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■ First graders J. D. Long, Nathan Rummens, and Justin Sanders sing out at the elementary Christmas program directed by Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher.



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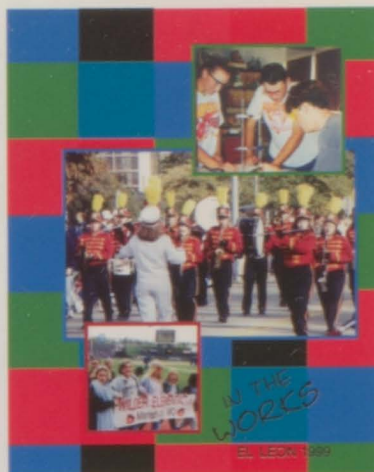
74 PEOPLE



■ Friends since elementary school, Tad Harvill escorts Jessica Matney down the aisle at graduation held Friday, May 14 in the gymnasium.

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■ Southpaw Austin Corder pitches a shut out in a 24-0 conference baseball game against the Seymour Tigers. The Lions won the conference championship and their 11th consecutive district title.



■ On the Cover: Under clear skies, the marching band performs in the SMSU Homecoming parade in Springfield. ■ Biology students Jennifer Flood, Matt Shevchuk, and Josh Street wear safety glasses while conducting an experiment. ■ Special guests at a Kansas City Royals baseball game, the Safety Patrol, composed of fifth graders, walk around the field before a game against the Anaheim Angels.



■ Providing a steady cadence for the band, Jacob Loper plays the snare drums in the annual Wilder Day parade, one of the community's larger parades.



EVENTS

■ Community service. Band members play on the square for Missouri's Community Betterment committee. A cooperative spirit between the school and the community helped the city win the 1998 Missouri Community Betterment Grand Prize and a grant for town improvements.



IN THE WORKS

■ THIS YOU PROBABLY KNOW: American education has fallen behind the rest of the industrialized world. Social ills like violent altercations among youth have escalated. THIS PERHAPS YOU DID NOT KNOW: Mansfield R-IV School, while not perfect, is managing to do a better job of teaching students. Read on to discover why 1999 was more successful than you may have realized. Things are in the works that will give you cause to cheer.

■ Teaching tolerance. Students assemble outside to raise a flag officially recognizing Wilder Elementary a "fight-free school." In the case of an actual fight, the students involved will have to lower the school flag for the day. "Fight-free has given me the tools to teach students to respect themselves and others and be responsible for their actions," Kim Jones, fourth grade teacher said.



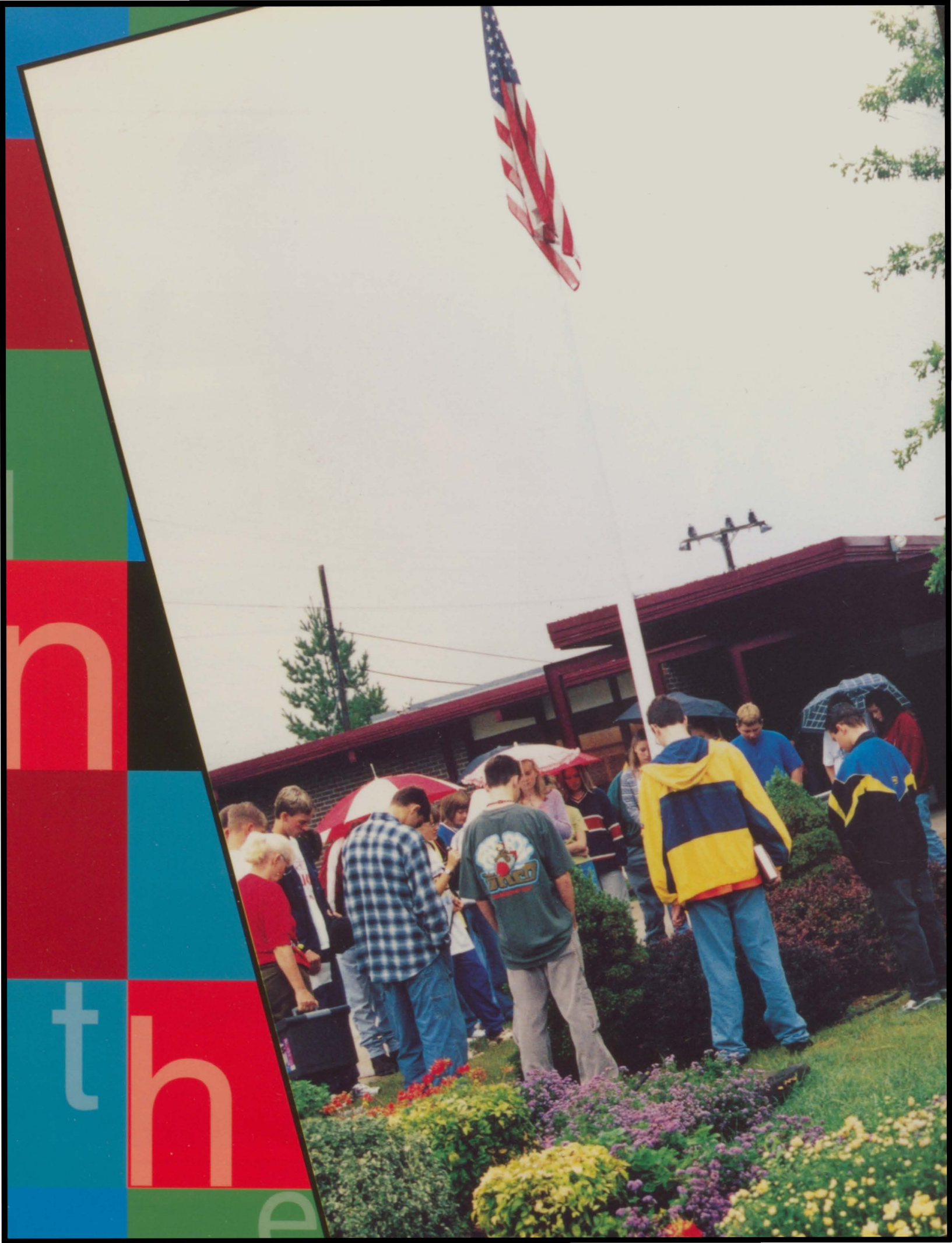


■ Achievement. Reaching a high note, the choir gets ready to perform at the legendary Carnegie Hall in New York. The choir set goals and worked hard to raise funds during the year.

■ Cutting edge technology. In Principles of Technology, Pia Henn works on digital imaging, one of 14 workstations offering hands-on experience in careers like precision measurement, engineering structures, graphic design, and computer troubleshooting.



■ Preparing for the future. Junior Jessica Roth participates in a mock interview with local businesswoman Mary Armstrong in the OTC building. Students bring resumes, fill out job applications, and receive evaluations showing how well they presented themselves. Interview Day is one of four spring career events sponsored by the A+ program.



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STUDENT LIFE

■ Fun and games. With shoes and socks off, middle school students gather at the bungee run, a game hosted by a neighborhood church on a Saturday afternoon.



Activities made it work.

It meaning class unity,
a sense of belonging,
an atmosphere of mutual
respect, and increasing
school pride and spirit.

Successful activities were

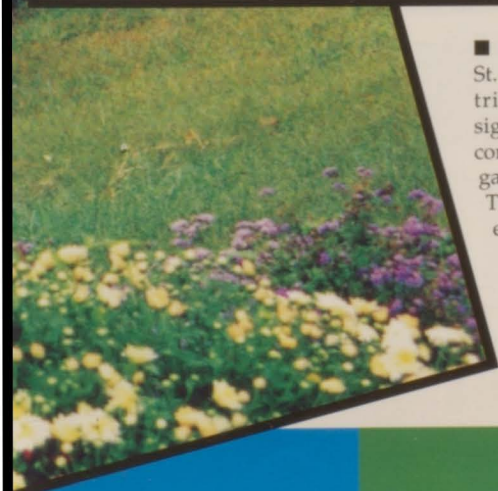
Drug Awareness Week,
dances, theatrical
productions, award
banquets, keynote speakers
and assemblies, traditional
ceremonies, Spirit/Dress-
Up Week, friendly class
competitions, raising funds
for a choir trip to New York
and Project Graduation.

Read on for

a glimpse into the world of
MHS students.



■ Tagging their luggage, choir students check in at the St. Louis airport on their way to New York. The six-day trip included performing at Carnegie Hall and sightseeing. ■ Despite rain, students, teachers, and community members from diverse religious perspectives, gather for "See You At The Pole" to pray for their school. The event, a constitutionally protected right to "freely exercise" religious faith, is held annually in schools across the country.



Oh, say can you sing NEW YORK

Like many aspirations, the choir's invitation to Carnegie Hall became reality after members worked together to achieve short-term goals, stepping stones to the Big Apple.

ireless effort and generous community support made a once-in-a-lifetime experience possible for 18 choir students led by Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher. Performing in Carnegie Hall in New York City became reality after nine months of exhaustive fundraising and other preparations. "Planning, raising the money, and learning the music were good for the students," Spyres said. Approximately \$16,000 was raised from activities including: a musical, talent show,

alumni banquet performance, and private donations. MHS joined other area choirs for a choral concert series in the famed hall where they sang "Requiem, Opus 48" by Gabriel Faure. In between rehearsals, the group toured famous landmarks and sites.

RIDING THE SUBWAY,
Rick Weaver holds on tight
while Erica Spyres takes a
seat.





“They knew they had a goal, and they worked really hard to attain it.”

-- Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher, referring to fundraising efforts totaling \$16,000 for the New York trip.

SHARING A MEMORABLE meal at Hard Rock Cafe are front - Sarah Brown, Christina Odle, Mandy Goss, Amanda Clash, and Beverly Pratt-Shirley; Row two - Afton Ivy, Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Rick Weaver, Kenneth Bennett, and Shannon Wallin; Row three - Josh McCrite, Brooke Hurst, Erica Spyres, David Scrivner, Austin Miller, and Steven Collins.



ON THE OBSERVATION deck of the Empire State Building, students position themselves for a spellbinding view of the skyscape of New York.

RIDING STATEN ISLAND ferry to the Statue of Liberty are (clockwise) - Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Austin Miller, Erica Spyres, Rick Weaver, David Scrivner, Amanda Clash, and Mandy Goss. Towering more than 300 ft. above the bay, Lady Liberty continues to inspire visitors.



OUTSIDE NBC STUDIOS located at the corner of 49th Street and Rockefeller Plaza, choir members and chaperones wait with posters and banners for “Today Show” hosts to make an appearance. “We arrived at 5:00 a.m. to get a place on the rail,” Sumer Welch said.



IN THE FINAL round, the freshman class (above) battles the senior class in the tug of war contest. Front to back - Chris Berry, Justin Carter, Josh Bennett, Lora Thompson, Jolissa Iott, Christina Odle, Lacie Vaverka, Laura Furr, Melissa Napier, and Jake Bennett. Seniors (above right) are Nelson Greenwood, Jason Eagleston, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, and Bridget Keys.


BARNWARMING KING AND Queen are seniors Michelle Napier and Tad Harvill (front). Other royalty candidates include (clockwise) sophomores Matt Bennett and Sarah Brown; freshmen Lora Thompson and Chris Berry; and juniors Jeremiah Sewell and Sarena Baugh.



SMEARED WITH WHIPPED cream, Matt Bennett, Tad Harvill, and Jeremiah Sewell volunteer for a wacky game where a partner throws cheese puffs to see how many will stick to the person's face.

“I felt like a human dart board,” -- Tad Harvill said after the whip cream and cheese puff game.





They call the thing BARNWARMING

It's a class act when freshmen pit sophomores and juniors take on seniors in tug of war, a traditional competition at the annual FFA/FHA cowboy style western dance.

Our class just knows how to use team work," senior Nelson Greenwood said bragging about the senior class winning tug of war for the fourth consecutive year. "Even if we are smaller in number, we're always more dominate and stronger willed."

Other competitions included hay bale throwing and calf roping. "I was so embarrassed because I had no idea what I was doing," sophomore Sarah Brown said referring to the hay bale contest. Sophomore John Williams, retaining the calf roping title for the second year, took home a "big,

fat nothing." The Electric Slide, a popular line dance, drew the biggest crowd on the dance floor. Crowning Barnwarming royalty was the highlight of the evening. Seniors Tad Harvill and Michelle Napier were voted king and queen.

Harder than it looks, hay bale throwing catches most participants by surprise. Jeremiah Sewell gives it his best effort as Karen Eagleston and Sarah Brown wait their turn.



WINNING FIRST PLACE in roping, sophomore John Williams prepares to lasso a "steer." In this case, the steer is a FFA member who crouches down and runs back and forth in a penned area.



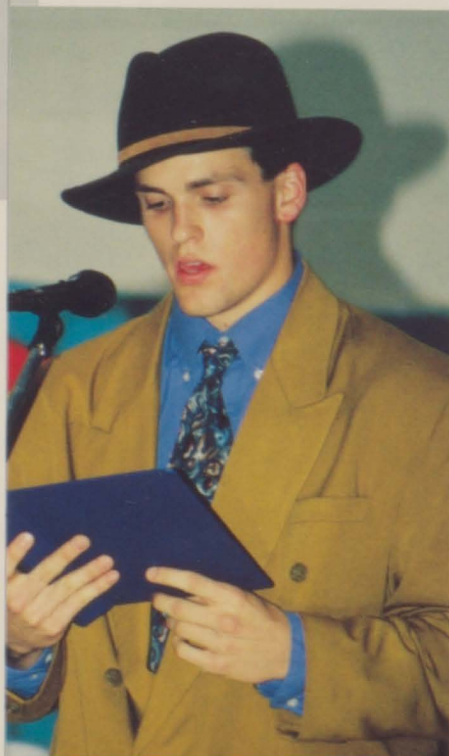
The place is swingin'

1940S STYLE

Military uniforms, zoot suits, brassy big bands, and swing dancing swept the nation during World War II. These sights, sounds, and sensations set the scene for the choir's rousing tribute to a bygone era.

Imagine a jumping 1940s night club: the dance floor swells with uniformed servicemen and women dressed in flared skirts and chunky-heeled, ankle-strapped shoes. Couples swing the evening away to the year's mighty big bands. This scene was the setting for "Sentimental Journey" a musical performed at the choir's dinner theater in December. The two evening event raised over \$1,700 for the choir's trip to New York. Based on the 1940s culture and wartime era, everything was appropriately retro including costumes,

props, songs, and a meal of beans and cornbread. Many students wore outfits that belonged to their grandparents and neighbors. Zach Miller wore his grandfather's army uniform from the Korean War; David Scrivner located a zoot suit from a relative's friend in Mississippi.



AUSTIN MILLER READS "The Body of An American" a dramatic reading based on the events of an unknown soldier killed in France during World War I and buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



SWING PARTNERS KATRINA Bailey and Doug Lewis, a SMSU student, dance to a brassy toe-tapping number by Benny Goodman and his band. "The dance steps weren't very hard to learn," Bailey said.



IN THREE-PART HARMONY, the boys' chorus sings, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." Standing - Kenneth Benneth, Rick Weaver, David Scrivner, and Zach Miller; kneeling - Josh McCrite, Chris Berry, and Austin Miller.



CALF-LENGTH COTTON dresses, and three-piece pinstripe suits were part of 1940s fashions. Angela Fetter and Jeremiah Johnson entertain the audience with spins and dips of the swing.

ELEGANTLY DRESSED, ERICA Spyres sings "You Must Remember This," while Crystal Wilson, Serina Van Ness, Josh McCrite, Kenneth Bennett, and Jessica Roth listen. Many songs revolved around the sentiments that most people were having during the war.

Wearing an Air Force uniform she borrowed from Nellie Dunn made Erica Spyres "feel as if I was back in my favorite decade, the '40s."

POP GOES THE balloon.

Representing the girls' basketball team, Afton Ivy (far right) sits on a balloon in a relay at the pep rally. The Spirit Squad hosted a series of group games involving the student body.

JOE BOXERS, ROBES, and teddy bears fill the halls as students act sleepy for Pajama Day. Ready for bed are (clockwise) - Katrina Bailey, Sara Leonard, Mandy Goss, Crystal Bennett, and Austin Miller.

INJURED BUT NOT hurt, Tracy Oberbeck comes to school bandaged and bloodied for Injury Day.




DAYTIME TAILORING MIXES with evening drama. Jeremy Archer jokes around with Keith Jackson on Cross Dressing Day. "I felt real wierd in black tights," Jackson said, "but the looks I got were pretty funny."



READY FOR THE woods, students in camouflage naturally find themselves outdoors. Front - Glen Ramsey, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Brandon Lansdown, and Kodi Harris; back - Carrie Baty, Karol Turley, Craig Letsinger, Brandon Edmonds, and Zach Miller.



"It's pretty tricky walking in heels with pointy toes and eight-inch spikes," -- Kevin Heatherly said after voted Queen in the mock homecoming ceremony.



Show us the spirit

DRESS UP

Looking for greater involvement, Spirit Squad's Dress Up Week proved a great success. From start to finish, students demonstrated school spirit from low-risk camouflage to the more elaborate cross dressing.

A little friendly competition was the remedy to generate school spirit and to help pull members of each class together. The Spirit Squad organized a week of "Dress-up Days" with a winner for the best dressed each day: Pajama Day, Injury Day, Camouflage Day, Toga Day, and Cross Dressing Day. "Camouflage Day definitely drew the most students as far as participation, but some of the other days

were really funny," junior Kodi Harris said. Winners were announced and awarded candy prizes at a pep rally kicking off home games for the girls and boys basketball season.

DRESSED TO THRILL, Kevin Heatherly escorted by Kristina Shropshire encourages audience applause in a mock homecoming ceremony at the pep rally.

ET TU, BRUTE? Students participating in Toga Day also receive bonus points in World History class. Presley McQuigg, Roger Wood, social studies teacher, and Jeremiah Sewell dress in togas, a loose-one piece garment worn in public by citizens in ancient Rome. Wood said he found the wreath headpiece, on his front door at home.



Jam-packed action

HOMECOMING

Pep rally, basketball games, Rose Ceremony, Homecoming Ceremony, and a dance filled the weekend for students and alumni returning for Homecoming '99.

For many people, February 12 was the main event; to others bestowing titles marked the end of a long, exhausting week. "All the hard work paid off," sophomore Dustin Grass said referring to after school and evening hours required to construct the homecoming stage. Gold, silver, and black painted stars, balloons, and streamers, and a balcony scene with lighted columns created the theme, "When You Believe." Weeks before, Student Council members built the background scene while the Spirit Squad decorated the lobby and hallways. "Homecoming decorations were the

best I've seen since I've been in school," junior Serina VanNess said.



SENIOR TRACY OBERBECK is crowned Homecoming Queen by last year's queen, NaTasha Bailey during ceremonies in the school gym. Crown Bearer Dean Gower watches.



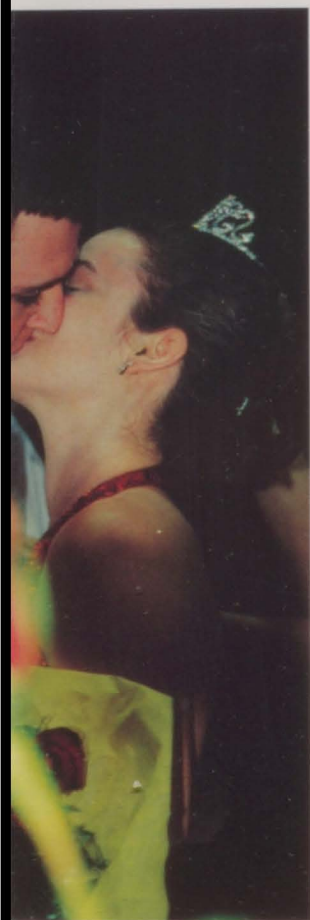
ESCORT LUKE ANDERSON bestows a congratulatory kiss on newly crowned Queen Tracy Oberbeck.



DEFENDING THE GOAL, Chad Keith attempts to block a Fordland opponent's shot in the junior varsity game. Fordland won the game 42-39. In the varsity game, state-ranked Fordland handed the Lions a 70-33 loss in the Homecoming game.



HOMECOMING '99 ROYALTY includes, front - senior candidate Amber Davis, flower girl Amy Collins, Homecoming Queen Tracy Oberbeck, crown bearer Dean Gower, and senior candidate Rachelle Garrison; back - junior princess Sara Leonard, sophomore princess Carrie Jarrett, Gower, freshman princess Brooke Hurst.



DANCING TO A packed house, Spirit Squad members perform a half time routine. Mandy Goss, KaTrina Bailey, and Tracy Oberbeck smile for an appreciative crowd.



PRESENTING HIS MOTHER a rose, senior Jason Brooke thanks his parents, Janet and Brad Brooke, for their support. The Rose Ceremony honors all senior athletes and their parents.

"I changed clothes six times during the evening," Tracy Oberbeck said of back-to-back events during Homecoming. "It just about wore my mother and me out."

“When my sister was in school, I remember dreading this evening because it was at least three hours. Now it lasts one hour which is tons better.” -- Kristina Shropshire

SOPHOMORES RECEIVING HIGH point English II awards from English teacher Bridget Slayden are Erica Spyres, David Scrivner, Dannette Sickels, and Matt Shevchuk.

LOOKS YUMMY. BANANA cream pies, fruit trifles, and German chocolate cake are among the many choices parents and students make at the dessert buffet which culminates academic awards night activities.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER Roy Ryan presents Albert Matney an award for the Summit Conference Industrial Technology Contest. Matney received a one rating for his gun chest.



SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS receive certificates for excellence in classes such as American History, World History, and Modern European. Roger Wood, social studies teacher, recognizes Nick Shelhamer, Jeanenne Sewell, Karen Eagleston, Sara Leonard, Josh Campie, Dannette Sickels, and Jerry Elliott.



HONORING MATH ACHIEVEMENT in College Algebra, Shawnda Bradshaw, math teacher, awards plaques to Zach Whorton and Mandy Goss. Whorton and Goss are also the Class of 1999's salutatorian and valedictorian respectively.

Work hard all year STEP FORWARD

A year's worth of effort, dedication, and determination pay off when students are acknowledged and honored at an special academic awards night.

feeling of accomplishment and pride can be felt by students, parents, and teachers during the annual academic awards night, hosted by the National Honor Society, May 3 in the multipurpose room. Billed as "Best of 1999", the event includes recognizing students' accomplishments ranging from academic letters to departmental awards, and inducting officers in National Honor Society and Beta Chi Pi. While some awards are announced prior to the banquet, other awards are presented for the first time that night. "I was so shocked to receive the Bausch and Lomb science award," junior Janisha Bennett said. "I was definitely not expecting it, but I was thrilled to receive it."

**NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY**
officers for 1999-
2000 are installed
with the traditional
candle lighting
ceremony. Rick
Weaver, treasurer;
Austin Miller,
secretary; Kristina
Shropshire, vice
president; and
KaTrina Bailey,
president.



Dancing and dining

A GRAND AFFAIR

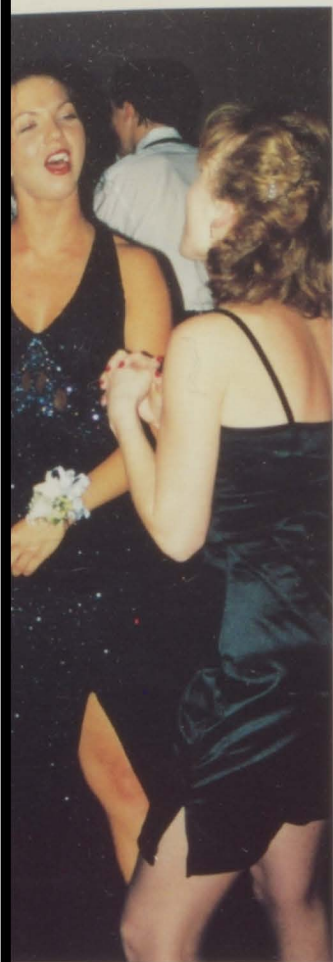
Graceful floor length gowns and black tuxedos distinguish the year's biggest formal dance, Prom. Countless hours of preparation pay off when everyone puts his and her best foot forward.

Juniors presented "Angel of Mine", the 1999 Prom held April 24, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Decorated with ivy draped columns and gold accents, the candlelit evening featured several first time experiences: a sit-down dinner, a student-produced slide show, and lip sync contest. In past years, dinner was buffet-style, but this year waiters served plates from silver platters. Students organized a slide show using elementary and current photographs of juniors and seniors and produced it using the computer program Power Point. A lip sync contest proved a crowd favorite when groups of students and teachers took their acts to the dance floor.



GOING, GOING...LONG. Mostly girls in gowns hit the floor for the country line dance, The Electric Slide. Left, Kristina Shropshire, Casondra Harris, KaTrina Bailey, Donna Young, Sara Leonard, Travis Furr, Rachelle Garrison, and Bridget Keys.



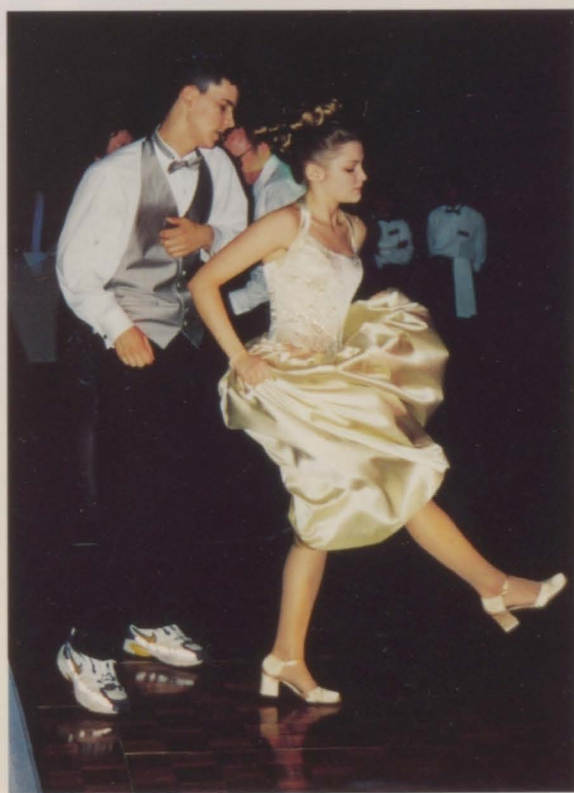


DANCING AND SINGING to the music, seniors Bridget Keys (left) and Amber Davis, and '98 graduate Kassy Calhoun take off their heels and get comfortable. Prom usually lasts from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

"It takes several weeks to get ready for prom if you count tanning, nails, hair, make-up, shopping for a dress, shoes, accessories, etc."
--KaTrina Bailey



MUSCLING UP, the boys' baseball team gets ready to show the camera some flex appeal. Standing, Zach Miller, Stephen House, Dustin Clark, Brandon Edmonds, Kevin Altman, Luke Anderson, and Doug Tripp; Sitting, Jason Brooke, Travis Furr, and Dustin McCleary; and Kneeling, Austin Corder.



KICKING UP THEIR heels, Mandy Goss and Chris Flageolle '98, do the Cotton-Eyed Joe dance. "I always wanted to wear a gold dress my senior year, and I finally found the dress," Goss said. Left, seniors Tracy Oberbeck and Joey Rhodes reign as Prom Queen and King. The juniors vote for royalty candidates by secret ballot.



SHARING AN AMUSING evening, Zach Miller and date Stacey Chadwell relax at their table during the evening. More than 150 people attended the six-hour dinner and dance which featured a slide show and professional photographs.

It was my first time to enter and my last since I was a senior, plus I wanted to wear my prom dress again since it cost so much." -- Bridget Keys Miss Mansfield

WINNERS OF THE Miss Mansfield category are second runner-up KaTrina Bailey, third runner-up Carrie Jarrett, Miss Mansfield Bridget Keys, and first runner-up Angela Fetter.


THE FOUR QUEENS in the Miss Mansfield pageant are Little Miss Mansfield Miranda Farris, Young Miss Mansfield Brittany Borders, Miss Mansfield Bridget Keys, and Junior Miss Mansfield Kendra Smith.



JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD winners are first runner-up Amanda Wallace, third runner-up Summer Taylor, Junior Miss Mansfield Kendra Smith, and second runner-up Kasie Rueff.



YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD division winners are third runner-up Karensa Wilson, first runner-up Kayla Berry, Young Miss Mansfield Brittany Borders, and second runner-up Kate Probert.



It's a time to shine MISS MANSFIELD

If it's spring, it must be time for the traditional Miss Mansfield Pageant, a packed-house event that brings out pretty girls in glittering tiaras and long flowing gowns.

Senior Bridget Keys was chosen from contestants in grades 10, 11, and 12 to reign as Miss Mansfield for 1999. She was crowned by last year's winner, Allison Arnall. For over 20 years, the Future Homemakers of America has sponsored the Miss Mansfield Pageant as an annual fundraiser. Four divisions include little, young, junior, and miss, each allowing competition among three grades. Other division winners included Miranda Farris as Little Miss Mansfield, Brittany Borders as Young Miss Mansfield, and Kendra Smith as Junior Miss Mansfield. 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 answered previously were announced by master of ceremonies, John Hinsley. While judges compiled results, Erica Spyres and David Scrivner entertained the audience by playing their violins during the interlude.



WINNERS OF LITTLE Miss Mansfield division are second runner-up Kashmir Singh, third runner-up Kelsey Acree, Little Miss Mansfield Miranda Farris, and first runner-up Kati Sherman.

The grand finale

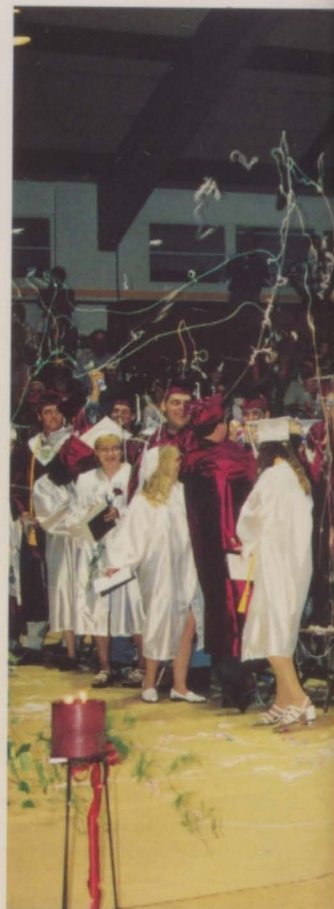
GRADUATION

One final night brings the class of 1999 together to say goodbye. Past events are remembered and best wishes are given as individuals head toward the future.

On Friday, May 14, the big day finally arrived for 47 seniors who received their diplomas and became MHS's most recent graduates. Unlike past years, commencement ceremonies were held at 7 p.m. instead of the afternoon. Valedictorian Mandy Goss and Salutatorian Zach Whorton were featured speakers. A senior girls' chorus sang, "Count on Me," and "Like an Eagle." Principal Arlene Magnin recognized scholarship winners and Superintendent Robert Perry and Board President Mary Shropshire presented diplomas. Baccalaureate services, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, were held at First Baptist Church, May 12.



SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT Mary Shropshire presents April Cook her diploma as Superintendent Robert Perry calls each graduate to the podium.



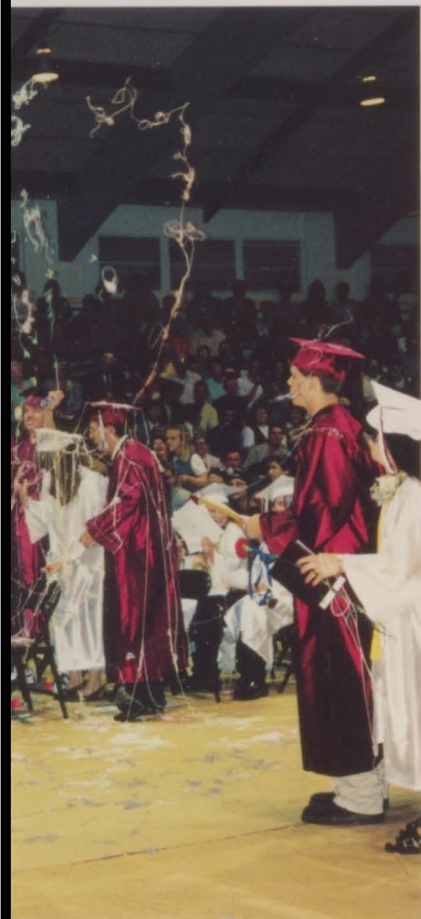


HUGS AND KISSES from Rachel Hull to cousin Derek Campie. Family and friends nearly filled the school gymnasium.

STANDING IN LINE to receive their diplomas are Jason Brazeal, Carol Kelley, David Hill, Travis Furr, Tracy Oberbeck, Joey Rhodes, and Mandy Goss.



“Yes, I’m definitely ready to get this show on the road.” -- Doug Hill waiting in the lobby before graduation.



LET THE CELEBRATION begin as 47 members of the Class of 1999 receive their diplomas at graduation ceremonies, May 14. Seniors tossed streamers and sprayed silly string to mark the occasion.



SALUTATORIAN ZACH WHORTON and Valedictorian Mandy Goss lead in the Class of 1999. Goss is a third generation valedictorian behind her mother and grandmother.

CARRYING RED CARNATIONS, graduates Crystal Volner and April Farris walk together in the processional. Both girls were enrolled in Alternative School under the supervision of Kathleen Barnett.

AN EIGHTH GRADE chorus sings "That's What Friends are For" directed by Vocal Music teacher Terry Spyres. A small ensemble also sang "Take These Wings."

KYLE SIGMAN ESCORTS classmate Sharice Dennis down the aisle to kindergarten graduation ceremonies.



STANDING TO RECEIVE diplomas are Whitney Hannaford, Tony Lockman, Laurel Oberbeck, Jennifer Calhoun, Aaron Price, Kelly Carampatan, Cory Letsinger, and April Pettibone.



ON BEHALF OF the eighth grade class, Class President Tony Lockman presents Principal Freddie Doherty a plaque in memory of late Middle School Secretary Janice K. McNeil.



WHILE HOLDING MR. W, Wendy Ince, Justin Hinsley, and Olivia Whorton speak their parts before singing "Winnie the Pooh" at kindergarten graduation.

"T aking Algebra I this year made me realize that high school is going to be a lot harder."
--Whitney Hannaford




Chaos, cameras, crowds IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The end of May marks the beginning for kindergartners and eighth graders graduating to first grade and high school.

For everyone, it is a time of pomp and circumstance, family gatherings, and milestones.

On May 18, 46 kindergartners made their first school experience a memory by participating in graduation ceremonies. Using a Winnie the Pooh theme, the program featured songs and speaking parts directed by Shannon Waldo, instrumental music teacher. Elementary Principal Jean Coday presented diplomas to students. A week later, on May 25, eighth grade graduation marked a transition for 62 members of the Class of 2003. Middle School Principal Freddie Doherty announced the class to Superintendent Robert Perry who presented diplomas.



USING ARM MOTIONS to sing, "Up, Down, and Touch the Ground" kindergartners perform for a large crowd of family and friends gathered for the graduation ceremonies in the gymnasium.



class Precedents

The year's
big stories,
opinions,
and wry
observations

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It's time to say goodbye

Dedication leads to 33 years of teaching service for Kathleen Barnett

UPON HER RETIREMENT, Kathleen Barnett receives a plaque from Superintendent Robert Perry at a luncheon given in her honor by the school staff.



Alternative School teacher Kathleen Barnett, who has taught at Mansfield High School since 1970, retired at the end of the school year.

"I just feel like it is time," Barnett said of her 33-year career: 29 years at Mansfield, two years at New London, MO, and two years at Valley Springs, AR.

A native of Marshall, AR, Barnett received her B.S. in

Education from Central Arkansas and her Master's Degree in Reading from SMSU.

She taught home economics for 25 years before moving to the alternative education program four years ago.

Looking back, Barnett said she doesn't feel the kids have changed much over the years. "The big difference I've noticed is that parents don't have as much time to be as interested as they used to. They need to be a factor in their child's education on a daily basis. They're trying to make a better living for their kids, and while that is necessary, I feel time spent with their kids is more important than money."

Barnett plans to continue teaching a G.E.D. class at OTC.

Fight-free school



FELLOW STUDENTS. Kendall Findley reads the "fight-free" policy, a new program adopted by Wilder Elementary to teach peaceful behavior and to reward positive school climate.

How cold was it?

“In the Branson game, the umpire was warming his hands by the propane heater between innings. His gloves started smoking but I didn't say anything. When he picked up the baseball to warm it up, his melted gloves stuck to the ball.”



-- Austin Corder, Lions pitcher

Cultural exchange

MHS welcomes foreign exchange student from Germany

Jerry Springer, fast food, and more freedom were new impressions for Pia Henn, a German foreign exchange student. The high school junior from Breckerfield, Germany, attended MHS for the fall semester. She lived with Jane Shirley, early childhood/special education teacher, and her daughter, junior Beverly Pratt-Shirley for five months.

Shortly after she arrived, Henn had to adjust to her new world by overcoming some cultural differences like language and food. "Slang words people use make it hard for me to understand, so listening a lot helps me," Henn said. "Also, the American diet is different from ours. We eat more fresh cooked meals and fruits and vegetables, but pizza and Taco Bell have become my favorite fast foods here."



American television was a revelation for Henn. "That Jerry Springer scares me to death," she said referring to the television show featuring name-calling and fights. "All that jumping up and down is real stupid." According to Henn, German programs contain little violence.

A champion swimmer in Germany, Henn continued her athletics by playing volleyball at MHS. She adapted easily to school life. "American schools are easier than German schools," Henn said. "We have more essay writing and languages to take, but you have more discussion in class." Henn speaks two other languages beside English. Reflecting on her trip, Henn said the best part of being a foreign exchange student is meeting new people. "I think Americans are real friendly," she said. "I will never forget the friends I made, and I hope to return."



GERMAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE student Pia Henn (right) hangs out in the school parking lot with Amanda McDermitt. Henn hopes to learn to drive because German teens cannot obtain a driver's license until they are 18-years-old for a cost of \$3,000.

Three's a trend

The Bleach Boys

We're not sure if some wierd strain of yellow fever spread around the school or if supermarkets had big sales on Clorox, but one by one, guys turned blonde, red, or green overnight. What were they thinking?



Zach Miller



Doug Tripp



Brandon Edmonds



Jason Brooke



Dustin Nichols

Open house 'unlocks future' to community

Jangling keys, swing dancing, and genetic mapping were among the activities at Mansfield School's fifth annual open house in October.



HIGH SCHOOL SECRETARY Janet Brooke oversees the treasure chest filled with electronic prizes as Jennifer Odle and her friend try their lucky (or not) keys. Right - Bradley Young trims his hot dog with ketchup, mustard, and relish. More than 800 hot dogs were grilled and given away in front of the high school.

"Unlock the Future" was the theme, and the event included students, parents, and community members. At the door, families were greeted by Mary Armstrong, Janet Brooke, and Debbie Sanders at the treasure chest where lucky keys won families electronic prizes. "This year's theme created a lot of interest," Betsy Wight, English teacher, said. "Once people are in the door, we don't have any problem keeping them because there is so much to do." Inside the building, each department featured educational and entertaining demonstrations and displays: how to make tortilla roll-ups, genetic testing in the science lab, social

studies Jeopardy, desktop publishing, geometry sketchpad, pep band, and swing dance lessons.

New graduation requirements

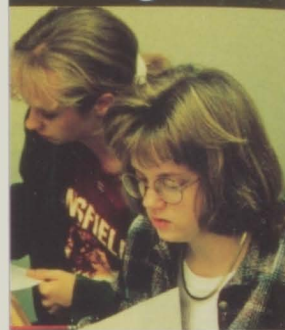
25 credits will be required for the Class of 2002;
24 1/2 for the Class of 2001. Changes included 1/2 credit in social studies and 1/2 credit in community service to meet college requirements.

Spyres competes in national forensics contest

CAUSE TO CHEER. Erica Spyres poses with actress Shelly Long at the National Forensics League competition in Phoenix. Long, a winner in Original Oratory in 1967, was a guest speaker. Spyres placed in the quarterfinals (top 30 out of 203) in Dramatic Interpretation.



Getting ahead



JUNIOR CRYSTAL BENNETT (far left) works side by side with college student Rhonda O'Dell in Keyboarding, one of four OTC dual credit classes.

Students can "get a little ahead of the game," Principal Arlene Magnin said of five dual credit classes offered through OTC and SMSU-West Plains.

Senior Zach Whorton, who enrolled in three dual credit classes, said, "By the time I enter college, I will have 11 hours already under my belt."

Classes include College Algebra, Keyboarding, Computer Applications, Accounting, and Advanced Chemistry.

KUDOS



The way we were

SILLY ABOUT WINNING. English students relax after their compiled winnings place second in the Summitt Conference Language Arts Contest. Front: Stephanie Blevins, Tara Allen, Laura Furr, Bridget Keys, Rachel Giddens, Amanda Clash, and Jamie Stepro; Back - Erica Spyres, (overall composition trophy), Mandy Goss, (overall grammar trophy), Zach Miller, Austin Miller, Kristina Shropshire, Jennifer Flood, Quentin Hammond, and Sara Leonard.

Write on!

THREE MANSFIELD STUDENTS receive special recognition at the fifth annual Writer's Hall of Fame banquet, held at Highland Springs Country Club in Springfield. Laura Furr, a freshman, won the top award in ninth and tenth grade sports reporting; Jacob Magnin, a freshman, won the top award in ninth and tenth personal narrative writing; and eighth grader John Blaine for his haiku poem. LAD, a regional language arts fair draws over 7,000 entries from hundreds of schools in southwest Missouri.

Worth repeating*

*Where did you get your name?

Lorie Hodges--
"My great grandma's name was Orie. Since I was the last girl in the family, they named me Lorie."

Bridgett Harris --
"...after Brigitte Bardot, a model /actress in the 1960s."

Melissa Napier--
"My parents went through a baby name book and just pointed at the name."

Tad Harvill--
"My father's nickname is Toddy, so they started calling me Tadpole and then shortened it."

Shannon Wallin --
"I was named after the boat my family came on from Ireland."

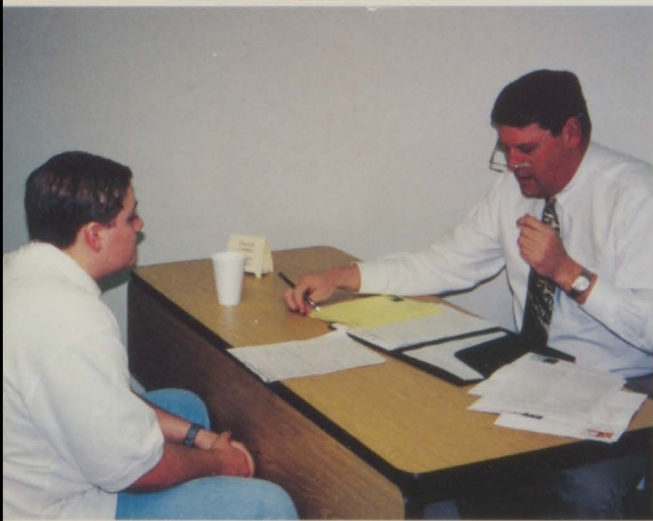
Jeanenne Sewell--
"My aunt thought of it and my dad asked some drunk guy in the hospital how to spell it."

Tashina Wilson--
"My mom loves Indians and got my name from a 20-year-old Indian movie, 'Wind Walker.'"

Chad Keith--
"From the actor Chad Everett who used to be on television."

David Austin Steffe-- "My name has been passed down for three generations."

Kandy Kabage--
"My aunt talked my mom into naming me because her favorite song was 'Oh My Candida.'"



STATE FARM INSURANCE agent David Coday conducts a mock interview with junior Josh Campie at Interview Day. Each student was able to go through at least two interviews and receive evaluations on his or her performance.



LOST AT SEA. Don Hanger of Copeland Industries conducts a team building activity with seniors at Career Day in the OTC building. Hanger, a '92 graduate, demonstrated how working in teams often can produce better decision-making than working alone.



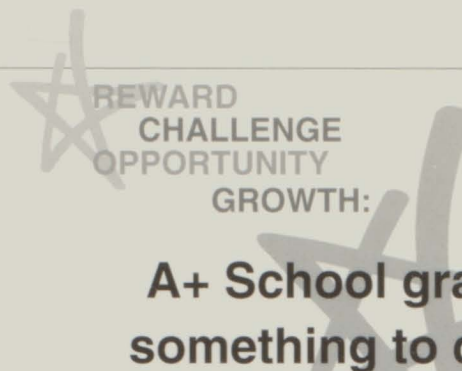
Scanning the horizon for a career

The Mansfield District assigned A+ Coordinator duties to Debbie Sanders, former journalism teacher. Sanders organized and coordinated special events to help students choose and prepare for a career including:

Interview Day -- Juniors learned job interviewing skills, produced resumes, and filled out job applications;

Career Day -- Juniors and seniors explored specific careers, as well as learned how to be a good employee; and

Advisor-Advisee Program - All students met quarterly with an advisor for help in setting goals, career planning and counseling.



Beginning with the Class of 2001, MHS graduates who have met four basic requirements during their high school years can receive free tuition for college or a vocational-technical school.

On the heels of the prestigious state "Gold Star" High School award came the news that MHS had been selected to receive an A+ School start-up grant for the 1998-1999 school year. After a three-year period, MHS can seek designation as an A+ School.

MHS received \$147,385 for its first year funding that was used for new materials for applied math classes, and to add both a technical writing lab and principles of technology class.

"We have provided the opportunity, now it's up to the individual student to take advantage of that opportunity," High School Principal Arlene Magnin said. "There's always a price, and in this case it's attending school 95 percent of the time, maintaining a C+ average, completing 50 hours of tutoring, and being a good citizen."

When students meet the requirements, they are eligible for state-funded tuition assistance to cover the cost of attending public community college or vocational technical school in Missouri.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

We asked teachers: If you had an opportunity to change careers, what profession would it be? They also told us previous job(s) prior to teaching at MHS. Here are the results:

Teacher	Career before teaching	Second choice
Marsha Appleby, business	resort manager, secretary, gas station attendant	business teacher
Roger Wood, social studies	built highways	president of the United States
Roy Ryan, industrial arts	designer for farm implements	computer science
Stan Coday, agriculture	ag teacher	full-time farmer
Kay Goss, librarian	South Western Inn, Pizza Inn, McBee Binders, English teacher	a job with the state
Pam Probert, science	food science and nutrition	doctor
Michell King, math	McDonalds, Wal-mart, catering manager	physical therapy
Dean Bray, art	insurance salesman, airbrushing at the mall, activity therapist for mental hospital	art teacher
Wilda Watterson, social studies	owned a H&R Block franchise for 9 years, prepared taxes for 10 years, mother	retire
Kelly Brazeal, counselor	ran continuing education program at UM, Rolla, taught science and vocational economics	no clue!
Terry Spyres, music	music teacher	actress for sitcoms
Teresa Hinsley, family/consumer science	health teacher	preschool teacher
Betsy Wight, English/ journalism	advertising/marketing for purebred cattle and Arabian horse industries	free lance contractor

Verbal taboos

Stricter rules became harsh reality as the school enforced its zero tolerance policy that requires the report of any threat of violence or harassment to juvenile authorities.

Recent shootings across the nation, many occurring in small towns, prompted the school board to adopt the policy as a prevention for a potential threat.

An increase in reportings met with

mixed reviews. "It's a good idea, but it doesn't need to be as strictly enforced," junior Matt Byerlee said. "So far, it's only getting kids in trouble who were just joking around."

Senior Mandy Goss said, "My language hasn't really changed because I trust the people I'm around to know I'm joking."

Ready for the future

“Our computer service provider is currently taking care of the problem, and we are on track to be Y2K ready.”

-- Susie Graham,
District technology
coordinator

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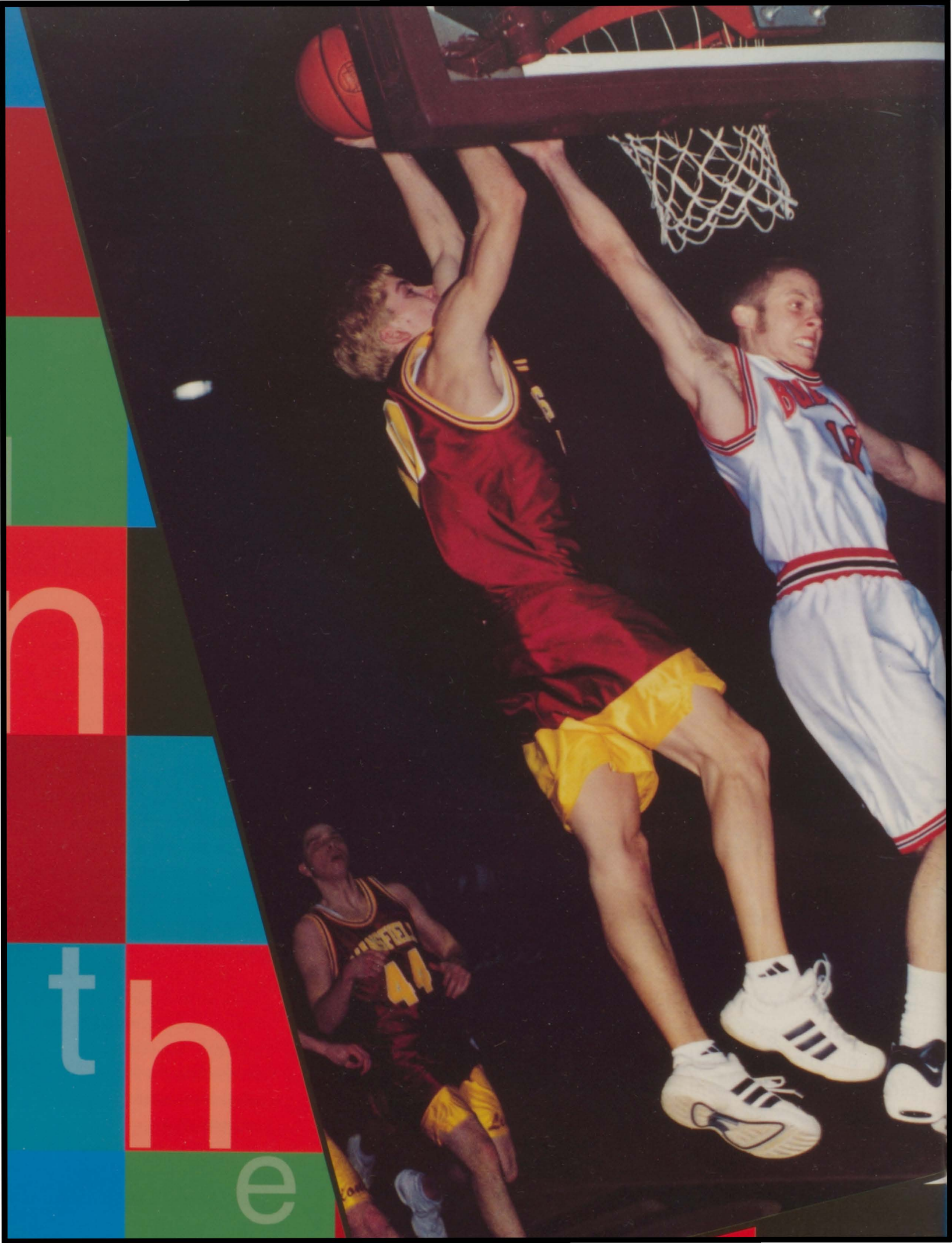
Janice K. McNeil

Caring, funny, good person to talk to, is how students described Janice K.

McNeil, 52, middle school

secretary who died unexpectedly, August 24. McNeil worked for Mansfield Schools since 1983 as a special education aide, a school nurse, and middle school secretary.

"Janice always tried to treat every student with respect," said Freddie Doherty, middle school principal. "She was always friendly, loved to visit with anyone, and would do anything you asked."



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SPORTS

■ Defending the net, Amber Davis and Tara Jackson prepare to block in a volleyball match against Conway. "The Conway game was memorable," Davis said. "because I'm a senior, and it was our last home game."



Body work. Just thinking about the term conjures up thoughts of running, jumping, and sweating. MHS athletes came in all packages. For every star with big statistics, there was a guy on the bench just itching for a chance to get in the game and contribute to a victory. By claiming their eleventh consecutive district title and regaining the conference championship, the baseball team overcame obstacles that have caused others to fail. Other MHS teams, struggling to make the cut, worked through adversity and learned that scores are not the only measure of success.



■ Eyeing the ball, Doug Tripp prepares to make contact in a pitch from the Seymour Tigers. The Lions shut out the Tigers 24-0 in a conference game at home. ■ Up and over, Brandon Lansdown shows the soles of his game to a Gainesville opponent in the Mtn. Grove Panther Classic. "I did get a technical for hanging on the rim," Lansdown said later, "but it was worth it."

Volleyball

Working through hard TIMES

Scores and statistics only told half the story as the Lady Lions volleyball team ended their fall season with a varsity record of 0-21.

A young and inexperienced volleyball team fought hard, first to learn the game and then to play it.

"It has been a challenge this year for all the girls to learn the fundamentals and try to compete," Coach Paul Lynch said. "They kept their heads up and

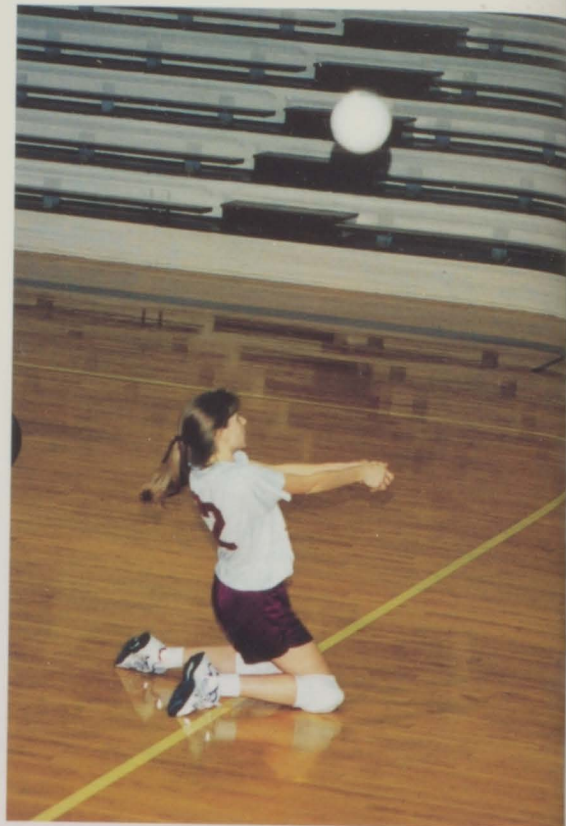
stayed positive."

For senior Amber Davis playing volleyball was about extremes.

"Sometimes it was frustrating to play, however, considering that it was my first year to play volleyball, it was exciting for me," Davis said.

A dedicated 19-member squad showed improvement throughout the season, Lynch said. "We should improve a lot and win more games in the years to come," he added.

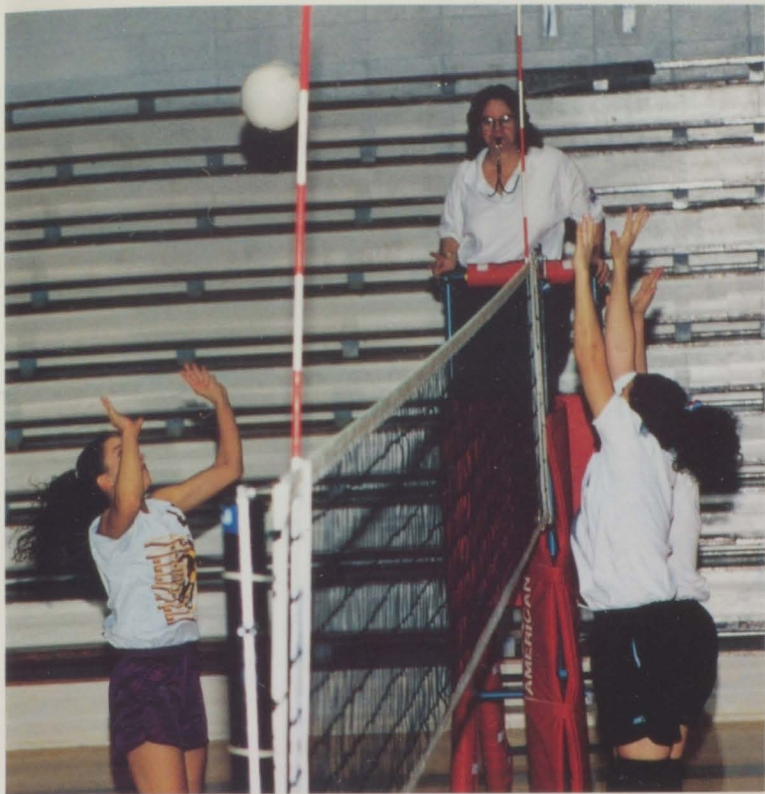
FRESHMAN TARA ALLEN bumps the ball in a home game vs. Niangua. Allen, along with the majority of the team, was playing volleyball for the first time this season.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM Front - Tara Jackson, Laura Furr, Bridgett Harris, Angela Fetter, Amber Davis; Row two - Tara Allen, Lindsey Dunbar, Sarena Baugh, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Sara Edmonds, Lacie Vaverka; Row three - Stefanie Blevins, Jeanenne Sewell, Jessica Moore, Jolissa Iott, Lisa Morton; Back - Pia Henn, Amanda Baty, Ashley Hicks, Coach Paul Lynch.

Season Record: 0-21

AGAINST TWO CONWAY defenders, Amber Davis, the only senior on the team, sets the ball over the net for a point. The Lady Lions lost the match to the Lady Bears in straight sets.



“It was like starting over because we were playing with a team that never played in high school competition.”
-- Ashley Hicks



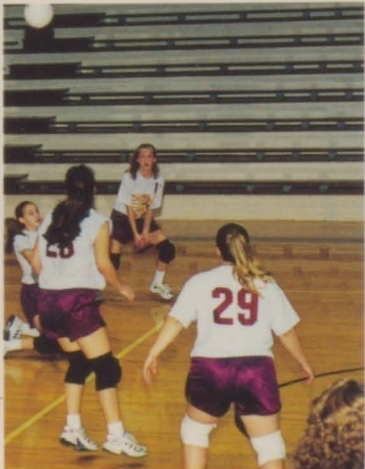
DURING A TIMEOUT, Coach Paul Lynch discusses strategy with his team. Niangua defeated the Lady Lions in straight sets.



IN DEEP CONCENTRATION, freshman Lindsey Dunbar serves the ball in home action against Willow Springs.



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL Front - Amanda Delcour, Della Lansdown, Megan Hicks, Jesse Bricker, and Whitney Hannaford; Row two - Ashley Baty, Maranda Garzee, Lisa Chambers, and Laurel Oberbeck; back - Jana Young, Jodi Hieb, Coach Paul Lynch, April Pettibone, and Courtney Allen.



ON HER KNEES, Stefanie Blevins bumps the ball to teammate Angela Fetter for an attempted spike. Teammates Lisa Morton and Sara Edmonds wait in anticipation.

SHOWING SCHOOL SPIRIT, sixth grader Brandon Grass (far right) stands to his feet as the basketball team is introduced on the court.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS. Front - Kendra Smith, Kasie Rueff, and Tina Crain; Back - Jennifer Odle, Tiffany Cline, Amanda Rokusek, Amanda Walker, and Ashley Borders.

SPIRIT COUCH WINNERS Austin Corder, Russell Hedrick, and Josh Cleaver (below) munch down on Subway sandwiches and drinks during the basketball game. Students pay a dollar for a chance to have their name drawn to sit on the couch.



SPIRIT SQUAD MEMBERS march to the beat of "Bugle Boy of Company B," during halftime of a home basketball game. Dancers use a variety of costumes and props for their routines.



PEP CLUB Front - Kevin Heatherly, Jason Brooke, Austin Corder, Janisha Bennett, Bridgett Harris, Amber Davis, Laura Furr, Angela Fetter, Lindsay Hannaford; Row two - Doug Tripp, Sumer Welch, KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Tracy Oberbeck, Mandy Goss, Craig Letsinger, Bridget Keys, Carrie Jarrett; Row three - Kinder Wilson, Amanda Clash, Chad Keith, Afton Ivy, Kandy Kabage, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Sarena Baugh, Brooke Hurst, Joe Gresham; Back - Shawnda Bradshaw (sponsor), Donna Young, Lacie Vaverka, Matt Shevchuk, Dustin Grass, Tiffany Coonce, Stefanie Blevins, Sara Edmonds, Wilda Watterson (adviser).

"You entertain the crowd and get people to yell; the outfit gets hot and little kids love to pull on the tail." --Tiffany Coonce on the pros and cons of being the Lion mascot



A CROWD FRIENDLY lion rouses students to clap and yell while the Pep Band enlivens the mood of a home basketball game.

BACKSTAGE, PEP CLUB Sponsor Shawnda Bradshaw adjusts the lion's headpiece before he makes an entrance. It was 10 years ago when MHS had a mascot.



Pep Club/Spirit Squad

Just Lion AROUND

The words "home court advantage" conjure up images of a packed gymnasium, pep bands, cheering squads, and enthusiastic fans motivating players to victory.

Members of the Pep Club did their best to make all of the above happen for MHS athletes. The Pep Club purchased a new mascot costume out of its budget. In addition, they hosted a design contest for a club t-shirt.

To entertain fans, the nine-

member Spirit Squad performed routines during half-time to an appreciative crowd. Showing versatility, dancers used music and costumes ranging from rock to country/western.

Another new activity which sparked student participation included a "Spirit Couch". Students bought tickets for a chance to have their name drawn to sit on the couch with friends during the game while the Spirit Squad served food and drinks.



SPIRIT SQUAD Front - Tracy Oberbeck, Tiffany Coonce, Mandy Goss; Row two - Sumer Welch, Stefanie Blevins; Back - Brooke Hurst, Kristina Shropshire, Janisha Bennett, Shawnda Bradshaw (sponsor), Sarena Baugh, KaTrina Bailey.

Going the DISTANCE

Endurance runner Keith Jackson reached a personal goal when he competed in the state cross country meet in Jefferson City. He finished at place number 144 out of 162 runners.

"Going to state has always been my goal in cross country," Jackson said. "It is something that only a small percentage of runners compete in."

Jackson, running in his first state meet, faced several obstacles on the course. Rainy weather forced runners to run on a wet golf course which Jackson believes particularly plagued his performance.

"It hurt me because I didn't have any spikes available, so I was constantly struggling with my footing," Jackson said.

Overall, the cross country team placed fourth in the conference meet. Coached by Randy Short, the four-man team competed in nine meets and claimed two medals. Team members were sophomore Keith Jackson, junior Jonathon Walker, sophomore Chad Keith, and sophomore Dennis Scanlon.

Track team numbers down

A twisted ankle, a broken arm, and hurt backs. From the beginning, a series of injuries struck the track team but they played in seven meets.

"I think we had a lot of trouble starting out," Coach Randy Short said. "We were

low in numbers due to injuries, but we came back well."

Short said that when junior Rick Weaver returned after a broken arm healed, he became a real leader for the team.

The team ended its season at districts when Weaver earned a third and fourth in the high jump and long jump. He was one place from qualifying for state.

ON THE ROAD. Keith Jackson hits his stride in the Mansfield Invitational on a familiar training run, along the cemetery. Jackson, a sophomore, ran in the state cross country meet where he finished at place number 144 out of 162 runners. "Going to state has always been my goal in cross country," Jackson said.



TRACK SCOREBOARD

Meet: Ava

Placing: Jeremiah Sewell, long jump - 6th, 300-meter hurdles - 3rd

Meet: Strafford

Placing: Sarah Brown, 100 meter hurdles - 3rd; Keith Jackson, 400-meter - 7th; Josh Cleaver, discus - 7th

Meet: Ava

Placing: Brown, 100-meter hurdles - 3rd; Jackson, 400-meter - 7th; Cleaver, discus - 7th

Meet: Willow Springs

Placing: Sewell, 300-meter low hurdles - 6th; Weaver, long jump - 7th; Cleaver, discus - 7th; Jackson, 400-meter - 7th

Meet: Mountain Grove

Placing: Weaver, high jump - 2nd; long jump - 4th; Cleaver, discus - 7th; Brown, 100-meter low hurdles - 7th

Meet: Nixa

Placing: Weaver, high jump - 2nd, Brown, 100-meter hurdles - 4th



JUNIOR JONATHON WALKER paces himself in the Mansfield Invitational cross country meet. Walker placed tenth in the race with a time of 22:42. Other team members placed as follows: Jackson, 14, and Scanlon, 34.

"... I was disappointed that I came so close to going to state, but excited about how the season turned out." -- Rick Weaver

COMING UP THE stretch, sophomore Dennis Scanlon finishes the Mansfield Invitational cross country meet at place 34 for a time of 27:16.



CROSS COUNTRY SCOREBOARD

Meet: Willow Springs
Results: Keith Jackson, place 17, time 18:03; Dennis Scanlon, 27, 20:51

Meet: Plato
Results: Jonathon Walker, 40, 21:45; Jackson, 49, 22:53; Scanlon, 60, 25:40

Meet: Mansfield
Results: Walker, 10, 22:42; Jackson, 14, 23:18; Scanlon, 34, 27:16

Meet: Springfield Catholic
Results: Walker, 37, 21:42;

Jackson, 43, 21:58; Chad Keith, 53, 24:45; Scanlon, 55, 26:54

Meet: Mountain Grove
Results: Walker, 24, 19:23; Jackson, 32, 21:20; Keith 36, 22:23; Scanlon, 37, 24:22

Meet: Conference
Results: Walker, 4; Jackson, 14

Meet: Jefferson City (state)
Results: Jackson, 144

Season Honors

- **All Conference**
Keith Jackson,
Jonathon Walker



SOPHOMORE JOSH CLEAVER practices the discus throw behind the school. Cleaver earned seventh place in discus in the Ava, Willow Springs, and Mountain Grove meets.



RUNNING AND JUMPING, Rick Weaver leaps into the sand pit in the long jump event at the district track meet at Nixa. Weaver earned a fourth in long jump and a third in high jump.



**"This program gives students an opportunity who might not have other avenues open to them."
--Coach Stephaney Menzie, special education teacher.**

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Front - Jeremiah Butcher, Daison Steffe, Matt Rhodes, Travis Hire; Back - Glen Ramsey, Randy Ramsey, Chris Best, Coach Georgianne Brown.

IN FLYING FORM, spectators watch senior Roy Liles jump to a second-place finish in the long jump competition in Springfield. Liles was Mansfield's best long jumper.



FRESHMAN DONNIE SLATE shoots a free throw in junior varsity action in Springfield. A Sporting Chance plays regularly on Saturdays.

NEAR THE FINISH line, Randy Ramsey gives a final push in a track and field competition. Ramsey finished second in the relay.



JUNIOR STEVEN COLLINS chases down an opposing player before he makes the catch in flag football competition. A Sporting Chance won the state championship in flag football at Ewing Park in Springfield.

FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

Front - Randy Ramsey, Manager, April Butcher, Tim Stuart, Jeremiah Butcher; Row two - Chris Best, William Best, Josh Kulp, Randy Liles, Rocky Arnold, Coach Georgianne Brown; Back - Coach Stephaney Menzie, Joe Bockelman, Steven Collins, Roy Liles, Billy Butcher.



A Sporting Chance

Catch of the DAY

Winning doesn't come any sweeter than winning it all.

That's what A Sporting Chance flag football members experienced when they captured the state flag football tournament title, October 17 at Ewing Park in Springfield.

A 12-man roster ran through the tournament beating Excel 30-20 and Willow Springs

74-34. At the end of regular season, their record was 2-1.

Coach Georgianne Brown, special education teacher, said, "We have a really good team this year with a lot of players. We make sure everyone gets his or her chance."

In its sixth year, A Sporting Chance offers football, volleyball, basketball, and track and field programs.



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Front - Carl Ramsey, Rodney Bell, Rocky Arnold, Donnie Slate; Back - Coach Stephaney Menzie, Billy Butcher, Steven Collins, William Best, Coach Georgianne Brown.

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

MANSFIELD vs. EXCEL - 50-36, Mansfield; touchdowns by Chris Best, Steven Collins, Roy Liles, and Randy Ramsey.

MANSFIELD vs. RYAN'S EXPRESS - 42-38, Mansfield; touchdowns by Matt Rhodes.

MANSFIELD vs. EXCEL - 30-20, Mansfield; touchdowns by Best and Collins.

MANSFIELD vs. WILLOW SPRINGS - 74-34, Mansfield; touchdowns by Butcher, Bockelman, Liles, and Collins.

Softball

We're covering GROUND

Spring training has always been a time for coaches to review the basics of the game with their players. When Coach Roger Wood gathered his team around him, he told them to keep one thing in mind when they took the field: winning.

Following that advice helped the Lady Lions achieve an 8-3 record for the spring season.

"I knew we would have a good season if we kept our errors down and played consistently," senior Donna Young said.

With only a 10-man roster, ev-

ery player contributed every game. As a result, players received a lot of playing time, experienced minor injuries, and all members lettered for the season.

The outlook for Team 2000 is bright. The Lady Lions have all lettermen but two returning which should give them the advantages of experience and leadership.

"If we work hard to improve on the little things and play within ourselves, we will have a competitive team next season," sophomore Ashley Hicks said.

STRIKE ONE FOR sophomore Dannette Sickels who swings in a home game against Fordland. The Lady Lions lost to the Eagles 13-12.



CONFERENCE SCOREBOARD

MHS		OPP
18	Hartville	12
24	Seymour	13
6	Fordland	18
12	Fordland	13
14	Seymour	12
24	Chadwick	14
4	Hartville	10



SOFTBALL TEAM Front - Jeanenne Sewell, Donna Young, Afton Ivy; Row two - Kristen Jones, Dannette Sickels, Tara Jackson, Ashley Maxwell; Back - Coach Wilda Watterson, Ashley Hicks, Lacie Vaverka, Rachel Giddens, Coach Roger Wood.

Season Record: 8-3

PITCHER AFTON IVY throws a strike in a home game vs. Fordland. Ivy, who led the team with 16 runs, was named Most Valuable Player.



"You never know about spring softball -- one day the sun will shine, the next day it may rain or the wind blow 50 miles per hour."

-- Tara Jackson, third baseman



SENIOR DONNA YOUNG takes off after getting a hit in a home game against Seymour. The Lady Lions won the game 14-12. Young was the lone senior on the team.



DOWN AND READY, sophomore Tara Jackson crouches at third base anticipating the ball in a game against Fordland at home.

IN AN EARLY season practice, players get ready to field ground balls. "It's definitely a challenge to play in right field," Rachel Giddens said. "Rocks and big holes make it extremely hard to run and field balls."

Season Honors

- **Most Valuable Player** -- Afton Ivy
- **Most Runs Scored**
-- Afton Ivy (16)
- **Top Defender** -- Jeanenne Sewell
- **Top Hitter** -- Ashley Hicks
(.613 for 11 games)
- **Hustle Award** -- Lacie Vaverka

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Eighth grade team - second place, Conference Tournament
- Eighth grade team -- first place, Norwood Tournament
- Seventh grade team - third place, Hartville Tournament
- Regular season records --
Eighth grade: 8-2
Seventh grade: 2-6



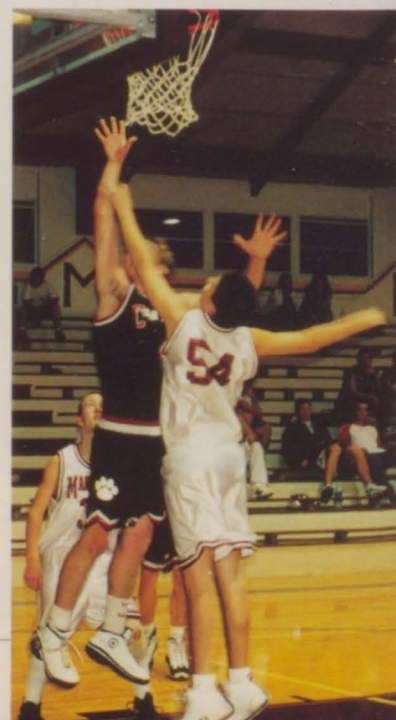
SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Brent Jones (Manager), Zachery Flageolle, Adam Bennett, Brian Jones, Justin Schofield, David Shevchuk, Garret Keith, Blake Miller (Manager); Row two - Paul Moody, Jaron Keeling, Eli Helms, Coach Keat Kistler, Zach Blevins, Cody Whorton, Tyler Rummens.



EIGHTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Travis Mason, Cody McCleary, Cory Letsinger, John Blaine, Justin Stafford, Aaron Price; Row two - Cody Corder, Justin Kingery, Chris Matlock, Brett Bailey, Tim Brazeal, Travis Clouse; Back - Brent Jones (Manager), Coach Keat Kistler, Blake Miller (Manager).

LOOKING FOR AN open teammate, eighth grader Brett Bailey protects the ball against a Conway defender. In the home conference game, Bailey scored two points.

IN AN ATTEMPT to block a shot eighth grader Travis Clouse (far right) takes on a Conway opponent in a home game. The Lions won the game 40-36.



SOARING HIGH, eighth grader Jana Young jumps past a Hartville defender to lay up two of her 10 points in a conference game at home. The Lady Lions defeated Hartville 25-15.



Middle School Basketball

It's about WINNING

Both boys' and girls' eighth grade basketball teams wrapped up successful seasons by capturing second place respectively in the conference tournament at Niangua.

"We had a great year, even though we didn't finish on top," eighth grader Cody Corder said. "I wasn't surprised by our play, but I was impressed."

Another season highlight was when both teams won first place in the Norwood Tournament by defeating Norwood in the championship games.

"We knew if we played hard, we had a chance of winning every game," Coach

Tonia Songer said of the girls' team. "I was very pleased with our work ethic and heart."



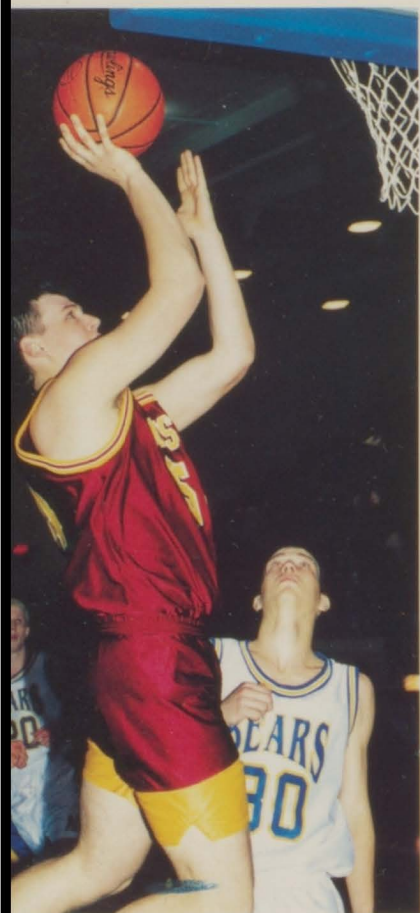
GRABBING THE REBOUND, Courtney Allen raises the ball high as point guard Jesse Bricker runs in for the pass. The Lady Lions beat Niangua on their court 40-31.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Ashley Baty, Della Lansdown, Whitney Hannaford, Jesse Bricker, Megan Hicks, Alisha Stewart, Melissa Ross; Row two - Assistant Coach Bob Gilmore, April Pettibone, Tanya Loveland, Lisa Chambers, Jana Young, Cheyenna McCrite, Courtney Allen, Coach Tonia Songer; Back - Managers - Kate Probert, Whitney Miller, Melanie Davis.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Eighth grade team -- second place, Conference Tournament
- Eighth grade team -- first place, Norwood Tournament
- Seventh grade team -- second place, Hartville Tournament
- Regular season records --
Eighth grade: 6-3
Seventh grade: 7-2



SENIOR LUKE ANDERSON, scores two of his 10 points in a contest vs. Ava, which the Lions lost 66-63. Anderson, a starting post player was named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

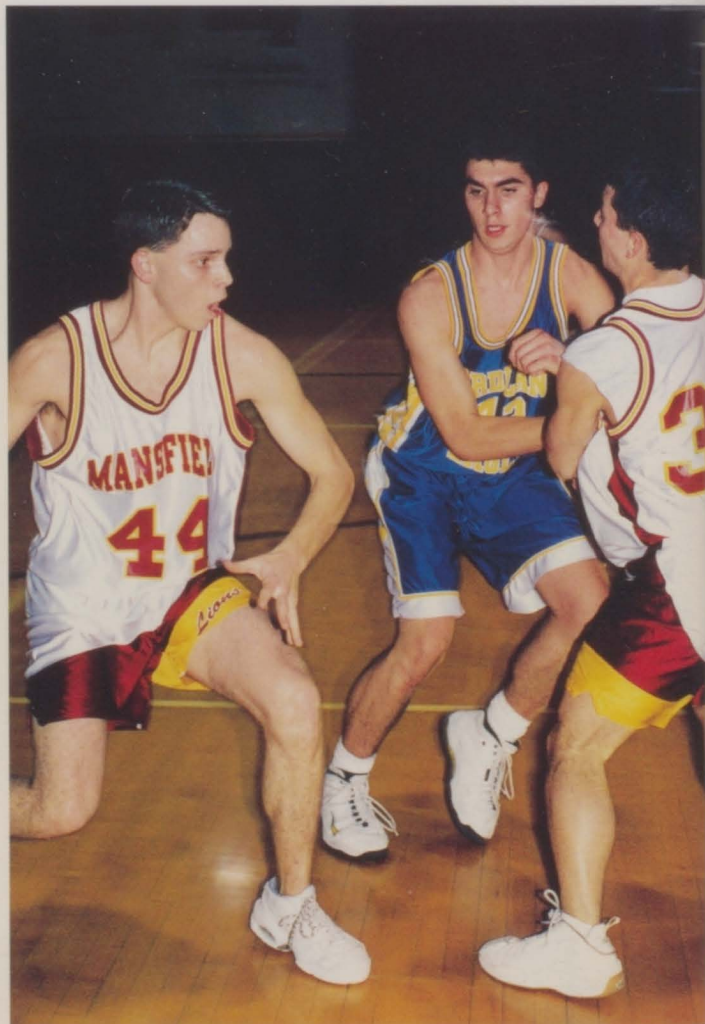
Front - Craig Letsinger, Michael Scofield; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, Matt Shevchuk, Chad Keith, Quentin Hammond, Jacob Magnin, Coach Paul Lynch.

DRIVING BASELINE FOR a layup, junior Austin Miller (right) dribbles around a Norwood defender. Miller finished the season as second highest scorer with an 11.8 average.



RICK WEAVER, THE team's third leading scorer with a 10.2 average, soars past a Bakersville defender in a 67-60 win in second-round action of the Mansfield Tournament. Weaver made the All-Tournament Team.

POINT GUARD TRAVIS Furr (far right) screens a Fordland defender to allow teammate Kevin Heatherly to drive uncontested to the hoop. The state-ranked Eagles won the Homecoming game 70-33.



IN THE MIDDLE of a crowd of Hurley opponents, junior Dustin Clark shoots in an early season game played at College of the Ozarks. The Lions lost the game 68-57.



A goal SIGHT



Many people would not consider a 6-18 record impressive unless they took a closer look. For the boys' basketball team, a majority of the losses were by a narrow margin and often, in overtime.

"I thought we were much more focused this season, and our work effort improved every game," Head Coach Paul Lynch said. "I was disappointed that we didn't win more games, but we played

hard and competitively."

Post player Austin Miller remained optimistic. "Our main problem was not putting the game away, but next year things will be different," he said.

Team members receiving post-season honors included:

- All-Conference -- Honorable Mention- Luke Anderson, Austin Miller, Rick Weaver
- KKOZ Dream Team -- Luke Anderson, Austin Miller, Rick Weaver.



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Front - Kevin Altman, Stephen House, Brandon Lansdown, Dustin Clark, Craig Letsinger, Travis Furr, Rick Weaver, Doug Tripp, Austin Miller, Matt Shevchuk, Luke Anderson; Back - Coach Paul Lynch, Kevin Heatherly, Coach Keat Kistler.

CONFERENCE SCOREBOARD

MHS		OPP
73	Niangua	42
56	Gainesville	58
72	Hartville	77
57	Seymour	71
33	Fordland	70
78	Norwood	53
54	Conway	84

Season Record: 6-18

Baseball

Big year at BAT

If someone told Coach Doug Jones before the 1998-1999 season that his team would shatter seven school hitting records, he probably would have laughed.

In fact, it was Jones, who said before the season that the Lions "need to be better at hitting the ball and putting it into play to be competitive."

The Lions answered that challenge by setting new records including home runs, RBI's, hits, runs scored, and others.

But, that was not the only bright spot of the Lions' season. Tough play helped them regain the conference title, win their 11th consecutive district title, and advance to the semi-finals where they finished in a 9-2 loss against Clearwater.

"We had a good year as the statistics prove that," Jones said. "Our comraderie was great, and I was very pleased with our improvement throughout the year."



SENIOR LUKE ANDERSON takes a pitch in conference action against Seymour, which the Lions won 24-0. Anderson led the team in home runs (13), RBI's (54), and batting average (.533). Anderson made the All-State First Team as well as All-District and All-Conference.

CONFERENCE SCOREBOARD

MHS		OPP
14	Hartville	11
9	Fordland	8
11	Gainesville	1
24	Seymour	0
12	Conway	8
22	Niangua	2



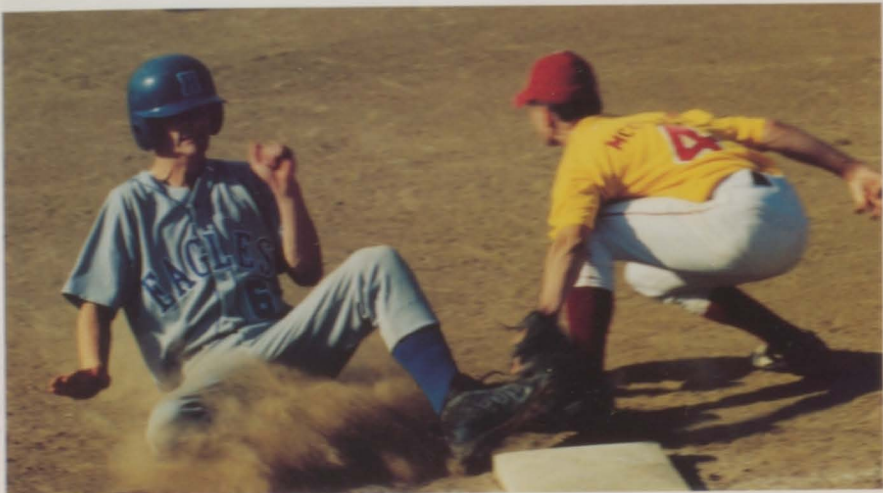
BASEBALL TEAM Front - Doug Tripp, Dustin McCleary, Travis Furr, Austin Corder, Zach Miller, Dustin Clark; Row two - Coach Doug Jones, Brandon Edmonds, Chad Keith, Matt Shevchuk, Stephen House, Jason Brooke; Back - Kevin Altman, Luke Anderson.

Season Record: 26-9

HOLDING THE TROPHY high, the Lions celebrate after winning their 11th consecutive District title. Mansfield outscored their opponents 55-5 in the tournament.



HEAD COACH DOUG Jones speaks to announcer Gary Moore on KKOZ radio after the district championship game at Hartville. Jones led the Lions to a 26-9 overall record in the spring.



IN THE DISTRICT championship at Hartville, junior Dustin McCleary tags out a would-be base stealer. McCleary was one of seven team members to receive All-Conference honors.

“Our season was statistically unbelievable and it proved we had a good year.”
-- Coach Doug Jones

New Spring Records

292
Most Hits

264
Most RBIs

285
Most runs scored

71
Most doubles

53
Most home runs

130
Most extra base hits

.730
Highest slugging percentage

7
Most home runs in a game (tie)



TRAVIS FURR SLIDES in safely in a game at Springfield Catholic, which the Lions won. Furr, the Lions' centerfielder, led the team with 24 stolen bases. Left, rounding third, sophomore Matt Shevchuk heads for home plate in a game against Conway. Shevchuk's spring batting average (.564) earned him All-Conference, All-District, and All-State First Team honors.

Girls' Basketball

Never give UP

Ask any coach for a motto they desire when describing their team and the answer would be "never give up."

That's exactly what Coach Tonia Songer's Lady Lions had to do. The returning roster consisted of one starting senior and three sophomores, who battling inexperience and youth, struggled to post a 6-21 record.

"Our main problem was that we weren't very

confident, and we were afraid to shoot the ball," sophomore Lindsay Hannaford said.

Scores in many games were close. "We played a lot of good games," junior Afton Ivy said. "We just don't know how to win once we have the lead."

Eight new players restored a junior varsity team, eliminated last year due to small numbers.

IN THE MIDDLE of Conway defenders, Amber Davis goes up for two. Davis scored 8 points in the home conference match despite a sprained wrist.



CONFERENCE SCOREBOARD

MHS		Opp
43	Hartville	68
50	Norwood	82
45	Fordland	49
46	Gainesville	64
43	Seymour	59
35	Conway	53
41	Seymour	59
52	Hartville	62
59	Fordland	60
48	Niangua	61



BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Sara Kulp, Afton Ivy, Rachelle Garrison, Amber Davis, Ashley Hicks, Rachel Giddens; Row two - Coach Tonia Songer, Laura Furr, Tara Allen, Jennifer Flood, Lindsay Hannaford, Lora Thompson, Assistant Coach Michell King; Row three - Courtney Allen, manager, Lindsey Dunbar, Lacie Vaverka, Jana Young, manager; top - Sara Leonard.

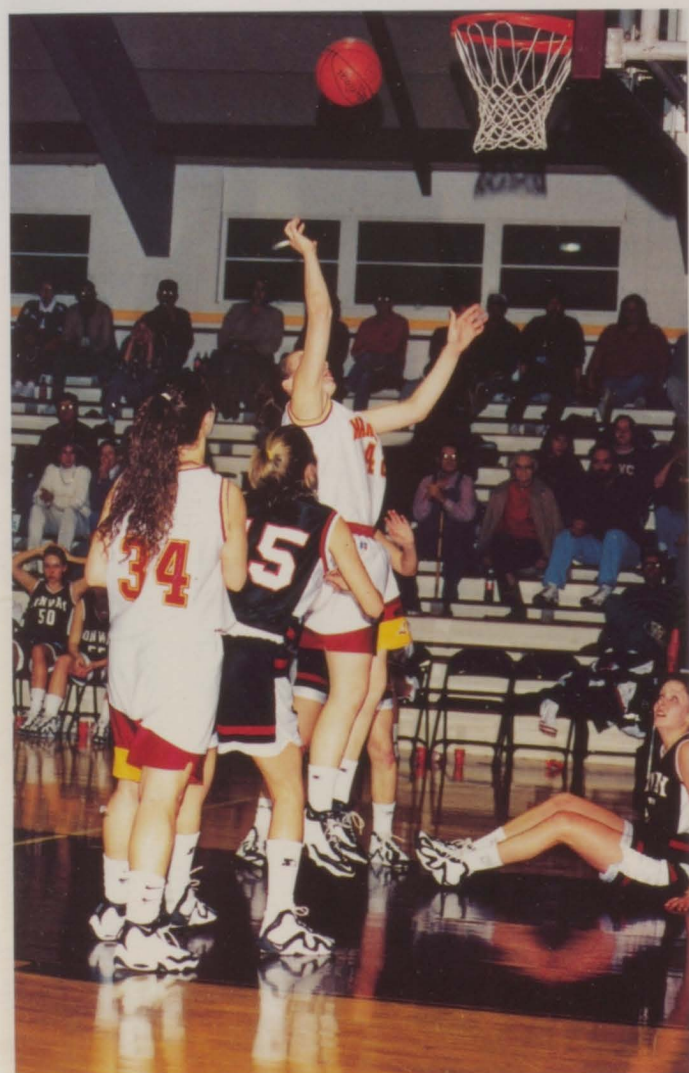
Season Record: 5-21

**"Forgetting about losses and concentrating on wins
is our team's mental approach." -- Amber Davis**



COACH TONIA SONGER takes a time out to relay instructions to varsity players.

SCANNING THE FLOOR, Tara Allen looks to pass the ball to teammates in junior varsity play against Plato.



AT THE CHARITY line, Lindsay Hannaford shoots a free throw in a home game against Plato. Hannaford scored 12 points in a 72-43 loss.

LEADING SCORER, JENNIFER Flood adds two to her 20-point game in action against Conway. The Lady Lions lost 53-35. Flood was named Athlete of the Week in the *Springfield News Leader* after scoring 31 points and 13 rebounds in a win over Niangua, followed by a 17-point, 10-rebound performance in a win over Cabool.

Season Honors

- **All-Conference -**
Jennifer Flood, first team
for the second year in a row
- **KKOZ Dream Team -**
Amber Davis,
Jennifer Flood, Laura Furr



SCHOOL LIFE

■ Spanish students find themselves in a sticky situation while learning names of various body parts. Students of Wilda Watterson: Tara Jackson, Jennifer Flood, Janisha Bennett, and Carol Kelley then repeat the names aloud.



The three Rs no longer stand for repetition, recitation, and restlessness. Today, Mansfield classrooms explode with meaningful lessons that are realistic, relevant, and reinforce skills for students. Success in reading rests on Accelerated Reading, a second year program that stresses comprehension and allows students to read at their own speed. Another boost has been new technology for a technical writing lab, applied math materials, and Principles of Technology, a class where students learn hands-on skills at various station modules.



■ Pinching faded blooms and watering plants, National Honor Society members KaTrina Bailey and Bridget Keys help maintain flower boxes in front of the school. In the spring, NHS turned over the beautification project to the horticulture class. ■ Cast members from "Sentimental Journey," a musical production commemorating the 1940s, wear evening fashions for the jivin' tune, "Bugle Boy of Company." The choir staged the event for the community.

FIRST TIME DONOR Presley McQuigg rests with a cold compress after giving blood during the annual FFA Blood Drive. McQuigg said he didn't feel good, and in spite of his friends teasing, he wasn't embarrassed about the incident.



FFA

making CONNECTIONS

Blood drives, community breakfast, National FFA Week, Food for America, and sponsoring floats for local and area parades are major activities for Future Farmers of America. These school and community events give members a chance to build communication, teamwork, and leadership -- all goals for the local chapter.

Adviser Stan Coday recognized chapter members who demonstrated outstanding leadership, personal growth, and success in agriculture as follows:

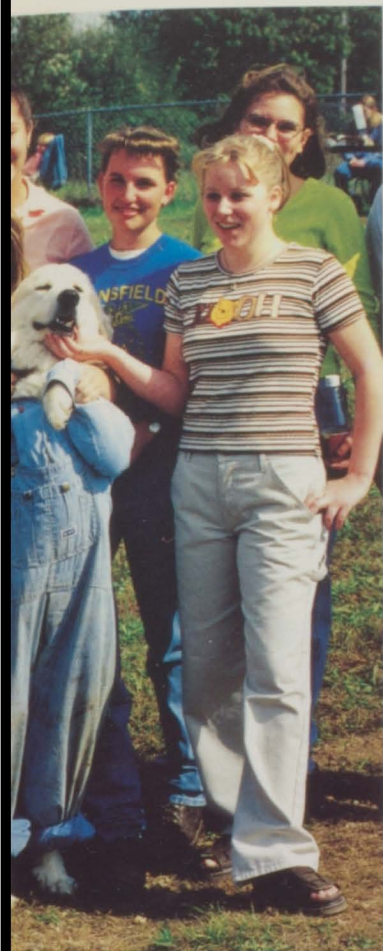
- **Outstanding Member** -- Jason Eagleston
- **Star Chapter Farmer** -- Karen Eagleston
- **Star Greenhand** -- Steven Ward
- **Outstanding Freshman** -- Melissa Napier
- **Outstanding Sophomore** -- Sarah Brown
- **Outstanding Junior** -- Jeremiah Sewell
- **Outstanding Senior** -- Jamie Stepro

Seniors Jason Eagleston, Tad Harvill, Devon Furlong, and junior Karen Eagleston received the State FFA Degree, the highest degree members can receive at the annual FFA Convention in Columbia.

Future Farmers
of America
stress
involvement
as a means of
connecting with
others

CHRIS BERRY CALMS his turkey down while Jake Bennett watches cautiously. "The noise and excitement of the kids caused the gobbler to ruffle up and try to attack me," Berry said.



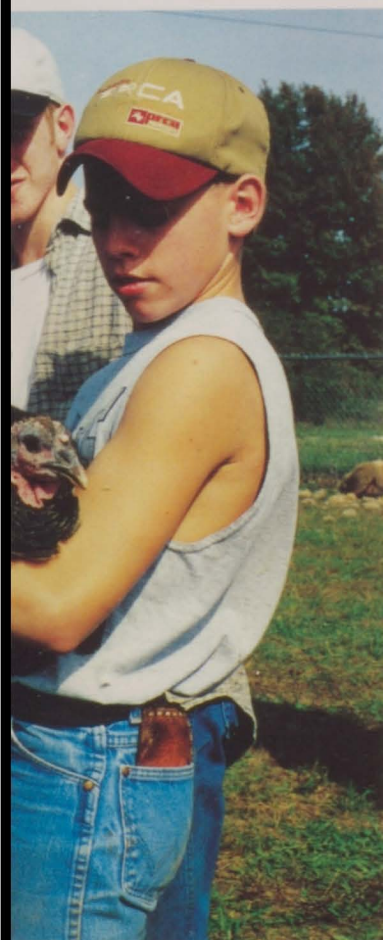


DISGUISED IN OVERALLS, Sarah Brown (far left) holds her Great Pyrenees sheep dog at Food for America. Karen Eagleston, Karol Turley, Tara Jackson, Dannette Sickels, Sarena Baugh, and Casondra Harris brought their own animals to teach elementary students about agriculture.

PASSING THE LIFESAVER. Dustin Clark and Nelson Greenwood participate in a game during National FFA Week. Using interactive group activities, guest speaker Brad Shockley, state officer for Area 8, demonstrated the importance of teamwork and communication.



BALANCING ON A raised board, junior Crystal Bennett, takes part in a prank during FFA Greenhand Initiation. Karen Eagleston, Matt Dunbar, and Jamie Stepro assist Bennett who is experiencing the sensation of being high off the ground.



FFA Front - Stan Coday (adviser), Karen Eagleston (secretary), Michelle Napier (treasurer), Tara Jackson (sentinel), Dannette Sickels (parliamentarian), Jason Eagleston (president), Jamie Stepro (vice president), Matt Dunbar, Sarah Brown (reporter); Row two - Kandy Kabage, Nelson Greenwood, Joey Harris, Matt Bennett, John Williams, Rocky Arnold, Crystal Bennett, Jeanenne Sewell, Casondra Harris; Row three - Tad Harvill, Chad Keith, Dustin Clark, Afton Ivy, Dustin Coday, Rachel McCall, Sarena Baugh, Karol Turley, Rick Ramsey; Row four - Jeremiah Sewell (chaplain), B.J. Batten, Steven Ward; Donnie Slate, Ryan Roberts, Randy Kramm, Jake Bennett, Shawana Williams, Josh Bennett; Row five - Randy Hutch, Chris Berry, Justin Carter, Crystal Glass, Tim Harness, James Scrivner, Rodney Bell, Ashley Maxwell.



Middle School Science students of John Hinsley earn special awards at the Missouri Junior Academy of Science state competition. Pictured with Hinsley are Justin Kingery (highly superior), Tyler Rummens (superior) and Tim Brazeal (superior). In the competition, research projects are explained through Power Point presentations. Hinsley is the recipient of the Hoechst, Marion, and Rousell Junior Division Outstanding Science Teacher Award.



Science Club Front - Bridget Keys (vice president), Mandy Goss (secretary), Austin Corder, Tracy Oberbeck (president), Janisha Bennett (junior representative), Jason Brooke, Travis Furr (treasurer), Craig Letsinger, Tara Jackson (sophomore representative); Back - Sumer Welch, Amber Davis, Kristina Shropshire, Kevin Heatherly, Dustin Clark, Zach Miller, Sarah Brown, Karen Eagleston, Pam Probert (adviser).

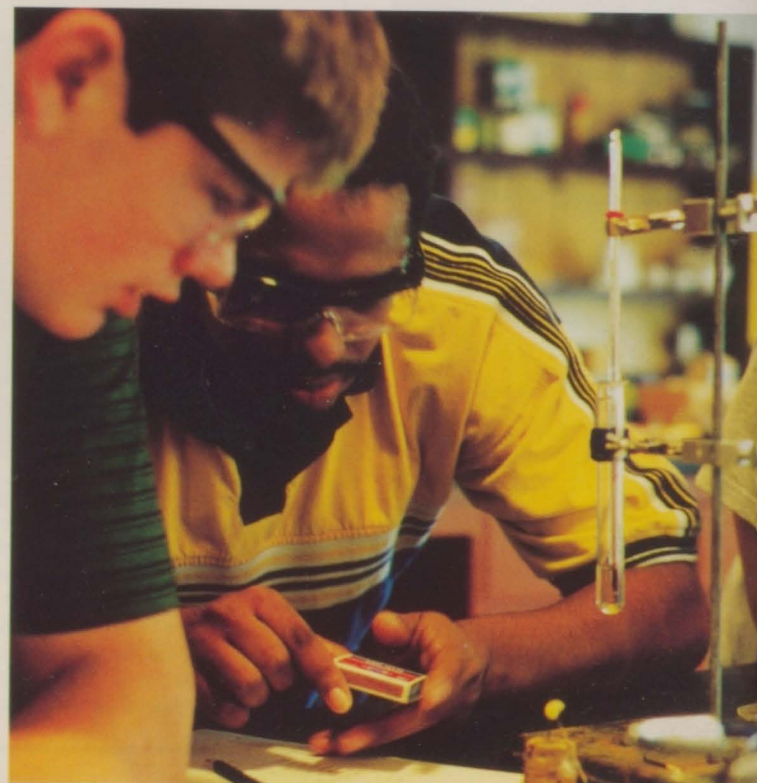
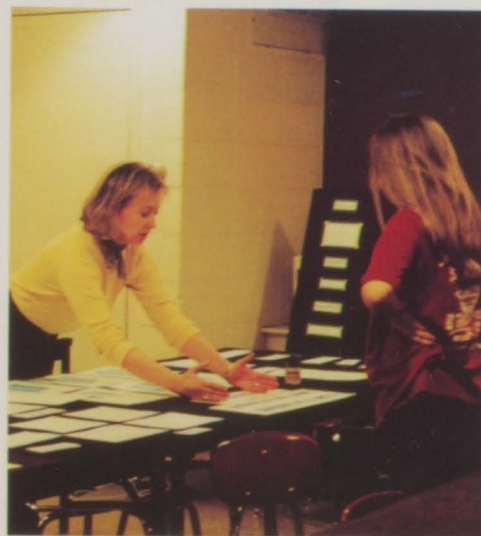


Math Club Front - Mandy Goss (president), Janisha Bennett (secretary), Jennifer Flood (sophomore representative), Amanda Clash, Joe Gresham, Lindsay Hannaford, Afton Ivy; Row two - Tracy Oberbeck, Bridget Keys (vice president), Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Tara Jackson, Carrie Jarrett, Chad Keith, Jerry Elliott; Row three - Shawnda Bradshaw (adviser), KaTrina Bailey (junior representative), Angela Fetter, Rachel Giddens, Kandy Kabage, Mitchell King (adviser).



**STUDENT
TEACHER JANITA**
Leggett assists
geometry student
Matt Shevchuk.

**SCIENCE
TEACHER PAM**
Probert and Kristina
Shropshire discuss
placement of data
on Shropshire's
science board.



DISSECTING A CAT in Biology II, Scott Jackson, Dustin Nichols, and Kandy Kabage examine a cat's internal structures. "Mostly it's the smell that students don't like," Jackson said.



IN THEIR FIRST national competition, seniors Mandy Goss and Tracy Oberbeck win National and Grand National awards. Both competed in the Experimental Horticulture report/interview contest at the National Junior Horticulture Association convention in Memphis.

Science/Math

seeking SOLUTIONS

Students tackle
realistic
answers to
processes and
problems

Late night hours are the norm for Science Club and Math Club members who participate and organize contests. Hosting a middle school and elementary math contest is the main project for Math Club members. Over 350 students from 10 area schools enter the competition. Members write the tests and serve as monitors for the competition.

At the **College of the Ozarks Math Contest**, winners are as follows:

- **First Place** - Amanda Clash and Matt Shevchuk, geometry; and
- **Third Place** - Luke Anderson and Mandy Goss, trigonometry.

Science Club members spend months preparing research projects for local, regional, and national competition. Results of the **Summit Conference Science Fair** are as follows:

- **Mandy Goss** - Division trophy winner, earth and space category;
- **Blue Ribbons** - Amber Davis, Kristina Shropshire, Sarah Brown, Zach Miller, Tracy Oberbeck; and
- **Red Ribbon** - Austin Miller.

TESTING ENERGY RELEASED from burning food samples is the objective of Biology I students Jacob Loper, Quentin Hammond, and Ashley Maxwell.

STUDENT JOURNALISTS GET the word out. *Lions Gazette* Feature Editor Tracy Oberbeck, Photography Editor Kevin Heatherly, and Managing Editor Bridget Keys wrap up an issue in the publications room.



Social Studies/Language

discovering OURSELVES

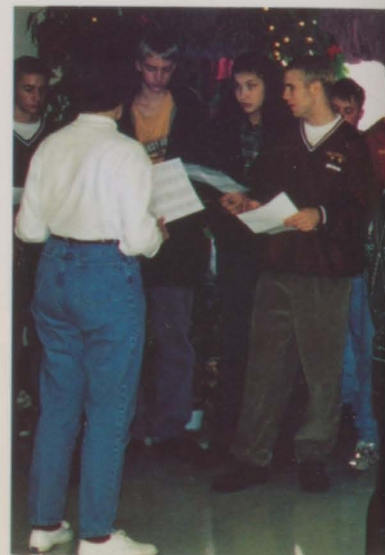
We live in exciting, complex times. In today's world, students must be able to talk and discuss intelligently, to communicate with and through computers, and to possess a sense of the past, present, and future. Using a variety of approaches, these are common goals shared by language arts, social studies, and foreign language.

Social Studies students recognized for achievement and excellence are as follows:

- **American History** - Nick Shelhamer, Stefanie Blevins, Laura Furr, Kim Hill, and Rachel Giddens;
- **Modern European History** - Curtis Stuart, Josh Campie, and Doug Hill;
- **World History** - Dannette Sickels, Quentin Hammond, Jeanenne Sewell, and Jerry Elliott;
- **Geography** - Laura Furr;
- **Government** - Karen Eagleston, Laura Furr, and Dannette Sickels;
- **Psychology** - Janisha Bennett; and
- **Sociology** - Sara Leonard.

Curriculum
brings a world
of issues to
inform,
empower,
and teach

STUDENTS TEACHING STUDENTS is one way of learning that History Teacher Roger Wood uses in World History class. Erica Spyres leads classmates in a discussion about Roman civilization.





A TOTAL TEAM effort by journalism staff members wins the Ozarks Publications Advisers' Mail-In Sweepstakes for the fourth consecutive year. Front - Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire; Row two - Kodi Harris, Janisha Bennett, Donna Young, Kinder Wilson; Row three - Matt Byerlee, Zach Miller, Scott Jackson, and Jeremiah Sewell. Other journalism honors include *Lions Gazette*, First Place Small School, SMSU Journalism Contest.

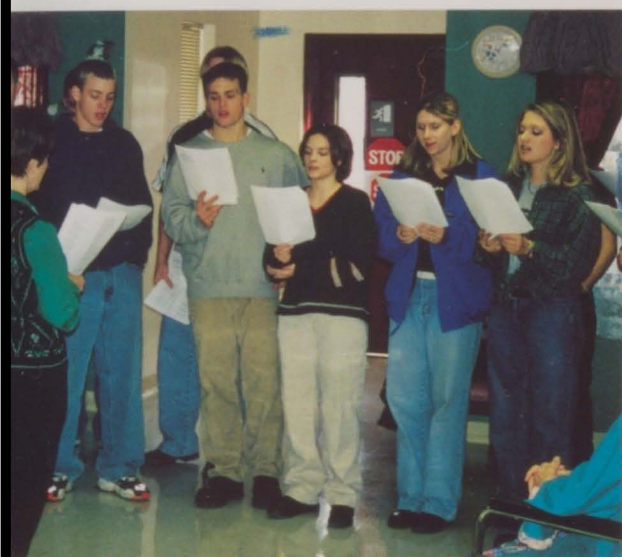
English Awards

- **Summit Conference Contest-First Place Overall** - Erica Spyres, composition; Mandy Goss, grammar; **Third Place Overall** - Jamie Stepro, vocabulary;
- Blue Ribbon** - Jennifer Flood, spelling;
- Red Ribbon** - Kristina Shropshire, composition; Amanda Clash, grammar; Laura Furr, spelling; Zach Miller, spelling; Bridget Keys, spelling; Jamie Stepro, vocabulary;
- White Ribbon** - Stefanie Blevins, composition; Tara Allen, grammar; Austin Miller, grammar; Rachel Giddens, vocabulary; and
- Yellow Ribbon** - Quentin Hammond, vocabulary.

- **College of the Ozarks**
First Place Writing Champions

Foreign Language Awards -

- **French** - Austin Miller and Zach Miller; and
- **Spanish** - Janisha Bennett.



SHARING TIPS, JEREMIAH Sewell (above left) shows shortcuts to Tracy Oberbeck. Macintosh computers are used by publication students for desktop publishing.

TIS THE SEASON. Foreign Language Club sings Christmas carols in Spanish and French to Mansfield Nursing Home residents. Picking up litter on school grounds is another club service project.



Foreign Language Club Front- Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Zach Miller (secretary-treasurer), Austin Corder (vice president), Tracy Oberbeck (president), Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - Serina VanNess, Josh Campie, KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Janisha Bennett, Mandy Goss, Craig Letsinger, Austin Miller; Row three - Jeanenne Sewell, Doug Tripp, Carol Kelley, Chad Keith, Keith Jackson, Tara Jackson, Jerry Elliott, Erica Spyres, and Karen Eagleston.

FLAG CORP MEMBERS Ashley Borders, Kasie Rueff, and Amanda Baty lead the band in the Norwood parade. The band received first place and a cash prize for excellence.



Band making STRIDES

Mostly composed of middle school students, the MHS band received a II rating at the State Music Festival. Stacey Wright attributed the band's success to hard work. "Ms. Waldo spent a lot more practice time with us," she said referring to first-year Band Director Shannon Waldo.

Students won top ratings at the Reeds Spring Middle School Music Festival as follows:

- **I Ratings** - Eli Helms, trumpet solo; Lindsey Hopping and Virginia Sherman, clarinet duet;
- **I- Ratings** - Ashley Paxton, clarinet solo; Tim Brazeal, trombone solo; Della Lansdown and Hillary Persinger, clarinet duet; Melanie Davis and Kate Probert, clarinet and flute duet; Brett Bailey, Justin Kingery, Tony Lockmon, and Tyler Rummens, percussion ensemble;
- **II+ Ratings** - Megan Hicks and Della Lansdown, clarinet duet; Megan Hicks and Hillary Persinger, clarinet duet; Tom Brazeal, Craig Campbell, and Brandon Grass, alto saxophone trio; and
- **II Ratings** - Ashley Paxton, piano solo; Samantha Smith, piano solo; Kate Probert, flute solo; Brett Bailey and Justin Kingery, trumpet duet; Ashley Borders and Kasie Rueff, clarinet duet.

Marching to
the beat and
keeping rhythm
calls for hours
of practice





SKILLFULLY KEEPING THE beat (far left), Jessica Penn, Jacob Magnin, Eddie Penn, and Crystal Wilson march in the SMSU homecoming parade.

CARRYING THE BANNER, Garret Keith and Adam Bennett wait patiently as the band plays for the community during the Wilder Day parade.



KEEPING AN EYE on their music, band members perform five different selections at the Spring Concert under the direction of Band Director Shannon Waldo.

IN DEEP CONCENTRATION during the Wilder Day parade Kim Hill, Clark Choate, Lisa Chambers, and Laurel Oberbeck play for residents in downtown Mansfield.

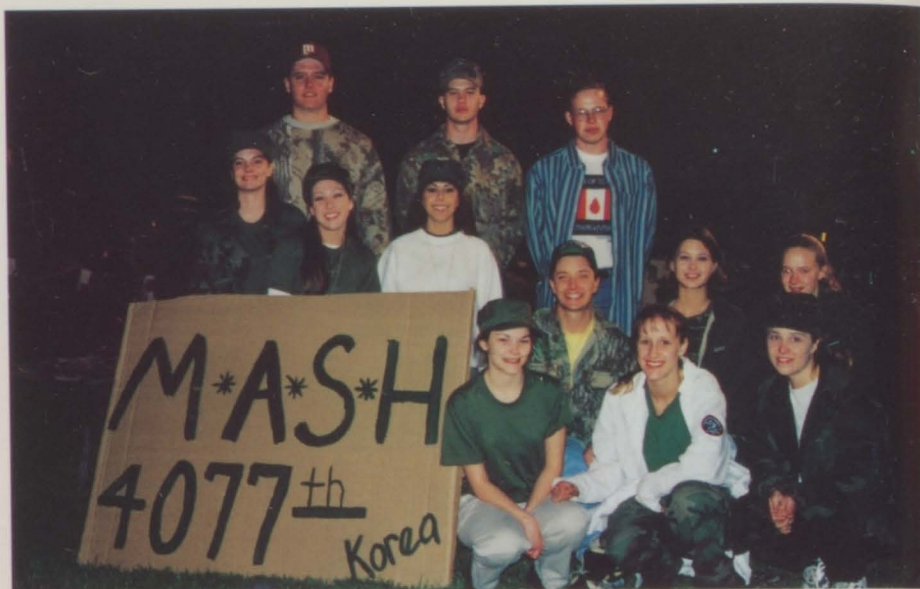


Band Front - Amanda Baty, Brooke Hurst, Kasie Rueff, Ashley Borders; Row two - Shannon Waldo (director), Josh Slater, Jessica Moore, LaToya Bell, Kim Hill, Tim Brazeal, Kenneth Bennett, Michael Scofield, Crystal Wilson, Jessica Penn, Eddie Penn, Sarah Brown (drum major); Row three - Laurel Oberbeck, Garret Keith, Eli Helms, Della Lansdown, Megan Hicks, Adam Bennett, Cody Whorton, Tara Jackson, Nick Shelhamer, Christian Eichelberger, Jaclyn Jarrett, Andrew Wright; Row four - Kelly Carampatan, Justin Stafford, Zachary Blevins, Paul Moody, Justin Kingery, Brett Bailey, Stefanie Blevins, Erica Spyres, Matthew Smith, Melissa Ross, Jolissa Iott, Jacob Loper, Stacey Wright; Row five- April Pettibone, Lacie Newby, Tyler Rummens, David Hipkins, Joe Gresham, Jacob Magnin, Clark Choate, Justin Crain, Garrett Norell, Tony Lockmon, and Heather Jasick.

GRIM REAPER MATT Byerlee selects his next victim, Tracy Oberbeck, for a white-out event, culminating Drug and Alcohol Prevention Week. Sponsored by ESP, 37 students are selected randomly to have their faces painted white symbolizing traffic fatalities (1996) among 15-20-year-olds involving the use of alcohol/drugs.

BATTLING FOR A CURE. National Honor Society members set up a campsite at Relay for Life, a team event to fight cancer. Captain Mandy Goss heads the 15-member team to solicit donations and walk, run, or bicycle for 12 hours at the Mtn. Grove football field. The event benefits the Wright County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

BLOOD DROPS SEEKING donors are Student Council members Tracy Oberbeck and Quentin Hammond. The Student Council hosts the spring blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.



Turning. service into LEARNING

Through
service projects,
three clubs show
they care

"When I was younger I had to have a blood transfusion. It makes you appreciate the person who donated blood, plus it's a good feeling to, in turn, help someone in need."

-- Kristina Shropshire

Working on campus beautification projects, blood drives, fund drives for charity, helping others say no to drugs. What do all these have in common? Students who volunteer to help their fellow students, community, and school. Major projects of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Education Supports Prevention included the following:

- **Student Council** - Decorating and organizing Homecoming, hosting a blood drive, attending State and District Student Council conventions.
- **National Honor Society** - Sponsoring a team at American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, maintaining school flower boxes, and ushering at the Burlington-Northern Christmas train.
- **Education Supports Prevention** - Drug/Alcohol Prevention Week, training for High School Heroes.

SANTA'S HELPERS
JANISHA Bennett, Kristina Shropshire, and KaTrina Bailey pass out coloring books and candy to children and adults at the Burlington-Northern Christmas train. NHS members assisted railroad personnel at the Mansfield stop.

SAY NO TO tobacco. High School Heroes Erica Spyres, Bridget Keys, and Brooke Hurst, trained in a tobacco prevention program, speak to kids in fourth through sixth grades. ESP adviser Stacey Doherty said, "The Heroes program gives elementary students role models, important information, and reasons to never start smoking."



Student Council Front - Kristina Shropshire (secretary), Dustin Grass (treasurer), Tracy Oberbeck (president), and Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - KaTrina Bailey, Janisha Bennett, Mandy Goss, Brooke Hurst, and Jessica Matney; Row three - Jennifer Flood, Quentin Hammond, and Tara Allen.



National Honor Society Front - Sara Leonard, Jamie Stepro (secretary/treasurer), Mandy Goss (vice president), Bridget Keys (president), and Betsy Wight (adviser); Row two - Serina VanNess, KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Tracy Oberbeck, Janisha Bennett, and Karen Eagleston; Row three - Austin Miller, Travis Furr, Luke Anderson, and Jason Eagleston.



ESP Front - Stacey Doherty (adviser), Zach Miller, Kevin Heatherly (senior representative), Jason Brooke (treasurer), Austin Corder (junior representative), Janisha Bennett (vice president), Erica Spyres (secretary), Bridgett Harris, Lindsay Hannaford (sophomore representative); Row two - Amber Davis, Carrie Jarrett, Laura Furr (freshman representative), Sara Leonard, KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Tracy Oberbeck, Mandy Goss, Brooke Hurst, Bridget Keys, Angela Fetter; Row three - Craig Letsinger, Doug Tripp, Sumer Welch, Kandy Kabage, Afton Ivy, Chad Keith, Amanda Clash, Tiffany Coonce, Stefanie Blevins, Sara Edmonds; Row four - Dannette Sickels, Tara Jackson, Karen Eagleston, Sarena Baugh, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Lindsey Dunbar, Tara Allen, and Kristen Jones.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS. FHA members wear uniforms and attire appropriate for a career they wish to explore for Career Day. Judged as best dressed are Byron Clark, firefighter; Tona Carter, business woman; Josh Cleaver, mechanic; Tracy Oberbeck, pediatrician; Janisha Bennett, attorney; and Rachel Hull, nurse.

WHAT'S COOKING? FHA members participating in Career Day munch down on pizza and chocolate chip cookies. Mandy Goss, Lindsay Hannaford, Angela Fetter, Kodi Harris, Dustin Coday, Bridgett Harris and Brandon Lansdown explored various careers as part of FHA Week.



FHA Front - Teresa Hinsley (adviser), Rachel Hull (president), Sarena Baugh (vice president), Michelle Napier (treasurer), Bridgett Harris (parliamentarian), Rachel McCall, Josh Cleaver, Lindsay Hannaford, Carrie Jarrett, Janisha Bennett; Row two - Stephanie Maxwell, Donna Young, Kodi Harris, Angela Fetter, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, Sara Leonard, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Jason Brooke; Row three - Stephen House, Travis Furr, Austin Corder, Doug Tripp, Lisa Mapes, Lora Thompson, Joe Gresham, Casondra Harris, Rashelle Thompson, Dustin Coday; Row four - Byron Clark, Lacie Vaverka, Amber Davis, Afton Ivy, Rachel Giddens, Stacey Wright, Jessica Moore, Ashley Hicks, Tara Allen, and Lindsey Dunbar.

HOSTESS
ANGELA FETTER
sets up food for
Math teachers
Shawnda
Bradshaw and
Michell King. As
part of FHA Week,
members provide
lunch for faculty
and staff.



TEENS AS TEACHERS. Christine Jones, Lora Thompson, and Lisa Mapes instruct elementary students about fire safety. As part of health class, high school students teach fourth, fifth, and sixth graders various topics ranging from bicycle safety to nutrition.

FHA

working TOGETHER

Students gain
experience in a
wide range of
skills essential
for career
success

**FOODS AND
NUTRITION**
students Roy
Liles, Kevin
Heatherly, and
Annalisa Delcour
learn how to
make crepes,
thin, rolled
pancakes with
apple filling.

The chapter for Future Homemakers of America, now called family and consumer sciences, promotes student involvement and education. Projects focus on student concerns, including nutrition, preparation for employment, parenting skills, family relationships, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, peer pressure, and communication among different age groups.

Members sponsor FHA Week, the Miss Mansfield Pageant, Toys for Tots at Christmas, and a mentoring program where teens teach in elementary classrooms and help with Halloween parties.

Officers for the year are as follows:

- President - Rachel Hull
- Vice President - Sarena Baugh
- Secretary - Kandy Kabage
- Treasurer - Michelle Napier
- Reporter - Stephanie Strunk
- Parliamentarian - Bridgett Harris

A HAIRY SITUATION. Brooke Hurst and Erica Spyres compete at state in Duet Acting where the duo placed sixth place. Spyres also won third place in Original Oratory.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM Front - Amanda Clash, Tammy Potter, and Terry Spyres, (adviser); Row two - Erica Spyres, Kenneth Bennett, Tiffany Coonce, and Brooke Hurst; Row three - Joe Gresham, Nick Shelhamer, Austin Miller, Jacob Magnin, and Calvin Helsley (adviser).



that's ENTERTAINMENT

A host of
vocalists and
orators
encompass a
spectrum of
music, drama,
and speech

Boundless energy characterizes the year's efforts of choir and speech team members led by Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher. From the nostalgia of "Sentimental Journey" to the laughing and crying of dramatic interpretation, audiences were entertained with a potpourri of unforgettable performances.

In its first year, the **Speech Team** tournament results are as follows:

- **First place** - Niangua; **Third place** - Norwood; **Third place** - Buffalo; **Fourth place** - Branson; and **Fourth place** - Ava;
- **District 3 Champions** - Erica Spyres - Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation; Erica Spyres and Brooke Hurst - Duet Acting;
- **State MSHSAS** - Erica Spyres - Third place Original Oratory; Sixth place Duet Acting - Erica Spyres and Brooke Hurst;
- **National Forensic League**, Springfield - Erica Spyres - First place Dramatic Interpretation, Second place - Original Oratory; and
- **National Forensic Convention**, Phoenix - In Dramatic Interpretation, Erica Spyres placed Top 30 out of 203 contestants.

KING OF ROCK. Brothers Leramy and Kenneth Bennett shake it up with "Jailhouse Rock" at the talent show, a benefit for the choir's trip to New York.



Choir members perform for the state's Community Betterment committee. The City of Mansfield won the 1998 Missouri Community Betterment Grand Prize award.

District Music Contest

● **One ratings went to the following:**
Mixed chorus; Sara Leonard, vocal solo; Kenneth Bennett, vocal solo; Sumer Welch, vocal solo; Erica Spyres, violin solo and vocal solo; Boys' ensemble - Austin Miller, Zach Miller, Kenneth Bennett, Rick Weaver; Girls' trio - Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Erica Spyres; Mixed Eight - Crystal Wilson, Erica Spyres, Rick Weaver, Zach Miller, Austin Miller, Kenneth Bennett, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch;

● **Two ratings went to the following:**
Crystal Wilson, vocal solo; Amanda Clash, vocal solo; David Scrivner, vocal solo; Angela Fetter, vocal solo;

Mixed ensemble - Brett Bailey, Cody Corder, Sara Leonard, Mandy Goss, KaTrina Bailey, Afton Ivy; Girls' Trio - Angela Fetter, Crystal Wilson, Sarah Brown; Miscellaneous ensemble - David Scrivner, Amanda Clash, Sarah Brown;

● **Three ratings went to the following:**
Miscellaneous ensemble - Kelly Carampatan, Kendra Smith, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Amanda Rokusek, Tim Brazeal, Shannon Wallin, Josh McCrite, Jodi Hieb.

State Music Contest

One Rating - Erica Spyres, violin solo



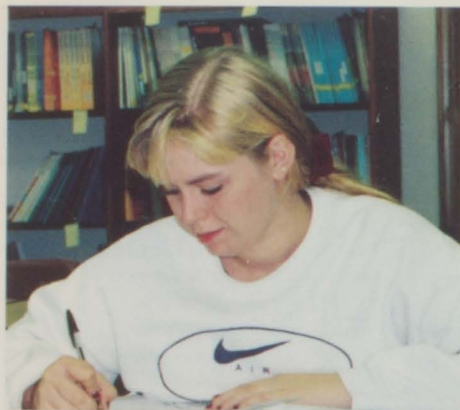
WARMING UP BEFORE a spring concert, middle school choir members Tim Brazeal, Brett Bailey, John Blaine, Zachary Blevins, Joe Perkins, James Reason, April Pettibone, and Jodi Hieb practice in the choir room.



Choir Front - Jessica Roth, Serina VanNess, Zach Miller, Mandy Goss, Erica Spyres, Angela Fetter, Terry Spyres (director); Row two - Afton Ivy, KaTrina Bailey, Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Brooke Hurst; Row three - Kenneth Bennett, Chris Berry, Mindie Sullivan, Crystal Wilson, Lora Thompson, Amanda Clash, Sarah Brown; Row four - Steven Ward, Steven Collins, Josh McCrite, Austin Miller, John Williams, Shannon Wallin.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Kim Turley completes an assignment in Alternative School. "I moved in from another school and couldn't get classes I needed through regular scheduling," Turley said. "I plan to finish my degree in December."



PRINCIPLES OF TECHNOLOGY student, Stephen House, transfers a design onto a T-shirt. "I learned how to use computer programs like Correll Draw and Pagemaker to design T-shirt transfers."



Innovative teaching enhances

EDUCATION

Since students are all unique, it is not surprising that they have different characteristics, abilities, and needs. Industrial Technology, Art and Alternative School address this theory by offering skill-focused, outcome-based classes for different learning styles.

In Principles of Technology, a new class taught by Industrial Technology Teacher Roy Ryan, students come face to face with the community and gain hands-on skills that go a long way outside school. "Our goal is to teach students how technology affects business and to teach the kids how to run a business in the real world," Ryan said.

Summit Conference Industrial Technology Contest awards are as follows:

- **One Rating** - Albert Matney, gun chest; Zach Whorton, arch house plan; Garrett Norell, arch house plan;
- **Two Rating** - Matt Shevchuk, desk organizer; Michelle Napier, hope chest; Brandon Lansdown, entertainment center; Austin Corder, arch house plan; Amanda Baty, arch house plan; Luke Anderson, arch house plan; and
- **Three Rating** - Clark Choate, arch house plan; Joe Gresham, arch house plan.

Technology
enables
students to
become active
participants in
their own
learning





MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

April Pettibone, Kelly Carampatan, and Cory Berry scan art work displayed by fellow students. Students K-12 present their artwork to the community as part of an all-school art show, which includes hands-on projects.

Norwood Art Fair-

- **First Place** - Steven Ward, computer art; Craig Letsinger, acrylic landscape; Somer Golden, pencil landscape;
- **Second Place** - Miranda Rhodes, computer art; Somer Golden, pastels; Jerry Elliott, pencil landscape;
- **Third Place** - David Hill, ink, pen and ink; Donna Young, water colors; Deidra Wallace, pastels; Tashina Wilson, pen and ink; April Cook, oil pastels; Amanda Wallace, oil pastels; Jerry Elliott, pencil; and
- **Honorable Mention** - Dustin Nichols, cartoons; Tiffany Coonce, color design; Dustin McCleary, acrylic; Devon Furlong, color pencil; Jeremiah Sewell, drawing; Craig Letsinger, pen and ink; Kristina Shropshire, pencil.



ALTERNATIVE STUDENTS

Crystal Steffe, Patricia Crain, and Miranda Rhodes celebrate the end of the semester with a Christmas party. The Alternative School, taught Kathleen Barnett, is housed in the OTC building.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS attending the Educational Technology Conference held at Osage Beach are as follows: Adam Smith, Jana Young, Kristin Campbell, Jodi Hieb, Vicki Blankenship, English teacher, District Technology Coordinator Susie Graham, Roy Ryan, Industrial Arts teacher, Matt Shevchuk, Jerry Elliott, and Librarian Beth Strain. They explained the various components of the school's first competitive grant, "On the Wilder Side of Reading" to conference attendees.



Art Club Front row- April Cook, Carrie Baty, Somer Golden; Row two- B.J. Batten, Craig Letsinger, Dean Bray (adviser).



ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENTS (far right) participate in a self-examination game. With play money, students bid on categories of items they consider most important to them.

ATTACHING PIPE CLEANERS to candy canes, Jessica Penn works on a Christmas fundraiser. Candy canes, made to resemble reindeer, are sold to the student body.



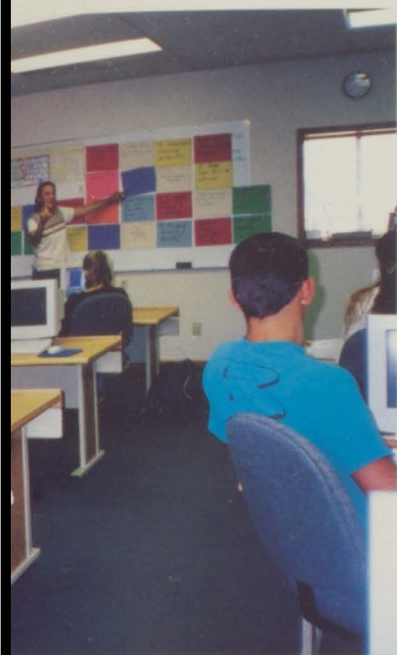
DISTRICT FBLA CONTEST winners are Josh Campie, Jeanenne Sewell, David Scrivner, Jamie Stepro, Janisha Bennett, and Amanda Clash. Campie, Bennett, and Clash qualified for state competition.

SELLING CONCESSIONS DURING the Braschler Music Show are Jessica Roth, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Jeremy Archer, and Doug Tripp. Held at the gymnasium, proceeds from the show benefit FBLA and the Wright County Unit of the American Cancer Society.



FBLA Front - Marsha Appleby (adviser), Stephanie Maxwell (treasurer), Janisha Bennett (secretary), KaTrina Bailey (parliamentarian), Doug Tripp (assistant store manager), Donna Young (reporter), Kinder Wilson (store manager), Jamie Stepro (president), Jessica Matney, Carol Kelley; Row two - Bridgett Harris, Travis Furr, Mandy Goss, Tracy Oberbeck, Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Bridgett Keys, Jerry Elliott, Chad Keith, Patricia Crain; Row three - Tad Harvill, Josh Campie, Jessica Roth, Serina VanNess, Afton Ivy, Sumer Welch, Amanda Clash, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Casondra Harris; Row four - Ashley Maxwell, Jeanenne Sewell, Kandy Kabage, Jennifer Flood, Amber Davis, and Karen Eagleston.





State FBLA contenders in Columbia with Adviser Marsha Appleby are Janisha Bennett, Amanda Clash, Josh Campie, and David Scrivner.

FBLA

building LEADERSHIP

Working as a
team, chapter
members
sponsor the
Braschler
Music Show

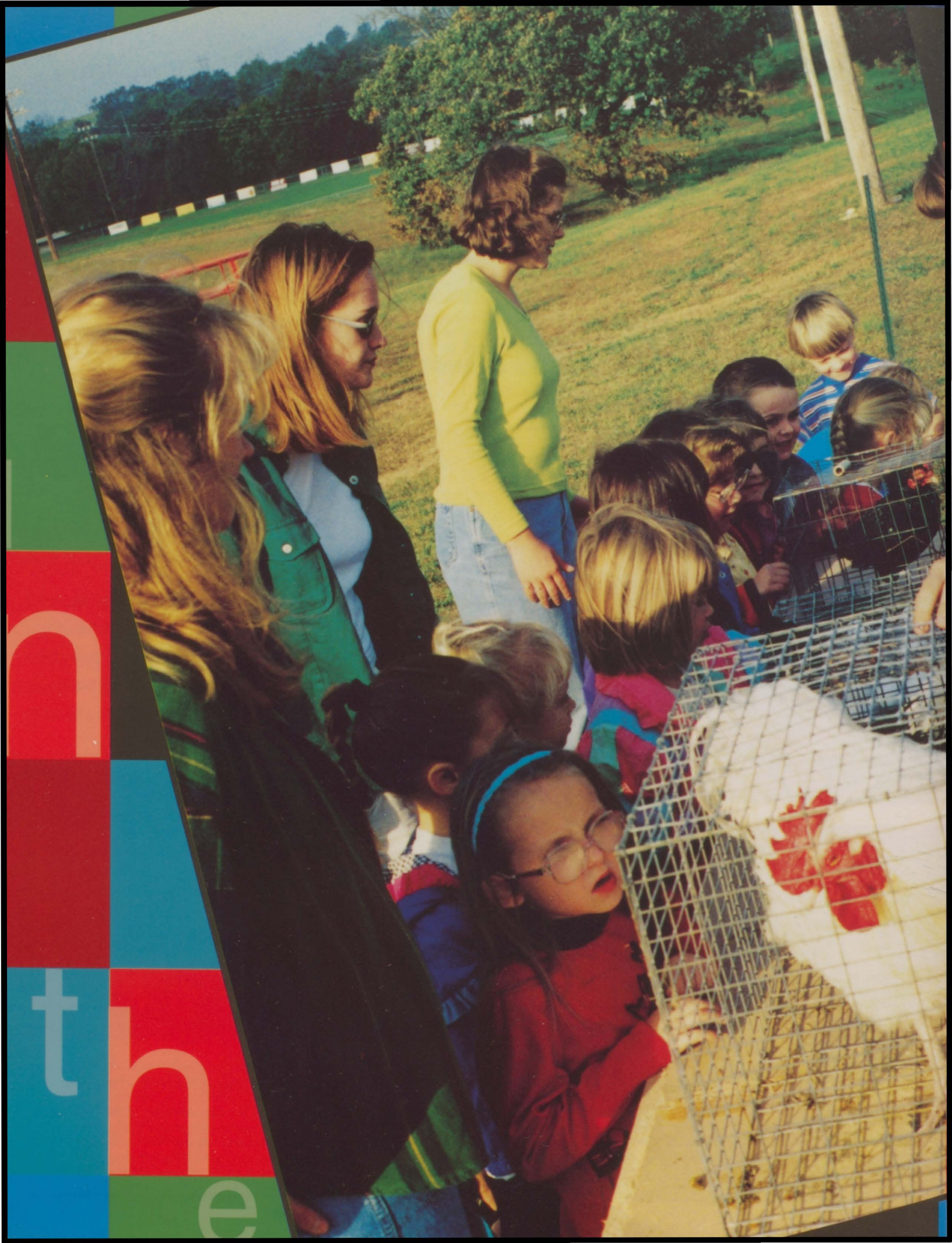
ACCOUNTING STUDENTS
SCOTT Jackson, Jeremy Archer, Steven Collins, and Torie Lockmon practice money handling skills in a game of Monopoly.



Self-discipline, leadership, and stamina to succeed define goals for Future Business Leaders of America. A classroom with a business atmosphere provides students training ground for competency in business occupations. Skills learned in the classroom are then practiced and perfected for competition.

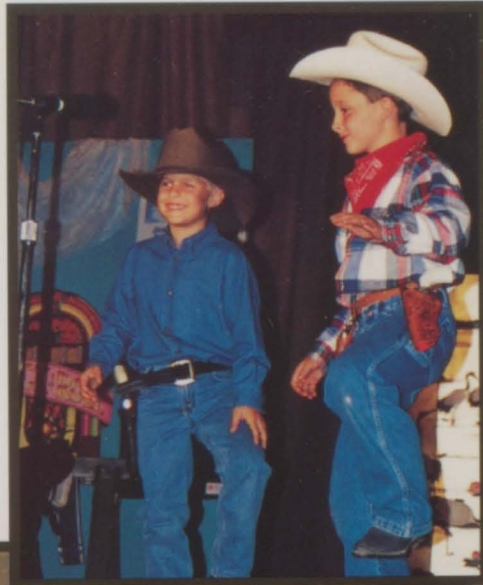
Students receiving recognition at national and district contests are as follows:

- **National FBLA Contest** - First Place -Allison Arnall and Janisha Bennett, Desktop Publishing.
- **District FBLA Contest** -
First Place - Janisha Bennett, Ms. FBLA;
Second Place - Josh Campie, Information Processing Concepts; Amanda Clash, Business Math; Jamie Stepro, Ms. FBLA;
Third Place - David Scrivner, Introduction to Business Communication;
Fourth Place - Jeanenne Sewell, Impromptu Speaking; Amanda Clash, Keyboarding Applications;
Fifth Place - Jeanenne Sewell, Computer Concepts.



PEOPLE

■ Git along little doggies. Second graders Josh Box and Austin Wight sing and dance a cowboy medley at the talent show. Proceeds from ticket sales and an auction totaled more than \$2,000 to help fund the choir's trip to New York.



What do you want to be when you grow up? It can be a tough question. Some sociologists predict that people born in the 1980s and 1990s may have to change careers--not just jobs-- six or seven times during their working lifetimes. To help prepare students for skills needed for the workplace and for employment prospects,

the A+ program sponsored Career Day, Interview Day, and Job Shadowing. A new Advisor-Advisee program, seeks to develop student competence,

confidence, and connections to ensure successful entrance into the working class.



■ Contenders in the Spirit Squad's "Sexy Legs" contest kick it up at a pep assembly. Paul Lynch, Doug Jones, Keat Kistler, Roger Wood, Randy Cottle, and Don Sanders competed by penny-a-vote based on anonymous leg photos. Wood won first place. ■ Up close and personal, kindergartner Brittany Howard and classmates inspect roosters as FFA members Crystal Bennett, Jeanenne Sewell, and Casandra Harris oversee the Food for America exhibit.



Administration and Staff

A+ School funding enriches work-based learning

When public schools are given the freedom and resources to test new ideas, good things can happen. Here is an example of a success story: In 1998, Mansfield High School was one of only nine schools in the state awarded first-year A+ grants by the Missouri Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education.

A+ School grants fund schools for a program of academic and technical education to prepare students for the workplace, post-secondary vocational technical training, or college.

Written by Debbie Sanders and Arlene Magnin, the grant's first-year funding provided the following: new materials for applied math classes, technical writing lab, addition of principles of technology class, pay for rewriting, and computers for career exploration.

Robert Perry, Superintendent
Arlene Magnin, High School Principal
Freddie Doherty, Middle School Principal
Jean Coday, Elementary Principal
Toni Bailey, Special Education Aide

Gerald Bennett, Custodian
Janet Brooke, High School Secretary
Connie Calhoun, Head Cook
Deidra Carnall, Elementary Custodian
Helen Cook, Cook

Pat Dennis, Cook
Darlys Higgins, Nurse
Lori Hoover, Special Education Aide
Brenda Hutton, Middle School Secretary
Barbara Jackson, Elementary Secretary

Avenail Jones, Cook
Cheryl Keith, Cook
Kay Lansdown, Cafeteria Clerk
Debbie Letsinger,
Superintendent's Secretary
Wilma Logan, Elementary
Library Aide
Becky Moody, Special Education
Assistant

Tina Newberry, Title I Preschool
John Nichols, Bus Driver
Tina Nichols, Bus Driver
Phoebe Powers, Special
Education Aide
Mercede Price, Cook
Ronnie Roy, Custodian

Cindy Sanders, Custodian
Debbie Sanders, A+ Coordinator/
Public Information Director
Kathy Short, Parents as Teachers
Kurt Skyles, Bus Driver
Nancy Veit, Cook
Sherry Welch, Cook





ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JEAN Coday takes in the Wilder Day parade on Commercial Street. Coday also serves as president of the Wilder Home Association.

MANSFIELD BOARD OF Education members are John Elliott, Mary Armstrong, Dale McGaw, Kevin Findley, and Eddie Calhoun. Not pictured are Kima Harris and Mary Shropshire.



CHAPERONING THE CHOIR in New York, Arlene Magnin, high school principal and Debbie Sanders, A+ coordinator, don Statue of Liberty crowns. "It was the trip of a lifetime," Magnin said. "Everyone should go once."



FFA MEMBER SARAH Brown serves biscuits and gravy to Freddie Doherty, middle school principal, at the Businessmen's Breakfast. During National FFA Week, chapter members host local business owners and faculty.

USING GEOMETRY SKETCHPAD, Superintendent Robert Perry (upper left) uses points, lines, and angles to draw shapes in a math demonstration during open house.

BACK IN THE kitchen, Connie Calhoun supervises lunch preparation in the cafeteria. Calhoun assumed the head cook position in 1998.

FACULTY

Staff 'wildly' enthusiastic about cancer cause

What is hard for one but easy for many? The answer is two teams of school district employees raising money for Relay for Life, an event benefiting the Wright County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

An elementary team and a high school team composed of 30 staff members participated by raising donations, decorating campsites, dressing up and walking in the 12-hour relay held for the second year at the Mountain Grove football field.

For elementary team captain Kay Scrivner, the cancer connection is much closer than a relative. She and elementary Art Teacher Cindy Martin are breast cancer survivors.

"It's a privilege and thrilling to know I'm a survivor," Scrivner said. "I hope our efforts help others to be survivors, too."

A third school team, the National Honor Society, sponsored a campsite for the second year. NHS Sponsor Russell Cox said students and their parents did a great job supporting the event.



FOLLOWING THE LEADER, parents and teachers entertain elementary students during Frilly and Miller Show. Teresa Jarrett leads while teachers Barbara Sears and Carol Anderson mimic her actions. The program featured interactive games and songs about respect and self-esteem.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER Roy Ryan recognizes senior Jason Eagleston at the Academic Banquet for Outstanding Work in CAD I.



ON YOUR MARK. High school and middle school team members gather at their "hillbilly" campsite at Relay for Life, a team event to fight cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Kathleen Barnett, Vicki Blankenship, Michell King, Kelly Brazeal, Don Sanders (high school team captain), Debbie Sanders, Wilda Watterson, Theresa Leonard, Debbie Letsinger, and Arlene Magnin participated in the 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. relay.

NBC'S MATT LAUER of The Today Show talks to Choir Director Terry Spyres during an outdoor segment. "I told him we brought him a t-shirt," Spyres said. "Oh, he's really handsome in person." The choir visited the morning show on their second day to New York.





Marsha Appleby, Business, Future Business Leaders of America sponsor
Kathleen Barnett, Alternative School
Mary Blakey, Orthopedically Handicapped
Vicki Blankenship, French, Middle School English, Foreign Language Club sponsor
Shawnda Bradshaw, Math, Math Club sponsor, Spirit Squad sponsor

Georgianne Brown, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor
Pat Brown, Elementary Math/Science
Dallas Chambers, Remedial Math
Stan Coday, Agriculture, Future Farmers of America sponsor
Russell Cox, English, National Honor Society sponsor

Stacey Doherty, Elementary Counselor, ESP sponsor
Bob Gilmore, Science
Kay Goss, Librarian
Max Greene, Conservation
John Hinsley, Enrichment, Middle School Science

Teresa Hinsley, Family and Consumer Science/Health, Future Homemakers of America sponsor
Doug Jones, Science, Baseball Coach
Michell King, Math, Math Club Sponsor, Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach
Keat Kistler, ISS, Physical Education, Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach
Jan Manville, Special Education

Cindy Martin, Art
Cindy Massey, Title I
Nelwyn Mathews, Behavior Disorders
Stephaney Menzie, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor
Helen Persinger, Remedial Reading

Pam Probert, Science, Science Club sponsor, Beta Chi Pi sponsor
Don Sanders, Middle School Social Studies
Barbara Sears, Title I
Randy Short, Middle School Math, Cross Country/Track sponsor
Bridget Slayden, English, Junior Class sponsor

Tonia Songer, Physical Education, Girls' Basketball Coach
Eric Spyres, Parent as Teachers Assistant
Beth Ann Strain, Elementary Librarian
Shannon Waldo, Instrumental Music
Wilda Watterson, Social Studies, Student Council sponsor, Assistant Softball Coach

Betsy Wight, English, Journalism, Newspaper and Yearbook Adviser
Roger Wood, Social Studies, Softball Coach

Seniors

One thing I'll miss about MHS ...

- "A couple of teachers and younger friends."
-- **Tad Harvill**
- "I wouldn't miss much except for my friends." -- **Doug Hill**
- "The funny stories that Mrs. Appleby tells about her little boy Sammy." -- **Carol Kelley**
- "Chillin' in the halls with my buddies and

- BBQs." -- **Russell Hedrick**
- "The clubs. I've had a great time in FFA and FBLA. They are some of my best memories."
-- **Jamie Stepro**
- "Sitting in Advanced Chemistry, eating candy, and yelling out borophyl while Mrs. Probert nags me to do my work."

- **Brandon Edmonds**
- "Coming to school and doing a lot of boring useless work."
-- **Jason Brooke**
- "All the gossip. It makes school interesting because there's always something new and juicy to hear or tell." -- **Tracy Oberbeck**

Matthew Adamson

Art Club 1; FFA 1, 2.

Luke Anderson

ESP 1,2; NHS 3,4; Beta Chi Pi 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Baseball 3,4; Second team All State 3, All-District 4; First team All-State 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Conference Basketball 3,4; KKOZ DreamTeam 3,4; Math Contest 1,3,4; Industrial Technology Fair 4.

Joe Bockleman

ESP 3; Pep Club 3; Sporting Chance 1,2,3,4; Track 2.



Jason Brazeal

Jason Brooke

ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Class Officer 2; Youth Alive 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Industrial Arts Fair 4; FBLA 4.

April Cook

Art Club 4; and Officer; FFA 1,2; Band 1; Track 2.



Patricia Crain

Amber Davis

Basketball 1,2,3,4; KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; Volleyball 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Science Club 3,4; FBLA 3,4; FHA 2,3,4; Choir 3,4.

Donna Dollartide





IT TAKES TWO. Lab partners Luke Anderson and Zach Whorton conduct an experiment in Advanced Chemistry. Both took the course for college credit through SMSU, West Plains.



Jason Eagleston

FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; NHS 3,4; Writer's Express 1,2; Science Club 2,3; FBLA 3; Art Club; Industrial Technology Fair 3,4.

Brandon Edmonds

ESP 1,2,3; NHS 3,4; Math Club 4; and Officer; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; Student Council 4; and Officer; Youth Alive 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 3; Industrial Technology Fair 3.

April Farris

FBLA 3.



Devon Furlong

FFA 3,4.

Travis Furr

Foreign Language Club 2,3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 1,2,3,4; Math Club 2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,3; Publication Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Band 1; Class Officer 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All Conference Basketball 3; KKOZ Dream Team 3; Journalism Contest 3; Instrumental Contest 1; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 1,2; Barnwarming King Candidate 1; Golf 2.

Rachelle Garrison

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; State Music Contest 3,4; FBLA 3,4; NHS 3,4; Homecoming Princess 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; FBLA Contest 3.



Somer Golden

Art Club 4 and Officer.

Mandy Goss

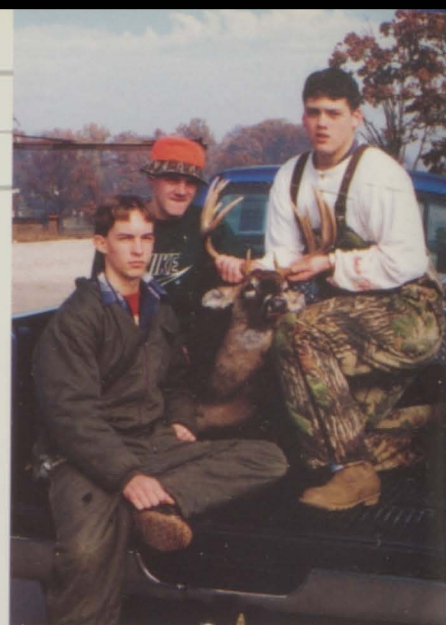
Valedictorian; Foreign Language Club 3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Writer's Express 1,2; Beta Chi Pi 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Class Officer 2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and Captain 4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Vocal Music Contest 2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2,3,4; FBLA/Business Contest 2,3.

Nelson Greenwood

FFA 2, 3, 4.

UNDER A DEADLINE,
Amber Davis lays out
material for her science
project board. "I always
think that I'll start earlier
next time, but it never
happens," Davis said.

READY TO CHECK in
Russell Hedrick, along with
hunting buddies Brandon
Edmonds and Jason Brooke,
prop up a 13-point trophy
buck. "I shot this buck at 7:30
a.m., after sitting for about 30
minutes," Hedrick said.



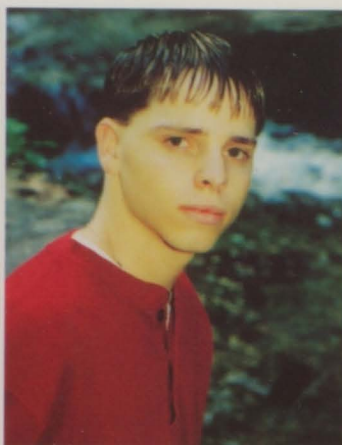
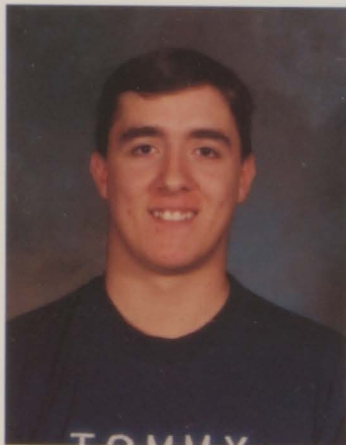
Tad Harvill

FFA 2,3,4; and Officer 3; Industrial Arts Fair 3.

Kevin Heatherty

ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club
1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Student Council 3; and Officer 3; Publication
Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3; Band 1,2; Class
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Journalism Contest 3; Instrumental Contest 1,2; FBLA/
Business 4.

Russell Hedrick



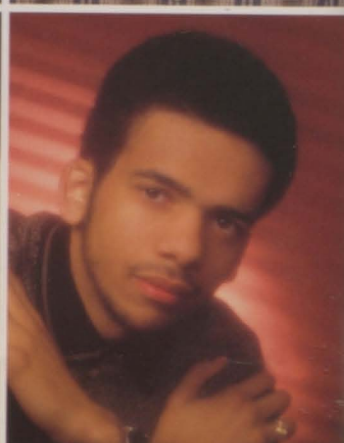
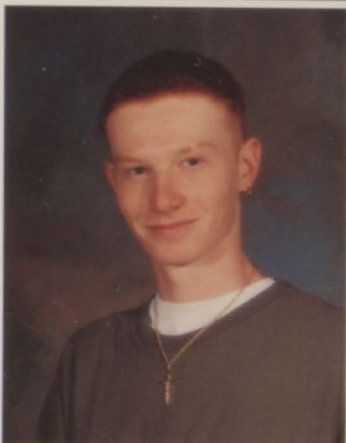
Jerryl Henry

David Hill

Art Club 1.

Doug Hill

Basketball 3.



Lorie Hodges

Youth Alive 2.

Stephen House

ESP 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Youth Alive 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4.

Rachel Hull

FHA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 3,4; Foreign Language Club 3,4;
FFA 4.



Seniors

One thing I'll miss about MHS...

- "How easy high school is, but I'm ready for the challenge if it gets me away from here." -- **Bridget Keys**
- "Not being in a crowded hallway and no teacher telling me what to do." -- **Roy Liles**
- "Having hamburger and fries every Friday." -- **Rachelle Garrison**

AMONG FAMILY AND friends, Michelle Napier and Doug Hill walk together at graduation.

Card Kelley

Foreign Language Club 4; FBLA 3,4; FFA 1,3; Publications Staff 4; FBLA/Business Contest 4.

Bridget Keys

Foreign Language Club 3; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 2,4; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor, 4; Quill and Scroll 3; Writer's Express 1,2; Beta Chi Pi 4; Choir 1,2,3; Class Officer 2; Youth Alive 2,3; Pom Pon 1,2,3; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3; Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3; Math Contest 3,4; FBLA/Business Contest 2; Miss Mansfield 4.

Brandon V. Lansdown

Foreign Language Club 2; ESP 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; Math Club 3; Science Club 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Student Council 1; Publications Staff 3; Quill and Scroll 3; Band 1,2; Youth Alive 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1; Journalism Contest 3; Instrumental Contest 1,2; Science Fair 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 4.

Roy Liles

Sporting Chance 1,2,3,4.

Tori Lockman

Jessica Matney

Instrumental Music 1,2,3,4; Flag Drill Team 2,3; Softball 1,2,3; Student Council 4.

Stephanie Maxwell

FBLA 3,4; and Officer 4; Art Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 4; Softball 1,2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3.

Michelle Napier

FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FFA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA Contest 3,4.

Tracy Oberbeck

Foreign Language Club 3,4; and Officer 4; ESP 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Math Club 4; Science Club 3,4; and Officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; and Officer 4; Publications Staff 4; and Editor 4; Writer's Express 1,2; Beta Chi Pi 4; Class Officer 4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and Captain 4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 3,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Miss Mansfield 2.

Seniors

One thing I'll miss about MHS...

- "Playing sports."
--Luke Anderson
- "Turning my papers
in late."-- Stephanie
Maxwell
- "My mother nagging
me all the time!"--
Travis Furr
- "To have teachers I
know and who know
me, plus my friends."
--Lorie Hodges

• "Coming day in
and day out, doing
interesting and useful
work that will increase
my likelihood for
success and...wait, I'm
not going to miss
anything." -- **Brandon
Lansdown**

• "I'll have to think
real hard. I guess I'll
miss hearing all the
gossip on everyone,
but not bad enough to
stay." -- **Tia Pharris**

WHAT WOULD WE need
most? Crystal Steffe, Tia
Pharris, Stephanie Maxwell,
and Curt Stuart discuss
supplies needed for being
stranded on a deserted island.
The scenario, part of an
activity conducted by Don
Hanger of Copeland
Industries at Career Day,
demonstrated how people
make decisions on a team.

PLAYING DRUMS IN the lip
sync contest at prom, Shannon
Wallin keeps time to "Wipe
Out." Wallin, performing with
teacher Roger Wood and
Counselor Kelly Brazeal,
placed second in the audience
applause vote.



Tia Pharris

Joey Rhodes

FBLA 1; FFA 2; Industrial Technology Fair 3; Prom King 4.

Matt Scott



Crystal Steffe

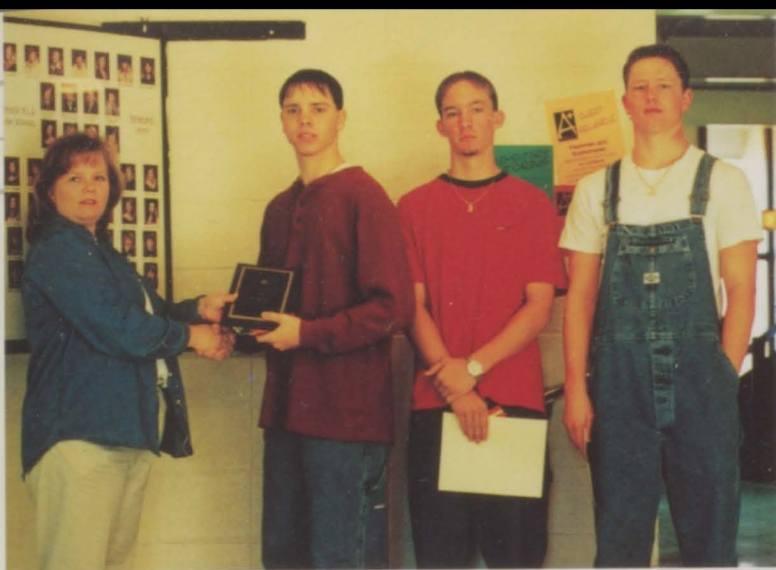
Jamie Stepro

ESP 1,2; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 1,2,3,4; and Officer
2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; FHA 1,2; Softball 1,2;
English Contest 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 1,2,3; FBLA Contest
1,2,3,4

Curt Stuart

ESP 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; FFA 3; FHA
1,2,3,4; Class Officer 3; Youth Alive 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3;
Basketball 1.



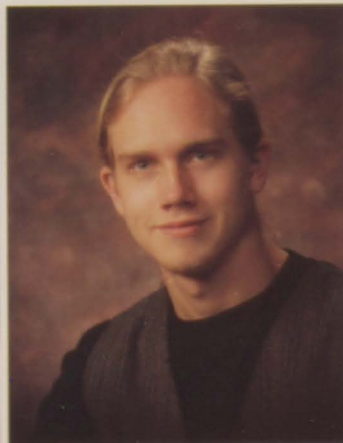


"COMPUTERS CAN BE a pain," said Lions Gazette staff member Carol Kelley who is working on a MacIntosh G3 in the publications room.



RESUME WRITING WINNERS at the Mtn. Grove Career Fair receive cash prizes and plaques from Mansfield Community Director Becky Davis. Kevin Heatherly, Brandon Edmonds, and Stephen House, won first, second, and third respectively.

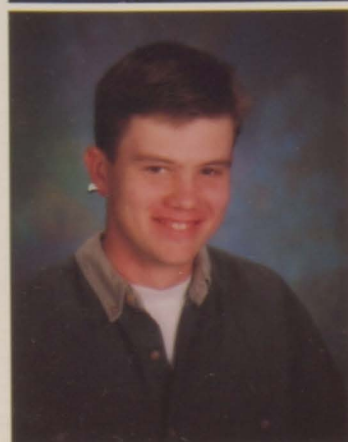
HARD WORK PAYS. Project Graduation attendees line up at 4:00 a.m. for cash and prizes from Janet Brooke, high school secretary and senior parent, who helped coordinate the all-night party for seniors and their guests.



Crystal Beggs Volner

Amanda Wallace

Shannon Wallin
Choir 3,4, Band 2,3,4.



Zach Whorton

Salutatorian; ESP 1,2; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 1; Beta Chi Pi 4; Baseball 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Math Contest 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 4.

Kinder Wilson

ESP 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; and Officer 4; Art Club 3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Publications Staff 4; Youth Alive 3; Softball 2,3; Volleyball 2; Track 2; Vocal Music Contest 3; Art Fair; Industrial Arts Fair 3; FBLA 3,4.

Donna Young

ESP 2,3; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Art Club 1,2,3; and Officer 3; Science Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 4; Choir 3; Class Officer 4; Youth Alive 2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 3; Girls State 3; Homecoming Princess 2; Junior Miss Mansfield Runner Up 1; Miss Mansfield Runner Up 2.

Stress, Tests, What's next?

When talk around the school turns to "can't wait to get out of here" chances are, it is a senior

Tired of work and the everyday routine, sick of school, bored and ready to graduate. When the year winds down for seniors, their attitudes begin to show it.

"Your senior year is supposed to be fun and enjoyable, not a bunch of work," Russell Hedrick said.

"Between school, having fun and senioritis, it's difficult to accomplish important things," Bridget Keys said.

Deadlines for scholarships, college applications, and contests take their toll on seniors. "People wonder why we look like we do," Tracy Oberbeck said. "In one week I applied to four different colleges and had three or four scholarships to fill out."

Mandy Goss said, "Stress started when I first began taking the ACT as a junior. By the third time, I was getting used to it."

"There are too many things to think about. Either there's no work in the field I like, or other fields are too crowded."

-- Jason Brooke

NEXT STOP REAL world. Stephanie Maxwell plans to attend College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, while Donna Young has marriage and a job in mind.



LONGTIME FRIENDS GO separate directions for post-high school education. Luke Anderson hopes to "play college baseball somewhere." Stephen House plans to study fire science at Ozark Technical College; Travis Furr is enrolled at the University of Missouri, Columbia; and Jason Brooke said he is undecided.

RAISING A FAMILY is a priority for teen mothers: Kinder Wilson and daughter Chasity, Jessica Matney and son Kaleb, and Michelle Napier, expecting in August. They attend Parents as Teachers' teen parenting meetings to learn about nutrition and child development.



SENIORS WALK UP after being photographed for class pictures at a cabin in the woods.

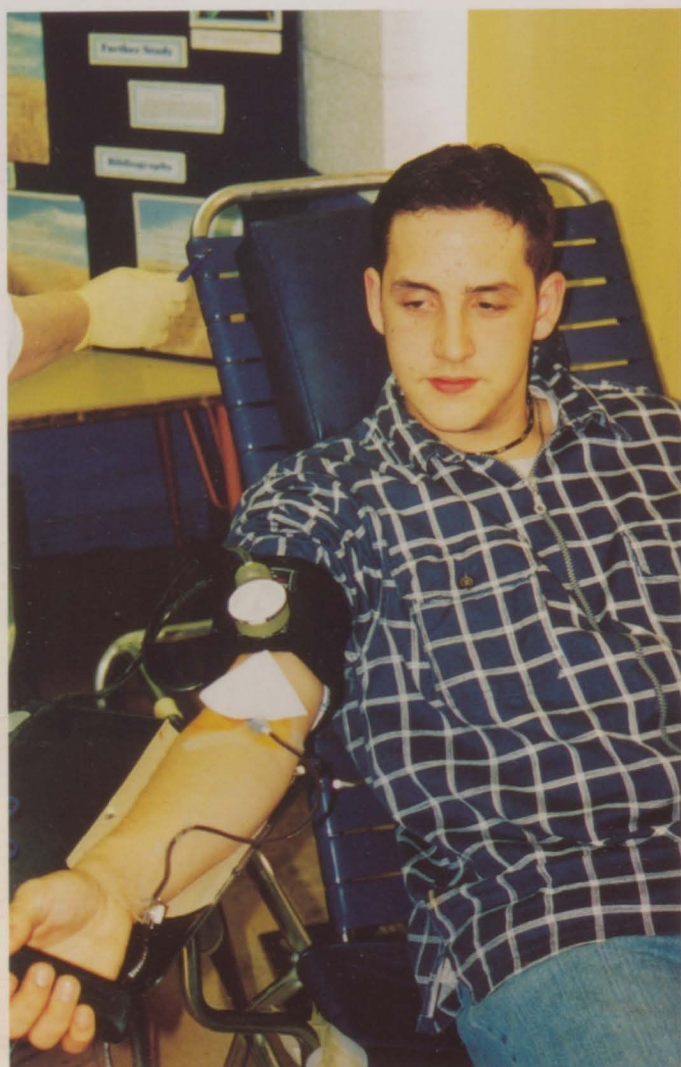


CURT STUART WILL attend night classes offered through Drury College and work during the day. Devon Furlong has applied to nursing school.

Seniors



"I'M GETTING MARRIED this summer and taking classes through SMSU, West Plains," said Jamie Stepro pictured with her mother (far right) and Karen Eagleston at the Academic Banquet. "I'd like to earn a degree in agricultural business and work in marketing," Stepro said.



Looking Back

Crystal Steffe hopes younger students can learn from other's mistakes. She attended alternative school where she "struggled to cram credits in just so I could pass." Steffe said that if younger students could see just how hard it is to correct mistakes, they might approach things differently.

"You should try to get as many credits in your freshman and sophomore years because it's really hard to cram 14 credits into one year," she said.

"Everybody thinks he or she can slack off and come to alternative school, but it's not a good plan," Steffe said.



Crystal Steffe

BLOOD DONOR MATT Scott does his part to help others at the FFA Blood Drive collected by the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. Scott completed his degree through the Alternative School.

Juniors

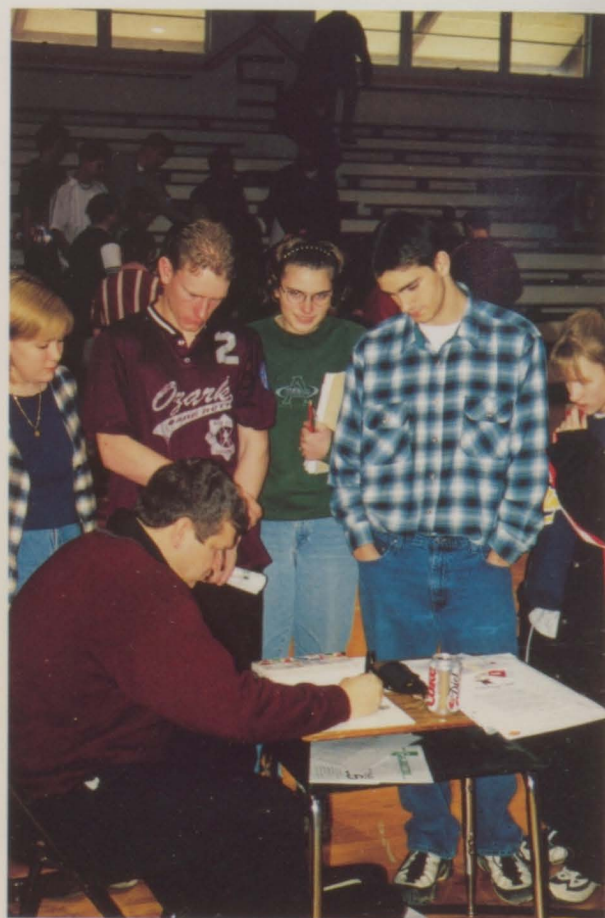
What is your favorite quote or saying?

- "What Would Jesus Do?" -- **Rick Weaver**
- "What you see is what you get." -- **Casondra Harris**
- "Because I said so." -- **Steven Collins**
- "I know you are but what am I!" -- **Jeremy Archer**
- "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apple in the seed!" -- **Karen Eagleston**
- "If it is to be it's up to me, from Skydancers." -- **Ben Moody**
- "It's my way or the highway!" -- **Zach Miller**
- "If you don't like my attitude, quit talking to me." -- **Jessica Penn**
- "You are what you eat." -- **Dustin Nichols**
- "Because I said so, whatever, and right on." -- **Renee Washburn**
- "I would not be just a nothing with my head all full of stuffing, if I only had a brain from Scarecrow, Wizard of Oz." -- **Austin Corder**
- "A woman has a prerogative to change her mind." -- **Jeanenne Sewell**
- "It takes a real man/woman to walk away from a fight." -- **Beverly Pratt-Shirley**
- "The deepest feeling always shows itself in silence." -- **Kevin Altman**

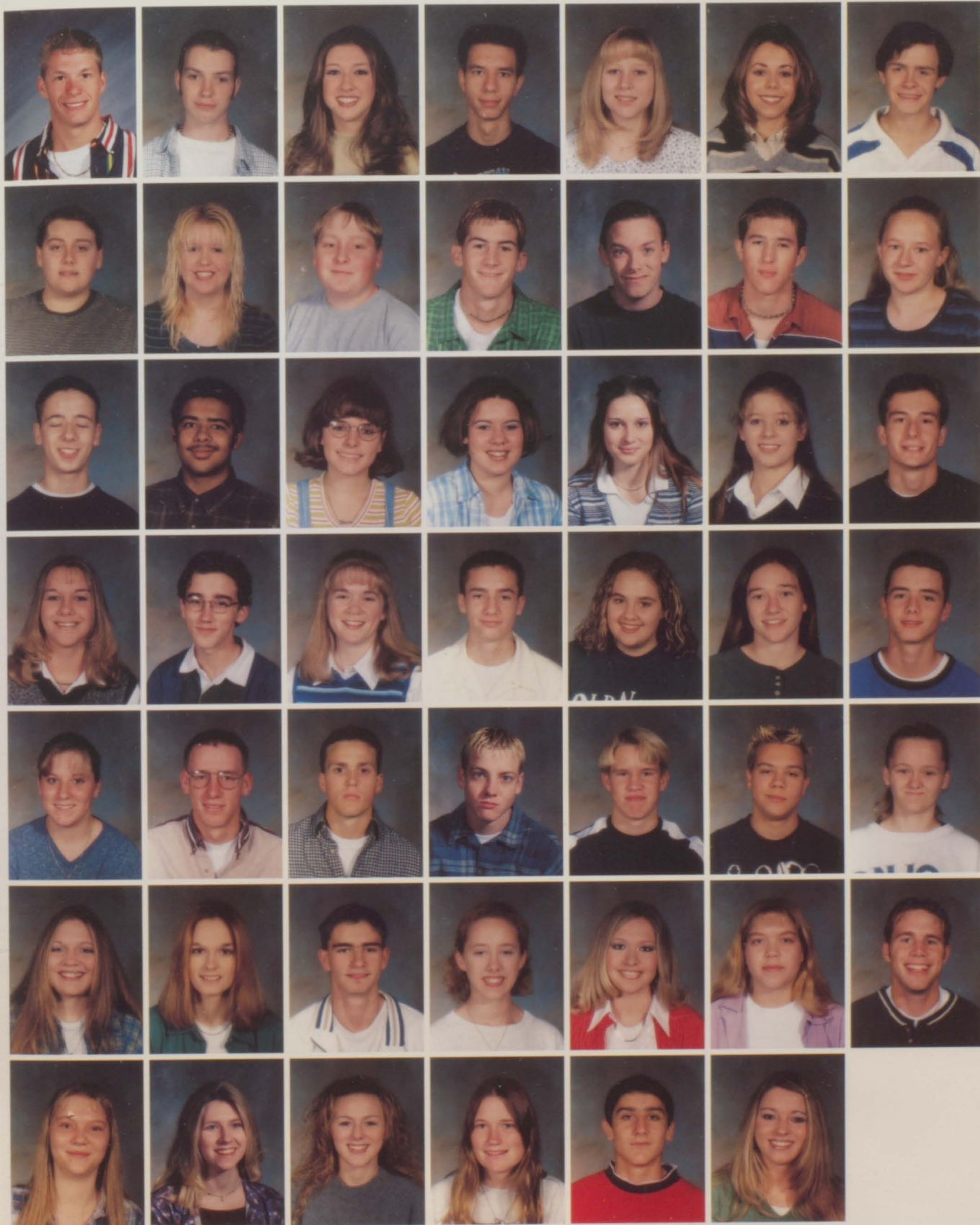


PINCHING OFF FADED marigold blooms, Kristina Shropshire and Karen Eagleston manicure the flower beds in front of the school. National Honor Society members maintained the boxes as a service project.

DONATING A PINT of blood, Jeremy Archer has his arm prepped by an American Red Cross nurse. Juniors may donate if they are 17-years-old.



AUTHOR TOM KRAUSE autographs copies of *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* for Rachel Hull, Eric McQuigg, Casondra Harris, Jeremiah Sewell, and Sabrina Atteberry. Krause, who has a poem published in the book, spoke at a student assembly.



Kevin Altman
Jeremy Archer
KaTrina Bailey
B.J. Batten
Sarena Baugh
Janisha Bennett
Matt Byerlee

Josh Campie
Tracy Cantrell
Byron Clark
Dustin Clark
Steven Collins
Austin Corder
Karen Eagleston

Steven Golden
Mitchell Hammond
Casondra Harris
Kodi Harris
Pia Henn
Afton Ivy
Scott Jackson

Kandy Kabage
Jay Keeling
Sara Leonard
Craig Letsinger
Julie Lynch
Amanda Mason
Dustin McCleary

Amanda McDermitt
Presley McQuigg
Austin Miller
Zach Miller
Ben Moody
Dustin Nichols
Jessica Penn

Jessica Roth
Jeanenne Sewell
Jeremiah Sewell
Beverly Pratt-Shirley
Kristina Shropshire
Stephanie Strunk
Doug Tripp

Karol Turley
Serina VanNess
Deidra Wallace
Renee Washburn
Rick Weaver
Sumer Welch

Sophomores

What are your greatest fears?

- "My greatest fear is that I will not get a good basketball scholarship and will have to work all through college." -- Jennifer Flood
- "Being stalked by a serial killer." -- Keith Jackson
- "Losing my voice for good." -- Erica Spyres

- "I fear snakes and psychopathic murdering clowns that are mentally retarded." -- Rick Ramsey
- "I fear that Chuckie will appear in my room one night while I'm trying to go to sleep, and have glowing red eyes and a butcher knife to kill me." --

- Amanda Clash
- "One of my greatest fears is losing someone close to me, again." -- Angela Fetter
- "One of my greatest fears is not seeing the people that are important to me." -- Jerry Elliott
- "I fear everything." -- Randall Hatch

ONE, TWO, THREE, pull. John Williams, Bridgett Harris, Matt Bennett, and Lindsay Hannaford combine their strength in tug-of-war, a traditional Barnwarming contest which pits class against class. Sophomores lost the first round to the freshmen class.

FARMER GIRLS DANNETTE Sickels and Ashley Maxwell ride on the FFA's "Cattle in the Hay" float in the Wilder Day parade. "It was really hard," Sickels said. "The hay was falling off and the calf nearly got out of its pen."



NOSE TO THE ground, Dustin Coday crawls under an imaginary electric fence at FFA Greenhand Initiation. "It was wierd, nasty, scary, and fun," Coday said referring to pranks played on first year members.



FANNING PATRIOTISM, ERICA Spyres and David Scrivner, dressed as military personnel, play their fiddles at "Sentimental Journey" a choir musical based on the 1940s. Both accomplished musicians, Spyres and Scrivner, perform for special events and community ceremonies.





Mike Baney
Carrie Baty
Rodney Bell
Sarah Brown
William Butcher
Tona Carter
Bud Chandler



Clark Choate
Amanda Clash
Josh Cleaver
Dustin Coday
Elisha Cook
John Crain
Justin Crain



Matt Dunbar
Jerry Elliott
Joe Farris
Angela Fetter
Jennifer Flood
Dustin Grass
Quentin Hammond



Lindsay Hannaford
Bridgett Harris
Joey Harris
Kellie Harris
Randall Hatch
Ashley Hicks
Tara Jackson



Keith Jackson
Carrie Jarrett
Chris Jones
Chad Keith
Richard Kelley
Sara Kulp
Scott Litz



Jacob Loper
Albert Matney
Ashley Maxwell
Rachel McCall
Garrett Norell
Brandon Olive
Carl Ramsey



Rickey Ramsey
Dennis Scanlon
David Scrivner
Matt Shevchuk
Dannette Sickels
Erica Spyres
Josh Street



Mindie Sullivan
Rashelle Thompson
Tashina Wilson

Freshmen

What advice would you give to next year's freshmen?

• "To stay out of the sophomores way and turn in all of your work." -- Eric McQuigg

• "Keep yourself out of trouble and you'll pass because teachers will favor you and don't mess with anyone." -- Jolissa Iott

• "Party, have fun, do your work, and be nice to your teachers." -- Jake Bennett

• "I would advise them to stay away from us sophomores and to stay in eighth grade." -- Donnie Slate

• "Listen to your teachers, be on time, and work hard." -- Steven Ward

• "Don't try and change yourself to suit the older classmen because they are still going to be mean to you anyway." -- Tiffany Coonce

• "Turn in your homework on time, don't miss a lot of school, and don't mouth off to seniors." -- Eddie Penn

• "I would tell next year's freshmen to have fun, but remember if you give school 100 percent of your effort, there is no way you can fail." -- Amanda Baty

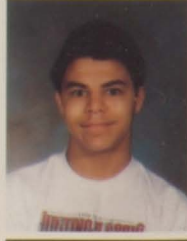


HARD WORK WAS never this fun. Tim Harness and other classmates take a dip in the city pool used by the physical education classes during summer school.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? Weak vegetable soup with bits of meat for students in Wilda Watterson's American History class. Simulating the Depression era, Jacob Magnin goes through the soup and bread line served by Sabrina Atteberry and Laura Furr.



KEEPING A STEADY pace, Amanda Lansdown leads her horse down the Wilder Day parade route while Ilena Turley rides double.





Tara Allen
Rocky Arnold
Sabrina Atteberry
Roxanna Barrera
Amanda Baty
Jake Bennett
Josh Bennett
Kennith Bennett



Chris Berry
William Best
Stefanie Blevins
Kelsey Boyle
Timmy Bunch
Brian Carampatan
Justin Carter
Tiffany Coonce



Jeffery Decker
Lindsey Dunbar
Sara Edmonds
Laura Furr
Rachel Giddens
Amanda Golden
Joe Gresham
Michael Hammond



Tim Harness
Kim Hill
David Hipkins
Brooke Hurst
Bentley Iott
Jolissa Iott
Ashley Jones
Kristyn Jones



Michelle Jones
Randy Kramm
Julie Litz
Jacob Magnin
Lisa Mapes
Joshawa McCrite
Eric McQuigg
Jessica Moore



Lisa Morton
Melissa Napier
Lacie Newby
Christina Odle
Eddie Penn
Tammy Potter
Glen Ramsey
Ryan Roberts



Scotty Rousseau
Michael Scofield
James Scrivner
Nick Shelhamer
Donnie Slate
Shelly Stauffer
Austin Steffe
Lora Thompson



Lacie Vaverka
Steven Ward
Shawna Williams
Crystal Wilson
Stacey Wright
Becky Young
Cristin Zimmerman

Grade Eight

What would
you like to
be famous
for?

- "I would like to be famous for just being myself. Being famous doesn't matter to me in life right now." -- **Kendra Smith**
- "For being on America's Most Wanted for making people fall." -- **Courtney Allen**
- "Finding a medicine that takes cancer away." -- **Jordan Cantrell**
- "For discovering the way to make homework easier." -- **Jaclyn Jarrett**
- "For being an actress, singer, and a model." -- **Laurel Oberbeck**
- "I would like to be

- famous for inventing a car that will turn into a big box in the garage." -- **Dustin Dixon**
- "I would like to be famous for being a good baseball player." -- **Chris Matlock**
- "Marrying Prince William." -- **Jennifer Calhoun**
- "Discovering a giant squid." -- **Cory Letsinger**
- "For being the fattest man in the world." -- **Justin Stafford**
- "For making the world's largest

- hotdog." -- **Tina Crain**
- "I want to be famous as a heavy metal star like Marilyn Manson or Korn." -- **Alex Hipkins**
- "I want to be famous for being the buffest man in the world." -- **Cody McCleary**
- "I want to be famous for becoming the first Jedi Master." -- **Josh Slater**
- "For breaking the major league home run record." -- **Tim Brazeal**
- "I want to be famous for killing the biggest deer ever." -- **Aaron Price**

A BRASS TRIO made up of Brett Bailey, Justin Kingery, and Tim Brazeal play "Pomp and Circumstance" for their class recessional at eighth grade graduation.



LET THE CEREMONY begin. Student Council President Witney Hannafor welcomes parents, family and friends to graduation ceremonies in the gymnasium.

STARS AND TWINKLE lights set the mood for a post-graduation party at the Lions Club. Sponsored by parents, the party featured food, dancing, games, and class awards.



Brett Bailey
Tiffany Beggs
Sarah Bennett
Cory Berry
Brentyn Bishop
John Blaine
Ashley Borders



Tim Brazeal
Jesse Bricker
Jennifer Calhoun
Jordan Cantrell
Kelly Carampatan
Lisa Chambers
Travis Clouse



Cody Corder
Tina Crain
Amanda Delcours
Dustin Dixon
Christian
Eichelberger
Maranda Garzee
Whitney
Hannafor



Jodi Hieb
Travis Hilliard
Brent Jones
Justin Kingery
Joshua Kulp
Cory Letsinger
Randy Liles



Tony Lockman
Travis Mason
Chris Matlock
Curtis Maxey
Cody McCleary
Cheyenna McCrite
Amanda McQuigg



Josh Millard
Amber Moore
Jeff Moore
Keith Newton
Laurel Oberbeck
Jennifer Otis
April Pettibone



Aaron Price
Jimmy Rebura
Melissa Ross
Kasie Rueff
Rhett Scofield
Josh Slater
Kendra Smith



Justin Stafford
Alisha Stewart
Summer Taylor
Amanda Walker
Jana Young

Grade Seven

What is the
most
interesting
dream
you can
remember?

• "I was falling down a big hole and didn't stop falling." -- Zachery Flageolle

• "I thought I was being chased by a deer I shot over and over, and it wouldn't die." -- Tyler Rummens

• "I was a mouse and I got stuck in a crack and an owl tried to eat me." -- Adam Bennett

• "... trapped in the school all summer and when someone came to check on the school, I yelled and screamed but nothing would come out." -- Casey Delapp

• "I was being chased by thousands of bears but they couldn't keep up with my truck." -- Paul Moody

• "A little red bug flew around my head, went inside my ear and came out the other ear." --

Monica Hattabaugh

• "I fell out of a car and it burnt half my face off." -- Michael Tate

• "I went with my family to Disneyland and met all the Disney characters." -- Chasity Olive

• "I was rich and me and my friends went to 'N Sync in concert." --

Brittany Hilton

• "... driving down the road and off a cliff." --

Cody Whorton

• "I lived in a sewer for 11 years. When I came out, I was so green and stinky, they stuck me back in there." -- Jessica Pettibone

• "I flipped my go-kart, bruised my rib, and broke another kid's arm." -- Cody Elliott

• "Going to a house and getting trapped there for a one whole week." -- April Butcher

• "The world was being shot by alien ships and only a handful of people survived." -- Jeremy Lampley

• "... I played in the WNBA, just like Rebecca Lobo." --

Ashley Baty

• "I went skydiving and my parachute was an elephant." -- Brandon Jones

• "I was born a tree frog." -- Tiffany Cline

• "I went to Spain, and saw the people, culture, and religion that was there." -- James Reason

TASTING LITMUS PAPER, Megan Hicks conducts a genetic test on her taste buds in the science room during open house.



STAIRWAYS BECOME LOCAL spots where middle school students hang out. Talking before school are Chris Best, April Butcher, Cody Elliott, Robert Perkins, Ashley Baty, Chasity Olive, Shane Loper and Becky Slate.

CATCHING UP, JAMES Reason and Maranda Garzee spend their homeroom time working on homework.





Joshua Asher
Buck Baney
Christina Barrera
Ashley Baty
LaToya Bell
Adam Bennett
Chris Best

April Butcher
Tiffany Cline
Casey Delapp
Ashley Eichelberger
Cody Elliott
Zachery Flageolle
Eli Helms

Joey Hill
Brittany Hilton
Travis Hire
Ashley Hood
Heather Jasick
Bryan Jones
Jaron Keeling

Garret Keith
Amanda Kuhn
Nick Kuhn
Jeremy Lampley
Laura Lancaster
Brandon Lansdown
Della Lansdown

Shane Loper
Paul Moody
Alex Newton
Nicole Nelson
Jennifer Odle
Chasity Olive
Joe Perkins

Robert Perkins
Hillary Persinger
Jessica Pettibone
Randy Ramsey
James Reason
Matt Rhodes
Mandy Rokusek

Tyler Rummens
Justin Schofield
David Shevchuk
Matthew Smith
Michael Tate
Carl Turley
Cody Whorton

Brad Young

Grade Six

What favorite
memory do you
have of
elementary
school or sixth
grade?

- "My favorite memory of elementary school was the first day of school." -- **Nicky Napier**
- "My favorite memory of elementary school was the first day I moved to Mansfield school." -- **Heather Mitchell**
- "In fifth grade during field day, someone said that I couldn't long jump over 12' but I jumped 12' 7". -- **Craig Campbell**
- "...when I hit Taylor Thompson in the mouth." -- **Steven Jarrett**
- "When I had a loose tooth, Steven Jarrett punched me in the mouth and my tooth popped out. We spent all recess looking for my tooth." -- **Taylor Thompson**
- "The most memorable thing about sixth grade was going to Ripley's Believe It or Not." -- **Ashley Paxton**

- "...when I competed in a one on one vocal contest." -- **Sara Henley**
- "The most memorable thing about sixth grade is that we have to change classes every hour." -- **Tim Shelhamer**
- "When Ms. Engel had the Museum of Art to show what we learned about Leonardo DaVinci, we were pretending to paint the Sistine Chapel, and I sat in paint." -- **Lindsey Hopping**
- "My favorite memory of elementary was when we went to Jefferson City to the Capitol." -- **Samantha Smith**
- "When a boy tried to beat me up, but instead I beat him up." -- **Sterling Hatch**
- "In elementary school, I was playing on the swings and fell out backwards." -- **Shawn Singh**

"DID YOU SEE that?" asks comedian Homer Lee of The Braschler Music Show in amazement of Casey Ivy's yo-yo tricks. The Braschlers from Branson performed a benefit show in the gymnasium for the FBLA and Wright County Cancer Society.



READY TO HIT the links, the middle school golf class packs up their equipment for the golf course. Coach Don Sanders instructs beginning golfers Cody Elliott, Zach Flageolle, Tim Shelhamer, Greg Short, and Alex Dunbar. "We're going to a par three course in Springfield," Sanders said. "I thought it would be easier to play since this is their first outing."



Becky Bennett
Drew Berry
Brittany Borders
Tom Brazeal
Jeremiah Butcher
Cody Calhoun
Craig Campbell

Deondra Carnall
Tracey Cline
Kale Coppold
Mark Cruse
Melanie Davis
Tristan Dennis
Alex Dunbar

Michael Fuge
Brandon Grass
Donald Grimes
Sterling Hatch
Louie Hieb
Kayla Hilton
Lindsey Hopping

Casey Ivy
Ashley Jackson
Steven Jarrett
Elaine Johns
Jonathan Jones
LeAnn Kramm
Annie Lynn

Paul Maxey
Ashley McCrite
Jacob Micheli
Alex Miller
Whitney Miller
J.R. Mincks
Mike Moody

Hannah Moore
Nicky Napier
Christy Nichols
Katrina O'Pry
Ashley Paxton
Kate Probert
Joshua Pyle

Crystal Shaffer
Amber Schofield
Tim Shelhamer
Virginia Sherman
Greg Short
Shawn Singh
Samantha Smith

Tim Stuart
Taylor Thompson
Joshua Sullivan
Jordan Williams
Marcia Blaine
Theresa Leonard
Donna Streight

Grade Five

**When
do your
parents
embarrass
you?**

- "My parents embarrass me when they call me by my nickname Rosie or Rooster." -- **Melody Jones**
- "My parents embarrass me when they spit on their finger and try to get ketchup off my face." -- **Evan Jones**
- "When they say something out loud about when I was little." -- **Tabitha Merideth**
- "My mom tugs on my pants to see if they fit right." -- **Nick Price**
- "My parents embarrass me when they hold my hand while crossing the street." -- **Cassie Sanders**
- "When they take pictures at my baseball and basketball games." -- **Adam Keith**
- "My parents embarrass me when they talk to my boyfriend's parents and ask stuff about me and Steven." -- **Amanda Neal**
- "When they dance at the Apple Festival at Seymour." -- **Blake Miller**
- "My parents embarrass me

when they tell something I did when I was little when I am right there beside them." -- **Leanne Moody**

- "Saying I'm cute in public." -- **Chad Smith**
- "When my mom and dad kiss and hold hands, it embarrasses me." -- **Samantha Kirby**
- "They embarrass me most when they talk to me in front of my friends." -- **Eric Bricker**
- "When I hit a home run last year, my mom almost made me deaf." -- **Shane Norell**
- "When they visit other people and I want to talk to them, they say, she is my daughter." -- **Natasha Dixon**
- "When they show pictures of me when I am standing on the table in boots and a diaper." -- **Jesse Stuart**
- "They hold my hand and I have to stay right next to them, and when they say my name." -- **Jessica Taylor**



BOY SCOUT SCOTT Short represents Pack 271 in the annual Wilder Day parade and festivities held downtown on the square.



OUTSIDE THE KANSAS City Royals' stadium, Safety Patrol members get ready to be guests of honor. Before the game, the patrol was recognized for service and citizenship by marching around the field. Trampus Hire (right) and Cassie Sanders were selected at random to throw out and catch the first pitch in a game against the Anaheim Angels. Elementary teacher Dallas Chambers is sponsor for the group which is made of fifth graders.

RAISING THE FIRST flag on the elementary school's new pole, Blake Miller and Jesse Stuart take part in a school-wide dedication ceremony.





Mandie Adamson
Rebecca Barlett
Brittanee Beggs
Leramy Bennett
Kayla Berry
Eric Bricker
Shamala Bunch
Katelyn Choate

Jerica Cody
Josh Cornelius
Derick Davis
Natasha Dixon
Rachel Dollarhide
Tiffany Dollarhide
Bryson Essary
Kendall Findley

Kayla Gallion
Ryan Harris
Amanda Hilton
Trampus Hire
Julie Hutton
Joe Isbill
Jennifer Jasick
Jackie Johnsen

Evan Jones
Melody Jones
Hollie Jordan
Brendan Keeling
Adam Keith
Samantha Kirby
Dulci Lancaster
Josh Lansdown

Zack Levan
Ryan Loge
Tabitha Merideth
Blake Miller
Cassie Mincks
Leanne Moody
Sarah Moody
Amanda Neal

Billy Newton
Shane Norell
Nick Price
Kristin Quick
Donny Reason
Ashley Renner
Drake Rigenhagen

Savannah Robertson
Cassie Sanders
Justin Skaggs
Adam Smith
Jesse Stuart
Jessica Taylor
Kelsey Tomlinson

Andy Ussery
Jessica Williams
Karensa Wilson
Jacob Wright
Carol Anderson
Jaci Engel
Jodi Sell

Grade Four

What do
you want to
do when
you grow
up?

• "I want to be a neonatologist because I like to take care of one pound babies." -- **Paige Hoover**

• "...an artist for Disney World because I love to draw." --

Channelle Schmied

• "I would be a basketball player and I would be the best." --

Andrew Byerlee

• "I want to be a doctor. I can help a lot of people, then they would be happy." --

Maranda Pringle

• "I want to draw art for Christian comic books. My uncle has his own comic 'Demon Kill.'" -- **Zach Weddle**

• "I want to be a famous basketball player like Kobey Bryant." --

Danny Thompson

• "I want to be a doctor because I like to help people." -- **Nichole Barlett**

• "...a doctor so I can help people around the world." -- **Melanie Moore**

• "I want to be a movie star in Hollywood and play in 'Never Been Kissed' and 'She's All That.'" -- **Aimee Williams**

• "...a nurse at the hospital who watches babies because I love babies." -- **Lauren Rummens**

• "I want to be a wrestler because you get paid for fighting." -- **Ryan Scott**

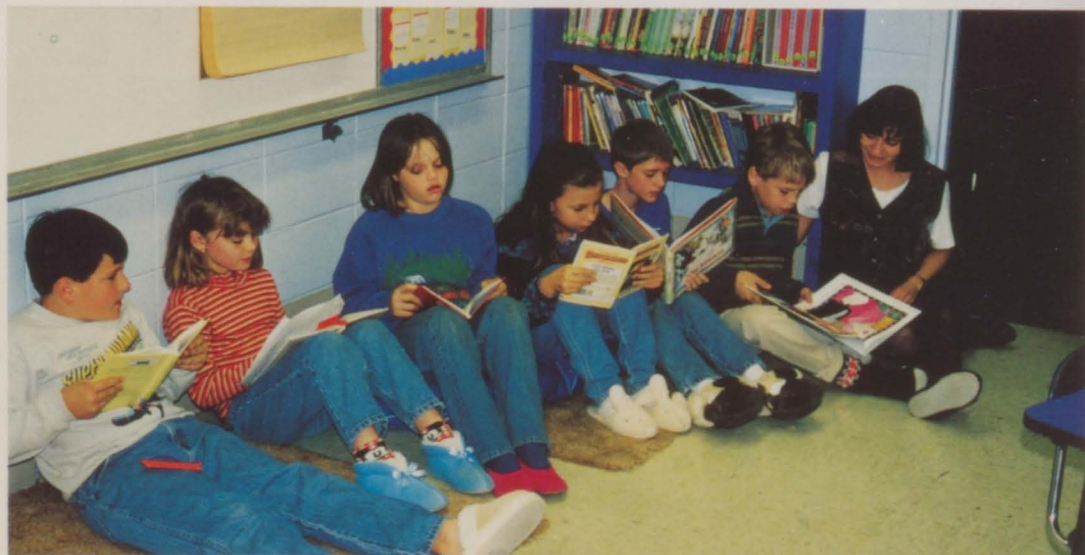
• "...an artist because I like to draw all the time and there are no rules at all." -- **Mark Lampley**

• "I want to be a radiologist because you look at x-rays and get paid a lot of money." -- **Josh Gresham**

• "a WNBA star because I love sports, especially basketball, and I love competing with other people and being able to have fun at the same time." -- **Kristin Campbell**

• "I want to be a siding man." -- **William Milford**

WHAT'S IT LIKE meeting Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson? "Really cool!" according to Paige Hoover who recently encountered the member of one of the most famous boy bands of the '90s at Miss USA Pageant in Branson. "He's really quiet and yes, cute," Hoover said. The two were introduced when she and her family attended a post-pageant party.



GETTING COMFORTABLE FOR reading, students wear house shoes for reading emphasis week. Brandon Sinning, Debbie Quick, Trishta Turley, Lacey Tate, Joshua Wilkerson, Chad Newton, and teacher Edwina Carnal actively participate in Accelerated Reading program where students set goals and read at their individual reading levels.

ANGEL AMANDA NEAL pauses from playing the violin on the Holman Howe Funeral Home float in the community Christmas parade, held for the first time at night.





Shane Babcock
Nichole Barlett
Vicki Billings
Shandrell Burbach
Andrew Byerlee
Kristin Campbell
Audra Dierksen



Brett Essary
John Girtler
Preston Goss
Josh Gresham
Paul Hearn
Paige Hoover
Tyler Hopping



Chelsea House
Justin Ince
Samantha Jasick
Melissa Johnsen
Chad Johnson
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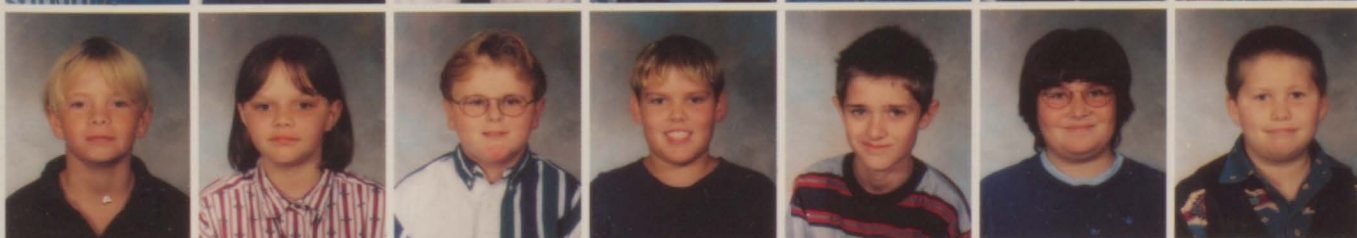
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Craig Williams



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Kim Jones

Grade Three

I f I could
be invisible
for one day,
I would ...

- "Sneak into the White House and see what was going on." -- **Chelsea Jones**
- "Go to a gun shop, take out a gun and look at it." -- **Matthew Leonard**
- "See what Nanny does when I'm gone." -- **Margaret Davis**
- "Find out what my brother is doing in his class." -- **Jacob Skaggs**
- "Find out what high school is like." -- **Jessica Isbill**
- "Sneak on a train to England and go into the palace where the Queen was and look at all the treasures." -- **Kellie Hutton**
- "I would go to space." -- **Vincent Furr**
- "See what the Spice Girls are doing." -- **Athena Milford**
- "I would play tricks on all the teachers." -- **Austin Bogart**
- "I would kiss the person I like." -- **Dustin Cody**
- "Talk to people and make them think they are hearing things." -- **Kristin Adamson**
- "See where and how my mom works." -- **Jenni Lemons**
- I would scare people at night when the kids are all alone watching television." -- **James Stafford**
- "I would go home." -- **Amber Heath**
- "Swim with the dolphins and drink chocolate milkshakes." -- **Ashley Vinson**
- "I would sneak up on people and go, BOO!" -- **Emily Nichols**
- "Sneak into the WWF ring and trip the Rock." -- **Dustin Taylor**
- "Beat up my brothers because they beat up on me." -- **Tabetha Moore**



AN ELF WITH a grumpy attitude discusses Santa with the stars in a scene from the elementary Christmas program. Dressed as stars are Jessica Turley, Morgan Scott, and Bryce Matlock with head elf Breck Bennett.



WHAT BIG TEETH you have. Amanda Hallmark examines closely a bear's pelt at a program featuring animals. Sponsored by the Conservation Department, the event featured Ralph Duren, who specializes in animal calls.



IN FLIGHT, SETH Emerick (far right) competes in long jump while his classmates wait their turn during field day. Events range from cross-country races to an obstacle course.





Kody Adamson
Kristin Adamson
Stephanie Baty
Breck Bennett
Quentin Berry
Austin Bogart
Nicole Bookout
Will Brazeal
Alex Brozowski



Blake Cantrell
Vesta Cantrell
Heath Carnall
Dustin Cody
Margaret Davis
Spencer Deal
Seth Emerick
Allen Fosness
Rebecca Freeman



Amanda Hallmark
Michael Hawley
Amber Heath
Amber Henry
Abby Hultz
Kellie Hutton
Jessica Isbill
Rashawnda Jackson
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Michael Jones
Brittany Keeling
Greg Knoepfel
Jenni Lemons
Jonathan Lems
Matthew Leonard
Jessica Long



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Sidney Tucker
Jessica Turley
Travis Turley
Sara Ussery
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Chandler Veit
Ashley Vinson
Cory Walker
Ronnie Webster
Ryan Whorton
Joseph Williams
Gina Adams
Elaine Crump
Linda Graham

Grade Two

If you could trade places with any person or character, who would it be?

- "Cinderella, because she's pretty and sings nice." -- **Kelly Whorton**
- "Mowgli from Jungle Book because he knows a lot of animals." -- **Landon Jarrett**
- "Jessica off 'Roger Rabbit' because she's a good singer and she's pretty." -- **Kelsey Acree**
- "Indiana Jones because he looks good." -- **Austin Wight**
- "The caterpillar in 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' because he turns into a beautiful butterfly." -- **Kashmir Singh**
- "Batman, because he is an action character." -- **Justin Keith**
- "I would trade places with Scooby Doo so I could solve mysteries." -- **John Farmer**

- "I would trade places with Michael Jordan so I could slam dunk." -- **Ryan Hilliard**
- "I would like to be Cinderella because I want to ride to the ball in a pumpkin." -- **RandeeJo Barlett**
- "I would trade places with Tom Logan so I could drive cattle." -- **Justin Pirtle**
- "I would trade places with Rapunzel so I would play with my hair." -- **Amanda Tucker**
- "I would trade places with Ruth Becker so I could ride the Titanic." -- **Aaron Stewart**
- "I would trade places with Shaggy of Scooby Doo so I could be funny just like him. I could be scared like him too." -- **Tamara Delcour**
- "I would like to be Peter Pan because he will never grow up." -- **Drew Newberry**
- "I would trade places with Mark McGwire because I could hit home runs." -- **Johnathan Stout**



TOYS COME ALIVE at the elementary Christmas program. Front, Kristin Whorton, Josie Orenge, Jakie Orenge, Randy Lofland; second row, Chelsea Pringle, Amy Collins, Travis Bishop, RandeeJo Barlett, Shane Stewart; third row, Laura Wagner, and Kelly Whorton.

SEASONED SINGERS DREW Newberry and Landon Jarrett perform a duet at the elementary Christmas program. "I wasn't that scared because I sang in the Little House play last summer," Jarrett said. Newberry said sometimes he sings at church with his Dad.



SOUNDS LIKE A real bear. Ralph Duren from the Conservation Department gains the attention of second graders in a program on animals. Duren, who specializes in animal calls, also brings a variety of skins and pelts that students may examine and touch.



Julia Allen
RandeeJo Barlett
Elizabeth Barstow
Sarah Billings
Travis Bishop
DeAnna Bookout
Josh Box
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Meagan Brooke
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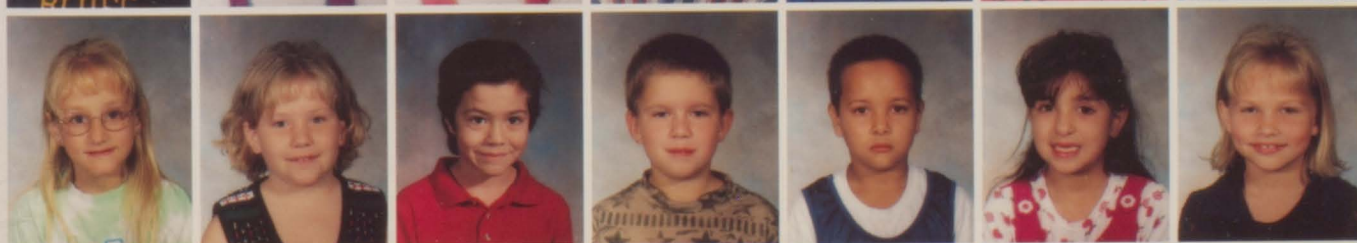
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Justin Keith
Randy Lofland
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Corwin Moore



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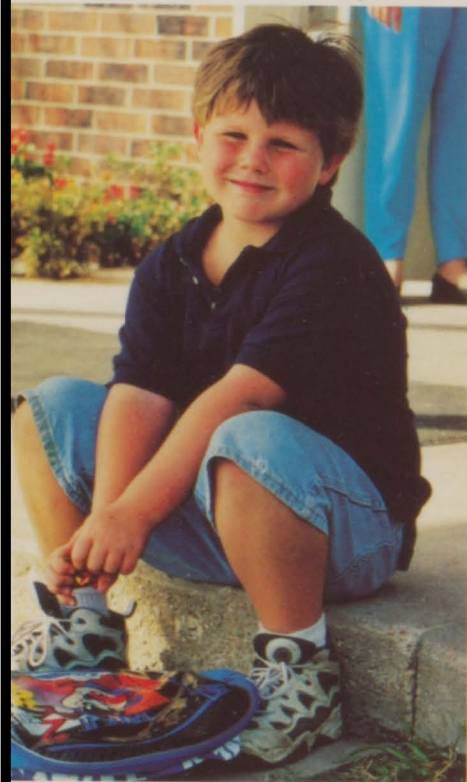


Evan Whorton
Kelly Whorton
Kristine Whorton
Austin Wight
Carol Hanger
June Hanger
Janet Mitchell

Grade One

What is your favorite school lunch?

- "Turkey and gravy, because it is so sweet." -- **Jennifer Ward**
- "Pizza, because it has cheese and sauce on it." -- **Kayla Baty**
- "Grapes, because they are juicy." -- **Kelsay Dugger**
- "Nachos, because they have hot cheese." -- **Rochelle Johns**
- "French fries, because they taste good." -- **Jaimie Smith**
- "Fruit rollups, because they have a game you can play." -- **Vince Miller**
- "Garlic bread, because it is so good." -- **Allyson Rokusek**
- "Spaghetti, because it is good." -- **James Pirtle**
- "Pizza, because it has cheese and sauce." -- **Nathan Rummens**
- "Pizza, because it has meat on it." -- **Dillon Coffelt**
- "I like ice cream, because it is crème, and it is from a cow." -- **Kerry Harris**
- "Macaroni and cheese, because it is cheesy." -- **Cody Clayton**
- "Ice cream, because it is cold and juicy and it is flavored." -- **Jamie Gunkel**
- "My favorite food is strawberries, because it tastes good." -- **Bailey Acree**
- "Pizza, because it is cheesy and good and I like the smell." -- **Devin Davis**
- "Fruit roll-up, because it is sweet." -- **Brian Bunch**
- "Pizza, because I like cheese and tomato sauce." -- **Dena Brozowski**
- "Pizza, because it has cheese and bread." -- **Krista Lampley**
- "Corn, because it is salty and is a vegetable." -- **Charity Newberry**
- "Smokies, because they are little hot dogs and they smell good and are juicy." -- **Kaleb Nolen**



AFTER SCHOOL, JAKE Yost waits for his ride home. "You know it's really hot in there," he said referring to August temperatures in unairconditioned classrooms.



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER, first grade girls sing a song during the Elementary Christmas program. Front, Jasmine Turney, Elizabeth Gower, Allyson Rokusek, Kaysha Ousley; Back, Chauncie Mitchell, Stephanie Henry, Brittany Landrum; Row three, Erin Dierksen, Lindsay Whyde, Jaimie Smith, Gabrielle Millard, and Charity Newberry.

"BE COOL WITHOUT Drugs" is one of the slogans for Drug and Alcohol Prevention Week. Elizabeth Gower, Vince Miller, Austin Johnson, Haden Adamson, and Devin Davis get into the spirit with sunglasses and red ribbons.





Haden Adamson
Kayla Baty
Dena Brozowski
Brian Bunch
Echo Cantrell
Cody Clayton
Daniel Colston
Laken Conaway



Dillon Coffelt
Devin Davis
T'Keyha Davis
Erin Dierksen
Montana Dollarhide
Kelsay Dugger
Dillon Earl
Elizabeth Gower



Alisha Gray
Jamie Gunkel
Alisha Hall
Stephanie Henry
Kerry Harris
Jake Hultz
John James
Nathan Jones



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Jake Lofland
J.D. Long



Patrick Marvin
Vince Miller
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Chauncie Mitchell
Charity Newberry
Katelyn Nolen
Kaleb Nolen
Alex O'Pry



Kaysha Ousley
James Pirtle
Doug Pyle
Cody Riley
Allyson Rokusek
Austin Rokusek
Nathan Rummens
Justin Sanders



Cody Sigman
Jaimie Smith
Keenan Smith
Eric Tompkins
Jasmine Turney
Jennifer Ward
Whitney Whorton
Sheirif Williams



Lindsay Whyde
Jake Yost
Danyale Young
Patty Hanger
Jana McConnell
Brenda Quick

Kindergarten

Who is your favorite cartoon character?

- "Rugrats, because of Baby Dill." -- **Lakin Bogart**
- "Mickey Mouse, I just like him--ok!" -- **Haley Miller**
- "Tweety, because yellow is my favorite color." -- **Stephanie Farmer**
- "Sylvester, because he tries to eat Tweety." -- **Laine Kelley**
- "Godzilla, he's the coolest." -- **Heath Dugger**
- "Bugs Bunny, because he eats carrots." -- **Brittany Cruse**
- "Quack Pack with Donald Duck on Disney." -- **Jeromey Dennis**
- "Mickey Mouse, because I visited with him at Disney World. I have his picture." -- **Dillon Massey**
- "Baby Dill, because I like it when he drinks his bottle." -- **Kaylyn McNeil**
- "Tommy from Rugrats, because I like it when the baby pulls the pants down." -- **Steven Walker**
- "My favorite Looney Tune character is Elmer Fudd. He talks funny." -- **Cody Young**
- "Tommy from Rugrats because I like babies." -- **Rheanna Allen**
- "The Care Bears, that's just my favorite show." -- **Richmond Tate**
- "Scooby, because he is funny." -- **David Turley**
- "Tweety, he is funny." -- **Stormy Donihoo**
- "Tasmanian Devil, because he goes really crazy." -- **Darron Nichols**
- "Superman, because he is strong." -- **Devon Robbins**
- "Dat from 'A Bug's Life', she has nice wings and I like them." -- **Shanara Cheek**
- "Tweety, because he's cute." -- **Chelsea Gower**



SQUEEZING OUT FROSTING

Jakob Adamson, Haley Miller, Brittany Cruse, Lakin Bogart, and Dillon Massey trim gingerbread houses. Students of Patti Heiney trimmed their houses with candy and other goodies.



WHO TO PICK? Brittany Lakey, dressed as a princess, ponders a hard decision playing a game during Kay Scrivner's Halloween class party.

FEELING A DIFFERENCE. Kindergartners touch a ewe's wool sheared on site by sophomore Sarah Brown at FFA's Food for America. Brown explained that sheep provide wool for clothes, lanolin for lotion, and meat for food.





Jakob Adamson
Rheanna Allen
Jessica Berry
Lakin Bogart
Warren Brazeal
Shanara Cheek
Savanna Cornelius



Brittany Cruse
Vanessa Delcour
Jeromey Dennis
Sharice Dennis
Heath Dugger
Dustin Ellis
Stephanie Farmer



Devin Fullington
Chelsea Gower
Jordan Gunter
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Nathan Henry
Haley Hill



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Brittany Howard
Wendy Ince
Samuel Johnsen
Bill Jones
Laine Kelley



Brittany Lakey
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Jonathan Lynn
Dillon Massey
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Austin McNeil
Kaylyn McNeil



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Haley Miller
Darron Nichols
Erin Nichols
Hailey Potts
Devon Robbins
Megan Schofield



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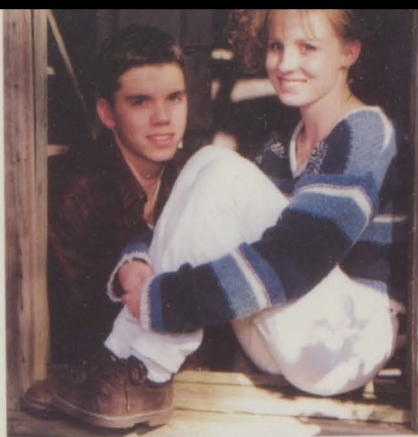
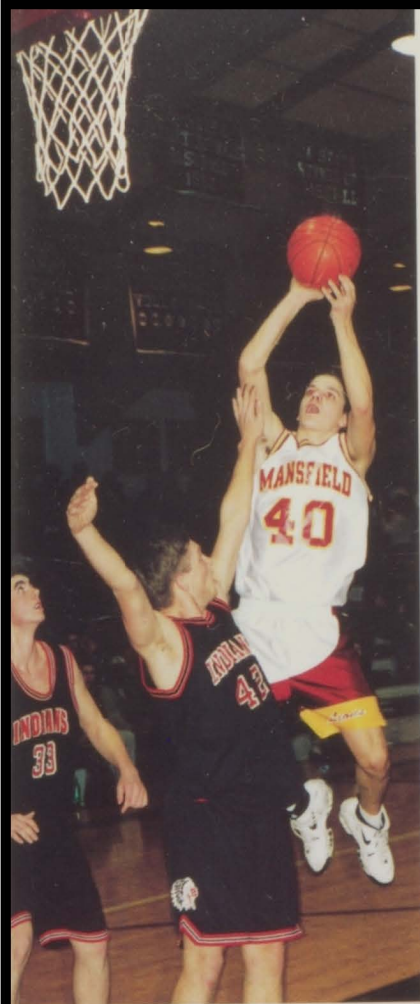
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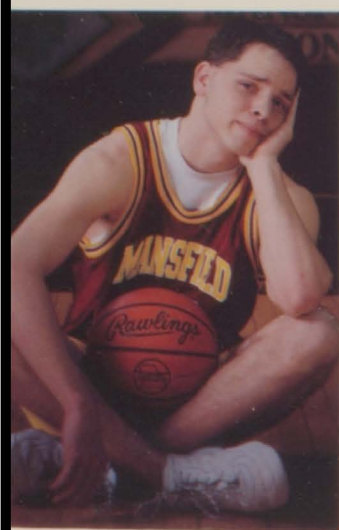
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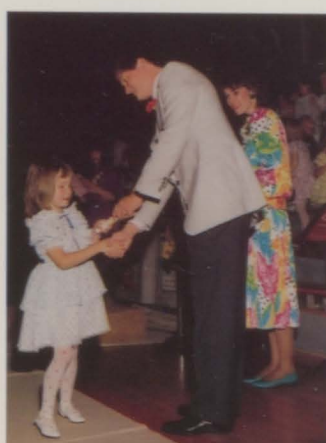
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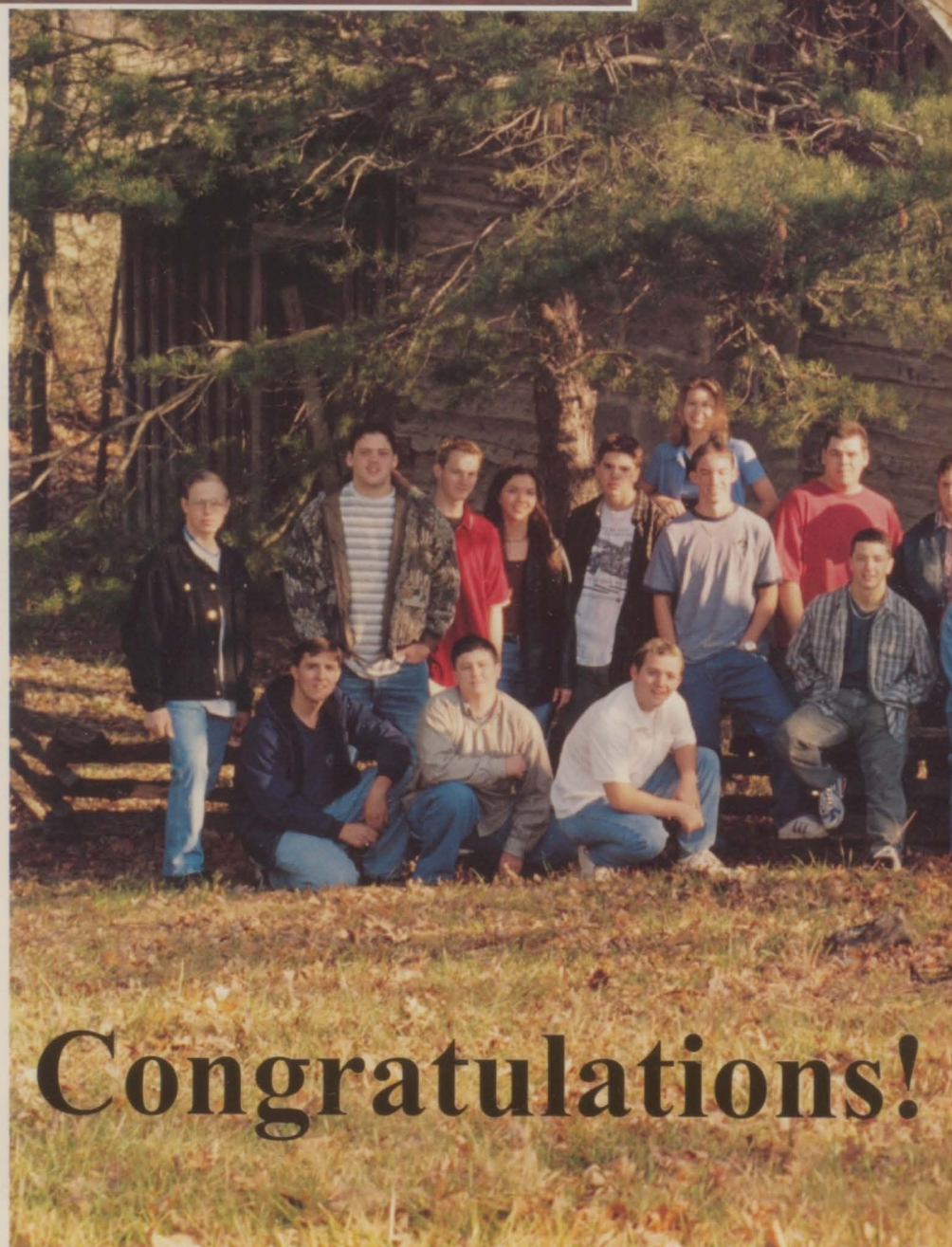
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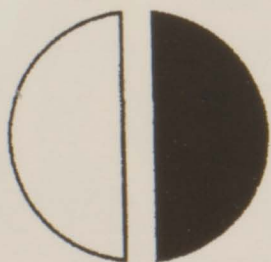
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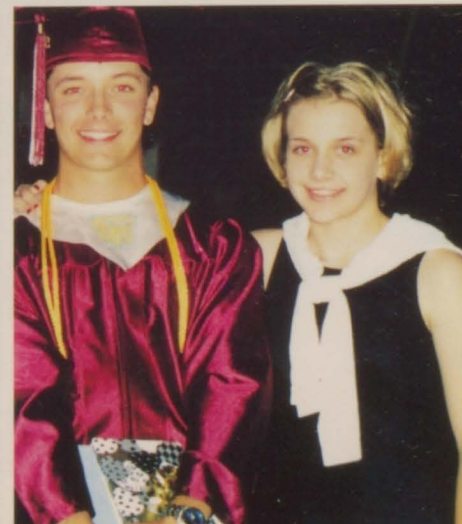
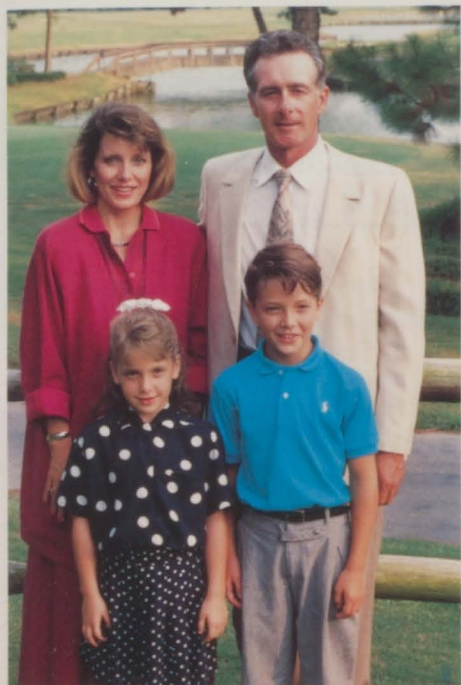
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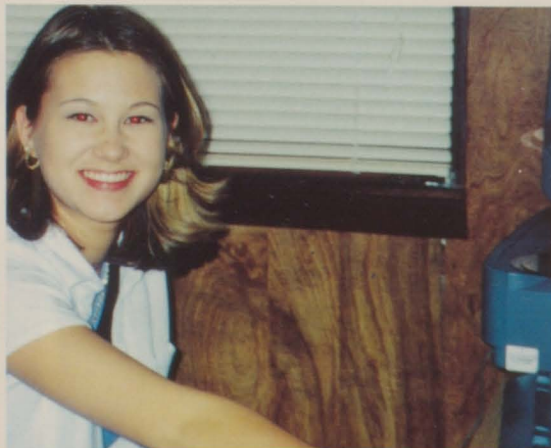
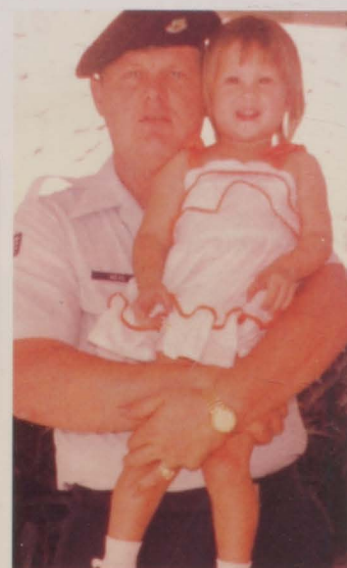
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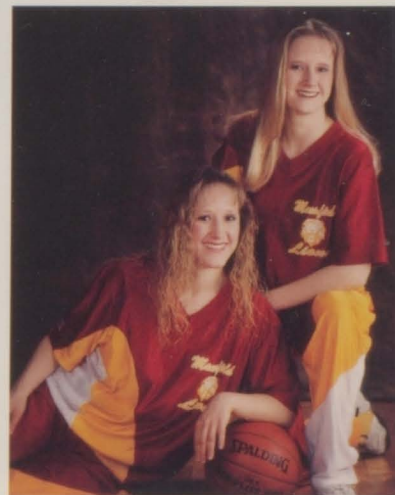
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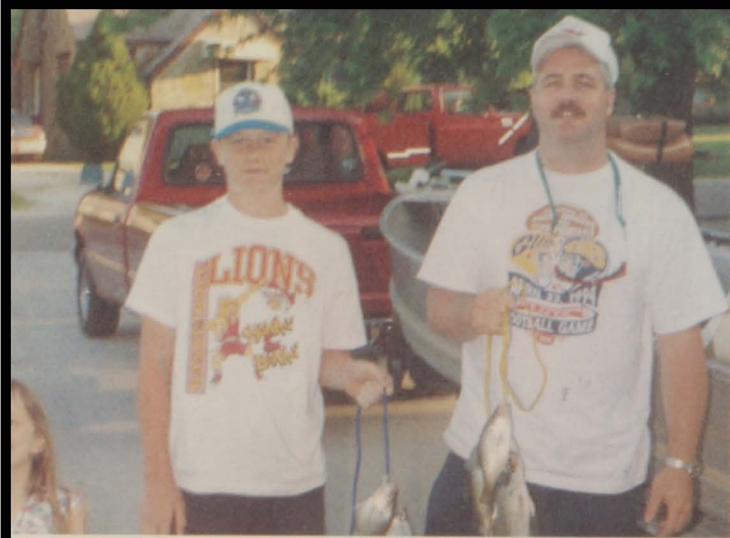
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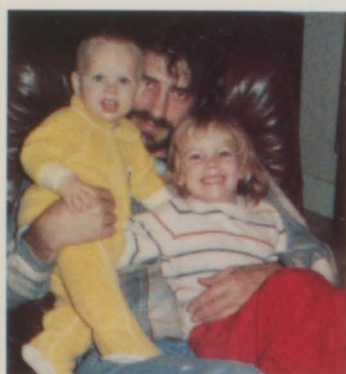
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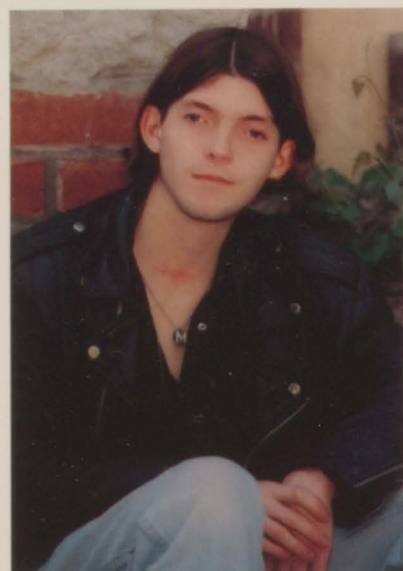
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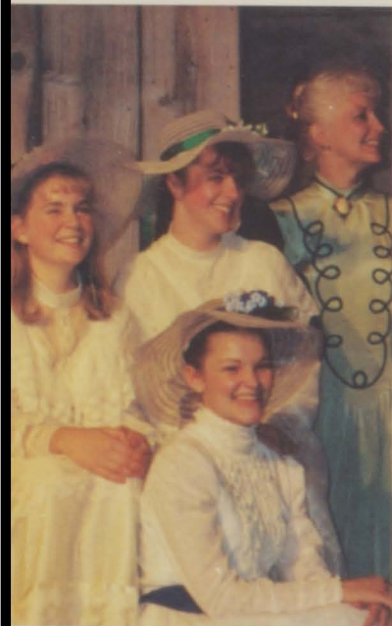
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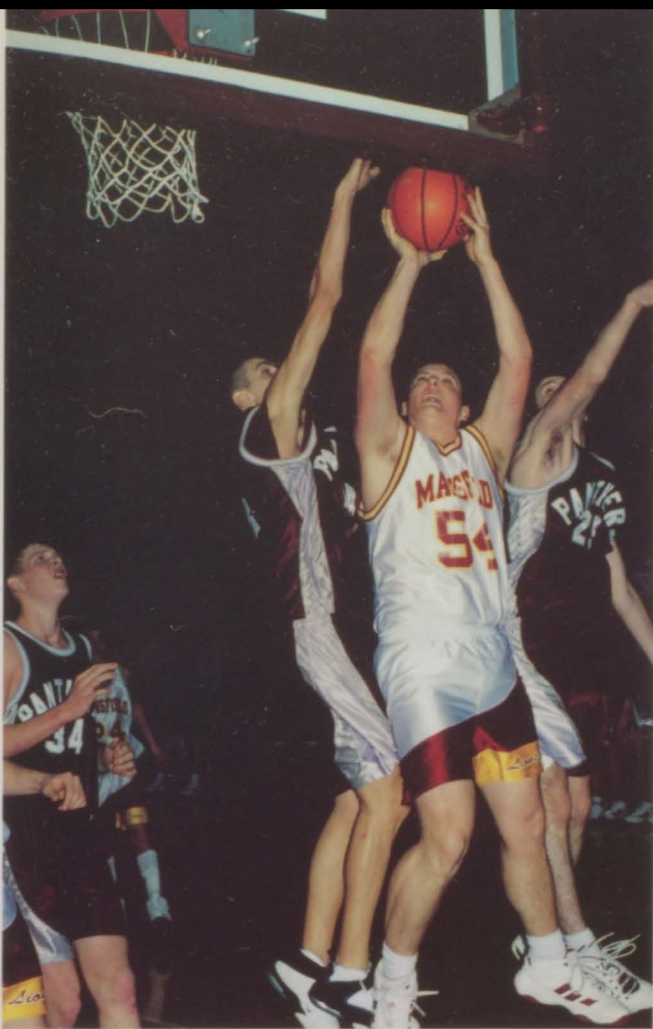


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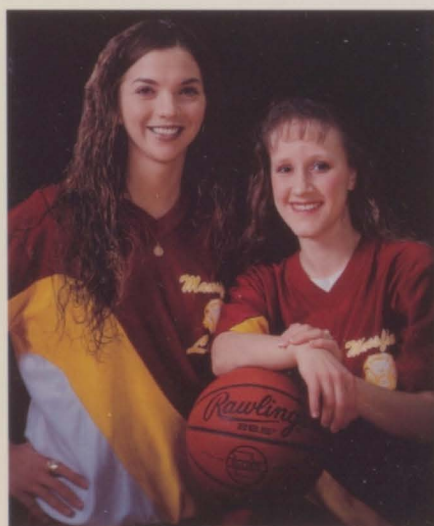
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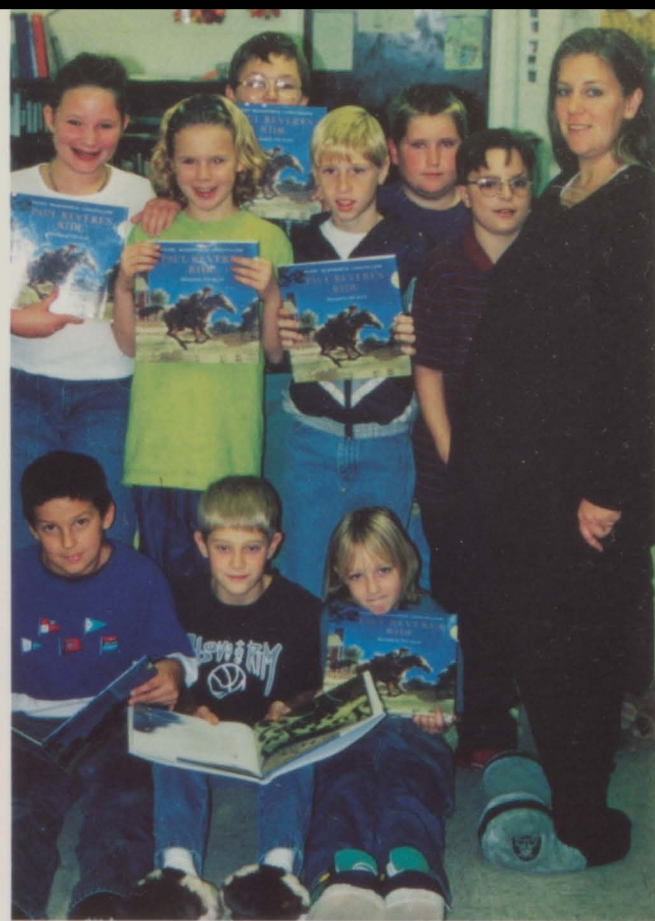
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FLUTIST KIM HILL accompanies Nathan Rummens (Eyore) and Erin Dierksen (Winnie-the Pooh) in a Disney medley at the talent show sponsored by the choir.

READING ABOUT THE American Revolution, fifth grade students of Jaci Engel get ready for *Paul Revere's Ride*. They are wearing house shoes for a special day during Accelerated Reading Week.

DRESSED FOR THE beach, Kelly Brazeal, high school counselor, jazzes up the lip sync contest at prom. Brazeal teamed up with Roger Wood, social studies teacher, and senior Shannon Wallin for a rendition of "Wipe-Out."

ENGLISH TEACHER RUSSELL Cox ponders a question during a late-night Trivia Pursuit game at the high school's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life campsite. Waiting for his answer are Debbie Sanders, Bob Gilmore, and Theresa Leonard.



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AT YOUR SERVICE. Leanne Moody, Jesse Stuart, Amanda Neal, and Joey Neal draw laughs by pantomiming "Honey, I'm Home" at the talent show while Rachel Giddings (right) does a hill-billy comedy routine.



NEXT IN LINE to receive diplomas at Eighth Grade Graduation are (front) Lisa Chambers, Brett Bailey, Amanda Walker, and Cody Corder.

SAILOR RICK WEAVER sings "I'll Be Home for Christmas," at Sentimental Journey while Chris Berry, Brooke Hurst, and Mandy Goss listen.



ALL HEADS DOWN. David Shevchuk (left), Garret Keith, Eli Helms, and Paul Moody check out an interesting note after Eighth Grade Graduation.

LIFE WAS UNCOMFORTABLE during the Depression as American History students Steven Ward, Justin Carter, and Eric McQuigg reenact. During the 1930s, homeless people often found shelter in boxes and used newspapers for cover.

BLOWING A BUBBLE, third graders Rashawnda Jackson and Jacob Skaggs (below right) pay close attention to an assembly in the multipurpose room.



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PRACTICING SKILLS IN Journalism I Carrie Jarrett, Lindsay Hannaford, and Alesha Jones interview each other.

AT THE CLOSE of graduation, seniors (far left) celebrate with hoops and yells and silly string. Left, Joe Ehlers uses a band saw to cut a slab of wood in woodworking class.

DON'T TRY THIS at home. Veteran rollerblader Matt Byerlee demonstrates a trick for an informative "how-to" speech in Communications. He advises beginners to "learn the basics first before attempting tricks."



GETTIN' A LOOK. Mock Homecoming contestants Austin Miller with escort Janisha Bennett and contestant Kevin Heatherly with Kristina Shropshire wait for results of the contest. The "lady in red" was voted the winner by student applause at the Homecoming pep rally. Right, fourth grader Chelsea House plays a piano solo in the gymnasium for the talent show.



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SOBERING STATISTICS. Students participating in ESP's "white-out" day symbolize the number of teens who die daily in alcohol-related traffic deaths in the United States.

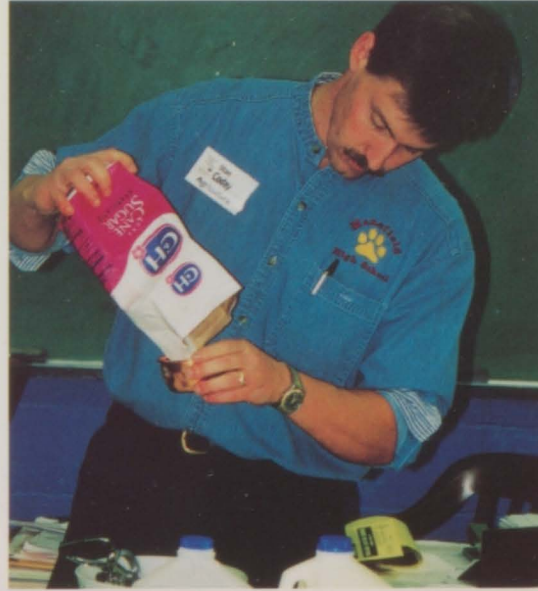
PASS HIM AROUND. Shannon Wallin is hoisted up by the guys during a dance at prom.





KINDERGARTEN TEACHER KELLEY Jones and FHA member Melissa Napier help a ghost dress for the Halloween class party. Below left, Coach Keat Kistler jumps against a member of the Harlem Entertainers in a basketball game, sponsored by the Senior Class to raise funds for Project Graduation.

MEASURING INGREDIENTS, FFA Adviser Stan Coday mixes up a batch of homemade vanilla ice cream for FFA members to make and serve at open house in October. Below, elementary pom-pom girls perform with Spirit Squad members at a basketball game.



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LANGUAGE ARTS FAIR winners Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Chelsea House, and Lauren Rummens pick up their trophies and ribbons at the elementary fair in the multipurpose room.

MOTHER GOOSE PRESENTS the 10 colors of character in a school-wide elementary assembly. Clockwise, Josh Cornelius, Ronnie Delapp, Evan Jones, Adam Keith, Ryan Harris, and Kendall Findley.

■ Just plain fun! Summer school students cool off from sweltering June temperatures in the city pool. Summer school is in session for four-weeks.

■ Hands-on learning. Science teacher Pam Probert helps Ben Moody and Austin Miller tape data to boards for science fair.



■ Cultural adventure. Kennith Bennett rides the ferry across the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty on Staten Island. He and 17 other choir members experienced a five-day trip to New York City.

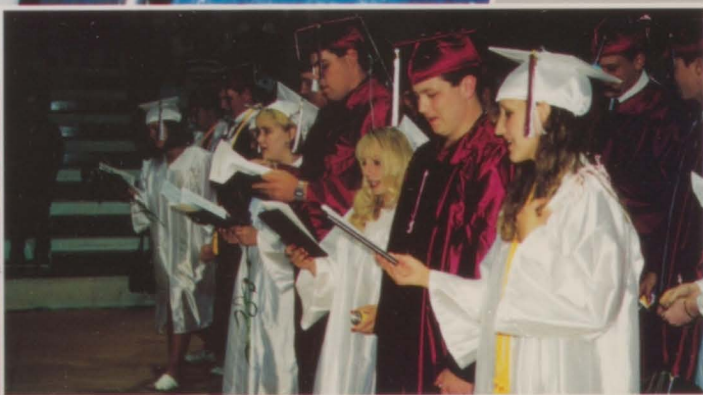


■ Helping others helps everyone. National Honor Society member Janisha Bennett is held prisoner at Relay for Life until someone bails her out with a donation to the American Cancer Society. Mansfield had three teams represented at the ACA benefit.




In the WORKS

As the headline suggests, MHS is a work in progress because in education we are always learning and changing in that process. After an honest look back, we admit that improvements can be made. Even schools recognized as the best have problems. But pockets of excellence can be found in 1999 including: ■ A+ School designation, ■ violence prevention efforts like "fight-free" school status and zero tolerance policy, ■ increasing graduation requirements, ■ technology grants, ■ new course offerings like Principles of Technology, Speech and Debate, and math and business dual credit classes, ■ the baseball team's 11th straight District title, and ■ a choir performance at Carnegie Hall. This is an optimistic story for it demonstrates what can be accomplished to improve campus life as MHS heads into the millennium.



■ Ready for the future. The Class of 1999 joins together for a last song at graduation.



■ Leading the way. Dustin McCleary gets a high five from Coach Doug Jones after hitting a homerun in the Hartville game during District playoffs. The Lions established a new school record for 61 homeruns in a season beating the previous record of 53 set in 1991.







