

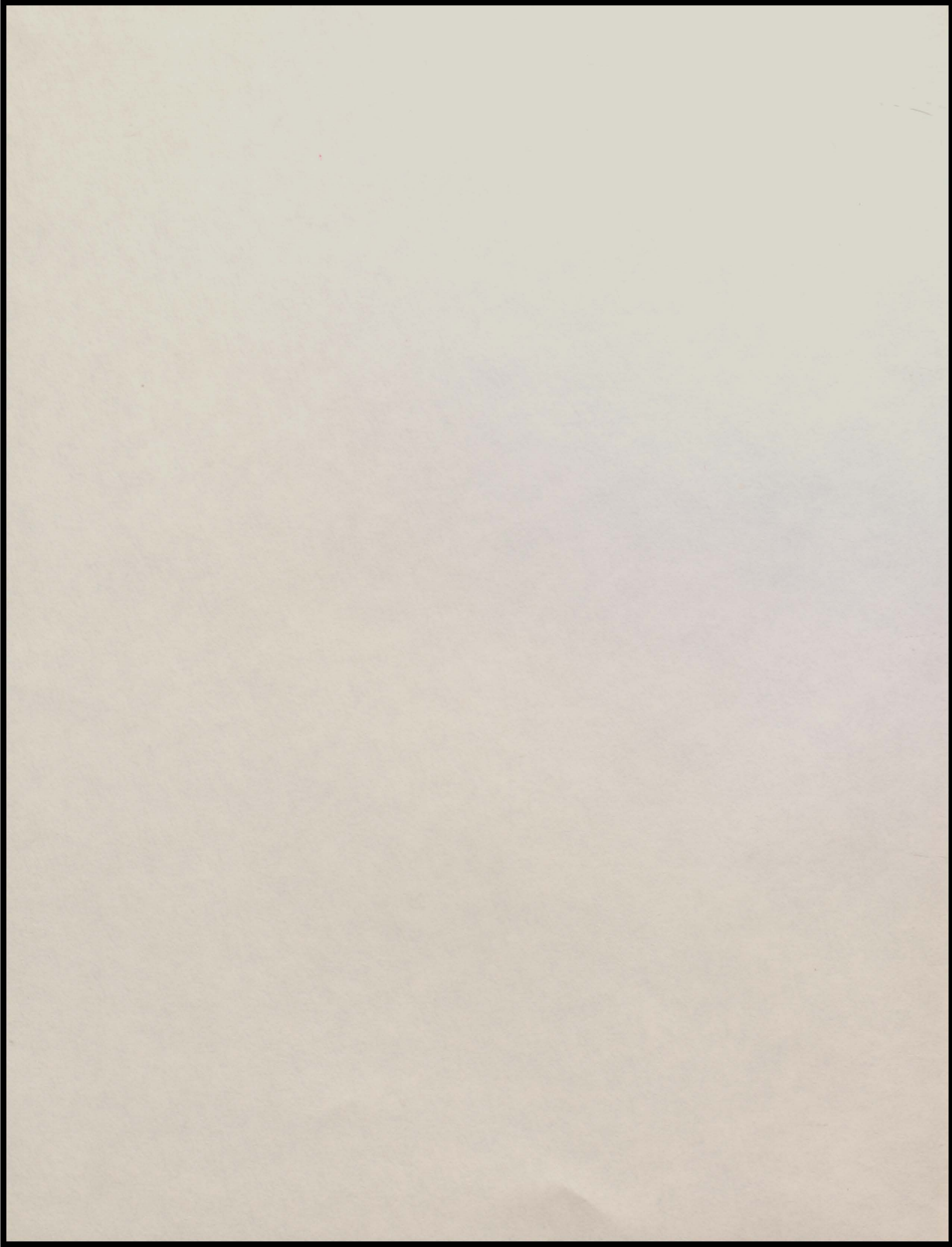
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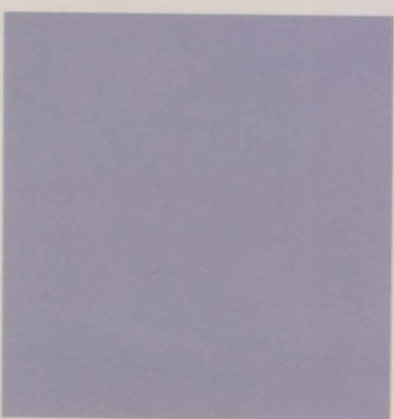
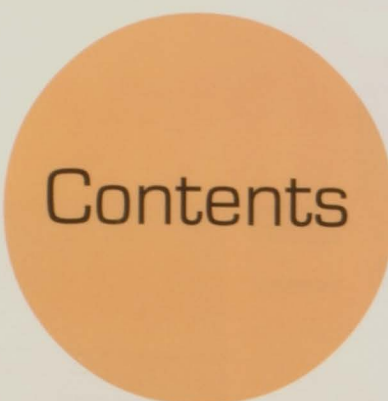
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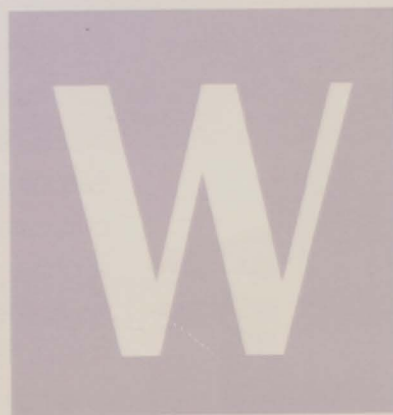
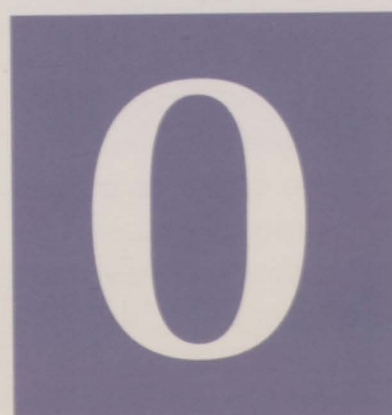
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A mosaic tile of the mascot greets students and visitors in the new commons area. After photographing the floor, Shelhamer created the background and special effects in Photoshop 6.0.



# Who would have guessed that concrete

plaster and paint along with a national tragedy would **unify our school?** As the school's 3.1 million dollar construction project entered its final stages, **new quarters became reality** for students. The vision simplified travel, convenience and safety. It's a remarkable before-and-after comparison. Complaints about walking the long way around, paint fumes and jackhammers were



silenced with spacious elementary and high school libraries, an eye-catching cafeteria, commons area, offices and classrooms. It boosted architectural interest and rejuvenated an outdated exterior to **create a friendlier environment.**

Against the backdrop of a new school, we found ourselves in the midst of **national sadness** in an ongoing war. After 9-11, people were caught up in a **burst of patriotism** and **a quest for community.** So with the theme, "All Together Now," we review the people and events that defined the **STATE OF OUR UNION.**

BY LAURA FURR



By Jacob Magnin

## RALLYING THE NATION

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH speaks to Missourians gathered inside the hanger at Springfield/Branson Regional Airport. To cover the story, photographer Jacob Magnin battled his way through a dense crowd and tight security. Flags, banners, an upbeat band and enthusiastic supporters greeted the 43rd president of the United States. His 20-minute speech echoed patriotism and economic values. The President also joked about a recent failed attempt at swallowing a pretzel. "If my mother is listening, I should have listened to you: Always chew your pretzels before you swallow," he said.

**DIRTY DEEDS** Juniors Whitney Hannaford and Kendra Smith face the aftermath of a mud fight following a softball fundraiser. The tournament, sponsored by the junior class, raised \$800 which Wal-Mart matched for prom expenses at Chateau on the Lake, Branson.



# STUDENT LIFE

## SUM OF THE PARTS



Blending in i**S** for chameleons. For MHS s**t**udents, life was anything b**u**t subdued as they stepped**d** off the b**e**aten path and into uncharted territory. New experie**n**ces became the norm, whe**t**her they took to b**L**ue skies to fl**i**rt with European culture, bravely touched a cal**f** or simply found thems**e**lves wallowing in mud, committing

GRIMES  
AGAINST  
HUMANITY.

**CATTLE CONCEPTS** When Steven Jarrett (top) brings his Jersey calf to FFA's Food for America, the day-long event begins and ends with questions from elementary students. Agriculture students, like Jarrett, helped to educate others about livestock's contributions in their lives. **LEFT:** At the Palace of Versailles in France, Eli Helms and Laurel Oberbeck purchase freshly squeezed orange juice in the king's gardens. "Three-fourths of it was pulp and the other fourth was ice," said Helms of its consistency.

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# Wilder Than Ever

The square, site of the annual 3-day festival honoring Laura Ingalls Wilder, remains a fixture to meet and mingle for fun, food and entertainment

**E**ach September, visitors and area residents flock to Mansfield to celebrate the town's most famous citizen, Laura Ingalls Wilder in a mix of American history, fall foliage, parades, kettle corn, barbeque, crafts and bluegrass.

The two-day celebration kicks off with a reenactment of Wilder's Little House books called "Little House Memories." The Ozark Mountain Players, a cast of adults and kids from pre-school to high school, entertain visitors in the nightly outdoor pageant. Sophomore Mandy Rokusek, a six-year cast member, has played children as well as adult parts. "I think I know everyone's lines by heart," she said about the musical which features area talent.

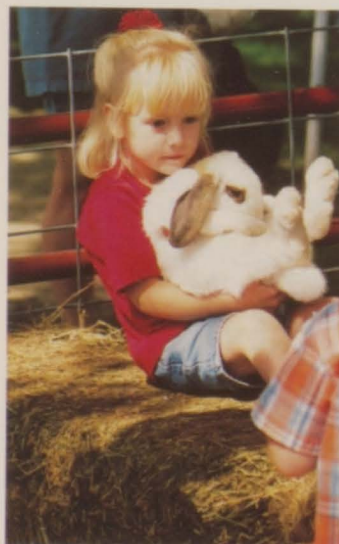
On the square, students manned booths for visitors that included pie-throwing, ring-toss and fish games, a photo booth and a petting zoo. FFA students brought animals from home including a calf, sheep, goat, chickens, rabbits and a turtle. "I think the kittens ran away and one time someone left the gate open and a couple of goats got out," said freshman Mike Moody.

By Jacob Magnin



## OLD-FASHIONED FUN

Square dancers Sheirif Williams and Laken Conaway do-si-do on the square as Whitney Whorton, Kelsay Rogers and Rachel Deatherage circle. Fourth graders, attired in calico skirts, bonnets, overalls and straw hats sang and danced for Wilder Day visitors. **RIGHT:** FFA's petting zoo finds one visitor content to cuddle the merchandise while Cole Doherty, far right, and Nathan Jones tumble and collide in the sack race.



By Jacob Magnin



By Eli Helms

## REEL TIME CLOCKWISE FROM

ABOVE: Josh Venable as Almanzo Wilder discovers triple trouble when local girls played by Jessica Dowler, Amanda Neal and Sara Henley corner him in the Little House Memories outdoor pageant. ■ Pretentious Nellie and her mother, played by Sara Henley and Terry Spyres, sing "Pretty Is As Pretty Does." ■ Face wash. Brett Bailey, a victim of a whipped cream pie, waits for the next attack. Science Club members hosted the booth as a fundraiser. ■ Ozark Mountain Players Miranda Farris, Andy Hill, Kim Hill and Haley Hill wave to the crowd from OMP's float in the annual parade. The show is presented nightly in the city park amphitheater. ■ A pig on the loose brings squeals of delight from kids trying to capture it. Winners received food certificates from the Wilder Day committee.

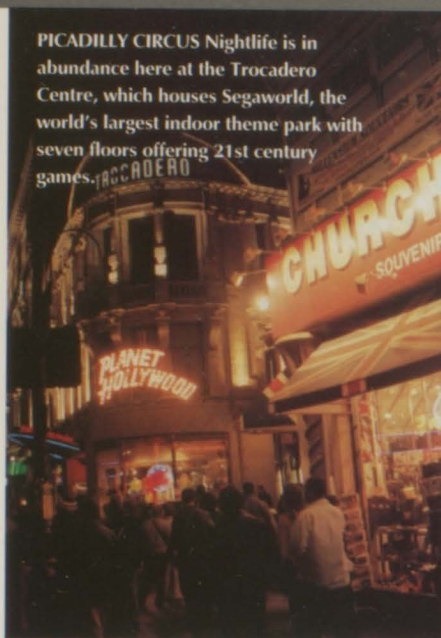


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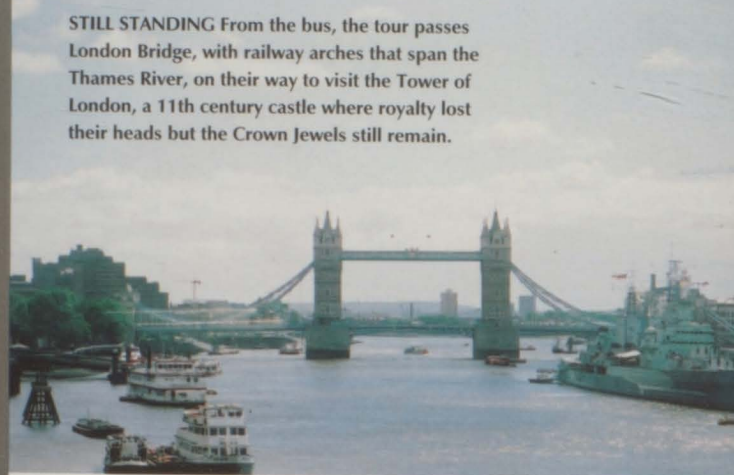
**HIGH POINT** Students climbing to the top of Montmartre, reward themselves with a spectacular view of the city skyline and a visit to the white domed church, Sacre-Couer plus a host of restaurants, shops and street entertainers.



**PICADILLY CIRCUS** Nightlife is in abundance here at the Trocadero Centre, which houses Segaworld, the world's largest indoor theme park with seven floors offering 21st century games.

**TRAVELING DAZE** RIGHT: A seven-hour time difference catches up with Zack Flageolle traveling on the Eurostar from London to Paris.

■ **FAR RIGHT:** English history comes to life as students explore the city by foot, bus and underground tube. "Just watching people after a Madonna concert let out was fun," Lisa Chambers said. ■ Outside Buckingham Palace, a group poses with the Mayor of Cheltenham and his staff. Sonya Hesterly struck up a conversation with the Mayor as they exited from an afternoon tea with the Queen.



**STILL STANDING** From the bus, the tour passes London Bridge, with railway arches that span the Thames River, on their way to visit the Tower of London, a 11th century castle where royalty lost their heads but the Crown Jewels still remain.



By Justin Kingery



By Debbie Sanders



**PARIS'S MOST FAMOUS** landmark, far left, is the Eiffel Tower built for the world Exhibition of 1889. Elevators took students to the second level to overlook the city, though a light rain limited visibility. ■ **TOP LEFT:** Manicured lawns, fountains, artificial lakes and floral displays decorate the gardens at the Palace of Versailles. King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette lived at the palace in splendor until the French revolution in 1789. ■ Putting their heads together, left, Vicki Blankenship, Betsy Wight, Regina Roy, Pam Probert and Don Sanders scope out the best route on the metro. Using public transportation is the easiest and most practical way to get around.



OUTSIDE PARIS, the group exits Versailles Royal Palace, the largest in Europe, which housed 20,000 nobles and was the center of French monarchy until the 1789 revolution.

# A tale of two cities

For French and band students, a 10-day summer adventure to London and Paris mixes classical culture with local fare

**WHEN FRENCH KING LOUIS XVI** strolled through the palace of Versailles, only royalty could enjoy the regal enchantment of the setting. In July 2001, a group of 40 students and adults stepped into the official residence of the Kings of France from 1682 until 1790. "This definitely ranks as favorite," said '01 graduate David Scrivner, referring to the classical French architecture complemented by extensive gardens.

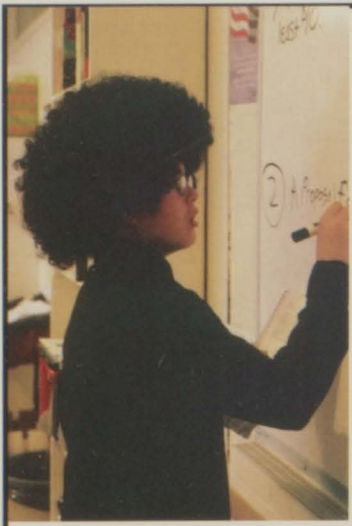
Although the trip was not a school-sponsored activity, French students of Vicki Blankenship and band students of Shannon

Waldo were part of the group. In London, they saw the Tower of London, the Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and Parliament, the Horse Guards and Buckingham Palace and St. James Park (pictured below) in London. In Paris, they visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre (including the "Mona Lisa"), Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe and the Palace of Versailles. A cruise on the Seine River and Bastille Day festivities were also a highlight.

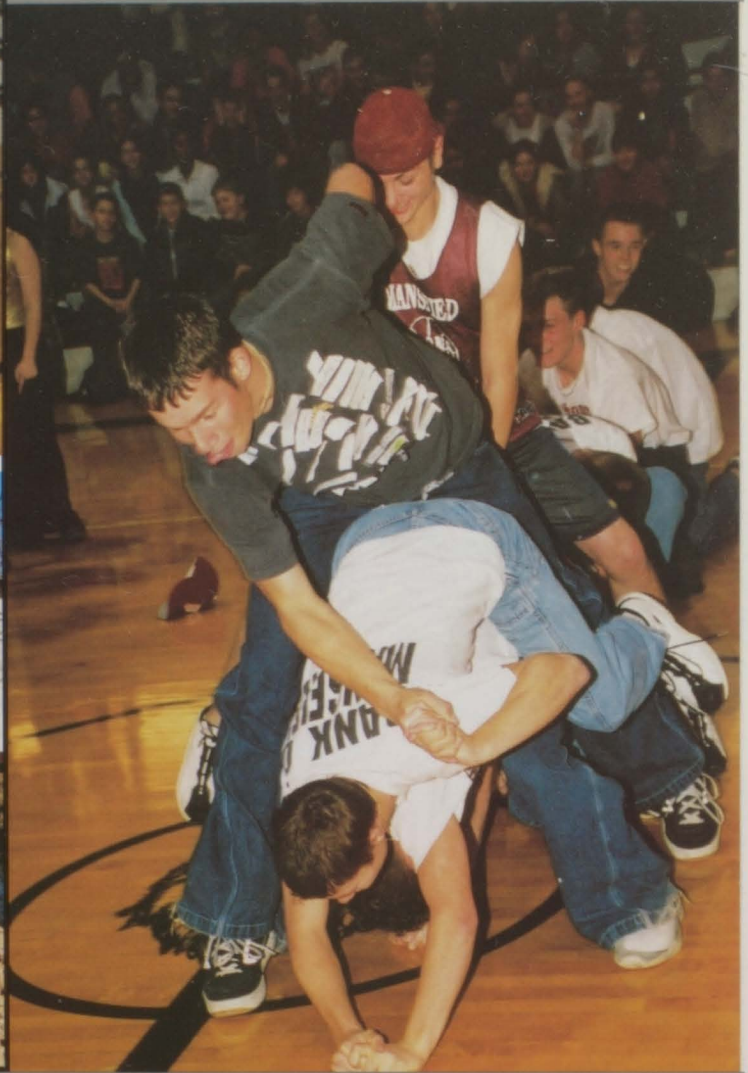


## “ HAD TO BE THERE

*One incident taught us to be quick getting on and off the metros [underground trains]. In Paris, the doors closed before Donna Streight, sixth grade teacher, got off. I pounded on the door yelling her name as the train sped off. She just stood there stoically waving good-bye to everyone on the platform. —Betsy Wight*

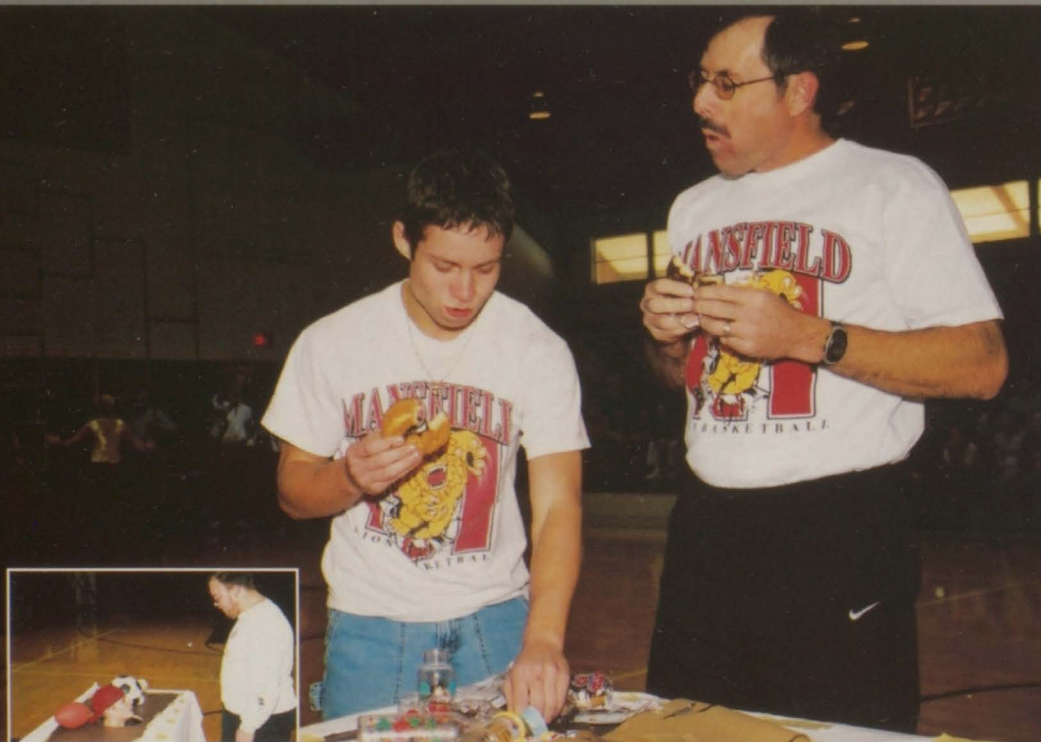


By Jacob Magnin



## FRIENDLY TAKEOVER

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Big wig Alex Dunbar writes a caption in Journalism I while imitating a Marlon Wayans's look for '80s Day. ■ A faculty team with Sunny Watterson, Pam Probert and Wilda Watterson competes against basketball players (right) Travis Mason, Cody Corder and Jordan Cantrell. The goal is to pull each other from the back of the line to the front while keeping hands joined. "It was mind-boggling," Travis Hilliard said. ■ From sequins to rolled jeans, students and teachers sport trends of the 80s. "I found my outfit in the attic; I actually used to wear those clothes which belonged to my sister," Jennifer Calhoun said. ■ Biting off more than they can chew, Brent Jones and Coach Doug Jones cram in doughnuts in an eating race while Jeffery Decker (inset) finds Jordan Cantrell's head in a strange setting.



By Jacob Magnin



# Games People Play

It's easy to get in the spirit when you come to school as a swashbuckling pirate and end it sucking orange juice out of a baby bottle

**E**ven Shannon Waldo, band director, said she was taken back when she started teasing her hair and applying layers of black eyeliner for 80's Day. "I basically operated on automatic pilot," she said. "It was scary how the morning routine just came back naturally." Teachers leading the way with starched hair and heavy-handed makeup turned a few heads in the halls. "I was very impressed by the number of teachers who dressed up," said Kelly Brazeal, guidance counselor.

Injecting a sense of childlike energy into Spirit Week with dress-up days, decorations and wild and wacky games gave students and teachers a break from the norm. "Everyone got more into participating and became more competitive to get prizes," said junior Whitney Hannaford, Pom Pon member.

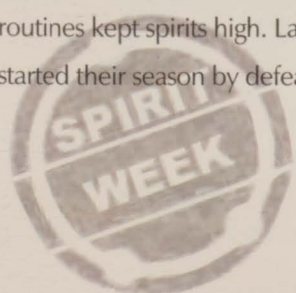
Many attributed the playful atmosphere to the Spirit Squad, who decorated the halls with streamers, balloons and personal notes of encouragement to athletes. "The pommers worked really hard on the decorations," freshman Kayla Hilton said. "They were awesome."

Dress-up days included Mismatch Day, Spirit Day, Pirate Day, 80's Day and Farmers Day. "My favorite was 80's Day as it seemed to be the most popular," said sophomore Mandy Rokusek. "It was lots of fun looking really dorky."

The week culminated with a pep rally to kick off basketball season. Music by the pep band, games, cheers and Pom Pon routines kept spirits high. Later that night, the Lady Lions jump-started their season by defeating Willow Springs 78-55.



**LEGALLY BLONDE** While rifling through some books in the library, Marcella Swatosh, English teacher, complains about heavy gold earring pinching her ears to Shannon Waldo, band director. For 80's Day, Waldo said she wore the same tights she owned in high school; Swatosh borrowed Tiffany Gray's prom dress.





# PHX EXPERIENCES

From majestic mountains to sizzling sunsets, a trip to the Valley of the Sun serves as the ultimate backdrop for yearbook staffers to snatch a laid-back getaway, cultural excursions and most importantly, a coveted Pacemaker award

**NO ONE HAD TO TELL** first-time flyer April Pettibone that the hustle and bustle of getting on and off airplanes was worth the trip. "I could live out here," said Pettibone, strolling down a busy sidewalk on a warm evening in downtown Phoenix.

Escaping a cold snap in April, six publication students and their adviser spent four sunny days in Arizona. For the second year in a row, the El Leon, one of 24 schools in the country, earned a National Yearbook Pacemaker Award given by the National Scholastic Press Association at the 2001 spring National High School Journalism Convention.

Winners were announced for the first time and honored at an awards ceremony at the convention. Sixty-one finalists were selected from 362 entries based on excellence in the following areas: writing/editing, design, content, concept, photography, art and graphics. "I had a feeling we'd be competitive because in my opinion, the 2001 book was better than last year," said Jacob Magnin, photography editor.

Beside the overall award, three publication students also received honors in on-site, write-off competitions:

- Jacob Magnin, Honorable Mention, Color Newspaper Photography;
- David Hipkins, Honorable Mention, Color Newspaper Photography; and
- Laura Furr, Honorable Mention, Sports Writing.

"Competing on a national level is a barometer of sorts for our program back home," said Betsy Wight, adviser. "Plus it offers kids some perspective about possible careers and the world around them."

Beside convention events, students explored the historic, rustic side of the valley and experimented with regional cuisine. "I was proud of myself for ordering something new at every meal," said David Hipkins. "While the jalapeno egg deal was pretty tasty, I'd pass on that Jamaican Jerk pizza."

## STANDING OUTSIDE

Chapel of the Holy Cross, Justin Kingery and Jacob Magnin have an unimpeded view of the surrounding Sedona scenery. The church (inset) which features a glass wall behind the altar, was built in 1956 atop a 25-foot high spur of rock.



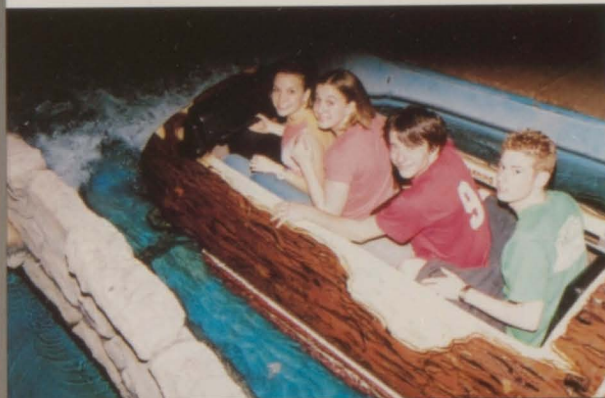
**HOW THE WEST WAS FUN** BOTTOM RIGHT: Munching on burgers, the group grabs a quick lunch at a Sedona grill. The meal proves entertaining when April Pettibone complains about the ketchup and Justin Kingery says he can assist. Not knowing the cap is loose, he slings ketchup all over the floor. "I felt bad because there was ketchup everywhere, and the waiter was such a nice guy," Kingery said later. ■ Milling around, students spend part of an afternoon browsing, buying souvenirs and strolling downtown Scottsdale. The area's 100-plus art galleries feature Western art, contemporary paintings and sculptures, Native American crafts and jewelry.



## TOP GUNS

After the awards ceremony, Jana Young, Laura Furr, Justin Kingery, (back) David Hipkins, Jacob Magnin and April Pettibone pose with their Pacemaker awards won at the JEA/NSPA National Spring Convention in Phoenix.

■ Laura Furr, Jana Young, Justin Kingery and Jacob Magnin cut loose at a local amusement park. "I thought I wasn't going to get wet because I saw this kid get out of the front dry," Furr said about getting soaked on the log ride.



# Once upon a time

Conventional entertainment never makes the program when choir members stage an evening of wild, wacky and weird fairy tales



By David Hipkins

**CURTAIN CALL** Alex Hipkins, above, portrays a dense lad whose mother tries to arrange a loveless marriage in exchange for money. Hipkins also played Beast in a scene from *Beauty and the Beast* in the choir's spring comedy, "Fractured Fairy Tales." ■ Third graders Julia Gresham, Kaylee Pierson, Chantelle Borders and Maranda Heath entertain the audience with an old Broadway hit, "I Enjoy Being A Girl" at the all-school talent show in March.

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hose line is it anyway? Actors in the spring musical comedy "Fractured Fairy Tales," were never quite sure. In the book, when the princess kisses the frog, she turns him into a prince but in this cast, the princess turns into a frog, too.

"It was just a lot of fun to get a laugh out of the audience," said sophomore Robert Perkins who played several characters.

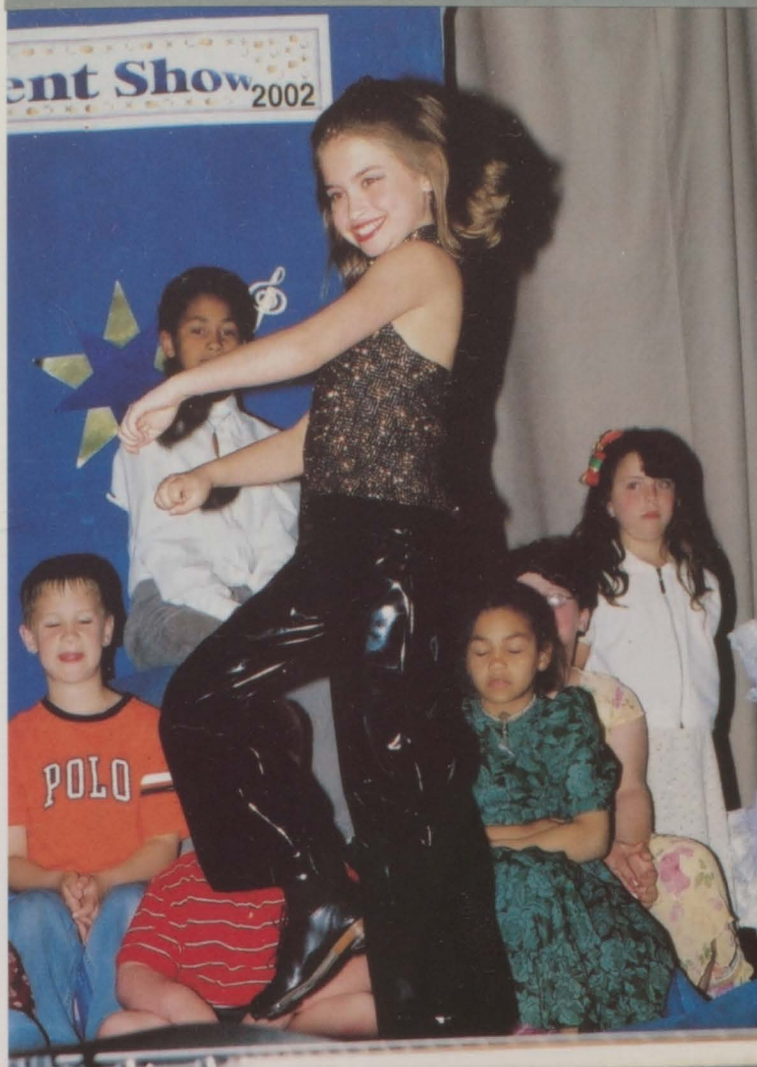
While the program used fairy tales as its baseline, much of the plot came from improvisation. According to Perkins, the cast said it was exciting not knowing what someone was going to do or say. "You would just have to make up or follow someone else's lead," he said.

In the skit, "The Duchess," Alex Hipkins said he filled dead time while props and costumes were being changed by sighing and singing "la, la, la."

Students created and sometimes rigged their own costumes which ranged from Beauty and the Beast characters including dancing and singing candelabras and tea sets to madrigal singers and Snow White and the dwarves.

Other programs during the year included the elementary Christmas musical, "A Gingerbread Christmas" and the all-school talent show, featuring a local punk rock band Stanima.





By Jacob Magnin



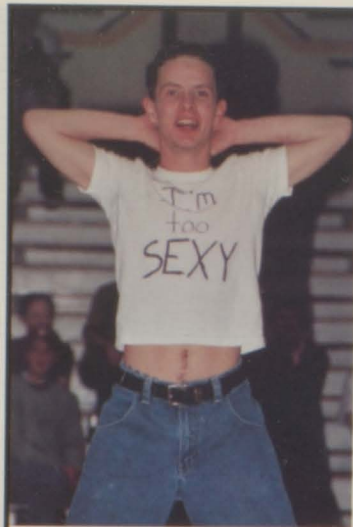
By Jacob Magnin

## GIRL'S GOT RHYTHM

CLOCKWISE: Nikki Zorsch clogs to a Back Street Boys song in the talent show. Zorsch won second place in the U.S. Clogging Championship in Branson for ages 8-9, in the female division. ■ What's cooking? Chef Amber Calhoun (top left), Hannah Levan (top right) and Olivia Whorton, Justin Hinsley and gingerbread boy Zack Houke present 'A Gingerbread Christmas' to parents and family members. ■ Right, Madrigal singers perform "Farewell My Love" in the finale of Fractured Fairy Tales, directed by Terry Spyres. Front - Sara Henley, Josh Venable, Greg Short, Jessica Moore; Back - Crystal Wilson, Tammy Potter, Mandy Rokusek, Brittany Dannen, Casey Ivy, Robert Perkins, Lacie Vaverka, Amanda Ridenour, and Jennifer Odle.



By David Hipkins



By Jacob Magnin

2002 HOMECOMING QUEEN Senior Lacie Newby is crowned by last year's queen Rashelle Thompson during ceremonies in the gymnasium as escort Tim Brazeal and freshman princess Brittany Borders and her escort Travis Clouse wait to walk on stage. Elections are conducted by secret ballot vote.



By Jacob Magnin



By Jacob Magnin

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ■ Travis Hilliard and Tina Crain pause at the end of "I'm Too Sexy," a joint venture between an all-male squad and pom pon dancers. First performed at the pep rally, the group repeated their performance at a girls' basketball game. ■ Fending off a Bulldog attack, center Drew Berry looks for a pass in the lane from a teammate. The Lions, overcome by an early Bulldog offensive, lost the game 60-44. ■ All that glitters. Pom Pon Squad members Kasie Rueff, Brenda Dunbar, Kendra Smith, Stefanie Blevins, Whitney Hannaford and Tina Crain join hands while performing circle kicks. Smith said the routine demands intense practices because it is longer and harder than most dances. ■ LEFT: Getting down and dirty, Coach Keat Kistler noses his way down the court in a pep rally game which requires teams to push a volleyball without using hands. Assistant coach Adam Cook actually burned holes in the knees of his windsuit. ■ Tossing balls in the stands at halftime garners a rousing reception from the middle school section.

# You Can Always Go

for Homecoming, the big day that frames a welcome back atmosphere with a lavish, colorful celebration and a traditional crowning pageant

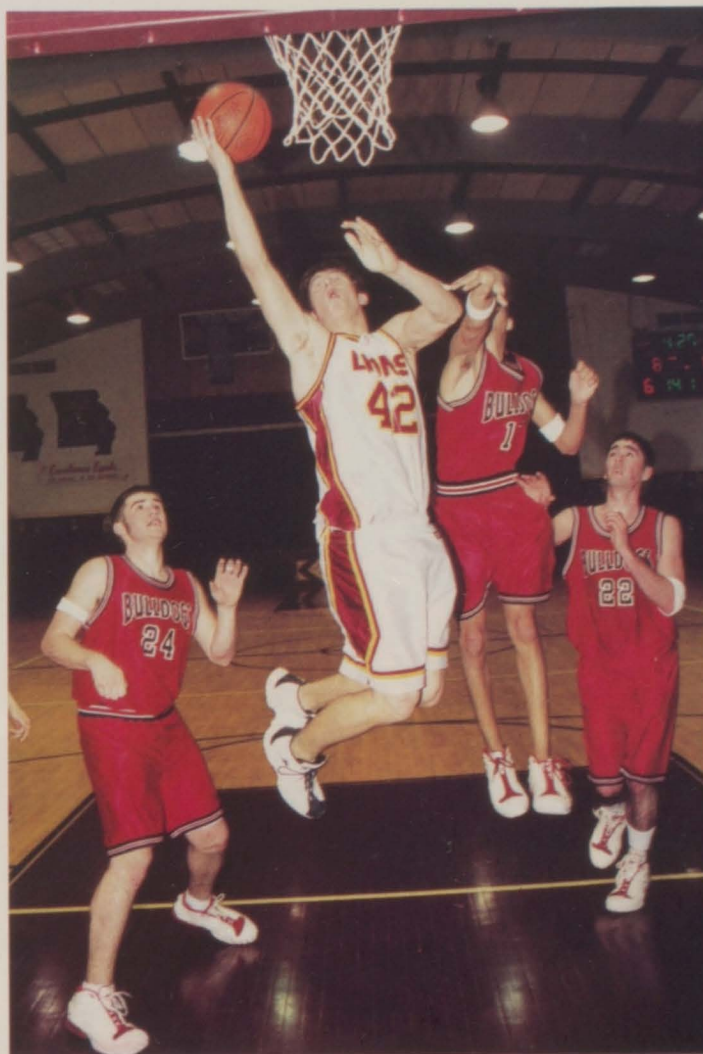
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hile the granddaddy of all carnivals, Mardi Gras, occurs in New Orleans, Homecoming 2002 celebrated its own history, royalty and revelry. Using a fun, vibrant and sassy Mardi Gras theme, Student Council and Pom Pon members launched a week of pageantry that included a punk rock band, games and an all-male dance squad. "I

thought the decorations added a very festive touch," said freshman Jennifer Odle, about green, yellow and purple streamers, beads, balloons and lavish masks.

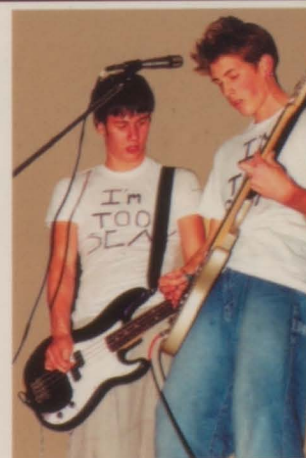
Before the good times rolled, homecoming preparations took the equivalent of two harried weeks. Students working behind the scenes punched in overtime. "One night we spent about six hours decorating the gym, lobby, cafeteria and halls," junior Kasie Rueff said. Besides practicing their halftime routine, pommers taught a male dance squad a "I'm Too Sexy" dance for the pep rally. On the stage, Student Council members constructed and assembled a New Orleans street scene for the crowning ceremony at halftime. "It took a long time to glue all the pieces together, blow up balloons and hang beads," said freshman Tim Shelhamer, a Student Council representative.

At the basketball game, students and alumni packed the gymnasium where the Lions faced Gainesville. For the varsity, the Bulldogs dominated 60-44 while the junior varsity handed Gainesville a 45-35 loss. Stanima, a local student band, made its debut at the post-game dance. "It was like being at a concert," freshman Melanie Davis said. "Who knows, maybe they'll be famous one day."



**THE BIG EASY** ABOVE: High-scoring forward Cody Corder goes for the basket despite the intentions of the Gainesville defense. Corder contributed 19 points but the Lions came up short, 60-44.

■ Homecoming Queen Lacie Newby, center, poses with her court: flower girl Jenna Campie, senior candidate Lora Thompson, freshman princess Brittany Borders, sophomore princess Ashley Baty, junior princess Ashley Borders, senior candidate Tiffany Coonce and crown bearer Jerrad Sullivan. ■ Lead vocalist Brett Bailey and guitarist Cody Corder of Stanima play at the pep rally and later at the dance. Other band members are John Blaine, drummer and Mike Moody, guitarist.

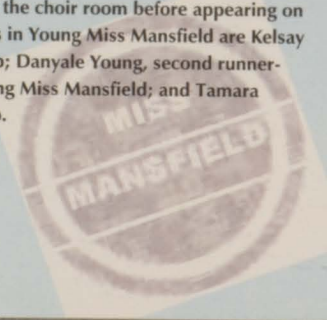




## Social Studies

**PRETTY IN PINK**, top left, Miss Mansfield 2002 Brenna Drakeford poses for photographs after the pageant with Ashley Kelley, first runner-up, Tammy Potter, third runner-up; and Kendra Smith, second runner-up.

■ Behind the scenes, Allyson Rokusek, above, and Danyale Young examine a scratch on Kayla Baty's knee. Contestants entertain themselves in the choir room before appearing on stage. ■ **LEFT:** Winners in Young Miss Mansfield are Kelsay Dugger, third runner-up; Danyale Young, second runner-up; Chelsea Jones, Young Miss Mansfield; and Tamara Delcour, first runner-up.





**GOOD TO GO** Christina Odle, left, applies lip gloss to Emily Neal moments before her division lines up. Odle, a FCCLA member and contestant herself, helped supervise younger girls. ■ Junior Miss Mansfield (left) winners are Christy Nichols, second runner-up; Tara Drakeford, first runner-up; Amanda Neal, Junior Miss Mansfield; Brittany Borders third runner-up. ■ Little Miss Mansfield winners (below) are Caitlin Hickie, second runner-up; Brittany Lakey, first runner-up; Emily Neal, Little Miss Mansfield; and Brittany Cruse, third runner-up.



# Reign On

For 22 years, the Miss Mansfield pageant has presented a picture perfect evening of pearly white smiles, poise and polished looks for local contestants

**THE NOISE LEVEL RISES AS** 73 girls from ages 6-18 gather in the choir room prior to the annual Miss Mansfield pageant. Supervising the younger girls are FCCLA members who are charged by Teresa Hinsley, sponsor, to watch for stragglers and to keep order. "Backstage was extremely loud and rowdy," said Ashley Baty. "We tried to calm the girls down by playing games but it just didn't work."

Some giggle and play hand games with friends. Others worry that their hair will fall, complain that their makeup isn't right or obsess about ill-fitting dresses and itchy pantyhose that "mom made me wear." Most try to ignore butterflies in their stomachs or the fixation that they'll trip on stage in front of judges, friends and family. "I am shy and I didn't really want to be in it," said second grader Lexi Sherman. "My mom made me at first but then it got fun."

FCCLA, sponsors of the event, decorated the stage and prepared contestants for the annual event. "It took us probably three hectic days to set up," Baty said.

John Hinsley, master of ceremonies, read contestants' answers to questions submitted prior to the pageant. An out-of-town panel of judges ranked contestants on poise, smile, stage personality and appearance.

**HAND MAIDENS** Jordyn Loge and Caitlin Hickie will be introduced by their contestant numbers when they take their place in front of judges.



**E**ven skeptics were impressed. No prom in recent memory generated as much buzz as Prom 2002, "One Wild Night." It started early when Michell King, junior class sponsor, proposed Chateau on the Lake, Branson. Word spread through the hallways fast and everyone eagerly anticipated something beyond the ordinary.

Attendees were not disappointed. "The hotel was awesome," said senior Jason Storm about the elegant resort featuring a 10-story atrium and courtyard with waterfalls and lush foliage. Still, beyond the breathtaking view of the lake, Storm said the best part was "visiting with people you don't see everyday."

Senior Steve Ward bragged on dinner and said it was an improvement from previous years. A three-course meal included Romano-crusted chicken, Caesar salad and Mississippi Mud pie for dessert. During dessert, juniors read letters titled "Dear 12th grade me..." These letters, which seniors composed as seventh graders in English, had been sealed for six years. "I didn't remember writing it, but I recognized mine when it said I

wanted to be a doctor and play basketball," said senior Lora Thompson.

Entertainment included a surprise appearance from sponsors dressed as chain gang characters from "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Rounding out the evening, prom goers danced while 14' x 15' screens projected music videos. "The DJ was cool! The videos in the background gave a different effect to the whole dance," King said. "Overall, I liked this prom best!"

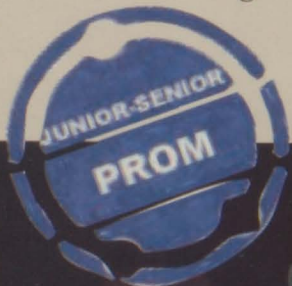
To offset prom costs, juniors held a benefit softball tournament which raised \$800. According to King, the class received \$5,000 from the school, \$500 dollars from Wal-Mart and the balance came from class dues and ticket sales.

**THE SOGGY BOTTOM BOYS** aka David King, Michell King, Debbie Letsinger and Kelly Brazeal, dance and lip-sync the bluegrass tune "Man of Constant Sorrow," as part of prom entertainment.

The escaped prisoners from depression lore made a guest appearance.



No one advertises Prom more than people who come to school on Monday, toting candid photos and chattering about who wore what, why and when. It was



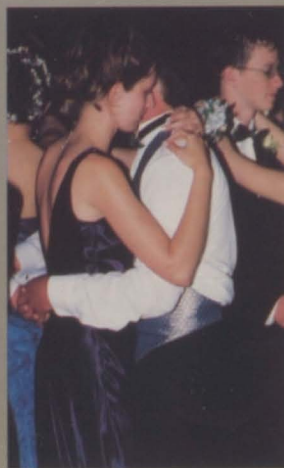
## AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER



**BREAKING BREAD** Jennifer Calhoun, Tyler Rummens, Cory Letsinger and Whitney Hannaford visit during dinner. "The chicken was kind of scary. I don't want to know what the green sauce that topped it was," Calhoun said jokingly.

## NECK BREAKING

**WORK** Samantha McCullum and Josh Bennett try to get parallel with the limbo bar. After several rounds, Kim Hill and Justin Stafford won the event. ■ **FAR RIGHT:** Prom royalty Stefanie Blevins, Lacie Newby, Prom Queen Brenda Dunbar and Laura Furr; Back: Jason Storm, Austin Steffe, Prom King David Hipkins and Michael Scofield. Upperclassmen elected King and Queen by secret ballot.



**ON THE CATWALK,** Stefanie Blevins and Tiffany Coonce cheer on Kendra Smith as she struts her stuff on the dance floor. "We were bored so we decided to amuse ourselves with our own dance," said Jesse Bricker. ■ **Above right:** Still holding on, Steve Ward and date Jacki Feldhaus share a dance in the Chateau's ballroom. Earlier in the evening, prom goers turned up the volume with lights, fog and games.



**TO DINE FOR** Ashley Borders and Brenda Dunbar share a laugh at their table as Ben Dunbar dresses his date's salad. Dunbar, a 2001 graduate, flew in from Virginia where he is stationed in the Navy. ■ After the softball tournament, Michell King, math teacher, and Tanya Loveland, Whitney Hannaford, Kendra Smith and Jana Young mix it up in the mud. Despite slushy conditions, the tournament raised \$800 for prom expenses.

# Finish Line

On their last day, some seniors found their comfort level both energized and challenged as they moved forward into uncharted territory



By Paul Magnin

*We keep on thinking things will never change  
Keep on thinking things will always be the same  
But when we leave this year we won't be comin' back  
Cause we're on a different track*

**THE LYRICS OF VITAMIN C'S** smash hit, "Graduation" (Friends Forever), reflected the sentiment of many seniors on May 18.

"Graduation is spending one last time together with the people you've grown up with and may never see again," said Christina Odle, a 2002 graduate.

Simultaneously excited and apprehensive, senior Jeffery Decker said the 60-minute ceremony made him nervous. "I just wanted to get in and out of there in a hurry," said Decker, who later admitted he would miss seeing everyone on a daily basis.

Following a traditional format, the ceremony included a senior ensemble performing "There You'll Be" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Soloist Crystal Wilson said, "I was a little nervous before singing 'There's a Hero', but I got over it." Pianist Vicki Box played Pomp and Circumstance for graduates

walking in the processional and recessional.

Marking the occasion of Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry's retirement, Gene Loge, school board president, presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Then Valedictorian Stefanie Blevins and Salutatorian Laura Furr delivered keynote speeches to fellow classmates. During the ceremony, Principal Arlene Magnin and Counselor Kelly Hannaford recognized honor students, Magnin announced scholarships and Perry and Loge presented diplomas.

Of the 45 graduates, 20 seniors received 45 scholarships totaling over \$86,700.

**FUTURE TALK** Valedictorian Stefanie Blevins reads Dr. Suess' book "Oh, the Places You'll Go" during graduation exercises. Blevins plans to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia in the fall.



By Paul Magnin



By Betsy Wight

## A WALK TO REMEMBER

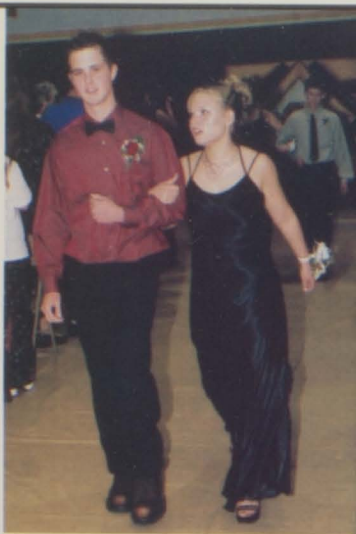
CLOCKWISE ABOVE: Tim Harness shares a laugh with Pat Gresham after graduation. Harness, who signed with the Army, received the Army College Fund scholarship for \$40,000. ■ Acknowledging top graduates, Counselor Kelly Hannaford bestows honor cords on Tiffany Coonce. ■ Steve Ward escorts Miranda Rhodes down the aisle in the processional. Ward plans to attend OTC and Rhodes said she is going to work. ■ The Class of 2002 celebrates its accomplishments with a time-honored silly string war. Austin Steffe, pitted between Crystal Wilson and Melissa Napier, catches the brunt of Wilson's spray. ■ The whole gang together—William Best, Scotty Rousseau, Steve Ward, James Scrivner, David Hipkins and Jacob Magnin pose outside for quick family pics. INSET: Soloist Crystal Wilson performs during commencement.



By Paul Magnin

## LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Katelyn Choate visits with escort Josie Vaverka in the processional. The class graduated 64 students in the gymnasium, May 20. ■ Singing the red, white and blues, below, kindergarten graduates entertain family and friends with patriotic tunes such as "You're a Grand Ole Flag" and "This Land is Your Land."



**STEPPING UP**, above, the eighth grade mixed chorus performs "Lean on Me." Front - Evan Jones, Mandie Adamson, Rebecca Barlett and Erin Schell. Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher, directed the group. ■ For Ciera Dollarhide and Cory Henry, there is too much to think about as classmate Kelsey Adamson whistles the song "Yankee Doodle." Both graduation ceremonies ended with photo finishes and congratulatory hugs.

By Justin Kingery

# Changing Lanes

A few glance back in the rear view mirror but for the most part traffic flows easily at kindergarten and eighth grade graduations

**A PATENTLY PATRIOTIC PROGRAM** set the tone for 51 kindergartners steeped in red, white and blue caps and gowns. On May 21, they marked the beginning of their elementary years by participating in graduation ceremonies. Decorated with stars and stripes banners and balloons, the program featured speaking and singing parts directed by Shannon Waldo, instrumental music teacher. Don Sanders, elementary principal, presented diplomas to eager students as they walked across the stage.

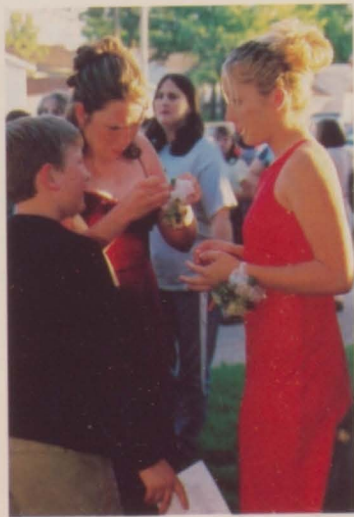
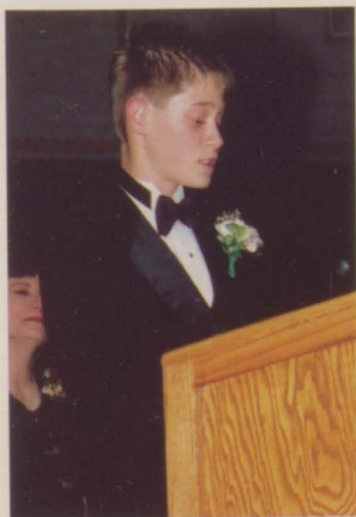
On the previous night, middle school graduation exercises were held for 64 eighth graders. Mandie Adamson, Student Council president, welcomed friends and family followed by the eighth grade chorus singing "Lean on Me." Class President Adam Smith delivered a speech recalling memorable incidents and highlighting unconventional aspects of his teachers' personalities. Soloist Julie Hutton sang "The Wind Beneath my Wings." Then Freddie Doherty, middle school principal, presented the names to Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry who presented diplomas.



By Eli Helms

**GIDDY ALL OVER**, Jenny Sigman, above, crosses the stage to receive her diploma from Principal Don Sanders.

■ President Adam Smith, far left, addresses his fellow classmates, friends and family in a short speech that commemorates the past by revisiting special moments with teachers. ■ Prior to commencement exercises, Vince Miller, brother to eighth grader Blake Miller, visits with Leanne Moody outside the gymnasium while Amanda Neal adjusts her corsage. After graduation, the class celebrated with a party at the Lions Club.



# 1 day that changed

Fears and worries that came with the September 11 terrorists attacks into perspective. But after watching graphic footage and hearing people



You remember September 11: President George W. Bush was Commander-in-Chief, singer-pianist Alicia Keys and rapper Nelly topped the charts, Harry Potter-crazed fans waited for release of the book's first movie adaptation, twice-retired Michael Jordan contemplated donning a jersey to play with the Wizards. No, what you really remember is how dangerous the world felt and how vulnerable we are. The media bombarded us with news of the four plane crashes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon and in rural Pennsylvania. Associated Press reports of people unaccounted for and confirmed dead numbered approximately 5,000. ■ One student said the ghastly event sent a rage through him. "When I first heard, I got extremely mad," said junior Brett Bailey. "Then I saw Palestinians cheer and that made me furious." Many students learned about the



■ News of the attack sent people rushing to local gas stations. Although gas rose, it averaged 20 cents per gallon versus the rumored \$4 per gallon. Fallout from the attacks were felt across the nation as the economy plummeted and businesses laid off workers.

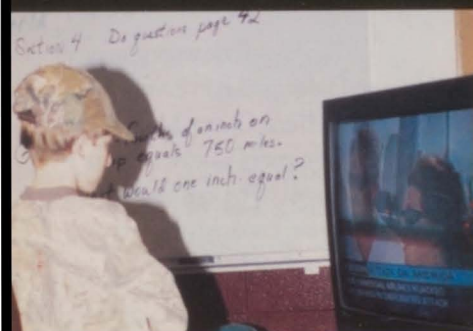
attack during first hour. Sophomore Tanya Loveland said her World History class talked about it all period. "At first, it didn't bother me that much, then it just hit me...It's pure craziness," she said. ■ Students with family members in the armed services expressed concern over the country's preparations for war. "I'm afraid my brother Ben who's in the Navy will be sent off," senior Brenda Dunbar said. "My mom was freaked and my dad, who is usually calm, started to freak." Senior Amanda Baty, a reservist, said she entered a state of denial. "What if I have to go?" she asked. "I swore in as a member of the National Guard, yet I never actually imagined fighting in a war."



■ On spring break, Paige Hoover, Lauren Rummens and Leanne Moody visit downtown Manhattan where they encounter flowers, candles, photographs and more at a memorial outside #4 firehouse. Rummens said they met a firefighter who talked with them about courageous rescue efforts, including 30 men from their firehouse who lost their lives in the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

# our world

overwhelm us as we struggle to put the magnitude of killing and destruction speak about personal losses, we engage in efforts to help in the healing.



■ Glued to the television, eighth grader Evan Jones listens to witnesses of the World Trade Center disaster. Ironically, Jones dressed in camouflage for the middle school's dress-up day during Spirit Week. At school, administrators cancelled baseball and softball games and other school activities out of respect for those who lost their lives in the attacks. ■ A month after the attacks, David Hipkins (right) joins Student Council members for two days of picking up black walnuts for a fundraiser. They received over \$170 for their effort and donated the proceeds to the Admudson family of Hartville, who lost a son, a husband and a father in the Pentagon tragedy.



■ When it comes to the gift of life, Donnie Slate steps forward with 73 others to donate a pint at the FFA blood drive. Response surpassed last year's goal. A majority of students were first-time donors. "I attribute our success to the kids who generously supported the event," said Stan Coday, FFA adviser.



■ A star-spangled good turn. Lighting candles for firefighters of Station 23 in Manhattan, Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher, honors those who lost their lives. The choir presented "Unsung Heroes," to salute patriotism and honor local veterans, firefighters and police officers in the community.

# ties that bind

[ SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE ]

## the place to be seen

Walking through double glass doors, one immediately notices a mosaic lion tiled in the entry. To the right, the high school office is visible through floor to ceiling windows.

Ahead an open area with high ceilings and a bank of windows, floods the eating area with natural light and overlooks a brick courtyard, wedged between the cafeteria and gym.

elementary will be a good change," said junior Sarah Bennett. "We aren't rushed and just the fact that it's new and only our cafeteria is a good change."

Furnished with round tables with eight stools, the seating arrangement

received positive marks from sophomore Melissa Beckner. "You don't have to lean over and look down the table to see your friends when you're talking to them," she said.

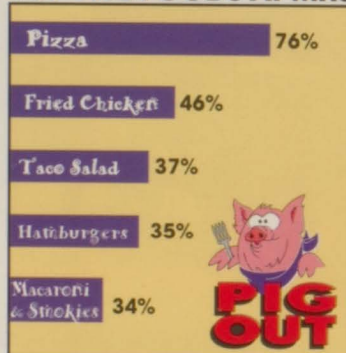
Administrators took steps to alleviate long lines by adding six minutes to the lunch period and cutting time between classes to four minutes. Besides extra time to visit, students said menu items such as chicken strips, shrimp and a fresher salad bar have fast become favorites.

"The food has really improved especially the chicken which is finger lickin' good," junior Cory Letsinger said.

### reality check

After working out the kinks, the cafeteria ranks high for improved menus, convenient location and an extended lunch time.

### TOP FIVE FOODS AT MHS



210 MHS and MMS students ranked 20 food items. Survey and graphics by Journalism I students Ashley Eichelberger & Jill Merritt



ON THE SPOT George Manville, left, Dept. of Corrections representative, interviews Josh Kulp while Gene Loge, above, of American Family Insurance talks with Lora Thompson at the annual A+ Schools program Interview Day.

[ INTERVIEW DAY ]

## oh grow up!

Going through the paces of a job interview and trying to make a good impression can be a nerve-racking experience.

Interview Day, hosted by the A+ Schools program, provided juniors and seniors a chance to prepare and practice for potential job interviews in real life.

"I got feedback on what I did and didn't do and now I realize that knowing a little about your job is a good thing," said senior Tammy Potter.

Students conducted mock

interviews with one or two area business leaders who critiqued them on appearance, communication and nonverbal skills.

"This gave me a chance to get my feet wet," said junior Josh Slater. "I now have a feeling of what it's like."

Debbie Sanders, A+ Coordinator, said 57 students participated. "Overall scores were higher because students were more enthused and prepared," she said.

Teachers made writing resumes and participation in interviews a requirement. George Manville, a Department of Corrections representative said. "The kids are improving each year. I noticed a big improvement in dress."

### fantasy check

"A dash of nail-biting suspense, a pinch of humor, jaw-dropping special effects and a story line that remains true to the book. Mix these into a boiling caldron and... presto, a must-see movie, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*." -Eli Helms, Gazette reviewer



[ SHRINKING WAISTLINES ]

## faculty lightens up

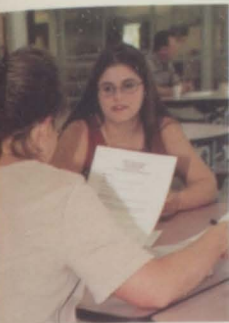
By December, staff members participating in the third annual weight loss contest were cinching in their belts. The combined weight loss of 21 staff members (14 women, 7 men) totaled 148 pounds. For the first time, the men's team edged the women's team by a mere 4 pounds. Brenda Hutton, middle school secretary, said the average weight loss for the men was 7 lbs., 6.6 lbs. for the women; One individual lost 28 lbs., another 25.



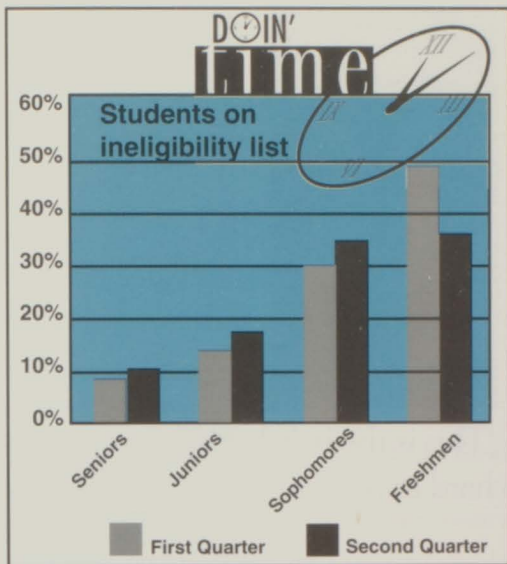
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION High school students gather for lunch in the cafeteria which also serves the middle school. The new area, which anchors the school, is in an effective position to host other school and community events.

A gathering place with a flair describes this former art classroom, counselor's office and vacant lot. Now roomy enough as a come-together hangout and cafeteria, students have a place to congregate before class and to eat lunch together in one period, instead of two split shifts.

"Not having to walk to the



ABOVE LEFT: A pensive Sarah Bennett waits with other juniors in an office prior to being called out for a mock interview with area business people. Melissa Napier visits with Tammy Moody, a Wal-Mart representative.



## [ OPEN HOUSE ]

### no small change

The ooohs and aaahhs ruled at the district's spring open house when more than 800 visitors witnessed the results of the year and a half construction project.

Using the theme "We're proud...of country, community, school," the school opened its doors to parents and community members.

Activities included a brief ceremony naming the new Jean C. Coday Elementary Library in honor of the retired principal, musical

#### checks out

"I didn't even recognize this space for what it used to be. It's amazing how well everything turned out."  
—Helen Dixon, open house visitor

performances and class demonstrations.

In the elementary, special focus included the new library and three new kindergarten classrooms. In the high school, new areas include a commons/cafeteria, a library, classrooms and science labs, a band room, a counseling center and administrative offices. Renovated areas include the high school offices and former band room, which is the vocal music room. Of special note is that the four separate buildings of the high school are now connected, including the gymnasium.

#### SHOW AND TELL

Fourth-grader Rachel Deatherage stops in the hall with her parents to locate art posted outside her room. Parents also visited with teachers in classrooms.



Historical dioramas, made in World History and displayed in the high school library, become the focus for sophomore Matt Krueger (above) and his family and for Josh Venable (left) and his brothers and mother.

## then & now



## [ ADMINISTRATION ]

### changing of the guard

After spending 22 years at the helm, Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry resigned in June. His tenure is the longest in the history of the school.

"I have worked with a lot of great people, including a lot of great board members and I thank you," said Perry, at a retirement luncheon. "You've have all been great to me."

In 1978, Perry came to Mansfield as high school principal and two years later was named superintendent. Upon retiring, Perry said, "Our building project is about completed and we're in good financial condition, so I feel like I'm leaving everything in good shape."



# 1980 ~ 2002

GREENING UP Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry acknowledges a monetary gift from faculty and staff at a retirement party held in his honor. Secretary Debbie Letsinger waits to present him with another gift at the May reception attended by more than a 100 co-workers, family members and friends who shared a barbecue lunch and commemorative cake. Perry who is an avid golfer also received several golf-related items.



NEWLY NAMED SUPERINTENDENT Arlene Magnin will begin her duties in July. Magnin has served as high school principal since 1996 and prior to that taught English and Journalism at Ava, Mountain Grove and Mansfield for a combined 19 years. "I'm looking forward to serving in this capacity," Magnin said. "I think we have one of the best schools in the area."

Perry said he plans to teach graduate classes at Southwest Baptist University, work on his farm and spend time with his grandchildren.

Arlene Magnin, high school principal, succeeds Perry and Randy Short, math teacher, fills her position.

PREPARING TO ENTER HIS FIRST YEAR as high school principal, Randy Short (left) dines with Freddie Doherty, middle school principal, at a Student Council-sponsored teacher appreciation breakfast. Short has taught middle school math for 19 years.

# Word of mouth

## world events

**"I am really concerned about my country and worried about war. If we can stay positive, keep our heads up and know we have a strong country, we'll get through this."**

AMANDA DELCOUR, junior, on how terrorist attacks affected her

**"We are taking steps to reduce the risks wherever possible."**

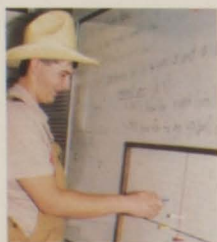
LINDA BRAY, postmaster, on protective measures taken to insure public safety after recent anthrax scares



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**"Current events involving the Taliban have opened many eyes to the treatment of women in other countries but it is sad that it takes a war to wake people up."**

TIFFANY COONCE, on helping women in the Middle East



**"I could paint my toenails and not be a freak."**

DUSTIN DIXON, on what would you do if you changed your gender for a day

## works for me

**"Do crazy things off the diving board to attract your future wife."**

DOUG JONES, baseball coach

**"To get rid of hiccups, drink a glass of water by bending forward and drinking from the normal end."**

APRIL BUTCHER, freshman



**"The caretaker brought her in the room and said, 'This is the only baby girl we have available.' It was hard to believe she would be coming home with us."**

TIM SHELHAMER, freshman, on his family's experience adopting his sister Julia in Ukraine

## "Girl eaten by swan while trying to save one-legged flamingo"

junior TINA CRAIN, on headlines we'd like to see

**"Eighteen years of dreams, adventures and challenges have forced me to grow up facing my fears and learning to understand my own, internal needs."**

JACOB MAGNIN on becoming a licensed pilot



**"At the same moment, Coach Short threw his arms up as if to shield his face. I had virtually no time to react before I heard a sickening thud and felt the shudder of the van."**

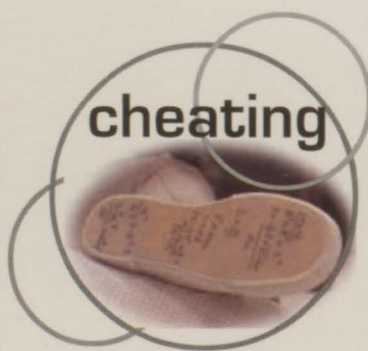
freshman ASHLEY EICHELBERGER recounting the experience of hitting a wild turkey in driver's education

## "Yeah, I have that."



NICK SHELHAMER, on being a victim of the debilitating affliction—procrastination

## cheating



In a random stratified survey of 220 MHS students, 88 percent admitted to engaging in some level of cheating.

**"I think a lot of people cheat for their parents not necessarily because of their parents."**

MEGAN HICKS, sophomore

**"A lot of people cheat because they are too lazy to do the work."**

JORDAN CANTRELL, junior, on student attitudes toward assignments

**"What are they going to do, cheat their employer when they leave here? If it becomes a habit now, when does it ever stop. When does it become something you shouldn't do?"**

JULIA RITTER, English teacher

**"Yes, I have cheated, but I try not to make it a habit. 'I've realized too many times at test time that I was in big trouble because I didn't know anything.'"**

JENNIFER ODLE, sophomore

**"If you cheat you aren't going to learn anything and somewhere down the line you will end up slipping. Eventually the truth will come out."**

JENNIFER CALHOUN, junior

**"I've heard of every imaginable way of cheating. People write answers on body parts, place notes underneath their neighbor's desk or the classic option—having someone else write your paper and paying them for it."**

SUMMER TAYLOR, junior

## smoking laws

**"I drive through town [smoking] all the time and pass cops. I haven't gotten a fine yet."**

TONY LOCKMON, junior, on the state's new law making it illegal for minors to possess, buy or try to buy tobacco

**"\$250 is way too much of a fine for having a pack of cigarettes that costs three bucks."**

AMBER MOORE, junior, about the maximum punishment for offenders



JUSTIN KINGERY, Gazette columnist, upon examining his ball cap with torn seams, sweat stains and a disfigured bill

**"I didn't like my hat clean. The dirtier it was, the more I felt I had accomplished."**

**"The minnow was squirming when I put it in my mouth so I bit it and its guts squirted out on my tongue."**

junior CODY MCCLEARY, on a challenge from his brother

**"You know you've taken the test too many times when you have your ACT friends."**

LAURA FURR, senior, on taking the ACT test six times

**"Don't look at me in that tone of voice."**

TAMMY POTTER, senior

**"You want some cheese with that whine."**

ALEX MILLER, freshman

**"Do you think money grows on trees?"**

SHAWNA WILLIAMS, senior

**"What is the point? I'd rather spend my time poking myself in the eye with needles."**

MANDY ROKUSEK, sophomore, on MTV's show Jackass, billed as a bumbling cast of idiots



**"Is there a point? No. Is it dumb? Well maybe, but it's definitely hilarious. Poo and midgets—they're just awesome."**

ELI HELMS, sophomore

## activity policy

**"They agreed as a squad that when the squad dwindled to three girls or less there would be no more cheering."**

CAROL ANDERSON, cheerleading sponsor, on the disbanding of the squad after three of six members lost their ineligibility.

**"Yes, the activity policy makes me strive for excellence and achieve my goals of passing my classes. It gives me a boost."**



Junior TRAVIS HILLIARD, on how the policy affects performance in the classroom

**"I would like to see the rule changed from either an F or a C- average to just using an overall grade point average."**

ALEX DUNBAR, freshman

**"A lot of times if they aren't passing consistently, then they tend to drop out of band because they can't perform."**

SHANNON WALDO, band teacher

**"Now that I have set my priorities, I'm now playing basketball and want to play softball in the spring."**

LISA CHAMBERS, junior, who took steps to double her grade point average

**"I stayed after school for tutoring and studies a lot more."**

DAKOTA BRANHAM, whose English grade landed him on the first quarter list

**"I don't think kids should be prohibited from participating when it's outside school time."**

STAN CODAY, agriculture teacher

**"I see some athletes not taking challenging classes because they don't want to take the chance of making an F."**

ROGER WOOD, social studies teacher

At its June meeting, the Board voted to change the activity policy to be concurrent with MSHSAA standards. For the preceding semester, a student must pass five out of seven classes in order to participate.

## parents say the darndest things

## cloning debates

**"I'm more for stem cell research because it could be so beneficial to society, even though it may be abused."**

PAM PROBERT, science teacher

**"I think it would be different for critics if they were the ones with illnesses that could be cured. As long as scientists don't go as far as cloning humans, stem cell research should continue."**

BRETT BAILEY, junior

**"I don't think the cloning of embryos is unethical because the embryo isn't far enough along to be considered alive."**

WILLIAM BEST, senior

**"I'm against embryonic cloning because I believe life starts at the point of conception."**

WILDA WATTERSON, social studies teacher



# SPORTS

## WHAT CONNECTS US

You know it long before tip-off. You **S**ee it in the girls' basketball team's dressy attire. You hear a buzz in the hall and feel excitement in the air. It's game day. No doubt about it; **s**ports connects us. For athletes it's a day of **p**ossibilities: a chance to converge **hou**rs of practice with the will to win. For those with rhythm, it's playing in pep band and for those **wi**th energy and a competitive spirit, it's yelling for your team. It's a chance to get in where you fit in. Whether popping corn in the **conce**sion stand, selling raffle tickets or singing the national anthem with an ensemble, it's about

DISCOVERING  
THE HYPE OF  
GAME DAY.

**GAME TIME** Top: For a crowd in the stands, the boys' basketball game has the power to stir, provoke, inspire and entertain. **RIGHT:** With a driving desire, fifth grader Meagan Brooke contends the defense of sixth grader Rashawnda Jackson during a Pee Wee game. Brooke's team advanced to win the championship title.

Photo by Justin Kingery; At right by Eli Helms





MAKING THE ROUNDS Shortstop Justin Kingery tags out a Willow Springs runner en route to third base. "Coach yelled, 'Run him down JK.' So I did," Kingery said. The Bears defeated the Lions 7-1 in a home game.



# BACK IN THE GAME

## GOAL ORIENTED

Guard Travis Hillard concentrates on keeping his man between him and the basket in a home game with Gainesville. The Bulldogs upset the Lions 60-44.

**I**t took 11 years, but the old saying "what goes around comes around" finally rang true for the Lions. The season's highlight goes down in school history as the day when the Lions upended long-time rival, the Hartville Eagles 73-67.

"We felt we needed to win this game, so we put everything aside and played for the good of the team," forward Travis Clouse said, about the mid-season match that filled the

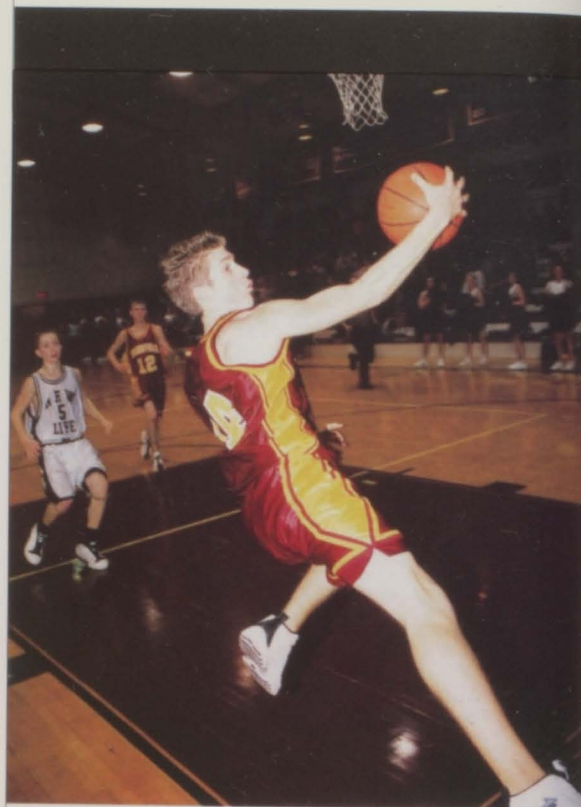
gymnasium to capacity. "I think it helped a lot to know that everyone at our school was cheering," he said. The Lions used momentum from a 36-28 first half lead to pull off an upset. Center Cody Corder said beating a familiar foe gave the team confidence. The victory came unexpectedly for the Lions, who had a bad practice the day earlier, according to Coach Keat Kistler. "After the horrible practice, I just wanted them to play hard," Kistler said. "I wasn't even thinking about winning." Guard Travis Mason said keeping turnovers to a minimum played an important factor. "We didn't turn the ball over very much and we capitalized on their mistakes," he said.

In regular season, the Lions, which were void seniors, depended upon a band of juniors to lead the team. Kistler said the age factor didn't seem to be much of a problem. "Most of the starters have two to three years of varsity experience," he said. In first round district action, the eighth-seeded Lions resigned their 8-16 season in a 62-43 loss to Seymour. The junior varsity team finished 8-11 on the season, including third place in the Norwood Tournament.



**VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** Front - Tim Shelhamer, Jordan Cantrell, Craig Campbell, Brent Jones, Travis Hillard, Travis Mason, Brett Bailey, Justin Kingery; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, Cody Whorton, Tyler Rummens, Drew Berry, Travis Clouse, Cody Corder, Paul Moody, Tim Brazeal and Asst. Coach Adam Cook.

**FREEZE FRAME** Guard Brett Bailey corrals a loose ball during the consolation game against New Life Academy. A Lion 65-43 victory over the Tigers earned them fifth place in the Mansfield Invitational Tournament. **RIGHT**, Guard Justin Kingery sails in for a lay-up in a home game against Hartville. Kingery contributed 19 points to the Lion's 73-67 dramatic upset over the Eagles.



**JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM** Front - Tyler Rummens, Adam Bennett, Craig Campbell, Greg Short, Tom Brazeal; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, Tim Shelhamer, Mike Moody, Tristan Dennis, Paul Moody, Cody Whorton and Asst. Coach Adam Cook.

## AWARDS

**Cody Corder Most Valuable Player**

**Justin Kingery Defensive Award**

**Cody Corder Offensive Award**

**Tim Brazeal Hustle Award**

### MHS

### Opponent

#### Varsity

55	Plato	54	57	Lutle	75
53	Cabool	65	39	Fordland	59
72	Gainesville	80	65	Houston	68
65	New Life	43	73	Hartville	67
47	Seymour	36	51	Thayer	57
58	Catholic	75	60	Norwood	57
40	Mtn. Grove	59	46	Mtn. Grove	54
51	Branson	56	49	Forsyth	74

# ON THE SEASON

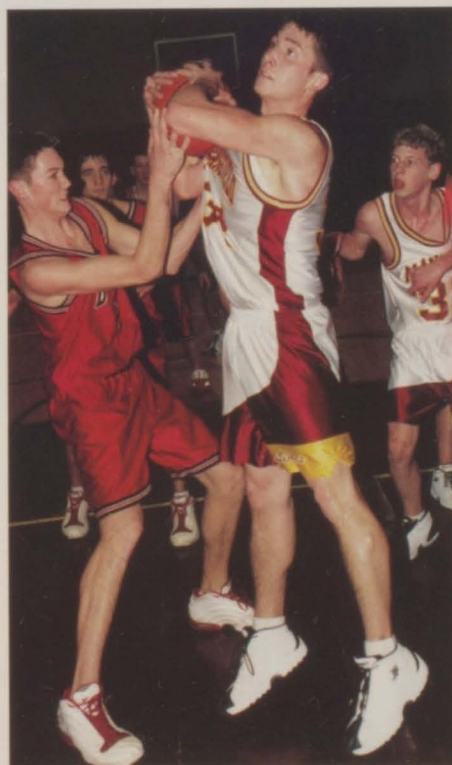
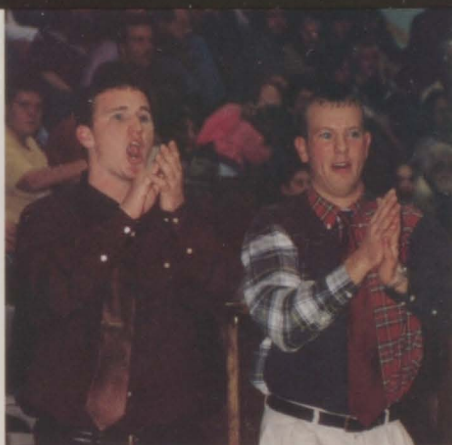
**ADAM BENNETT:**  
"I felt the junior varsity season had a very positive ending considering we were only three games under .500."

**TRAVIS MASON:**  
"The season went well considering we had no seniors, but to me it felt good to be a leader on the team."

## Boys Basketball



By Jacob Magnin



### RISE ABOVE

Freshman guard Craig Campbell peaks over a Hartville defender in the junior varsity game. Hartville edged Mansfield 50-46.

### HARTVILLE HEIST

Coach Keat Kistler, above left, and Assistant Coach Adam Cook celebrate a call as the Lions make an offensive run in the Hartville game. The Lions rallied to a 73-67 win, the first time in 11 years.

### IN CHARGE

Grabbing a rebound forward Paul Moody fights for control against a Gainesville defender in a junior varsity game at home. Moody contributed three points to a 45-39 Lion victory over the Bulldogs.

### Junior Varsity

46	Conway	44	37	Plato	39	46	Hartville	50
41	Seymour	38	41	Cabool	33	33	Forsyth	46
44	Gainesville	60	60	Thayer	51	48	Conway	45
57	Norwood	60	48	Hartville	59	35	Seymour	36
56	Ava	53	38	Catholic	62	45	Gainesville	35
			57	Houston	41	45	Norwood	52
			37	Mtn. Grove	54	56	Ava	51
			29	Lutie	19	19	Willow Springs	42
			49	Fordland	53	59	Mountain View	51
			50	Houston	58			

Varsity 8-16  
Junior Varsity 8-11  
Conference 4-2

RECORD

## Track & Cross Country

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

front - Adam Keith, Joey Neal, Andy Morris, Cassie Sanders; Row two - Kendra Drakeford, Mandie Adamson, Erin Schell, Amanda Hilton, Evan Jones; Row three - Kendall Findley, Adam Smith, Kristin Campbell, Paige Hoover, Ashley Young; Row four - Eric Bricker, Leanne Moody, Zack LeVan, Jay Parker, Chelsea House and Ryan Lage.

**FULL SPEED AHEAD** Josh Venable sprints the third leg in a 4 x 800 meter relay at Willow Springs. The team's efforts earned them sixth place.



## On the middle school SEASON

### ANDY MORRIS:

"I mostly ran the 100 meter dash. The hardest thing about it was the last 50 yards because you start out so fast that by then your adrenaline is down."

### ASHLEY YOUNG:

"I did the running events. They weren't so much hard for me because I'm in pretty good shape from other sports and I love to run."

### KENDALL FINDLEY:

"I think we could use a track and a field because it would help us practice more. We might be able to earn more medals if we had a field."

### LEANNE MOODY:

"The hardest thing this year was going up against schools like Catholic because their track team is so big."

## THE LONGEST YARD

Dark clouds seemed to hover over the cross country team as gradually, injuries started to claim all three runners. Then one senior found a path to success, all the way to the state cross country meet. Chris Venable competed in Jefferson City, where he held his own and finished 69 out of 120 for a time of 19:31. Due to a disqualification, Venable was bumped up to position 68.

"The course was a lot harder than we've practiced on before," Venable said. "If I had been in better shape like I was when I first started running a few years ago, I could have easily finished two minutes faster."

Although Venable desired a stronger performance, Coach Randy Short praised his efforts. "Considering all he went through, he did a great job," said Short, referring to an injury prior to the meet. "I hoped he would've done better, but he cut his knee and had three weeks down."

Along with Venable, his brother Josh, a sophomore, and senior Nick Shelhamer competed until they were plagued by shin splints and a torn quadricep, respectively. "Even though our legs were injured, we ran anyway to support each other," Shelhamer said. Josh said his motivation for running was mainly to stay in shape and to keep his brother company.

### Track & Field

Where the high school team lacked numbers, 20 middle school runners made up for the deficit. The team competed in four meets and placed in all. At Strafford, Blake Miller earned a third place medal in the 100-meter dash and Kendall Findley won third in the high jump. "The eighth graders placed more, and we had a better participation in both grades this year," Short said. "They had fun and competed well in every meet."



Joey Neal

## RECORD

### MEET SITE: Plato

**RESULTS:** Josh Venable, place 15, 21:57; medal; Nick Shelhamer, place 22, 24:37.

### MEET SITE: Mountain Grove

**RESULTS:** Shelhamer, 17, 21:57; J. Venable, 19, 24:47.

### MEET SITE: Pleasant Hope

**RESULTS:** Shelhamer, 30, 20:49; J. Venable, 33, 21:07.

### MEET SITE: Conway

**RESULTS:** Shelhamer, 46, 19:07; J. Venable, 51, 19:27; C. Venable, 56, 20:07.

### MEET SITE: Licking

**RESULTS:** J. Venable, 32, 20:48; C. Venable, 39, 22:08.

### MEET SITE: Mountain Grove

**RESULTS:** C. Venable, 20, 19:15, medal; J. Venable, 24, 20:43.

### MEET SITE: Mansfield

**RESULTS:** C. Venable, 23, 19:36, medal; J. Venable, 36, 21:46.

### MEET SITE: Conway-Conference

**RESULTS:** C. Venable, 5, 18:36, medal; J. Venable, 12, 19:48.

### MEET SITE: Mt. View-Districts

**RESULTS:** C. Venable, 14, 18:01, medal; J. Venable, 32, 20:44.



**GOING FOR THE WIN** Leanne Moody, far left, leads the way in the 100-meter dash at Mountain Grove. Other middle school runners are Erin Schell and Cassie Sanders.

**HIGH ABOVE** Kendall Findley, left, high jumps in track meet at Strafford. Findley cleared 5 feet which earned him a third place medal in the middle school event.



**GET UP** Kristin Campbell leaps into the sand in the long jump competition in Strafford, where her jump measured 10 ft. 10 inches. Campbell placed in all four middle school meets.

**STATE MEET:** Jefferson City

**RESULTS:** Chris Venable, 68, 19:31



**AT THE CITY PARK** Chris Venable, above, paces himself in the last lap around the track in the Mansfield meet. Venable's efforts earned him a medal for place 23 in 19:36. At state, left, Venable holds his medal for place 68 with a time of 19:31.

**CONFERENCE CALL** Coach Doug Jones gathers the infield to discuss errors made in a home game against Fordland. The Lions pulled out a 3-2 win. **MIDDLE:** First baseman Tim Brazeal crushes the ball in a home game against Norwood. Despite Brazeal's two RBIs, the Lions fell 5-3 to the Eagles.



## BASEBALL



By Eli Helms

**ON THE FLY** Pitcher Cody Whorton throws a strike in a home game versus Rogersville. The Tigers handed the Lions a 7-5 loss. **RIGHT,** Left fielder Cory Letsinger dives safely back to first base after attempting to steal second in a home game against Willow Springs. The Bears defeated the Lions 7-1.

## AWARDS

**Justin Kingery** Most Valuable Player

**Cory Letsinger** Least Strike-outs

**Brent Jones** Best Defensive Player

**Justin Kingery** Highest Batting Average





**BASEBALL TEAM FRONT** - Craig Campbell, Cory Letsinger, Tom Brazeal, Brian Jones, Brent Jones, Tim Shelhamer; Row two - Taylor Thompson, Adam Bennett, Cody Whorton, Garret Keith, Justin Kingery, Tyler Rummens; Row three - Asst. Coach Nate Moore, Tim Brazeal, Paul Moody, Cody Corder, Jason Storm, Zack Flagealle and Coach Doug Jones.

**COURTESY RUNNER** Tyler Rummens, far left, slides safely into second base in a home game against Willow Springs.

# THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

As one decade folded into the next and the 1990's gave way to the 2000's, the Lions' baseball team crafted 15 consecutive winning seasons, including back-to-back state titles and entries in the record books. When the team finished 7-15 in the spring, it gave a new, young roster and Coach Doug Jones an opportunity to reflect on uncharted territory.

● **HIGHLIGHTS** - A two-game spurt over Licking and Fordland provided the needed punch for mid-season consistency. Scoring five runs in two innings, the Lions relied on strong hitting with a season high of 11 to defeat Licking 5-4.

● **KUDOS** - "It was the best hitting and pitching game of the year. The Licking game showed we can compete when we pull together." - Coach Doug Jones referring to pitcher Cody Whorton's eight strikeouts and three RBIs and Justin Kingery hitting three for four.

● **KEY TO SUCCESS** - "The key for us is hitting. If we get better hitting, we'll be more consistent and play with more confidence." - Jason Storm, third baseman

● **CHALLENGES** - "Coach has pounded it in us to do the little things. He's made practices a lot more intense to get us more focused." - Cody Corder, right fielder

"There are a lot of parts in the game that we need to improve on like making contact with the ball and fielding." - catcher Brent Jones



PITCHER JASON STORM tags out a Stoutland runner from third base, attempting to score on a wild pitch. "I got him out; it was a pretty close call," Storm said. Stoutland defeated the Lions 15-1 at home.

## On the SEASON

### CRAIG CAMPBELL:

"The upper classman are not always mean."

### TIM SHELHAMER:

"I learned that you have to be ready for anything that could happen."

### JUSTIN KINGERY:

"I tried to keep a positive attitude and hoped it would reflect back on the other players."

### TIM BRAZEAL:

"I felt that I handled the bulk of defensive plays, seeing as I see the ball a lot, because I was the main first baseman for this ball club."

### TRAVIS CLOUSE:

"I was mad at myself for being on the ineligibility list because it put me in a position where I couldn't help the team."

### MHS Conference Opponent

### Spring Record 7-15

2	Hartville	12
3	Fordland	2
0	Conway	5
3	Norwood	5
6	Gainesville	1
5	Seymour	1

### Fall & Spring Record 12-20

### Conference Record 3-3 4th Place

RECORD

## Girls' Basketball



Ten minutes before the Lady Lions' match-up with Willow Springs, 13 girls gathered in the locker room scribbling notes on pieces of paper. Each girl wrote down a sacrifice or a goal for that game and stuck it in her shoe.

The idea occurred to Coach Sunny Watterson when said she wanted to make practices more intense. Players noted the effort. "It started a good habit of knowing what to focus on before a game," said senior point guard Laura Furr.

The season demanded focused play. In conference play, the Lions faced tough competition against Norwood, Gainesville and Seymour. "Our rebounding and shooting was weak at times, but we worked on it," said senior guard Lora Thompson.

The effort paid off when the Lions confronted Clearwater in district tournament action.

"We were seeded below them and nobody thought we would win," said guard Ashley Baty, about the first round victory against Clearwater. "We didn't match up with them in size so we had to play defense real well."

In the second game, first seed Alton dominated Mansfield 66-46 to end the Lady Lions' season.

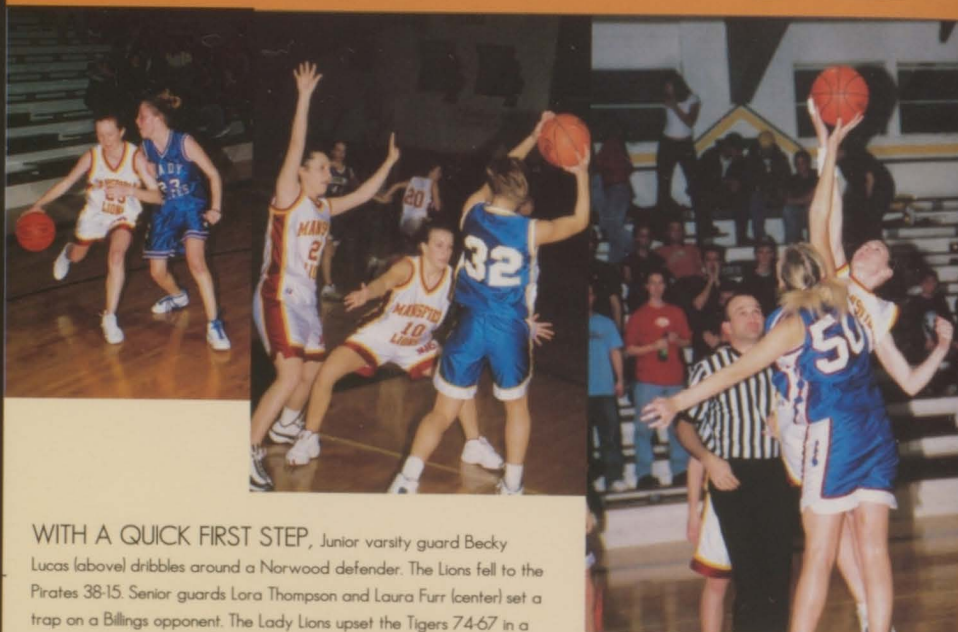
"In all the years I've played, this was the best because we all made contributions to win instead of relying too much on one individual," Furr said.

Other season accolades included winning consolation trophies at both the Mansfield Invitational Tournament and the Sparta Tournament.

**"Selfishness will kill a team quicker than anything, and I don't believe I have a girl on the team that puts herself above the team."**

**-Coach Sunny Watterson**

## MAKING THE SACRIFICE



WITH A QUICK FIRST STEP, Junior varsity guard Becky Lucas (above) dribbles around a Norwood defender. The Lions fell to the Pirates 38-15. Senior guards Lora Thompson and Laura Furr (center) set a trap on a Billings opponent. The Lady Lions upset the Tigers 74-67 in a heated home contest. Post player Tanya Loveland (right) competes for possession of a jump ball in a game against Norwood. Loveland contributed four points to the 59-51 Lion victory.

## AWARDS

**Laura Furr** Most Valuable Player **Lora Thompson** Best

Defensive Player **Jana Young** Highest Field Goal

Percentage (48%) **Tanya Loveland** Most Rebounds (7.8 per

game) **Laura Furr** Highest Free Throw Percentage (80%)

**Laura Furr** Most Assists (5.6 per game)

**Danielle Banner** Most Improved JV Player

**Laura Furr** All Conference First Team

**Jana Young** All Conference Honorable Mention

**Tanya Loveland** All Conference Honorable Mention



UP FOR TWO forward Jana Young works her way up around a Gainesville defender to score two of her 12 points. "We really needed to win this game to stay alive in the conference," Young said, about the 67-60 loss to the Bulldogs.

## FOR THE RECORD

MHS Opponent

78	Willow Springs	55
74	Billings	46
61	Houston	71
66	Willow Springs	54
59	Norwood	51
54	Mtn. Grove	63
45	Seymour	67
41	Chadwick	51
56	Sparta	40
60	Gainesville	67
78	Dora	26
53	Norwood	65
76	Liberty	48
51	Licking	70
42	Seymour	57
72	Plato	35
43	Ava	55
43	Conway	64
45	Conway	49
59	Forsyth	70
68	Lutie	46
33	Hartville	43
56	Fordland	53
66	Clearwater	57
46	Alton	66

**Varsity Record: 11-14**  
**Conference Record: 1-5**  
**JV/Freshman Record: 4-8**

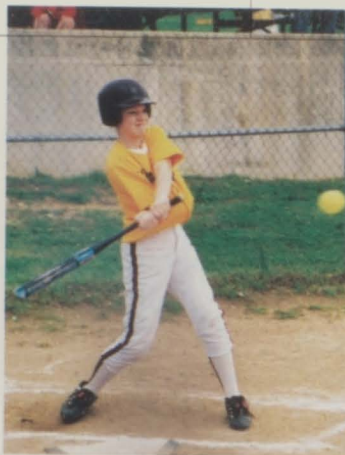
By David Hopkins

**BASKETBALL TEAM** Front- LeAnn Kendall, Lisa Chambers, Alisha Stewart, Laura Furr, Lora Thompson, Jesse Bricker; Row two- Coach Sunny Watterson, Becky Lucas, Ashley Baty, Tanya Loveland, Danielle Banner, Jana Young, Melanie Davis and Whitney Miller.



SQUARING HER FEET to protect home plate, catcher Lisa Chambers receives the ball seconds after a Norwood runner scores. The Lady Pirates defeated the home squad 15-3.

WEIGHT BACK and focused on moving the ball, first baseman Amanda Delcour (far right) takes a swing in a home game against Conway. The Lady Lions rolled over the Bears 14-4.



## SOFTBALL



**STRAIGHT TALK** Between innings Coach Roger Wood emphasizes 'making the easy outs' with varsity players Amanda Delcour, Amanda Baty, Chasity Olive and Brittany Borders. The Hartville Eagles soared over the Lions 13-0 in the first game of the fall season.

## AWARDS

**Brenda Dunbar** Most Valuable Player **Amanda Delcour** Best Defensive Player

**Lisa Chambers** Highest Batting Average (.515) **Jill Merritt** Hustle Award

**Melanie Davis** Best on Base Percentage (.757) **Brenda Dunbar, Lisa Chambers**

**All Conference First Team** **Jill Merritt** Honorable Mention

**BRINGIN' THE HEAT** Freshman pitcher and second baseman Melanie Davis (left) throws a practice pitch in a game against Norwood. Unable to stop an aggressive Pirate offense, the Lady Lions lost 18-3 at home.



**SOFTBALL TEAM** Front - Amanda Ridenour, Kayla Hilton, Melanie Davis, Sara Henley, Brenda Dunbar, Amanda Delcour, Christina France, Brittany Borders, LeAnn Kendall, Jacki Feldhaus; Row Two - Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson, Jill Merritt, Lisa Chambers, Ashley Borders, Ashley Baty, Alisha Stewart, April Pettibone, Melanie Riley and Coach Roger Wood.

# FOR THE LOVE of the game

When senior Brenda Dunbar started preparing for fall softball, her tasks included more than warming up her pitching arm or dusting off her cleats. She had to find a team.

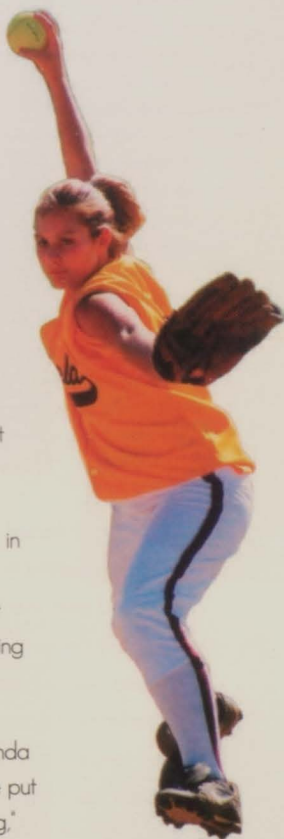
As of last spring, softball was put on the bench due to lack of interest and academic ineligibility. Determined not to let another season go unfielded, the senior standout decided to take recruiting matters into her own hands.

"Since it's my senior year and last chance to play, I really wanted to have a team," Dunbar said. "I went up to people I didn't even know and tried to convince them to play."

By the first practice she recruited 16 players.

The fall season proved tough for the Lady Lions as they scored in only four games and finished 0-11, however in the spring, the Lions made a complete turnaround despite a late season knee injury that sidelined starting catcher Jill Merritt. The team finished with a winning record (7-4), and more importantly, a second place conference standing.

Both players and coaches credited their success to pitcher Brenda Dunbar's leadership. "Brenda was the one that made this team; she put it together and made it possible for us to have a team in the spring," Coach Roger Wood said.



Brenda Dunbar  
2002 MVP

## ON THE SEASON

**ASHLEY BORDERS:**  
"Before this year, I had never picked up a bat except when we played in P.E."

**APRIL PETTIBONE:**  
"Coming together and working as a team, that's what made the season a success."

**AMANDA BATY:**  
"Even though I've never played before, I wanted to play for Brenda because it's so important to her. It's her team."

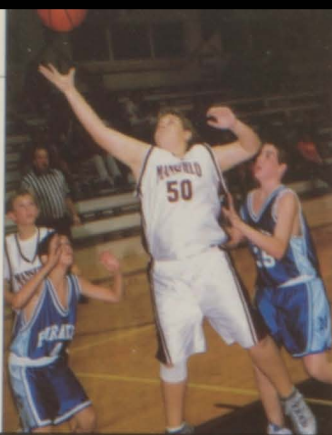
**COACH ROGER WOOD:**  
"You have to have a team to build. If you go without a team like we did, you're starting from scratch."

**ASST. COACH WILDA WATTERSON:**  
"I am most proud of the girls for working hard to salvage the program so we would have a chance to build it back."

**BRENDA DUNBAR:**  
"I am thankful to all the girls who joined the team and made my senior year one I will always remember."

MHS	Opponent						
0	Norwood	15	0	Hartville	13	23	Conway 0
14	Conway	4	0	Hartville	12		
14	Fordland	11	3	Norwood	18	Season Record 7-4	
15	Fordland	5	19	Seymour	16		
14	Chadwick	9	14	Seymour	7	Conference Record 6-4	

RECORD



**"Oh Lord I almost had a heart attack. I never knew your heart could stop and still live, but it can. Coach pulled me out, started yelling at me and I started smashing cups and laughing at myself."**

Forward Ryan Loge, pictured left, about the time he shot at the opponent's goal (and missed).

## FAST FACTS

60.5	Average 8th grade points per game
25	Games won by 8th grade team in 2 years
3	Tournaments won: Conference Championship, 7th grade Hartville Tournament, 8th grade Norwood Tournament



# THE LION'S SHARE

## CHANGING GEARS

Point guard Evan Jones looks for an opening while guarded heavily by a Gainesville defender. In the season's closest match, the Lions defeated the Bulldogs 60-36. FAR RIGHT, Forward Eric Bricker cuts through the lane and lays in two points against Hartville at home. Bricker contributed seven points in a lopsided 62-27 defeat over the Eagles.

Guard Andy Morris, left, rises up and over the defense in a seventh grade game against Hartville. The Eagles nipped the Lions 56-47.



When it comes to winning, the eighth grade basketball team found themselves in a "take all" situation. Earning a 13-0 record, the team dominated opponents, defeating them by an average of 40.5 points per game.

"I really never thought we would be that good," guard Blake Miller said. "I went into every game not knowing what would happen."

The Lions' offense teamed up to average 60.5 points per game including wins in the Norwood Tournament and the Conference Championship.

Team members said Coach Keat Kistler set high standards prior to each game.

"Coach set goals for us such as so many steals per game and how many charges that we should take," said guard Kendall Findley.

Taking advantage of quick players, Kistler ran a fast-pace play and made use of a quick defense. "When they got the ball, they just ran the floor," said photographer Eli Helms. "They had people off the bench capable of playing that way too, so it always gave them fresh legs."

Looking for improvement from a 2-6 seventh grade season, younger players said they plan to work on improving skills.

"This year was decent, and as far as next year goes, we will just have to work hard and wait and see," said Andy Morris, seventh grade guard.

## MS Boys' Basketball

### FOR THE RECORD

MHS Opponent

#### Eighth Grade

68	Fordland	8
60	Gainesville	36
62	Hartville	27
60	Sparta	29
55	Norwood	9
59	Seymour	13
62	Norwood	18
51	Skyline	16
61	Hartville	12
60	Conway	20
66	Seymour	34

#### Seventh Grade

54	Fordland	32
53	Gainesville	60
30	Hartville	58
41	Sparta	14
31	Seymour	39
29	Seymour	43
47	Hartville	56
35	Conway	43

**Eighth Grade 13-0**

**Seventh Grade 2-6**



**SHARP SHOOTER** Guard Blake Miller puts up two of his 12 points against Hartville in a home game. The Lions trounced the Eagles 61-12.

**FACE LIFT** Guard Nick Price becomes entangled with Fordland defenders while shooting a lay-up. Price had 10 points on the night. The eighth graders dealt the Eagles a 68-8 blow at home.



**EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM** Front - Kendall Findley, Evan Jones, Ryan Harris, Adam Keith, Nick Price; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, Ryan Loge, Billy Newton, Josie Yaverka, Blake Miller and Eric Bricker.



**SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM** Front - Brett Ussery, Joey Neal, Preston Goss; Back - Coach Keat Kistler, Danny Thompson, Jay Parker and Marcus Sherman.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Front- Leanne Moody, Katelyn Choate, Paige Hoover, Ashley Young, Lauren Rummens, Michelle Lynn, Mandie Adamson, Holly Jordan, Megan Sowers; Row two- Natasha Dixon, Melanie Moore, Tara Drakeford, Kendra Drakeford, Chelsea House, Kristin Campbell, Cassie Sanders, Amanda Neal and Coach Sunny Watterson.



## Girls' Basketball

## On the middle school SEASON

### CASSIE SANDERS:

"We were more of a team this season. We passed the ball more to get other people open. I felt that we showed a lot of improvement from the previous season."

### AMANDA NEAL:

"We were all very excited about winning the Norwood tournament. Not only was it our first time to win in a tournament but it was Coach's first team to win also."

### LAUREN RUMMENS:

"I thought our season went pretty good this year. Coming up as seventh graders and actually getting to play games was good for us. It will help us to be more ready for next year."

## A YEAR TO GROW

What a difference a year makes and the Lady Lions have statistics to back it up. The eighth grade team finished their season 5-8, compared to a 2-9 seventh grade record. Players noted the physical as well as mental improvement. "First, we finally learned to work as a team and we weren't so scared of winning," said guard Katelyn Choate. "Our record proved that from the previous season."



LEANNE MOODY

According to Coach Sunny Watterson, even though the team didn't change in players, they built confidence which helped them defeat Plato in the championship game of the Norwood tournament. "We became tougher mentally in games," Watterson said. "It was the first time that these girls had ever been champions of a tournament."

### AND A YEAR TO GO

While the seventh grade team garnered experience, a lack of numbers took its toll on the court. Finishing 3-9, both the bench and the scoreboard stayed small according to players.

"We only had eight players and we didn't score a whole lot in each game," said guard Paige Hoover. "We tried but we only had two games where we scored over 20 points."

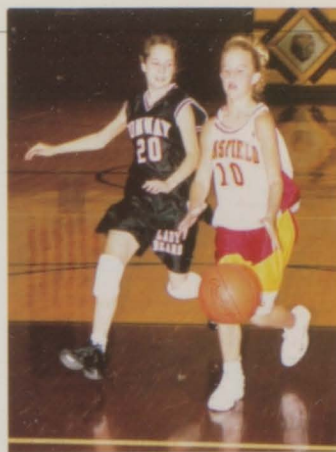
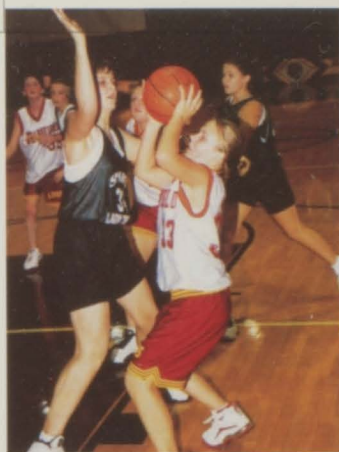
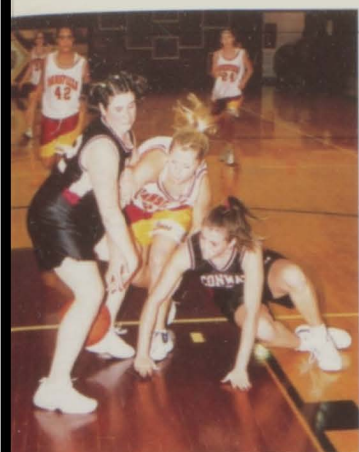
Guard Kristin Campbell said their best effort came early in the season against Hartville.

"It jump started our season," Campbell said. "It wasn't just winning the game that meant so much, it was the fact that we played like we knew we were able to."

## RECORD

### EIGHTH GRADE

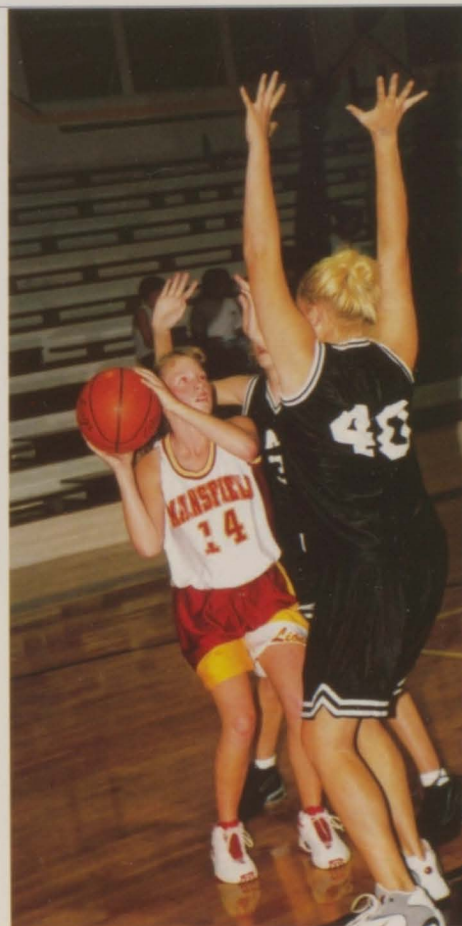
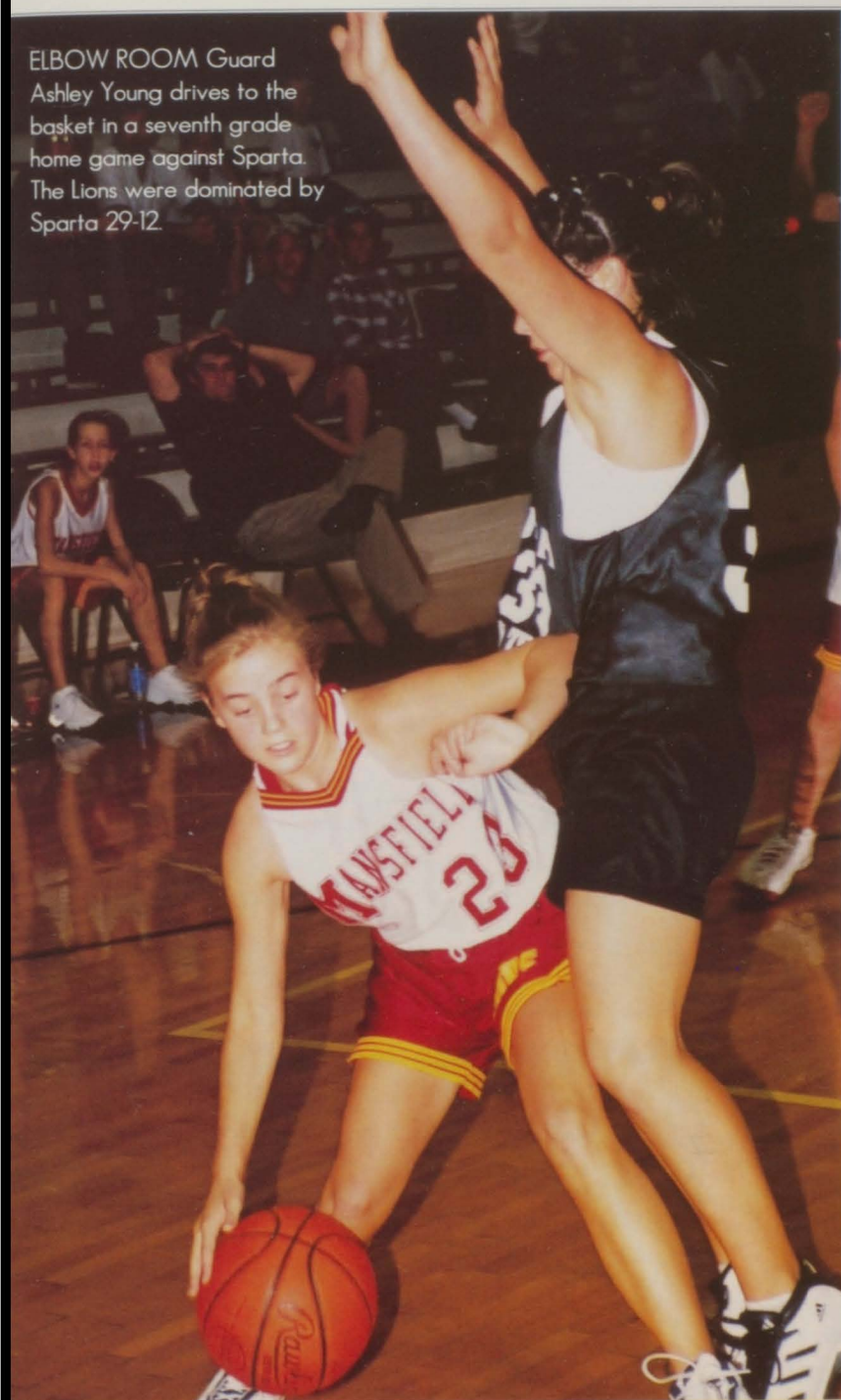
MMS	Opponent		18	Seymour	47	31	Plato	25
29	Fordland	35	25	Fordland	30	39	Hartville	42
28	Gainesville	32	35	Norwood	22	22	Conway	32
29	Hartville	32	23	Seymour	40	36	Hartville	38
21	Sparta	19	27	Skyline	24	RECORD 5-8		



**SCENE OF A CRASH** Post Leanne Moody, far left, battles for a loose ball in a home game against Conway. The Lady Bears defeated the Lady Lions, 32-22.

**LOOKING FOR A SHOT** Lauren Rummens, middle, attempts a shot against a Sparta defender in a home game. The seventh grade team lost 32-12. Left, On the run, point guard Mandie Adamson beats a Conway opponent down the floor. Adamson made two points in the eighth grade's 32-22 loss against Conway at home.

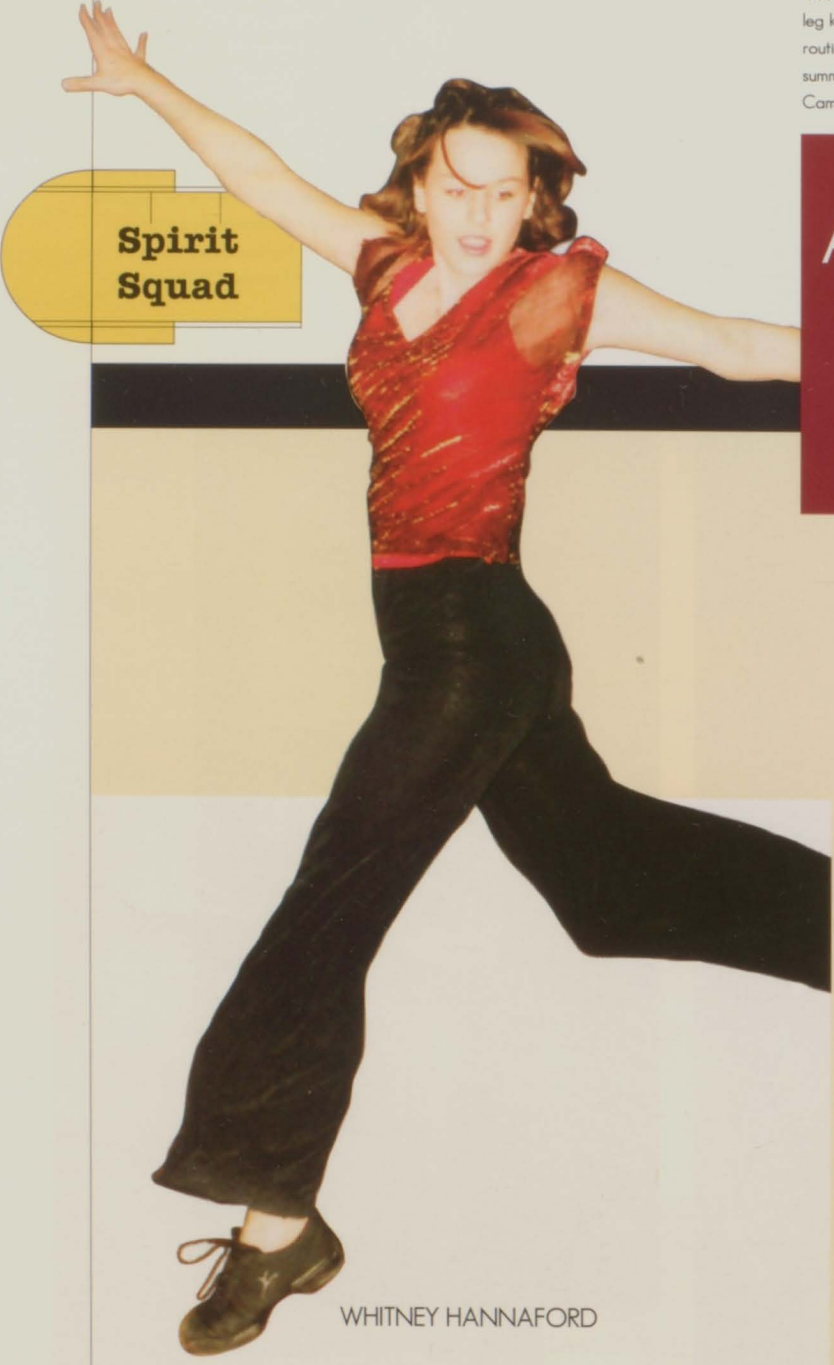
**ELBOW ROOM** Guard Ashley Young drives to the basket in a seventh grade home game against Sparta. The Lions were dominated by Sparta 29-12.



**SIZE MATTERS** On the baseline, eighth grade guard Megan Sowers finds herself in a trap of Sparta defenders. The Lady Lions came away with a narrow 21-19 victory.

### SEVENTH GRADE

MMS	Opponent				
12	Fordland	26	17	Seymour	34
12	Gainesville	8	15	Hartville	30
27	Hartville	21	17	Gainesville	14
12	Sparta	36	12	Hartville	29
26	Seymour	37	15	Conway	23
14	Fordland	19	SEASON RECORD 3-8		



## Spirit Squad

WHITNEY HANNAFORD

**WHAT IT TAKES** Tina Crain performs a leg kick to 'Again and Again' in a halftime routine during a boys' basketball game. In the summer, the squad attended UDA Dance Camp in Jonesboro, AR.



# A TIME TO DRILL

## On the SEASON

WHITNEY HANNAFORD: (left)

"This season was more stressful because we had seven more members than the year before, but we pulled together as a team and eventually made it work."

STEFANIE BLEVINS:

"Dancing is the only activity for me that requires complete concentration. It provides a release from day-to-day stressors. If I danced for everyone else, I wouldn't be good at all."

KENDRA SMITH:

"This year was just a bit more stressful than the others. It just depends on how dedicated you are and how hard you make it for yourself. If you think positive, then you will get through it and make the best of whatever it is."

**I**t's 6:00 a.m.. While most students are slapping the snooze button, ten bleary-eyed girls wearing pajamas and no makeup straggle in for practice. Minutes later, sponsor Teri Leonard starts the remix tune, signaling the Spirit Squad to begin warm-ups.

"Everybody starts waking up and talking, except for Kasie (Rueff) who's still half asleep," said sophomore Brenna Drakeford. "I roomed with her at camp and one morning Kendra, Ashley and I had to lift up the mattress and shake it to get her up."

For the Pom Pon squad, attending camp and practicing daily is part of the regime that helps them learn and perfect routines. Drakeford said summer practices focused on skills such as the proper forms for toe touches, pirouettes and other types of moves. Later, they concentrated

on the routines, putting special emphasis on Homecoming.

Pommers said Homecoming requires extra effort as well as energy. "It was so stressful. Even though we had long practices, we barely got the dance done," Rueff said. "It was a five-minute routine but in the end the work paid off."

As a crowning touch, the squad decorated the gymnasium, cafeteria and commons area. They painted windows with yellow, green and purple slogans, hung balloons, streamers and party masks.

Hannaford said she breathed a sigh of relief when it was over.

"We did a lot more decorations and were more involved during Spirit Week and Homecoming," she said. "It made it more stressful, but in the end it seemed like it was worth it."



**KICK IT** Tina Crain, Kate Probert, Brittany Borders and Ashley Borders entertain a packed house at Homecoming with circle kicks. The routine included a medley of songs ranging from hip-hop to rap.

**FAREWELL** On behalf of the team, Kasie Rueff presents "Bob" the lion to Captain Stefanie Blevins. "Whenever you dance with Stefanie, you are just amazed because she can do any dance move and make it look like it's the easiest thing ever," Rueff said.

"I really knew nothing about Pom Pon, but I figured that if I could learn geometry I could learn how to do kicks and spins," – **KATE PROBERT**, pictured below



By Jacob Magnin



**POM PON SQUAD** Front - Brittany Borders, Tina Crain, Ashley Borders, Brenda Dunbar; Row two - Brenna Drakeford, Whitney Hannaford, Kasie Rueff, Kendra Smith, Stefanie Blevins and Kate Probert.



## Aero-Dynamic

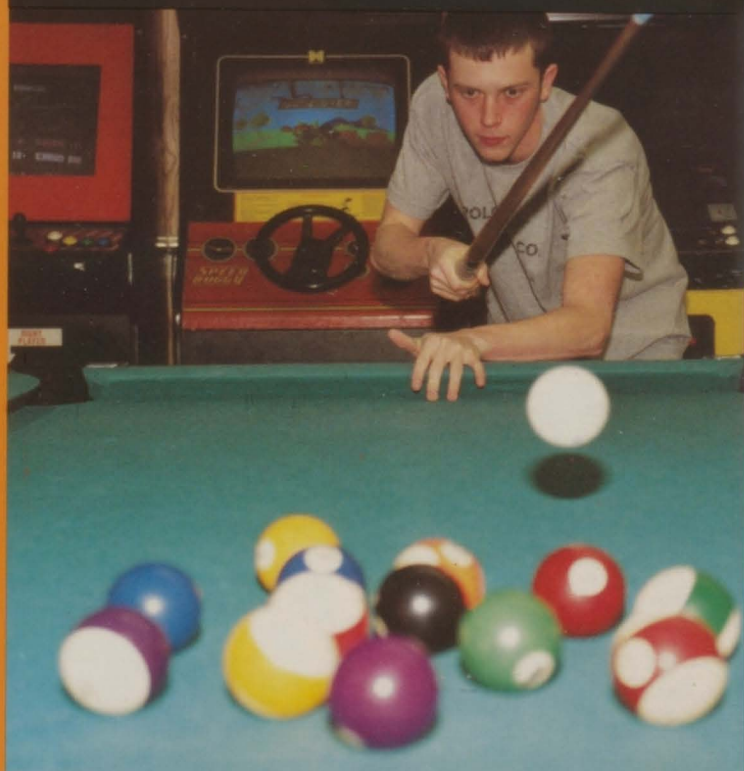
Jacob Magnin (above) stops for a quick picture after pre-flying the C-150 with flight instructor Jason Brawner. For the past two years, Magnin has trained to achieve his private pilot's license from Pro Flight Air in Springfield. To obtain the license, a trainee must pass a physical exam, a written exam, an in-flight exam, night flight experience, receive a minimum of 40 hours in the air, fly solo and cross country.

"Earning my pilot's licence was the hardest thing I've ever had to do," he said. "It seemed as though I would get to a point and stay there for a long time without making any progress whatsoever, but that was just part of it. I had to make myself stay with it and just keep trying to get through those tough times. I wanted to fly more than anything else I can ever remember."

Though Magnin says that general aviation isn't always safe, it is one of the greatest things he has ever experienced. "There is no greater feeling than flying," he said. "When the earth falls away and the sky holds tightly to the climbing plane...that's what living is all about."

From kart racing to karate, six students with distinct personalities express themselves in

# DOWN



## Equine Savvy

Rounding the sixth barrel, sophomore Danielle Banner (below) signals her mare to finish strong in a practice run at the Mansfield Saddle Club. For two years, Banner has competed in barrel racing in the 15-to-adult category. So far, her fastest time is 18.35 seconds. "I'd like to shave a few seconds off that," she said. Training Chyana, a veteran steer and cattle roping horse, has been tough because "she's stubborn and doesn't like listening to me." While accidents are common, Banner said, "It's all part of competing. You have to be aware of what could happen, but you can't allow yourself to dwell on it."



## Under Martial Law

Inspired by Jackie Chan movies, Josh Slater (above) and Christian Eichelberger (below) punch, kick, block and grapple for fun as well as for mental and physical benefits. Slater, a 10-month Kung Fu student, said he lost over 30 pounds. "Martial arts are for anyone. It doesn't matter if you're in shape or not, you will be," he said.

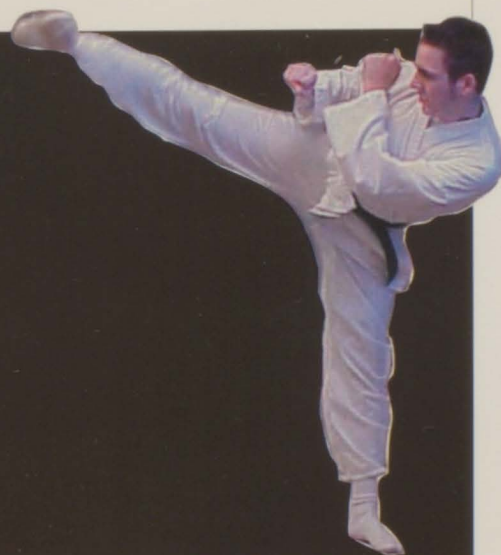
Eichelberger is a green belt who has studied Tae Kwon Do for two years. He finds the discipline especially challenging. "Certain moves are hard to master. Also the forms you learn can be long and complicated so it helps if you have a good memory," he said.



# Time

## Gimme A Break

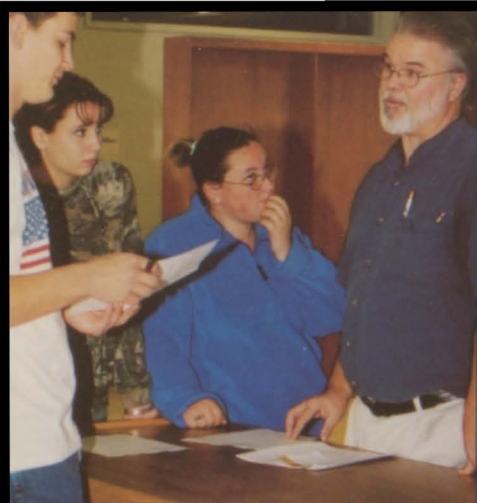
Avid pool player Michael Scofield (left), executes an opening break shot in a game of eight ball. Scofield competes in tournaments during the week at area pool halls. While some people don't consider pool a sport, Scofield disagrees. "It's not physical but there is a lot of competition involved and it takes skill," he said. "A person has to use geometry and physics to succeed." Scofield also plays to make extra cash. "Even if I didn't make any money, I'd still play just for the fun of it."



## Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

Cody Elliott (right) is pictured with his dad John at the checkered flag after winning a race at Sedalia, MO. Elliott began his racing career in the second grade and has raced in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. "I race just about every Saturday night in either Sedalia or Kansas City," he said. Elliott competes in the Super Heavy class which means kart and driver must weigh at least 385 pounds and the driver must weigh at least 200 pounds. "In racing, a major challenge is maintaining your concentration for the length of the race."





# SCHOOL LIFE

## THE SPACE WE SHARE

For some students, going to school equals sitting in a desk for seven hours; for others it means going to work. The infiltration of real world skills into the Classroom has never been so evident.

■ In Networking class, students repaired and serviced the school's computers; ■ Woodworking students built furniture for classrooms; ■ Middle school cheerleaders served as pages at the Capitol; ■ English students hosted Clifford Night to promote reading to elementary kids, and the list goes on. Turn the pages to discover how students crossed the border, blurring the boundaries

BETWEEN  
LIVING AND  
LEARNING.

OUTLINING THE PROJECT, top, Roy Ryan, industrial arts teacher, instructs Woodworking students William Best, Miranda Rhodes and Jessica Moore about tasks that need to be accomplished for assembling bookcases and other furniture in the new library.

RIGHT: Snow showers send Casey Delapp and Jonathan Lems to the bus for an early dismissal, January 18. A total of three calendar days were used for snow.

BY JACOB MAGNIN





**B SHARP**

Band members Melanie Davis, Zack Flageolle, April Pettibone, David Hipkins and Justin Kingery perform "Louie Louie" during the Butter Day parade. The band set standards for success after earning a 1 rating at Districts. "It was the band's highest and best performance in eight years," director Shannon Waldo said.

# Let's Play

It took eight years, but the band's ability to cooperate, increase efficiency of rehearsals, set meaningful goals and work tirelessly to achieve them can be measured by their exemplary performance at districts



**SHINING THROUGH** Flag corp members flash and twirl their banners in precision as they lead the band down John Q. Hammons Parkway during the annual SMSU Homecoming Parade. The band finished seventh place in the 2-A division against 17 other schools that marched in the three-mile event.



**FORWARD MARCH** Band members head down Commercial Street in the Wilder Days parade, their first performance of the year. On the square, they played "Bravada" for spectators lining the parade route during the three-day festival which celebrates the life and accomplishments of author Laura Ingalls Wilder, whose home and museum is located in Mansfield.

**PEP BOYS** Trumpeters Michael Scofield, Jacob Magnin and Eli Helms play "Old Time Rock n' Roll" along with the clarinet section, far right, composed of Hillary Persinger, Della Lansdown, Lacie Newby and Ashley Borders. The pep band performs at boys and girls' home basketball games.



# The Big Picture

## BAND



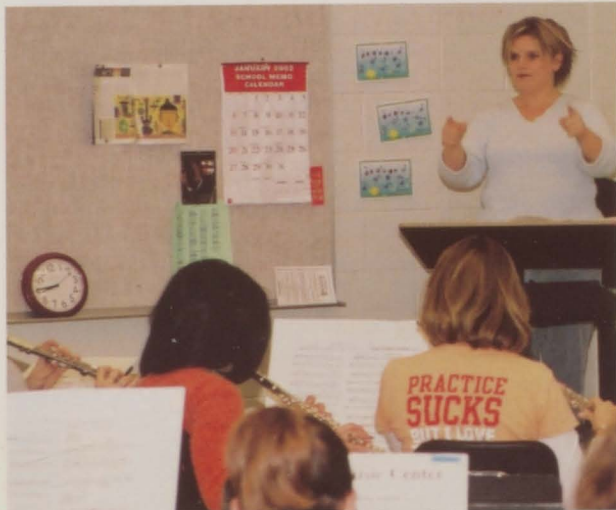
By David Hopkins

### SOUL MAN

Band member Justin Stafford sporting the band's casual parade uniform, plays the saxophone on the square in the annual Wilder Day Parade, September 15. "I like to march more than play in contests," Stafford said. "You don't have to prepare quite as much plus you get to show off more."

### TUNING UP

Middle, Shannon Waldo, band director, conducts the high school band during first hour. In the fall, the band moved into new and larger quarters located behind the gymnasium and connected to the new building.



WHAM BAM! Christina Odle, bottom left, tries her hand at car bashing at a US 97 radio station promotional gig at the SMSU homecoming tailgate party. After marching in the parade, students participated in pre-game activities and attended the football game.



By Dot Hudson

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Enduring late night practices and early morning workshops, band members clocked in extra practice time in preparation for spring competitions. As district contest approached, the stress level rose as Shannon Waldo, band director, scrambled to reorganize ensembles, which lost players due to mid-year grade ineligibilities. The effort paid off when the band brought home a I rating at districts, its highest rating in more than eight years.

**MOST MEMORABLE NOTE:** "I thought we would do well. Coming off the floor, I knew we did well." -Shannon Waldo, band director, about the band's district performance.

**SPIRIT AND TRADITION:** The pep band, which plays at boys and girls' home basketball game, motivated the teams and entertained fans with solid skillful performances. "It's our job to stir the crowd's spirit and charge the atmosphere for basketball," said sophomore Jessica Dowler. "Athletes have commented that when we play, the atmosphere is more energetic and pumped up."

**SCALING THE CHARTS:** When musicians moved into the new band room in November, the benefits were numerous. Angled walls for acoustics, 14' ceilings, extra storage and small practice rooms, and a larger rehearsal hall, contributed to better sound, more effective rehearsals and proper positioning of instruments.

### TOP HONORS:

- Michael Scofield - Patrick Gilmore Award
- Michael Scofield - John Philip Sousa Award

Shannon Waldo, band director, with senior Michael Scofield at Academic Awards Night.



**BAND** Front - David Hopkins, Jacob Magnin, Nick Shelhamer, Michael Scofield (drum major), Lacie Newby, Tim Brazeal, Crystal Wilson, Tony Lockmon; Row two - Zac Blevins, Justin Stafford, Brett Bailey, Josh Venable, Jessica Dowler, Stacey Wright, LaToya Bell, Shannon Waldo (director); Row three - John Blaine, Zack Flageolle, Cody Whorton, Eli Helms, Garret Keith, Kayla Hilton, Catrina Long, Jessica Moore; Row 4 - Kate Probert, Danny LaFavor, Adam Bennett, Della Lansdown, Hillary Persinger, Megan Hicks, Brandon Grass, Virginia Sherman; Row Five - Ashley Borders, Mike Moody, Christian Eichelberger, Josh Slater, Tom Brazeal, April Pettibone, Kelly Carampatan, Tristan Dennis and Lindsay Hopping.

# We can Work it out

There may not be an "I" in the word team, but it begins with FFA. From community dinners to blood drives, members join forces to accomplish common tasks

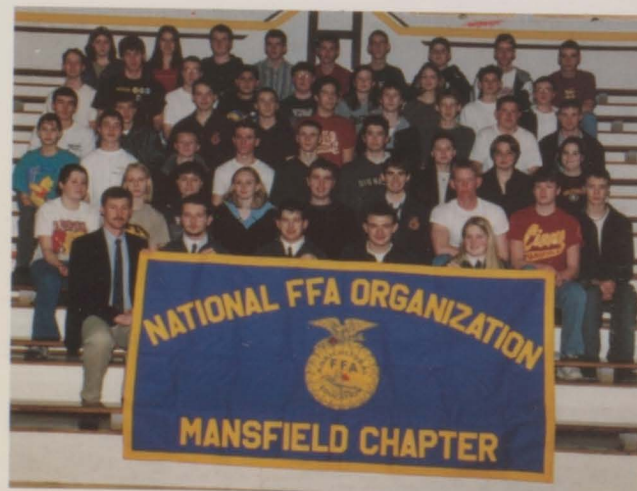
**PAST PRESENT** Steven Jarrett, Josh Pyle and Jacki Feldhaus ride atop the FFA float in the 50th annual Butter Day parade in May. The float, themed 'Farming Then and Now,' won first prize and \$100 at the community event which pays tribute to the county's dairy industry.



**ROYALTY ROUND UP** Barnwarming King Steve Ward, top, and Queen Christina Odle join junior candidates Aaron Price and Maranda Garzee, freshman candidates Kate Probert and Josh Pyle and sophomore candidates Ashley Baty and Cody Whorton. For the second year in a row, FFA and FCCLA members elected the senior candidates as king and queen by penny-a-vote method.



**LEAN ON ME** Michael Fuge, Brandon Grass, Alex Dunbar and Tim Shelhamer rely on each other not to fall to the floor in a game that demonstrates the importance of teamwork and communication. Agriculture students played the game during National FFA Week. "We worked well together, but after awhile, your legs felt like they were giving out and we eventually fell," Shelhamer said.



**FFA Front** - Stan Coday (adviser), Steve Ward (president), Dustin Dixon (sentinel), Randy Kendall (secretary), Becky Slate (vice president); Row two - Megan Barlett, Heather Mitchell, LeAnn Kendall, Amber Schofield, Ryan Roberts, Justin Carter, Jason Storm, Taylor Thompson, Brandon Grass; Row three - Miranda Rhodes, Matt Rhodes, Justin Schofield, Adam Bennett, Cody Whorton, Joe Lucas, Tiffany Coonce, Sarah Bennett, Maranda Garzee; Row four - Aaron Price, Michael Fuge, Alex Newton, Cory Letsinger, Travis Clouse, Travis Mason, Tim Shelhamer, Greg Short, Josh Kulp; Row five - Travis Hillard, Cody Corder, Tom Brazeal, Shawn Singh, Danny LaFavor, Becky Lucas, Kate Probert, Craig Campbell, Alex Dunbar; Row six - Samantha Ousley, Amanda Sherman, Donnie Slate, Josh Sullivan, Josh Pyle, Steven Jarrett, Casey Ivy, Tristan Dennis, Keith Newton.



**A HELPING HAND** Far left: Tour guide Jacki Feldhaus escorts second graders through the Food for America bird exhibit as Matt Rhodes calms down a duck, ruffled from the noise and activity. Elementary students also examined horses, calves, steers and sheep. **MIDDLE:** Freshman Brandon Grass helps set up for the FFA-sponsored blood drive in December where a record 63 units are collected from over 70 donors. Hostess Brittany Hilton, left, serves April Gray and Naomi Gray at the community dinner in February. Cooked by FFA members, the meal featured eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, and pancakes.

## The Big Picture

### FFA

**COME TOGETHER:** From erecting towers with pasta to sponsoring a blood drive, the FFA Chapter demonstrated that one can accomplish more by working together. A favorite event that brings old and new members together is Greenhand Initiation, held during National FFA Week. Inductees, who laugh and groan in the same breath, commented they find one activity particularly repulsive. "I pushed liver about a yard thinking it was a grape," freshman Shawn Singh said. "It was the grossest part."

**FLYING HIGH:** When the poultry judging team, composed of Cody McCleary, Travis Mason, Kate Probert and Tiffany Coonce, competed in district competition, they earned a Group I rating which qualified them for state contest. Judging involved live birds, meat products, eggs and a written test, covering all phases of the poultry industry.

**WORKS CITED:** Besides helping each other, members sponsor events for the community including a breakfast/supper and the annual blood drive, which collected 63 units of blood from 70 donors, exceeding the Community Blood Center's goal, according to adviser Stan Coday. "Several first time donors gave," he said. "I attribute the success to the kids who generously supported the event." Other events like Food For America teach elementary students about farm life and the care of livestock. "This was my first year to participate and the animals really interest little kids if you go by the number of questions they ask," said Becky Slate, chapter vice president.

#### HONORABLE MENTION:

- Outstanding Chapter Member - Becky Slate
- Outstanding Freshman - Brandon Grass
- Outstanding Sophomore - Brittany Hilton
- Dekalb Award - Steve Ward
- Star Greenhand - Kate Probert
- Star Chapter Farmer - Steve Ward
- Area FFA Degree - Steve Ward
- State FFA Chorus - Jacki Feldhaus

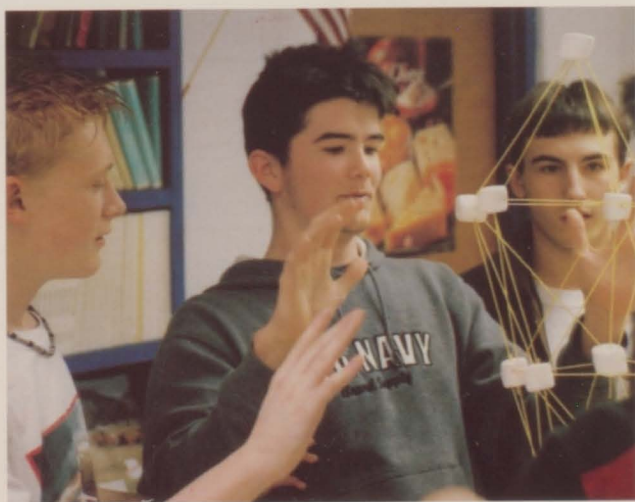


By Jacob Magnin

**PUSH, PULL OR GET OUT OF THE WAY** Pulling up the rear, Randy Kendall lends a hand to Timmy Bunch and Matt Rhodes who are struggling to move a steer at the annual Food for America event. Students bring animals from home to educate others about livestock's contributions in their lives.

#### EASY DOES IT

Agriculture students Joe Lucas, Aaron Price and Justin Schofield team up to create the winning tower using a handful of uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows. The object of the game is to construct the tallest tower that can remain standing for at least 30 seconds.



Students enter altered states of creativity to play roles ranging from a rat with a speech impediment and a court jester to 50's teeny boppers and dancing candelabras

# In their right mind



By Jacob Magnin

**WITH GRATITUDE** A select chorus composed of Julie Hutton, Terry Spyres, vocal music teacher and Crystal Wilson, perform "Hi Ho Nobody's Home" at "Music From the Heart," a special program honoring decades of musical contributions from community members. The trio of Wilson, Hutton and Sara Henley earned a I rating at districts and a II rating at state.



By Debbie Sanders

**BORN TO BE WILD** Wearing an array of leather, tie-dye, poodle skirts and rolled jeans, choir members conclude the school-wide talent show with an energetic medley of 60's hits. Earlier, the choir took their show on the road to perform at Silver Dollar City's Main Street gazebo.

**ABOUT FACE** Mandy Rokusek, through creative use of expression, performs "Hooway for Wodney Wat," a storytelling for Music from the Heart. Rokusek was one of 30 theatre students from Missouri chosen to attend Fine Arts Academy for three weeks in the summer.



By Jacob Magnin



# The Big Picture

## SPEECH

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** With a team of five, the speech team competed in nine tournaments, won four team trophies and hosted the MHS Invitational Speech Tournament for 18 area schools. "We may be small in numbers, but not in talent," said Terry Spyres, speech coach.

### TOP HONORS:

#### State Speech Contest

- Mandy Rokusek, ninth place, humorous

#### District Speech Contest

- Tiffany Coonce, second place, prose
- Mandy Rokusek, second place, humorous
- Jacob Magnin, eighth place, extemporaneous

**SAY IT AGAIN:** "When they said 'Mansfield,' I thought, 'They must have meant Marshfield.' But then I realized Marshfield wasn't there, and I looked at Calvin and he just shrugged his shoulders. It was really neat being able to win with so few people."  
-Mandy Rokusek, about winning the third place trophy at Ava

## CHOIR

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** A variety of six performances honored veterans, local heroes, contest and performance accompanists and showcased student talent. Programs included "Unsung Heroes," "Music From the Heart," the talent show, "Fractured Fairytales" and an outdoor concert at Silver Dollar City.

### TOP HONORS: State Music Contest

Girls' Trio - Crystal Wilson, Julie Hutton, Sara Henley

#### District Music Contest - One Rating

- Girls' Trio - Crystal Wilson, Julie Hutton, Sara Henley Two Rating:
- Brittany Dannen, vocal solo
- Sara Henley, vocal solo
- Mandy Rokusek, vocal solo
- Crystal Wilson, vocal solo
- Girls' Ensemble - Katelyn Choate, Jill Merritt, Sara Henley, Audra Dierksen
- Miscellaneous ensemble - Craig Campbell, Casey Ivy, Jill Merritt, Julie Hutton, Crystal Wilson, Tammy Potter



By David Hopkins

### SURELY YOU JEST

Clown Casey Ivy jokes with the audience at Fractured Fairy Tales, a dinner theatre featuring vignettes by elementary, choir and drama students. Guests were served a spaghetti supper following the program.



By Dot Hudson

### 'TIS THE SEASON

Choir members Crystal Wilson, Sara Henley, Brittany Dannen, Mandy Rokusek, Lisa Mapes, Lora Thompson, Josh Venable, Greg Short, Casey Ivy, Craig Campbell, Lacie Vaverka and Crystina France pose between acts while performing at Silver Dollar City. Directed by Terry Spyres, the group received an invitation to entertain park visitors in December.



**SPEECH TEAM** Calvin Helsley, coach, Mandy Rokusek, Tiffany Coonce, Nick Shelhamer, Terry Spyres, coach and Jacob Magnin gather their individual trophies which together earned the third place Sweepstakes trophy at the Ava Speech Tournament.



**CHOIR** Front - Robert Perkins, Terry Spyres, director, Casey Ivy, Josh Venable, Crystal Wilson; Row two - Jessica Moore, Stacey Wright, April Butcher, Craig Campbell, Tammy Potter, Summer Taylor, Kelly Carampatan, Sara Henley; Row three - Amanda Ridenour, Brittany Dannen, Mandy Rokusek, Greg Short, Lora Thompson, Jill Merritt, Lisa Mapes, Chris Domiano.

# The Big Picture

## MATH CLUB

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Writing tests, supervising contests and hosting a middle school and elementary math contest rank as the main projects for Math Club members. They also set up rooms and grade tests for the approximately 300 students from 13 schools in attendance.

**KUDOS:** MHS math team placed second overall in the Summit Conference Math Contest. Team and individual results are as follows:

- **Advanced Math** - Championship team trophy - Tim Brazeal-3rd place, Stefanie Blevins, Jason Storm-1st place individual;
- **Trigonometry** - Championship team trophy - Nick Shelhamer-individual champion, Chris Venable -3rd place, Jennifer Calhoun;
- **Geometry** - Championship team trophy - Craig Campbell, Alex Miller-3rd place, Kate Probert;
- **Algebra II** - 2nd place team - Cody Elliott-1st place, Tammy Potter-2nd place, Tyler Rummens -3rd place;
- **Pre-Algebra** - White ribbon team - Danielle Banner-red ribbon, Amanda Kuhn-white ribbon, Jessica Pettibone-2nd place.

### GOOD WORK

Sophomore Danielle Banner receives a class award from math teacher Jane Wehmeyer for accumulating the highest score in Algebra B. Banner accepted her award May 4 at the Academic Banquet.



## SCIENCE CLUB

**WORKS CITED:** Oversized foam-core boards and petri dishes combined with the acrid odor of rubber cement instantly clue one in on what's happening in the lab. Students are preparing for the spring cycle of science fairs. From area contests to regional fairs, students exhibited and presented projects which earned the following results:

### Summit Conference Science Fair

- Stefanie Blevins - Best of Show
- Tiffany Coonce - Environmental division trophy winner
- Tony Lockmon & John Blaine - Blue ribbon, math and computers
- Cory Letsinger - Blue ribbon, zoology
- Kasie Rueff - White ribbon, biochemistry

### South Central MO Regional Science Fair, Rolla

- Cory Letsinger - Division winner, zoology
- Stefanie Blevins - Division winner, microbiology
- Tony Lockmon - Second place, computers
- Kasie Rueff - Honorable mention, health & medicine

### SMSU -West Plains Regional Science Fair

- Tiffany Coonce - First place/\$100, environmental science
- Stefanie Blevins - First place/\$100, life science
- Kasie Rueff - First place/\$100, physical science

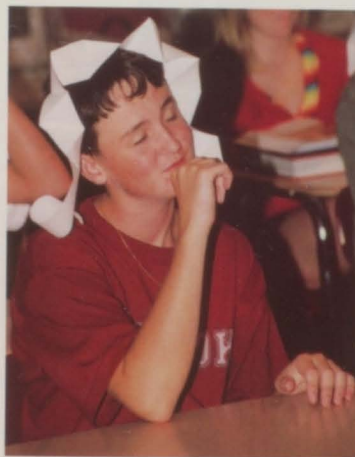
### HONORABLE MENTION:

- Tim Brazeal - Bausch and Lomb Science Award

**Class Awards:** Biology - Ashley Eichelberger, Paul Moody; Human Anatomy - Stephanie Dannen, Jana Young; Chemistry - Jennifer Calhoun, Laura Furr, Lacie Newby, Jason Storm, Crystal Wilson; Physics - Stefanie Blevins



'SUMMIT CONFERENCE WINNERS' are front - Chris Venable, Jennifer Calhoun, Jessica Pettibone, Amanda Kuhn, Stefanie Blevins, Tim Brazeal, Jason Storm; Row two - Nick Shelhamer, Cody Elliott, Tyler Rummens, Tammy Potter, Danielle Banner, Alex Miller, Kate Probert.



**HEX ON MATH** Garret Keith joins in playing Simon Says in Geometry, taught by Michell King. The class made accordion-like hexa-hexa-flexagons as a project to learn about congruent angles.



**WHAT'S IN A NAME?** Senior Stefanie Blevins cements the display board for her microbiology project, 'The Effects of Tannins, Caprylic acid, and *Lactobacillus acidophilus* on Catheters Sustaining *Candida kefyr* Biofilms.' She won Best of Show at Summit Conference Science Fair.



**WHAT LIES BENEATH** Alisha Stewart and Sarah Bennett cut and peel connective tissue from a feline corpse. Human Anatomy and Physiology students dissect felines to learn more about body systems that are similar to humans. **LEFT:** Test monitor Tanya Loveland passes out exams during the Middle School Math Contest. Club members wrote the tests, organized the event and supervised the annual contest for 13 area middle schools.

For the chronically curious, spending most of the year learning directly from experiments and hands-on activities to discover why is the perfect answer

# Mind Games



**STICK UP** Brett Bailey measures balsa wood for an entry into a bridge construction competition while John Blaine assists. Physic students participated in the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers Bridge Building contest. From MHS, Christian Eichelberger was the top finisher and Cory Letsinger, second. Both received copies of the book, "Is There an Engineer in You?" Twelve schools in the southwest Missouri area entered 268 students in the contest.

By Justin Kingery



**SCIENCE CLUB** Front – Pam Probert (adviser), Stefanie Blevins (president), Jacob Magnin (vice president), David Hipkins (secretary), Michael Scofield (senior rep.), Lacie Newby (treasurer); Row two – Paul Moody, Travis Hilliard, Laura Furr, Amanda Baty, Nick Shelhamer, Crystal Wilson, Tim Brazeal, Brenna Drakeford, Kendra Smith; Row three – Cody Elliott, Brett Bailey, Tina Crain, Justin Stafford, Tiffany Coonce, Sarah Bennett, Jennifer Calhoun, Whitney Hannaford, Tanya Loveland; Row four – Cody Corder, Tyler Rummens, Zack Flageolle (sophomore rep.), Cory Letsinger (junior rep.), Travis Clouse, Garret Keith, Ashley Borders, Kate Probert (freshmen rep.), Kasie Rueff.



**MATH CLUB** front – Eli Helms (soph. rep), Stefanie Blevins (vice president), Amanda Baty (secretary), Nick Shelhamer (president), Tim Brazeal (jr. rep), Kate Probert (freshman rep); Row two – Alex Miller, Jason Storm, Laura Furr, Tanya Loveland, Jesse Bricker, Becky Lucas, Whitney Miller; Row three – Jana Young, Paul Moody, Travis Hilliard, Tina Crain, Justin Stafford, Garret Keith, Jennifer Calhoun, Kasie Rueff, April Pettibone; Row four – Tim Shelhamer, Tyler Rummens, Zack Flageolle, Brett Bailey, Cory Letsinger, Zac Blevins, Brenna Drakeford; Row five – Michell King (adviser), Cody Elliott, Travis Mason, Cody Corder, Craig Campbell, Josh Slater, Chris Venable, Jane Wehmeyer (adviser).

# Away we

Parlez-vous français?  
When students with  
Ozark dialects utter  
it in France, the result  
draws hicks and grins

# GO

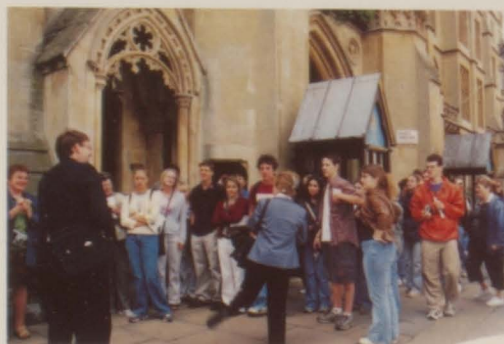


**ALL ABOARD** On a sight-seeing mission, Vicki Blankenship, Zack Flageolle and Tyler Rummens head to the platform to board the Metro in Paris. The tour group, composed of students and adults, traveled the subway system from early in the morning to late at night.



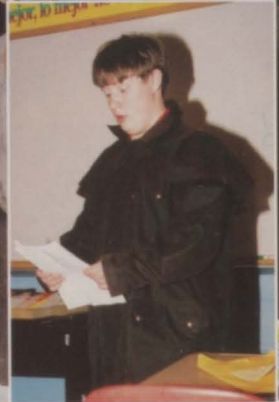
**ONE MORE KODAK MOMENT** French students and teacher Vicki Blankenship pose in the Gardens of Versailles, the former royal residence of Louis XIV located outside Paris. It is a masterpiece of French landscape gardening where nature is ordered geometrically.

**HISTORICAL NOTES** Before entering Westminster Abbey, the group receives instructions from British tour guides. Westminster, a 14th-16th century abbey, remains the most famous church in London. It houses the graves of famous monarchs, church leaders and writers and is the site for royal weddings, coronations and services. **EURO 'BOUT TO FALL ASLEEP** On the 12:30 a.m. metro, Zac Blevins is en route to the hotel after visiting the Arc de Triomphe and riding the millennium ferris wheel. "He never slept. He was all the time bouncing off the walls," roommate Eli Helms said.



# The Big Picture

## GO WEST!



**DARING JOURNEYS** and hardships mark the lives of frontier characters in American Heritage class as Heather Mitchell and Lindsay Hopping depict the expedition of Lewis and Clark; Chasity Olive, left, role-plays pioneer Narcissa Whitman, the first family to travel to Oregon in a covered wagon; and Danny LaFavor, right, acts out Western lawman Pat Garrett, responsible for tracking down and apprehending Billy the Kid. The projects for American Heritage, a new class taught by Wilda Watterson, cover the frontier aspect of American history.



**SWIFT PASSAGE** Far left, Justin Kingery and Brett Bailey travel from London to Paris on the Eurostar through the 31-mile Channel Tunnel at speeds of up to 100 mph and up to 186 mph on the French part of the trip. **EXCHANGING FRANCS**, Ashley Borders purchases a bag of peanuts from a vendor near Sacre-Coeur at Montmartre. Perched atop the city's highest elevation, the plaza area features cafes, shops, artists, entertainers and craftsmen.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**DARE TO CARE:** After the 9-11 tragedy, club members pitched in to purchase American flags to hang in every high school classroom. At an end-of-the-year pizza party, students each donated five cans of food to the local crisis center.

**OLÉ!** From apple cheese quesadillas and tortilla chips to sopapillas and taco soup, Wilda Watterson's Spanish II class dined south of the border at a food party. Students brought in ethnic dishes as part of an extra credit assignment.

**SAY IT AGAIN:** "I didn't take the class (French) before I went, but now that I look back, I remember some of the signs in France and it's easier to understand." -Zack Flageolle, French I student recalling his 10-day trip to Paris and London last summer.

### CLASS HONORS:

- French I - Tim Brazeal, Jennifer Calhoun, Tina Crain
- Spanish II - Stephanie Dannen

## SOCIAL STUDIES

**BRINGING HISTORY ALIVE:** In Roger Wood's World History class, students raised history from the page to the classroom. A first semester activity involved building 3-D models from historical time periods. Projects included catapults, castles, chariots and a model atomic bomb.

**FAMILY TIES:** A second semester assignment in World History included a genealogy project where students traced their family trees. After researching six generations, they wrote and delivered a report on their findings. "Anytime you can relate a lesson to students everyday life, they get more out of it," Wood said.

### CLASS HONORS:

- World History - Zac Blevins, Cody Elliott, Ashley Eichelberger, Tyler Rummens
- Modern European History - Jennifer Calhoun, Brenda Dunbar
- Sociology - Virginia Sherman
- Government - Lisa Chambers, Whitney Miller, Chris Venable, Kate Probert
- Current Events - Melanie Riley, Nicole Nelson, Tammy Potter
- Geography - Stephanie Dannen
- Psychology - Laura Furr
- American Heritage - Chris Venable, Tim Shelhamer
- History 122 - Stefanie Blevins



**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** Front - Wilda Watterson (adviser), Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Jana Young (president), Ashley Borders (vice president), Tim Brazeal (secretary/treasurer); Row two - Michael Scofield, Lacie Newby, Stefanie Blevins, Laura Furr, Jesse Bricker, Nick Shelhamer, Mandy Rokusek, Danielle Banner; Row three - Garret Keith, David Hipkins, Jacob Magnin, Eli Helms, Tina Crain, Jennifer Calhoun, Kasie Reuff, April Pettibone, Laurel Oberbeck; Row four - Cody Elliott, Paul Moody, Josh Slater, Zac Blevins, Tyler Rummens, Brett Bailey, Zack Flageolle, Travis Mason and Whitney Hannaford.

## READY TO WEAR

Goofing around on Career Dress Up Day are Lisa Mapes, Kelly Carampatan, Crystal Wilson, Cody Elliott, Kristyn Jones, Melissa Napier, Maranda Garzee, Stefanie Blevins and Tiffany Coonoe. Students wore clothes appropriate for their chosen careers as part of FBLA Week.

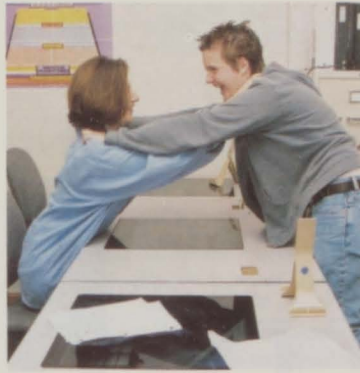


# Club to Career connection

Computer applications, accounting and office procedures are just a few of the classes that make up the business curriculum. But they are more than just topics for classroom study. They also form the basis for today's careers that demand specialized knowledge and skills related to technology.



**THE EYES HAVE IT** Faye Keith, local hair stylist and esthetician, applies cosmetic products to junior Alisha Stewart in Office Procedures class. Keith demonstrated the correct use of make-up for the workplace on several participants and emphasized key components of a winning image. Knowing how to present yourself is critical to reflecting a high level of professionalism, she told the class.



**THE PEOPLES' COURT** Far left, Attorney Brooke Hurst whispers to her client Kristyn Jones, while Judge Crystal Wilson takes notes. Business law students used a mock trial exercise to apply courtroom procedures learned in class. After the verdict, plaintiff Jones jokingly gets out of order with defendant Lora Thompson. Kathy Barnett's health class served as a jury for the court case. Later, class members took a field trip to the county courthouse to witness a real trial.



**DESKTOP PUBLISHING** skills reap high marks for Tina Crain, stepping forward to receive a certificate from Marsha Appleby, business teacher, at the Academic Awards Night in May. Crain, along with partner Kasie Rueff, completed several on-the-spot assignments on the computer within a two-hour period. **LEFT**, Lisa Mapes sacrifices her hair and face in a whip cream pie-throwing fundraiser at Wilder Days. FBIA sponsored the booth and members became targets for a \$1 a throw. The booth, one of the most popular venues on the square, raised more than a hundred dollars for the group.



**FBIA** Front, Tiffany Coonce (president), Cody Elliott (parliamentarian), Tina Crain (reporter), Marsha Appleby (advisor), Crystal Wilson (vice president), Lisa Mapes (secretary), Lora Thompson (treasurer); Row 2 - Jacob Magnin, Stefanie Blevins, Laura Furr, Jennifer Colhoun, Sara Edmonds, Kristyn Jones, Kelly Carampatan; Row 3 - Kasie Rueff, Kendra Smith, Whitney Hannaford, Brenda Dunbar, Melissa Napier; Back - Brett Bailey, John Blaine, Della Lansdown, Hillary Persinger, Ashley Eichelberger, Samantha Ousley.

## The Big Picture

### FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

**FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS:** Practicing the mass production method, members divided into groups to produce decorated candy canes, a major fundraiser during the holiday season. Then they marketed and delivered the items to buyers. Other activities included attending the Missouri Community Betterment conference, sponsoring a queen candidate for the Miss Merry Christmas dance and co-hosting a household shower for a family whose house burned.

**NATIONAL FBIA WEEK:** Members observed the week with a series of designated days including a special speaker from the Victims' Advocate Center. Teachers brought in professionals so students could hear first-hand what skills are needed to be successful in their job search or business interest.

#### **FBIA STATE CONTEST:**

**Fifth Place:** Jacob Magnin, impromptu speaking; and **Sixth Place:** Tina Crain & Kasie Rueff, desktop publishing, Crystal Wilson, international business.

#### **FBIA DISTRICT CONTEST:**

**First Place:** Tiffany Coonce, public speaking; Jacob Magnin, impromptu speaking; Tina Crain and Kasie Rueff, desktop publishing; Crystal Wilson, international business and business law;

**Second Place:** Lisa Mapes, business law; Stefanie Blevins, economics; John Blaine, networking concepts; Tiffany Coonce, job interview;

**Third Place:** Laura Furr, business communications **Fourth Place:** Cody Elliott, business math; John Blaine, technology concepts; and

**Fifth Place:** Cody Elliott, technology concepts; Whitney Hannaford, impromptu speaking.

#### **CLASS AWARDS:**

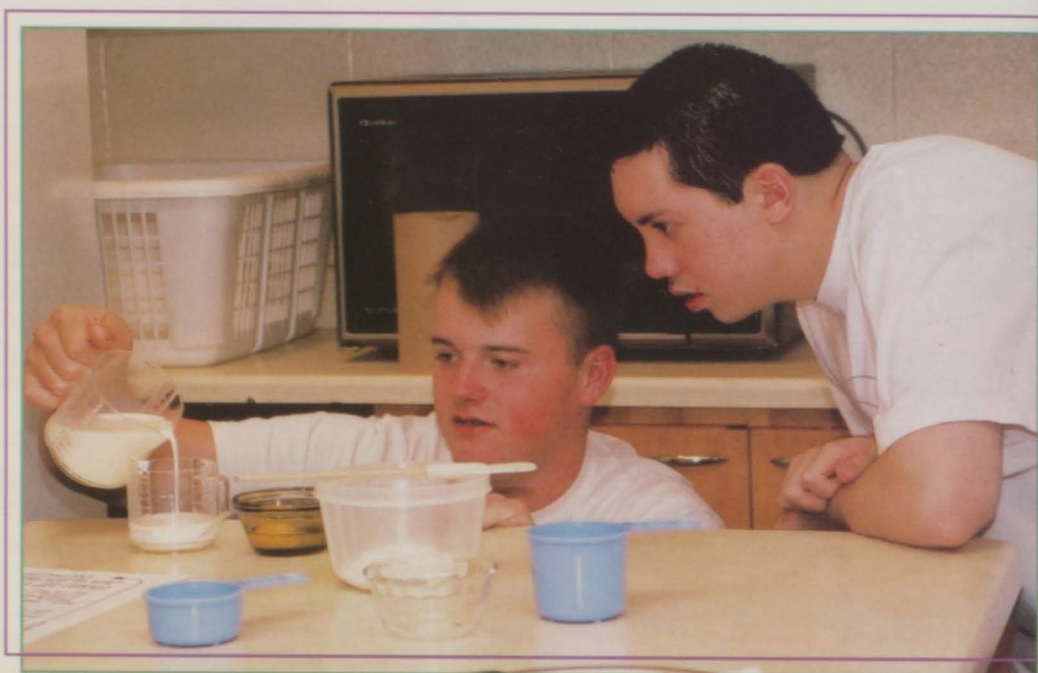
- Lisa Mapes - Business Law
- Lora Thompson - Office Procedures
- Crystal Wilson - Accounting
- Lacie Newby - Computer Applications
- Ashley Eichelberger - Keyboarding

What's cooking? Fundamental lessons that address life issues:  
taking care of oneself and family, consumer choices, healthy lifestyles,  
developing skills in leadership and vocational preparation

# Basic Training



**FINISHING TOUCH** Backstage, Jennifer Calhoun pins on an entry number for a contestant in the Little Miss Mansfield contest. FCCLA sponsors the annual event and members organize and supervise participants.



**SERIOUS MATTERS** Seniors Donnie Slate and Brian Carampatan carefully measure milk for their dessert crepes, light paper-thin pancakes. Students in Basic Skills made them from scratch, filled them with a chocolate mixture, rolled and topped them with whip cream. "This story had a delicious ending," Carampatan said.

## LUNCH ON US

Teachers gather in the faculty lounge for Subway sandwiches and chips. Club members hosted Teacher Appreciation Day as part of National FCCLA Week. FAR, RIGHT, Noting the achievements of her students, Teresa Hinsley, FCS teacher, recognizes Alex Miller, Tiffany Coonce and Virginia Sherman for outstanding work in Health. Awards are presented at the Academic Banquet in May.



# The Big Picture

## FCCLA

**STOP, DROP AND ROLL** Sending a message about fire safety, Chasity Olive, Melissa Beckner and Donna France instruct first grade students about escape procedures. As part of health class, high school students taught elementary students about topics ranging from nutrition to personal safety issues. In the process, students are developing mentoring and leadership skills, according to Teresa Hinsley, FCS teacher.

**WELDING A CREPE** maker, Megan Hicks observes the edges browning while partner Hillary Persinger prepares to spread hers with filling. Students worked in pairs to create dessert crepes. Other activities included cooking a variety of meals from Mexican to Thanksgiving dinners.

**FULL-TIME DAD** Adam Bennett tends his Baby Think It Over doll for 24 hours. The program gives students in Child Development an experience that simulates parenting a young infant. When the doll cries, a student must insert the tending "key" into the back of the doll until the doll is satisfied (5-30 minutes). The care the doll receives is recorded by a computerized electronic box.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** From repairing a fallen hair style to encouraging a timid kindergartner to walk out in front of hundreds of people, FCCLA members performed a variety of duties that contributed to the success of the annual Miss Mansfield Contest. As a year-end fundraiser, the club constructs the stage, gathers contestant data and works behind the scenes so that the pageant flows smoothly and in a timely manner. "The only thing you can't help is when someone starts crying because she didn't win." -Lora Thompson about the youngest contenders in the pageant

**SAY IT AGAIN:** "It's not as easy as it looks out front. You think everyone is lined up in order but the little girls are really squirmy and someone usually isn't where they're supposed to be." - Ashley Baty

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS:** Beyond the classroom, members co-sponsored Barnwarming, a fall western-themed dance, tutored younger children, participated in Toys for Tots and nominated a Miss Merry Christmas candidate to help raise donations for the local food pantry. Chapter officers attended cluster meetings at a regional convention which focused on developing leadership skills.

### CLASS HONORS:

- Family Living - Alex Miller
- Health - Virginia Sherman, Tiffany Coonce, Alex Miller, Brett Bailey, Tim Shelhamer, Tim Brazeal
- Consumer Resource Management - Maranda Garzee
- Clothing and Textiles - Alisha Stewart
- Nutrition and Wellness - Hillary Persinger
- Basic Skills - Virginia Sherman
- Child Development - Sara Henley

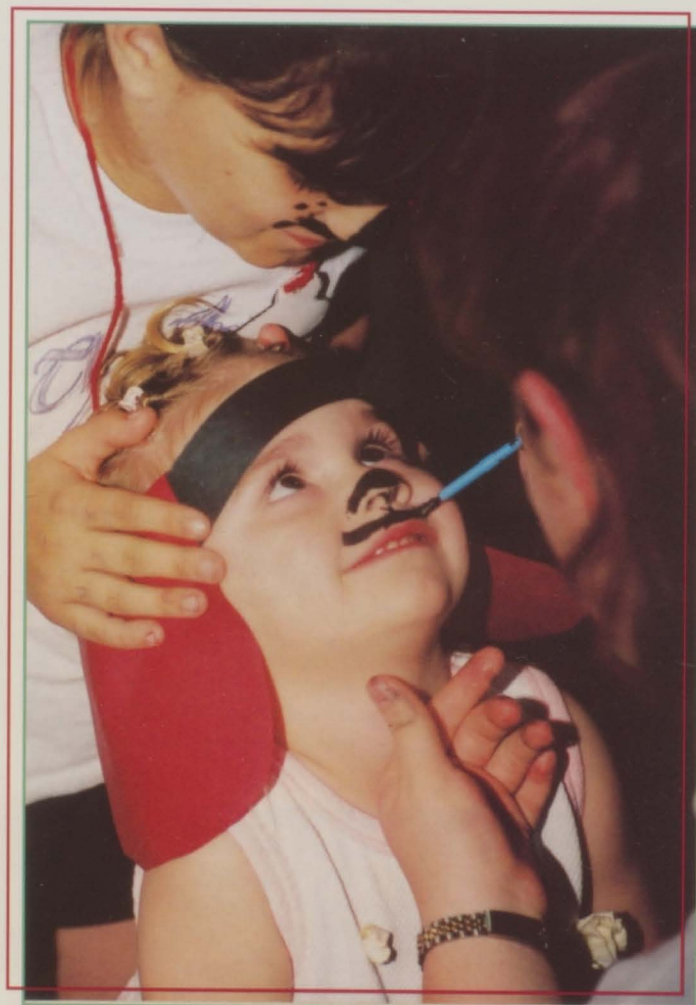


FCCLA Front - Craig Campbell, Lora Thompson, Maranda Garzee, Melissa Napier, Lisa Mapes, Whitney Miller; Row two - Jennifer Calhoun, Laurel Oberbeck, Elaine Johns, Hannah Moore, Lindsay Hopping, Stefanie Blevins, Sara Edmonds, Jessica Wright, Teresa Hinsley (adviser); Row three - Kendra Smith, Ashley Borders, Christy Nichols, Brenda Dunbar, Whitney Hannaford, Tina Crain, Kate Probert, Becky Lucas, Sara Henley, Becky Bennett; Row four - Casey Ivy, Drew Berry, Ashley Baty, Della Lansdown, Hillary Persinger, Megan Hicks, Virginia Sherman, Melanie Riley and Tracey Cline.

# Read the fine Print

In an era of MTV, video games and the Internet, how does one stay focused on literature, composition and language study? No simple way but it's a good start when you speak, read and write about subjects with connections across school and home experiences, explore personal expression and diverse perspectives.

WHAT'S BIG, RED friendly and helpful? Students gather around sophomore Robert Perkins as he reads aloud a Clifford book at a special reading night. Even though many kids had read them before, they were very attentive," Perkins said.



By Justin Kingery

**JUST KIDDING** Jessica Dowler transforms Rebecca Barlett's sister into a Clifford look-alike at Clifford Reading Night. English II students of Marcella Swatosh manned stations where approximately 200 students rotated to make ears, dog collars, puppy chow snacks, reading and other themed activities.



**READYING FOR RELEASE** Staffers Amanda Baty, Jana Young and Jesse Bricker form an assembly line to collate the January Lions Gazette. In Publications, students write stories, design layouts, take photographs and sell advertising for both the newspaper and the yearbook. Both publications are recipients of state and national awards.

**RANCH DRESSING** Travis Clouse helps himself to morning vittles for a culminating unit activity in *Mythology of the West*. In American Literature, taught by Julia Ritter, students dressed in western attire and dined on a chuckwagon breakfast: egg casserole, bacon, sausage, biscuits and chili.



**IN THE DOGHOUSE** Mandy Rokusek as Clifford the Big Red Dog poses with Rylan Schuster for photographs. Digital pictures developed on the spot were given to students as souvenirs. **LEFT:** Stranger than life. In *The Novel*, Josh Slater and Justin Stafford act out a scene from Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. In the book, Fiona, a young female attendant who works in the House of the Old, washes an elderly resident.



**SUMMIT CONFERENCE WINNERS** English students relax after their compiled winnings place second in the Summit Conference English Contest. Clockwise from front - Stefanie Blevins, Laura Furr, Michael Scofield, Justin Kingery, Mandy Rokusek, Brittany Dannen, Nick Shelhamer, Whitney Miller, Jennifer Calhoun, Becky Lucas, Alex Miller and Tyler Rummens.

## The Big Picture

### JOURNALISM

**WRITE ABOUT NOW:** Deadlines swarmed staffers like pesky mosquitoes. Late work nights left them dazed and confused in front of computer screens begging for a lead. Stressed-filled afternoons found them praying for extensions. Early morning typing frenzies signaled hope for lengthening a story by one more paragraph. If it weren't for deadlines and stress, pub students wouldn't have a life.

#### BEST OF SHOW:

- Quill and Scroll Yearbook Contest  
Sweepstakes winner & scholarship recipient-Jacob Magnin, (2)
- Gold Key winners-Jacob Magnin (7), David Hipkins (2), Laura Furr, Justin Kingery
- Quill and Scroll Newspaper Contest:  
Sweepstakes winner-Eli Helms
- Gold Key-Justin Kingery, Laura Furr, Jacob Magnin
- National Scholastic Press Association  
Pacemaker Award: El Leon 2001 (one of 24 honored in nation); All-American 2001
- MIPA State Newspaper Contest  
Show-Me Award: Jana Young, Jesse Bricker, Tiffany Coonce, Laura Furr, April Pettibone, Justin Kingery
- Superior: Eli Helms, Laura Furr, Mandy Rokusek and David Hipkins, Lions Gazette for 2001-02

### ENGLISH

#### SUMMIT CONFERENCE CONTEST:

- Whitney Miller - first place trophy, spelling
- Laura Furr - second place, spelling
- Alex Miller - second place, grammar
- Nick Shelhamer - third place, vocabulary
- Justin Kingery - blue ribbon, spelling
- Jennifer Calhoun - red ribbon, composition
- Stefanie Blevins, red ribbon, composition
- Becky Lucas - red ribbon, composition
- Tyler Rummens, red ribbon composition
- Michael Scofield, white ribbon, grammar
- Brittany Dannen, white ribbon, grammar

# Do for Others

Little things can make a big impact when students share resources and take time to show they care



## SADD PRESIDENT

Tiffany Coonce fields questions at a Red Ribbon assembly for a speaker, a victim of a drunk driver, whose emotional testimony warned students about the devastating consequences of drinking and driving. As a result, he lost his eyesight and has undergone a dozen surgeries.



**TAKING A STAND** for a drug-free land, Chris Venable and Crystal Wilson sport patriotic clothing for Red Ribbon Week while reading in British Literature. Wilson said it also serves as a symbol of the nation's solidarity after the September 11 tragedy.

**MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS** finalists are Brooke Hurst, first runner-up, Ashley Borders, second runner-up and Miss Merry Christmas Crystal Wilson. Winners were tabulated by the number of food items their respective club contributed. Sponsored by NHS, the holiday dance helped to raise approximately 700 canned goods for the Crisis Center. **FAR RIGHT:** NHS treasurer Jacob Magnin lets one on inductee Mandy Rokusek as April Pettibone and Justin Kingery look on. Initiation for new members took place at the Academic Awards Night, which members decorated using a South Pacific theme.



# The Big Picture

## Soggy Bottom Kids



**FIRED UP** In May, NHS members huddle around the grill to ward off plunging temperatures and rain at American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The team pitched a themed campsite, "O Cure, Where Art Thou." Earlier, they collected about \$300 for cancer research funding. **LEFT:** By the end of the evening, Brett Bailey's costume flips out. "Yea, it's a little too scratchy under here," he said. **RIGHT:** Cancer survivor Vicki Blankenship transfers the torch to senior Laura Furr during a lap which honors those who lost their lives to cancer and celebrates those who are survivors.



**NHS** Front-Julia Ritter (Adviser), Steve Ward, Tiffany Coonce (president), Laura Furr (vice president), Stefanie Blevins (secretary), Jacob Magnin (treasurer), Nick Shelhamer; Row two - Michael Scofield, Lacie Newby, Amanda Baty, Crystal Wilson, Jennifer Calhoun and Tim Brazzel.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

**MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS DANCE:** More than 700 food items were donated to the community Crisis Center at the NHS Miss Merry Christmas Dance. As a fundraiser, clubs and organizations nominated candidates, then proceeded to collect non-perishable food items, according to Tiffany Coonce, NHS president. Senior Crystal Wilson, the choir's candidate, was crowned Miss Merry Christmas with over 100 canned items collected.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** Using a spin-off theme from "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou," members clad themselves in overalls, convict uniforms, bearded disguises and Dapper Dan slicked-down hair. Gathered around a hobo campsite, the group ate depression era food: cornbread, beans, fried potatoes and watermelon. Cold and rainy weather conditions drew participants to a small hibachi grill, originally brought as a decorative item. "It actually turned out to be a necessity," sponsor Julia Ritter said. "Thank goodness for forethought."

**ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET:** Tropical parrots, inflated palm trees and Hawaiian punch, set a tropical mood for the annual Academic Awards Night, which recognizes achievement in the classroom. While all members help set up, new NHS inductees are initiated immediately by serving as the clean-up crew.

## STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS

### NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK:

Red banners, ribbons and posters decorated the halls for Red Ribbon Week, SADD's visible commitment to a safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyle. Members sponsored events to create awareness of problems associated with tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Elementary students wrote essays for a contest on why drugs, alcohol and smoking is not for them. Daily dress-up themes promoted a drug-free message to others including "Team Up Against Drugs" (sport jerseys or uniforms), My Future is Bright Without Drugs (dress for a future career) and Don't Fall for Drugs (fall colors and class parties). Special speakers at assemblies emphasized the importance of family and friends as support for students to resist dangerous choices or cope with the consequences.



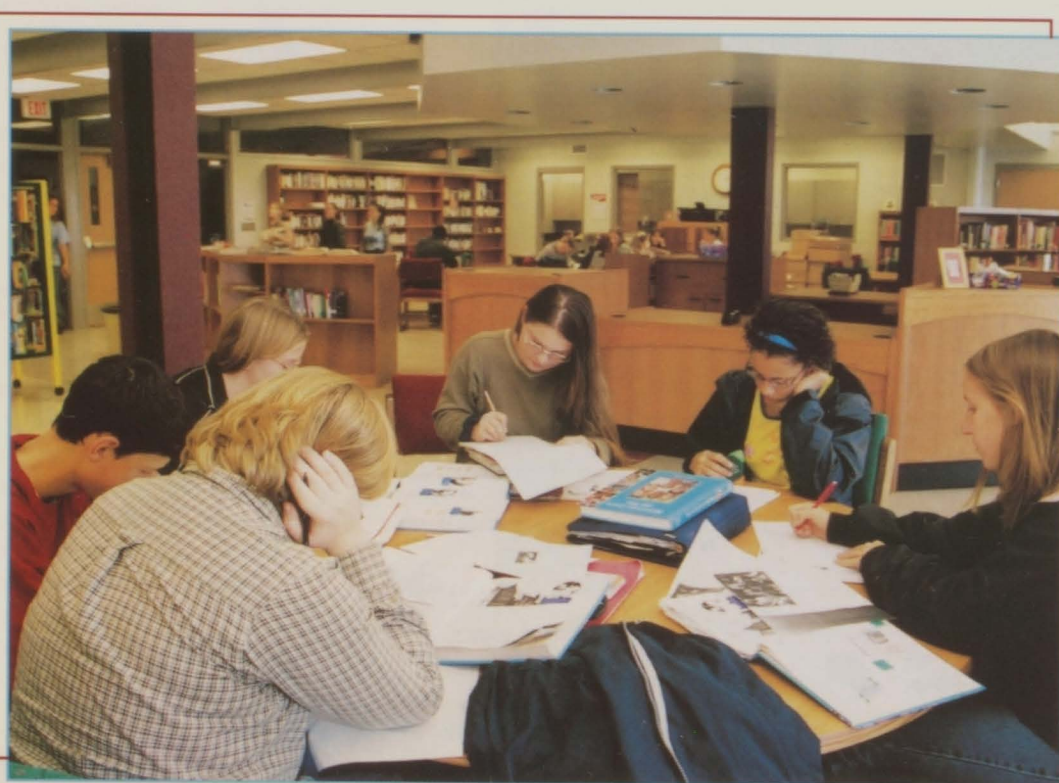
**SADD** Front - Tiffany Coonce, Alex Miller, Kasie Rueff, Stefanie Blevins, Tim Brazzel, Cody Elliott; Row two - Tom Brazzel, Zack Flageolle, Kendra Smith, Elaine Johns, Hannah Moore, Amanda Baty, Sara Edmonds, Becky Lucas, Cody Whorton; Row three - Cory Letsinger, Ashley Borders, Christy Nichols, Brenda Dunbar, Whitney Hannaford, Kate Probert, Tina Crain, Alisha Stewart, Sarah Bennett; Row four - Adam Bennett, Nick Shelhamer, Laura Furr, Tanya Loveland, Whitney Miller, Crystal Wilson, Paul Moody, Tyler Rummens and Zac Blevins.

# Tool Time

When the task calls for hammers, screwdrivers and assembly know-how, woodworking students exit the shop to labor in the new library.



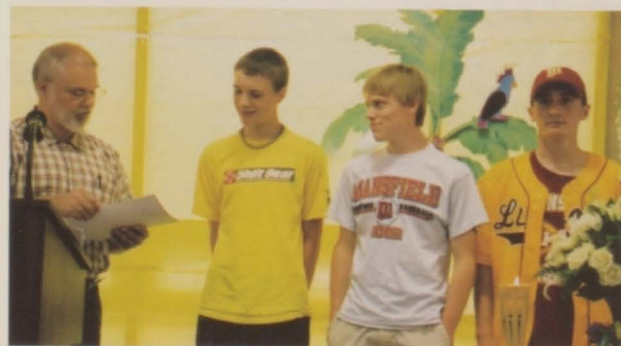
**A FINE MESS** Picking up a mountain of cardboard, packing materials and leftover supplies, Miranda Rhodes cleans the new high school library while her classmates assemble shelves and tables. Librarian Kay Goss and her staff opened the facility in October.



**IN FINE ORDER** After the Woodworking class finished assembling the furniture, Librarian Kay Goss creates a warm, inviting environment where students can study and conduct research. Soft music and cozy reading areas plus special displays (including tea samples) and posters makes the atmosphere very Barnes and Noblish.

**ART CLUB** Front - Gretchen Schultz (sponsor), Stephanie Danner (president), Sarah Bennett (secretary), Travis Hilliard; Row two - Christy Nichols, Justin Carter, Stefanie Blevins, Sara Edmonds. Not shown: Brian Carampatan (treasurer).

**TOP OF THE CLASS** Roy Ryan recognizes TSA students who competed on the state level: Brandon Grass Level II Promotional I Graphics, Josh Slater and Cody Letsinger, dragster design. Students were honored at the Academic Awards Banquet in May.



# The Big Picture

## INDUSTRIAL ARTS TECHNOLOGY



**NEVER-ENDING STORY** Assembling bookshelves for the new library, Steve Ward and Josh Kulp find themselves up to the project. "While the task isn't that hard, it is time-consuming and detailed," Ward said. "Until the books were stacked on the shelves, I didn't realize how many we put together."



**SHOW-ME TECHKNOWLEDGE** Susie Graham, middle school computer teacher, Rep. Van Kelly of 141st representative district, Erin Schell, Jessica Williams and Rebecca Barlett pose for photographs at the state Capitol in Jefferson City. Mansfield joined 14 other schools across the state for the Show-Me Techknowledge Legislation Day in March to showcase educational technology exhibits. The eighth grade girls were also designated Pages of the Day in the House of Representatives.



### ON YOUR MARK

Eighth graders Kassy Sanders and Adam Keith prepare their CO<sub>2</sub>-powered racers to test the aerodynamics of cars made of various woods. Middle school woodworking students researched designs on the Internet and used mostly balsa and bass wood to construct cars according to Roy Ryan, industrial arts teacher.

**NETWORKING:** Students enrolled in Networking made technological connections between theory and real-life work setting application. The new class allowed computer savvy juniors and seniors to hone their skills while saving the school time and money. Students maintained the school's web site and portfolios which included records of maintenance tasks, time sheets, summary reports, teacher evaluations and self assessments. "I've developed different skills like installing hardware that should help me in some aspect of the computer field," junior Josh Slater said.

### CONTEST WINNERS:

**Technological Student Association State Contest**

- TSA - John Blaine and Tony Lockmon, first place Cyberspace Pursuit; Brandon Grass, second place Level II Promotional 1 Graphics.
- Summit Conference Industrial Technology Fair**
- Cory Letsinger, One Rating, Woods II.

### CLASS AWARDS:

- CAD I - Paul Moody • CAD II - Christian Eichelberger • Networking - John Blaine • Woodworking I - Matt Kruger • Woodworking II - Cory Letsinger

## ART CLUB

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** After school, club members painted club logos on a wall of the library. The task, a work in progress, is slated for completion next year.

### CONTEST WINNERS:

**Alpha Tau Rho Regional Art Show**

- Stephanie Dannen - second place, pencil/still life
- Alex Newton - excellent, relief print
- Superior - Laurel Oberbeck, Alex Miller, Stefanie Blevins, Ashley Eichelberger
- Good - Chris Venable, Stephanie Dannen, Brian Carampatan, Alex Newton, Stefanie Blevins

**Lad Fair** - Christy Nichols - second place, 9-10 individual painting

### CLASS AWARDS:

- Creative Art - Stefanie Blevins, Tanya Loveland, Shawna Williams
- Art I - Ashley Eichelberger, Christy Nichols, Alex Miller
- Art II and III - Stephanie Dannen, Laurel Oberbeck, Chris Venable



**TSA Front** - Roy Ryan (sponsor), Brett Bailey, Jacob Magnin, John Blaine, Tony Lockmon, Mandy Rokusek, Susie Graham (sponsor); **Row two** - Tyler Rummens, Mike Moody, Mark Cruse, Jordan Cantrell, Nick Shelhamer, Sara Edmonds, Josh Archer, Josh Slater; **Row three** - William Best, Brandon Grass, Michael Fuge, Justin Carter, Garret Keith, Cory Letsinger, Zac Blevins; **Row four** - Cody Elliott, Paul Moody.

# It's your Serve

Volunteering can be fun. Just ask Student Council members who find their niche in activities that provide opportunities to help others, meet people in the community, learn new skills, focus on interests and grow personally.



**LEAF COLLECTION** Left, Once the splendor of fall foliage wanes, Jennifer Calhoun and Amanda Delcours clean up a yard in town as part of Student Council's Drive-By Raking service project. Next, Laura Furr and Cody Corder deliver the bags to a recycling site where they unbag and dump them into a compost.



**SPECIAL DELIVERY** Far left, Wheeling out the dessert cart, Nick Shelhamer serves guest John Lemmons a slice of pie as Stefanie Blevins solicits other selections. The group sponsored a Senior Banquet whereby members decorated the cafeteria, cooked dinner under adviser Wilda Watterson's supervision and served approximately 20 people invited to the community event. LEFT, Right there, Lacie Newby instructs Nick Shelhamer where to glue a section of scenery for the homecoming stage. Council members constructed the Mardi Gras setting in a week, working after school and evenings.



**THE BIG DRIP** Cody Corder ties up Tim Brazeal's costume as Brazeal prepares to advertise the spring blood drive, canvassing the halls and classrooms for donors. Statistics show that only five percent of the U.S. population donates blood. RIGHT: An American Red Cross nurse checks Laurel Oberbeck's blood pressure. Oberbeck said her experience was one of relative ease with little or no side effects. Donors must be 17 years of age and in good health.



**STUDENT COUNCIL** Front, Brett Bailey (vice president), Wilda Watterson (adviser), Laura Furr (president), Jennifer Calhoun (treasurer), Michael Scofield (secretary); Row Two - Jacob Magnin, Stefanie Blevins, Amanda Baty, Lacie Newby, Tina Crain, Nick Shelhamer, Tim Brazeal; Row Three - Cody Corder, Tiffany Coonce, Amanda Delcour, David Hipkins, Eli Helms, Paul Moody, Tim Shelhamer and Becky Lucas.

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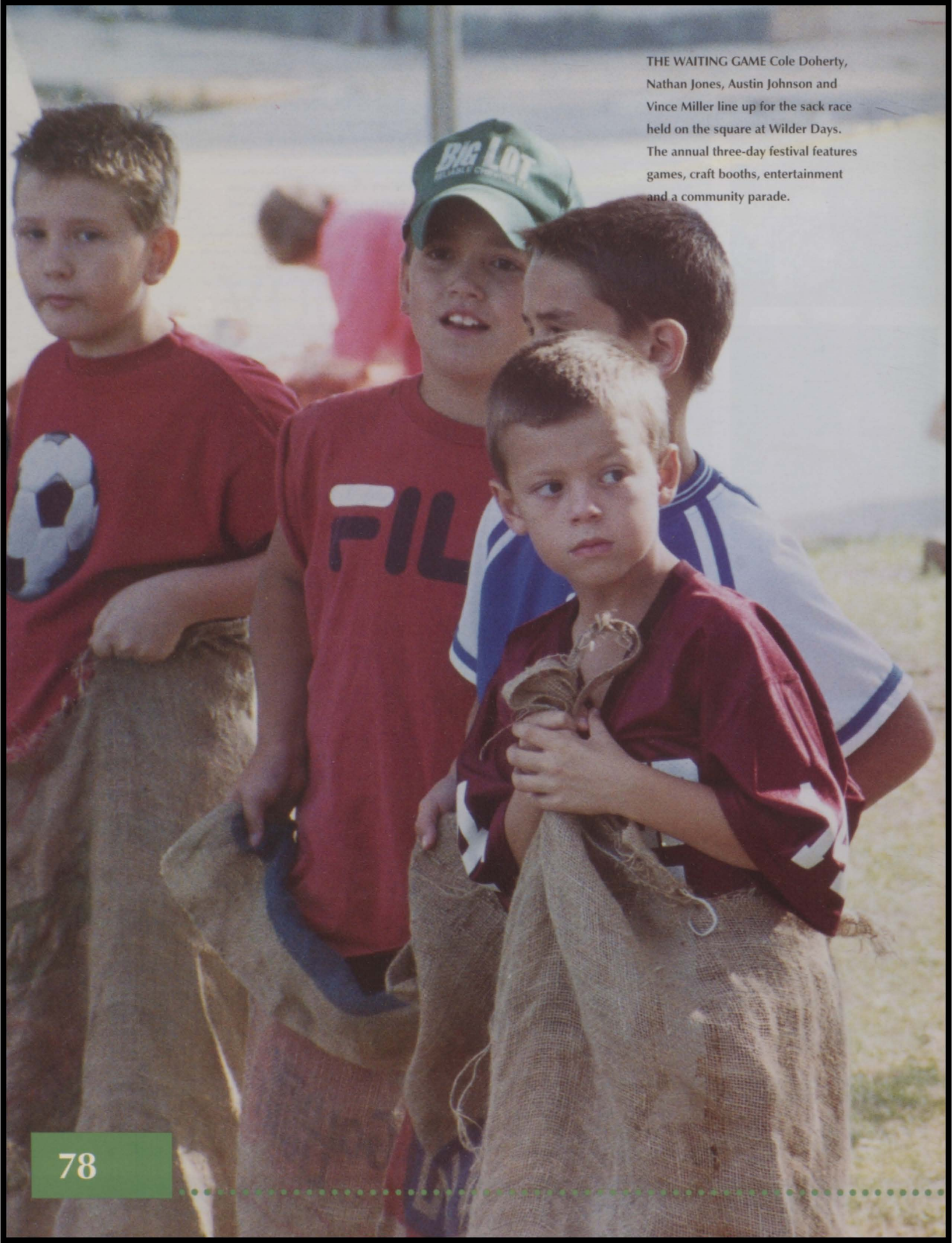
### STUDENT COUNCIL

**SENIOR BANQUET:** Jazzy swing-style music of the 40's and doo-wop harmony of the 50's serenaded guests attending the annual "Senior Banquet." Council members sold tickets to the event and decorated the high school cafeteria in a prom atmosphere. Twenty guests ate a meal of fried chicken, green beans, baked potatoes, salad, rolls and pies and cobblers for dessert. Adviser Wilda Watterson said it was an opportunity "to do something for community members over the age of 50 plus it gave the kids a chance to get together, talk and have a good time."

**YOU'VE BEEN RAKED:** No thanks necessary when it comes to yard cleaning. In the fall, members donated their time and effort in a leaf-raking project for neighboring senior citizens. "It's one of my favorite events," president Laura Furr said. "No one knows we're coming so it's always a big surprise when they discover the deed."

**BLOOD DRIVE:** In conjunction with the American Red Cross, members conduct an annual spring blood drive. Beside advertising the need for blood among students and signing up donors, members coordinate paperwork and bring refreshments for donors. Approximately 25 units of blood were collected.

**APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:** Near the end of the year, one morning is set aside for Council members to arrive at 6:00 a.m. and fry bacon, mix up pancake batter and slice melons and strawberries. When teachers and staff arrive, members greet them, take their order and serve them breakfast at tables. "Everyone enjoyed it so much that when the bell rang, no one wanted to leave for class," said Marcella Swatosh, English teacher.

A photograph of four young boys standing in a line, waiting for a sack race. They are outdoors on a grassy field. The boy on the far left is wearing a red t-shirt with a soccer ball graphic. The boy next to him is wearing a red t-shirt with the word 'FILA' and a green baseball cap with 'BIG LOT' on it. The boy next to him is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The boy on the far right is wearing a maroon t-shirt. All four boys are holding large burlap sacks. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a fence.

THE WAITING GAME Cole Doherty,  
Nathan Jones, Austin Johnson and  
Vince Miller line up for the sack race  
held on the square at Wilder Days.  
The annual three-day festival features  
games, craft booths, entertainment  
and a community parade.

# PEOPLE

## JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS



SCENE: New cafeteria

CHARACTERS: High school students at a table

ACTION: Disputing algebra scores, bumming change for Cleo's goody cart, confessing the latest speeding ticket, trading last night's casserole for an egg roll, betting on the Hartville-Mansfield matchup and flicking paper wads at unsuspecting targets.

STORYLINE: Completion of campus construction combined a high-functioning lunch room with a student-friendly environment. Now it serves as the heart of the school, charged with the function of feeding people and bringing them together. Not only did interaction expand

in this space but among other parts of the school, as the unified building included elementary and middle school into its

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.

"Hey David,  
bet you can't  
walk through  
it without  
getting wet."

**SOAK IT TO ME** David Hipkins's attempt to cross a slab of sporadic fountains without getting wet proves mission impossible. Hipkins took the dare from fellow publication staffers at a park in downtown Scottsdale, AZ, while attending a journalism convention. **TOP:** Chat room. Cody Elliott, Scotty Rousseau, Eli Helms and Jaron Keeling review a social studies lesson before school in the cafeteria. The newly created space, which connects the high school to the gymnasium, gives students a place to gather in the morning and creates a more hospitable welcome for students and visitors.

Produced by Melissa Beckner, Brena Drakeford, David Hipkins,  
Amanda Delcour; Number art by Justin Kingery

## Mansfield R-IV earns Distinction in Performance

**T**HE SAYING, "Most of our lives are about proving something, either to ourselves or to someone else," became an axiom for administrators and faculty, October 3-5.

When a team of examiners from the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) evaluated the school district in a third cycle review, it confirmed what local officials already knew—the school district has met high standards.

After scrutinizing documentation in three areas: resource, process and performance and interviewing employees, the verdict read: "Mansfield R-IV is Accredited with Distinction for Improvement in Performance."

"I think we have one of the best

schools in the area," said Arlene Magnin, high school principal. "The results of our MSIP, in which we did very, very well, indicate that."

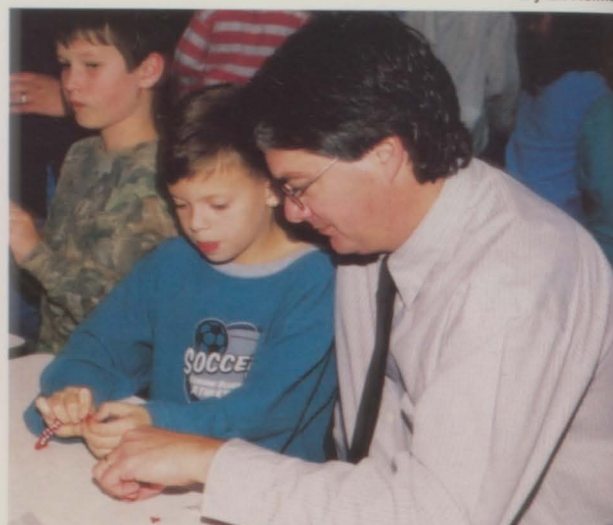
MSIP determines whether a school remains accredited or not. The board requires that every district in the state undergo evaluation every five years.

Superintendent Dr. Robert Perry added that completed building projects and a growing A+ School program leave the school in good shape. "Any student who wants to can get two years of college paid for," he said, about the 130 enrolled students seeking college tuition reimbursement.

**THE NEXT CHAPTER**  
Superintendent Robert Perry honors Jean Coday, retired elementary principal, at open house with a plaque signifying the newly-built Jean C. Coday Library. Coday spent 30 years in the district, serving 10 years as principal. **BELOW:** One at a time, Freddie Doherty, middle school principal, and son Cole Doherty string beads on a Christmas ornament at a holiday craft event, sponsored by Practical Parenting Partnership and Parents As Teachers.



By Eli Helms



By Justin Kingery

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

**Debbie Allen**, Cook  
**Janet Brooke**, High School Secretary  
**Deidra Carnall**, Elementary Custodian  
**Naomi Clouse**, Title I Aide  
**Pat Dennis**, Cook

**Brenda Hutton**, Middle School Secretary  
**Teresa Jarrett**, Elementary Secretary  
**Avenail Jones**, Cook  
**Cheryl Keith**, High School Head Cook  
**Kay Lansdown**, Cafeteria Clerk





**SETTING UP SHOP** Janet Brooke, high school secretary, adjusts her flat-screen monitor as seniors Bentley Iott and Jason Storm hang out in the office. "It's definitely more efficient and from here, we can monitor the commons area and the cafeteria," said Brooke, about the renovated space which makes use of formerly wasted space between the old high school classroom building and the gymnasium.



**DISH IT UP** Cheryl Keith, head cook, serves up a scoop of vanilla pudding at lunch. Keith and her staff moved into a new cafeteria separate from the elementary which allows high schoolers to eat together at 12:15 p.m. instead of being split into two shifts. Keith said staff efforts to prepare foods students prefer received positive response. "I've had no complaints, all good," she said.



**MANSFIELD BOARD OF Education** members are Jean Coday, Lemuel Berry, Mary Shropshire, Norman Moody, Max Greene, Kevin Findley and Gene Loge. Voters elected Coday, Shropshire and Moody in the spring.



Debbie Letsinger, Superintendent's Secretary  
Mary McDowell, Cook  
Becky Moody, Special Education Assistant  
Jennifer Morris, Nurse  
John Nichols, Bus Driver, Special Education Aide



Tina Nichols, Bus Driver, Special Education Aide  
Patty Nolen, Bus Driver, Special Education Aide  
Mercedes Price, Cook  
Ronnie Roy, Custodian  
Cindy Sanders, Custodian



Debbie Sanders, A+ Coordinator/Public Information Director  
Kathy Short, Parents as Teachers Director  
Rebecca Sullivan, Cook  
Nancy Veit, Elementary Head Cook  
Barbara Williams, Special Education Aide

# Memory Laps

*Relay for Life participants team up to raise money for cancer research*

**f**OR FOUR YEARS Kathleen Barnett, health teacher, participated in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life not realizing she would be a recipient of its efforts. "Little did I know I would be one of the many Relay for Life was helping later," said Barnett, a cancer survivor of one year.

Three teams, including the elementary, middle school/high school and National Honor Society, raised almost \$4,600 in the fifth annual Wright County Relay for Life held at Mountain Grove. Overall, 48 county teams raised \$65,000.

Kay Scrivner, kindergarten teacher and cancer survivor of five years, said Relay for Life causes her to be mindful of other people she knows who have been touched by cancer. "It also reminds me of the many caring people who give of themselves in so many ways to help bring a cure," she said.

After opening ceremonies, teams of people take turns walking laps, trying to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Other events include tent-decorating contests, games, music and cooking out.



**ALOHA IN THE ARCTIC** When temperatures dip, the Relay for Life elementary team breaks out ponchos and windbreakers to stay warm and dry. Front - Curtis Carnall, Edwina Carnall, Lois Findley, Patti Gleason, Kelly Jones, Katelyn Nolen; Back - Teresa Jarrett, Don Sanders, Kay Scrivner, Stacey Doherty, Barbara Williams, Patty Nolen and Cheri Rummens. The team campsite featured a South Pacific theme.

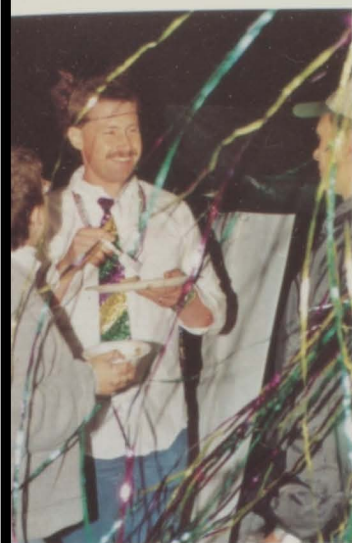
**Marsha Appleby**, Business, Future Business Leaders of America sponsor  
**Kathleen Barnett**, Alternative School, Health  
**Vicki Box**, Elementary Language Arts  
**Georgianne Brown**, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor  
**Edwina Carnall**, Title I

**Dallas Chambers**, Remedial Math  
**Stan Coday**, Agriculture, FFA sponsor  
**Tara Dennis**, Speech Implementor  
**Stacey Doherty**, Elementary Counselor  
**Bob Gilmore**, Alternative School, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach  
**Kay Goss**, Librarian

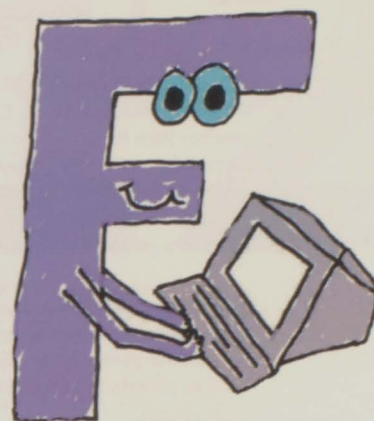
**Susie Graham**, Middle School Computers, Cheerleader sponsor  
**Kelly Hannaford**, High School Counselor, Senior Class sponsor  
**John Hinsley**, Enrichment, Middle School Science  
**Teresa Hinsley**, Family and Consumer Science/Health, FOCLA sponsor

**Doug Jones**, Science, Athletic Director, Baseball Coach  
**Michell King**, Math, Math Club sponsor, Junior Class Sponsor  
**Keat Kistler**, Physical Education, Boys' Basketball Coach  
**Helen Lawrence**, Remedial Reading  
**Teri Leonard**, Middle School Social Studies, Pom Pon Squad Sponsor





**FEAST OR FLIGHT** While eating dinner, Stan Coday jokes with Pam Probert and husband Ted about his outfit. Coday whose mask was flipped back was the target of bird quips and hoots. **BELOW:** Staking a tent becomes a comedy of errors for team members grappling with wind and soggy instructions.



**MARDI GRAS** Far left, the high school and middle school team poses in front of their campsite. Stan Coday, Susie Graham, Wilda Watterson, Kathleen Barnett, Debbie Sanders, Vicki Blankenship, Brenda Hutton, Marsha Blaine, Becky Moody, Debbie Letsinger and Betsy Wight. Teachers continued the party on Monday by wearing their ties to school. **LEFT:** A deep-fried turkey brings new meaning to the Cajun cooking term "blackened."



Cindy Massey, Title I  
Nelwyn Mathews, Behavior Disorders  
Stephanie Menzie, Special Education, A Sporting Chance sponsor  
Pam Probert, Science, Science Club sponsor, Beta Chi Pi sponsor  
Julia Ritter, English, NHS sponsor

Cheri Rummens, ECSE Title Teacher  
Roy Ryan, Industrial Technology, TSA sponsor  
Gretchen Schultz, Art, Sophomore Class sponsor  
Jane Shirley, ECSE Title Teacher  
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  
Marcella Swatosh, English  
Shannon Waldo, Instrumental Music

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/Yearbook Adviser  
Roger Wood, Social Studies, Softball Coach

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**, far right, Chris Venable, David Hipkins, junior Tim Brazeal and science teacher Pam Probert, who is an UM alumna, tour the University of Missouri-Columbia with a campus guide. Students visited residence halls, the botanical garden, dining halls and classroom buildings to capture a glimpse of campus life.

**THANKS MOM** At the rose ceremony, Jason Storm hugs his mother Jane Storm as his father makes his way on the gymnasium floor. The annual event honors parents of athletes for their support during high school.



## AMANDA BATY

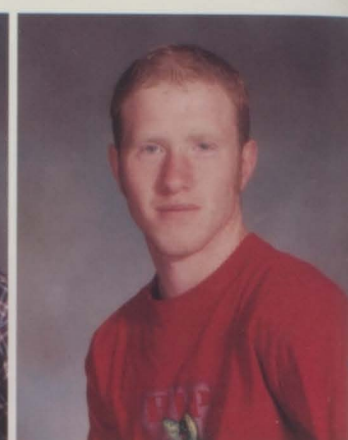
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## JAKE BENNET

Pep Club 1, FFA 1,2,3, Baseball 1, Basketball 1, Track 1.

## JOSH BENNET

Basketball 1.



## WILLIAM BEST

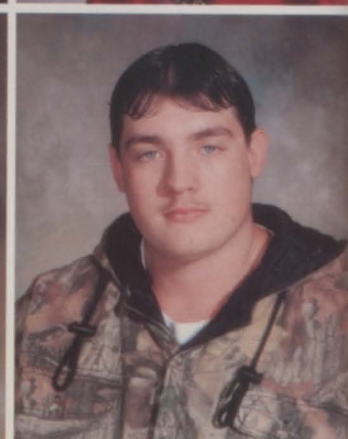
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## STEFANIE BLEVINS

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4 and Officer 2,3,4, NHS 2,3,4 and Officer 4, FBLA 2,3,4, Art Club 1, Math Club 2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Science Club 2,3,4, and Officer 2,3, Pep Club 1, FOCLA 2,3,4, Student Council 3,4, Beta Chi Pi 2,3,4, Band 1,3 and Officer 3, Softball 3, Volleyball 1,2, Pom Pon 1,2,3,4 and Captain 3,4, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,3, Science Fair 1,2,3,4, Math Contest 1,2, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3,4, State Business Contest 3, Girls State 3.

## TIMMY BUNCH

FFA 1,2.



## BRIAN CARAMPATAN

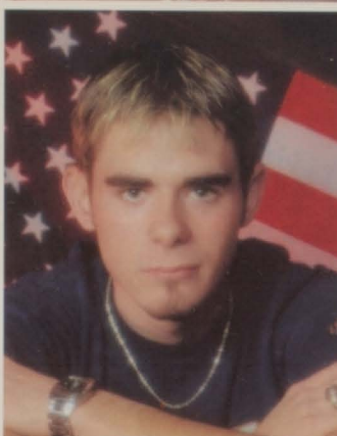
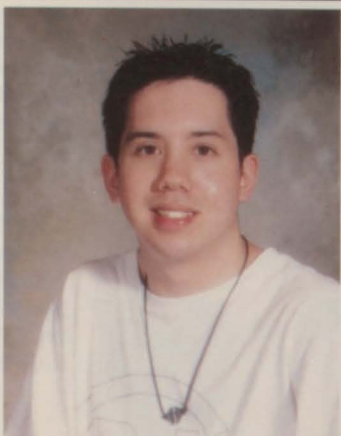
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## JUSTIN CARTER

FFA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 1,2, Burnwarming King Candidate 2.

## TIFFANY COONCE

Foreign Language Club 3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4 and Officer 2,3,4, FBLA 3,4 and Officer 4, Art Club 2,3, Math Club 2, Science Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1, FFA 4, Student Council 3,4, Publication Staff 2,3,4, Feature Editor 3, Quill & Scroll 3,4, Beta Chi Pi 3,4, Speech and Drama 1,2,3,4, Band 2,3, Softball 1,2, Journalism Contest 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 1, Science Fair 2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4, Girls State 3, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4, Miss Mansfield 3, Mascot 1,2,3,4 and Captain, Flags 2,3 and Captain 2, Writers Hall of Fame 2,4, Writer of the Year 2.





**COOL FANS** Waiting for the game to start, Cody McCleary, Brenda Dunbar, Ashley Borders and Kendra Smith visit on the bleachers prior to a boys' baseball game in April. Dunbar, the Lady Lions starting pitcher, was named to the All-Conference and All-District softball teams.



**ON A MEDIEVAL JOURNEY** British Literature students pose as characters from Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. Front - Steve Ward, Nick Shelhamer, Brooke Hurst, Tiffany Coonce, Crystal Wilson, Lora Thompson, Lacie Newby; Back - Joe Gresham, Tim Harness, Chris Venable, Amanda Baty and Michael Scofield.



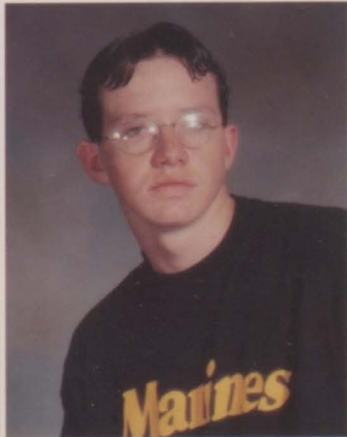
**JEFFERY DECKER**

**BRENDA DUNBAR**

SADD 4, FBIA 3,4, FOCLA 3,4, Student Council 3, Softball 2,3,4 and All-Conference, All-District and MVP 4, Pom Pon 4, Cheerleader 3, FBIA/Business Contest 3.

**SARA EDMONDS**

SADD 1,2,3,4, FBIA 2,3,4 and Officer 3, Art Club 3,4, Math Club 3, Science Club 3,4, Pep Club 1,2, FOCLA 2,3,4, TSA 4, Flags 2, Volleyball 1,2, Cheerleader 2,3, and Co-Captain 3, FBIA/Business Contest 2,3, Vo-Tech 4.



**LAURA FURR**

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4, NHS 2,3,4 and Officer 4, FBIA 2,3,4, Math Club 2,3,4, Science Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1, Student Council 2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Publications Staff 2,3,4 and Editor 4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, Youth Alive 1,2,3, Basketball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Basketball 3,4, KKOZ Dream Team 1,2,4, Volleyball 1, Cross Country 2, All District 2, State Qualifier 2, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Journalism Contest 2,3,4, Science Fair 1,2,3, FBIA/Business Contest 2,3, Writer's Hall of Fame 1,3.

**TIM HARNESS**

SADD 4, FBIA 3, Science Club 3,4, FFA 1,2, FBIA/Business Contest 3.

**DAVID HIPKINS**

Math Club 2,3, Science Club 3,4 and Officer 4, Student Council 3,4, Publications Staff 2,3,4 and Asst. Photography Editor 3,4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Class Officer 4, Youth Alive 1,2, Journalism Contest 3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3,4.

**BROOKE HURST**

**BENTLEY IOTT**

Basketball 1.

**KRISTYN JONES**

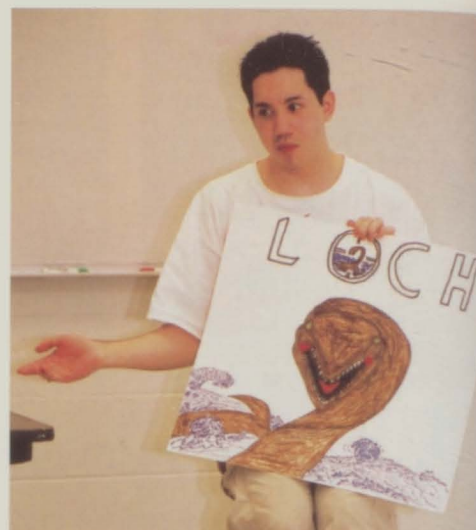
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# REALITY OR FANTASY?

In The Novel, Brian Carampatan reports on the legend of the Loch Ness Monster of Scotland. Carampatan read a book for class which discusses the facts and fables surrounding the mysterious inhabitant. While many people dismiss the monster's existence, Carampatan said speculating on it is interesting.



## ASHLEY KELLEY

## RANDY KENDALL

FFA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 4, Basketball 1, Track 3, LAD Fair 3.

## JACOB MAGNIN

Foreign Language Club 3,4, NHS 3,4, and Officer 4, FBLA 4, Science Club 2,3,4, Publications Staff 2,3,4, Photography Editor 3,4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, and National Sweepstakes Winner, TSA 4, Beta Chi Pi 4, Speech and Drama 2,3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1, English Contest 1,2,3, Journalism Contest 2,3,4, Science Fair 2,3, FBLA/Business Contest 4.

## LISA MAPES

SADD 2, FBLA 3,4 and Officer 4, Pep Club 1, FOCLA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Choir 2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 2,4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4, Homecoming Queen Candidate 3.

## JESSICA MOORE

## MELISSA NAPIER

FBLA 3,4, FOCLA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, FFA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 2, Choir 3, Art Fair 1, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4.

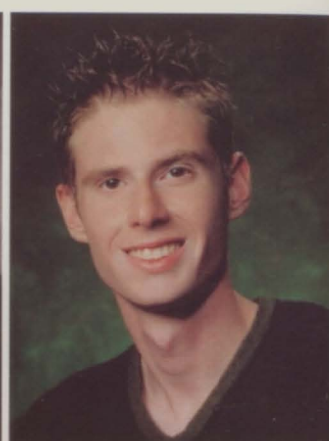
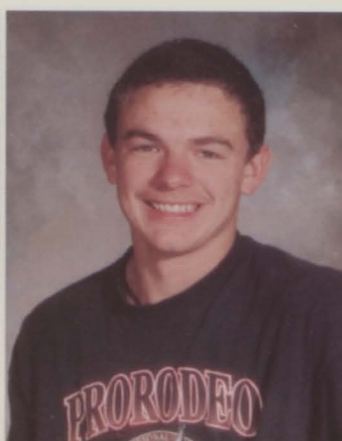
## LACIE NEWBY

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1, NHS 3,4, Math Club 3, Science Club 3,4 and Officer 4, Student Council 4, Band 1,2,3,4 and Officer 4, Volleyball 2, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3,4, Homecoming Queen 4.

## CHRISTINA ODLE

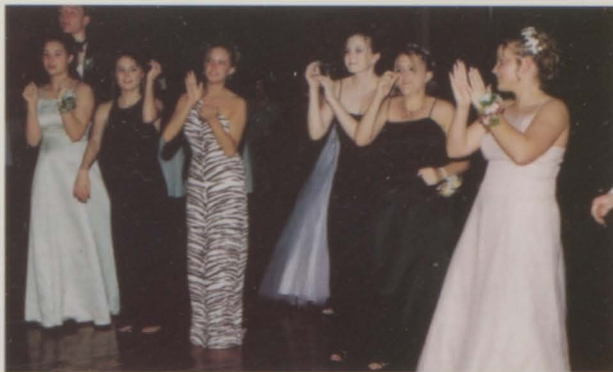
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## EDDIE PENN





MY PLEASURE FFA member Justin Carter initiates Tim Shelhamer with a whip cream pie after Shelhamer kissed the handbook three times and yelled, "I love FFA." According to adviser Stan Coday, initiation has been going on since he was in high school. "We keep it fun and it brings people together," Coday said.



**GIRLS IN GOWNS** On the ballroom floor, a circle of prom goers encourage a dancer in the middle playing the "pass the sunglasses" game. Left, Ashley Baty, Amanda Walker, Sara Edmonds, Tammy Potter, Christina Odle and Amanda Ridenour.

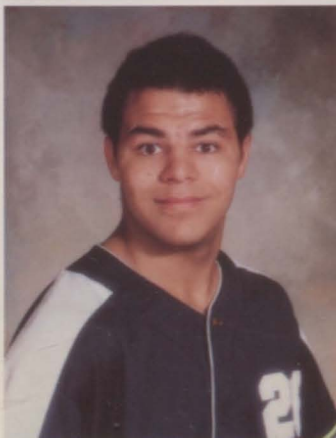


### TAMMY POTTER

Foreign Language Club 2,3, SADD 1,3 and Officer 3, Art Club 1, Math Club 1, Science Club 1, Pep Club 1, FCCLA 1, Speech and Drama 1, Band 3, Choir 3,4, Cheerleader 3, Vocal Music Contest 4, Math Contest 1,3, Girls State 3, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 3.

### MIRANDA RHODES

### RYAN ROBERTS



### SCOTTY ROUSSEAU

Vo-Tech 3,4.

### MICHAEL SCOFIELD

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4 and Officer 3, NHS 3,4, Math Club 3, Science Club 3,4 and Officer 4, Pep Club 1, Student Council 3,4 and Officer 4, Band 1,2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Basketball 1,2, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3,4.

### JAMES SCRIVNER

Vo-Tech 3,4.



### NICK SHELHAMER

Foreign Language Club 3,4, SADD 2,3,4, NHS 3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4 and Officer 4, Science Club 1,2,3,4, Student Council 4, Publications Staff 4, TSA 4, Speech and Drama 1,2,3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Cross Country 4, Track 4, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3,4, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, Boys State 4.

### PHILLIP SHERMAN

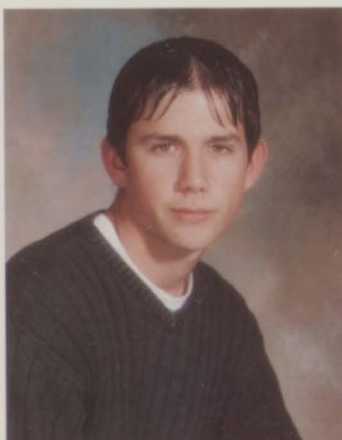
Vo-Tech 3,4.

### DONNIE SLATE

FFA 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1.

## AUSTIN STEFFE

FFA 3, Basketball 1, Track 1.



## JASON STORM

Math Club 2,3, FFA 4, Class Officer 4, Baseball 1,2,3,4.



## LORA THOMPSON

FBLA 3,4 and Officer 4, FOCLA 1,2,3,4, and Officer 3,4, Choir 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 1, Homecoming Queen Candidate 2,4.



**BOVINE BUSINESS** Taking care of livestock remains the business of Randy Kendall, Timmy Bunch and Donnie Slate at FFA's Food for America. Chapter members sponsored the event to educate others about the responsibility of taking care of animals and their contributions to our lives.

## LACIE VAVERKA

NHS 3, FBLA 2,3,4, Art Club 2,3,4, Math Club 3, Science Club 3,4, Pep Club 1,2, FOCLA 1,2,3,4, TSA 4, Choir 4, Softball 1,2,3, All Conference 1,2, Basketball 1, Volleyball 1,2, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3, Vo-Tech 4.



## CHRIS VENABLE

Cross Country 2,3,4, State Qualifier 3,4, All Conference 4, All District 3, Track 1,2,3,4.

## STEVE WARD

NHS 2,3,4, FFA 1,2,3,4 and Officer 2,3,4, TSA 3, Choir 1, Math Contest 1, Barnwarming King 4.



## SHAWNA WILLIAMS

FFA 1,2,3,4.

## CRYSTAL WILSON

SADD 2,3,4, NHS 2,3,4, FBLA 2,3,4 and Officer 3,4, Art Club 1, Math Club 2, Science Club 4, Band 1,2,3,4, Choir 1,2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, Instrumental Music 1,2,3,4, Math Contest, FBLA/Business Contest 2,3,4, Miss Merry Christmas.

## STACEY WRIGHT

FOCLA 1,2, Speech and Drama 3, Band 1,2,3,4, Choir 3,4, Volleyball 1,2, Vocal Music Contest 3, Instrumental Music Contest 1,2,3,4.



## BECKY YOUNG

# When I grow up...

In seventh grade English, seniors wrote letters describing themselves, their world and their hopes for their future. Sealed for six years, these letters were opened in May.

DEAR  
12TH GRADE  
ME

"I can't wait until I drive, be the best cheerleader, go to Notre Dame and have a family."

—Brooke Hurst

"I want to be 6'1" and weigh from 100 to 130 pounds. I want to graduate high school earning A's, go to college and pass with flying colors. I will be the best neonatologist in the world, get married to my true love and have 3 kids."

—Stefanie Blevins

"I want to go to college to be a doctor. I would like to play basketball and break the scoring record. Can't wait to get my license."

—Lora Thompson

"I am now a cheerleader and very weird. These are my hopes and dreams. I would like to be a model in high school and a pom pon girl."

—Sara Edmonds

"I hope to play basketball in the NBA some day. I'm going to have a '65 mustang. When I get out of high school, I plan to go to college. I'd like to get married some day but I'd better not get my hopes up."

—Michael Scofield

"My hair style is a bowl cut with a 'v' in the back. My favorite food is tamales and my favorite place is Canada. The country is getting a new president. I hope to get my license and a job. After high school, I plan to go to college. And when I'm an adult, I plan to have a family."

—Ryan Roberts

"One of best features is racing a gocart well every Friday night...I plan to get my pilot's license while I'm in high school and then go into the Air Force. After that I would like to get a job at an airline."

—Jacob Magnin

"My main goals are to keep good grades, have our basketball team win state, get some kind of scholarship to a college to get some kind of career even though I don't know what I want to do. I also just want to set good examples and have fun."

—Laura Furr

"Right now I have that scar where that snake bit me. I bet you will still have it. I plan to get a job, join the army and go to college."

—Nick Shelhamer

"I have high hopes. I want to be valedictorian, a straight A student, get a scholarship to the best college there is and to get my license. I also want to have a loving husband and lots of little children."

—Tiffany Coonce

"Many things happened this year—the Olympic games, a restaurant opened up called Raintree and they closed the campus [for lunch]. I plan to get my license, finish high school and get a job. Then I might go to college after a few years."

—Crystal Wilson

"At my high school graduation, I'd like to be valedictorian. I plan on going to Michigan State University. After college, I plan to have a family of four (two children, a husband and me)."

—Tammy Potter

"At this time my favorite things are bad cars. Clinton is president. I hope to go to Vo-Tech to fix '54 Chevrolets."

—James Scrivner

"These are my hopes and dreams. I would like to have a job. Get my license. I would like to go to college. After college I would like to have a kid. I plan to have a family."

—Lacie Newby

"I can't wait to get my license. And when I graduate I want to go to a good school and get a good job. I want to travel a lot and have a big family."

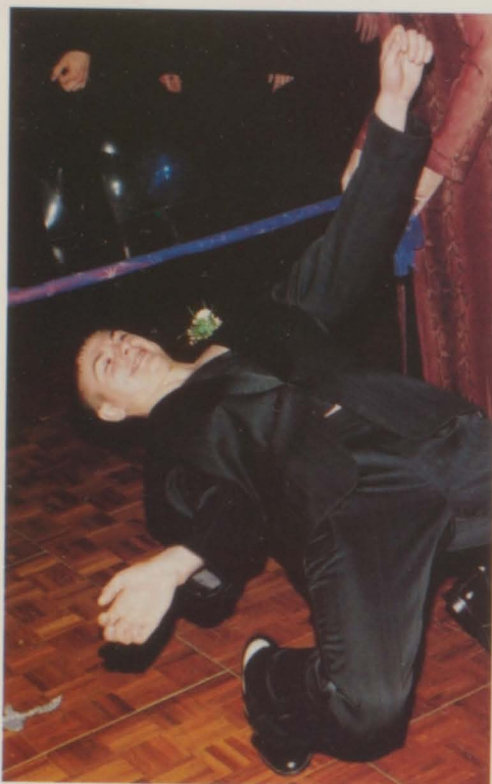
—David Hipkins

"My clothes style is Nike, Bum, Guess and Reebok. I have two holes in each ear. I plan to finish high school, go to college and become a fashion designer."

—Lacie Vaverka



# “WHAT IS THE funniest<sup>most</sup> embarrassing THING THAT HAPPENED this year?”



**HOW LOW CAN YOU GO**  
At prom, Jordan Cantrell leans the top half of his body backward, going under the limbo stick hips first. Limbo is an African game that tests strength and flexibility. Players keep ducking and if any part of their body touches the stick, they're out.

“A most embarrassing moment for me this year is when somebody backed out in front of me and hit me...everybody saw it.” – **Dustin Dixon**

“My first date with this guy named Zac was really awkward...when we shared some ice cream, he went to get a scoop and dropped it on my pants.” – **Kelly Carampatan**

“The funniest thing that happened is when I turned into Batman and saved the school from an invisible plague that threatened the world.” – **Cody McCleary**

“Probably the most embarrassing thing that happened this year is when I gave Lisa Chambers a piggy back ride and fell on my face in front of everyone.” – **Whitney Hannaford**

“The worst day for me this year is when my cat died, my mom totalled her car, my dad wrecked mine and my cousin disappeared.” – **Stephanie Dannen**

“We were eating lunch in Sedona, AZ, and I commented that I wanted to order a buffalo burger but I just had Buffalo [wings] at Hooters. Everyone cracked up laughing when they realized I didn't know Buffalo wings were made out of chicken. They'll never let me forget it.” – **April Pettibone**, about the yearbook staff's trip to Arizona.

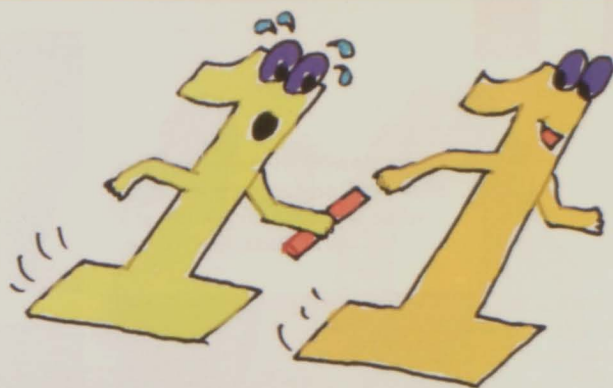
**BRITISH TOURISTS** Ashley Borders, Lisa Chambers and Kelly Carampatan examine the Gothic architecture of Westminster Abbey, the most famous church in London. “I was amazed at the structure—the round arches and massive columns,” said Borders, referring to the 13th–16th century abbey. The trio accompanied a local group of 40 students and adults to London and Paris last summer.



**COLD SHOULDER** Braving the elements, Cory Letsinger scrapes ice and snow from his car windshield as school dismisses early for inclement weather in January. The accumulation cancelled school for one day.



**FIRST TIME DONOR**  
Amber Moore discusses the procedures of pumping blood with an American Red Cross attendant. Moore donated a pint of blood at the Student Council's spring blood drive.



Brett Bailey  
Sarah Bennett  
Brent Bishop  
John Blaine  
Ashley Borders  
Tim Brazeal  
Jesse Bricker

Jennifer Calhoun  
Jordan Cantrell  
Kelly Carampatan  
Lisa Chambers  
Travis Clouse  
Cody Corder  
Tina Crain

Stephanie Dannen  
Amanda Delcours  
Dustin Dixon  
Maranda Garzee  
Whitney Hannaford  
Travis Hilliard  
Brent Jones

Justin Kingery  
Josh Kulp  
Darren Leader  
Cory Letsinger  
Tony Lockmon  
Travis Mason  
Chris Matlock

Cody McCleary  
Melissa Milsap  
Amber Moore  
Keith Newton  
Laurel Oberbeck  
April Pettibone  
Aaron Price

Kasie Rueff  
Josh Slater  
Kendra Smith  
Justin Stafford  
Alisha Stewart  
Summer Taylor  
Amanda Walker

Jason Walker  
Jana Young  
Not pictured:  
Jimmy Rebur  
Andrew Wright

**HANDS UP** Jaron Keeling captures Cody Elliott's attention while visiting with friends at a girls' basketball game.



**ON THE BANDWAGON** Josh Venable and Della Lansdown load the percussion storage cabinet into the new band room while Biology I students Jeremy Storm (far right) and Ashley Eichelberger carry chairs over from the OTC building for the new science lab. Classes moved into the new building from November to March.



**PICTURE THIS** In an oral presentation, Ashley Baty informs her English II class about the book *A Child Called 'It'*. "Even though the story disturbed me, it was still good," said Baty, referring to the true account of a child growing up with an abusive mother.

Josh Archer  
Danielle Banner  
Ashley Baty  
Melissa Beckner  
LaToya Bell  
Adam Bennett  
Chris Best



Ashley Bingham  
Zac Blevins  
April Butcher  
Tiffany Cline  
Brittany Danner  
Casey Delapp  
Jessica Dowler



Brenna Drakeford  
Ashley Eichelberger  
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Jacki Feldhaus  
Zack Flageolle  
Donna France  
Eli Helms



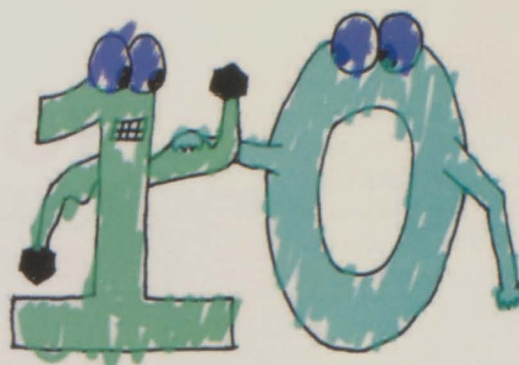
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Brittany Hilton  
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Brian Jones  
Jaron Keeling  
Garret Keith



Matt Krueger  
Amanda Kuhn  
Jeremy Lampley  
Laura Lancaster  
Della Lansdown  
Tanya Loveland  
Joe Lucas



# "WHAT IS THE worst thing you've ever done TO YOUR sibling?"



"The most painful thing I have done to my sister is made her so mad that she karate chopped my head and broke her hand." **-Zac Blevins**

"Well, once I told my brother this lady was our aunt...but she wasn't. Then my brother gave her a hug." **-Eli Helms**

"I hit my brother with a bat and he started crying in front of his girlfriend." **-Brian Jones**

"I put my little sister in a grocery cart and pushed her down a hill...she broke her shoulder." **-Donna France**

"When my brother was born, I told my parents that I didn't want a brother so I threatened to throw him out of the top story window of the hospital." **-Mandy Rokusek**

"While my brother and his friend were frogging in a small boat in our pond, I snuck over the bank and shot him many times with my paintball gun and he couldn't do anything about it." **-Adam Bennett**

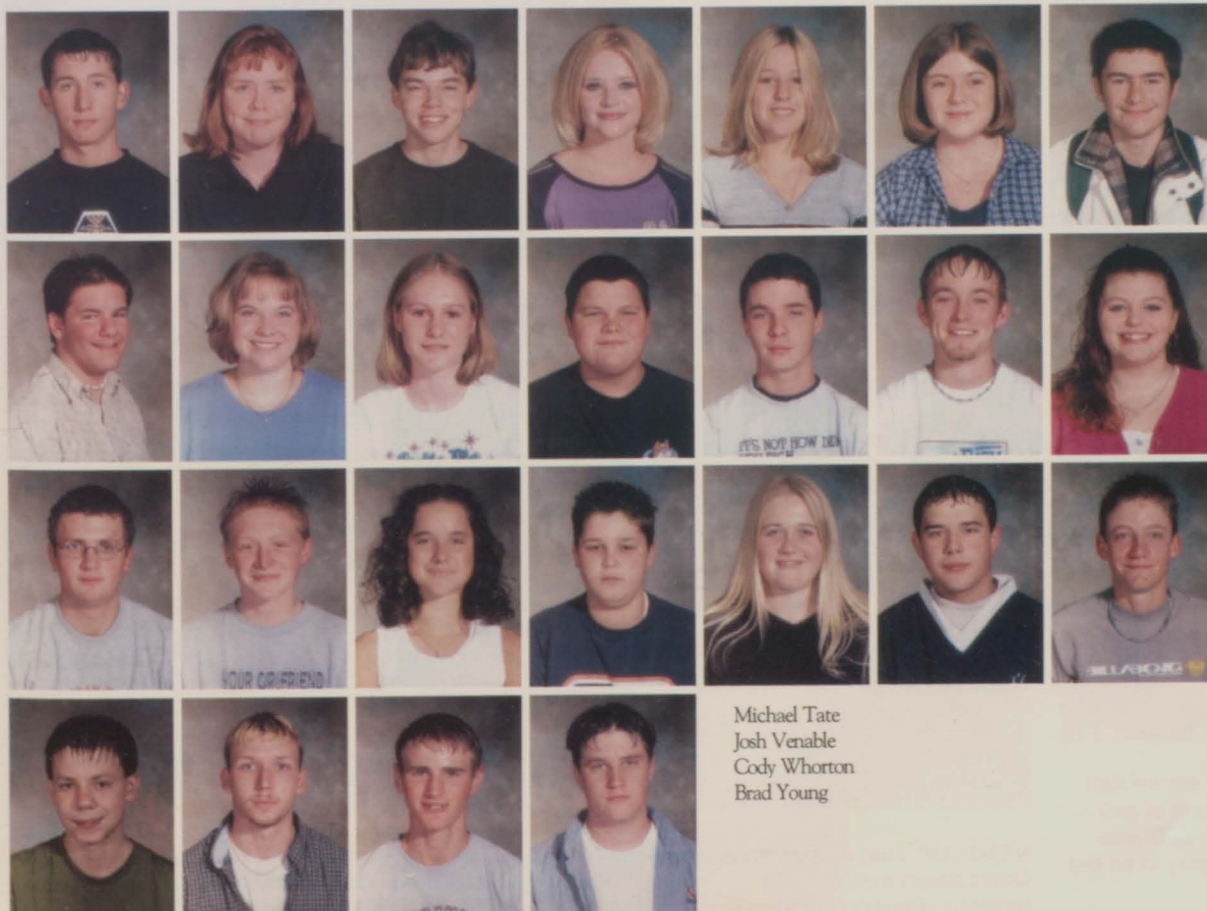
"Last summer I had my brother drink lemonade really fast and he took off running and threw up in front of everyone." **-Garret Keith**

"We were stopped in our car talking to my grandparents. As my little sister stuck her head out to speak, I rolled her head up in the window." **-Hillary Persinger**

"I threw a fun-size Milky Way down the front of my sister's shirt while she was talking on the phone with her boyfriend. Since then, we've called her 'Milky Way.'" **-Amanda Sherman**

"I locked my oldest brother outside in nothing but a towel for 30 minutes." **-Chris Best**

"I used to mix up nasty drinks like soy sauce, lemon juice and pepper and make my little sisters drink it...then they would make me drink it." **-Brenna Drakeford**



Paul Moody  
Nicole Nelson  
Alex Newton  
Jennifer Odle  
Chasity Olive  
Samantha Ousley  
Joe Perkins

Robert Perkins  
Hillary Persinger  
Jessica Pettibone  
Randy Ramsey  
Matt Rhodes  
Derrick Richardson  
Mandy Rokusek

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

Michael Tate  
Josh Venable  
Cody Whorton  
Brad Young

# "YOU KNOW you're a freshman WHEN..."

"You have to pick up all the sports equipment, upperclassmen try to push you around—yet you're twice their size; people call you 'freshmen' because they think it's an insult; and last but not least, the area around your locker is crowded because upperclassmen are trying to get dates to prom."

— **Craig Campbell**

"You don't know where your classes are on the first day of school."

— **Sarah Henley**

"You take care of the basketball and baseball equipment; you're the butt of all jokes; and get told it was a dumb freshman mistake."

— **Tom Brazeal**

"You no longer get called by your real name but you just hear the name 'freshman.'"

— **Melanie Davis**

"You have running tests daily on account of Tim Stuart mouthing the coach."

— **Alex Miller**

"Junior guys take your table at lunch just because they think they can."

— **Hannah Moore**

"You hear the words 'get out of the way freshmen' daily."

— **Michael Fuge**

"You are called 'fresh meat.'"

— **LeAnn Kendall, Steven Jarrett**

"Upperclassmen cut in front of you in the lunch line."

— **Becky Bennett**

"Your planners start disappearing."

— **Greg Short**

"The year seems to get longer and the weekends seem to get shorter."

— **Kerri Young**

"You have to walk the full hallway and dodge the sophomores to get from your locker to your classes."

— **Kate Probert**

"People are constantly threatening to give you a swirly."

— **Cody Calhoun**

"Every time you go to the bathroom, Donnie Slate tries to give you a wet head."

— **Brandon Grass**

"All of your stuff gets stolen for a joke."

— **Crystina France**

"People call you 'stupid freshmen.'"

— **Josh Pyle**



**FAST PITCH** Justin Stafford ducks before Karl Schull throws the ball in a noon game of wall ball. Garret Keith, Craig Campbell and Shane Loper wait to get in on the action, played on the new patio outside the cafeteria.

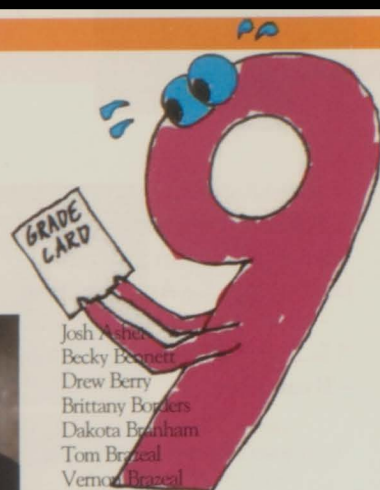
**LAUGH IN** An all-male dance squad performing "I'm Too Sexy" with pommers at the pep rally draws laughs from front - Whitney Miller, Becky Lucas; Row two - April Pettibone, Laurel Oberbeck and Jennifer Calhoun; Row three - Mandy Rokusek, Brittany Dannen and Robert Perkins.



**HEADS UP** Lion mascot Brandon Grass snags a quick drink between quarters of the basketball game.



**LEADER OF THE PACK** Becky Slate, Brittany Hilton, Miranda Rhodes and Kayla Hilton pull for their team in a tug of war game with area schools at a FFA meeting at Willard. Chapter meetings put an emphasis on working together as a team.



Josh Asher  
Becky Bennett  
Drew Berry  
Brittany Borders  
Dakota Brannham  
Tom Brazel  
Vernon Brazel

Jeremiah Butcher  
Cheryl Calhoun  
Cody Calhoun  
Craig Campbell  
Tracey Cline  
Mark Cruse  
Melanie Davis

Tristan Dennis  
Chris Domiano  
Alex Dunbar  
Chrystina France  
Michael Fuge  
Brandon Grass  
Jessica Graves

Sara Henley  
Kayla Hilton  
Lindsay Hopping  
Casey Ivy  
Ashley Jackson  
Steven Jarrett  
Elaine Johns

LeAnn Kendall  
Danny LaFavor  
Shane Loper  
Becky Lucas  
Samantha McCullum  
Alex Miller  
Whitney Miller

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

Melanie Riley  
Karl Schell  
Amber Schofield  
Tim Shelhamer  
Virginia Sherman  
Greg Short  
Shawn Singh

Tim Stuart  
Josh Sullivan  
Taylor Thompson  
James Wheeler  
Jessica Wright

# "WHAT IS YOUR favorite TARDY EXCUSE?"

"The reason I was tardy was because Leanne and Katelyn gave me a jumbo wedgie." – **Amanda Neal**

"Uh...I was talking to Mr. Doherty." – **Ryan Loge**

"I got lost." – **Katelyn Choate**

"There's not enough time between classes!" – **Trampus Hire**

"I was trying to come out of the bathroom when I got locked in a stall and had to climb over." – **Kayla Gallion**

"Someone spiked my chocolate milk with Exlax at lunch and it's starting to take effect." – **Evan Jones**

"I had to get something in my locker." – **Rachel Dollarhide**

"I was having morning sickness." – **Blake Miller**

"Someone stuck me in my locker!" – **Mandy Adamson**

"I fell down the stairs." – **Adam Smith**

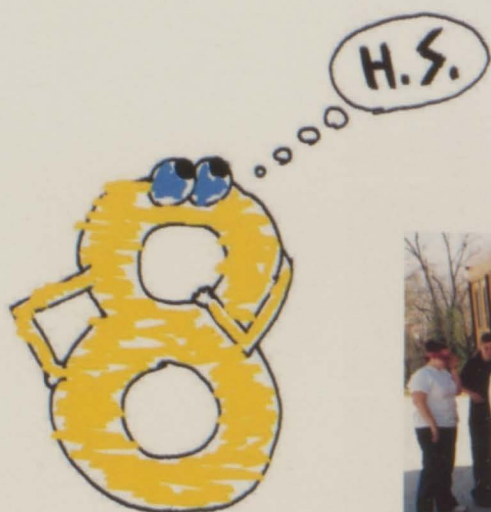
"I couldn't get to my locker because someone was in front of it." – **Jackie Johnsen**

"I was talking to my girlfriend." – **Brett Calhoun**

"My teacher kept me late." – **Nicole Freeman**

"I was in the bathroom or at my locker getting a pencil. It always works because I never get a tardy." – **Kelsey Tomlinson**

"Just be quiet when the bell rings and sneak in the room before any of the teachers get in." – **Jessica Taylor**

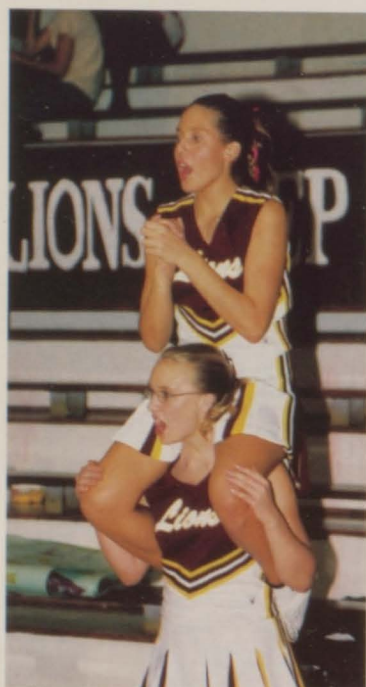


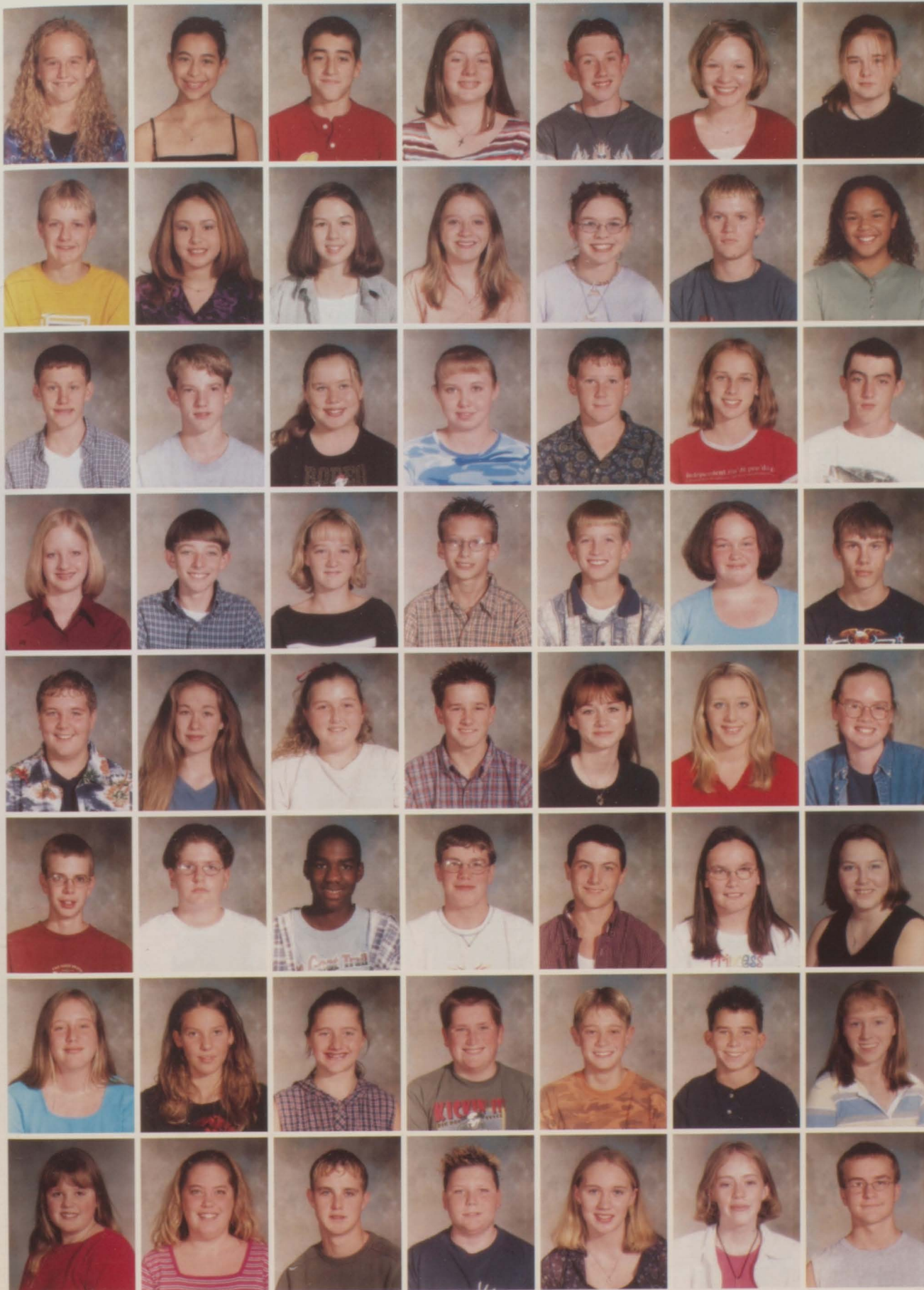
**ARMY OF THREE** Josie Vaverka, Trampus Hire and Adam Smith label specific parts of a cell model in John Hinsley's science class. The boys wore camouflage as part of middle school Spirit Week, which included crazy hair, cowboy, pajama and color days.



**BLIND LEADING THE BLIND** ABOVE: With a partner, English students of Julia Ritter experience an activity designed to heighten the senses for a descriptive writing assignment.

**HIGH SPIRITS** Erin Schell and Jessica Williams pump up the crowd at a home basketball game. Cheerleaders used new formations and dances to entertain fans. FAR RIGHT: Andy Ussery escorts Julie Hutton in the processional at eighth grade graduation. Later Hutton sang a solo, "Wind Beneath My Wing."





Mandie Adamson  
Rebecca Barlett  
Eric Bricker  
Shamala Bunch  
Brett Calhoun  
Katelyn Choate  
Jerica Cody

Josh Cornelius  
Brandi DeGase  
Natasha Dixon  
Rachel Dollarhide  
Tiffany Dollarhide  
Josh Dowler  
Kendra Drakeford

Bryson Essay  
Kendall Findley  
Nicole Freeman  
Kayla Gallion  
Ryan Harris  
Amanda Hilton  
Trampus Hire

Julie Hutton  
Evan Jones  
Hollie Jordan  
Brendan Keeling  
Adam Keith  
Dulci Lancaster  
Zachery Levan

Ryan Loge  
Hannah Maggard  
Tabitha Merideth  
Blake Miller  
Heather Miranda  
Leanne Moody  
Sarah Moody

Amanda Neal  
Billy Newton  
Shane Norell  
Jay Parker  
Les Parsons  
Nick Price  
Kristin Quick  
Ashly Renner

Drake Rigenhagen  
Cassie Sanders  
Erin Schell  
Sarah Sherman  
Scott Short  
Adam Smith  
Chad Smith  
Megan Sowers

Jesse Stuart  
Jessica Taylor  
Kelsey Tomlinson  
Josie Vaverka  
Steven Venable  
Jessica Williams  
Karensa Wilson  
Jacob Wright

"I would save it or spend it on the search a cure for cancer."

– **Chad Newton**

"I would use it to put a down payment on my new gym at my house." – **Kristin Campbell**

"On a paint ball gun." – **Josh Gresham**

"I would go to the mall and buy a lot of clothes." – **Paige Hoover**

"I would buy a homeless guy to come live with me." – **Andy Morris**

"I would give \$25 to the Humane Society and \$75 to St. Jude's Research Hospital." – **Hannah Persinger**

"If I had \$100 I would eat it." – **Andrew Byerlee**

# "IF YOU WERE given \$100 how would YOU SPEND IT?"

"I would spend it on my friends." – **Chelsea House**

"I would buy a PlayStation 2." – **Mark Lampley**

"I would save for a car so I can get out of here." – **Vicki Billings**

"I would probably give part of it to my parents for bills and save the rest of the money for whenever I need it." – **Marcus Sherman**

"I would buy a bunch of Doritos!" – **Tara Drakeford**

"Buy a bunch of good chapter books to read." – **Melissa Johnsen**

"For a plane trip to Florida. When I got there, I wouldn't have enough money to get back, so I'd have to live there!" – **Lauren Rummens**

"I'd spend it on skateboards or on women." – **Brett Essary**

"I'd put it in a savings account." – **Joey Neal**

"Invest it in the next Enron and get a lot of money before a crash." – **Toby Shelhamer**



CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT Kristin Campbell and Chelsea House scan the parking lot for their rides home. Snow fell unexpectedly and students were dismissed at noon, January 20.

Vicki Billings  
Andrew Byerlee  
Kristin Campbell  
Shawn Carson  
Coby Cutbirth  
Nathaniel Dannen  
Ronald DeLapp

Audra Dierksen  
Steven Domiano  
Tara Drakeford  
Brett Essary  
Preston Goss  
Josh Gresham  
Marcus Hill

Paige Hoover  
Tyler Hopping  
Chelsea House  
Justin Ince  
Melissa Johnsen  
Chad Johnson  
Ashley Kirtwright

Mark Lampley  
Joe Lansdown  
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Michelle Lynn  
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Samantha Morris  
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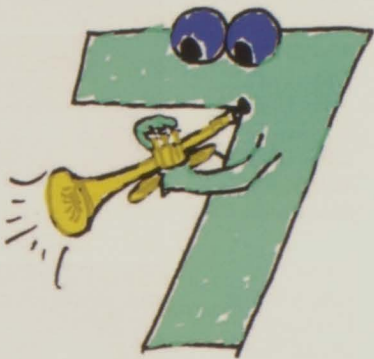
SOCIAL STUDIES students gather in the library to complete an assignment. The new facility offers comfortable chairs in seating areas for group work.



WRITE ON Jean Coday, retired elementary principal, and Lauren Rummens attend the Eighth Annual Writers Hall of Fame dinner at the Tower Club in Springfield. Rummens' story won first in category in 7/8 personal essay. An excerpt of the story, which was read aloud, described a time when Coday spanked her in kindergarten. "I was so embarrassed," said Rummens when she realized Coday was in the audience. "She just shook her finger at me and smiled."



IN THE BLUE Winners on the middle school math team celebrate with trophies and ribbons at the ninth annual Math Relays, sponsored by the Math Club. The eighth graders won the first place trophy as well as two first place ribbons. In seventh grade, Andy Morris and Lauren Rummens won second place in the metric category.



Chad Newton  
Edelyne Parker  
May Parker  
Adam Penn  
Hannah Persinger  
Maranda Pringle  
Debbie Quick

Lauren Rummens  
Ryan Scott  
Toby Shelhamer  
Marcus Sherman  
Jasmine Singh  
Brandon Sinning  
Justin Skaggs

Shona Stewart  
Lacey Tate  
Danny Thompson  
Joe Turley  
Trishta Turley  
Adam Ward  
Zachary Weddle

Aimee Williams  
Craig Williams  
Ryan Wright  
Ashley Young

Kody Adamson  
Kristin Adamson  
Stephanie Baty  
Quentin Berry  
Austin Bogart  
Nicole Bookout  
Will Brazeal



Timothy Carson  
Margaret Davis  
Spencer Deal  
Jordan Dooley  
Justin Elliott  
Pamella Feldhaus  
Rebecca Freeman



Amanda Hallmark  
Amber Heath  
Amber Henry  
Sadi Herrell  
Kellie Hutton  
Rashawnda Jackson  
Elliott Johns



Chelsea Jones  
Brittany Keeling  
Jenni Lemons  
Jonathan Lems  
Matthew Leonard  
Jessica Long  
Dallas Massey



Bryce Matlock  
Tabetha Moore  
Melissa Morris  
Ethen Napier  
Emily Nichols  
Courtney Odle  
Larry Ousley



Michael Pagel  
Cole Riley  
Chris Roy  
Morgan Scott  
Kati Sherman  
Jacob Skaggs  
Jason Skaggs



James Stafford  
Dustin Taylor  
Sidney Tucker  
Jessica Turley  
Travis Turley  
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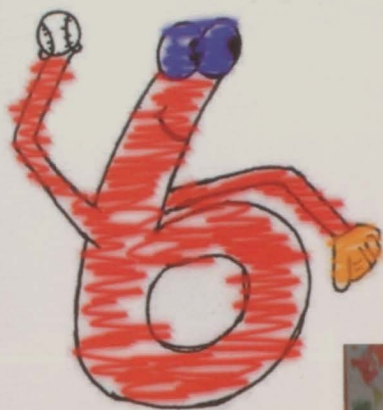


"I would have Jennifer Lopez play me and it would be called *Jessie's Angel*." – **Jessica Turley**

"My movie would be called *Pre-Teen Life*. The actor that would play me would be Andy Lawrence." – **Bryce Matlock**

"My movie would be called *The Story of Stephanie*. The actress would be Jessica Ashley because she is a good actress." – **Stephanie Baty**

"It would be called *Leave it to Jacob* and the actor who would play me would be me." – **Jacob Skaggs**



# "IF THERE WERE A **movie** about you what would it be called? Who would **PLAY** YOU?"

"Christina Aguilera would play me because they can make her look like anyone! I would call it *My Life*." – **Chelsea Jones**

"My movie would be called *Basketball*. Allen Iverson would play my role." – **Chandler Veit**

"I would probably have Jennifer Aniston play me and it would be called *Sixth Grade Memories*." – **Jenni Lemons**

"My movie would be called *Big Trouble*. The actor who plays me would be me." – **Quentin Berry**

"It would be called *Farm Girl* and I would want to play myself." – **Kellie Hutton**

"The movie would be called *Ryan's Life* and the Road Runner would play me." – **Ryan Whorton**

"The title of the movie would be called, *The Life of a Small Town Gal*. Ashley Olsen would play me because she can be prissy but tomboyish also." – **Nicole Bookout**

"I would want Arnold Schwarzenegger to play me and I would call it *Sidney, A Biography*." – **Sidney Tucker**



**ONE ON ONE** Kati Sherman and Sadie Vaverka wrestle for control of the basketball during a Pee Wee game. High school basketball players coached fourth, fifth and sixth graders in a six-week league play.



**BRAIN WAVES** Kellie Hutton and Brittany Keeling team up in open category at the ninth annual Middle School Math Relays. Twelve area middle schools competed in the contest, sponsored by the Math Club.  
**LEFT:** Quentin Berry and James Stafford share a secret at lunch.



**PAY IT FORWARD** Freshman Chrystina France gets even with Michael Hawley as Jacob Skaggs, Larry Ousley and Justin Elliott witness a struggle for possession of a can of silly string. Earlier, Mark Lampley, far left, sprays France on the square at Wilder Days as Justin Skaggs and Cole Riley observe.



**BROWSING A BOOK** Helen Farmer and her son John Farmer spend time in the elementary library at open house. Projects throughout the year targeted raising students' reading scores and helping them become lifetime readers.



**WACKY OLYMPICS** Students who complete their Accelerated Reading goal for the year are rewarded with a special afternoon of wet and wild activities. Librarian Beth Ann Strain sponsors the event as an end-of-the-year celebration. Austin Wight (far right) anticipates a toss from his teammate in the water balloon relay. **RIGHT:** Sister act. Bailey Acree and Kelsey Acree perform a clog dance in the talent show in March. The constant shuffling of the "floor" foot is one of the distinguishing characteristics of clogging from tap dancing.



Kelsey Acree  
Chelese Adams  
Paige Adamson  
Julia Allen  
Brody Banner  
Randee Jo Barlett  
Shannon Barnett



Sarah Billings  
Travis Bishop  
Deanna Bookout  
Josh Box  
Megan Brooke  
Miranda Brooke  
Nathan Brumley



Dustin Cody  
Amy Collins  
Blake Conaway  
Tamara Delcour  
Jacqueline Emerick  
John Farmer  
Miranda Farris



Courtney Geeser  
Jake Gunter  
Ryan Hilliard  
Michelle Hopping  
Shawn Hume  
Landon Jarrett  
Windy Johnsen



"I would make a house for the homeless people and get a job for them." – **Brody Banner**

"I would rule the world!"  
– **Blake Conaway**

"Play Quidditch of course!"  
– **Shawn Hume**

"I wouldn't do anything because I don't like Harry Potter."  
– **Jacqueline Emerick, Rachel Sowers, Miranda Brooke**

"I would make myself the best baseball player in the world."  
– **Landon Jarrett**

"I would cast a spell and make myself as good as Jackie Stiles."  
– **Tara Robinson**

# "IF YOU HAD Harry Potter's magic WHAT WOULD you do?"

"I would fly around school on my broomstick." – **Deanna Bookout**

"I would help the police catch criminals." – **John Farmer**

"There would not be anymore terrorist attacks." – **Megan Brooke**

"Fly in the air and turn Colton into a frog." – **Windy Johnsen**

"Help people with cancer like my grandma." – **Chad Kabage**

"I would get myself 100 million dollars in cash." – **Ryan Hilliard**

"I would make all bad people into toads." – **Kristine Whorton**

"Help people who break down on the road." – **Miranda Farris**

"I would heal my dog's leg, my sister's arm and my cousin's arm."  
– **Tron Sherman**

"I would make four books too."  
– **Chelese Adams**

"Fly to heaven." – **Whitney Jordan**

"Join a basketball team and we would be undefeated." – **Dee Singh**

"I'd go to all Tim McGraw concerts and visit Garth Brooks all the time."  
– **Sarah Billings**

"Ride the Hogwarts Express and explore, be in Gryffindor, drink butter beer and eat chocolate frogs."  
– **Josh Box**

"Fly around." – **Christina Collins**



Colton Jones  
Whitney Jordan  
Chad Kabage  
Justin Keith  
Randy Lofland  
Joanne McCullum  
Dalena Mitchell

Steven Myers  
Tyler Page  
Timmy Pearson  
Jessica Phippen  
Chelsea Pringle  
Tyler Riley  
Tara Robinson

Clay Schell  
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Rachel Sowers  
Aaron Stewart  
Meranda Stewart

Shane Stewart  
Amanda Tucker  
Laura Wagner  
Evan Whorton  
Kelly Whorton  
Kristine Whorton  
Austin Wight

James Wright  
Carol Anderson  
Jaci Engel  
Jodie Sell



**EYES ON THE ROAD** Haden Adamson steers with his grandfather Bill Brazeal on an antique tractor in the Butter Day parade in May. **BELOW:** It's a sticky situation for Stefanie Belvins and Chelsi Keith as they construct an ornament at Christmas "Wonderland." The event was sponsored by Practical Parenting Partnership and Parents as Teachers in December.



Bailey Acree  
Haden Adamson  
Lindsay Allen  
John Barnett  
Kayla Baty  
Casey Box  
Brian Bunch



Jonah Bustamante  
Echo Cantrell  
Cody Clayton  
Dillon Coffelt  
Daniel Colston  
Laken Conaway  
Devin Davis



Rachel Deatherage  
Erin Dierksen  
Robert Dodds  
Montana Dollarhide  
Kelsay Dugger  
Alisha Gray  
Jamie Gunkel



Brittany Halverson  
Victoria Hardison  
Adam Heater  
Joshua Heater  
Stephanie Henry  
Rochelle Johns  
William Johnsen



Austin Johnson  
Nathan Jones  
Chelsi Keith  
Joanne Keith  
Shantell Kelsay  
Krista Lampley  
Brittany Landrum





**BALL POINT** Teacher Kim Jones demonstrates a finger spin at a Red Ribbon Week assembly. Featured guest speaker Valentino Willis, a former Harlem Globetrotter, amused the group with jokes and presented an upbeat program about staying in school.

# "ONE THING I am PROUD of..."

"I'm proud of all my teachers." – **Chelsi Keith**

"I'm proud that I'm good at bike stunts and can do a bar spin." – **Joshua Heater**

"I'm proud of my big sister because I look up to her." – **Erin Dierksen**

"I'm proud of my family." – **Casey Box**

"Being good at sports." – **Cody Clayton**

"My family and friends because I could never live without them." – **Vince Miller**

"I'm proud that I'm an American." – **Justin Sanders**

"I am proud of myself for being strong, working hard and making good grades." – **Bailey Acree**

"My brain because if I didn't have one I couldn't think of anything." – **Morgan Williams**

"One thing I'm proud of is that I have a loving family." – **Rochelle Johns**

"Jesus. I picked him because he died on the cross for our sins." – **Kaysa Ousley**

"My mom, dad and dog." – **Cory Moore**

"My personality because I like it a lot and it means a lot to me." – **Krista Lampley**

"I'm proud of my family taking care of me and being in a fun family." – **Adam Heater**



Jake Lofland  
Joe Long  
Patrick Marvin  
Vince Miller  
Chauncie Mitchell  
Cory Moore  
Rex Moore



Kaleb Nolen  
Katelyn Nolen  
Kaysha Ousley  
Doug Pyle  
Cody Riley  
Kelsey Rogers  
Allyson Rokusek



Austin Rokusek  
Nathan Rummens  
Justin Sanders  
Alex Sears  
Cody Sigman  
Jaimie Smith  
Johnathon Stout



Eric Tompkins  
Jasmine Turney  
Whitney Whorton  
Morgan Williams  
Sherif Williams  
Jake Yost  
Danyale Young



Jared Young  
Vicky Denney  
Christie Grubbs  
Kim Jones

# "WHAT clothes do your PARENTS MAKE YOU WEAR THAT YOU dislike?"

"I hate to wear my turtleneck shirt, it's tight around my neck." – **Justin Hinsley**

"These black pants because they're so baggy but my mom thinks they're cute!" – **Laine Kelley**

"I don't like to wear sweat pants."  
– **Cody Young**

"I don't like my one-piece pajama outfit."  
– **Haley Hill**

"I like all my clothes." – **Sarah Hooker**

"My mom makes me wear a sweat shirt that my grandma got me for Christmas."  
– **Kaylyn McNeil**

"I just hate wearing shorts; I really don't know why." – **Devin Robbins**

"My mom makes me wear a white shirt with a neck tie." – **Zachary Elliott**

"My parents make me wear a dress with panty hose." – **Olivia Whorton**

"My parents make me wear tight pants and I hate it." – **Jordon Gunter**

"My purple skirt that I got for Christmas. It gives me a rash." – **Stephanie Farmer**

"I dislike wearing dresses." – **Rachael Essary**

"I don't like the capris that my mom makes me wear." – **Sharice Dennis**

"My parents make me wear church clothes."  
– **Heath Dugger**



**GETTING CONNECTED** Dillon Massey checks out the on-line resources at the new Jean C. Coday Elementary Library at a special reading night featuring Clifford The Big Red Dog. The library sponsored a book fair with special emphasis on Clifford books, games and toys.

"My parents make me wear my sister's clothes and I don't like it at all." – **Jakob Adamson**

"I don't like my red t-shirt because it's ugly."  
– **Gabriele Henry**

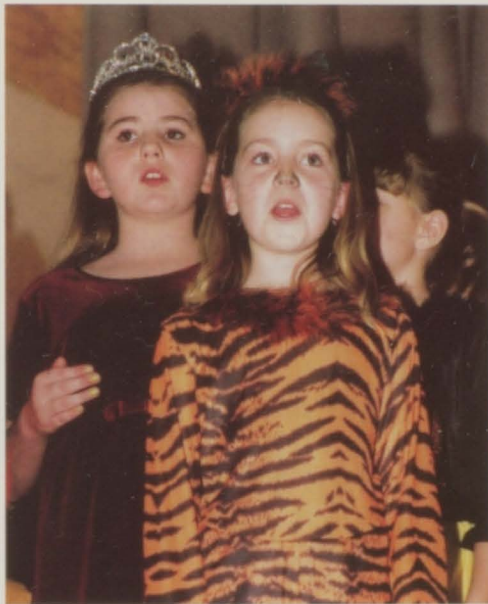
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Nathan Henry  
Haley Hill  
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Sarah Hooker  
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Wendy Ince  
Brittany Lakey





#### FAR LEFT: OPEN HOUSE VISITORS

Haley Hill points out her painting posted in the elementary hall to parents Tim and Anita Hill. Held in March, the event showcased the school's new construction projects and gave parents an opportunity to visit with teachers.

#### DOLLED UP toy tiger Stephanie

Farmer and Windy Ince, a princess, sing parts in "A Gingerbread Christmas," directed by Terry Spyres. First, second and third graders presented the program to the community on December 17. In the program, the smell of gingerbread baking brings back sweet holiday memories except for the Gingerbread Boy who is about to be eaten by Santa.



AN OUTRAGEOUSLY funny drug-free assembly arouses a reaction from Jessica Berry and classmates. The program which featured former Harlem Globetrotter Valentino Willis was interactive and both students and faculty members laughed at themselves and the ball tricks Willis had them demonstrate.



Hannah Levan  
Dillon Massey  
Jodi McDowell  
Morgan McGee  
Austin McNeil  
Kaylyn McNeil  
Eryka Meyers

Darron Nichols  
Erin Nichols  
Devin Robbins  
Anthony Sabado  
Kyle Sigman  
David Turley  
Olivia Whorton

Spencer Vogt  
Cody Young  
Nikki Zorsch  
Gina Adams  
Elaine Crump  
Linda Graham

# "IF YOU COULD choose <sup>YOU</sup> vacation WHERE WOULD YOU GO?"

"Salt Lake City because I want to skate and play hockey there."

– **Christian Gray**

"To the 'bush' (forest) out in Australia because I would like to see the pythons and spiders and all kinds of stuff like that."

– **Silas Strain**

"I would go to Wichita because I was born there."

– **Emily Neal**

"I'd go to New York for the 'Yaknke' ball park and to see the Nets basketball game. I am a big sports fan."

– **Daniel Moody**

"I would go to the ocean on a ferry."

– **Johnnie Dunham**

"I would go to the jungle because I want to see India's tigers."

– **Steven Walker**

"If I could choose my vacation, I would go to the Mississippi River. I could go on a boat ride and go to the top of the Arch."

– **Macy Allison**

"White Water" – **Sierra Strunk**

"I would go to the Bahamas for a vacation because there is a hotel there called Atlantis."

– **Jordyn Loge**

"I would go to a demolition derby because they bump each other."

– **Devon Sabado**



"I want to go to Disney World and see Mickey and his pals and ride the rides and go through the jungle with Simba and Tarzan and see the Mermaids."

– **Alex Reed**

"I would go to White Water because it seems like fun."

– **Shayna Matney**

Chance Allen  
Chase Allen  
Macy Allison  
Ashley Allmon  
David Barlett  
Shawn Barrett  
Taylore Baty



Quinton Bell  
Sarah Bishop  
Billy Buford  
Amber Calhoun  
Jenna Campie  
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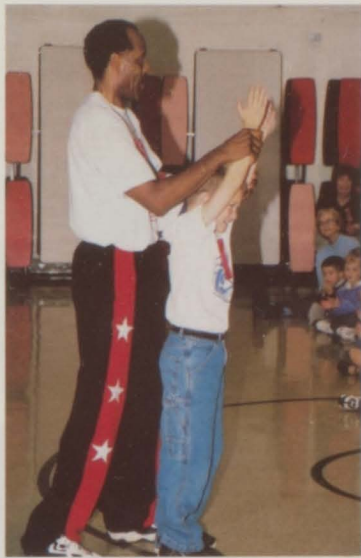
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Kaitlyn Hooker  
James Jackson  
Samuel Johnson  
Blake Johnson  
Trey Jones



Tucker Kirkland  
Jordyn Loge  
Jonathan Lynn  
Shayna Matney  
Dillon McCoy  
Dakota Melton  
Nicole Mitchell



**FINISHING TOUCH** With her dad John Gresham, Julia Gresham applies ribbon and bows to her Valentine box. Grandparents and parents participated in special activities, Feb. 14.

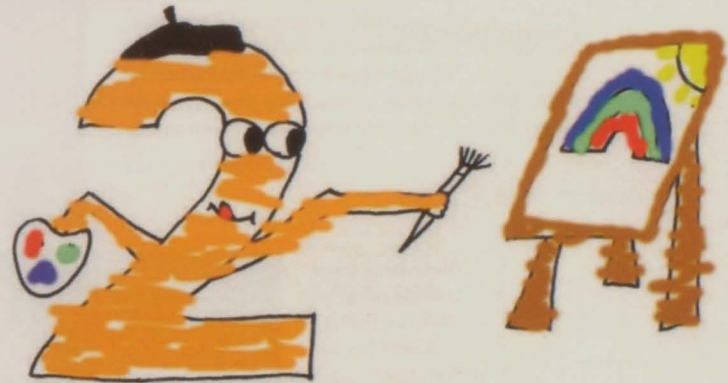


**FAR LEFT: EAGER READERS** Kyle Rummens, Nathan Rummens, Emily Neal, Macy Gray, Allison Adams, Mikeal Pippin, parent April Gray and Bailey Adams share a story with friends at "Bring a Book to Life," a special family reading event for children and their parents. Students were invited to come dressed as their favorite book character.

**STRETCH AND CLAP** Valentino Willis, "The Clown Prince of Basketball" jokes around with Christian Gray at an assembly in which he emphasizes the importance of staying in school, staying away from drugs and respecting others.



**ON MY HONOR** Cub Scouts Darren Hume, Silas Strain and Shawn Barrett salute the crowd attending the Wilder Day parade. Troop members sponsored a float themed, "Camping Out at Wilder Days."



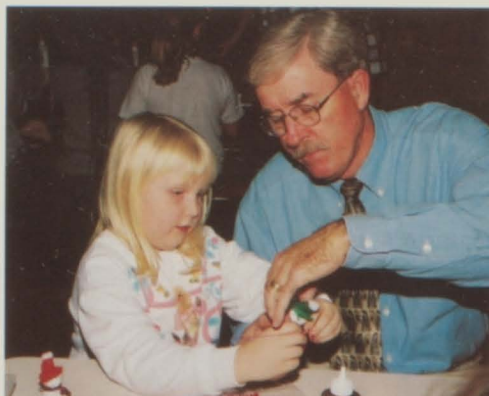
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Megan Schofield  
Lexis Sherman  
Loren Smith  
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Silas Strain  
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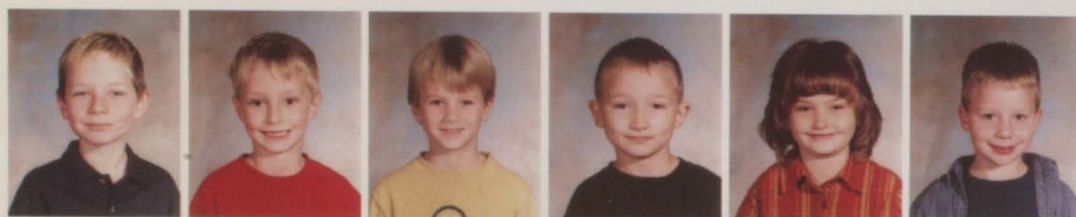
IT TAKES TWO Principal Don Sanders assists Melissa Edwards in making a snowman ornament at a Christmas "Wonderland." Practical Parenting Organization and Parents as Teachers sponsored the event where students visited a variety of holiday craft stations. FAR RIGHT: Safety first. A Wright County Health Department representative fits first grader Sam Appleby with a free bicycle helmet at the elementary's safety fair.



NAUGHTY OR NICE? Moments before singing the line, "Oh you better watch out," Cody Henry, Jason Cornelius and Taylor Wehmeyer wait for the director's signal. Elementary students presented the program "Gingerbread Christmas" in December. FAR RIGHT: Budding pianist Torey Pingel concentrates on "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" at the all-school talent show in the spring.



Cory Allen  
Sam Appleby  
Chace Bell  
Brittian Borders  
Chantelle Borders  
Corey Cantrell



Curtis Camal  
Bobby Clanton  
River Cochran  
Brooke Coffman  
Austin Cook  
Jason Cornelius



Zachary Croslow  
Amanda Davis  
Scott Davis  
Cole Doherty  
Candace Dunbar  
Melissa Edwards



Nathan Eli  
Brandon Elliott  
Ryan Elliott  
Chance Emerick  
Richard Garson  
Mandy Hanson



Dakota Harris  
Russell Harrison  
William Hash  
Maranda Heath  
Cody Henry  
T.J. Hilton





# "WHAT do YOU DO WITH MONEY from the tooth fairy?"

"Buy Pokemon cards." – **River Cochran**

"Buy real animals and a goldfish." – **Russell Harrison**

"I'm saving it for a Gameboy and toys." – **Michael Hutson**

"I'm saving my money to buy new clothes." – **Candace Dunbar**

"Save it." – **Shay Jackson**

"I'm going to buy gum with it." – **T.J. Hilton**

"Put it back under my pillow." – **Becky Short**

"Buy a dog to keep." – **Matthew Walker**

"Buy food with it." – **Taylor Wehmeyer**

"Give it to my mom." – **Brandon Elliott**

"Buy a whistle with it." – **Christain Parsons**

"Put my money in the bank." – **Jason Cornelius**

"Put mine in a piggy bank and spend it later." – **Elaine Rawlings**

"Saving to get my video game fixed." – **Zachary Croslow**

"Saving to buy new teddy bears." – **Torey Pingel**

"I'm going to buy a motorcycle." – **Darren Hume**

"Saving it for the next tooth I lose." – **Nathan Eli**

Jessica Houke  
Samantha Howard  
Darren Hume  
Michael Hutson  
Katelyn Irwin  
Shay Jackson

Caleb Jones  
Canaan Kindle  
Brandy Koke  
Kolby Miller  
Christain Parsons  
Ashley Pearson

Kaylee Pierson  
Torey Pingel  
Cody Pratt  
Nathan Quick  
Elaine Rawlings  
Becky Short

Bryon Stout  
Jade Turney  
Taylor Wehmeyer  
Shafi Williams  
Melissa Yates  
Ashtin Young

Clayton Young  
Tyler Young  
Patty Hanger  
Jana McConnell  
Brenda Quick

# "IF YOU could be any animal what would YOU BE?"

"I would be a dinosaur because I just would." – **Rylan Schuster**

"A dragon because they can blow fire out." – **Kourtney Brumley**

"I would be a lizard because they eat insects." – **Derek Campie**

"A rhinoceros because they buck really hard." – **Clayton Allison**

"I would be an elephant because they are big." – **Amanda Cook**

"A unicorn because they are pretty." – **Sherry McDowell**

"A kangaroo because it would be fun to hop." – **Kelsey Adamson**

"Dogs are cute." – **Spencer Vogt**

"A frog because frogs hop." – **Cierra Dollarhide**



By Derrick Hunsucker

"A monkey because they play in trees." – **Cory Girtler**

"I would be a coyote because they howl real loud." – **Cody Nash**

"A gorilla because I have that movie about a gorilla." – **Mariah Harris**

"I would be a bear so I could eat some honey from a tree." – **Clay Smith**

"I want to be a giraffe because they have big feet and long necks." – **Ethan Wallace**

"I would be a monkey so I could eat bananas." – **Patrick Jackson**

"I would be a zebra because I want to catch things." – **Calli Titsworth**

"A bear cub because they climb good and protect themselves." – **Zachary Robbins**

"A cat because they sleep a lot." – **Gabby Levan**

Kelsey Adamson  
Clayton Allison  
Aiden Bailey  
Jordan Baty  
Kourtney Brumley  
Aaron Buford  
Matthew Buford



Derek Campie  
Cody Coffman  
Amanda Cook  
Aleah Cunningham  
Cierra Dollarhide  
Kristen Duhaylungsod  
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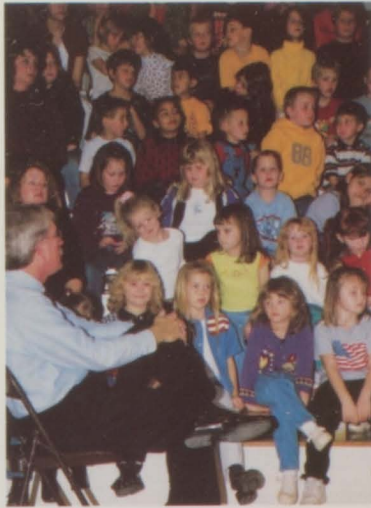


Brandon Henry  
Cory Henry  
Andy Hill  
Heather Hughes  
Derrick Hunsucker  
Steven Irwin  
Patrick Jackson





**HARE TODAY** Gabby Levan, Devin Garson and Spencer Vogt learn hands-on about rabbits from an exhibit during Food for America. Elementary students toured stations manned by FFA members who brought their own animals from home including goats, horses, cows and chickens.



**HOW MUCH LONGER?** Students attending the Veteran's Day program are encouraged to sit still under the watchful eye of Don Sanders, elementary principal. The annual event which is open to the community includes music and a special speaker.



**WELCOME GRANDPARENTS** Kindergartners perform for grandparents in the gymnasium before participating in special activities. Alex Moore's grandfather (right) is his guest of honor. Approximately 300 grandparents shared Valentine's Day with their grandchildren.



Melanie Jaques  
Tiffany Jones  
Shelby Lansdown  
Leanna Leckenby  
Gabby Levan  
Dalton McNeil  
Alex Moore

Cody Nash  
Katie Peak  
Meileeta Rawlings  
Zachary Robbins  
Rylan Schuster  
Cameron Shores  
Jenny Sigman

Clay Smith  
Calli Titsworth  
Spencer Vogt  
Ethan Wallace  
Nur Williams  
Henley Wright  
Dalton Young

Jarrod Young  
Patti Gleason  
Kelley Jones  
Kay Scrivner

"He helps people." – Courtney Kirkland

"He works at school." – Kristen Wallace

"He works outside." – Madison Box

"The president is Christmas. He gives us presents." – Jon Clanton

"The president is the principal. He works at my school." – Justin Moss

"He waves the flag." – Cory Parsons

"He preaches." – Kaylor Walker

"He plays with toys." – Ryan Coffman

"The president tells stories." – McKenzie Tripp

"He sits by a fire on the couch and then lays down and goes to sleep. And he fixes flags and he eats apples." – Justin Campbell

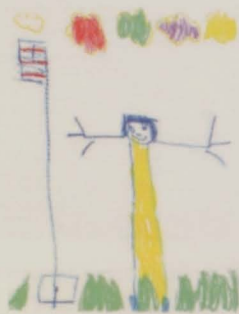
"President. He talks to people." – Madison Richardson

George Washington is the president. He treats everybody good." – Beau Massey

# "WHO IS President OF THE UNITED STATES & what does he do?"

"George W. Bush. I don't know what presidents do, but I think they judge people and stuff."

– Megan Kingery



By Cassidy Hickie

"I don't know who he is but he brings us books."

– Morgan Price

"A guy. He does work and builds a tower."

– Preston Bailey

"Is it Arik? He gives us books." – Dennis Ahuna-McDowell

"Abraham Lincoln. He does 'American of the Flag' and respects it."

– Brianna Carter

"Daddy is the president. He works at the Conservation Department." – Abby Roy

"He is a judge. He teaches parents." – Bailey Adams

"He says the Pledge of Allegiance." – Arik Dennis

"He makes people work." – Kyle Elliott

"He decorates the country." – Breanna Thompson

"George Washington. He is like one of the bosses." – Jonah Gray

"He is a worker. He works at his work." – Chandler Blaine

"The president cooks his own dinner." – Sissy Roy

"He teaches kids." – Nathan Schmied

"The president sits in a chair." – David Ingerson

"He does the Pledge Allegiance." – Samantha Jones

"Me. I read books." – Drew Dunbar

"His name is Jesus. He makes sure we're good." – Jordan Lebahn

Bailey Adams  
McKenzie Adamson  
Robert Backus  
Preston Bailey  
Chandler Blaine  
Madison Box  
Ashley Brazeal



Braden Bruce  
Justin Campbell  
Tyler Camal  
Brianna Carter  
Jon Clanton  
Ryan Coffman  
Arik Dennis



Drew Dunbar  
Kyle Elliott  
Cassidy Gardner  
Jonah Gray  
Cassidy Hickie  
David Ingerson  
Samantha Jones





JUST HAVING FUN Preston Bailey, Samantha Jones, Ryan Coffman and McKenzie Tripp act out the skit "Going on a Bear Hunt" at the pre-school's annual Thanksgiving feast at the First Baptist Church Family Center. BELOW: Braden Bruce and Courtney Kirkland recite the Pledge of Allegiance along with 200 other people attending the banquet.



"The president says the Pledge of Allegiance."  
– Cassidy Hickle

"George Washington. He makes sure the flag doesn't touch the ground." – Kimber Stout

"He works on things." – Michael McDowell

"He's where you live. He does something really nice to people and makes people happier."

– Braden Bruce

"My mom didn't tell me about the president."  
– Cassidy Gardner

"He jumps up and down." – Dylan Berry



Megan Kingery  
Courtney Kirkland  
Jordan Lebahn  
Anthony Lubbock  
Beau Massey  
Michael McDowell  
Dennis McDowell



Jake McNeil  
Kailey Morris  
Justin Moss  
Alyssa Nelson  
Cory Parsons  
Morgan Price  
Madison Richardson



Robbie Rickert  
Radonna Roy  
Nathan Schmied  
Kimber Stout  
Breanna Thompson  
Alexis Titsworth  
McKenzie Tripp



Grace Walker  
Kaylor Walker  
Kristen Wallace  
Shyan Webster  
Lori Hoover  
Not pictured:  
Cheri Rummens  
Jane Shirley

# Lora Thompson O2

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Mom, Dad and Melvin



# BRIAN CARAMPITAN

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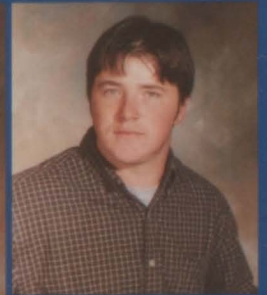
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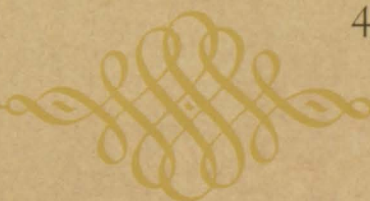
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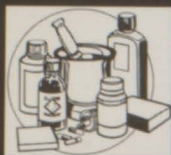
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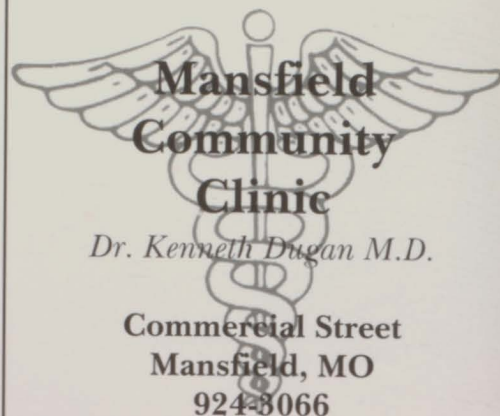


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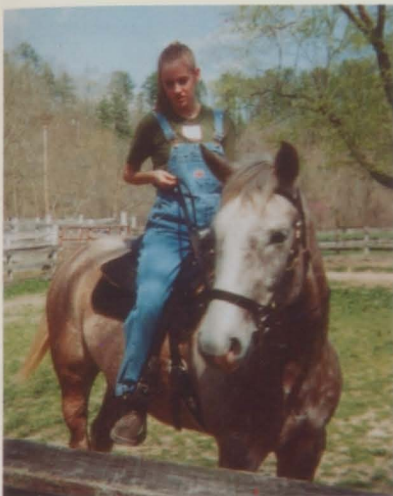
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very proud of you. Always believe  
in yourself and make it happen.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brent and Bryan





## Stefanie Blevins

*Behind every success  
is ambition...*

*Behind every ambition  
is effort...*

*Behind every effort  
is someone willing to try.*

*With love,  
Zac, Mom & Dad*

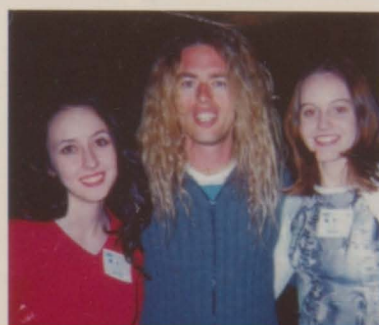




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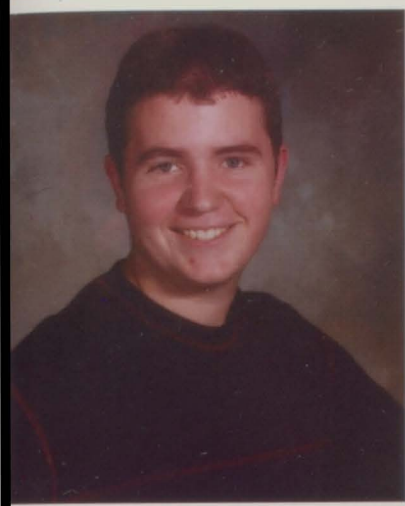
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and be your best.

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We are proud of you.

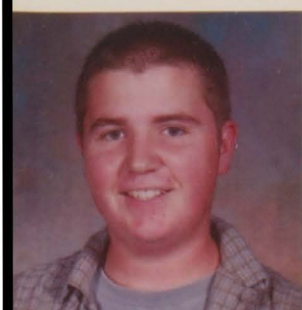
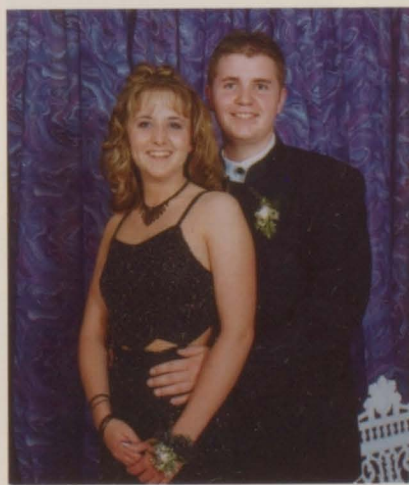
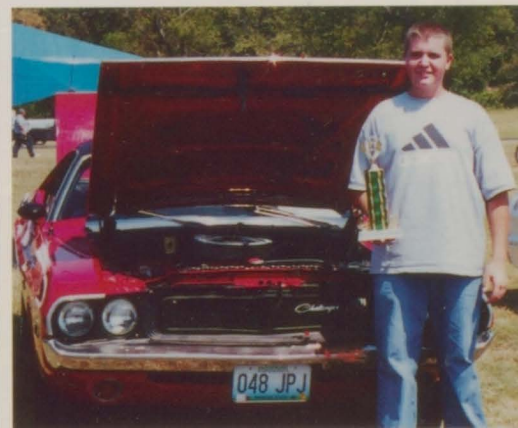
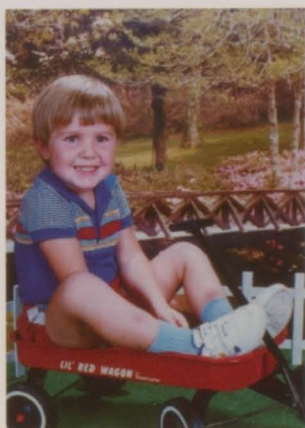
Love you,  
Dad, Mom, & Aimee





# **RYAN ROBERTS**

You've been a blessing from the day  
you were born on that old December  
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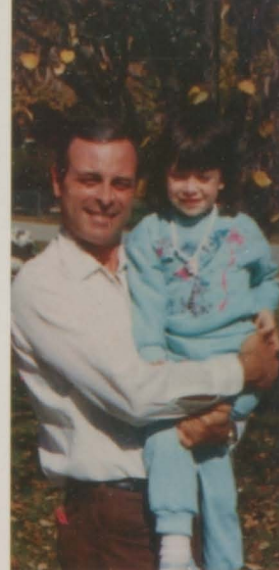
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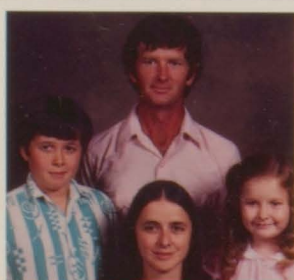
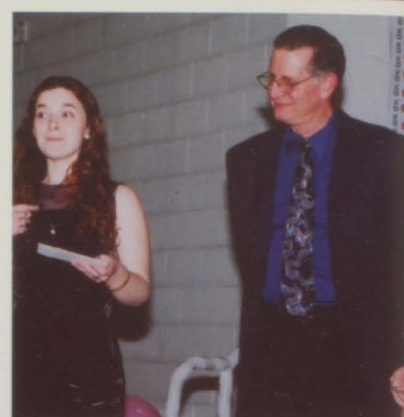
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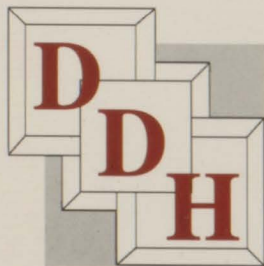
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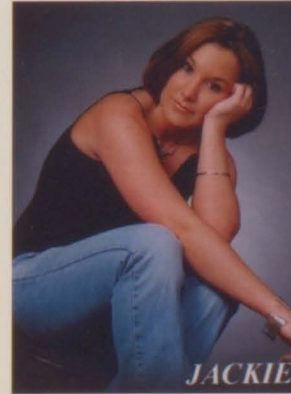
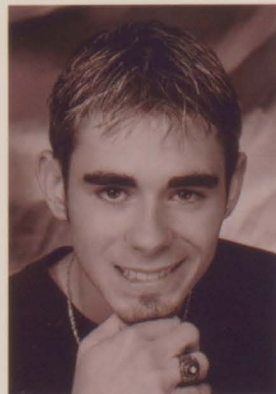
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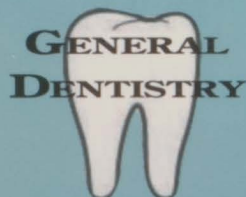
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**MAKING A MEMORY** Santa poses with pre-schooler Kristen Wallace at a holiday family event hosted by Practical Parenting Partnership. The multipurpose room was filled with holiday stations where parents and children constructed ornaments, decorated Christmas cookies and had their picture taken with Santa.



Seniors gather at the city park's bridge for their annual class group picture. The Class of 2002 with 45 graduates was slightly larger than the Class of 2001, which graduated 41.



**WITH THE CLOCK TICKING**, Taylor Thompson, Coach Keat Kistler and Tim Harness compete in a pep rally game to see which team can make baskets from specific locations. The crowd became amused after everyone, (even Coach) missed a series of shots.



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**SCREAM SCENE** Elementary students belt out positive slogans at an assembly featuring motivational speaker Valentino Willis, "The Clown Prince of Basketball." Willis emphasized respect and the importance of education. He said, I love to work with kids. I tell them never to give up and to always give it their best, no matter how difficult it may seem sometimes."



A group of students in a gymnasium holding various state flags, including Michigan, Texas, Colorado, and others.



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**GONE COUNTRY** Cheerleader Samantha Morris (right) performs a western dance routine during halftime of a middle school basketball game. Besides cheering, the group stayed active fundraising to attend summer camp and to purchase uniforms. Susie Graham, middle school computer teacher, sponsors the squad.



**THIS MIGHT WORK**  
A makeshift computer station pushes Brandon Sinning's patience as Librarian Kay Goss sets up a program for his use. After the new library opened in October, it took several months to install and network a new computer lab and a checkout station.



**TIME OUT** Lions' second baseman Brian Jones nabs a Rogersville runner trying to steal second base in a home game. The Tigers claimed a 7-5 victory. The Lions posted a 7-15 spring record. *Photo by Eli Helms*



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**POWER OUTAGE** Freezing rain accumulates on a city utility pole behind the school until it snaps and knocks out power to the school and several houses in town. As a result, classes were cancelled on a Friday in December. **LEFT: SPICY AROMAS** tempt Vicki Blankenship, English teacher, to peek at Cajun and Creole dishes simmering at the middle school and high school team's Mardi Gras-themed campsite at Relay for Life. Blankenship, a cancer survivor herself, said participating in the American Cancer Society's annual event is touching. "When you go through something like cancer, it becomes very meaningful to you—very personal," she said.





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SOLEMNLY, STUDENTS GATHER to pray and remember terrorist victims and their families at See You At The Pole in September. The event, a constitutionally protected right to "freely exercise" religious faith, is held annually across the country. **RIGHT**, Volunteer workers Stefanie Blevins and Amanda Baty shed their jackets while bagging leaves in Joyce Vinson's yard in October. Vinson, who was not at home at the time, became a recipient of Student Council's "Drive-by Raking," a community service project held on Saturday in the fall.



Just as the action yielded a response, the response yielded **an action**. Completed construction and a post-September 11 world collectively brought about **opportunities to share**.

Despite a more subdued and somber than usual mood, people made contributions of their time and resources to others in need. From honoring local heroes to "Pennies to New York" projects, students and faculty were actively

involved in **making a difference** in other's lives. Clubs and organizations formed partnerships to **realize common goals** such as restoring household items to a family whose home burned down. A terrific spirit remains at MHS and people have been great to **rally around worthy causes**. Being together both physically and mentally offered a reprieve,

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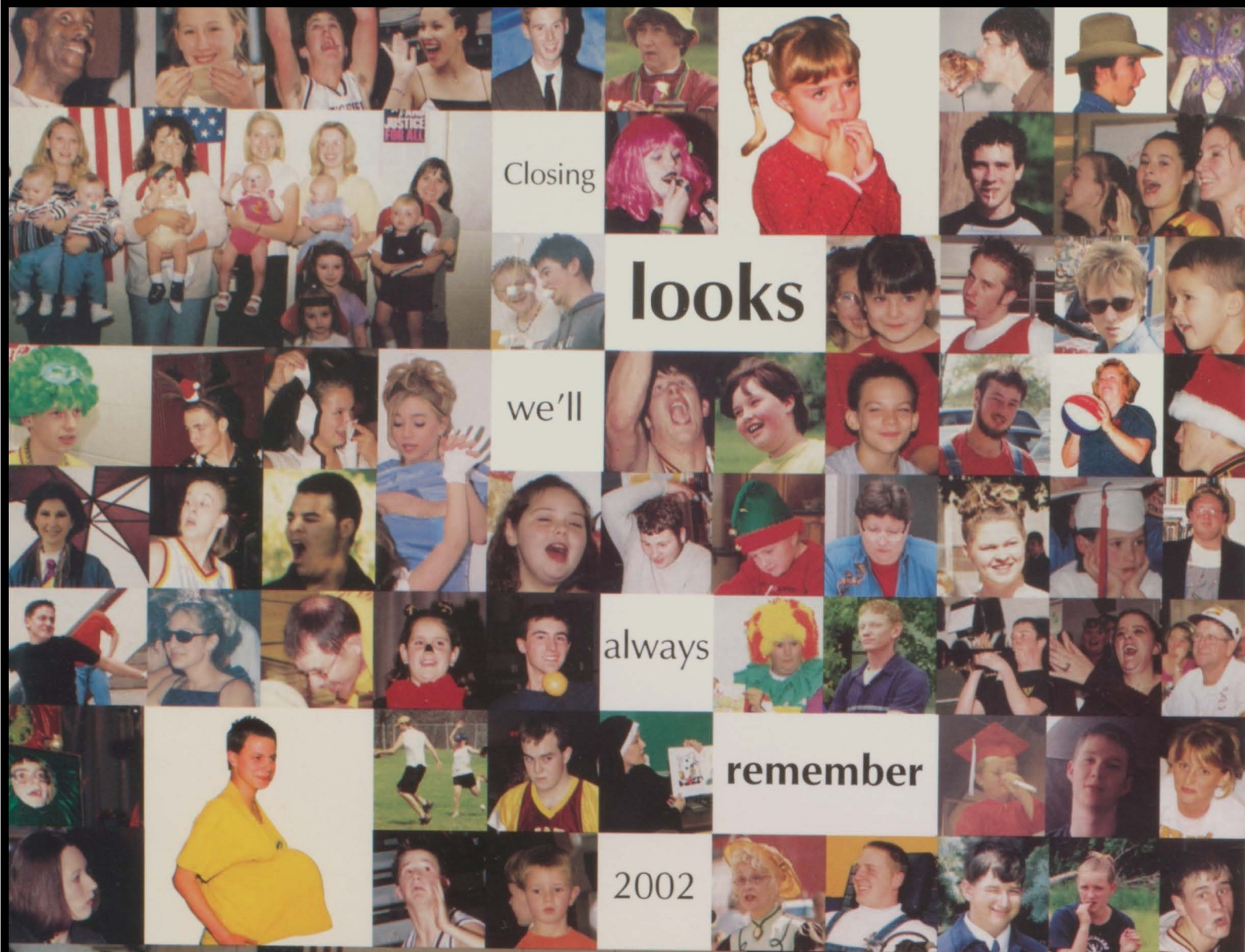
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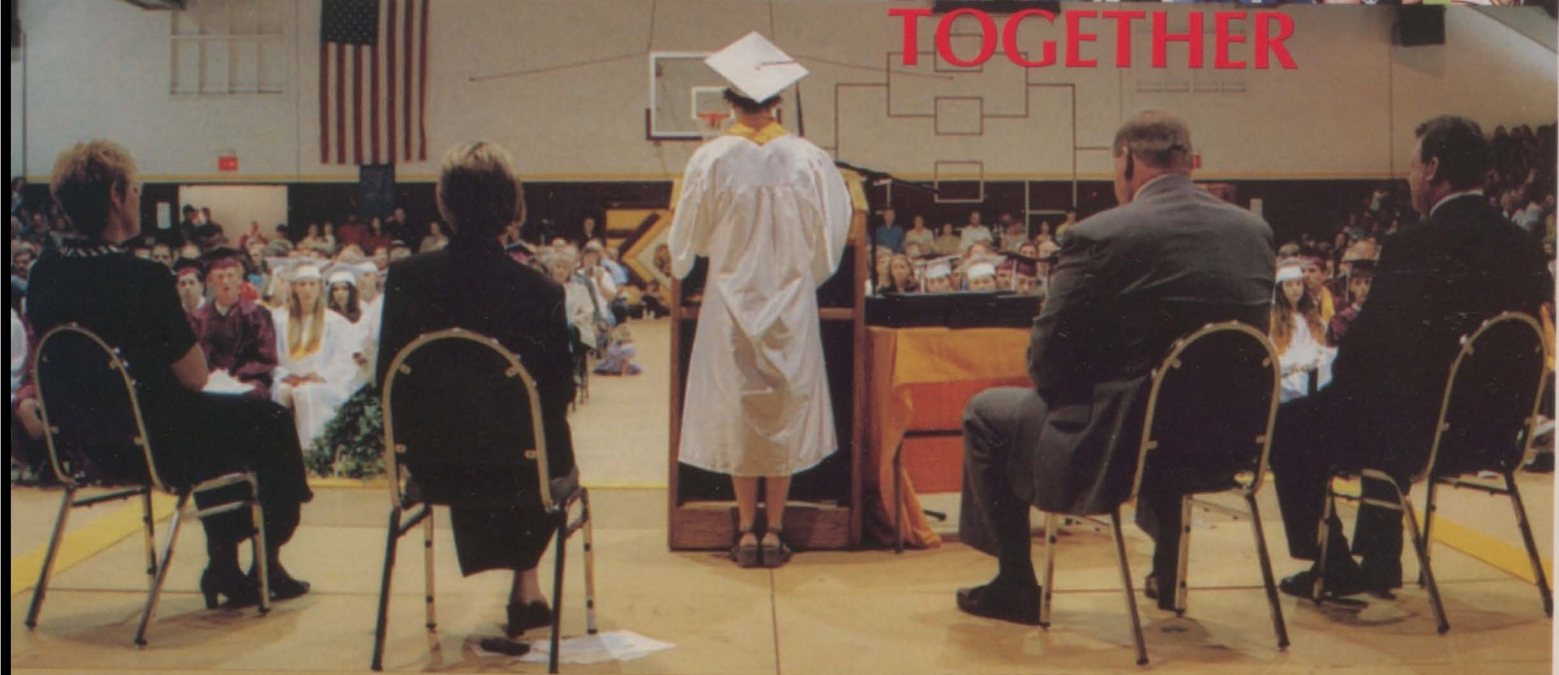
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REINDEER GAMES Merriment resumes as second graders Savanna Cornelius and Anthony Sabado entertain family and friends attending the elementary Christmas program, "A Gingerbread Christmas." Students hosted a variety of programs from patriotic candlelit services to nonsensical fairy tales.



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