "slice and dice;" others prefer to observe.

"Whenever we dissect, I always have to do the paperwork and make everyone else cut, because I turn green if I get too close to things like that," senior Melanie Blankenship said. "Plus the formaldehyde about knocks you out. When we dissected the sheep's eye, it took all I had not to pass out."



EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

THE
SUBJECT
IS
SCIENCE

◆ DISTRICT JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Purple Ribbons: Stephanie Day, Christa Choate; **Blue Ribbon:** Emily Moody; **Red Ribbon:** Kim Joseph, Amanda Stacy.

◆ STATE JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Blue Ribbon: Christa Choate.

◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR

Best in Show: Sara Moody, chemistry; **Division Trophy Winner:** Kim Joseph, behavioral;

Blue Ribbons: Emily Bray, botany; Larry Lansdown, botany; Emily Moody, chemistry;

Stephanie Day, earth science; Kassy Calhoun, earth science; Eric Carampatan, earth science;

Heather Brooke, zoology; Allison Arnall, physics; Christa Choate, physics; Jeremy Corder, physics;

Jenny Moody, behavioral; **Red Ribbons:** Cindy Dalton, botany; Regina Roy, botany; Leslie Lynch, chemistry;

Tessa Miller, earth science; Amanda Skyles, earth science; Courtney Short, math and computers.

◆ SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Division Winner: Stephanie Day, environmental; **Second Place:** Tessa Miller, earth and space; **Third Place:** Kassy Calhoun, microbiology; **Honorable Mention:** Kim Joseph, zoology; **Special Award:** Regina Roy, American Meteorological Society.

◆ DISTRICT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

First Place: Gary Slate, Mission Possible; **Second Place:** Jason Lansdown, Mission Possible; **Third Place:** Jeremy Corder, It's About Time; Amanda Stacy and Jill Adamson, Qualitative Analysis.

EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

THE
SUBJECT
IS
MATH

◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE MATH CONTEST

First Place Team Trophy Winners: Lee Barber, Christa Choate, and Eric Grubbs (geometry);

Second Place Teams: Jason

Eagleston, Mandy Goss, and

Travis Furr (Algebra I); Niki

Anderson, Duane Keys, and

Heather Persinger

(advanced math); **Silver**

Medals: Lee Barber,

geometry; Emily Bray,

Algebra II; **Bronze**

Medals: Eric Grubbs,

geometry; Duane Keys,

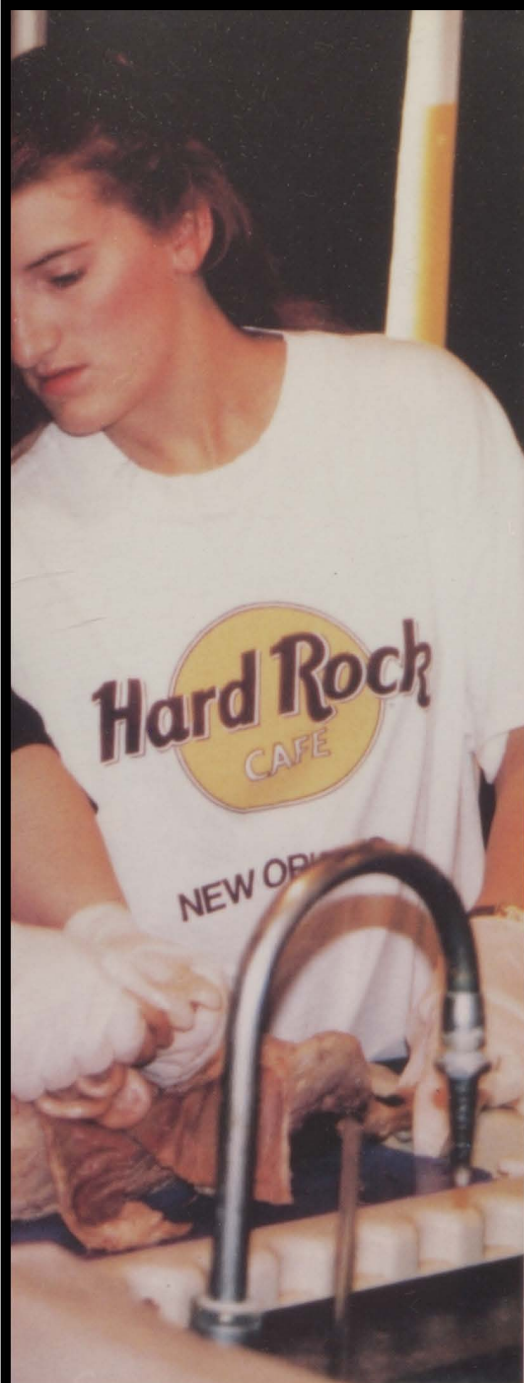
advanced math; **Blue Ribbons:** Britten Med-

ley, pre-algebra; Emily Bray, Algebra II; **White Ribbons:** Rachel

Hull, pre-algebra; Joe Sears, Algebra II; Christa Choate, geometry.

SEATED ON THE floor of the science lab, Emily Bray cuts out the last of the colored paper she will use on the board for her science project. Science students took part in several worknights to prepare for the fair.





HOLDING ITS INTESTINES in her hands, Christa Choate shows Biology II lab partner Wendy Matlock the digestive system of a cat.



KIM JOSEPH HOLDS the model while fellow chemistry student Emily Moody points out the parts of a carbon molecule.

DURING GROUP WORK in geometry, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder, and Mike Spyres construct area prisms with small wooden cubes as they learn about area.



ALL EYES ARE on the colored foam as Steven Welch and Lee Barber have mixed two solutions together in a plastic cup as part of a chemistry experiment.



DURING A LATE worknight before the conference science fair, Sara Moody puts the finishing touches on her board. Her efforts won the Best in Show prize at the fair.

CINDY DALTON AND Kim Pippin take measurements outside for an assignment in applied math class.

WRITING

Concentrating on this skill pays off big for students

By the time May rolled around, MHS writers had shown that the hours spent in English classrooms revising their creations at the computers were well worth it.

Teachers Arlene Magnin, Debbie Von Behren, and Betsy Wight emphasized writing skills all year long, and their students won literally hundreds of awards in conference, regional, state, and national contests.

Freshman Tiffany Hurst claimed her share of the prizes, winning 16 awards at LAD Fair alone.

"Writing kept me sane," she said. "So many crazy mixed-up things have gone on in my life this year, and writing was a constructive way to relieve my stress and keep me

from going overboard."

Bridget Keys, another freshman, put in many hours at the computer in her English I class.

"After writing different things all year, it was nice to be rewarded for doing my best on them," she said.

Both teachers and students felt the pressure of trying to meet dozens of deadlines for the writing contests.

"During January and February, things were looking grim," Von Behren said. "It seemed like all we were doing was stressing out over getting the writing ready for contest. April and May were the fun months when the kids got to see just how their skills matched up with students from other schools."



THE
SUBJECT
IS
ENGLISH

EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST

Division Trophy: Stephanie Blankenship, grammar; **Division Second:** Tessa Miller, spelling; Courtney Short, grammar; **Blue Ribbons:** Sean Spyres, composition; **Red Ribbons:** Ashley Blankenship, composition; Eric Carampatan, Amanda Stacy, Heather Persinger, vocabulary; Niki Anderson, Eric Grubbs, Britten Medley, spelling; **White Ribbons:** Heather Persinger, vocabulary; Aimee Williams, grammar; Tiffany Hurst, Emily Moody, composition; **Yellow Ribbons:** Mandy Goss, grammar.

◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE LANGUAGE ARTS FAIR

First: Tiffany Hurst, 9/10 short story; Natasha Bailey, 9/10 persuasion, Stephanie Day, 11/12 persuasion; Tessa Miller, 9/10 lit. analysis; Amanda Stacy, 11/12 poetry; Emily Bray, 9/10 poetry; **Second:** Eric Carampatan, 9/10 short story; Kassy Calhoun, 9/10 persuasion; Duane Keys, 11/12 persuasion; Allison Arnall, 9/10 lit. analysis; Melanie Blankenship, 11/12 lit. analysis; Tiffany Hurst, 9/10 poetry; Jenny Blaine, 11/12 poetry; **Third:** Kassy Calhoun, 9/10 personal essay; Mandy Goss, 9/10 lit. analysis; Christa Choate, Jenny Blaine (tie), 11/12 lit. analysis; Amanda Stacy, 11/12 poetry; Ashley Blankenship, 9/10 persuasion;

Eric Grubbs, 11/12 persuasion.

◆ THE WRITE CHOICE CONTEST

First: Tiffany Hurst, 9/10 short poetry; Kassy Calhoun, 9/10 personal narrative; Stephanie Blankenship, 11/12 long poetry.

THE
SUBJECT
IS
JOURNALISM

EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

◆ ERNEST HEMINGWAY WRITING AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS

National Finalist: Duane Keys.

◆ QUILL AND SCROLL INTERNATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

Sweepstakes Gold Key: Melanie McGaw, sports story; **Gold Keys:** Duane Keys, news story; Duane Keys, Melanie McGaw, Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, in-depth team.

◆ MISSOURI PRESS WOMEN STATE YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

Third: Jennifer Jones, page design; Duane Keys, news story; **HM:** Melanie McGaw, sports story.

◆ MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE NEWSPAPER CONTEST

First: Stephanie Day, feature story, academic story; Duane Keys, Melanie McGaw, Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Kingery, Tessa Bennett, in-depth series; **Second:** Stephanie Blankenship, news story; Duane Keys, column; Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, Jennifer Kingery Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Jones, Shelly Whorton, Duane Keys, in-depth series; **Third:** Kim Joseph, column.

◆ MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE YEARBOOK CONTEST

First: Melanie Blankenship, theme copy; Stephanie Day, academic copy; Jeffrey Brooke, sports copy; Aimee Williams, student life copy; Shelly Whorton, quick read copy; Jennifer Jones, club copy; Crystal Hodges, feature copy; Tessa Bennett, academic layout; Emily Moody, sports layout; Michelle Roberts, portrait layout; Amanda Stacy, student life layout; Sara Moody, cover, theme design; **Second:** Jennifer Kingery, organization layout; **Third:** Lauren Miller, quick read copy; Amanda Stacy, club copy.

◆ MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS CONTEST

First: Sara Moody and Stephanie Day

◆ OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS REGIONAL MAIL-IN CONTEST

First: Sara Moody, feature story, cover and theme design; Amanda Stacy, student life layout; Stephanie Day, academic copy; Aimee Williams, sports copy, student life copy; Melanie Blankenship, theme copy; Jennifer Jones, club copy; Tessa Bennett, academics layout; Jennifer Kingery, club layout; Crystal Hodges, people copy; Shelly Whorton, quick-read copy; **Second:** Jeffrey Brooke, sports story; sports copy; Lauren Miller, advertisement; Michelle Roberts, people layout; Duane Keys, student life copy; Emily Moody, sports layout; Stephanie Day, people copy; **Third:** Stephanie Blankenship, news; Emily Moody, academic copy; Amanda Stacy, club copy; **HM:** Kim Joseph, column; Lauren Miller, quick read copy.

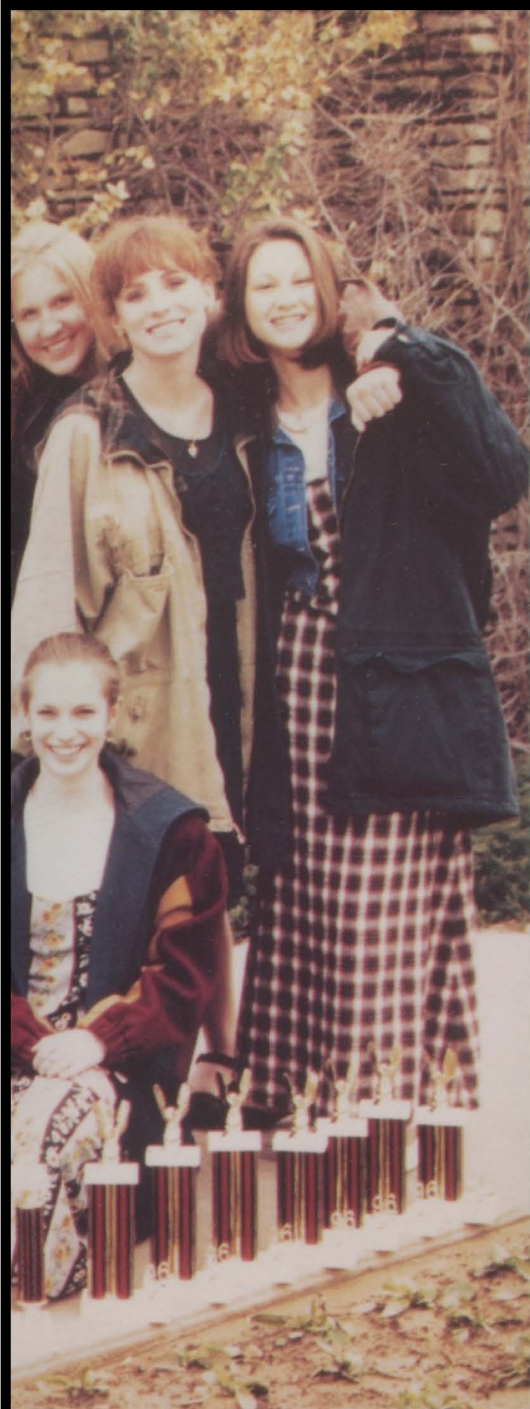
◆ OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS REGIONAL WRITE-OFF CONTEST

First: Aimee Williams, sports copy and caption writing; Melanie Blankenship, academics copy and caption writing; Amanda Stacy, poetry; **Second:** Michelle Roberts, yearbook cover; **Third:** Stephanie Day, news writing; **HM:** Stephanie Blankenship, sports writing; Jennifer Kingery, yearbook layout; Sara Moody, student life copy and caption writing; Allison Arnall, theme layout.

◆ SOUTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM CONTEST

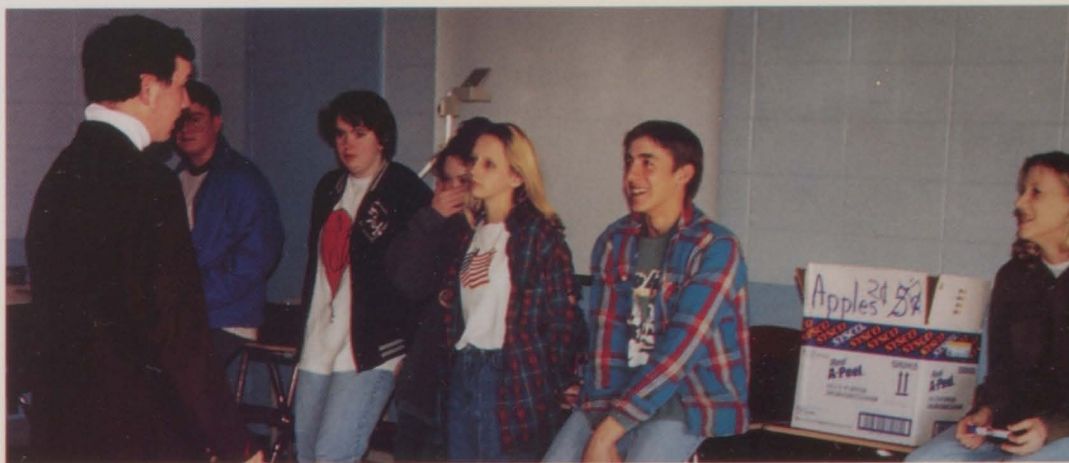
First: Melanie McGaw, sports news; **Second:** Stephanie Day, news; Aimee Williams, sports feature; Kim Joseph, column; **Third:** Crystal Hodges, feature; Stephanie and Melanie Blankenship, column; **HM:** Jeffrey Brooke, sports feature; Aimee Williams, feature; Michelle Roberts, feature; Duane Keys, column.

SURROUNDED BY TROPHIES, College of the Ozarks Writing Contest winners are front - Duane Keys, Tiffany Hurst, Stephanie Day; back - Amanda Stacy, Allison Arnall, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Kassy Calhoun, Bridget Keys. These writers claimed enough individual trophies to win the school sweepstakes for the third year.



AFTER LOTS OF work, Michelle Napier and Jamie Stepro show their American history project on John F. Kennedy's assassination.

POSING AS A PREACHER, Nelson Greenwood lectures to Tori Lockmon, Misty Stout, Patricia Crain, Tad Harvill, and Kinder Pollock as part of a Depression-era lesson in Wilda Watterson's American history class.



WITH MAPS SCATTERED across the floor, Kim Jones and Angela Pharris try to find a specific location during Roger Wood's government class.

THE CLOCK'S TICKING as Jessica Copeland flips through the pages, trying to finish her newspaper test in world history before the bell rings.



IN ENGLISH I CLASS, freshmen Tori Lockmon, Somer Golden, and Carol Kelley read aloud from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," a major fourth-quarter project.

CREATING

Seeing national artists' work brings classroom to life

Dragons, music, and jewelry painted the picture-perfect scenario for spectators at the annual ArtFest.

And for the first time, a group of 10 Mansfield art students took what they had learned in the classroom and attended the event, held outdoors in Springfield on historic Walnut Street.

Artists from across the nation come to celebrate the arts and display personal works during ArtFest.

From paintings and pictures to symphonies and bands, the festival had something for everyone.

Art teacher Dean Bray took students to the fair in a effort to reinforce what they had learned in the classroom.

"There were a lot of wonderful things at the fair," art teacher Dean

Bray said. "There were symphony players and the SMSU jazz band was also there."

Observing and listening was only part of the fun. Several students participated in a hands-on way.

"This lady had us drape a dragon costume over our heads," freshman Mandy Hutson said. "We had to walk through crowds of people and shake our heads and arms so it would look like it was moving."

Another girl chose not to have her whole body, but just a few strands of hair, under "wrap."

"We saw a sign that saw Hair Wrap and we asked the man what it was," senior Trish Dalton said. "He showed us how he tied different colored threads around a piece of hair. I just had to get one."

EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

THE
SUBJECT
IS
MUSIC

◆ DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST - VOCAL

One Ratings: Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Mike Spyres, vocal solo; Sean Spyres, vocal solo; Julie Brenner, vocal solo; Jenny Blaine, vocal solo; Miscellaneous Group (Mike Spyres, Sean Spyres, Luke Johnson); Miscellaneous Group (Liza Stovall, Eric Carampatan, Emily Bray, Erica Spyres); Trio (Julie Brenner, Rachelle Roy, Erica Spyres); **Two Ratings:** Mixed Chorus; Ricky Boutell, vocal solo; Emily Bray, vocal solo; Mixed Eight (Jenny Blaine, Luke Johnson, Sean Spyres, Sara Moody, Liza Stovall, Mike Spyres, Eric Carampatan, Julie Brenner); **Three Ratings:** Rachelle Roy, vocal solo; Jessica Coonce, vocal solo.

◆ STATE MUSIC CONTEST - VOCAL

One Ratings: Mike Spyres, vocal solo; Miscellaneous Group (Sean Spyres, Mike Spyres, Luke Johnson); Miscellaneous Group (Liza Stovall, Eric Carampatan, Emily Bray, Erica Spyres); **Two Ratings:** Sean Spyres, vocal solo; Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Jenny Blaine, vocal solo; Julie Brenner, vocal solo; Trio (Julie Brenner, Rachelle Roy, Erica Spyres).

◆ DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST - INSTRUMENTAL

One Ratings: Mike Spyres, trumpet solo; Trumpet Trio (Erica Spyres, Mike Spyres, Sean Spyres); **Two Ratings:** High School Band; Flute Quartet (Lydia Chilson, Dawn Furlong, Emily Bray, Jessica Coonce).

◆ STATE MUSIC CONTEST - INSTRUMENTAL

Two Ratings: Trumpet Solo- Mike Spyres; **Three Ratings:** Trumpet Trio (Sean Spyres, Mike Spyres, Erica Spyres).

TIME IS AN important key as Chad Keeling and Russell Hedrick try not to smudge their work using pastels. They are working during their Art I class.



COVERED WITH MUD from head to toe, Jason Eagleston experiences working with clay and the potters wheel in his Art I class.



PERFECTION BEING THE only option, Matt Scott steadies the stencil before he starts airbrushing a design in his Art I class. Nathan Hanger works in the background.

CAREFULLY MAKING EACH stroke, Kathy Winsor and Rachel Barber work on their shading projects for an Art I assignment.



SCRUTINIZING EVERY DETAIL, Billy Bailey makes sure each line is as perfect as possible as he finishes a free-hand drawing.



VICTOR MURRAY STEADIES his piece of paper as he and Barry Wedge, right, trace an enlarged object projected from the overhead.

KELLY OTIS completes her first chalk drawing, getting down from her chair to get a better angle.



GROWING

Nurturing healthy plants takes more than just luck

While some "lucky" kids were picking rocks from their parents' gardens last summer, horticulture students were reaping the benefits of having learned about real gardening.

Horticulture students planted and potted in the agriculture department's greenhouse, then they tried to sell the plants for a profit.

"We were expecting to be able to make some money from our poinsettias this year, but around Christmas time we had a major insect problem that ruined most of our plants," horticulture teacher Stan Coday said.

Amanda Stacy, a junior, spent class time working in the greenhouse.

"I picked weeds and potted poinsettias," she said. "We found out quickly how important watering is, and I also learned how to clip the

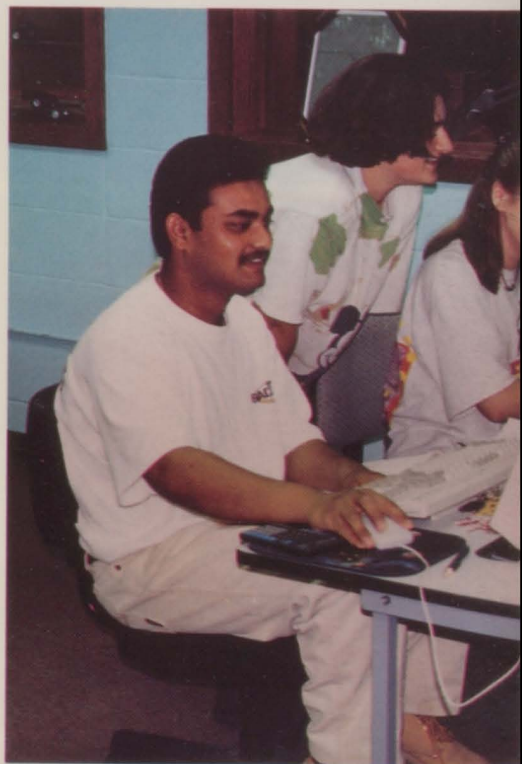
ends of the plants to make them grow."

Although the winter months proved less than satisfactory, hopes were high for spring bedding plants.

"We worked really hard planting peppers, tomatoes and flowers," junior Regina Roy said. "We had the flowers on sale by the end of the school year."

The greenhouse was open year-round to volunteers who wanted to get their hands dirty.

"The greenhouse is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience," Coday said. "This was my first year to work in the greenhouse, so there was a lot for me to learn. It's a good experience for anyone who is interested in flowers and gardens. It's hard work, but also a lot of fun."



EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

◆ STATE FFA AWARDS

State Farmer: Garan Kinser.

◆ STATE FFA CONTEST

Eleventh In State: Poultry Team (Regina Roy, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess); Top Individual: Regina Roy.

◆ DISTRICT FFA CONTEST

State Qualifier: Poultry Team (Regina Roy, Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Larry Lansdown).

◆ FFA PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Top Six In State: Jeff Hanger, agriculture processing; First In Area: Jeff Hanger, agriculture processing; Julie Williams, dairy production placement; Garan Kinser, agricultural sales and/or services; Second In Area: Bobby Franks, specialty crop production.

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AGRICULTURE

EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Best In Woodworking II: Jim Wallace, gun case; First Place Blue Ribbons: Jim Wallace, gun case, second year woodworking; Karen Farris, entertainment cabinet, first year woodworking; Julie Brenner, computer program, open division; Second Place Red Ribbons: Christy Matney, computer desk, second year woodworking; Steve Chilson, coffee and end tables, second year woodworking; Joe Bockelman, blanket chest, first year woodworking; Robert Rippee, fishing rod rack, first year woodworking; Steve Cannon, computer program, open division.



THROUGH A HOLE specially designed through the rumen, agriculture student Janet VanNess is able to stick her arm inside a cow to feel the digested feed in its stomach.

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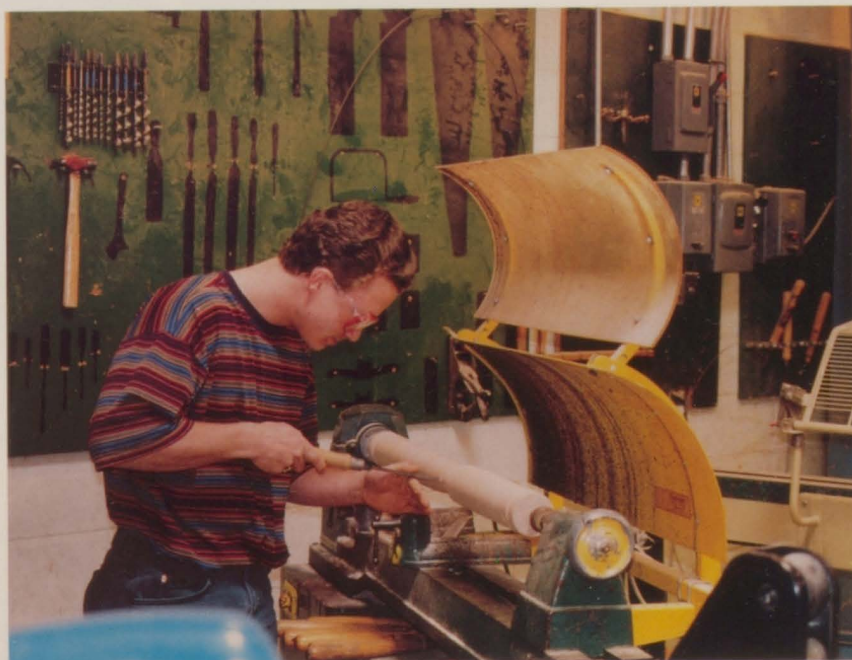
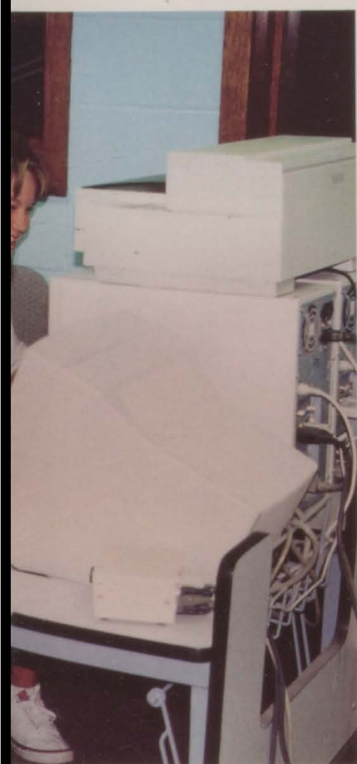


WORKING CAREFULLY, REGINA Roy and Robbie Baugh arrange a row of tomato plants in the greenhouse, a year-long lab area for the horticulture class.

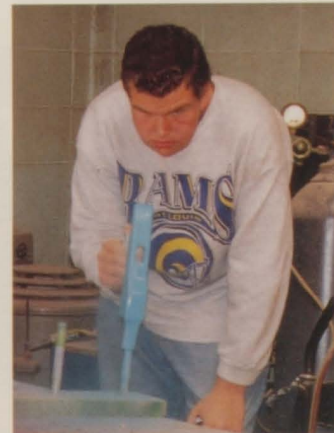


USING TEAMWORK, TRISH Dalton and Brian Pollock put the finishing touches on an oak chest in woodworking class.

REACTIONS ARE VARIED as agriculture and biology students watch veterinarian Kim Ehlers demonstrate the technique of collecting semen from a bull in order to determine fertility levels.



AT OPEN HOUSE, Edwin Singh and Donna Young try out the CAD (computer assisted drafting) programs, with some help from Christy Matney.



BRIAN JONES USES bright blue spray to paint the carbon dioxide powered car he designed in CAD, computer assisted drafting.

USING A WOOD LATHE, Steven Chilson turns the leg of a Santa Fe table that he is creating for a woodworking class project.

JUDGING

'Order in the court' not what students expected

Mention going to court, and that conjures up the image of Judge Wopner, or after the O. J. Simpson trial, world-famous Judge Ito.

Along with those visions, what pops into most heads is the age-old saying "Order in the court!"

But when business teacher Marsha Appleby and her entrepreneurship class witnessed the real thing at the Wright County Courthouse in Hartville as part of their law curriculum, they found out "court" wasn't quite like what plays out on their television screens.

"I was expecting a lot of noise and lawyers jumping up and yelling 'I object!,' but it was actually really calm," senior Matt Skyles said. "They let us sit in the jury box, so I just sat back and thought to myself: 'So this

is what the O. J. jury felt like.'"

Senior Duane Keys also expected something other than what he saw.

"It was an interesting experience because it was a lot different than TV," he said. "Things weren't as organized as the O. J. trial."

Judge John Moody came over to explain the "confusion."

"We call this 'law day,'" he said. "It's kind of all the leftover cases. However chaotic the process may seem, we all know what is going on."

Because it was their first experience at a trial of any kind, students didn't know what to expect.

"It was nothing like I thought it would be," senior David Climer said. "Things seemed very disorganized and out of order. I would have definitely liked to stay longer."



EXPECT THE BEST IN '96

THE
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BUSINESS

◆ DISTRICT FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA CONTEST

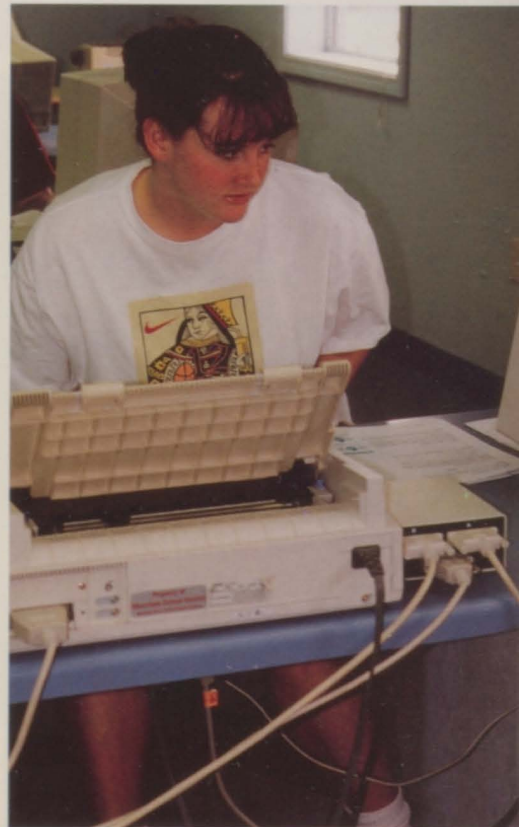
First: Courtney Short, Business Communications I; Stephanie Blankenship, Business Communications II; Duane Keys and David Climer, chapter exhibit; Duane Keys, David Climer, and Niki Anderson, chapter scrapbook; **Second:** Melanie Blankenship, Ms. FBLA; Duane Keys, computer application; **Third:** Heather Persinger, information processing; Kathy Winsor, job interview; Hayden Dennis and Duane Keys, poster; David Climer, Mr. FBLA; Liza Stovall, Dawn Furlong, Jamie Stepro, Jessica Coonce, Rachelle Roy, parliamentary procedure; **Fourth:** Niki Anderson, Accounting I; David Climer, computer applications; Steven Chilson, economics; **Fifth:** Melanie Blankenship, Business Communications II.

◆ STATE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA CONTEST

Fifth: Duane Keys and David Climer, chapter exhibit.

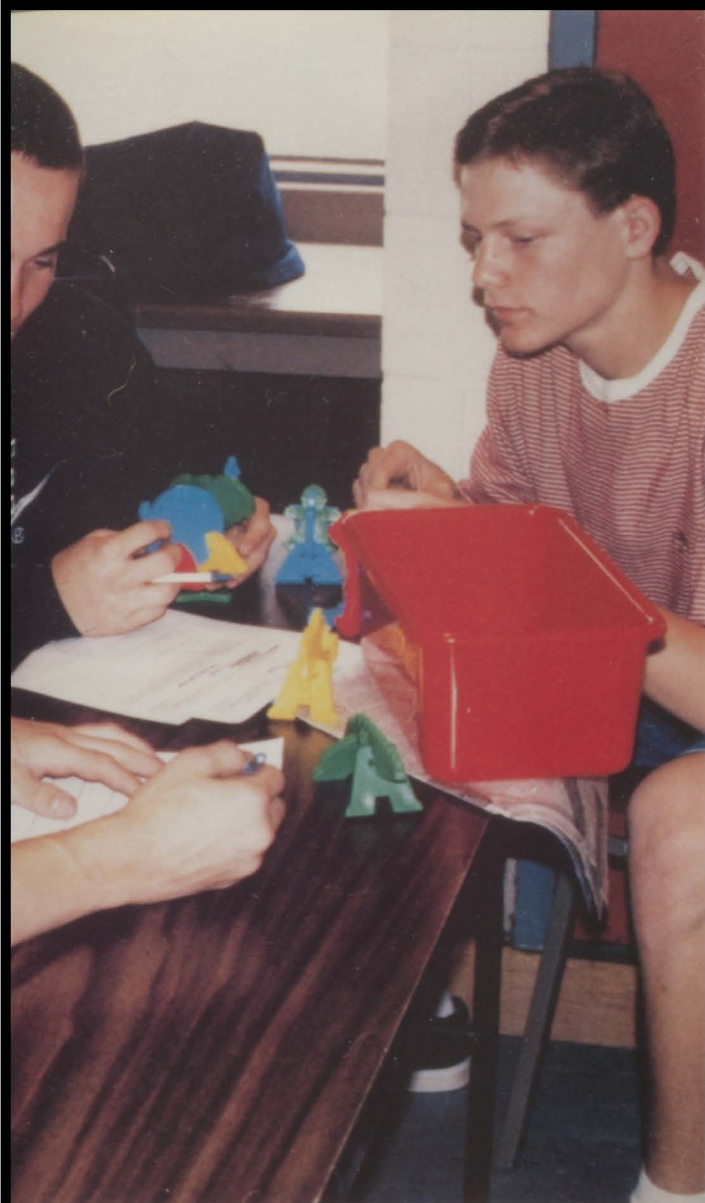
◆ SUMMIT CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONTEST

Third: Allison Arnall, Typing I speed



TRYING TO ANALYZE the merits of a toy, Chris Flageolle, Tracy Oberbeck and Luke Anderson work together in their parenting class.

NIKI ANDERSON WORKS on an end-of-the-year assignment in her computer applications class, stopping to check her work before continuing with the project.

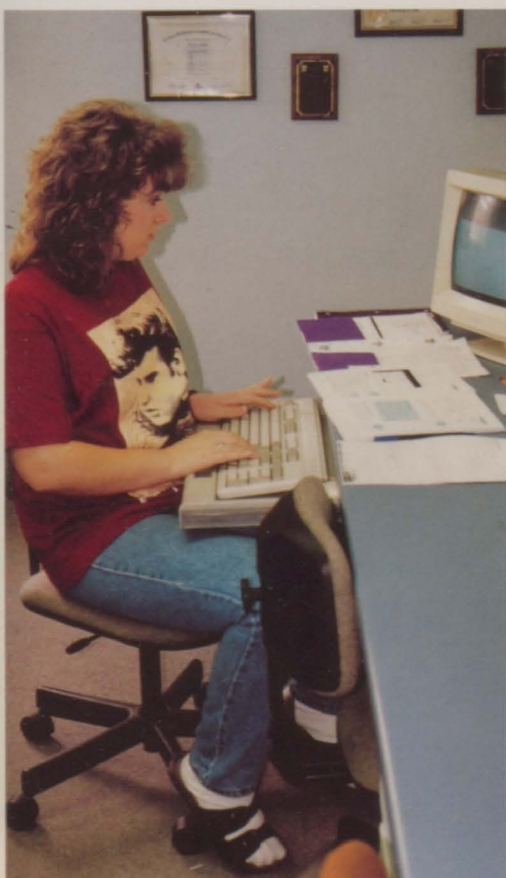


PLAYING WITH DINOSAURS is actually work, in a parenting toy-analyzing project assigned to Jason Lansdown, Jeromy Brooke, and Stephen House.



CHECKING THE MONITOR assures David Climer and Duane Keys that their project for entrepreneurship is just the way they want it.

HEALTH STUDENTS MELISSA Scott, Heather Gray, Karie DeChenne, Jenny Moody, and Britten Medley watch a food preparation demonstration by a guest speaker.



WITH PAGES SPREAD all around her, Janet VanNess types in information for an assignment in computer applications class.



KARIE DECHENNE spoons out no-bake cookies she made in her family and consumer sciences class.

ALLISON ARNALL, AMANDA Skyles, and Kati Williams evaluate the fun and safety of a toy for a project in their parenting class.

■ WHILE TESSA BENNETT checks her locker before heading to a pep rally, fellow seniors Shelly Whorton, Melanie Blankenship, and Jennifer Jones wait to walk to the gym with her.



■ SOPHOMORES MELVIN THOMPSON and Cindy Dalton head for their fifth hour classes after lunch. Christy Matney is in the background.



■ THE STEPS LEADING to the main hallway is a popular place for students of all grades to gather each day as they wait for lunch period to be over.



EXPECT

*the unexpected
in people*

■ SANDY NELSON AND Marie Brazeal make their way down the crowded main hall at the end of the school day.





Expecting the unexpected became commonplace at MHS. When two senior boys survive separate gun accidents, when several students spend part of the year balancing their way down the hall on crutches, and when fun in the sun on spring break is replaced by life on the ice during the winter, you know not to second-guess what can happen in the few short months of a school year.

■ SENIOR HONOR GRADUATES are ready to breeze through the last week of school, which seemed to come unexpectedly fast for some, and slow for others. Front - Tessa Bennett, Sara Moody, Stephanie Blankenship, Duane Keys; back - Janet VanNess, Julie Williams, Niki Anderson, Melanie Blankenship, Heather Persinger, Jenny Blaine, and Sean Spyres. Not shown, Melanie McGaw.

He said it!

"This is the best school I've been involved with since I've been in education..."

-- Jerry Armstrong, principal

ADMINISTRATION

Towering over his students, he was a common sight in the halls each day at Mansfield High School.

But those days ended with the close of summer school June 28.

Principal Jerry Armstrong announced his retirement effective at the end of the 1996 school year.

Armstrong spent 30 years of his life in the educational field. He served nine years of the 30 at Mansfield.

Six of them were spent as an administrator first in the middle school and then in the high school. He was the boys' basketball coach prior to that.

"I am retiring from the Missouri State Department

of Education, not from work," Armstrong said. "My wife and I like the area and the people here, and we hope to be able to stay here. I have no immediate plans."

Armstrong said the time at MHS was pleasant and memorable.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the school board, Superintendent Bob Perry, and the faculty," he said. "This is the best school I've been involved with since I've been in education. There are a lot of good kids here."

Although every school system has its faults, Armstrong has an extremely high opinion of Mansfield.

"I think we have an excellent school system," he said. "I plan to be here to continue to support the system."

As principal, Armstrong developed many close ties to the school and community.

"I'll miss a lot of different things and even more, I'm sure, after I've been gone awhile," he said. "The things I'll miss the most though, are the students, the faculty, and my fellow administrators."

Armstrong has special memories of the people he has worked with.

"I have certainly enjoyed my tenure here at Mansfield," he said. "I would like to thank every-

one involved who made me welcome. I'll miss it very much. I also have a special thanks to (secretary) Cleo Chambers for all her help and dedication, and congratulations and best wishes for (new principal) Arlene Magnin."

Magnin, an English teacher at MHS, completed her administration degree at SMSU in Springfield and was selected to fill the position.

Magnin has been teaching for 19 years, with the past six at Mansfield.

Members of the faculty and staff held a retirement dinner for Armstrong in May, and presented him with a golf trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



Speaking at the academic awards night, High School Principal Jerry Armstrong presents the Principal's Honor Roll awards. Shown are Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs, Kim Joseph, Lee Barber, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan, and Chris Flaegele.

Wilder Elementary Principal Jean Coday makes an acceptance speech in honor of Laura Ingalls Wilder, who was one of four inductees into the Missouri Writers Hall of Fame. The occasion took place at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield.



Speaking to a packed house, Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry presents the Class of 1996 diplomas.





JOYCE ADAMSON (Bus Driver)
TONI BAILEY (Bus Driver)
BILL BENNETT (Elementary Custodian)
JANET BROOKE (Lunch Clerk)



CONNIE CALHOUN (Cook)
CLEO CHAMBERS (High School Secretary)
NAOMI CLOUSE (Title I Aide)
CLAUDE DALE (Bus Driver)



LESTER DAVIS (Bus Driver)
HAROLD DENNIS (Maintenance)
PAT DENNIS (Head Cook)
DON HANGER (Mechanic)



DARLYS HIGGINS (School Nurse)
PATRICIA IVY (Bus Driver)
BARBARA JACKSON (Elementary Secretary)
CHERYL KEITH (Cook)



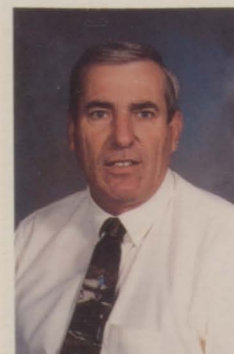
KAY LANSDOWN (Cook)
DEBBIE LETSINGER (Superintendent's Secretary)
JIM LUND (Head Mechanic)
JANICE MCNEIL (Middle School Secretary)



BECKY MOODY (Special Education Assistant)
MERCEDE PRICE (Cook)
RONNIE ROY (High School Custodian)
CINDY SANDERS (Elementary Custodian)



KATHY SHORT (Parents as Teachers)
NANCY VEIT (Cook)
RUTH WALLACE (High School Custodian)
SHERRY WELCH (Cook)



JERRY
ARMSTRONG
High School
Principal

JEAN
CODAY
Elementary
Principal

FREDDIE
DOHERTY
Middle School
Principal

ROBERT
PERRY
Superintendent
of Schools

DOROTHY
WALLACE
Special Education
Director

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Larry Anderson
Eddie Calhoun
John Elliott
Kima Harris
Dale McGaw
Nancy Neal
John Williams

They said it!

FACULTY

"I know who will be there
when I need them."
-- Marsha Appleby, about
hosting three contests

"I didn't like punishing people because they weren't here. With it this way you just get an extra bonus. You'll earn more if you're here every day anyway."

Pam Probert, on the change in the attendance policy

"Share it with the judges, and remember, I believe in you."

Terry Spyres, on her students performing at contest

"Students who took GTA weren't as prepared for the ACT as students will be that take geometry."

Susan Gressman, on adding geometry to the schedule

"We rushed from the technology conference to a restaurant with a TV. We

barely made it in time to see the verdict and disbelief on the faces of people in the restaurant."

Arlene Magnin, on hearing the O. J. Simpson verdict

"This is probably the most work I've ever done while teaching. Changing classes every hour rates up there with a root canal."

Jack Harris, on being a "floating" teacher

"The only thing that aggravates me is when I come into my room and it's a mess."

Julie Carr, on substitute teachers

"For safety reasons, I'm against a raise in the speed limit. People have been driving 55 miles an hour for too

long. They won't be used to driving as fast as the new speed limits."

Randy Short, on the proposed speed limit changes

"Sleeping in class is not a big problem, but I do notice some of the kids fighting sleep. However, they know that if they do fall asleep in my class that they will be assigned extra homework."

Doug Jones, on sleep deprivation among teens

"Sometimes when they are acting up in class I will make a point to tell them, in front of their friends, that they have to ride home with me after school and deal with me later."

Dean Bray, on having his own children in class

"It's a really important group that I think the school needs. I'd like to see it grow and to see more parents become involved."

Kelly Brazeal, on the formation of VOICES, a parent-teacher organization

"I probably watched more movies during the cold days than I'd watched in five years."

Wilda Watterson, on being snowed in and missing school for several days

"The object of it was for the student to go now to see what it is like, so they will not feel uncomfortable if they attend them in the future."

Roger Wood, on giving students extra credit to attend county political caucuses



Social studies teacher Roger Wood goes over a point in world history with Chad Keeling, Donnie Wilson, Kelly Otis, and Angela Pharris.

Algebra II student Gina Penn gets some help on a difficult problem from math teacher Susan Gressman.



At the CTA Carnival, Wilda Watterson lends a helping hand to clean up Nick Brooke and Jarod Coday at the junior pie-throwing booth.





MARSHA APPLEBY (Business) Extra Duties: Future Business Leaders of America sponsor
KATHY BARNETT (Alternative School)
MARY BLAKEY (Orthopedically Handicapped)
MARCIA BLAINE (Title I)
VICKI BLANKENSHIP (French, Middle School English) Extra Duties: Foreign Language Club sponsor, Eighth Grade sponsor



DEAN BRAY (Art) Extra Duties: Sophomore Class sponsor, Art Club sponsor
KELLY BRAZEAL (Counselor) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor
GEORGIANNE BROWN (Special Education) Extra Duties: A Sporting Chance sponsor
PAT BROWN (Elementary Science/Math)
JULIE CARR (Home Economics) Extra Duties: Future Homemakers of America sponsor



DALLAS CHAMBERS (Remedial Math)
FRANCES CODAY (High School EMH)
STAN CODAY (Agriculture) Extra Duties: FFA sponsor
KAY GOSS (Librarian)
SUSIE GRAHAM (Elementary Librarian/Middle School Computers) Extra Duties: Computer Club sponsor, Middle School Cheerleader sponsor



MAX GREENE (Middle School Science) Extra Duties: Eighth Grade sponsor
SUSAN GRESSMAN (Math) Extra Duties: Math Club sponsor
JACK HARRIS (Science, Social Studies) Extra Duties: Girls' Basketball coach
DOUG JONES (Science, Physical Education) Extra Duties: Baseball coach, Freshman Class sponsor
CHRIS LARSEN (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys' Basketball coach



THERESA LEONARD (Sixth Grade)
ARLENE MAGNIN (English) Extra Duties: National Honor Society sponsor
CINDY MARTIN (Art)
NELWYN MATHEWS (Behavior Disorders)
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; Beta Chi Pi sponsor
CHERI RUMMENS (Speech)
DON SANDERS (Middle School Social Studies) Extra Duties: Middle School Basketball coach, Grade Seven sponsor



KAY SCRIVNER (Title I)
JANA SCHLEENER (Sixth Grade)
BARBARA SEARS (Title I)
JANE SHIRLEY (Hearing Impaired)
RANDY SHORT (Middle School Math) Extra Duties: Cross Country coach, Track coach, Grade Seven



TONIA SONGER (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Assistant Girls' Basketball coach
ERIC SPYRES (Elementary Counselor) Extra Duties: Education Supports Prevention sponsor
TERRY SPYRES (Vocal Music)
DONNA STREIGHT (Elementary EMH)
PHILIP THOMAS (Instrumental Music) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor



DEBBIE VON BEHREN (Journalism, English) Extra Duties: Public Information Director, Newspaper adviser, Yearbook adviser, Junior Class sponsor
WILDA WATTERSON (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Cheerleader sponsor, Foreign Language Club sponsor
BETSY WIGHT (English) Extra Duties: Junior Class sponsor
ROGER WOOD (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Volleyball coach, Softball coach, Student Council sponsor

Class of 1996

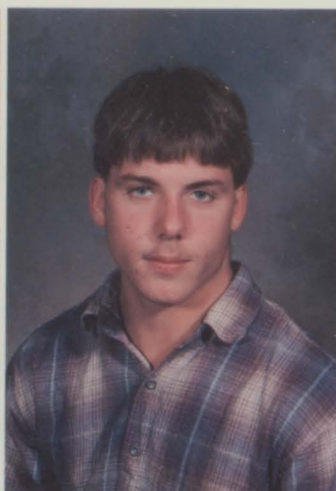
NIKI ANDERSON

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; ESP 2,3; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Art Club 1; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Softball; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 2,3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3,4; Science Olympiad 2.

MICHAEL BAILEY

Art Club 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4.

DEdra BELL



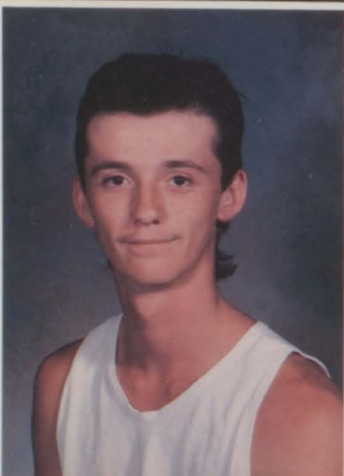
LONNIE BELL

TESSA BENNETT

ESP 1,2,3,4; and officer 3; National Honor Society 4; FBLA 3; Art Club 1,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 3; Math Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Choir 3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1; Science Fair 2,3; Star Events 2; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; Homecoming Princess 3; Science Olympiad 3; All District Journalist 4.

JENNY BLAINE

ESP 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 2,3; and officer 3; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3; Student Council 2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; and officer 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 3,4; All District Basketball 3; KKOZ Dream Team 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3; All Conference Cross Country 1,2,3; All District Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Journalism Contest 3; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2,3; Business Contest 2,3; Homecoming Princess 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Valedictorian 4.



MELANIE BLANKENSHIP

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; ESP 1,2,3; National Honor Society 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; Student Council 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Choir 3; Class Officer 1,3,4; Softball 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; KKOZ Dream Team 2,3; English Contest 1; Journalism Contest 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 3; Science Fair 3; Math Contest 1,3; Star Events 1; Business Contest 2,4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; HOBY Leadership Conference 2; Science Olympiad 1,2,3; All District Journalist 4; Writers Express 4.

STEPHANIE BLANKENSHIP

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; ESP 1,2,3; and officer 3; National Honor Society 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; and officer 3; FHA 1,2,3; Student Council 1,3; and officer 3; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Class Officer 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 3; KKOZ Dream Team 2,3; Cross Country 3; English Contest 1,2,4; Journalism Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 1; Business Contest 4; Homecoming Princess 2; Writers Express 4; Science Olympiad 2; All District Journalist 4; News Leader Academic All-Star 4; Salutatorian 4.

RICKY BOUTELL

Choir 3,4; A Sporting Chance 3,4.



JOE BRAY

Art Club 1; Basketball 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Art Fair 1,2.

MICA BROOKE

ESP 2; Art Club 2,4; Math Club 2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1; Choir 2,4; Track 2; Cheerleader 1,2; Music Contest 2; Math Contest 1,2.

MATT CALHOUN

FFA 1,2,3,4.



thoughts of

1993 *bring unexpected memories*

"The most fun of my whole freshman year was playing Taboo with Janie Carter at the Lady Letterman lock-in."

Niki Anderson

"My freshman year I seemed to get initiated every day."

Brian Pollock

"In the state baseball quarterfinal game an Ash Grove player hit a ball over my head in right field, and as the ball hit the fence I fell over my feet and the ball hit me right on the nose. But the next play I made a catch on the mound in the bullpen."

Matt Skyles

"Melanie McGaw and I were walking through town when these guys in a nasty black car started following us. We ran back to Melanie's house and they were sitting in her driveway. We ran all the way back to the school where her dad was sitting there in the cop car."

Sara Moody

"The funniest thing that happened was when I got put in the trash can bottom first by Vicki Noble and I broke the trash can."

Joanie Fulbright

"The best thing about my freshman year was finally getting to date my elementary crush, Jim Wallace."

Karen Farris

"B. J. Knight, Natasha Knight, Ronnie Lansdown, Lonnie Bell and I skipped school and never got caught."

Misty Clanton

"The most memorable thing was going to state in baseball. We took second, but we went back two years later to redeem ourselves."

Joe Bray

"The thing I remember about my freshman year is how stupid the freshman boys were. They volunteered to push pennies with their noses."

Mica Brooke

"One day when we were going to lunch I stepped over the chain at the end of the road and fell flat on my face."

Faye Dollarhide

"I was always trying new things like cutting my hair off too short."

Trish Dalton

"My freshman year was awful because before school started a couple of girls mailed me letters that were real mean."

Jennifer Kingery

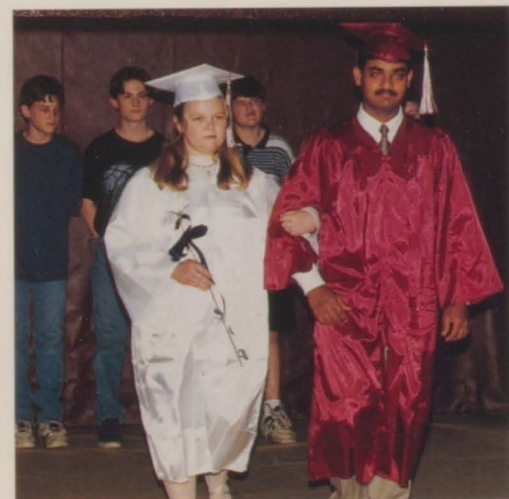
"Scott Hall and Evan Kinser would hit me and Melanie (Blankenship) to see if the other one flinched."

Stephanie Blankenship



LOADED DOWN WITH diplomas, gifts, caps and flowers, Melanie Blankenship, Stephanie Blankenship, and Tessa Bennett are officially graduates.

WITH TERRY SPYRES directing, the senior chorus sings "Dreams to Dream" at graduation.



ABOVE, MICA BROOKE and Misty Clanton march in the graduation procession. Center, Hayden Dennis and Janet VanNess talk around Sara Moody and Shelly Whorton.

AS OTHER DIPLOMAS are awarded, Michelle Moody heads back to her seat, above. At left, Crystal Hodges is escorted to graduation by classmate Edwin Singh.

FROM QUEEN MICHELLE Roberts and Jennifer Jones take time out from dancing to talk to friends.

RANDON IVY AND Garan Kinser sit this dance out at a table crowded with Prom souvenirs.



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"The thing I remember most about my sophomore year was at the end of the year when Michael Moody died. I was standing in my room listening to the radio when they broadcast that Michael had drowned, but the thing that registered in my mind was that Michael Douglas had died. When I arrived at school everyone was either crying or their eyes were red."

David Climer

"A bunch of us went to Charlene (Chambliss's) going away party. We ended up playing golf in a cow pasture and then we had a Twister competition."

Julie Williams

"Janie (Carter), Christie (Blaine) and I went around to all of the classrooms and tap danced for them. We called ourselves the Tippady Tap Tappers and we made up these little tap dances. I don't even know what possessed us to do it because none of us could really tap dance."

Jenny Blaine

"I killed two deer within two minutes of each other on the first day of deer season."

Joe Bray

"My sophomore year Melanie McGaw and I managed girls' basketball. At every single ballgame we went to someone would ask if we were twins or sisters."

Sara Moody

"Garan Kinser, Randon Ivy, and I were playing catch before a baseball game. Garan was throwing the ball to Randon and Randon moved. The ball hit a rock and took a bad hop, going through Mrs. (Cheryl) Kanaan's window in the elementary building. Randon and I took off running, while Garan had to go get the ball."

Jeff Chambers

"The most unusual thing was when Barry Wedge came back to school."

Michael Bailey

"The most awful thing I remember about my sophomore year was being in a wreck down town with my cousin Chris and getting my entire face cut up and nose cracked."

Karen Farris

"The saddest thing about my sophomore year was watching my best friend drown and trying to live with it."

Brian Pollock

"I remember not going to the Final Four in basketball after being ranked third in the state going into districts."

Matt Skyles

MOMS SNAP

PHOTOS of daughters on their way to Prom: Julie Williams, Janet VanNess, Melanie Blankenship, Heather Persinger, Jackie Honeycutt, Niki Anderson, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie McGaw, Michelle Roberts, Sara Moody, and Tessa Bennett.

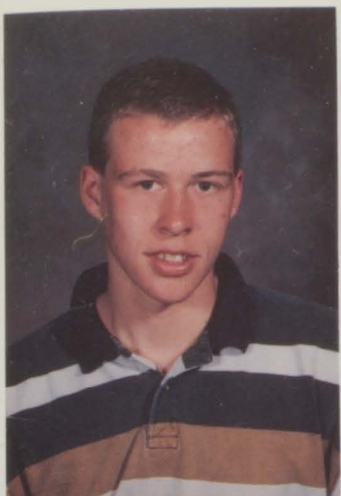


READY TO BOARD the bus to Prom are Jeff Hanger, Matt Skyles, Satha Kilgore, Bobby Franks, David Climer, Duane Keys, and Phillip Hull.

A LITTLE PHOTO craziness hits Sean Spyres, Phillip Hull, Luke Johnson (back), and Eric Grubbs, Mike Spyres, and Duane Keys (front) at Prom.



Class of 1996



NATHAN CARR

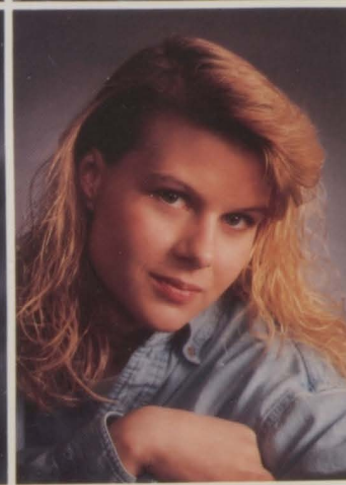
ESP 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; FHA 3,4; and officer 4; Baseball 1; Science Fair 2,3.

JEFF CHAMBERS

ESP 1; National Honor Society 4; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 2; Math Club 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; FHA 1; Baseball 1,2,3; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 4; FFA Contest 1,2,3,4; Conservation Honors Program 3.

STEVEN CHILSON

ESP 3; FFA 3; Science Club 3; FHA 3; Choir 3; Pep Club 3; FBLA 4; Business Contest 4.



MISTY CLANTON

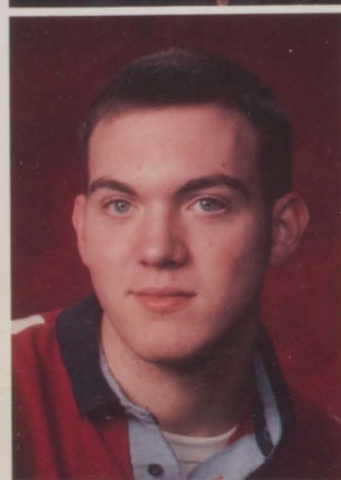
ESP 1,2; FBLA 3; Pep Club 1,2; Cheerleader 1,2.

DAVID CLIMER

ESP 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Boys State 3.

TRISH DALTON

ESP 1,2; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 1,2,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; FFA 4; FHA 3; Lady Letterman Club 2,3; Band 1; Basketball 1,2,3; KKOZ Dream Team 3; Industrial Arts Fair 3.



HAYDEN DENNIS

Foreign Language Club 3,4; and officer 4; ESP 1,2,3; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Art Club 1,2,4; Math Club 2; Science Club 2,3; and officer 3; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Baseball 4; All District Baseball 4; All State Baseball 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3; All Conference Cross Country 2; All District Cross Country 2; Art Fair 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 2,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Yearbook King Candidate 1.

FAYE DOLLARHIDE

Art Club 1,2,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 1,2.

KAREN FARRIS

Pep Club 1; FFA 1; FHA 1,2; Publications Staff 3,4; Class Officer 1,2; Journalism Contest 3; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 1; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3,4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 1.



MARC FARRIS

FFA 3,4; Art Club 4; Industrial Arts Fair 3.

BOBBY FRANKS

ESP 1,2; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 1; Math Club 4; Science Club 2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; and officer 4; FHA 1; Art Fair 1; Math Contest 4; FFA Contest 2,3,4.

JOANIE FULBRIGHT

ESP 2,3; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 1,2,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 4; FFA 1; Band 1,2; Business Contest 3,4.

RANDOM IVY SANDS smooth a part of a carbon dioxide-powered car he designed in CAD class.

USING COLORED BEADS, Bill Chilson and Edwin Singh work on the model of a molecule in chemistry class.



ITS NEAR THE last day of school for seniors, and David Climer, Jeff Chambers, Garan Kinser, and Bobby Franks gather for a friendly game of cards during an hour when they don't have finals.



CHRISTY MATNEY WORKS on a computer project during her office technology class.

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"I'll always remember my junior year and having to be out of school for nearly three months because of having surgery. I missed my classmates so much. When I came back it seemed like I had been gone forever."

Jennifer Kingery

"Going to the Final Four in basketball was a blast, but returning to Columbia just a few short months later and winning the state championship in baseball was even better."

Niki Anderson

"After years of bumming rides from everyone, I finally got my driver's license."

Duane Keys

"There was a class meeting in the ag room and Trish Dalton pushed me and I tried to stop my fall on one of the tables and it busted in half. It was rather embarrassing."

Marc Farris

"The saddest moment my junior year was when I had to have knee surgery and I couldn't play basketball that year."

Melanie Blankenship

"The first day of school was horrible. No one would ever know how it felt unless you have moved to a new school and not known anyone. It is the worst feeling to walk into an unfamiliar hallway and have everyone staring, saying 'who is that?'."

Shelly Whorton

"My most memorable moment was being able to go to prom for the first time during my high school years."

Joanie Fulbright

"The craziest time was when me, Nick Brooke, Joe Allen, Eric Grubbs, Hayden Dennis and Mike (Spyres) dressed up like women for a pep rally."

Sean Spyres

"I remember running down the floor at Hearn Center and hitting an outside shot to score the first two points of the 2A state games."

Stephanie Blankenship

"Getting second at the state soils contest in FFA, then competing in the national contest at Oklahoma City, then getting back and winning the state championship in baseball."

Jeff Chambers

"Our trip to the Final Four was overwhelming, playing at Hearn Center and knowing that you're one of the best teams in the state. However, the journey there was just as exciting, knowing that every game could be your last."

Jenny Blaine

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HEATHER GRAY

ESP 3; FBFA 3; FHA 1,2,3; Pep Club 1.



JEFF HANGER

ESP 1,2,3; Art Club 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; FHA 2,3; Art Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 3; Yearbook King Candidate 2.



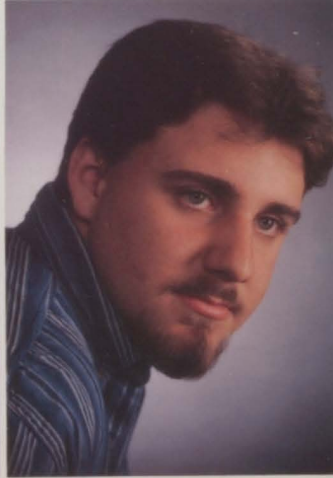
CRYSTAL HODGES

ESP 1; Science Club 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Choir 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1,2,3; and captain 3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3; Girls State 3.



JACKIE HONEYCUTT

ESP 1,2,3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; FBFA 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 4.



PHILLIP HULL

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBFA 3,4; FFA 1,2; Business Contest 4.



RANDON IVY

ESP 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 2; FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4.



LUKE JOHNSON

ESP 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FFA 1; Student Council 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4.



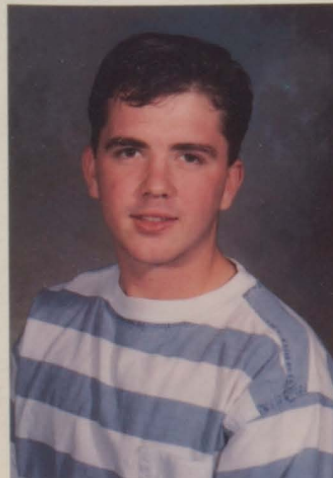
JENNIFER JONES

ESP 1,2,3; FHA 1,2; FBFA 3; Choir 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Publications Staff 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4.



DUANE KEYS

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 3,4; FBFA 3,4; and officer 4; Art Club 1,2,4; Math Club 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 4; Student Council 4; and officer 4; Publications Staff 4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Beta Chi Pi 4; Choir 2; Class Officer 3,4; Basketball 1; English Contest 4; Journalism Contest 4; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 2,4; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Business Contest 3,4; All District Journalist 4; Science Olympiad 2,3; Writers Express 4.



SATHA KILGORE

ESP 3; FFA 3,4; Barnwarming King 4.



JENNIFER KINGERY

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBFA 3; Art Club 1; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; FHA Regional Officer 3; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Choir 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1; Star Events 1,2,3.



GARAN KINSER

FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; FBFA 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Baseball 1; FFA Contest 1,2,3,4; FFA State Farmer 4.

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CHRISTY MATNEY

ESP 3; FBPA 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 3,4; Business Contest 4.

MELANIE MCGAW

ESP 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; FBPA 2,3,4; Art Club 1; Math Club 2; 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; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; and officer 2; Softball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 2; Journalism Contest 3,4; Science Fair 2,3; Star Events 2; Business Contest 3,4; Writers Express 4; Science Olympiad 2,3,4.

MICHELLE MOODY

Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3.



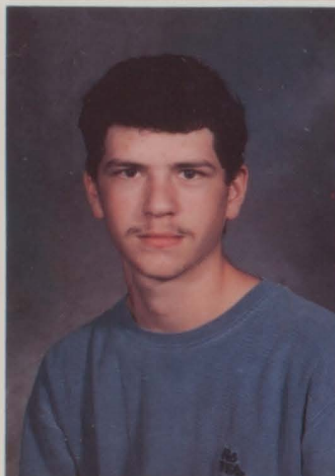
SARA MOODY

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBPA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Choir 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and captain 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Star Events 2; Business Contest 2,4; Science Olympiad 2,3,4; All District Journalist 4; Writers Express 4; Miss Mansfield 4.

VICTOR MURRAY

Art Club 2,4; FFA 2,3,4; Art Fair 2.

JAIME PATTON



HEATHER PERSINGER

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; FBPA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 4; Choir 1; Cheerleader 1,2; English Contest 2,3,4; Music Contest 1; Art Fair 1; Math Contest 1,3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Girls State 3.

BRIAN POLLOCK

Art Club 1,2,4; FFA 2,3; FHA 1; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3; Tennis Club 1.

MICHELLE ROBERTS

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBPA 3; Art Club 1; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1; Science Fair 2; All District Journalist 4; Prom Queen 4.



EDWIN SINGH

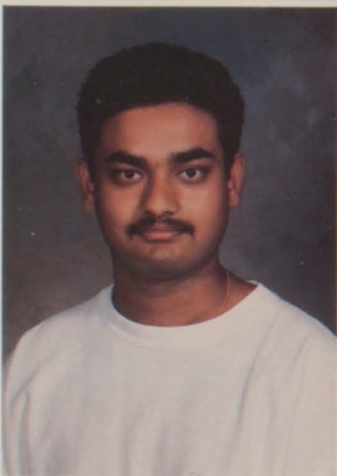
Art Fair 1.

MATT SKYLES

ESP 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2; Science Club 3,4; and officer 4; FFA 2; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Band 2; Choir 2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Baseball 2,3,4; All District Baseball 1,2,3,4; All Ozarks Baseball 2,3,4; All State Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 2,3,4; All District Basketball 4; All State Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; Cross Country 3; All Conference Cross Country 3; All District Cross Country 3; Music Contest 2,3; Carnival King Candidate 2; Barnwarming King Candidate 3.

SEAN SPYRES

ESP 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Tennis Club 1; Student Council 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; All Conference Cross Country 4; All District Cross Country 2,4; Track 3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 3; All District Choir 3,4; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; High School Heisman Award State Finalist 4.



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"The day I'll remember most is when Jennifer Kingery, Jennifer Jones, Tessa Bennett, Michelle Roberts, Niki Anderson, Stephanie Blankenship, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, Shelly Whorton, and I went to Springfield. We watched 'Now and Then' and ate lunch at Chili's and remembered what we were like at a younger age. We promised each other we'd never lose touch and be friends forever."

Melanie McGaw

"The most memorable thing about my senior year is when the ping pong tables got pulled out of the attic and everyone was going to the gym to play. Also, when DVB (Debbie Von Behren) got married to Coach (Don) Sanders and didn't tell us."

Duane Keys

"Exactly one week before graduation, Faye and Patricia Dollarhide and Gina Turley and I went to a party. I was using my lighter to look in a cooler, and I leaned forward and my hair burst into flames."

Mica Brooke

"Getting elected FBLA vice president, and then having the big job of getting to host the Battle of the state, district leadership conferences, and the Summit Conference contests."

David Climer

"The melodramas were great. I'll never forget Sara (Moody) and her hilarious voice and Jenny (Blaine) with her floozy dress."

Stephanie Blankenship

"This year was sad because I got out my junior year, but I visited and missed it a lot."

Misty Clanton

"At FFA state convention we went to the mall and me, Janet (VanNess) and Regina (Roy) got belly button tatoos and had to put them on with ice."

Julie Williams

"When taking the senior group picture, me, Faye Dollarhide, and Misty Clanton were standing on the table. When Joanie Fulbright climbed up too, the table broke and we all fell on top of the people in front of us."

Trish Dalton

"Shelly Whorton and I decided that we need to go trick or treating on Halloween. We dressed up really stupid and went, but no one would give us any candy."

Sara Moody



RACHEL THOMAS

JANET VANNESS

Foreign Language Club 3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; and officer 4; Art Club 2; Math Club 3; Science Club 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3; FHA 1; Lady Letterman Club 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 2; Business Contest 3,4; FFA Contest 3,4; Girls State 3.



JIM WALLACE

Art Club 1; FFA 1,3,4; FHA 1; Art Fair 1; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3,4.

SHELLY WHORTON

ESP 3,4; National Honor Society 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Science Club 3,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; FHA 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Pom Pon 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Business Contest 4; Science Olympiad 4; All District Journalist 4.



JULIE WILLIAMS

Foreign Language Club 3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; FBLA 3; Art Club 2; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Art Fair 2; Business Contest 3; FFA Contest 3,4; Barnwarming Queen 4.

NATASHA YOUNG

NOT SHOWN: LISA PIERSON



AT THE RECENTLY constructed stage in the park area near the school, members of the Class of 1996 gather for the traditional group photo.

You said it!

"The most boring thing would be...school without being involved in any sports..."

-- Jason Davis

JUNIORS

What is the most boring thing you can imagine?

"Sitting though church sermons about subjects like being a drunkard and premarital sex, because neither of those apply to me."

Mike Spyres

"Having to sit through an entire day of math."

Dawn Furlong

"Getting stuck in a room with a guy who thought he was God's gift to women and to sports. The worst part would be hearing all of his self-centered stories."

Amanda Stacy

"Sitting on a boat in the middle of a lake without any

wind blowing watching tiny drops of water drop from the oars into the water creating little ripples."

Kim Joseph

"It would be really boring to stay in Mansfield all my life without going any further away than Springfield."

Christa Choate

"Going to the mall with your girlfriend and shopping so she can buy jeans."

Eric Grubbs

"Sitting in the car and waiting for your parents to stop talking to someone that they meet on the street."

Aimee Williams

"The most boring thing that I can imagine is going to

school year around."

Steve Cannon

"Being a professional ballroom dancer."

Steven Welch

"Sitting in the hospital emergency waiting room waiting for someone when there is not a decent thing on television."

Stephanie Day

"The most boring thing I can imagine is golf."

Joanna Harris

"Staring at the wall or the ceiling would be totally boring."

Jennifer Wright

"The most boring thing I can imagine is alphabetizing

mug shots for the yearbook."

Jeffrey Brooke

"Sitting on the dock of the bay watching the tide roll away."

Grant Williams

"Sitting at your house for the rest of your life and not being able to go anywhere else."

Liza Stovall

"The most boring would be to be the only one in ISS with nothing to do but sit and talk to the walls."

Gina Penn

"Having to be home at 9 every night for six months while everyone else is able to still be a kid."

Jarod Coday

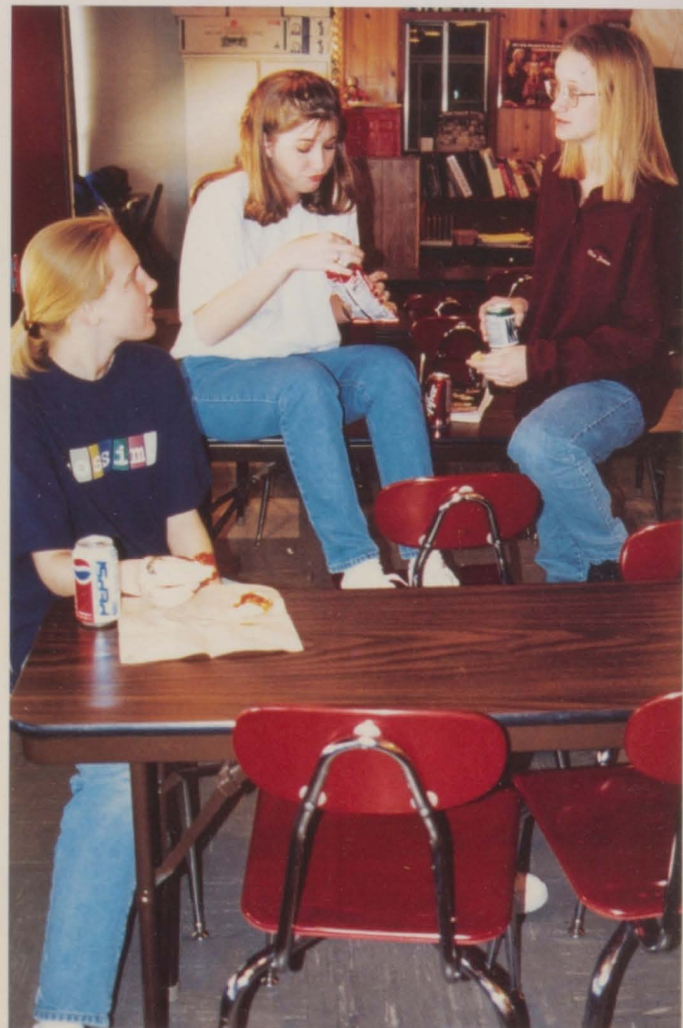


Playfully arguing over the correct answer, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, and Christa Choate use the science room to figure out a homework assignment.

Arms bandaged as proof, Eric Grubbs and Jarod Coday are two of the MHS students who have just donated blood during the Student Council-sponsored Bloodmobile visit in March.



The home ec room at lunch gives Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, and Regina Roy a chance to talk.





Jill Adamson
Lee Barber
Michael Baty
Jeffrey Brooke
Nick Brooke
Steve Cannon
William Chilson

Christa Choate
Jarod Coday
Jeremy Corder
Jason Davis
Stephanie Day
Dawn Furlong
Eric Grubbs

Michael Harris
Jon Heidelberg
Lisa Hodges
Jason Johns
Chris Johnson
Brian Jones
Kim Jones

Kim Joseph
Larry Lansdown
Wendy Matlock
Lauren Miller
Emily Matlock
Sandy Nelson
Liz Roth

Regina Roy
Summer Slade
Michael Spyres
Amanda Stacy
Liza Stovall
Tara Travis
Sarah Walker

Steven Welch
Aimee Williams
Grant Williams
Jennifer Wright
Crystal Young



Juniors Michael Baty and Nick Brooke walk down the hall to their sixth period class, with James Strunk giving Brooke a friendly tap on the way by. At left, Randon Ivy gets ready to find the books he needs for his next class.

You said it!

"It's pretty annoying walking all over while your friends already have cars."

-- Bobby Hunsucker

SOPHOMORES

What is the most frustrating thing about waiting to be 16?

"Not being able to date. My mom and dad have this cool rule that I can't date until I'm 16 and why? I don't know."

Tessa Miller

"Not being able to drive, and having to depend on everyone else when I want to go somewhere."

Julie Brenner

"The last week before you get your license seems like it takes longer than the previous six months. The bad thing is that once you get it, it's just not as spectacular as everybody says."

Chris Flageolle

"Wanting to go somewhere,

and knowing that you can't drive and you don't want your mom or dad to drive you there either."

James Strunk

"Having to turn down the dozens of chicks that ask me out."

Adam Grubbs

"After I did turn 16, not getting to drive very much because the truck was always torn up or my dad had it."

Leslie Lynch

"The most frustrating thing about waiting to turn 16 was watching other people drive and knowing that I couldn't."

Gary Slate

"Not getting to go places

because you don't have a car and the chicks don't dig it."

Jeromy Brooke

"The most frustrating thing is the waiting and how long it seems to take."

Richard Myers

"My friends are older so they get their licenses months before I do. Some even get them before I get my permit."

Ashley Blankenship

"You can't get a job until then."

Lydia Chilson

"At first it was because I was going to get to drive and date when I turned 16. But now I don't really care if I drive or not and my parents told me that I couldn't date

until I was 18."

Emily Bray

"My parents said that I couldn't get my license unless my grades got better, so that was pretty frustrating because grade cards came out a week before my birthday."

Gina Turley

"Having to bum rides from people who are already 16."

Karie DeChenne

"Having to walk everywhere you go."

Scott Corder

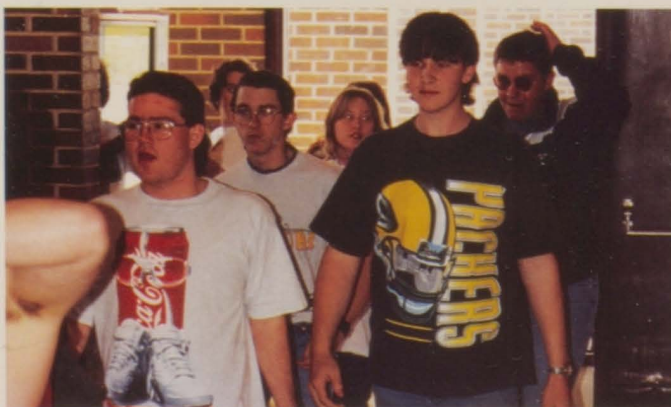
"When I have to go somewhere and no one's home, but a car is, and I can't drive it with just my permit."

Kathy Winsor



A windy spring day means a leisurely stroll back from lunch for Jason Lansdown, Courtney Short, Jessica Copeland, Tessa Miller, Natasha Bailey, Ashley Blankenship, and Leslie Lynch.

After the lunch bell rings, Billy Bailey, Ricky Dugger, Trish Freeman, John Rhodes, and John Roberts head for their fifth period class.



Time between classes is time for Scott Corder and Gary Slate to get in a little friendly horseplay in the halls.



Allison Arnall
Billy Bailey
Natasha Bailey
Rachel Barber
Robby Baugh
Joe Bell
Ashley Blankenship

Emily Bray
Marie Brazeal
Julie Brenner
Heather Brooke
Jeromy Brooke
Kassy Calhoun
Eric Carampatan

Lydia Chilson
Jessica Copeland
Scott Corder
Daniel Crain
Cindy Dalton
Karie DeChenne
Ricky Dugger

Shelly Evans
Chris Flageolle
Adam Grubbs
B. J. Henry
Jerry Henry
Bobby Hunsucker
Chad Keeling

Jason Lansdown
Joey Long
Leslie Lynch
Curtis Melton
Tessa Miller
Jenny Moody
Richard Myers

Kelly Otis
J. R. Penn
Angela Pharris
Kim Pippin
John Rhodes
John Roberts
Melissa Scott

Joe Sears
Courtney Short
Amanda Skyles
Gary Slate
Misty Stout
Adam Stowell
James Strunk

Melvin Thompson
Gina Turley
Kati Williams
Don Wilson
Kathy Winsor
Patricia Dollarhide
Donnie Young

You said it!

"Guys have it easier in life because their parents aren't as protective of them."

-- Devon Furlong

FRESHMEN

Who has it easier in life, guys or gals?

"I think guys have it easier because they don't have to know a day in advance to get ready for something."

Travis Furr

"Guys and girls have it equal, because life is hard either way."

Bill Heidelberg

"Guys have life easier because they don't have to carry a kid around for nine months. And they don't care what they look like."

Crystal Beggs

"Guys have it easier because they don't have to go through pregnancy."

Jason Brooke

"Guys have it easier because they don't have to put on make-up or fix their hair to look good."

Kinder Pollock

"Guys have it easier because they can be obnoxious and make as much trouble as they want, because everyone expects them to be like that. Everyone expects girls to be perfect little angels and never do anything wrong."

Torie Lockmon

"I think guys have life easier because we don't worry as much as girls do."

Luke Anderson

"Guys have it easier because when we get ready to go somewhere we don't have to start getting ready two hours

ahead of time and we also don't have to put a lot of make up on."

Zach Whorton

"Girls have it easier because all they have to do is cook and clean, well that's what they're supposed to do anyway."

Kevin Heatherly

"Girls have it easier because their insurance is cheaper and guys have to pay for everything."

Tad Harvill

"Guys have it easier because they get up and go."

Britten Medley

"Guys, because their parents aren't as protective of them."

Tracy Oberbeck

"Whoever makes it easier on themselves has it easier. In my life the sex of a person is not important. We all have challenges, hard times. You can be a guy or a girl and deal peacefully or freak out."

Tiffany Hurst

"Girls have more things to worry about because they take everything more seriously."

Crystal Steffe

"Guys have a harder life because we have to put up with girls."

Shannon Wallin

"Guys, because they are supposedly the ones in charge and they have more freedom than women do."

Somer Golden



Spring is in the air, and April Farris, Crystal Beggs, and Amanda Walker take advantage of the warm temperatures to eat their lunch on the bench in front of the high school.

Jessica Coonce laughs at the story Michelle Napier is telling her as they both wait for the lunch bell to ring and send them to their fifth period classes.





Matthew Adamson
Luke Anderson
Crystal Beggs
Joseph Bockelman
Jason Brazeal
Jason Brooke
Dionna Cody

Jason Coffman
Erickia Cook
Jessica Coonce
Patricia Crain
Amber Davis
Radonda Davis
Donna Dollarhide

Jason Eagleston
Brandon Edmonds
April Farris
Devon Furlong
Travis Furr
Somer Golden
Mandy Goss

Nathan Hanger
Tad Harvill
Kevin Heatherly
Russell Hedrick
Bill Heidelberg
Lorie Hodges
Stephen House

Rachel Hull
Tiffany Hurst
Amanda Hutson
Carol Kelley
Bridget Keys
Brandon Lansdown
Roy Liles

Tori Lockmon
Stephanie Maxwell
Britten Medley
Michelle Napier
Tracy Oberbeck
Tia Pharris
Kinder Pollock

Joey Rhodes
Robert Rippee
Rachelle Roy
Matthew Scott
Crystal Steffe
Jamie Stepro
Curtis Stuart

Dusty Walker
Amanda Wallace
Shannon Wallin
Zach Whorton
Dustin Willis
Josh Wilson
Donna Young

You said it!

"The steps were wet and then I fell down them while everyone was watching."

-- Austin Corder

GRADE EIGHT

What is your best memory of middle school?

"I was running hurdles in a track meet and right as the gun fired I took off and tripped over my own feet and I skidded across the pavement. All the people were laughing at me, but I got up and finished."

Ben Moody

"When Austin Corder just came in the middle school after it had been raining, and slipped and fell completely down the stairs."

Katrina Bailey

"When the teachers, mostly Coach (Randy) Short, tease you about people you like and stuff."

Brandi Dering

"In seventh grade in band the eighth graders made me push a penny with my nose."

Rick Weaver

"I would have to say having lockers for the first time instead of putting books in your desk."

Casondra Harris

"When we went to Jefferson City and I saw all the paintings on the wall. It was cool."

Jason Farris

"My best memory is all of the parties that the eighth graders have had."

Afton Ivy

"My best memory of middle school is when everybody on our basketball team made

dumb faces in the picture when we won first place in Norwood."

Zach Miller

"When the eighth grade boys won the Norwood Tournament."

B. J. Patten

"I was saying the announcements on the intercom and I said dog-nut instead of do-nut."

Ryan Stacy

"When we played Seymour in the championship game of the conference tournament."

Dustin Clark

"In seventh grade on the way to and from lunch during the spring a friend and I would always push each other

under those white trees that smell so bad."

Jessica Roth

"Eighth grade was fun being the older kids and having the seventh graders around to goof off with."

Janisha Bennett

"When I got picked for the peer helper training."

Byron Clark

"My best memories are of all the parties and the One Hundred Percent Club trips."

Julie Lynch

"When we went skating on our field trip and five of us all fell. First I fell, then my friends fell."

Tracy Cantrell

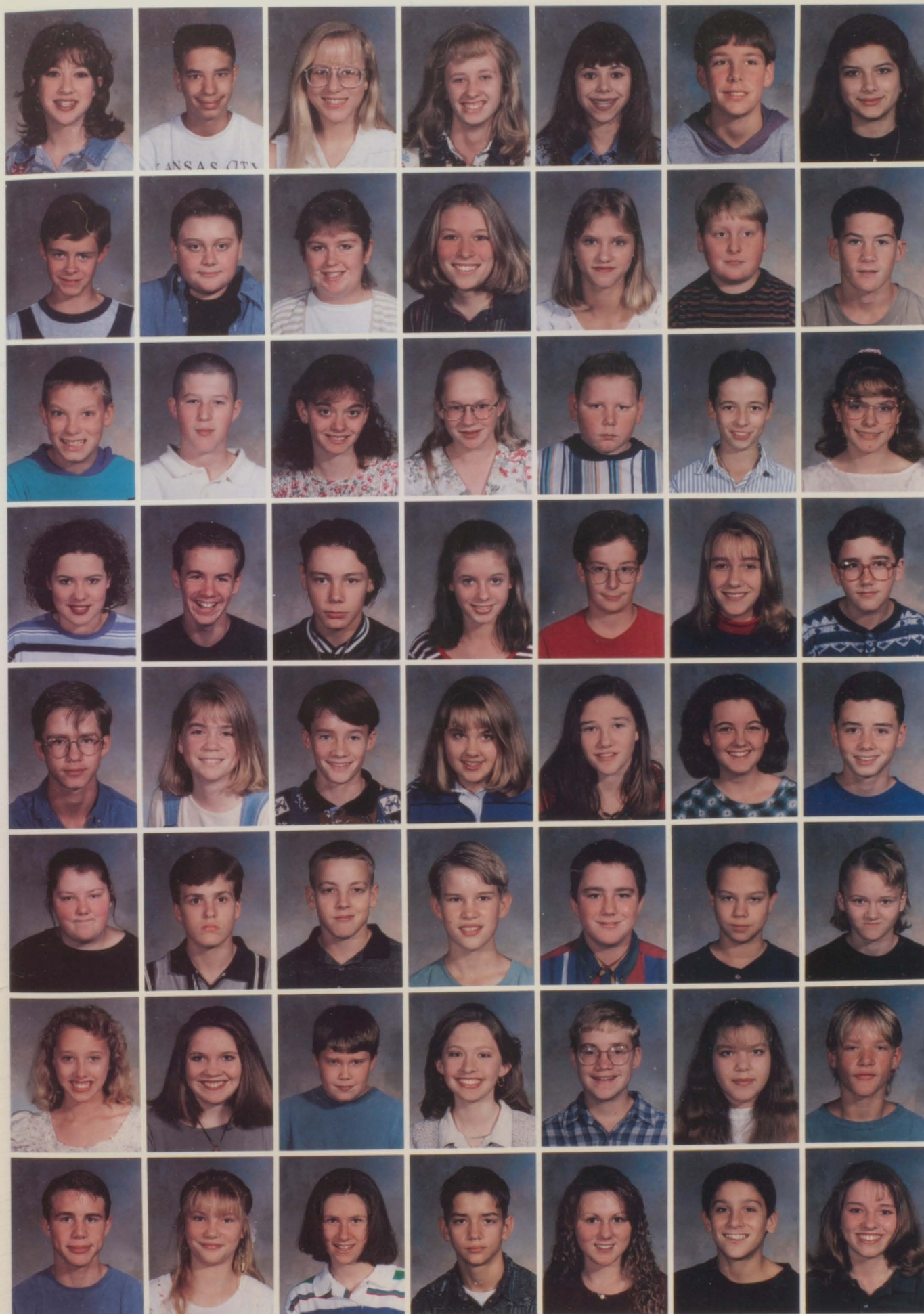


On the steps in front of the middle school, Julie Lynch, Casondra Harris, Ryan Stacy, Jonathan Walker, and Jason Farris find plenty to talk about on a warm spring day.

With teacher Julie Carr showing the way, Afton Ivy and Jessica Roth learn how to pin the edges of totebags before starting to sew in their family and consumer science class.

Stumped on a homework assignment, Zach Miller gets help from math teacher Randy Short.





Katrina Bailey
B. J. Batten
Sarena Baugh
Crystal Bennett
Janisha Bennett
Ricky Boak
Kacee Bujarski

Matt Byerlee
Joshua Campie
Tracy Cantrell
Sarah Carr
Loretta Chilson
Byron Clark
Dustin Clark

Steven Collins
Austin Corder
Brandi Dering
Karen Eagleston
Jason Farris
Steven Golden
Casandra Harris

Kodi Harris
Jason Hilliard
Todd Huskey
Afton Ivy
Scott Jackson
Kandeda Kabage
Jay Keeling

John Lansdown
Sara Leonard
Craig Letsinger
Julie Lynch
Amanda Mason
Tamara Matlock
Dustin McCleary

Destiny Millard
Austin Miller
Zach Miller
Ben Moody
Eric Moore
Dustin Nichols
Jessica Penn

Beverly Pratt
Jessica Roth
Sam Sears
Kristina Shropshire
Ryan Stacy
Stephanie Strunk
Eric Sutton

Doug Tripp
Karol Turley
Serina VanNess
Jonathan Walker
Deidra Wallace
Rick Weaver
Sumer Welch

You said it!

"I would change my laugh because it sounds so crazy sometimes."

-- Ashley Hicks

GRADE SEVEN

What would you change about yourself?

"It would definitely be my big feet. I wish I had smaller feet, instead of these boats I carry around every day."

Lindsay Hannaford

"My personality. I would like to have a better personality toward people."

Dannette Sickels

"If could change one thing about myself, it would be my eyes so that I wouldn't have to wear glasses."

Jerry Elliott

"I would make myself two or three inches shorter, because I am taller than just about all of my friends."

Carrie Jarrett

"It would definitely be organization. I'm twice as disorganized as everyone in my grade and it shows up at the end of every quarter when I'm doing tons of extra credit work."

Erica Spyres

"I wouldn't change anything about myself because I am my own person."

David Scrivner

"I wish I could change my eyes to a darker shade of blue so they'd be prettier."

Sarah Brown

"If I could change one thing about myself I wouldn't except maybe my attitude."

Andrea Wallace

"I would change all the fat

on my body into muscles."

Dustin Coday

"If I could change one thing about myself, I would be taller and have bigger muscles. I'm 4'7" tall and weigh 75 lbs."

Justin Crain

"It would be my personality that would get changed. I would like to be more outgoing and less shy. I'd have more friends and my life would be different."

Amanda Clash

"I want to be tall and have muscles popping out all over the place."

John Williams

"If I could change anything I would change my nose,

because it is too big. I'd also like to be able to see better so I wouldn't have to wear glasses."

Keith Jackson

"I would like to at least touch the rim by the time I'm in eighth grade."

Clark Choate

"I wouldn't change anything about myself. I like myself just the way I am."

Chad Keith

"The only thing I would change is my face because my cheeks are too fat."

Tara Jackson

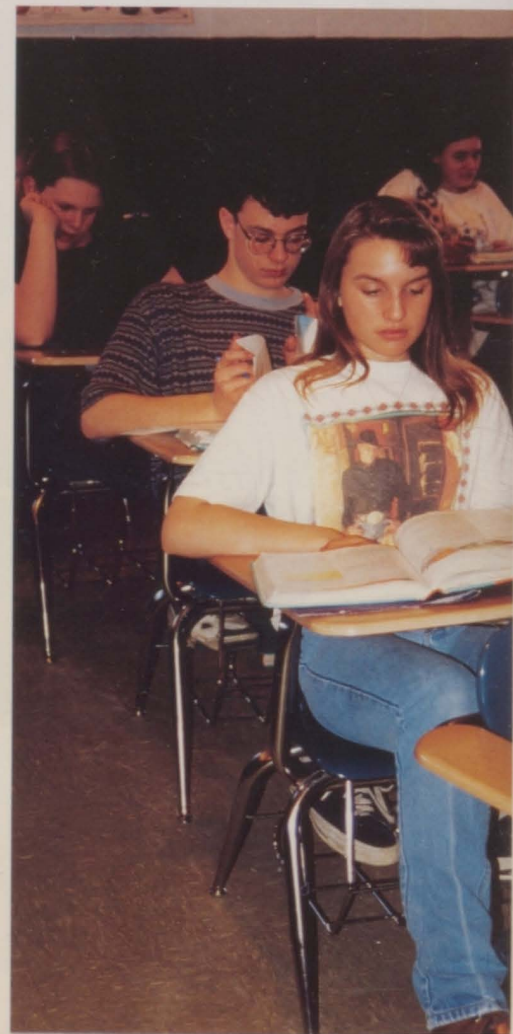
"If I could change anything, I would definitely change my weight."

Ashley Maxwell



Hands on the switches, Elaine Torrell, Cassy Franken, Chad Keith, and Brandon Olive listen to the "Jeopardy" question given by social studies teacher Don Sanders. At left, Rodney Bell helps keep score.

Seated in Max Greene's seventh grade science classroom, Dannette Sickels, Josh Coffman, and David Scrivner use their textbooks to follow a class discussion which Greene is leading.





Rodney Bell
 Matt Bennett
 Sarah Brown
 Josh Bubeck
 Danny Cain
 Tona Carter
 Bud Chandler

Clark Choate
 Amanda Clash
 Josh Cleaver
 Dustin Coday
 Colleen Cook
 Justin Crain
 Bryan Dugger

Matthew Dunbar
 Joe Ehlers
 Jerry Elliott
 Joe Farris
 Cassy Franken
 Dustin Grass
 Lindsay Hannaford

Joey Harris
 Mary Heidelberg
 Ashley Hicks
 David Huskey
 Keith Jackson
 Tara Jackson
 Carrie Jarrett

Chad Keith
 Richard Kelley
 Scott Litz
 Jordan Logan
 Jacob Loper
 Albert Matney
 Ashley Maxwell

Rachel McCall
 Garrett Norell
 Brandon Olive
 Carl Ramsey
 Rick Ramsey
 David Scrivner
 Matt Shevchuk

Dannette Sickels
 Erica Spyres
 Josh Street
 Mindie Sullivan
 Rashelle Thompson
 Andrea Wallace
 John Williams

Chris Wilson
 Tashina Wilson

You said it!

GRADE SIX

"I would like to be famous for piloting an airplane through sticky situations really well."

-- Jacob Magnin

What would you like to be famous for?

"For finding a cure for cancer and the HIV virus, because a lot of people die from them and I would like to help the people in need."

Stefanie Medley

"For saving the dolphins because they are almost extinct, and I love them."

Ryan Roberts

"I want to be the author of a book or magazine."

Tammy Potter

"I don't want to be famous because it makes you someone you aren't. You treat people like they're not as good as you."

Steven Ward

"I want people to know that animals are important to us and I want to be famous for taking care of them."

Rhizza Renfro

"I would like to play in the NBA. It would be a challenge and people would recognize my love for the game."

Michael Scofield

"I'd like to be a famous cartoonist so I can make cartoons and T-shirts and different things for kids."

Brian Carampatan

"I would like to be famous for finding a cure for the HIV virus because I would like to help people who are sick."

Lacie Newby

"A motorcycle racer, because

I love riding motorcycles and I love to do stunts and be able to go 200 mph."

Glen Ramsey

"For singing country songs, because they get lots of money and meet lots of people."

Crystal Wilson

"For inventing a new species of animals that will someday take our place in the world."

Jarod McCarty

"For playing on the USA women's basketball team."

Kristyn Jones

"I'd like to be famous for who I am, because you shouldn't have to do something great to get attention."

Tiffany Coonce

"A famous singer, and if I were good I'd get to go all over the world singing for an audience."

Lacie Vaverka

"I'd like to be famous for programming computers."

Nick Shelhamer

"For being a rapper like Snoop Doggy Dog, because you can make a million dollars a year."

Kelsey Boyle

"For being a lawyer, because I would like to see other sides of people's stories on murder cases."

Kelsey Boyle

"I would love to be an award-winning actress."

Stefanie Blevins



Band members Jacob Magnin, Lacie Newby, Jeff Moore, Donnie Slate, Eddie Penn, Miranda Rhodes, Eric McQuigg, Michael Scofield, and Ben Cain march in the Christmas parade.

Tara Allen
Carey Beggs
Jacob Bennett
Joshua Bennett



Michael Scofield and Rhizza Renfro are first place winners in a 10-school math contest.





Kennith Bennett
Stefanie Blevins
Timmy Bunch
Ben Cain
Brian Carampatan
Jeffrey Carr
Nathan Cody

Tiffany Coonce
Stephanie Criswell
Jeffrey Decker
Lindsey Dunbar
Sara Edmonds
Jennifer Farris
Denae Furlong

Laura Furr
Rachel Giddens
Amanda Golden
Joseph Gresham
Brooke Hurst
Ashley Jones
Kristyn Jones

Michelle Jones
Amanda Lansdown
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Julie Litz
Lucas Logan
Jacob Magnin
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Miranda Rhodes
Lacy Riggs
Ryan Roberts
Scotty Rousseau

Michael Scofield
James Scrivner
Nicholas Shelhamer
Donnie Slate
Austin Steffe
Lora Thompson
Michael Turley

Lacie Vaverka
Steven Ward
Shawna Williams
Crystal Wilson
Michael Woody
Stacey Wright
Rebecca Young

You said it!

"I got my legs tangled in my chair and fell down. My face turned beet red."

-- Jennifer Calhoun

GRADE FIVE

What was the funniest thing that happened to you in elementary school?

"In second grade when I was playing kickball I ran from third base to second base then to first base."

John Blaine

"When I hit a teacher in the head with a frisbee."

Kelly Carampatan

"The funniest thing that happened to me at school was when a friend tried to knock me off the slide with a basketball."

Christian Eichelberger

"When I fell out of the swing backwards and we all started laughing."

Aaron Price

"In fourth grade I copied five pages in cursive and it was supposed to be in print."

Tina Crain

"When I kicked the ball up in the air and it went between my friend's legs while he was on the slide."

Josh Slater

"When someone tried to staple my ear in kindergarten."

Sarah Bennett

"When I came into the class I slid into a desk and fell down and everybody laughed."

Tomi Jones

"In third grade when I was putting up my tray I fell down and food went

everywhere."

Amber Moore

"My friend and I thought there was a plant growing in the sink."

Whitney Hannaford

"I hit my head on a basketball pole."

Dusty Dering

"The funniest thing that ever happened to me in school was when Jennifer Calhoun tripped me in band and I fell in front of everyone."

Courtney Allen

"I tripped and rolled from the top of the hill in the third grade."

Tony Lockmon

"The funniest thing that

happened to me was when I fell down the stairs and hit my head."

Cody Corder

"The funniest thing I did was when I was running to lunch and I got closelined by a rearview mirror."

Rhett Scofield

"I was out at recess and I was swinging. I turned around and fell out of my swing when I was very high."

Summer Taylor

"When I spilled my breakfast and juice all over my new jeans."

April Billings

"When I was in the first grade I fell off the slide."

Travis Mason



Decked out in bright holiday colors, members of the fifth grade band march in the Mansfield Christmas parade in early December.

At open house, John Blaine shares some static electricity from a Van deGraaf generator with high school science student Duane Keys.

Carol Anderson
Jaci Peppi
Jodie Sell



Courtney Allen
Brett Bailey
Tiffany Beggs
Sarah Bennett
Cory Berry
John Blaine
Ashley Borders

Tim Brazeal
Jesse Bricker
Joe Bubeck
Jennifer Calhoun
Jordan Cantrell
Kelly Carampatan
Lisa Chambers

Travis Clouse
Alicia Cook
Cody Corder
Tina Crain
Dusty Dering
Dustin Dixon
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Josh Millard
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Keith Newton
Laurel Oberbeck
Jennifer Otis
April Pettibone
Tim Pharris
Kristen Phelps
Aaron Price

Jimmy Rebura
Kasie Rueff
Rhett Scofield
Christilia Skaggs
Joe Skyles
Josh Slater
Kendra Smith

Justin Stafford
Alisha Stewart
Chris Stowell
Summer Taylor
Amanda Walker
Jason Walker
Jana Young

You said it!

"On the kids' birthdays I would give them a party and a present."

-- Amanda Rokusek

GRADE FOUR

If you were the teacher, what would school be like?

"There would still be work, but the problems would be easier."

Monica Hattabaugh

"If I were a teacher school would be exhausting. Sometimes it would be boring and sometimes it would be fun."

Cody Whorton

"School would be irritating if I were the teacher, because the kids probably wouldn't follow my directions."

Adam Bennett

"School would be really fun, because I like to do lots of activities."

Della Lansdown

"School would be more fun and exciting, because I would let kids talk whenever they wanted, and I would not split best friends up."

Paul Moody

"I would make the students mind, and I would let them play games."

Travis Hire

"I'd make them work all day and then let them have a pop afterwards."

Brandon Lansdown

"I would teach children good things, everyone would have hot purple wallets, and we would do cool things in science."

Ashley Hood

"I would be nice to the kids

and I would teach them to think. I would teach them their times and facts."

Amanda Kuhn

"If I were a teacher there would only be five subjects: P.E., art, science, math, and computers."

Cody Elliott

"We would have a NFL team called the Mansfield Masks, a NBA team called the Mansfield Rocks, and a baseball team called the Mansfield Mavericks."

Zac Blevins

"If I were the teacher, we would have a big screen TV in every classroom that had cable, and we wouldn't do any reading."

Jaron Keeling

"I would make sure the students turned their homework in and I would be nice to all the students in the school."

Becky Slate

"We would play games like math races, and I would not send children to the principal's office, and we would write poems."

Melissa Beckner

"I would let them play math games, and I would let them have lots of recesses."

Randy Ramsey

"I would let the students play if their daily work was done, and I would put a big screen TV in every classroom."

Jason Schofield



It's quiet reading time at their desks for fourth graders Chasity Olive, Paul Moody, Della Lansdown, and Justin Schofield.

Adam Bennett watches while Thomas Taylor mists water on grass plantings in a science study about erosion.



Josh Asher
Melissa Beckner
Ferdie Beecham
Michael Beecham
LaToya Bell
Adam Bennett
Ashley Bingham





Zac Blevins
Tiffany Cline
Chris Dodson
Ashley Eichelberger
Cody Elliott
Zachery Flageolle
Monica Hattabaugh

Eli Helms
Daniel Herring
Megan Hicks
Brittany Hilton
Travis Hire
Ashley Hood
Brittany Huskey

Brian Jones
Jaron Keeling
Garret Keith
Amanda Kuhn
Laura Lancaster
Brandon Lansdown
Della Lansdown

Chris LeClair
Shane Loper
Megan Millard
Angela Miller
Paul Moody
Annie Moore
Seth Mullican

Colt Naugle
Michael Newman
Alex Newton
Jennifer Odle
Chasity Olive
Samantha Ousley
Hillary Persinger

Jessica Pettibone
Randy Ramsey
Matthew Rhodes
Mandy Rokusek
Tyler Rummens
Jason Schofield
Justin Schofield

David Shevchuk
Becky Slate
Matthew Smith
Daison Steffe
Brenda Stratton
Michael Tate
Thomas Taylor

Michael Townsend
Carl Turley
Cody Whorton
Bradley Young
Vicki Box
Jean Mullican
Julie Samuels

You said it!

"I like to do cheers, because which ever team I cheer for always wins."

-- Whitney Miller

GRADE THREE

What is the most fun thing to do at recess?

"I like to play basketball, because it is fun to shoot hoops, dribble the ball, and play against people."

Tristan Dennis

"The most fun thing is kickball, because it gives you exercise."

Tom Brazeal

"At recess time, I like to run around and talk to my friends."

Kate Probert

"I like to play soccer, because it is my best sport and it is fun to score a lot of points."

Drew Berry

"The most fun thing at recess

is cheerleading for basketball games, because boys need cheerleaders."

Kerri Blackwell

"I like to climb on the spider web."

Elaine Johns

"Playing tetherball is the most fun thing, because I am good at it and I have a tetherball of my own."

Nikki Jones

"I like to go high on the swings."

Shawn Singh

"It is fun to swing outside, because the wind blows in my face."

Lindsey Hopping

"I like chasing my brother

Matthew, because it really bugs him and I love to bug him."

Samantha Smith

"I like to play tag on the castle at recess."

Michael Fuge

"The most fun thing at recess is playing soccer, because it is fun being goalie. Plus it is fun because I keep practicing to kick and I am improving in kicking."

Alex Miller

"My favorite thing to do outside is to play basketball, because I like shooting three-pointers."

Josh Pyle

"At recess I always like to play outside with my

friends."

Alex Dunbar

"The most fun thing is to play basketball with all the boys in the class."

Leslie Harris

"I like to play on the swing the whole time until we have to go inside."

Hannah Moore

"My favorite thing to do at recess is playing with my friends on the castle."

Ashley Paxton

"The most fun is basketball because all my friends play."

Casey Ivy

"I like to play with the boys and play soccer."

DeOndra Carnall



Third graders learn a new selection with vocal music teacher Terry Spyres. The students are having class in the multipurpose room.

Gathered around science and math resource teacher Pat Brown, third graders (clockwise from Brown) Jordon Williams, Justin Hutson, Tom Brazeal, Craig Campbell, Tristan Dennis, and Nikki Jones watch as Brown dissects a worm.





Becky Bennett
Drew Berry
Ryan Bird
Kerri Blackwell
Brittany Borders
Tom Brazeal
Wayne Cain

Craig Campbell
DeOndra Carnall
Andy Carr
Tracey Cline
Amanda Cook
Mark Cruse
Melanie Davis

Tristan Dennis
Michaela Dodson
Michael Fuge
Brandon Grass
Leslie Harris
Sara Henley
Kayla Hilton

Coy Holden
Justin Hutson
Casey Ivy
Ashley Jackson
Steven Jarrett
Elaine Johns
Jonathon Jones

Nikki Jones
Tiffany Lamb
John Lawrence
Jacob Micheli
Alex Miller
Whitney Miller
Mike Moody

Hannah Moore
Nicky Napier
Crystal Neitzert
Christy Nichols
Katrina O'Pry
Ashley Paxton
Kate Probert

Josh Pyle
Ria Renfro
Timothy Shelhamer
Greg Short
Shawn Singh
Samantha Smith
Derek Snyder

Tim Stuart
Josh Sullivan
Taylor Thompson
Jordon Williams
Gina Adams
Linda Graham
Brenda Quick

You said it!

"I want to be a shoemaker
or a McDonald's worker so
I can eat and get paid."

-- Shamala Bunch

GRADE TWO

What do you want to be when you grow up?

"When I grow up I want to be a horserider in a horse show because I would get to ride horses that gallop and trot."

Julie Hutton

"I want to be a basketball player because you won't break your neck like you would in football."

Drake Rigenhagen

"I want to be a major league baseball player because my dad is a baseball coach."

Evan Jones

"When I grow up I want to be an ice skater because it looks like fun."

Jennifer Willbanks

"I want to be a nurse because I would get to help people and give them shots."

Jessica Taylor

"When I grow up I want to be a zoo keeper, because I can give candy out on Halloween."

Hollie Jordan

"When I grow up I want to be a famous karate person in *Mortal Combat* because I think it would be fun after I practice."

Becky Barlett

"I want to be a music star and be on TV and have men, women, and children come and see me."

Danielle Jones

"I want to be a farmer and

have horses, cows, hens, pigs and hens, buffalo, zebra, foxes, moose, colts, and puppies, and cats."

Amanda Neal

"When I grow up I want to be a policeman because they can go through red lights."

Brendan Keeling

"When I grow up I want to help people learn and be smart like me."

Rachel Dollarhide

"I will be a football player and play for the Kansas City Chiefs. And you know why? Because my brother is going to be one, too."

Leramy Bennett

"I want to be a Synergy gas woman because it would be

exciting to be that."

Pamela Phelps

"When I grow up I want to be a scientist because I like to do projects."

Ryan Moody

"I want to be a golfer and play basketball because I want to make money and have fun."

Blake Miller

"When I grow up I want to be a teacher because all I would have to do is work all day and go to lots of meetings."

Kayla Gallion

"I want to be the best hockey player and play hockey all the time."

Leanne Moody



Mom Katherine Acree reads to Ashley Renner, Trampus Hire, Kayla Berry, and Blake Miller as part of a special project funded by an Incentives for School Excellence grant written by second grade teacher Carol Hanger.

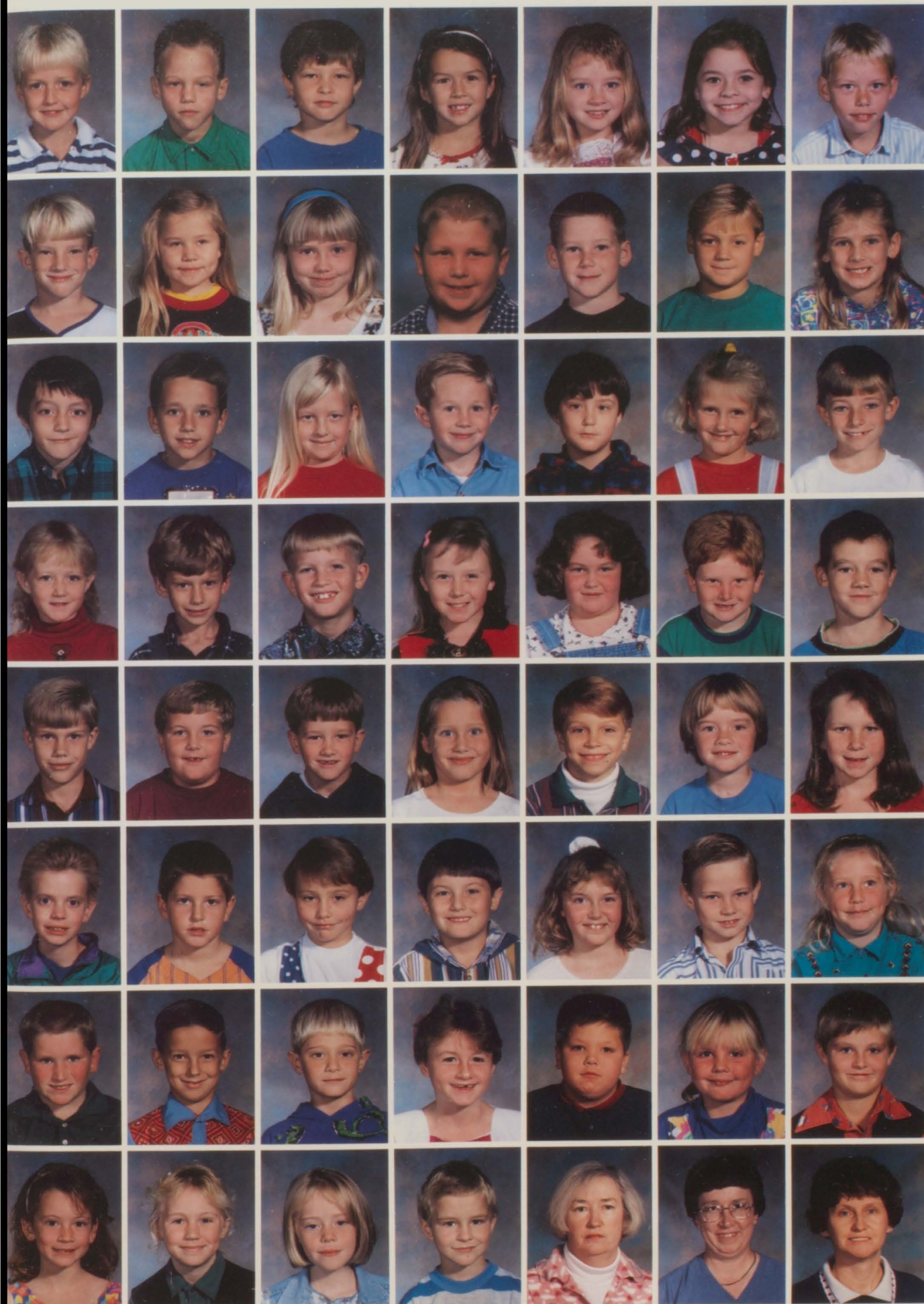
Mandie Adamson
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Leramy Bennett

Kayla Berry
Eric Bricker
Shamala Bunch
Katelyn Choate
Jerica Cody



A reading and listening center in Carol Hanger's classroom keeps the attention of Julie Hutton, Ryan Moody, Billy Newton, and Michael Hutson.





Josh Cornelius
Ronald Delapp
Dillon Dering
Natasha Dixon
Rachel Dollarhide
Tiffany Dollarhide
Quisto Eutsler

Kendall Findley
Nicole Freeman
Kayla Gallion
D. J. Friend
Ryan Harris
Nathan Hildreth
Amanda Hilton

Trampus Hire
Michael Hutson
Julie Hutton
Joe Isbill
Christopher James
Danielle Jones
Evan Jones

Hollie Jordan
Brendan Keeling
Adam Keith
Samantha Kirby
Dulci Lancaster
Joshua Lansdown
Nathan LeClair

Zachary Levan
Ryan Loge
Blake Miller
Leanne Moody
Ryan Moody
Sarah Moody
Amanda Neal

Billy Newton
Shane Norell
Pamela Phelps
Nicholas Price
Ashly Renner
Drake Rigenhagen
Cassie Sanders

Scott Short
Justin Skaggs
Adam Smith
Lindsay Stout
Jesse Stuart
Jessica Taylor
Josie Vaverka

Jennifer Willbanks
Jessica Williams
Karensa Wilson
Jacob Wright
Josie Adamson
Elaine Crump
Carol Hanger

You said it!

GRADE ONE

Which food do you really hate and why don't you like it?

"Onions are the thing I really hate because they make my mouth feel funny."

Joey Neal

"I hate green lima beans because they have white stuff in them."

William Milford

"Peas are gross because they make me sick."

Jayne Perkins

"Chili peppers make your mouth all feel really hot, so I don't like them."

Ryan Scott

"Pasta is what I hate because it has cottage cheese in it."

Sarah Woods

"Tomatoes just don't look good to me at all."

Rachelle Leddy

"I hate peas because they are disgusting."

Lacey Tate

"Spinach is just really sickening."

Kristin Campbell

"Peppers are too spicy for me so I don't eat them."

Paige Hoover

"The one food I really hate is broccoli because it stinks."

Ryan Wright

"I hate eating salad because it tastes yucky."

Danny Thompson

"Taco sauce is too hot and

tacos just don't smell very good."

Aimee Williams

"Pork and beans is the food I hate but I don't know why."

Adrienne O'Pry

"I would have to hate cucumbers because they taste gross."

Melanie Moore

"I really hate meatloaf because it is fat."

Shane Babcock

"The one food I really hate is Manwich because it has no taste and if it does taste it tastes bad."

Adam Penn

"Squash is my least favorite food because they are green

and nasty."

Josh Gresham

"The food I really hate is peas because they are mushy."

Paul Hearn

"I hate peas because they smell."

Lauren Rummens

"Mushrooms taste nasty so I really hate them."

Travis Hutson

"I hate chili peppers because they make your mouth burn."

Jarrod Walker

"The food that I really hate is onions because they water my eyes."

Chanelle Schmied



Europe and the surrounding area gets close attention from Sarah Woods, Ryan Scott, and Nicole Neitzert.

Adam Penn and Chelsea House use colored water to complete an experiment during a science lesson taught by science and math resource teacher Pat Brown.

Cutting and pasting an assignment takes concentration from Toby Shelhamer, Cherelle Taylor, and Paul Hearn.





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Ala Bradshaw

"I like learning. I need to learn so that I can go on to first grade."

Quentin Berry

"The best part is getting to go outside and play. I love being able to play and not having to stand on the sidewalk because I got in trouble."

Jessica Long

"The people in kindergarten are so nice. I have so many friends and I love getting to

work and play with them all day."

Rashawnda Jackson

"I like getting to do things that I have never done before. We do something new every day."

Kati Sherman

"I think it is so funny that we get to go to lunch first, before anyone else."

Jenni Lemons

"I am glad that I am learning how to be polite and do nice things because I know that I should always be a polite little girl."

Amber Henry

"We get to watch movies all of the time. I love it when we watch 'One Hundred and

One Dalmations.'"

Kody Adamson

"The best part is lunchtime because I love eating."

Will Brazeal

"Swings are my favorite. I have a swingset at my house."

Spencer Deal

"I am glad that I know how to behave so that I don't get a time-out or have to stand on the sidewalk at recess."

Ronnie Chitwood

"Every day outside me and my friends get to play Donkey Kong."

Levi Cooley

"I like to pretend that I am the teacher and that I get to

tell all of the kids what to do."

Rebecca Freeman

"I like drawing because we get to draw different things."

Matthew Leonard

"Gym class is the best because you get to run as fast as you can and act crazy."

Chandler Vogt

"Playing outside is the best because you can play on the slides and stuff."

Brittany Keeling

"Valentine's Day is the best part of kindergarten."

Dustin Cody

"We can take a test and do lots of stuff."

Chandi Harris



Elementary students, even kindergarten children, celebrate the school's Western Day by wearing cowboy hats, bandannas, and boots. Teacher Edwina Carnal gets ready to lead her students in a song.

Kody Adamson
Kristin Adamson
Breck Bennett
Quentin Berry

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Ala Bradshaw
Will Brazeal
Heath Carnal



Using bright colored markers, Travis Turley fills in a sheet of designs which he will cut out later.





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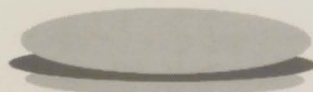
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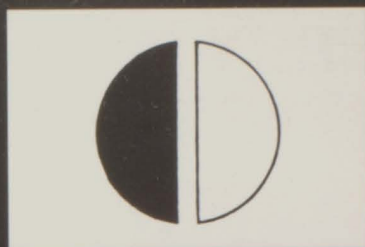
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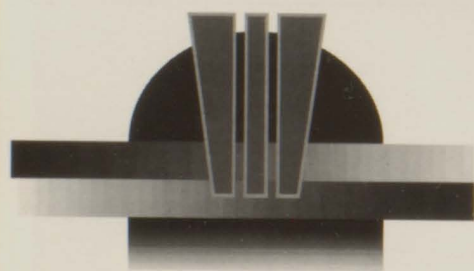
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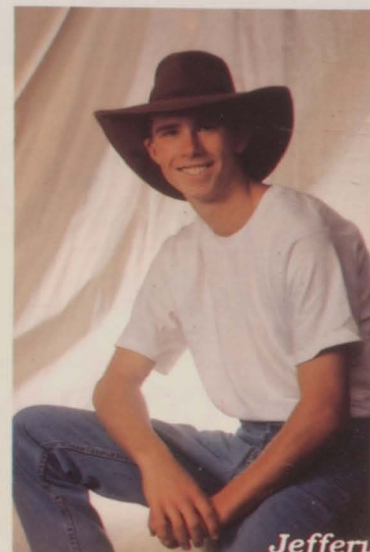
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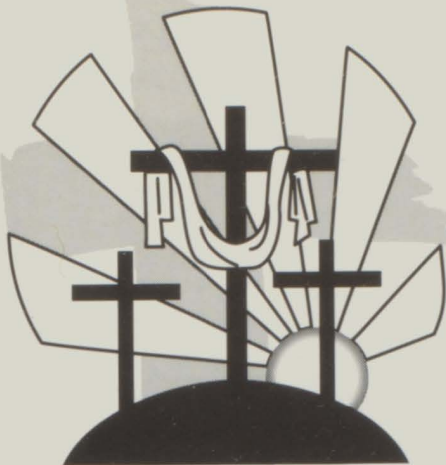
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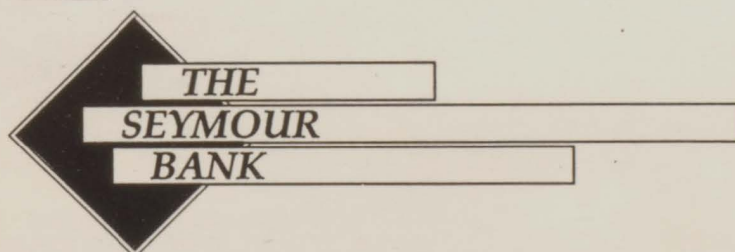
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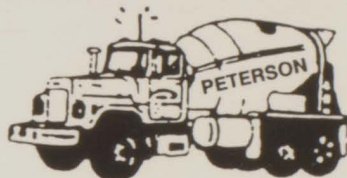
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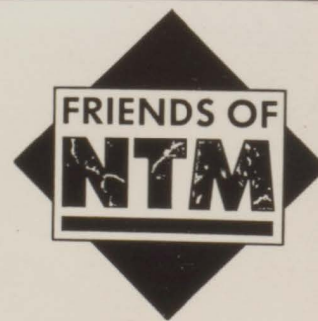
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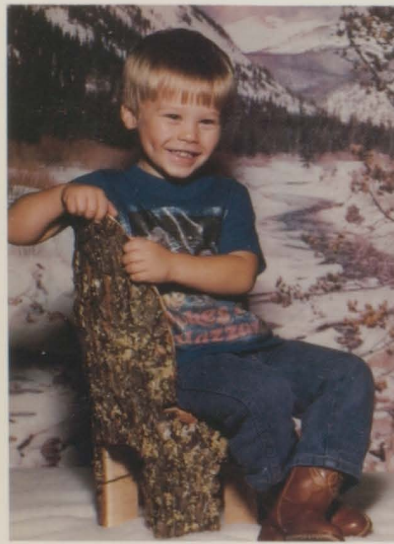
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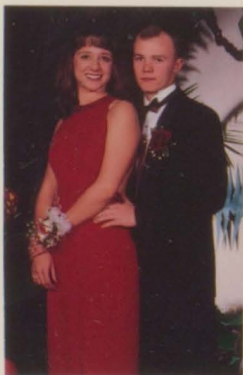
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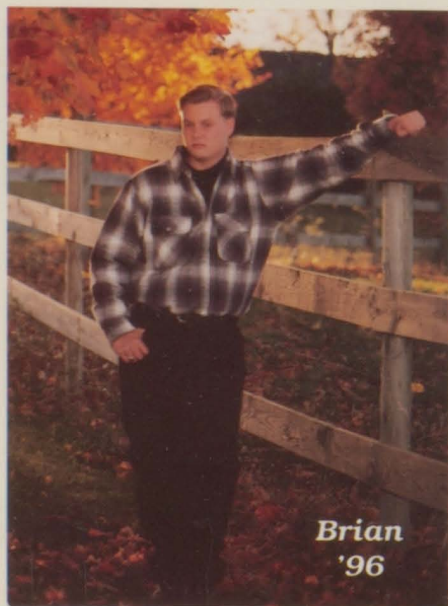


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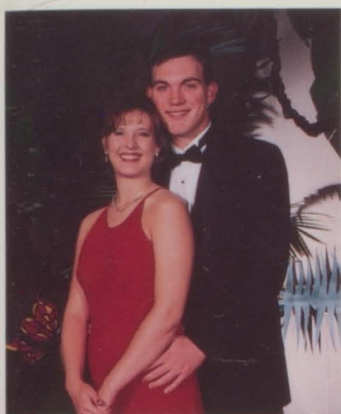
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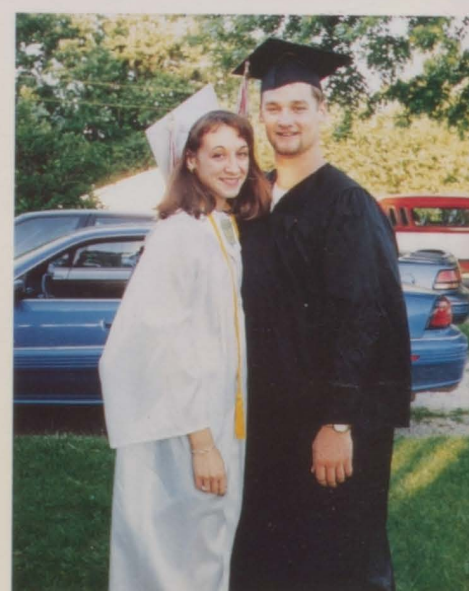
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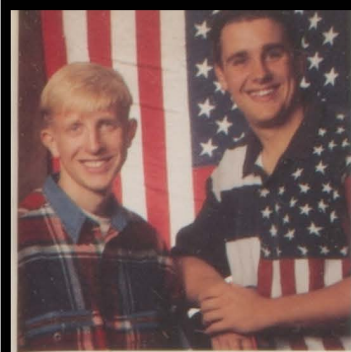
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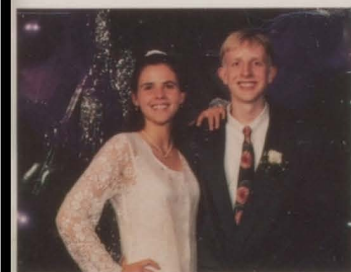
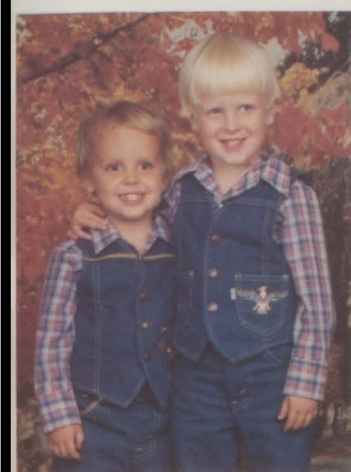
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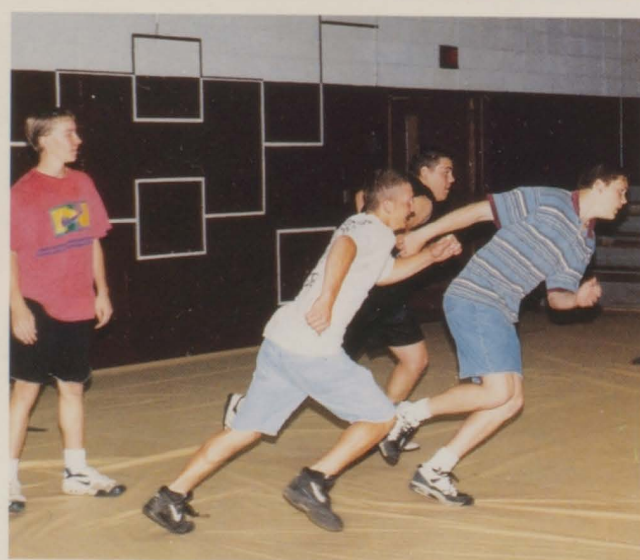
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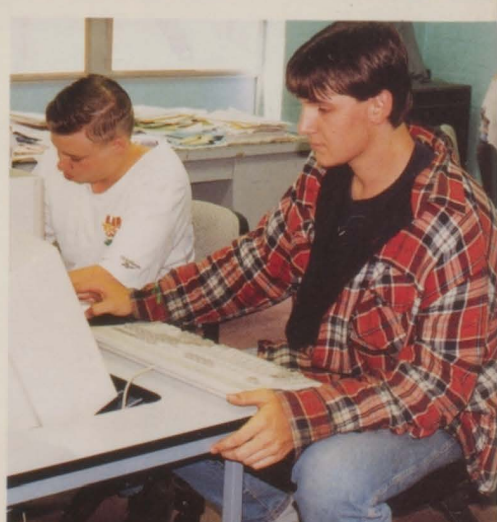
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ABOVE, NATHAN HANGER plays basketball with Joe Bockelman and Russell Hedrick. Right above, Richard Myers watches a demonstration in the science room at open house. Right, In CAD class, Brian Pollock and John Rhodes work on individual projects..



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TOP LEFT, KATI Williams does a newspaper assignment in Roger Wood's world history class. Left, LaDonna Liles works on an assignment in Wilda Watterson's American history class.

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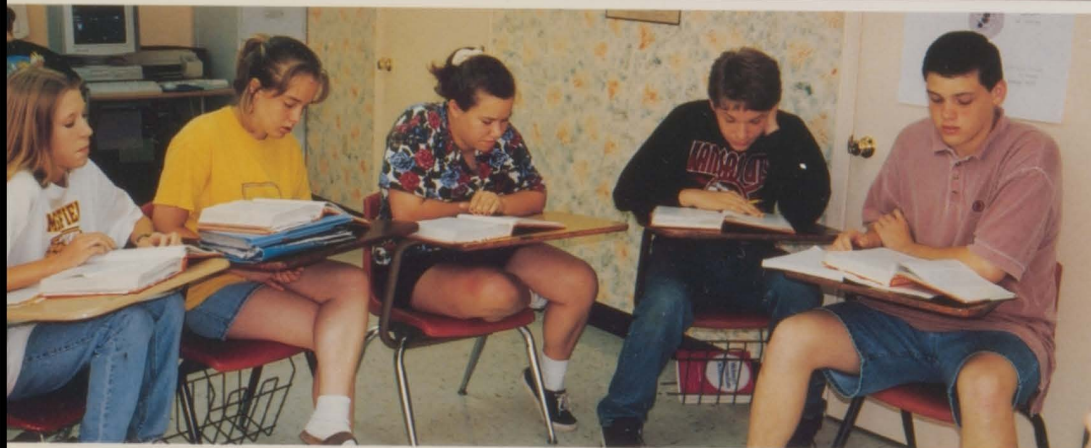
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ABOVE, SANDY NELSON works on a social studies assignment with Lorie Hodges. Top, Kinder Pollock, Jamie Stepro, Radonda Davis, Joey Rhodes, and Russell Hedrick read a play in Betsy Wight's English I class.



ABOVE, DONNIE WILSON and Eric Carampatan take a break from PE class to listen to Rachel Hull and Joe Sears play the piano. Right, dressed as soup kitchen workers, April Farris and Donna Young serve watery soup to Dawn Furlong in American history class.



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TOP LEFT, RICHARD Myers traces a drawing in art class. Left, Matt Calhoun and Joey Rhodes work on a keyboarding assignment in Marsha Appleby's classroom.

FOR FFA WEEK, the chapter's new Greenhands get ready to go through initiation ceremonies.

WORKING WITH A CAD drafting program, Christy Hastings completes a project in Roy Ryan's industrial technology class.

EXPECT

the unexpected

1996: Prepare to be surprised

Predictable. Obvious. Ordinary. MHS students won't be using these terms to describe the 1995-96 school year.

From the tragic death of a school board member to the raising of highway speed limits, from seniors sponsoring their own class trip to converting to a new finals policy, students learned to EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

The school year started off on a traumatic note for many staff members and students alike when school board member Bobby Blankenship was killed in a storm-related accident just days before school was to start. School officials decided to delay the beginning of the new school year for this UNEXPECTED loss.

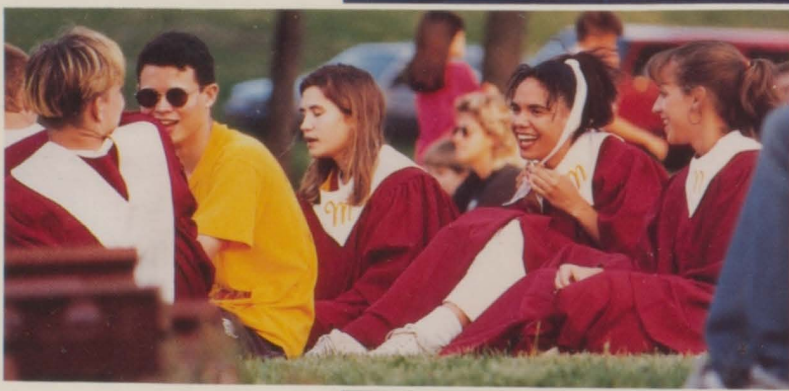
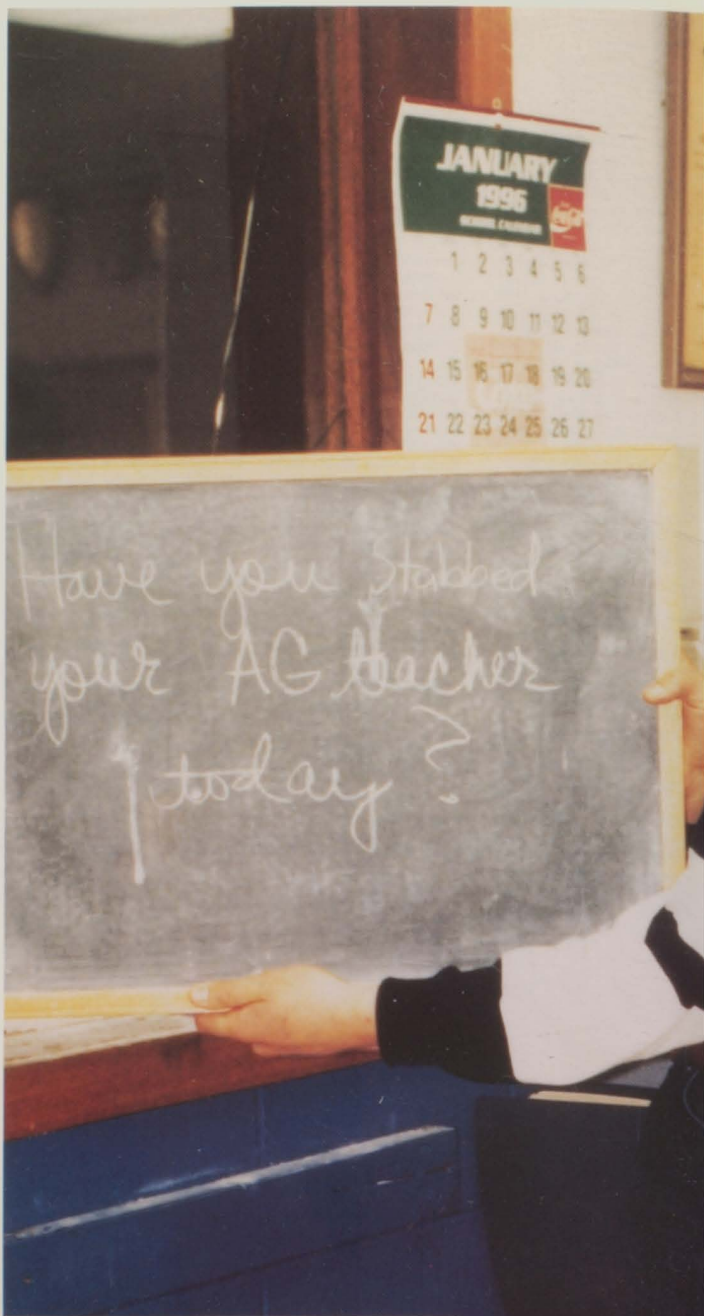
During the year, Mansfield wasn't the only town that suffered a heart-breaking loss. Cary, Illinois lost seven students in a tragic bus-train

accident. The bus had started to cross an intersection just past the railroad tracks but was caught at a red light. Never EXPECTING this situation, a commuter train crashed into the back of the bus at an estimated 60 miles per hour, leaving the nation saddened by the loss.

The year-long O. J. Simpson trial finally came to a conclusion in early October. With relatives of both Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson watching on, the jury announced the not-guilty verdict. While there were tears of joy, there were also angry outbursts at the UNEXPECTED decision.

With a new style of advertising, Calvin Klein made a splash in the national headlines. With charges of using underage models and promoting child pornography, Klein faced a series of critical comments from newspapers, magazines, and

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■ Waiting for their part of the concert in the park to start, Dustin Willis, Duane Keys, Jill Adamson, Kim Joseph, and Sara Moody keep each other company.

■ Amanda Hutson shows off Tia Pharris's innovative hairstyle on the last day of school in May.



■ Nathan Carr jokingly tries a variation of "have you hugged your children today?" Luckily agriculture teacher Stan Coday had a good sense of humor.

■ Something different suits the band and choir as they present their spring concert outside at the new stage area in the city park complex near the school.



■ Shannon Wallin's toy-evaluation assignment in parenting class turns into childhood fun.

■ Middle schoolers celebrate spirit week with wild hair styles. Front - Carey Beggs, Tara Allen, Stefanie Blevins; middle - Albert Matney, Joey Harris, Byron Clark, Keith Jackson, Justin Crain, Jonathan Walker; back - Josh Bubeck, Debra Henry.

citizens. Shoppers became prepared to EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED when scanning new advertisements.

For the first time in 21 years, the federal legislature proposed changing the speed limit from 65 to 75 miles per hour on interstate highways and from 55 to 65 on four-lane highways. And Mansfield voters didn't know what to EXPECT when they went to the polls in November to vote on the town's bond issue. If passed, the town would be allowed to sell bonds totaling \$650,000 in order to make the sale of

the vacant Tobin Hamilton factory building possible. Passing with an overwhelming 300-13 margin, Mansfield EXPECTS the choice to be a wise decision.

Seniors weren't ready for the UNEXPECTED change that came with the new school year concerning the annual senior trip. In years past, the school had sponsored a trip to St. Louis for the class. However, school board officials decided that the school would no longer be in charge of the trip. The change wasn't a

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problem though. Through the efforts of parents and the seniors themselves, the class raised enough money to travel to Florida for a week-long trip.

Gun-related accidents left two MHS seniors stunned, but not fatally injured. Jeff Chambers was shot in the hand and leg when a hunting rifle accidentally discharged while his father was unloading it. Chambers was rushed to Springfield where surgeons were able to save four of his fingers.

Hayden Dennis' rifle also accidentally discharged, shooting him in the foot. Surgeons removed the bullet and after spending a month on crutches, Dennis returned and finished the basketball season.

UNEXPECTED was the only word possible to describe Mother Nature's whims. From missing 11 days of school because of snow and ice to having 70-degree weather the very next week in January, EXPECTING normal weather conditions was impossible.

When it came to the fall baseball season, what could anyone EXPECT but a perfect record from the return-

ing 2A state champs. Playing 11 games in the fall, the Lions proved that a flawless season should be anything but UNEXPECTED. Add a second state championship in the spring, and it was time to celebrate.

In the area of academics, a new finals policy was installed. The policy stated that all students are required to take finals, regardless of perfect attendance. However, the students who had 100 percent attendance received an extra two percent added on to their overall grade. With this new rule, the school EXPECTED better attendance from everyone.

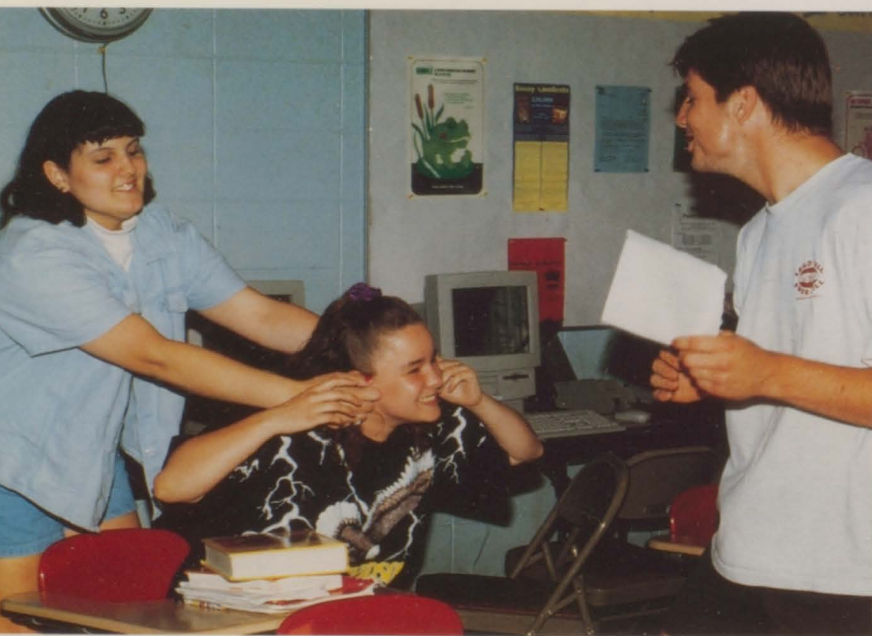
Hardworking students were ecstatic to find that the *Lions Gazette* received the All-American award for the first time ever, and the *El Leon* earned its third straight All-American title. Although students had high EXPECTATIONS, they weren't prepared for the number of contests they swept in the areas of writing, journalism, and science as well.

All and all, people not only from MHS, but from all over the nation came to realize that the safest bet for the 1995-96 year was to EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

■ The last day of school, Joe Sears gets a hug from Emily Bray.



■ Mickey welcomes Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody, Shelly Whorton, Tessa Bennett, and Jennifer Kingery to DisneyWorld. The girls were on the senior trip to Florida in June.



■ Last hour of one of the last days of school, Liza Stovall torments Gina Penn, with some help from Jarod Coday.

■ Seniors on the class trip to Florida pause for a group moment in front of Universal Studios, one of their sight-seeing stops.

We expected the unexpected



Congratulations, Seniors!
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