

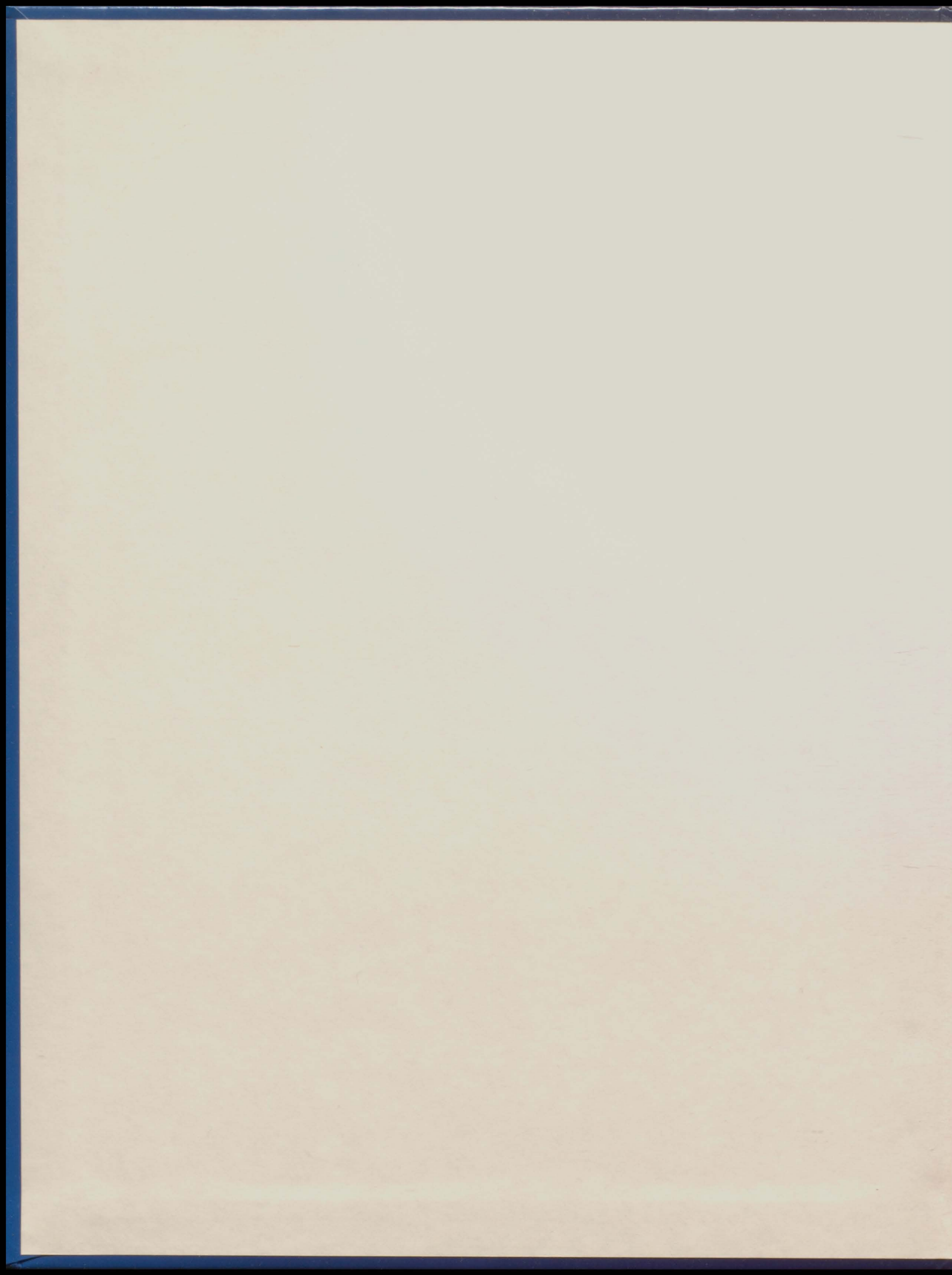


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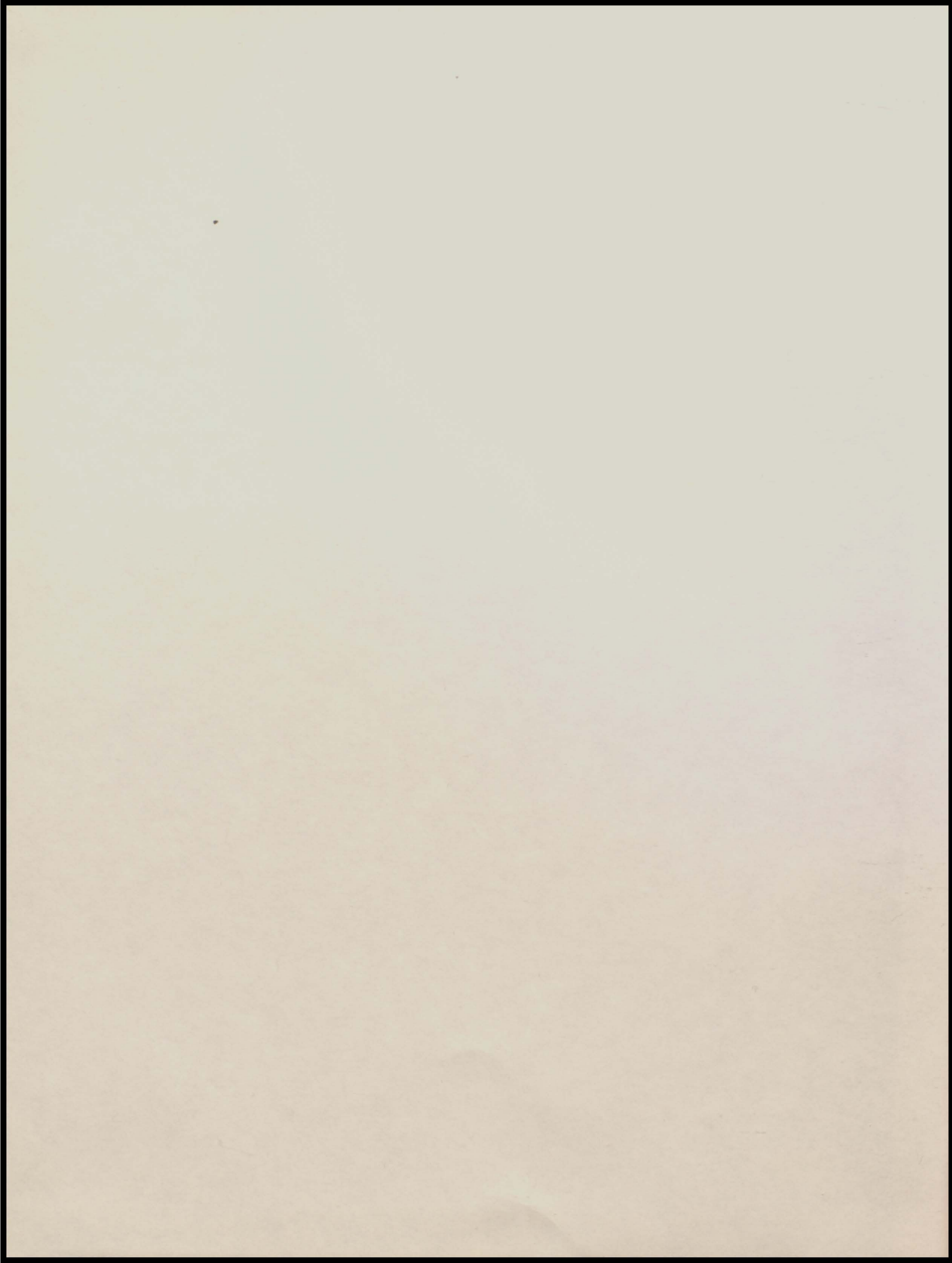
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**NEXT STOP, REAL world!**  
Sara Leonard and Rick Weaver, walking together in the graduation recessional, both plan to attend college in the fall. School Board President Eddie Calhoun (below) presents Jeanenne Sewell her diploma at graduation ceremonies.



Afton Ivy and  
Scott Jackson



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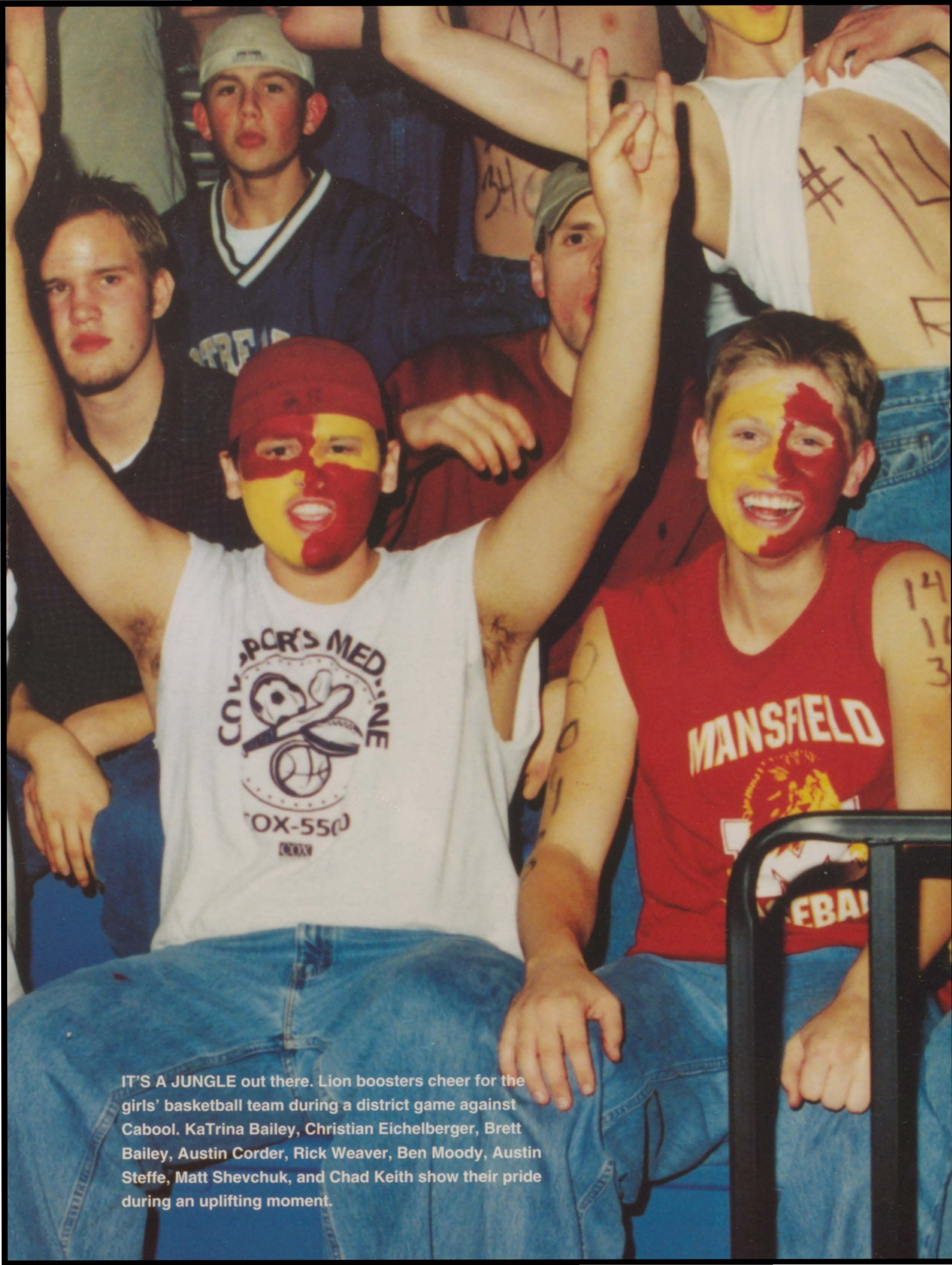
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IT'S A JUNGLE out there. Lion boosters cheer for the girls' basketball team during a district game against Cabool. KaTrina Bailey, Christian Eichelberger, Brett Bailey, Austin Corder, Rick Weaver, Ben Moody, Austin Steffe, Matt Shevchuk, and Chad Keith show their pride during an uplifting moment.



■ **IN THE MOOD.** Choir members embrace the sentiment that swept the country after World War II as they sing on the square for Missouri's Community Betterment Committee. Clockwise, Amanda Clash, David Scrivner, Cody Corder, Rachel Giddens, Chandra Romero, Brooke Hurst, Steven Collins, Kelly Carampatan, and John Blaine.







**B**efore anything else, of course, a school is a collection of people. Its identity is defined by the skills, the priorities, and the style of its students and faculty—by the things they do and the way they go about their work. With the theme, *What Really Matters*, we examine things that were important to people, that represented accomplishments, and that defined the year. On the following pages is a pictorial glimpse of Mansfield School and what makes it tick.

**2000**

**WHAT REALLY MATTERS**

# A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATTER

## STUDENT LIFE



**IT CAN BE A DILEMMA. FINDING TIME TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO— LIKE HOMEWORK, ASSIGNMENTS, READING, ERRANDS, PART-TIME JOBS, TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF— WHILE STILL HAVING TIME TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO— LIKE HOBBIES, SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT BRINGS YOU PLEASURE.**

**M**HS students juggled their lives no differently. Junior

Lindsay Hannaford expressed a popular sentiment.

"Most kids I know are peer driven and spending time with friends is really important," she said. Many students chose to go with friends on the U.S. Space and Rocket Center trip (below), sponsored by the science and math clubs.

Others met up with friends dancing at Barnwarming, building scenery for Homecoming, cruising down Commercial Street or as sophomore David Hipkins said, "just standing around at Coday-Freeman ballpark with trunks popped, listening to dueling radios."



**DOWN JOHN Q.** Hammons Parkway, the band marches in cadence in the SMSU Homecoming parade in October. Area schools were invited to participate in the annual parade which typically lasts two hours.

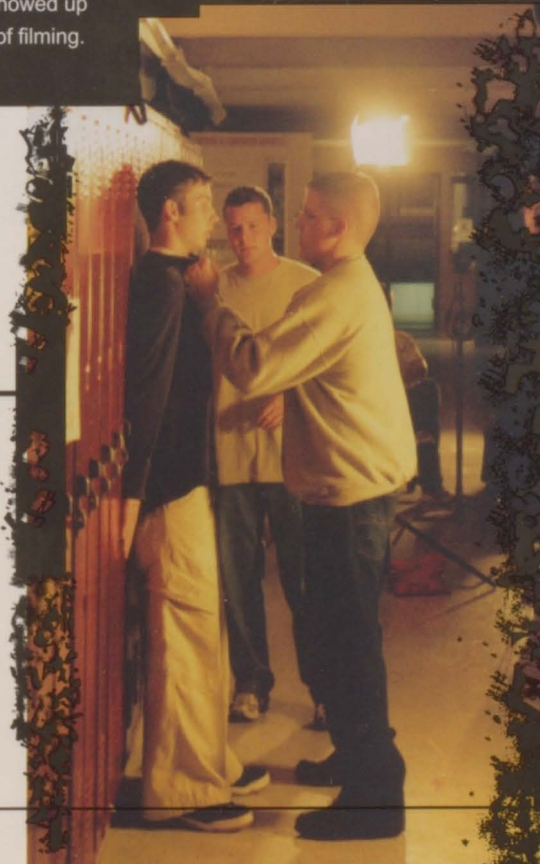
BY TARA ALLEN AND LINDSAY HANNAFORD



**FARMER BOYS**, a performing group from Little House Memories outdoor play, sing "Grandma's Feather Bed" for visitors at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum on Rocky Ridge Day. Director Pat Allen accompanies Landon Jarrett, Kyle Rummens, Drew Newberry, Austin Wight, Joey Neal, Nathan Rummens, Matthew Leonard, and Vince Miller.



**GET REEL.** Acting in a movie being filmed on campus, Jeremy Archer (below left) plays a student who becomes the victim of a school bully, played by a SMSU actor. Glen Evans, a '94 MHS graduate, directed the film for a project at SMSU. Local students, cast as extras, showed up on a Sunday for 14 hours of filming.



**RETHINK THE DRESS CODE.** Sixth graders Les Parsons, Trampus Hire, Jesse Stuart, and Amanda Hilton ham it up in the middle school hall during Spirit Week.





**M**onths of planning and fundraising paid off when students boarded the bus at 4:30 a.m. and stashed their bags in bins. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Michell King, math club sponsor, attempts to fix the VCR on the bus which broke after the first movie. "The bus trip seemed shorter...until the VCR and the heater broke," Joe Gresham said jokingly. TOP LEFT: Coming to a stop, Ben Moody finishes riding the Multi-Axis trainer, a weightlessness simulator. LEFT: In a frictionless state, KaTrina Bailey grips the bars as she glides on a Manned Maneuvering unit, the backpack that allows astronauts to work untethered from the shuttle. BELOW: Outside the training center, the group gathers for a lecture on shuttle technology. Students received logbooks to document their activities as a reference for reports, presentations, and science projects.



# Sweet home Alabama

## U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER

**MATH AND SCIENCE STUDENTS GOT THE MOON** and the stars during a three-day trip in March to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Traveling via chartered bus, 49 students and five sponsors talked, slept, and amused themselves for nine hours through five states. For many students, it was their first trip to the South. Upon arrival, students settled into dormitories housing six to seven people to a room and community bathrooms. "It got a little crowded," sophomore Stefanie Blevins said, "but it wasn't that bad."

Later, they toured various space crafts, participated in interactive presentations about life in space, and rode space simu-

lators. On the g-force machine, students were strapped inside a device similar to a flying saucer and spun around at 40 miles per hour, simulating 4Gs. Another favorite, the Space Shot, simulated a shuttle takeoff by seating 11 people on a movable platform and firing them up a tall tower creating weightlessness. While some rode once on a dare, others went back for more thrills. Junior Sarah Brown said, "All the rides were pretty neat and were the better part of the trip." Michell King, math club sponsor, said they saw things that have been and will be part of history. "One of the space station modules will go up within the next three years," she said.

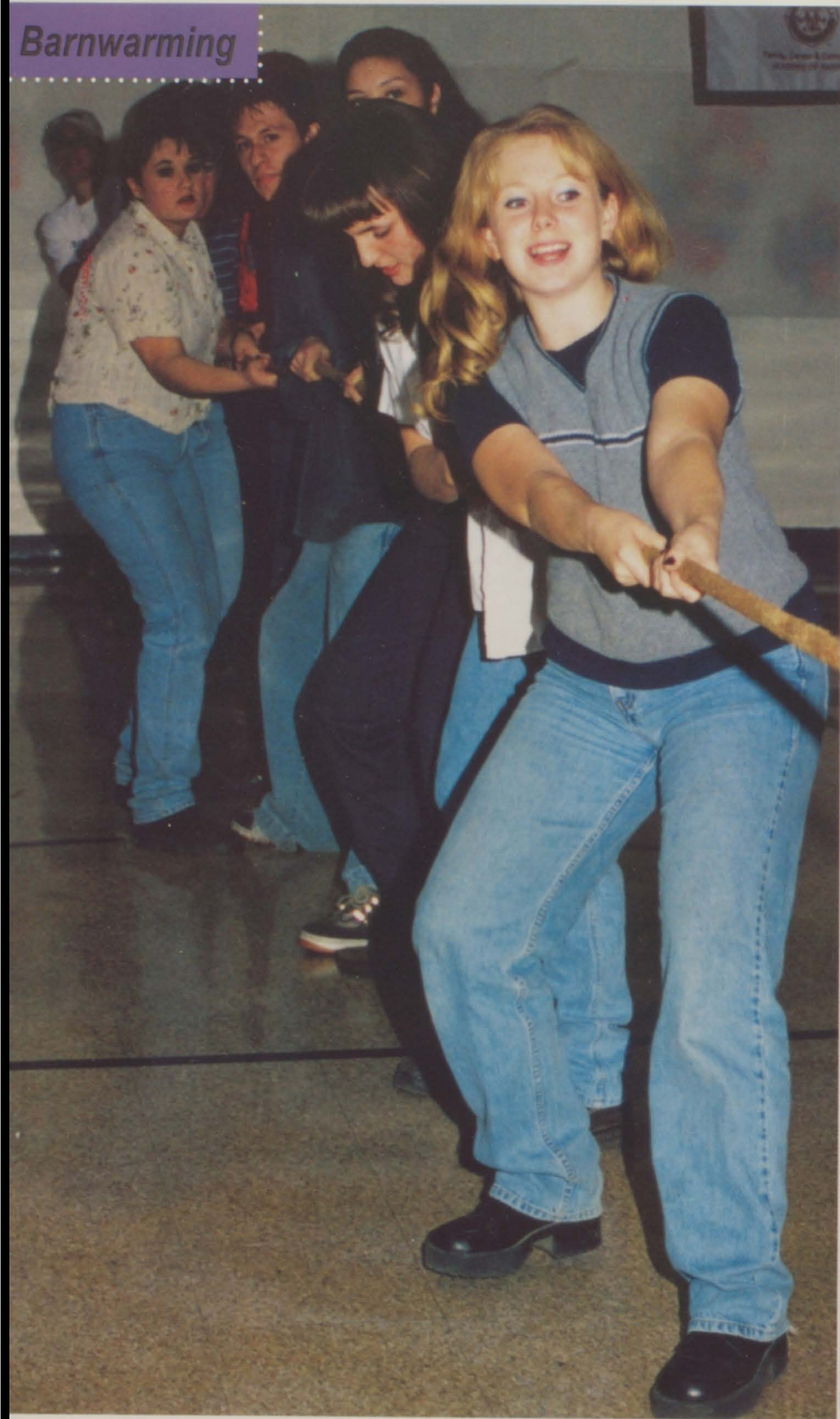


CATCHING SOME GS. Students lift off on the Space Shot, a motion simulator that blasts 150 feet in the air with 4Gs of force. Math and science club members toured the U.S. Space Center as part of a three-day trip to Huntsville, AL.





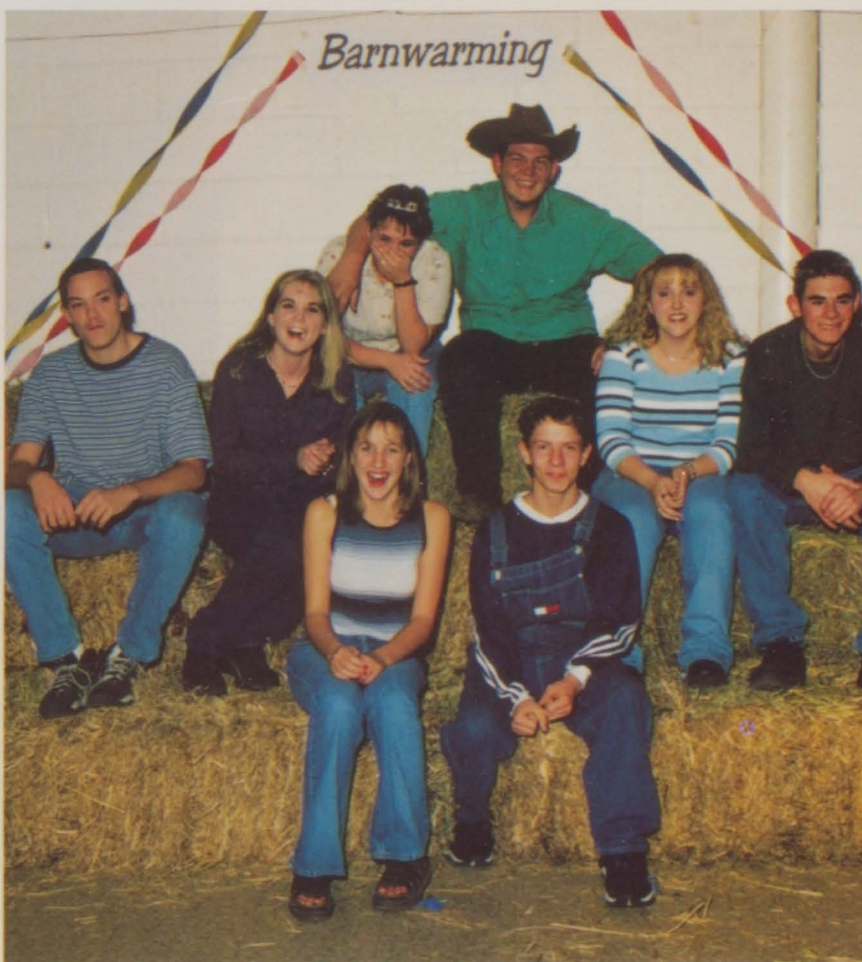
## Barnwarming



**L**eaders of the pack, Bridgett Harris pulls for the junior class in the traditional class versus class game of tug of war. Teammates Dannette Sickels, Tara Jackson, Keith Jackson, and Ashley Maxwell add their support. ABOVE RIGHT: Competition from upperclassmen gets intense, but seniors battle their way to victory. Jeremiah Sewell gets back up from Rick Weaver, Austin Corder, Craig Letsinger, and Byron Clark.



**C**LOCKWISE: In the driver's seat, Ashley Maxwell and partner Rick Ramsey compete in the wheelbarrow race. Later, Ramsey and Maxwell (top), crowned Barnwarming King and Queen, share a laugh with other candidates: seniors Steven Collins and Sara Leonard (left), sophomores Lindsey Dunbar and Justin Carter, and freshmen Kasie Rueff and Travis Hilliard. BELOW: Hula hoop in position, Randy Kramm shows off his grade school skills after rivaling classes crawled through hoops for the fastest time.



# Wild Wild West

**FALL WESTERN ROUNDUP**

**COUNTRY FLAVOR AND WESTERN FLAIR CAME** together at the co-sponsored FFA/FCCLA Barnwarming dance. While dates were mixed up and no official disc jockeys showed, Austin Corder and Keith Jackson substituted as disc jockeys for the evening. "Actually, it may have turned out better because they played music the kids really liked," Arlene Magnin, principal and chaperone, said. "Lots of people were on the floor dancing," Corder said. "Except for slow songs, most people just dance in big groups."

While many students come dressed in western clothes like jeans, boots, and hats, others show up in "what's comfortable and clean" according to senior Jeremiah Sewell.

Class rivalry in the annual tug of war game pulled in the most participation. "It's the best part," freshman Whitney Hannaford said. "It's an all out war between upperclassmen and lowerclassmen. But this year, we got the sophomores!" Other games included wheelbarrow relay races, roping, hoola hoops, and hay bale throwing.

Culminating the event, junior candidates Ashley Maxwell and Rick Ramsey, were crowned Barnwarming Queen and King. Everyone laughed when Ramsey caught Maxwell off guard with a congratulatory kiss during the crowning. "You just wouldn't believe the surprised look on her face," senior Sara Leonard said.



A world of song, music, comedy, and imagination gave students a chance to develop skills in performance. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Talent show entertainers belt out "Zippity-do-dah" in the finale. Casting a moment of high drama, Amanda Clash as Priscilla is snared by evil villain Rachel Giddens in a scene from the melodrama "The Perils of Priscilla". RIGHT: Bumping buddies Tyler Page and Dean Gower sing "Side By Side" at the talent show. BELOW: Center stage at the Dixie Stampede in Branson, John Blaine, Sara Leonard, Lora Thompson, and Chandra Romero entertain dinner guests in "I'll Be Home For Christmas," a '40-50s themed musical.



# Curtain call

## CHOIR TAKES A BOW

**IT'S A MAGIC MOMENT IN A THEATER WHEN THE** houselights dim and all eyes focus on the stage. Choir students of Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher, received a special invitation to be the pre-show at the Dixie Stampede dinner theater in Branson in November. They entertained the audience with "I'll Be Home for Christmas", a musical reminiscent of tunes from the 1940-1950s. Girls dressed in poodle skirts and white canvas shoes, boys in gold buttoned military uniforms, and an appearance from "Elvis" formed the nucleus of the 30-minute show. "I was intimidated to sing in front of people who came to see real performers," freshman Brett Bailey said. "Through all the worry, we still had fun." A second performance of the show honored local veterans in the community and featured a patriotic medley of armed forces' theme songs.

In the spring, a schoolwide talent show casts a combination of

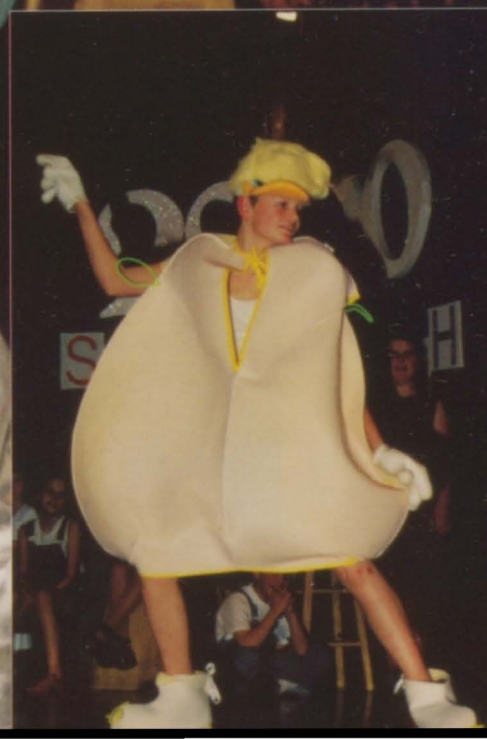
25 acts ranging from vocalists and slapstick comedy routines to dancing and playing musical instruments. Students are ready, willing, and able to reel in an audience and provide an evening of surprisingly great talent, Spyres said. Fifth grader Audra Dierksen said, "My favorite part was when Alex Dunbar and Taylor Thompson danced and sang "Rockin' Robin."

A year end show featured student directed melodramas, "The Perils of Priscilla" and "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge." A combination of characters brought laughs and beckoned the audience to cheer for the heroine and boo and hiss for the villain. Roles from B.J. Batten, a hillbilly hero, and Crystal Wilson, a scared murder witness, brought chuckles from the audience. "It takes a lot of work to look spontaneous," Batten said. "We spend many hours after school in rehearsal."

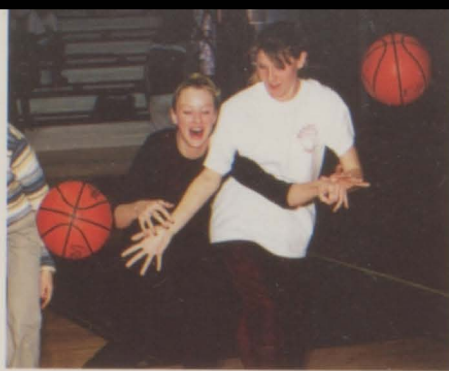


Sporting metallic pants and a Michael Jackson look-a-like wig, seventh grader Alex Dunbar brings disco alive in a duet dance skit with Taylor Thompson (inset) as "Rockin' Robin."

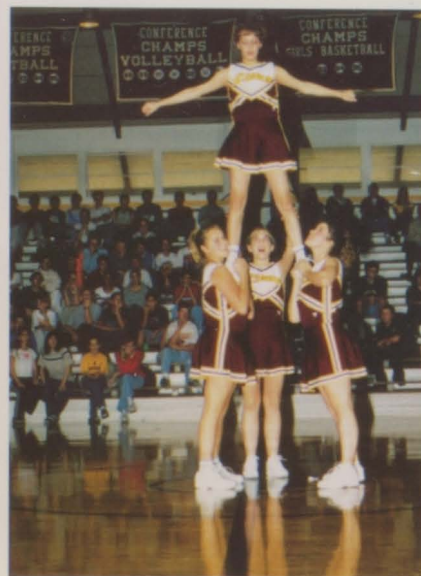
## Musicals







A week of dress up days and activities gave everyone a chance to show their school spirit. Lindsay Hannaford and Tara Allen scramble for a runaway ball in dribble tag at the pep rally. Both girls and boys basketball teams challenged each other for the titles of Dribble King and Queen; LEFT: Keychains, beanie babies, and books on her head, Michell King, math teacher, depicts Kim Hill for Favorite Student/Teacher Day. BELOW: Topping off a cheer at the pep rally, squad members Sara Edmonds (top), Amanda Baty, Sara Leonard, and Kodi Harris focus on a clean completion.



# Staying connected

## SMALL SCHOOL, BIG SPIRIT

**SPIRIT WEEK PROVIDES AN INCREDIBLE** jump-start to school morale as well as a kick off for the basketball season. Dress up days challenge students to flex their creative muscles and express their school spirit by concocting outfits for each theme day. For some, it's the most fun week of the year. "Now I know why kids wear super baggy clothes...They're so comfortable," Marcella Davenport, English teacher said when dressed like sophomore Jacob Magnin on Favorite Teacher/Student Day. Other special days included 80s Flashback, Camouflage, Pajama, Hat, and School Colors.

Cheerleaders flooded the hall with inspirational mes-

sages and personal notes of encouragement to players on lockers. "We worked after school putting up hall and locker decorations and making signs," cheerleader Amanda Baty said. Looking for more participation from the student body, the hard work paid off. "It seemed to unite the student body as well as lift the spirits for the team," Rick Weaver, basketball player, said. The week culminated with a pep rally. Music by the Pep Band, games, Spirit Squad cheers, and Pom Pon dance routines kept the atmosphere upbeat. "It must have helped," Lindsay Hannaford, basketball player, said. "We [girls] opened with a 52-39 victory over Willow Springs that night."





**J**ammin'. One of the most popular dress up days finds students wearing slippers, night gowns, boxers, and robes. "I actually borrowed my mother's things," Quentin Hammond said about his red teddy bear gown and scuffs. **BELOW:** Hoisting the lion, Kevin Altman, Jonathan Walker, and Josh Cleaver surprise the mascot, Byron Clark by parading him around the gym during the pep rally.

## Spirit Week

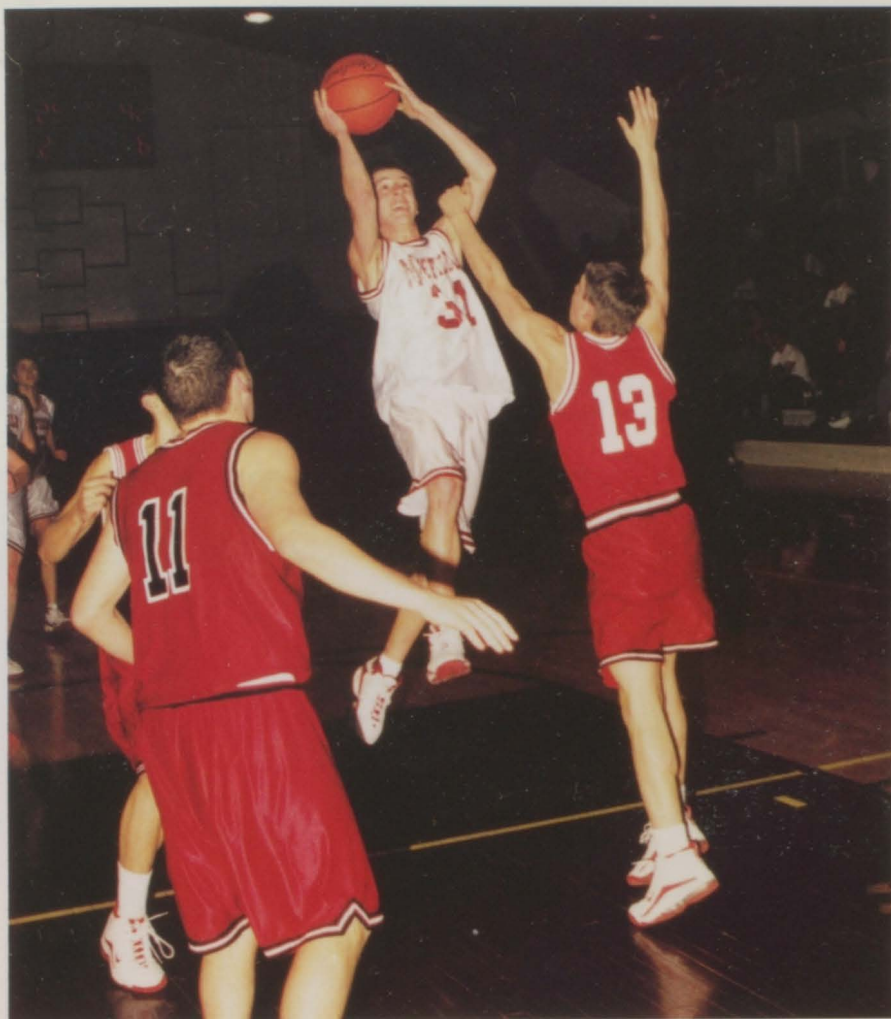




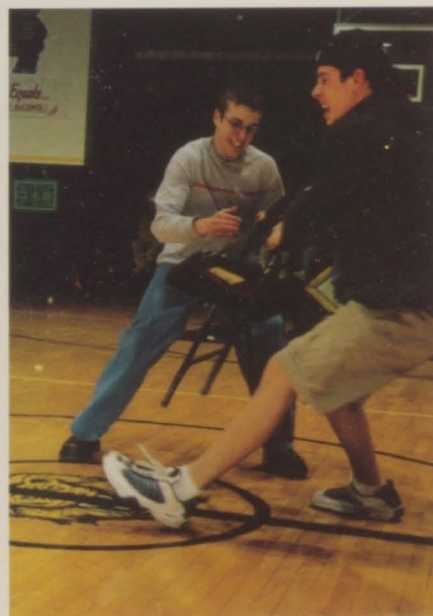


**H**omecoming Royalty Front- senior candidate Janisha Bennett, flower girl Jamie Smith, queen KaTrina Bailey, crown bearer Jordan Tyler Fleetwood, and senior candidate Kristina Shropshire. Back-sophomore princess Lora Thompson, junior princess Lindsay Hannaford, and freshman princess Courtney Allen.





**C**LOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Keeping it in the family, KaTrina Bailey is crowned by 1999 queen Tracy Oberbeck. Bailey's sister NaTasha was homecoming queen in 1998. At the pep rally, Pom Pon dancers Tina Crain, Sarena Baugh, and Kasie Rueff perform high kicks to "Rockefeller Skank". LEFT: Justin Kingery takes to the skies for two points in the junior varsity game against Gainesville. The Bulldogs won both junior varsity and varsity games. BELOW: A friendly game of musical chairs gets serious between finalists Zach Miller and Cody Corder at the pep rally.



# It's about time

## KEEPING UP TRADITIONS

**JUST THE LOGISTICS OF SELECTING A THEME,** building a set, organizing publicity, a pep rally, a crowning ceremony and a dance, and playing two basketball games, makes some people dizzy. All of this on top of the normal demands of school makes for a long, exhausting couple of weeks for Student Council members and other groups involved in Homecoming. "Decorating was a lot of fun, but it was still a lot of hard work," sophomore Brooke Hurst said referring to countless hours spent after school and on weekends. After viewing the final product, Hurst said, "I felt so proud to be involved in the construction when I actually saw the set." Gold, silver, and black balloons, and a time-

piece that stood in front of a lighted city completed the theme "Only Time Will Tell" and provided the backdrop for the crowning ceremony at halftime.

Others preparing for the annual event included the Pom Pon squad, who practiced their dance for weeks before and after school. "It's expected to be better than the rest," senior Sarena Baugh said. In addition, Spirit Squad members decorated the lobby, hallways, and lockers.

For students like sophomore Jason Storm, the investment in time and energy paid off in the long run. "I thought it was a blast," he said. "It was so much better than homecoming at my old school, especially the decorations."





**M**aking the list means meeting the high academic or athletic standards necessary to receive an invitation to attend.

LEFT: Kristina Shropshire, National Honor Society vice president, inducts Matt Shevchuk as the incoming vice president at the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Fifteen students were selected as new members. RIGHT: Science teacher Pam Probert presents the 2000 Bausch & Lomb award to Amanda Clash who also earned a medal for Advanced Chemistry. BELOW: For promoting school spirit, Carol Anderson, cheerleading sponsor, awards letters to cheerleaders Sara Leonard, Amanda Baty, Rachel McCall, and Sara Edmonds. After a four-year absence, the squad revived itself as a separate entity from the Pom Pon squad.



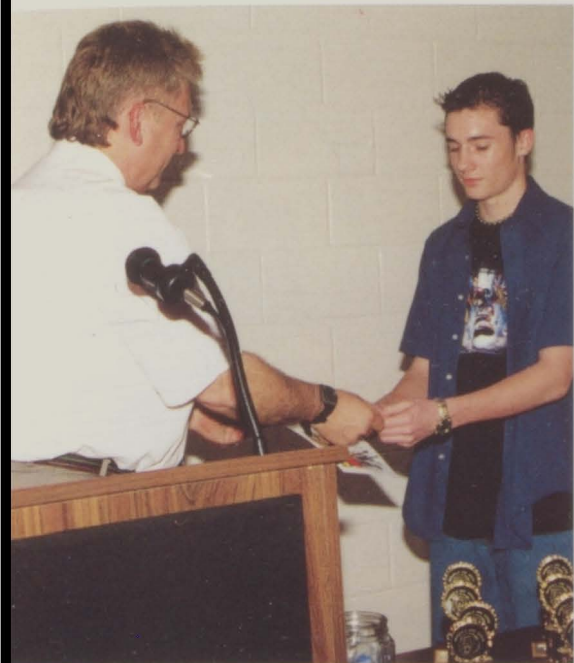
# Celebrating excellence

ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC HONORS





## Award Banquets



It's what is right in American schools today-- excellence! By acknowledging brawn and brains, athletic and academic award nights seek to promote and celebrate all facets of school achievements. At the conclusion of the year, separately held events are traditional ways of saying, "Well done!"

At the **Academic Awards Banquet**, administrators awarded letters to students who excelled in the classroom and teachers spotlighted students who worked hard and achieved success. ABOVE: For excellence in art, Craig Letsinger receives recognition from Dean Bray, art teacher. RIGHT: Marcella Davenport, English teacher, congratulates Language Arts Fair trophy winners: KaTrina Bailey, persuasive; Janisha Bennett, news writing; and Whitney Hannaford, personal essay.

Addressing the audience at the **Athletic Awards Night**, Doug Jones, athletic director, said, "Athletics, we truly believe, helps mold a student in a positive fashion." With that in mind, he publicly thanked parents, administrators, and others for their support of the athletic program. Then coaches introduced players lettering in their respective sports and singled out those making special contributions or improvement. TOP RIGHT: Alisha Stewart and Jana Young share a laugh while Bob Gilmore, assistant basketball coach, talks about the team. Stewart won Most Improved Player and Young earned the Best Defense award.





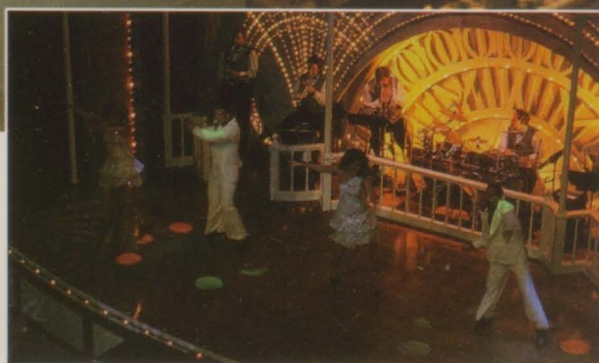
**A**fter riding buses from the school, prom goers embark the Showboat Branson Belle at 7:15 p.m. from White River Landing. RIGHT: Later in the evening, the party moves to the third level of the boat where Starlight Music hosts the dance under a large decorated canopy until 1 a.m. Most students said the change in music, food, and atmosphere suited them. "I enjoyed prom a lot more than last year," Scott Jackson said. "The disc jockey was a lot better and I just had more fun."



## Branson Belle



**S**hortly after launching, waiters serve a three-course prime rib dinner topped off with Flaming Baked Alaska to guests seated at tiered-level tables. RIGHT: During dinner, Russian dancers and a nationally acclaimed ventriloquist, accompanied by two sidekicks and his dog, entertain the audience.







**B**oogie nights. "I love to dance," Rachel McCall said. "I wish we could have skipped it [the show] and started dancing earlier." **CLOCK-WISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Zach Miller and Austin Corder get down with their own style. Sharing a smile, Jessica Penn borrows date Scott Litz's jacket to cut the chill from evening temperatures. Even though the weather was misty and cool, students strolled the deck of the ship during the cruise. **BELOW:** Movers and shakers in glittering gowns and black and white tuxedos dazzle on the dance floor. Catching that disco fever are Doug Tripp, Sara Kulp, and Rashelle Thompson. **LEFT:** During the evening, the junior class crowned seniors Kandy Kabage and Matt Byerlee, prom queen and king. Candidates were elected by secret ballot election the week prior to prom.



# Putting on the glitz

## JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

### A MAJESTIC 1890S PADDLEWHEEL RIVERBOAT

guaranteed to make waves for students and guests attending prom on the Showboat Branson Belle. Using the theme, "Drifting on a Dream", the junior class hosted the first time event on Table Rock Lake. Prom goers arrived in high style wearing the season's hues in tuxedos, beaded gowns, and sleek, shimmering tube tops with tulle layered ballgown skirts. The dinner cruise and dance combined a sophisticated mood with an air of nostalgia. Senior Karen Eagleston said it was her first time to have Flaming Baked Alaska. "They actually presented the dessert on stage so everyone could see it flame before they served

us," Eagleston said. While students were dining, entertainment provided by the Showboat Branson Belle featured singing, dancing, and a ventriloquist. "We had a great view of the Russian dancers, and I really liked the ventriloquist," junior Keith Jackson said. Senior Sarena Baugh said the dog act tricked people because the dog moved its mouth like a puppet. "We learned later it was a very clever dog," Baugh said. A new site not only gave students a change of pace, but also it was financially advantageous for the junior class. "It is less expensive, requires less decorating than previous locations, and leaves more money for the class," Michell King, junior class sponsor, said.





## Miss Mansfield



**C**LOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Little Miss Mansfield Nikki Zorsch, second runner-up Brittney Cruse, third runner-up Shelby Brown, and first runner-up Tamara Delcour. ABOVE: Young Miss Mansfield Rashawnda Jackson, first runner-up Ashley Young, second runner-up Emily Nichols, and third runner-up Paige Hoover. LEFT: Miss Mansfield Kristina Shropshire, first runner-up Ashley Jones, second runner-up Kodi Harris, third runner-up Sumer Welch, and Brenna Drakeford, Junior Miss Mansfield.

# The winner's circle

## MISS MANSFIELD CONTEST

**ALL WERE WINNERS BUT FOUR LADIES ROSE TO** the top. From more than 100 contestants, judges had to choose 16 finalists and from them just four top winners and runner-ups in four age groups. Out of 11 contestants from grades 10 - 12, senior Kristina Shropshire will reign as Miss Mansfield 2000. Crowned by last year's queen, Bridget Keys, Shropshire said, "The title is an honor because I have participated in the pageant off and on since elementary school." Other winners are Brenna Drakeford, Junior Miss Mansfield; Rashawnda Jackson, Young Miss Mansfield; and Nikki Zorsch, Little Miss Mansfield.

The Miss Mansfield pageants have been sponsored annu-

ally by FCCLA for more than 20 years as a fundraiser for the club. Teresa Hinsley, FCCLA sponsor, said members are in charge of decorating, supervising contestants, and helping during the event.

Each of the four divisions -- little, young, junior, and miss, allows three consecutive grades to compete. An out-of-town panel judged contestants on smile, poise, appearance and pleasant attitude. As contestants were announced, Master of Ceremony John Hinsley read answers to questions asked of contestants prior to the contest. While judges compiled results, violinist Erica Spyres entertained the audience. The contest boosted entries from last year by 20 percent.





**W**inners of Junior Miss Mansfield are queen

Brenna Drakeford, first runner-up Kasie Rueff, second runner-up Summer Taylor, and third runner-up Whitney Hannaford.

BELOW: At the end of the evening, all four queens pose for a final photograph: Nikki Zorsch, Brenna Drakeford, Kristina Shropshire, and Rashawnda Jackson.





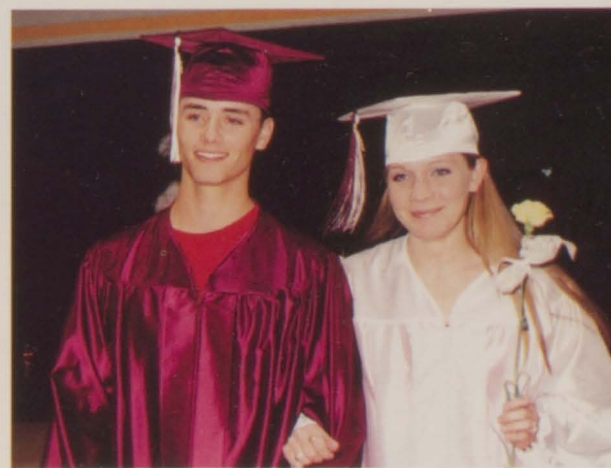






In March, they were in a waiting mode; for many seniors, graduation could not come too soon. "I'm ready to get out of here," Dustin Clark said receiving approving nods from classmates. Waiting in line for the processional, Deidra Wallace echoed the thoughts of others. "I can't believe it's finally here."

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: After graduation, Sumer Welch embraces close friend Kristina Shropshire; Flying silly string and party poppers fill the air when the Class of 2000 is announced to the audience. LEFT: After shaking hands with Eddie Calhoun, school board president, Doug Tripp receives his diploma. Behind them, Superintendent Robert Perry calls each graduate to the stage. BELOW: Dustin McCleary escorts Jessica Roth down the aisle in the processional. Thirty-nine seniors graduated as family and friends watched in a near-capacity filled gymnasium.



# A Matter of Degree

## THE CLASS OF 2000

### THEY WERE IT—THE LAST CLASS OF THE CENTURY.

They were the encore and grand finale to a millennium of historic events and people. "I have always thought about seeing the world turn 2000 and graduating as the Class of 2000," Janisha Bennett said. "In light of all the hype and hoopla, life seems pretty normal. I guess we can just relax and get on with our lives." Before that though, 39 seniors set aside Saturday, May 13, to celebrate 13 years of elementary, middle school, and high school. At graduation ceremonies, Austin Miller, valedictorian and class president, made opening speeches along with salutatorian Zach Miller. The senior choir performed "Letting Go" and a select ensemble sang "In This Very Room." As a final number, Sumer

Welch sang "I Will Remember You", accompanied by Austin Corder on guitar. Principal Arlene Magnin and Kelly Brazeal, counselor, awarded honor students with honor cords. Magnin also recognized students receiving college scholarships for next year. Culminating the ceremony, Superintendent Robert Perry and Eddie Calhoun, school board president, presented graduates with their diplomas as they walked across the platform.

A week earlier, a majority of the class had gathered for Baccalaureate Services, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Stan Welch, minister and father of Sumer Welch, delivered the message to family and friends in the gymnasium.



In a gymnasium full of well-wishers, students are recognized for their achievements and encouraged for their continuing success.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Seconds away from receiving their diplomas, Heather Jasick, Robert Perkins, Tiffany Cline, David Shevchuk, LaToya Bell, and Chris Best wait at the foot of the stage for their names to be called. RIGHT: Admittedly nervous, Eli Helms, eighth grade class president, delivers a speech to classmates, parents and friends. BELOW: With diplomas in hand, Megan Hicks and escort Adam Bennett walk through the crowd in the recessional.



## Graduation



# Moving on up

## COMMENCEMENT MILESTONES

**AS ANXIOUS AS RACEHORSES OUT OF THE** gate, students line up eagerly in the lobby. Toting cameras and video recorders, parents, family members, and friends, begin to fill the gymnasium in anticipation of a special event. In May, kindergarten and eighth grade graduation is a traditional ritual marking a beginning for eighth graders moving on to high school and kindergartners starting first grade.

On May 15, 64 eighth graders participated in commencement ceremonies. Zach Flageolle, middle school Student Council president, welcomed friends and family followed by the eighth grade chorus singing "Take These Wings"

and "Lean On Me." Class president Eli Helms, delivering his first formal speech, recalled humorous incidents and events of the past year. Then, Freddie Doherty, middle school principal, announced the class to Superintendent Robert Perry, who presented diplomas.

On the next night, graduation exercises were held for 60 kindergarten students. Using a Winnie the Pooh theme, the program featured songs and individual speaking parts, directed by Shannon Waldo, instrumental music teacher. Jean Coday, elementary principal, awarded diplomas to 60 students as they walked across a flashbulb-filled stage.





Dressed in their best, the eighth grade girls' chorus performs "Lean On Me" during graduation. Front- April Butcher, Megan Hicks, Hillary Persinger, Brenna Drakeford, and Mandy Rokusek; Row Two- Chasity Olive, Amanda Sherman, Becky Slate, and Brittany Hilton. The ensemble was directed by Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher. BELOW: Using hand motions to depict ears, kindergarten students sing the Winnie the Pooh song on stage at commencement exercises.



"I'm looking forward to high school, but I just hope we're not initiated."  
--Zach Flageolle

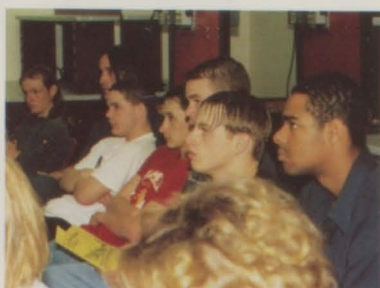


# What's the matter?

A mini-magazine featuring the year's big stories, opinions, and issues in the public debate



**TOP:** Challenging students to know the difference between jobs vs. careers is Greg Kramp, Bryan Career College.



**MIDDLE:** Juniors and seniors check out the session "Making a Good Impression", presented by Jim Evans, Hutchens Industries and Cheryl Parsons, Rocky Ridge Manor.



**BOTTOM:** Radio host and MHS graduate, Curly Clark, KTTS, speaks to students about broadcasting on Career Day.

**OPPOSITE:** Going through the interview process, Joey Harris talks to Terri Scofield, Bank of Mansfield. Interviews helped provide students the tools and skills to be confident and knowledgeable in an interview.

## Job search skills and career exploration for the 21st century

were the focus of spring events sponsored by the A+ schools program. For the second year, Debbie Sanders, A+ coordinator, organized sessions to introduce students to the world of work and workplace prepara-

tion and employment skills.

**On Career Day**, junior and seniors attended breakout sessions on topics related to job awareness and specific career fields. Overall, students gave Career Day a high rating. "I thought it would be very boring, but it was interesting and actually made me start to think

what I want to do in life," Dustin Clark said.

Some students said they gleaned insights about particular fields. "It opened doors to other careers that I had never considered," Sara Leonard said referring to a session presented by Katherine Trombetta, public relations director for the

American Cancer Society.

Other sessions confirmed what students identified as their chosen career areas. Zach Miller said listening to pharmacist David Norman was reassuring and beneficial. "He informed me of weekly hours, wages, and other specialized areas that I can enter with a degree," Miller said.

Putting interview skills in action, juniors participated in **Interview Day**. As part of Career English, they produced resumes, reviewed what to wear, the importance of arriving on time, and being aware of non-verbal behavior.

Then they conducted mock interviews with area business people. After interviewing with at least two people, students assessed their skills. "I was kind of caught off guard on some questions," John Crain said. "I think this is good practice for the real world. Next time I'll think more about what I might say and what questions they might ask."

## Perhaps he holds one of the greatest records

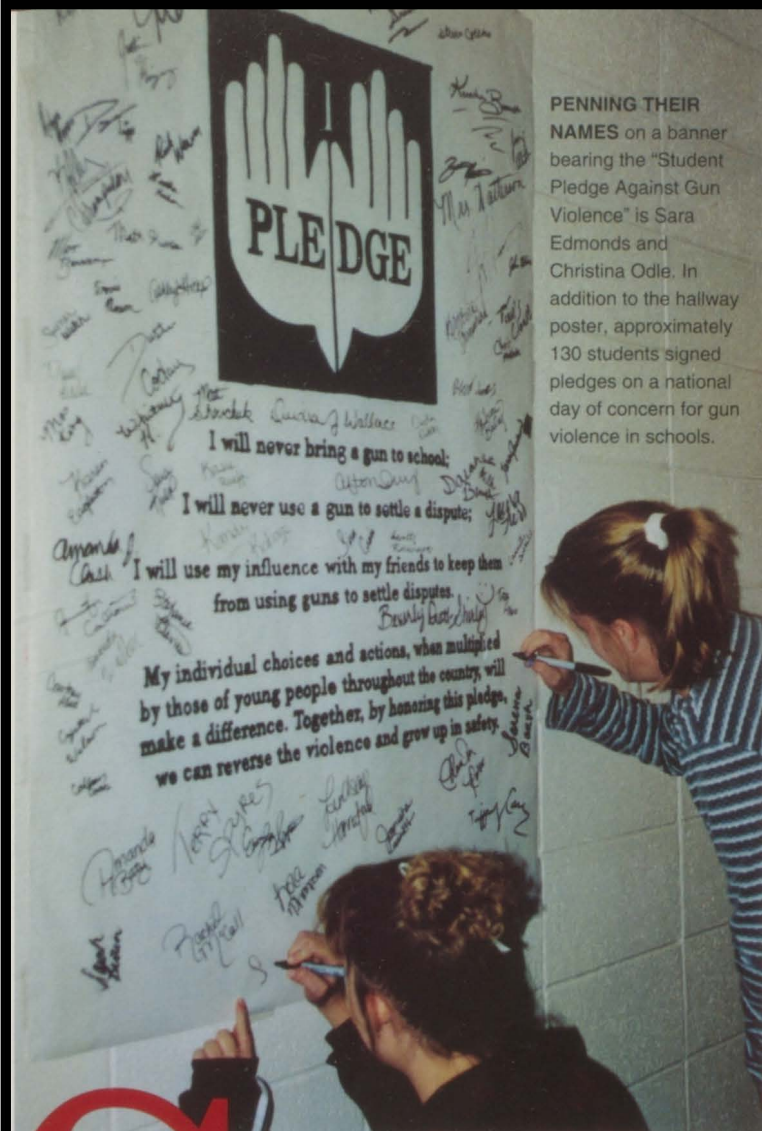
in 2-A high school baseball. So it came as no surprise to many, when **Doug Jones**, Lion's baseball coach, was chosen for Co-coach of the Century by readers of the Springfield News-Leader. Jones has compiled a career win-loss record of 408-108 and has a record of 330-69 during his 13 seasons at Mansfield. When it comes to baseball, Jones made Mansfield

a hotbed. The newspaper described the impact in this way. "Jones transformed tiny Mansfield into a major player in the state's 2-A class in the 1990s, leading the Lions to five final four appearances, two state championships (1995 and '96) and a district title in every season in the decade." Earlier in the year, Jones's lifetime accomplishments were honored by induction into the Missouri Softball Hall of Fame.



**COACH DOUG JONES** oversees a Lions' game in the Branson Tournament held at Price Cutter Park in Ozark with sons Evan and Colton in the dugout.





**PENNING THEIR NAMES** on a banner bearing the "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence" is Sara Edmonds and Christina Odle. In addition to the hallway poster, approximately 130 students signed pledges on a national day of concern for gun violence in schools.

**S**chool safety is an increasingly serious concern for schools across the country. By taking part in a large national observance, students empowered themselves to combat the problem on both the national and community level. Approximately 130 students signed a voluntary promise on **"Pledge Against Gun Violence Day,"** October 21, joining more than one million students making the same decision across the country. "We wanted everyone to understand the importance of individual decisions when multiplied," KaTrina Bailey, president of Student Council and sponsor of the event, said. "While I feel safe at school, we know that no school is immune to violence."

A key feature of the day was an opportunity for students to sign a voluntary promise that they will never bring a gun to school, never resolve a dispute with a gun, and use their influence with friends to keep them from using guns to resolve disputes. Another highlight of the day included a community event. Mayor Steve Moody issued a proclamation in support of "Pledge Against Gun Violence Day."

## Covered windows, a locked gym lobby, and closed doors

were among the safety steps taken by school officials when a **threat of violence** was discovered on the elementary office's voice mail, Tuesday, Dec. 14. Administrators regarded the threat seriously and set security and safety precautions in place before the Christmas break.

Many students like junior Bud Chandler were shocked. "Yeah, it freaked me out," Chandler said. Students voiced their concerns and wondered about personal safety. "For a couple of days, I was expecting something to happen, but nothing did,"

senior Austin Miller said. Other students shared Miller's initial reaction. "At first I thought it was a big deal, but as the day went on, we all just joked about it in our classes," freshman Cody Corder said.

While the majority of students remained in school, a few students left due to parental concerns. Freshman Sarah Bennett's mother checked her out. "I didn't think the threat was real..." Bennett said. "Mom was worried when she heard and upset that she hadn't been informed."

Superintendent Robert Perry said no one was charged in making the call. In reviewing safety procedures, he said if another threat were made, parents would be notified after the school had taken all safety measures. Also, a taping system on all school phones was installed to record all incoming and outgoing calls.



**A PAIR OF PILGRIMS** from Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, Ben (left) and Mike Moody (below) pose for a picture in the English room. British Literature students drew and colored characters on boards after reading the 14th century story. Then, publications students took digital photographs of visitors attending open house.

**g** Grilled hot dogs, concerts, and educational games set the scene at the sixth annual **Mansfield School District Open House** in October.

More than 1,000 people visited with teachers, viewed student work, and sampled the latest technology. "There wasn't a place I could stand that wasn't in the way of someone's video camera," Stacey Doherty, elementary counselor, said about kindergarten and first graders' performance of the fight free song.

Debbie Sanders, public information director, coordinated the event, using the theme, "Team Up with Mansfield Schools" which challenged parents and community members to become more involved in student life. Activities included typing contests, cooking tostados and homemade ice cream, interactive computer demonstrations, band concerts, math games, and science demonstrations.





# What's the matter?

A mini-magazine featuring the year's big stories, opinions, and issues in the public debate

## Putting the brakes on driving.

Many teens share the fantasy of turning 16, getting their own set of keys and cruising. As the result of a recently passed **Graduated Licensing law**, driving for teens took a new turn.

According to Senate Bill 0392, signed Aug. 28, 1999, the new law will be in effect Jan. 1, 2001. Teenagers who are not 16 years old on Dec. 31, 2000, will fall under the Graduated License law, a three-step program which delays full driving privileges until 18 years of age.

Some teens see it as a punishment. "I think they need to make exceptions for people born on that day," freshman Whitney Hannaford said referring to her January 1 birthday. Freshman Travis Clouse misses the deadline by 16 days. "The restrictions aren't that bad," Clouse said, "but it needs to go into effect later or shouldn't be

applied to someone whose birthday is so close."

The new law is projected to slow down the number of teenage driving-related deaths. "I think the new law will reduce the number of wrecks we are having," freshman Jana Young said. "The law will give kids more experience and will make them better drivers."

Police and safety experts say the majority of teen wrecks are caused by driver inexperience, speeding, and risk-taking. It is estimated that 16-year-olds have 20 times as many wrecks as someone 25 years or older.

Senior Jeremiah Sewell who has been in two wrecks admitted that inattention was the cause of his first wreck. "When a woman went to turn, I rear-ended and totaled her car," Sewell said.

Missouri joins 36 other states that have some kind of restrictions on their teen drivers.



## What a girl won

Talented orator **Erica Spyres** captured two championships at the state speech contest sponsored by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) held in Columbia in April. Spyres earned top honors in poetry and original oratory. In addition to state honors, Spyres qualified in dramatic interpretation for the

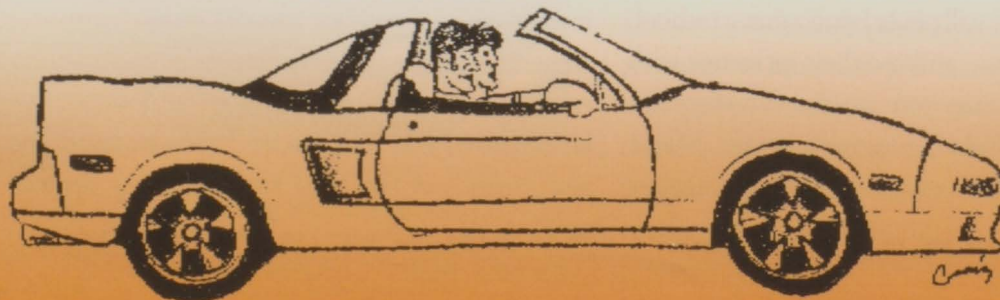
National Forensics

League Tournament in Portland, OR, in June.

She was accompanied by her mother and speech coach, Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher.



**h**omework, the bane of every student, weighs heavier at night if you cannot remember the day's assignment. Thanks to the school's new **homework hotline**, students in all grades, or their parents, could access homework assignments at any time or leave a message for a teacher on his or her voice mail.





## WHAT'S NEW

# MAKING STUDENTS

**Take Note** - New student agenda planners helped students keep track of upcoming events on a calendar and record assignments and test dates as they came up. Made possible by A+ funding, planners were distributed free of charge to all students the first day of school. "When a teacher gives an assignment, I write it down right away," junior Rashelle Thompson said. "At the end of the day, I look and see what I have to do. Also I record ball games, birthdays, and pay days too."

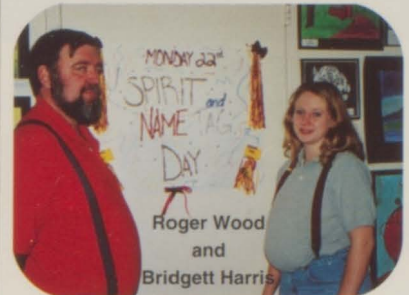
**Tutoring Program** - A comprehensive tutoring program before and after school helped students enrolled in the A+ school program work toward their 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring to earn free college tuition. Dustin Grass, a junior, was the first MHS student to complete the tutoring requirement. He primarily worked with students in the elementary physical education class taught by Keat Kistler.

**Advisor/Advisee Program** - Each group of high school teachers was assigned about 10 students to meet with at least once per quarter. Advisors kept files of information to help each student, especially in the areas of career planning, testing, and scheduling. "It gives students a chance for one-on-one help in choosing classes, figuring credits, and career paths," junior Ashley Hicks said.

**Super Saturday** - In day-long workshops held in the fall and spring, approximately 50 students spent a Saturday and/or attended after school prep sessions aimed at sharpening skills for students' ACT scores. Four teachers who had received specialized training covered content, strategies, shortcuts, and time management.

## Seeing double?

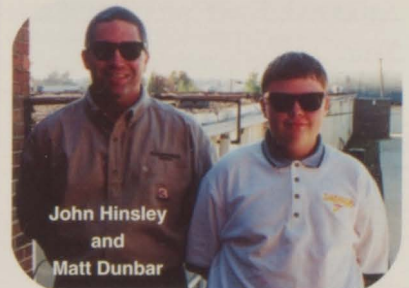
Students made heads turn when they imitated teachers on a special teacher/student dress-up day during Spirit Week.



Roger Wood  
and  
Bridgett Harris



Terry Spyres  
and  
Amanda Clash



John Hinsley  
and  
Matt Dunbar



Dannette Sickels  
and Stan Coday



KaTrina Bailey  
Marsha Appleby,  
and Karen  
Eagleston



# What's the matter

The following people contributed to this mini-magazine: Lindsay Hannaford, Tiffany Coonce, Kodi Harris, Sara Kulp, Laura Furr, Jacob Magnin, Janisha Bennett, Carrie Jarrett, Jennifer Flood, and Debbie Sanders.

## For all the premillennial hysteria

about terrorist strikes, Y2K computer crashes, and hiding out in bunkers, entrance into year 2000 went off without a hitch. As sophomore Jacob Magnin said, "The Y2K bug has been squashed, and we can still use our computers for playing Graal."

Most students opted to celebrate close to home, parties with friends or watching dazzling firework displays on television. As clocks struck midnight across time zones and the sight of triple zeroes rolled over, people were able to peacefully welcome the New Year.

We asked, "When the clock strikes midnight, what will you be doing or wish you would be doing at the turn of the century?"

- 1 "I'll be praying." -Jake Bennett
- 1 "I wish I was in Times Square with friends." -Lindsey Dunbar
- 1 "Going from my girlfriend's to friends' houses." -B.J. Batten
- 1 "In Tulsa, at a national go-cart race." -Principal Arlene Magnin
- 1 "I'll be snoring." -Roger Wood, social studies teacher



## Yes, grandparents matter!

In fact they were guests of honor at **Grandparents' Day** held in February at the elementary school. Edwina Camall, fourth grade teacher, called the event a "huge success." Students agreed.

- 1 "I liked making Valentine boxes with our grandparents because they had a lot of good ideas." -Brittany Keeling
- 1 "I like the paper we did asking our grandparents what they liked to do when they were my age and how old they were. I found out my Grandpa James is funny." -James Stafford

**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** in Patti Gleason's class and their grandparents draw and color Valentine people together. **RIGHT:** Drew Newberry and his Grandfather Jones discuss their family tree posted in the hallway.



- 1 "I liked my grandma eating lunch with me." -Taylore Batten
- 1 "My grandpa went to recess with me." -Devin Davis
- 1 "...there were so many people here, we barely had enough room for them. It was fun getting to know everyone's grandparents." -Jonathan Lems
- 1 "I like the program we did. My grandma sang with the fourth graders." -Rochell Johns
- 1 "The thing I like most about Grandparents' Day was spending time with my grandma." -Kristin Campbell
- 1 "I liked having lunch with my grandparents and all the games we played." -Jonathan Lansdown

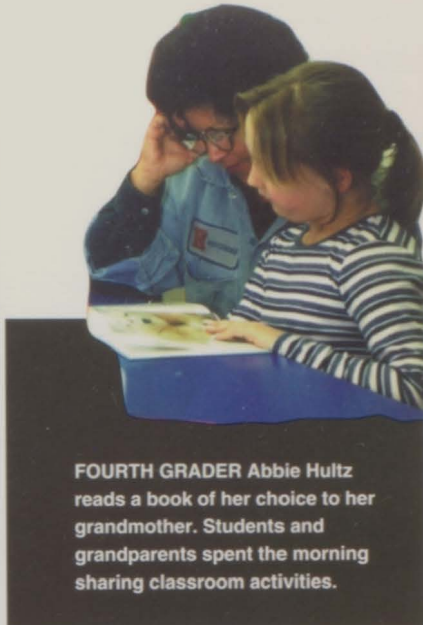


**Service learning.** Students found different ways to perform **community service** hours. Sara Kulp and Laura Furr (below) spend a Saturday afternoon at Bill's Dollar Store in December taking pictures of children visiting Santa Claus (Darrell Hull). Kulp said, "It really was a lot of fun." Beginning with the Class of 2001, a half-credit of community service is required for graduation.





**GRANDMOTHER ERNA ROSENVELT** watches as kindergartener Christian Gray colors a valentine. **RIGHT:** Students and grandparents come in from recess on the playground on a sunny, February day.



**FOURTH GRADER Abbie Hultz** reads a book of her choice to her grandmother. Students and grandparents spent the morning sharing classroom activities.



**After 30 years with the school district,** Jean Coday, Wilder Elementary Principal, retired at the end of the school year. Coday and other retiring teachers were honored at a reception on the last day of school in the multipurpose room.

Coday spent 30 years in the field of education, the past 10 years as principal of Wilder Elementary. Prior to that, she was a classroom teacher and a counselor.

To honor her service to the school, Superintendent Robert Perry announced that the new elementary library will be named The Jean C. Coday Library. In addition, the Positive School Climate Committee designated a bookshelf in her honor. The goal is to fill the shelf with quality literature for children.

Others faculty members retiring included Pat Brown, elementary science; Mary Blakey, special education; Dallas Chambers, Title I math; Jan Manville, special education; and Toni Bailey, teacher aide.

**Serving as Grand Marshall** for the Wilder Day parade, Jean Coday, elementary principal, waves to bystanders. After retirement, Coday said she is looking forward to traveling and relaxing. "Also, we have big plans for the Wilder Home that I'm looking forward to," she said. Coday is president of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum Board of Directors.



**"Yo-yos."** —Matt Byerlee  
**"Millennium stuff** like t-shirts, billboards, hats, etc."

—Amanda Clash

**"Fossil watches,** because everyone has them." —Jana Young

**"Capri pants,** because someone famous started wearing them, and then everybody started wearing them." —KaTrina Bailey

**"Commercials** promoting websites and e-business."

—David Scrivner

**"Corn rows,** the hairstyle with twisted rows on top, because it was original and different."

—Lacie Vaverka

**"Tattoos and piercings,** because people want to be different, and they think it's cool."

—Scott Jackson

**"Pokemon,** because everyone loves Pikachu!" —Nick Shelhamer

**"Ball and chain necklaces.**

All the cool guys started wearing them, which made everyone else want to wear them."

—Justin Stafford

**"Chunky shoes** and boot cut jeans." —Lacie Newby

**"The really, really short ankle socks** that guys wear for basketball." —Chad Keith

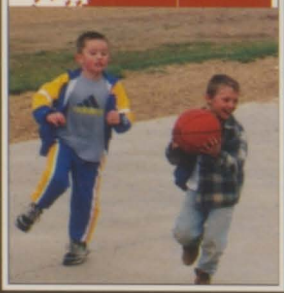
**"Baggy clothes.** More and more people were wearing them this year." —Chris Matlock

**"School violence** was a trend. Once it started and the media gave it a lot of attention, it made other kids want the same attention." —Sarah Brown

**O**  
**is for**  
**opinions:**  
What do you  
consider the  
biggest trend  
of 1999?



# A MATTER OF RECORD SPORTS



**THE CRACK OF THE BAT AT THE EXACT  
MOMENT IT MAKES CONTACT WITH AN  
80 MILE-PER-HOUR BASEBALL. FEELING  
THE SENSATION OF THE HIT WHEN CON-  
TACT IS MADE. WATCHING THAT BALL  
SAIL OVER THE HOLMAN HOWE SIGN.**

All are part of a hitter's dream-- the homer. Just hitting one in a game can make a player's day, but 59 in a season is phenomenal and 11 in a game is a state record. Coach Doug Jones, the Lions baseball coach, saw his team make their mark in the record book not only in homeruns, but also in hits, RBIs, runs scored, and doubles.

Athletics, a rallying point for student interaction, became a cheer for excellence and achievement. What started on the playground with classmates at recess (left, Justin Hinsley and Samuel Johnsen), evolved into serious competition where athletes learned early about the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. For MHS athletes, belonging to a team meant contributing, achieving something bigger than themselves, sharing a vision, and a set of goals to achieve that vision.



**SOFTBALL COACH** Roger Wood sends runner Lacie Vaverka back to base in a conference game at Seymour. The Lady Lions defeated the Lady Tigers 22-11.

BY LAURA FURR AND JENNIFER FLOOD





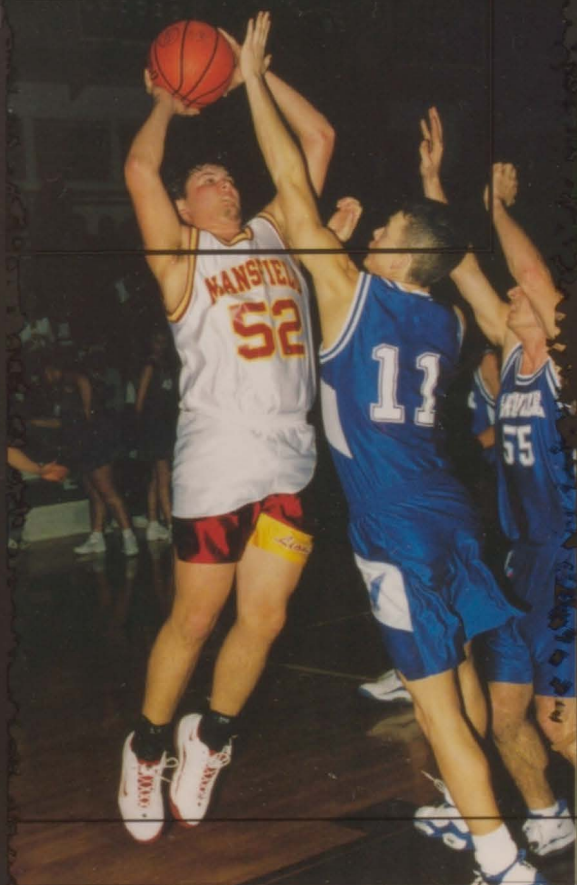
**IN THE DUST.** Justin Stafford slides in safely before the ball reaches the Licking second baseman. The Lions defeated Licking 11-8 in district semi-finals.



**CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER**

Rick Weaver (center) puts it in high gear by sprinting into the final stretch of districts at Plato. He placed 25 with a time of 19:56.

**COMIN' THROUGH.** Guard Matt Shevchuk powers his way to the basket in a game against Hartville. Shevchuk scored 11 in the 72-50 Lion loss.



**WINDING UP** for the throw, Jesse Bricker pitches in a junior varsity softball game against Hartville at home. The Eagles handed the Lady Lions a shut out in both games.





## BASEBALL

# CHASING HISTORY

The Lions made another assault on the record books, but their efforts were lost in the ominous shadow cast by the loss of the district championship, a title that had been the team's property for 11 consecutive years.

**I**nfatuation with the long ball that stretches back, back, back made for sizzling stats:

- an 11 home run game, a state record, and
- 59 home runs in a season.

But it was also the long ball binge that made for sweaty palms by putting the district title in peril. In their pursuit of the extraordinary, the Lions paid a high price, losing to arch rival Hartville 4-

0 in the title game. It was also the Eagles who defeated them 11-1 the prior week, handing the Lions a second place finish in conference. "We didn't compete to the level that I thought we were capable," Coach Doug Jones said. "Sacrifices have to be made to accomplish team-oriented goals, whether it's choking up, taking pitches or bunting. No one really wanted to do that." Third baseman Chad Keith said the team put itself in tough situations, but managed to recover early in the game. "However,

as the game went on, Hartville started taking advantage of opportunities we gave them," he said.

A heavy schedule of 38 games, tying the most games ever played in a season, prepared the Lions for tough competition later. "We are highly competitive," Jones said referring to six 4-A and eight 3-A schools on the spring schedule. He noted one season highlight as a "big, quality win" over 3-A Marshfield, seeded first in their division.

A SLAP AND a pat for freshman Justin Kingery (left) for a home run launched in a 17-2 win over Cabool in districts. Quentin Hammond, Austin Corder, Doug Tripp, Matt Shevchuk, Kevin Altman, and Cody McCleary congratulate Kingery. *Right*, An overthrow to catcher Doug Tripp at home plate results in a run for Licking in the district semi-finals. Tripp's three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning broke a tie and gave the Lions an 11-8 win. Tripp went 3-for 3 with five RBIs.







**SWING TIME.** Shortstop Zach Miller hits one of his two home runs in a game against Niangua. The Lions trampled the Cardinals 31-2 at home. Miller hit .475, earning the team's highest batting average.

**UNDER FIRE.** Pitcher Austin Miller throws heat in a home game against Rogersville while third baseman Chad Keith gets down and ready for a hit.



## FOR THE RECORD

### Spring Records

	Old	New
• Most hits	292	341
• Most RBIs	264	386
• Runs scored	285	324
• Most doubles	71	80
• Homeruns	53	59
• Extra base hits	130	147
• Homeruns in a game	7	11

**Season Record:** 18-11

### Honors

- Zach Miller - Most Valuable Player, Highest batting average- .475
- Doug Tripp - Least strike outs - 12 out of 139 times at bat
- Defense Award - Dustin McCleary

**All-Conference** - Matt Shevchuk, Austin Miller, Austin Corder, Doug Tripp, Zach Miller, Kevin Altman

**All-District** - Austin Miller, Matt Shevchuk

**All-State Second Team Selection** - Matt Shevchuk, Austin Miller, and Zach Miller



**BASEBALL TEAM** Front - Cody McCleary, Justin Stafford, Cory Letsinger, Josh Kulp, Aaron Price, Justin Kingery; Row two- Matt Shevchuk, Quentin Hammond, Tim Brazeal, Coach Doug Jones, Jason Storm, Ben Dunbar, Chad Keith; Row three- Doug Tripp, Zach Miller, Dustin McCleary, Kevin Altman, Dustin Clark, Austin Miller, and Austin Corder.



## Between the Lions

*"I don't think we were as ready to play as Hartville. They wanted it more, and it was obvious."*

—Zach Miller referring to the Lions second place finish in conference



## SCOREBOARD

MHS		Opponent
0	Hartville	15
27	Seymour	11
26	Fordland	9
8	Sparta	13
12	Hurley	13
7	Clever	12
13	Conway	12
0	Hartville	16
7	Fordland	0
7	Norwood	11
6	Norwood	10
11	Conway	26
22	Seymour	11

SEASON RECORD 5-8

CONFERENCE RECORD 5-5

### Honors

- Afton Ivy- All Conference, Most Valuable Player, Best Defense
- Lacie Vaverka- Hustle Award, All Conference Honorable Mention
- Jesse Bricker- Highest On-Base Percentage .636, All Conference Honorable Mention

WELL-ARMED AFTON Ivy winds up to hurl a strike in the last game of the season at Seymour. Ivy, a four-year All Conference player helped the Lady Lions win 22-11. First baseman Rachel Giddens (below) stretches for an out in the same game with Seymour.

Giddens played seven different positions during the season, proving to be one of the team's most versatile players.



## Between the Lions

*"While there are positions I prefer, moving around gave me good experience and perspective on the game."*

—Rachel Giddens on playing seven different positions during the season



SOFTBALL TEAM Front - Brenda Dunbar, Afton Ivy, Tiffany Coonce; Row two- Kristyn Jones, Whitney Hannaford, Tina Crain, Ashley Maxwell, Jesse Bricker, Summer Taylor; Row three- Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson, Lacie Vaverka, Rachel Giddens, Jessica Moore, Tara Jackson, Dannette Sickels, and Coach Roger Wood.



## SOFTBALL

# AROUND THE IVY LEAGUE

While it takes nine players to field the game, senior pitcher Afton Ivy anchored the Lady Lions' pitching mound and slugging percentage, helping the team stay alive for a third place conference finish.

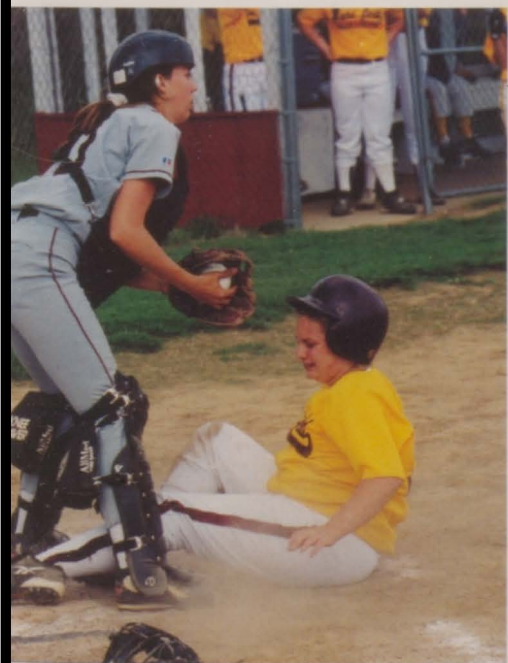
**I**t's for the love of the game that Afton Ivy plays softball. "I try to never miss a single practice and to always do my best in games," Ivy, the team's only senior, said. She finished

the season with 34 RBIs, no fielding errors, and 6-5 in conference as a pitcher. Ivy's leadership and dedication are contagious according to Coach Roger Wood. "While Afton knows what it takes to win, a couple of underclassmen stepped up to the task of becoming an achieving team," he said. "I consider it a successful season anytime you're at .500." Other team members contributing impressive statistics included sophomore Rachel Giddens who notched 30 RBIs and a .616 on-base percentage and freshman Jesse Bricker who claimed the team's highest on-base percentage of .636.

Wood cited the team's strength as hitting and weakness as being error prone on defense. "Nothing was routine- infield or outfield," he said referring to errors. Another area that plagued the Lady Lions was numbers. What began as a 19-person squad, narrowed to 13 after several players became ineligible due to the activity policy. With fewer players, four freshmen rotated with others in starting positions. Ivy, the team's main pitcher, was relieved at the mound by Bricker and Brenda Dunbar.

Next year, the Lady Lions will extend their season with fall softball which also means a stiffer level of competition in districts. "The fall schedule will be very tough," Wilda Watterson, assistant coach, said. "Because the board approved it [fall softball] so late in the year, we've had to pick up several larger schools to play."

**PROTECTING THE PLATE.** Catcher Lacie Vaverka (right) prepares to field the ball against conference rival Seymour. Vaverka took a leadership role and earned recognition for her defensive contributions. *Left, Sliding past the tag, Brenda Dunbar scores a run in the same game with Seymour.*





## CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK

# ONE SWEET SEASON

What started as a whisper ended as a shout for the cross country team. The seven-member squad, competing in 10 meets, finished second in conference and sent three district qualifiers to state.

**T**he pace was faster than he anticipated, but freshman Cody Corder picked up a quick tip for next year.

"Next year, I'll start training earlier to be better prepared," he said. Sophomores Tara Allen and Laura Furr joined Corder to make their debut at the state meet held in Jefferson City in November. Out of 154 runners, Furr finished 92 and Allen placed 126. In the boys' division, Corder finished 133 out of 163 runners. Pleased with the underclassmen's showings, Coach Randy Short said, "The team came around at the end of the season and began to realize what competing is all about."

### Track and Field

A low turnout for track and field limited participation in team events, but it did not hurt competitiveness in individual events. Personal achievements included senior Rick Weaver, who competed in high jump and long jump and placed in every meet. Low hurdler Sarah Brown finished sixth in districts. Weaver and Brown were honored as high point boy and girl respectively at Athletic Awards Night. Other team members included seniors Jonathan Walker and Sarena Baugh, junior Keith Jackson, and freshman Stephanie Dannen.

**UP AND OVER,** Rick Weaver clears the high jump at a Mtn. Grove meet. Weaver placed first in the high jump and long jump.





EXHAUSTED FROM A 3.1 mile race, Cody Corder files in the shoot at the state cross country held at a Jefferson City golf course. "I would have done a few things differently—practiced more, gotten a better start, and not eaten such a big breakfast at Denny's," Corder said.

PASSING A RUNNER, Laura Furr paces herself in the state meet. "Running in this meet was the hardest thing I've ever done," she said.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Cross Country

● **MANSFIELD (INVITATIONAL):** Cody Corder, place 19, time 20:13; Keith Jackson, 43, 21:42; Rick Weaver, 26, 20:42; Laura Furr, 27, 27:01.

1 **CONFERENCE MEET:** Corder, 4, 20:18; Jackson, 7, 20:51; Weaver, 8, 20:57; Jonathan Walker, 10, 21:26; Furr, 2, 26:21; Tara Allen, 5, 28:10.

1 **DISTRICTS:** Jackson, 22, 19:30; Weaver, 25, 19:56; Walker, 38, 21:18; Corder, 11, 18:43; Keith, 28, 20:11; Furr, 6, 24:32; Allen, 8, 24:59.

1 **JEFFERSON CITY (STATE):** Corder, 133, 21:28; Furr, 92, 26:13; Allen, 126, 28:27.

1 **HONORS:** Laura Furr, Southwest MO District Honorable Mention.

### Track and Field

1 **AVA MEET:** Sarah Brown, 100m hurdles- 3rd; Stephanie Dannen, long jump- 6th; Keith Jackson, 400m- 5th; Jonathan Walker, 400m- 3rd, 100m- 5th; Rick Weaver, high jump- 1st, long jump- 2nd.

1 **AVA MEET:** Sarena Baugh, 400m- 1st; Dannen, long jump- 4th; Weaver, high jump- 1st, long jump- 3rd; Jackson, 400m- 4th.

1 **MTN. GROVE MEET:** Baugh, 400m- 2nd; Brown, 100m hurdles- 2nd, 300m hurdles- 3rd, shotput- 5th; Dannen, shotput- 6th, long jump- 6th; Jackson, long jump- 2nd, 400m- 6th; Weaver, high jump- 1st, long jump- 1st.

1 **DISTRICT MEET:** Brown, 300m hurdles- 6th, 100m hurdles- 7th.



## Between the Lions

*"We jogged the course yesterday in practice, but the pace was a lot faster today. Coming up the stretch, my legs felt numb."*

—Tara Allen competing at the state meet

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Front - Jonathan Walker, Rick Weaver, Keith Jackson, Chad Keith; Back - Cody Corder, Courtney Allen (manager), Tara Allen, and Laura Furr.



# SCOREBOARD

## Conference games

MHS	Opponent	
54	Hartville	45
78	Gainesville	66
63	Niangua	28
46	Norwood	51
42	Seymour	41
39	Conway	55
61	Fordland	48

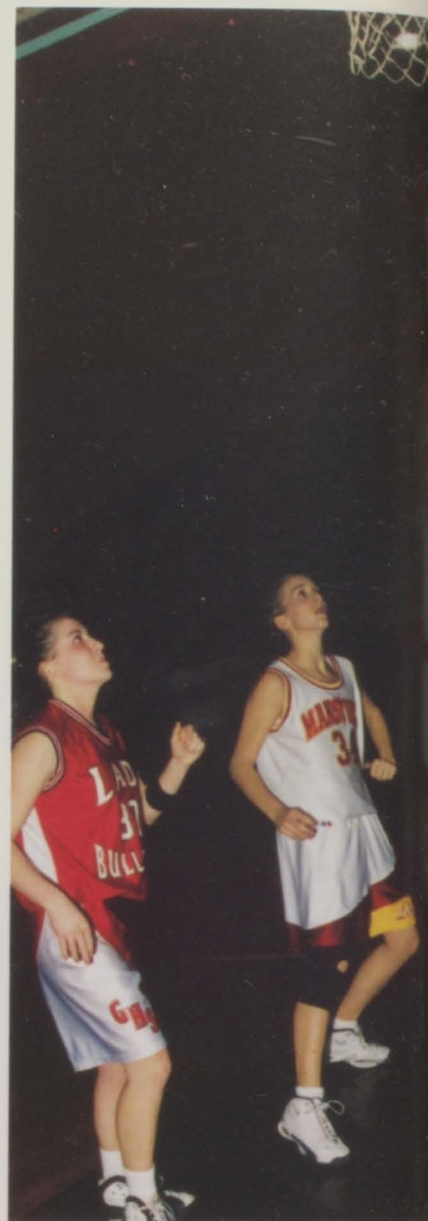
Conference Record: 5-2

Season Record: 11-15

## Honors

- All-Conference - Jennifer Flood, first team, Laura Furr, honorable mention
- All District - Jennifer Flood
- KKOZ Dream Team- Jennifer Flood, Afton Ivy, Laura Furr

IN A CONFERENCE game against Gainesville, center Jennifer Flood grabs an offensive rebound. The Lady Lions won 78-66 in a home game. Flood's 41 points broke Trish Perry's individual scoring record of 37 set in the 1994-1995 season when Mansfield played Clearwater. Below, guard Jana Young concentrates on a layup attempt during tournament play in a game that 3-A Lebanon won 85-50. Both boys and girls' teams host an invitational tournament in December.



## Between the Lions

*"It's sad for me to see basketball end.  
This has definitely been the best season  
of my high school career."*

—Afton Ivy, forward



BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Jana Young, Lora Thompson, Afton Ivy, Alicia Stewart, Laura Furr; Row two - Coach Sunny Watterson, Megan Hicks, mgr., Lindsay Hannaford, Tara Allen, Jesse Bricker, Carrie Jarrett, Jennifer Flood, Brittany Hilton, mgr., Asst. Coach Bob Gilmore; Row three - Brenna Drakeford, mgr., Courtney Allen, Della Lansdown, mgr., Ashley Hicks, Ashley Baty, mgr.



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

Out to make a statement and a loud one at that, the Lady Lions proved to be tough conference competition and held their own by advancing to the second round in districts.

A surprisingly early boost in the season occurred when the Lady Lions defeated arch rival Hartville 54-45 in a conference game.

"The win...established us as a threat in the conference race," Coach Sunny Watterson said. Another high point came when they upset Seymour, ranked first in the conference. However, the real celebration was unleashed when the seven-seeded Lady Lions defeated second-seeded Ellington 66-59 in the first-round of the district tournament. Hopes remained high in the second match-up between Mansfield and Cabool until an off-balance three-point shot dropped in at the buzzer, clenching the win for Cabool 50-47. "When that shot went in, I felt so sad," guard Afton Ivy said, recounting the loss. "Our goal was to win that game and go farther."

Despite the close loss, first-year coach Watterson said the team's district showing was actually a bright spot. "I was very proud of the girls' effort and the way they handled themselves throughout the tournament," she said. The strong finish should serve as a mindset for the future according to sophomore Lora Thompson. She said players completed the season with a mental boost. "I think this season has really helped us gain confidence in ourselves which we can keep building on for next year," Thompson said.

At Athletic Awards Night, Watterson and Bob Gilmore, assistant coach, awarded letters to all players. "We felt like we were one team because we played like one," Watterson said.

**DRIVING TO THE basket,** guard Lora Thompson (far right) fends off a Hartville opponent in a junior varsity game at home. Left, Lindsay Hannaford on a fast break drives down the court in district action against Cabool. The Bulldogs edged the Lady Lions 50-47.





## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# TURNING THE CORNER

Remarkable offensive statistics helped the Lions gain recognition as one of the top scoring teams in the area. However, weaker defensive numbers worked against them, resulting in fewer victories than desired.

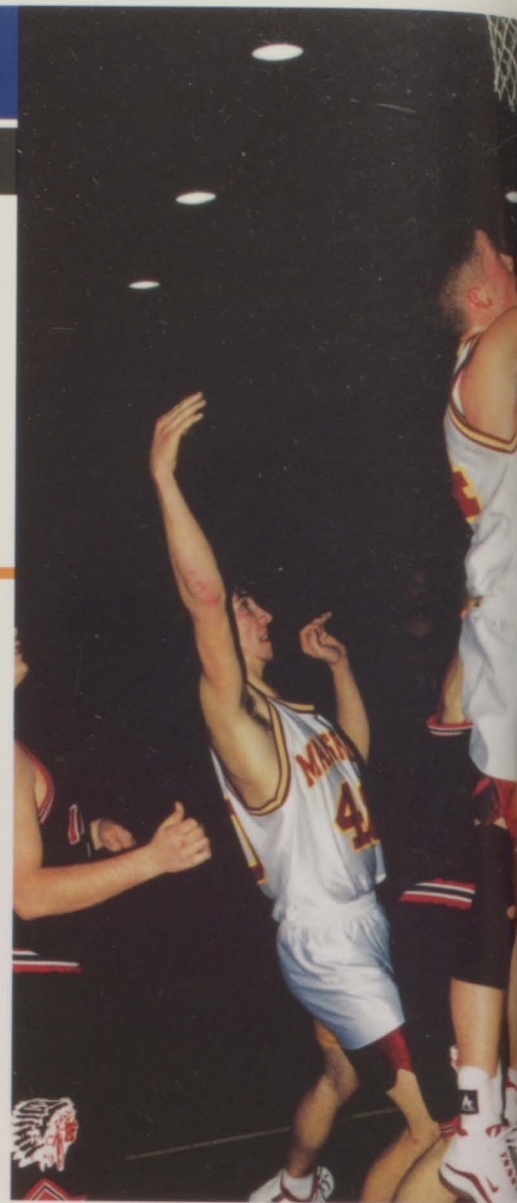
**A**fter a roller coaster season, the Lions finished the ride with screaming supporters, inspired players, and thrilled coaches from all the hoopla created in their final game. Demonstrating what coaches recognized as their potential,

the team competed ping match against Springs in districts. The took a 10 point lead in the game, only to "We may have lost this it was our best performance of the season," Scott assistant coach, said. Rick Weaver echoed ment. "It seemed like started clicking and together as a team," he said. Under Keat Kistler, new head coach, the team garnered more wins (6-18) than any varsity squad since 1994-1995. "If we had one more month, we could have accomplished great things," Kistler said at the Athletic Awards Night. "Our level of play improved tons in the last games." Upon graduation, four seniors including top scorers Weaver and Austin Miller, leading rebounder Kevin Altman, and shooting guard Craig Letsinger leave seven returning lettermen in a positive position for next year.



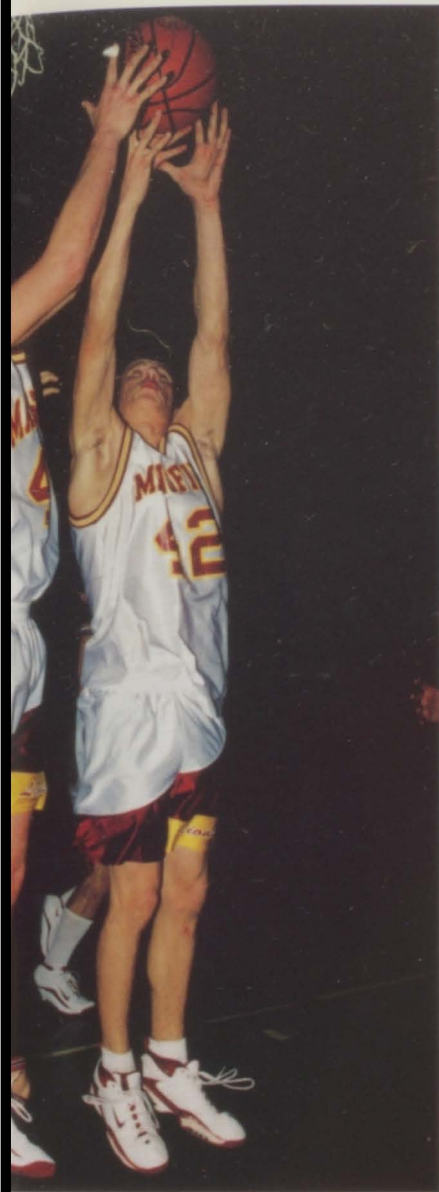
**POINT GUARD RICK Weaver** (above) drives to the basket for a hard earned two points against Gainesville. Weaver was named Offensive Player of the Year, averaging 19.3 points and 3.5 assists.

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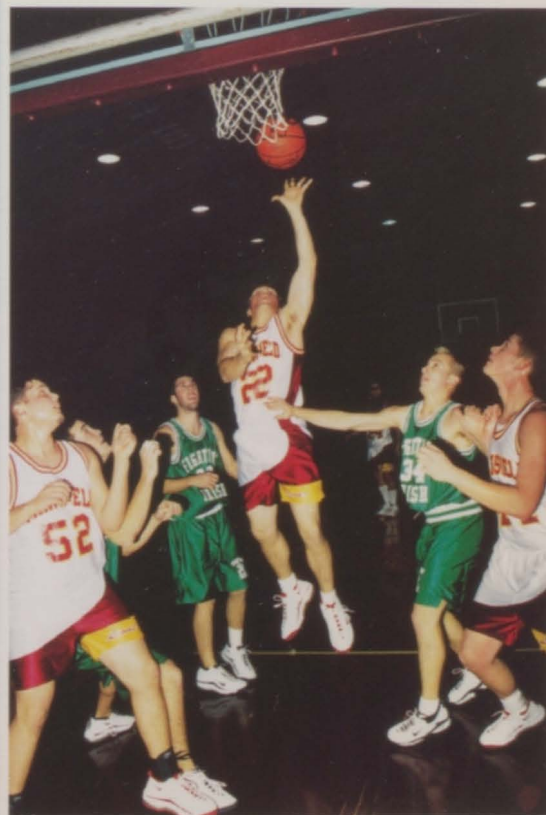
**JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** Front- Michael Scofield, Cory Letsinger, Travis Hilliard, Travis Mason, Jordan Cantrell; Row two- Coach Keat Kistler, Tim Brazeal, Brett Bailey, Travis Clouse, Justin Stafford, Justin Kingery, and Assistant Coach Scott Calhoun.





CENTER KEVIN ALTMAN and teammate Cody Corder fight for a rebound at home against Lutie. Anticipating the rebound is Josh Cleaver.

DRIVING TO THE hole, Austin Miller shoots in a physical game against Springfield-Catholic. Matt Shevchuk and Kevin Altman block out Catholic defenders for the rebound.



## SCOREBOARD

MHS	Opponent
56	Plato 62
77	Lutie 55
67	Seymour 79
86	Niangua 59
79	Mtn. Grove 83
49	Catholic 67
41	Marshfield 64
71	Conway 86
78	Lutie 71
69	Houston 93
50	Hartville 72
69	Norwood 64
58	Thayer 74
48	Fordland 42
49	Cabool 56
42	Cabool 59
62	Seymour 72
71	Niangua 65
67	Gainesville 73
63	Norwood 67
49	Forsyth 82
72	Ava 66
56	Willow Springs 70
57	Summersville 45
70	Willow Springs 73

BOYS VARSITY RECORD: 6-18  
CONFERENCE RECORD: 2-5  
JV/FRESHMAN RECORD: 6-23

### Honors

! All-Conference- Rick Weaver, first team; Austin Miller, honorable mention  
! KKOZ Dream Team- Rick Weaver, Austin Miller



**VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** Kevin Altman, Cody Corder, Chad Keith, Austin Miller, Justin Kingery, Rick Weaver (kneeling), Brett Bailey, Craig Letsinger, Quentin Hammond, Matt Shevchuk, Josh Cleaver; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, and Assistant Coach Scott Calhoun.



## Between the Lions

"We never put a whole game together until we played at Fordland. There, we ran our plays the whole game --and actually came up at the end."

—Matt Shevchuk referring to the 48-42 win over Fordland



JAZZING UP THE halls, cheerleaders Kendra Smith, Kodi Harris, and Rachel McCall decorate with red and gold streamers and balloons for Homecoming Week. The squad joined efforts with Student Council to feature the theme "Only Time Will Tell."



DISPLAYING THE FIRST letter of MHS, Spirit Squad members perform the Homecoming routine and receive a standing ovation from both the Mansfield and Gainesville crowds. Cheerleader Sara Leonard (below) gets into the cheer, Hustle. "The squad's enthusiasm really made a difference in the atmosphere at games," Laura Furr, Lady Lions basketball player, said.



CHEERLEADERS Front - Kodi Harris, Sara Leonard, Bridgett Harris; Row two - Rachel McCall, Sara Edmonds; Top - Amanda Baty, not pictured - Carol Anderson (sponsor).



POM PON SQUAD Front - Sarena Baugh, Tiffany Coonce (mascot), KaTrina Bailey; Row two - Tina Crain, Ashley Borders; Row three - Shannon Waldo (sponsor), Stefanie Blevins, Kendra Smith, Kasie Rueff, not pictured - Marcella Davenport (sponsor).



## SPIRIT SQUAD

# HIP-HOP MEETS HOOPS

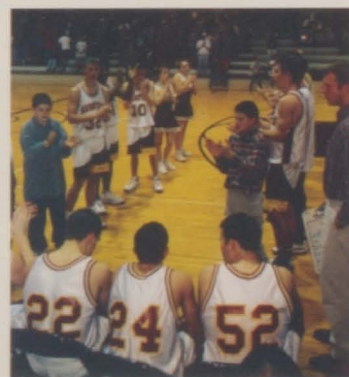
Two teams joined forces to accomplish the same task—putting spirit back on the sidelines. Cheerleaders rejuvenated the squad after a four-year absence, while the pom pon squad entertained half-time crowds with dazzling dances.

**T**ogether they are loud, intense, and emotional. For the 1999-2000 season, cheerleaders and the pom pon squad operated as separate groups

to keep spirit in the forefront. The new cheerleading team wasted little time becoming active. At open house, they greeted visitors in the lobby, performed cheers, and painted spirit logos on faces. "By performing at open house, we showed people they could get ready for a great year with a lot of spirit," junior Rachel McCall said. Coming out in full force erased some people's doubts about

bringing cheerleading back, according to senior Kodi Harris. "I had a lot of fun this year," Harris said. "We proved some people wrong by having a successful year."

In the same fashion, mascots Tiffany Coonce and Byron Clark sparked a festive atmosphere by interacting with the crowds. "The only really weird experience I had was when a mascot from the other team started fighting with me," Coonce said. "I wasn't really sure what to do so I clown around and tried to make it look like an act." During half times, pom pon's fast-paced, energizing performances brought people to their feet with rousing routines like "Rockefeller Skank." An appreciative audience at homecoming rewarded their stellar performance with a standing ovation. "It was awesome," senior KaTrina Bailey said. "The routine didn't come easily though. We practiced before and after school for many, many weeks."



**KICKING IN SPIRIT,** cheerleaders (right) yell during pre-game introductions at a boys' basketball game. Left, down with the king of the jungle. Elementary students play around with the mascot in the gymnasium.





## VOLLEYBALL

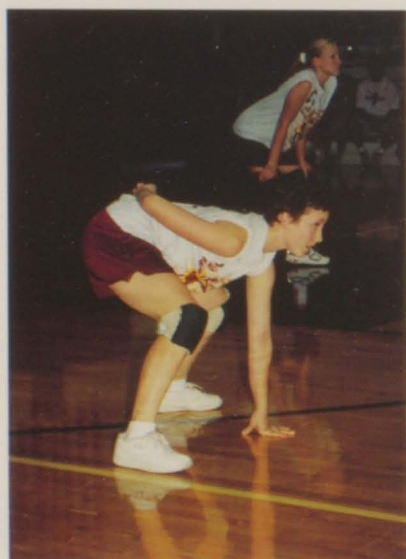
# WAITING TO EXCEL

The challenge of molding a team with little varsity experience created a stumbling block in the Lions' quest to compete on a higher level.

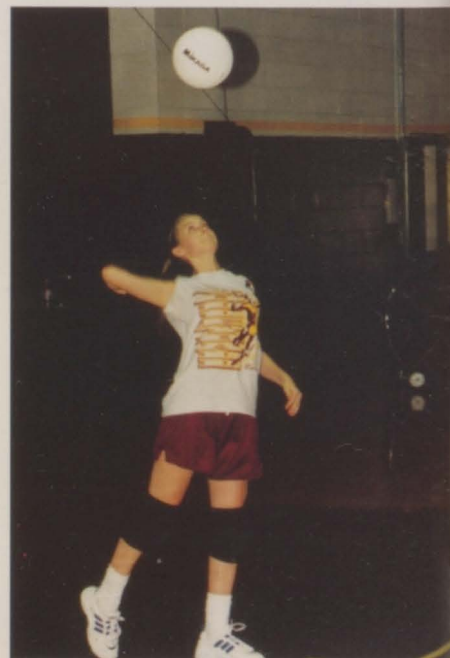
**I**n a weak but effort filled season, the Lady Lions ended their varsity season with a 0-31 record. With the loss of eight players and the addition of a new coach, the eleven member squad had to make new adjustments. "At first it was difficult getting used to a new coach, but in the end she taught us some useful techniques," said Lacie

Vaverka. While the team number was low and hurt the team in lack of varsity experience, it provided players an opportunity to gain junior varsity and varsity experience. Playing on the varsity level not only meant tough competition but hard practices. The Lions worked hard on new serving and passing techniques to improve team skills. Along with learning fundamentals, first year Coach Grace Grebel said she wanted players to learn to work as a

unit. "I would like to see the team work together not as individuals," Grebel said during midseason. Jessica Moore agreed with Grebel's desire to work as a team. "We probably could've done better if we worked better as a team, but overall I had fun and learned a lot," said Moore.



**IN A DEFENSIVE** stance, senior Beverly Pratt-Shirley (left) positions herself for the serve in a match against Fordland. Stefanie Blevins (right) rears back to gain power for a serve. Blevins finished the season averaging 78 percent in serving accuracy.







**TEAMING UP.** Tara Jackson and Lacie Vaverka tip the ball over the net in a home game against Seymour. The Tigers won the match 15-8, 15-7.

**DIG IT.** Sarena Baugh (18) maneuvers into position to bump the ball. Sara Kulp and Lacie Newby serve as a safety behind Baugh in a conference game loss to Seymour.



## SCOREBOARD

### Conference Games

Opponent	Score
Seymour	8-15, 7-15
Niangua	4-15, 3-15
Fordland	0-15, 9-15
Conway	9-15, 7-15

**Conference Record:** 0-4

**Season Record:** 0-31

### Honors

- Tara Jackson- Most Valuable Player, All-Conference second team
- Catrina Long- Most Improved Player



**VOLLEYBALL TEAM** Front- Lacie Newby, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Sarena Baugh, Lacie Vaverka; Row two - Lindsey Dunbar, Sara Kulp, Catrina Long; Row three - Sara Edmonds, Jessica Moore, Stefanie Blevins; Back - Coach Grace Grebel, Tara Jackson.



## Between the Lions

*"I try to keep everyone on a positive level so we can all work as a team."*

**-Tara Jackson on a team priority to build team support.**



# SCOREBOARD

## Eighth Grade Boys

Niangua	49-28	Record 7-8
Fordland	29-22	
Gainesville	30-43	
Hartville	45-53	
Seymour	40-39	
Fordland	39-26	
Norwood	24-44	
Seymour	46-47	
Skyline	32-36	
Plato	26-31	
Hartville	36-28	
Conway	20-45	
Gainesville	28-23	
Norwood	26-25	
Conway	16-36	

## Eighth Grade Girls

Niangua	32-16	Record 7-8
Fordland	30-33	
Gainesville	40-28	
Hartville	25-38	
Seymour	41-44	
Fordland	29-45	
Norwood	29-44	
Seymour	46-27	
Skyline	36-6	
Norwood	18-35	
Hartville	18-41	
Conway	20-17	
Gainesville	33-23	
Norwood	20-39	
Fordland	35-16	

## Seventh Grade Boys

Niangua	28-8	Record 9-3
Fordland	32-33	
Gainesville	36-61	
Hartville	31-25	
Seymour	38-31	
Fordland	30-21	
Norwood	43-24	
Seymour	40-32	
Hartville	41-35	
Conway	35-27	
Gainesville	23-47	
Seymour	37-32	

## 7th Grade Girls

Gainesville	10-38	Record 3-5
Hartville	23-19	
Seymour	25-26	
Seymour	15-17	
Hartville	21-24	
Conway	28-22	
Seymour	17-20	
Hartville	22-20	

SURROUNDED BY NIANGUA defenders, Derrick Richardson, point guard on the eighth grade team, makes a jump shot to score two points. Richardson finished with eight points in the Lions' first home game.

GAINING POSITION, Tanya Loveland pulls down a rebound in a home game against Hartville. Chasity Olive prepares to help out on the offside. "It was disappointing losing to Hartville because it was our main goal all season long to beat them," Loveland said.



**GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** Front- LeAnn Kramm, Amber Schofield, Tonya Loveland, Chasity Olive, Becky Lucas; Row Two- Kate Probert, Megan Hicks, Della Lansdown, Brenna Drakeford, Ashley Baty; Row three- Coach Sunny Watterson, Becky Slate, Brittany Hilton, Whitney Miller, Melanie Davis; Row four- Amanda Neal (mgr), Katelyn Choate (mgr), Natasha Dixon (mgr), Leanne Moody (mgr).



**SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM** Front-Brandon Grass, Tim Shelhamer, Casey Ivy, Cody Calhoun, Tom Brazeal, Craig Campbell, Taylor Thompson; Row two- Steven Jarrett (mgr), Blake Miller (mgr), Mike Moody, Drew Berry, Coach Keat Kistler, Alex Miller, Assistant Coach Scott Calhoun, Tristan Dennis, Greg Short, Eric Bricker (mgr).



## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# GAINING RESPECT

Through hard work and practice, both eighth grade teams finished strong in the conference tournament and collected respectable records in the process.

**T**he seventh grade boys racked up a successful season, beating every opponent except for Hartville and Gainesville. For the eighth grade boys,

it was a season of improvement. The team struggled with consistency, finishing last in the Norwood Tournament and then placing second in the

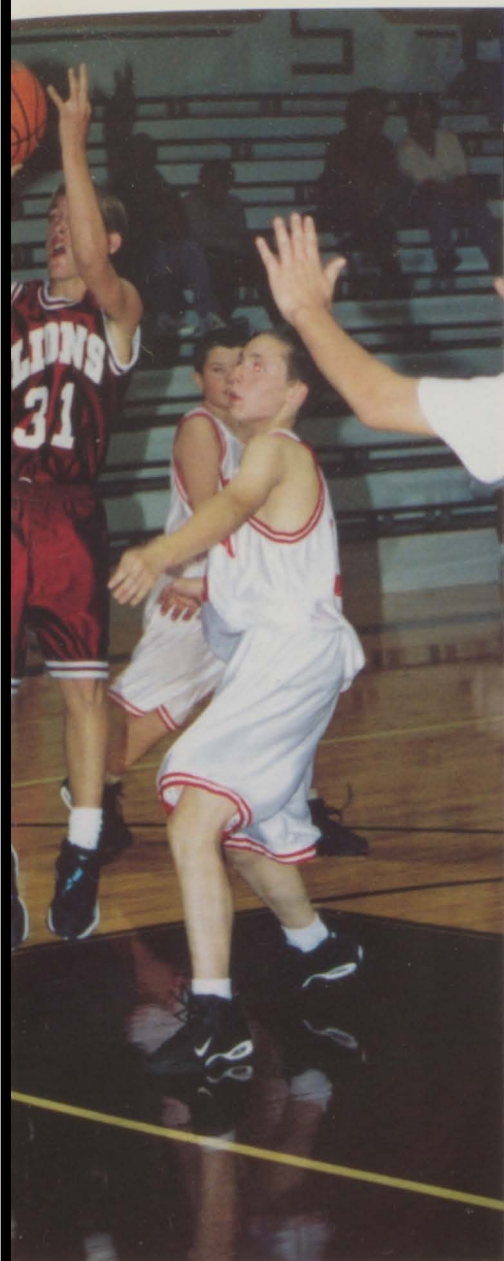
Conference Tournament. Guard Eli Helms said the team wobbled at times but "stepped up the last half of the season by putting more effort into our playing." Coach Keat Kistler agreed with the team's efforts. "It was a good turnaround. They [the team] finally realized they had to increase their intensity level," he said.

### Girls' Basketball



SEVENTH GRADE POINT guard, Melanie Davis drives down the court against a Hartville defender. Davis scored nine points in the team's first victory of the season.

The eighth grade team counted finishing second in the Norwood Tournament among their season highlights. Others felt good about the season in general. Forward Ashley Baty said, "I felt our team did really good this year, and we worked very hard." While the team experienced hot and cold games, Coach Sunny Watterson said it ended positively. "I felt my girls were really starting to grasp what I was teaching them—team basketball," she said.



EIGHTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Front- Daniel Miller, Bryan Jones, Garret Keith, Joe Lucas, Eli Helms, Adam Bennett, Justin Schofield; Row two- Coach Keat Kistler, Cody Whorton, Zach Blevins, Derrick Richardson, Tyler Rummens, Paul Moody, Assistant Coach Scott Calhoun; Row three- Steven Jarrett (mgr), Evan Jones (mgr), Eric Bricker (mgr), Blake Miller (mgr).



## A SPORTING CHANCE

# COMPETING WITH PRIDE

The program's philosophy boasts success for all in a wide array of sports ranging from flag football and basketball to track and field and bowling.

**A**fter winning the state title last fall, the flag football team returned to defend their turf at Ewing Park in Springfield. With William Best at quarterback, the team's seven person squad played two games where they tied one and lost one, earning a silver medal for their efforts. The middle school team, 5-0 in regular season play, had their streak snapped with two losses at state and came home with a bronze medal.



Despite the losses, the team played hard in both tournament games, according to Coach Stephaney Menzie. "They still had a great season and a great time," Menzie, special education teacher, said.

On the hardwood, the hoops team with coaches Menzie and Georgianne Brown at the helm, kept spirits alive with a 10-3 record. The team ended their season on a high note by winning second place in the state tournament. In the final game against Burger King, the Lions trailed in points for most of the game, but came back to win. Junior Rodney Bell was high scorer with 39 points. "In the beginning, I didn't think we would win, but we had a strong comeback," said freshman Randy Liles. "I was happy that we came home with a trophy." Brown, special education teacher, said she was very proud of the players. "They are a strong team and play with a lot of desire," she said. Brown recognized senior Steven Collins for his contributions and accomplishments as A Sporting Chance athlete during high school.

ON BEHALF OF A Sporting Chance, William Best (left) accepts a check for \$59,500 from officials of the Nike Ozarks Open at the Highland Springs Country Club. The golf tournament raised funds to help support area A Sporting Chance organizations.



Eighth grader Travis Hire crosses the finish in the mile run with a time that earns second at the state track meet held at the state meet held at Branson High School.





**GUARD BILLY BUTCHER** shoots around a Fordland defender. Butcher contributed seven points in the 57-49 loss. *Below*, Long jumper Steven Collins leaps into the pit for his best jump that won first in the event. He competed in five events to win second place in the Pentathlon.



## FOR THE RECORD

### Flag Football

- Finished second in state tournament
- Record: 9-2

### High School Basketball

- Finished second in state tournament
- Rodney Bell set scoring record with 39 points in game vs. Burger King, lead team with 57 field goal percentage
- Steven Collins- high rebounder and assist leader

### Middle School Basketball

- Finished third in state tournament
- Record 7-7

### Track & Field

- William Best - first place in Pentathlon
- Steven Collins- second place in Pentathlon



**BASKETBALL TEAM** Front -William Best, Rodney Bell, Miranda Rhodes, Randy Liles, Scotty Rousseau; Row two- Coach Georgianne Brown, Renee Washburn, Billy Butcher, Jessica Bankes, Steven Collins, and Coach Stephaney Menzie.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM** Front- Zack Levan, Travis Hire, Trampus Hire, Chris Best, Jeremiah Butcher; Row two- Coach Georgianne Brown, April Butcher, Scott Short, LaToya Bell, Brittany Hilton, and Coach Stephaney Menzie.



# MIND OVER MATTER SCHOOL LIFE



**ACADEMICS IS ONLY HALF THE EQUATION. WHEN STUDENTS GET THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT IS TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WALLS, LEARNING BECOMES MEANINGFUL.**

**S**neaking education out of the books, students learned many lessons through field trips including touring a television station and visiting the state capital, job shadowing, tutoring, and community service efforts like blood drives (below, Ashley Maxwell). Goal-setting, communication, decision-making, and teamwork connected clubs and organizations to the curriculum. Students used writing and speaking skills in language arts contests and speech competitions. Math skills came in handy for fundraising and budgeting projects. Art students displayed portfolios and posters to the public. Technology know-how gave students new tools to communicate. In the end, students created a balance between schoolwork and course work and along the way, practiced skills that business leaders desire in employees.



**AFTER BALL PRACTICE,** Chad Keith reads to elementary students Cole Doherty, Nathan Jones, Landon Jarrett, Curtis Carnal, Kaleb Jones, and Chelsea Jones at Sky High on Reading night. Keith, a junior, is working toward completing the 50 hours of unpaid tutoring requirement of the A+ Schools program.

BY JACOB MAGNIN AND TIFFANY COONCE



**NO SHOES REQUIRED.** Dean Bray, art teacher, settles in with third graders Miranda Farris and Julia Allen for sand sculpting during summer school. Bray watered down the sand volleyball court at the city park before students came over to design and build castles, bridges, moats, and other figures.



**CHECKING IT OUT.** Paige Hoover scans winning science fair projects in the elementary and middle school divisions at the annual Science Fair in March. The event featured projects from students in grades 2-12 in the gymnasium.



**INSIDE THE GREENHOUSE,** horticulture students Jessica Roth and Sumer Welch inspect poinsettia plants for insects. Sales of poinsettias at Christmas help offset costs of planting, soil, and utilities.





**READY, READY TO GO.** Erica Spyres, Brett Bailey, and Tim Brazeal prepare to leave for All District Choir held at Evangel University. After auditioning, they were selected to perform a concert with 150 other students from Missouri.



**REHEARSING HIS LINES,** Josh Slater reads prose for a speech contest. In his first year on the speech team, Slater also competed in humorous interpretation, storytelling, and debate.



**SPEECH CLUB** front – Brooke Hurst, Jacob Magnin, Tiffany Coonce, Joe Gresham, Nick Shelhamer, Rachel Giddens; Row two – Erica Spyres, Rebecca Sherman, Amanda Clash, Jessica Moore; Row three – Terry Spyres (adviser), Kim Hill, Brian Carampatan, B.J. Batten, and William Best.



**THAT WAS THEN.** Joe Gresham and Beverly Pratt-Shirley swing dance in a show recreating the 40's era. The choir and band performed on the square for Missouri Community Betterment judges. A cooperative effort by the school and the city helped Mansfield win first place for the second year.



# On a role

**R**ecreating a 1940s USO canteen gave students a chance to honor an earlier generation in a series of patriotic shows performed by the choir. Students borrowed military uniforms, calf-length skirts, and hats from grandparents and neighbors to duplicate fashions and hairstyles. Big band music from Glenn Miller and others set the mood of the era. In a special salute to veterans, students decorated the multipurpose room with red, white, and blue backdrops, covered tables, flags, and a dance floor. "The highlight of the evening was jitterbugging with veterans in the audience," KaTrina Bailey said. "You realize that was a time that made an impact on them and the world."

## Speech Team

In just its second year, the speech team gathered momentum by winning sweepstake trophies in several tournaments. One highlight included a team of eight students capturing the overall team trophy at the Marion C. Early Speech Tournament, which had 13 schools entered. "The team has taken a good start," said Calvin Helsley, assistant speech coach and former band teacher from Licking High School. "It took Licking five years to get where Mansfield is now, and they've only been working for two years." Sophomore Joe Gresham said the key to winning is long practices. "We know in the end it will make us better," he said.



**CHOIR** front – Terry Spyres (adviser), KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Amanda Clash, Rachel Giddens, Erica Spyres; Row two – Crystal Wilson, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Brooke Hurst, Sara Kulp, Kelly Carampatan, Sara Leonard; Row three – Christina Odle, Jessica Bankes, Brett Bailey, B.J. Batten, Lora Thompson, Chandra Romero, Lisa Mapes; Row four – Rick Weaver, Tim Brazeal, Cody Corder, David Scrivner, Steven Collins, Joe Gresham, and Jordan Cantrell.

## For The Record

### Speech Team Awards

- **Forensic League State Contest**  
Third Place- Erica Spyres, dramatic interpretation and original oratory.
- **State Speech Contest**  
First Place- Erica Spyres, original oratory and poetry.
- **District Speech Contest**  
First Place- Erica Spyres, original oratory and poetry;  
Third Place- Brooke Hurst and Joe Gresham, duet acting.
- **District Student Congress**  
First Place- Erica Spyres, Senate; Jacob Magnin, House of Representatives.

### Choir Awards

- **District Music Contest One Rating-**  
David Scrivner, vocal solo; Chandra Romero, vocal solo; Tim Brazeal, vocal solo; Erica Spyres, vocal solo; Mixed chorus; Miscellaneous ensemble (Crystal Wilson, Chandra Romero, John Blaine); Boys' quartet (Rick Weaver, Brett Bailey, Tim Brazeal, David Scrivner); Mixed quartet (Sumer Welch, Erica Spyres, Tim Brazeal, Rick Weaver); Girls' trio (Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Erica Spyres);
- Two Rating-** Sara Leonard, vocal solo; Beverly Pratt-Shirley, vocal solo; Crystal Wilson, vocal solo; Amanda Clash, vocal solo; B.J. Batten, vocal solo; Jessica Bankes, vocal solo; Christina Odle, vocal solo; Kim Hill, vocal solo; Miscellaneous ensemble (KaTrina Bailey, Brooke Hurst, Sara Leonard, Sara Kulp, Joe Gresham, Jeremy Archer, Brett Bailey); Miscellaneous ensemble (David Scrivner, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Amanda Clash).





**ALL THAT JAZZ.** Trumpeter Joe Gresham plays "Soul Man" downtown in the Wilder Day parade. Gresham also served as co-drum major with



**CLARINET PLAYERS** LATOYA Bell, Jolissa Iott, and Lacie Newby concentrate on a perfect rhythm in the Farmers Day parade at Norwood.



Laura Ingalls Wilder.

**PEP BAND MEMBERS** Jacob Magnin and Tristan Dennis fill the gym with "Hey Baby." The band performs at boys' and girls' basketball games.

If it is a Saturday in the fall, chances are good that band members can be found within a 40 mile radius marching in parades for Wilder Day, Butter Day, Apple Festival, Farmers Day, and Christmas. Setting a record, the band marched in three parades in one day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Cold, rainy and miserable" is how Michael Scofield described the day. "No doubt it was one of the longest days I can recall." Thanks to band director Shannon Waldo and parents, the cafeteria became a haven of pizza, pop, and video games which helped band members rest and relax between parades.

In her second year, Waldo directed the 54-member band composed of middle school and high school students. Musicians also play in the Pep Band during home basketball games.

#### Band Awards

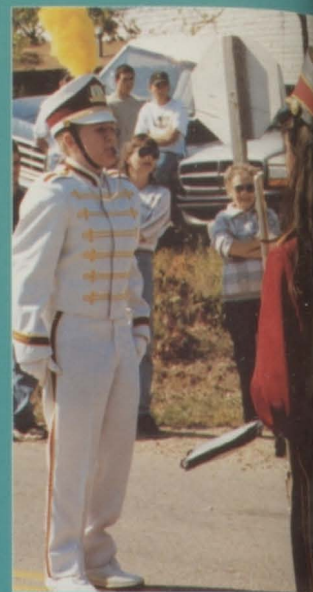
##### ● District Music Contest

Two Rating - MHS band; Jessica Moore, clarinet solo; brass sextet - Michael Scofield, Justin Kingery, Kim Hill, Tim Brazeal, Josh Slater, Sarah Brown; clarinet trio - Lacie Newby, April Pettibone, and Kasie Rueff;

**Three Rating** - saxophone trio - Justin Stafford, Garret Keith, and Cody Whorton.



**BAND** front- Shannon Waldo (adviser), Joe Gresham (president/drum major), Tiffany Coonce (color guard captain), Tim Brazeal (secretary/treasurer), Jacob Magnin (reporter), Nick Shelhamer (reporter), Sarah Brown (vice president); Row two- Sara Edmonds, Justin Stafford, Adam Bennett, Cody Whorton, Jessica Dowler, Stacey Wright, Crystal Wilson, Tara Jackson; Row three- Megan Hicks, Latoya Bell, Brittany Hilton, Alisha Stewart, Christian Eichelberger, Josh Slater, Michael Scofield, Lacie Newby, Ashley Borders; Row four- Kendra Smith, Kim Hill, April Pettibone, Hillary Persinger, Eli Helms, Garret Keith, Brett Bailey, Jacob Loper, Kasie Rueff; Row five- Amanda Baty, Tony Lockmon, Paul Moody, Zach Flageolle, Catrina Long, Lisa Chambers, Laurel Oberbeck, Kelly Carampatan, Christina Odle; Row six- Della Lansdown, Andrew Wright, Tyler Rummens, Justin Kingery, David Hipkins, James Scrivner, and Jessica Moore.



**UNDER FAIR SKIES** and warm temperatures, Drum Major Sarah Brown conducts the band in "Soul Man" during the Farmers Day parade at Norwood.



**KEEPING A STEADY BEAT**, Nick Shelhamer plays the tri-toms while marching in the Wilder Day parade. The September event honors the town's most celebrated citizen,





WEARING SHIMMERING UNIFORMS and carrying sparkling flags, Flag Corp members Kacie Rueff, Ashley Borders, Jessica Moore, and Christina Odle perform their routine in the SMSU Homecoming parade. MHS was one of many area bands that participated in the annual parade in Springfield.

## BAND

# On the road again

Members cope with harsh weather conditions, hours of practice, and long bus rides to perform at their peak at parades and contests

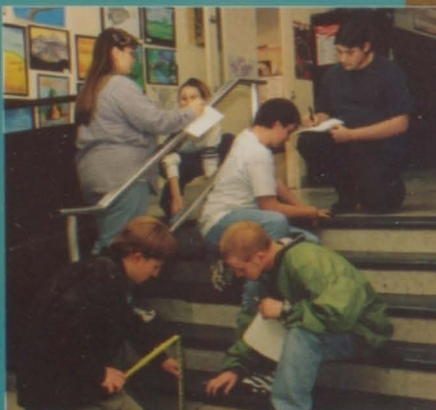




RECEIVING FIRST PLACE awards at the district science fair at the University of Missouri -Rolla are Tiffany Coonce, Biochemistry; Jacob Magnin, Medicine and Health; Sarah Brown, Earth Science; and Janisha Bennett, Gerontology.



EXTRACTING PARAMECIUM, TARA Allen conducts her science project in the environmental science category for Summit Conference contest. Many students who participated in contests worked hours after school and at nights to finish their projects.



APPLIED MATH II students measure two dimensional drawings on graph paper using coordinates. Kelsey Boyle, Josh Bennett, Shawna Wilson, Donnie Slate, Timmy Bunch, and Ashley Jones are students of Jane Wehmeyer.



EXPERIENCING WHAT IT takes to move around the moon, Austin Miller rides on the 1/6th Gravity Chair at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Math and science club members were immersed in astronaut training simulators, hands-on experiments, and space exploration on a three-day educational trip in March.



# State of the matter

Just as German-born scientist Albert Einstein played around with the idea of how energy and matter are interchangeable, **science students** sparked their curiosity by planning projects, conducting experiments, and recording data. In the spring, students journeyed with Pam Probert, science teacher, to conference, regional, and national science fairs where their projects were judged. They also attended the annual Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium in St. Louis where they heard world and nationally known scientists speak on their research interests. "Students also could visit laboratories of practicing scientists in industries and universities, talk to counselors and scientists about careers, and compete for scholarships," Probert said.

A main event for **math club** members included sponsoring the middle school math contest. Students wrote the tests, organized and monitored the various events, and finally graded the results for 13 schools competing.

As a culminating event, both clubs spaced out for a three-day, two-night educational trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. After months of fundraising, 49 students boarded a chartered bus for the nine-hour trip. Sophomore Stefanie Blevins said, "It was a pretty good trip, and we got a true feeling for what astronauts experience."

## For The Record

### ■ Summit Conference

#### Math Contest

**Champion Individual Trophy** - Kim Hill, Algebra II;  
**Champion Team Trophy** and Gold medals - Matt Shevchuk, Kim Hill, and Amanda Clash, Algebra II team;  
**First Place Gold Medal** - Stephanie Dannen, Algebra I;  
**Second Place Silver Medal** - Amanda Clash, Algebra II;  
**Blue Ribbon** - William Best, Algebra I;  
**White Ribbon** - Steven Ward, Algebra I; Ryan Roberts, Geometry; Steven Ward, Stephanie Dannen, and William Best, Algebra I team.

### ■ SMSU Math Relays

**First Place Gold Medal** for 1A-4A schools - Kim Hill, Amanda Clash, Nick Shelhamer and Matt Shevchuk, Algebra II team;  
**First Place Gold Medal** for 2A Schools - Kim Hill, Amanda Clash, Nick Shelhamer, and Matt Shevchuk, Algebra II team;  
**Honorable Mention Individual** - Kim Hill, Algebra II.

### ■ Summit Conference Science Fair

**Division Trophy Winner** - Tiffany Coonce, Botany; Shawn Dannen, Environmental Science; Kim Hill, Math and Computers;  
**Red Ribbon** - Sarah Brown, Earth Science; Laura Furr, Earth Science; Stefanie Blevins, Microbiology; Tara Allen, Environmental Science; Kodi Harris, Physics; Janisha Bennett, Behavioral; Kristina Shropshire, Behavioral; Sumer Welch, Botany, Zach Miller, Zoology; Joe Gresham, Chemistry.

### ■ District Junior Academy of Science

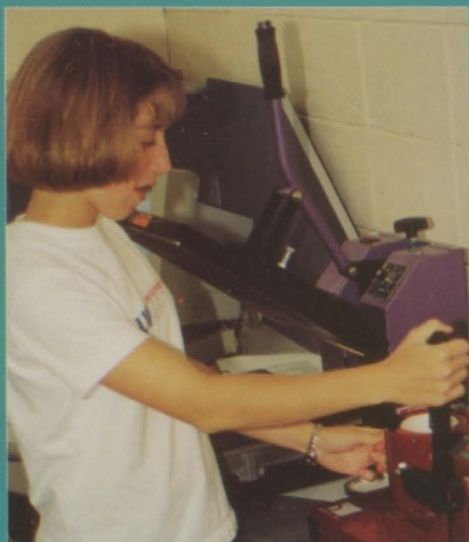
**Red Ribbon Excellent Rating** - Sarah Brown, Stefanie Blevins.



**MATH CLUB** front - Michell King (adviser), Sara Leonard (president), KaTrina Bailey, Janisha Bennett (secretary), Austin Miller (treasurer), Zach Miller, Jane Wehmeyer (adviser); Row two - Stefanie Blevins, Kelly Carampatan, Tina Crain, Keith Jackson, Quentin Hammond, Tara Jackson, Sarah Brown, Ashley Hicks, Laura Furr (sophomore representative); Row three - Whitney Hannaford, Jana Young, Jesse Bricker, Rachel Giddens, Nick Shelhamer, Amanda Clash, Kodi Harris, Kristina Shropshire, Kevin Altman, Jennifer Calhoun (freshman representative); Row four - Cory Letsinger, Tim Brazeal, Kim Hill, Joe Gresham, Amanda Baty, Jerry Elliott, Crystal Wilson; Row five - Tara Allen, David Scrivner, Randall Hatch, Matt Byerlee.

**SCIENCE CLUB** front - Jacob Magnin (sophomore representative), Kim Hill (sophomore representative), Kelly Carampatan (freshman representative), Keith Jackson (junior representative), Quentin Hammond (president), Matt Shevchuk (vice president), Kristina Shropshire (secretary), Sumer Welch (senior representative), Karen Eagleston (treasurer), Pam Probert (adviser); Row two - Tara Allen, Stefanie Blevins, Tiffany Coonce, Tina Crain, Kasie Rueff, Sarena Baugh, Tara Jackson, Sarah Brown, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Janisha Bennett, Laura Furr; Row three - Carrie Jarrett, Tim Brazeal, Rachel Giddens, Nick Shelhamer, Amanda Clash, Dustin McCleary, Jacob Loper, Rachel McCall, Ashley Hicks; Row four - Cory Letsinger, Chad Keith, Dustin Clark, Zach Miller, Austin Miller, Doug Tripp, Kevin Altman, Craig Letsinger, Rick Weaver; Row five - Garrett Norell, Dustin Grass, Rashelle Thompson, Courtney Allen, Cody Corder, Joe Gresham.





IN PRINCIPLES OF Technology I, Jesse Bricker puts the finishing touches on a coffee mug. Classes are divided into different departments that market, sell, and make t-shirts, mouse pads, caps, and coffee mugs.



WITH PRECISION SKILL, Tim Harness operates the band saw in Woodworking. "Students use the saw to make a scale model of an actual house. This activity teaches carpenter skills," Roy Ryan, woodworking teacher, said.

If learning is doing, then students of art, industrial art, and journalism are becoming experts. The classes naturally transform themselves into reality by creating a product.

■ Art students created various projects ranging from building model houses to airbrushing posters. Students winning in art contests included: **Student Choice Award, Ava Art Show** - Craig Letsinger, Drawing and Jerry Elliott, Painting; **LAD Fair- Literary-Related Drawing** - Craig Letsinger, second place and third place, and Beverly Pratt-Shirley, honorable mention.

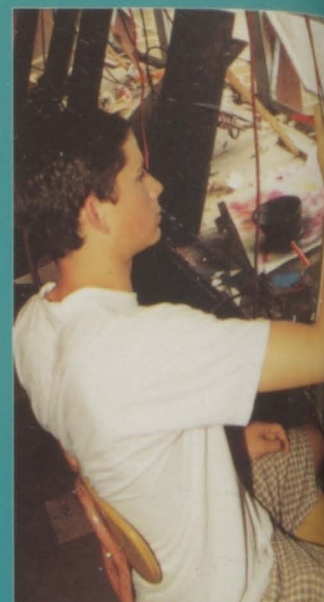
■ **Principles of Technology I & II** gives students a practical edge. For more than two years, students have worked as a fully functioning business, completing a project for clients who pay for products like t-shirts, mugs, mouse pads, etc. The class stretches students' design capabilities beyond print graphics and teaches them to work as a team. "I was in the sales department," Lora Thompson said. "We sold our products to people, then another department made the product."

#### ■ **Summit Conference Industrial Technology Contest**

One rating Kevin Altman, Woods I; Brett Bailey CAD; Two rating - Josh Slater, CAD; Ryan Roberts, CAD.



ART CLUB front - Craig Letsinger, Chandra Romero, Jennifer Calhoun (secretary), Courtney Allen (president), Austin Corder, Dean Bray (adviser); Row two - Rick Weaver, Rashelle Thompson, Bridgett Harris, Byron Clark, Tiffany Coonce, Crystal Wilson; Row three - Alex Hipkins, Lacie Vaverka, Whitney Hannaford (vice president), Sara Edmonds, Dustin Clark; Row four- Steven Collins, William Best, Jordan Cantrell, and Zach Miller.

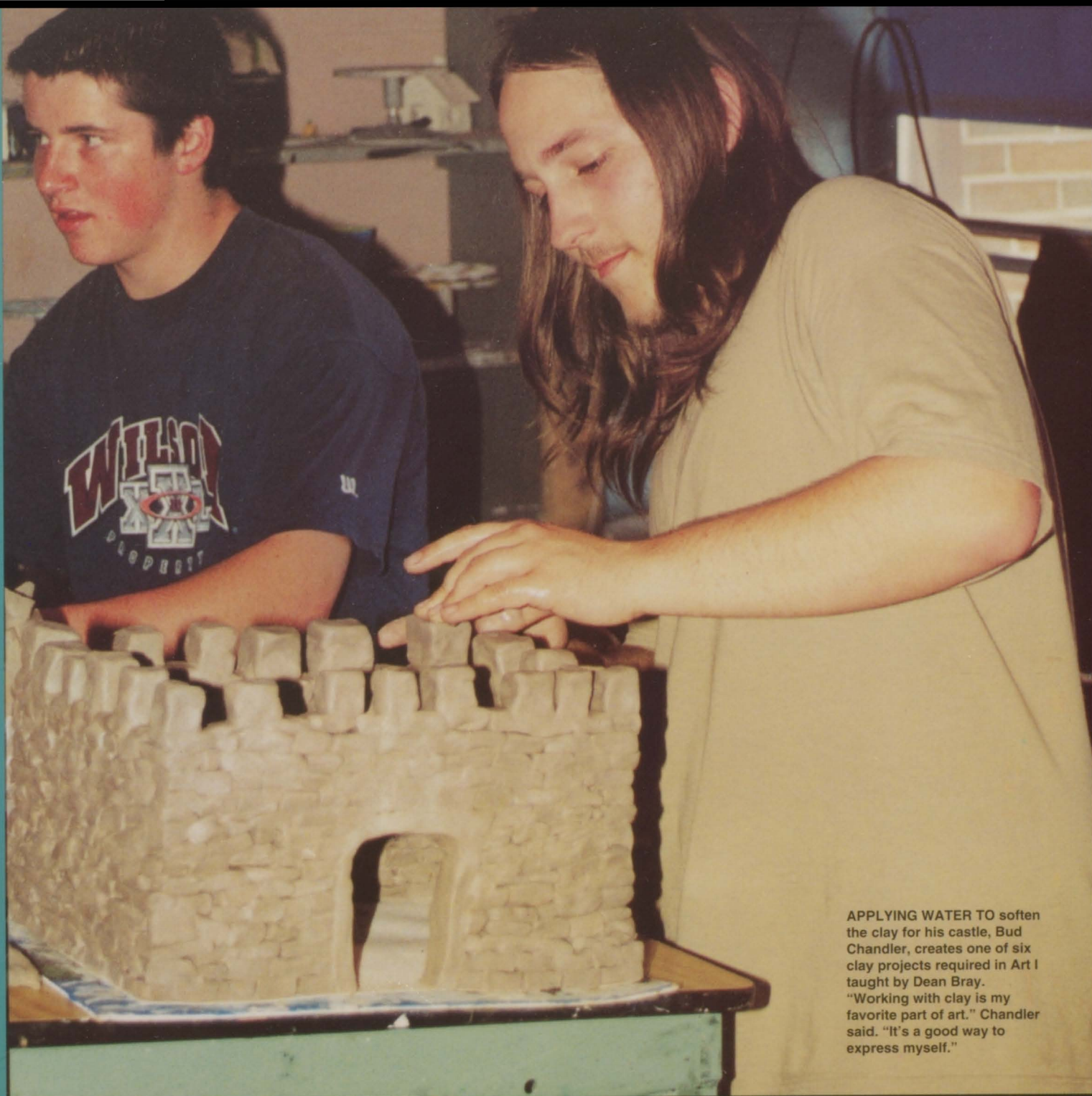


ART I STUDENT Austin Steffe airbrushes his final project in the art room. Students created their own patterns and designs.



ON YOUR MARK. In the gymnasium, Jeremy Lampley and Michael Fuge (far right) anticipate the start of their model car race. Joe Ehlers and Roy Ryan, woodworking teacher, assist in the event.





APPLYING WATER TO soften the clay for his castle, Bud Chandler, creates one of six clay projects required in Art I taught by Dean Bray. "Working with clay is my favorite part of art," Chandler said. "It's a good way to express myself."

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## Using our imagination

When tools of the trade strike a spark of inspiration, creative things can happen



# Lest we forget

**W**alking by the room, one might hear a debate raging, a question posed or a stimulating exchange of ideas. Often, Roger Wood, social studies teacher, argues the opposite view just so all sides of an issue are shared. It is his way of getting students to think, organize their thoughts, defend their beliefs, and effectively communicate both orally and in writing. For students who voted Woods, "Teacher of the Year" in a Student Council sponsored election, it is a winning combination. "He gives us a lot of opportunity to express ourselves," senior Matt Byerlee said, referring to Current Events class



**IN MY OPINION.** Journalism I students Amanda Baty and Stephanie Dannen compose editorials in class. Dannen wrote about the town's leash law and Baty addressed the problem with cliques.

## For The Record

### ■ Social Studies Awards

**American History-** Tim Brazeal, Jennifer Calhoun;  
**World History-** Stefanie Blevins, Tiffany Coonce, Laura Furr, Kim Hill, Lacie Newby;  
**Government-** Stefanie Blevins, Tiffany Coonce, Austin Miller;  
**Sociology-** Stefanie Blevins;  
**Modern European History-** Ashley Maxwell;  
**Geography-** Austin Miller;  
**Psychology-** Jerry Elliott; and  
**Political Science-** Kodi Harris.

### ■ Foreign Language Awards

**French I-** Amanda Clash, Stefanie Blevins, Laura Furr; and  
**Spanish II-** Kim Hill.

### ■ Summit Conference English Contest

**First Place Overall-** Jennifer Calhoun, composition;  
**Blue Ribbon-** Kristina Shropshire, composition; Erica Spyres, composition; Rachel Giddens, vocabulary;  
**Red Ribbon-** Amanda Clash, grammar; Austin Miller, grammar; Tara Allen, grammar; Stefanie Blevins, composition;  
**White Ribbon-** Tim Brazeal, grammar; and  
**Yellow Ribbon-** Laura Furr, spelling; Jennifer Flood, spelling; Zach Miller, spelling.

### ■ College of the Ozarks

**First Place-** Jacob Magnin, 9/10 short story;  
**Second Place-** Stefanie Blevins, 9/10 personal essay; Zach Miller, 11/12 persuasive essay;  
**Third Place-** Tara Allen, 9/10 short story; Jacob Magnin, 9/10 persuasive essay; Janisha Bennett, 11/12 persuasive essay; and  
**Honorable Mention-** Kristina Shropshire, 11/12 persuasive essay; Laura Furr, 9/10 personal essay; Nick Shelhamer, 9/10 persuasive essay; Amanda Clash, 11/12 persuasive essay; Sara Leonard, 11/12 poetry.

### ■ Writers Hall of Fame

**Contest Winners-** Tiffany Coonce, 9/10 feature story; Lindsay Hannaford, 11/12 news story; Evan Jones, 5/6 short rhymed poem; Brandon Grass, 7/8 tanka poem; Tyler Rummens, 7/8 personal experience narrative; Adam Keith, 5/6 long free verse poem; Eli Helms, 7/8 acrostic poem.

where students take turns leading the class. Wood said he just wants students to develop a respect for thinking on their own and to learn to critically analyze information.

Making ties with literature and their world, students in English and Social Studies classes found themselves immersed in projects like researching and baking Renaissance and Depression era recipes, role-playing World War II generals, interviewing people on the street about Shakespearean quotes, and acting out themes from short stories. French and Spanish students found links to the world by learning another language and studying their respective country's culture and society.



**FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB** front – Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Erica Spyres (secretary/treasurer), Zach Miller (vice president), Janisha Bennett (president), Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two – KaTrina Bailey, Kristina Shropshire, Sara Leonard, Quentin Hammond, Amanda Clash, Kim Hill, Ashley Hicks, Laura Furr; Row three – Dannette Sickels, Tara Jackson, Sarah Brown, Jerry Elliott, Austin Miller, Chad Keith; Row four – David Scrivner, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Michael Scofield, Lacie Newby, Rashelle Thompson, Stefanie Blevins, Carrie Jarrett; Row five – Rebecca Sherman, Sarena Baugh, Tara Alllen, Sara Kulp, and Matt Shevchuk.





**YOU'RE HISTORY.** Austin Steffe, portraying a Greek philosopher, makes a sweeping entrance for a World History presentation while classmates Scotty Rousseau and Justin Carter wait their turn. Small groups presentations required at the end of first quarter made history come alive.



**WRITE ON.** Journalism and English students Tina Crain, Stefanie Blevins, Kristina Shropshire, Zach Miller, Sara Kulp, Jacob Magnin, Kodi Harris, Laura Furr, Tara Allen, and Tiffany Coonce head home with trophies won at the College of the Ozarks writing contest. The group's compiled winnings earned MHS the first place overall trophy.



**FELIZ NAVIDAD.** Foreign Language Club members sing "Silent Night" for residents of the Rocky Ridge Manor in December. Spanish and French students also picked up litter as a service project for the school and community.



**SEÑORITAS KIM HILL, Janisha Bennett and Jennifer Flood celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Mexico's Independence Day in Wilda Watterson's Spanish II class. Students decorated the room in festive colors and munched on warm brownies and milk.**





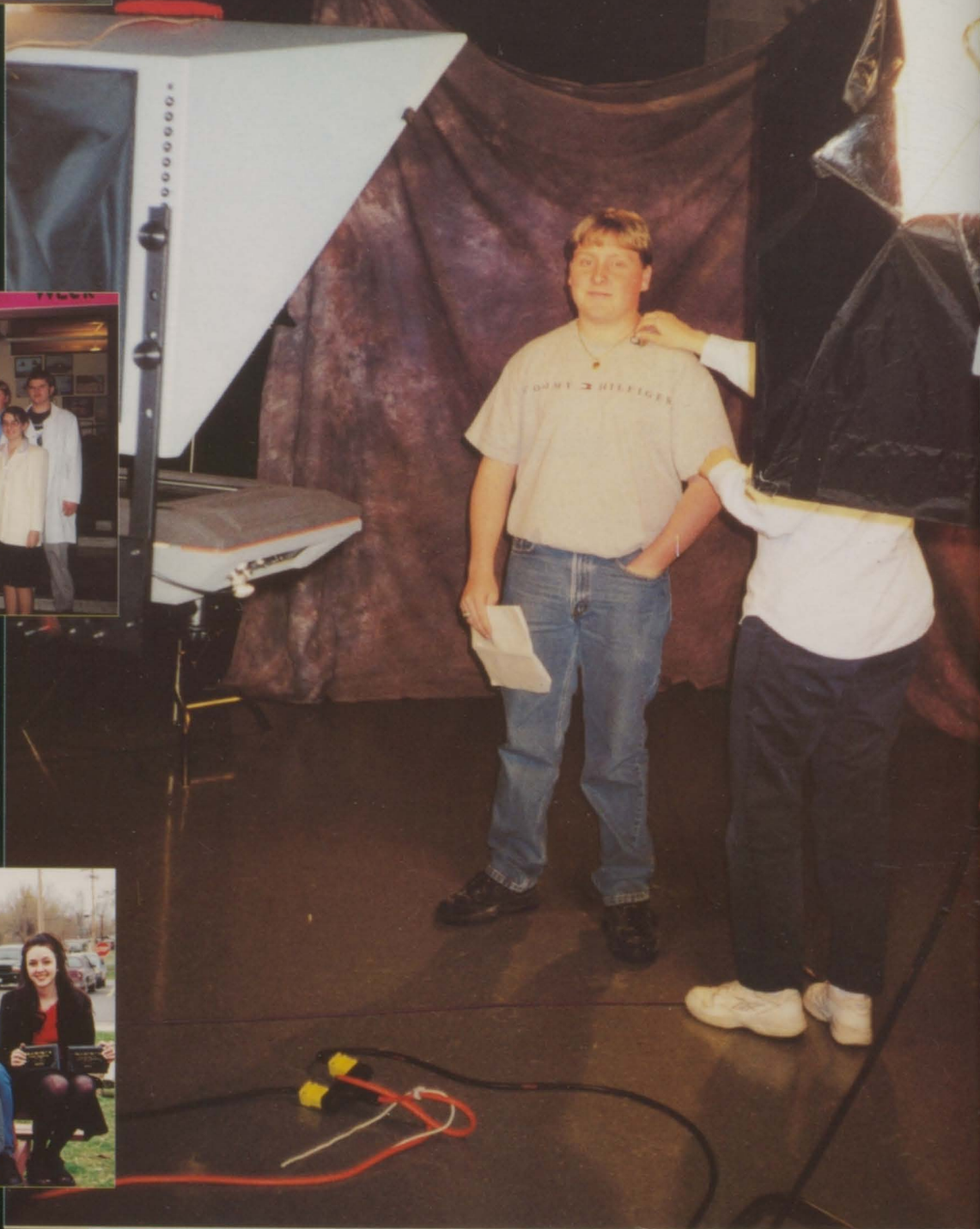
AT KY-3 STUDIO in Springfield, entrepreneur students pose for a photograph with newcasters Steve Grant and meteorologist Brandon Beck; Row two - Byron Clark, Bridgett Harris, Rashelle Thompson, Erica Spyres, Janisha Bennett, Ashley Hicks, Brenda Dunbar; Row three - Randall Hatch, Shawn Dannen, Josh Cleaver, Renee Washburn, Rebecca Sherman, Steven Collins, John Nichols, bus driver.



SUITED UP. Dressed for success during FBLA week are front- Crystal Wilson, Sara Edmonds, Janisha Bennett, Bridgett Harris, KaTrina Bailey; Row two - Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Lacie Vaverka, Stefanie Blevins, Sara Leonard, Jacob Loper; back - Courtney Allen, Whitney Hannaford, Kelly Carampatan, Jerry Elliott, Byron Clark.



FBLA DISTRICT WINNERS ARE front - Sara Leonard, Janisha Bennett, Kelly Carampatan; back -Steven Collins, Kevin Altman, Ashley Hicks, Brooke Hurst. A total of 16 students competed in the contest held at West Plains.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. A KY-3 technician attaches a microphone to Byron Clark before he reads the weather school question which airs on the morning show every week day. He was chosen to participate when Marsha Appleby's Entrepreneurship class toured the station in May.



# Connecting to real-world experiences

Being an MTV host or trading places with Matt Lauer on NBC's Today Show may seem like an interesting and exciting career. But the number of persons who have these high profile jobs are just a small percentage of the people who work in television. Many careers are behind the scenes. These were some of the facts entrepreneur students discovered when they toured KY-3 studios in Springfield. "They found out first-hand what the opportunities and requirements are at a television station," Marsha Appleby, business teacher, said. They showed us what production engineers, broadcast technicians, advertising sales, and assignment editors do, junior Bridgett Harris said. If a person enjoys work of a technical nature involving machines or processes and working as a member of a team, it could be a great field, she added.

Field trips were just one way students learned about skills needed for the future. In Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), members apply in contests, skills they learned in the classroom: accounting, office procedures, computer applications, communication, and working as a team.



FBLA front - Marsha Appleby (adviser), Janisha Bennett (president), KaTrina Bailey (treasurer), Sara Leonard (vice president), Bridgett Harris (historian), Amanda Clash (secretary), David Scrivner (reporter), Jerry Elliott (parliamentarian), Josh Cample (parliamentarian); Row two - Jacob Loper, Jacob Magnin, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, Stefanie Blevins, Crystal Wilson, Tara Allen; Row three - Sara Edmonds, Karen Eagleston, Kelly Carampatan, Lacie Vaverka, Whitney Hannaford, Jennifer Calhoun, Courtney Allen, Laura Furr; Row four - Erica Spyres, Brooke Hurst, Ashley Hicks, Byron Clark, Kevin Altman; Row five - Steven Collins, Chad Keith, and Zach Miller.



FBLA HISTORIAN BRIDGETT Harris surprises Rachel Giddens with a Crush Pop Valentine sent by an anonymous friend. Club members sold and delivered Valentines to grades K-12 as a fundraiser.

## For The Record

- **State FBLA Contest** - first place Erica Spyres, Public Speaking; eighth place Amanda Clash, Business Calculations.
- **FBLA District Contest** -  
**First place** - David Scrivner, Mr. FBLA; Amanda Clash, Business Calculations; Amanda Clash, Word Processing; Karen Eagleston, Business Procedures; Erica Spyres, Public Speaking; Crystal Wilson, Accounting I;  
**Second Place** - Sara Leonard, Ms. FBLA; Jerry Elliott, Technology Concepts; Jennifer Calhoun, Introduction to Business Communications;  
**Third Place** - Brooke Hurst, Public Speaking; Steven Collins, Technology Concepts; Janisha Bennett, Job Interview;  
**Fourth Place** - Kevin Altman, International Business; Stefanie Blevins, Introduction to Business; Brooke Hurst, Introduction to Impromptu Speaking; Ashley Hicks, Economics; David Scrivner, Business Communications; and  
**Fifth Place** - Stefanie Blevins, Business Math; Laura Furr, Introduction to Business Communications; Kelly Carampatan, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures.





AFTER CHOPPING INGREDIENTS for Mexican appetizers, Austin Corder, Carrie Jarrett, and Rashelle Thompson demonstrate how to make tostadas for open house visitors. "Food really draws a crowd," Jarrett said. "We didn't have any leftovers."

FCCLA

## What's in a name?

Quite a bit when you belong to a national student organization called Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America





**GUEST SPEAKER JOHN** House talks to FBLA and FCCLA students about his career as a Springfield firefighter. Teachers brought in professionals to speak to their classes so students could hear first-hand what skills are needed to be successful in their job search or business interest.



**MAKING A SUGGESTION**, Teresa Hinsley, nutrition teacher, advises Lisa Mapes and Lora Thompson on their recipe for sugar cookies. "I like doing the cooking projects," Mapes said. "It lets us work together and builds team work."



**JUGGLING TASKS**, Afton Ivy takes notes in English while rocking her baby, a computer doll programmed to cry intermittently. "I think I got a cranky one," Ivy said. As part of their grade, students are responsible for 24-hour care.

**M**ore than a year ago, the organization known as Future Homemakers of America (FHA) voted to change the 54-year-old name to Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). As societal changes came, leaders decided the organization's focus on homemaking could not hold up. In recent years, more males have become involved and interested in the club. "The name had become outdated," Teresa Hinsley, adviser, said. "Now our programs include real-world areas such as financial management, career planning, balancing family and career, leadership development, and community service."

Members sponsored the Miss Mansfield Pageant, Toys for Tots, and a children's clothing drive. In class, students entered elementary classrooms as mentors to make presentations and to conduct small group activities with younger students. Sophomore Sara Edmonds said, "Going into lower grade classes makes you realize that little kids do look up to older students."



**FCCLA front** - Teresa Hinsley (adviser), Sarena Baugh (president), Bridgett Harris (vice president), Byron Clark (vice president), Carrie Jarrett (secretary); Row two - Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, KaTrina Bailey, Sara Leonard, Janisha Bennett, Stefanie Blevins, Rachel McCall, Sara Edmonds; Row three - Rick Weaver, Joe Gresham, Tara Allen, Lora Thompson, Christina Odle, Whitney Hannaford, Lisa Mapes; Row four - Zach Milier, Matt Shevchuk, Courtney Allen, Jennifer Calhoun, Lindsey Dunbar; Row five - Justin Kingery, Quentin Hammond, Rashelle Thompson, Lacie Vaverka.



**READY FOR WORK**. As part of FCCLA week, students participated in Dress for Success Day. Sumer Welch, Kelly Carampatan, Stefanie Blevins, Byron Clark, Bridgett Harris, Quentin Hammond, Janisha Bennett, Lora Thompson, and KaTrina Bailey wear clothes appropriate for their chosen careers. Clark and Bennett were named Mr. and Mrs. Dress for Success.



**WATCHING THE CLOCK**. Rashelle Thompson, Miranda Rhodes, Byron Clark, and Austin Corder check the progress of "pigs in a blanket." Students in Teresa Hinsley's Nutrition and Wellness Class cooked a range of foods from omelets to lasagna.



# Building skills by **working** together

**G**etting their hands dirty is no problem for FFA members, whether it is building a float for a community parade, cleaning up a building for the new doctor in town or growing out a market steer. Agriculture students learn teamwork, cooperation, goal-setting, and communication from working with each other, other student organizations, and people in the community. For example, the chapter's annual blood drive, sponsored by Community Blood Bank, collected a record 76 units in December according to Stan Coday, FFA adviser.

Other activities give students a chance to combine their technical knowledge with their ability to make sound judgments. Students competed on local, state, and national levels in areas such as prepared public speaking, dairy judging, and forestry. Several students were

recognized at state with Proficiency Awards: Rick Ramsey, wildlife management; Karen Eagleston, dairy placement, and Ryan Roberts, cereal/grain production.

At the FFA Banquet, Coday recognized students who showed leadership, personal growth, and success in agriculture as follows:

- Outstanding Member - Karen Eagleston,
- Star Chapter Farmer - Sarah Brown,
- Star Greenhand - Aaron Price,

- Outstanding Freshman - Dustin Dixon,
- Outstanding Sophomore - Steven Ward,
- Outstanding Junior - Dannette Sickels,
- Outstanding Senior - Sarena Baugh, and
- State FFA Degree- Sarah Brown, Dannette Sickels, Jamie Kinser, '99.

**IN THE BOTANY** category, Dannette Sickels and Karen Eagleston place third and receive \$500 scholarships at the National Agriscience Fair, held in conjunction with the 72nd National FFA Convention in Louisville.



FFA front - Steven Ward (chaplain), Travis Mason, Matt Dunbar (historian), Sarah Brown (treasurer), Ashley Maxwell, Karen Eagleston (president), Dannette Sickels (secretary), Tara Jackson (vice president), Stan Coday (adviser); Row two - Keith Newton, Cory Letsinger, Lisa Chambers, Maranda Garzee, Sarena Baugh, Kasie Rueff, Phillip Sherman, Miranda Rhodes, Rick Ramsey, Ryan Roberts; Row three - Jimmy Rebur, Travis Clouse, Dustin Dixon, Shawna Williams, Justin Carter, Austin Steffe, Randy Kramm, James Scrivner, Donnie Slate; Row four - Travis Hilliard, Justin Stafford, Steven Collins, Dustin Clark, Sumer Welch, Doug Tripp, Joey Harris, Matt Bennett; Row five - Ashton Young, Chad Keith, Dustin Coday, Josh Kulp, B.J. Batten, and Aaron Price.



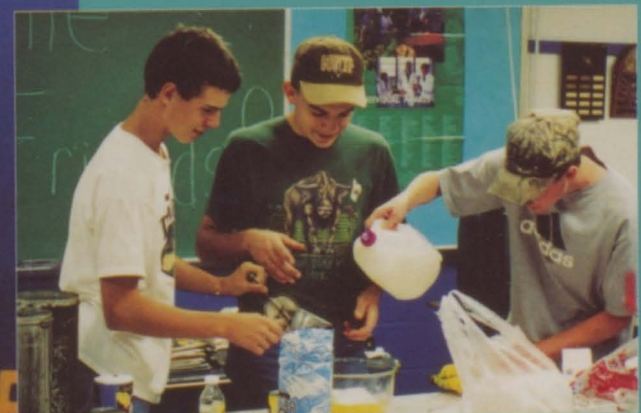
FFA MEMBERS DEPICT a country party scene on the club's float in the annual Wilder Day parade, September 18. Amber Moore, Karen Eagleston, Dannette Sickels, Rick Ramsey, and Matt Dunbar act out a story from *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The local chapter won first prize and \$100 for its entry.



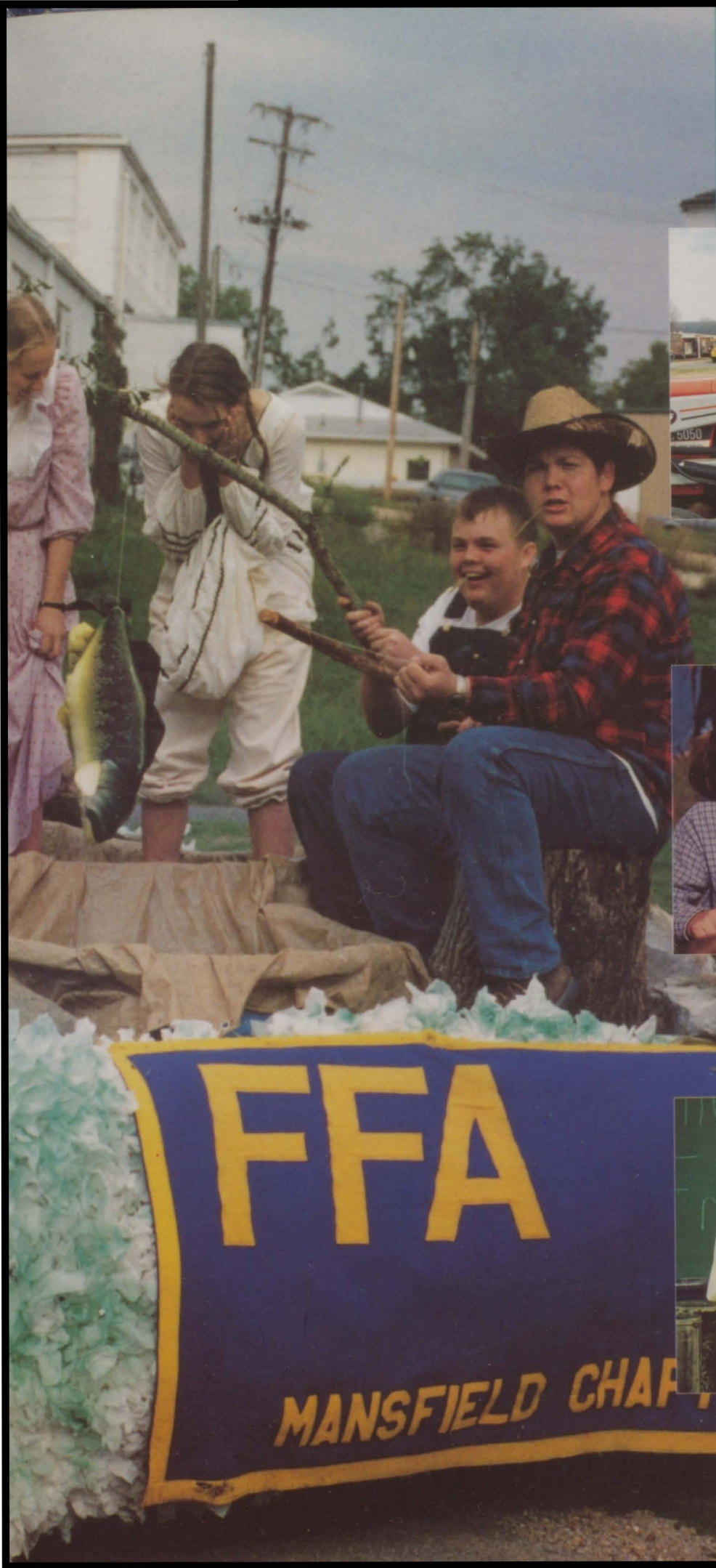
**PEERLESS PLOWMAN.** Justin Carter cranks up his tractor after school in the parking lot as part of "Ride Your Tractor to School Day" during National FFA Week. "I had fun, although I made people mad in town by driving so slow...there were about 20 cars behind me," he said.



**A SUFFOLK LAMB** cooperates while owner Sarah Brown demonstrates shearing to elementary students attending Food for America, a day-long event held at the school. Students brought their animals to educate others about livestock's contribution in their lives. Brown raises sheep on her family's farm.



**MIXING UP THE** base for homemade ice cream, Keith Newton and Randy Kramm suggest that Josh Kulp take the cap off the milk before pouring into the bowl. After freezing the ice cream, members served open house visitors who stopped by the FFA room.







**CLEANING A WINDSHIELD**, Doug Tripp and Zach Miller take part in Teacher Appreciation Day. The Student Council washed every high school faculty member's car window and left the message, "Thanks for helping us see more clearly."



**STUDENT COUNCIL** front - KaTrina Bailey (president), Sumer Welch (secretary), Kristina Shropshire, Austin Miller, Zach Miller (vice president), Doug Tripp (treasurer) Wilda Watterson (adviser); Row two - Sara Leonard, Quentin Hammond, Amanda Clash, Janisha Bennett, Ashley Hicks, Laura Furr; Row three - Kim Hill, Brooke Hurst, Kodi Harris, Brett Bailey; Row four - Jacob Magnin and Cody Corder.



**STAYIN ALIVE**, National Honor Society's campsite theme for Relay for Life, won Honorable Mention. Dressing in 70s clothes and memorabilia, members and friends walking in the American Cancer Society's 12-hour walk are (front) Randall Hatch, Erica Spyres, Amanda Clash, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Bridgett Harris, Sarah Brown, Rashelle Thompson; Row two- Quentin Hammond, Tara Jackson, Karen Eagleston, Jerry Elliott, David Scrivner, Sarena Baugh, Rick Weaver, Russell Cox, sponsor, and Craig Letsinger.





# Lending a hand

**W**ith an emphasis that includes social service, three groups set out to tackle a wide gamut of serious social issues with programs and activities designed to raise awareness and do something about problems. The activities are as big as

a national campaign that seeks to end gun violence in schools and as small as small group activities with elementary students about ways to prevent substance abuse.

■ For the third year, **National Honor Society** took part in the Relay for Life in May at the Mt. Grove football field. Two student teams, NHS and another lead by junior Keith Jackson, raised over \$1,000 for the Wright County American Cancer Society. Jackson and Jerry Elliott walked 140 laps to set the individual record. "I beat the record last year so I knew I had to continue this year," Jackson said. Wearing polyester, bell bottoms, and a headband, Kristina Shropshire said it was fun dressing up for the '70s theme. "Mom told me exactly how to dress. I'm even wearing her earrings," she said.

■ **Student Council** sponsored National Pledge against Gun Violence Day where students signed individual pledges and their names to a wall poster. The chapter also conducted an elementary tutoring lab after school under the supervision of individual teachers. Other activities were Homecoming, a spring blood drive, and leadership training seminars.

■ **Education Supports Prevention** played a major role in bringing programs to prevent students from using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. President Erica Spyres said a schoolwide focus included a ventriloquist, an ex-con, a multi-media show, and an accident simulation.



**HIGH SCHOOL HERO** Tiffany Coonce helps fourth grader Chandler Veit put his handprints on Mrs. Denny's Says No to Drugs poster. Students also signed their names to pledge a drug-free life.



ESP front- Stacey Doherty, adviser, Erica Spyres (president), Janisha Bennett (vice president), Tiffany Coonce (secretary), Sarena Baugh (treasurer), Karen Eagleston (senior representative), Amanda Clash (junior representative), Stefanie Blevins (sophomore representative), Jana Young (freshman representative); Row two - Kasie Rueff, Quentin Hammond, Beverly Pratt-Shirley, Sara Leonard, Kristina Shropshire, Sumer Welch, KaTrina Bailey, Kodi Harris, Rachel McCall; Row three - Jordan Cantrell, Kelly Carampatan, Jennifer Calhoun, Whitney Hannaford, Tina Crain, Lora Thompson, Sara Kulp, Laura Furr, Christina Odle; Row four - Nick Shelhamer, Brooke Hurst, Ashley Hicks, Joe Gresham, Chandra Romero, Austin Miller, Tara Allen, Carrie Jarrett; Row five - Randall Hatch, Lacie Newby, Catrina Long, Dannette Sickels, Tara Jackson, Crystal Wilson, Lisa Mapes; Row six - Kevin Altman, Zach Miller, Craig Letsinger, Cory Letsinger, Lacie Vaverka; Row seven - Steven Collins, Bridgett Harris, Byron Clark, William Best; Row eight - Rachel Giddens, Sara Edmonds, Courtney Allen.

**CHECKING FOR SIGNS of life.** Melinda Lems finds daughter Bridgett Harris and date Josh Cleaver, victims of a drunk driver as part of a mock wreck. ESP co-sponsored the event with the fire department at the school to educate students on the dangers of drinking and driving.



# WHO REALLY MATTERS

## PEOPLE

**TAKE STUDENTS WHO FIND PLEASURE NOT MERELY IN THE ACHIEVEMENT BUT IN THE EFFORT, LOVE TO READ, WORK NOT JUST FOR THE GRADE BUT TO IMPROVE SKILLS, ARE PERSISTENT AND HARD WORKING.**

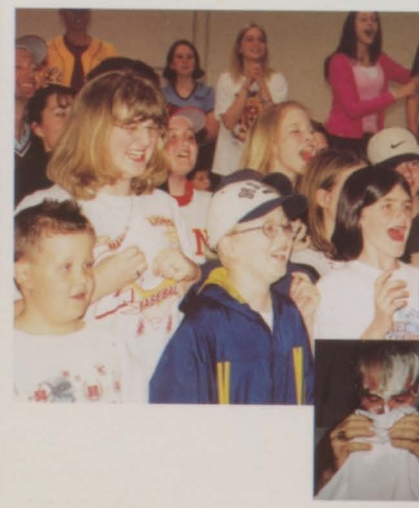
**M**ix in with teachers who feed their passions about a subject or an activity, applaud the effort, allow mistakes, and respect their learning style. Fold in parents or family members who are role models and involved in their child's learning, and a community that supports the school. It is a winning recipe for a big batch of kids at Mansfield RIV School.

Still, there are many students on campus and, as is true at all schools, just want to get a degree and see MHS in their rear view mirror. They do not get involved in school. Some cannot afford to; they have to work to make ends meet. They do not go to ball games. Their families do not support them or care if they succeed in school.

One of the perks of the school, though, is that it has taken steps to show students they are valued. A student to classroom teacher ratio of 17:1 makes learning up close and personal. Another way is the new advisor/advisee program, which assigns an advisor to a group of 10 students. Quarterly meetings over pizza or popcorn, allows faculty members to give career planning assistance and one-on-one contact outside the classroom. At Mansfield School, it's all about people matters.



Elementary Principal Jean Coday and Superintendent Robert Perry, at Coday's retirement dinner.



### IN YOUR FACE.

Students react wildly when Don Sanders, social studies teacher, gets a whip cream pie in the face at the spring carnival. The event was sponsored by the Math Club as a fundraiser.

BY DAVID HIPKINS, SARA KULP, AND CARRIE JARRETT



#### **BASKETBALL**

##### **COACHES**

Sunny Watterson, Keat Kistler, Scott Calhoun, and Bob Gilmore share pizza and laughs with their athletes after the game. Both girls and boys' teams won their first games in the district tournament at Cabool.



#### **PROJECT WATER**

**BALLET.** Sumer Welch, Kristina Shropshire, Kodi Harris, and Janisha Bennett plunge into the pool at Project Graduation. Sponsored by senior parents, the all-night party was held after graduation at the Lebanon Civic Center.

#### **JUST TRUST ME.**

Blindfolded Kasie Rueff takes part in a game for Greenhand Initiation during National FFA Week. Justin Carter and Rick Ramsey assisted new members through a series of activities for fun and team building.





## ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

**SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT PERRY** confers Della Lansdown's diploma from eighth grade as **Freddie Doherty**, middle school principal, announces graduates' names. Sixty-four students participated in the ceremony.

## School bond to improve facilities

**V**oter approval of a 2.8 million bond issue in April marked a milestone in the school's history. The bond will fund building projects for students from elementary age through high school.

Plans call for the following projects:

- air conditioning the entire school;
- enclosing the area between the gymnasium and the high school in order to add a high school and middle school cafeteria;
- constructing new science labs, a band room, and regular classrooms;
- constructing a two-story addition at the north end of the elementary building to house new kindergarten classrooms and an elementary library; and
- expanding the high school library with access for the community, including print and Internet.

Approved by a vote of 485 to 315, passage of the bond spells relief for the Board and Administration as the levy failed a year earlier by a narrow margin.

Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry cited Fall 2001 as a targeted completion date.

"It will take approximately 18 months because most construction will need to be done during the summer, although a portion can be done during school," Perry said.

Construction will take longer because not all improvements will be new free standing buildings but additions to present buildings, he said.

**PRINCIPAL ARLENE MAGNIN** recognizes salutatorian Zach Miller at the Academic Awards Banquet for attaining the Principal's Honor Roll all four years of high school. Valedictorian Austin Miller was recognized for the same achievement.



**Robert Perry**, Superintendent  
**Arlene Magnin**, High School Principal  
**Freddie Doherty**, Middle School Principal  
**Jean Coday**, Elementary Principal  
**Dorothy Wallace**, Special Education Director

**Toni Bailey**, Special Education Aide, Bus Driver  
**Janet Brooke**, High School Secretary  
**Connie Calhoun**, Head Cook  
**Deidra Carnall**, Elementary Custodian  
**Naomi Clouse**, Title I Aide

**Helen Cook**, Cook  
**Pat Dennis**, Cook  
**Lori Hoover**, Special Education Aide  
**Brenda Hutton**, Middle School Secretary  
**Barbara Jackson**, Elementary Secretary







**GRILLING HOT DOGS**, Ronnie Roy and Rance Veit cook outside the high school for hungry visitors at the school's open house in October. More than 800 hot dogs were served to students and parents.



**CUT AND PASTE**. Kathy Short and Becky Moody assist students making crafts at the Parents as Teacher booth during open house in the elementary school. Their activity featured "Your Baby's Amazing Brain."



**MANSFIELD BOARD OF Education** members (below) are Kevin Findley, Mary Shropshire, Eddie Calhoun, Kima Harris, John Elliott, and Gene Loge. Not pictured, Dale McGaw.

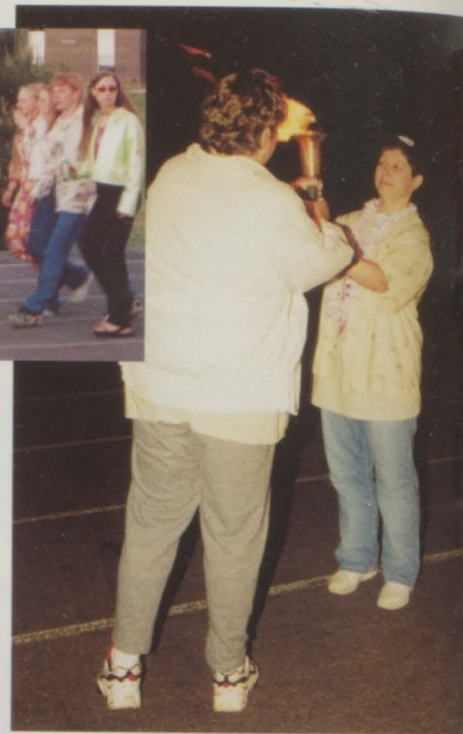


Teresa Jarrett, Elementary Secretary  
 Avenail Jones, Cook  
 Cheryl Keith, Cook  
 Kay Lansdown, Cafeteria Clerk  
 Debbie Letsinger, Superintendent's Secretary  
  
 Becky Moody, Special Education Assistant  
 Tina Newberry, Title I Preschool  
 Mercedes Price, Cook  
 Ronnie Roy, Custodian  
 Cindy Sanders, Custodian  
  
 Debbie Sanders, A+ Coordinator/Public Information Director  
 Kathy Short, Parents as Teachers Director  
 Nancy Veit, Cook  
 Rance Veit, Custodian  
 Sherry Welch, Cook



## FACULTY

**CANCER SURVIVOR**  
VICKI Blankenship (far right), participates in a special torch ceremony as part of the luminary ceremony. Right, faculty and student team members walk the first lap at the third annual Relay for Life held at the Mtn. Grove football field.



**WEARING LEIS, GRASS**  
skirts, and tropical shirts, the high school and middle school team promotes their theme, "Aloha to a Cure." Front, Betsy Wight, Don Sanders, Debbie Sanders, Pam Probert; back, Vicki Blankenship, Shannon Waldo, Dorothy Wallace, Arlene Magnin, Kathy Barnett, Ashley Miller, Debbie Letsinger.



## Faculty gets in step

Over 60 students and adults laced up their walking shoes to help others at the American Cancer Society's third annual Relay for Life held at the Mtn. Grove football field in May. Four teams took steps to make a difference, help someone they know or celebrate being alive. By raising over \$4,000, they contributed to the \$46,000 overall total raised for cancer-research funds by all 41 teams together.

"We had some survivors in our group and everyone knew someone who had cancer," said Don Sanders, high school and middle school team leader. "It touches close to home when cancer affects your family and co-workers."

Cancer survivor Vicki Blankenship walked in her first Relay for Life since being diagnosed with breast cancer last summer. "My sister went through the same thing," Blankenship said. "It's touching to be a part of this event. When you go through something like cancer, it becomes very meaningful to you ~ very personal."



**CHILLIN' FOR A CURE.** Using an arctic theme, the elementary faculty team puts the final frost on their campsite. Front, Edwina Carnall, Charity Newberry, Patti Hanger, Jennifer Morris, Tina Newberry, Patti Gleason; back, Jodie Sell, June Hanger, Don Hanger, Kelley Jones, Vicky Denney, Kay Scrivner, Delbert Scrivner. They raised over \$1,600 for the American Cancer Society.

**Marsha Appleby**, Business, Future Business Leaders of America sponsor  
**Mary Blakey**, Orthopedically Handicapped  
**Vicki Box**, Elementary Language Arts  
**Dean Bray**, Art, Sophomore Class sponsor  
**Kelly Brazeal**, High School Counselor, Senior Class sponsor







Georgianne Brown, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor  
 Pat Brown, Elementary Math/Science  
 Scott Calhoun, ISS, Physical Education, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach  
 Dallas Chambers, Remedial Math  
 Stan Coday, Agriculture, FFA sponsor



Russell Cox, English, National Honor Society sponsor  
 Marcella Davenport, English, Pom Pon sponsor  
 Tara Dennis, Speech Implementor  
 Stacey Doherty, Elementary Counselor, ESP sponsor  
 Bob Gilmore, Alternative School



Kay Goss, Librarian  
 Susie Graham, Middle School Computers  
 Grace Grebel, Science, Volleyball Coach  
 John Hinsley, Enrichment, Middle School Science  
 Teresa Hinsley, Family and Consumer Science/Health, FCCLA sponsor



Doug Jones, Science, Athletic Director, Baseball Coach  
 Mitchell King, Math, Math Club Sponsor, Junior Class sponsor  
 Keat Kistler, ISS, Physical Education, Boys' Basketball Coach  
 Helen Lawrence, Remedial Reading  
 Jan Manville, Special Education



Cindy Martin, Art  
 Cindy Massey, Title I  
 Nelwyn Mathews, Behavior Disorders  
 Stephaney Menzie, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor  
 Pam Probert, Science, Science Club sponsor, Beta Chi Pi sponsor



Roy Ryan, Industrial Technology  
 Don Sanders, Middle School Social Studies  
 Barbara Sears, Title I  
 Randy Short, Middle School Math, Cross Country/Track sponsor  
 Eric Spyres, Parents as Teachers



Terry Spyres, Vocal Music, Speech/Debate Club sponsor  
 Beth Ann Strain, Elementary Librarian  
 Shannon Waldo, Instrumental Music, Pom Pon sponsor  
 Sunny Watterson, Physical Education, Girls' Basketball Coach  
 Wilda Watterson, Social Studies, Student Council sponsor, Assistant Softball Coach



Jane Wehmeyer, Math, Math Club co-sponsor  
 Betsy Wight, English, Journalism, Newspaper and Yearbook Adviser  
 Roger Wood, Social Studies, Softball Coach



## SENIORS

**H**ow have you changed since your freshman year?

● "It took me until my senior year to realize that high school is just a small part of life. I used to stress out about the little things like school work. It's not that I don't care anymore, but living life and having fun are the memories you won't forget." —**KaTrina Bailey**

● "I feel I haven't changed. I'm still the same person, just older." —**Doug Tripp**

● "Since my freshman year, I got a job at Signal and worked there for two years. I've gotten very lazy in the years of high school." —**Dustin Clark**

● "I have learned that what's on the inside of a person is what counts. I used to be really concerned about outward appearances, but now I know that appearances are deceiving." —**Janisha Bennett**

**PICTURE THIS.** Members of the senior class walk up the hill after taking traditional class photographs at the city park.

● "Since my freshman year, I haven't really grown any, but I have filled out a lot from lifting weights for baseball. I have also turned into a punk, growing my hair out, getting my ears pierced, and wearing long, baggy shorts." —**Austin Corder**

### Kevin Altman

ESP 4, NHS 4, FBLA 3,4, Math Club 4, Science Club 4, Baseball 3,4, All Conference Baseball 3, Basketball 3,4, Math Contest 3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4.

### Jeremy Archer

FBLA 3, Science Club 4, Pep Club 1, FHA 2, Choir 1,2, Baseball 1, Cross Country 4, Vocal Music Contest 1,2.

### KaTrina Bailey

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, ESP 1,2,3,4, and Officer 3, NHS 2,3,4, and Officer 4, FBLA 2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, Math Club 2,3,4, and Officer 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, FHA 2,4, Student Council 3,4, and Officer 4, Choir 1,2,3,4, and Officer 2,4, Class Officer 2,3,4, Youth Alive 1,2,3,4, Pom Pon 1,2,3,4, and Captain 4, English Contest 2, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, Math Contest 2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3,4, Miss Mansfield Runner Up, 3, Homecoming Queen 4, High School Hero 3,4.

### B.J. Batten

Art Club 3, Pep Club 3, FFA 3,4, Choir 4, Youth Alive 3, Sporting Chance 4.

### Sarena Baugh

Foreign Language Club 4, ESP 3,4, and Officer 4, Science Club 3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, FFA 3,4, FHA 1,2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, Volleyball 3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, Pom Pon 1,2,3,4, and Captain 4, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3.

### Crystal Bennett

FFA 2,3, Choir 2,3, Basketball 1,2,4, Track 1,2, Vocal Music Contest 2,3.

### Janisha Bennett

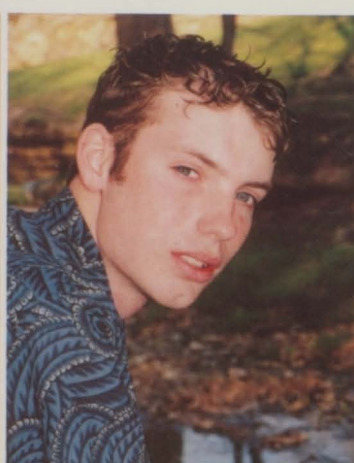
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### Matt Byerlee

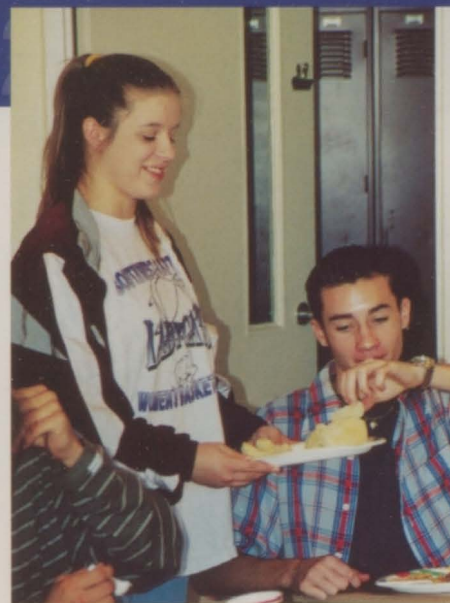
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### Josh Campie

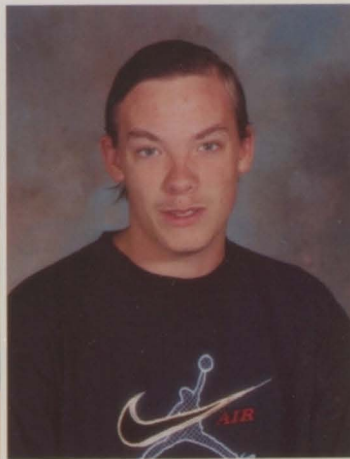
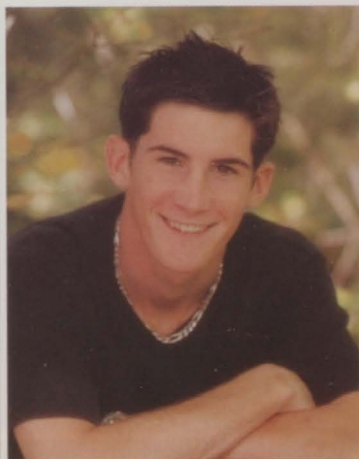
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**TRYING A  
PIECE of  
"old bread",  
Craig  
Letsinger  
samples a  
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Literature.**



### Byron Clark

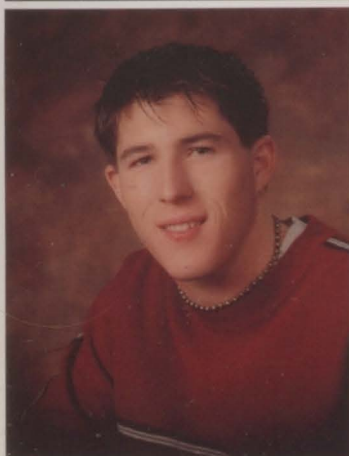
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### Dustin Clark

ESP 1,2, FBLA 1,2, Art Club 1,2,3,4, Math Club 1, Science Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3, FFA 1,2,3,4, FHA 1,2,3, Student Council 2, and Officer 2, Class Officer 2, Baseball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Baseball 3, Basketball 1,2,3, Cross Country 1,2, All Conference Cross Country 2, All District Conference 2.

### Steven Collins

ESP 3,4, FBLA 4, Art Club 4, FFA 4, Choir 3,4, Youth Alive 2, Sporting Chance 1,2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 3,4, Art Fair 1, FBLA/Business Contest 1,4, Barnwarming King Candidate 1,4.



### Austin Corder

Foreign Language Club 3, and Officer 3, ESP 1,2,3, and Officer 3, Art Club 1,2, Science Club 3, Pep Club 1,2,3, Band 1, Baseball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Baseball 2,3, Basketball 1, Instrumental Contest 1, Art Fair 1, Industrial Arts Fair 3, Baseball All-District 2.

### Karen Eagleston

Foreign Language Club 3, ESP 3,4, and Officer 4, NHS 2,3,4, FBLA 1,2,3,4, Science Club 2,3,4, and Officer 4, FFA 1,2,3,4, and Officer 2,3,4, Band 1, Softball 1, Math Contest 2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 1,4, Area 8 FFA Officer 4, Agri-Science Fair 2,3,4.

### Casondra Harris

### Kodi Harris

ESP 4, NHS 4, Math Club 4, Science Club 4, FHA 2,3, Student Council 4, Publications Staff 3,4, and Business Manager 4, Band 2, Cheerleader 4, Journalism Contest 3, Science Fair 4, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 4.

### Dawn Hastings

### Afton Ivy

ESP 2,3, FBLA 2,3, Pep Club 2,3, FFA 1,3, FHA 2,3, Choir 1,2,4, Softball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Softball 1,2,3, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3.





## SENIORS

### SINGING THE SCHOOL

song, Byron Clark and Janisha Bennett participate in graduation exercises, May 14 in the gymnasium. A total of 45 students graduated in the Class of 2000. Right, seniors Steven Collins, Dustin McCleary, Ben Moody, Josh Campie, and Jeremiah Sewell, register to vote with Wright County officials in the library.



### Scott Jackson

ESP 1,2, Art Club 1,2, Science Club 1,2,4, Pep Club 1,2, Publications Staff 3.

### Kandy Kabage

ESP 1,2,3, FBLA 2,3, and Officer 2,3, Math Club 3, Pep Club 2,3, FFA 1,3, FHA 2,3, and Officer 3, Softball 1,2.

### Leatha Kuhn

Vocational Technology 4.

### Sara Leonard

Foreign Language Club 3, ESP 1,2,3,4, NHS 3,4, FBLA 2,3,4, and Officer 4, Math Club 2,3,4, and Officer 4, Pep Club 2,3, FHA 2,3,4, Student Council 4, Band 1, Choir 2,3,4, Class Officer 3,4, Youth Alive 2,3, Basketball 1,2,3, Cheerleading 4, Vocal Music Contest 2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1, Math Contest 2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3,4, Girls State 3, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 4, Homecoming Princess 3, High School Hero 3,4.

### Craig Letsinger

Foreign Language Club 3, ESP 1,2,3,4, NHS 3,4, Art Club 1,3,4, Science Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3, and Officer 3, Baseball 1,2, Basketball 1,2,3,4, English Contest 1,2, Art Fair 1.

### Julie Lynch

ESP 1,2, FBLA 1,2, Art Club 1,2, Science Club 1, Pep Club 1,2, FHA 1,2,4.

### Dustin McCleary

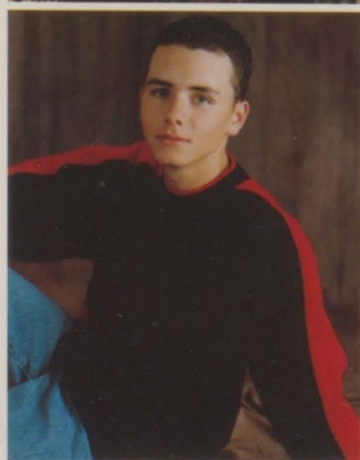
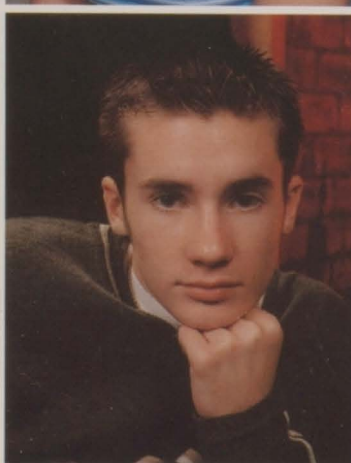
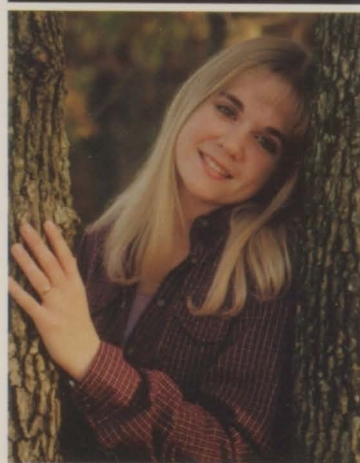
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### Austin Miller

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### Zach Miller

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, NHS 3,4, FBLA 1,2,4, Art Club 4, Math Club 2,4, and Officer 4, Science Club 2,3,4, and Officer 2, Pep Club 1,2, FHA 1,2,4, and Officer 1, Student Council 1,4, and Officer 4, Publications Staff 3, and Sports Editor 3, Choir 2,3, Class Officer 1, Youth Alive 1,2, Baseball 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 2,3, Science Fair 3,4, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 1.





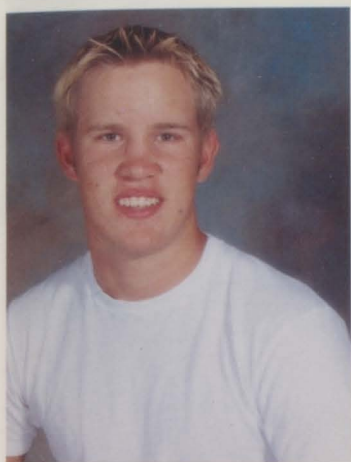


**AT THE ROSE**  
ceremony,  
Dustin Clark  
escorts his  
parents, Kima  
and Scott  
Harris, at the  
annual event  
which honors  
parents for their  
support during  
high school.

**H**ow have  
you changed  
since your  
freshman year?

• "I was scared to death to get in front of anyone for any reason. Today, I can speak freely in front of a group. I owe a lot to FFA or I would still be shy." —**Karen Eagleston**

• "I grew a little, changed the way I dressed from relaxed fit to baggy fit and made some cool friends. My responsibility level has gone down, and my maturity level is about the same." —**Rick Weaver**



**Ben Moody**

Science Club 4, Baseball 1, English Contest 1.



**Dustin Nichols**

ESP 1,2, Pep Club 1,2,3, FFA 1.



**Jessica Penn**

Band 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2.

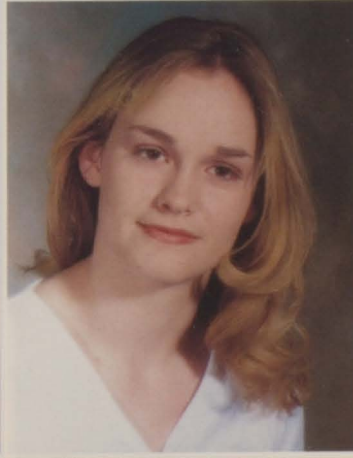


**Beverly Pratt-Shirley**

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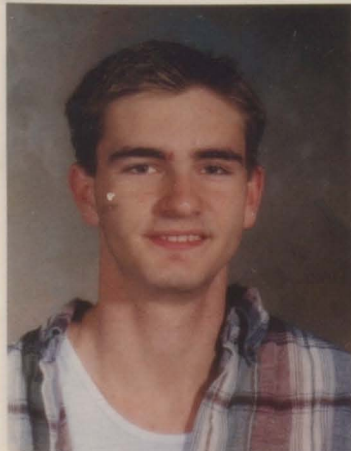


**Jessica Roth**



**Jeanenne Sewell**

Foreign Language Club 3, FBLA 2,3, FFA 1,2,3,4, and Officer 2,3,4, Band 1,2, Softball 1,2,3, All Conference Softball 3, Volleyball 3, Track 1,2, English Contest 2, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1.



**Jeremiah Sewell**

Foreign Language Club 2,3, FBLA 4, FFA 1,2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, FHA 4, and Officer 4, Publications Staff 3, Choir 4, Basketball 4, Track 1,2,3,4, Barnwarming King Candidate 2,3.



**Kristina Shropshire**

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, and Officer 2, ESP 1,2,3,4, NHS 2,3,4, and Officer 4, FBLA 2,3,4, Art Club 2, Math Club 2,3,4, Science Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3, FFA 1, FHA 1,2,3,4, Student Council 3,4, and Officer 3, Publications Staff 3, and Student Life Editor 3, Beta Chi Pi 3, Choir 1,2,3,4, and Officer 4, All District Choir 2, Class Officer 1,4, Youth Alive 1,2,3, Pom Pon 2,3, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Journalism Contest 3, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, Science Fair 3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3,4, Miss Mansfield 4, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4.



**Stephanie Strunk**

ESP 1, Science Club 2,3, Pep Club 1,2, FHA 2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, Industrial Arts Fair 3.



## SENIORS

**TIRED, SLEEPY AND READY** to go home, seniors attending Project Graduation wait in a hall of the Lebanon Civic Center. On May 14, the morning temperature dropped to 36 degrees and the bus would not start. Some students grabbed jackets and stayed in heated locker rooms until bus drivers Patricia Ivy and Toni Bailey fixed the problem.



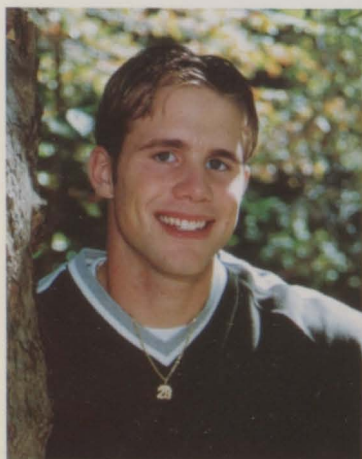
### Doug Tripp

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### Karol Turley

### Jonathan Walker

Cross Country 3,4, Track and Field 3,4



### Deidra Wallace

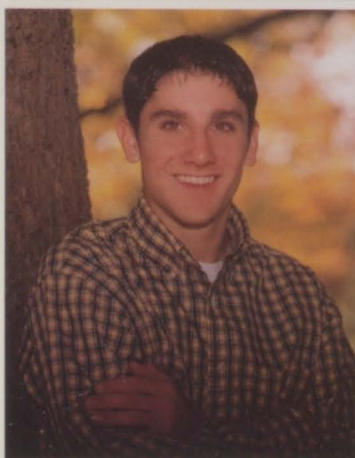
FBLA 2,3, Art Club 2, English Contest 1,2, Art Fair 1, Homecoming Princess 1.

### Rick Weaver

ESP 1,2,3, NHS 2,3,4, and Officer 4, Art Club 4, Science Club 3,4, Pep Club 1,2, FFA 1,2, Choir 2,3,4, Youth Alive 1,2,3, Baseball 1, Basketball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Basketball 3,4, KKOZ Dream Team 3, Cross Country 4, All Conference Cross Country 4, Track 2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1, Science Fair 4, Golf 2.

### Sumer Welch

ESP 1,2,3,4, FBLA 2,3,4, Art Club 2,4, Math Club 2, Science Club, 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3, FFA 1,4, FHA 1,2,3,4, Student Council 4, and Officer 4, Publications Staff 3, Choir 1,2,3,4, All District Choir 1,2, Class Officer 1,3, Youth Alive 1, 2, 3, Pom Pon 2,3, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, FBLA Business Contest 2,3, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 4.



**Not Pictured:** Nelson Greenwood, Destiny Millard, and Serina VanNess

**FFA MEMBER JESSICA** Roth helps an elementary student pet a chick during Food for America. The FFA-sponsored event educates students on agriculture's role and impact in their lives.







**CAST AS FRECKLES**, in "The Perils of Priscilla", Beverly Pratt-Shirley acts in one of the choir's two melodramas presented in the spring to the community.

**TWENTY ONE SENIORS** and their guests pray during Baccalaureate services, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, May 7. Assembly of God minister Stan Welch delivered the message in the gymnasium.



**STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS** and sponsor Wilda Watterson join Mayor Steve Moody to proclaim October 21, "Pledge Against Gun Violence Day." Zach Miller, Doug Tripp, Sumer Welch, KaTrina Bailey and Kristina Shropshire lead 130 MHS students to make a voluntary pledge to help end gun violence in school.



**GOOD SPORT SARA** Leonard takes a whip cream pie in the face as part of the Math Club's booth at the carnival. Students purchased tickets for a chance to throw a pie at students and faculty.

## How have you changed since your freshman year?

- "My childhood mind, morality, integrity, aspirations, motivation and confidence all went down the drain, but I've become a more rational person. I know where I stand socially, mentally, physically and emotionally. I am ready to face the real world..." —**Ben Moody**
- "I talk a lot more to people, including teachers and underclassmen...I dress the way I feel, sometimes like a big slob and other days I look nice." —**Beverly Pratt-Shirley**
- "I have come from a person who was worried about what everyone else thought and have grown into just being satisfied with what I have and depending on what I think of myself." —**Jeanenne Sewell**
- "When I was a freshman, I still looked like I was in elementary, but now I look at least like a senior." —**Sara Leonard**
- "I have more of a carefree attitude, and I am more muscular." —**Austin Miller**
- "I changed drastically. I used to care what people thought about me and how I looked. I used to put on a front for people. But I have found myself and my behavior and appearance now is who I am." —**Zach Miller**
- "During my freshman year, I came to school caring how I looked. Now I come however I feel when I wake up." —**Afton Ivy**
- "I have changed and learned to just have fun and not worry about what people think about me. I've also learned to enjoy every moment of high school because it doesn't last forever." —**Kristina Shropshire**
- "I have gotten taller and changed my hair, but I still go to the Crisis Center to get new clothes. I've tried not to mature because where's the fun in being a mature adult? I've had a few jobs like working at the school and at OTC, but you can't beat being a life guard...where you get paid to sit in a chair and watch people swim around. Once in a while a hottie will give you something to look at for the day, but that's rare." —**Craig Letsinger**
- "First, I became more responsible by getting a job. Second, I actually care about school and about getting into college. I'm thinking about the future." —**Sarena Baugh**



**JUNIORS**

# H

ave you ever met  
anyone famous or know  
someone who has?



**FIRST TIME DONOR**

Rodney Bell contributes a pint of blood to the Student Council's blood drive in March. "It was the best turnout we've ever had," Student Council sponsor Wilda Watterson said referring to 34 pints collected by the American Red Cross.

**PLAYING PA'S FIDDLE,**

Erica Spyres entertains visitors at the annual Rocky Ridge Day celebration at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum. "Ingalls's family values like spirituality, fellowship, and entertainment were all brought together when Pa played his fiddle and for a few minutes, I get to bring that to life," Spyres said.



• "My cousin's friend dated Brad Pitt in high school."  
—Rashelle Thompson

• "At SMSU basketball camp, a guy working in the cafeteria was the brother of Kym Hampton, center for the New York Liberty." —Jennifer Flood

• "My uncle knows jazz musician B. B. King." —Quentin Hammond

• "At the speech nationals in Phoenix, I hugged actress Shelly Long. She won the contest 20 years ago when she was in high school. Long looks the same in person as she did on the TV show *Cheers*." —Erica Spyres

• "My aunt from California used to work as a secretary for actor Robert Duvall who played in *Days of Thunder* and *Gone in 60 Seconds*." —Matt Shevchuk

• "I know someone who works with KY3 news anchor Lisa Rose. I saw Rose at Campbell 16 this summer." —Lindsay Hannaford

• "My grandparents' neighbor coached country singer Tracy Bird in football. We saw him in the mall, and I got an autographed picture and shirt." —Bridgett Harris

• "Mel Stottlenmyre, one of the New York Yankees, is a neighbor of one of my relatives." —Chad Keith



**BEHIND THE SCENES,** Matt Dunbar, Dannette Sickels and FFA sponsor Stan Coday construct the Wilder Day float in the agriculture shop. The float, themed "A Country Day", depicted a scene from *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Mansfield author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

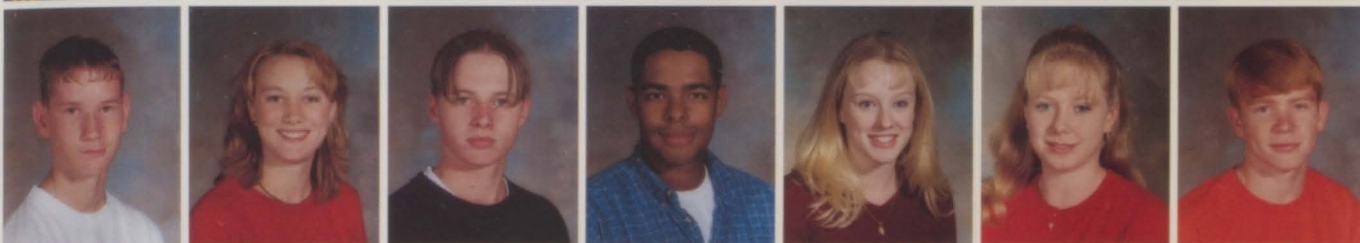




Rodney Bell  
Matt Bennett  
Sarah Brown  
Billy Butcher  
Bud Chandler  
Clark Choate  
Amanda Clash



Josh Cleaver  
Dustin Coday  
Justin Crain  
Shawn Dannen  
Ben Dunbar  
Matt Dunbar  
Jerry Elliott



Joe Farris  
Jennifer Flood  
Dustin Grass  
Quentin Hammond  
Lindsay Hannaford  
Bridgett Harris  
Randall Hatch



Ashley Hicks  
Tara Jackson  
Keith Jackson  
Carrie Jarrett  
Chad Keith  
Richard Kelley  
Sara Kulp



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



David Scrivner  
Rebecca Sherman  
Matt Shevchuk  
Dannette Sickels  
Erica Spyres  
Josh Street  
Mendi Sullivan



Rashelle Thompson

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

Cross country runner Chad Keith takes it easy after competing in the district cross country meet held at Plato. Keith placed 28 with a time of 20:11.





# SOPHOMORES

## What is one of the handiest gadgets that you use?

• "I couldn't live without my mirror to check my hair and make-up." **-Lora Thompson**

- "A pencil because you have to use it to do your homework." **-Kristyn Jones**
- "My watch. I feel naked without it." **-Joe Gresham**
- "I couldn't live without my toothbrush. I wouldn't be able to stand not brushing my teeth everyday." **-Lisa Mapes**
- "A cordless phone" **-Phillip Sherman**
- "The television. Growing up with television made me realize that I wanted to have a career in front of the camera." **-Brooke Hurst**
- "My mom's keyless entry on her car, especially when it is cold or raining." **-Stefanie Blevins**
- "My remote control for the television." **-Jacob Magnin**
- "The toothpick" **-Nick Shelhamer**

- "Duct tape, it's the force with a light and dark side that holds the universe together." **-Rachel Giddens**
- "The telephone because I can talk to anyone that I want." **-Brenda Dunbar**
- "My computer. If I didn't have that, I couldn't make it through the school year." **-Amanda Landsdown**
- "My hat. If I didn't have my hat, it would rain on me." **-Donnie Slate**
- "A hammer" **-Miranda Rhodes**
- "Hair ties. There isn't a day I can go without one." **-Lacie Newby**
- "My TI-89 graphing calculator and my bungle laces." **-Kim Hill**
- "I couldn't live without a hair tie. I can't stand my hair down for longer than a few hours." **-Amanda Baty**

Tara Allen  
Sabrina Atteberry  
Jessica Banks  
Amanda Baty  
Jake Bennett  
Josh Bennett  
Kennith Bennett



Chris Berry  
William Best  
Stefanie Blevins  
Kelsey Boyle  
Brian Carampatan  
Justin Carter  
Josh Coffman



Colleen Cook  
Tiffany Coonce  
Jeffery Decker  
Lindsey Dunbar  
Brenda Dunbar  
Sara Edmonds  
Laura Furr



Rachel Giddens  
Joe Gresham  
Michael Hammond  
Tim Harness  
Kim Hill  
Brooke Hurst  
Bentley Iott



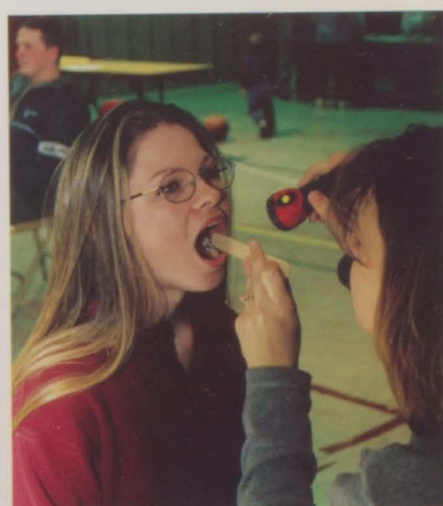
Jolisa Iott  
Amanda Jensen  
Ashley Jones  
Kristyn Jones  
Michelle Jones







**HEAVE HO.** World History students Justin Carter, Austin Steffe and Jason Storm launch a catapult on the front lawn. A catapult is an ancient military device from the Renaissance period for throwing or shooting stones, spears, etc. Their prototype worked on the first attempt and then broke down. Below, English II student David Hipkins (lower left) works with sixth graders Katelyn Choate and Jesse Stuart on their play parts. Marcella Davenport's class presented a play using masks which conveyed the moral, "When in doubt, say nothing" and then switched parts with sixth graders.



**OPEN WIDE.** Ashley Jones has her teeth examined at the health fair by Tara Dennis, speech implementor. Students were ushered through a series of stations which examined hearing, sight, teeth, height and weight, tested for scoliosis and taught the importance of washing hands.



Randy Kramm  
Amanda Lansdown  
Jacob Magnin  
Lisa Mapes  
Danelle McCullum  
Jessica Moore  
Melissa Napier

Lacie Newby  
Christina Odle  
Eddie Penn  
Glenn Ramsey  
Miranda Rhodes  
Ryan Roberts  
Chandra Romero

Scotty Rousseau  
Michael Scofield  
James Scrivner  
Nick Shelhamer  
Phillip Sherman  
Donnie Slate  
Austin Steffe

Jason Storm  
Lora Thompson  
Lacie Vaverka  
Steven Ward  
Crystal Wilson  
Stacey Wright  
Becky Young



## FRESHMEN

# What have you lost in your room and it bugs you when you can't find it?

- "A lot of times my cat goes in my room and I look everywhere, but I never find her." —**Amanda Walker**
- "I left a glass of milk in my room for three weeks. It was cool looking so I brought it to school. As I walked to the gym, Chad Keith hit my arm and it spilled all over me and my bag." —**Justin Kingery**
- "I can't seem to find sleep in my room. I can sleep everywhere else sometimes." —**Kelly Carampatan**

- "I lost two coats." —**Christian Eichelberger**
- "Two grilled cheese sandwiches in April." —**Ashton Young**
- "One thing that's bugging me is my Conservation Heritage Card...now I can't find it so I can't go hunting this turkey season." —**Tim Brazeal**
- "My room is so messy most of the time, I can't find my floor." —**Tony Lockmon**
- "I've lost clothes. Normally I'll dig in my

- closet and find them." —**Catrina Long**
- "I've lost my heart medication and it's bugging me." —**Jennifer Calhoun**
- "I lost a baseball and could not find it forever." —**Brent Jones**
- "I lost my watch and jewelry." —**Whitney Hannaford**
- "I have lost socks." —**Cory Letsinger**
- "I lost \$20 in my room, and I would really like to find it." —**Stephanie Dannen**

**REMINISCING ABOUT WORLD WAR II,** Cody Corder (General Eisenhower) and Cody McCleary (General McArthur) role play the famous military generals in American History. Social Studies teacher Wilda Watterson said the army uniforms from the Vietnam era belong to her husband.



**GOOD CHOICE?** Josh Millard pushes a penny down the hall for freshman initiation as students, dressed in camouflage for Spirit Week, observe from the sidelines. Millard volunteered to participate in the tradition.

**ONE STEP AHEAD.** Jordan Cantrell dribbles the soccer ball toward the goal with Tina Crain close behind during physical education class. Travis Clouse, Josh Kulp, Ashley Borders and Sarah Bennett cheer them on.





Courtney Allen  
Brett Bailey  
Sarah Bennett  
Cory Berry  
Brent Bishop  
John Blaine  
Ashley Borders



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



Cody Corder  
Tina Crain  
Amanda Delcour  
Dustin Dixon  
Christian Eichelberger  
Jennifer Farris  
Maranda Garzee



Whitney Hannaford  
Travis Hilliard  
Alex Hipkins  
Jaclyn Jarrett  
Brent Jones  
Justin Kingery  
Josh Kulp



Darren Leader  
Cory Letsinger  
Randy Liles  
Tony Lockmon  
Catrina Long  
Travis Mason  
Chris Matlock



Cody McCleary  
Dorothy McDowell  
Josh Millard  
Amber Moore  
Jeff Moore  
Keith Newton  
Laurel Oberbeck



April Pettibone  
Aaron Price  
Kasie Rueff  
Rhett Scofield  
Josh Slater  
Kendra Smith  
Justin Stafford



Alisha Stewart  
Summer Taylor  
Amanda Walker  
Jason Walker  
Jana Young



**GRADE EIGHT**

# What traits did you inherit from your family?

Josh Archer  
Josh Asher  
Ashley Baty  
LaToya Bell  
Adam Bennett  
Chris Best  
Zach Blevins

April Butcher  
Tiffany Cline  
Casey Delapp  
Nick Doggs  
Jessica Dowler  
Brenna Drakeford  
Ashley Eichelberger

Cody Elliott  
Zach Flageolle  
Monica Hattabaugh  
Eli Helms  
Megan Hicks  
Joey Hill  
Brittany Hilton

Travis Hire  
Ashley Hood  
Heather Jasick  
Cody Jensen  
Bryan Jones  
Jaron Keeling  
Garret Keith

Amanda Kuhn  
Nick Kuhn  
Jeremy Lampley  
Laura Lancaster  
Della Landsdown  
Tanya Loveland

• "I inherited my mom's temper. When I get mad, I just blow up!" –**Jennifer Odle**

• "I inherited my mother's hair color and my father's smartness in school." –**April Butcher**

• "I got my height from dad and my broad shoulders from my mom's side of the family." –**Cody Elliott**

• "...my love for horses from my dad who has been riding and training horses since he was 13 years old; my looks and height from my mother who was very pretty when she was young, not that she's ugly now." –**Samantha Ousley**

• "My mom's smarts and my dad's sense of leadership." –**Robert Perkins**

• "This little dimple thing in my chin." –**Eli Helms**

• "I inherited my shortness from my dad." –**Chasity Olive**

• "I got my eye color and my temper from my mom and the shape of my face from my dad." –**Amanda Kuhn**

• "My eyes from my mom and her side of the family, most of them have blue eyes." –**Casey Delapp**

• "My eyes from my dad's family." –**LaToya Bell**

• "My personality from my dad because we are both funny dorks and stupid sometimes." –**Cody Whorton**

• "I inherited my eyes and hair color from my dad." –**David Shevchuk**

• "My craziness and my loud mouth from my family. We're all just a bunch of loud mouth lunatics." –**Mandy Rokusek**







**HORSIN' AROUND.** Samantha Ousley rides her Fox Trotter through town in the Butter Day parade. The annual event features an agriculture theme along with a carnival.

**LAYING UP A SHOT,** Tyler Rummens (left) scores two in a home game against Niangua. The boys' eighth grade team trounced the Cardinals 49-28.

**BUSTING THE MOVES** to the Backstreet Boys' "I Want You Back," Kendra Drakeford, Brenna Drakeford and Mandy Rokusek lip sync and dance at the talent show.



Joe Lucas  
Daniel Miller  
Paul Moody  
Nicole Nelson  
Alex Newton  
Jennifer Odle  
Chasity Olive



Samantha Ousley  
Robert Perkins  
Hillary Persinger  
Jessica Pettibone  
Randy Ramsey  
Matt Rhodes  
Derrick Richardson



Tyler Rummens  
Justin Schofield  
Amanda Sherman  
David Shevchuk  
Becky Slate  
Daison Steffe  
Jeremy Storm



Michael Tate  
Carl Turley  
Paula Turley  
Cody Whorton  
Brad Young



# **GRADE SEVEN**

## **W**hat color and kind of car best describes your personality?

- "A white limo because I'm long and thin; I'm regular but still noticeable. Also, I'm just a down right easygoing kid." **-Drew Berry**
- "A blue Mustang convertible fits me because I can run like a horse." **-Heather Mitchell**
- "A yellow Mustang best describes me because yellow is my favorite color for a car, and I think the yellow Mustangs look really cool." **-Kate Probert**
- "I'm most like a gray DeLorean because it can travel through time, and I like to travel." **-Brandon Grass**
- "A silver Jaguar, because it looks good." **-Tim Shelhamer**
- "A red Camaro describes me best because I'm wild, crazy and sometimes out of control." **-Melanie Davis**
- "A white Volkswagen Beetle best describes me because I try hard to be carefree, neutral, and easygoing." **-Alex Miller**
- "A red corvette because it reflects my thoughts and feelings." **-Michael Fuge**
- "...A black Dodge Ram because I am a farm boy and they are good farm trucks." **-Tom Brazeal**
- "A rusty Ford truck because I'm never running." **-Taylor Thompson**
- "A red Volkswagen Beetle reflects my personality because I think I am a love bug." **-Casey Ivy**
- "A Blue Dodge Ram because I get so mad at people sometimes I just want to charge them. Blue, because when I'm not mad, I'm depressed over school." **-Becky Lucas**
- "A purple Neon, because I'm either in a good or bad mood, and purple goes both ways. A neon because I'm round and shaped." **-Whitney Miller**

**RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE** in art goes to Sara Henley from Cindy Martin, art teacher. Student awards were given out at a special assembly in May.



**PROBING A FROG**, lab partners Taylor Thompson (above) and Steven Jarrett observe the digestive system in John Hinsley's science class. In the lab, students discover the inner workings of the amphibian.



**DO THE MATH.** Winners in the Mansfield Middle School math contest are Alex Miller, Brandon Grass, Craig Campbell, Melanie Davis and Kate Probert. The team placed second overall against 13 area schools.



**FLUTIST LINDSEY HOPPING** plays a Bach minuet on stage at the music department's talent show in March. Hopping joined 25 other acts for the school-wide event.





Jonathon Bankes  
Becky Bennett  
Drew Berry  
Brittany Borders  
Tom Brazeal  
Jeremiah Butcher  
Cody Calhoun



Craig Campbell  
Deondra Camall  
Tracey Cline  
Mark Cruse  
Melanie Davis  
Tristan Dennis  
Alex Dunbar



Michael Fuge  
Brandon Grass  
Sterling Hatch  
Sara Henley  
Kayla Hilton  
Louie Hieb  
Lindsey Hopping



Casey Ivy  
Ashley Jackson  
Steven Jarrett  
Elaine Johns  
Jonathan Jones  
LeAnn Kramm  
Shane Loper



Becky Lucas  
Annie Lynn  
Samantha McCullum  
Bobby McDowell  
Jacob Micheli  
Alex Miller  
Whitney Miller



Heather Mitchell  
Mike Moody  
Hannah Moore  
Nicholas Napier  
Christy Nichols  
Kate Probert  
Josh Pyle



Larry Rose  
Amber Schofield  
Tim Shelhamer  
Virginia Sherman  
Greg Short  
Shawn Singh  
Katie Stockwell



Tim Stuart  
Josh Sullivan  
Taylor Thompson  
Martha Volner



## GRADE SIX

**TAKING GREAT PLEASURE** in Math Club's pie-in-the-face fundraiser, Ryan Harris (lower right) smashes whip cream in freshman Jennifer Calhoun's face. "He was actually real kind about it," Calhoun said. "I warned him not to hurt me."

**WRITERS HALL OF FAME** winners Evan Jones, Adam Keith and Brandon Grass pose outside the Springfield Art Museum, site of the sixth annual awards ceremony. Keith won first in long free verse poetry while Jones and Grass took first in short rhymed poem and tanka, respectively.

### GLOBAL GLAM.

Jennifer Jasick's beauty secret goes around the world. Jasick participated in Wild Hair Day for Spirit Week for Spirit Week in the middle school.



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



Jerica Cody  
Josh Cornelius  
Ron Delapp  
Natasha Dixon  
Rachel Dollarhide  
Tiffany Dollarhide  
Josh Dowler



Kendra Drakeford  
Kendall Findley  
Nicole Freeman  
Kayla Gallion  
Ryan Harris  
Amanda Hilton  
Trampus Hire



Julie Hutton  
Joe Isbill  
Jennifer Jasick  
Evan Jones  
Hollie Jordan  
Brendan Keeling  
Adam Keith



Samantha Kirby  
Dulci Lancaster  
Joshua Lansdown  
Zach Levan  
Ryan Loge  
Tabitha Merideth  
Blake Miller





# H

## ow do you view the Backstreet Boys or N'Sync - cool or corny?

- "Backstreet Boys are cool because they are a common CD." -**Natasha Dixon**
- "Corny, because of the music they sing and I don't like MTV; they sing on MTV." -**Ryan Harris**
- "Corny, because of the music they play, the way they look, dance and sing; they are dorky." -**Nathan Hildreth**
- "Corny, because of their hair and how they dress." -**Sarah Moody**
- "They are cool because I like to listen to their music." -**Savanna Robertson**
- "Corny because they just are. There are so many different reasons I would need a whole page to explain why. I don't have time, but if it was Britney Spears I would have time." -**Blake Miller**

- "Cool because I love the songs they sing and on N' Sync, Lance is cute!" -**Julie Hutton**
- "Corny because the songs are old, they are out of style and they sing like girls." -**Adam Smith**
- "Cool, because they have a lot of neat songs and a lot of them are cute." -**Mandie Adamson**
- "N' Sync is so cool because they're hot, talented, and good singers." -**Amanda Neal**
- "Corny, because they do too many love songs." -**Josh Dowler**
- "Backstreet Boys and N' Sync are cool because if you want a girl, you play their music." -**Jesse Stuart**



Leanne Moody  
Sarah Moody  
Amanda Neal  
Thomas Neville  
Billy Newton  
Shane Norrell

Les Parsons  
Heather Pierson  
Nicholas Price  
Kristin Quick  
Ashly Renner  
Drake Rigenhagen

Savanna Robertson  
Cassie Sanders  
Sarah Sherman  
Scott Short  
Justin Skaggs  
Adam Smith

Chad Smith  
Jesse Stuart  
Jessica Taylor  
Kelsey Tomlinson  
Josie Vaverka  
Jessica Williams

Karensa Wilson  
Jacob Wright  
Marcia Blaine  
Teri Leonard  
Donna Streight



# GRADE FIVE

## What is the funniest thing that happened in school this year?

- "When my brother told everyone my nickname and everyone started calling me Samamoth." –**Samantha Morris**
- "When I hit Justin Brown with a trash can." –**Andrew Byerlee**
- "Falling down in the lunch room when I tripped over my foot." –**Aimee Williams**
- "When Ms. Waldo jokes with us and makes faces. She is cool." –**Lacey Tate**
- "When we had Math-a-thon, Mrs. Box wore her wedding dress, and she got pies in the face." –**Paige Hoover**
- "When our teacher acts out funny stuff and picks people to act with her." –**Ashley Young**
- "I was outside jump roping with my friends, and we all fell at the same time." –**Tara Drakeford**
- "Andrew Byerlee took a cracker package, blew it up and made a whistle so loud the lunch room went quiet." –**Ryan Scott**
- "Preston and I went after the basketball, he tripped, I fell over him and knocked Joe to the ground. We were all lying in a big heap." –**Kristin Campbell**

- "When Kristin and I were standing on the seats, I pushed her and she pulled me down with her." –**Trishta Turley**
- "On a field trip to Frontier Theater, a white dove started dancing to music." –**Tyler Hopping**
- "When Mrs. Engel demonstrated the word flounce, she said, 'Mom what do you mean I can't go to the movies?' and stomped all the way out the classroom door." –**Lauren Rummens**
- "When I was playing basketball, I went to shoot a hoop and everyone collided." –**Joey Neal**
- "When my teacher got out her rabbit Rodney for a small Easter party, she did his voice." –**Zach Weddle**
- "At the talent show, Taylor Thompson dressed up as a bird and Alex Dunbar danced like Michael Jackson in the song 'Rocking Robin.'" –**Chelsea House**
- "Coming home from Kansas City, we would make-up stories, crawl under the seats and use blankets to build tents." –**Justin Brown**

Shane Babcock  
Vicki Billings  
Brandon Sinning  
Justin Brown  
Andrew Byerlee  
Kristin Campbell  
Coby Cutbirth



Nathaniel Dannen  
Audra Dierksen  
Tara Drakeford  
Brett Essary  
Preston Goss  
Josh Gresham  
Paul Hearn



Paige Hoover  
Tyler Hopping  
Chelsea House  
Justin Ince  
Samantha Jasick  
Melissa Johnsen  
Chad Johnson



Kevin Kuhn  
Mark Lampley  
Joe Lansdown  
Michelle Lynn  
William McDowell  
Melanie Moore  
Samantha Morris





**TIME TO PLAY.** Christina Scanlon gets ready to slide south on the playground equipment during recess while Chris Sears (right) and Vicki Billings dedicate themselves to the task of burying a basketball in the gravel.



## WOODWIND AND BRASS SECTIONS

of the Fifth Grade band (below) perform in the spring concert for friends and family. Front, Paige Hoover, Lauren Rummens, Tara Drakeford, Kristin Campbell, Chelsea House; Back, Josh Gresham, Zach Weddle, Toby Shelhamer, Adam Ward, and Shona Stewart.



Joey Neal  
Chad Newton  
Adam Penn  
Hannah Persinger  
Maranda Pringle  
Deborah Quick  
Lauren Rummens



Channelle Schmied  
Ryan Scott  
Toby Shelhamer  
Marcus Sherman  
Jasmine Singh  
Shona Stewart  
Lacey Tate



Daniel Thompson  
Joseph Turley  
Trishta Turley  
Elvis Volner  
Adam Ward  
Zach Weddle  
Joshua Wilkerson



Aimee Williams  
Craig Williams  
Ryan Wright  
Ashley Young  
Carol Anderson  
Jodi Sell  
Not pictured:  
Jaci Engel



# **GRADE FOUR**

**CHECKMATE.** Dallas Massey and Ryan Wright strategize moves during a game of chess during game night for elementary students held in the multipurpose room.



**DECORATING THE IROQUOIS Tree of Peace,** Amber Henry and Sidney Tucker hang feathers, beads, and pinecones in Kim Jones's class during a Native American unit. Students also studied poems about nature and wildlife and chose a Native American name. Below, On a sunny, spring day, Jennifer Lemons and Jessica Isbill swing on the playground during recess.



Kody Adamson  
Kristin Adamson  
Stephanie Baty  
Breck Bennett  
Quentin Berry  
Austin Bogart  
Nicole Bookout



Will Brazeal  
Alex Brozowski  
Heath Camall  
Margaret Davis  
Spencer Deal  
Allen Fosness  
Rebecca Freeman



Amanda Hallmark  
Michael Hawley  
Amber Heath  
Amber Henry  
Abby Hultz  
Kellie Hutton  
Jessica Isbill



Rashawnda Jackson  
Ashley Jasick  
Elliott Johns  
Chelsea Jones  
Michael Jones  
Brittany Keeling  
Charles Kirkland



Jennifer Lemons  
Jonathan Lems  
Jeffery Lee  
Matthew Leonard  
Jessica Long  
Abigail Lumadue  
Dallas Massey





# What are your nicknames?

- "I get called Sugar, because when I was little I would eat chocolate cake, ice cream, and lots of sugar." –**Chelsea Jones**
- "Math, from my friends in kindergarten." –**Matthew Leonard**
- "Court or Weezer." –**Courtney Odle**

- "I don't know why or how my family came up with...Pimple Pints, Emms, Emmy, and Rabbit Ears." –**Emily Nichols**
- "When I was little, my parents called me Bug-a-Boo. (top-secret, please)." –**Alex Brozowski**
- "Well, my nickname is Dusty because I always go out clean and come in dirty." –**Dustin Taylor**
- "My dad calls me his rose because my middle name is Rose." –**Jessica Isbill**
- "I get called Red or Spencer because I dyed my hair red and because they mix me and Spencer up." –**Abby Hultz**
- "Wilbur by Grandpa Hutson, Willow by Grandma Brazeal, Vilhelm by Dad, Porcupine by Mom because of my spiked

- hair and Bubby Zeal by my little sister who can't say Brazeal." –**Will Brazeal**
- "I always get called Jen because it's easier to say Jen than Jennifer." –**Jennifer Lemons**
- "Speedy. When I was growing up, I ran all over the place." –**Ronnie Webster**
- "Princess, because I was born after four boys and I was grandpa's little princess." –**Brittany Keeling**
- "My nickname is Disaster because my room is a big mess when I get really angry." –**Sidney Tucker**
- "I have three younger sisters and they all call me Bubby." –**Bryce Matlock**
- "Gab, Gabs, Yaber, Pumpkin, but here's one that I got stuck with, Gabby." –**Gabrielle Millard**



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Jordan McDowell  
Alyshia Meiners  
Tabitha Moore  
Ethen Napier  
Katrina Neville  
Emily Nichols

Sarah Nickelson  
Courtney Odle  
Larry Ousley  
Michael Pagel  
Morgan Scott  
Chris Sears  
Kati Sherman

Jacob Skaggs  
Jason Skaggs  
James Stafford  
Dustin Taylor  
Sidney Tucker  
Jessica Turley  
Travis Turley

Sadie Vaverka  
Chandler Veit  
Ashley Vinson  
Terry Volner  
Cody Wagner  
Cory Walker  
Eldon Wallace

Ronnie Webster  
Ryan Whorton  
Vicky Denney  
Not pictured:  
Edwina Camall  
Kim Jones



# **GRADE THREE**

## **W**hat kind of house would you build for yourself?

- "I would live in a boat house because I could go fishing and scuba diving instead of working and go on a vacation on the ocean." **–Trenton Tate**
- "A five story ice house with an ice bed and even an ice cold chair. When it starts getting hot, I'll have to shut it down until next winter." **–Kashmir Singh**

- "My house would be like a mansion but bigger." **–Dee Singh**
- "...two stories high, blue with nine rooms, 15 people could live there." **–Whitney Jordan**
- "A 15-story house with elevators, a pool, gym, skating rink, paintball war places, hockey rinks, a McDonalds, Pokeman card factory..." **–Josh Box**
- "I would live in a castle with 15 rooms and a television and compact disc player in all the rooms. It would be in a field with lots of furniture and house maids." **–Miranda Farris**
- "My house would look like a tree house... All the walls would be filled up with bear paintings. On the outside would be a painting of a swan in a lake 20 feet up in a tree." **–Kristine Whorton**
- "It would be underwater with a big couch and television. I could eat all the fish I want. Then I could watch lots of sea creatures like sharks and jelly fish. It would be really cool." **–Travis Bishop**

- "A treehouse like Tarzan with lots of books...where nobody knows where I live." **–Meagan Brooke**
- "It would be like a king's castle with an elevator and a big water slide at the end of a big pool." **–Courtney Schmied**
- "My house would be brick with a dark red porch with two garages. It would have four bedrooms and two bathrooms, a big living room, a small dining room, and a big kitchen." **–Timber Henry**
- "...like the White House only blue with an indoor pool, six rose gardens, four martin houses, nine bathrooms, three 2-person beds, six china doll rooms, three kitchens, five rooms of jewelry." **–Kelsey Acree**
- "A two-story house in the country with robots to cook my food and clean house." **–Chelsea Pringle**
- "I want to live in Scotland in an old and kind of new castle." **–Dustin Cody**
- "A tank with machine guns." **–Shane Stewart**

Kelsey Acree  
Julia Allen  
Ranee Barlett  
Sarah Billings  
Deanna Bookout  
Josh Box  
Meagan Brooke



Miranda Brooke  
Nathan Brumley  
Dustin Cody  
Amy Collins  
Blake Conaway  
Chris Davis  
Tamara Delcour



Chris Ellis  
Jacqueline Emerick  
John Farmer  
Miranda Farris  
Courtney Geeser  
Dean Gower  
Jake Gunter



Ryan Hillard  
Shawn Hume  
Landon Jarrett  
Windy Johnsen  
Colton Jones  
Whitney Jordan  
Chad Kabage







**TEAMWORK MAKES IT** all happen for the elementary pom pon squad performing at halftime during a home basketball game. Front, Christine Whorton, Meagan Brooke, Jennifer Lemons; Row two - Amanda Hallmark, Nicole Bookout.

**SCULPTING IN THE SAND**, Dean Bray's summer school students created castles and other figures at the city park's sand volleyball court. Landon Jarrett (right) adds a patch to his pirate.



Justin Keith  
Michael Lynn  
Joanne McCullum  
Dalena Mitchell  
Corwin Moore  
Steven Myers  
Drew Newberry



Tyler Page  
Timmy Pearson  
Chelsea Pringle  
Tyler Riley  
Tara Robinson  
Courtney Schmied  
Tron Sherman



Kashmir Singh  
Dee Singh  
Chris Spell  
Aaron Stewart  
Meranda Stewart  
Shane Stewart  
Trenton Tate



Amanda Tucker  
Laura Wagner  
Jon Wallace  
Evan Whorton  
Kelly Whorton  
Kristine Whorton  
Austin Wight



Gina Adams  
Elaine Crump  
Linda Graham



# GRADE TWO

## What is your favorite game or toy?

- "Pokeman, because it has a lot of neat pieces." **-Nathan Jones**
- "My favorite game is Black Out because your board might have two minus two equals zeroes or five plus five equals ten. You never know." **-Victoria Hardison**
- "Chess, because I can almost beat my dad." **-Eric Tompkins**

- "My favorite game is Twister because you can get all twisted up." **-Chelsi Keith**
- "My favorite toy is my X-Wing Starfighter because it flies 195 feet or 205 feet in the air, and I got it for Easter Sunday at my Grandma's house." **-Joe Long**
- "Pokeman trading card game." **-Dena Brozowski**
- "My favorite toy is my legos because I like to build." **-Jared Young**
- "Missouri Mania because it is fun and sometimes I win." **-Rochelle Johns**
- "My favorite game is a computer game called Sportsman Paradise, because you hunt." **-Haden Adamson**
- "My favorite toy is a Furby because I got it for Easter." **-Lindsay Allen**
- "My favorite game is Tomb Raider on Play Station because you get to go in caves." **-Dillon Coffelt**

- "Sorry is my favorite game." **-Rex Moore**
- "My favorite game is hide and seek because I hardly ever get caught." **-Elizabeth Gower**
- "My favorite game is baseball because you get people out." **-Kaleb Nolen**
- "A little dog I got at the Wilder Home because it was the first time I went there with my dad's family." **-Allyson Rokusek**
- "Playing on my computer because I get to play all kinds of games and go on the Internet." **-Erin Dierksen**
- "Monopoly is my favorite because I am good at it and can beat my dad but sometimes he beats me." **-Nathan Rummens**
- "Twister because you can get all twisted up and you fall down. My brother doesn't know how to play very good and that's another thing how I win." **-Kaysha Ousley**

Bailey Acree  
Haden Adamson  
Lindsay Allen  
Kayla Baty  
Tammy Bell  
Dena Brozowski  
Brian Bunch



Echo Cantrell  
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Kelsay Dugger  
Elizabeth Gower  
Alisha Gray  
Jamie Gunkel



Kerry Harris  
Stephanie Henry  
Jake Hultz  
Rochelle Johns  
William Johnson  
Austin Johnson  
Nathan Jones







**SOLOIST SHEIRIF WILLIAMS** (far left) sings "Amazing Grace" in the talent show, presented by the music department. About 25 acts ranging from singing and dancing to musical instruments and comedy routines entertained the community-wide audience in March.

**COWGIRLS UP.** Jasmine Turney (front), leads her pony down Commercial Street along with her mother Christina Turney and younger sister during the Wilder Day parade in September.



**ROCKIN' AROUND THE** Christmas tree. Charity Newberry and Nathan Rummens swing back into another era during the elementary Christmas program which featured a Fifties theme.



Chelsi Keith  
Krista Lampley  
Brittany Landrum  
Joe Long  
Josh Lumadue  
Patrick Marvin  
Vince Miller

Chauncie Mitchell  
Rex Moore  
Charity Newberry  
Kaleb Nolen  
Katelyn Nolen  
Kaysha Ousley  
Leigh Pember

Doug Pyle  
Cody Riley  
Nathan Rummens  
Justin Sanders  
Alex Sears  
Jaimie Smith  
Teddy Smith

Eric Tompkins  
Jasmine Turney  
Stacy Volner  
Christina Ward  
Jennifer Ward  
Whitney Whorton  
Sheirif Williams

Jake Yost  
Danyale Young  
Carol Hanger  
June Hanger  
Janet Mitchell



## GRADE ONE

# What does your mom or dad cook that you don't like to eat?

- "Beans." –Olivia Whorton, Michael Mentor, Rheanna Allen, Nikki Zorsch
- "Meatloaf with onions." –Shanara Cheek
- "Chicken legs." –Devin Robbins
- "I like everything." –Weston White, Cody Young, Jeromey Dennis
- "Salad." –Kaylyn McNeil

- "I don't like it when my mom makes tuna sandwich stuff." –Brandon Crain

- "Spinach." –Haley Miller, Dustin Ellis, Shelby Brown, Anthony Sabado, Austin Branham, Jessica Berry, Stephanie Farmer, Erin Nichols, Savannah Spell, Darron Nichols

- "When my mom fixes tomatoes, I don't always eat them because they taste bad. But I try to eat it, but I just can't." –Wendy Ince

- "My mom cooks eggs and when I eat them, I turn blue." –Sharice Dennis

- "When my mom cooks hot dogs and eggs, I will run out." –Gabbi Henry

- "My mom cooks spinach it looks like a tree and tastes like a leaf." –Zachary Houke

- "I hate pork steak. It stinks up the house." –Gerald White

- "I do not like it when my mom makes cauliflower. It smells bad in the house." –David Turley

- "I do not like it when my mom cooks tater tots, I do not like the taste." –Rachael Essary

- "When my mom makes doughnuts, I don't really like it because it's greasy." –Chelsea Gower

- "When my mom cooks peas, I get sick. They don't taste good." –Heath Dugger

- "When mom cooks hot dogs, I run to the backyard." –Hannah Levan

- "Sloppy Joes." –Justin Hinsley

Sharice Dennis

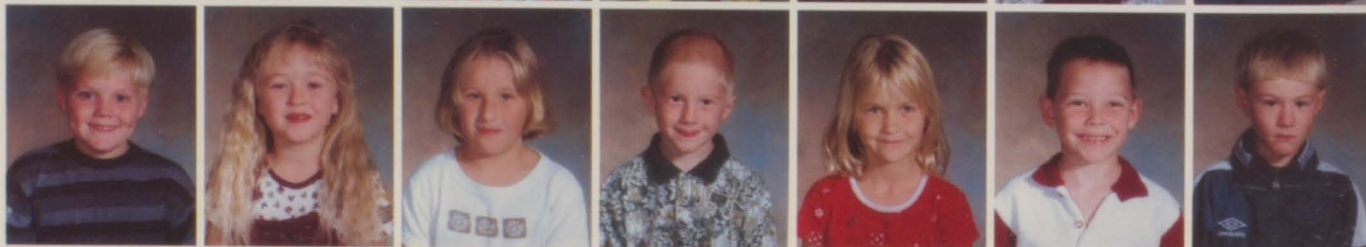
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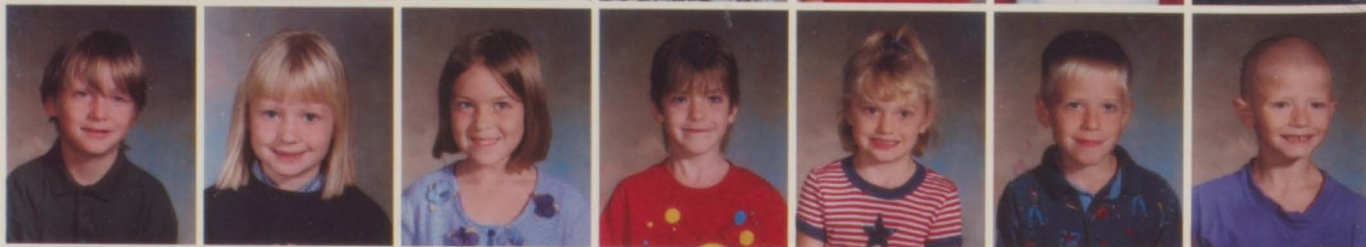
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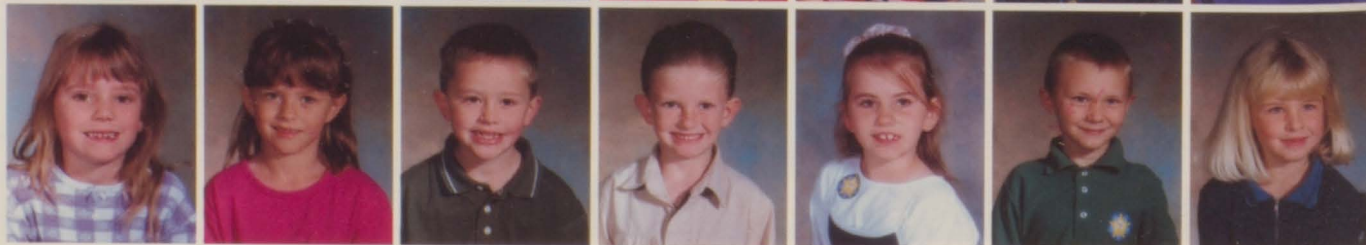
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Zachary Houke  
Wendy Ince  
Samuel Johnsen  
Brittany Lakey







**AT RELAY FOR LIFE'S** opening ceremonies, Haley Miller (left) joins others for the survivors' victory lap around the track. Miller was recognized as the youngest cancer survivor at Wright County's third annual walk/run event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society to help in the fight against cancer.



**WISHING EVERYONE** A Merry Christmas, first grade boys perform at the elementary Christmas program. Front, Anthony Sabado, Cody Young, Samuel Johnsen, Jordon Gunter, Austin McNeil, Aaron Harris; Row two, Zachary Houke, Heath Dugger, Dillon Massey, Devin Robbins; Row three, Dustin Ellis, Justin Hinsley. Trying not to peek (above), Stephanie Farmer, Savannah Spell and Chelsea Gower act out motions during their song under the direction of Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher.



Hannah Levan  
Dillon Massey  
Jodi McDowell  
Austin McNeil  
Kaylyn McNeil  
Haley Miller



Eryka Myers  
Darron Nichols  
Erin Nichols  
Devin Robbins  
Anthony Sabado  
Savannah Spell



Kayla Tate  
David Turley  
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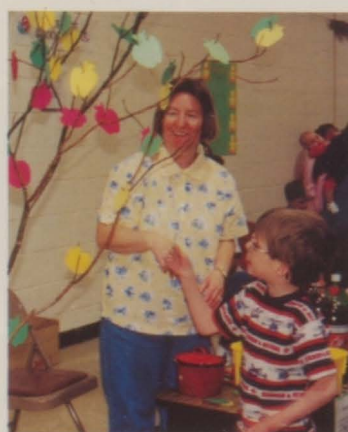
## Who is your favorite letter person?

- "Ms. E is my favorite because I like his song." –**Emily Neal**
- "Mr. Z because he has zippers all over." –**Joe Moore**
- "Mr. M because he has a munchy mouth." –**Brady Hanger**
- "I liked Mr. X because he is upside down." –**Rachel Lowther**
- "Ms. T. I like the way she has tall teeth." –**Julia Gresham**
- "Ms. Q because she sounds like a queen." –**Harley Sampson**
- "Ms. S is my favorite because she starts with the first letter in my name." –**Shawn Barrett**
- "Mr. C because it starts with Christian and Christ." –**Christian Gray**
- "Mr. V because he eats lots of vegetables." –**Billy Buford**
- "My favorite was Mr. G because I like his song." –**Ashley Henry**
- "Mr. N because his letter begins with my name. He is almost like me because I am noisy sometimes." –**Nathan Bogart**
- "I like Mr. H because he has green hair." –**Kodi Toomey**
- "Mr. M because he has a munchy mouth, and I like the food that he eats." –**Sierra Strunk**
- "Mr. M because he likes mashed potatoes, muffins, and milk." –**Carlin Tompkins**
- "I like Mr. D because he does dazzling dancing." –**Cory Turney**
- "Mr. M because we got to eat marshmallows, and I like his song." –**Laura Pember**
- "Mr. Z because I have a Z in Verzosa, my middle name." –**Devon Sabado**
- "Ms. A because she sneezes when she is happy, aaaachoo." –**Austin Stewart**

**GOT MILK?** Johnnie Dunham, Justin Colston, Mikali Elliott and Emily Neal (hidden) get cozy with penguins in their North Pole reading nook. Students of Patti Gleason fashioned it from gallon milk jugs that Gleason said "took a while to collect."



**SHARING PART OF** her day, Mary Baty colors Valentine people with granddaughter Taylore Baty on Grandparents Day, a special day in February when grandparents join students for activities. Right, Apple picking wins Daniel Moody a prize from Patty Hanger's booth during the school carnival. Sponsored by the Community Teachers Association, the spring carnival offers games, foods and prizes for both kids and adults.





# K

Chance Allen  
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Macy Allison  
Braeden Arnall  
David Barlett  
Shawn Barrett  
Taylorre Bary  
Kennick Bell  
Quinton Bell

Ryan Bell  
Sarah Bishop  
Nathan Bogart  
Billy Buford  
Jenna Campie  
Torrey Collins  
Justin Colston  
Austin Cook  
Jessica Cook

Jordan Cooley  
Brittney Dugger  
Johnnie Dunham  
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James Jackson  
Blake Johnson  
Bill Jones

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Tucker Kirkland  
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Joe Lynn  
Jonathan Lynn  
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Nicole Mitchell  
Daniel Moody

Joe Moore  
Samantha Music  
Emily Neal  
Laura Pember  
Michel Perrin  
Mikael Pippin  
Elaine Rawlings  
Kyle Rummens  
Devon Sabado

Austin Schmied  
Megan Schofield  
Lexis Sherman  
Loren Smith  
Austin Stewart  
Silas Strain  
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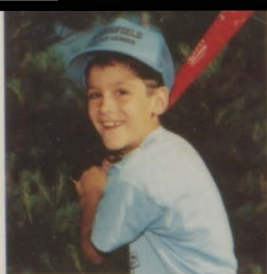
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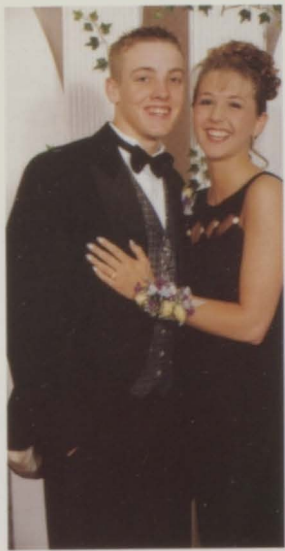
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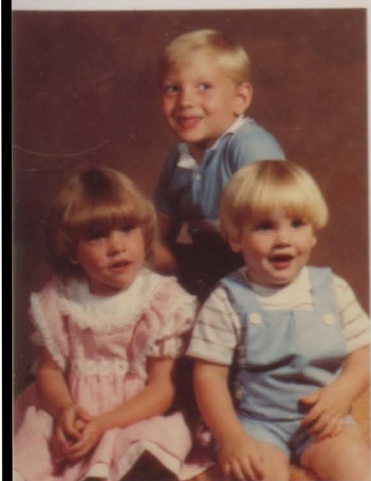
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Sara,

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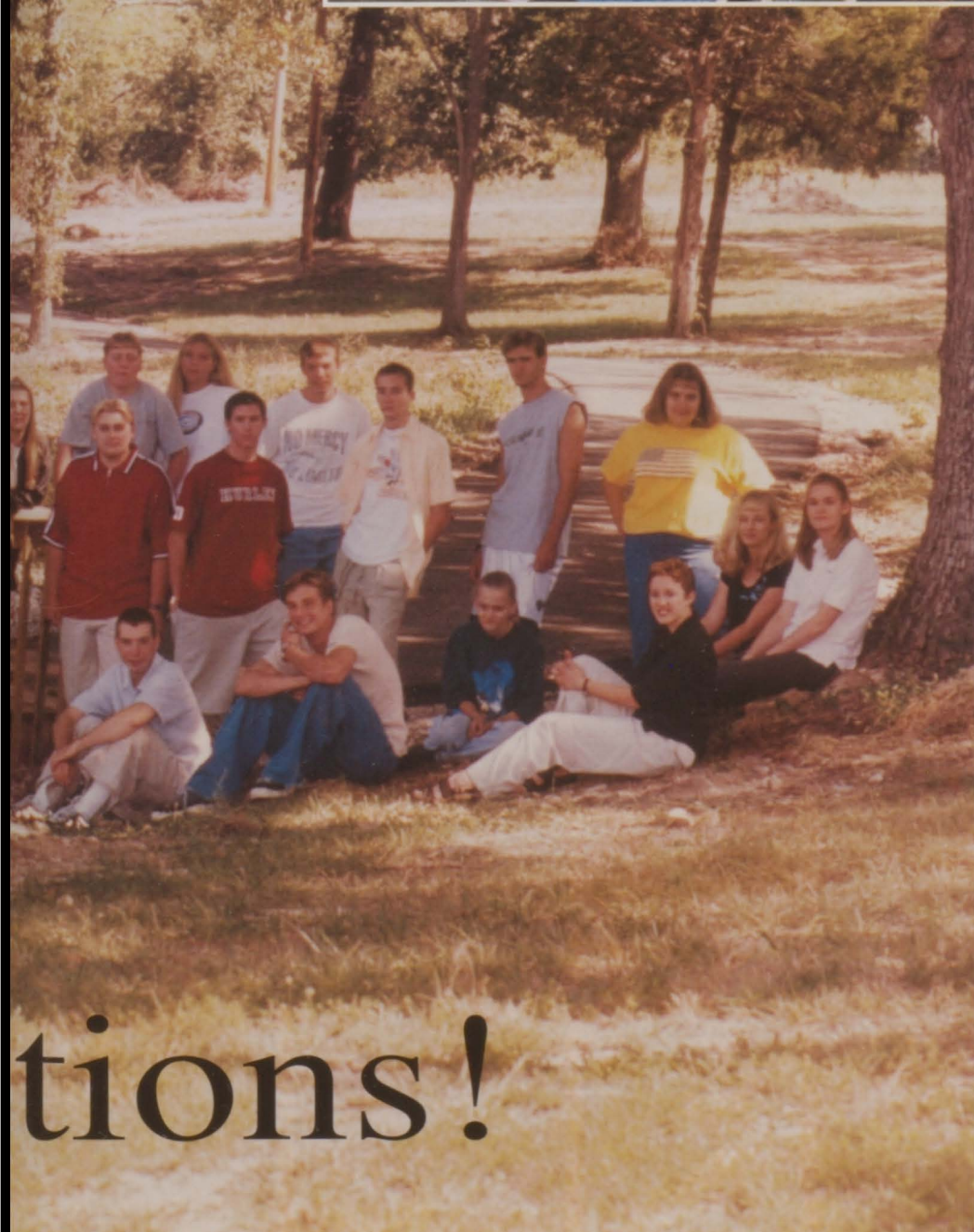


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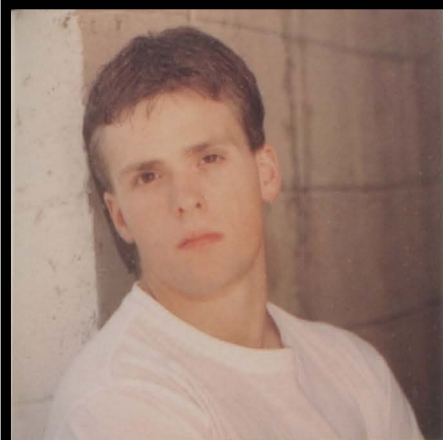
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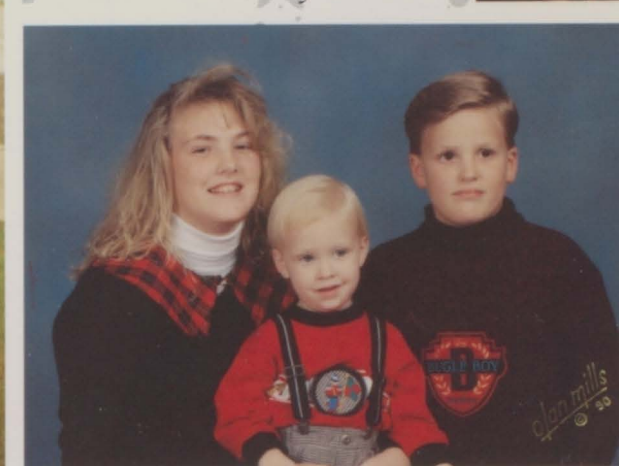






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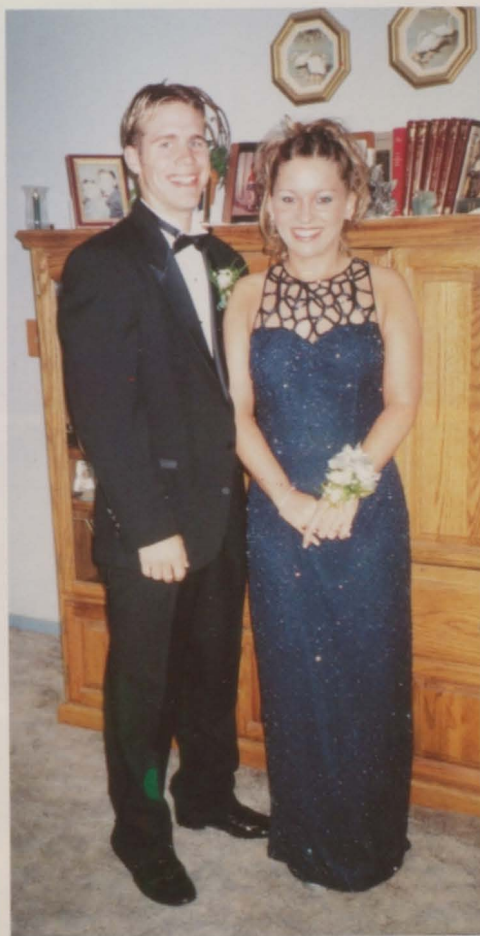
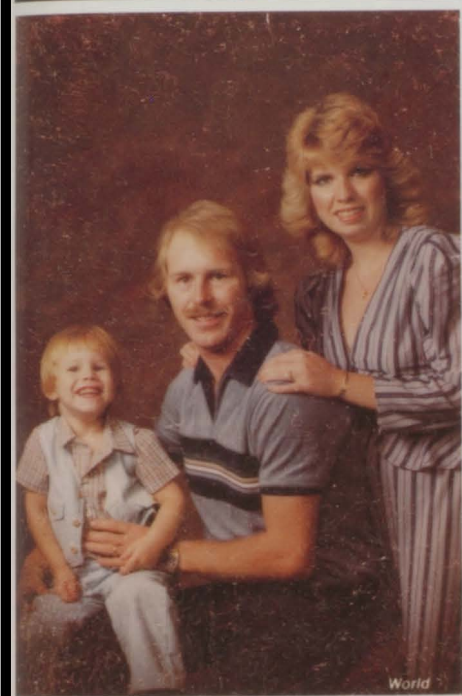
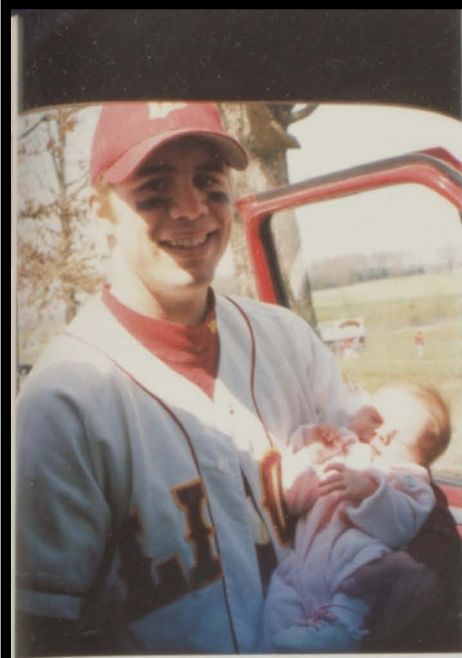
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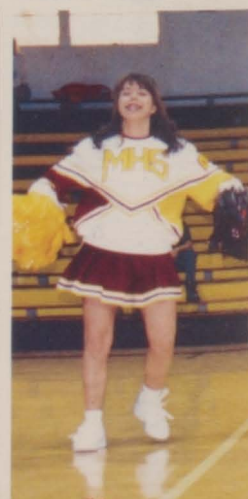
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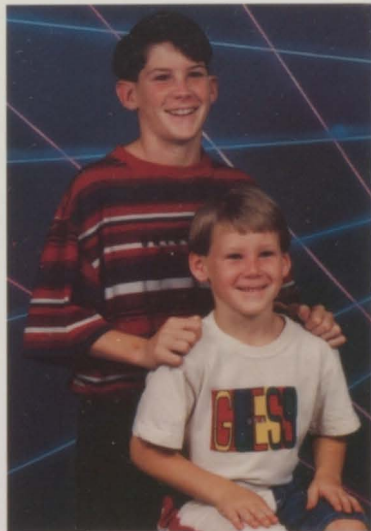






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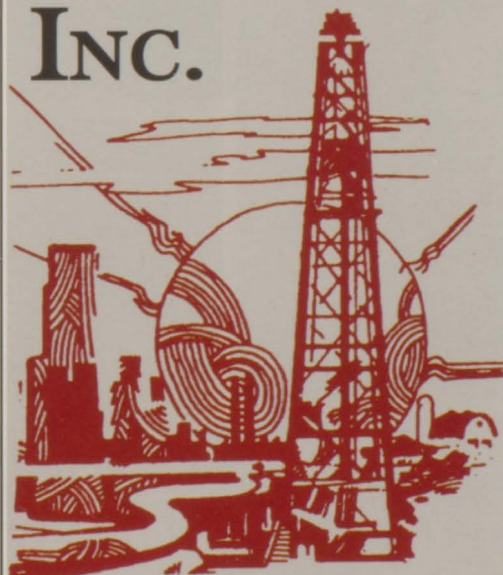


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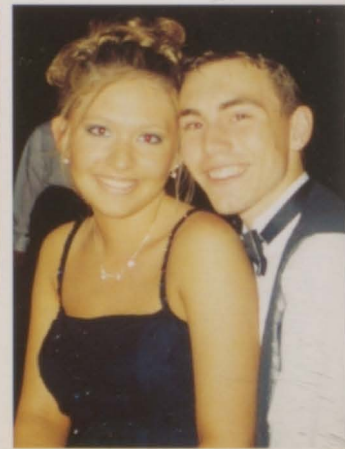


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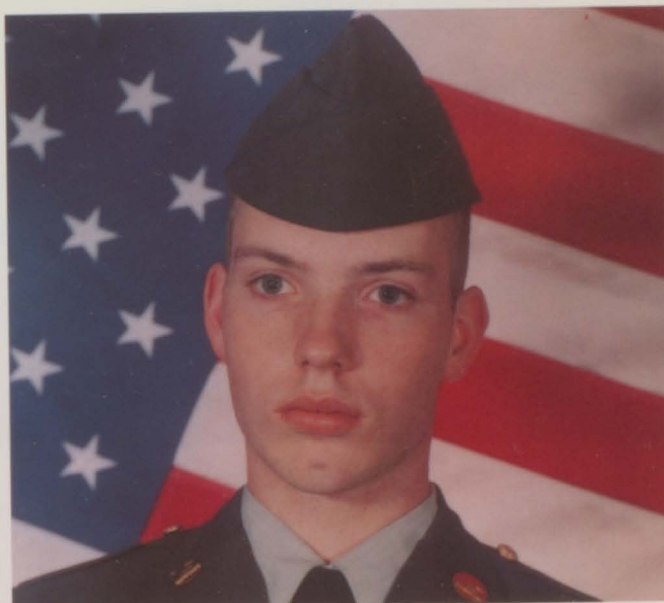


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**ELVES IN THEIR WORKSHOP**. Blake Miller (front), Alex Miller, and Vince Miller build toys on the Mansfield Community Betterment float at the community Christmas parade, held for the second year in the evening.

**SENIORS SURVIVE HAMLET**. British Literature students tackle William Shakespeare's classic, *Hamlet*, which coincided with Camouflage Day during Spirit Week.



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**PORTRAYING AN ACCIDENT**, medical personnel slide an injured Josh Cleaver on a board after the vehicle he was driving crashed as a result of drunk driving. The event was sponsored by Education Supports Prevention.



**FUTURE FARMERS** Dannette Sickels, Matt Dunbar, Sarah Brown, and Rick Ramsey drive their tractors to school as part of FFA's National Club week. Left, Janet Mitchell, summer school teacher, accompanies Jodi McDowell, Savannah Spell, Dillon Massey, and Dakota Melton from the park.



**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE** from the chopper. Using Tina Crain as a model, an air flight lift team pilot demonstrates the hazards of helicopter rotors to drivers education students in summer school.



**GOING LONG.** Middle school cross country runners gather before a meet. Front, Adam Keith, Jacob Wright, Kendall Findley; back, Josh Dowler, Craig Campbell, Josie Vaverka, Zach Levan, and Brandon Grass.

**STRETCHED OUT.** Summer school students Maranda Garzee and Roxie Carroll catch some fresh air and sunshine while completing a descriptive writing assignment on the picnic tables at the city park.



**CLASS GUESTURES.** Brian Carampatan and Shawn Dannen practice in duet acting before leaving for a speech tournament. After school, it was not unusual to walk down the hall and see speech team members looking sad, others yelling to get their point across, or some talking to the walls.



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**SCHMIED FAMILY MEMBERS** Channelle, Courtney, and Austin sing and sign "God Knows About the First Heartbeat" at the talent show in March.

**HARE TODAY.** B.J. Batten (far left) and Miranda Rhodes discuss New Zealand white rabbits with elementary students at FFA's Food for America. Left, Villains and heroes make up in the choir's melodrama "The Romance of Rattlesnake Ridge." Front, Brooke Hurst, David Scrivner, Joe Gresham, and Erica Spyres.



**CONCENTRATING ON THEIR** teacher's directions, beginning violinists Pashia Swearengen and Emily Neal entertain audience members at the talent show. The girls take lessons from Erica Spyres.



**AN EARLY MORNING** gathering for "See You At The Pole" brings students, teachers, and community members together to pray for their school. Local students participated in the annual event which is held in September across the country.



**WHAT'S WRONG** with this picture? A fluke photograph snapped by Jacob Magnin in a Lion's game against Hartville produced a player whose identity remains hidden by his outstretched arm. Answer: Kevin Altman.



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**TWO FOR ONE.** Miranda Farris and her mother Edwina Farris get advice from Beth Strain, elementary librarian, during the Scholastic Book Fair. Proceeds from the fair were used to sponsor National Children's Book Week in November. Strain reads widely and helps choose books others readers will enjoy. Her advice for students is to read as much as you can and as many different kinds of books as you can. "Reading can take you anywhere and everywhere you want to go," she said.







**SLICE AND DICE.** Jonathon Brookes and Drew Berry dissect a worm in science class taught by John Hinsley, middle school science teacher. Below left, Straight-up style from Kendra Drakeford as she lip syncs "I Want You Back" in the spring talent show sponsored by the music department.



**STAYING IN ORDER,** publications students (below left) Carrie Jarrett, Tiffany Coonce, and Janisha Bennett, assemble the December issue of the *Lions Gazette*. Below, Dustin Grass explains how to sack groceries properly in a speech in Communications class. Grass works part-time at the grocery store.



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**CONGREGATE** for an assembly featuring Coach and Ronny, a ventriloquist that teaches kids about making good decisions and not going along with friends who smoke, drink or try drugs. The event was sponsored by ESP during Red Ribbon Week.

**CAUGHT IN THE WEB.** Spiderman Matt Byerlee makes an appearance in the hall "just to liven things up," Byerlee said. Byerlee admitted the costume was a little hot because he had just finished physical education class.





**REBELS WITHOUT A CLUE.** Jacob Loper, Josh Cleaver, Jeremy Archer, Michael Scofield, Quentin Hammond, Josh Street, Justin Carter, Justin Crain, Scott Jackson, and Clark Choate congregate in the hall for either attention or detention.

**TWIST AND SHOUT.** Without releasing hands, teachers compete against student teams in a pep rally game to kick off basketball season.



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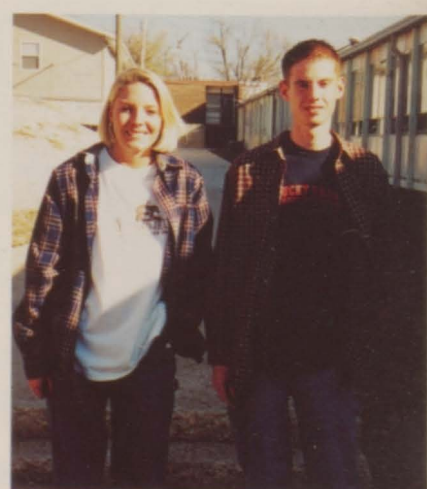
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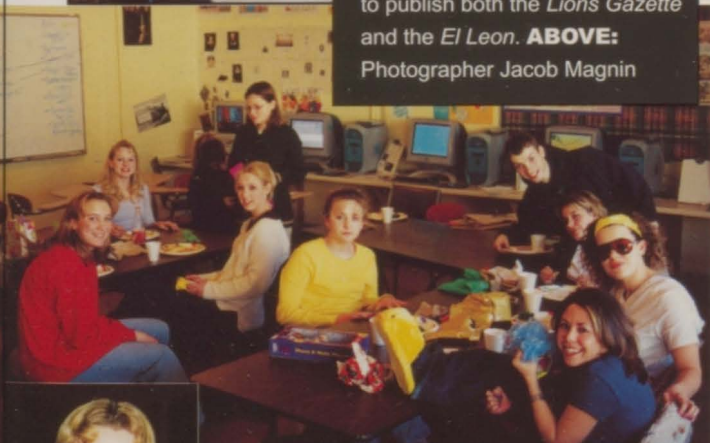


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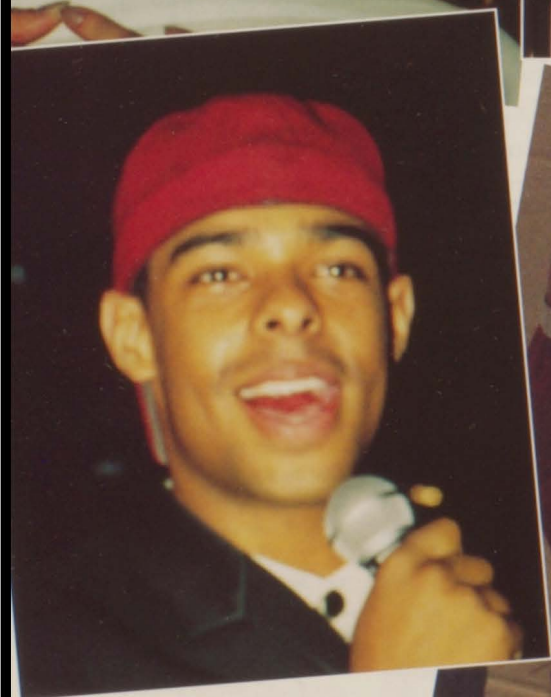
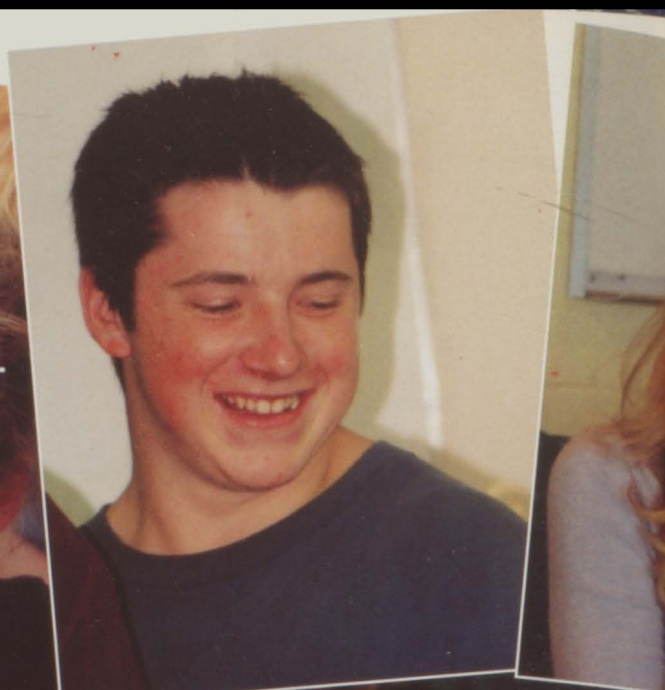
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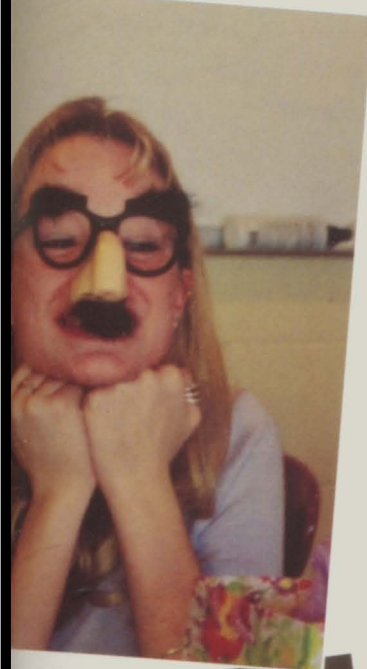
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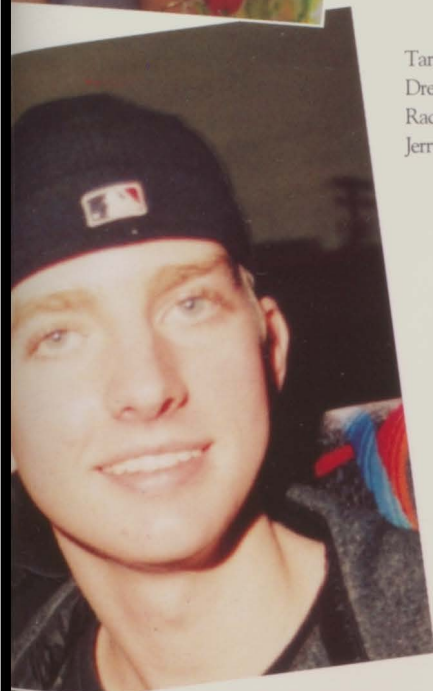






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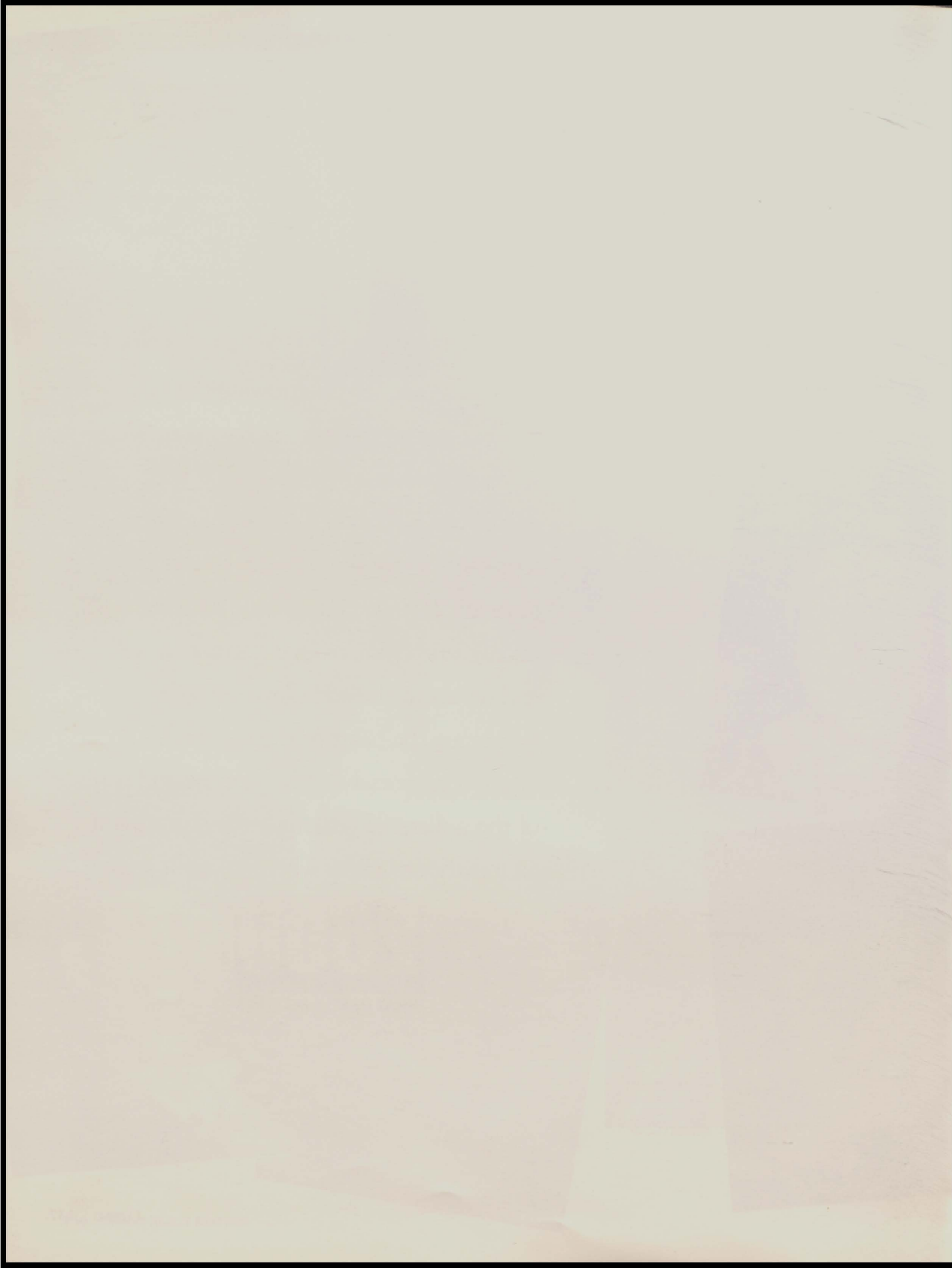


arrowing the field to what matters for the approximate 800 students who call Mansfield RIV their school can be tricky. That population alone represents a mix that ensures considerable diversity. But we share a wide range of skills, talents, and opinions that harmonize well and represent the school we are today. People are the heart of the matter. It's about discovering ourselves, the promise and perils of the millennial generation, and putting it all together to get us where we want to go.

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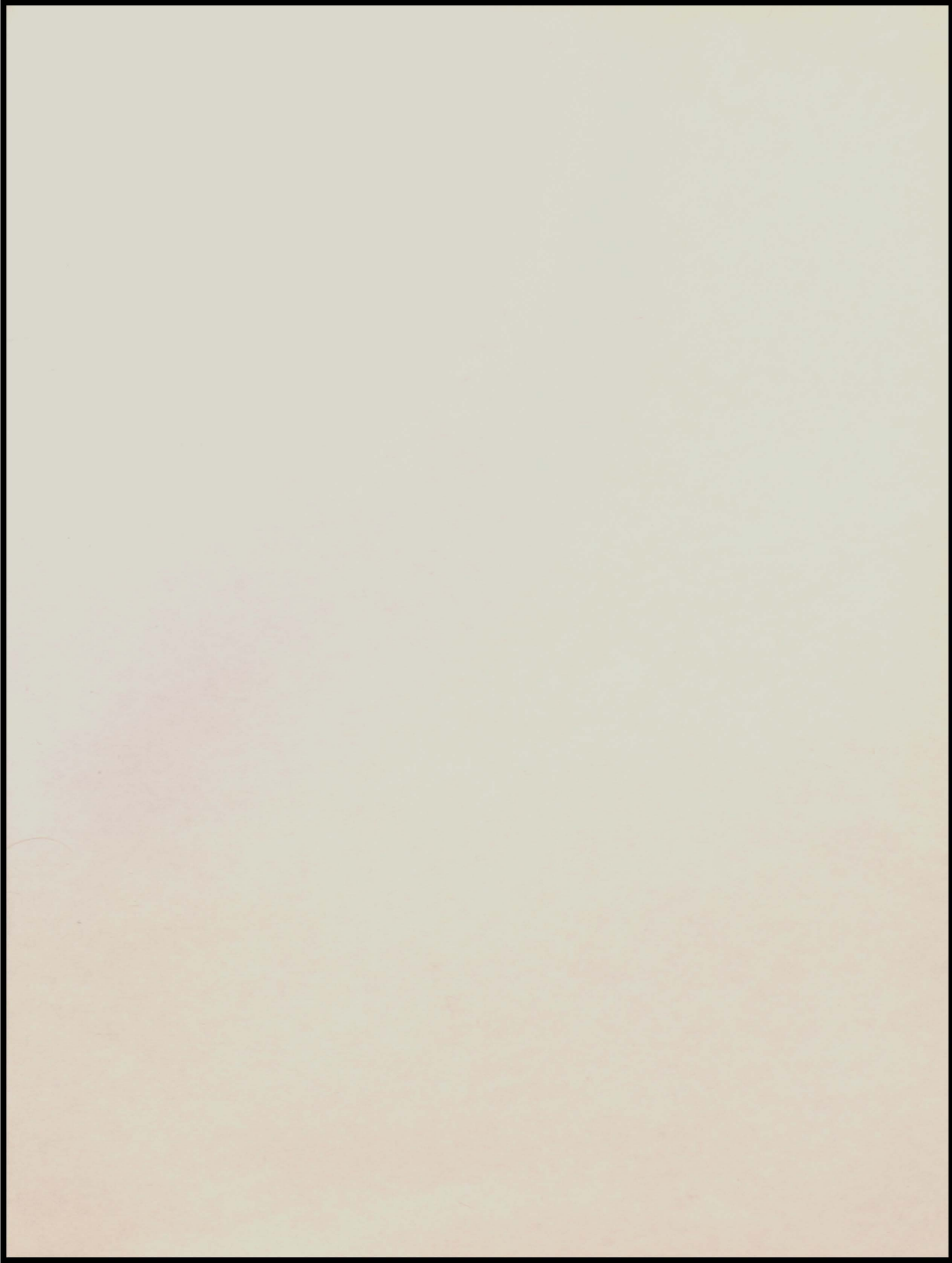






















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