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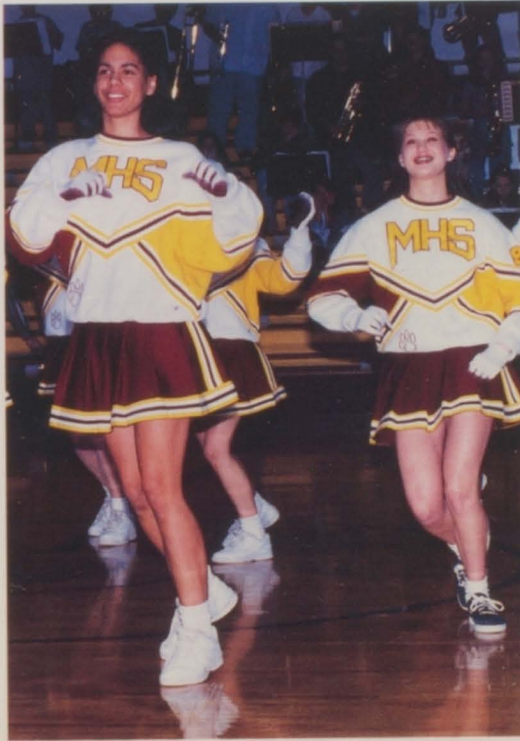




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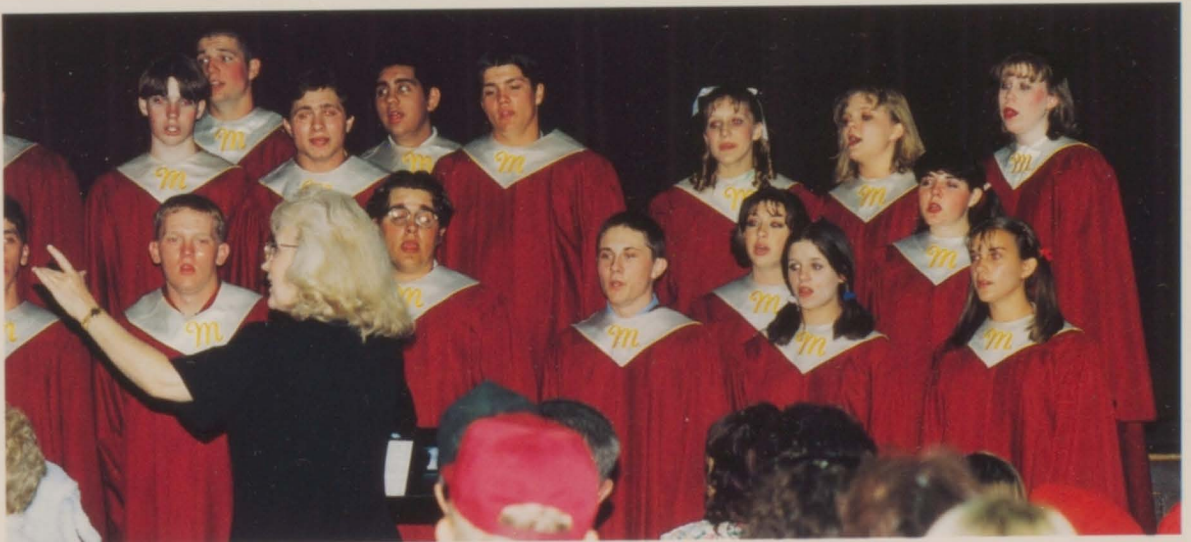
GRANT Williams and Mike Spyres break the seriousness of the graduation procession with a little light-hearted behavior for friends and relatives in attendance at the May event.



## EL LEON 1997

KIM Joseph and Bridget Keys perform a pom-pom dance during a pep rally. The squad changed from early morning to late afternoon practices for the first time in years.

TERRY Spyres enthusiastically directs the mixed chorus, which for the first time in decades, received a I rating at the district music contest. The group also had other firsts during the year, including performing a Christmas program at Branson's Magical Mansion as part of the VanBurch and Wellford Show.



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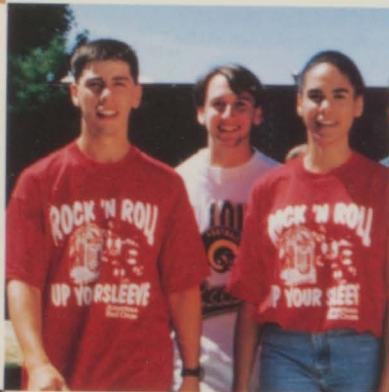
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• **ALLISON ARNALL IS** crowned by Larry Lansdown as the school's first Miss Merry Christmas in decades. The Senior Class sponsored a Christmas dance and a queen contest featuring almost 20 contestants from clubs and classes, as a fundraiser for senior trip.



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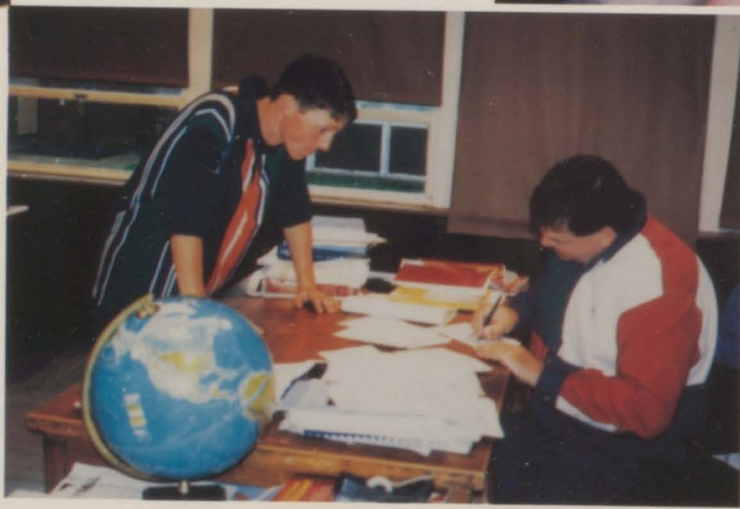
• **ERIC GRUBBS, HARRY Crawford,** and Kim Joseph prepare to help with the Student Council blood drive. The elected group always makes the American Red Cross bloodmobile visit to the high school one of its first service projects of each year.



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• **DRIVING TO THE** basket in a game with Plato, Jason Davis tries to get close enough to score in the 78-50 loss on the home court. Davis scored 15 points in the game. The Lions struggled all year, winning only one game the entire season, a first for the varsity team.

• **FOR THE FIRST** time, Jeffrey Brooke and other 18-year-olds at MHS have the chance to register to vote in the 1996 Presidential election. Tony Dugger, right, visited Roger Wood's social studies classroom to register the students.



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• **KATI WILLIAMS BELTS** out Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" during the choir's performance at the VanBurch and Wellford Show at Branson's Magical Mansion. Sumer Welch and Rachelle Roy provide harmony during the chorus. It was the first time an MHS group had performed in one of the theaters in Branson, and director Terry Spyres put on a show drawn from the 50s.

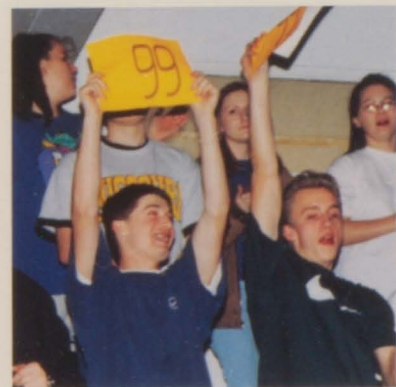






# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

*Maybe everyone got together and plotted before school started, and the year was all part of a clever plan. Or maybe it was just all a big coincidence. Regardless, 1997 was packed with stuff that just hadn't happened at MHS before. Female principal. Check. Closed lunch. Check. Dual credit college chemistry. Check. Branson show. Check. Whatever happened, it seemed that the old saying "there's a first time for everything" was custom made for the year.*



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• **SOPHOMORES IN GENERAL** and Manual Young and Josh Wilson in particular show their class spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. For the first time, students were given signs that showed their graduation year, and asked to sit together in the gym for the rally.



• **AT THE NEW**, and first ever fast food franchise in Mansfield, Cindy Dalton assembles a sandwich at the Subway located inside Lazy Lee's convenience store.

• **KARIE DECHENNE, STEPHANIE** Day, Kim Joseph, and Jill Adamson relax in the shade during Mansfield's first year of a closed campus lunch period.

• **MIKE SPYRES, OTHERWISE** known as Elvis, has the girls practically kissing his feet during the choir's performance at the VanBurch and Wellford Christmas show in Branson. It was the first time for a group from MHS to perform at a Branson theater.





# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

*It may be the El Leon's fiftieth anniversary, but the contents are anything but old and dusty. New and first were the key words of 1997, as the high school had its first female principal, the campus was closed at lunch for the first time, the choir performed on stage at a Branson theater, and the first fast food franchise opened in town. From a Christmas dance to the chance to see President Clinton face to face, 1997 had new bits of excitement strung from beginning to end.*



• **FOR THE FIRST** time ever, MHS students see President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, above, during their election campaign. Students of social studies teacher Roger Wood had the chance to make the 10-hour trip to Cape Girardeau to see history in the making.





• **ERIC GRUBBS ESCORTS** the new Homecoming Queen, Lauren Miller, to center stage shortly after she was crowned by last year's queen, Jenny Blaine. Behind them are Gary Slate, Deidra Wallace, Jason Davis, and Aimee Williams.



• **PULLING WITH ALL** their might, seniors Nick Brooke, Jeffrey Brooke, and Regina Roy show that their class is the best at tug of war. They beat the sophomores in the finals at the annual Barnwarming sponsored by FFA and Future Homemakers of America.



• **AS THE HATEFUL** Nellie from Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books, Emily Bray, left, laughs with Nicole Hollenberg as they perform a short scene from "Little House Memories" at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Springfield.



• **MOVING TO THE** beat of the music during the pep rally for Homecoming, seniors Larry Lansdown, Liz Machado, Kim Jones, and Regina Roy, front, and Amy Curtis, Christina McDermitt, Steve Cannon, and Bill Chilson, back, show they can groove.

• **JANISHA BENNETT AND** KaTrina Bailey, with caps, are the escorts for the lovely-frocked Adam Grubbs and Steven Welch in a mock Homecoming Queen contest during a pep rally.





# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING IN STUDENT LIFE

*By day, students faced drastic differences in 1997 when the board of education closed the campus during lunch and the high school went to two lunch periods. A new activities policy also imposed severe penalties (losing the chance to be in contests or sports among others) for failing a class for a semester, or failing to make a C- grade average. By night, students experienced the first Christmas dance in recent memory, a welcome addition to the calendar.*



• WITH FELLOW JUNIORS and others looking on, Jason Lansdown attempts to fit his whole body through a hula hoop during a Barnwarming game. From left are Leslie Lynch, Jason McDermitt, Kati Williams, Rachelle Roy, and Curtis Melton.



Shannon Wallin gets a hair-raising experience trying out the Van deGraaf generator in the science classroom. Classes in all buildings had displays and activities for students and visitors alike during open house.

In the elementary building, Sarah Brown shows third grader Cassie Sanders what it feels like to be inside a bubble. That experiment, and a huge planetarium, were just two of the many activities offered to those who attended open house.



Performing in the high school lobby, MHS Sweethearts Tracy Oberbeck, Bridget Keys, Sarena Baugh, Mandy Goss, and KaTrina Bailey dance to a 70's disco beat. The performance was one of the mini-events at open house.



Jazz band members Steven Welch and Kevin Heatherly show the audience in the band room several upbeat tunes their band had been working on. The band performed several times during open house.



Aimee Williams, Liza Stovall, Dawn Furlong, and Jeromy Brooke demonstrate the preparation of nachos for an open house audience that includes junior Lydia Chilson.







# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

*Gathered with a large crowd in the high school lobby, Deidra Wallace, Shawnda Bradshaw, and Chris Flageolle watch the spirit squad dance to "Disco Remix."*

Call it a night of electricity, but the school's third annual open house really did provide enough static to make hair stand on end.

Science teacher Pam Probert featured a Van deGraaf generator in her classroom. The sphere produces static electricity, and was a popular spot during open house, which was held for parents and community members.

"Right before we did our pom pom routine I stuck my hand on the Van deGraaf generator," sophomore Bridget Keys said. "My hair was so fine it stood completely on end. Unfortunately, my hair didn't go down when I took my hand off. In fact, it stayed full of static all night."

The pom pon squad performed in the high school lobby, and was one of dozens of mini-events presented by students.

"Performing at open house helped me realize that I had been nervous for no reason,"

freshman Serena Baugh said. "The crowd was very enthusiastic and I learned I had nothing to be afraid of."

Jazz band, directed by Philip Thomas, was another group which presented mini-events during the evening.

"Playing jazz band during open house was great," senior Eric Grubbs said. "People loved the songs and we really were able to get into it."

Computers drew a crowd to the industrial technology room.

"The most interesting part of open house was the computers in CAD room," freshman Tyler Jenkins said. "When I wasn't outside I was in there."

Senior Stephanie Day greeted visitors and handed out information folders in the lobby.

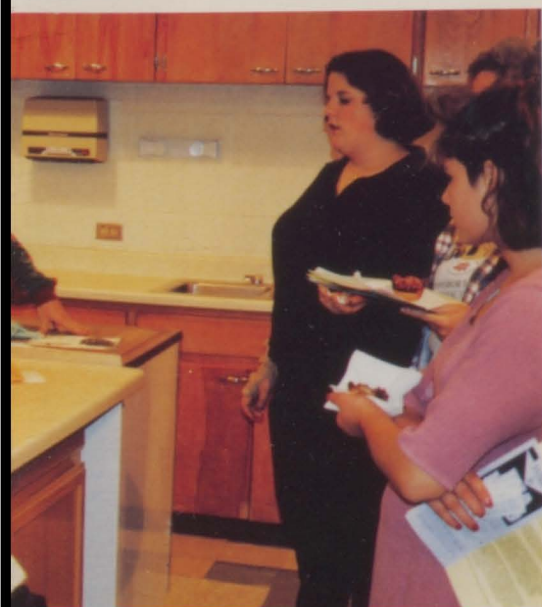
"I was quite busy because of the large amount of people who came to open house," she said. "I had no idea that so many older people were interested in seeing the school."

*is offered at the all-school open house*



*"It was great when people kept coming back for more of the taco salad that I had helped make at open house. It made me feel like I was actually a good cook." -- Dawn Furlong*

*"A lot of people came and watched the choir. I was nervous because we hadn't known the song very long, but I just mouthed the words I didn't know, and Mrs. (Terry) Spyres never noticed." -- Austin Miller*





*Sophomores take charge in the tug of war at Barnwarming, beating the freshmen only to lose to the seniors in the finals. From right, Brandon Lansdown, Travis Furr, Jason Brooke, Stephen House, Zach Whorton, and Curtis Stuart put some muscle into their efforts.*

*Jenny Moody, Allison Arnall, and Chris Flageolle, all juniors, are in a hurry to challenge the seniors in the tug of war match at Barnwarming.*



*With people crowded around to watch, Rachelle Roy twirls the rope high above her head. She represented the sophomores in a roping contest at Barnwarming. A hay bale roping dummy was the object of her attention, but none of her three tries was successful.*



*Lauren Miller passes the hula hoop to Lee Barber during the seniors' attempt at winning a relay game. Bill Chilson, Kim Jones, and Danny Brito also participated in the game.*

*Seniors Jarod Coday and Liz Machado reign as Barnwarming royalty. Attendants are Travis McDermitt and Jeanenne Sewell, Jessica Coonce and Tad Harvill, and Gina Turley and Curtis Melton.*







# BARNWARMING GETS ROPED

*Dressed out in their cowboy attire, Liz Machado and Jarod Coday, Barnwarming King and Queen, show their enthusiasm during the roping games.*

Need two words that describe Barnwarming?

Try "cowboy up."

Along with the traditional cowboy attire of Wranglers, cowboy boots and hats, Barnwarming was given a Western flavor from dancing, roping, and games.

"When I lived in California my wardrobe mainly consisted of Western clothing and kids don't really dress like that down here, so it was fun to get all dressed up in my Rockies and Ropers," senior Liz Machado said.

Using a roping dummy anchored to a bale of hay, one student from each of the four classes was picked to try his hand at roping.

"I wasn't embarrassed to get in front of everyone, but I was unhappy that I didn't do well," sophomore Rachelle Roy said. "The rope was very worn out and I couldn't keep a good grip on it."

Popular country dances at Barnwarming were two-stepping and line dancing.

"We always do some line dancing at the other dances, but it seems a lot more fun when we're all dressed up in our country outfits," senior Kim Joseph said.

Tug of war matches between the classes were also popular.

"I loved playing tug of war this year because we actually had enough seniors tugging to win against the sophomores, unlike last year," Machado said.

Barnwarming royalty winners were seniors Jarod Coday and Liz Machado.

Other candidates were juniors Curtis Melton and Gina Turley; sophomores Tad Harvill and Jessica Coonce; and freshmen Travis McDermitt and Jeanenne Sewell.

Barnwarming was co-sponsored by FFA and Future Homemakers of America.

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*"At first I was too nervous to get out and dance at Barnwarming, but after my sister drug me out on the dance floor I enjoyed it and had lots of fun." -- Ka Trina Bailey*

*"I liked watching the roping because they got to show off all the stuff that they had been practicing all year round." -- Curtis Melton*



*Braving the cold, Amanda Stacy and Wendy Matlock march side by side to announce the 17 Miss Merry Christmas candidates following in the Christmas parade in Mansfield.*

*Fighting gusting winds, Allison Arnall, Melissa Scott, and Leslie Lynch do a flag routine while the band plays during the Wilder Days parade.*

*Riding high on the colorful FFA float, Joey Rhodes, Tad Harvill, and Nelson Greenwood are on their way to a first place finish with the design they helped construct.*



*Singing "Jingle Bells," Miss Merry Christmas candidates Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Courtney Short, and Allison Arnall ride in the Mansfield Christmas parade. Later that night at the Christmas dance, Arnall was crowned queen.*

*Festively playing their best, Scott Corder, Jacob Magnin, and Jay Keeling perform with the band during the Wilder Days parade.*



*Karen Eagleton, J. R. Penn, Amanda Skyles, Justin Hipkins, Garrett Norell, and Eric Grubbs march in the Wilder Days parade in Mansfield.*







# MARCHING TO THE BEAT

Parades bring out the crowds, and whether it is the Seymour Apple Festival parade or the Mansfield Wilder Days parade or Christmas parade, MHS students are there to entertain the people lining the streets.

To do that, band members put in many hours to perfect their marching.

"Early morning practices are awful," freshman Jonathon Walker said. "We aren't all awake yet and we tend to mess up more often."

But when the parade begins, all of the training goes into play. However, things can still get pretty crazy, especially with flag girls on windy days.

"During our major parade contest in Springfield I was marching along doing really well when all of a sudden Leslie (Lynch) almost knocked me in the face with her flag pole," junior Jessica Copeland said. "Needless to say I never really got back on track with the rest of the flag girls."

Floats are also a big part of parades, and FFA has won first place the past three years in the Wilder Days parade.

"It takes a lot of team work to get our floats together but in the end we're always proud of them," sophomore Joey Rhodes said.

A new feature of one local parade was the 17 Miss Merry Christmas candidates, who rode on trucks.

"Kassy (Calhoun), Courtney (Short), Allison (Arnall), and I were all singing 'Jingle Bells' while laying across the top of a truck," junior Ashley Blankenship said.

Even though there was a slight wind, the candidates still had lots of fun.

"My Santa hat kept falling off," junior Kassy Calhoun said, "but since my friends and I were having so much fun I didn't mind that much."

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*Pausing in downtown Mansfield during the Wilder Days parade, trombone players Ricky Dugger and Gary Slate entertain the crowds lining the streets.*



*"For me it is definitely hard to march and play at the same time. I play the bass drum and it is always sticking out to where I can't see." -- Jonathon Walker*

*"Our band actually did a better job in the Wilder Days parade than we did in practice. I guess I would have to say the early morning practices did us some good."*

*-- Rick Weaver*

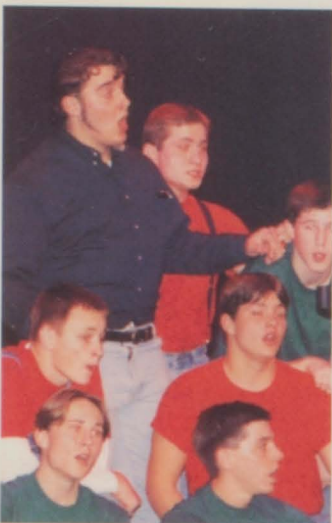




*Showing their cheeks* are nice and rosy, mixed chorus delights the Branson audience with "Sleigh Ride," the program's finale.

*"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"* sings Grant Williams, Eric Grubbs, front; Mike Baty, Dusty Walker, middle; Mike Spyres, Larry Lansdown, and Austin Corder, back.

*Sounding more like Elvis than Elvis himself,* Mike Spyres croons "Blue Christmas" at the Magical Mansion in Branson, amid squeals from fans.



*Kati Williams belts out Brenda Lee's jazzy "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and Rachelle Roy and Sumer Welch help harmonize. At their left, Tessa Miller is part of a dance group which entertains the audience with some swinging Fifties steps.*



*Nicole Hollenberg dances across the stage with partner Shannon Wallin, right, as Jarod Coday and Tessa Miller stroll by.*

*Clapping to accent the song, mixed chorus members sing a Christmas tune from the Fifties before a crowd of hundreds at the VanBurch and Wellford Show in Branson.*



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Despite setbacks, the show must go on, especially in Branson.

Mixed chorus was all set to perform a Christmas extravaganza with the VanBurch and Wellford Show at Branson's Magic Mansion when the first problem hit.

"We were in costume and ready, but Kirby (VanBurch) had to be rushed to the emergency room," choir director Terry Spyres said. "It was the first time that he had missed a show in his career."

Junior Kati Williams, one of the soloists, took the announcement hard.

"First of all, my dream is to sing in Branson someday," she said. "My dream finally was coming true and when they told me the show was cancelled I was literally sick to my stomach. I was hoping it was a lie."

The choir got its chance two weeks later on a Friday night, but still there was a hitch.

"We were supposed to start at 7:40," junior Eric Carampatan said. "But we didn't start until about 10 after 8. We were on stage and in position, but they were trying to fix problems with the sound system."

The problems never were completely fixed.

"When I prepared to go on to do my solo, I strolled in confidently and wasn't nervous," Carampatan said. "We

were all psyched up for the performance because we had practiced so long and hard. I got into my song enough that I didn't notice the microphone wasn't working. Later everyone told me they couldn't hear me."

For Williams, the wait was all worth it.

"I'll always remember the feeling I had being on stage," she said. "Probably to most of the people it wasn't a big deal, but to me being able to sing a solo in front of so many people was the best feeling."

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*"The neatest part of the whole experience was getting a taste of my future. I loved being in front of hundreds of people." --  
Mike Spyres*

*Costumed as a sailor straight out of wartime, Eric Carampatan sings the wistful "I'll Be Home for Christmas" for the crowd at Branson's VanBurch and Wellford Show.*



*"Afterwards, billions of senior citizens said that my song and sailor suit reminded them of the war and of Bing Crosby." -- Eric Carampatan*



*Rocking back and forth to get momentum going, the Junior Class officers, Ashley Blankenship, Amanda Skyles, Allison Arnall, Tessa Miller, and Courtney Short, prepare to flip upside down and do "the worm" at a pep rally.*



*While the crowd laughs at their attire, Tracy Oberbeck, Jason Davis, and Christa Choate wait for the announcement of the mock Homecoming Queen contest winner.*



*Band members J. R. Penn, Eddie Penn, and Stefanie Blevins use their saxophones to liven up the pep rally.*



*Bridget Keys, class president, gives advice to a sophomore team in "the worm." Rachel Roy, Kevin Heatherly, and Brandon Lansdown did manage to turn upside down.*



*Movin' and shakin', Mandy Goss, Sarena Baugh, and KaTrina Bailey perform with the pom pon squad at the basketball pep rally in November.*

*Giving up on pep rally relay game instructions which would have them upside down, Dustin Clark, Eric Grubbs, Nick Brooke, and Steven Welch make up their own rules.*



# N EVER A DULL MOMENT



*Liz Machado helps the Senior Class get motivated during the Homecoming pep rally. Behind her are Amy Curtis and Christina McDermitt.*



There's probably nowhere else where guys in dresses and human "worms" have anything in common, except at MHS.

But at a couple of pep rallies, those two diverse items received more laughter than David Letterman on a good night.

The Worm was the first to make an appearance. At the basketball pep rally, teams of five represented class officers, both basketball teams, and the pom pon squad. The Worm begins with the five people sitting on the floor and wrapping their legs around the person in front of them. The group sways, turns upside down, with rear ends in the air. The trick is to "walk" to the finish line.

"The Worm was a lot harder than I thought it would be because every time we finally got stacked on top of each other, we always fell," junior Ashley Blankenship said.

Teachers even got involved in the excitement of the game.

"Coach (Roger) Wood and Coach (Randy) Short kept running over to us when we would turn on our stomachs, and try to make us stay up," junior Tessa Miller said. "It would have actually helped if we wouldn't have started laughing every time."

Cooperation was the key.

"The freshmen beat us because they got lucky," sophomore Bridget Keys said.

"It would have been easy if everyone wouldn't have kept rushing it."

Then at the Homecoming pep rally, some shapely "women" arrived on the scene. A mock Homecoming Queen contest was held, with boys' basketball team members decked out in their idea of fashion. Sophomore Brandon Lansdown was the winner.

"I'm just glad that I wasn't a woman who lived in the 70s," senior Jason Davis said, "because my polyester dress was really itchy."

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*"I was on the bottom at first, but we had to switch because everybody kept falling on my head. I don't think my team ever took one step." -- Courtney Short*

*"It felt very natural, considering all you had to do was put on a dress, a sweater, balloons, and a wig." -- Brandon Lansdown*



The Macarena is enthusiastically performed by Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Bridget Keys, Janisha Bennett, and Casondra Harris.

Allison Arnall, center, reigns as Miss Merry Christmas. Wendy Matlock, right, is first runner-up; Tessa Miller, left, is second runner-up. The girls were chosen from a field of 17 candidates representing classes and clubs.

*Miss Merry Christmas* candidates patiently await Mike Spyres' announcement of the winners of the queen contest. Shown are Wendy Matlock, Rachelle Roy, Allison Arnall, Bridget Keys, Jenny Moody, NaTasha Bailey, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short, Christa Choate, Amanda Stacy, Emily Moody, Regina Roy, Kim Joseph, and Lauren Miller.



Nick Brooke and Steven Welch show off a unique style for Kim Joseph, Ashley Blankenship, and Courtney Short.

Crystal Bennett, Amy Curtis, and Steven Collins dance to a song played by the deejay at the first Christmas dance.



Miss Merry Christmas Allison Arnall, is seated, and the court includes Kassy Calhoun, Rachelle Roy, Bridget Keys, Kim Joseph, front; Ashley Blankenship, Jenny Moody, Christa Choate, NaTasha Bailey, Courtney Short, second runner-up Tessa Miller, first runner-up Wendy Matlock, Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, Regina Roy, back.







# COLOR IT CHRISTMAS

Holiday spirit was abundant as the school's first Christmas dance featured not only a queen contest, but also a live band.

The dance was a fundraiser for the Senior Class, and the class also sponsored the first Miss Merry Christmas contest the school has had in about 20 years. Seventeen candidates represented clubs and classes.

Allison Arnall, a junior representing Writers Express, was crowned Miss Merry Christmas. Senior Class candidate Wendy Matlock was first runner-up; junior Tessa Miller, Youth Alive, was second runner-up.

"I feel very privileged to be the first Miss Merry Christmas and I think it's the beginning of a good tradition," Arnall said.

Once winners were announced, the other candidates rushed them, squealing and hugging like contestants do in televised pageants.

"I could have sworn I saw Miss America flash before my eyes, because when I looked up after being handed my rose, they all began attacking me," Matlock said.

Other candidates were seniors Regina Roy, FHA; Emily Moody, Quill and Scroll; Kim Joseph, Lions Gazette; Lauren Miller, Pep Club; Amanda Stacy, El Leon; Christa Choate, Foreign Language Club;

Juniors NaTasha Bailey, Junior Class; Kassy Calhoun, Science Club; Courtney Short, FBLA; Ashley Blankenship, Math Club; Jenny Moody, pom pon;

Sophomores Rachele Roy, FFA; and Bridget Keys, Sophomore Class.

Hot Stove, a band made up of MHS boys, made its debut at the dance.

"It was my first formal dance, and it ended up being the funnest dance I've ever been to," Keys said. "I wish we had more dances like that."

Scott Corder, Eric Grubbs, and Adam Grubbs, members of the Hot Stove band, provide vocals during one of the band's songs. The Christmas dance was the group's debut at school.



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*"Having so many candidates made the queen contest different from anything we've had before. We all joked around together and that made it fun, too." -- Allison Arnall*

*"I never imagined that we would raise over \$1,000 on the Christmas dance. It was a huge success for the seniors." -- Emily Moody*





*Reigning as Homecoming Queen, Lauren Miller, center, takes her place on stage following the coronation. Kim Joseph and Aimee Williams are senior attendants. Joey Neal and Shona Stewart are crown bearer and flower girl.*

*While local newspaper editor Larry Dennis, left, captures the moment on film, Jenny Blaine crowns Lauren Miller Homecoming Queen at center court.*

*Trying to shield the basket, Brandon Lansdown plays tough defense in the Homecoming game, which MHS lost to Fordland 79-55. Jason Davis is at the left, and Jeremy Brooke is at the right.*



*Freshman Deidra Wallace, sophomore Donna Young, and junior Jenny Moody represent their classes as Homecoming Princesses.*

*As the basketball players are announced for the Homecoming game, spirit squad members Mandy Goss, Leslie Lynch, Tracy Oberbeck, and Bridget Keys provide some loud and lively encouragement.*



*Homecoming Court '97 includes Kim Joseph, senior attendant; Joey Neal, crown bearer; Lauren Miller, queen; Shona Stewart, flower girl; Aimee Williams, senior attendant; Deidra Wallace, freshman princess, Donna Young, sophomore princess, and Jenny Moody, junior princess.*





*Lauren Miller is crowned Homecoming Queen 1997 by Jenny Blaine, who was last year's queen.*



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## HIRD TIME'S THE CHARM

While three senior girls were dreaming of rhinestone crowns and red roses, Mother Nature was dishing up a nightmare of frigid temperatures, blowing snow, and slick ice instead.

Homecoming 1997, which was originally set for Jan. 10 and then for Jan. 18, didn't go on as planned either time because of a 10-day stretch of bad weather which caused the cancellation of school for seven days in a row. Then once the weather cooperated, the boys' basketball schedule didn't, since the next home Friday night game was Feb. 14.

After six weeks of waiting, Homecoming finally happened. But for the three queen candidates, the excitement was dampened.

"Rescheduling Homecoming three times took all the fun out of it," senior queen candidate Aimee Williams said. "My ambition was replaced with the phrase 'I just want to get the whole thing over with.'"

For senior Lauren Miller, who won the title of Homecoming Queen, the cancellations were big disappointments.

"The first two times were just a big letdown," she said. "I would get all ready and prepared and they would decide to call it off a few hours before. I know my hairdresser was getting so frustrated with all of the appointment cancel-

lations. She finally just decided to do my hair at my house."

The third queen candidate was senior Kim Joseph. Princesses representing the younger classes were junior Jenny Moody, sophomore Donna Young, and freshman Deidra Wallace.

Once Miller was crowned, she and her court were escorted to the stage, which was decorated with black arches and columns accented by black and gold balloons.

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*"I wasn't nervous until I looked up and realized that I had absolutely no one to walk in with. I was so embarrassed. I felt like everyone was staring a hole through me." -- Donna Young*

*"I was definitely not nervous by the third time (we scheduled Homecoming). It gave me time to get all my nervousness out." -- Kim Joseph*



*Mother Goose characters huddle around Mistress Mary. Front, Tessa Miller, Grant Williams, Rachelle Roy, Mandy Goss; back, Bridget Keys, Shannon Wallin, Austin Miller, Lauren Miller, Serina VanNess, Larry Lansdown.*

*The villains of "Babes in Toyland," Jeremy Archer, Dusty Walker, and Mike Spyres, do a dance to celebrate their bad deeds.*

*Gypsies KaTrina Bailey, Afton Ivy, Kandy Kabage, and Mandy Goss come off the stage to dance for the audience.*



*Tweddledee and Tweddledum, Kristina Shropshire and Sumer Welch, dress, look, and act alike for "Babes in Toyland."*



*Toymaster Eric Carampatan, Inspector Marmaduke Eric Grubbs, Tom the Piper's Son Austin Miller and gypsy Thomas Milford share the stage.*

*Twirling and dancing, gypsies KaTrina Bailey and Afton Ivy perform, with the help of tambourines, in the musical "Babes in Toyland."*



# MOTHER GOOSE LIVES

Life as a toy. No problems, no worries, not a care in the world. Right?

In the musical "Babes in Toyland," directed by vocal music teacher Terry Spyres, actors proved that sometimes being a toy isn't all fun and games.

"My character was the typical little girl doll, I wore a pink dress with a matching pink bow, and ran around all day looking for Prince Charming and dreaming of the perfect fairytale life," said senior Lauren Miller, who was Mistress Mary. "I was pretty clueless in this play."

Miller's love interest in the play, senior Jarod Coday as Alan, said his role was an easy part to play.

"All I basically had to do was swoon all over Lauren and act like the typical strapping young stud, trying to save my love from the bad guys," he said.

The bad guys in this case were senior Mike Spyres, who as Uncle Barnaby also wanted the hand of Mistress Mary, and his henchmen Dusty Walker, a sophomore, and Jeremy Archer, a freshman.

"I try to steal Lauren from Jarod and take her away to be my wife," Spyres said, "but all of my plans fail because of my two stupid sidekicks. I lose in the end."

Junior Tessa Miller played one of the Mother Goose characters in the production.

"Being Little Miss Muffet made me feel like I was a kid again," she said. "I had to wear one of my cousin's dresses from the fourth grade, I had to carry around a wooden bowl and spoon, and I had to talk in a little kid's voice."

The play was presented in two performances for the community, and was also performed for all grades at school.

"I wanted to make this play special because I knew it would be my last one, so I worked hard and encouraged the other actors to give it their best, and make everyone laugh." -- Liz Roth

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*"At first the play was kind of boring, but once you made an effort to get into it, it was really funny. I loved watching Eric (Grubbs) make faces at the audience and dance." -- Tad Harwill*

Mandy Goss and Larry Lansdown, as Jack and Jill, congratulate each other with a handshake while in Mother Goose Land, where part of "Babes in Toyland" takes place.





Regina Roy and Kim Joseph jam on inflatable guitars provided by the deejay from Hits and Grins.

With a group of girls, Gina Turley, Gina Penn, and Patricia Dollarhide dance to a lively song at Prom, which was held at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Passing the sunglasses as fast as he can, Nick Brooke hands them to Scott Corder with hopes of not getting caught when the music stops and having to take center stage.



Seniors Eric Grubbs and Jeannie Johnson reign as Prom royalty. The juniors voted by secret ballot for the winners.



Grant Williams gets cheers as he shows his form of break-dancing. Prom-goers lined the dance floor while several dancers improvised.

With the "magic" sunglasses on, John Hinsley shows his dancing style to "I'm Too Sexy." The game has become a tradition at MHS proms.





# CITY OF LIGHTS SHINES

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Prom and fun. Synonymous. But at "City of Lights" at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, people were dancing the night away.

Surrounded by silver and black skyscrapers and black and red balloons, juniors and seniors kept the dance floor alive with movement, even when it was time to go home.

"When the last song, 'We Built This City,' came on, all of us guys kept dancing and singing," junior Adam Grubbs said. "We finally got the clue when they turned on the lights."

Earlier in the evening, a 20-minute video-slide show of the juniors and seniors at all ages brought screams of laughter all over the ballroom. A 12-foot tall screen showed photos set to music by junior sponsor Debbie Sanders.

"The slide show was embarrassing," junior Jessica Copeland said. "I had my head down laughing at the pictures of my friends and when I looked back at the huge screen there was a really bad picture of me."

Another memorable moment was the "sunglasses game" where a pair of "magical" sunglasses are passed around a circle, and when the music stops whoever is holding them has to get in the middle of the circle and dance.

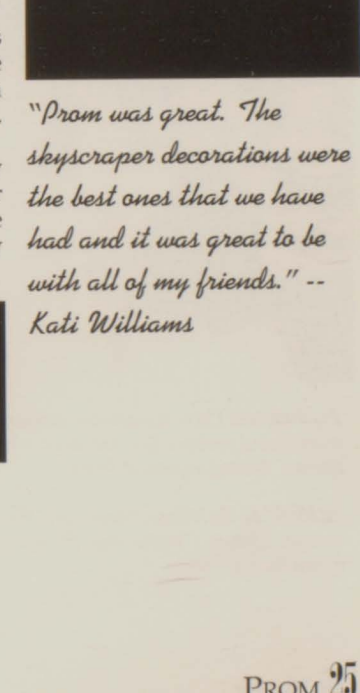
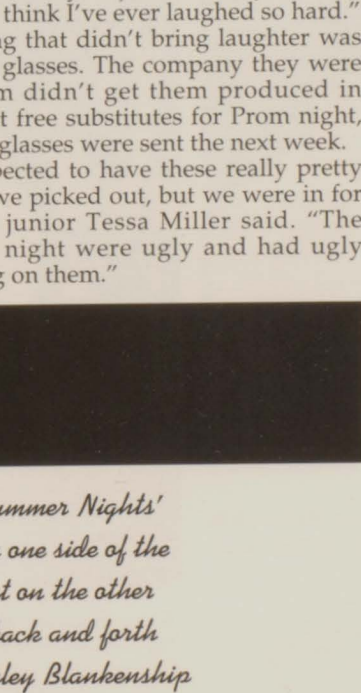
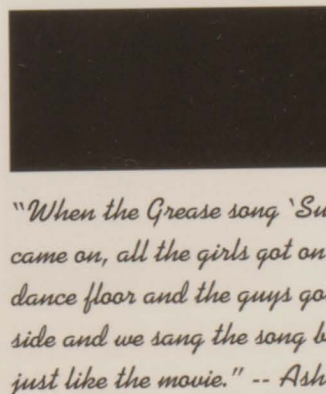
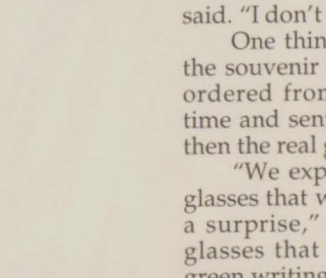
"It was so funny when Coach (John) Hinsley got out there and danced to 'I'm Too Sexy,'" junior Jenny Moody said. "I don't think I've ever laughed so hard."

One thing that didn't bring laughter was the souvenir glasses. The company they were ordered from didn't get them produced in time and sent free substitutes for Prom night, then the real glasses were sent the next week.

"We expected to have these really pretty glasses that we picked out, but we were in for a surprise," junior Tessa Miller said. "The glasses that night were ugly and had ugly green writing on them."

*"Prom was great. The skyscraper decorations were the best ones that we have had and it was great to be with all of my friends." -- Kati Williams*

*"When the Grease song 'Summer Nights' came on, all the girls got on one side of the dance floor and the guys got on the other side and we sang the song back and forth just like the movie." -- Ashley Blankenship*



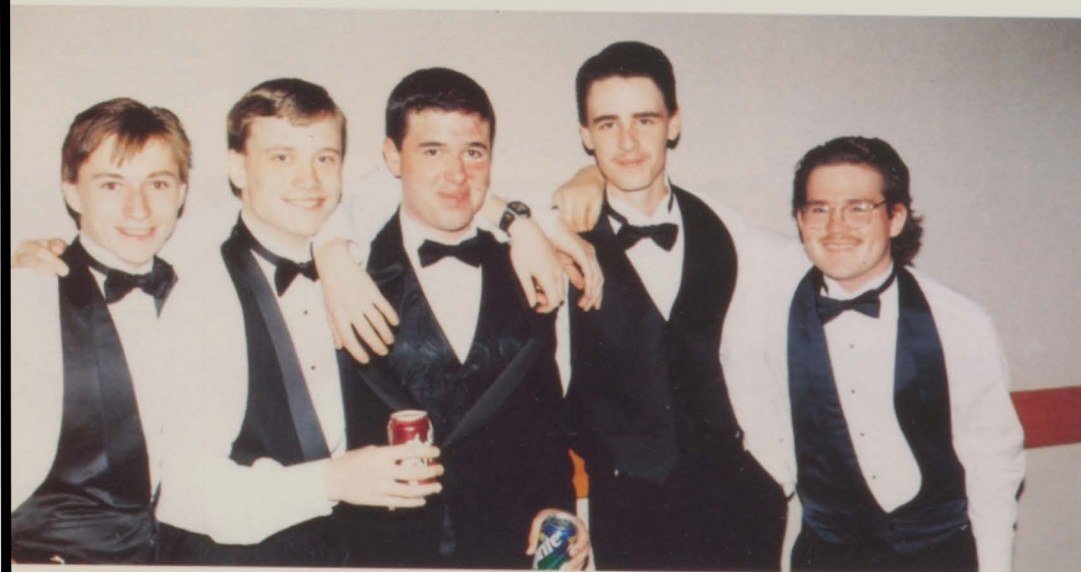
*In the middle of a group of senior girls, Liz Machado does the Macarena at Prom. The lively song and the dance it inspired was a big hit at every school dance of the year.*



*Bobby Hunsucker, possessed by the "magic sunglasses," entertains the crowd while dancing to "I'm Too Sexy." The "pass the sunglasses" game has become a tradition for MHS proms, thanks to deejays Hits and Grins.*

*The Macarena blares, and Janisha Bennett, Sara Leonard, KaTrina Bailey, and Kassy Calhoun dance to the beat.*

*Juniors Curt Melton, Robby Baugh, Don Wilson, Donnie Young, and Billy Bailey take a break from the noisy ballroom to hang out in the lobby for a few minutes.*



*Liz Roth and Larry Lansdown scream for Regina Roy's crazy dance routine. Roy got stuck with the "magic sunglasses" during a game at Prom.*

*"YMCA" by the Village People gets Wendy Matlock, Kim Joseph, Christa Choate, and Jill Blaine moving on the dance floor at Prom.*



*Jessica Copeland, Ashley Blankenship, Allison Arnall, Tessa Miller, Jenny Moody, and Kati Williams, back, Courtney Short and Kassy Calhoun, front, stand in front of the "skyscrapers" while friends snap their picture.*







# WE BUILT THIS CITY

Judging by the reaction of people as they entered the room filled with black and silver skyscrapers accented by ever-changing holographic streamers and twinkling lights, the "City of Lights" Prom was beautiful.

Of course that city and those strands of lights didn't just magically appear. Juniors spent hours making the room "light up."

Construction of the skyscrapers went on for three days in junior sponsor Debbie Sanders' classroom until the "city" was moved to University Plaza Hotel in Springfield on Saturday morning.

"We realized that we hadn't remembered to bring a screwdriver, so everyone started panicking about how to make the balloon arch," junior Kassy Calhoun said. "Luckily, the hotel staff had one they could loan us."

Another problem occurred when the souvenir glasses were not ready and substitutes were sent in their place at the last minute.

"When Mrs. Sanders pulled out the glasses that we were having to use I freaked because the writing was green and the theme wasn't anything like ours," junior Jessica Copeland said. "We had to explain to everyone that the real glasses would be handed out later at school."

Once minor complications were worked out, the juniors could relax.

"After we finished blowing up what seemed like hundreds of balloons, Ashley (Blankenship) and I decided to practice our dancing," Courtney Short said. "We ended up laughing so hard we were almost rolling."

Getting up so early to decorate, at 7 a.m., proved to be strange for some juniors.

"I didn't wear makeup or fix my hair to decorate," junior Jenny Moody said. "I was so comfortable when I got home I didn't feel like getting ready."

*When the deejays slow things down at Prom, Tessa Miller holds on tight to date Rodney Douglas while the speakers blare a slow, romantic song.*



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*"All the hard decisions and hours of work that went into Prom really ended up paying off. Prom was really great and beautiful!" --  
Na Tasha Bailey*



*"I had never realized how much work actually went into Prom. My sisters griped about it, but I just thought they were wimps. Now I realize that Prom is a lot of hard work." -- Ashley Blankenship*



Vocal music teacher Terry Spyres brings laughter to the crowd, and to music letter winners Lauren Miller, Larry Lansdown, Afton Ivy and Devon Furlong. Spyres' husband Eric helps out by distributing the award packets.

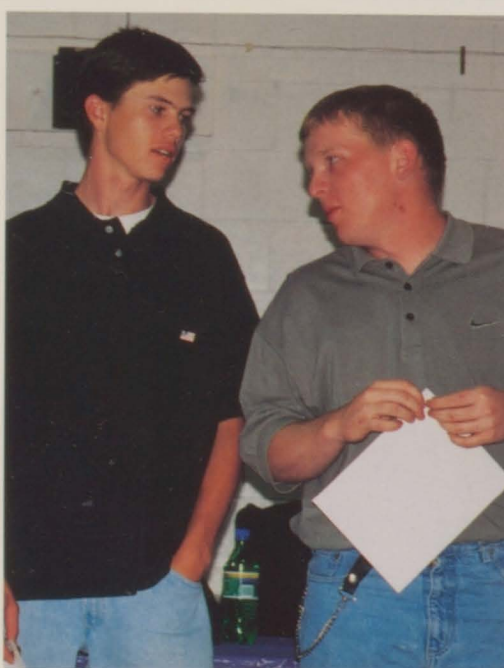
Business teacher Marsha Appleby presents the computer applications class award to Kathy Winsor at the academics awards night.

At the athletic awards night, Lisa Hodges, Kathy Winsor, and Sarah Walker listen as Coach Roger Wood talks about the softball team and its season.

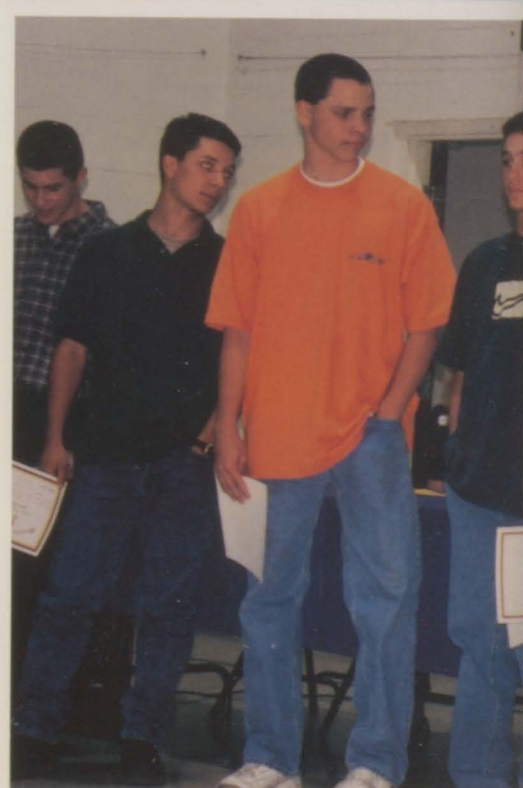


Academic letters are presented to Wendy Matlock and Emily Moody by counselor Kelly Brazeal at the academic awards night.

While Coach Chris Jackson tells the crowd at the athletic awards night about the varsity basketball season, Steven Welch, right, talks to Zach Whorton.



Junior varsity basketball players Austin Corder, Travis Furr, Kevin Heatherly, Craig Letsinger, Austin Miller, and Rick Weaver listen as Coach John Hinsley reviews their season at the athletic awards night.





# PICK UP THE PACE

The goal for the annual academic awards night, to put it simply, was KISS (keep it short and sweet).

As MHS students have become involved in more contests, the awards night has been rather lengthy the past few years, so organizers did everything they could to move things along at a peppy pace.

English was one area that usually took up much time, so this year the students were called up alphabetically by grade level and their awards were presented in packets instead of individually.

"It was mainly a method of calling up a student only once and awarding everything at once," English teacher Betsy Wight said. "It shortened our program by about 30 minutes, so all together it lasted an hour and a half."

For many, the highlight of the event was when vocal music teacher Terry Spyres presented her choir letters and awards, playing to the audience all the time.

"I was just trying to get going and liven the night up because it's usually so boring," Spyres said. "I'm so used to performing that I almost broke out in song."

Spyres' humor did liven up the mood of the event.

"I was laughing so hard, thinking that no one could possibly be as crazy as Mrs. Spyres, that I wasn't really paying attention to the names she was saying and I almost didn't hear her call my name for a medal," junior Eric Carampatan said.

The shorter time meant not waiting so long to eat the desserts waiting at the buffet.

"Before the event started we had to cut the desserts," sophomore Bridget Keys said, "and everything looked so good that I think through the whole program I was trying to decide which dessert I was going to choose."

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*"I worked really hard in school this year and I was very thrilled to finally receive some awards. I'm glad I decided to attend the academic awards." -- Dusty Walker*

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Principal Arlene  
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*Celebration time for Jeffrey Brooke, Larry Lansdown, Jason Davis, Nick Brooke, Grant Williams, Harry Crawford, Danny Brito, Eric Grubbs, front; Lee Barber, Brian Jones, and Chris Johnson, back.*



*Lee Barber escorts Valedictorian Stephanie Day as they lead the graduation procession.*



*Beaming with happiness, Christy Hastings and Larry Lansdown take part in the processional march at graduation.*



*Members of the Class of 1997 listen to Stephanie Day make the Valedictory speech at graduation ceremonies.*

*Walking down the aisle arm in arm, Bill Chilson escorts Jennifer Wright to graduation ceremonies. The two were part of a class which numbered 49 graduates.*



*While fellow classmates in the senior chorus sing "We Are The Champions," Michael Baty provides the drum accompaniment.*



# G RADUATION DAY IS HERE

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On May 17 the awaited day finally came for 49 seniors who received their diplomas and became graduates of Mansfield High School.

The activities began at 3 p.m. with a Baccalaureate service sponsored by the local Ministerial Alliance, followed by commencement at 4 p.m.

The ceremonies began with a speech from class president Emily Moody. Speeches were also given by Valedictorian Stephanie Day and Salutatorian Christa Choate.

The senior chorus sang "Count On Me" and "We Are The Champions," and soloist Michael Spyres sang "I'll Walk With God."

To put an unusual twist on one of their songs, the senior chorus changed a few words to their liking.

"Everyone knew we wouldn't do things the same, so we changed the words of 'Count On Me' to 'Count On Lee' and dedicated it to Lee Barber," senior Christa Choate said.

Honor students Lee Barber, Danny Brito, Christa Choate, Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs, Kim Joseph, Wendy Matlock, Lauren Miller, Emily Moody, Liz Roth, Regina Roy, Mike Spyres, and Aimee Williams were presented honor cords by senior sponsors Kelly Brazeal and Philip Thomas.

Principal Arlene Magnin recognized scholarships and Superintendent Robert Perry and School Board President John Elliot presented diplomas to the class.

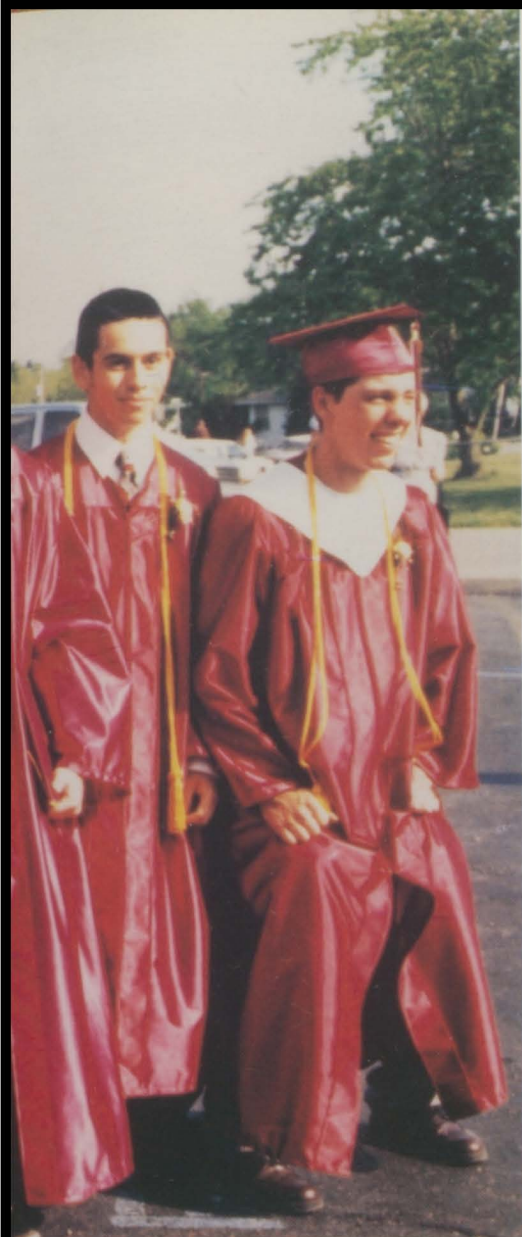
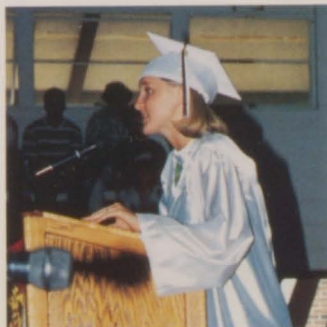
The class chose hunter green and gold as colors, a yellow rose as its flower, and the motto "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

Other officers were vice president Kim Joseph, secretary Lauren Miller; treasurer Lee Barber, and StuCo representative Steven Welch.

"We thought it would be nice to have colors and flowers that match. Our class has always been a little unconventional, especially when it comes to important things like graduation." -- Christa Choate

"I can't believe we're finally graduating. It seems like we've been going to school for so long and it's hard to imagine finally being out there in the real world. It's scary." -- Emily Moody

*Class president Emily Moody welcomes the audience at commencement exercises, held in the gymnasium. Graduation was held on the hottest day of the spring, with temperatures at 80 degrees.*





At kindergarten graduation, J. J. Allen and Bobby Duke present the introduction for the large crowd of family and friends gathered in the gym.

"Ashokan Farewell," is played as a duet by David Scrivner and Erica Spyres. The song ended the eighth grade graduation ceremonies.

Randee Jo Barlett and Tron Sherman march in during the kindergarten graduation processional.

As the processional continues, members of the eighth grade class wait for the rest of their classmates to take their places.



Sarah Brown is escorted to eighth grade graduation by Jerry Elliott. The processional was played by Vicki Box.

Making their way down the aisle crowded with parents, Tara Jackson and Clark Choate take part in eighth grade graduation ceremonies.



Kindergarten students sing "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" during graduation.







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# AKING THE TRANSITION

May 20 and May 22 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 20, 54 kindergarteners participated in a graduation program entitled "On the Loose with Mother Goose," which was directed by vocal music teacher Terry Spyres.

*Kellie Harris, along with the rest of the eighth grade chorus, enthusiastically sings "I Believe I Can Fly," directed by Terry Spyres.*

Students with special parts were Tron Sherman, Nathan Brumley, Bobby Dake, J. J. Allen, Andrew Newberry, Landon Jarrett, Courtney Geeser, Shawn Hume, Tyler Page, Kelsey Acree, Colton Jones, Justin Keith, Megan Brooke, Miranda Brooke, Courtney Schmied, Jessica Perkins, Nicholas Boykin, Jonathan Stout, Laura Wagner, Joshua Box,

Keisha James, Evan Whorton, Cory Moore, Chad Kabage, Dee Singh, Tara Robinson, Chelsea Pringle, and Elizabeth Barstow.

Elementary Principal Jean Coday presented diplomas to the students.

On May 22, eighth grade graduation was held in the gymnasium for 62 members of the Class of 2001.

Student Council president Josh Cleaver gave the welcome, and class president Clark Choate gave a brief speech.

The eighth grade chorus sang "You'll Always be a Part of Me" and "I Believe I Can Fly."

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

Erica Spyres and David Scrivner performed a violin duet, "Ashokan Farewell" for the recessional.



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*"I'm scared to death of starting high school. It took this long to get to the top, and now we're back down at the bottom." -- Cassie Franken*



*"The idea of starting to high school next year makes me feel excited and scared at the same time." -- Ashley Hicks*



*Young Miss Mansfield* winners are first runner-up Kate Probert, Young Miss Mansfield Kendra Smith, second runner-up Kasie Rueff, and third runner-up Brittany Borders.



*Junior Miss Mansfield* winners are first runner-up Tona Carter, Junior Miss Mansfield Stefanie Blevins, second runner-up Angela Fetter, and third runner-up Andrea Wallace.

*Little Miss Mansfield* winners are first runner-up Spencer Deal, Little Miss Mansfield Paige Hoover, second runner-up Jennifer Willbanks, and third runner-up Rebecca Barlett.



*Division winners in the Miss Mansfield pageant are front, Little Miss Mansfield Paige Hoover; back, Junior Miss Mansfield Stefanie Blevins, Miss Mansfield Tracy Oberbeck, and Young Miss Mansfield Kendra Smith.*



# BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Tracy Oberbeck, a sophomore, was picked from a field of eight girls in grades 10, 11, and 12 to reign for a year as Miss Mansfield.

The Miss Mansfield pageant has been sponsored for over 20 years by Future Homemakers of America. There are four divisions, each allowing competition among three grades.

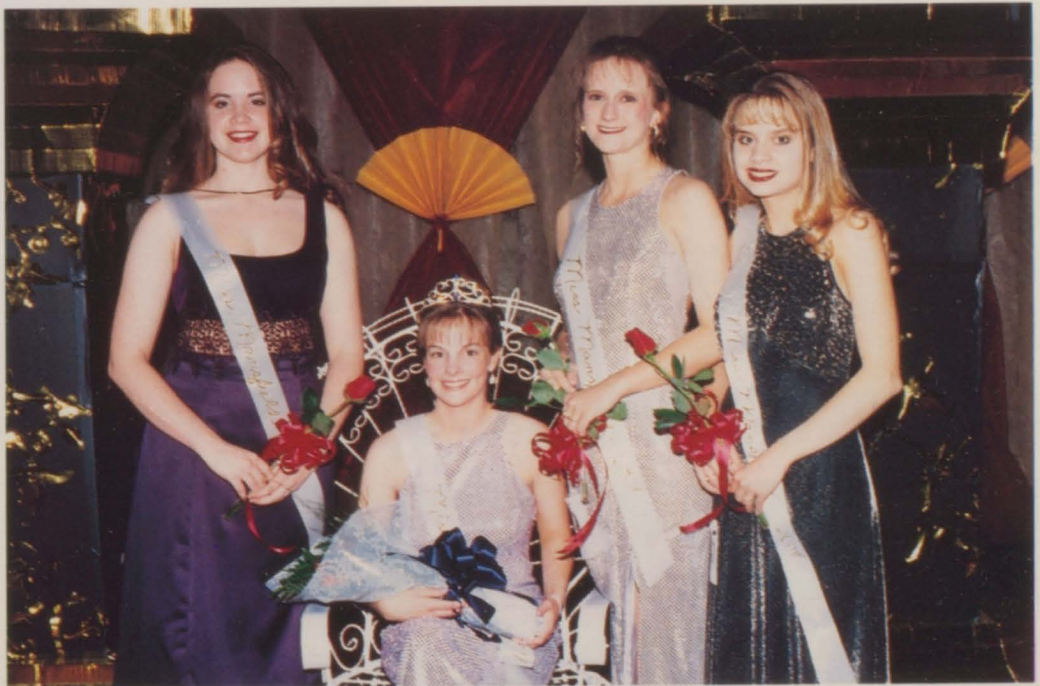
Contestants are judged by an out-of-town panel on smiles, poise, appearance, and a pleasing attitude.

As the girls walked out on stage, questions they had answered before the pageant were announced by master of ceremonies John Hinsley.

A fashion show was also held, with clothes from The Buckle, a store at Battlefield Mall in Springfield.

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*Miss Mansfield winners are first runner-up Amanda Stacy, Miss Mansfield Tracy Oberbeck, third runner-up Regina Roy, and second runner-up Leslie Lynch.*



*"I was really surprised when the judges picked me over all the other girls. I was just in it for fun; I didn't think I even had a chance." -- Tracy Oberbeck*



# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

## LOVE AT FIRST BITE

*Town's first food franchise is a hit*

After years of wishing and hoping on the part of many residents, Mansfield finally acquired its first "fast food" franchise.

Subway, a franchise which specializes in hot and cold sandwiches, moved into the Lazy Lee's convenience store in October, and so far, Mansfield residents of all ages are loving it.

"I was so excited about Subway coming here," junior Kathy Winsor said. "I used to have to drive to Ava or Mtn. Grove before ballgames to get something to eat, then I had to gobble it down to

get to the game in time. Now I just jet on over to Lazy Lee's and actually have time to digest my food."

Other than bringing a different choice of food to town, Subway also brought job opportunities.

"I think it's great working at Subway," junior Cindy Dalton said.

"I see all my friends while I work, and there is always someone I know wanting me to fix them a sandwich."

Some students like the sandwiches, but wish there was more money in the world.

"I love Subway's

turkey subs, but the only problem is I love them so much my whole week's allowance is spent on them two days after I get it," freshman Ben Moody said.

What kind of people eat at Subway?

"We have a very large variety of people come in," Subway manager Coleen Macintosh said, "from truck drivers to businessmen."

Although most of Subway's business comes between noon and 8 p.m., there is still some business during the night.

"Sure, we're always busy at lunch and dinner time, but at night we sell



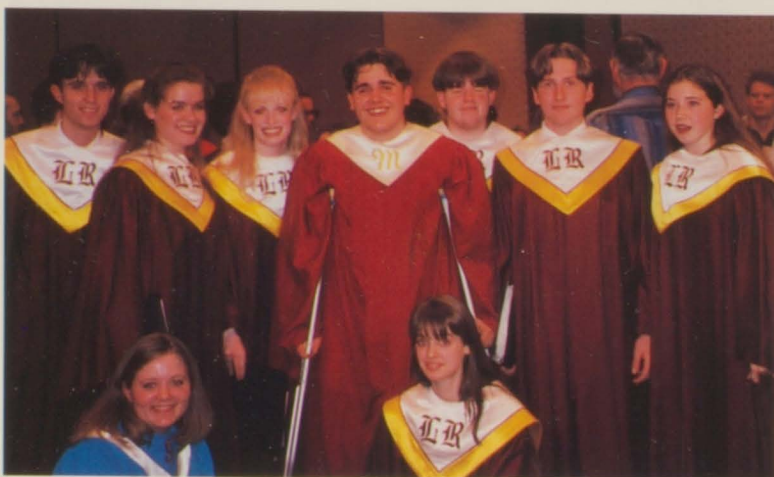
• **STARTING** to prepare a sandwich for a customer, Cindy Dalton works at her after-school job at Subway, Mansfield's first "fast food" franchise. The business is located in the Lazy Lee's convenience store on Highway 5 leading into Mansfield.

at least five sandwiches an hour," Macintosh said. "Ten sandwiches an hour is considered great, even at big Subways."

Without a doubt, MHS students are hooked.

"All I have to say," senior Eric Grubbs said, "is Subway is great."

## Getting the 'breaks', Spyres' repeats at All-State Choir



• **ON** crutches, Mike Spyres is surrounded by friends from Rogersville and other schools represented at the All-State Choir, which performed at the state music teachers' convention.

Break a leg" has long been a wish of good luck for performers, but senior Mike Spyres took the phrase literally.

While at Tan-Tar-A at Lake of the Ozarks for days of rehearsal for an All-State Choir performance, Spyres decided to spend free time at the ice rink.

"I tried to ice skate for the first time," he said. "I went around once and I had my weight going forward and I knew that I was going to fall. I didn't want to break my neck, so I did a somersault and stood up. The next thing I knew, I was lying on the ice with people huddled all around me."

Spyres' mother, Terry Spyres, his vocal director, was at the resort for her son's performance.

"There was a message waiting for me in my room that said my son had just had an accident,"

she said. "My heart stopped, but I told myself I had to stay calm."

The accident didn't keep Mike from performing with the All-State Choir for the second year in a row.

"I thought there wasn't any way that he would be able to sing, but they gave him a couple of pain killers and he was able to do everything there was to do," Terry Spyres said.

Spyres ended up with a chipped ankle and ripped tendons.

"That night they waited for me to take All-State Choir pictures and when I came hobbling in on crutches everyone started clapping," he said. "The funniest part was that I couldn't get up to the top of the risers so I had to stand in the middle of about 50 girls for the picture."



# Medical Explorers 'diagnose' their careers



• MHS students involved in the Cox Medical Explorers program are Travis Furr, Allison Arnall, Eric Grubbs, Tessa Miller, Jenny Moody, Emily Bray, Julie Brenner, and Eric Carampatan.

Spending time at the hospital became a priority for eight MHS students who think a medical career is in their future.

Medical Explorers, sponsored by Cox Health Systems in Springfield, puts medically-minded teens in contact with doctors, nurses, technicians, and patients.

"It shows them what it's like to work in a hospital and what field they

would enjoy working in most," counselor Kelly Brazeal said.

Medical Explorers choose "clinical rotations" they want to participate in each month. These include emergency room, nursing units, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehab, and dialysis.

The three-hour sessions helped junior Tessa Miller make decisions.

"I'm almost positive now that I'm going to work in the medical field," she said. "I think it's really neat learning what it's like to work in a hospital and I'm not even out of school yet."

Junior Allison Arnall enjoyed one rotation so much she put in over-time.

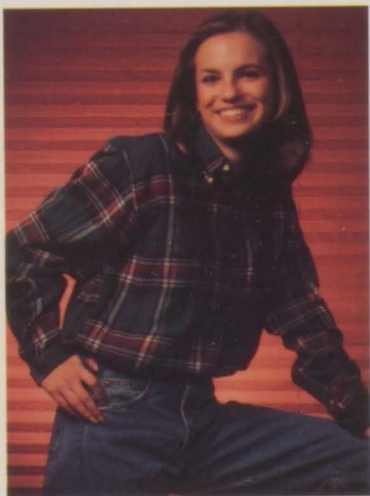
"When I worked in the emergency room it was so busy and there were so many interesting

things happening that I ended up staying longer than I really had to," she said.

During one rotation, senior Eric Grubbs experienced something he will never forget.

"I was helping some of the nurses lift an elderly woman up to put a girder thing on to support her back," he said, "when her gown flew up and I got a view of something I did not care to see."

## DAY: Academic All-Star



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

For the ninth year, the newspaper honored the top high school seniors and their parents at a banquet.

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.

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

# MSIP

*District accredited with distinction following state board review*

Following completion of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) review, the Mansfield R-IV School District was not only accredited, but "accredited with distinction."

The special rating came for improvement in performance, which includes achievement test scores, the dropout rate, and similar measurements.

"Mansfield is one of only two schools in the state with this honor," Dr. Robert Perry, superintendent of schools, said, "although others may follow."

In the review, Mansfield received high marks, earning 15 "strengths" and only six "concerns."

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Strengths included small class sizes, outstanding curriculum, alternative delivery and extended-learning activities, low dropout rate, parent education and involvement activities, public information materials, student achievement, and more.

Concerns included the fact that existing facilities are used to capacity, some areas are not accessible to individuals with disabilities, and a limited amount of technology is available in the elementary building.

# MOVIES of

Twister

A Time to Kill

Mission Impossible

Sleepers

Ransom

Romeo and Juliet

Jerry Maguire

Scream

Star Wars Trilogy

Liar Liar

Tin Cup

Independence Day

In Love and War

The English Patient

Emma

The Preacher's Wife

One Fine Day

Phenomenon

Michael

Dante's Peak

The Lost World

Space Jam

Fifth Element

Volcano

Father's Day

The Saint

Fools Rush In

Beverly Hills Ninja

Austin Powers



# ESP

## Club helps younger kids deal with tough issues

Finger paints, self-portraits, silly songs and games are just a few of the fun techniques HI-Step leaders used to teach elementary students some important lessons in life.

HI-Step is a division of ESP, Education Supports Prevention, an anti-drug and anti-alcohol group. High school students, working in pairs, spend about an hour each month in an elementary classroom, taking about life.

Some of the topics included self-esteem, emotions, uniqueness, and decision-making.

"Children need a lot more explanations than teenagers," sophomore Rachelle Roy said. "I had to really study the lesson and make sure I said things on their level."

Several activities involved allowing the kids to do things they normally weren't allowed to do in the classroom.

"We were talking about how a person's self-esteem can be ripped up, and we let the kids demonstrate it by ripping up a piece of paper," junior Gary Slate said. "I was surprised at how much they enjoyed it."

Being a HI-Step leader was a bigger task than some students expected.

"I thought it would be an easy job to teach kids, because it's natural that the older you get, the smarter you get," junior Chris Flageolle said, "but sometimes the kids can ask questions that are difficult to answer."

• ESP HI-Step members Rachelle Roy and Kati Williams work with a group of kindergarten students during one of ESP's presentations in the elementary school.



• MIKE Spyres, Stephanie Day, Serena Baugh, Stefanie Medley are Write Choice winners.

## The Write Choice

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

They were senior Mike Spyres, persuasive essay; freshman Sarena Baugh, journalism; and seventh grader Stefanie Medley, journalism. They each received a \$25 gift certificate.

For her writing ability, senior Stephanie Day was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

## LIVIN' THE DREAM

Local residents see the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta

While millions of people around the world viewed the Summer Olympics via television, several people from Mansfield experienced the situation in person.

Science teacher Doug Jones, industrial technology teacher Roy Ryan, and freshman Austin Miller were among the thousands who attended the Olympics in Atlanta.

"It was a great spectacle to be around," said Jones, who saw the USA vs. Italy baseball game. "It was awe-inspiring to see that many people and

think of how much preparation it took to get ready for the games. The technology of the games was unbelievable."

Despite the marring of the event by the bombing, Ryan called the Olympics the "greatest time of my life," and Miller also had high praise.

"The Olympics were an experience of a lifetime," he said. "I almost didn't go because of Babe Ruth state, but my parents bought me a ticket to fly down on Sunday after the playoffs. I'm so glad I didn't miss it."



Education Supports Prevention. Front - Eric Spyres (adviser), Gary Slate (treasurer), Mike Spyres (secretary), Eric Grubbs (vice president); Row two - Nick Brooke, Tessa Miller, Wendy Matlock, Liz Roth, Christa Choate, Amanda Stacy, Jill Blaine, Stephanie Day, Lauren Miller,



Regina Roy, Kim Joseph; Row three - Jeremy Corder, Brian Jones, Adam Grubbs, Lee Barber, Jenny Moody, Courtney Short, Kati Williams, Kassy Calhoun, Emily Bray, NaTasha Bailey, Kelly Otis; Back - Grant Williams, Chris Flageolle, Scott Corder, Eric Carampantan, Jessica Copeland, Ashley Blankenship, Allison Arnall, Leslie Lynch, Melissa Scott, Patricia Dollarhide, Gina Turley. Not shown, president Aimee Williams.



# GET IT WRITE: Students write for local fair

In the sixth annual MHS Language Arts Fair, writing winners in 10 categories were announced at the school's annual academic awards night. Certificates and ribbons were presented, and the Best in Category winners were given trophies.

• **SHORT STORY:** Seniors - 1st Harry Crawford (trophy), 2nd Jill Blaine, 3rd Emily Moody; Juniors - 1st Allison Arnall, 2nd Lydia Chilson, 3rd Kassy Calhoun; Sophomores - 1st Amber Davis, 2nd Rachel Hull, 3rd Travis Furr; Freshmen - 1st Karen Eagleston.

• **BOOK REPORT:** Seniors - 1st Emily Moody, 2nd Christa Choate; Juniors - 1st Tessa Miller (trophy), 2nd Eric Carampatan, 3rd Ashley Blankenship, HM Courtney Short; Sophomores - 1st Jamie Stepro, 2nd Britten Medley, 3rd Medley; Freshmen - 1st Stephanie Strunk, 2nd Destiny Millard, 3rd Craig Letsinger.

• **PERSONAL NARRATIVE:** Seniors - 1st Grant Williams (trophy), 2nd Lauren Miller; Juniors - 1st Tessa Miller, 2nd Eric

Carampatan, 3rd Julie Brenner; Sophomores - 1st Jamie Stepro, 2nd Patricia Potter, 3rd Mandy Goss; Freshmen - 1st Karen Eagleston, 2nd Jeremiah Sewell, 3rd Sarena Baugh.

• **BIOPOEM:** Seniors - 1st Emily Moody; Juniors - 1st Kathy Winsor (trophy), 2nd Allison Arnall, 3rd Emily Bray; Sophomores - 1st Britten Medley, 2nd Jamie Stepro, 3rd Michelle Napier, HM Lorie Hodges, Joey Rhodes, Jason Brooke; Freshmen - 1st Crystal Bennett, 2nd Josh Campie, 3rd Destiny Millard, HM Craig Letsinger, Sarena Baugh, Jessica Roth.

• **DESCRIPTION:** Seniors - 1st Christa Choate (trophy), 2nd Lee Barber, 3rd Harry Crawford, HM Dawn Furlong, Emily Moody, Regina Roy; Juniors - 1st Kassy Calhoun, 2nd NaTasha Bailey, 3rd Courtney Short; Sophomores - 1st Somer Golden, 2nd Bill Heidelberg; Freshmen - 1st Kristina Shropshire, 2nd Destiny Millard, 3rd Josh Campie, HM Deidra Wallace, Jessica

Roth.

• **NEWS STORY:** Seniors - 1st Stephanie Day, 2nd Emily Moody, 3rd Aimee Williams, HM Day; Juniors - 1st Kassy Calhoun (trophy), 2nd NaTasha Bailey, 3rd Tessa Miller, HM Emily Bray, Jessica Copeland, Calhoun; Sophomores - 1st Bridget Keys; Freshmen - 1st Kristina Shropshire, 2nd Sarena Baugh, 3rd Craig Letsinger.

• **PERSUASIVE ESSAY:** Seniors - 1st Eric Grubbs, 2nd Mike Spyres, 3rd Stephanie Day, HM Dawn Furlong; Juniors - 1st Allison Arnall (trophy), 2nd NaTasha Bailey, 3rd Courtney Short, HM Chris Flageolle, Julie Brenner; Sophomores - 1st Jamie Stepro, 2nd Tia Pharris, 3rd Travis Furr, HM Britten Medley, Jason Eagleston, Zach Whorton; Freshmen - 1st Destiny Millard, 2nd Dustin McCleary, 3rd Crystal Bennett, HM Craig Letsinger, Scott Jackson, Sarena Baugh.

• **SPORTS STORY:** Seniors - 1st Aimee Williams, 2nd Williams, 3rd Williams, HM Emily Moody; Juniors - 1st

Adam Grubbs (trophy), 2nd Grubbs, 3rd Kassy Calhoun, HM Chris Flageolle; Sophomores - None; Freshmen - 1st Dustin McCleary.

• **POETRY:** Seniors - 1st Amanda Stacy, 2nd Jill Blaine, 3rd Jeremy Corder, HM Dawn Furlong, Eric Grubbs, Emily Moody; Juniors - 1st Jenny Moody (trophy), 2nd Kassy Calhoun, 3rd Moody, HM Gina Turley, Julie Brenner (2); Sophomores - 1st Curt Stuart, 2nd Bridget Keys, 3rd Dusty Walker, HM Rachelle Roy, Jason Eagleston; Freshmen - 1st Kristina Shropshire, 2nd Jeremiah Sewell, 3rd Austin Corder, HM Dustin Clark.

• **FEATURE STORY:** Seniors - 1st Aimee Williams, 2nd Kim Joseph, 3rd Emily Moody, HM Williams; Juniors - 1st Allison Arnall (trophy), 2nd Tessa Miller, 3rd Jessica Copeland, HM Chris Flageolle, Arnall; Sophomores - None; Freshmen - 1st Kandy Kabage, 2nd Sarena Baugh, 3rd Serina VanNess.

• **TROPHY winners in the sixth annual MHS Language Arts Fair are front, Adam Grubbs, Grant Williams, and Harry Crawford; back, Kathy Winsor, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Tessa Miller, and Kassy Calhoun.**



## Closed lunch policy adopted by school board

Since the beginning of time, or so it seems, MHS students have been able to go off campus for lunch, but the board of education decided to close the campus during the lunch hour.

This meant that students faced a split lunch, with one group eating at 12:17 and the other group eating at 1:10.

The policy received mixed reviews from students.

"Last year it would take forever to get my food, because I would

have to wait in line at the little store (Country Express) and by the time I paid for my food it was time to get back to school," sophomore Jessica Coonce said.

Some didn't like limited choices.

"I don't mind the fact that we have to stay on campus, I just wish they would have a bigger variety in the lunchroom," senior Harry Crawford said.

"I kind of got sick of salad when I didn't like what they were serving in the lunchroom."



• **JASON Davis, Aimee Williams, Emily Moody, and Jarod Coday spend part of their lunch period, closed for the first time in school history, in the gym lobby.**

## PEOPLE of

Kerri Strug  
John F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Carolyn Bessette  
Timothy McVeigh  
George Burns  
Michael Johnson  
Celine Dion  
Howard Stern  
Tupac Shakur  
Ellen Degeneres  
Gwen Stefani  
Gavin Rossdale  
Ennis Cosby  
Dennis Rodman  
Tiger Woods  
LeAnn Rhimes  
Bill Clinton  
Bob Dole  
Bryant Gumble  
Sarah Ferguson  
JonBenet Ramsey  
Helen Hunt  
Kevin Costner  
Rosie O'Donnell  
Robin Williams  
Alanis Morissette  
O. J. Simpson  
Pamela Lee  
Demi Moore



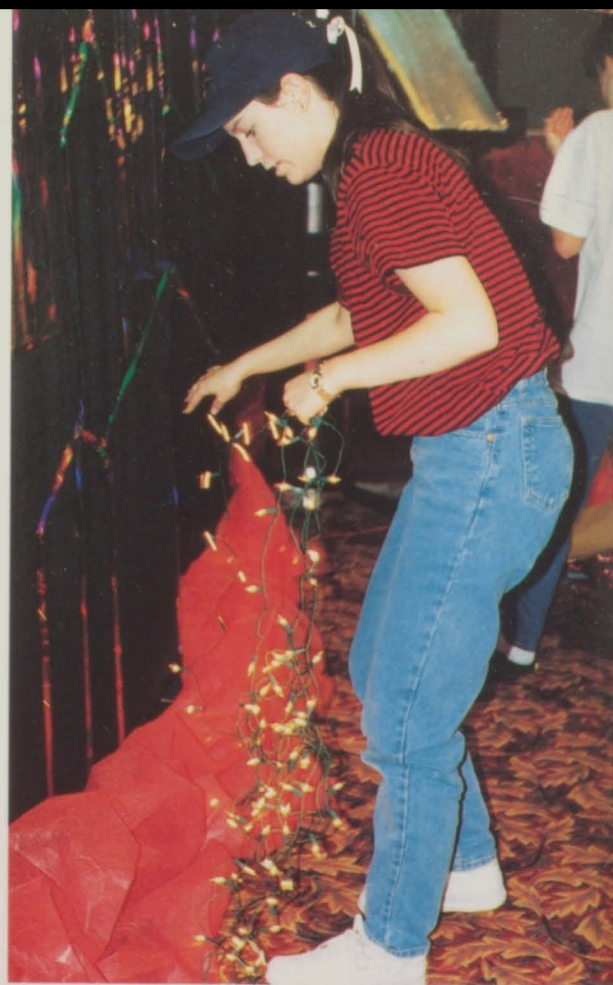
# CITY OF LIGHTS

Juniors quickly found that there was more to decorating for Prom than just picking designs out of catalogs.

Putting together skyscrapers, blowing up balloons, and giving everything a "together" look took three days at school and several hours at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

• **UNTANGLING** strings of twinkling lights, Jessica Copeland puts the finishing touches on a holographic skyscraper at University Plaza Hotel.

• **ASHLEY** Blankenship and Courtney Short cover sticks with colorful balloons as they and other juniors decorate for the Prom.



## Awards night honors the top students in academics

Subject area awards were presented at the annual academic awards night at Mansfield High School.

**ART:** Art I, Craig Letsinger; Art II, Bobby Hunsucker; photography, Leslie Lynch; creative art, Jennifer Wright.

**BUSINESS:** Entrepreneurship, Courtney Short; computer applications, Kathy Winsor; accounting, Julie Brenner; keyboarding, Zach Miller, Bridget Keys; business technology, Regina Roy, Aimee Williams; FBLA Member of the Year, Bobbi Greenwood.

**ENGLISH:** English I, Sarena Baugh, Janisha Bennett, Austin Miller, Zach Miller, Serina Van-

Ness; English II, Luke Anderson, Mandy Goss, Bridget Keys, Britten Medley, Jamie Stepro, Zach Whorton; English III, NaTasha Bailey, Ashley Blankenship, Julie Brenner, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan, Courtney Short; English IV, Christa Choate, Stephanie Day, Emily Moody; Freshman Writer of the Year, Destiny Millard, Kristina Shropshire; Sophomore Writer of the Year, Jamie Stepro; Junior Writer of the Year, Allison Arnall, Kassy Calhoun; Senior Writer of the Year, Emily Moody.

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:** Outstanding Student, Rachel Hull.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:**

Spanish I, Julie Brenner, Courtney Short; French II, Courtney Short.

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY:** Computer technology, Zach Whorton; CAD I, Billy Bailey, Matt Byerlee; woodworking, Stephanie Maxwell; advanced woods, Jason Brazeal; senior, Harry Crawford.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:** Most Improved, Sarah Walker; Patrick Gilmore Award, Eric Grubbs; John Phillip Sousa Award, Mike Spyres; Director's Award, Janisha Bennett; flute, Lydia Chilson; clarinet, Allison Arnall, alto saxophone, Janisha Bennett; tenor saxophone, Eric Grubbs; baritone saxophone, Jere-

my Corder; trumpet, Mike Spyres; trombone, Gary Slate; baritone, Scott Corder; percussion, Grant Williams; tuba, Sarah Brown.

**JOURNALISM:** Junior Reporter of the Year, Allison Arnall; Junior Story of the Year, Adam Grubbs; Senior Story of the Year, Stephanie Day; Senior Reporter of the Year, Stephanie Day, Aimee Williams.

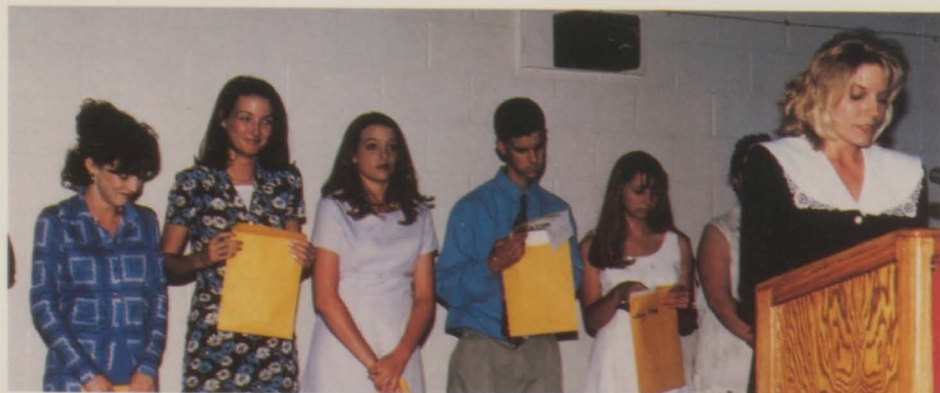
**MATH:** Pre-algebra, Kandy Kabage; Applied Math I, Thomas Milford; Applied Math II, Patricia Potter; Algebra I, Zach Miller, Janisha Bennett, Austin Miller; Geometry, Mandy Goss, Julie Brenner; Algebra II, Joe Knight, Marlene Sewell; math analysis, Lee Barber, Christa Choate, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Stephanie Day.

**SCIENCE:** Physical science, Janisha Bennett; Biology I, Mandy Goss; Biology II, Tessa Miller,

Courtney Short, Kassy Calhoun, Gary Slate; physics, Julie Brenner, Christa Choate, Stephanie Day, Eric Grubbs; chemistry, Danny Brito; Bausch and Lomb Award, Julie Brenner.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** American history, Zach Miller, Austin Miller, Janisha Bennett, Ben Moody; sociology, Wendy Matlock; government, Dawn Furlong, Harry Crawford, Julie Brenner; geography, Julie Brenner; psychology, Christa Choate; modern European history, Lee Barber; world history, Mandy Goss, Eric Carampatan, Emily Bray.

**VOCAL MUSIC:** Best Choir Newcomer, Sumer Welch, Mandy Goss; Most Improved, Tessa Miller; Outstanding Vocalists, Mike Spyres, Eric Carampatan, Kati Williams; Best Drama Newcomer, Eric Grubbs.



• **WHILE** English teacher Marcella Davenport reads awards, Kassy Calhoun, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Chris Flageolle, and Jenny Moody check their packets.

• **ENGLISH** teacher Betsy Wight announces sophomore writing awards for Britten Medley, Patricia Potter, Tracy Oberbeck, and Tia Pharris.





# Ice storm causes week-long power outages

Having a longer Thanksgiving holiday because of the ice storm that accompanied it excited many students.

But after a couple of days almost everyone was ready for a normal day, even if it meant going back to school.

"On Monday when I called the hotline and found out we were not coming back to school until after Thanksgiving I was so happy, but after

having no running water and no heat I was willing to go anywhere but stay at home in the dark," junior Heather Brooke said.

The storm struck late Sunday, Nov. 24, and an estimated 3,000 homes in the area were without power for up to a week when tree limbs coated with a half-inch of ice fell on power lines.

Mansfield students showed up for classes Monday morning, but

were sent home after an hour as the sleet continued to fall and conditions worsened.

School officials called off classes for Tuesday and Wednesday, giving everyone a full week's "vacation," or a full week of misery, as the case may be.

"It was awful; we were out of power for almost five days," junior Julie Brenner said. "The only way we could heat our

house was by the gas stove and to keep our food from spoiling we turned my room into a huge freezer by putting coolers filled with ice from outside and keeping all the warm air blocked off to my room with blankets."

The power outage was stressful.

"I was so bored I kept falling asleep until Wednesday night when the power came on," sophomore Amber Davis said. "We decided to watch a movie and then it went back off during the movie. I was so mad I just went back to bed."

On the up side, some students found having no electricity helped with homework.

"Not having power got me to finish reading a book for my book report," freshman Jessica Roth said, "because there was nothing better to do."

• THESE trees were limber enough to bend, unlike thousands of others in the area which broke under the weight of up to a half-inch of ice. Up to 3,000 homes in the area were without power for as long as a week, and classes were cancelled Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the week of Thanksgiving.



## STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council. Front - Adam Grubbs (secretary), Eric Grubbs (vice president), Nick Brooke (president), Steven Welch, Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - Ashley Blankenship, Bridget Keys, Courtney Short, Kim Joseph (treasurer), Emily Moody; Back - Brandon Lansdown, Zach Miller, Austin Miller.

## Fifty years of 'El Leon'

The school year 1997 marks the publication of the 50th yearbook at Mansfield High School, but the first MHS yearbook was not published in 1947.

The yearbook, which began as a paperback, was actually published for a year or two prior to World War II, then along with pretty much everything else in the US that didn't help the war effort, was shut down until the war was over.

Current yearbook adviser Debbie Sanders has been the sponsor of the publication for 24 of its 50 years.

## SONGS of

Wannabe  
Nobody  
You Were Meant for Me  
I Believe I Can Fly  
The Train  
Don't Let Go (Love)  
Macarena  
Strawberry Wine  
Carried Away  
No Diggity  
Every time I Close My Eyes  
Unbreak My Heart  
Love Fool  
Greedy Fly  
Spiderwebs  
Don't Speak  
Winding Road  
Count On Me  
Change the World  
Don't Leave  
Naked Eye  
Ginuwine Pony  
You're Makin' Me High  
Euita  
We Danced Anyway



# GAME ON

*Hackey Sack kicks its way into MHS life*



• **LIKE** many of their friends, Billy Bailey, Bobby Hunsucker, Ricky Dugger, and Jason Lansdown spend part of lunch period playing Hackey Sack. The game requires a soft "bean bag," kicking skills, and absolutely no hands. The object is to keep the sack from hitting the ground, which with most players, unfortunately happens quite often.

## NHS: Service with a smile

**N**ational Honor Society members took the group's pledge of service seriously, helping with several projects to benefit the school and community.

The group took over responsibility for weeding and caring for the large flower beds on the school campus.

In addition, NHS worked with the American Cancer Society to help the Wright County unit raise funds, and worked with a national food drive group to collect canned goods and staples for hungry families in the Mansfield area.

Add organizing, setting up, and cleaning up after the spring academics awards night, and NHS was one of the most productive groups around.



• A representative of the American Cancer Society presents an appreciation plaque to National Honor Society officers Eric Grubbs and Aimee Williams for the group's help in organizing the Wright County Cancer Society's annual spring benefit.



• **National Honor Society.** Front - Aimee Williams (secretary-treasurer), Eric Grubbs (vice president), Stephanie Day (president), Betsy Wight (adviser); Row two - Christa Choate, Regina Roy, Kim Joseph, Mike Spyres; Back - Chris Flageolle, Tessa Miller, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Eric Carampatan, Julie Brenner.

## LION PRIDE: Athletes honored with special awards

Athletic letters and awards were presented at the annual athletic awards night, which was held in May in the multipurpose room.

Special awards presented by the coaching

staff include the following.

• **VOLLEYBALL** - Coached by Roger Wood: Top Server - Kathy Winsor; Most Serves - Liz Roth; Top Hitters - Kim Joseph, Courtney Short; Defense - Rachel Barber;

Hustle Award - Regina Roy.

• **SOFTBALL** - Coached by Roger Wood: Hustle Award - Jessica Counce, Kinder Pollock; Top Hitter - Sarah Walker; MVP - Sarah Walker.

• **GIRLS' BASKETBALL** - Coached by Tonia Songer: Free Throw Percentage - Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short; Assists - Regina Roy; Best Defense - Aimee Williams; Steals - Courtney Short; Rebounds - Lauren Miller; MVP - Lauren Miller.

• **BOYS' BASKETBALL** - Coached by Chris Jackson: Free Throw Percentage - Jason Davis; Most Steals - Jeromy Brooke; Most Rebounds -

Brandon Lansdown; Most Improved - Scott Corder; Hustle Award - Rick Weaver; Defense Award - Eric Grubbs; Player of the Year - Steven Welch.

• **A SPORTING CHANCE** - Coached by Stephaney Menzie, Georgianne Brown: Senior Award - LaDonna Liles.

• **GOLF** - Coached by Chris Jackson: Most Improved - Gary Slate; Golfer of the Year - Travis Furr.



• **COACH** Roger Wood presents volleyball awards at the annual athletic awards night. Shown are team members Rachel Barber, Kathy Winsor, Regina Roy, Courtney Short, Allison Arnall, and Kinder Pollock.

• **JASON** Davis, Eric Grubbs, and Jeromy Brooke are all winners of basketball awards presented by Coach Chris Jackson.





# HEY, MACARENA!

Hit song by Los Del Rio inspires year-long dance craze

**D**ale a tu cuerpo alegría Macarena, so says the song.

Even the Spanish-impaired can probably figure out what song this line came from simply by the last word: Macarena.

The original version of the hit song "Macarena" was released in April of 1993 by the flamenco group Los Del Rio.

The song became a smash hit in Spain, then circled the globe and made its way to the top of the charts in every Spanish-speaking country. The song became popular in the U.S. when it was remade by the Miami-based group Bay-side Boys.

It didn't take long for the song to go straight to the top of Billboard's Hot 100 as the hottest dance song of the summer of 1996.

"The first time I saw the dance was when we went on vacation this summer," junior Tessa Miller said. "I didn't know what all the people were doing, but once I figured it out it was a pretty easy dance to learn."

The dance's popular-



• WHEN the deejay at Prom cues up "Macarena," the senior girls gather to do the simple moves of the dance that matches the song. Emily Moody, Liz Machado, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph, Jill Blaine, Kim Jones, and Christina McDermitt show how the dance is done.

ity grew, and as the year progressed, it seemed that almost everyone, from ordinary people at weddings and parties to famous people such as Neil Armstrong and President Bill Clinton, were dancing the Macarena.

The dance steps are simple and easy to learn even if you are rhythmi-

cally challenged: Right hand forward, left hand forward, right hand on left arm, left hand on right arm, right hand on head, left hand on head, right hand on behind, left hand on behind, sway three times, jump to left and repeat.

"The last step is my favorite part because I like to clap my hands and it adds more movement

to the dance when you turn to the side," freshman Jeanenne Sewell said.

The song itself is about a beautiful girl who loves to dance and catches the eyes of her boyfriend's two friends. Her boyfriend is out of town so she decides to go ahead and dance with the two guys.

Hey, Macarena!



## CARNIVAL ROYALTY

• WINNERS in the annual Community Teachers Association Fall Carnival are front, third graders Nicholas Price and Leanne Moody, first graders Spencer Deal and Ryan Whorton; back, fourth graders Drew Berry and Kate Probert. Grades kindergarten through grade five competed against each other in this penny-a-vote contest to raise scholarship money.

## TV of

Friends

3rd Rock from the Sun

Mad About You

Beverly Hills 90210

Pacific Palisades

Seinfeld

The Simpsons

Cybill

Frasier

Rosie O'Donnell Show

ER

King of the Hill

Party of Five

X-Files

Profiler

Sunset Beach

Cosby

Sliders

Millennium

Men Behaving Badly

Dark Skies

Melrose Place

Jeff Foxworthy

News Radio

Drew Carey



# ENRICHMENT

Class offers opportunities  
for gifted students



• **BEN Moody**, a freshman, displays the reflecting telescope he constructed as a year-long project in enrichment class. For the first time, gifted students at MHS had this special class offered to them. It was designed to give gifted students a chance at activities and projects not normally available to them in the regular classroom. Teacher John Hinsley said that the new program combined virtually all of the fields of learning into one class period.

# GRAND PRIZE

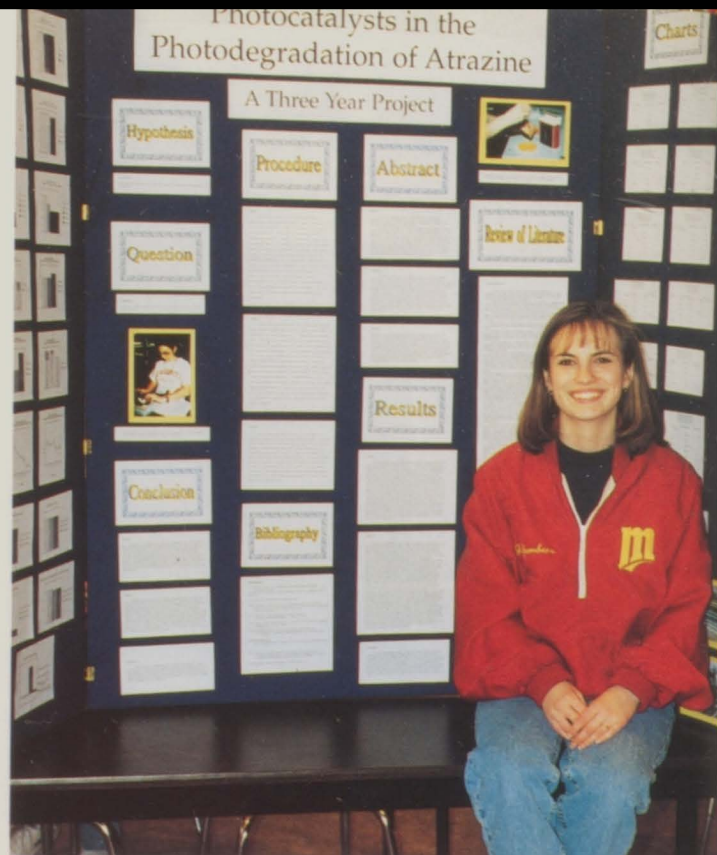
When the South Central Science and Engineering Fair was over, two MHS students had captured the top prizes from over 100 projects.

Senior Stephanie Day, pictured at right with her project, was the First Grand Prize Winner. In addition to a \$50 gift certificate and a scholarship to the University of Missouri-Rolla, she won an expenses-paid trip to the 46th International Science and Engineering Fair in Louisville, Kentucky.

Senior Kim Joseph, as Second Grand Prize Winner, won the same items.

In May, the girls made the week-long trip to the fair, accompanied by their science teacher, Pam Probert.

Day's project was "Use of Semiconductors as Photocatalysts in the Photodegradation of Atrazine."



"I won my division last year, so I knew if I had done it one year I could do it again,"

Day said. "My project was better this year and I was more prepared."

# DUAL CREDIT CHEMISTRY

## College course held at MHS

MHS offered a program allowing juniors and seniors to enroll in a dual credit college-level course through the West Plains campus of Southwest Missouri State University.

Advanced chemistry, taught by Pam Probert, allowed students to earn five transferrable credit hours toward a college degree.

The nine students in the class were seniors Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, Regina Roy, Lauren Miller, Eric Grubbs, Jill Blaine, and Wendy Matlock; and

juniors Eric Caramatan and Emily Bray.

Moody liked the idea of getting five hours of college credit for high school work.

"I think it's great that we were able to get some of our college credits out of the way in high school," she said. "It's very beneficial."

Joseph said she enjoyed the chance to work with a teacher she already knew.

"I really like and am familiar with the way that Mrs. Probert teaches, and it is a lot

easier to ask a question in front of eight other people than it is in front of seven million other people," she said.

To take the class, the students each paid a fee of \$190, about half the normal college fee of about \$380 for five credit hours.

• **REGINA Roy**, Lauren Miller, Emily Moody, and Eric Grubbs work on a project in their advanced chemistry class, for which they also received college credit.

# Writers win at LAD Fair

In a regional language arts fair entered by hundreds of schools and thousands of students, MHS had 60 winning entries.

## • FIRST PLACE 11/12

Mike Spyres, persuasion; Eric Grubbs, persuasion; Stephanie Day, short story; Allison Arnall, NaTasha Bailey, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, prose anthology small group; Arnall, Bailey, Blankenship, Calhoun, Jessica Copeland, Tessa Miller, Jenny Moody, Kati Williams, prose anth. class; Allison Arnall, prose anth. individual; Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, Stephanie Day, Amanda Stacy, Aimee Williams Christa Choate, prose and poetry anth. small group; Allison Arnall, editorial; Tessa Miller, feature; Stephanie Day, news; Lions Gazette, newspaper;

## • FIRST PLACE 9/10

Somer Golden, essay with photos; Travis Furr, persuasion; Destiny Millard, prose anth. individual; Destiny Millard, Dustin McCleary, Craig Letsinger, Sarena Baugh, Crystal Bennett, prose anth. small group; Millard, McCleary, Letsinger, Baugh, Bennett, Jeremiah Sewell, Kelly Turner, Stephanie Strunk, prose anth. class; Millard, McCleary, Letsinger, Baugh, Bennett, prose and poetry anth. small group; Jessica Roth, parody; Sarena Baugh, feature; Craig Letsinger, news; Ben Moody, three-

dimensional model;

## • SECOND PLACE 11/12

Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Tessa Miller, poetry anthology class; Arnall, Bailey, Blankenship, Calhoun, prose and poetry anth. small group; Arnall, Bailey, Blankenship, Calhoun, Jessica Copeland, Tessa Miller, Jenny Moody, Kati Williams, prose and poetry anth. class; Marcella Davenport, Debbie Sanders, and Betsy Wight's English classes, prose and poetry anth. school; Allison Arnall, feature story; Wight's English III class, group project;

## • SECOND PLACE 9/10

Serina VanNess, description of mood; Zach Miller, essay with photos; Stephanie Strunk, fictional journal; Tracy Oberbeck, literary analysis of theme; Jessica Roth, media review; Jamie Stepro, persuasion; KaTrina Bailey, Serina VanNess, Deidra Wallace, Jessica Roth, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, poetry anth. small group; Destiny Millard, prose and poetry anth. individual; Rick Weaver, Doug Tripp, Austin Corder, Austin Miller, Zach Miller, prose and poetry anth. small group; Destiny Millard, Dustin McCleary, Craig Letsinger, Sarena Baugh, Crystal Bennett, Jeremiah Sewell, Kelly Turner, Stephanie Strunk, Josh Campie, Dustin Clark, prose and poetry anth. class; Destiny Millard, editorial; Sarena Baugh, news story.





# FOCUS ON GRADUATION

*Alternative school helps 15 students reach their goals*

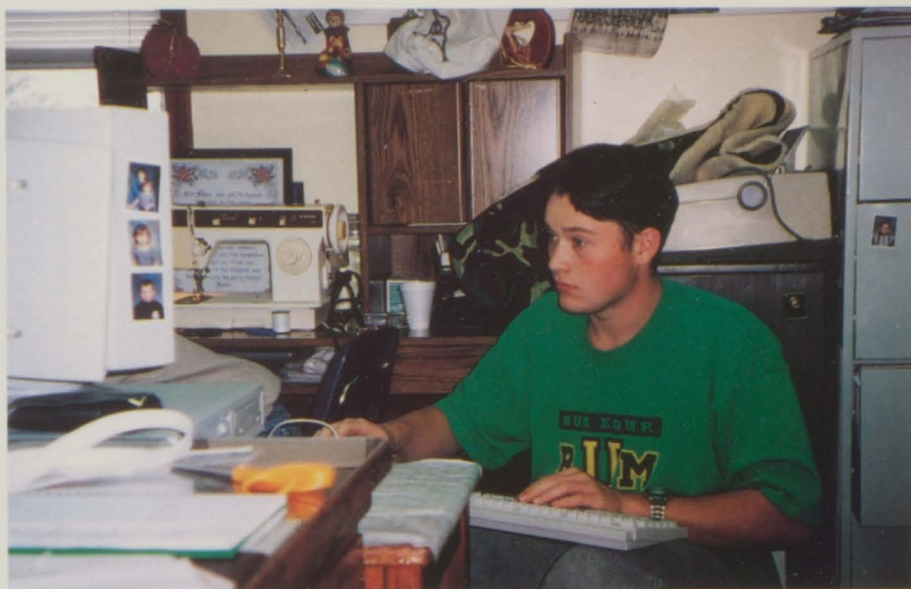
With the help of an innovative program in its third year at MHS, 15 students who might not have graduated in 1997 did graduate.

The program is 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, and also helps out seniors with scheduling problems.

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



• **STEVE Cannon** works at a computer in the alternative school. He was one of 15 students who were enrolled in full or part-time classes in the program, which was in its third year at MHS.

school for medical reasons.

Students who were involved in alternative school for more than one

class included Danny Brito, Steve Cannon, Amy Curtis, Silver Fullington, Christy Hastings, Jon Heidelberg,

Jeannie Johnson, Kim Jones, Marie Cantrell, Jennifer Lee, LaDonna Liles, Christina McDermitt, and Sarah Therber.

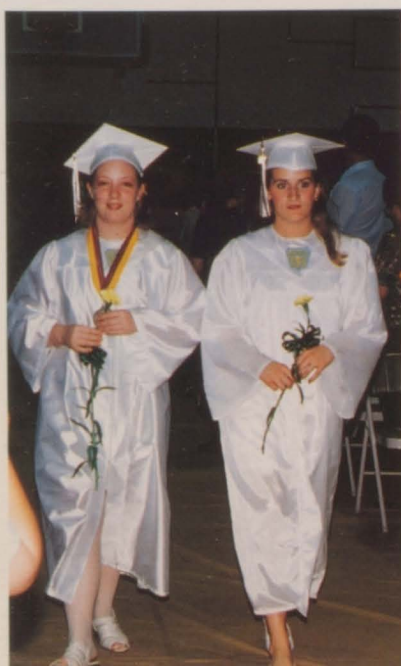
## DOUBLE ALL- AMERICAN

For the fourth consecutive year, the yearbook was awarded an All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association, and for the second year, the newspaper was also All-American.

The judge for the newspaper said he was impressed by its breadth of coverage.

"It is hard for me to believe there are only 215 students in your high school," he said. "You cover your school and community with pride and excellent journalistic style."

In addition, the El Leon was named All-Missouri for the 15th consecutive year, and the Lions Gazette was All-Missouri for the 17th consecutive year.



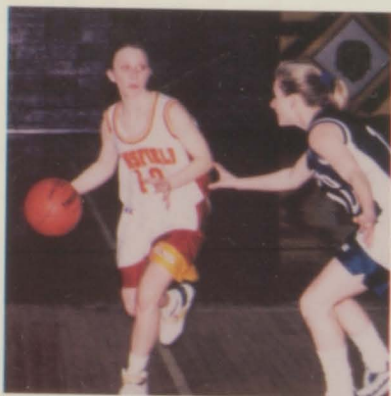
## BEST OF THE BEST

• **STEPHANIE Day**, right, is Valedictorian of the Class of 1997. Christa Choate, far left walking with classmate Wendy Matlock, is Salutatorian of the Class of 1997. After four years of high school, Day and Choate finished with the highest grade point averages in their class, and were honored with medals at the academic awards night. Day and Choate both made speeches at graduation.

## EVENTS of

- Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and the bombing in Centennial Park
- Crash of TWA Flight 800
- Heaven's Gate mass suicide in California
- Hale-Bopp Comet
- JonBenet Ramsey murder
- O. J. Simpson civil suit and guilty verdict
- Election of President Bill Clinton, and the Whitewater and Paula Jones scandals
- Women allowed to enroll in the Citadel
- Shannon Lucid space travel
- Timothy McVeigh guilty verdict in the Oklahoma City bombing case

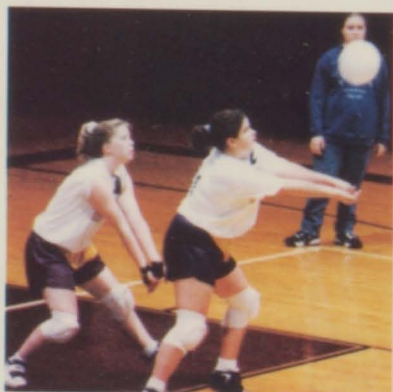




• **SCANNING THE FLOOR**, Aimee Williams drives toward the goal, while looking for an opening to get past the Plato defender. Williams scored 6 points in the Lady Lions' 54-45 home court loss. Regina Roy scored 10 points in the game.



• **THE BOYS HUDDLE** together during halftime of a home game with Plato, and listen while Coach Chris Jackson gives them instructions to come out strong in the second half. Brandon Lansdown and Doug Tripp are in the background. MHS lost the game 78-50.

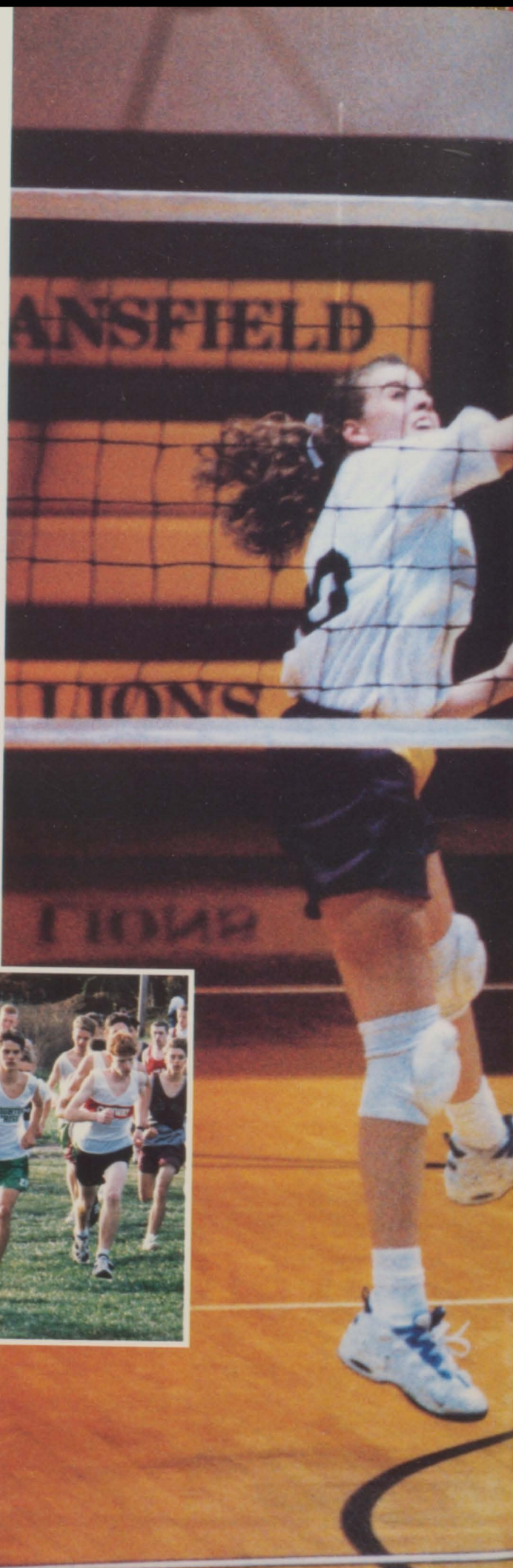


• **KATHY WINSOR BUMPS** the ball, while Liz Roth takes position to help get the ball over the net to Seymour. MHS won 15-5 and 15-0 in the first game of the Summit Conference Tournament. The Lady Lions went on to place fourth in the tournament.



• **STARTING OFF WITH** the pack, Jeremy Corder, far left, is on his way to 36th place in the Mansfield Invitational Meet. Corder's time was 22:02.

• **TESSA MILLER SMASHES** a spike over a Seymour player and gets a kill for MHS in the 15-5, 15-0 Summit Conference Tournament win. Amanda Skyles is at right. MHS placed fourth in the meet.







# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

## IN SPORTS

*Boasting about sports records is traditional at MHS, but unfortunately there wasn't much to brag about in the 1997 seasons. Losses were more prominent than wins in all sports except baseball, and boys' basketball was especially hard hit in the loss column. Those losing seasons were difficult for players, coaches, and fans used to winning teams, and they were definitely a first in a school which prides itself on the strength of its athletic programs.*



• DURING THE HOMECOMING game, Jason Davis tries to work the ball around a Fordland defender. Davis scored 12 points in the game, which MHS lost 79-55. Jeromy Brooke also scored 12 to share high point honors in the game.



# volleyball at MHS

## SPORTS STATS

• Liz Roth, a senior, scored 107 points, junior Amanda Skyles scored 86, and junior Kathy Winsor scored 72.

• In the last regular season game, at Plato, MHS dropped the first set but rallied to win the

game. Liz Roth, junior Allison Arnall, and Kathy Winsor combined for 27 points.

• Kathy Winsor had a 95 percent serving percentage. Liz Roth had a serving percentage of 89, and Amanda Skyles had a serving per-

centage of 88.

• In the opening game of the Niangua Tournament, Liz Roth scored 11 points against Bradleyville.

• In tournaments at Gainesville and Niangua, the team did not make it out of pool play.

## RECORD 9-14

MHS	Town	OPP
15-4, 15-5	Seymour	16-14
	Licking	15-1, 16-14
	Niangua	15-10, 15-1
	Ava	15-5, 15-13
15-13, 15-7	Seymour	
15-12	Fordland	15-13, 15-6
	Mtn. Grove	15-2, 15-10
	Willow Springs	15-4, 15-5
15-11, 15-9	Fordland	
11-3, 11-0	Bradleyville	
	New Covenant	13-11, 11-4
	Niangua	11-6, 11-6
15-0, 15-0	Bradleyville	
	Cabool	15-5, 15-5
	Fordland	15-6, 15-7
15-9, 15-10	Winona	15-10
15-11	Gainesville	15-11, 15-13
15-5, 15-9	Conway	
15-5, 15-0	Seymour	
	Gainesville	15-10, 15-13
15-4	Conway	15-11, 15-10
15-8, 15-9	Plato	15-7
	Cabool	15-3, 15-4



"We played very well as a team and we were pretty good for what we had. When we had games where we had

to win and can't afford to lose, we usually showed up and played some ball." -- Liz Roth

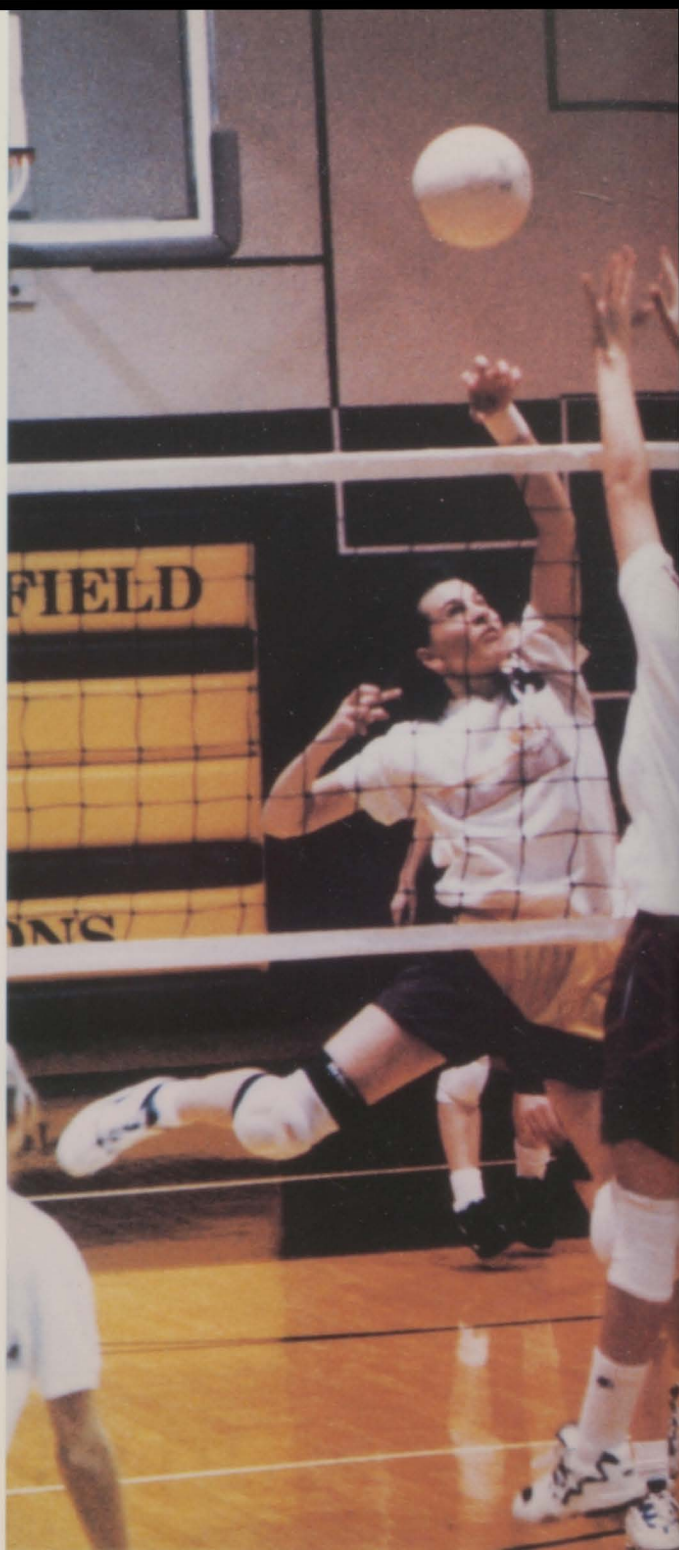
## HONORS

**ALL-CONFERENCE** - Kim Joseph, Courtney Short, first team; Kathy Winsor, honorable mention.

**VARSITY TEAM** - Won fourth place in the Summit Conference Tournament.



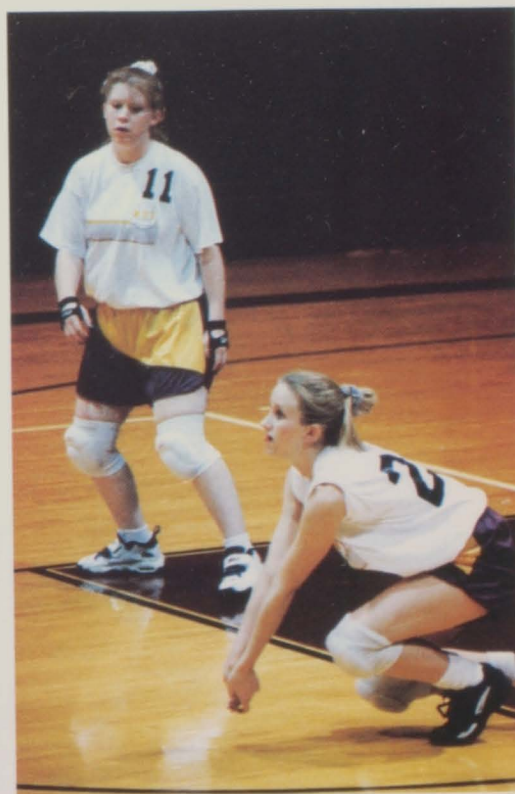
**Volleyball Team.** Front - Coach Roger Wood, Jill Blaine, Kim Joseph, Regina Roy, Liz Roth, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller; Back - Jenny Moody, Kinder Pollock, Amanda Skyles, Allison Arnall, Rachel Roy, Rachel Barber, Kathy Winsor, Christa Choate.





Courtney Short goes in for the kill in a 15-5, 15-0 Summit Conference Tournament win over Seymour. MHS placed fourth in the meet, which was held at Mansfield.

Regina Roy gets down to make a play for the ball in a conference tournament game with Conway, which MHS lost 15-11, 15-4. Liz Roth backs up the play.



Allison Arnall muscles up on her serving, trying to get the Lady Lions a point in a 15-5, 15-9 win over Conway. Arnall served for 9 points in the game.

## All-day tournaments test team's stamina, morale

What basketball does in one week, volleyball does in a day, at least when the topic is tournaments.

For three consecutive Saturdays in October, the volleyball team played in all-day tournaments. After a week of regular games, the tournament circuit wasn't easy.

"The tournaments were especially hard, because everyone was worn out by the end of the day, but we still had to play hard," senior Regina Roy said. "On Saturdays, we usually only had one or two games, about 45 minutes, in between one game and the next."

At the first two tournaments, the team didn't make it out of pool play. The best outing was at the Summit Conference Tournament, where MHS took fourth.

But win or lose, the girls still took the tournaments seriously.

"I spent time watching where the other teams positioned their players and how hard their spikers were," senior Kim Joseph said. "I also tried to have fun by playing Spades and talking to people from other towns while I tried not to get too nervous."

Time between games meant nap time for some players, who had been up since 6 a.m.

"It was hard having three Saturday tournaments in a row," junior Allison Arnall said. "I would take a pillow and sleep in-between games, since I didn't get to 'sleep in' that morning like I usually do."

Being tired and stressed out often made some of the players act a little goofy.

"Me and Allison Arnall took our pillows and laid on the gym floor with our feet on the bleachers, and laughed at stupid things," junior Amanda Skyles said. "That helped pass the time."



Working the block against Gainesville, Rachel Barber goes high to try to block a spike. MHS lost the Summit Conference Tournament game 17-15, 15-10.



Regina Roy dives hard for the ball as Allison Arnall, Liz Roth, and Courtney Short get ready to make the next play in the game with Gainesville.

Kim Joseph has a spike blocked while Allison Arnall, Courtney Short, Liz Roth, and Rachel Barber get ready to play the ball in a loss to Gainesville, 15-11, 11-15, 13-15.



# cross country **MHS**

## SPORTS STATS

• Jeremy Corder, a senior, was the top runner for Mansfield in four of six meets.

• Sophomore Jessica Coonce and senior Nicole Hollenberg were the only female runners on the cross country team. This meant that the girls ran as individuals, not as a team.

• Jeremy Corder

placed seventh in the conference meet with a time of 20:37, earning All-Conference honors.

• Freshman

Jonathon Walker was number 11 in the conference meet with a time of 21:02; senior Nick Brooke 14, 21:22; senior Chris Johnson 22, 24:09; senior Jason Davis 24, 25:12.

• Jessica Coonce

placed seventh in the conference meet and Nicole Hollenberg placed tenth.

• Because three runners were ineligible to compete because of absences the day before, the boys' team decided, as a group, to not run in the district meet which was held on the following Saturday.

## TEAM FINALS

MHS	Meet Site
Sixth	Mansfield
Seventh	Plato
Eighth	Mansfield (Invitational)
Third	Mansfield (Conference)



"Cross country is a tough sport to participate in because the practices are hard. There are so many miles that you have to run." -- Chris Johnson

## HONORS

**ALL-CONFERENCE** - Jeremy Corder  
(The top 10 male runners in the conference meet are All-Conference.)



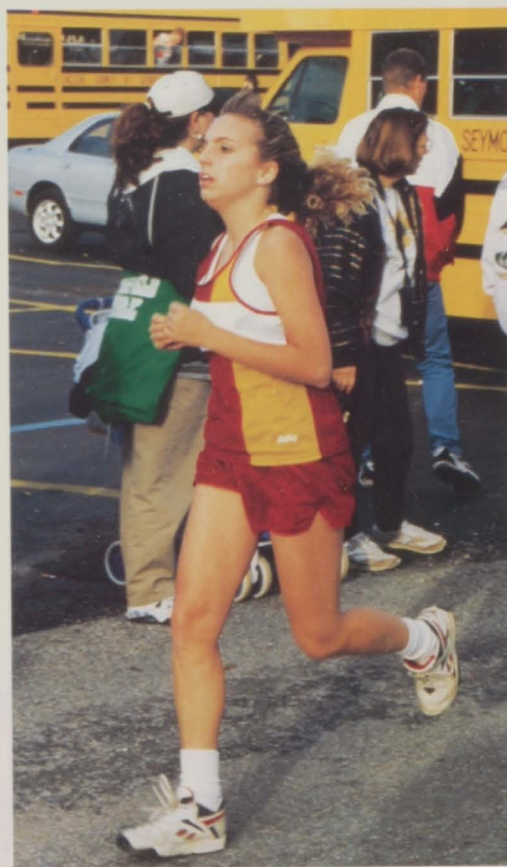
**Cross Country Team.** Front - Jonathon Walker, Dusty Walker, Jessica Coonce; back - Chris Johnson, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder. Not shown, Nick Brooke, Jason Davis, Coach Randy Short.







Jeremy Corder, left, tries to get a strong start in the Mansfield Invitational Meet. Corder finished with a time of 22:02, which placed him 36th. Behind Corder are Jonathon Walker, who finished 32nd with a time of 21:35, and Dusty Walker, who was 47th at 26:37.



Nearing the halfway point of the first lap, Jessica Coonce competes in a meet at Mansfield. Coonce finished 13th with a time of 31:22.



Running beside one of his competitors, Jonathon Walker places 32nd in the Mansfield Invitational Meet. Walker had the top MHS time of 21:35.

Dusty Walker and Jason Davis are in the first lap of a home meet, which Davis did not finish because of an injury. Walker was 47th.



Staying with a pack of other runners, Nick Brooke competes in the Mansfield Invitational. His time of 23:46 placed him 42nd.

## Runners learn they can't fight weather's fickleness

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ain, shine, heat, or snow.

Cross country runners experienced it all during the season, but the race still had to go on.

"In the beginning of the season it was really warm," sophomore Jessica Coonce said. "Towards the end of the season, like around districts, it was starting to get really, really cold."

Differences in weather brought different obstacles for the runners.

"When it's warm it gets hard to breathe towards the end of the race," senior Chris Johnson said. "But when it's cold, your chest gets really tight and you can taste blood in your throat."

The love of the sport kept the runners going in all kinds of weather.

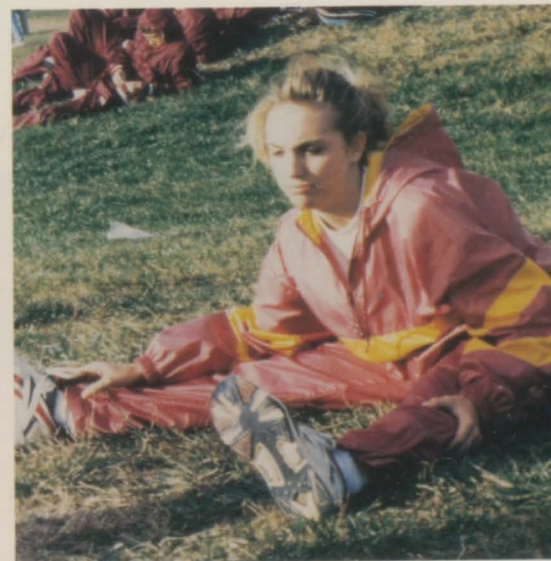
"The reason I run is because it's a challenge to myself," senior Eric Grubbs said. "I enjoy meeting the challenge."

Johnson ran for a different reason.

"I've run since seventh grade," he said. "I ran this year as a senior because I wanted to keep in shape and because it's a tradition for me."

Runners had to learn to pace themselves for the 3.1 mile run.

"I had to have a high level of endurance to run the course," senior Jason Davis said. "You also have to have endurance to run the whole year long and not just while the season is going on."



Stretching and getting ready for a meet held at Mansfield, Jessica Coonce waits for the girls' race to begin.



# basketball at MHS

## SPORTS STATS

• Mansfield won third in the first ever Seymour Girls' Tournament, beating Seymour in the title game.

• The team did not make the finals of the Lady Lions Invitational Tournament.

• Aimee

Williams led with a 60 percent free throw average.

• Lauren Miller averaged 10 points per game, and Regina Roy had 8.

• Regina Roy and Amber Davis both had shooting averages of 36 percent.

• Lauren Miller pulled in 146 rebounds, averaging 6.3 per game.

• Courtney Short had 48 steals, Regina Roy had 47, and Aimee Williams had 36.

• Regina Roy led the team in assists with 39.

## RECORD 7-16

MHS	Town	OPP
46	Seymour	42
42	Gainesville	60
37	West Plains	89
41	Lebanon	60
30	Ozark	65
35	Mtn. Grove	68
47	Willow Springs	66
36	Norwood	67
45	Plato	54
53	Fordland	43
68	Hartville	68
72	Licking	49
51	Seymour	53
56	Ava	70
63	Niangua	72
38	Conway	48
62	Dora	61
67	Niangua	75
64	Seymour	37
30	Hartville	47
52	Forsyth	44
48	Fordland	48
34	Gainesville	40



"It felt great to beat Seymour in the first game. The reason that it felt so good to beat them is because they were ranked

higher in the conference and we deserved the win after working so hard this summer." -- Aimee Williams

## HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE - Lauren Miller (first team), Courtney Short (HM)

VARSITY TEAM - Won third place in the Seymour Tournament.



After a tough quarter, Coach Tonia Songer explains strategy in districts against Gainesville. MHS lost 40-34 after leading most of the game. Front, Allison Arnall, Aimee Williams; back, Amber Davis, Lauren Miller, Courtney Short.



Girls' Basketball Team. Front - Crystal Bennett, Sara Leonard, Amanda Mason, Afton Ivy, Jessica Coonce, Allison Arnall; middle - Coach Tonia Songer, Lauren Miller, Amber Davis, Rachelle Roy, Aimee Williams, Regina Roy, Courtney Short, Assistant Coach Marcella Davenport; back - Amanda Skyles, Lora Thompson, Laura Furr, Ashley Hicks, Ashley Blankenship.



Amanda Skyles drives past a Plato player and heads for the basket in a home game. Skyles had 6 points in that game, which was a 54-45 loss to Plato. Coach Tonia Songer watches from the sidelines.



## Girls turn record around with tournament victory



Taking a 3-13 record into a tournament isn't exactly a great indicator for success, but the Lady Lions took a sixth seed and turned it into a third-place trophy at the first ever Seymour Girls Tournament.

Playing without senior Aimee Williams, who was out with the flu for the whole tournament, the team upset third-seeded Dora in the first round. That meant that Mansfield was matched up with second-seeded Niangua in the semifinals game.

"We should have beaten Niangua," senior Lauren Miller said. "The score was close throughout the game, but we just couldn't seem to pull it off."

To the players, the next game didn't seem as crucial as that semifinal game.

"We all played very well as a team in the tournament, but we just fell short against a good Niangua team which I think we should have beat, but didn't," sophomore Amber Davis said.

In the third place game with Seymour, Mansfield fans and players expected a nail-biter. Mansfield had narrowly beaten Seymour in the season opener for both teams, then Seymour had narrowly beaten Mansfield the week before the tournament.

However, most everyone was surprised with the game.

At half-time, the score was 32-9. Mansfield won 64-37, despite the fact that Roy had to leave the game after she slammed into the concrete block wall underneath the basket and got a large knot on her forehead.

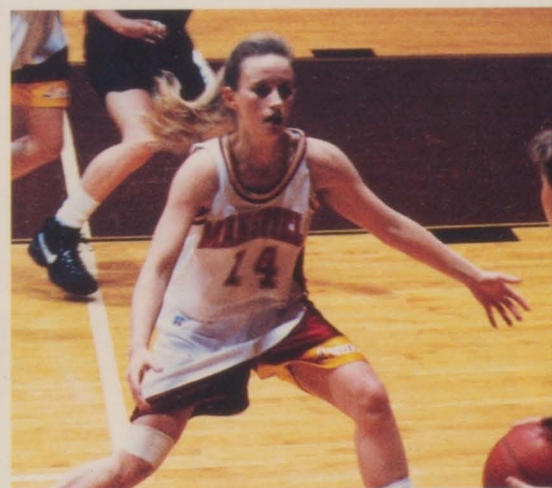
For their efforts, the Lady Lions received a huge third place trophy and individual medals for the team members.

Aimee Williams and Ashley Blankenship get in position to try to double team a Seymour guard. MHS lost 53-51 on the home court, after beating Seymour 46-42 at Seymour in the first game of the season.



Center Courtney Short goes for the basket as the Lady Lions lose 48-38 to Conway. Short scored 4 points in the conference game.

Asking for the ball, Lauren Miller gets in position to post up on a Conway defender. Miller scored 2 points in the game.



Trying to block a pass, Regina Roy plays tough defense against Conway. Roy had 9 points in the 48-38 MHS loss.



# basketball at MHS

## SPORTS STATS

• The boys' team failed to make the finals of the Mansfield Tournament, the Blue and Gold Tournament, and the Spokane Tournament.

• Jason Davis led the team in scoring,

averaging 17 points per game.

• From the field, Luke Anderson shot 40 percent, while Jason Davis and Jarod Coday shot 34 percent, and Zach Whorton averaged 33 percent.

• Jason Davis had a free throw shooting average of 73 percent.

• Scott Corder and Brandon Lansdown each averaged 7 rebounds.

• Jason Davis had 50 steals.

## RECORD 1-22

MHS	Town	OPP
52	Niangua	64
66	Seymour	89
47	Spfd. Catholic	88
36	Rogersville	98
39	Houston	83
39	Hartville	83
41	Chadwick	117
57	Galena	58
55	Blue Eye	63
52	Willow Springs	76
73	Conway	66
33	Hartville	93
32	Gainesville	71
51	Cabool	59
44	Seymour	85
55	Fordland	79
69	Norwood	82
52	Ava	92
50	Mtn. Grove	72
50	Plato	78
75	Lutie	78
57	Ellington	77



"We actually pulled together as a team while playing Conway. I think that this win gave our team a little more

spunk." -- Jason Davis

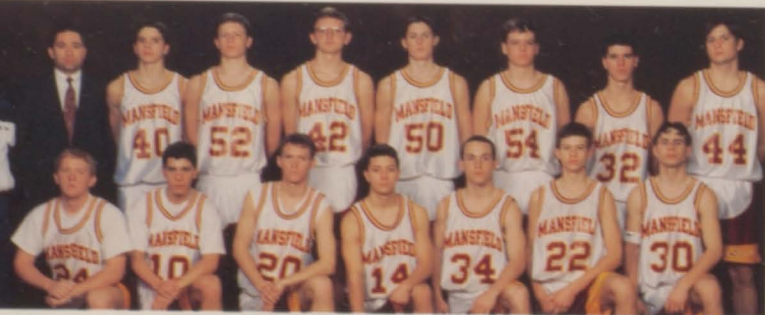
## HONORS

ALL-CONFERENCE - Jason Davis, honorable mention

Varsity Team. Front - Steven Welch, Eric Grubbs, Jason Davis, Travis Furr, Jeromy Brooke, Zach Whorton, Doug Tripp; back - Coach Chris Jackson, Assistant Coach John Hinsley, Brandon Lansdown, Steven House, Gary Slate, Scott Corder, Luke Anderson, Adam Grubbs, Jarod Coday



Steven Welch shoots a jump shot in the lane against the Fordland Eagles. Welch scored 5 points in the 79-55 loss at Homecoming.



Junior Varsity. Front - Jonathon Walker, Zach Miller, Craig Letsinger, Rick Weaver, Travis Furr, Austin Corder; back - Coach John Hinsley, Dustin Clark, Kevin Heatherly, Luke Anderson, Steven House, Austin Miller, Coach Chris Jackson.



If Zach Whorton has anything to do with the play, Fordland's #13 won't be scoring a basket in the Homecoming game, which MHS lost 79-55. Jarod Coday backs up the defensive play.



Jason Davis, along with his teammates, tries to keep a Fordland player from scoring in a 79-55 loss. Davis scored 12 points in the game.

## Losing season still delivers several exciting games

**A**midst disappointment and losses and the poorest record in recent memory, games against Conway and Lutie gave the boys' basketball season a touch of excitement.

The Conway match-up was a home game, and the Lions' 73-66 victory was their first of the year. The game followed a string of 10 defeats.

"We finally played up to our potential and played like a team," senior Jarod Coday said. "Those two reasons and our self confidence are the reasons we won."

The second game was later in the season at Lutie, and it took the Indians double overtime to finally defeat the Lions.

A last-second shot in the fourth quarter by senior Jason Davis would have won the game for the Lions, but unfortunately the basket didn't count.

"I thought that my shot had made it in the goal before the buzzer and we won," Davis said. "When I turned around I saw the ref waving it off and not counting the points."

In the first overtime two free throws by sophomore Brandon Lansdown tied the game once again to send the teams into double overtime. Another last second shot in the last overtime barely failed to give the Lions the win.

Coach Chris Jackson was pleased with the team's persistence and effort.

"The Lutie and Conway games were the best games we played all year," he said. "The team did everything that they needed to do to win in those games."



Eric Grubbs throws up a shot against the Plato Eagles in a non-conference match. MHS lost 78-50 in the home game.

Playing before a large crowd at Homecoming, Jeromy Brooke and Adam Grubbs play tough defense in a game against Fordland.



Doug Tripp makes a serious drive to the basket in a non-conference game with Plato. Jeromy Brooke is at the top of the key, and Zach Whorton is in the foreground. Tripp scored 4 points, Brooke 5, and Whorton 6 in the game.



# softball **MHS**

## S P O R T S S T A T S

• Leading batting averages for the softball team were Kelly Otis with .429, Sarah Walker .393, Tia Pharris .350, Afton Ivy .314, Dawn Furlong .286, and Wendy Matlock .261.

• With a 3-6 record, the team won three times as many games as the year before.

• Two of the

three wins came in a double-header with Niangua, the last games of the season.

• Afton Ivy had four hits in a 18-10 loss to Seymour. Sarah Walker, Dawn Furlong, and Tia Pharris all had 2 hits in the game.

• Sarah Walker had 2 doubles in a 16-3 victory over Niangua.

• Dawn Furlong

had a triple and Kelly Otis had 2 doubles in a 22-7 victory over Niangua.

• Dawn Furlong and Emily Bray combined for 2 hits in a 7-4 loss to Hartville.

• In a 16-3 win over Niangua, Regina Roy and Donna Young hit triples; Sarah Walker hit 2 doubles.

## RECORD 3-6

MHS	Town	OPP
0	Conway	12
10	Seymour	18
6	Fordland	9
0	Conway	10
5	Fordland	10
2	Hartville	3
11	Seymour	5
16	Niangua	3
22	Niangua	7



"Even though we didn't win very many games, I still had a lot of fun being part of the softball team."

-- Sarah Walker

## H O N O R S

ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM - Sarah Walker.

ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION - Afton Ivy, Dawn Furlong



**Softball Team:** Front - Donna Young, Tia Pharris, Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy, Kinder Pollock, Stephanie Maxwell, Jamie Stepro; Row two - Devon Furlong, Kandy Kabage, Karen Eagleston, Trish Freeman, Amy Curtis, Sarah Walker, Afton Ivy; Back - Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson, Lisa Hodges, Kathy Winsor, Jessica Coonce, Dawn Furlong, Kelly Otis, Emily Bray, Jeanenne Sewell, Jennifer Wright, Coach Roger Wood.





Sarah Walker tries to extend her lead from second in the first game of a double-header with Niangua, which MHS won 16-3. Walker had two doubles in the game, and a season batting average of .393.

Wendy Matlock cocks her bat and waits for the pitch in a 16-3 win over Niangua. Matlock had a single in the game.

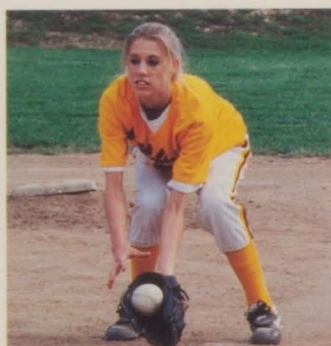


With her glove on the ground and her chin down, Kinder Pollock fields the ball in front of second base in a home game with Niangua.



Jessica Coonce connects with a bunt, but was called out on first in a 16-3 home game win over Niangua.

Donna Young and Tia Pharris discuss one of the plays in the first game of a double-header with Niangua. MHS won both games.



With her glove down, first baseman Kelly Otis positions herself to field the softball. Otis led the team with a .429 batting average, and had two doubles and two singles in the second half of this double-header with Niangua.

## Softball team triples wins over last season's record

**E**very team tries to improve on last year's record, and the softball team did just that.

While the team only won a single game last season, when all the matches were over this time around, the team had tripled its winnings, finishing with a 3-6 record.

Inexperience in the pitching staff was a factor for the team.

"As coaches, Coach (Roger) Wood and I were having to take a look at some other people to step up and take over," said Coach Wilda Watterson.

Sophomore Kinder Pollock found an opportunity to pitch on the varsity squad and she grabbed it, although a little reluctantly.

"It was a little scary having the softball come flying at your head all the time," she said.

As the season progressed, the younger players gained experience.

"It seemed like we figured out how to win a little too late," senior Wendy Matlock said. "If the season would have lasted a little longer I think we could have had a winning season."

For freshman Afton Ivy, her first season was one to remember.

"It felt really good to be named as an honorable mention All-Conference," she said, "especially since this was my first year to play high school softball."



From the wind-up, Afton Ivy delivers a fastball to a Niangua batter. Ivy was the winning pitcher in the 16-3 MHS victory.



# baseball at MHS

## SPORTS STATS

• Jarod Coday had the highest batting average at .513, followed by Steve Welch .488, Mike Spyres .432, and Melvin Thompson .409.

• Mike Spyres hit 8 home runs, and Jeromy Brooke and Jarod Coday hit 6.

• The RBI leader was Jarod Coday with 45, Steven Welch had 40, and Jeromy Brooke had 37.

• Steven Welch had only 2 strike-outs in 84 at-bats.

• Pitching ERAs were Steven Welch 2.38, Jarod Coday 2.83, and Jason Davis 2.84.

• Steven Welch led in on-base percentage with 59 percent, followed by Jarod Coday with 58 percent.

• Jeromy Brooke had 30 stolen bases, after breaking the school record of 31

last season.

• Catcher Steven Welch won the defense award for the team, and was also named MVP.

• Senior Jeffrey Brooke's shoulder injury from sliding required surgery and ended his season in April.

• The team, undefeated in the fall, won the conference championship and the district championship.

## RECORD 28-4

MHS-Opp	Town	12-2	Forsyth
		13-2	Liberty
12-2	Sparta	12-2	Republic
11-4	Fordland	8-7	Hartville
10-5	Hartville	9-8	Conway
19-5	Norwood	3-2	Kickapoo
11-1	Seymour	12-6	West Plains
21-0	Norwood	18-2	Ava
13-8	Seymour	11-0	Norwood
16-5	Fordland	14-0	Fordland
9-4	Forsyth	13-4	Houston
14-3	Summersville	5-2	Fordland
1-11	Ozark	15-5	Liberty
5-6	Branson	12-2	Hartville
1-3	Nixa	8-2	Clearwater
15-3	Gainesville	6-7	Kelly-Benton
9-2	Seymour		



"There's not as much competition in the fall because we just play 2A schools, but in the spring we're challenged with 3A and 4A schools." -- Jeffrey Brooke

## HONORS

**ALL-CONFERENCE** - Steven Welch, Jarod Coday, Jason Davis, Jeromy Brooke, Mike Spyres, Melvin Thompson, Eric Grubbs, first team; Chris Flageolle, honorable mention

**ALL-DISTRICT** - Jason Davis, Steven Welch

**ALL-OZARKS** - Jason Davis

**ALL-STATE** - Jason Davis, first team; Jeromy Brooke, second team



**Varsity Baseball Team:** Front - Luke Anderson, Dusty Walker, Melvin Thompson, Doug Tripp, Zach Whorton, Zach Miller; Row Two - Jenny Moody, Brandon Edmonds, Jeromy Brooke, Austin Miller, Jason Brooke, Chris Flageolle, Kati Williams; Back - Coach Doug Jones, Jeffrey Brooke, Mike Spyres, Steven Welch, Eric Grubbs, Jason Davis.



Jason Davis pitches for the Lions. Davis ended the season with an ERA of 2.84, striking out 49 of the 171 batters he faced.

In a home game with Norwood, Jarod Coday pitches his team to a 11-0 win. Coday helped out with three RBIs.



Eric Grubbs' single gets him on base and ready to score one of Mansfield's runs in the 11-0 win over Norwood.

## Loss in quarterfinal game ends outstanding season



After back-to-back 2A state championships, the baseball Lions had their sights set on Columbia.

However, in the quarterfinal game, which determined Final Four status, even though MHS outthit 10-4, Kelly-Benton won 7-6.

The team had to deal with unfamiliar territory in the sectional and quarterfinal games, after winning a ninth straight district championship. When 15 schools changed from 1A to 2A, the state reorganized districts. Instead of post-district games fairly close to home, the team traveled almost three hours for the sectional and five hours for the quarterfinal.

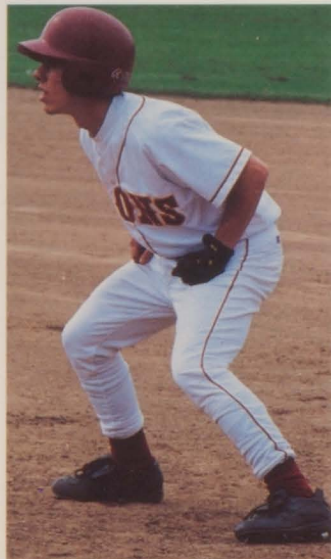
However, Coach Doug Jones said other factors determined the outcome.

"It was a bad experience having to travel twice, then to play poorly in the last two innings," he said. "We had five errors and six unearned runs, and in baseball that spells death."

MHS scored in the second when Jeremy Brooke homered after Melvin Thompson doubled. Jarod Coday hit a homer in the fourth and Eric Grubbs, Chris Flageolle, and Thompson singled. In the fifth, Jason Davis doubled, and Steven Welch and Coday singled.

Kelly scored two runs in the fifth, and in the sixth, four runs from a two-run homer, three walks, a balk, and an error. The winning run scored on an error in the seventh after a double and two errors.

"It was a great year," Jones said of the 28-4 season, "that ended with a poor performance."



**Junior Varsity Team:** Front - Zach Miller, Austin Corder, Rick Weaver, Craig Letsinger, Dustin McCleary; Row two - Zach Whorton, Dustin Clark, Dusty Walker, Curtis Stuart, Austin Miller, Doug Tripp; Back - Coach Doug Jones, Jason Brooke, Stephen House, Luke Anderson, Ben Moody, Brandon Edmonds.

Seniors Steven Welch and Jason Davis congratulate each other after the team beat Hartville 12-2 to win the district championship for the ninth year in a row.

The baseball team wins the district championship for the ninth year in a row, above left. The game, against Hartville, was played on the home field.

Above right, Jeremy Brooke bats in a home game with Norwood, which MHS won 11-1. Brooke collected an RBI in the game, one of the 37 he came through with for the team during the season.

Mike Spyrer, who many people said resembled Babe Ruth in the team's new uniforms, bats in the quarterfinal game at Kelly-Benton. MHS lost 7-6, missing out on the chance to gain a third straight 2A state championship.





# track and golf MHS

## TRACK STATS

• AVA MEET - 3200 M Relay - Joe Knight, Jeremiah Sewell, Jonathon Walker, Danny Brito 4th; 800 M Run - Jeremiah Sewell 3rd; 200 M Dash - Jeanenne Sewell 6th; High Jump - Scott Corder 1st.

• AVA MEET - 3200 Relay - Joe Knight, Jeremiah Sewell, Jonathon Walker, Danny Brito 1st; 1600 M Run, Joe Knight 5th; 400 M Dash - Jonathon Walker 3rd; 800 M Run

- Jeremiah Sewell 3rd; 200 M Dash - Jonathon Walker 4th; 3200 M Run - Jeremiah Sewell 2nd.

• STRAFFORD MEET - 3200 M Relay - Joe Knight, Jeremiah Sewell, Jonathon Walker, Danny Brito 4th; Discuss - Doug Tripp 5th; 800 M Run - Jeremiah Sewell 6th; 1600 M Relay - Doug Tripp, Jeremiah Sewell, Joe Knight, Jonathon Walker 4th.

• MTN. GROVE MEET - High Jump - Scott Corder 3rd; Discus - Doug Tripp 5th; Long Jump - Doug Tripp 6th; 400 M Dash - Jeanenne Sewell 6th.

• MTN GROVE MEET - 400 M Dash - Jeanenne Sewell 5th; High Jump - Scott Corder 3rd.

• NIXA MEET - High Jump - Scott Corder 6th.

• DISTRICT MEET - High Jump - Scott Corder 4th.

## GOLF STATS

### MEET: AVA

Scores - Travis Furr 49, Nick Brooke 65, Kevin Heatherly 66, Adam Grubbs 73, Jeremy Archer 77

### MEET: DISTRICT

Scores - Travis Furr 94, Nick Brooke 101, Adam Grubbs 129, Kevin Heatherly 129, Gary Slate 130



"Some people say that all we do is walk around and hit a ball, but believe me, after you play out 18 holes lugging around your golf bag, you'll get tired. Golf is difficult, like any other sport." -- Adam Grubbs



Track Team: Joe Knight, Danny Brito, Scott Corder, Jeremiah Sewell, Jeanenne Sewell, Jonathon Walker. Not shown, Coach Randy Short, Assistant Coach Don Sanders.



Golf Team: Larry Lansdown, Nick Brooke, Gary Slate, Kevin Heatherly, Adam Grubbs, Travis Furr, Coach Chris Jackson. Not shown, Jeremy Archer.



Scott Corder makes his move in the high jump competition at Mtn. Grove, where he was third. Corder placed fourth in district competition.

Travis Furr, who had the lowest score at every meet of the season, takes a few practice strokes before the van leaves for the golf meet.



In the middle of the pack, Jeremiah Sewell, Jonathon Walker, Danny Brito, and Joe Knight wait for the 3200 meter relay to start at Mtn. Grove.

## Track, golf teams really hit the road for meets



Two teams in search of a home.

The track team has long been "homeless," since MHS has no track facilities.

Add a brand new golf team, and there are now two groups of athletes showing what they can do on "foreign" turf.

The school's first golf team was made up of seven boys. Practices were at school, and at least once a week at nearby golf courses.

Sophomore Travis Furr was ready for the golf team to be started.

"I enjoy golf and after having a stressful basketball season," he said, "I could be involved in a sport that was relaxing and relieved that stress."

Scott Corder, with a fourth place in the high jump at the district meet, had the most successful season on the track team. However, he wanted to do better.

"At districts the person that received first had to go run in a race while we were jumping," Corder said. "We had to sit around for awhile and when I got up my legs were stiff and I just wasn't ready. I felt I was jumping good that day until our little break which got me out of rhythm."

Corder had a height of 5'6" at the district meet, which was his lowest jumping height since the first meet of the season.

"I was mad," he said, "because I knew I could have done better."



Jeanenne Sewell gets her time and tries to catch her breath after the 400 meter race at Mtn. Grove. She placed fifth, with a time of 72 seconds.



Danny Brito hands off the baton to Jonathon Walker in the 3200 meter relay at Mtn. Grove, above left.

Putting on the brakes, Jonathon Walker puts the 3200 meter relay in the hands of Jeremiah Sewell.



# spirit squad MHS

At the Homecoming game, Jenny Moody, Tracy Oberbeck, Leslie Lynch, Beverly Pratt, KaTrina Bailey, Janisha Bennett and Mandy Goss are going through one of the ripples in the complicated routine.



Spirit/pom pon squad. Front - Tracy Oberbeck, Mandy Goss, KaTrina Bailey; middle - Beverly Pratt, Christa Choate, Jenny Moody; back - Leslie Lynch, Kim Joseph, Bridget Keys, Serena Baugh.





Jenny Moody, Christa Choate and Kim Joseph use sharp movements to go into a pom pon pass at Homecoming.

Smiling for the audience, Kim Joseph, Leslie Lynch and Mandy Goss have a little fun with the pep rally crowd on the day of Homecoming.

## MHS Sweethearts work to get routines near perfect

Practice makes perfect, or at least that's the philosophy the spirit and MHS Sweethearts pom pon squad followed.

In years past, the squad had practiced three days a week from 7 a.m. until 8:15. This year, the group moved practices to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30. If there was a game on one of those nights, practice was at 7 a.m. All the squad members had to attend every practice, and had to be on time.

"I liked the longer practices better because we got more done and I didn't have to get up early in the morning," sophomore Mandy Goss said.

Jenny Moody, a junior, also liked the change in the group's routine.

"The practices were longer, but I still liked them better in the afternoon," she said. "The practices were fun when we wanted them to be, but then I love to dance. Besides, I think having longer practices helped us look really good, because each routine had to be perfect before we moved on."

Sponsors Kathy Barnett and Shawnda Bradshaw had high expectations for the squad members.

"I think we needed the practice, but sometimes they expected too much from us, like expecting us to know a dance after we saw it once," Tracy Oberbeck said. "But I'll have to agree that our routines looked much better because we practiced harder and longer."



Janisha Bennett, Kim Joseph, Leslie Lynch, Jenny Moody, and KaTrina Bailey all strike a pose in the middle of the Homecoming routine.



"Come On Ride That Train" is part of the music for a lively pom pon routine. Kim Joseph, Jenny Moody, and Leslie Lynch are in front.



Swinging and swaying, Sarena Baugh and the rest of the MHS Sweethearts entertain the crowd at a home ballgame.

Big smiles and sharp moves are what pom pon members serve up to the crowd attending the basketball pep rally. The girls learned the routine at summer camp.



# Pep Club M H S

*Lee Barber, Emily Moody, and Lauren Miller try a pep rally game with teamwork.*

*Mock Homecoming Queen candidate Jason Davis goes for laughs, with Bridget Keys, Brandon Lansdown, Janisha Bennett, Adam Grubbs, KaTrina Bailey, Steven Welch, Mandy Goss, Jarod Coday, Christa Choate, and Eric Grubbs.*



**Pep Club.** Front - Wilda Watterson (adviser), Eric Grubbs (vice president), Nick Brooke (president); Row two - Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph, Leslie Lynch, Christa Choate, Wendy Matlock, Jill Blaine, Amanda Stacy, Liz Roth, Stephanie Day; Row three - Lisa Hodges, Jennifer Wright, Allison Arnall, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun, Jenny Moody, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Rachel Barber; Row four - Regina Roy, Adam Grubbs, Gary Slate, Jeremy Corder, Lee Barber, Grant Williams, Chris Flageolle, Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Brian Jones; Row five - Joey Rhodes, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, Jessica Coonce, Michelle Napier, Dustin Clark, Dusty Walker, Zach Whorton, Bridget Keys, Rachelle Roy; Row six - Destiny Millard, Scott Jackson, Byron Clark, Matt Byerlee, Doug Tripp, Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Donna Young, Kinder Pollock, Radonda Davis; Row seven - Julie Lynch, Sarena Baugh, Beverly Pratt, Jay Keeling, Austin Corder, Rick Weaver, Jessica Roth, Serina VanNess, Janisha Bennett; Back - Curtis Stuart, Travis Furr, Jason Brooke, Brandon Lansdown, Zach Miller, B. J. Batten, Craig Letsinger, KaTrina Bailey.





## Wet sponge gives freshman a soggy pep rally surprise

A

cool, soggy surprise was around the corner for one freshman boy at the Homecoming pep rally.

Coach John Hinsley got Dustin Clark out of the crowd to play a mimicking "mirror image" game. The two started off seated in chairs, doing arm motions, then later progressed to standing and turning motions.

"The point of the game, I thought, was just for me to successfully mimick everything Coach did," Clark said. "Kind of like we were in a mirror."

As the game went on for several minutes, the suspense grew and the audience knew something was going to happen.

"I could just tell that something was going to happen to Dustin," freshman Janisha Bennett said. "I could tell by the look on Coach's face. I could see it in his eyes."

While the two players were standing in front of their chairs, pom pon member Christa Choate placed a cold, soaking sponge in Clark's seat.

"I sat right down on it as hard as I could, never expecting a thing," Clark said. "When I stood up, I looked like I wet my pants, and everyone was laughing at me."

While he may not have enjoyed the game, his friends did.

"I was laughing so hard my side ached," junior Melvin Thompson said. "You could tell by the look on Dustin's face that he was really embarrassed, even though he tried to act cool. The whole thing was hilarious."

*Wanting to be the loudest at the Homecoming pep rally, the juniors crank up the volume. Allison Arnall and Ashley Blankenship hold the class sign.*



*Using a creative way to spell L-I-O-N-S, boys' basketball players sprawl on the floor as the spirit squad cheers them on and the crowd yells approval.*

*Mirror images, John Hinsley and Dustin Clark play a mimicking game at the Homecoming pep rally. Clark was tricked and ended up sitting on a wet sponge for all his hard work.*

*Showing senior spirit, class members yell at the Homecoming pep rally. Front, Emily Moody, Wendy Matlock, Regina Roy; middle - Liz Machado, Kim Jones, Amanda Stacy, Stephanie Day; back - Christina McDermitt, Steve Cannon, Bill Chilson, LaDonna Liles, Jennifer Wright.*



# Sporting Chance at MHS

## S P O R T S S T A T S

- The flag football team was made up of Trish Freeman, Joe Bockelman, Jason Brazeal, Jason Coffman, Steven Collins, Carl Ramsey, Rocky Arnold, and Glen Ramsey. The team practiced several days a week and played a game each Friday.

- In a 36-0 defeat of a Springfield football team, Jason Brazeal, Trish Freeman, and Steven Collins all scored touchdowns.

- In the same game, Rocky Arnold, Glenn Ramsey, and Carl Ramsey had a total of seven tackles.

- The varsity basketball team was

made up of LaDonna Liles, Trish Freeman, Joey Long, Joe Bockelman, Roy Liles, and Steven Collins.

- In a 42-23 defeat of Fordland, Joe Bockelman scored 14 points.

- In a 40-33 defeat of Excel, a team from Springfield, Bockelman scored 17 points.

- Roy Liles scored 17 points and 14 points to lead his team to victory in two games.

- A Sporting Chance chose to honor former high school principal Jerry Armstrong with a plaque at a basketball game for his support in get-

ting the organization recognized and supported at MHS.

- The varsity team beat Sertoma 53-42 and West Plains 58-54 to win first in the state tournament.

- Joe Bockelman scored 58 points and Roy Liles scored 31 points in the two games combined.

- Joey Long had 11 rebounds in the Sertoma game.

- In both games, Roy Liles shot 80 percent from the free throw line, and he had 4 steals for his team.

- In the West Plains game, Joe Bockelman had 16 rebounds.

- The team also participated in track.



**A Sporting Chance Team:** Front - Rocky Arnold, Lacy Riggs, Randy Liles, Kevin Liles, Joanie Stuteville, Christina Odle; back - Coach Stephaney Menzie, Chris Kerns, LaDonna Liles, Ricky Dugger, Joey Long, Georgianne Brown, Joe Bockelman, Steven Collins, Roy Liles, Trish Freeman.



Glen Ramsey, Jason Brazeal, Steven Collins and Trish Freeman play a flag football game at Ewing Park in Springfield.

Medals are awarded to Erickia Cook, LaDonna Liles, Trish Freeman, and Mary Heidelberg after they finish second bowling in Springfield.





## Team wins first place in Sporting Chance tournament

Medals and trophies were a big part of the year for the A Sporting Chance organization.

A Sporting Chance was in its fourth year at MHS.

"Sporting Chance is designed to help teens with any disability be able to participate in sports," said Stephaney Menzie, who coached the team along with Georgianne Brown.

In March, the team pulled off its biggest accomplishment of the year, winning first place in its division of the Sporting Chance State Basketball Tournament, which had 79 teams playing in 10 divisions.

To win the tournament, the team beat Sertoma 53-42 and West Plains 58-54. Joe Bockelman, a sophomore, scored 58 points in the two games combined.

"I liked playing on the basketball team for Sporting Chance," he said. "It gives us a chance to meet with new people from different schools."

Junior Trish Freeman was a member of the basketball team.

"I liked playing on the team for Sporting Chance because it gives me a chance to support my school," she said. "I feel proud to represent Mansfield."

Earlier in the year, the organization had bowling tournaments and played flag football.

Bockelman completed 45 of 60 passes in the first football game.

"It was exciting to know that by completing so many passes I was able to help my team capture a victory," he said.

LaDonna Liles is honored by coaches Georgianne Brown and Stephaney Menzie. Below, Brown, Joe Bockelman, and Trish Freeman present an appreciation plaque to former principal Jerry Armstrong.



Steven Collins finishes first in the long jump event in an A Sporting Chance track meet at Branson.



The Sporting Chance varsity basketball team proudly displays medals won at the state basketball tournament. Front, Steven Collins, LaDonna Liles, Trish Freeman; back, Chris Kerns, Joey Long, Joe Bockelman, Roy Liles, Coach Georgianne Brown.





# Basketball at MMS

## GIRLS - RECORD 12-1

MMS	Town	OPP	MMS	Town	OPP
Middle School Girls "A" Squad (12-1 Record)			44	Hartville	31
38	Fordland	20	42	Gainesville	37
44	Niangua	23	33	Hartville	36
47	Seymour	28	Middle School Girls "B" Squad (2-5 Record)		
49	Plato	34	6	Fordland	47
45	Norwood	21	23	Seymour	34
48	Hartville	44	27	Hartville	26
35	Conway	30	19	Gainesville	42
44	Gainesville	23	21	Norwood	8
32	Norwood	14	18	Seymour	38
33	Seymour	17			

## 8TH BOYS - 4-8

MMS	Town	OPP	MMS	Town	OPP
20	Fordland	58	30	Fordland	29
50	Niangua	31	35	Seymour	29
40	Seymour	48	20	Hartville	41
42	Skyline	67	28	Conway	42
22	Hartville	41	19	Gainesville	38
35	Conway	45	14	Norwood	4
44	Gainesville	40	20	Hartville	48
17	Norwood	44			
25	Hartville	30			

## 7TH BOYS - 3-4

MMS	Town	OPP
30	Fordland	29
35	Seymour	29
20	Hartville	41
28	Conway	42
19	Gainesville	38
14	Norwood	4
20	Hartville	48



**Middle School Girls' Basketball Team.** Front - Kristen Jones, Lindsey Dunbar, Amanda Lansdown, Laura Furr, Lora Thompson, Tara Allen; back - Coach Tonia Songer, Rachel Giddens, Lindsey Hannaford, Erica Spyres, Jennifer Flood, Ashley Hicks, Carrie Jarrett, Assistant Coach Marcella Davenport.

**Grade Eight Boys' Basketball Team.** Front - Coach Chris Jackson, Josh Street, Clark Choate, Josh Clever, Rodney Bell, Assistant Coach John Hinsley; back - Garrett Norrell, Matt Shevchuk, Joe Farris, Dustin Coday, Chad Keith, Justin Crain.



**Grade Seven Boys' Basketball Team.** Front - Coach John Hinsley, Michael Woody, Eric McQuigg, Josh Bennett, Jake Bennett; back - Jeff Moore, Austin Steffe, Michael Scofield, Jacob Magnin, Tim Harness.



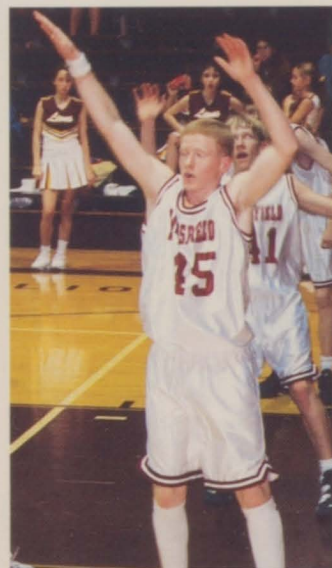


Matt Shevchuk goes over the opposing Norwood players and his teammates to try to grab a rebound in a 45-17 loss for the eighth grade MMS boys.

MMS Cheerleaders. Clockwise from bottom left, Tiffany Coonce, Brooke Hurst, Stephanie Blevins, Lacie Vaverka, Sarah Edmonds.



Jennifer Flood receives a pass from Erica Spyres, and goes for the basket in a 42-37 victory over Gainesville in the conference tournament at Hartville. MMS won second in the meet.



Lindsay Hannaford takes a deep breath as she toes the line in a 42-37 win over Gainesville. Laura Furr, #10, is ready to rebound.



The MMS girls win second in the conference tournament. Front - Kristen Jones, Lindsey Dunbar, Amanda Lansdown, Laura Furr, Lora Thompson, Tara Allen; back - Coach Tonia Songer, Rachel Giddens, Lindsay Hannaford, Erica Spyres, Jennifer Flood, Ashley Hicks, Carrie Jarrett, Assistant Coach Marcella Davenport.

Throwing his hands in the face of his opponent, Jake Bennett play defense in a home game for the seventh grade.

## Girls' team undefeated until last game of season

Speed and agility were just a few of the many talents of the middle school girls' basketball team.

The girls started the season out with a 38-20 victory over the Fordland Eagles, and began a winning streak that would last for 12 consecutive games. This wasn't a surprise to their coach

"I expected the girls to be successful because they worked hard, have great athletic ability and they always tried to improve themselves," Coach Tonia Songer said.

The team was seeded first in the Norwood Tournament and it was no surprise, but still a thrill when they ended up taking home the first place trophy.

"I was really excited when we won the Norwood tournament because it was the first tournament of the year and our team is the only team in the history of Mansfield to come home with the first place trophy," eighth grader Ashley Hicks said.

The players said they owed their success to a couple of factors.

"We were successful because we have been playing together for a long time and no one tried to take all the shots or think they were better than anybody else," eighth grader Lindsay Hannaford said. "We shared the glory and the upsets equally."

The girls' only defeat came in the championship game of the Summit Conference Tournament, when Hartville beat them 36-33.

The eighth grade boys' team ended the season with a 4-8 record, and the seventh grade boys' record was 3-4.





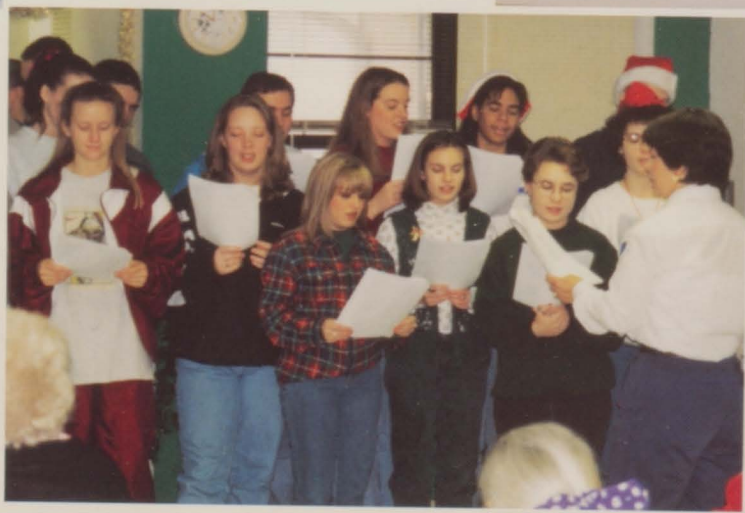
• **USING AN EYEDROPPER** to measure out exactly how much she will feed her tadpoles, Emily Moody works on her year-long science project. Moody was enrolled in the school's first dual enrollment college credit class, which was advanced chemistry.



• **DESIGNING PAGES FOR** the first time in journalism, new publications staff member Tessa Miller makes adjustments to her page while Melvin Thompson offers advice. Staff members spent several days learning the ins and outs of Quark XPress software.



• **PARTICIPATING IN A** taste test to calculate the statistics of mean, median and mode in Shawnda Bradshaw's pre-algebra class, Byron Clark waits for Dustin Nichols to fill his cup with soda. Scott Jackson and Matt Byerlee are in the background.



• **BRINGING IN CHRISTMAS** cheer to the residents of the Mansfield Nursing Home, Foreign Language Club members, directed by adviser Vicki Blankenship, sing a holiday tune in French.

• **BRANDON EDMONDS TRIES** to pay attention in English II and tend to Baby Think It Over doll at the same time. Caring for the computerized "baby" was a parenting class assignment, and a first for the school's family and consumer sciences department.







# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING IN SCHOOL LIFE

*Academics and school clubs tend to offer the same lessons and activities year after year, but 1997 was an exception to that rule. From offering some students a glimpse of the responsibilities of parenthood with Baby Think It Over to offering other students a glimpse of college classes through a dual credit chemistry course, the year had much that was new and different. Clubs had the "new" bug as well, and plenty of first-time activities shaped the year.*



• STEPHANIE DAY IS free to laugh while Jamie Stepro completes an event during Greenhand Initiation day. The initiation is the traditional way to welcome all first-time FFA members into the club. Stepro thought she was going to kiss the FFA manual, but a plate of shaving creme was substituted at the last minute.



# DISSECTING

It may be smelly and gross, yes; but boring, never

Whether the subject was dissecting worms or cats, sheep hearts or the reproductive system of a female pig, Biology II students left class every day with plenty of gross and disgusting stories to tell.

Some of the stories which came out of the class were even a little hair-raising.

"Kassy Calhoun was cutting fat off of a sheep heart and she wiped her hair out of her face and got a huge chunk of fat in her hair," junior NaTasha Bailey said. "She started screaming and jumping around until it finally fell out of her hair. It was so gross."

Students learned that with dissecting, one disaster can lead to another.

"In Biology II we were all looking at the female reproductive system of a pig," junior Tessa Miller said. "One part had tiny little blisters on it and Jeremy Brooke asked if he could pop one. When it popped, the juice hit me in the face and I jumped back and fell on the floor. When I was falling, my gum fell out of my screaming mouth and landed in my hair."

One of the quickest lessons

biology students learned was that dissecting is definitely not a clean activity.

"I was cutting a cow heart and a huge blood clot came out of the hole," junior Adam Grubbs said. "I was curious and wondered what would happen if I cut it in half, so I did. It squirted in my eye and got all over my favorite V-neck."

At the end of the school year, Pam Probert's students were ready for their biggest dissecting project -- cats.

"The grossest thing about our cat was that it was so fat," junior Jessica Copeland said. "You had to cut off big chunks of fat everywhere you went in order to see the body parts you were supposed to see."

Like many students, Bailey had mixed feelings about the whole process.

"I love the idea of dissecting," she said. "I want to see all the stuff inside, but then I get so disgusted at everything that I won't touch anything and the smell makes me sick. Sometimes I got so sick that I would have to walk away and get some fresh air, but I always came back ready to try again."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note of these science students

### • SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR

**Division Trophies:** Allison Arnall, physics; Kassy Calhoun, botany; Tessa Miller, earth science; Jenny Moody, behavioral; Courtney Short, math and computers; **Blue Ribbons:** Julie Brenner, zoology; Eric Carampitan, microbiology; Christa Choate, physics; Stephanie Day, chemistry; Brandon Edmonds, chemistry; Mandy Goss, botany; Kim Joseph, behavioral; Brandon Lansdown, microbiology; Leslie Lynch, botany; Lauren Miller, microbiology; Emily Moody, zoology; Regina Roy, botany; Jamie Stepro, microbiology; **Red Ribbons:** Danny Brito, math and computers; Travis Furr, physics

### • SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

**Grand Prize:** Stephanie Day, environmental science; **Second Grand Prize:** Kim Joseph, zoology; **First Place:** Kassy Calhoun, microbiology; Mandy Goss, earth and space; Jenny Moody, behavioral; **Second:** Christa Choate, engineering; Tessa Miller, earth and space; **Third:** Allison Arnall, engineering; Danny Brito, computer science; Emily Moody, gerontology; **Special Awards:** Christa Choate, Mandy Goss

### • DISTRICT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

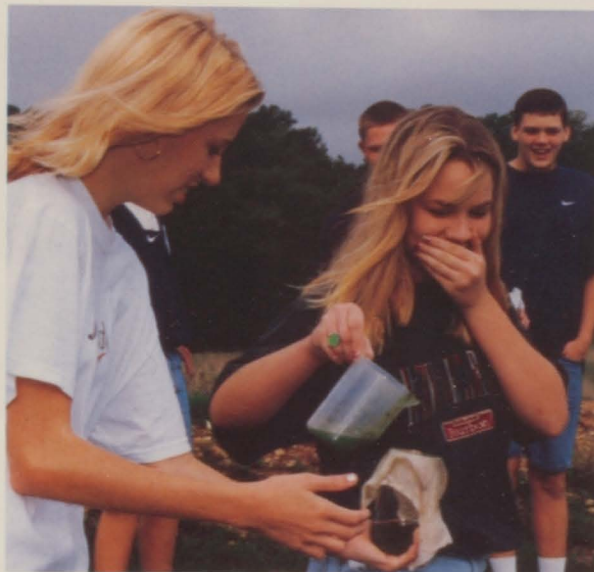
**First:** Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Write It Do It; Adam Grubbs, Melvin Thompson, Naked Egg Drop; Scott Corder, Gary Slate, Mission Possible; **Third:** Christa Choate, Stephanie Day, Experimental Design

### • DISTRICT JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

**Purple Ribbons:** Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph

### • STATE JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

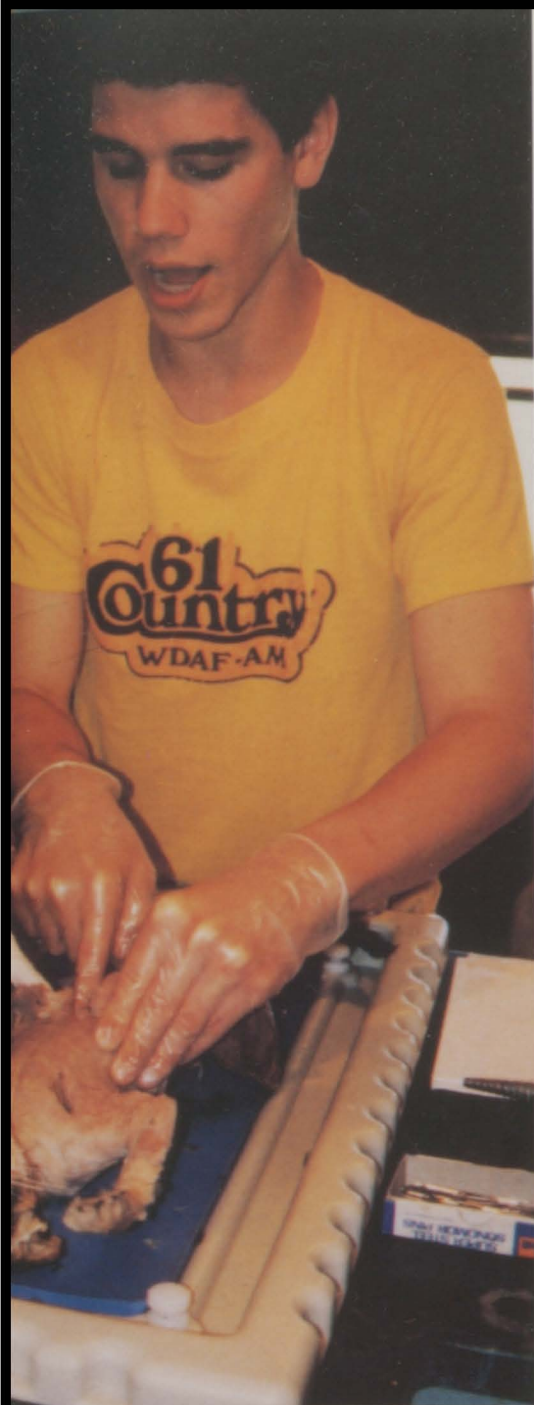
**Purple Ribbon:** Stephanie Day; **Blue Ribbon:** Kim Joseph.



WHILE RUSSELL HEDRICK laughs at their squeamishness, Kinder Pollock and Donna Young collect pond water from ag teacher Stan Coday's farm on a Biology I trip to collect daphnia. Once back at school, the students analyzed what they had gathered.



WITH THE HELP of partners Aimee Williams and NaTasha Bailey, Adam Grubbs dissects the digestive tract of a cat.



AT AN AREA pond, Brian Jones helps Chad Keeling and Bill Heidelberg strain daphnia they have gathered on a Biology I field trip.



GETTING SANTA TO the top of the chimney, with help from a toy car, is the point of Liz Roth and Lee Barber's energy project in physics class. The class relied heavily on hands-on projects.



CHRIS FLAGEOLLE PROVIDES a steady base for a kinetic energy lab in physics, taught by Pam Probert.

## SCIENCE CLUB



Time for Activities: Science Olympiad, at SMSU in Springfield, gave students a chance to show off scientific knowledge and have fun at the same time.

Science Club. Front - Jason Brooke, Tessa Miller, Kim Joseph (president), Lauren Miller (secretary), Emily Moody (vice president), Eric Grubbs (treasurer), Pam Probert (adviser); Row two - Jeremy Corder, Nick Brooke, Christa Choate, Regina Roy, Wendy Matlock, Jill Blaine, NaTasha Bailey, Bridget Keys, Stephanie Day, Amanda Stacy; Row three - Donna Young, Kinder Pollock, Radonda Davis, Rachelle Roy, Kati Williams, Leslie Lynch, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray, Britten Medley; Row four - Jennifer Wright, Mandy Goss, Chris Flageolle, Lee Barber, Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short, Jenny Moody, Kassy Calhoun, Julie Brenner, Aimee Williams; Row five - Lori Hodges, Jason Eagleston, Bill Heidelberg, Danny Brito, Chad Keeling, Eric Carampatan, Jeromy Brooke; Back - Brandon Edmonds, Curt Stuart, Travis Furr, Gary Slate, Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Brandon Lansdown, Adam Grubbs.



BIOLOGY II STUDENTS NaTasha Bailey, Kati Williams, Jeromy Brooke and Kassy Calhoun watch as student teacher Doug Baker points out the parts of a sheep's eye.



# CALCULATING

Applied math students take problems to the real world

Ordinary boring math problems that seem impossible to compute can actually become a fun challenge, when the class takes the problems to the real world.

The applied math classes taught by Shawnda Bradshaw have proven this fact to be true with a variety of projects that have ranged from measuring different angles on the school lawn to conducting a soda pop taste test to making popcorn in hot air poppers.

Students liked the active approach to math.

"I feel that this has made math more enjoyable and also much easier to learn," freshman Thomas Milford said.

Here are just a few of the activities the applied math class tried during the year.

- Washed windows to calculate a contract labor problem to see if they should be paid by hour or salary, and how long the job would actually take them.
- Measured the length of guywires on the school campus using trigonometric ratios.
- Conducted a "coke" taste test, which required statistics to calculate

the variability of the results.

- Compared brands of popcorn by popping popcorn to see if all of it would pop.

- Calculated the slope of the sidewalk and the stairs in the high school.

These were just some of the activities experienced by the students, who seemed to have "applied" their math work to everyday life.

"Almost every day we used a different way of finding mathematical equations," sophomore Shannon Wallin said. "I think every teacher should use a similar way of teaching because coming from experience I can say that this is the most I have ever learned in any class that I have taken in high school."

Bradshaw has seen that the students seem more alert and willing to participate in all activities in her class.

"Applied math is a creative, innovative way to attract and keep the students' attention and use math to solve realistic, everyday life skills," she said. "The kids really enjoy it and it's a break from the traditional teaching tool, the chalkboard."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note of these math students

### • CONFERENCE MATH CONTEST

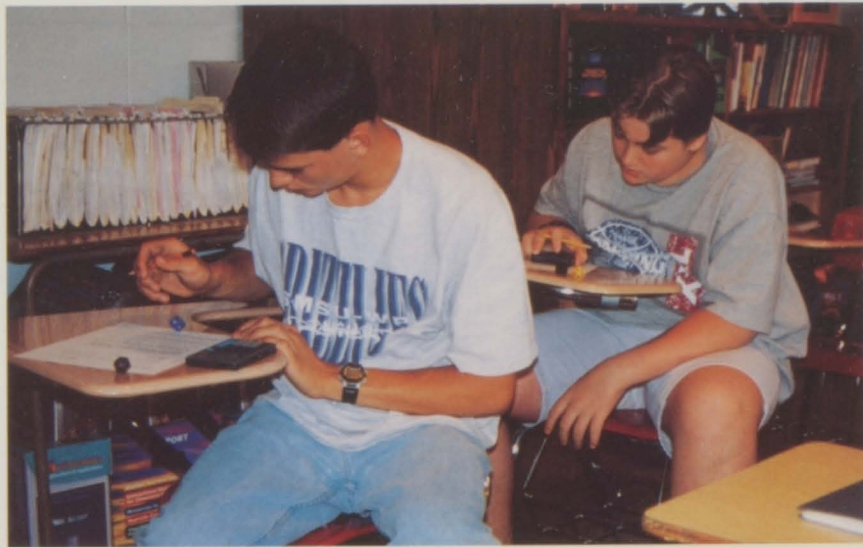
**Second Place Team:** Matt Byerlee, Kandy Kabage, Kelly Turner, pre-algebra; **Third Place Team:** Julie Brenner, Chris Flageolle, Mandy Goss, geometry; **Gold Medal:** Stephanie Day, trigonometry; **Silver Medal:** Kelly Turner, pre-algebra; **Bronze Medals:** Austin Miller, Algebra I; Marlene Sewell, Algebra II

STEVEN COLLINS WATCHES as Thomas Milford demonstrates how popcorn varies in popping according to the brand used. This was a project in Shawnda Bradshaw's applied math class.



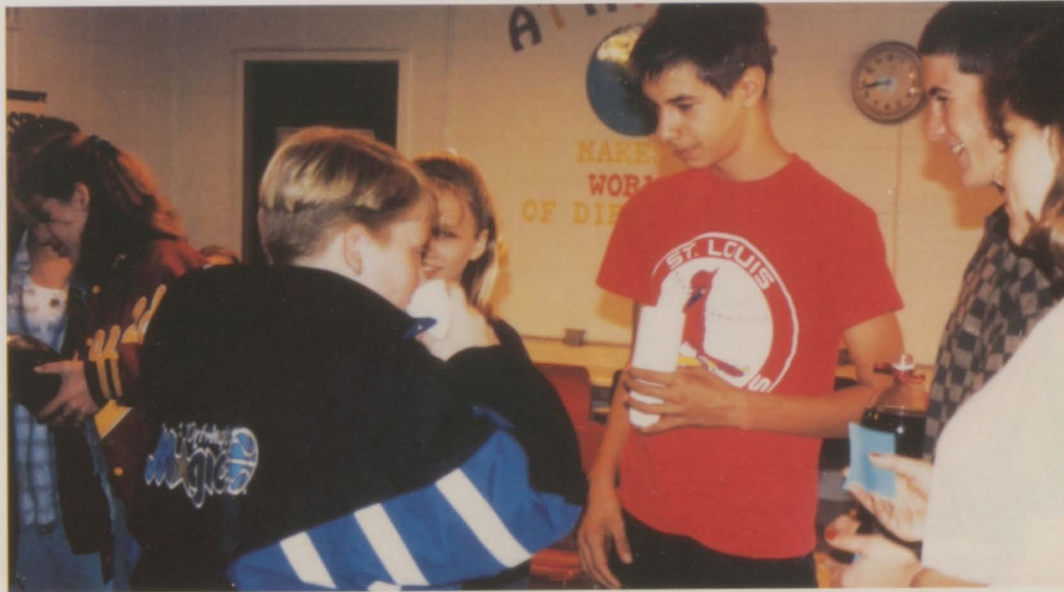


DOUG HILL AND Luke Anderson work with angles on a "geoboard" during geometry class.



USING DICE AND calculators, Jonathon Walker and Josh Campie work on a probability problem in their applied math class.

BYRON CLARK TESTS various flavors of pop for an applied math project, while B.J. Batten, Dustin Clark, and Cassondra Harris watch.



## MATH CLUB



Math Club. Front - Shawnda Bradshaw (adviser), Rachelle Roy (representative), Courtney Short (representative), Stephanie Day (secretary), Emily Moody (vice president), Kim Joseph (president), Christa Choate (treasurer), Susan Gressman (adviser); Row two - Emily Bray, Kassy Calhoun, Tessa Miller, Ashley Blankenship, Regina Roy, Travis Furr, Adam Grubbs, Bridget Keys, Rachel Barber; Back - Mandy Goss, Chris Flageolle, Lee Barber, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Jessica Copeland, Eric Carampatan, Julie Brenner, Kathy Winsor.

Time for Activities: Math Club students hosted an elementary math contest which drew over 200 students from area schools.

SHAWNDA BRADSHAW HELPS applied math students Nathan Hanger, Joe Bockelman, Jason Brazeal, and Crystal Steffe calculate angles on the lawn of the school.



# WRITING

## Concentrating on this skill pays off for students

Four huge trophies in one of the English classrooms tell the story.

For the fourth year in a row, MHS students won the College of the Ozarks Writing Contest sweepstakes, and 15 MHS writers claimed 17 of the 39 available individual trophies presented.

The MHS winners were invited to awards day ceremonies at the college. As part of the program the students were given the chance to read their own entries aloud to the rest of the group.

"I finally got up enough nerve to read my personal narrative 'The Fire' and it was really neat how everyone respected me enough to stay quiet while I read almost four whole pages," freshman Jeremiah Sewell said.

From there, students attended an awards luncheon to find out whether they had won first, second, or third place trophies.

"I'm glad that C of O isn't cheap," junior Eric Carampatan said. "I liked getting trophies instead of just a cheaply-made piece of paper for a quick certificate."

Junior Allison Arnall won first place in the journalism feature story

category for her piece on an elementary teacher who has breast cancer.

"Writing my feature story on Mrs. (Cindy) Martin was really sad," she said. "All the time I was writing, I was afraid I would make her feel uncomfortable."

Junior Tessa Miller won second place in the same category.

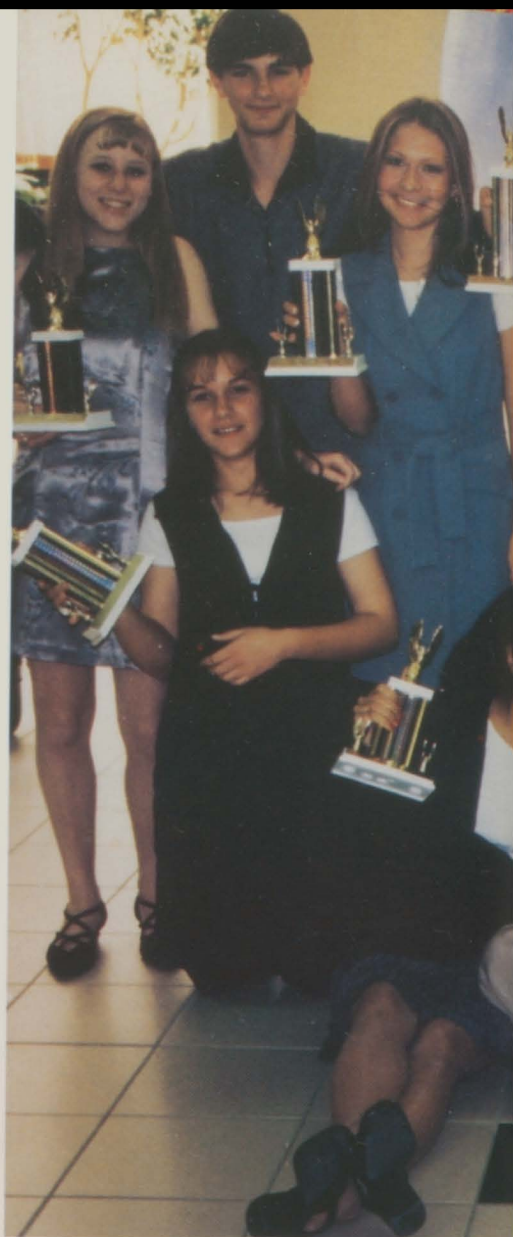
"I was surprised because it was the first story I wrote for the school newspaper," she said. "It was hard to write because I had to compare two surgeries that were very similar and try to make the story interesting."

Bridget Keys was one of many who were totally surprised at the luncheon.

"I was so excited to have won and I really enjoyed getting a trophy even for third place," she said.

The day, overall, was proof of excellence for everyone.

"When our students walk away with 17 of the 39 trophies, almost half, and the other 22 trophies are divided up among eight or nine other schools," said English and journalism teacher Debbie Sanders, "it is a tangible, visible sign that our writing program is outstanding."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note  
of these  
English  
students

### • COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS WRITING CONTEST

**First:** Allison Arnall, 11/12 news writing; Allison Arnall, 11/12 feature writing; Craig Letsinger, 9/10 news writing; Jeremiah Sewell, 9/10 personal narrative essay; Amanda Stacy, 11/12 poetry; **Second:** Stephanie Day, 11/12 news writing; Kandy Kabage 9/10 feature writing; Tessa Miller, 11/12 feature writing; Kristina Shropshire, 9/10 feature writing; Eric Carampatan, 11/12 personal narrative essay; Tia Pharris, 9/10 persuasive essay; Amanda Stacy, 11/12 short story; **Third:** Sarena Baugh, 9/10 feature writing; Kim Joseph, 11/12 feature writing; Bridget Keys, 9/10 news writing; Brandon Lansdown, 9/10 poetry; Emily Moody, 11/12 short story

### • CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST

**Second Place Overall and Blue Ribbons:** Lauren Miller, vocabulary; Tessa Miller, spelling (tie); Zach Miller, spelling (tie); Emily Moody, composition; **Red Ribbons:** Eric Carampatan, vocabulary; Eric Grubbs, spelling; Britten Medley, spelling; **White Ribbons:** Janisha Bennett, composition; Ashley Blankenship, composition; Mandy Goss, grammar; Austin Miller, grammar; Jamie Stepro, vocabulary; Aimee Williams, grammar; **Yellow Ribbons:** Bridget Keys, composition; Courtney Short, grammar

### • THE WRITE CHOICE CONTEST

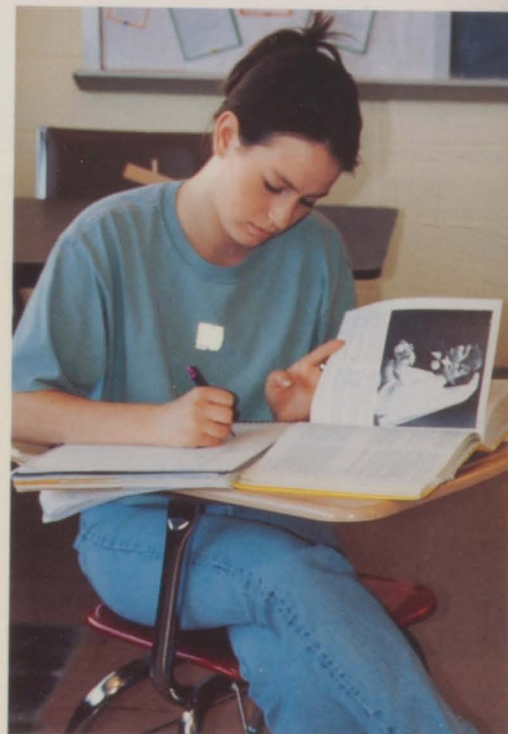
**First:** Sarena Baugh, journalism feature story; Mike Spyres, persuasive essay

### • CONFERENCE LANGUAGE ARTS FAIR

**First:** Allison Arnall, 11/12 persuasive essay; Rachel Hull, 9/10 short story; Destiny Millard, 9/10 persuasive; Tracy Oberbeck, 9/10 literary analysis; Amanda Stacy, 11/12 short story; **Second:** Travis Furr, 9/10 short story; Brandon Lansdown, 9/10 poetry; Destiny Millard, 9/10 literary analysis; Jamie Stepro, 9/10 persuasive essay; **Third:** Eric Carampatan, 11/12 personal experience narrative; Stephanie Day, 11/12 short story; Brandon Edmonds, 9/10 literary analysis; Tia Pharris, 9/10 persuasive essay



IN HONOR OF Shakespeare's birthday, English II students Jamie Stepro, Michelle Napier, Brandon Edmonds, and Jason Brooke eat pizza as part of "Caesar's celebration."



DURING HER SEVENTH period English III class, junior Jessica Copeland answers questions about the play "Our Town."



WINNERS AT THE College of the Ozarks Writing Contest show off 17 individual trophies and the sweepstakes trophy. Front - Kandy Kabage, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Stephanie Day; back - Sarena Baugh, Jeremiah Sewell, Kristina Shropshire, Tessa Miller, Eric Carampatan, Allison Arnall, Bridget Keys, Brandon Lansdown, Tia Pharris.



DUSTIN MCCLEARY, STEPHANIE STRUNK, and Destiny Millard work at the computers on an English I assignment.

FRENCH II AND Spanish I students in Foreign Language Club entertain residents of the Mansfield Nursing Home with Christmas carols in different languages.



## FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB



Foreign Language Club. Front - Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Ashley Blankenship (secretary-treasurer), Courtney Short (vice president), Kim Joseph (president); Row two - Larry Lansdown, Lee Barber, Stephanie Day, Christa Choate, Regina Roy, Lisa Hodges, Jennifer Wright; Row three - Joe Knight, Kassy Calhoun, Tessa Miller, NaTasha Bailey, Emily Bray, Julie Brenner; Back - Gary Slate, Brandon Lansdown, Travis Furr, Adam Grubbs, Chris Flageolle, Eric Carampatan. Not shown, adviser Wilda Watterson.

Time for Activities: Foreign Language Club members visited the local nursing home and sang carols for the residents.

WHILE REGINA ROY waits patiently for her paper to emerge from the laser printer, Grant Williams is at the computer, trying to finish a critical analysis paper over a novel for his English IV class.



# PRODUCING

## Staff members find deadlines their worst enemies

How do you spell frustration?  
D-E-A-D-L-I-N-E-S.

For newspaper and yearbook staff members who work to keep the All-American tradition alive at MHS, deadlines are the most deadly part of the journalism process.

Staff members find themselves searching for that perfect source, then actually pulling a great quote out of the source, then finally fighting with fellow reporters for a computer.

"There's so much to do there's not hardly enough time, especially when you need a quote and nobody will give you any good ones," junior Allison Arnall said.

Sometimes, staff members feel like they are searching for Waldo.

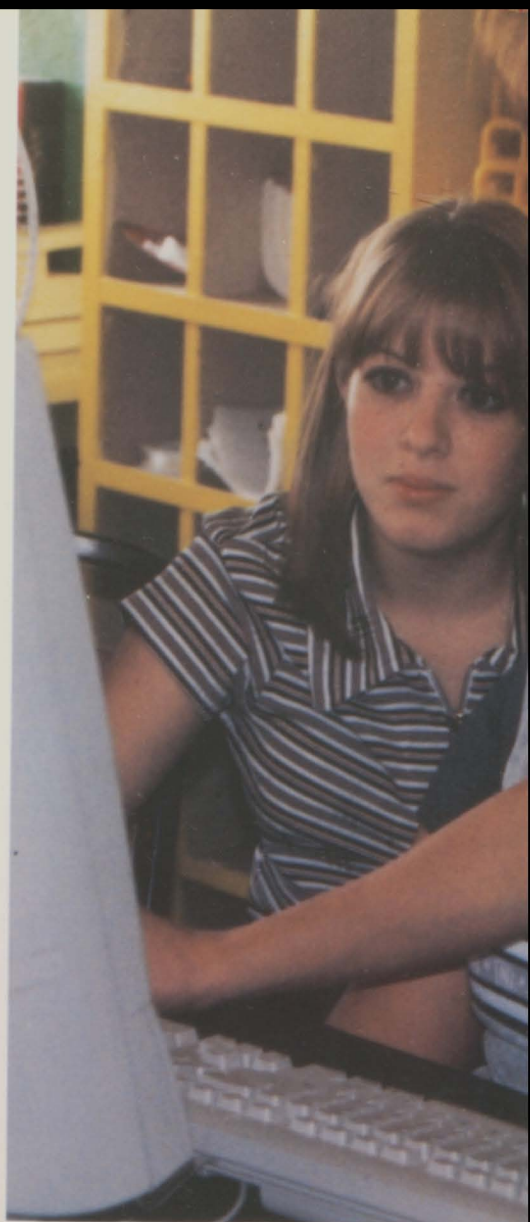
"When the people you need to talk to seem to never be around, and

you have to talk to this specific person to get your story done, it can drive you crazy," junior Kassy Calhoun said.

When a deadline is announced and it's three to four weeks away, staff members often are lulled into thinking they have all the time in the world.

Then the wake-up call arrives.

"There is never enough time to finish all two hundred things I need to do, and even if I get my story done there are never enough computers to use," junior Jessica Copeland said. "Everyone loses their good mood when it's deadline day and we need to finish our stories. If you get up from in front of the computer, you don't expect your seat to be empty when you come back."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note  
of these  
journalism  
students

• **MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE NEWSPAPER CONTEST**  
**Show Me Awards:** Allison Arnall, feature story; Kassy Calhoun, news story, multicultural; Kim Joseph, front page design; Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Jessica Copeland, in-depth reporting; **Superior Awards:** Allison Arnall, news story; Stephanie Day, news story; Stephanie Day, center spread design; Chris Flageolle, feature story; Adam Grubbs, feature story; Tessa Miller, feature story, multicultural; Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Eric Carampatan, Stephanie Day, Kim Joseph, Emily Moody, Amanda Stacy, Aimee Williams, in-depth reporting

• **MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE YEARBOOK CONTEST**  
**Show Me Awards:** Allison Arnall, reporting; Jenny Moody, layout design; Kati Williams, reporting; Kati Williams, portrait page design; **Superior Awards:** NaTasha Bailey, reporting; NaTasha Bailey, layout design; Emily Moody, Aimee Williams, theme design; Kim Joseph, reporting; Amanda Stacy, theme copy; Melvin Thompson, non-traditional copy

### • QUILL AND SCROLL INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK CONTEST

**Sweepstakes/Gold Key:** Kim Joseph, sports spread; Amanda Stacy, academics spread; **Gold Key:** Sara Moody, theme design; Kim Joseph, people spread; Emily Moody, sports spread

### • QUILL AND SCROLL INTERNATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

**Gold Key:** NaTasha Bailey, news story; Adam Grubbs, sports story

### • MISSOURI PRESS WOMEN STATE CONTEST

**Third:** Tessa Miller, news story

### • OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS REGIONAL CONTEST

**First:** Allison Arnall, feature story, academic copy; Ashley Blankenship, people copy; Jeffrey Brooke, sports copy; Chris Flageolle, advertisement; Adam Grubbs, sports feature story; Tessa Miller, student life copy; Jenny Moody, sports layout; Melvin Thompson, quick-read copy; Aimee Williams, sports story; **Second:** Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Kassy Calhoun, Jessica Copeland, in-depth reporting; NaTasha Bailey, student life layout; Emily Bray, club layout; Adam Grubbs, sports copy; Tessa Miller, people copy; Jenny Moody, academics layout; Amanda Stacy, theme copy; Kati Williams, student life copy; **Third:** Lydia Chilson, advertisement; Stephanie Day, Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, Aimee Williams, Amanda Stacy, Eric Carampatan, Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, in-depth reporting; Stephanie Day, student life copy; Kim Joseph, clubs copy; Emily Moody, Aimee Williams, theme design; Kati Williams, people layout; **HM:** NaTasha Bailey, clubs copy; Stephanie Day, news story

### • OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS REGIONAL WRITE-OFF

**First:** Jessica Copeland, layout design; Kim Joseph, academics copy; Aimee Williams, sports copy; **Second:** Stephanie Day, news feature writing; Amanda Stacy, poetry; **Third:** Allison Arnall, theme layout design; Kati Williams, layout design; **HM:** NaTasha Bailey, club copy; Ashley Blankenship, student life copy; Emily Bray, cover design; Emily Moody, cover design; Jenny Moody, theme layout

### • SMSU REGIONAL JOURNALISM CONTEST

**First Place, General Excellence:** Lions Gazette; **First:** Allison Arnall, feature story; NaTasha Bailey, news story; Aimee Williams, sports news story; **Second:** Adam Grubbs, sports feature; **HM:** Jessica Copeland, news story; Stephanie Day, news story



RETURNING YEARBOOK STAFF members Aimee Williams, Stephanie Day, Emily Moody, and Kim Joseph flip through the 1996 El Leon on the first day it arrives from the printer.





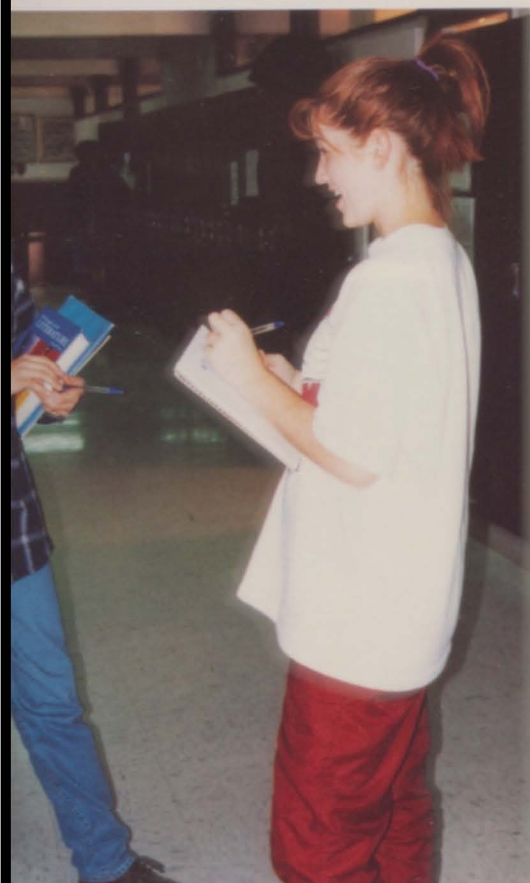


AT THE FIRST of the year, staff members NaTasha Bailey, Kati Williams, and Kassy Calhoun work together to learn how to use QuarkXPress software.



STEPHANIE DAY AND Kim Joseph present Quill and Scroll pins to Lydia Chilson, Jeromy Brooke, Emily Bray, and Chris Flageolle.

DOING THE JOB they like least, newspaper staff members Chris Flageolle, Tessa Miller, Jenny Moody, and Melvin Thompson assemble issue seven.



## QUILL AND SCROLL



Quill and Scroll/Newspaper and Yearbook Staff. Front - Amanda Stacy (Q & S secretary/El Leon editor), Kim Joseph (Q & S treasurer/Lions Gazette senior editor), Emily Moody (Q & S board member/El Leon editor), Aimee Williams (Q & S vice president/El Leon editor), Stephanie Day (Q & S president/Lions Gazette editor-in-chief), Debbie Sanders (adviser); Row two - Jeromy Brooke, Melvin Thompson, Allison Arnall (Gazette junior editor), Emily Bray (El Leon junior editor), Kati Williams, NaTasha Bailey, Jessica Copeland (El Leon junior editor), Jeffrey Brooke (Q & S board member); back - Adam Grubbs, Chris Flageolle, Tessa Miller, Ashley Blankenship (Gazette junior editor), Kassy Calhoun (Gazette junior editor), Jenny Moody (El Leon junior editor), Eric Carampatan, Lydia Chilson.

Time for Activities: Quill and Scroll members used the holiday season to provide several elderly people in the area with Christmas treats.

ALLISON ARNALL, RIGHT, interviews Amber Davis for the Lions Gazette. Fellow staff member Ashley Blankenship, left, checks to make sure their stories don't overlap.



# JUDGING

## Business students learn law through mock trials

Going to court took on new meaning in Marsha Appleby's entrepreneurship class when it studied business law.

"I feel the best way to teach the students business law is to simply put them in a real life situation," Appleby said. "I've found that the best way to accomplish that goal is having the mock trials."

The students in the class were assigned jobs.

"I was a judge," junior Kathy Winsor said. "My job consisted of listening to the defense and prosecution tell their sides of the story. Then I got to make a decision and pass the sentence on the criminals."

Many enjoyed giving citations to the lawbreakers.

"I was a police officer," senior Liz Machado said. "The best part about being an officer was that I was able to chase a student into the boys' restroom and read him his rights inside the restroom."

The class set up, before the trials started, violations that would be targeted and suitable punishments.

"The kids' decisions on crimes ranged from speeding, PDA, and

cursing to resisting arrest, assault, and parking violations," Appleby said. "The students also came up with some good sentences for these violations, that ranged from last out of class before lunch and wearing a dunce hat all hour, to clean-up duty and public apologies."

The students in the class were able to hold certain positions, but they had a few rules to be followed.

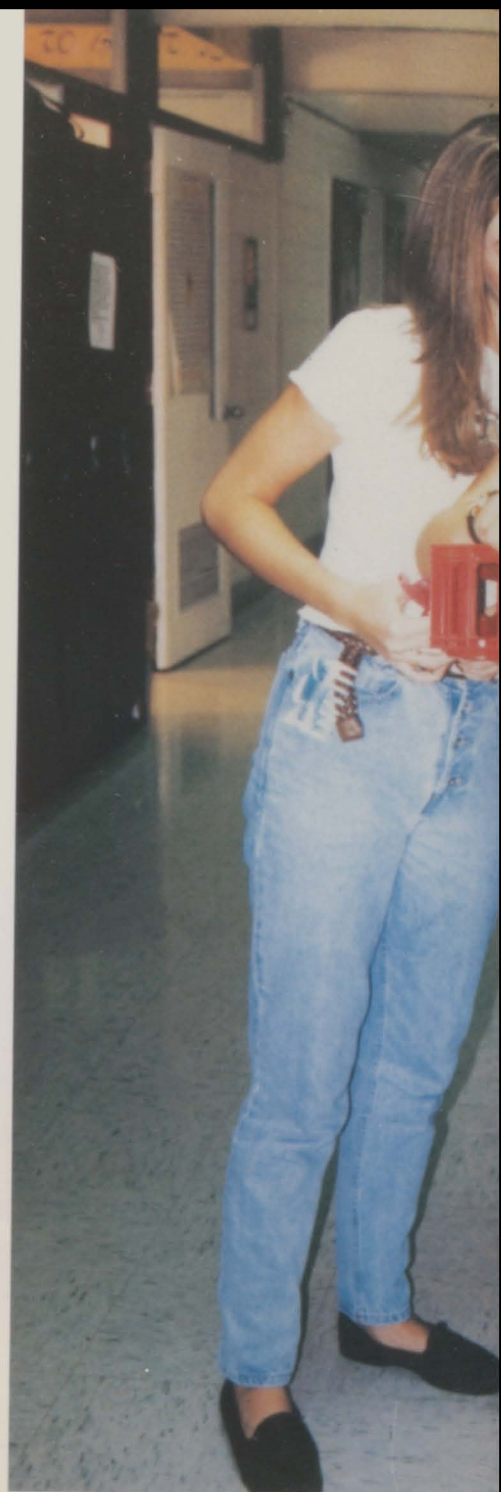
"In my job as court bailiff I had to make sure no one got out of hand in the courtroom," senior Chris Johnson said.

Senior Eric Grubbs was one of the students who went through the entrepreneurship court system.

"I was charged with making rude and obscene noises in class," he said. "I was found not guilty due to medical problems. The court suggested shelving books in the elementary library for treatment."

The activities proved to be a good learning experience.

"Through the trials I learned that being a police officer isn't the easiest job in the world," Machado said. "It doesn't make you feel very good when kids say 'are you serious' after you begin to read them their rights."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note  
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business  
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### • STATE FBIA CONTEST

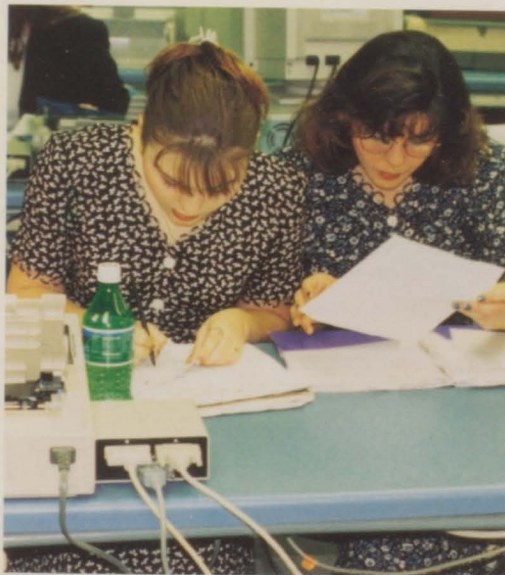
First Place: Kathy Winsor, business procedures; Fifth Place: Allison Arnall and Kati Williams, chapter scrapbook

### • NATIONAL FBIA CONTEST

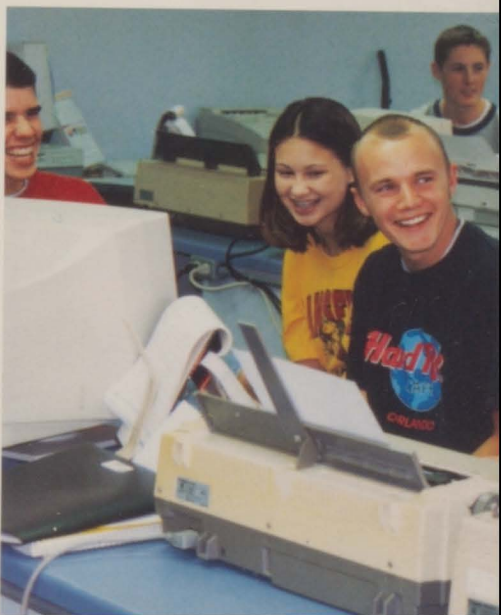
Eighth Place: Kathy Winsor, business procedures

### • DISTRICT FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA CONTEST

First Place: Allison Arnall and Kati Williams, chapter scrapbook; Second Place: Liz Machado, impromptu speaking; Kathy Winsor, business procedures; Third Place: Chris Flageolle, business calculations; Fourth Place: Julie Brenner, business calculations; Amy Curtis, information processing; Zach Miller, introduction to impromptu speaking; Fifth Place: Emily Bray, business law; Christa Choate, word processing; Dawn Furlong, information processing; Jamie Stepro, introduction to parliamentary procedure; Jamie Stepro, introduction to business



GINA TURLEY AND Cindy Dalton do some "court work" during Marsha Appleby's entrepreneurship class's mock trials, held to learn more about how a case develops as it goes through the legal process.







CHECKING THE LIST twice to see who was naughty or nice, Lauren Miller and Rachel Barber put candy in FBLA lockers to celebrate the chapter's tenth anniversary.

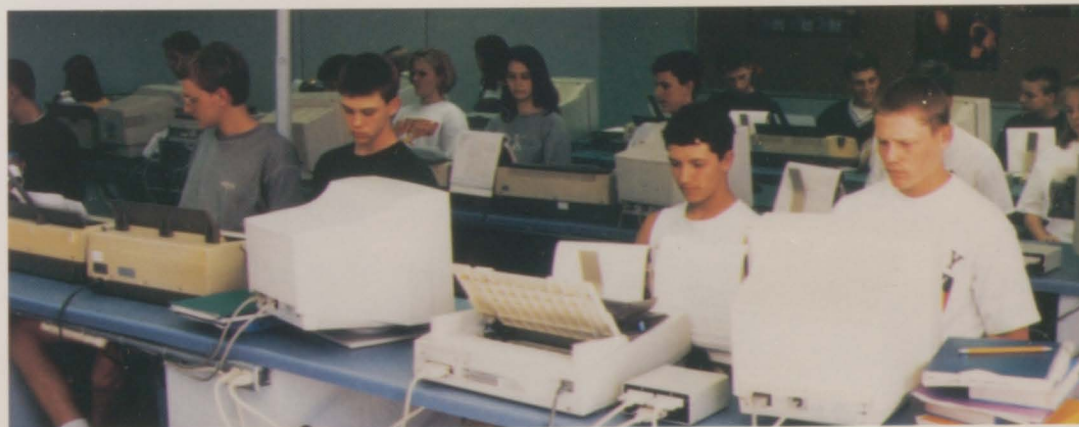


FROWNING, LIZ MACHADO takes part in the mock trials in entrepreneurship class. Cindy Dalton and Jamie Stepro are in the background.



KATHY WINSOR DISPLAYS the second place business procedures plaque she won at the district FBLA contest. She was first in the state contest, and qualified for nationals in California.

GARY SLATE, ZACH Whorton, Travis Furr, and Stephen House concentrate on building their typing skills in keyboarding.



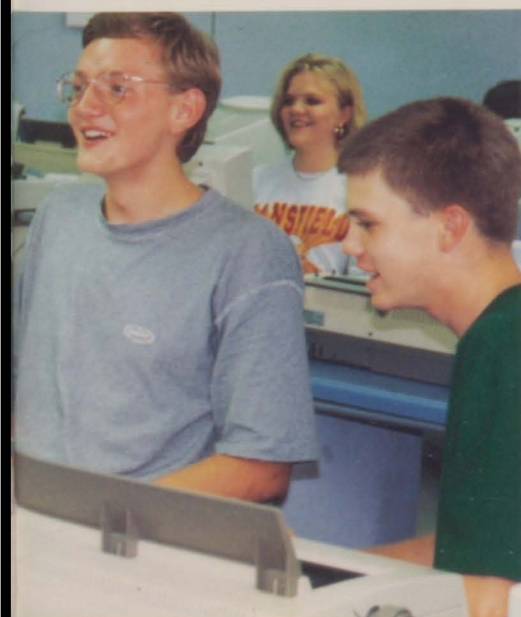
## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



Time for Activities: FBLA members got students in the holiday spirit by selling and delivering message candy canes the week before Christmas.

FBLA. Front - Marsha Appleby (adviser), Rachelle Roy (secretary), Allison Arnall (reporter), Rachel Barber (parliamentarian), Kathy Winsor (treasurer), Lauren Miller (vice president), Christa Choate (president); Row two - Jessica Coonce, Michelle Napier, Lisa Hodges, Jennifer Wright, Kati Williams, Regina Roy, NaTasha Bailey, Bridget Keys, Jill Blaine, Wendy Matlock; Row three - Grant Williams, Chris Flageolle, Mandy Goss, Jamie Stepro, Radonda Davis, Leslie Lynch, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray, Julie Brenner; Row four - Joey Rhodes, Brian Jones, Lee Barber, Tracy Oberbeck, Jessica Zimmerman, Courtney Short, Kassy Calhoun, Liz Machado, Torie Lockmon; Row five - Chad Keeling, Curtis Stuart, Travis Furr, Gary Slate, Eric Carampatan, Ashley Blankenship, Jenny Moody, Amy Curtis; Back - Adam Grubbs, Brandon Lansdown, Melvin Thompson, Scott Corder, Zach Miller.

ADAM GRUBBS, BRIDGET Keys, Melvin Thompson, and Zach Whorton laugh at Gary Slate, second from right, as he starts on a team typing game in keyboarding class.





# PARENTING

When 'Baby Think It Over' cries, students listen

Try sitting quietly in world history class, trying to pay attention in order to avoid a quiz, when out of the silence comes a wailing sound.

Turn around, to discover that a classmate is putting a small key into the back of a tiny, but loud, crying machine that looks remarkably like an infant. The crying stops and life returns to normal for a second, until round two begins. By the end of the hour, you're completely convinced you'll never have children.

For months, students in Teresa Hinsley's parenting class carried around life-like dolls called "Baby Think It Over."

The \$300 dolls are computerized to cry at random intervals, and can be set at levels from calm to cranky. The Baby Think It Over dolls were designed to help decrease the amount of teen pregnancies and to help students see that having a child is a big responsibility.

"I've realized that I really wouldn't want a baby right now," sophomore Stephanie Maxwell said.

Baby Think it Over has opened the eyes of some MHS students about how much responsibility being a parent is.

"It's really cool the school can

offer this type of program, and after being woken up two times in the middle of the night I can honestly say I don't want a child right now," sophomore Matt Adamson said.

For some students, the strain of being awakened in the wee hours of the night was just a little too much for them and their families.

"Once I was awakened at 3 in the morning and my parents ran out of their rooms screaming for me to shut that thing up," sophomore Jamie Stepro said.

Other students had some pretty hair-raising experiences at night, too.

"I was awakened three times in the morning," Maxwell said. "Once at midnight, at 2, and then at 5."

Sophomore Brandon Edmonds thought the doll was alright, except for a few minor interruptions.

"It wasn't too bad; the only problem was when I was woken up every 15 minutes about 33 times during the night," he said.

Overall, Baby Think It Over has done just what it was supposed to do.

"This doll is a great idea," Stepro said. "I thought it was really hard, but when you think about it, it's not even half the work of a real baby."

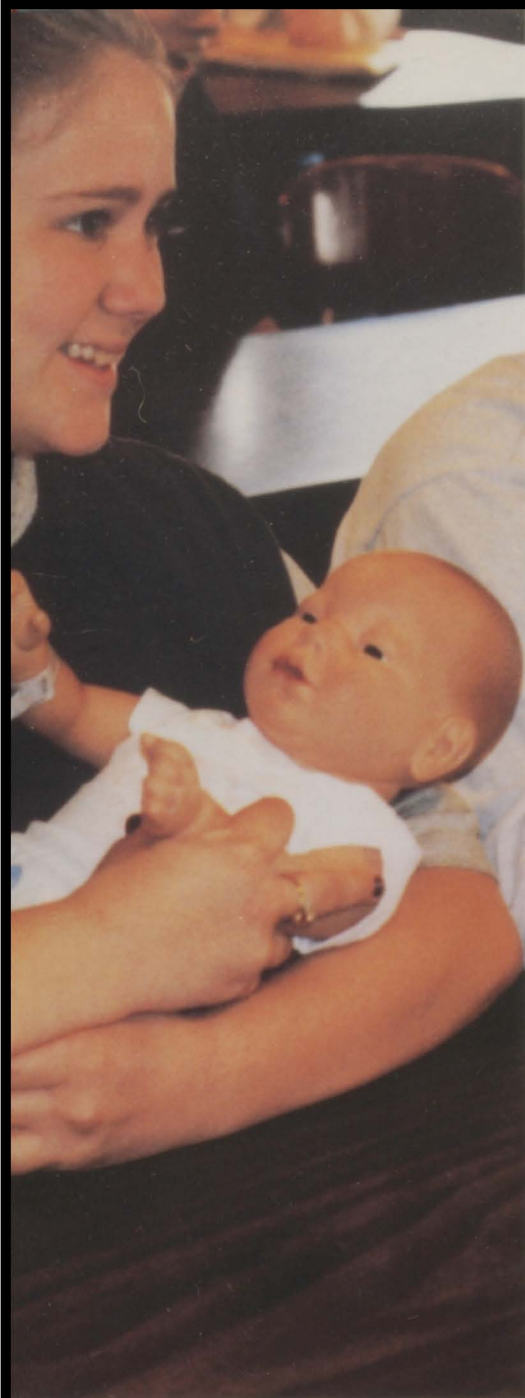


CLOTHING STUDENT JASON Davis puts the finishing stitches on a pair of plaid shorts that he designed according to his personal tastes.



IN A PROJECT undertaken by the basic skills classes of the family and consumer sciences department, Stephanie Maxwell pulls weeds from a flower bed on the high school campus, while Crystal Bennett helps gather the trimmings to be thrown away.





RACHEL HULL TRIES to keep Baby Think It Over content, while she listens to parenting teacher Teresa Hinsley. Parenting students took turns caring for the two computerized dolls, which needed attention when they cried.

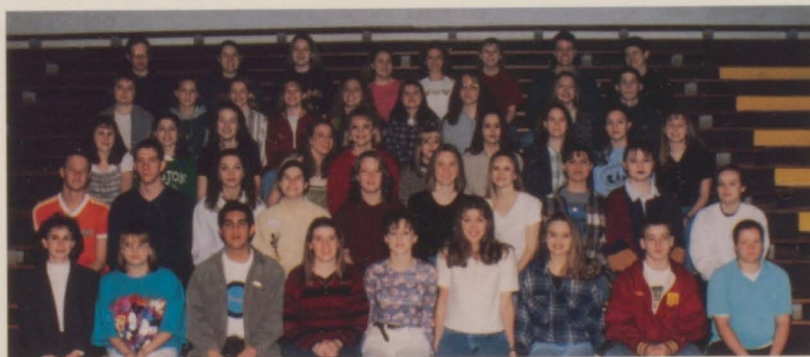


AS THE FIRST step in garment construction, Melissa Scott carefully places a pattern on her fabric during clothing class.

FOODS STUDENTS UZA Stovall, Dawn Furlong, and Jeremy Brooke prepare nachos at open house. They were part of a family and consumer sciences department demonstration of appetizers.



## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



FHA. Front - Teresa Hinsley (adviser), Patricia Dollarhide (treasurer), Eric Carampatan (first vice president), Wendy Matlock (second vice president), Kassy Calhoun (secretary), Lauren Miller (president), Leslie Lynch (reporter), Zach Miller (parliamentarian), Sarah Walker (chaplain); Row two - Nick Brooke, Lee Barber, Amber Davis, Jill Blaine, Christa Choate, Emily Moody, Regina Roy, Cindy Dalton, Gina Turley, Amy Curtis; Row three - Allison Arnall, Ashley Blankenship, Courtney Short, Tessa Miller, Kati Williams, NaTasha Bailey, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Emily Bray, Jenny Moody; Row four - Tabitha Bearden, Rachelle Roy, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, Jessica Coonce, Michelle Napier, Jamie Stepro, Kristina Shropshire, Dustin Clark; Back - Jason Eagleston, Stephanie Maxwell, Donna Young, Rachel Hull, Beverly Pratt, Sarena Baugh, Travis Furr, Curtis Stuart.

Time for Activities: The biggest project for FHA was planning, organizing, and hosting the annual Miss Mansfield pageant, for girls in grades 1 through 12.



BASIC SKILLS STUDENTS Stephen House and Kassy Calhoun help with a class project to beautify the campus. The project included weeding several flower beds.



# ENDURING

## Greenhands play along with yearly ritual's torment

Searching for a Greenhand pin in a toilet bowl full of gooey stuff you can only feel and not see might not be at the top of most people's lists, but that's what first-year members of FFA had to endure.

Initiating the Greenhands is a yearly ritual at MHS.

"Greenhand initiation is just harmless fun," said FFA president Stephanie Day, a senior. "The old members are just basically messing with the minds of the new, inexperienced members and every Greenhand has to do it."

The initiation involves being blindfolded and led to three sites. At the first, the instructions are to say "I love the FFA" four times, kissing the FFA manual after each pledge of devotion. Of course, there is a hitch. On the third pledge, whipped cream is put in place of the FFA manual.

"I knew that they were going to do something to me, but I thought it would be on the last kiss," freshman Dustin Clark said. "It was not fun, but it tasted real good after I got over the surprise."

At the next station, an older FFA member is holding a chicken. Initiates are told they have to do

what FFA members in poultry contests do -- stick two fingers inside a chicken's vent, where the egg drops out. Instead, another member is standing by with a empty toilet paper roll filled with wet oatmeal, which was substituted for the live chicken.

"I was so scared when I felt the chicken, because I just knew they were going to make me do something really gross with that chicken and my fingers," junior Melissa Scott said.

The final event combined a Greenhand, a toilet bowl, and a pin.

"The toilet bowl prank has been around ever since I can remember," senior Regina Roy said. "It is one of those things that has become tradition. It is so funny to watch the expressions on peoples' faces when they think they're digging through God only knows what and they are actually digging through bananas, cold water, and oatmeal."

Sophomore Jamie Stepro didn't see the humor in the whole prank.

"It was so gross," she said. "It felt like I was sticking my hand in a toilet and I spent all this time sticking my fingers through all this really gross stuff and there wasn't even a pin in there."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note of these agriculture students

### • DISTRICT FFA CONTEST

Group I Rating: Dairy Cattle Team of Liz Machado, Jason Eagleston, Tad Harvill; Individual, Liz Machado

### • STATE FFA CONTEST

Group I Rating: Dairy Cattle Team of Liz Machado, Jason Eagleston, Tad Harvill; Individual, Liz Machado; Individual, Tad Harvill

### • BUFFALO FFA CONTEST

Tied for First: Jason

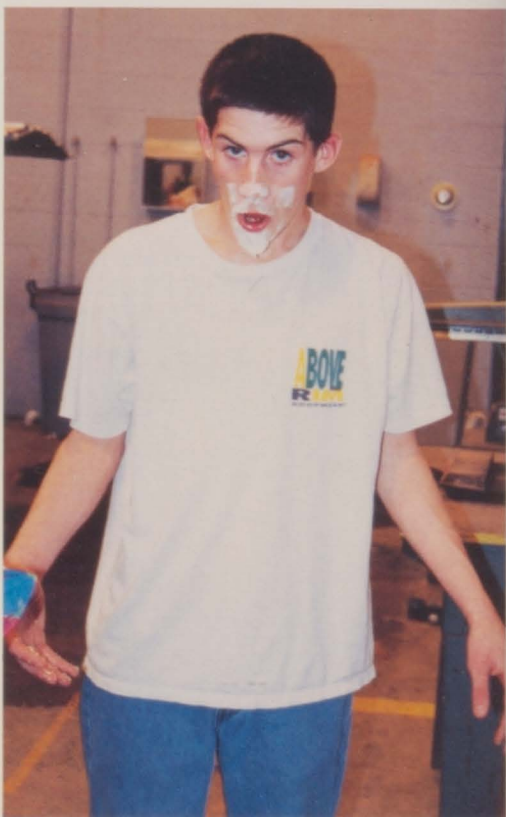
Eagleston

### • CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapter Farmer Degrees: Gina Turley, Devon Furlong, Tad Harvill, Jason Eagleston, Bill Chilson; Proficiency Awards: Devon Furlong, Donnie Young, Tad Harvill, Liz Machado; Special Awards: AgriScience award, Stephanie Day; Outstanding Freshman, Karen Eagleston; Outstanding Sophomore, Jason Eagleston; Outstanding Junior, Gina Turley; Outstanding Senior, Stephanie Day; DeKalb Award, Stephanie Day; Star Greenhand, Jamie Stepro; Star Chapter Farmer, Tad Harvill; Outstanding Member, Liz Machado

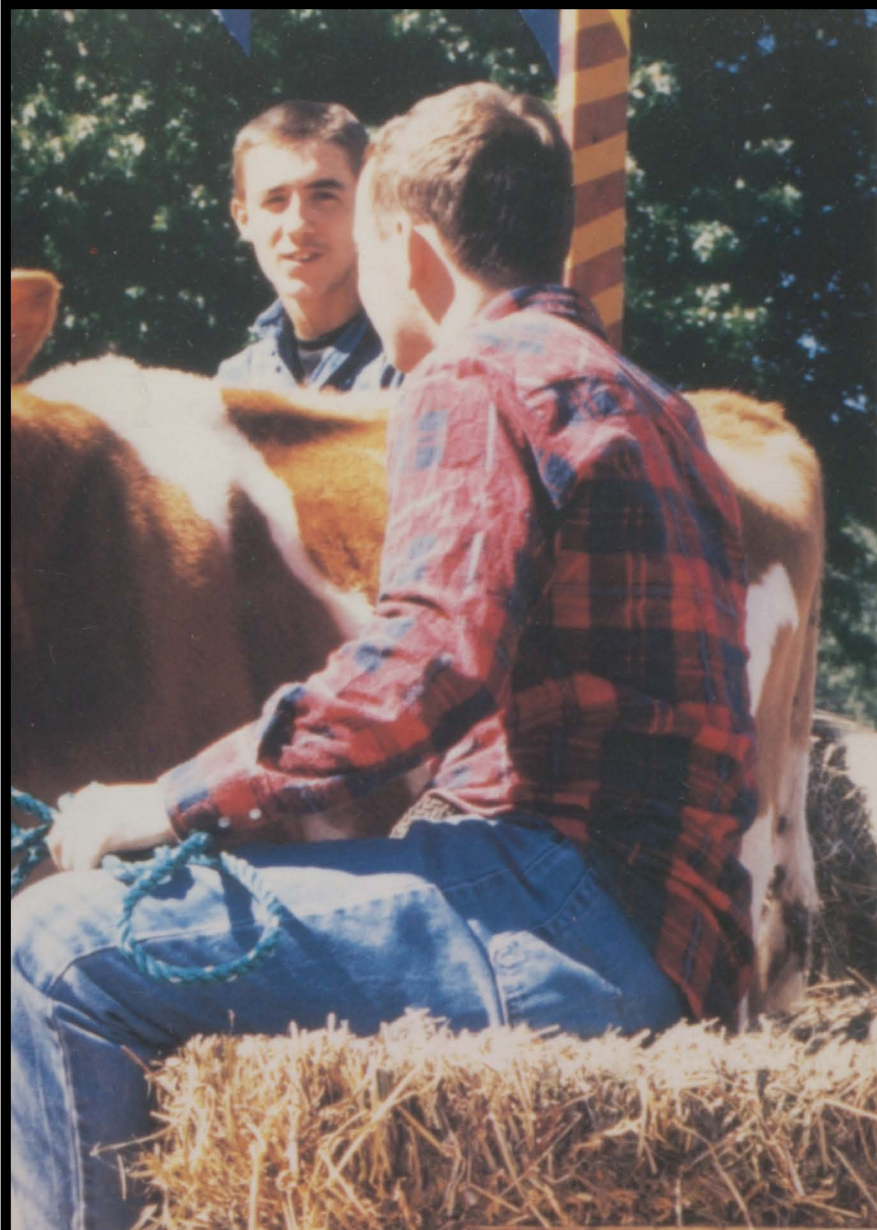


FFA PRESIDENT STEPHANIE Day hands judging team certificates to Gina Turley, Dustin Clark, and Rick Weaver at the annual FFA banquet.



DUSTIN CLARK TAKES a deep breath after getting smeared with whipped cream during FFA Greenhand initiation games.



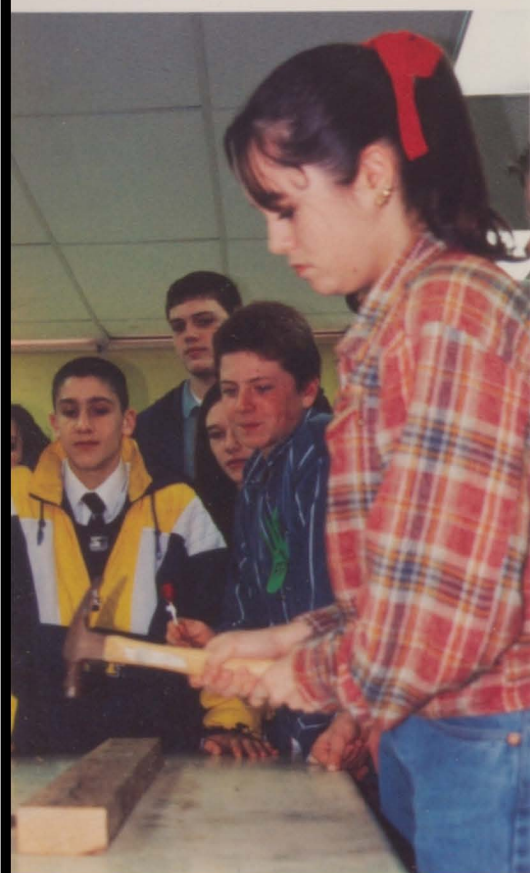


TAD HARVILL AND Nelson Greenwood ride on the FFA float in the Wilder Days parade, making sure their Jersey cow stays on the float with them.



GREENHANDS MICHELLE NAPIER and Karen Eagleston try to do the near impossible act of driving a nail through a piece of oak during FFA initiation.

REGINA ROY, LIZ Machado, Gary Slate, and Tad Harvill present the officer responsibilities at the annual FFA banquet.



## FFA



FFA. Front - Gary Slate (treasurer), Bill Chilson (historian), Jason Eagleston (reporter), Stephanie Day (president), Regina Roy (secretary), Tad Harvill (sentinel), Liz Machado (vice president), Stan Coday (advisor); Row two - Rachel Roy, Michelle Napier, Jamie Stepro, Jeanenne Sewell, Kandy Kabage, Serina VanNess, Gina Turley, April Cook; Row three - Jeremiah Sewell, Donnie Young, Joey Rhodes, Amanda Mason, James Strunk, Melissa Scott, Jessica Copeland, Leslie Lynch; Back - Steve Cannon, Rick Weaver, Doug Tripp, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Doug Tripp, Mike Collier.

Time for Activities: FFA members presented Food for America to elementary age children, letting them get close to a variety of farm animals.

TO AVOID GREENHAND initiation, Melissa Scott must master the art of driving a nail into a piece of wood. New FFA members must complete an initiation test that consists of three steps.



# POLITICKING

## Students jump at chance to see President Clinton

President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore kicked off the Presidential campaign in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the day after the Democrat's national convention concluded.

That's big news, but the biggest news for MHS was that 24 students had the opportunity to attend.

Social studies teacher Roger Wood organized the field trip, which included a 10-hour round trip bus ride.

"I've taken students to see (John) Ashcroft and (Bill) Webster, and the opportunity came to see not only the President but also Gore, Hillary, and Tipper," he said. "The four are not often seen together."

The idea for the trip came from sophomore Stephanie Maxwell.

"Her mom works at the courthouse, and she said they had 300 tickets to see the President in Cape Girardeau," Wood said. "She asked if we wanted some of the tickets, so we made plans for the trip in a hurry."

Students saw the trip as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Even though my family is Republican, I wanted to go," junior

Emily Bray said. "It's the President of the United States. It doesn't matter that he's a Democrat. Sometimes you have to put differences aside. I may not ever get the chance to see another President."

Several politicians and teachers spoke before Clinton arrived.

"It took a while before Clinton got to the park," senior Kimberley Joseph said. "I went to see him. I did not expect to have to listen to a bunch of people talk for about 50 years."

Heat was another problem.

"Being near the President was pretty neat," senior Sarah Walker said. "I enjoyed going, although I didn't get to hear his speech because I got really hot and couldn't stand up. I was at the nurse's station during his speech."

Two students had the opportunity to get a close-up view of the First Families.

"Nicole (Hollenberg) and I separated ourselves from the group," Bray said. "We wanted to get as close as we could. Whenever someone would leave we would take their place. We finally got all the way to the boundary fence and got to shake their hands."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note of these technology students

### SUMMIT CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CONTEST

**One Ratings:** Marie Brazeal, chess board; Harry Crawford, Web site; Kinder Pollock, hope chest; Donna Young, hope chest; **Two Ratings:** Nick Brooke, storage cabinet; Cindy Dalton, hope chest; Stephanie Maxwell, armoire; **Three Ratings:**

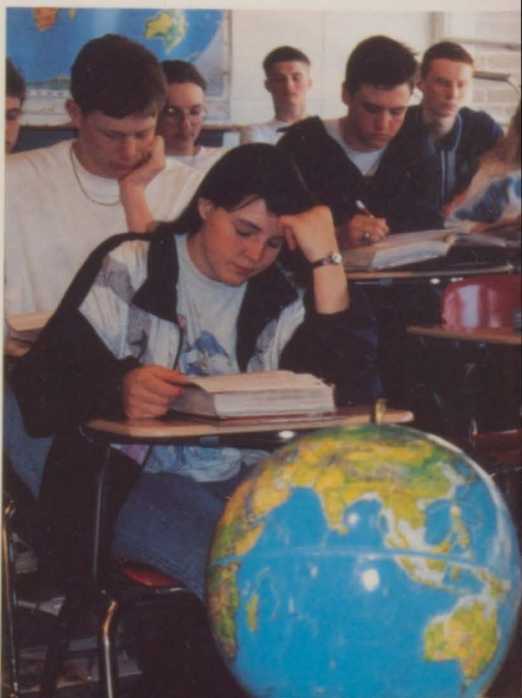
Robby Baugh, wall clock



INTRIGUED BY THE powers of the Internet, in Roger Wood's classroom Amanda Mason and Jason Eagleston surf the Net on a quest to find facts for a history report.



WORKING CAREFULLY, DUSTIN McCleary puts the finishing touches on a storage cabinet he constructed in woodworking class.





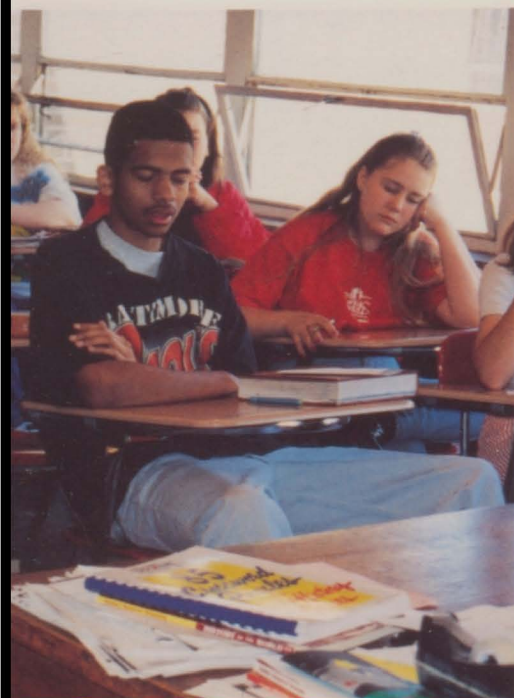


PUTTING THEIR HEADS together, Don Wilson and Cindy Dalton work on a small construction project in Roy Ryan's advanced woodworking class.



IN THE BUSTERING heat, Stephanie Day, Sarah Walker, Stephanie Maxwell, and others wait with social studies teacher Roger Wood for a chance to see President Bill Clinton.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, including 24 MHS students, rally for the President as the Bill Clinton and Al Gore Democratic campaign kicks off in Cape Girardeau.



WORLD HISTORY STUDENTS listen as teacher Roger Wood explains a homework assignment.

DESTINY MILLARD AND Stephanie Strunk turn in their votes to Kim Joseph in the mock Presidential election at MHS, which Republican Bob Dole won.



# DRAWING

## Extra time to be creative benefits student artists

OK. Be creative, but do it in 50 minutes, which includes dragging out that project, then putting it away again.

Being bound by such time constraints can hinder even the most successful artist, so art teacher Dean Bray opened his classroom after school on Mondays and Wednesdays during the fall months.

"By opening the art room up I was able to give students the extra attention that I might not have been able to do in a regular classroom," he said.

Students weren't restricted to just one art project, but could engage in as many as they would like to try their hands at.

"This way students might be able to develop their love and appreciation for art and not feel discouraged in any way," Bray said.

Being surrounded by students who didn't have to be there, but wanted to be there, gave the student artists a fertile atmosphere.

"I liked it better when there weren't a lot of people there because it gave me a chance to go a little crazy and get creative," junior J. R. Penn said.

Other students liked having access to all the art materials for their projects so they didn't have to wait on anyone else.

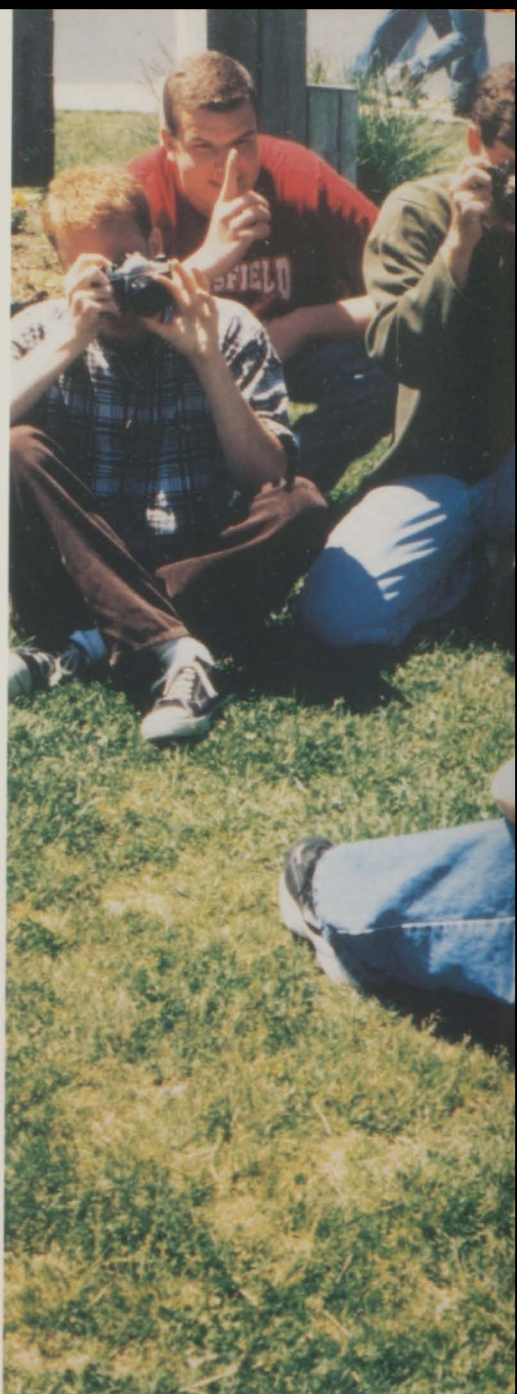
"I could get a lot accomplished in the one or two hours I was in there after school than in a regular class room, because I got the attention I needed and I had access to all the materials," junior Lydia Chilson said.

While students worked on their projects, Bray added several features to keep them interested instead of bored.

"I tried to have the radio tuned into their favorite station and sometimes we would watch TV or movies," he said. "But for the most part we all just tried to have fun and enjoy ourselves."

The extra time, and the fun atmosphere, paid off for several art students, who displayed their projects on the walls of the multipurpose room during the high school's annual academics awards night.

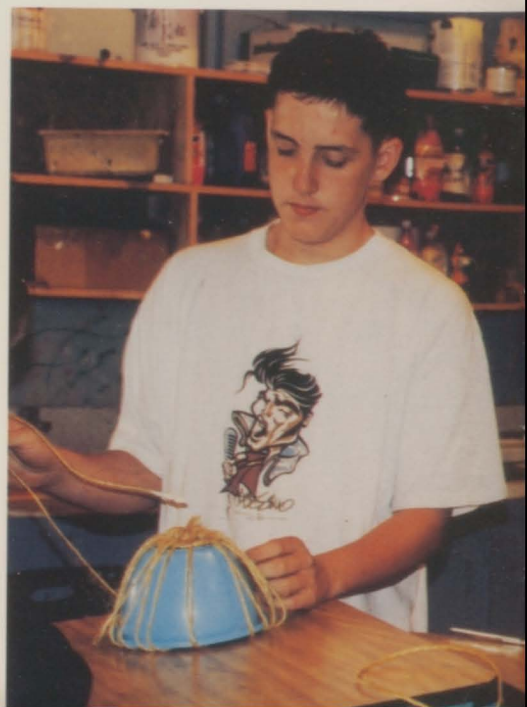
"I had a great time this year with all my friends staying after," freshman Jay Keeling said, "and I accomplished a lot with my art projects."



WORKING ON THEIR Art I projects, Jay Keeling, Tabitha Bearden, and Chris Kerns add color and style to their string art designs.



JULIE LYNCH USES the hot glue gun to finish construction of her string art project in Art I, taught by Dean Bray





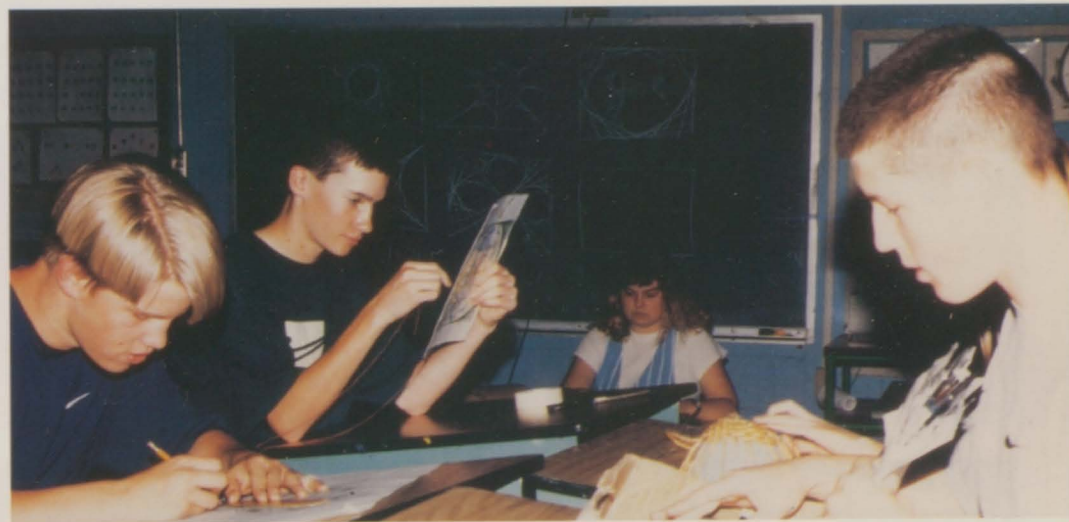


HELPING TO CAPTURE the moment, Michael Baty serves as the subject for a lesson in portraits for photography students Nick Brooke, Brian Jones, and Chris Johnson.



ART I STUDENT Patricia Crain uses a pencil and ruler to begin a project which will later be three-dimensional.

BEN MOODY, CRAIG Letsinger, and Austin Corder follow the examples on board to help design their string art projects in Art I.



## ART CLUB



Art Club. Front - Liz Machado (treasurer), Steve Cannon (president), Lee Barber (vice president), Chad Keeling (secretary), Dean Bray (adviser); Row two - Radonda Davis, Kinder Pollock, Donna Young, Stephanie Maxwell, Kelly Otis, Jeremy Corder, Austin Corder, Craig Letsinger; Row three - Scott Jackson, Matt Byerlee, Julie Lynch, Beverly Pratt, Britten Medley, Patricia Freeman, Jason Eagleston; Back - Patricia Dollarhide, Robby Baugh, Joe Knight, Roy Liles, J. R. Penn, Amanda Stacy, Amanda Skyles.

Time for Activities: Art Club students got the chance to show off their art pieces during the annual academic awards night.



WORKING ONE STRING at a time, Matt Scott and Crystal Bennett carefully construct twine baskets in their Art I class.



# SINGING

## Choir members strike the right tone at district contest

Every singer who has ever been to district music contest dreams of one thing -- earning that I rating, the ultimate award.

And for approximately 30 MHS singers, that dream came true, when for the first time in decades, the mixed chorus received a I rating at district music contest.

"I came here in 1970 and the best the choir has done since then is a II rating," director Terry Spyres said. "History was made at West Plains. All three judges on the floor gave us I ratings. The head of the vocal department at SMSU told me that our choir was great. I was ecstatic!"

Choir students learned that behind such a high rating is plenty of effort.

"We worked and worked on our songs for contest," senior Lauren Miller said. "Mrs. Spyres was always 'practice, practice, practice,' so it felt very rewarding to receive the I."

Members of the choir were pleased with their rating.

"Because I wasn't in a small group I put more effort into the songs the whole choir sang," senior Liz Roth said. "So I was extremely proud when we received a I."

Waiting for the final score was a nervous experience for the singers.

"The tension in my body had definitely disappeared after I found out that the whole choir had received a I rating," senior Larry Lansdown said.

The next day, students did solos and performed in small groups.

Both junior Eric Carampatan and senior Mike Spyres received the highest rating, a I plus.

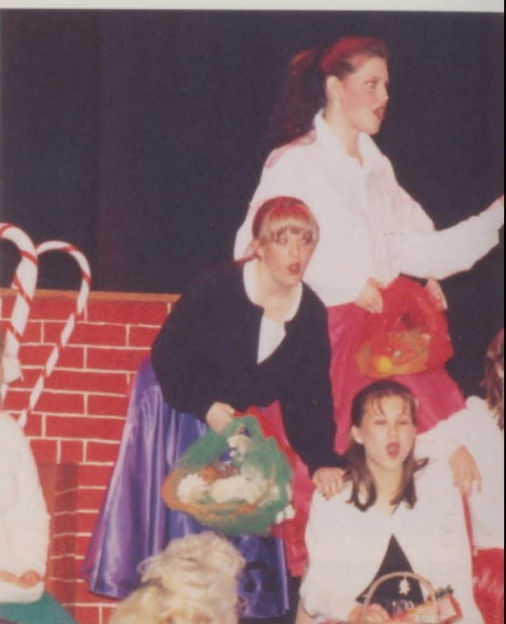
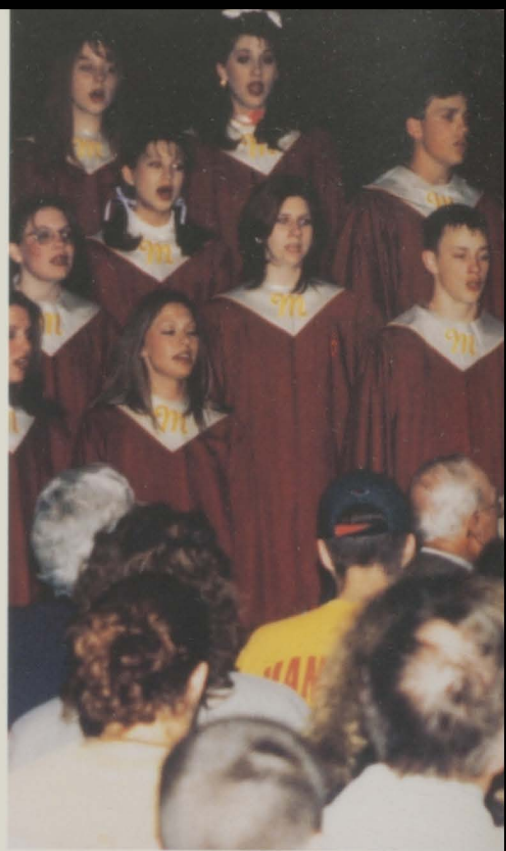
"I was really proud of winning a I plus on my solo, though I wasn't extremely surprised," Carampatan said. "I have been taking voice lessons privately and it's really helped on the way I sound."

Spyres, son of the director, has had inspiration outside of school.

"I have such a musical family that practicing at home is just like in the classroom; Mom and Dad really help me," he said. "I've learned to just always sing and play my best."

Junior Tessa Miller, who also received a I rating, wasn't as sure of herself as Spyres and Carampatan.

"I was very surprised to get a I," she said. "During my song I was so nervous I was sure my voice was cracking all over the place."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note  
of these  
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### • DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

**One Ratings:** Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Tessa Miller, vocal solo; Mike Spyres, vocal solo; Mixed Chorus; Bridget Keys, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, girls trio; Eric Carampatan, Eric Spyres, Mike Spyres, Kati Williams, mixed quartet; Jeremy Archer, Eric Carampatan, Eric Grubbs, Mike Spyres, Dusty Walker, Steve Welch, Grant Williams, miscellaneous group; **Two Ratings:** Austin Miller, vocal solo; Rachelle Roy, vocal solo; Dusty Walker, vocal solo; Kati Williams, vocal solo; Sumer Welch, vocal solo; Rachelle Roy, Tessa Miller, Kati Williams, girls trio; KaTrina Bailey, Angela Fetter, Mandy Goss, Afton Ivy, Kandy Kabage, Erica Spyres, Serina VanNess, miscellaneous group; **Three Rating:** Jeremy Archer, vocal solo

### • STATE MUSIC CONTEST

**One Ratings:** Eric Carampatan, vocal solo; Mike Spyres, vocal solo;

Grant Williams, Mike Spyres, Eric Carampatan, Dusty Walker, Jeremy Archer, Eric Grubbs, Steven Welch; miscellaneous group; **Two Ratings:** Kati Williams, Mike Spyres, Eric Carampatan, Erica Spyres, mixed quartet; **Three Ratings:** Tessa Miller, vocal solo; Sumer Welch, Bridget Keys, Kristina Shropshire, girls trio

### • SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL OPERA

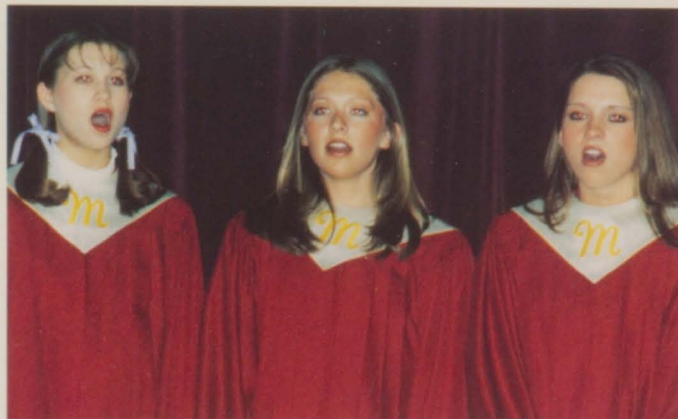
Eric Carampatan, Mike Spyres

### • ALL-DISTRICT CHOIR

Eric Carampatan, Bridget Keys, Mike Spyres, Sumer Welch

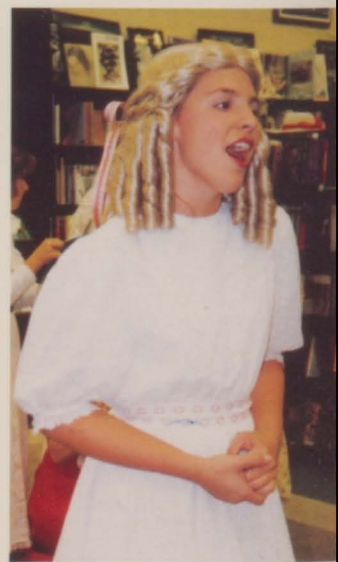
### • ALL-STATE CHOIR

Mike Spyres



BRIDGET KEYS, KRISTINA Shropshire, and Sumer Welch harmonize on a trio arrangement at the spring vocal music concert. The group made a I rating at the district contest.

NELLIE OLSEN, AKA Emily Bray, sings "Namecards" for an audience at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Cast members from "Little House Memories" performed in Springfield.

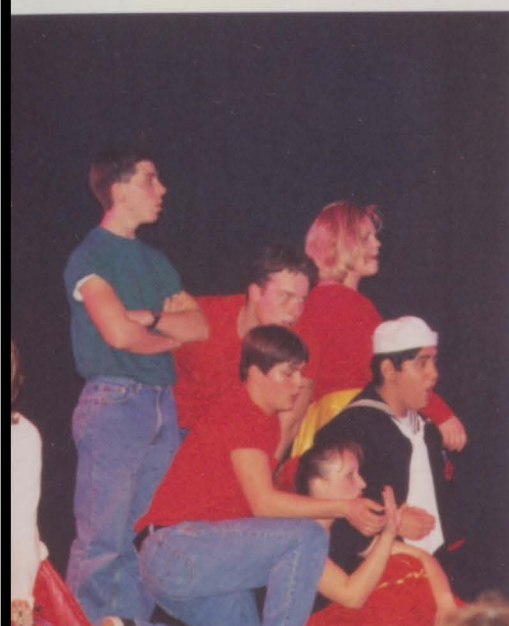






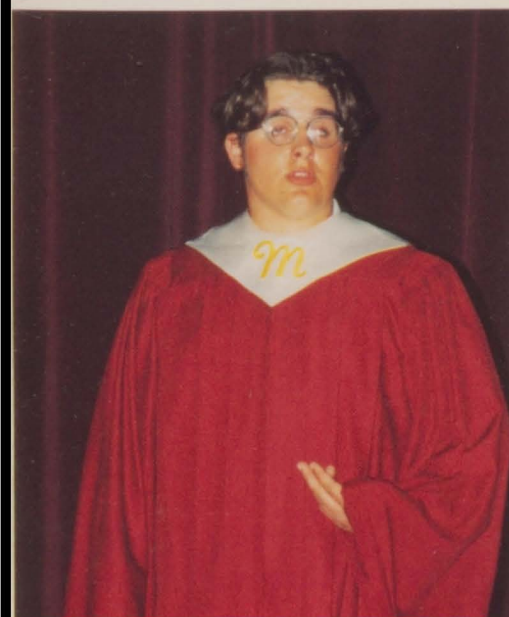
TERRY SPYRES DIRECTS the mixed chorus as the group performs its I rating-winning selections during a Sunday concert in the gym.

DECKED OUT IN Gaslight Gang clothes, Eric Caramaptan, left, performs at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Springfield. He and Matt Hermann, right, were part of the cast of "Little House Memories," which did scenes from the program.



ON STAGE IN Branson, MHS singers present a 50s Christmas. Nicole Hollenberg, back, NaTasha Bailey, Bridget Keys, and KaTrina Bailey are joined by a chorus.

ERIC GRUBBS, STEVEN Welch, Eric Caramaptan, Mike Spyres, Dusty Walker, Grant Williams, and Jeremy Archer have a sound which earned a I at music contest.



## MIXED CHORUS



Time for Activities: Performing with the VanBurch and Wellford Show in Branson let students get the feel of a professional production.

Mixed Chorus. Front - Mike Spyres, Liz Roth, Grant Williams, Larry Lansdown, Director Terry Spyres; Row two - Patricia Potter, Carol Turley, Mandy Goss, Bridget Keys, Lauren Miller, Tessa Miller, KaTrina Bailey; Row three - Tracy Cantrell, Jessica Zimmerman, Rachelle Roy, Kati Williams, Jill Adamson, Liz Machado, Kandy Kabage; Row four - Eric Caramaptan, Dusty Walker, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Jessica Roth, Serena VanNess; Back - Shannon Wallin, Curtis Melton, Travis McDermitt, Austin Miller, Jeremy Archer, Eric Grubbs.

AT AN MHS concert, Mike Spyres sings "Granada," one of the two selections which earned him I ratings at both the district and state competitions.



# PLAYING

## Jazz band performances liven up music department

Bigger, better, and more are all words that fit jazz band, a relatively new group at MHS.

The jazz band had more members, more performances, and more instruments than before.

"This is our second year and I tried to get more people interested and a variety of instruments," band director Philip Thomas said.

The group performed on the square at Wilder Days and at Butter Day; played in the band's Christmas concert and the spring concert; and entertained at the nursing home and the MHS Alumni Banquet.

"It's a lot different playing for the community than just playing together at school," sophomore Dusty Walker said. "It really made us work harder."

Members of the group were senior Mike Spyres, alto saxophone; sophomore Brandon Lansdown, alto saxophone; senior Eric Grubbs, tenor saxophone; senior Jeremy Corder, baritone saxophone; Walker, trombone; senior Jarod Coday, trumpet; sophomore Kevin Heatherly, trumpet; sophomore Shannon Wallin, guitar; sophomore Josh Wilson, guitar; senior Steven Welch,

bass and drums; and senior Grant Williams, guitar and drums.

Jazz band gave students an opportunity to play songs that they enjoyed, instead of just the classics.

"It was more fun than regular band, because we got to play a lot of mellow, funk songs with odd time signatures," Williams said.

Instruments included the alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, drums, bass guitar, and the trombone.

"Michael Spyres normally plays the trumpet, but this year he started on the alto saxophone and in a year's time he became a fine player," Thomas said.

One of the highlights of the year was taking a field trip to SMSU to listen to two top college jazz bands.

"Just taking a field trip was fun, but it was a great experience getting the opportunity to hear some of the best jazz bands around," Spyres said.

The seniors don't think there will be a problem filling open spots.

"I really loved jazz band, because we played 'Maputo,' which is a song by my favorite artist," senior Eric Grubbs said. "I know the students coming up will want to join a band that has some pep to it."



## A Time For Winning: 1997

Take note of these music students

### DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

**One Rating:** Mike Spyres, trumpet solo; **Two Ratings:** Janisha Bennett, piano solo; Janisha Bennett, saxophone solo; Eric Grubbs, Mike Spyres, Rick Weaver, saxophone trio; **Three Ratings:** High school band;

Lydia Chilson, Jessica Coonce, Emily Bray, flute trio.

### STATE MUSIC CONTEST

**One Rating:** Mike

Spyres, trumpet solo

• **ALL-DISTRICT JAZZ BAND**  
Mike Spyres



JESSICA COPELAND PRACTICES service with a smile as she performs her flag routine in the Mansfield Wilder Days parade.





BRASS SECTION MEMBERS Scott Corder and Gary Slate play for the crowd at the Wilder Day's parade.

AFTER THE BAND has played, Eric Grubbs and Clark Choate march to the next parade performance area.



GETTING IN POSITION, Dawn Furlong waits for the drum major to direct the flute section to begin playing as the band performs at Wilder Days.

MIKE SPYRES, STEVEN Welch, and Grant Williams face the square during the band's Wilder Days parade performance.



## BAND

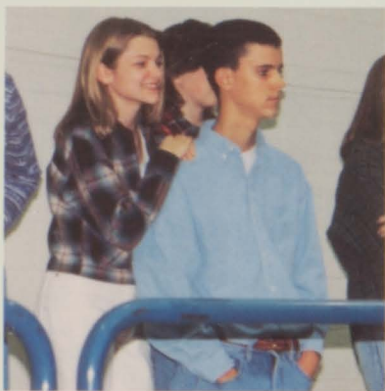


Time for Activities: Band members participated in a music festival held at Six Flags amusement park in late April.

Band. Front - Rachele Roy, Melissa Scott, Leslie Lynch, Jessica Coonce, Jessica Copeland; Row two - Jessica Penn, Stefanie Blevins, Stacey Wright, Janisha Bennett, Michael Scofield, Jessica Moore, Sarah Brown, Lacie Newby, James Scrivner, Jay Keeling, Ricky Dugger; Row three - Tara Jackson, Dawn Furlong, Crystal Wilson, John Crain, Laura Furr, Nick Shelhamer, Austin Steffe, Kenneth Bennett, David Hipkins, Eddie Penn, Jacob Magnin; Row four - Erica Spyres, Jeanenne Sewell, Lydia Chilson, Karen Eagleston, Rick Weaver, Joe Gresham, Miranda Rhodes, Sarah Walker, Dustin Grass, Clark Choate, Garrett Norell; Row five - Jacob Loper, Eric Grubbs, Grant Williams, Austin Corder, Allison Arnall, Amanda Skyles, Jonathon Walker, Justin Hipkins, Steven Welch; Back - Philip Thomas (director), J. R. Penn, Michael Spyres, Gary Slate, Scott Corder, Matt Shevchuk, Sara Leonard.

THE HIGH SCHOOL band, directed by Philip Thomas, performs a holiday medley at a Sunday afternoon Christmas concert for parents and community members.





• **WATCHING FROM THE** sidelines, Mandy Goss and Chris Flageolle check out the roping contest at Barnwarming. Students from each of the four classes tried their hand at roping hay bale steers.



• **LORI EDWARDS, CASONDRA** Harris, and Tyler Jenkins enjoy their lunch period. They are at one of the 10 picnic tables the school provided for students after the campus was closed for lunch for the first time in decades.



• **WHILE SOME OF** their male classmates are in the middle of the gym wearing dresses, Regina Roy and Kim Joseph allow themselves the freedom to poke a little fun and grab a few laughs at the boys' expense.

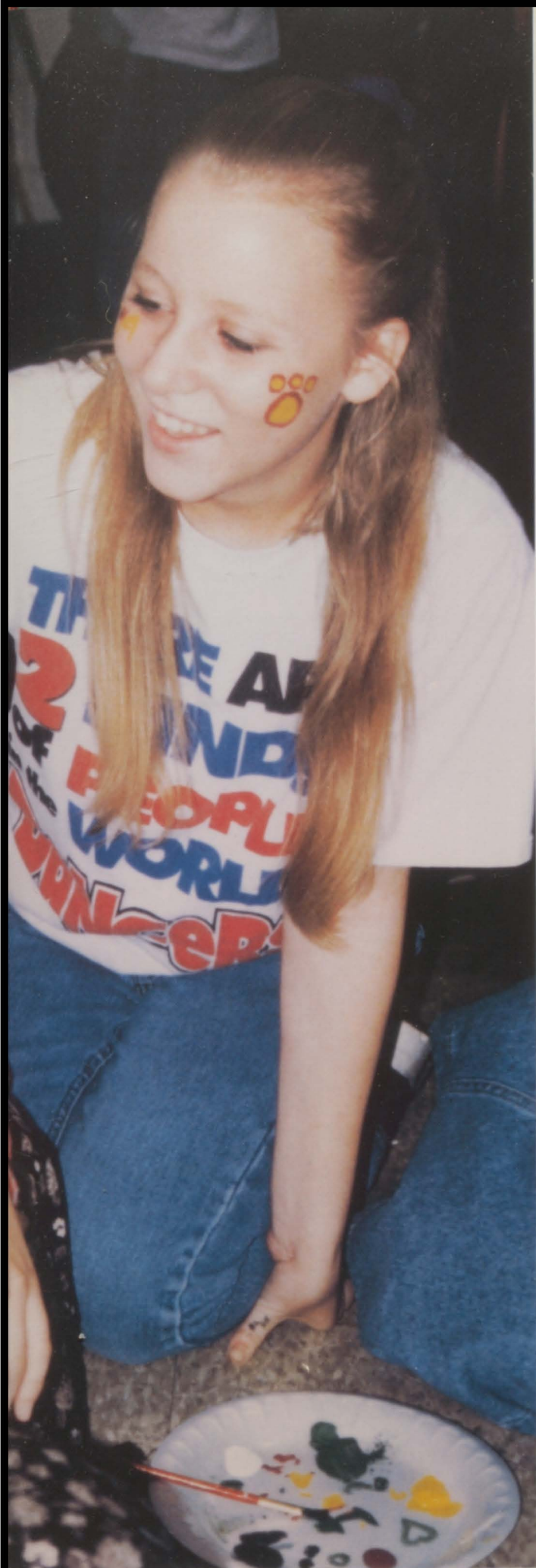


• **TRYING TO BE** the first to return to polyester and three-piece suits, some MHS guys show off their idea of fashion. Front - Scott Corder, Kevin Heatherly, Jeromy Brooke, Nick Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder; back - Gary Slate, Brandon Lansdown, Steven Welch, and Mike Spyres.

• **WITH HER OWN** face advertising her handiwork, Sarena Baugh paints a happy face design on Britten Medley at the CTA Carnival. Baugh was spirit squad member, and the activity was a fundraiser.







# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING WITH PEOPLE

*There were lots of first time experiences in the lives of the people of MHS. When the power goes out in most homes in the area for the entire week of Thanksgiving because of an ice storm, when four boys are seriously injured in two separate car accidents in three days, when a new policy goes into effect that means grades determine if a student participates in any school activity, then you know that there really is a first time for just about everything.*



• **MUNCHING ON CHIPS** and talking all at the same time, Jessica Roth and Sara Leonard enjoy the sunshine of a spring day. The girls are in the first lunch period of the day, which came about when the board of education closed the campus at lunch after decades of open campus.



# You heard it first

## ADMINISTRATION

For Mansfield High School, Arlene Magnin was a first.

With the start of the 1997 school year, she became the high school's first female principal.

When Jerry Armstrong retired after three years in the job, Magnin, an MHS English teacher who had recently finished her masters degree in administration, was hired for the job.

The switch from being a teacher to being the principal in the same school system has turned out to be an interesting one for Magnin.

"As a teacher the day is very standard; everything is scheduled," Magnin said. "As principal, one minute I'm disciplining a student, the next minute I'm on the

phone with a parent, then outside to check on students at lunch. The whole day is definitely not scheduled."

Even though being a principal is a demanding job, it does have its lighter side.

"It's fun working with the students as well as making sure that needed changes do take place," she said.

Being asked to be in charge of people who were once her peers was one challenge that Magnin faced that many principals do not have to deal with.

"I feel I had a very good relationship with all the teachers before I became principal," she said. "I feel the relationship has continued and has helped us work together."

She is also proud of the

school system she is in charge of.

"I believe we are strong academically and in all our extra-curricular activities," Magnin said.

Typical stereotypes don't work when talking about the school's first female principal.

"Usually people think men are the stricter sex," senior Mike Baty said. "But Mrs. Magnin is far stricter than men principals."

Many students praise the school for its choice of principal.

"I think it looks really good for our school to have a woman principal," junior Kassy Calhoun said. "Mrs. Magnin has done an excellent job representing our school."

• MANSFIELD Board of Education members are front, Kevin Findley, John Elliott, Mary Shropshire, Mary Armstrong; back, Kima Harris, Eddie Calhoun, and Dale McGaw.



• IN honor of Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry's completion of his doctorate degree, the school staff surprises him with an after-school reception in the multipurpose room.



• WHILE they are waiting for high school graduation to start, Principal Arlene Magnin talks with Board of Education President John Elliott and American Legion member John Doan, who was to present an award.





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TONI BAILEY (Bus Driver/Special Education Aide)  
BILL BENNETT (Elementary Custodian)  
JANET BROOKE (Lunch Clerk)  
CONNIE CALHOUN (Cook)

CLEO CHAMBERS (High School Secretary)  
NAOMI CLOUSE (Title I Aide)  
HELEN COOK (Cook)  
CLAUDE DALE (Bus Driver)  
LESTER DAVIS (Bus Driver)

HAROLD DENNIS (Maintenance)  
PAT DENNIS (Head Cook)  
DON HANGER (Mechanic)  
DARLYS HIGGINS (School Nurse)  
BRENDA HUTTON (Bus Driver)

PATRICIA IVY (Bus Driver)  
BARBARA JACKSON (Elementary Secretary)  
CHERYL KEITH (Cook)  
KAY LANSDOWN (Cook)  
DEBBIE LETSINGER (Superintendent's Secretary)

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JANICE MCNEIL (Middle School Secretary)  
BECKY MOODY (Special Education Assistant)  
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NANCY VEIT (Cook)  
RUTH WALLACE (High School Custodian)  
SHERRY WELCH (Cook)



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Superintendent  
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# You heard it first

## FACULTY

• "It's really not as bad as I thought it would be. I have everything in my bag so I can pick up and move easily whenever I have to."

**John Hinsley, on being a "floating" teacher**

• "I think the closed lunch hour is a lot better for safety. When the students stay on campus at lunch there are no accidents where a students could really be hurt."

**Susan Gressman, on the change to closed lunch**

• "I truly work with the most wonderful people in the world. Monetary contributions helped to purchase my wig and many staff members offered to contribute 'sick days' if necessary. I received, and still do, encouraging

comments and prayers."

**Cindy Martin, on her battle with breast cancer**

• "The Internet offers new opportunities for students and their teachers, however, we all are virtually new at it and are still learning to use the system. With me it is basically a trial and error situation."

**Roger Wood, on the high school going online**

• "At first everyone seemed interested in having one like always, but no one really came forward with the effort to go through with all the planning."

**Kelly Brazeal, on the seniors dropping Project Graduation**

• "We figured that if each

student brought at least one can of food then we could easily reach our goal of 300 pounds."

**Betsy Wight, on a National Honor Society food drive**

• "I don't think a student who is failing or in trouble should be allowed to participate in activities which represent our school."

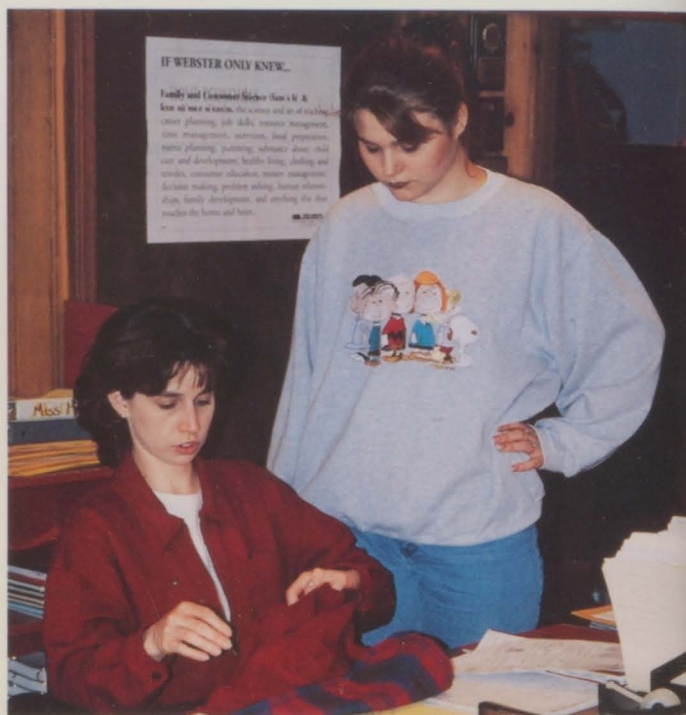
**Wilda Watterson, on the school's new activity policy**

• "It was a great spectacle to be around. It was awe-inspiring to see that many people and think of how much preparation it took to get ready for the Games. The technology...was unbelievable."

**Doug Jones, on his visit to the Atlanta Olympics**

• AT a donut-fest for making perfect test scores, government students Jason Hilliard, Ryan Stacy, Joey Rhodes, and Tad Harvill talk with teacher Roger Wood.

• GINA Turley listens as clothing teacher Teresa Hinsley shows how to sew the hood on her sweatshirt.



• DEAN Bray, art teacher, describes how to properly do a string project to Art I student Craig Letsinger.



• JASON Brazeal receives help from math teacher Shawnda Bradshaw in finding the sine and cosine of angles. Bradshaw's applied math class was constructing angles with twine on the front lawn of the school.







MARSHA APPLEBY (Business) Extra Duties: Future Business Leaders of America sponsor  
 KATHY BARNETT (Alternative School) Extra Duties: Pom Pon Squad sponsor  
 MARY BLAKEY (Orthopedically Handicapped)  
 VICKI BLANKENSHIP (French, Middle School English) Extra Duties: Foreign Language Club sponsor, Eighth Grade sponsor  
 SHAWNDA BRADSHAW (Math) Extra Duties: Math Club sponsor, Pom Pon Squad sponsor

DEAN BRAY (Art) Extra Duties: Sophomore Class sponsor, Art Club sponsor  
 KELLY BRAZEAL (Counselor) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor  
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 PAT BROWN (Elementary Science/Math)  
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 STAN CODAY (Agriculture) Extra Duties: FFA sponsor  
 MARCELLA DAVENPORT (English) Extra Duties: Assistant Girls' Basketball coach  
 STACEY DOHERTY (Title I)  
 KAY GOSS (Librarian)

SUSIE GRAHAM (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  
 JOHN HINSLEY (Science, Enrichment) Extra Duties: Assistant Basketball coach  
 TERESA HINSLEY (Family/Consumer Sciences) Extra Duties: Future Homemakers of America sponsor

CHRIS JACKSON (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys' Basketball coach, Golf coach  
 DOUG JONES (Science, Physical Education) Extra Duties: Baseball coach, Freshman Class sponsor  
 CINDY MARTIN (Art)  
 CINDY MASSEY (Title I)  
 NELWYN MATHEWS (Behavior Disorders)

STEPHANIE MENZIE (Special Education) Extra Duties: A Sporting Chance sponsor  
 JACQUELINE PEPPI (Grade Five)  
 HELEN PERSINGER (Remedial Reading)  
 PAM PROBERT (Science) Extra Duties: Science Club sponsor; Beta Chi Pi sponsor  
 CHERI RUMMENS (Speech)

DEBBIE SANDERS (Journalism, English) Extra Duties: Public Information Director, Newspaper and Yearbook adviser, Junior Class sponsor, Quill and Scroll  
 DON SANDERS (Middle School Social Studies) Extra Duties: Assistant Track coach, Grade Seven sponsor  
 JANA SCHLESENER (Middle School Counselor)  
 JANE SHIRLEY (Hearing Impaired)  
 RANDY SHORT (Middle School Math) Extra Duties: Cross Country coach, Track coach, Grade Seven

TONIA SONGER (Physical Education) Extra Duties: Girls' Basketball coach  
 ERIC SPYRES (Elementary Counselor) Extra Duties: Education Supports Prevention sponsor  
 TERRY SPYRES (Vocal Music)  
 BETH ANN STRAIN (Elementary Librarian)  
 PHILIP THOMAS (Instrumental Music) Extra Duties: Senior Class sponsor

WILDA WATTERSON (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Pep Club sponsor, Student Council sponsor, Foreign Language Club sponsor  
 BETSY WIGHT (English) Extra Duties: National Honor Society sponsor  
 ROGER WOOD (Social Studies) Extra Duties: Volleyball coach, Softball coach



# Class of 1997

## LEE BARBER

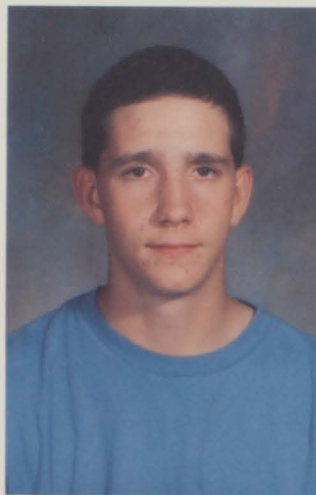
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## MICHAEL BATY

ESP 1,2,3; FBLA 1,2,3; Science Club 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3; Choir 4; Baseball 1; Music Contest 4; Art Fair 2,3,4.

## JILL BLAINE

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Lady Letterman 1,2; and Officer 2; Band 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3; All-Conference Softball 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Princess 1; Science Olympiad 2,3,4.



## DANNY BRITO

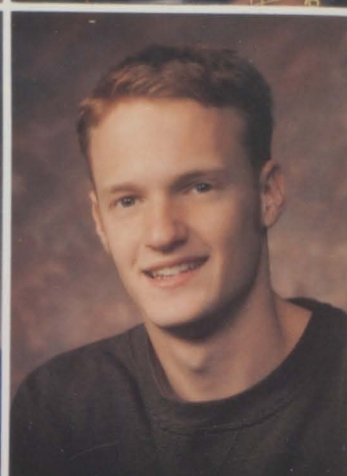
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## JEFFREY BROOKE

ESP 1,2,3; Art Club 2; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; FFA 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; All-District Journalist 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3; Basketball 1,2; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1; Journalism Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1; Barnwarming King Candidate 1; Youth Alive 3,4.

## NICK BROOKE

ESP 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; FFA 3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; and Officer 4; Choir 2; Class Officer 1,3; Cross Country 3,4; Track 3; Barnwarming King Candidate 3.



## STEVE CANNON

Art Club 1,2,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2; FFA 4; Track 1,2; Art Fair 1,2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3.

## BILL CHILSON

FFA 3,4; and Officer 4.

## CHRISTA CHOATE

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 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 1,2,3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Choir 2,3; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and Captain 4; English Contest 3; Music Contest 2; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3,4; FBLA Contest 2,3,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; Salutatorian 4.



## JAROD CODAY

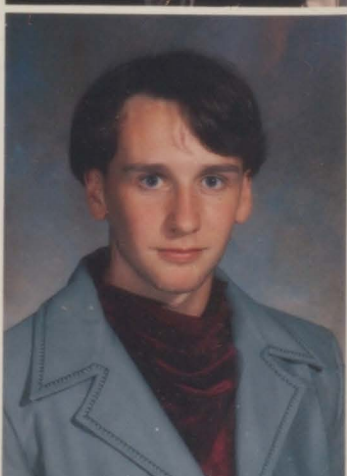
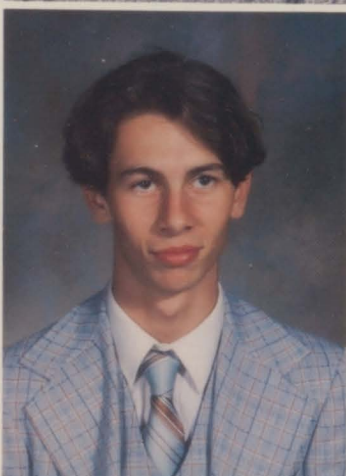
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## JEREMY CORDER

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3; Art Club 2,3,4; and Officer 2; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Beta Chi Pi 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2; Class Officer 2; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Cross Country 1,2,3; All-District Cross Country 1; Track 1,2,3; Music Contest 1,2,3; Art Fair 2,3,4; Science Fair 1,2,3; Boys State 3.

## HARRY CRAWFORD

ESP 4; Math Club 1,2; Science Club 2; Pep Club 1,2; Class Officer 2; Baseball 1; Math Contest 1; Industrial Arts Fair 1,4.





# 1994

was a  
time for...

"Larry Lansdown haunted me each day with the song he wrote for me."

*Aimee Williams*

"Emily Moody was sitting on a desk in Mrs. (Wilda) Watterson's room, when all of a sudden Mr. (Roger) Wood comes over the intercom screaming at her to get off the desk. She jumped out of her seat and started screaming 'How did he know?' Mr. Wood came by later to tell her that he just happened to be walking by and saw her sitting on the desk."

*Christa Choate*

"The funniest thing that I remember about my freshman year was having to push a penny on the cement sidewalk in front of the school. It was awful. I totally skinned my nose."

*Jarod Coday*

"When my friends would come and spend the night and we would chase our turkeys all over the yard."

*Wendy Matlock*

"I went to Project Graduation with Jack Becker and decided I wanted to try a Nordic Track out. Needless to say, I fell flat on my butt in front of everyone."

*Liz Roth*

"Watching Jarod Coday push pennies with his nose every day was pretty funny."

*Jason Davis*

"Regina Roy, Jill Blaine, and the other girls who went to FFA National Convention curled Larry Lansdown's hair and put makeup on him."

*Stephanie Day*

"After a volleyball game, the team stopped at McDonald's to eat. We were all feeling crazy because we had won, so I let Kim Joseph and Jill Adamson convince me to start crying and tell the manager I had found a toenail in my cheeseburger. It actually worked and I got a free cheeseburger."

*Amanda Stacy*

"Me and Steve Cannon skipped school, wore tank tops, and went to London."

*Michael Baty*

"On the first day of school my friend Sandy (Nelson) wouldn't let me, Sandy, and Lisa (Hodges) walk by ourselves. We had to walk with her older sister so that we wouldn't get initiated."

*Jennifer Wright*

"Me and a bunch of my friends dressed up in goofy, crazy clothes from the Crisis Center."

*Lauren Miller*



Several of the senior girls attending Prom listen as photographer Dave Moore explains how he wants them arranged for a photo they are buying.

Eric Grubbs entertains people lining the dance floor at Prom. The deejay stopped the action occasionally for a special game, but this time MHS students had come up with their own.



With people lining the dance floor in a big circle, Christa Choate and Jarod Coday dance to a lively song at Prom, which was held at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

While Bill Chilson, Liz Machado, Mike Baty, Emily Moody, Chris Johnson, and Scott Corder watch in amusement, a dancer at Prom moves his act to the floor.



A physics experiment involving strings and motion has Emily Moody concentrating as she swings an object in Pam Probert's classroom.

During the high school's mock Presidential election, held in the main lobby, Lisa Hodges marks her ballot. Bob Dole won the MHS election.



Before the Future Homemakers of America regional meeting, members Melissa Scott, Sarah Walker, Lauren Miller, and Jill Blaine get together to coordinate their plans.

Lee Barber and Brian Jones work on critical analysis papers in their English IV class, taught by Betsy Wight.



# 1995

was a  
time for...

"The time I got my jaw wired shut and everyone at lunch every day would say 'hey, do you want a bite of my pizza?' then they would laugh."

*Emily Moody*

"I'll never forget winning the state baseball championship for the first time ever at Mansfield. It is one of those events that I will always remember."

*Jeffrey Brooke*

"The most memorable thing about my sophomore year is when I was in gym class and I got depantised by some girls in the middle of the gym floor."

*Bill Chilson*

"I was manager of the softball team. It was a home game and I was in charge of doing the scoreboard. I had never done it before and the umpire had to yell at me what everything was."

*Lisa Hodges*

"The most memorable thing about my sophomore year was finding my birth mom."

*Sarah Walker*

"Our girls' basketball team went to state. The whole Mansfield Pep Club dog-piled us at Hillcrest after we won the game prior to state and I was on the bottom and couldn't breathe."

*Aimee Williams*

"The stupidest thing that happened my sophomore year was that we had to write a paper on family values in parenting class, over Jim Carrey's popular comedy 'The Mask.'"

*Eric Grubbs*

"Kim Joseph, Jesse Wade, Amanda Stacy and I tried to get in a Rated R movie, but none of us were 17. We couldn't get in, so instead we drove around new car lots for four hours."

*Liz Roth*

"Scoring the winning run in the state championship baseball game and bringing home the first ever state title."

*Jason Davis*

"The most embarrassing moment of my sophomore year was when I passed out on my first ever cross country meet. I was almost to the finish line and my legs stopped working."

*Lauren Miller*

"Me and a bunch of friends went to the New Year's lock-in. We kept sneaking upstairs and hiding different places, waiting for Mr. (Eric) Spyres to come get on to us."

*Christa Choate*



# Class of 1997

## AMY CURTIS

FBLA 3; FHA 2; Business Contest 2; Softball 4; Youth Alive 4.

## JASON DAVIS

ESP 1,2,3,4; Art Club 1,2; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 4; Cross Country 1,4; Barnwarming King 1.

## STEPHANIE DAY

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2; Art Club 1; Math Club 3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2,3,4; FHA 2,3; Student Council 2; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Track 1,2,3; English Contest 1,2; Journalism Contest 3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 3,4; Business Contest 2; Girls State 3; Writer's Express 3,4; and Officer 4; All-District Journalist 4; Missouri State Junior Academy of Science 4; News-Leader Academic All-Star Team 4; Valedictorian 4.

## SILVER FULLINGTON

## DAWN FURLONG

FBLA 3,4; FFA 3,4; Band 3,4; Softball 3,4; Music Contest 3,4; Business Contest 3,4.

## ERIC GRUBBS

ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2; Math Club 1,2,3; and Officer 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 3,4; Student Council 3,4; and Officer 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Class Officer 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Cross Country 1; All-District Cross Country 1; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2,3; Business Contest 2; Boys State 3.

## CHRISTY HASTINGS

ESP 3; Art Club 2; Pep Club 3; FFA 1; FHA 2.

## JON HEIDELBERG

## LISA HODGES

Foreign Language Club 3,4; FBLA 4; Science Club 4; Pep Club 2,4; FHA 1,2; Softball 2,4; Art Fair 4; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Business Contest 4.

## NICOLE HOLLENBERG

Math Club 4; Science Club 4; FHA 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Volleyball 4; Track 2,3; Music Contest 2,3,4.

## CHRIS JOHNSON

ESP 1,2,3; Art Club 1; Pep Club 2; FFA 3,4; FHA 2; Basketball 1; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Cross Country 3; Track 1; Carnival King 1.

## BRIAN JONES

ESP 1,3,4; FBLA 3,4; Art Club 3,4; Pep Club 4; FHA 1,2; Art Fair 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 1.



# Class of 1997

## KIM JONES

Pep Club 2; FFA 3,4; FHA 1; Choir 3,4; Music Contest 3,4.

## KIMBERLEY JOSEPH

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2; Art Club 1; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 2,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3; and Officer 3; Student Council 1,4; and Officer 4; Publications Staff 3,4; Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Choir 2,3; Class Officer 1,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Volleyball 3,4; Track 1,2,3; Pom Pon 3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 2,3; Art Fair 1; Science Fair 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 3,4; Star Events 1; Business Contest 2; Girls State 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Science Olympiad 2,3,4; Missouri State Junior Academy of Science 1,3,4; Writer's Express 3,4; and Officer 4; All-District Journalist 4.

## LARRY LANSDOWN

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 2,3; FBLA 3; Art Club 1; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 2,3; FFA 1,2,3; and Officer 3; FHA 1; Band 4; Choir 3,4; Track 2; Music Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1,2; Science Fair 2,3; Business Contest 3; Golf 4.

## JENNIFER LEE

## LADONNA LILES

Art Club 1; Sporting Chance 1,2,3,4.

## LIZ MACHADO

Foreign Language Club 1,2; FBLA 4; Art Club 1,2,4; and Officer 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,4; Softball 4; Volleyball 2; Cross Country 1; Star Events 1; Business Contest 4; Barnwarming Queen 4.

## WENDY MATLOCK

ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,4; Math Club 2; Science 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; Lady Letterman 1,2; Choir 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Cross Country 2,3; All-Conference Cross Country 2; All-District Cross Country 2; Music Contest 1,2,3; Science Olympiad 2,3,4; Miss Merry Christmas runner-up 4.

## LAUREN MILLER

ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 4; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Art Club 1; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Publications Staff 3; and Editor 3; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 4; Lady Letterman Club 1; and Officer 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 4; Softball 1; Basketball 2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 4; KKOZ Dream Team 4; Volleyball 1; Cross Country 2; All-Conference Cross Country 2; All-District Cross Country 2; Pom Pon 1,2,3; English Contest 4; Journalism Contest 3; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Writer's Express 3,4.

## EMILY MOODY

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Publications Staff 3,4; Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Choir 2; Class Officer 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Science Fair 3,4; Math Contest 2,3,4; Homecoming Princess 3; All-District Journalist 4; Writers Express 3,4; and Officer 4.

## SANDY NELSON

Pep Club 1; FHA 1.

## GINA PENN

Art Club 3,4.

## LIZ ROTH

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; Art Club 1; Math Club 3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3; FHA 1,2,3; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Volleyball 2,3; Music Contest 2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3; Homecoming Princess 2.





# 1996

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time for...*

"Our whole junior year, every time I would go anywhere with my friends we would get lost or our cars would break down."

*Wendy Matlock*

"I ended up taking classes at vo-tech and I didn't know a thing about vehicles."

*Jon Heidelberg*

"In the middle of my junior year I had an attack and almost passed out in the hallway. Everyone was standing in the doorways of the classrooms watching me."

*Kim Jones*

"I was going home from dress rehearsal for the school play when a police officer pulled me over. I got out of my car, dressed in overalls, and I had mascara painted all over my face. He must have thought I was crazy, because after he stopped laughing at my appearance, he told me to drive carefully the rest of the way home."

*Larry Lansdown*

"The funniest thing was when Nick Brooke came in to class with that stupid blood-drop outfit on for the blood drive. He had his shorts pulled up so high, he looked like he had no clothes on underneath."

*Christa Choate*

"My most memorable time was when I cut my hair into a mohawk and went to home school for all of my junior year in school."

*Danny Brito*

"The saddest thing was probably when Coach (Chris) Larsen left, because we could no longer admire his build and looks."

*Aimee Williams*

"I'll never forget winning the state baseball championship for the second consecutive year, and having the most wins in Mansfield baseball history. I thought that we would have never won the first championship, and then all of a sudden we had two."

*Jeffrey Brooke*

"Amanda Stacy and I went to Conway for a basketball game and we had 56 cents between us and an empty tank. We pulled into the gas station and she leapt out and ran to the Taco Bell next door and spent all but three cents on a taco. How we managed to get home I'll never know."

*Emily Moody*



*Barnwarming is always a time for some crazy games among the classes, and here seniors Bill Chilson, Kim Jones (back to camera), Liz Machado, Danny Brito, and Lee Barber try to wiggle their way in and out of a hula hoop without using hands.*



*At the Homecoming pep rally, seniors display signs that show their graduation year, and laugh at one of the skits put on by the Pep Club.*



*Seniors Jeffrey Brooke, Nick Brooke, Regina Roy, and Steven Welch do their best in a tug-of-war game at Barnwarming, which pitted the older class against the freshmen.*



After the ceremonies are finally over, Danny Brito and Lee Barber clown around while friends and family snap their pictures in front of the gym.

Amy Curtis and Sandy Nelson carry yellow carnations as they walk together in the graduation processional.



Almost all of the graduates take part in the senior chorus, and class members sing "Count on Me," during graduation ceremonies.

Steve Cannon, Jennifer Wright, Grant Williams, and Marie Cantrell all react differently to the Valedictory speech by classmate Stephanie Day.



# 1997

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time for...

"I'll always remember our WWF wrestling matches at lunch. We got in trouble for it, but we kept on wrestling."

Bill Chilson

"When I brought Lisa Hodges her Christmas present she looked at me with tears in her eyes and said 'I'm really going to miss you.'"

Sandy Nelson

"My most memorable thing I remember is when all the guys would dress up in Seventies clothes for pictures."

Jennifer Wright

"The saddest thing about my senior year was when my mom came and met me at center court in the rose ceremony, because my dad was not there."

Jarod Coday

"On the way back from the FBLA district contest I had a slip on that looked like underwear and I took it off and put it on my head."

Liz Machado

"I'll always remember that alternative school teacher Mrs. (Kathy) Barnett always pushed me to do my best."

Marie Cantrell

"The pep rallies were the most fun of the whole year."

LaDonna Liles

"Wrestling sixth hour with Gary Slate was the best part of the year."

Chris Johnson

"Catching up on my credits so I could graduate."

Jeannie Johnson

"FBLA state contest was really memorable. I was a voting delegate. It was my first year at state, and I doubt if I forget it."

Amy Curtis

"This was the year that I started making friends."

Silver Fullington

"Getting to go to the International Science Fair in Louisville, Kentucky is one of my best senior memories. It was something that I had worked on since my sophomore year."

Stephanie Day

"After a big ice storm, I wrecked my car on some salt and I had to spend the entire last semester bumming rides from friends again, like I was 15. My grandma let me drive her car for awhile, but then I backed into someone, and needless to say, I didn't get to drive anything anymore."

Amanda Stacy

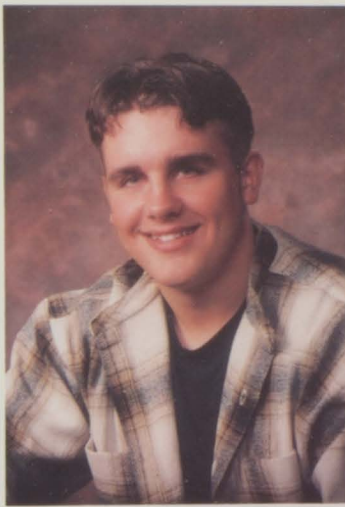


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## REGINA ROY

Foreign Language Club 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Band 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3; Business Contest 4; Science Olympiad 2,3.



## MIKE SPYRES

Foreign Language Club 2; ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Math Club 2; Science Club 2,3,4; and Office 2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Student Council 2,3; and Officer 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Yearbook King Candidate 1; All-District Jazz Band 4; All-District Choir 2,3,4; All-State Choir 3,4; Missouri Fine Arts Academy 3.



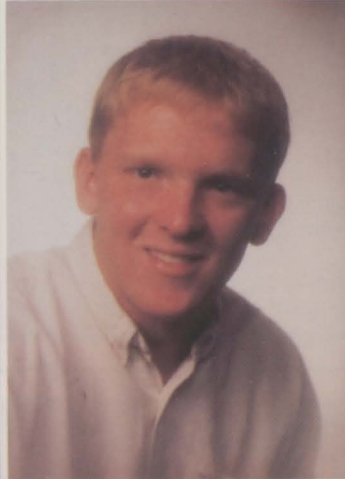
## AMANDA STACY

Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; FBLA 1,2,3; Art Club 1,2,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; and Officer 2,3; FHA 1,2,3; Student Council 1; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; Beta Chi Pi 3; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Class Officer 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1,2; English Contest 1,2,3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1,2; Science Fair 2,3; Business Contest 2,3; Yearbook Queen Candidate 1; Barnwarming Queen 2; Junior Miss Mansfield 1; Miss Mansfield runner-up 2,3,4; All-District Journalist 4.



## SARAH WALKER

Pep Club 1; FFA 3; FHA 1,4; Band 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3.



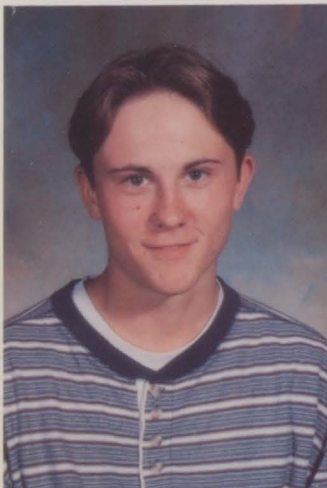
## STEVEN WELCH

ESP 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Class Officer 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2; Youth Alive 2,3,4.



## AIMEE WILLIAMS

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 3; Science Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; and Officer 4; All-District Journalist 4; Lady Letterman Club 1,2; Choir 1,2; Class Officer 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2; Science Fair 2; Business Contest 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4.



## GRANT WILLIAMS

ESP 3,4; FBLA 4; Pep Club 3,4; Student Council 3; Band 4; Choir 4; Music Contest 3,4; Boys State 3.



## JENNIFER WRIGHT

Foreign Language Club 3,4; FBLA 4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Softball 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2; Math Contest 1; Business Contest 4.



## CRYSTAL YOUNG

FFA 2,3; FHA 1.



## MARIE CANTRELL



## JEANNIE JOHNSON



# You heard it here first

## JUNIORS

What would be your worst nightmare if it came true?

• "My worst nightmare would be if I woke up in the morning and all of my gum and sweaters were gone." -- **Scott Corder**

• "Forgetting to put my clothes on for school." -- **Kassy Calhoun**

• "Wrecking one of my dad's classic cars." -- **John Roberts**

• "Falling down the stairs backwards." -- **NaTasha Bailey**

• "To lose everything I have that means something to me, especially my family and friends." -- **Angela Pharris**

• "Coming to school in my underwear." -- **Jerryl Henry**

• "Mine would be if I were home alone and someone was trying to get in or was in my house trying to get me." -- **Jenny Moody**

• "Having a girlfriend would be my worst nightmare. I would hate to get tied down in Mansfield." -- **Adam Grubbs**

• "Having half of your family involved in the school system." -- **Allison Arnall**

• "My worst nightmare would be if all my friends and family didn't go to heaven with me." -- **Kati Williams**

• "Becoming disabled physically because then I wouldn't be able to compete in any sports." -- **Chris Flageolle**

• "Not having a new pair of shoes for a new outfit." -- **Jessica Copeland**

• "My worst nightmare would be telling my dad stuff." -- **Rachel Barber**

• "Having to put up with evil, demanding teachers who would think only of themselves." -- **Eric Carampatan**

• "Failing Biology II." -- **Bobbi Greenwood**

• "I have this recurring dream of falling off of a cliff. Just as I reach the bottom I wake up with a jerk." -- **Gary Slate**

• "My worst nightmare would be accidentally forgetting to bring in a huge assignment the day it is due."

-- **Chad Keeling**

• "Mine would be getting a ticket for speeding, then having to tell my dad." -- **Kathy Winsor**

• "Being in a wreck and dying, because Coach Roger Wood said the Junior Class is due." -- **Robby Baugh**

• "Having school seven days a week." -- **John Rhodes**

• "Finding out there are no more herbs in the world." -- **Julie Brenner**

• "My worst nightmare would be waking up one morning and finding out I was a boy." -- **Cindy Dalton**

• "It would be having all my friends and family killed in front of me." -- **Heather Brooke**

• "Leaving the disk in the computer one more time, and having to use a typewriter for the rest of the year." -- **Melvin Thompson**

• "Losing weight because there would be nothing left of me." -- **Courtney Short**

• "My worst nightmare would be not being able to graduate from high school." -- **Lydia Chilson**

Allison Arnall  
Billy Bailey  
NaTasha Bailey  
Rachel Barber  
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Joe Bell  
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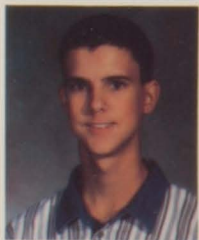
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Patricia Dollarhide  
Ricky Dugger



Chris Flageolle  
Trish Freeman  
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Bobby Hunsucker  
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• JUNIORS try to out-yell the other three classes during the Homecoming pep rally. Gina Turley, near the top, hold the class's sign of '98 high, and to her right, Cindy Dalton shouts out her class spirit as well.

• WAITING for their bus ride to v-tech school in Mtn. Grove, J. R. Penn, Gina Penn, Silver Fullington, and Billy Bailey lounge around in the high school lobby after their early lunch period is over.



Jason Lansdown  
Joey Long  
Leslie Lynch  
Curtis Melton  
Tessa Miller  
Jenny Moody  
Richard Myers

Kelly Otis  
Kim Pippen  
Angela Pharris  
John Rhodes  
John Roberts  
Melissa Scott  
Courtney Short

Amanda Skyles  
Gary Slate  
James Strunk  
Melvin Thompson  
Gina Turley  
Kati Williams  
Don Wilson

Kathy Winsor  
Tabitha Young



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## SOPHOMORES

*What's the funniest thing that has happened to you at school?*

• "My locker got jammed and I didn't have my books for about three weeks." -- **Devon Furlong**

• "While I was carrying my lunch tray to my seat, I hit a slick spot. I went down and the tray went up, leaving me covered in food." -- **Luke Anderson**

• "When I got up out of my chair in art, someone put clay in my chair and I ended up with a blob of clay on my behind." -- **Rachel Hull**

• "Some girl I was fighting with, well, actually arguing with, got mad at me because I broke the end of her pencil off. She hauled off and punched me in the nose, making it bleed." -- **Dusty Walker**

• "Matt Skyles made me sing 'Someone To Love' to Lauren Miller in the middle of a baseball game and in the parking lot at lunch." -- **Brandon Edmonds**

• "I was standing up on the top bleachers at a basketball game and

someone pushed me. I hit my head on the ceiling beam, then I fell about four or five bleachers down, over five or six people." -- **Joey Rhodes**

• "I was talking to my friend and spit came out of my mouth and hit him in the eye." -- **Matthew Adamson**

• "I was daydreaming in science class and when I got up to leave, I walked forward without getting out of my desk first. I turned my desk over and spilled my papers everywhere." -- **Torie Lockmon**

• "I was running a three-point shot play and I was falling out of bounds so I threw the ball at the goal and hit the top of the backboard." -- **Jason Brooke**

• "The funniest thing was when I was walking down the hallway, talking to one of my friends. I wasn't really paying attention to what I was doing and I didn't see the stairs and I tripped down them." -- **Amanda Wallace**

• "We all hid Curt Stuart's jacket in the home ec room and after about a week he got really mad." -- **Kevin**

**Heatherly**

• "We were walking back from lunch one day and we picked Tracy Oberbeck up and put her in the trash can by the lunch room." -- **Travis Furr**

• "When Nick Brooke, Jeff Brooke, and I all got eighth hours for laughing in Mrs. (Julie) Carr's class while taking a test." -- **Curt Stuart**

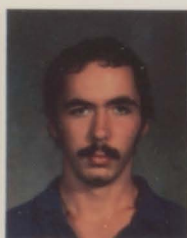
• "In eighth grade I threw a cup of water in the air. The wind caught it and it went into an elementary class. The water landed on a VCR. I got in trouble and had to sit at the stoplight at lunch." -- **Mandy Goss**

• "I was talking to my friends at lunch when Gina Turley came up behind me and depantsed me." -- **Tia Pharris**

• "Rachelle Roy and I were walking up the stairs and I fell. We both screamed really loud and everyone heard." -- **Tracy Oberbeck**

• "The funniest was when me and Zach (Miller) were swinging on the rafters and Zach got in trouble and I didn't." -- **Stephen House**

Matthew Adamson  
Luke Anderson  
Clinton Barrett  
Crystal Beggs  
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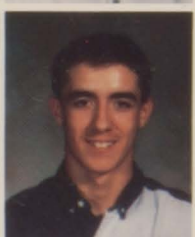
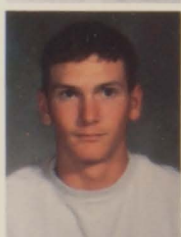
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Devon Furlong  
Travis Furr  
Somer Golden  
Mandy Goss



Nathan Hanger  
Tad Harvill  
Kevin Heatherly  
Russell Hedrick  
Bill Heidelberg  
Lorie Hodges  
Stephen House







• WHILE KaTrina Bailey munches on some snack mix, Russell Hedrick is lost in thought. The two are sitting on a concrete area where a picnic table once stood. The table was moved so many times that the school decided to remove it until it could be anchored to the ground.

• **SOPHOMORES**, also known as the Class of 1999, show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. All the classes were given signs, and got involved in some friendly competition during the event.



Rachel Hull  
Carol Kelley  
Bridget Keys  
Brandon Lansdown  
Ely Lansdown  
Roy Liles  
Torie Lockmon



Stephanie Maxwell  
Britten Medley  
Michelle Napier  
Tracy Oberbeck  
Christina Pharris  
Kinder Pollock  
Patricia Potter



Joey Rhodes  
Rachelle Roy  
Matthew Scott  
Crystal Steffe  
Jamie Stepro  
Curtis Stuart  
Dusty Walker



Amanda Wallace  
Shannon Wallin  
Zach Whorton  
Donna Young  
Manuel Young  
Jessica Zimmerman



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## FRESHMEN

*What is the hardest part of being in high school?*

- "Getting through the hallways. They ought to put a yellow line down the middle and people going one way can walk on one side and people going the other way can walk on the other side." -- **Michael Collier**

- "Getting along with teachers that you don't like." -- **Jason Hilliard**

- "Fitting in. It's hard because you have to live up to everyone's expectations and views. Everyone judges you on what you wear and that's hard to get used to." -- **Jeanenne Sewell**

- "Making it to class on time and keeping up with your studies. Sometimes you have to run to class." -- **Rick Weaver**

- "All of the pressure and hard work as a freshman. It's hard keeping my grades up enough to play softball." -- **Jessica Penn**

- "Closed lunch hour. I couldn't wait to get to high school for the open lunch hour and then the school

board changes it my freshman year." -- **Destiny Millard**

- "The school work. Junior high helps prepare you, but not enough." -- **Sarena Baugh**

- "When the teachers give unexpected pop quizzes." -- **Roy Liles**

- "The hardest part is definitely all the pressure from teachers." -- **Jessica Roth**

- "Always having to listen to a certain group of senior boys make fun of me." -- **Jonathon Walker**

- "Getting to class on time without getting enough tardies to get an eighth hour or Saturday school." -- **Ryan Stacy**

- "Having a closed campus and not getting to eat lunch with some of my friends because they have the other lunch hour." -- **Stephanie Strunk**

- "People walk too slowly down the halls. It's almost impossible to make it to our end of the hall in three minutes." -- **Ben Moody**

- "Writing essays. I'm a

good speller, but when it comes to writing, the thoughts just won't come into my head." -- **Mitchell Hammond**

- "It's hard to juggle schoolwork, clubs and activities." -- **KaTrina Bailey**

- "Trying to maneuver through the halls. It's full of people pushing and shoving each other into lockers." -- **Julie Lynch**

- "It's so hard to keep up with homework and extracurricular activities. I never have enough time to get a decent amount of sleep." -- **Janisha Bennett**

- "Everyone's expectations. You're supposed to date, go to games, make good grades and still have time for a home life." -- **Jason McDermitt**

- "The older kids always acting tough and showing off in front of their friends." -- **Scott Jackson**

- "Getting assignments done and turned in by the due date." -- **Jay Keeling**

- "Tons of homework." -- **Deidra Wallace**

Jeremy Archer  
KaTrina Bailey  
B. J. Batten  
Sarena Baugh  
Crystal Bennett  
Janisha Bennett  
Matt Byerlee



Josh Campie  
Tracy Cantrell  
Byron Clark  
Dustin Clark  
Steven Collins  
Austin Corder  
Karen Eagleston



Lori Edwards  
Jason Farris  
Melissa Farris  
Debra Henry  
Jason Hilliard  
Afton Ivy  
Scott Jackson



Tyler Jenkins  
Kandy Kabage  
Jay Keeling  
Chris Kerns  
Sara Leonard  
Craig Letsinger  
Julie Lynch





• **THE** Class of 2000, with Crystal Bennett holding the proof, yells and screams during the Homecoming pep rally, when the four classes were asked to sit as separate groups.



• **SPRING** has finally arrived, and Matt Byerlee, Destiny Millard, Byron Clark, and Scott Jackson take advantage of the sunshine during the first lunch period of the day.



Amanda Mason  
Dustin McCleary  
Presley McQuigg  
Thomas Milford  
Destiny Millard  
Austin Miller  
Zach Miller



Ben Moody  
Dustin Nichols  
Jessica Penn  
Beverly Pratt  
Jessica Roth  
Jeanenne Sewell  
Jeremiah Sewell



Kristina Shropshire  
Ryan Stacy  
Stephanie Strunk  
Erik Sutton  
Cheryl Swopes  
Doug Tripp  
Karol Turley



Jason Turner  
Kelly Turner  
Serina VanNess  
Jonathon Walker  
Deidra Wallace  
Rick Weaver  
Sumer Welch



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## GRADE EIGHT

What is your favorite middle school memory?

• "My favorite memory is when we all went to Jefferson City. The bus ride was the most fun of all." -- **Bryan Dugger**

• "When Mr. (Don) Sanders took us to the gym and gave us all stickers and played hacky sack with us." -- **Andrea Wallace**

• "When a bunch of my friends super glued a locker shut and this kid couldn't get it open for like two days and Don Hanger had to open it." -- **Matt Bennett**

• "When we had a magician visit our school and he showed us some really neat tricks." -- **Tashina Wilson**

• "When we beat Hartville in the conference tournament for third place." -- **Matt Shevchek**

• "My favorite memories were the days I would spend with all my friends trying to figure out how to do English." -- **Dannette Sickels**

• "My favorite middle school memory was the first

day I came here from Illinois. This was the time I gained all my best friends." -- **Justin Hipkins**

• "When we went on the One Hundred Percent Club trip to the skating rink. I was with my friends and we were playing whiplash and we went around the corner too fast and fell down. We were laughing so hard we couldn't get up and a bunch of others fell on us." -- **Anthea Medley**

• "When Chad Keith was walking backwards from lunch and just as he turned around he hit his head on the stop sign." -- **Angela Fetter**

• "My favorite memory has to be our incredible basketball season. I got to know everybody better. We made each other laugh even if we were losing, which wasn't very often." -- **Lindsay Hannaford**

• "When I walked into the girls' bathroom and there was a guy going to the bathroom who didn't realize he was in the wrong one. He looked back at me and gave me a really weird

look." -- **Erica Spyres**

• "Thinking about all the times I've been griped out for things that nobody cares about. One such thing is sitting in the wrong seat in homeroom." -- **David Scrivner**

• "Before classes start in the morning, me and my friend standing around talking." -- **Ashley Maxwell**

• "My best memory is at the middle school dance when Mr. (Don) Sanders was dancing and was jumping like a cartoon character." -- **Rick Ramsey**

• "I tried out for cheerleading. I thought I was not going to make it and I did." -- **Colleen Cook**

• "When we put a 'kick me' sign on this girl's back and she walked clear to the gym with it on." -- **Jerry Elliott**

• "My favorite is the middle school dance or the game we played against Hartville for third place." -- **Josh Cleaver**

• "Coming back from Jeff City, when we got to roam around the town." -- **Keith Jackson**

Veronica Barrera  
Rodney Bell  
Matt Bennett  
Sarah Brown  
Danny Cain  
Tona Carter  
Clark Choate



Amanda Clash  
Josh Clever  
Dustin Coday  
Colleen Cook  
John Crain  
Justin Crain  
Matthew Dunbar



Jerry Elliott  
Joe Farris  
Angela Fetter  
Jennifer Flood  
Cassie Franken  
Dustin Grass  
Lindsay Hannaford



Bridgett Harris  
Joey Harris  
Kellie Harris  
Mary Heidelberg  
Ashley Hicks  
Justin Hipkins  
Keith Jackson







• ACCOMPANIED by Dane Allen's guitar, eighth grader Erica Spyres plays a fiddle tune for a group of children gathered at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Springfield.

• EIGHTH grade band students, joined by several seventh graders as well, play a holiday song during a Christmas concert held on a Sunday afternoon in December.



Tara Jackson  
Carrie Jarrett  
Chad Keith  
Richard Kelley  
Justin Knight  
James Lanscaster  
Scott Litz

Jacob Loper  
Albert Matney  
Ashley Maxwell  
Rachel McCall  
Anthea Medley  
Garrett Norell  
Brandon Olive

Carl Ramsey  
Rick Ramsey  
David Scrivner  
Matt Shevchuk  
Dannette Sickels  
Erica Spyres  
Josh Street

Joanie Stuteville  
Mindie Sullivan  
Rashelle Thompson  
Andrea Wallace  
Robert Ward  
Tashina Wilson  
John Williams



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## GRADE SEVEN

*If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be?*

• "George Lucas, because with Star Wars coming back to the theaters he will be making millions on ticket sales, toys, and collectibles." -- **Joe Gresham**

• "I would probably be myself, because even though bad things happen in my life there are a lot of good things also." -- **Tiffany Coonce**

• "Dan Marino. I love football and he is the best quarterback that I can think of." -- **Kennith Bennett**

• "I want to be Leann Rimes because she's really pretty and she sings good." -- **Jolisa Iott**

• "A President's wife because I would make a lot of money." -- **Denae Furlong**

• "My mom because she

is intelligent and a good mom." -- **Miranda Rhodes**

• "I would want to be the first woman on the moon. I think it would be cool because you would get recognized all over the world." -- **Stacey Wright**

• "It would be President because there has never been a woman President and I would like to change a lot of problems in the world." -- **Lindsey Dunbar**

• "A milk truck driver because it looks fun." -- **James Scrivner**

• "I would be Ricki Lake because she's really into her shows, she meets new people everyday, and isn't afraid to say what she feels." -- **Jody Naugle**

• "If I could be anyone I would be Dominique Dawes because she is a good

gymnast." -- **Lisa Mapes**

• "I would be myself. My life isn't so bad and I am allowed to do a lot of neat things." -- **Stefanie Blevins**

• "Michael Jordan, because basketball is his job, and he makes a lot of money." -- **Michael Scofield**

• "I would want to be Tori Spelling because she has the coolest clothes and stuff." -- **Sara Edmonds**

• "I would be President of the United States. He gets paid a lot of money and if there is a war he decides if our army goes." -- **Eddie Penn**

• "Wynona Judd, because I like her voice and her songs are really good." -- **Jessica Moore**

• "I'd be Nolan Ryan so I could be a famous pitcher." -- **Ryan Roberts**

Tara Allen  
Rocky Arnold  
Roxanna Barrera  
Carey Beggs  
Jake Bennett  
Josh Bennett  
Kennith Bennett



Stefanie Blevins  
Kelsey Boyle  
Timmy Bunch  
Brian Carampatan  
Nathan Cody  
Tiffany Coonce  
Jeffrey Decker



Lindsey Dunbar  
Sara Edmonds  
Jennifer Farris  
Denae Furlong  
Laura Furr  
Rachel Giddens  
Amanda Golden



Joseph Gresham  
Tim Harness  
David Hipkins  
Brooke Hurst  
Jolisa Iott  
Ashley Jones  
Kristyn Jones



Michelle Jones  
Amanda Lansdown  
Kevin Liles  
Juley Litz  
Jacob Magnin  
Joshawa McCrite  
Eric McQuigg







• **PLAYING** Jeopardy in Don Sanders' geography class, Quentin Hammond, Jake Bennett, Michael Woody, and Ryan Roberts try to beat each other to the switch.

• **MELISSA** Napier, Lacie Newby, Steve Ward, and the rest of a seventh grade geography class laugh at a trick question asked by teacher Don Sanders during a game of Jeopardy.



Stephanie Medley  
Jeffrey Moore  
Jessica Moore  
Tyler Mullican  
Melissa Napier  
Lacie Newby  
Christina Odle

Edward Penn  
Tamera Potter  
Glen Ramsey  
Shawn Reimer  
Miranda Rhodes  
Ryan Roberts  
Scotty Rousseau

Michael Scofield  
James Scrivner  
Nicholas Shelhamer  
Donnie Slate  
Austin Steffe  
Jennifer Stuteville  
Lora Thompson

Micheal Turley  
Lacie Vaverka  
Steven Ward  
Shawna Williams  
Crystal Wilson  
Micheal Woody  
Stacey Wright

Rebecca Young  
Cristin Zimmerman



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## GRADE SIX

*What is something that will always bring a smile to your face?*

• "When I see little children, I always smile." -- **Tomi Jones**

• "A good basketball game." -- **Cody Corder**

• "When I go places with my friends." -- **Tiffany Beggs**

• "A \$20 bill for me." -- **Brett Bailey**

• "My dad snoring." -- **Amanda Walker**

• "A good book always brings a smile to my face." -- **Sarah Bennett**

• "When I stick my lizard in my friend's face and she starts screaming." -- **Whitney Hannaford**

• "Getting out of school." -- **Tim Pharris**

• "Seeing my dogs." -- **Cody McCleary**

• "A lot of candy and money." -- **Jordan Cantrell**

• "My friends, they always give me a good laugh." -- **April Pettibone**

• "Seeing the Star Wars commercials on TV." -- **Amanda McQuigg**

• "Singing makes me smile." -- **John Blaine**

• "The Little Penny commercials." -- **Jesse Bricker**

• "Making music with my friends makes me smile." -- **Kelly Carampatan**

• "Knowing everyone is happy and that they will pursue their dreams." -- **Whitney Hollenberg**

• "A very good joke." -- **Anthony Lockmon**

• "When my little sister gets mad and throws a fit." -- **Ashley Borders**

• "When someone falls

backwards in their chair." -- **Alisha Stewart**

• "Helping people." -- **Dustin Dixon**

• "Animals." -- **Maranda Garzee**

• "Seeing my dog Bre." -- **Travis Hilliard**

• "Seeing everyone happy." -- **Alicia Cook**

• "Talking to Courtney Allen." -- **Laurel Oberbeck**

• "The name Willis." -- **Justin Kingery**

• "My puppy brings a smile to my face." -- **Kristen Phelps**

• "When someone gives me something." -- **Randy Liles**

• "When my mom goes sledding and flips over in the air." -- **Kendra Smith**

• "When school is out for the summer." -- **Cory Letsinger**

Courtney Allen  
Brett Bailey  
Tiffany Beggs  
Sarah Bennett  
Cory Berry  
John Blaine  
Ashley Borders



Tim Brazeal  
Jesse Bricker  
Joseph Bubeck  
Jennifer Calhoun  
Jordan Cantrell  
Kelly Carampatan  
Lisa Chambers



Travis Clouse  
Alicia Cook  
Cody Corder  
Tina Crain  
Dustin Dixon  
Christian Eichelberger  
Maranda Garzee



Whitney Hannaford  
Travis Hilliard  
Alex Hipkins  
Whitney Hollenberg  
Brent Jones  
Bruce Jones  
Tomi Jones



Justin Kingery







• **BALANCING** carefully, Aaron Price, front, and Travis Mason make staying on huge air-filled pillows look easy. However, the CTA Carnival game was anything but. Most kids and adults who got on were quickly dumped in the floor. There were prizes for the longest "ride."

• **DIRECTED** by Philip Thomas, the sixth grade performs holiday music for the large crowd in attendance at a Sunday afternoon band concert in December.



Cory Letsinger  
Randy Liles  
Anthony Lockmon  
Travis Mason  
Cody McCleary  
Cheyenna McCrite  
Amanda McQuigg



Josh Millard  
Amber Moore  
Keith Newton  
Laurel Oberbeck  
Jennifer Otis  
April Pettibone  
Timothy Pharris



Kristen Phelps  
Aaron Price  
Jimmy Rebura  
Kasie Rueff  
Rhett Scofield  
Joshua Slater  
Kendra Smith



Justin Stafford  
Alisha Stewart  
Summer Taylor  
Amanda Walker  
Jana Young  
Marcia Blaine  
Teresa Leonard



Donna Streight



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## GRADE FIVE

*What is something you are really scared of?*

- "New teachers scare me when I change grades, because I don't know them very well." -- **Becky Slate**
- "What I'm really scared of is the dark because it looks like things are moving, when they really aren't." -- **Jennifer Odle**
- "I am afraid of failing a school year, even though I don't think I ever will." -- **Ashley Hood**
- "I don't want to grow up because I really like my life at this age." -- **Casey DeLapp**
- "I am afraid of my dog running away because he might get hurt." -- **Colt Naugle**
- "I am scared of falling out of the tree stand when I'm trying to shoot a deer." -- **Jason Schofield**
- "I'm afraid of wasps, because if one lands on my head, face, or nose I scream like crazy, and if one stings me I cry a lot." -- **Samantha Ousley**
- "I'm scared of

tornadoes, because they can kill you." -- **Chasity Olive**

- "I am afraid of dying because I feel that I'm too young to die." -- **Kenny Cline**
- "I am afraid of fire, because it can hurt you bad and it is very powerful." -- **Tanya Loveland**
- "I'm scared of coyotes, because they could eat me." -- **Brandon Jones**
- "I am afraid of dying because I would be gone forever, and forever is a very long time." -- **Robert Perkins**
- "Dennis Rodman in his wedding dress." -- **Cody Elliott**
- "I'm afraid of the state test, because you have to remember capitols." -- **Tiffany Cline**
- "I'm scared of a World War III, because China has more people, nuclear weapons, and high tech machinery that can do lots of damage." -- **Eli Helms**
- "I'm afraid of the screaming sound that the train makes as it goes by my house late at night." -- **Christina Barrera**

• "I'm scared of bats, because they will fly down and bite me." -- **James Reason**

- "I'm afraid of my neighbor's dog because it is really mean." -- **Garrett Keith**
- "I'm scared of the state booklet because I might get a bad grade on it." -- **Melissa Beckner**
- "Snakes, because poisonous ones can kill you." -- **Tyler Rummens**
- "I'm scared of tests." -- **Zachery Flageolle**
- "I'm scared of the world, because people are acting prejudiced, mean, and weird." -- **Megan Millard**
- "I'm scared of heights, because I always think I'm going to fall." -- **Amanda Rokusek**
- "Spiders, because my grandma got bitten by one." -- **Adam Bennett**
- "I'm scared of bad storms because they could blow your house away." -- **Della Lansdown**
- "Death, because it's kind of scary." -- **Amanda Kuhn**

Josh Asher  
Christina Barrera  
Melissa Beckner  
LaToya Bell  
Adam Bennett  
Zac Blevins  
Tiffany Cline



Casey DeLapp  
Chris Dodson  
Ashley Eichelberger  
Cody Elliott  
Zachery Flageolle  
Donnie Grimes  
Monica Hattabaugh



Eli Helms  
Megan Hicks  
Brittany Hilton  
Travis Hire  
Ashley Hood  
Brian Jones  
Jaron Keeling



Garrett Keith  
Amanda Kuhn  
Nick Kuhn  
Laura Lancaster  
Brandon Lansdown  
Della Lansdown  
Jeremy Lampley







• WITH the television camera recording them, Tiffany Cline and Amanda Kuhn report the day's news for station WKR, Wilder Kids Report, a daily news show for the elementary building.

• MEMBERS of the fifth grade beginners band perform at the holiday concert for parents and community members, held on a Sunday afternoon in December.



Shane Loper  
Tanya Loveland  
Megan Millard  
Paul Moody  
Seth Mullican  
Mike Newman  
Alex Newton

Jennifer Odle  
Chasity Olive  
Samantha Ousley  
Hillary Persinger  
Jessica Pettibone  
Randy Ramsey  
Matthew Rhodes

Amanda Rokusek  
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David Shevchuck  
Becky Slate  
Daison Steffe

Tina Stuteville  
Michael Tate  
Carl Turley  
Cody Whorton  
Brad Young  
Carol Anderson  
Jodie Sell



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## GRADE FOUR

Who is your hero?

• "My hero is my whole entire Gray and Davis family. Grandma Davis cooks dinner for everybody after church and Grandma Gray spoils me." -- **Melanie Davis**

• "My hero is my mom because she made me how I am." -- **Ashley Jackson**

• "My hero is Jesus because He watches over me." -- **Jordan Williams**

• "My hero is Scooby Doo because he is my favorite show on TV." -- **Hannah Moore**

• "My dog Magoo is my hero because he kept the big dogs away from me." -- **Alex Dunbar**

• "Jennifer Jones is my hero because she was a lifeguard in 1995 and she saved my life at the pool." -- **Tracey Cline**

• "My teacher Mrs. (Vicki) Box because she educates and encourages us." -- **Michael Moody**

• "My parents are my heroes because they have a home, shoes, clothes, and food on the table." --

**Whitney Miller**

• "My dad is my hero because he got me into showing cattle." -- **Kate Probert**

• "My hero is my cousin because he would take me fishing when we were at the lake. I usually get to fish on the dock, but I got lucky and he let me go with him in the bass boat." -- **Tom Brazeal**

• "My hero is Chipper Jones because he is a good baseball player." -- **Taylor Thompson**

• "My hero is the preacher at my church. He tells about the Bible, helps us learn about Jesus Christ and how he died on the cross for us." -- **Alex Miller**

• "My brother because he takes me mountain climbing in Arkansas and also camping in Mansfield." -- **Michael Fuge**

• "My hero is my sister. I fell in the pool and almost drowned and she saved me." -- **Elaine Johns**

• "Michael Jackson, because he is my favorite singer." -- **Shawn Singh**

• "Arnold Schwarzenegger is my favorite hero

because of all of his big and powerful muscles." --

**Jonathon Jones**

• "My heroes are my mom and my dad because my mom feeds me and my dad takes me fishing." -- **Christy Nichols**

• "My hero is my brother because he comes to my baseball games." -- **Cody Calhoun**

• "My mom and dad, because when I cut my head they took me to the hospital to get stitches." -- **Mark Cruse**

• "God is my hero, because He is powerful and He made us." -- **Craig Campbell**

• "My hero is my grandpa because we do things together." -- **Amber Schofield**

• "Michael Jordan is my hero because he is a great baseball player." -- **Nicholas Napier**

• "My hero is Mr. (Dallas) Chambers because he helps me with my math. When I'm stuck, he explains the way of getting the answer." -- **Virginia Sherman**

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Drew Berry  
Kerri Blackwell  
Brittany Borders  
Dakota Branham  
Tom Brazeal  
Wayne Cain



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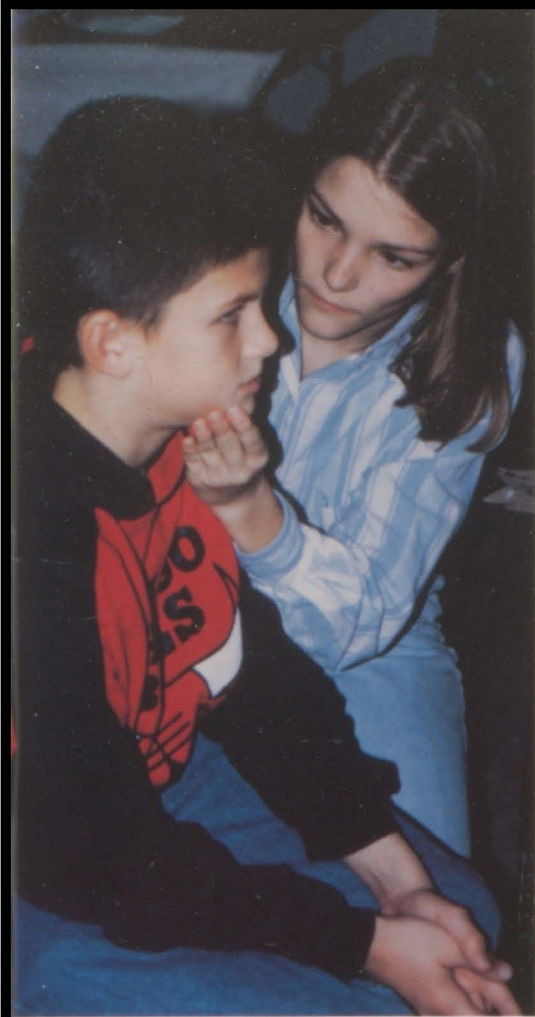
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Sara Henley  
Kayla Hilton  
Lindsey Hopping



Casey Ivy  
Steven Jarrett  
Elaine Johns  
Jonathan Jones  
Nikki Jones  
Kale Koppold  
Ashley McCrite







• **CASEY** Ivy sits quietly while pom pon squad member Mandy Goss paints a colorful design on his face. The activity took place at the annual CTA Carnival, which features a variety of games and food booths.

• **FOURTH** graders enthusiastically do a traditional folk dance on the stage in the gymnasium. The students reprised a portion of their Wilder Days musical program at the school's open house, as one of the mini events parents could attend.



Jacob Micheli  
Alex Miller  
Whitney Miller  
James Mincks  
Michael Moody  
Hannah Moore  
Nicholas Napier



Crystal Neitzert  
Christy Nichols  
Katrina O'Pry  
Ashley Paxton  
Kate Probert  
Josh Pyle  
Amber Schofield



Tim Shelhamer  
Virginia Sherman  
Greg Short  
Shawn Singh  
Samantha Smith  
Derek Snyder  
Tim Stuart



Josh Sullivan  
Taylor Thompson  
Jordan Williams  
Edwina Carnal  
Jean Mullican



# You heard it first

## GRADE THREE

What is your favorite thing to do at recess?

• "My favorite thing to do at recess is to swing, because it is fun and gives me the chills." -- **Karensa Wilson**

• "I like to run because it's something that I like to do." -- **Lindsay Stout**

• "My favorite thing to do at recess is to swing, because it's fun and I go high in the sky." -- **Shawn Carson**

• "Playing house, because I like to be the big sister." -- **Rebecca Barlett**

• "My favorite thing is to play baseball, because baseball is my favorite game." -- **Kendall Findley**

• "Playing basketball, because when it's time to go inside we are not hyper." -- **Katelyn Choate**

• "My favorite thing to

do is to play with Amanda Neal and Paige Hoover, because we play soccer together." -- **Leanne Moody**

• "When I go outside I jump rope because it gives me energy and is really fun." -- **Brittane Beggs**

• "Play with friends so that I won't get lonely and be by myself." -- **Jennifer Willbanks**

• "I love to play house when we have recess." -- **Jessica Williams**

• "I like to run around the playground because it gives me good exercise. I am athletic." -- **Kristin Quick**

• "I like to climb the spider web because my friends and I like to talk." -- **Heather Miranda**

• "Playing basketball, because I get to shoot hoops." -- **Rachel Dollarhide**

• "I like to play kickball

and basketball because it is very fun." -- **Jessica Taylor**

• "I like to play on the slide because it has a bridge and a slide." -- **Cassie Mincks**

• "My favorite thing to do at recess is play basketball because it gives me good practice." -- **Jesse Stuart**

• "I like to swing because my hair flies in the air and it feels good." -- **Tabitha Merideth**

• "I like to play tether ball, because I can hit the ball really hard." -- **Nicole Freeman**

• "When I go outside I like to play tag." -- **Blake Miller**

• "I like to chase boys because they are always bugging me." -- **Mandie Adamson**

• "I like to play James Bond, Jr." -- **Joe Isbill**

Mandie Adamson  
Rebecca Barlett  
Brittane Beggs  
Leramy Bennett  
Kayla Berry  
Eric Bricker  
Shamala Bunch



Brett Calhoun  
Katelyn Choate  
Jerica Cody  
Josh Cornelius  
Derick Davis  
Ronald DeLapp  
Natasha Dixon



Rachel Dollarhide  
Tiffany Dollarhide  
Kendall Findley  
Nicole Freeman  
D. J. Friend  
Kayla Gallion  
Ryan Harris



Nathan Hildreth  
Amanda Hilton  
Trampus Hire  
Julie Hutton  
Joe Isbill  
Chris James  
Danielle Jones



Evan Jones  
Hollie Jordan  
Brendon Keeling  
Adam Smith  
Samantha Kirby  
Dulci Lancaster  
Josh Lansdown







• KENDALL Findley watches his mother Lois thread a needle for a third grade quilt-making project.

• UP to their wrists in paste, Nicole Freeman, Tabitha Merideth, and Sarah Moody make a pinata for the Mexican fiesta in Linda Graham's classroom.



• THIRD grader Dulci Lancaster receives a Spanish lesson from first grader Ashley Vinson, in a cooperative project between the classes.



Zachery Levan  
Ryan Loge  
Tabitha Merideth  
Blake Miller  
Cassie Mincks  
Heather Miranda  
Leanne Moody



Ryan Moody  
Sarah Moody  
Amanda Neal  
Billy Newton  
Shane Norell  
Pamela Phelps  
Nick Price



Ashley Renner  
Drake Rigenhagen  
Savanna Robertson  
Cassie Sanders  
Scott Short  
Justin Skaggs  
Adam Smith



Lindsay Stout  
Jesse Stuart  
Jessica Taylor  
Jennifer Willbanks  
Jessica Williams  
Karensa Wilson  
Jacob Wright



Josie Vaverka  
Elaine Crump  
Linda Graham



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## GRADE TWO

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*

• "When I grow up, I want to be a zoo keeper because I like animals." -- **Jasmine Singh**

• "I want to be an art teacher when I grow up because I like to draw." -- **Kristin Campbell**

• "When I grow up I want to be a bull trainer, because I've ridden a bull before and I've been to a bull show so I know how to train a bull now." -- **Tyler Hopping**

• "I want to be a karate teacher because I like Marshal arts action." -- **Marcus Livingston**

• "I want to be a nurse because my grandma is one, and I think it would be fun to take care of babies and their parents." -- **Lauren Rummens**

• "I want to be a baseball player when I grow up because it is my favorite sport." -- **Preston Goss**

• "A doctor, because I like to help people and I like to make their family feel

happy." -- **Chanelle Schmied**

• "I want to be a wrestler." -- **Kevin Jones**

• "I want to be a ballerina when I grow up because you get to put your tip toes on the floor and dance." -- **Nicole Neitzert**

• "I sing in the car all the time and think that singing is fun, so I want to be a singer." -- **Jayme Perkins**

• "I want to be a teacher so I can teach children like me, and help them learn." -- **Melanie Moore**

• "I want to be a police officer when I grow up because sometimes you get to ride a horse or a motorcycle and you get to arrest people." -- **Nichole Barlett**

• "A fireman because I want to rescue people from fires." -- **Phillip LoPiccolo**

• "I want to be a model because when I get new clothes, I like to model them." -- **Audra Dierksen**

• "When I grow up I'm going to be a policeman and stop robbers then I'll throw them in jail." -- **Chad**

**Newton**

• "I want to be a nurse because I want to check heart beats." -- **Aimee Williams**

• "A nurse because it is fun and because it is what my mommy does." -- **Ashley Young**

• "When I grow up I want to be a vet because I love animals." -- **Katherine Bubeck**

• "I would like to be a teacher because I think it will be fun and I will always sing songs and dance." -- **Cherelle Taylor**

• "I want to be a police officer when I grow up because they get to arrest anybody." -- **Toby Shelhamer**

• "I'd like to be a babysitter, because I would like to watch children and play with them." -- **Chelsea House**

• "I want to be a doctor, because I like to help people." -- **Maranda Pringle**

• "When I grow up I want to be a model because it looks like fun." -- **Paige Hoover**

Shane Babcock

Nichole Barlett

Vicki Billings

Katherine Bubeck

Shandrell Burbach

Andrew Byerlee

Kristin Campbell



Audra Dierksen

John Girtler

Preston Goss

Josh Gresham

Paul Hearn

Paige Hoover

Tyler Hopping



Chelsea House

Justin Ince

Chad Johnson

Kevin Jones

Mark Lampley

Anthony Lansdown

Phillip Lansdown



Rachelle Leddy

Marcus Livingston

William Milford

Melanie Moore

Samantha Morris

Joey Neal

Nicole Neitzert







• **RACHEL** Leddy, Audra Dierksen, and Nichole Barlett carefully move some seedlings they had been growing in Josie Adamson's second grade classroom. The plants were next to a window so the natural light would help them grow. The class planned to share their plants with the other elementary grades.

• **STUDENTS** at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary celebrate the birthday of the school's namesake. Activities to honor Laura included a display of her books and a birthday cake. Second graders who helped celebrate include Adam Penn, Marcus Sherman, Tyler Hopping, Cherelle Taylor, Chelsea House, Toby Shelhamer, Chad Johnson, and Kat Bubeck, front; Zach Weddle, Jasmine Singh, and Vicki Billings, back.



Chad Newton  
Megan O'Pry  
Adam Penn  
Jayme Perkins  
Hannah Persinger  
Maranda Pringle  
Lauren Rummens

Channelle Schmied  
Toby Shelhamer  
Marcus Sherman  
Shona Stewart  
Jessica Silveira  
Jasmine Singh  
Lacey Tate

Cherelle Taylor  
Danny Thompson  
Trishta Turley  
Adam Ward  
Zach Weddle  
Brent Welch  
Aimee Williams

Craig Williams  
Ryan Wright  
Ashley Young  
Josie Adamson  
Carol Hanger  
Janet Mitchell



# You heard it first

## GRADE ONE

What food do you really hate?

• "The food I really hate is bananas because they have a yucky taste." -- **Kati Sherman**

• "I don't like broccoli because it looks like trees." -- **Jordan McDowell**

• "The food I hate is hamburgers because they are made out of cows." -- **Jennifer Lemons**

• "Blueberry pie because the blueberries are juicy." -- **Joseph Williams**

• "The food I really hate is saurkraut because it looks like worms." -- **Cory Walker**

• "I don't like dumplings because they look really sick." -- **Katlynn Brewer**

• "Green beans because they are nasty, they stink, and they're really hot." -- **Tabetha Moore**

• "I really hate carrots because they rot if you forget them." -- **Jason Skaggs**

• "Onions because they're really hot and they make my eyes water." -- **Morgan Scott**

• "I like everything." -- **Allen Fosness**

• "The food I really hate is pizza. I hate it because my dad makes the kind with peppers." -- **Levi Cooley**

• "I hate tomatoes because they're dumb." -- **Elliott Johns**

• "I don't like salad because it has spinach in it." -- **Brittany Keeling**

• "The food I hate is whipped cream because it's whipped yolk." -- **Applesia Hughes**

• "I don't like peanuts, because they're too crunchy." -- **Chelsea Jones**

• "The food I really hate is honey because it is nasty." -- **Austin Bogart**

• "Okra because it tastes yucky." -- **Rashawnda Jackson**

• "The food that I don't like is beans because they are juicy." -- **Breck Bennett**

• "I hate spinach because it makes me throw up." -- **Ethen Napier**

• "I don't like chili peppers because they make my eyes water." -- **Larry Ousley**

• "I don't like beans because they are slimy." -- **Joshua May**

• "Fish is really gross." -- **Jessica Turley**

• "Cooked carrots look really nasty." -- **Ashley Vinson**

• "The food I really hate is peanut butter and jelly." -- **Vincent Furr**

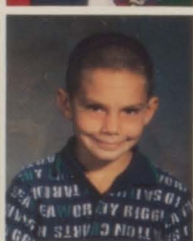
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Will Brazeal



Katlynn Brewer  
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Dustin Cody  
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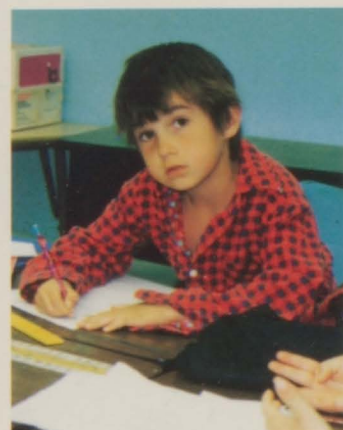


• **KATIE** Sherman picks her writings utensils carefully as she gets ready to do an assignment in Jana McConnell's first grade classroom.

• **WHILE** Chelsea Jones holds very still, spirit squad member Janisha Bennett paints a colorful design on her face, at a booth set up at the CTA Carnival.



• **LISTENING** to the teacher's explanation, Donald Burbach gets ready to do a math assignment in his first grade classroom.



Bryce Matlock  
Dakota McCrite  
Jordan McDowell  
Alyshia Meiners  
Athena Milford  
Mindy Milford  
Gabrielle Millard

Corey Mincks  
Ethen Napier  
Emily Nichols  
Courtney Odle  
Larry Ousley  
Mike Pagel  
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Mary Kate Phelps  
Kati Sherman  
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Dustin Taylor  
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Travis Turley  
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Ashley Vinson  
Chandler Vogt  
Cory Walker  
Ryan Whorton  
Joseph Williams

Patty Hanger  
Jana McConnell  
Brenda Quick



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## KINDERGARTEN

*What do you like most about kindergarten?*

• "I like the Letter People because you can blow them up, take them down to look at, color pictures of them and take them home." -- **Jessica Perkins**

• "I like helping the teacher and my friends." -- **Justin Keith**

• "I like it when we get to watch TV because the Magic School Bus is my favorite." -- **Randall Mays**

• "I like to learn about George Washington and Abe Lincoln because they are cool." -- **Shawn Hume**

• "When the teacher tells me things I don't know." -- **Courtney Geeser**

• "Going to lunch because I like to eat." -- **Cody Mincks**

• "I like cleaning the kubby because I like everything clean and I like gluing and eating lunch." -- **Chad Kabage**

• "When we get to play at recess because I like the slides and swings." -- **Jacqueline Emerick**

• "Playground, because

you can swing, slide, and go bar to bar on the monkey bars." -- **Chelsea Pringle**

• "Playing on the playground because it's when I get to play with my cousin." -- **Meranda Stewart**

• "My favorite things to do are writing and coloring." -- **Evan Whorton**

• "I like story time the best because I hear lots of good stories." -- **Corey Harris**

• "I love everything about kindergarten." -- **Tyler Page**

• "I like writing on the chalkboard all by myself." -- **Montana Dollarhide**

• "Running and playing at recess." -- **Colton Jones**

• "Art because sometimes we get to use paint." -- **Sarah Billings**

• "I like to color because it's fun." -- **Dalena Mitchell**

• "I like my friend Sarah because she helps me all the time." -- **Nathan Brumley**

• "I like book orders because I can get new books." -- **Aaron Stewart**

• "I like the work because it is fun." -- **Christopher Spell**

• "I like art best because I get to draw pictures." -- **John Farmer**

• "Going outside to play because I like the slide." -- **Keisha James**

• "Math, because I like the Mickey Mouse counters." -- **J. J. Allen**

• "I like gym, because we get to run and stuff." -- **Tara Robinson**

• "The thing I like best is when we get to go out and play." -- **Cory Moore**

• "I like recess because we get to run and play and scream." -- **Jordan Potts**

• "Reading books is the best part of kindergarten because it is fun." -- **Kashmir Singh**

• "I like coloring the best." -- **Johnathan Stout**

• "Playing basketball outside is the most fun." -- **Shane Stewart**

• "I like doing work the best." -- **Miranda Brooke**

• "The best part of kindergarten is when I get to play with my friends." -- **Kerry Harris**

• "In kindergarten I like to learn how to spell." -- **Whitney Jordan**

Kelsey Acree

J. J. Allen

Randee Barlett

Jay-Ann Bieze

Sarah Billings

Josh Box

Nicholas Boykin

Meagan Brooke

Miranda Brooke

Nathan Brumley

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Bobby Dake

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Jacqueline Emerick

John Farmer

Miranda Farris

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Courtney Geeser

Corey Harris

Kerry Harris

Ryan Hillard

Shawn Hume

Landon Jarrett

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Whitney Jordan

Chad Kabage

Brittany Keith

Justin Keith







• ON a sunny spring day, kindergarten students Amy Collins, Kelly Whorton, and Nathan Brumley take advantage of afternoon recess to climb around on the huge dome located on the elementary playground.

• WITH high school students Rachelle Roy and Kati Williams helping them, kindergarten students play a game as part of the Hi-STEP program. Between the older girls are Colton Jones, Rande Barlett, and Whitney Jordan.



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Dalena Mitchell  
Cory Moore  
Andrew Newberry  
Alexander O'Pry  
Tyler Page  
Timothy Pearson



Jessica Perkins  
Jordan Potts  
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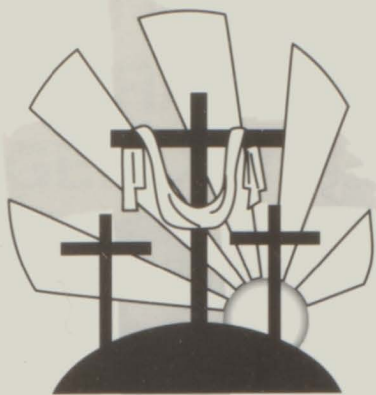
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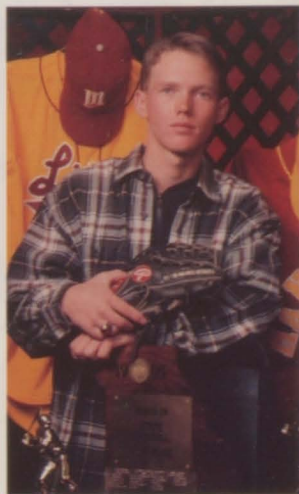
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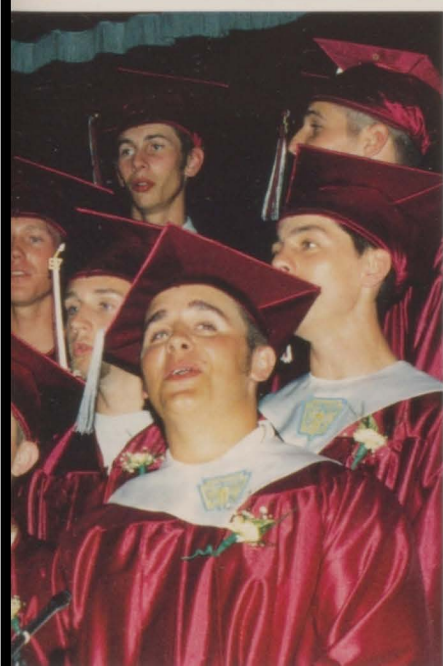


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• EL LEON staff members celebrate with the sweepstakes trophy won at the Ozarks Publications Advisers Journalism Contest at SMSU in Springfield. Front, Jenny Moody, Allison Arnall, NaTasha Bailey, Tessa Miller, Kassy Calhoun; middle, Ashley Blankenship, Jeffrey Brooke, Adam Grubbs, Emily Moody, Kim Joseph, Amanda Stacy, Kati Williams, Stephanie Day, Lydia Chilson, Jessica Copeland;

back, Jeromy Brooke, Chris Flageolle, Melvin Thompson. The staff produced All-American and All-Missouri newspapers and yearbook, the first place newspaper at LAD Fair, and the first place newspaper at the SMSU Journalism Contest. Adviser Debbie Sanders won first place in the nation in the category of adviser of student publications, in the National Federation of Press Women Contest.

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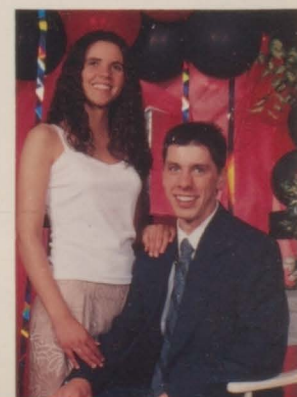
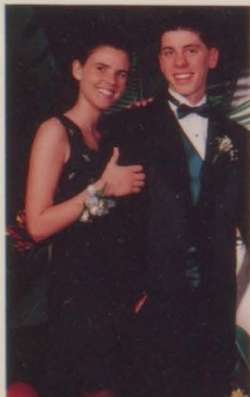
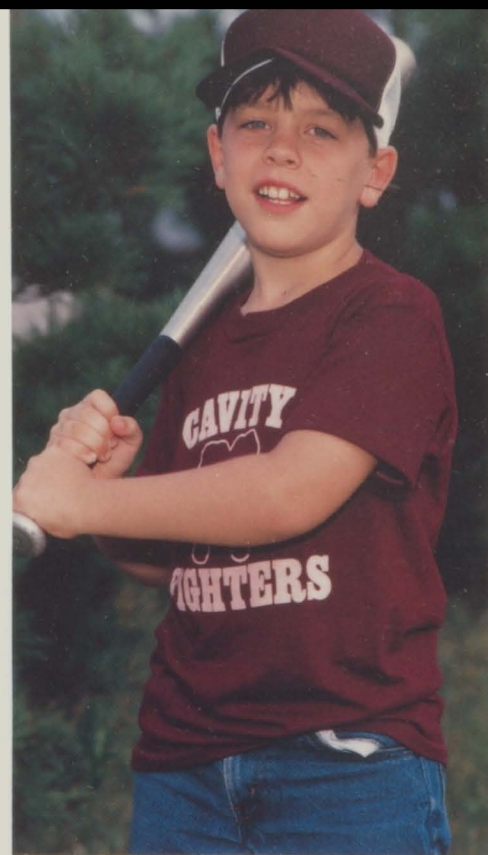






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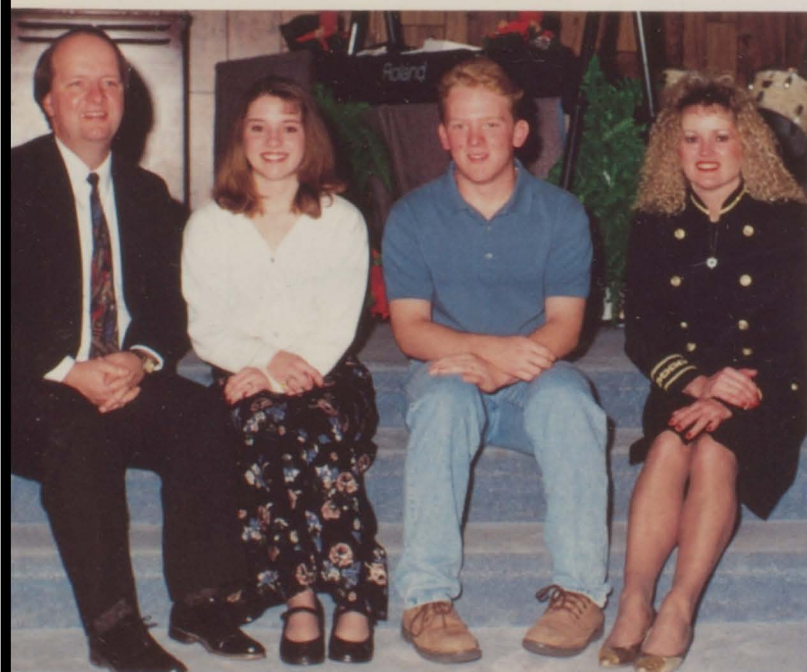
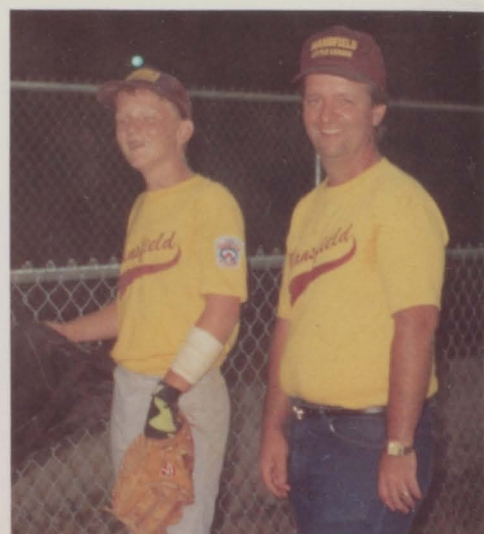






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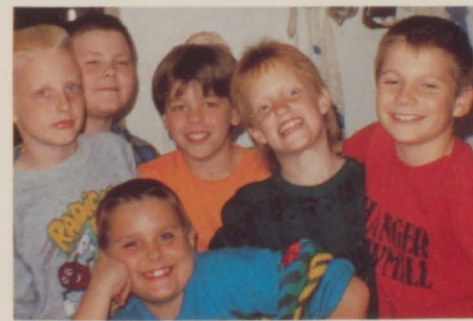
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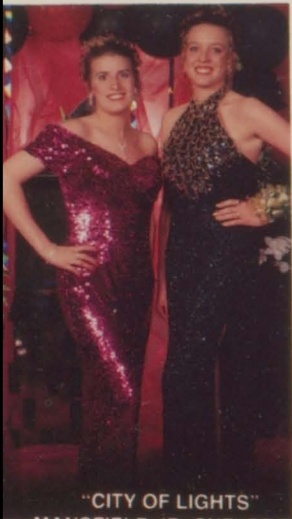
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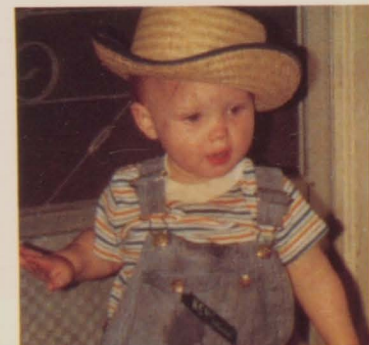
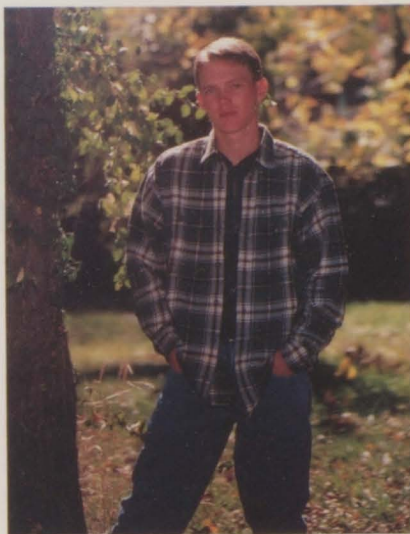
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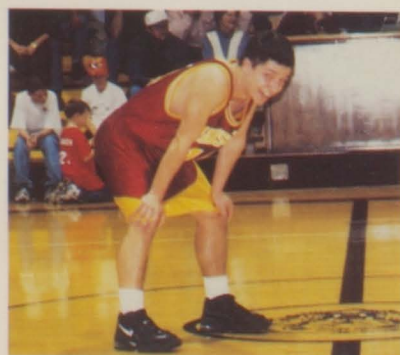
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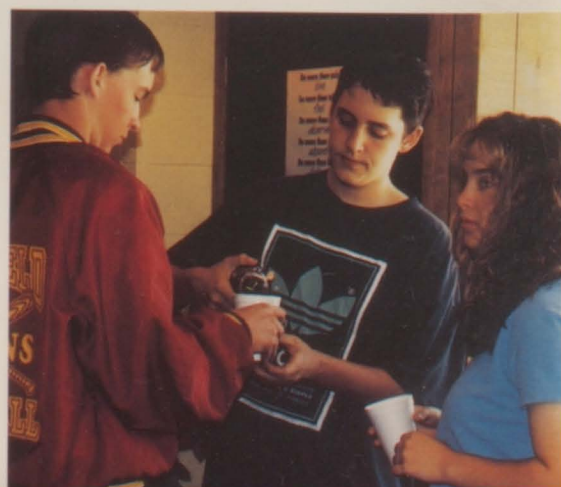
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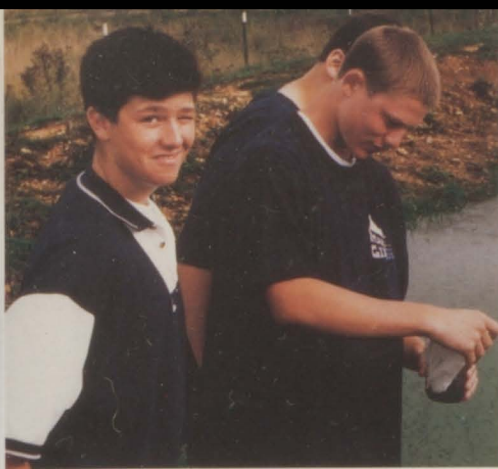
• ABOVE, TRAVIS FURR shares a lighter moment on the basketball court. Top, Amanda Stacy, Emily Moody, Jill Blaine, Christa Choate, Regina Roy, and Wendy Matlock stop for a few minutes after graduation to let friends take pictures.



• ABOVE, KARIE DECHENNE reads the directions to a sewing project in alternative school. Right above, Crystal Beggs and Dustin McCleary take their English I final. Right, Matt Scott, center, pours for Brandon Edmonds and Jamie Stepro during an English II "birthday party" for Shakespeare.



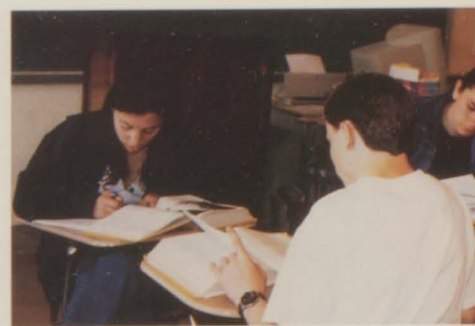




• CURT STUART ISN'T as enthusiastic as Stephen House about gathering pond water for a science experiment.



• MARIE BRAZEAL AND Joe Bockelman share a picnic table during lunch.



• AN ENGLISH III assignment keeps Emily Bray, Robby Baugh, and Marlene Sewell busy.

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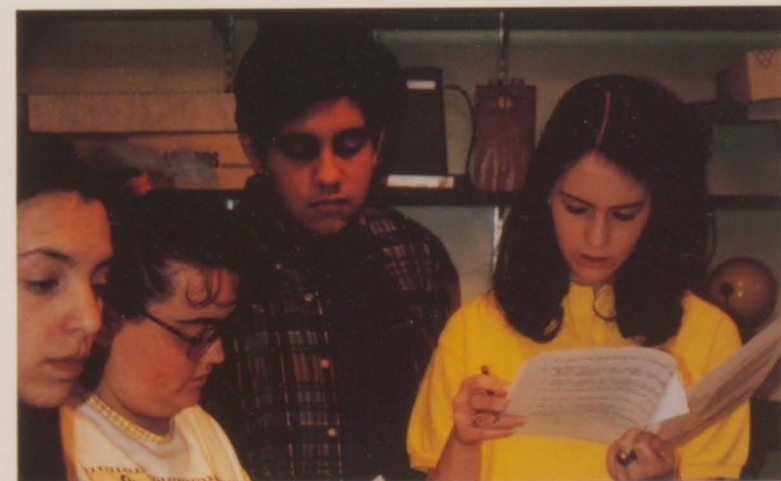
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• WITH KIM JONES doing all the work, Jarod Coday exits graduation ceremonies the easy way.



• ENGLISH II STUDENTS celebrate Shakespeare's birthday with an Italian "feast." Shown are Michelle Napier, Tia Pharris, Britten Medley, Brandon Edmonds, Matt Scott, Kevin Heatherly, Russell Hedrick, Jason Brooke, Jamie Stepro, Joey Rhodes, and Stephanie Maxwell.



• EMILY BRAY, BOBBI Greenwood, Eric Carampatan, and Jessica Copeland finish a dissecting worksheet in Biology II.



• **KELLY OTIS, SARAH** Thurber, Donna Dollarhide, Silver Fullington, and Jon Heidelberg finish a day in the alternative school room.

• **SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS** in Roger Woods' class celebrate perfect scores on a test with a snack party held in the classroom.



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• **AN IMPROMPTU GROUP** of boys gathers on stage at the Christmas dance, during a break in the action during a performance by the local band Hot Stove.

• **ABOVE RIGHT, SOPHOMORES** show their class spirit at the homecoming pep rally. Right, Jason Davis escorts Lauren Miller to graduation ceremonies, held in the gymnasium on a Saturday afternoon.







AT BACCALAUREATE SERVICES, graduate Lisa Hodges plays a violin solo. The service was held prior to graduation.

• MEMBERS OF THE girls' basketball team are introduced at the fall pep rally by Coach Tonia Songer.



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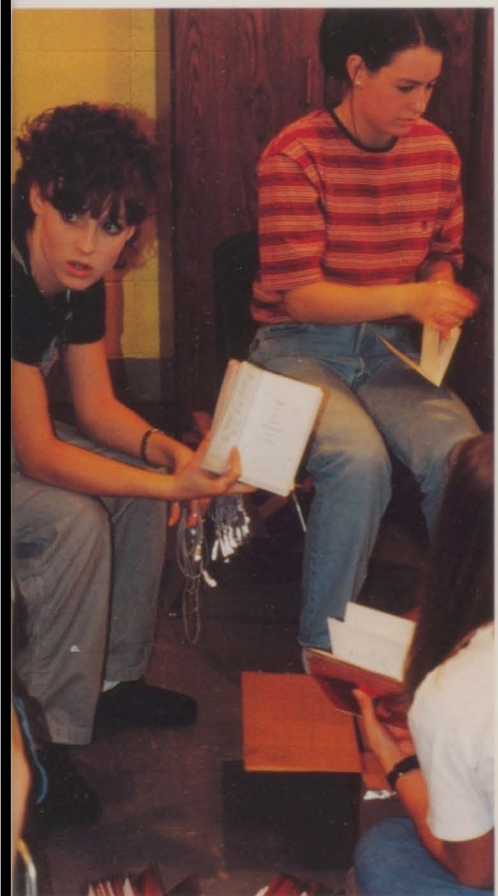
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• KASSY CALHOUN, JESSICA Copeland, and Jenny Moody assemble memory booklets for Prom.



• FROM THE SOPHOMORE section of the pep rally crowd, students watch one of the skits taking place on the gym floor.

• REGINA ROY, LAUREN Miller, Aimee Williams, Rachelle Roy, and Nicole Hollenberg wait for the girls' basketball team to be introduced at the basketball pep rally.



• **LINING THE DANCE** floor so they can see the action, students at Prom watch the magic sunglasses game take place.

• **ON A WARM** spring day, Crystal Beggs and April Farris catch some sun on one of the benches in front of the high school.



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• **COURTNEY SHORT** TAKES a tumble down the bleachers, while she and the other juniors are laughing at the mock Homecoming Queen contest at a pep rally.

• **ABOVE RIGHT, LESLIE** Lynch and Jenny Moody find a tug-of-war at Barnwarming comes to an end quickly. Right, Steven Welch, Danny Brito, and Chris Flageolle hope that a physics experiment by Kim Joseph will turn out right.







• KATHY WINSOR, BOBBI Greenwood, Jennifer Wright, and Lydia Chilson dance in a group at Prom.



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• MEMBERS OF THE senior chorus sing at graduation, directed by Terry Spyres.



• FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE sections, juniors and sophomores watch the pep rally action take place.



• KATHY WINSOR, JENNIFER Wright, Michelle Napier, and Heather Brooke share a pizza at the spring FBLA party in the business room.



# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

## 1997: Something old, something new

There really is a first time for everything.

Many people never would have thought that MHS would have a female principal. And just a few years ago, no one would have thought it possible for students to chat with people thousands of miles away through a service called the Internet, or that tiny Mansfield would ever have a national fast food chain open its doors here.

But as the 1996-1997 school year has proven, there is a first time for everything.

Changes floated through the air all year, starting with the very first day of school. English teacher Arlene Magnin became the district's first female high school principal after former principal Jerry Armstrong announced his retirement. Since she had been part of

the school for six years already, it wasn't a drastic change, but any first impressions that discipline might slide without a man at the helm were soon answered with the realization that all students would be treated firmly but fairly.

The board of education decided on a new policy that also went into effect the first day of school. For safety reasons, the school changed to a closed lunch period.

For the first time ever, MHS students would not be allowed to walk to town, or to their home, for lunch.

This meant students had to either eat in the cafeteria, buy lunch from the snack machines, or bring lunch from home. It also meant the school had to have two lunch periods, with half of the

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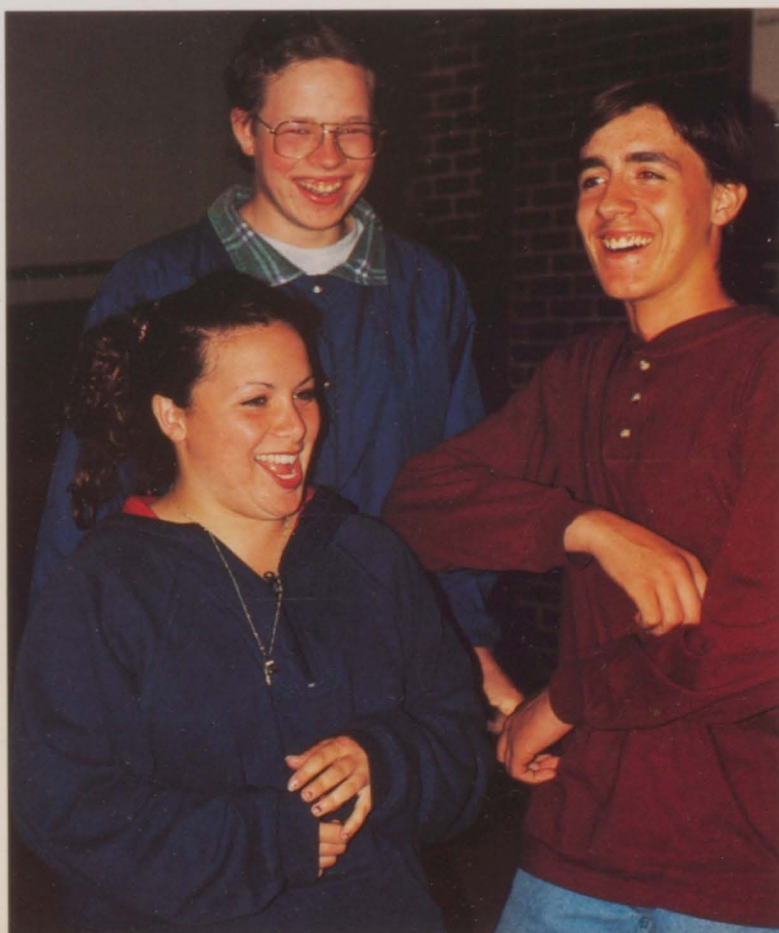
• Beautiful dresses sparkling with sequins don't keep Lauren Miller, Courtney Short, NaTasha Bailey, Melissa Scott, and Tessa Miller from clowning around at Prom.



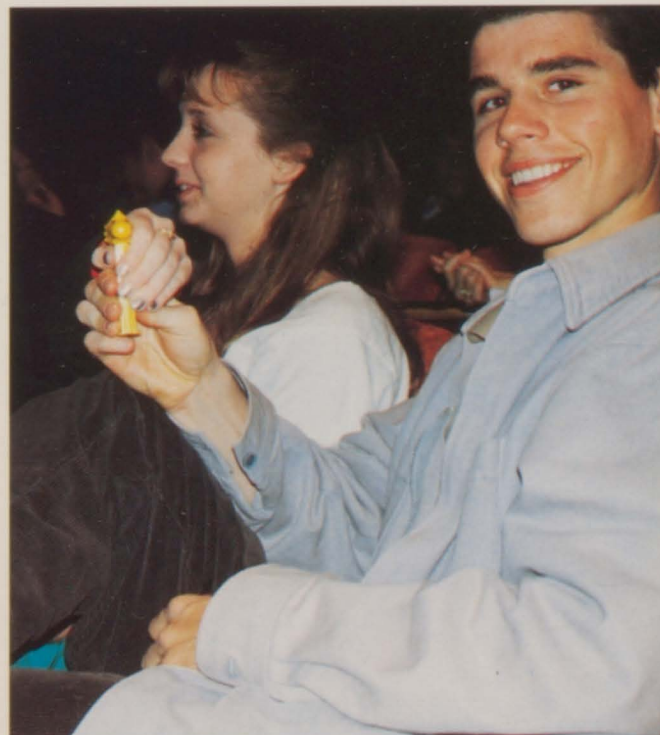
• Brandon Lansdown is apparently overcome with emotion at being "crowned" Homecoming Queen in a mock contest held at the Homecoming pep rally. He was chosen based on applause, and laughter, from the audience.



• During an earthquake drill at the first of the school year, Chris Flageolle manages to find his way to shelter with seven girls under a table in the journalism classroom. Also doing the drill are Ashley Blankenship, Amanda Stacy, Tessa Miller, Allison Arnall, Jenny Moody, Kassy Calhoun, and NaTasha Bailey.



• The FFA dairy judging team of Liz Machado, Jason Eagleston, and Tad Harvill shows the group's less than serious side during a photo-taking session.



• At the state journalism awards day ceremonies in Columbia, Adam Grubbs makes sure that his Pez dispenser is handy in case Jenny Moody and the other newspaper and yearbook staff members need a candy break.



# THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

• Patricia Dollarhide takes a break in the alternative school classroom.



student body breaking for lunch at 12:15 and the other half at 1:10 p.m. It wasn't exactly a popular change, but to accommodate student requests the school put four microwaves in the lunchroom for students to use, sold Pizza Hut pizza one day a week, and placed 10 picnic tables on campus.

For the first time, the school also adopted an activities handbook, which spelled out strict rules for participation in club and sports activities. Any student with a grade average below C- or who made an F in a single class for the semester was not allowed to participate in any club activity, contest, field trip, or sporting activity during the next semester.

After over a year of preparation, for the first time in five years the school district was reviewed as part of the Missouri School Improvement program. A team of about 15 educators and state department officials poured over every aspect of the school from curriculum to safety.

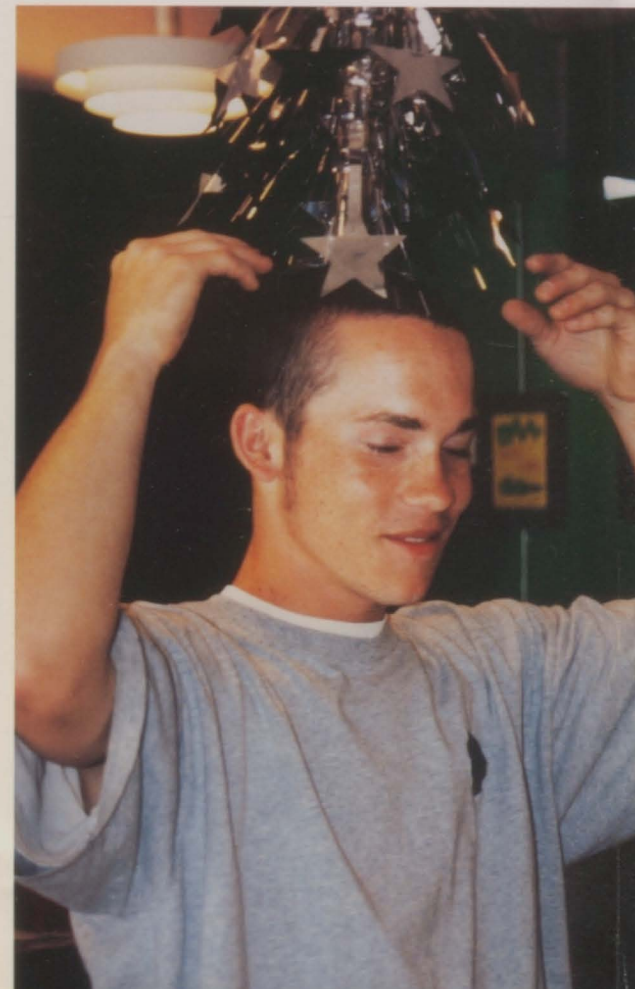
When the dust had cleared, the

district found out that it was not only accredited, but was accredited with "distinction for improvement in performance." Mansfield was the first district in the state to receive this distinction.

Although some of the new changes and policies took some getting used to, there was one addition to Mansfield that most everyone could appreciate. In October, the town got its first fast food establishment. A Subway chain was added to a convenience store at the junction of highways 60 and 5, giving Mansfield residents "on the go" some help at meal time.

In the holiday spirit, the Senior Class decided to sponsor a Christmas dance for the first time in several decades. A Miss Merry Christmas contest was held, with clubs and classes sponsoring candidates. To make the event even more of a first time experience, a group of junior and senior boys made their debut performance at the school as the band Hot Stove.

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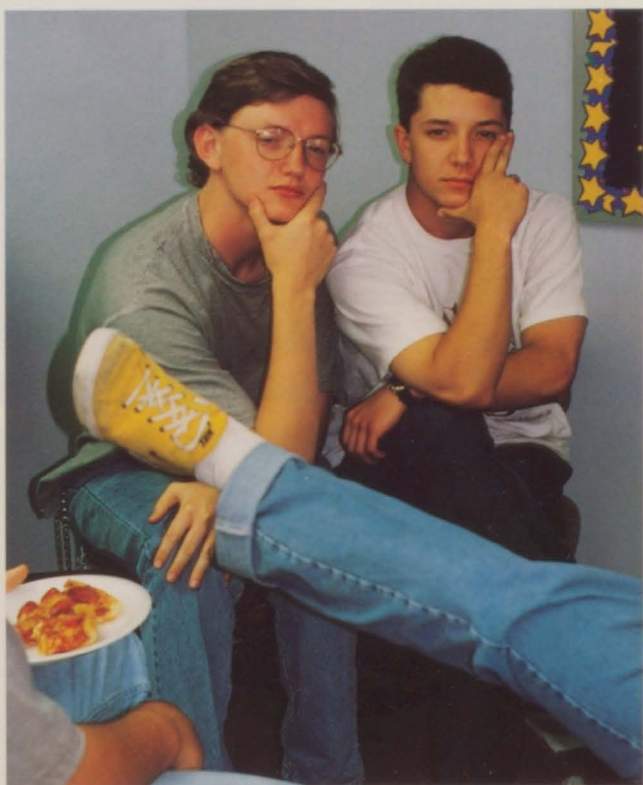
• Making a fashion statement is important to front, Scott Corder, Kevin Heatherly, Jeromy Brooke, Nick Brooke, Eric Grubbs, Jeremy Corder; and back, Gary Slate, Brandon Lansdown, Steven Welch, and Mike Spyres.





• Freshmen group together at the Homecoming pep rally, and gaze, with mixed reactions, at the mock Homecoming Queen contest taking place on the gym floor.

• Kassy Calhoun and date Brandon Lansdown are all smiles as Prom goes on at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Calhoun had spent the morning decorating with other juniors.



• Jeromy Brooke checks out a Prom centerpiece as a new style of headgear.



• Pensive looks on their faces, Gary Slate and Travis Furr wait for the next round of excitement at the FBLA spring party.

• Wendy Matlock, Lauren Miller, and Regina Roy check out the pizza at the FBLA spring party.



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New course offerings truly made academics stand out for the year. A dual credit college chemistry class let interested students earn five college credit hours, and nine students took the challenge. An enrichment class was added to the curriculum for the first time, giving gifted students their first taste of advanced studies at MHS.

In addition, every classroom in the high school was fully hooked up to the Internet for the first time during the 1997 school year. Students could "surf" countless web addresses to gather information. The Internet was the first service of its kind to offer this unlimited opportunity to students and teachers.

In sports, there was a golf team for the first time, and although the team did not win any meets, it was a start.

Some of the firsts weren't so great, like the boys' basketball team winning only one game the entire season, but MHS athletes learned to take the bad with the good and maintain positive attitudes on and off the court.

But from whatever perspective the year was inspected, first was the key word. From administrators to academics, from lunches to dances, from Subway to the Internet, 1997 was a landmark year.

It was a time for firsts.

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EVERYTHING

• Mike Spyres, Grant Williams, and Adam Grubbs share a Pepsi moment during the FBLA end-of-the year party in the business classroom.



• Miss Merry Christmas candidates Emily Moody, Lauren Miller, Kim Joseph, and Regina Roy let the community know about the new contest by riding in the Christmas parade.



• Seniors share a last moment together and have the traditional group photo taken.

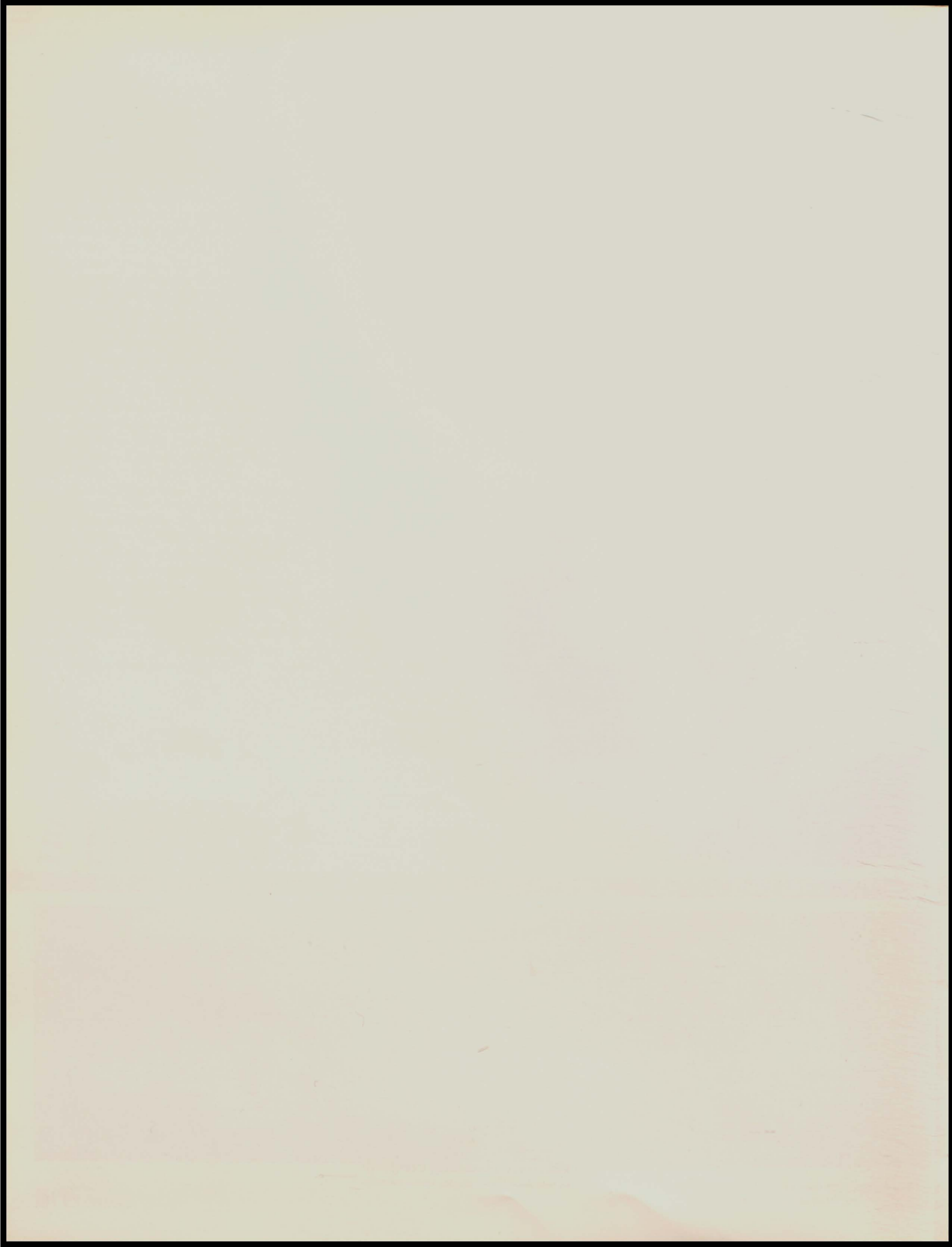




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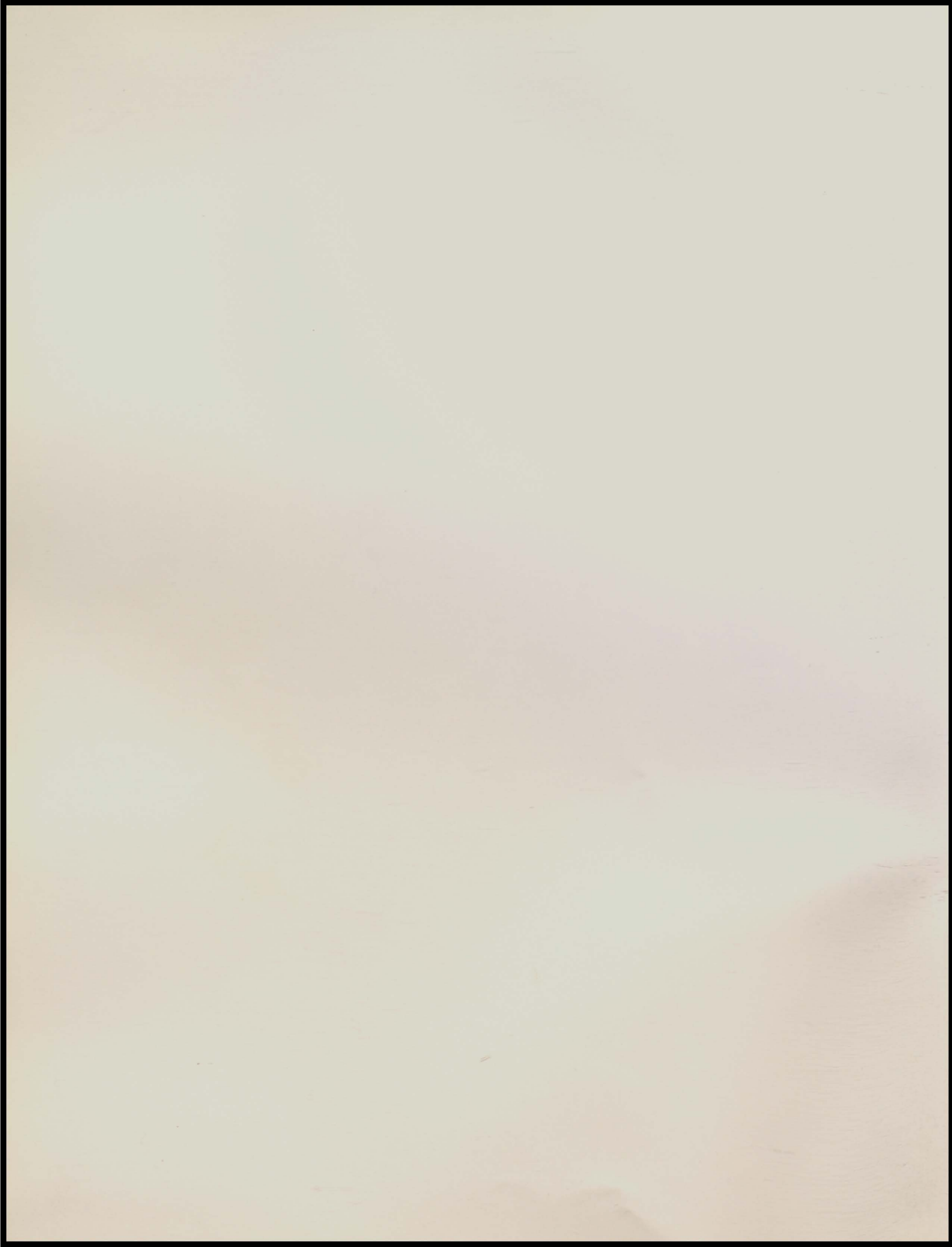


























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