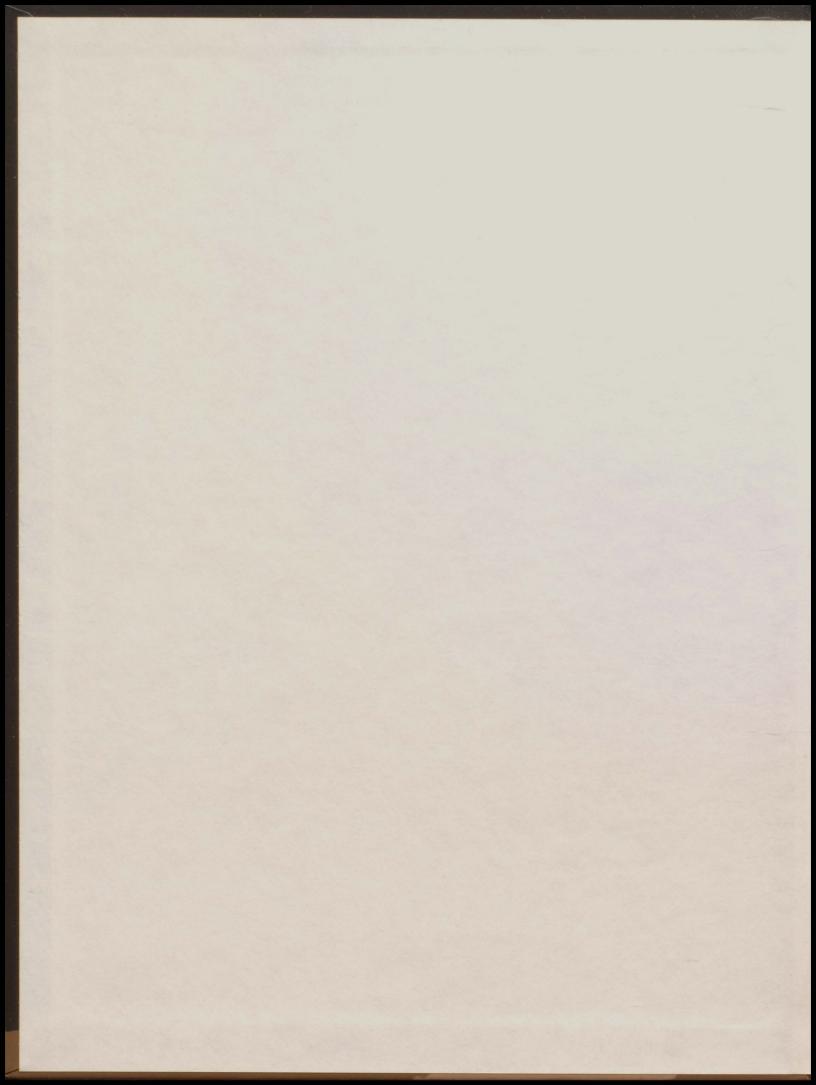
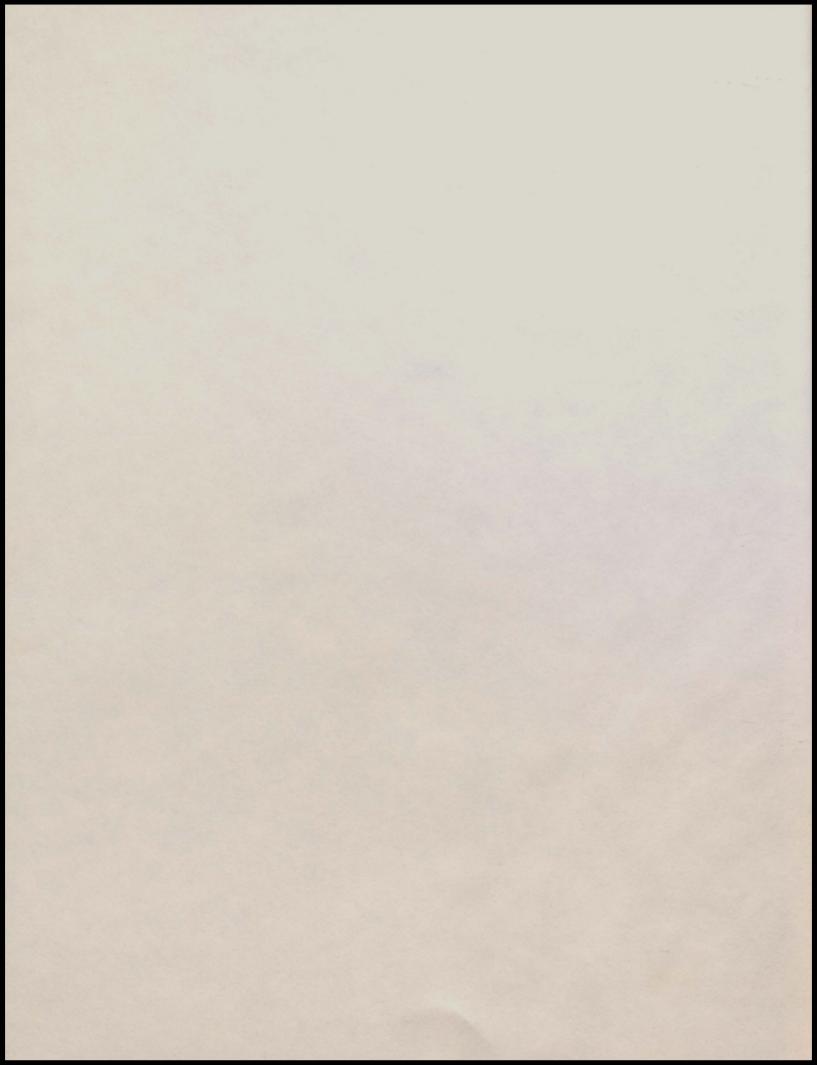
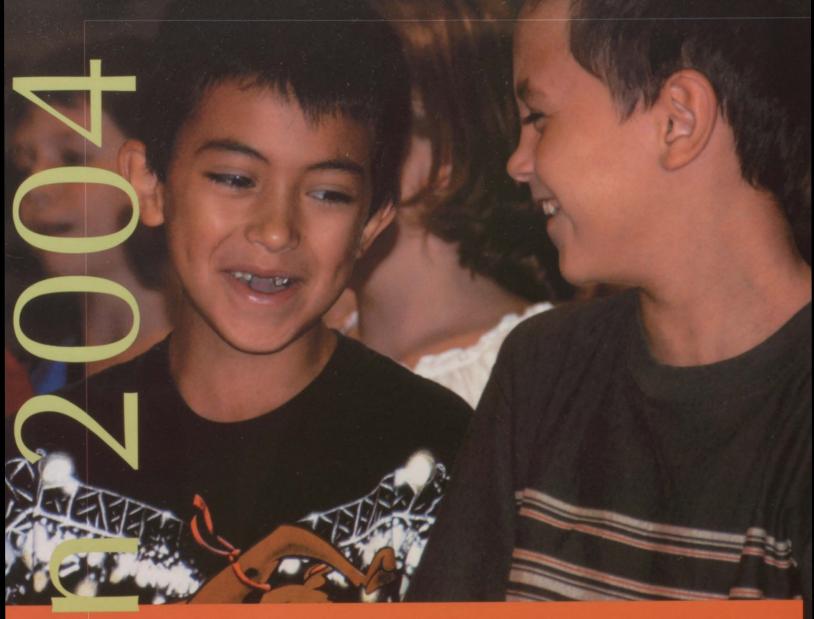
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"T" IS FOR TOOTHLESS Fourth graders David Barlett and Quinton Bell share an inside joke while waiting to perform at a Grandparents Day assembly. More than 250 grandparents and "adopted" grandparents joined students for a special day of classroom activities, music and dancing, lunch and recess. *Photo by Eli Helms* 

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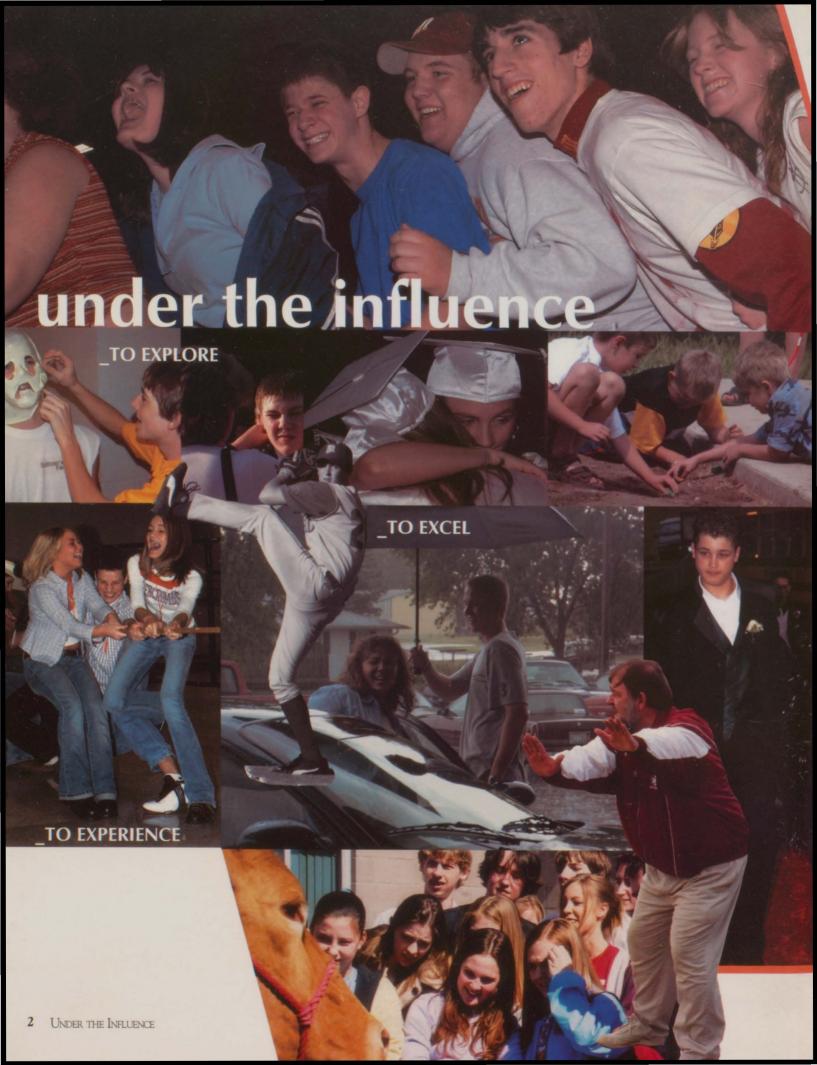
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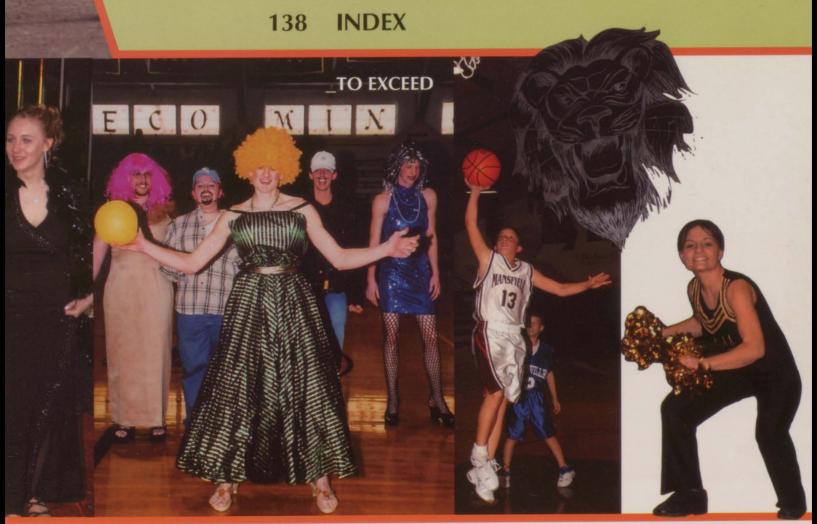
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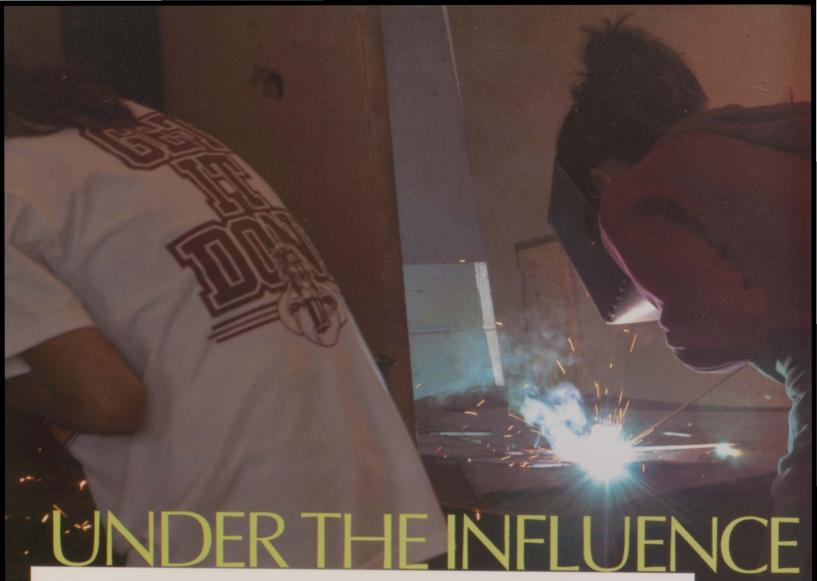
ON THE COVER: A chess game in the library serves as a germ of an idea for editor Eli Helms who used Photoshop 6.0 special effects to transform the photograph and then to embed the lion into the player's hand.



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re you thinking what we're thinking? At first glance, the theme for this yearbook "Under the Influence" may conjure up images of bad behavior.

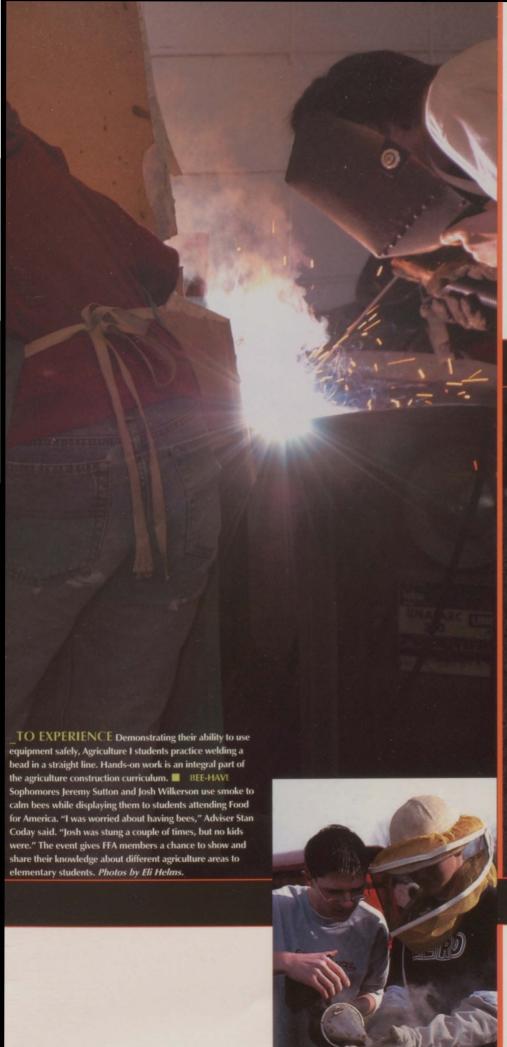
However, we think different and the slogan illustrates not only the positive influential aspects of 2003-04 but also the drive to keep moving forward.

The year taught us lessons; the most important involved how we performed amid political, social and economic uncertainty,

fears of wars and terrorism and corporate scandals. It can be hard to tell who first cast a particular stone of consequence into the muddy puddle of our education. So when the question arises, "Who

influenced whom?" the

answer can be difficult to pinpoint as an original thought. Instead we gathered the year's photographs, witnesses and testimonies and mashed them all together. Our take:
Under the Influence—to experience, to exceed, to excel and to explore. You be the judge.



\_TO EXCEL At graduation, Counselor Kelly Brazeal, below, recognizes Ashley Eichelberger with honor cords for her scholastic achievements. She also completed A+ School requirements which qualified her for tuition funds through the state. In the fall, Eichelberger said she plans to attend Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar.



By Tim Shelhamer

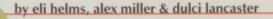
## STUDENT LIFE





UNDER THE INFLUENCE\_TO EXPERIENCE







ake a big deal out of life. Students embraced this notion whether playing high-energy guitar in a local band, parading the halls as punk rockers or undertaking ambitious community clean-up projects. Outside of school, they logged in some **Serious fun** while devouring West coast culture and cuisine, dancing under the stars at prom and role-playing glitter and grim from the roaring twenties in the musical *Chicago*.

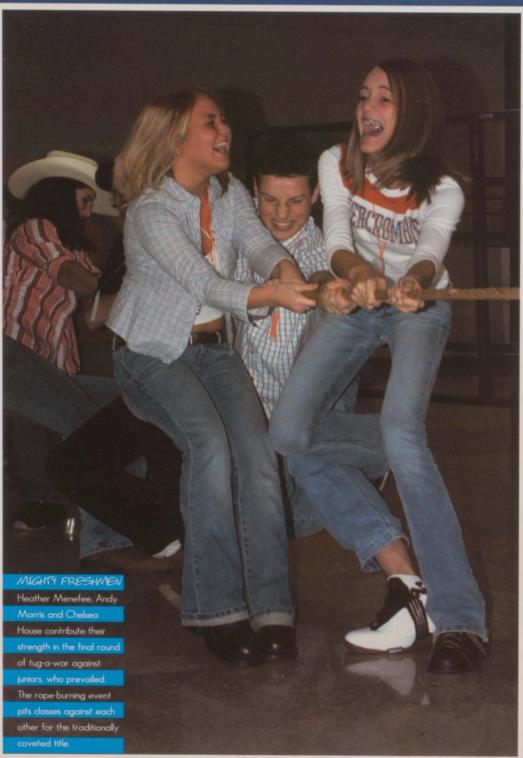
Driven largely by **excitement**, doers and dreamers and traditionalists and trendsetters found their way to **experience creativity** in a world that squawks production, accomplishment and goals. To quote actor John Cleese, "If you want creative workers, give them enough time to play." See how some amazingly innovative kids spent the past year.

LIKE WE DID LAST SUMMER Guitarist Mike Moody, far left, performs with Local Hero at Billiards dance club in downtown Springfield. The band, composed of Moody, Cody Corder and Justin Kingery, recorded its first CD in June. LABOR DAYS Drew Berry, Becky Bennett and Brandon Grass dump black walnuts in the bed of a truck at Student Council's annual fall fundraiser. The group picked after school and on Saturday for a total of 2,867 pounds.



# Courtry TIME

When the sun goes dawn, muscles and music headline FFA's western dance



WHEN IT COMES to Barnwarming, the spirit of the West springs up to transform the commons area into a wild west show of dancing and entertainment.

Cattle panels and hay bales corral the dance floor. Blue and yellow streamers and balloons create a festive occasion as FFA members and their guests hit the dance floor for the perennial fall round-up.

"Barnwarming was a great first dance because it had a big theme, a lot of people danced and the games were a blast," freshman Chelsea House said.

Dressed in denim, boots, belts and hats, students competed in traditional team games. Seniors reigned in most of the titles during the evening after winning Cheeto toss, tug-a-war and king and queen competitions.

A crowning ceremony spotlighted seniors Jaron Keeling and Brittany Hilton, who won king and queen with a penny-avote method, raising about \$100 for National Convention expenses.



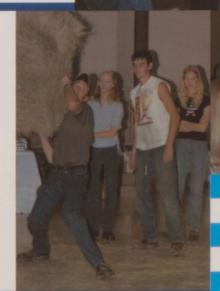
Brittany Hilton, Barnwarming king and queen with junior candidates Dakota Branham and Heather Mitchell; sophomore candidates Jesse Stuart and Amanda Hilton; and freshman candidates Andrew Byerlee and Heather Menefee.

BY ELI HELMS

## I've never seen Joron.

LOOK SO GOOD AS HE DID WITH THAT WHIP-CREAM AND CHEETOS ON HIS FAC STAN CODAY, FFA ADVISER

> AU GRATIN Senior Jaron Keeling, above right, tries to snag as many Cheetos as possible with partner Brittany Hilton aiming at his whipcream covered face during a Barnwarming king and queen competition. "It felt weird! I just tried to hold my head back and catch as many Cheetos as I could," Keeling said, HAY DAY Hurling a bale, Josh Pyle, right, competes in the annual hay bale toss contest at Barnwarming. \*Josh was in the lead when I threw the bale and it broke, then we had to guit, so he is the disputed champ," said junior Dakota Branham, in the background between freshman Heather Mitchell and senior Kathy Williams.



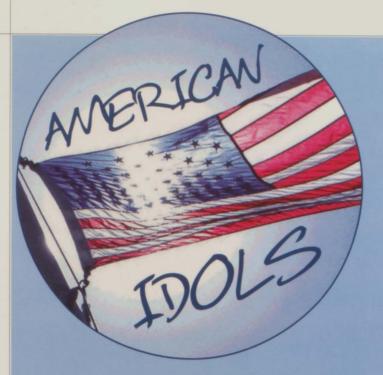
"I storted gag ging. It's hard not to chake when you have 12 jumbo morshmallows in your mouth!" freshman Heather Menefee above, with sophomore Amanda Hilton and junior Heather Metchell in a game for green condidates.





LIP SERVICE Juniors Dakota Branham and Taylor Thompson transfer Lifesavers from one toothpick to the other in a relay game. "I felt like I was kissing Dakota, I was so close," Thompson said.

THE WESTERN CONNECTION On the dance floor, FFA members twist, glide and kick the electric slide at Barnwarming. Besides country chart-toppers, students play a mixture of high energy rock and hiphop to entertain all audiences.



Joining together to reenact the past, helps students

commemorate and honor yesterday's military heroes and today's patriots as genuine role models.









RV ELL HELM

Veteran's Medallion to Charles Rush. His widow Mary Lou Rush and brother Bob Rush accepted the award at the Veteran's Day community program. NO SCRUBS Playing part of an orphan crew, above, Brenna Drakeford and Sara Henley scour the floor while performing "It's a Hard Knock Life," from the Broadway hit, "Annie." Directors Sean Spyres and Eric Spyres instructed choir members to "sing wrong" in order to get the role correct. PATRIOT ACT Community and choir members unfurl a 35' x 20' American flag while singing "God Bless America" at the finale of the USO-style program. SOCCH BOTTOM BOTS Beard brothers Sean and Michael Spyres (on guitar) entertain the audience with "Man of Constant Sorrow" from the film, "O Brother Where Art Thou?". Sean filled in as substitute teacher/director for the program while father Eric was on sick leave.

Great expectations were in short supply in the minds of some choir members before "Back to Broadway," a USO-style program honoring local veterans. However, what one student presumed would be a nightmare, ended as a total success.

Days prior to the event, junior Whitney Miller's grandmother asked if she should plan to attend. Miller responded that "it would most likely be a disaster" because rehearsals appeared unorganized. After the big night and her grandmother stayed home, Miller wished she had bitten her tongue.

66 Overall, the evening went over really well. It was so much better than I ever expected.

-WHITNEY MILLER, JUNIOR

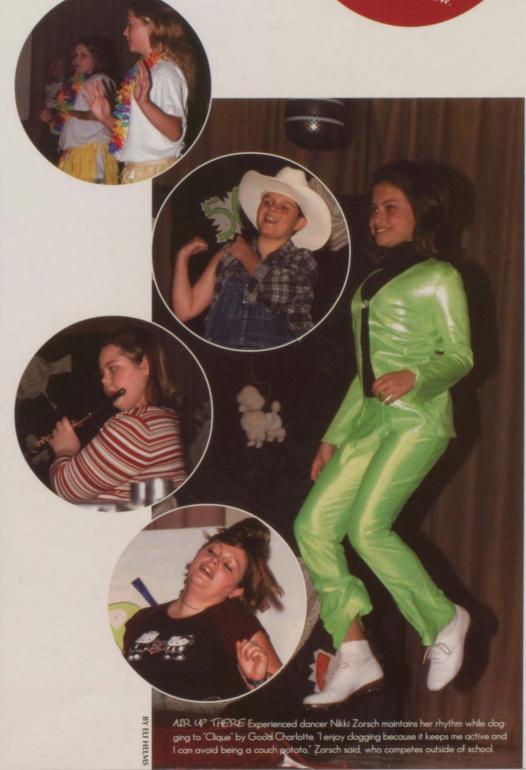
The evening event consisted of musical performances from Broadway shows, including "South Pacific," "Chicago" and "Annie." A patently patriotic finale involved attendees unfurling a giant American flag while singing in unison.

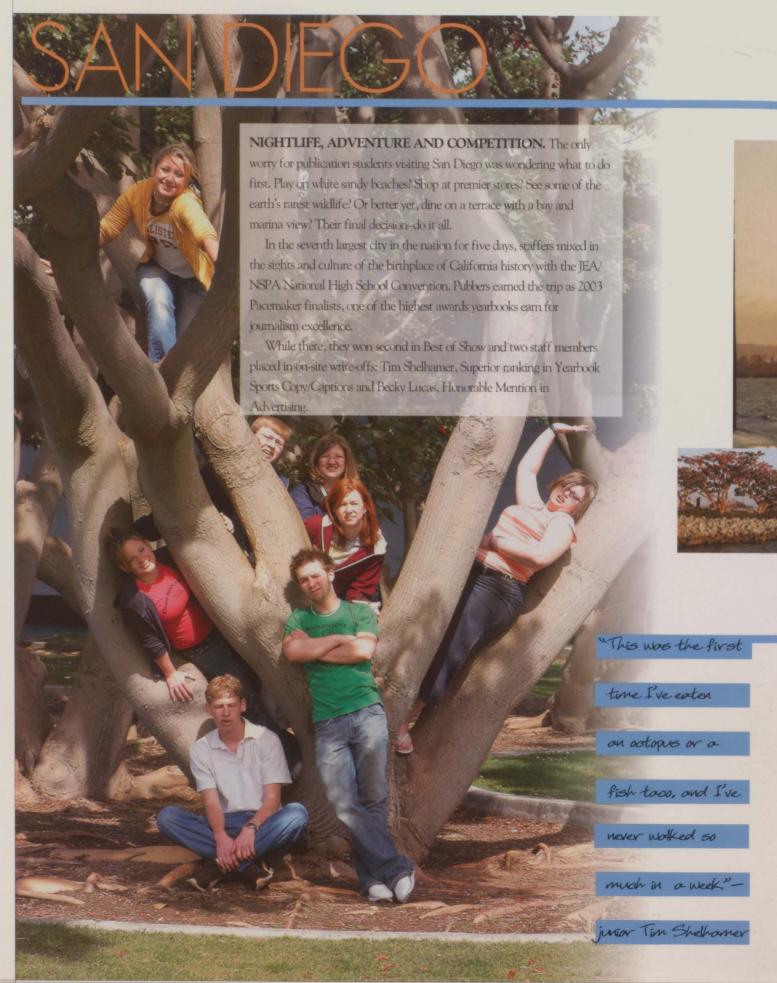
Besides Veteran's Day, the choir sponsored an annual school-wide talent show in the spring.

"NOTHIN" LIKE A DAME" Gazing at a calendar, tenor Evan Jones, portrays a homesick sailor yearning for the sight of women. 'South Pacific,' one of the longest running musicals, chronicles a love affair between a navy lieutenant and a Polynesian.

ISLAND GIRLS Top to bottom, Fifth graders Vanessa Delcour and Brittany Cruse sway to the music while demonstrating hula dancing to the song "Hookie Wah." Farmer boy Shay Jackson, a third grader, lip synchs to Kenny Chesney's "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy." Jackson's sister Calista joined him on stage with a miniature tractor. © Flutist Erin Dierksen plays Beethoven's "Bells are Ringing" and the French song "Frere Jacques." Senior Mandy Rokusek grooves to "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." Rokusek said the whole evening was dedicated to just having fun.

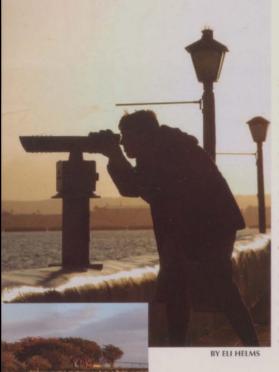




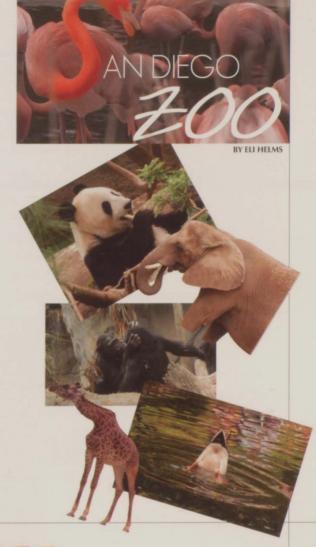


### There was never a dull moment. the entire trip was unbelievable."

-junior Beaky Lucas



PAVDAWONIUM Right, Mei Sheng, the giant panda from China, munches on bamboo at the world-famous San Diego zoo. The panda research station is one of the zoo's most popular exhibits. It is home of the first giant panda born in North America that survived past four days in the last decade. On a trip to the National Journalism Convention, publication students visited the 100-acre facility, home to more than 4,000 animals, representing 800 species—many of which are rarely seen at other zoos. GAZING ACROSS the harbor Alex Miller soaks up the evening bayfront scenery while at Seaport Village. "Everything was almost dreamlike; I never knew what to expect," Miller said. The harbor offered impressive tours which included views of historic ships, naval shipyards, San Diego skyline and Coronado Island.





BY ELI HELMS

BIRDS EVE VIEW Whitney Miller, Leanne Moody, Becky Lucas, adviser Betsy Wight, Becky Moody, Susie Choate and Tim Shelhamer scope out various types of birds in the San Diego zoo's aviary. Staffers spent a day taking in sights and sounds throughout the 100+ acre facility.







#### CALIFORNIA DREAMIN"

Mandy Rokusek catches up on lost sleep by crashing on the plane trip home. "Seeing the pandas up close and personal was a life goall\* Rokusek said OCEAN AVENUE Katelyn Choate and Leanne Moody cruise the shoreline of Coronado Beach scanning for sea shells. Adjacent from the coast stands Hotel del Coronado, a 117-year-old Victorian style resort which became the West Coast's first hotel equipped with electric lights.



# JUST GRIN & WEAR IT

### Funky outfits and high spirits serve up a week of hoops and hollers

hen students walked into the commons area the second week of February, they knew the hoop-winds were stirring. A sea of green, black, and silver balloons, streamers and upbeat slogans flooded the school for Homecoming 2004.

But sometimes it's what you can't see that tells a story. What students didn't see were countless behind-the-scene hours that Pommers and Student Council members donated to reinvent a fun-branded week.

First, to punch up the dreary days of winter, a series of dress-up days challenged students to get creative in wacky clothes. Theme days included Ghetto Fabulous, Biker, Punk Rock, Roll Out the Red Carpet and Color Days.

"Everyone was really high-spirited," said junior Elaine Johns. "Decorations were great, outfits were original, and it all made for an exciting atmosphere."

While the Pom Pon Squad practiced their half-time routine before school, Student Council members put in an estimated 100 hours after school to build the stage set.

"Assembling the columns was very time consuming," said Eli Helms, Student Council president. "We had to be careful to watch each other so that all the parts were constructed in the same manner."

After a busy week, students kicked it up a notch at the pep rally, followed by the Homecoming game and dance.

"By Friday night, I felt like a zombie, after putting so much energy into the week," said junior Kate Probert.



STIAN STRUTION Student Council members Tim Shelhamer and Becky Lucas take note as project manager Zack Flageolle glues a tower for the stage decoration.

and junior princess LeAnn Kendall.



## "I've wanted to win since

MY FRESHMAN YEAR; IT WAS JUST

AN AWESOME FEELING.

-2004 QUEEN TANYA LOVELAND.

CROWNED BY 2003 QUEEN KELLY CARAMPATAN.



Everyone told me

I had a really rice body for a girl. Should I take it as a compliment?" -junior Tim Shelhamer, left



BY SARA HENLEY

### Little Miss Monsfield

runner-up; Kristan Wallace, second





Little Women First graders curtains we were smiling," Branham said SOLE MATES Ashley Jackson, far right, and Erin Schell strap on their heels







Junior Miss Monsfield Katie Sherman with Jessica Turley, first runner-up; Audra Dierksen, second runner-up; and Kristin Adamson, third runner-up.

"I never really get nervous until right before they call my name, then it hits me,"







Smiles, style and passe set the tone for Miss Mansfield Contest

NERVOUS ENERGY AND CHATTER resonate as contestants dressed in ruffles, lace and shimmering evening gowns wait backstage at FOCLA's 24th annual Miss Mansfield Pageant. Approximately 60 girls, ages 6-18, are judged in their four respective age divisions.

Some girls practiced turns and smiles in hopes of catching a judge's eye. "If I spin I might have a better chance of winning," third grader Kaylee Pierson said. Others like third grader Melissa Edwards shared how she calms her nerves. "I have to think how we practiced, that's how I don't get nervous," she said.

Backstage butterflies follow some contestants to the stage. "I was so nervous," fourth grader Brittany Cruse said, "as soon as he said my name my heart started thumping so hard." Classmate Jessica Berry agreed that walking in front of an audience can be scary. "I just kept looking at my dad's hat," she said.

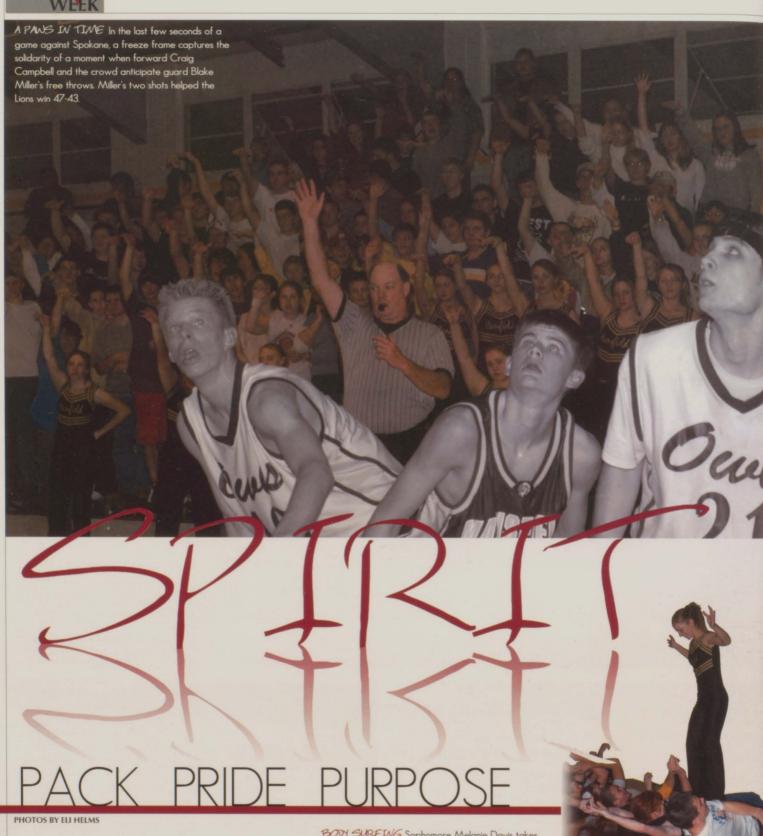
Teresa Hinsley, FOCLA adviser and club members organized the event, decorated the stage and kept the pageant on track. John Hinsley, master of ceremonies, read contestants' answers to questions submitted prior to the pageant. An out-of-town panel of judges ranked contestants on poise, stage personality and appearance.



### Miss Monsfield

Jill Merritt; Melanie Davis, first runner-up; Brittany Borders, second runner-up; and Nicole Freeman, third runner-up.





BODY SURFING Sophomore Melanie Davis takes a ride on a wave of classmates as they compete in a pep rally game to see which team can move down the floor without falling off. Student Council sponsored the event which kicked off the girls' and boys' basketball seasons.

#### ONE HOT MAMA-TO-BE Sporting a

flannel shirt and truck stop hat, Michell King, math teacher, logs in students' grades on Biker/Trucker Day King said she borrowed her outfit from husband David. In July, King gave birth to a daughter.



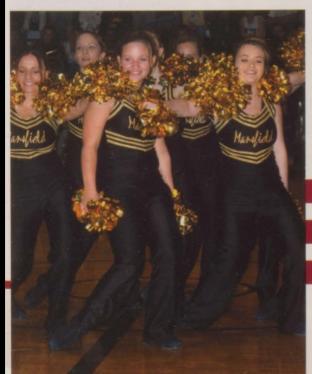
TO CALL IT ORDINARY would be an understatement. For a week, the halls are jammed with punks, bikers and truckers, cowboys and Indians and glittering evening gowns yet no one gets sent to the office for dress code violation. A series of unconventional dress-up days during Spirit Week are designed to heighten school spirit prior to the basketball season in November and before Homecoming in February. Players said they appreciated the Spirit Squad, band and Student Council's efforts. "I really liked the big turnout for the game," junior Drew Berry said. "It helped boost the energy level of the players."

Culminating the week, a pep rally recognized students and teachers who were "best dressed" for theme days. Team games set the crowd cheering and laughing as students competed together. Freshman Lacey Tate said one of the highlights was the mock-homecoming contest. "The pep rally was hilarious and pretty scary because some of the guys actually made good-looking girls," Tate said. Classmate Heather Menefee added that "Tim Shelhamer was hilarious! As soon as he started dancing, I couldn't stop laughing."

Junior Alex Miller credited Student Council for "planned activities that kept the laughter going. The pep rally was the best I've seen in years."





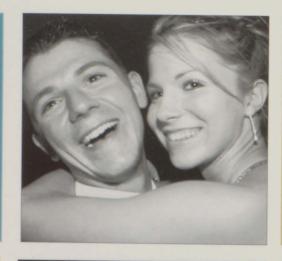


### MAKIN' IT HAPPEN

Pommers LeAnn Kendall, Melanie Davis, Katelyn Choate and Brittany Borders entertain the student body with a hip-hop routine at the first pep rally. The squad performed a variety of styles including pom, jazz, funk and novelty.

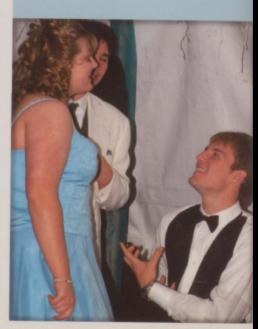
kicking around in leather, boots, do-rags, chains and Harley Davidson gear. LETTER PEOPLE Sophomores Amanda Hilton, Adam Smith, Katelyn Choate, Nicole Freeman and Dulci Lancaster line up to spell 'GO LIONS' during a scrabble game at the Homecoming pep rally. Students sprayed, duct taped or tacked on letters to their shirts. ON THEIR FEET seniors Jill Merritt, Ashley Baty, Tanya Loveland and Jacki Feldhaus cheer on the senior boys who are competing in a tug-a-war against juniors. Student Council sponsors the pep rally to fuel school spirit prior to the game in the evening.

LETS FACE IT On the dance floor, senior Adam Bennett and sophomore Melanie Davis show their enthusiasm for the evening's festivities. During senior stories, Teri Leonard, middle school teacher. remembers telling Bennett how cute he was, and his face would always turn bright red!

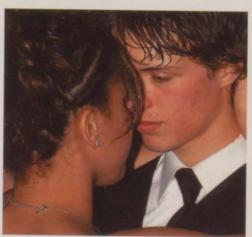


ITS SHOW TIME Doing his best Tom Cruise imitation from "Top Gun," junior Drew Berry belts out "You've Lost That Lovin" Feeling" to date junior Whitney Miller.

PROM ROYALTY (by couples) First runners-up Tanya Loveland and Cody Elliott; Prom Queen Jacki Feldhaus and Prom King Cody Whorton; Third runners-up Jill Merritt and Jaron Keeling; and Second runners-up Mandy Rokusek and Josh Venable



NEN IN BLACK ABOVE: Seniors Garret Keith and Zack Flageolle amp up the wow factor as they jump above a maze of dancers. RIGHT:: Slowing down the pace, senior Brenna Drakeford and junior Brandon Grass share a dance provided by TKO DJ's from



MEMORABLE QUIPS

We'll always remember when Amanda Kuhn had an opposum put in her locker during her freshman year.

We'll always remember Joe Perkins' songs at lunch such as "Daddy, do you want some sausage?"

Springfield.



### Tuniors transform park into thumbs-up celebration for seniors

ou just had to be there." More than a dozen prom goers shared this statement trying to describe Prom 2004: "A Moment Like This." For the first time, the junior-senior formal was held outside under a white tent at the city park on May 1.

While the setting does not bring to mind an elegant atmosphere, juniors created another place and time. Ivy draped across yellow and green gossamer and baskets of fern created a soft glow from hundreds of twinkle lights dangling from the ceiling. Round tables covered in hunter green and white tablecloths hosted bottles of sparkling grape juice, votive candles and commemorative glasses.

In the afternoon, gloomy weather threatened the spring event as cold temperatures and rain grew eminent. "I thought it was going to be horrible, but it turned out to be really fun," senior Kathy Williams said after prom.

At 7:00 p.m, it was sprinkling so Michell King, junior class sponsor, abbreviated the planned valet and red carpet stroll; instead a school bus transported attendees where they walked a short distance down to the tent in front of family and friends taking photos. "Just think of it as a yellow stretch Escalade," said Nathan Miller from Walnut Grove, who attended with junior Kate Probert.

As a catered barbecue dinner got underway, so did laughter. Junior Brandon Grass served up comedy by spilling wacky questionnaire responses from king and queen candidates and sharing funny memories of seniors that students and teachers submitted. By the time dancing started, no one could remember the drizzle or cold for they had been transported to another time and place under the stars. "You just had to be there."



### Mole Escort

junior Mark Cruse strolls with freshman Jerica Hall down the red carpet after the bus brought students from school to the park so that prom goers could avoid a light rain prior to the evening dinner dance.



# BUTTERUP

Cornival vides, games and parades salute the county's dairy industry





AVORITE MEMORIES OF BUTTER DAYS BY HEATHER MENEFEE

"I remember finding a turtle on Hwy. 5 for the tortoise races on the square, but for some reason my turtle never would go anywhere."

"Ryan Harris getting bit by Alex Newton on the jungle house." -freshman Joey Neal

"Eating chocolate chip funnel cakes, with no whipped cream, and a Mountain Dew with a straw with Chelsea." -sophomore Megan

"Hanging out with all of my friends."

"I could never break a beer bottle with a baseball." -sophomore Eric Bricker

"I never won at the stupid sack races or the water balloon toss or the dumb turtle races."

"Cody Corder videotaping the toothless woman at the place where you break a beer bottle with a baseball." -sophomore Adam

"When we were in fourth grade, a bunch of us were sitting on the gazebo playing truth or dare. My dare was to kiss Jesse Stuart on his cheek." -sophomore Dulci Lancaster

"Meeting the guy that worked the Swinger, whose name is Tiger," -senior LaToya Bell

"My first time riding the tilt-a-whirl and almost throwing up." -freshman Melissa Johnson

DID YOU KNOW?

BUTTER DAY CELEBRATES WRIGHT COUNTY'S

NUMBER ONE RANKING IN DAIRY

PRODUCTION IN MISSOURI.

PHOTOS BY TIM SHELHAMER



DIZZY DAWES Third grader Mandy Hanson and kindergartner Julia Shelhamer spin around on the tilt-a-whirl CONCERT ON FOOT Woodwind players Mandie Adamson and freshmen Audra Dierksen and Chad Newton pause on the square to entertain the crowd. The band performs in three local festivals including Wilder Days, Apple Festival and Butter Days. CLOW TOWN Handing out candy, a clown catches the attention of a young bystander as dairy-themed floats pass by





REAL ESTAT

Siblings Austin Cook, third grader, and Amanda
Cook, second grader,
toss sweets to the crawd while riding on the "Got
Milk?" float Winners

receive cash prizes for creativity and design in

use of a dairy theme.



#### MISS MWSFIELD ROYALTY

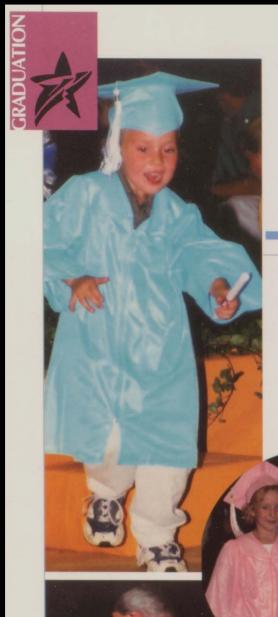
Senior Jill
Merritt
acknowledges
the crowd as
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Ryan Harris
chauffeurs her
down
Commercial
Street. Merritt
said she
"appreciated
the crowd
coming out as
well as the sun."



Dakota Britt, fourth grader, distributes hometown hospitality and a handful of treats along the parade route. The fun slide, right, provides younger children with afternoon entertainment.







## Traditional, formal ceremonies, package a vite of passage Signed, sealed

ILING IN and sitting together for the last time as kindergartners and eighth graders marked the end of one stage and the beginning of another life stage at separate graduation ceremonies held for both classes.

On May 17, Quentin Berry, eighth grade class president, welcomed the audience. Next, a class ensemble sang

"Count on Me" and "There You'll

Be" followed by Kati Sherman, Student Council president,

who delivered a speech.

"Trying not to trip while walking down the aisle,

giving a speech and singing in front of an audience made me very nervous," Sherman said. "After the ceremony, I was relieved that everything went smoothly."

As Principal Freddie Doherty announced each graduate's name, Superintendent Arlene Magnin presented 58 eighth graders diplomas to enter high school.

The next evening, Don Sanders, elementary principal, promoted 51 kindergartners to first grade after they performed six songs under the direction of Eric Spyres, vocal music teacher.

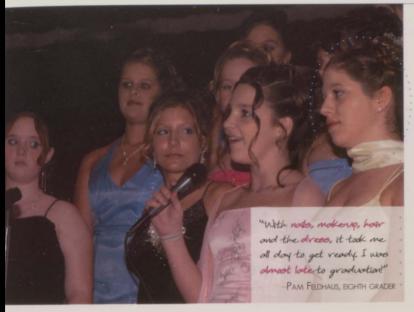
EXIT STAGE LEFT Kindergartner Ryan Harris moves up in the world after receiving his diploma. SIDE BY SIDE Megan Kingery and Aaron Myers walk in the processional as accompanist Dorothy Mitchell plays Pomp and Circumstance. SHAKE ON IT Radonna Roy receives her diploma from Principal Don Sanders in front of a flash-bulb filled gymnasium on hand to see 51 graduates cross the stage. Photos by Eli Helms and Tim Shelhamer.



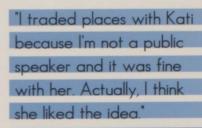


ROWD AND ROWD ABOVE Kindergartners Kelby Clark, Justin Campbell and Samantha Jones focus on the task at handperforming hand motions to "The Wheels on the Bus' for friends and family attending commencement exercises. LEFT: Later, Julia Shelhamer, Kaelan Cannon and Logan Henry act out "The Erie

## ELIVERE



IN HARMONY Soloist Jordan Dooley, left, performs "Count on Me" with a select ensemble, directed by Eric Spyres, vocal music teacher. STEP BY STEP BELOW RIGHT: Bryce Matlock escorts Chelsea Jones in the processional to their respective seats. Following commmencement exercises, a parent-sponsored dance was held at the community center.



CLASS PRESIDENT QUENTIN BERRY

BELOW, ON GIVING THE WELCOME







ALL TIED UP ABOVE RIGHT: Larry Ousley counters the sun's glare as his mother, Kay Ousley, makes last minute touches to his tuxedo. Most students dressed in formal attire for the ceremony. RIGHT: Superintendent Arlene Magnin congratulates Austin Bogart with a diploma as Principal Freddie Doherty calls each graduate forward.







# THE LAST GOOD ME

Seniors mix up commencement with heavy-duty challenges and whinsical does ontics

#### BARTER SYSTEM

As graduate Jill Merritt, left, crosses the stage, she trades Jean Coday, school board president, an Hawaiian leis for her diploma. "Our class just wanted to do something different with the golf balls and leis, not be like everyone else," Merritt said. Eventually the stack became so high that Coday handed them off to Superintendent Arlene

### "The true test of our integrity is how we deal with the

SHURED LINES After graduation, Jacki Feldhaus and Tanya Loveland, right, reflect on the moment. Both plan to continue their studies at Ozark Technical College in Springfield, GREAT EXPECTATION Amanda Kuhn, below, accepts a SBU Springfield Nursing School scholarship from Principal Randy Short. Kuhn said she hopes to earn her RN degree.

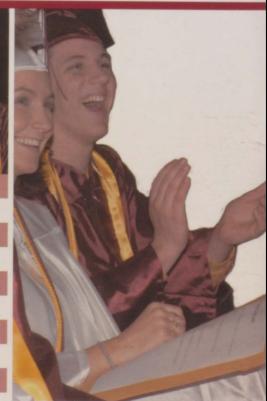




determined by what people do with the gifts and opportunities in which they ove blessed." -COON ELLIOTT,

SALUTATORIAN





LASTING EFFECTS Honor student Josh Venable performs Mest's "Jaded" at graduation. Tve always felt comfortable playing the guitar so I wasn't nervous in front of a packed house. Venable said afterward. Venable plans to attend Ozark Christian College in Joplin.

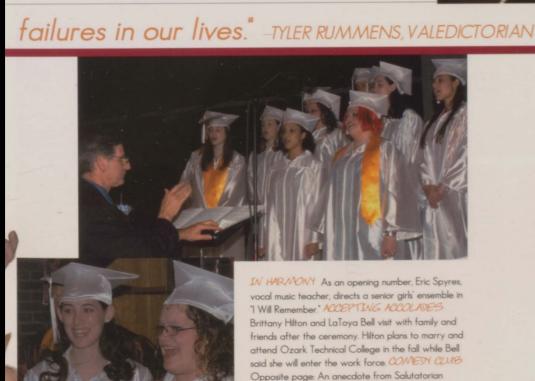
MENTION THE WORD graduation to those who are familiar with the ceremony, and it immediately conjures up images of a formal cultural tradition of robes, diplomas, caps and gowns and speeches. But Hawaiin leis and golf balls? On May 14, when the Class of 2004 walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, each carried a souvenir for Jean Coday, school board president.

"We were going to give her half-eaten fruit, but we thought that would be pushing it to the limit so we used golf balls and hoped that they would fall off the table," senior Eli Helms said.

Despite the light mood, senior Tanya Loveland said, "I was sad at one point then happy the next. The whole day seemed so surreal and hard to believe that the big day was already here."

Forty-seven graduates walked in the processional on May 14. In the ceremony, Principal Randy Short recognized 21 students as scholarship recipients. A girls' ensemble sang "I Will Remember You" and senior Josh Venable on guitar accompanied Mandy Rokusek who sang "Jaded." After graduation, salutatorian Cody Elliott said he was looking forward to attending SMSU in Springfield in the fall. "I'll miss knowing everyone in school which definitely won't be the case next year," Elliott said.





Cody Elliott's speech draws a laugh from seniors Tanya Loveland and Zac Blevins. Later that night, they continued their revelry at Project Graduation.

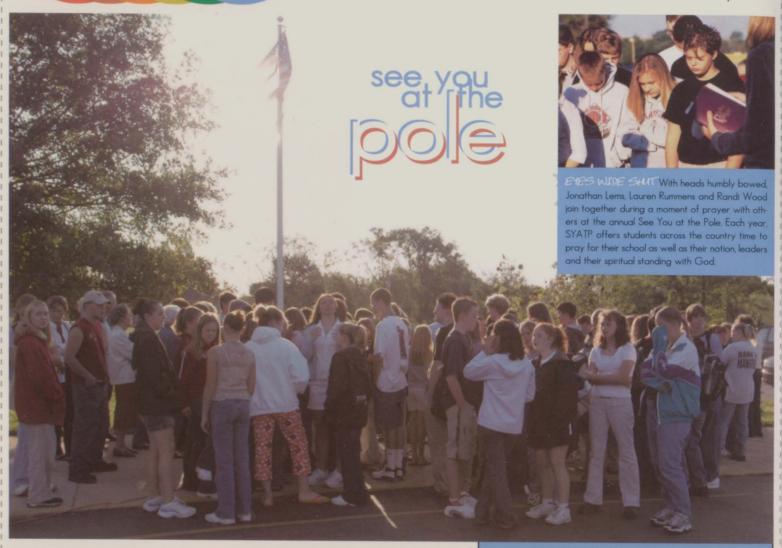
held at Incredible Pizza in Springfield.



WORDS OF WISDOM Valedictorian Tyler Rummens addresses his fellow classmates, family members and friends during the Friday evening ceremony. Rummens will attend Southwest Baptist University in the fall where he plans to study engineering.

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events to witness, news to cover, opinions to express



### Right vs. Wrong

In an effort to help students make good choices, ex-pro football player Ray McElroy tackles Mansfield High School in more than one way. During an assembly, former NFL safety McElroy presented an uplifting speech about how bad judgment can cause a devastating domino effect. Reflecting on his career, he lectured students on how any decision can impact the rest of their lives.

LIFTOFF Ex-NFL player Ray McElroy reenacts a past game-winning tackle on junior Dakota Branham during an assembly. When he asked me to come down there, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Branham said. McElroy demonstrated that if he didn't stop his opponent, his team would have lost.



BY ALEX MILLER



### United We Stand

Student-initiated, student-organized and student-led best describes the annual "See You at the Pole" event.

Held on the third Wednesday in September, the meeting provides an opportunity for students to put aside differences including religious views to pray for their school, friends, teachers, government and nation. SYATP is protected by the First Amendment.

"[See You at the Pole] isn't a demonstration," junior Drew Berry said. "Gathering outside in front of the flagpole brings us together and helps us ask for strength to deal with problems we face each day."



PAINTING THE TOWN, left) freshman Kristin Campbell adds a creme coat to her section of unfinished brick by the American Family Insurance office. Math Club

> members worked two days scraping chipped paint, priming, taping newspaper and painting a portion of the downtown sauare.

### LOMETOWN IMPROVEMENT

cting on John F. Kennedy's advice, local clubs asked not what their country could do for them but what they could do for their country. Two groups set their sights on local projects to improve the downtown area.

Math Club volunteered a weekend in October to repaint buildings on the square. Members of MAY (Mansfield Active Youth) compiled and designed a project book for MCB (Missouri Community Betterment) judging. As a result, both groups' efforts were recognized as Mansfield earned fourth place in Category IV and MAY took second place in the youth group category.

> LISTENING INTENTLY, MAY members react to a remark made by Superintendent Arlene Magnin as she outlines the school's achievements for the Missouri Community Betterment committee. Later, Kate Probert (above) presents the MAY group's accomplishments for the past year

### Discovery Zone

ocal residents interested in their children's education, turned out for the annual school open house in October. With the theme "Reach for the Stars with Mansfield Schools," the parent-teacher event involved activities to inform, educate and entertain including the following:

- High school outdoor band concert
- FBLA officer installation
- Second graders performing "School is Cool"
- Kindergartners singing school's fight-free
- Drawing for a computer assembled by industrial technology students
- El Leon Yearbook and photograph sale
- Mexican food served by Spanish students
- Elementary artwork display

BOOSTER CHAIR Sophomore Amanda Neal assists her brother Sean as he peers through a microscope at open house. Pam Probert's Biology I class presented different slides of tissue and cells for visitors to view PHOTO SHOP Scanning for a familiar face, parents and students peruse a collection of past yearbook pictures to buy. Publication students sponsored the sale which raised money for supplies.



ANSFIELD

FINE TWING Directed by Shannon Waldo, the high school and middle school bands, perform on the lawn as guests arrive for open house. The fall concert signaled the beginning of the night's activities.

### Special Delivery: Saddam Hussein

By Mandy Rokusek

ndoubtedly, the capture of Saddam Hussein by U.S. intelligence forces scored a major victory for the United States, according to the Bush administration.

Many Americans believe with Saddam in U.S. custody, terrorist attacks in Iraq will eventually cease, and our reason for keeping troops overseas is justified.

"The attacks on the U.S. will go down, if not completely stop," senior Garret Keith said. "Iraq will see we are trying to help them by ousting Saddam Hussein."

Others disagree, citing independent terrorist groups as a major reason for continued conflict.



With 2004 presidential elections looming, one student speculated that this accomplishment will affect President Bush's reelection.

"This will have a huge impact on politics, since the Democrats depend on failure of this war to advance," said senior Cody Elliott.

While his capture is a victory, senior Josh Venable said the rationalization for war is still lacking.

"I think it validates our reason for being over there," Venable said, "but the U.S. still has a lot to answer for."

The justification for war has shifted, according to junior Michael Fuge.

"The reason in the beginning was to get rid of weapons of mass destruction,"
Fuge said. "We soon discovered there were none, and the purpose was changed for the sake of not being wrong."

A debate continues on what should be done with the former Iraqi president.

"He should be tried in the United States," junior Brittany Borders said. "The Iraqi people won't punish him enough because they hate America."

On the contrary, senior Heather Jasick said the former dictator should be tried in Iraq "but not for the death penalty."

She added, "He needs to understand what he did was wrong and work on becoming a better person.



"His capture is proof to the whole world that we are making progress in Iraq." -Marcus Sherman, Class of 2007



"We should stay in Iraq until their government is reorganized and standing strong." —Shamala Bunch Class of 2006



"His followers will see that their leader was caught by Americans, so they'll be less likely to attack us." -Jill Merritt, Class of 2004



"I thought President Bush was stupid for sending people to Iraq, but now Saddam has been caught, it's all right."—Christy Nichols, Class of 2005

Junior Brandon Grass, a United Methodist Church volunteer, constructs a Habitat for Humanity house during a summer youth mission trip to Kansas City.

## ACCOMPLISHED

chools out and as kids played at the pool, goofed off and took summer vacations, 11 students tackled the task of helping people during two different mission trips.

Inner city Houston,
Texas, with its sweltering
heat and high humidity,
was the destination for
students on the First Baptist
Church's mission trip in
July.

Senior Amanda Sherman, who spent nine days teaching Vacation Bible School, said the experience left her feeling grateful for her home and family.

"I feel very lucky now,"
Sherman said. "I saw people who didn't have anything and appreciated everything that they had."

Although a series of rain showers changed some plans, senior Tyler

# MISSION TRIPS By Becky Lucas

Rummens said the team made meaningful connections with children in downtown apartment complexes.

"Overall, it was great just to spend time with the kids and minister to the them," he said.

Closer to home, five students and three adults spent

five days living and working

at the United Methodist

Church of Independence, MO.

Junior Brandon Grass said they volunteered at a homeless shelter, picked up trash and assisted tornado victims. The group spent the majority of their time remodeling a room and constructing a house for Habitat for Humanity.

"I thought it would all be a ton of work, and it ended up being a ton of fun," sophomore Dulci Lancaster said.

## Flashdance

Super Bowl halftime show exposes arowing television trend

By Tim Shelhamer

en vears from now, nobody will remember the game-winning field goal. However, who will forget the Super Bowl halftime show that stirred up controversy across America?

Most of the post-game analysis focused on the halftime spectacle when singer Justin Timberlake tore off part of Janet lackson's costume, revealmolestation charges.

Justin's lyrics, "I'll have you naked by the end of this song" came without warning to approximately 100 million viewers. A flurry of apologies from CBS followed a storm of angry callers, offended by the dance peep show.

In light of the flashing, lackson was stripped of her chance to present a Grammy, but otherwise she escaped unpunished.

The incident set off a

What are your thoughts on the Janet flashing controversy?



"It shouldn't have been made into such a big deal by the media because they gave her the attention that she wanted to get." -freshman Danny Thompson



"If they show that now, what will they show in a few years? Television has gone too far in what they allow viewers to see." -junior

ing her breast.

Jackson called it a "wardrobe malfunction" but later confessed she made last minute changes after rehearsal. "It was not my intention that it go as far as it did," she said in a CNN news report.

The bust-out performance whipped up a media frenzy, catapulting Janet as the most talked about lackson, stealing the spotlight from brother Michael, who faces child Federal Communication Commission inquiry, which has since cracked down on what makes it onto the airwaves. But with renewed fame and free publicity, one may expect more stunts like this from fading stars.

After such large numbers watched the family friendly event, the debate over adult content on television has taken front stage and seems it will continue to unleash mixed opinions.

### TAKING THE GOOD WITH THE BAD

Good News: For the second year in a row, the Mansfield R-IV school district received the state's "Distinction in Performance" award, which is based on MAP and ACT test scores, attendance and dropout rates, as well as other academic performance indicators

Bad News: Because of withheld funds for education. Mansfield suffered major budget cuts, including cross country, cheerleaders, salad bar, reduced number of field trips and seven staff positions.

Good News: Five budget committees, each with a special focus, were formed to make suggestions and examine ways to solve the district's budget shortfalls.

% of students watch

Number H L M N

still cartoons

Number of career wins by baseball Coach Doug Jones

% of Mansfield students in arades 6-12 like reading

## Werbatim

They said it, we heard it

\*My parents threw me outside naked in front of my friends I would never do that, well. at least not in front of their friends. - Joey Neal, Class of 2007 on how his children will be raised differently.

"Once I shot a police car with my paintball gun. My dad still doesn't know about that. -Jesse Stuart, Class of 2006 on what's the craziest thing he's done as a dare

\*My office was swamped with sick students lying wherever they found room." Jennifer Morris, school nurse on the flu epidemic during the 2003 winter

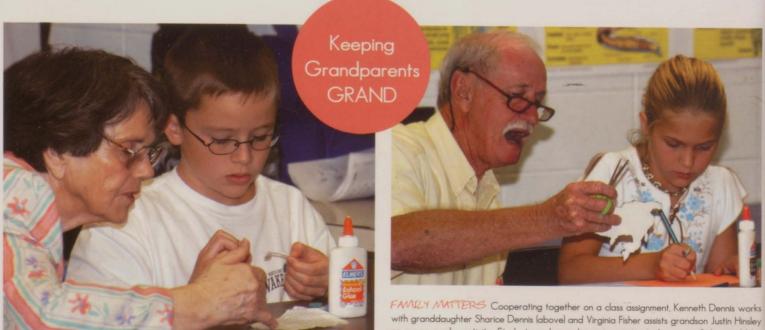
"Don't spend a lot of money because you are just getting to know the person. Drew Berry, Class of 2005 on what not to do on a first date.



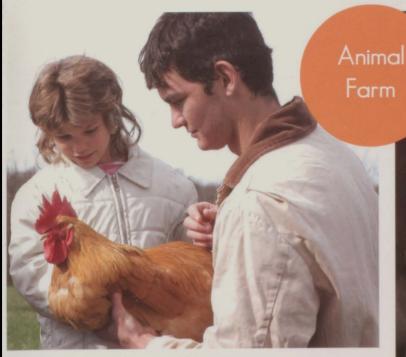
MONARCH MONESS Jodie Sell's fifth grade students release one of three Monarch butterflies they had watched grow from caterpillar stage as small as one centimeter. "Some students didn't want to go home at night because they didn't want to miss anything." Sell said. CELE-B-R-ATE Commemorating time spent at school, kindergartners Sara Reser and Abby Roy parade through the hall during the annual 100-day parade Earlier students created special glasses, jewelry and clothing for the festivities. TURNING BACK TIME In Western attire, fourth graders entertain a crowd gathered on the city square during the annual Wilder Days festival. Directed by Eric Spyres, students sang and danced their way through several pioneer songs including "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain" and "Polly Wolly Doodle."



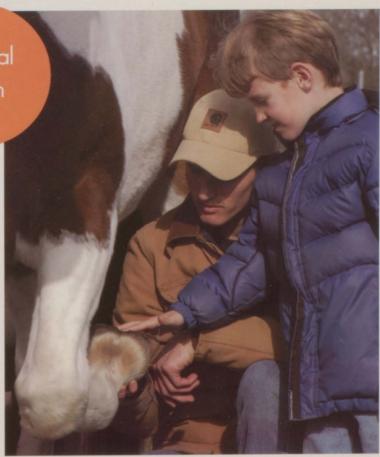
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on a geography activity. Students and grandparents constructed a map of the world by cutting and pasting puzzle-like pieces together. Photos by Eli Helms.



LITTLE RED HEN Taking a closer look, second grader Meileeta Rawlings inspects the poultry exhibit manned by junior Dakota Branham while a curious kindergartner Brandon Cantrell examines the hoof of Cody Whorton's paint horse at Food For America. Food for America, sponsored by FFA, offers an inside look at agriculture's impact on daily life.



## my dear

Jump-starting their education, elementary students make leaps and bounds while having fun, adding meaning to the saying, "OH, TO BE A KID AGAIN..."



Miss Mansfield Pageant

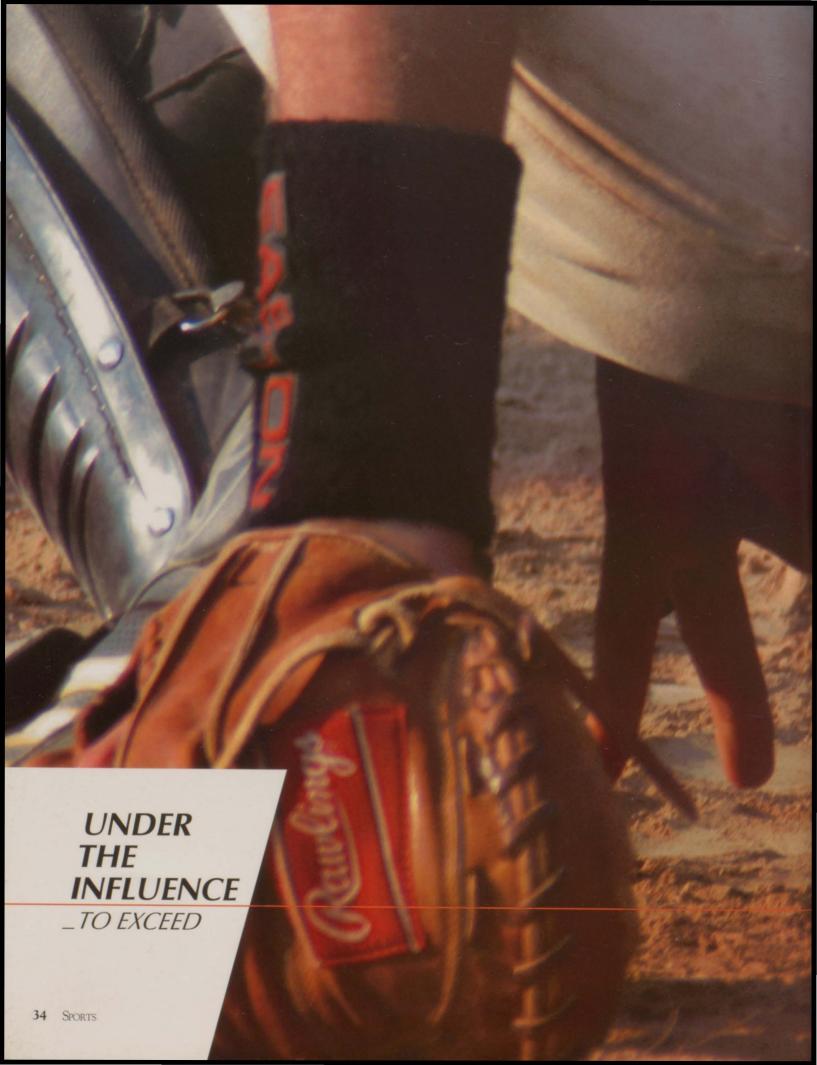
> TAG TEMM Lending a hand, 2003 Miss Mansfield Ashley Borders (center) and reigning Little Miss Mansfield Tiffany Jones (right) pin a sash on second runner-up Kristen Wallace, Wallace, a firstgrader, competed in the Little Miss Mansfield division, grades kindgergarten to third grade students.

TO BUY OR NOT Eyeing a collection of handmade jewelry, fourth grader Shawn Barrett glances over bracelets for sale at one of the booths at Santa's Workshop. At the second annual CTA event, community members and students could purchase crafts and other items,

bid in a silent auction and snap a complimentary

photo with Santa.







## Three Up Down

From the beginning, the Lions set out to have a winning season, capture the conference title and claim the district championship. Then they took it a step further. WHEN IT CAME to setting goals, the Lions achieved their top three and more. After posting an undefeated conference record, clenching the Summit Conference and District championships, the Lions clawed their way to an unexpected berth—the state sectionals.

- •HIGHLIGHTS In the final district game, the Lions faced No. 1 seed Licking who had defeated them earlier. When it mattered the most, the Lions ripped past the Wildcats 8-4 to become district champs and to mark Coach Doug Jones's 500 career win. At the state quarterfinals, they defeated Strafford and lost to Springfield Catholic 12-4, ending their post season run.
- KUDOS Stepping up to the plate, first baseman Paul Moody, a senior, proved to be a "pleasant surprise" for the Lions. "I batted him ninth all year and I took him out of it one game and he went 0-for-3," Jones said at the Athletic Awards night. "I put him back there against Licking (the district final) and he went 3-for-4." Moody led the Lions with a .682 slugging percentage.
- KEY TO SUCCESS "It takes everybody working as hard as they can to be a successful team." catcher Kendall Findley.

"Go into every game thinking you'll come out a winner." – **third baseman Taylor Thompson.** 

• CHALLENGES - "The district championship proved to be our biggest challenge." – shortstop Evan Jones.

"Beating Hartville like a drum." -SHORTSTOP EVAN JONES ON BEST PART OF SEASON

#### **In<mark>side</mark> he** numbers

#### **CONFERENCE GAMES**

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13 Fordland	3
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14 Norwood	2
15 Hartville	8

Fall & Spring Record: 24-10 Junior Varsity Record: 22-2 Conference Record: 6-0

#### HONOR ROLL

#### All Conference

**Team** – Evan Jones, Cody Whorton, Brian Jones, Taylor Thompson, Garret Keith, Blake Miller

#### ■ Honorable

Mention - Kendall

Findley



**BASEBALL TEAM** Front - mgr. Chelsea House, Evan Jones, Adam Keith, Kendall Findley, Blake Miller, mgr. Paige Hoover; Row Two - Eric Bricker, Andy Morris, Taylor Thompson, Tom Brazeal, Craig Campbell; Row Three - Asst. Coach Nate Moore, Zack Flageolle, Garret Keith, Brian Jones, Tyler Rummens, Paul Moody, Cody Whorton, Coach Doug Jones.

#### **Awards**

- MVP- Paul Moody
- Highest batting average Evan Jones .437
- Defense Award Evan Jones, Blake Miller
- Least strike-outs Kendall Findley 5 in 106 at bat
- Highest on base percentage Evan Jones -.491
- All-State Second Team Infielder Cody Whorton



IN THE ZONE Focused on the catcher's sign, pitcher Brian Jones prepares to deliver the throw to a Strafford batter. The Lions beat the Indians 20-3. "The game doesn't mean anything now," Jones said. "They didn't throw either of their top two guys so we can't be overconfident."

Season Record 24-10 Junior Varsity 22-2

District championship win marked Coach Doug Jones's 500th career win. Jones is ranked #1 in the MSHSAA record book.











**LOOSE CANNON** Pitcher Cody Whorton, above, throws a strike in a game versus Seymour. The Lions handed the Tigers a 12-5 loss. Whorton was named to the Class 2 All-State second team and the All-Ozark and All-District teams.

BY A HAIR A hard slide from third baseman Taylor Thompson, middle left, forces the ball from the Sparta fielder. "In that situation I shouldn't have run, but I caught a lucky break when he dropped it and went on to score later that inning," Thompson said.

**STRETCHED OUT** Catcher Kendall Findley, middle right, makes contact with the ball in a home game against Catholic. The Lions were shut out 20-0. Findley received the award for least strikeouts for two consecutive seasons with a record of 5 in 106 at bats. Findley also made honorable mention all conference.

**DOWN N' DIRTY** Catcher Garret Keith, far right, tags out a Mountain Grove runner. The Lions won the game 13-2. "Every district game I would ride the bus with polarized sunglasses on," said Keith. "They brought the whole team good luck."

FIRST BASEMAN Paul Moody receives the throw from pitcher Cody Whorton to make a play against a Willow Springs runner. Team members voted Moody MVP.



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# Close Fighting for tight finishes, encounters

the Lady Lions remain tough competition

"Our team

never really

learned how

to make

another team

play our speed

until the end

of the year"

-GUARD

AMANDA NEAL



**FLOOR RUNNER** Point guard Ashley Baty kicks into high gear, driving between two Willow Springs defenders. Baty led the team with 18 points and ended the year winning the team award for best offense. *Photos by Eli Helms* 

ith a less than
perfect record, the
Lady Lions' numbers

leave part of their season story untold. Falling short by four points or less in six games proved a tough obstacle.

"Our biggest challenge was overcoming all the one and two point losses," guard Kristin Campbell said.

A mid-season boost came with convincing back-to-back

performances against Mountain View and Licking.

"I enjoyed this year's challenges, and it really felt good to beat Licking for the first time in five years," center Danielle Banner said. Through seasonal ups and downs,

> the Lady Lions kept consistently close and found victories along the way including a first round district win against Alton.

"When the season started to get long, the girls kicked it up a notch in practice and continued to work hard and get better," Coach

Sunny Rost said. "It really showed their character and heart."

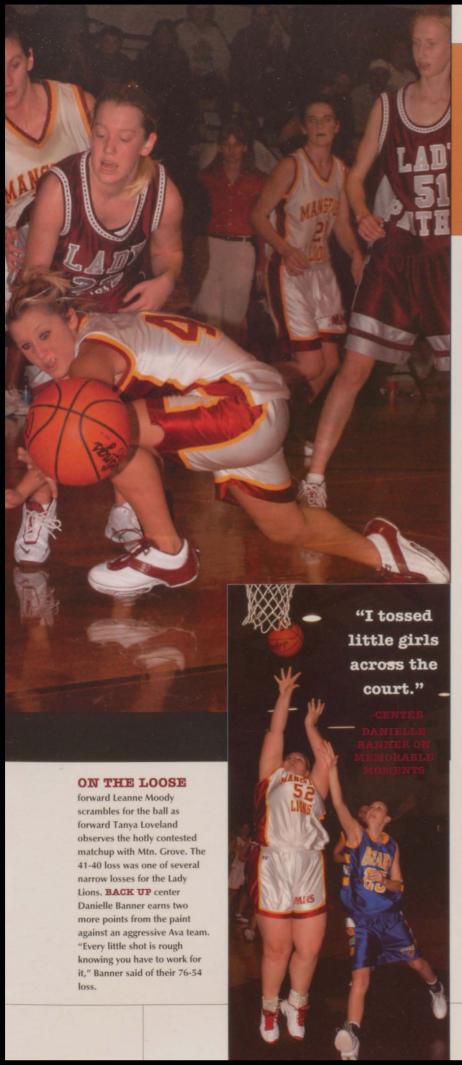
#### Season Record 6-17 Junior Varsity 1-11

#### RACE TO THE BASKET

Junior varsity point guard Mandie
Adamson tests Fordland's defense in a
17-13 loss to the Eagles. "In JV games, I
don't feel as much pressure and I just try
to have fun," Adamson said. **HANDS**OFF Guard Megan Hicks, far right,
scraps for possession with a Willow
Springs opponent. The Lady Lions facing
the Lady Bears for the second time in the
Mansfield Invitational Tournament lost
66-60.







"Early in the season it
was a challenge coming
together and realizing we
needed everyone
to do their part to win."

-TANYA LOVELAND FORWARD



BASKETBALL TEAM Front – Tanya Loveland, Ashley Baty, Megan Hicks, Danielle Banner; Row Two – Assistant Coach April Morris, Synthia Bannister, Becky Lucas, Natasha Dixon, Samantha Branstetter, Leanne Moody, Amanda Neal, Kristin Campbell, Coach Sunny Rost; Row Three – Tara Drakeford, Paige Hoover, Chelsea House, Lauren Rummens and Ashley Young; Back – Mandie Adamson.

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68	Dora	16
42	Hartville	45
36	Norwood	37
48	Gainesville	79
57	Mtn. View-Liberty	49
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#### **AWARDS**

- Ashley Baty Best Offense
- Ashley Baty Most Assists
- Tanya Loveland Best Defense
- Tanya Loveland –Most Rebounds
- Danielle Banner Highest Free Throw %
- Chelsea House Most Improved

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

- Ashley Baty -First team
- Danielle Banner –
  Honorable Mention



### circumstance

all of us, and it was a hassle to learn and make up cheers on top of new dance routines," sophomore Katelyn Choate said about her initial response to additional responsibilities.

During the season, the pom pon squad performed dance routines and cheers at home basketball games.

Junior Chrystina France said pulling in the crowd can be a challenge.

"It's really hard and adds more pressure on us when sometimes the crowd doesn't get into cheering," France said.

Other changes forced the group to be flexible in its choreography and to focus on doing its best, according to junior Lindsey Hopping.

"Towards the end of the season, we lost a few members of the squad which threw everyone for a loop," Hopping said. "After the first week of shock and rearranging dances, we took a deep breath and kept dancing."





POLISHING A ROUTINE to perfection, sophomore Megan Sowers and junior Virginia Sherman entertain students at a pep rally to kick off the basketball season. Sherman said dancers master fundamentals and learn most routines at summer camp. At practice, they review basic moves and enhance them.

"I like being on the floor in front of tons of people. It's easier to get into the dances when everyone is screaming."

JUNIOR VIRGINIA SHERMAN



at halftime at a home basketball game. Besides

area for Homecoming. Photos by Eli Helms

performing, pommers boost morale and school spirit by

decorating the gymnasium, the halls and the commons

POM PON SQUAD Front - Katelyn Choate, Megan Sowers, Rebecca Barlett, Chrystina France; Row two - Jessica Williams, Lindsey Hopping, LeAnn Kendall, Melanie Davis, Captain Kate Probert and Virginia Sherman.

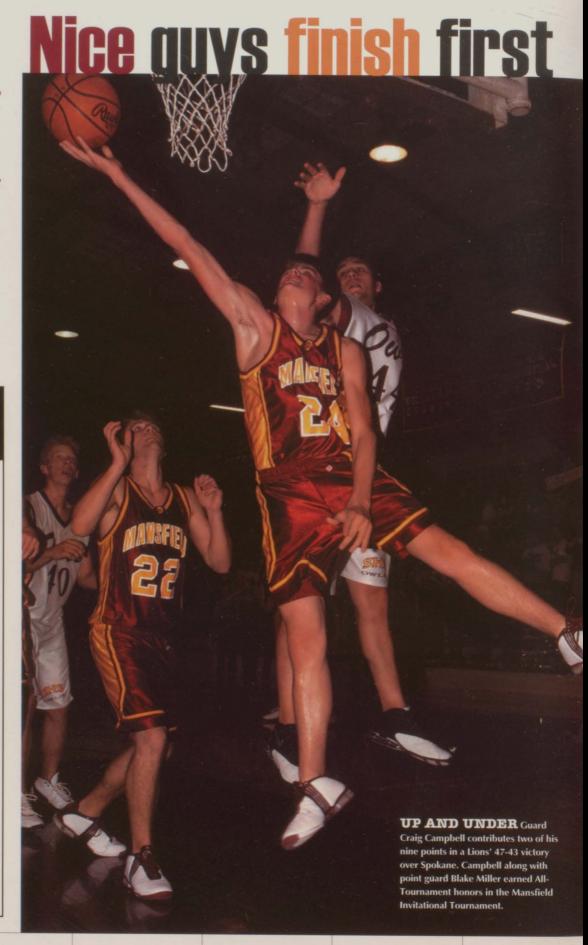
BOYSBASBBALL

"When I made the pass,
I was scared because I
didn't think it would
work and we had only
practiced it once...after
Craig made it, I ran
down the court yelling,
and I think I gave him
a hug." -POINT GUARD
BLAKE MILLER ABOUT A
LAST SECOND PLAY THAT
TIED THE GAME WITH
FORSYTH.

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54	Ava	49
50	Mt.Vernon	55
55	Mtn.Grove	57
64	Mt.View	34
70	Fordland	51
53	Hartville	55
54	Forsyth	67
69	Norwood	60
45	Mtn.Grove	70
34	Thayer	40
51	Conway	58
63	Seymour	41
38	Gainesville	35
50	Norwood	51
51	Willow Springs	67
50	Dadeville	43
64	Winona	59
57	Alton	68

Record 13-12





B ad behavior by athletes is nothing new. On top of flagrant fouls, mouthing between players and arguing with referees, the media covers professional athletes whose dark deeds dim their sport.

So it was impressive, indeed, when the Southwest Sportsmanship Award was betrothed upon the Lions at the Athletic Awards Night

by Wendell Goss on behalf of MSHSAA. Earlier, the team had won the sportsmanship award at the Mountain Grove Tournament.

"When we get awards for good sportsmanship, it belongs to everyone—the fans, family and community, not just the team," said Coach Terry Writer speaking at Athletic Awards Night.

Center Drew Berry said the team's demeanor comes from the top. "Coach is calm and helps us keep our cool. We know not to mouth or push back."



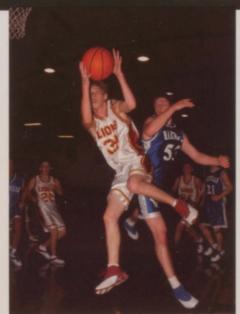
MSHSAA's Wendell Goss congratulates Coach Terry Writer for Mansfield's Sportsmanship Award at Athletic Awards Night.

Netting a 13-12 record, the season's highlight included winning the Mansfield Invitational Tournament. With 2.3 seconds on the clock, nail-bitting fans watched the Lions execute a full court pass and basket, forcing an overtime against top-seeded Forsyth. At the buzzer, Mansfield claimed an 83-79 victory and the championship trophy for the first time in a decade.

Off to a strong 8-4 start, the Lions sputtered mid-season when Berry suffered a leg injury, which sidelined him for two weeks. "Drew getting hurt affected the inside game and the depth of our bench," said guard Casey Ivy. Teammate Tristan Dennis added that a dearth of seniors left him feeling the "pressure to take up the slack."

In retrospect, Writer summed up the team's success as a "rebuilding year which laid the foundation for a strong team next year."

#### Season Record 13-12 Junior Varsity 13-6



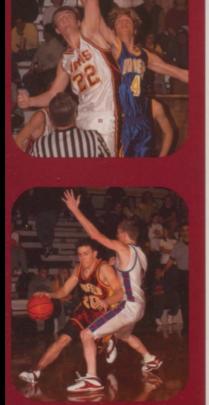
HAMER TIME Guard Tim
Shelhamer, above, saves a ball from going out
of bounds in a conference rival Hartville. TOP
LEFT: In the same game, forward Eric Bricker
takes a rebound back up to the basket. The
Eagles won 55-53. UP FOR GRABS MIDDLE:
Post Drew Berry springs for the tip against an
Ava opponent. The Lions trapped the Bears 5449. END GAME LEFT: Point Guard Blake
Miller drives around a Forsyth defender in the
Mansfield Tournament. The Lions upset the
top-seeded Panthers 47-43.



JV/ VARSITY TEAM Front-Blake Miller, Adam Keith, Kendall Findley, Evan Jones, Tom Brazeal; Middle-Coach Terry Writer, Tristan Dennis, Craig Campbell, Casey Ivy, Tim Shelhamer, Eric Bricker, Drew Berry, Coach Adam Cook; Back-Marcus Sherman, Andy Morris, Joey Neal, Billy Newton and Josh Sullivan.

#### Awards

- All-Conference Team Craig Campbell
- MVP- Craig Campbell
- Most Rebounds Drew Berry
- Defense Award Blake Miller
- Hustle Kendall Findley
- Free Throw Award- Tim Shelhamer
- Most Improved Andy Morris





**LET IT SLIDE** Center fielder Kristin Campbell lunges for third base ahead of the Conway defender. The Lady Lions rallied in the final inning to steal a 6-5 victory over the Lady Bears. **SPECIAL DELIVERY** Pitcher Megan Sowers hurls it home to a Fordland batter in a 12-3 loss to the Eagles. "When I pitch and anything bad happens, I feel responsible," Sowers said of her position.





eading off the season with a four game win streak, the Lady Lions continued to find ways to improve despite leveling off their record.

"We peaked in the fall season but we had a cohesive spring," Coach Roger Wood said comparing the two seasons.

Entering the spring season with a 6-6 record under their belt, it was up to the team what path to take.

"The girls quit worrying about recognition and worked more as a team," Wood said. "As a result, the end of season awards went to five

different girls, which is very rare."

Without a statistic in the book to show it, team members said they noticed an unrecordable improvement—teamwork.

"By the end of the season, we talked more, worked better together and picked up on each others' tendencies," catcher Leanne Moody said.

The team also found improvement in its hitting statistics.

"Towards the end of the season everyone on the team started hitting a ton better," pitcher Megan Sowers said. One obstacle, which hindered play, included an accident with the city's roller leaving left field with a deep, muddy rut.

"When the ball was hit to the torn up corner, it was ruled an automatic double," right fielder LeAnn Kendall said. "I guess every field has its problems."

The young team had a few learning experiences according to Wilda Watterson, assistant coach.

"Everyone laughed at me one game when I missed home plate and got an automatic out," left fielder Samantha Morris said.

### **Growth Spurt**

Lady Lions overcome rough terrain to mature as a team

Fall Record 6-6 Spring Record 3-6

"One practice we were fixing a mud pit in left field and Amanda Neal tried to walk through it and sank up to her knees in mud."

-PITCHER MEGAN SOWERS



**SOFTBALL TEAM** Front – Lauren Rummens, LeAnn Kendall, Jill Merritt, Hollie Jordan, Megan Sowers; Row Two – Jessica Taylor, Erin Schell, Samantha Morris, Leanne Moody; Row Three – Synthia Bannister, Kristin Campbell, Assistant Coach Wilda Watterson, Coach Roger Wood, Samantha Branstetter and Amanda Neal.









#### HOME STRETCH

Catcher Leanne Moody, far left, reaches for contact in a 6-5 home victory against Conway. Moody adopted the nickname "Spud" on the field from Coach Roger Wood. "Coach even lists my name as Spud in the newspaper," Moody said, CHALK WALK Wood lines the field near the site of a muddy mix-up. A request to the city to flatten mole tunnels in the baseball outfield turned into messy business when they went to the softball field instead and sank the roller in left field. FIELDING A CLEAN HOP, shortstop Amanda Neal snags the ball and fires it to first base for the out. Neal finished the spring season with the highest batting average.

#### **In<mark>side</mark>the** numbers

**DOWN TIME** second baseman Jill Merritt reflects on a costly error which allowed a Conway runner to score late in the game. In the final inning, the Lady Lions edged out the Lady Bears 15-14 in the home conference game. *Photos by Eli Helms* 

"This season was tough, but our team had a lot of fun together."

-SECOND BASEMAN JILL MERRITT, ABOVE

**AWARDS** 

Monkey bars,

# diving boards, rubber balls and pals make The part of the part of







OF VICE AND MEN Third graders Christain Parsons, Bobby Clanton, Cody Henry and Jacob Mitchell spend recess on a timeline rethinking their actions. As a punishment for infractions, students take five minute timeouts standing on the sidewalk. SPIDERWOMAN Daleah Jones, a first grader, above, hangs out on the spider web with her jump rope. COOL TRICKS Sophomore lifeguard Adam Keith executes the rodeo trick off the diving board on the back of Justin Kingery '03 while taking the tennis ball ambush from another lifeguard. Kingery co-invented the trick and passes it on to younger lifeguards.

"You don't know what to expect working at the pool." -LIFEGUARD ADAM KEITH, ABOVE





BY TIM SHELHAMER

DUCKS IN A ROW CLOCKWISE: Third grader Dakota Harris and second graders Dalton McNeil and Sean Keiter, above, race for the water as one of many self-devised pool activities during summer school.

OVERHEAD PROTECTOR senior lifeguard Garret Keith keeps an eye on third grader Susan Williams and another swimmer. "It's funny to watch all the games kids make up and hear some of the stuff they say," Keith said. SPLASH LANDING Third grader Nathan Swisher, bottom left, jumps off the diving board during a morning summer school swim. Elementary classes have hour-long swim sessions in June. GIRL TALK third grader Amanda Davis adjusts a bracelet on Kaylee Pierson's arm during recess. JUST FOR KICKS on the last day of school, sixth grader Devin Davis puts his foot to the rubber in a kickball game. After the middle school awards ceremony, classes head to the softball field to play against each other in a friendly competition.



# YOUNG leave their imprint on court From the opening tip,

the seventh grade Lions owned the floor against all opponents, building up a 12-0 record including the Hartville Tournament championship. AGAINST PERENNIAL RIVAL Hartville, the Lions played one of their closest games on the Eagles' home court where they earned the tournament championship 41-37. "I look forward to playing Hartville even though I know everyone is waiting for me to make a mistake," said Coach Adam Cook, a former Hartville graduate and basketball player.

High in performance but low in players, the Lions said they had to keep their heads in the game and play smart. "We didn't have a very strong bench," guard Austin Wight said. "We knew that if we got into foul trouble that it was very unlikely that we could win the game."

IN THE EIGHTH GRADE season, the Lions posted a 6-6 record. "Eighth graders played very competitive teams. Even though they didn't have a winning record and we were undefeated, they can still beat us on the court," said seventh grade guard Colton Jones.

Players credit Coach Cook for demanding their best. "I know they have potential," Cook responded. "Sometimes I may push them hard. I want them to excel. I believe if you want something, you should be willing to give it 110 percent."

### **Inside**

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#### Seventh Grade

MHS		OPP
50	Seymour	12
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44	Sparta	31
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#### **Eighth Grade**

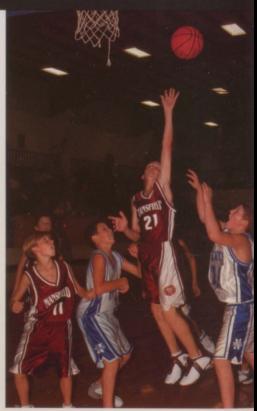
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EIGHTH GRADE TEAM Front - Kyle Cunningham, Chandler Veit; Row Two - Cory Walker, James Stafford, Dustin Taylor, Coach Adam Cook, Quentin Berry, Daniel Pharris and Cody Adamson.



**SEVENTH GRADE TEAM** - Austin Wight, Colton Jones, Josh Box, Landon Jarrett, Jake Gunter, Evan Whorton, Tron Sherman; Row Two - Coach Adam Cook.



**UP AND IN** Post Landon Jarrett shoots for two points in a seventh grade game against the Norwood Pirates. Jarrett contributed 17 points in the Lions' 56-25 conference victory at Norwood. *Photos by Eli Helms* 

"Sometimes I may push them hard...if you want something you should be willing to give it 110 percent."



-COACH ADAM COOK, RIGHT





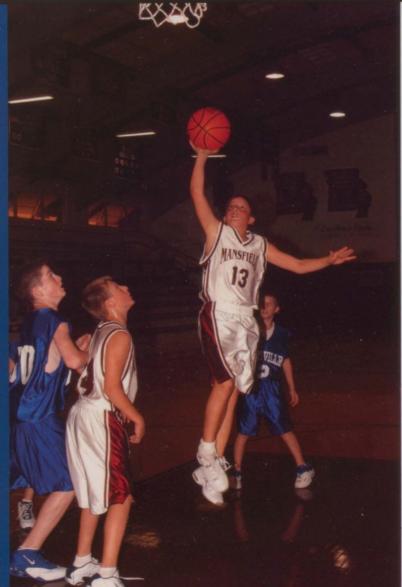


MEMICALEM 1879 ABOVE: Looking for the rebound, post Quentin Berry waits in the lane to box out a Fordland opponent. Berry contributed 24 points to the 45-39 win against the Eagles and averaged 8.71 points per game for the season.

MCOOP \*\*HOLD W3D\*\* Seventh grade point guard Colton Jones, above middle, drives to the basket against a Norwood defender. The Lions trounced the Pirates 56-25 in a conference game at Norwood. Jones averaged 14 points per game for the season.

#### WISSION POSSIBLE

RIGHT: Finding a wide open shot, seventh grade guard Austin Wight shoots a lay up in a home game against Hartville. The Lions beat the Eagles 42-34. Wight averaged 9.16 points per game and lead the team in taking charges.



# GRAPPLING FOR POSSESSION, the eighth grade defense attacks as Dustin Taylor, above, and Cory Walker team up against a Fordland opponent in a conference game at home. The Lions defeated the Eagles 45-39.



hen the rubber met the floor, the Lady
Lions discovered stress, pressure and personal
challenges. The seventh grade team worked their way to finish
8-4 while the eighth graders struggled to post a 2-12 record.

For some players, defending opponents who were larger and taller was a new experience.

"It was challenging for me to guard bigger girls because I

am so short," said seventh grader Kashmir Singh. "The big girls aren't afraid to push you around."

Other players said they worked to improve their fundamentals. "There were a lot of times I would get the ball knocked out of my hands," said seventh grader Whitney Jordan, pictured left with Julia Allen. "By the end of the season, I finally grasped left hand dribbling."

Eighth grade guard Kristin Adamson said she dealt with nerves. "When we played Hartville as soon as I walked into the gym, I could feel the pressure of the upcoming game," she said.

Coach Sunny Rost said the seventh grade team had played together as a team [in elementary leagues] which might account for their better record.

"We were discouraged for a long time until we started working as a team and learned how to play together," eighth grade guard Katie Sherman said. "Coach always told us to go out and do our best and no matter who is winning not to give up."

ONE ON
ONE Seventh
grade guards
Jackie Emerick,
right, and Rachel
Sowers, below,
compete against
their respective
Conway
defenders in a
conference game
at home. The Lady
Lions pounced on
the Bears 41-24.



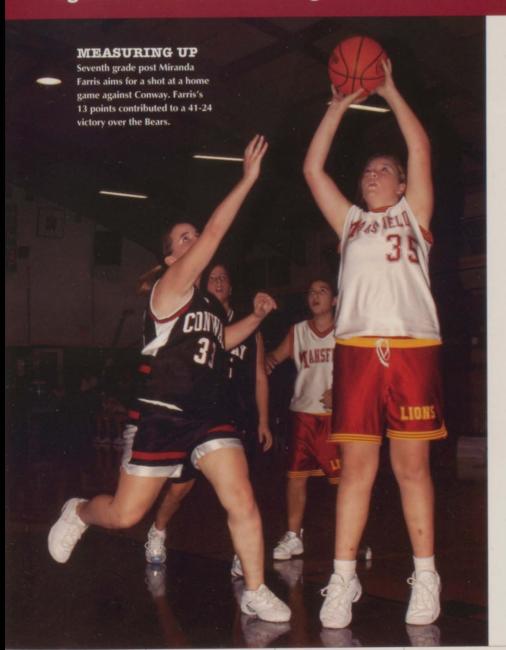




#### SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE Front-

Kashmir Singh, Whitney Jordan; Row Two- Jackie Emerick, Miranda Brooke, Miranda Farris, Julia Allen, Rachel Sowers; Row Three- Assistant Coach April Morris, Katie Sherman, Chelsea Jones, Amber Henry, Melissa Morris, Sadie Vaverka, Nichole Bookout, Kristin Adamson and Coach Sunny Rost.

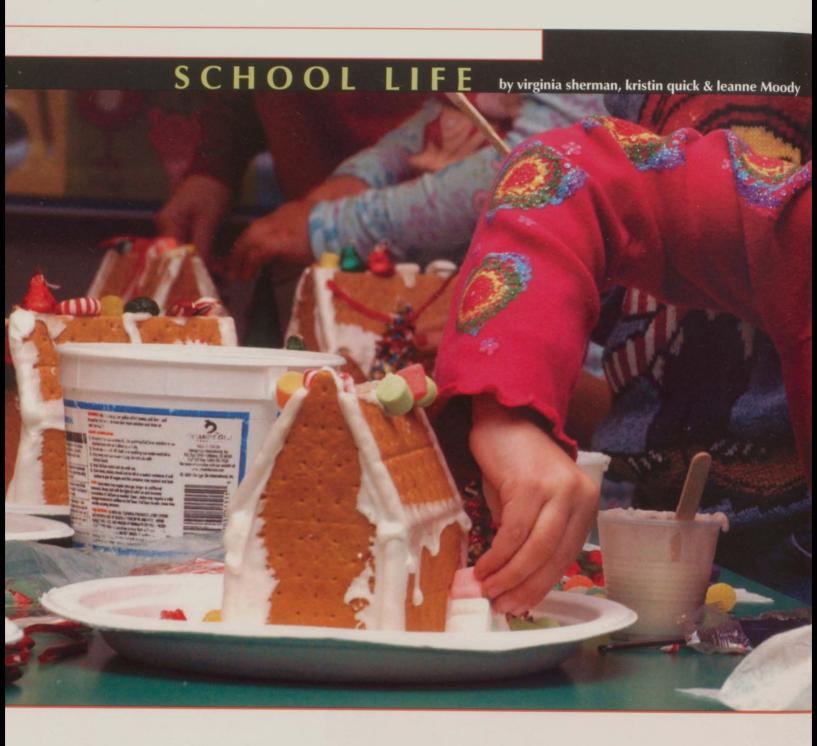
"My height gave me an advantage over the teams we would play against that had shorter girls." -seventh grade post miranda farris, below



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#### UNDER THE **INFLUENCE**

#### \_TO EXCEL

t's 20 minutes after 8 and bulging backpacks sit atop tables. A few kids are reading while listening to music on headphones. Quickly the commons area fills up with students hurling laughter and chattering about the latest news. Others privately panic about incomplete assignments.

It's easy to find your place here. Classes are small enough to foster close teacher-student interaction. Older students develop rapport with younger students that lead to a close, mentoring relationship.

In spite of budget cuts, we defied the gloomiest of expectations. For the second year, Mansfield earned Distinction in Performance on the state's annual report card. From ACT scores and college classes to contests and projects, we're just ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

IN THE DETAILS Kindergartner Alexis Titsworth focuses on precise placement of candies for her tasty, edible cottage. Every December, students of Patti Gleason turn out decorated gingerbread houses for the holiday season. **CELLS ALIVE!** Lab partners Synthia Bannister and Brendan Keeling investigate blood cells in Biology I. Students studied the complex mixture of blood while covering the circulation system.





Hopping grips a friend's hand while giving a pint to the Student Council annual blood drive. "I almost passed out and I had to lie down for two hours, but I would do it again because it helps people," Hopping said.

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#### breakfast club

Student Council members Craig Campbell, above, and Toby Shelhamer fry bacon for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in May. The breakfast included pancakes, biscuits and gravy, fruit and egg casseroles. Freshman president Paige Hoover prepares a teacher's plate before school starts. Members arrive at 7:00 a.m. and use the Food and Consumer Science kitchen to start preparing food for approximately 50 faculty



Helms, Student Council President, busts a move with the Pom Pon Squad at the first pep rally. "Despite our actual positions on Stu-Co, everyone needed to play various roles," Helms said. "One day you'd lead the pack, the next day you'd be part of it."

t's well-known that Student Council is a tight-knit group. Hours of together time, volunteering in the school and community and leader-ship training build harmony between members who possess diversity, creativity and energy as individuals.

developing leadership

Making the concept of leadership

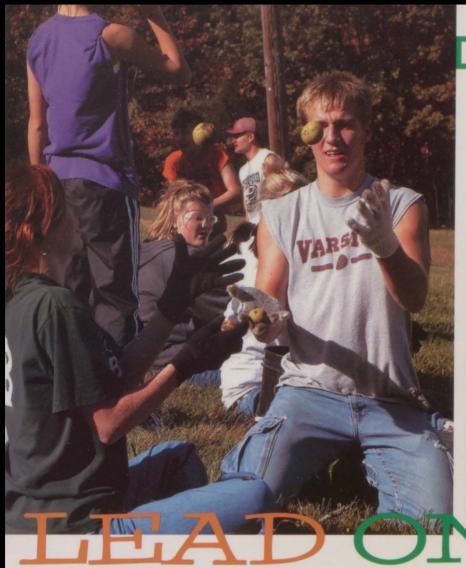
concrete, members collaborate and use their skills to influence others in a positive way. "Even though we're all different, we made it work and the results show," said Paige Hoover, freshman president.



Watterson (adviser), Zack Flageolle (treasurer); Row two – Whitney Miller, Katelyn Choate, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Sara Henley, Mandy Rokusek, Ashley Eichelberger; Row three – Drew Berry, Dulci Lancaster, Cody Elliott, Kate Probert, Becky Lucas, Toby Shelhamer; Row four – Tim Shelhamer, Brandon Grass, Craig Campbell, Jill Merritt and Becky Bennett. Not Shown – Eli Helms (president) and Tanya Loveland (secretary).

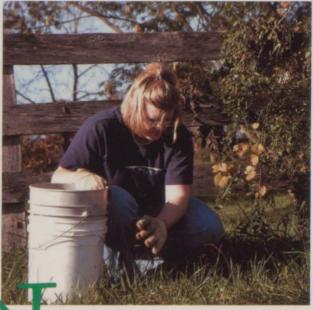


#### STUDENT COUNCIL



clowin around on a fall afternoon, Student Council members Becky Lucas and Drew Berry, both juniors, juggle black walnuts collected during the club's annual walnut drive. Together members gathered 2,867 pounds for a total of \$287 which offset club expenses. Clearing away fall debris, junior Whitney Miller discovers a stash of

walnuts for her bucket. Members worked after school and on Saturday to raise money for the club. Photos by Eli Helms.



encipating in volunteer community service projects helps students develop skills that will have an impact on their leadership ability throughout their lives. Wilda Watterson, Student Council adviser, believes a prime time to build those abilities is during high school. She helps council members organize service projects to raise awareness about what needs to be done.

"Taking action and getting results were our goals, but who said we can't have fun in the

plating up Kate Probert and Garret Keith prepare salads, fried chicken, green beans and dessert for attendees, below right, at the annual Seniors Banquet on Valentine's Day. The annual event gives students an opportunity to work with their peers and socialize with community members. process," said Garret Keith, vice president.

Combining their efforts, students participated in a blood drive, walnut picking, homecoming, senior citizens

spirit of volunteerism

banquet, elections and teacher appreciation breakfast. "Doing things we normally wouldn't do together really shows people's true colors," junior Drew Berry said. "Together we did a great job and had a blast."

homecoming setup starts a week out as adviser Wilda Watterson assembles a cardboard lightpost and Cody Elliott and Mandy Rokusek glue the stage's centerpiece. Besides decorating, members host the pep rally and the crowning ceremony.



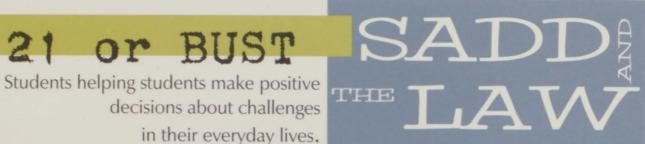






### 21 or BUST

in their everyday lives.



PHOTOS BY SARA HENLEY AND SARAH MOODY

about it happen-Kristin

PARTNERING UP with law enforcement officials, the local SADD chapter campaigned to prevent impaired driving by bringing messages about enforcement and consequences. In a role-play, real-life situation, juniors Tom Brazeal and Drew Berry along with senior Garret

Keith reenacted a single car crash, the result of drinking, drugs and driving. After the accident, students moved to the gymnasium where they witnessed trial proceedings with sophomore Jesse Stuart and senior Brenna Drakeford as attorneys, Counselor Kelly Brazeal playing a bereaved mother of the deceased student along with a local judge.

Staged for high school students, the event brought a new perspective for freshman Kristin Campbell. "Wow, you always see it on the news but this really brought it home. I never think about it happening to me or my friends," she said.



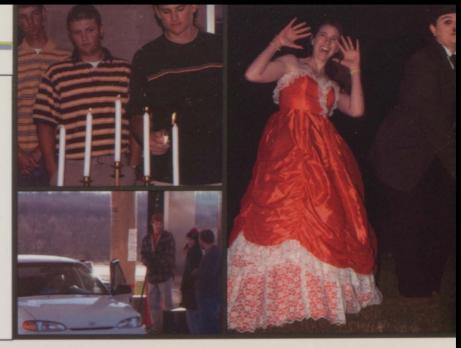


at the scene CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Principal Randy Short provides support for junior Tom Brazeal's neck before medical personnel arrive. Brazeal portrayed a passenger in an auto wreck caused by drug impairment. "All I could think about was not moving and how weird Mr. Short must have felt," he said. After finding evidence of alcohol use, police officer Duane Delcour administers a sobriety check on senior Garret Keith who fails to pass. The two-hour event, sponsored by area law officials and SADD shows the impact of bad judgment and the damage and punishment that can result. After extricating Brazeal from the vehicle, First Responders attempt to stabilize and revive him without success. Students could observe the steps in rescuing victims.

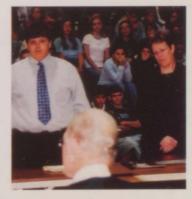
# Society the annual fundraiser.

seeing stars Charlie Chaplain National (Mandy Rokusek) escorts a Southern belle (Ashley Eichelberger) to Wright County's Relay for Life. Team members used a Relay for Life. Team members used a Halloween theme to trick or treat for a cure. Inclement weather forced an early close to

> character counts Junior Craig Campbell participates in the NHS initiation ceremony at Academic Awards Night. New members can be inducted in the spring of their sophomore year. pumped up Junior Tim Shelhamer and seniors Ashley Eichelberger and Josh Venable wait on a customer at Conoco on a cold Saturday in December. NHS students raised around \$100 to help buy underprivileged children presents for











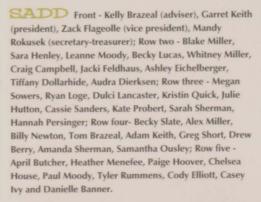
NHS Front - Paul Moody (vice president), Tyler Rummens (pres.), Sara Henley (reporter), Mandy Rokusek (sec.); Row two - Whitney Miller, Zack Flageolle, Garret Keith, Josh Venable, Ashley Eichelberger; Row three - Alex Miller, Tim Shelhamer, Cody Elliott, Kate Probert, Virginia Sherman, Debbie Whetstine (adviser); Row four - Zac Blevins, Tom Brazeal, Craig Campbell and Danielle Banner.



in the First Baptist Church parking lot to witness the mock accident, a single car crash involving drugs and alcohol. attorney lesse Stuart, top, representing counselor Kelly Brazeal, mother of the deceased listens as the judge, above, years in prison for drunk driving and involuntary manslaughter of his friend. Students attending the trial were taught the consequences of driving while under personnel prepare to load junior Drew Berry, who has been diagnosed with internal bleeding, into St. John's Lifeline helicopter. At the end of the mock accident, Brazeal was placed in a body bag after being pronounced dead at the



Afterwards they attend a mock trial where swears in defendent Garret Keith, with his attorney Brenna Drakeford. Keith faces 11 the influence. Firefighters and medical scene.





# CALM STORM When tornadoes ripped through southwest Missouri, FFA members step up to help out

#### helping hands

Brittany Hilton, (inset) and Amanda Jones of Hartville visit with a farmer about his damaged property, which included a 40' x 80' barn and other outbuildings. Cutting away a stock trailer, Trampus Hire, Josie Vaverka, Jesse Stuart and Brandon Grass receive instruction from the Dadeville adviser. Right, Hire and Vaverka team up to unassemble side of a sale arena.

BUZZING CHAINSAWS, rumbling bulldozers, crackling wood and falling debris echoed throughout the Stockton area following the May 6, 2003, outbreak of devastating tornadoes. FFA members, from MHS and six area schools, pitched in to help in the massive clean up effort.

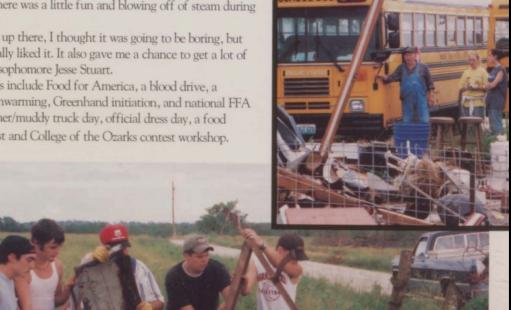
Sophomore Cassie Sanders said she was glad to help in the area activity. "The damage was so extensive, some of those people lost everything they had," she said. "Now they have to find a way to rebuild and move on. It makes me feel good to know I helped out."

Some sights and discoveries "really hit home" at the farm where the team worked, according to Stan Coday, agriculture teacher. "I found an honorary degree plaque that had a woman's name on it. These were things a farmer had stored in his barn," said Cody referring to the landowner whom they assisted

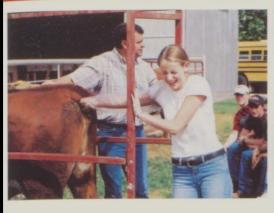
All seriousness aside, there was a little fun and blowing off of steam during the clean up.

"When I decided to go up there, I thought it was going to be boring, but once we got started I actually liked it. It also gave me a chance to get a lot of my frustrations out," said sophomore Jesse Stuart.

Other chapter activities include Food for America, a blood drive, a community breakfast, Barnwarming, Greenhand initiation, and national FFA week, which featured farmer/muddy truck day, official dress day, a food drive, community breakfast and College of the Ozarks contest workshop.









in too deep Sophomore Amanda Hilton, left, examines a cow's uterus for a calf on a field trip to Mt. Vernon. "I volunteered to do it because the guys were too chicken," said Hilton, referring to the pregnant cow. "I pushed the calf down a little bit and it bobbed right back up." Cassie Sanders, juniors, scope out fresh bacteria from inside a cow's stomach. Students traveled to the University of Missouri's research station to experience hands-on research and to learn about job opportunities in the field.



#### State Convention

Poultry team - Second Districts, Group I (7th) -Cassie Sanders, Brendan Keeling, Toby Shelhamer, Kristin Campbell. Floriculture team - Seventh Districts, Group II (14th) Jacki Feldhaus, Kate Probert, Hannah Maggard.

Farm Management - 10th Districts, Group II (19th) Zac Blevins, Tyler Rummens, Paul

State Degree Recipients - Brittany Hilton, State Proficiency Recipients - Jaron Keeling, Brittany Hilton

#### Chapter FFA

Outstanding Member- Kate Probert

Outstanding Freshman- Brendan Keeling

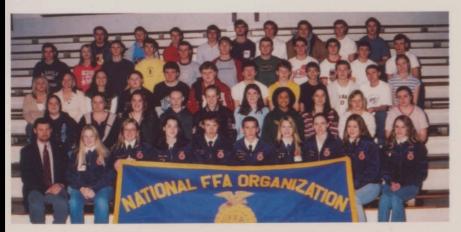
Outstanding Sophomore- Cassie Sanders

Outstanding Junior- Brandon Grass

Outstanding Senior- Jacki Feldhaus

Star Greenhand-Toby Shelhamer

Star Chapter Farmer- Brittany Hilton



FFA Front - Stan Coday (adviser), Becky Slate (president), Cassie Sanders (sentinel), Brittany Hilton (second vice president), Brandon Grass (vice president), Jaron Keeling (secretary), Kate Probert (treasurer), Jacki Feldhaus (chaplin), Hannah Maggard (reporter), Amanda Hilton (historian); Row Tow -Aimee Williams, Shamala Bunch, Kelsey Tomlinson, Heather Mitchell, Synthia Bannister, Kristin Campbell, Tara Drakeford, Amanda Sherman, Salisa Greene, Samantha Ousley; Row Three - Heather Menefee, Katelyn Choate. LeAnn Kendall, Craig Williams, Brandon Sinning, Adam Ward, Taylor Thompson, Toby Shelhamer, Brendan Keeling, Jeremy Sutton, Josh Wilkerson, Kathy Williams; Row Four - Dakota Branham, Chelsea House, Cody Whorton, Joe Lucas, Adam Bennett, Paul Moody, Tyler Rummens, Zac Blevins, Andrew Byerlee, Brett Essary, Josh Pyle; Row Five -Justin Skaggs, Andy Ussery, Josh Cornelius, Trampus Hire, Josie Vaverka, Tom Brazeal, Jesse Stuart, Brad Young and Matt Rhodes.

#### welcome

At the annual FFA Banquet, freshman Jeremy Sutton accepts a membership pin from Stan Coday, FFA sponsor, as freshman Kristin Campbell looks on. The annual blue and gold evening includes a buffet of fried chicken and roast beef, awards, contest results and new member inductions.



#### in farm's way

Coach Terry Writer competes in a cow-milking contest during National FFA week. Racing the clock, Writer milks a Guernsey heifer donated by Riley Stewart. "If I had to rate my cow milking skills, I'd give myself a three." Writer said. lane Wehmeyer, math teacher, won first; custodian Ronnie Roy placed second; and counselor Kelly Brazeal third.



#### fear factor

Senior Brenna Drakeford averts her eyes from the piercing needle as a Community Blood Center nurse attend her. "Giving blood is a good way to help others and I forced myself to do it because I need to get over my fear of needles," she said. The event drew FFA's second best turnout with 93 donors and 78 units collected.



#### coffee mate

Serving up a fresh cup of coffee, senior Amanda Sherman waits on State Trooper Steve Grass during FFA's community breakfast. Students arrive at 6:00 a.m. to cook a full menu featuring eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage and pancakes.





#### test your knowledge

- 1. Which religion has the most followers in both the world and the United States?
  - Islam
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- 2. Who is the Democratic candidate for the 2004 presidential election?
  - Colin Powell
- **■** Hillary Clinton
- John Kerry
- 3. What country did the United States attack to take out Saddam Hussein?
  - Iraq
- Iran
- Afghanistan
- 4. What former Hollywood actor turned politician died June 2004?
  - Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Steven Spielberg
- **Ronald Reagan**



foreign language club - Front -Wilda Watterson (adviser), Dulci Lancaster (reporter/secretary), Whitney Miller (vice-president), Becky Lucas (president); Row two - Mandie Adamson, Garret Keith, Zack Flageolle, Mandy Rokusek, Ashley Eichelberger; Row three - Eric Bricker, Leanne Moody, Sara Henley, Greg Short, Kate Probert, Hannah Maggard; Row four - Ryan Loge, Alex Miller, Kristin Quick, Julie Hutton, Cody Elliott, Tyler Rummens and Josh Venable.





Calhoun rocks the jailhouse as he portrays the King of Rock Elvis Presley for a class assignment. Students researched and role-played characters from the past for Wilda Watterson's American History class.

flat truesday Parading purple, gold and green beads and masks, French students pose for a Mardi Gras photo in class. Mardi Gras, which means Fat Tuesday, is a traditional French holiday in New Orleans and other southern states. People enjoy going to parades, masquerade balls and dressing up in costumes in a carnival atmosphere.



#### active learning

Volcanic eruptions are under control as seventh grader Tron Sherman describes the inner workings to classmate Evan Whorton and Olivia Whorton, sixth grader. Sherman constructed the volcano for a project in Teri Leonard's middle school social studies classroom. Projects were on display during the fall Open House.

#### class awards

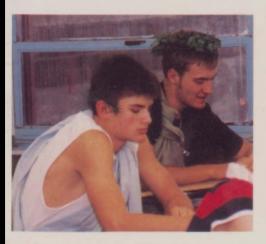
- American History First Hour -Whitney Miller, Becky Lucas, Jill Merritt; Fifth Hour -Alex Miller, Tim Shelhamer, Kate Probert, Virginia Sherman; Sixth Hour - Julie Hutton, Melanie Davis, Michael Fuge, Josh Venable and Craig Campbell;
- Adv. Am. History Zac Blevins, Tyler Rummens and Paul Moody;
- Spanish I Kate Probert, Michael Fuge
- Geography Megan Sowers, Craig Campbell, Adam Keith and Blake Miller;
- World History Cassie Sanders, Megan Sowers, Kristin Quick, Jerica Cody, Blake Miller and Adam Smith:
- Government Shane Norrell, Erin Schell and Elaine Johns
- Sociology Mandy Rokusek
- Modern European History Ashley Eichelberger



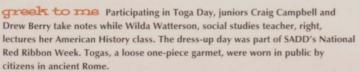


it's what for lunch Soup line worker Brandon Grass serves up a weak vegetable soup with bits of meat to Brittany Borders while Tristan Dennis pours water and Shawn Singh hands out apples. While studying the Depression era, American History simulated the living conditions. Setting up a board game, American history students Craig Campbell and Alex Miller prepare to play a knowledge-based game about World War II. Students planned and designed their own board games for class

Meaningful conversations about the past spark students' enthusiasm for reading and forming opinions about the issues of today PRESENT









bon appetite French teacher Vicki Blankenship demonstrates how to make crepes, a thin pancake dessert, for sophomore Ryan Loge and junior Becky Lucas. Students filled their crepes with strawberries, cherries or blueberries and topped them with whipped cream and chocolate syrup for a class treat.

#### WHETHER INSPIRED NATURALLY OR GRAPHICALLY, STUDENTS MAKE IT THEIR WAY







#### visualize

Artisan Tanya Loveland, a senior, begins with pieces of Styrofoam which she will paint and glue together to produce a sculpture in Art II. Students often exhibit their finished work in the commons area showcase. KUDOS to Derrick Richardson and April Butcher for winning fourth place in sculpture and first place in collage, respectively, in the Alpha Rho Tau art show. ADMIRING A WINNER, Mark Cruse and Jeremy Sutton study pencil drawings at the Alpha Rho Tau art show in Houston. Area schools rotate the host school every year.

ALK INTO THE ART ROOM and you'll notice an ever-changing display of textiles, pottery, watercolors, pen and ink drawings and mobiles. This intriguing gallery is furnished by emerging talent in abstraction, Realism, photography, sculpture and new media.

Students say as they work, they investigate contemporary issues and themes of personal identity and relationships between individuals and society. "Every piece of art is expressing your personality in one way or another," junior Kerri Young said. "I like art because it is fun, laid-back and educational at the same time. There really is no right or wrong

Junior Mark Kruse agreed that "art is self-expression of emotions, thoughts and feelings in anyway you want." For Jessica Wright, a junior, art allows her to share her feelings more openly. "For example, if I'm having a bad day, my project is black with dull colors," she said.



Pront - Jessica Wright, Christy Nichols, Randi Wood, Zack Flageolle (president); Row Two - April Butcher, Gretchen Schultz (adviser), Mark Cruse (vice president) and Taylor Thompson (secretary).

#### milky way

Art teacher turned farm girl, Gretchen Shultz, right, tries her hand in milking a Guernsey cow at the second annual FFA Milking Contest during National FFA Week. The event, held after lunch, pits teachers and students to see who can milk the most in a minute. Shultz calls herself a "rank amateur."





#### admiring the hardware,

Chris Roy, Tron Sherman, Tami Sherman and April Morris visit with Roy Ryan, industrial technology teacher, about the computer his students constructed for a drawing at open



FOR EXCELLENT WORK, Roy Ryan, industrial technology teacher, recognizes middle school students in his woodworking and computer technology classes. Beginning in the fall, classes moved to the OTC building where the new shop offers twice the space.

#### TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

**Conference Industrial Technology Fair** 

#### ONE RATING

Trampus Hire - CAD plans for auto shop Chad Smith - hall tree with bench

#### **■ TWO RATING**

Jaron Keeling - entertainment cabinet Derrick Richardson - corner cabinet Heather Jasick - CAD plans or entertainment

Cassie Sanders - CAD residential house plan

#### ■ CAD & TECHNOLOGY CLASS AWARDS

Wood & Senior - Jaron Keeling Principles of Technology - Kristin Campbell Principles of Technology - Brandon Grass CAD - Cassie Sanders

#### **ART AWARDS**

**April Butcher** 

**Derrick Richardson** 

**Jerica Cody** 

**Christy Nichols Adam Bennett** Kerri Young **Ashley Hood Zack Flageolle April Butcher** 

Randi Wood **Christy Nichols Ryan Wright Jeremy Sutton Brenna Drakeford Bobby Cubellis Tim Shelhamer Mark Cruse Debbie Quick Elaine Johns Melanie Davis** 

**Preston Goss** Andrew Byerlee **Aimee Williams Kerri Young** 

- 1. Tim Shelhamer
- 2. Brenna Drakeford
- 3. Christy Nichols

- 1. Hollie Jordan
- 2. Shamala Bunch
- 3. Andrew Bylerlee

- 1. Jerica Cody
- 2. Tanya Loveland
- 3. Zack Flageolle

**Derrick Richardson** 

**Randi Wood** 



#### batter up

Seventh grader Laura Wagner scoops up a cup of pancake mix while Jackie Emerick and Kelly Quirk check the next step in their instructions. Teen Living students work in cooperative groups on all cooking activities.

Classes add educational ingredients for more than just an afternoon snack **Fitchen**AIDE



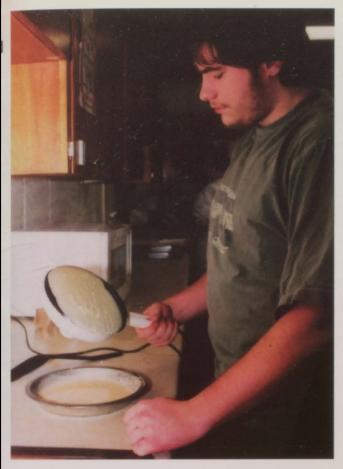
all in good taste Chef Landon Jarrett, seventh grader, tries to convince his partner Chelese Adams that adding yellow food coloring to pancake mix is "a good thing." As expected, their pancakes turned out bright yellow and everyone ate what they cooked.

eat and eat seems to be the craze among today's fast-paced teens. As a result, many households steer away from teaching basic cooking skills due to new technologies that make meal preparation faster and more convenient.

"I really rely on my microwave when no one is home and I have to cook for myself," said sophomore Adam Smith. "In these situations three words come to mind: chicken pot pie."

Family and Consumer Science students enrolled in Teen Living and Foods and Nutrition learn the basics of cooking and cleaning up. "I didn't really cook before, but after taking Teen Living I like to cook," said seventh grader Joeanne McCullum. "It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be, and now I cook a lot more at home."

Some students said they do not like to follow recipes and would rather eat something ready made. "Why go through a long process when it's already been done for you?" asked sophomore Jerica Cody. "It's just so much easier to take advantage of what's already been done than to actually fix a meal myself."







Senior Joe Perkins uses a crepe maker as part of a cooking unit in Nutrition class. Students filled the crepes with fruit toppings and cool whip and finished them off with chocolate Tyler Riley asks a group member for a plate to set his pancake down. Riley said he thought he turned it "too soon but then it was too T Discussing measuring cups and spoons, Teresa Hinsley, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, gives mixing instructions to seventh grader Miranda Farris while in Teen Living. "Mrs. Hinsley always made sure that we understood what we were doing and if we didn't then, she'd always stop and explain it to us," Farris said.



not so hot Skeptical about a new appliance labeled "cool- touch," Foods and Nutrition students brave a touch while making chocolate pretzels. The exterior body remains cool to touch even when in use for added safety around children.

Cooking was a lot of fun I especially liked it because it got us out of homework and gave us a break from typical classroom work." -Miranda Farris, seventh grader



Front - LaToya Bell (second vice president), Ashley Kirtwright (secretary-treasurer), Jessica Pettibone (president), Sarah Moody (first vice president), Teresa Hinsley (adviser); Row Two - Ashley Young, Heather Menefee, Samantha Ousley, Ashley Eichelberger, Kristin Quick. Julie Hutton; Row Three - Debbie Quick, Vicki Billings, Hannah Persinger, Joey Neal, Lindsey Hopping, Lacey Tate and Ashly Renner.

#### MISS MANSFIELD CONTEST As

their major project, FCCLA sponsors the annual Miss Mansfield pageant for girls ages 6-18. Members decorate the stage, prepare contestants for judging and supervise younger girls backstage.

#### Picking up other's garbage, holding a human brain, chipping off old paint

#### students investigate



ontributing to the betterment of their community, Math Club members helped put a fresh coat of paint on the square as part of the Mansfield Downtown Beautification Project. Students joined forces with adults in an effort to make the town more attractive to visitors and local citizens.

"I volunteered our group's manpower if they supplied the paint," said Michell King, math club adviser. "I think they underestimated our turnout because we ran short of supplies."

Other Math Club activities included cleaning up

Smith and Adam Keith followed by seniors Tyler
Rummens and Zack Flageolle skim their zone for trash as
they walk down Highway 60. "We were always in front
while we picked up trash so we could be the first to find
funny and unusual things," said Smith about Math Club's
quarterly work day. off road Freshman Kristin
Campbell points out an object to senior Jacki Feldhaus
and freshman Lauren Rummens as they collect trash at
Math Club's Adopt-a-Highway program. Members canvas
two miles of Highway 60 between the Mansfield exits.

Sophomores Adam Keith and Eric Bricker apply a coat of off-white to a post on the town square at a Math Club community betterment project.
Bricker removed his brand new red tennis shoes "because the plastic bags I put on them ripped to pieces."



a two-mile stretch of Highway 60. For the second year, the club has participated in Adopt-a-Highway and picked up litter once a quarter. "It's pretty unbelievable what people toss out," said senior Zack Flageolle. "We've found everything from silverware to underwear. It makes you wonder what was going on at the time."













#### a fire inside TOP LEFT:

Chemistry students Alex Miller and Karl Schell ignite hydrogen gas captured from a chemical reaction making a barking sound. "Even though I knew a bark was coming, I still jumped the first time I heard it," Miller said. Senior Cody Elliott, above, puts finishing touches on his science board before contest. Elliott won first at the Ozarks Science & Engineering Fair for his project "The Effects of Pre-plant 2, 4-D on Growth of Cotton." LEFT: Juniors Elaine Johns and Amber Schofield examine a human brain during the Human Anatomy trip to SMSU. Students learned about the human body with the chance to touch preserved human remains. I Juniors Michael Fuge, Casey Ivy and Greg Short listen to a SMSU instructor explain the function of the human body.



math club Front - Michell King (adviser), Bobby Cubellis (freshman rep.), Cody Elliott (vice-president), Craig Campbell (junior rep.), Jane Wehmeyer (co-adviser); Row two - Kendall Findley, Leanne Moody, Ashley Young, Melanie Davis, Becky Lucas, Whitney Miller, Zack Flageolle, Virginia Sherman, Jacki Feldhaus; Row three - Blake Miller, Megan Sowers, Kristin Campbell, Tara Drakeford, Dulci Lancaster, Kristin Quick, Julie Hutton, Sarah Moody, Cassie Sanders, Kate Probert; Row four - Andy Morris, Mandie Adamson, Paige Hoover, Eric Bricker, Ryan Loge, Tom Brazeal, Adam Keith, Greg Short, Drew Berry, Leo Rothacker; Row five -Lauren Rummens, Heather Menefee, Chelsea House, Mike Moody, Michael Fuge, Paul Moody, Billy Newton, Tyler Rummens, Taylor Thompson, Adam Smith and Zac Blevins; Not shown: Eli Helms (president).



science club Front - Garret Keith (president), Chelsea House (freshman rep.), Zack Flageolle (vice-president), Kendall Findley (treasurer), Leanne Moody (sophomore rep.), Cody Elliott (senior rep.), Taylor Thompson (junior rep.), Ashley Eichelberger (secretary); Row two - Megan Sowers, Ryan Loge, Virginia Sherman, Kayla Hilton, Dulci Lancaster, Mandy Rokusek, Jacki Feldhaus, Pam Probert (adviser); Row three - Blake Miller, Alex Miller, Becky Lucas, Craig Campbell, Whitney Miller, Drew Berry; Row five - Paul Moody, Tyler Rummens, Greg Short, Michael Fuge, Adam Keith and Casey Ivy.

#### College of Ozarks Math Contest

Algebra I - third place - Brittany Keeling, Katie Sherman, Lauren

Geometry - second place - Chelsea House, Kristin Campbell, Toby

Algebra II - second place - Julie Hutton, Cassie Sanders, Megan Sowers Trigonometry - second place - Alex Miller, Tim Shelhamer, Craig Campbell Open - second place overall - Tyler Rummens, Zack Flageolle, Zac Blevins, Cody Elliott, Leo Rothacker

#### Conference Math Contest

Geometry - red ribbons - Chelsea House, Toby Shelhamer, Kristin Campbell

Algebra II - silver medals - Julie Hutton, Cassie Sanders, Megan Sowers Trigonometry - silver medals - Alex Miller, Craig Campbell, Tim Shelhamer Advanced Math - blue ribbons - Zac Blevins, Cody Elliott, Tyler Rummens

#### ■ Conference Science Fair

Trophy Winners - Mike Moody, behavioral science; Cody Elliott, earth/space science; Julie Hutton, microbiology

Blue Ribbon - Kristin Quick, botany; Cassie Sanders, engineering; Garret Keith, environmental science

Red Ribbon - Taylor Tompson, physics

#### SMSU West Plains Regional Fair

First Place - Cody Elliott, environmental science; Cassie Sanders, technology Second Place - Garret Keith, environmental science; Julie Hutton, life science

Third Place - Taylor Thompson, physical

Ribbons - Mike Moody, behavioral science; Kristin Quick, life science

#### Class Awards

Biology - Adam Smith, Cassie Sanders, Kristin Quick, Julie Hutton, Megan Sowers Physics - Cody Elliott

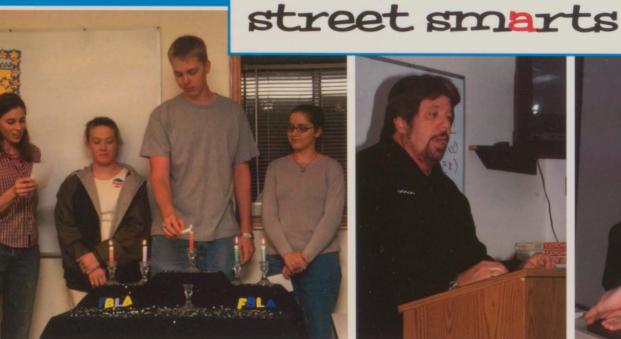
Chemistry - Alex Miller, Kate Probert, Tim

Human Anatomy and Physiology - Craig Campbell

the winner's



#### LEARNING ABOUT THE REAL WORLD INSTILLS CONFIDENCE TO HANDLE WHAT COMES NEXT







#### kick off fall

ABOVE: Conducting FBLA officer initiation ceremony, Ashley Eichelberger, vice president, reads off the responsibilities for service as President Cody Elliott lights a candle. April Butcher, left of Elliott, and Sarah Sherman wait their turn to be inducted as reporter and historian, respectively.

#### bad business

MIDDLE: In Business Law, State Highway Patrol officer Mike Stuart reels off examples of how drug enforcement officers catch up with drug traffickers. He brought photographs of vehicles that had been customized to conceal illegal drugs.

#### identity theft

ABOVE RIGHT: Senior Garret Keith walks through the motions of fingerprinting with a Douglas County officer who explains how unique characteristics can be used as conclusive evidence in criminal identification and forensics. Keith, along with other Business Law students, toured the Ava jail facilities to observe the procedures and protocols.

hat do you do? When you enter the working world, this is often the first question people will ask to get a sense of who you are. For business students, exploring the options and seeing a bigger picture of today's career landscaping helps to make the most of opportunities that come their way. Classes teach strategies for writing letters, resumes and thank you notes. Students learn how to dress the part and succeed at interviews. Articulation classes like Accounting 1, Computer Applications and Keyboarding/Word Processing offer credit in both high school and through Ozark Technical College.

> Outside school, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members were involved in working the concession stand, helping in the cafeteria at Grandparents Day, participating in FBLA Week and competing in local, district and state contests.



**Business student Hillary Persinger gives the regular** cafeteria staff a break by cleaning tables after lunch. Besides helping, students explored a variety of career options and checked out areas of special interest by taking field trips and sponsoring speakers.



District contest winners gather outside the OTC building for a photo after placing first through fifth places. The annual contest is held at the SMSU campus in West Plains.

Concluding a mock interview, junior **Kate Probert** polishes her interviewing skills with Kathy Short, **Parents as Teachers** director, prior to district contest. Afterwards she received feedback on her performance.



■ First Place

Ashley Eichelberger, Business Law

■ Second Place

**Hillary Persinger, Business Procedures** Cody Elliott, Mr. Future Business Leader

■ Third Place

Hillary Persinger, Accounting II **Kate Probert, Business Calculations** Kristin Quick, Intro to Business Comm. **Cassie Sanders, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures** 

■ Fourth Place

Mandy Rokusek, Business Comm. **Julie Hutton, Business** 

**■** Fifth Place

Josh Venable, Accounting I

■ Tenth Place - Ashley Eichelberger, **Business Law** 

■ First Place

Alex Miller, Keyboarding II Speed Alex Miller, Keyboarding II Production

**■** Third Place

Melanie Moore, Keyboarding I Speed



FBLA Front - Sarah Sherman (historian), April Butcher (reporter), Ashley Eichelberger (vice president), Cody Elliott (president) Kate Probert (secetary), Josh Venable (treasurer); Row Two -Marsha Appleby (adviser), Hannah Persinger, Hillary Persinger, LaToya Bell, Mandy Rokusek; Row Three -Lauren Rummens, Adam Keith, Garret Keith, Kristin Campbell, Shona Stewart, Brenna Drakeford; Row Four -Debbie Quick, Alex Miller, Cassie Sanders, Kristin Quick, Julie Hutton and Sarah Moody.



Butcher (historian), Ashley Eichelberger (treasurer), Becky Slate (vice president), Mandy Rokusek (president), Chris Domiano; Row Two - Salisa Greene, Brittany Ewing, Sara Henley, Becky Lucas, Brenna Drakeford, Erin Schell, Vanessa Greene; Row Three - Tanya Beggs, Lindsey Hopping, Heather Mitchell, Melanie Davis, Jill Merritt, Jessica Pettibone, Brittany Hilton, Samantha Ousley; Row Four - Joey Neal, Katelyn Choate, Whitney Miller, Kerri Young, Jessica Wright, Danielle Banner, LaToya Bell, Ashly Renner, Audra Dierksen; Row Five - Brandon Sinning, Drew Berry, Casey Ivy, Craig Campbell, Evan Jones, Greg Short, Karl Schell, Steven Domiano, Jeremiah Butcher and Amanda Hilton.

# give our regards to Broadway

THREE WEEKS PRIOR to the annual Veteran's Day program, the choir grew silent with the news that Eric Spyres, vocal music teacher, fell ill and required a leave of absence. Spyres's eldest son, Sean ('96 graduate), who happened to be home at the time, stepped in to direct the 40-member choir and everyone breathed easier.

"We've always done a Veteran's Day program, and I wanted to follow in tradition and not disappoint," Spyres said. "Needless to say, there was a lot of communications between Sean and me to keep things on track."

The program "A Night on Broadway," despite the usual pre-show chaos and jitters, appeared flawless to choir and audience members alike.

"Everything was so crazy in the days leading up to the program," sophomore Julie Hutton said. "Everyone was worried what the outcome would be, but it turned out better than I could have imagined."

The show featured mixed groups, full choir and solo performances including comedy. "During my performance, Mr. Spyres gave me the idea of kissing Craig, but I thought it would embarass him," said junior Sara Henley. "When the time came, I gave him a little surprise on the cheek to spice up the show."

The patriotic finale featured a 30' x 40' flag stretched across the commons area by audience members singing "God Bless America."





#### Audra Dierksen's Speech Awards

- Marion C. Early Tournament

  First Place Prose Reading, Poetry Reading,

  Second Place Dramatic Interpretation
- Buffalo Tournament
  First Place Prose Reading
  Second Place Dramatic Interpretation
- Marshfield Tournament
   First Place Dramatic Interpretation
   Poetry Reading
   Second Place Prose Reading
- Ava Tournament
   First Place Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry
   Reading, Prose Reading
- District Speech Tournament Seventh Place - Poetry Reading



#### PHOTOS BY ELI HELMS

#### choir awards

#### **State Music Contest**

#### ■ Two Rating

Audra Dierksen - vocal solo Julie Hutton - vocal solo Girls' Trio - Audra Dierksen, Julie Hutton and Kellie Hutton Mansfield High School Choir

#### **District Music Contest**

#### ■ One Rating

Audra Dierksen - vocal solo Julie Hutton - vocal solo Sara Henley - vocal solo Girls' Trio - Audra Dierksen, Julie Hutton and Kellie Hutton

#### ■ Two Rating

Ashly Renner - vocal solo Mandy Rokusek - vocal solo Small Ensemble - Audra Dierksen, Ashly Renner, Julie Hutton, Mandy Rokusek, Evan Jones and Craig Campbell

#### All District Choir

Audra Dierksen Steven Domiano

Brandon Sinning, Steven Domiano and Chris Domiano rush to open a package from home. The boys played the part of homesick military personnel in the musical *South Pactic* at Back to Broadway.



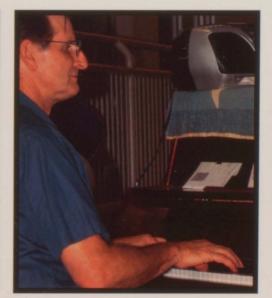
#### classical tunes

Alto Julie Hutton, a sophomore, accompanied by Dorothy Wallace on piano, sings "The Sound of Music." "Music is my passion and I am lucky enough to be able to share it with anyone who will listen," Hutton said.



## uptown girls

With a sassy attitude, trio Mandy Rokusek, Brenna Drakeford and Audra Dierksen dance to "All That Jazz," at Back to Broadway, a USO-style show for veterans and community members. The featured hit song is from the musical "Chicago."



### tickling the ivory

Returning for opening night, Eric Spyres, vocal music teacher, plays for the evening performance of "Back to Broadway." Son Sean Spyres directed the show, while Spyres recuperated from an extended illness.

# that WAS-Line

but this is now: English contestants capture first place in Summit Conference



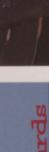
INNING WORDS in four categories brought home the gold for English students for the first time in nine years. Mansfield reclaimed first place in the annual Summit

Conference English Contest held at Fordland High School. Hartville won second place and Fordland earned third. Students competed in four categories: composition, grammar, spelling and vocabulary. First place individual trophies were awarded to Alex Miller in grammar and Whitney Miller in spelling.





it's all inside Using only his sense of touch, junior Drew Berry attempts to identify objects in a paper bag while Lindsey Hopping and Jessica Wright wait their turn. The sensory activity encouraged students to select precise details and images for a descriptive writing unit in American Literature. backed up Freshman Joey Neal and his father Derrick Neal communicate directions in order to construct the same object-a tree-using only descriptive words and building blocks at open house. Career English students of Debbie Whetstine came up with this concept to test instruction skills among students and their parents.







signing in Zack Flageolle collects signatures from Taylor Thompson, Becky Lucas and Eli Helms after receiving his El Leon. The first annual signing party allowed prepaid students out of class to pick up yearbooks, enjoy lemonade and cookies while trading signatures. speaking of the past King Arthur (Andy Morris) and comedian Lucille Ball (Shona Stewart) share their autobiographies in Journalism I for an interviewing activity. Students conducted research, constructed questions and dressed in character for role-playing.





food trail British Literature students help themselves to a buffet of Renaissance era delicacies including Shepherd's pie, apple kuchen, baked garlic peas, garlic soup, homemade wheat bread and honey balls. The meal preceeds a study of William Shakespeare's Hamlet.

## ummit Conference English Contest

- Blue Ribbon Ashley Eichelberger, vocabulary; Virginia Sherman,
- Red Ribbon Tyler Rummens, composition; Lauren Rummens, composition; Chelsea House, grammar; Julie Hutton, grammar

  White Ribbon Becky Lucas, composition; Leanne Moody, composition; Cody Elliott, grammar; Brenna Drakeford, spelling; Kristin Quick, spelling

  Yellow Ribbon Kristin Campbell, vocabulary; Toby Shelhamer,

- NSPA All-American- El Leon 2003
   JEA/NSPA National Convention, San Diego Second Place, Best of
- Show- El Leon 2003

  National Write-Off Contest- Tim Shelhamer superior rating, Sports Copy/Caption Writing; Becky Lucas honorable mention, Advertising
- Advertising

  Quill and Scroll Sweepstakes- Eli Helms, graphics; Eli Helms, rts action photo; Eli Helms, academic photo
- development; Eli Helms, academic photo; Eli Helms, sports action photo; Eli Helms, student life spread

  Quill and Scroll National Newspaper- Eli Helms, sports action photo; Virginia Sherman, feature story

#### summit conference winners





Front - Virginia Sherman (vice president), Jacob Wright, Adam Smith (librarian), Julie Hutton (soph. rep.), Brandon Grass (sec.) treasurer/drum major), Toby Shelhamer (freshman rep.), Josh Venable (senior rep.), Danny LaFavor (junior rep.), Dulci Lancaster (librarian); Row two - Shona Stewart, Leo Rothacker, Tristan Dennis, Andy Morris, Jessica Williams, Lindsey Hopping, Kathy Williams, Randi Wood, Kate Probert; Row three - Megan Sowers, Mike Moody, Michael Fuge, Tom Brazeal, Paige Hoover, Mandie Adamson, Heather Menefee, Samantha Morris, LaToya Bell, Amanda Hilton; Row four - Chelsea House, Joey Neal, Trampus Hire, Shane Norell, Melanie Moore, Hannah Persinger, Josh Gresham, Lauren Rummens, Melissa Johnsen; Row five - Nicole Freeman, Ashly Renner, Audra Dierksen, Chad Newton, Chrystina France and Kayla Hilton; Not shown: Eli Helms (president/drum major), Shannon Waldo (adviser).

## True Colors Conversation between foreign exchange student,

juniors Leo Rothacker and drum major, Brandon Grass before the Seymour Apple Festival Parade.

Rothacker: I don't like marching.

Grass: Guy, I love to march. Why not?

Rothacker: All you do is stand there. You're always yelling at us to pray and rest.

Grass: (Laughs) No, parade and rest.

eo Rothacker

# Hours of dedication, hard work and perseverance produce a Band of Gold

Steppin' Up Young and potential talents tune up for their December and spring band concerts. "They have different levels of skills and great instrumentation," said

Director Shannon Waldo.

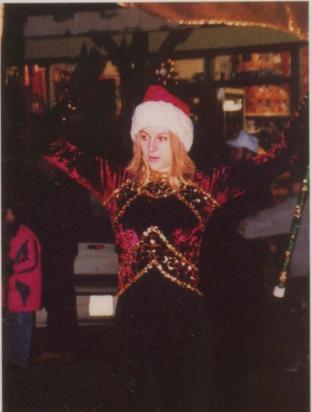
- keeping the best TOP: Erin Dierksen, Kaysha Ousley, Vanessa Delcour, Lindsay Allen and Laken Conaway perform at the 2004 Spring Band Concert. The sixth grade band entertained the audience with selections ranging from a Japanese folk song to an African folk song.
- percussionists Chauncie Mitchell and Sean Flynt wait for their cue from Director Shannon Waldo. Approximately 35 first-year sixth graders compose the band.
- in the brass section, William Johnsen performs an opening number "Festival Fanfare" which is proceeded by the theme from the musical Grease. Family members and friends attended the spring concert which featured five different selections.











When we marched to one drummer, we accomplished more.

— ELI HELMS,
PRESIDENT & DRUM MAJOR

golden butterfly Flag Corp. member Virginia Sherman performs on the square during the annual Chirstmas parade. The flag squad entertained bystanders at night with a routine to "The Brighter Side of Chirstmas."

#### making strides down

John Q. Hammons Parkway, the band performs while marching in the annual **SMSU Homecoming** parade. Under the direction of Shannon Waldo, members competed in a threemile march againist other 2-A schools. FAR LEFT: Adam Smith and other drummers keep in step as Tom Brazeal, concentrates on his saxophone. **SMSU** requires complete formal band uniforms for the annual fall parade.

## Honors

#### **High School Awards**

- State Music Contest II rating
- P.S. Gilmore Award Eli Helms
- John Philip Sousa Award- Eli Helms

#### **Districts Awards**

- Sightreading (group) I rating
- Girls' Trio I rating
- Solos I rating Sara Henley, Audra Dierksen, Julie Hutton.

# UNDER THE INFLUENCE TO EXPRESS

reschool. Kindergarten. Nap. Recess. Swing. Color. Slide. Friends. Play. Laugh. Grow. Change. Read. Write. Develop. Hair. Change. Jeans. Secrets. Gossip. Words. Hurt. Tears. Anger. Apologies. Regret. Grow. Play. Laugh. Study. Sleep. Beep. Snooze. Mom. Obscenity. Stretch. Cheerios. Shower. Rinse. Repeat. T-shirt. Sniff. Febreeze. Dress. Books. Backpack. Car. Drive. Reverse. Deoderant. Drive. School. Locker. Calculator. Hi-five. Laugh. Bell. "Ten Seconds." Ring. Tardy. Excuse. Rejected. Algebra. Wallaha. Notes. Doodle. Hangman. Pythagoras. Who? Bell. Halls. Crowded. News. Whisper. English. Shakespeare. Juliet. Snore. Drool. Books. Awake. Pencils. Quiz? Stress. Bombed. Bell. Laugh. Work. Practice. Run. Coach. Yell. Sprints. Sweat. Run Again. Play. Mature. Change. Talk. Confide. Secrets. Crush. Dare. Call. Call. Again. Call. Laugh. Go out? Marry? Nah. Friends? Yeah. Friends. Always.

#### **PUPPY LOVE**

Kindergartner Chelsea Essary shows affection to Jackie, a Blue Heeler, owned by FFA member Joe Lucas. Dogs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, bees, horses, cows and other animals were on exhibit during Food for America, which educated students about agriculture and its production aspects. *Photo by Eli Helms* 

by mandy rokusek, whitney miller, becky lucas & sarah moody

# PEOPLE



## [faculty & administration]

# Mansfield earns "Distinction in

Performance award

maior budget cuts in programs, Mansfield R-IV continued to earn the State Board of Education's highest citation—"Distinction in Performance." To attain this achievement, K-12 schools must meet 11 out of 12 standards including MAP-test scores, ACT

scores, attendance and other academic measures.

Superintendent Arlene Magnin cites faculty and students as the sources of the accomplishment. "I credit it to high quality teachers who continue to instill the importance of tests in students who typically strive to achieve in all areas," she said.

Arlene Magnin, Superintendent Randy Short, High School Principal Freddie Doherty, Middle School Principal Don Sanders, Elementary Principal Dorothy Wallace, Special Education Director

Gina Adams, Special Education,
Natl. Board Certified Teacher
Debbie Allen, Cook
Marsha Appleby, Business, FBLA Sponsor
Steve Baty, Custodian
Vicki Blankenship, Middle School English, French

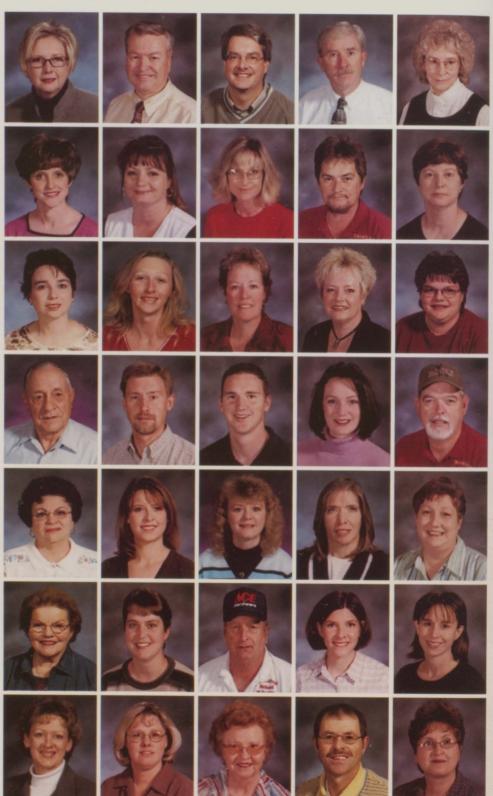
Chanda Box, Health Clerk Ann Brazeal, Cook Kelly Brazeal, High School Counselor, Senior Class Sponsor Janet Brooke, High School Secretary Deidra Carnall, Custodian

Dallas Chambers, Remedial Math Stan Coday, Agriculture, FFA Sponsor Adam Cook, Physical Education, Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach Natalie Cook, Middle School Science Harold Dennis, Maintenance Supervisor

Pat Dennis, Cook
Tara Dennis, Speech Implementor
Stacey Doherty, Elementary Counselor
Terri Flynn, Learning Disabilities
Kay Goss, Librarian

Susie Graham, Middle School Computers
Tiffany Gray, Title I
Don Hanger, Head Mechanic
June Hanger, Title I
Teresa Hinsley, Family and Consumer Science,
FCCLA Sponsor

Brenda Hutton, Middle School Secretary
Teresa Jarrett, Elementary Secretary
Avenail Jones, Cook
Doug Jones, Science, Athletic Director,
Baseball Coach
Cheryl Keith, High School Head Cook







COOL COOKIES Pat Dennis and Nancy Veit serve open house visitors in the commons area. Approximately 800 students, parents and community members attended the annual event. RETIRING TEACHERS FAR LEFT: Susie Graham, computer technology, and Elaine Crump, elementary, prepare to cut their cake at a retirement lunch given in their honor in May. Graham accumulated 33 years in the Mansfield system and Crump taught

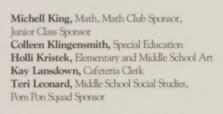










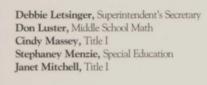










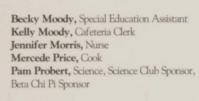






















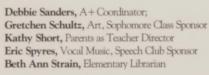












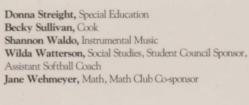
























HOT SHOT Jill Merritt, center, with Adam Bennett and Tyler Rummens, right, set their sights on clay pigeons at the Project Graduation trap shoot. Other fundraisers included a basketball tournament, raffles and Krispy Kreme sales. GOOD FATS At the concession stand, far right, Amanda Kuhn, April Butcher, LaToya Bell and Samantha Ousley prepare chili for a crowd attending the event at the saddle club grounds.







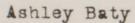
#### Della Abbott

FBLA 2.3, PCCLA 1.2.3, Band 1.2.3.4, Softball 2, Basketball 1, FBLA/Business Contest 3, Homecoming Princess 1

## Josh Archer

#### Danielle Banner

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 4, NHS 4, FBLA 1, FOCLA 1, FFA 3,4, Basketball 2,3,4, All Conference Basketball 3, English Contest 1,2,3, Math Contest 2, Girls State 4



SADD 1, FBLA 4, Math Club 2,3, FCCLA 1,2, Band 2,3, Class Officer 1, Softball 2,3, Basketball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Basketball 3, English Contest 2,3, Arr Fair 2, Math Contest 2,3, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 2, Homecoming Princess 2

#### LaToya Bell

FBLA 3,4, Officer 4, Band 1,2,3,4, Choir 4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4

#### Adam Bennett

SADD 1,2,3, FFA 1,2,3,4, Student Council 1, Baseball 1,2, Basketball 1,2, Bamwarming King Candidate 1

#### Zac Blevins

Foreign Language Club 2,3, SADD 1,2, NHS 3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4, FFA 4, TSA 1,2,3, Band 1,2,3, Choir 1, English 3

#### April Butcher

SADD 4, FBLA 3, FBLA 3,4 Officer 4, FFA 1, Choir 2,3,4, Sporting Chance 1,2,3, FBLA/Business Contest 4

#### Brenna Drakeford

SADD 1,2, FBLA 4, Math Club 1,2, Science 1,2, Publications 2, Speech and Drama 1,2, Choir 4, Pom Pon 2, English Contest 1,4 Journalism 1, Miss Mansfield 2

























#### ROSE TO THE OCCASION

Zack Flageolle, far left, presents his parents Judy and Hank Flageolle with a token of his appreciation for their support over the years at the Rose Ceremony while Danielle Banner, left, thanks her parents. At the annual event, senior athletes honor their families at the last home basketball game.















### Ashley Eichelberger

Foreign Language Club 3,4, SADD 3,4, NHS 4, FBLA 2,3,4, Officer 4, Science Club 3,4, Officer 4, FFA 1, Student Council 4, Choir 3,4, Class Officer 4, English Contest 2, 4, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4

#### Cody Elliott

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4, Officer 2, NHS 3,4, PBLA 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 1,4, Science Club 2,3,4, Officer 4, Student Council 3,4, TSA 1,2, Class Officer 1,3,4, English Contest 4, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, PBLA/Business Contest 1,2,3,4, Boys State 4, EXCEL 2, MAY 2,3,4, FBLA State Leadership Conference 1,2,3, Prom King Runner-Up 4, Salutatorian

#### Jacki Feldhaus

SADD 1, Officer 1, Math Club 3,4, Science Club 3,4, FFA 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4, Choir 3, Softball 2, Basketball 3, Vocal Music Contest 3, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4, Prom Queen 4

# Zack Flageolle Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4, Officer 4, NHS

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4, Officer 4, NHS 3,4, Art Club 3,4, Officer 4, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Science 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,4, Student Council 3,4, Officer 4, TSA 2, Bund 1,2, Basehull 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 4, MAY 3,4

#### Eli Helms

Foreign Language Club 2,3, NHS 3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4, Science Club 2,3, Officer 3, Student Council 1,2,3,4, Officer 3,4, Publications 2,3,4, Photography Editor 3,4, Editor-in-Chief 4, Quill and Scroll 2,3,4 Band 1,2,3,4, Baseball 1,2, Basketball 1, Journalism Contest 3,4, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 4

#### Megan Hicks

PCCLA 1,2,3, Band 1,2,3, Softball 1, Basketball 1,3,4, Cross Country 1, Cheerleader 2

#### Brittany Hilton

FFA 1,2,3,4, Officer 1,2,3,4, Choir 3,4, Science Fair 3, Girls State 3, EXCEL 2, Barnwarming Queen Candidate 4

Travis Hire

Ashley Hood

English Contest 3, Art Fair 3

#### Heather Jasick

SADD 1. Art Club 2.3. PCCLA 2.3.4. Publications 2. Choir 1.2

#### Brian Jones

Art Club 1, Baseball 1.2.3.4

#### Jaron Keeling

FFA 1,2,3,4, Baseball 1, English Contest 1,2,3, Industrial Arts Fair 3,4, Barnwarming King 4, FFA Soil Contest 3,4, Prom King Runner-Up 4

#### Garret Keith

Foreign Language Club 2,3, SADD 3,4, Officer 3,4, NHS 3,4, FBLA 4, Math Club 1,2,3, Science Club 1,2,3,4, FCCLA 3, Student Council 3,4, Officer 4, TSA 2, Band 1,2, Class Officer 3, Baseball 1.2.3,4, All Conference Baseball 3, Instrumental Contest 1, Mock Accident Actor 4

#### Amanda Kuhn

FBLA 3, Officer 3, FCCLA 3, FFA 1, Choir 3, Softball 1

#### Laura Lancaster

SADD 3, FBLA 3,4, FFA 1

#### Tanya Loveland

Foreign Language Club 2,3, SADD 1,2,3, Officer 3, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Science 1,2,3, FCCLA 1, Student Council 4, Officer 4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Basketball 3, Track 3, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, Girls State 4, Homecoming Queen 4, Prom Oueen Runner-Up 4

#### Joe Lucas

FFA 1,2,3,4, TSA 1, Choir 1, Basketball 1, English Contest 3,

#### Jill Merritt

SADD 3, Student Council 4, Publications 3, Choir 2,3,4, Class Officer 3, Softball 2,3,4, All Conference Softball 2,3, English Contest 3, Vocal Music Contest 2,3,4, Homecoming Princess 3, Homecoming Queen Candidate, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 3, Miss Mansfield 4, Prom Queen Runner-Up 4

#### Paul Moody

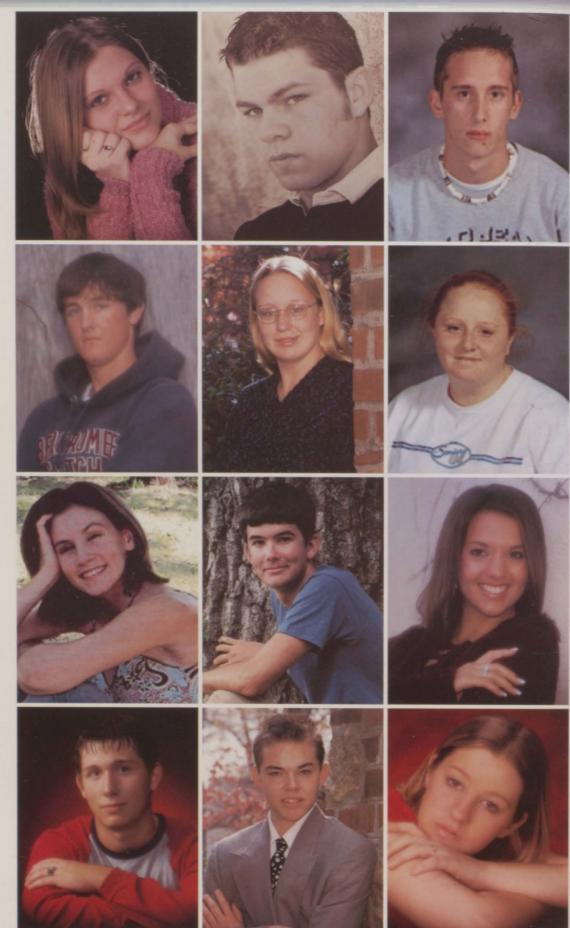
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#### Alex Newton

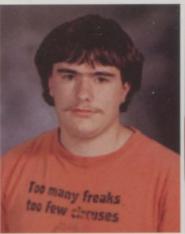
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#### Chasity Olive

FBLA 4, Band 1,2, Softball 2









Samantha Ousley Joe Perkins Hillary Persinger

FBLA 2,3,4, Officer 3, FCCLA 1,2,3, Bind 1,2,3, English Contest 1, Instrumental Contest 1,2,3, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4









### Jessica Pettibone FBLA 3, Officer 3, FOCLA 3,4, Officer 4, FFA 1, Choir 3,4, Softball 1, Math Contest 2

Nicole Pilch FBLA 3, Officer 3, POCLA 3, Officer 3, Choir 2,3, Sporting Chance 1,2,3, Track 1

Matt Rhodes









#### Derrick Richardson Baseball 1, Basketball 1

## Mandy Rokusek

Foreign Language Club 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,4, Officer 4, NHS 3,4, Officer 4, FBLA 4, Math Club 1,2,3, Science Club 1,2,3,4, Officer 3, Student Council 3,4, Publications 2,3,4, Editor 4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, TSA 1,2,3, Officer 1,2,3, Speech and Drama 1,2,3, Choir 1,2,3,4, Officer 3,4, Class Officer 4, Cheerleader 1,2, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Journalism Contest 2,3,4, Vocal Music Contest 1,2,3,4, Missouri Fine Arts Academy 3, State Speech 2,3, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4, Prom Queen Runner-Up 4

#### Tyler Rummens

Foreign Language Club 2,34, SADD 12,34, NelS 3,4, Officer 4, Math Club 12,34, Science Club 12,34, Fisch 13,4, Student Council 1, Band 1, Class Officer 1,34, Buschull 12,34, Buskerball 12, English Connest 12,34, Math Connest 12,34, Boys State 4, Valedictorian





Justin Schofield Amanda Sherman SADD 1.4, FFA 2.3.4, Choir 1.4, Softball 3 David Shevchuk FEA 2

# [grade 12]

HEAVE HO In the final round, Derrick Richardson and Brian Jones lead seniors in a tug of war battle against juniors, who proved victorious. The competition was one of many popular rivalaries at the pep rally. RENAISSANCE FARE Tanya Loveland and Ashley Eichelberger serve themselves typical dishes of the era including apple strudel, shepherd's pie, garlic peas and honey balls. After researching recipes, British Literature students cooked the food for lunch.





#### Becky Slate

SADD 4, FFA 1,2,3,4, Officer 2,3,4, Choir 3,4, Officer 4, Class Officer 4, English Contest 1,2,3, Vocal Music Contest 3,4, Science Fair 3, Girls State 3, EXCEL 2, Barnwarming Queen Candidate, Science Fair National Convention Qualifier

Daison Steffe Jeremy Storm Baseball 1,2,3, Art Fair 3







## Michael Tate

FFA 2.3.4, Art Fair 1.2.3.4, Industrial Arts Fair 3

#### Josh Venable

Foreign Language Club 3,4, NHS 4, FBLA 3,4, Officer 4, Band 2,3,4, Choir 2, Officer 2, Cross Country 2, Track 1,2, Vocal Music Contest 2, Instrumental Contest 2,3,4, Math Contest 3, FBLA/Business Contest 3,4, Prom King 2nd Runner-Up 4

### Cody Whorton

SADD 1,2,3, FFA 1,2,3,4, Band 1,2, Baseball 1,2,3,4, All Conference Baseball 3,4, All State Second Team 4, Basketball 1,2, Instrumental Contest 1, Barnwarming King Contest 2, Prom







#### Kathy Williams FFA 3,4, Band 4

Aaron Woody Brad Young FFA 2,3,4, Art Fair 1,2







#### CLASS STATS

President: Mandy Rokusek Vice President: Tyler Rummens

Secretary: Becky Slate

Treasurer: Cody Elliott

Student Council Rep: Ashley Eichelberger

Population: 50

Class Colors: Blue and silver

Class Flower: Rose tipped in blue and silver

Class Motto: Being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up, these are the best days of our lives. The

only thing that matters is just following your heart, and eventually we will finally get it right.





#### FINAL SENTIMENTS...

Back on the day... those light-up shoes were cool. -Zac Blevins

High School was..."the best experience of my life. I wish I could do it all over again." —Jessica Pettibone Remember that time... "Cody Whorton ripped one in class?" —Zack Flageolle

You have to. "git er done!" —April Butcher

Whatever happened to... "mullets?" -Cody Whorton

The hardest thing... "to realize is this is my last year in high school." -LaToya Bell

You're only as good as... your haircut." -Tyler Rummens

I've left behind... my name on the swirly slide at the playground -Samantha Ousley

If you ask me... what I think, I'll tell you." Hillary Persinger

I would encourage... no one to drop out a month before graduation. That's so dumb!" — Tanya Loveland

All is fair..."in love, war and the last lap." -Cody Elliott

It is all fun and games..."until you get shot with a frozen paintball on Halloween!"—Brenna Prakeford

go nowhere without "someone taking me; still no driver's license." – Josh Venable

What you didn't know about Mrs.King is..."she's so hot! 'Marry Me!" -Eli Helms

It's hard to say no to... "Rolos" - Aaron Woody

What's love got to do... "with the price of rice in China?" - Justin Schofield

live for... chocolate and eating plain sugar!" —Amanda Kuhn

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!..."Tall man gets a 30 on the ACT!"—Paul Moody

The best homecoming was... this year when Drew Berry dunked it." -Danielle Banner

My favorite school lunch was... "the one I didn't have to eat!" - Jaron Keeling

The one person that I will remember most will be me because..." I am just that self-centered."—Ashley Eichelberger If I had to do it all over again..." I would spend less time on boys and more on school work."—Amanda Sherman

The worst part of growing up is... "getting hairy." -Joe Lucas

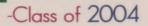
My dream job is... "getting paid for sitting on my butt!" —Becky Slate

For me, graduating means..."having to do work the rest of my life." -Garret Keith

Nobody knows... the truth that I know, nor do they want to," -Kathy Williams

I don't want to say...

goodbye.





# [grade 11]



"The girl's hair because when a girl takes care of her hair, she takes good care of herself." –**Drew Berry** 

"The different colors and intensities of their eyes." - Chrystina France

"I could lie and say their personality."

-Josh Sullivan

"I can tell a lot about a person by the way they smile." -Alex Miller

"I look for the soccer-boy hair." – Virginia Sherman

"What they are wearing." –Ashley Jackson

"I always notice that they are guys and no matter what you do for them, they always expect more." **–Lindsey Hopping** 

"If he's fat or not." —**Christy**Nichols

"Looking in their eyes lets you see the true them." -Melanie Davis

"If she's hot or not." -Shawn Singh

"If she is outspoken and feels good about herself." -Craig Campbell

"I look to see if they have a nice figure."

-Tom Brazeal

"The first thing I notice is...eyebrows and noses." – Melanie Riley

"I look to see if they have muscular yet soft hands." **-Whitney Miller** 

"If he has a nice, tight, round butt."— **Sara Henley** 

"Eyes." –Brandon Grass, Cody Calhoun, Tracey Cline

"Body shape." -Jessica Wright



BEAGH BUMS San Diego visitors Whitney Miller and Becky Lucas gather their gear and head toward Coronado Beach with the rest of the Publication staff. The group traveled to the West coast for a journalism convention where they competed for a national Pacemaker award and toured the local sights. GOMING TO TOWN, band member Mike Moody, left, performs "Jingle Bells" in the annual Christmas parade. Out of school, Moody plays guitar in the band "Local Hero."



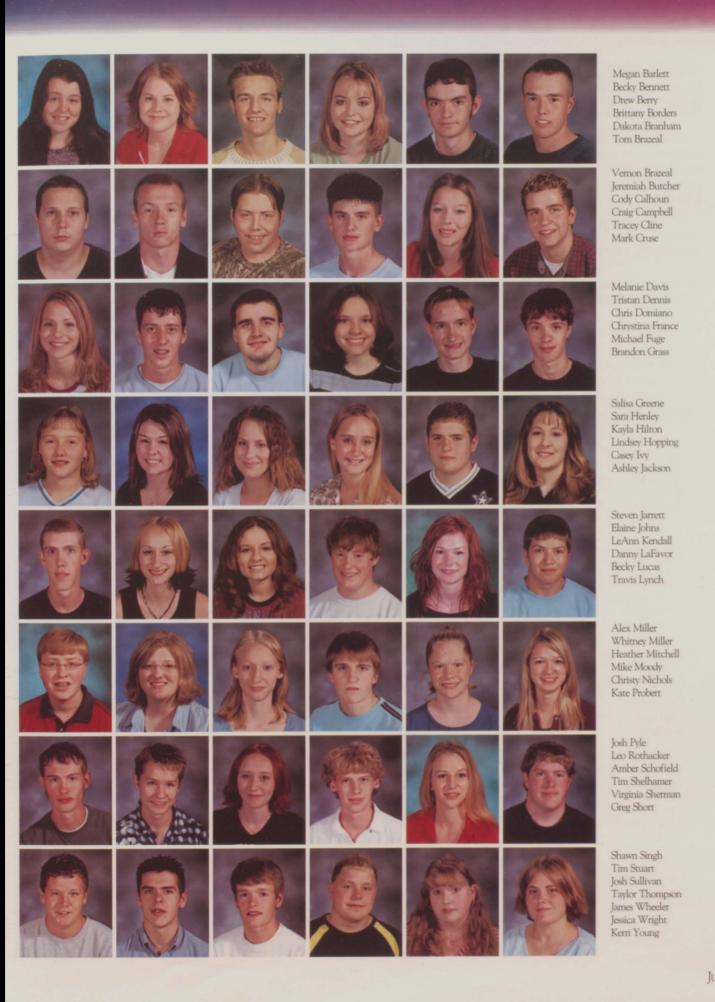
HITS & GRINS Scrolling through the prom video, Tim Stuart watches a spoof of the old "T.K. and Mike" movies produced by Brandon Grass and Josh Pyle. For the first time, the junior-senior event was held at the city park under a tent.





adjusts a gloop mask that Josh Sullivan has plastered on his face from a mixture of glue, water and borax. Biology students played around with the substance after completing their MAP tests in April.





# [grade 10]

"Walk the red carpet because I'm a star at heart." -Kristin Quick

"Visit Italy and see the beautiful scenery and hear their cultural music being played out on the sidewalk." – **Julie Hutton** 

"I want to work and live on my own. I don't like being told what to do." -Nick Price

"Be a carnie, because it's the cool thing to do." **–Kendall Findley** 

"Fit in small areas." -Shane Norell

"For one day I would like to be married to Dale Earnhardt Jr. because he's hot, drives a fast car and his Southern accent is hot!"

—Amanda Neal

What is the one thing you have always wanted to do and why?

"I've always wanted to ride a bike."
-Ryan Loge

"Marry Coach Jones...one day he will be mine." **–Katelyn Choate** 

"Skateboard in the school. Why? Because I'm a rebel." -Adam Smith

"Be able to tell my friends to shut up once in a while because they ALWAYS talk and talk some more." —Shamala Bunch "Skydive. I've always just dreamed of jumping out of a plane and flying through the air." **–Erin Schell** 

"I would love nothing more than to dine with Peter the Great himself on a leg of pork." **–Eric Bricker** 

"I wanted to be a singer because they make a lot of money." **-Jessica Taylor** 

"Live in Canada to avoid the draft and also because it snows a lot." **-Evan Jones** 

"Be a lawyer because think of all the money I would have." -Rebecca Barlett

"Meet Jessica Simpson and spend the day with her. She is so fine!" -Blake Miller

"Meet Dale Earnhardt Jr. because I'm a big NASCAR fan." **–Kelsey Tomlinson** 

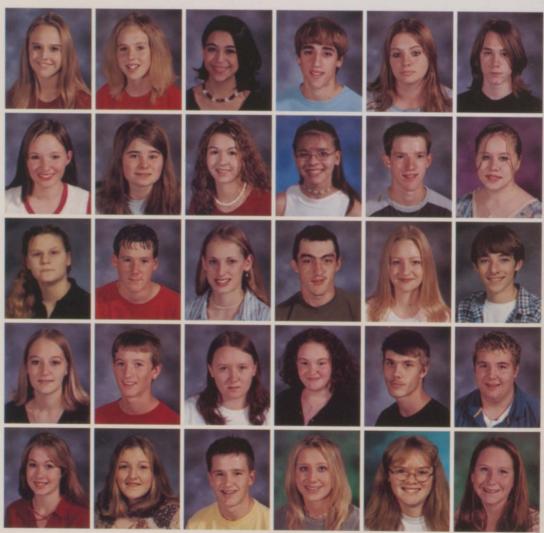
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Katelyn Choate Jerica Cody Natasha Dixon Tiffany Dollarhide Kendall Findley Nicole Freeman

Vanessa Green Ryan Harris Amanda Hilton Trampus Hire Julie Hutton Evan Jones

Hollie Jordan Adam Keith Samantha Kirby Dulci Lancaster Zachery Levan Ryan Loge

Hannah Maggard Tabitha Merideth Blake Miller Leanne Moody Sarah Moody Amanda Neal







RIDIN'THE PINE As classmates roll over in unison to create forward momentum, Evan Jones tries to balance on a moving board. The race against other classes took place in the pep rally to kick off the girls' and boys' basketball seasons.





By Eli Helms

PEST CONTROL Far left: Lab partners Erin Schell and Jacob Wright try to identify the major organs of a dissected rat for their biology final. The class also dissected and studied the anatomy of worms, frogs, fish and clams. DOWNTIME between team pictures, Blake Miller and Megan Sowers visit while waiting for their respective team to be called. Miller plays centerfield for the Lions' baseball team while Sowers is the starting pitcher for the softball team.

GROSS ANATOMY In a timed event, Jesse Stuart stuffs his face with Cheetos and whipped cream to beat out other contestants in a game at Barnwarming. The FFA event features a western-themed dance with games and a crowning ceremony.































Jacob Wright Not pictured: Erin Schell

## [freshman]

If you could go backstage at any band or singer's concert, who would it be and why?

"George Strait or Josh Turner. They are both awesome singers and have the coolest sounding voices." –**Kristin Campbell** 

"I could trash Good Charlotte's dressing room and tell them how bad they are." – **Andrew Byerlee** 

"Norah Jones, she has a smooth voice and I love to hear her sing." – **Audra Dierksen** 

"Usher! He's my favorite singer; I would want to get his autograph." – **Samantha Morris** 

"Simple Plan. I like their music and it would be cool to meet them." – **Jasmine Singh** 

"AFI, so I could meet Davey Havock and then hang out with him."—Chelsea House "I don't like being around people so I don't know."—**Josh Gresham** 

"Good Charlotte. I would ask for an autograph and to see their tatoos." -Vicki Billings

"Twisted Method. My older sister tells me their music is good and the lead singer is hot." – **Melissa Johnsen** 

"Backstage with Kenney Chesney. I am like his #1 fan and have pretty much all of his cds." -Melanie Moore

"Eminem. His music is awesome and then I could meet the Real Slim Shady!" – Brandon Sinning

"Eminem is like the best rapper and I would love to meet him." —Debbie Quick

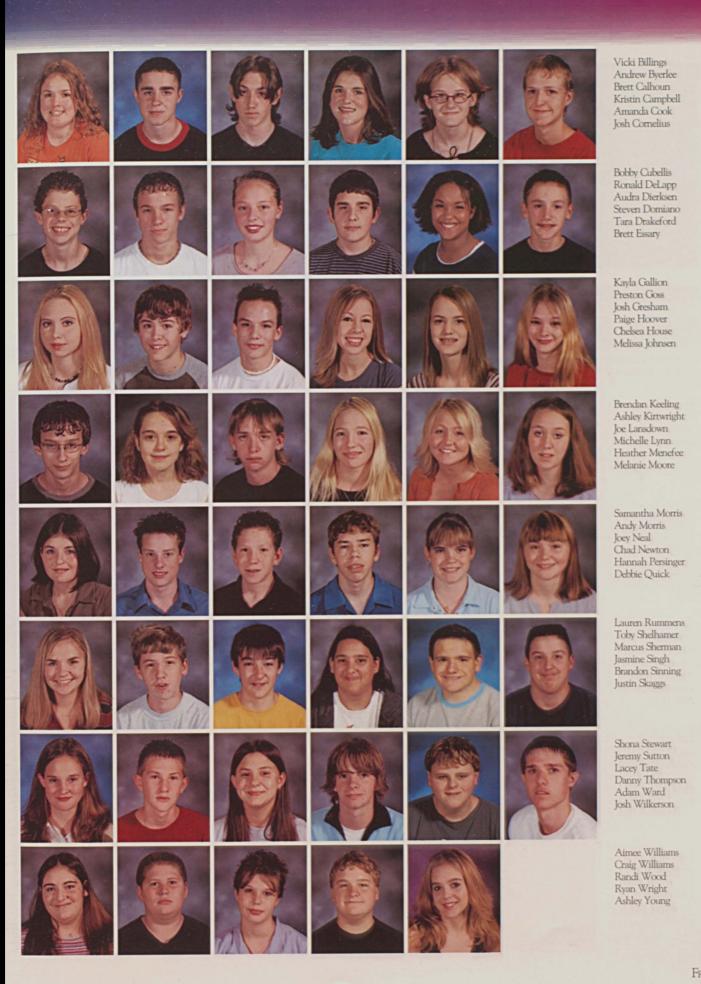
artist June Jones applies lipstick on Joey Neal, who plays Cap Garland in "Little House Memories." Neal, a cast member in the nightly outdoor pageant, also portrayed the parts of Almanzo Wilder and a Rocky Ridge dancer. TOTALLY TRASHED On a Saturday morning, Andy Morris and Bobby Cubellis, armed with pick-up sticks and gloves, scan the sides of Highway 60 for trash as part of Math Club's Adopt-A-Highway program.







SEEING RED On Valentine's Day, Lauren Rummens inspects bouquets and gifts as florist deliveries crowd the commons area. Recipients pick up their arrangements at the end of the day.



# [grade 8]





CRADUATION TRADITIONS
CLOCKWISE: Superintendent
Arlene Magnin presents
Amber Henry her diploma;
Kati Sherman, Student
Council president, addresses
her 58 classmates including
Josh May, below, Jessica
Turley and Ryan Whorton.





HONORS AND HUGS Recognized for achievement in computers, Jenni Lemmons, left, hugs teacher Susie Graham who retired after accumulating 33 years in the Mansfield district.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE Officer Duane Delcour, above right, demonstrates on Jonathan Lems the actions taken when arresting a person in possession of drugs. Lems reenacted a drug test scenario at the annual health fair.

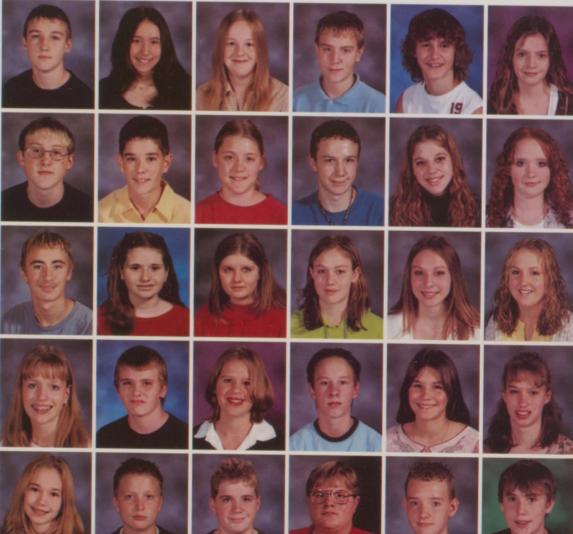
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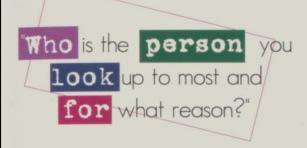




Kellie Hutton Justin Ince Rashawnda Jackson Elliott Johns Chelsea Jones Brittany Keeling

Jenni Lemons Jonathan Lems Matthew Leonard Dallas Massey Bryce Matlock Josh May





"Ashley Baty. She makes good grades and knows how to have fun in life." -**Amber Henry** 

"Well...Donald Trump, I

want to have it all." -Bryce Matlock

"My cousin Shanon. She has always told me the truth, even when it hurts,"

-Kristin Adamson

"My Mom and Dad. They have been through a lot of stuff for me and my brother." -Chris Roy

"I look up to a lot of the eighth graders because they are taller than me, especially Justin Ince."

-Jenni Lemons

"I look down to Jenni Lemons because she cares about me, and I love her." -**Justin Ince** 

"Even though he is annoving and mean, my brother is still nice to me (sometimes)."

-Melissa Morris

"Soldiers who are fighting in Iraq because they are

fighting for our country." -Rvan Whorton

"Through anything my grandfather supports and encourages me not to give up." -Alyshia Meiners

"My Dad is a hard worker and a great friend."

-Sidney Tucker

"Ieremy Storm, who is like a brother, has always helped me if I needed him." -**Jordan Sutton** 

"I look up to President Bill Clinton. He went from having nothing to being a wonderful president who accomplished a lot in life." -Connie Ouirk

"Mr. Doherty. He is always there for us and has patience no matter how many times he gets on to us." -Josh May

"The guy who invented Dr. Pepper. It is the best pop ever." -Matthew Leonard



Jordan McDowell Alvshia Meiners





































Chris Roy Kati Sherman Jacob Skaggs Jason Skaggs James Stafford Jordan Sutton

Dustin Taylor Sidney Tucker Jessica Turley Travis Turley Sara Ussery Sadie Vaverka

Chandler Veit Ashley Vinson Cody Wagner Cory Walker Ronald Webster Rvan Whorton Not Pictured: Connie Quirk

# grade 7

"Josh Turner because he sings one of my favorites." -

#### Dalena Mitchell

"Simple Plan because they are really cute, and I really like their songs." -Miranda Brooke

"The Wiggles. They are so awesome and I like them a lot." -Landon Jarrett

"Alan Jackson because he always sings about good stuff, like in 'Remember When,' he's telling how he felt." -Josh Box

"Tim McGraw because he's a real good man." -Sarah Billings

"Metallica because I like to listen to heavy metal." -Billy Maynard

"Pink because she rocks!" -Julia Allen

"If I could go backstage, I'd go to Evanescence and ask for fashion tips." -Ebboni Williams

Who is your favorite artist

"Kenney Chesney because his tractor's sexy." -Tamara Delcour

"Snoop Dog because he's the best rapper in the world and he's the man with the plan." -Stephanie Baty

"I would go to Slipknot's concert and then to the after party." -Justin Elliott

"Bones because the music really tells about what's going on in the world, and they put their feeling in the

songs." -Joeanne McCullum

"Pokemon because they're colorful."

-Travis Bishop

"Shakira because she is the hottest girl I've ever seen." -Nicholas Boykin

"Blink-182 because I would play the drums and probably skateboard with them." -Justin Keith

"George Strait because he's the best country singer and I basically like every one of his songs." -Kristine Whorton

"Probably Nelly because he is one of my favorite singers and I like to listen to all of his songs." -Brody Banner

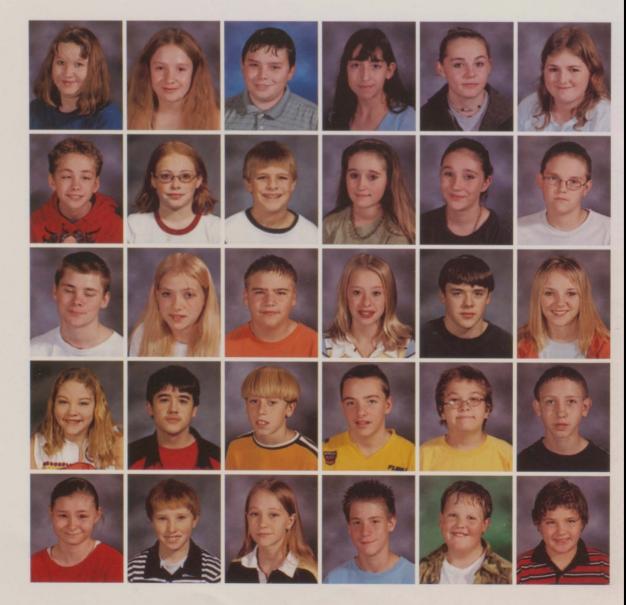
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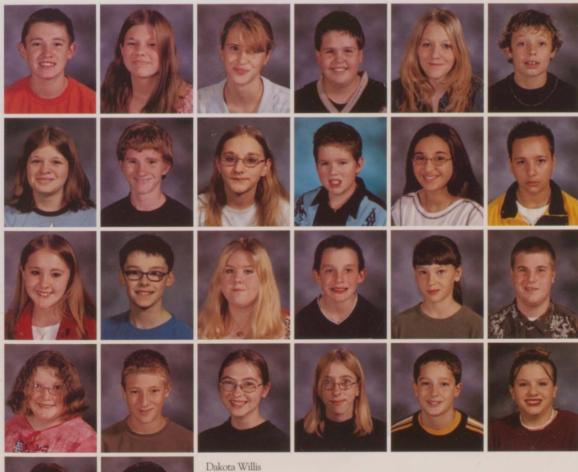
FORCES OF NURTURE Ryan Whorton and his father Mike Whorton work together to make a volcano in Teri Leonard's classroom at open house. The night served as a time for over 800 visitors to particpate in hands-on activities, visit with teachers and tour the building.



FESTIVAL FANFARE In the woodwind section, Whitney Jordan, Rachel Sowers and Randee Jo Barlett perform for family and friends at the spring band concert. Instrumental music begins in sixth grade and includes approximately 35 students.



SINGING ALONG to the song "Barbie Girls" by Aqua, Jackie Emerick and Kelly Quirk perform at the student talent show. The annual event gives student bands, dancers, instrumentalists and singers an opportunity to showcase their talent to community members.



Billy Maynard Joeanne McCullum Dalena Mitchell Steven Myers Meagan Newcomer Tyler Page

Chelsea Pringle Cole Riley Tara Robinson Tron Sherman Kashmir Singh Dee Singh

Rachel Sowers Christopher Spell Meranda Stewart Shane Stewart Amanda Tucker Joe Turley

Laura Wagner Evan Whorton Kelly Whorton Kristine Whorton Austin Wight Ebboni Williams

James Wright Not Pictured: Nicholas Boykin



ART SMART Rochelle Johns receives an Excellence in Achievement award from Holli Kristek, art teacher, at the middle school awards ceremony. At the end of school, teachers recognize students for their year-long accomplishments.



**GENTEE GIANTS** In science class, teacher Marcia Blaine exhibits her 6-month-old Newfoundland pup. A rescue dog, the Newf's oily outer coat repels water, enabling it to stay in icy water for hours. The Blaines breed the dogs as a hobby.

"I was at Dracula's house getting the life sucked out of me." **–Josh Heater** 

"I ate my little sister and all her friends." **–Devin Davis** 

"I got to meet Tom off of Blink182." **–Jaimie Smith** 

"I was running and the ground fell through, then I started falling down." – Chance Greer

"I had to chop off my own hand with an ax." **-Rochelle Johns** 

"Kaleb Nolen had hair like Marge from The Simpsons." **-Nathan Rummens** 

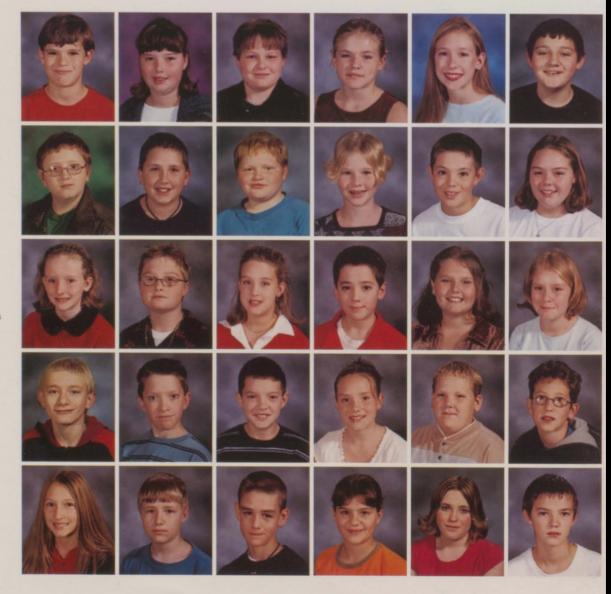


Echo Cantrell Cody Clayton Dillon Coffelt Laken Conaway Devin Davis Erin Dierksen

Kelsay Dugger Sean Flint Alisha Gray Chance Greer Jamie Gunkel Brittany Halverson

Kerry Harris Adam Heater Josh Heater Stephanie Henry Jake Hultz Marshall Johns

Rochelle Johns William Johnsen Nathan Jones Chelsi Keith Brittany Landrum Gary Maynard



"My neighbor Mrs. Barley was a midget." **–Kaysha Ousley** 

"I was on the moon, Nate was there, and a weiner dog flew by and said, 'Hi, may I take your order!"" **–John** 

Barnett

"I could dunk." -Nathan Jones

"There was a 500-pound dog chasing me all over the place." **–Casey Box** 

"Frogs ruled the world, everyone had green hair, except the boys who had



pink hair!" -Chelsi Keith

"I got attacked by Gremlins and they shot me with a bazooka."

- Adam Heater

"We had a brown box in our living room, you could go in it and come out as a movie character." – Allyson Rokusek

"I drove a monster truck and I ran over most of the other cars and trucks." –Justin Sanders

"Cows and flying pigs took over the universe and they were throwing people out into space."

-Chauncie Mitchell

"I was out fishing with my dad's 808. I felt a jerk and my sister fell in the water. A fish swam close to her and I pulled it out. It had 12-inch whiskers and weighed 37 pounds." — Brian Bunch

"My sister Audra was on the Barney show." **–Erin Dierkson** 

"There was a third world war and I became the ruler of the world."

-Marshall Johns

"I woke up and thought my mom needed me to go outside so I went, but I woke up and realized I was sleepwalking." – Lindsay Allen

"I went to Africa and shot a lion with a bow, then I walked over to see it and it jumped up and ate me with one bite." – Iake Hultz

"I played in the World Series with the Cardinals and won." -Cody Clayton



Vince Miller Chauncie Mitchell Cory Moore Marcy Morton Kaleb Nolen Katelyn Nolen

Kaysha Ousley Doug Pyle Allyson Rokusek Austin Rokusek Alex Roy Nathan Rummens

Justin Sanders Cody Sigman Jaimie Smith Marcy Stofer Eric Tompkins Jasmine Turney

Eldon Wallace John Wallace Whitney Whorton Morgan Williams Sheirif Williams Jake Yost

Danyale Young Jared Young Marcia Blaine Christie Grubbs Nate Moore

# [grade 5]

"My mom embarrasses me when we are at Celebration City and I sit by a boy and she tries to take our picture with a camera." -Alyse Ashburn

"When they talk about what I did when I was vounger."

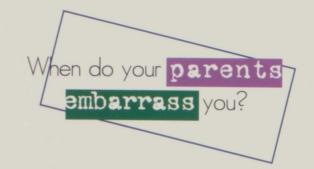
-Rachael Essarv

"My parents embarrass me during family picture." -Jakob Adamson

"My parents embarrass me the most when they kiss me in front of my friends." -Laine Kellev

"When they show little pictures of me when I was a baby." -Ashley Gieselman

"My parents embarrass me when we go fishing. When we are alone, they take my sister and me out to eat when we are dirty and wet." -Vanessa Delcour



"My mom embarrasses me when she calls me baby girl in front of my friends."

-Brittany Cruse

"The thing that embarrasses me the most is when my dad goes, 'see what you've got to look forward to,' and then that person laughs." -Justin Hinsley

"When I had a sleepover, my dad threw water on me, put shaving cream all over his face and went outside and ran around the neighborhood in his pis." -Kiana Finley

"It embarrasses me when my parents forget to brush their hair." -Heath Dugger

"When we shop and I am asked if I like a certain bra in front of people that I do and sometimes don't know." - Wendy Ince

"When they get me out of bed in my night clothes to send me to the Dollar Store with my dad and don't let me change." -

Hannah Levan

"When they talk about my dirty diapers when I was a baby." -Cody Young

"My parents embarrass me by telling baby stories and kissing me in public." - Iodi McDowell

"When they tell people I was a little cutie and sweetie pie." -Jessica Berry

"When I played basketball, my parents came out there and yelled 'make that shot girl.' " -Sharice Dennis



By Eli Helm

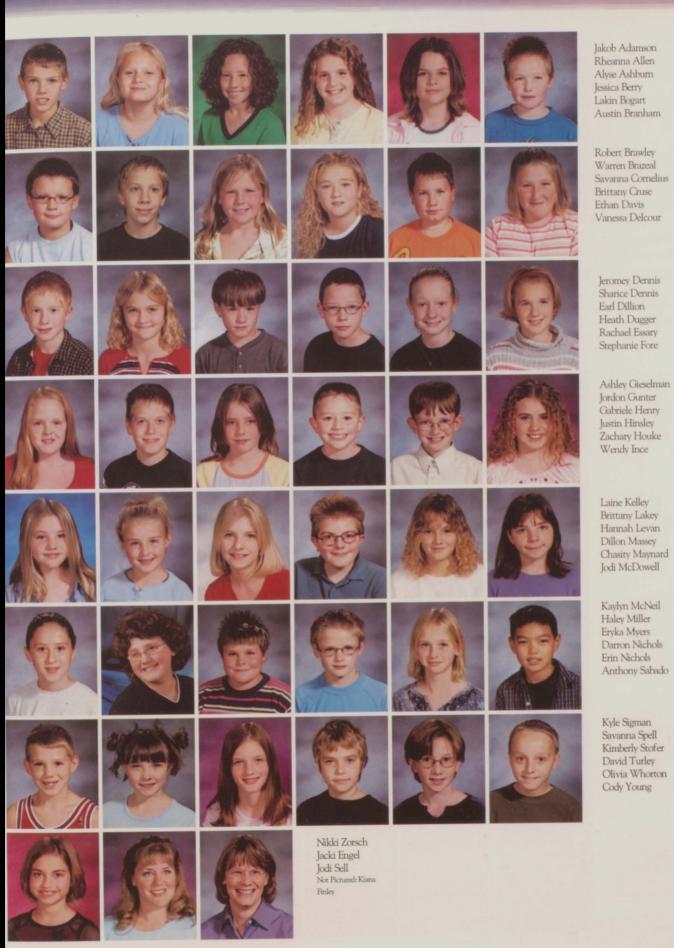
#### Dixie Chicks Kalyn McNeil and Brittany Lakey observe and caress a chicken provided by FFA member Dakota Branham. Besides chickens, other poultry on display included ducks and quail.



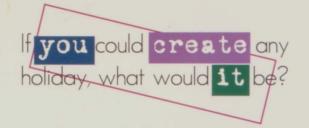




Working as a team, Kimberly Stofer enlists help from grandparents Coleen and Golden Stofer and brother Brett on Grandparents Day. The project entailed cutting out countries and pasting them together to make a map of the world.



# [grade 4]



"Family Day because I love my family. Everyone could have a day off and spend time with their relatives." -Taylore Baty

"Mom and Daughter Day. A day where all moms and daughters drive around in the newest corvette." -Shavna Matnev

"National Book Day where anyone who read a book got it free and all the libraries, schools, nursing homes and other places

get 1,000 free books. It would be on Oct. 30-my birthday." -Nathan Bogart

"Ye Old Day where everybody would dress up and act ye old." -Loren Smith

"Wishing Day where everyone would get three wishes." - Christian Grav

"Everyone could be a parent for a day." -Katlyn Swisher

"No school for three weeks during the Final Four for college basketball." -Emily Neal

"A whole week of no work." -Jordyn Loge

"National Football Day where everyone would play football." -Tucker Kirkland "Brother, Sister and Baby Day." -Brandon Nash

"Missouri Animal Day. All conservation centers would open all day so everyone could learn about Missouri animals." -Alex Reed

"Sports Day. It would start on Aug. 23 and end on Sept. 1." -Mikeal Pippin

"Trash Day. Everyone would walk around and pick up trash, Oct. 6." -Quinton Bell

"Youth Turkey Day where big brothers (like Tyler) or dads have to take their kids hunting." -Kyle Rummens

"Fun Day. Just chill out and get away from stress." -Katie Hanson

Chance Allen Chase Allen David Barlett Shawn Barrett Taylore Baty Quinton Bell

Sarah Bishop Nathan Bogart Dakota Britt Jenna Campie Johnnie Dunham Christian Gray

Julia Gresham Brady Hanger Katie Hanson Caitlin Hickle Dalton Houck James Jackson

Samuel Johnsen Trey Jones Pavel Khatuliou Tucker Kirkland Jordyn Loge Joe Lynn

Jonathan Lynn Shayna Matney Dillon McCoy Dakota Melton Nicole Mitchell Daniel Moody













































WILDER DAYS CLOCKWISE: On the square, fourth graders entertain visitors attending the town's annual three-day festival. Mixing and mingling, students demonstrate the "Virginia Reel" under the direction of Eric Spyres, vocal music teacher. Right, Dressed in calico skirts and bonnets, a girls' ensemble performs hand motions to "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain." Farmer boy Kyle Rummens, left, introduces the song "O Where Have You Been Billy Boy." The annual September event celebrates the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder who wrote her "Little House" books while living in Mansfield.



Joey Moore Billy Morton Brandon Nash Emily Neal Michel Perrin Tori Pingel

Mikeal Pippin Alex Reed Kyle Rummens Devon Sabado Megan Schofield Lexis Sherman

Loren Smith Silas Strain Sierra Strunk Jerrad Sullivan Katlyn Swisher Carlin Tompkins

Kodi Toomey Corey Turney Miranda Young Carol Anderson Vicki Denney Brenda Quick Not pictured: Justin Colston, Aaron Harris, Kaitlyn Hooker

QUALITY TIME Guest of honor Velma Borders shares lunch with granddaughter Chantelle Borders on Grandparent's Day. In the morning, grandparents participated in classroom activities. Later, at a special assembly, classmates Jessica Houke, far right, and Candace Dunbar fidget with each other while waiting to perform.





By Eli Helms

Cory Allen Sam Appleby Chace Bell Chantelle Borders Mercedes Britt Aaron Burress



Austin Cook Jessica Cook Jason Comelius Zachary Croslow Brianna Cubellis Amanda Davis

Scott Davis Amber Delcour Cole Doherty Jordan Duke Candace Dunbar Melissa Edwards

Ryan Elliott Chance Emerick Dylan Fullington Brett Greer Ryan Hamberg Myranda Hanson

Dakota Harris William Hash Maranda Heath Cody Henry T.J. Hilton Jessica Houke





































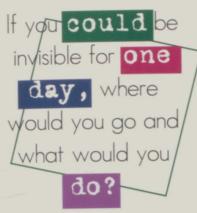












"Clean my grandma's house and yard." **–Elaine Rawlings**  "Do nothing because I'm invisible." – Brooke Coffman

"Go to a hospital and try to help children while being invisible." – Cassie Sproul

"Go everywhere and do everything I could do." **–Jade Turney**  "Go to a school and make everyone think it was haunted." **-Bryon Stout** 

"Go to a place where there is a lot of puppies and buy all of them." -Milie Martin

"Go to my mom's classroom and make her talk funny and ride in her car all day." -Nathan Quick

"Go to everybody's house and play pranks on them." -Dakota Harris "Go to the mall and take all the clothes I wanted." – Jessica Houke

"Clean for the teacher and do all of her work."

-Zachary Croslow

"Stay home all day from school and hide from my mom." **–Samantha Howard** 

"Six Flags and ride the rides."

-Caleb Jones

"The beach and be a hero." – Canaan Kindle

"Walk to Silver Dollar City and sneak into a ride called Fantastic Falls." **–Darren Hume** 

"Spy on my brother Devin and bug him to death." – Amanda Davis

"Leave the school." **–Kyle Tibbett** 

"Do my chores and go to school." -Scott Davis

"Go to Incredible Pizza and play games and go-carts all day." – Susan Williams, Curtis Carnal, Chace Bell





































Cassie Sproul Bryon Stout Nathan Swisher Kyle Tibbett Jade Turney Taylor Wehmeyer















Shafi Williams Susan Williams Clayton Young Tyler Young Vicki Box Elaine Crump Linda Graham Not pictured: Mille Martin, Devon Huff









# [grade 2]

"Care Bear because it is Smiles and that makes me happy." **–Fallon Easley** 

"My cat because I've had it since I was a baby and I like it." -Rachel Hash

"Baseball because my dad plays with me and I have lots of fun." -Cameron Shores

"Playstation 2 because I have a bunch of games for it." – **Levi Harris** 



"Racing because I beat my Dad, brother and sister."

-Shania Tibbett

"Four wheelers because they are fast." -Dalton McNeil

"Go-Go, my walking puppy because he is fun." —**Jordan Baty**  "My favorite game is basketball." –**Tiffani Ussery** 

"Twister because I can play it with my cousins." – Chelsea Emerick

"My brat doll because I can

take off her belongings and switch them." -Katie Peak

"Star Wars because it is fun." -Rylan Schuster

"Sorry and I will love it forever." -Cory Henry

"Line tag because you get a lot of exercise and have a lot of fun." – Michael Wilson

"Monopoly because I like to roll the dice and get fake money." -Alyssa Sproul "Mario Party 64. I like it because I can play by myself." –**Levi Britt** 

"Chess because you get to take people off the board."

-Clay Smith

"Freeze tag because it is cool." -Jenny Sigman

"Yu-Gi-Oh because everyone likes it."

-Brandon Henry

"Yahtzee because you get to roll the dice." – **Amanda** Cook

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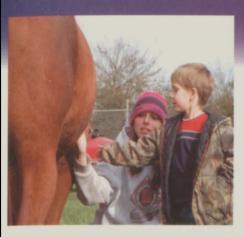
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Brandon Henry Cory Henry Derrick Hunsucker Stephen Irwin Patrick Jackson Ethan Johns

> Tiffany Jones Sean Keiter Philisha Lamb Ashley Lansdown Shelby Lansdown Leanna Leckenby







PETS MART FFA member Jacki Feldhaus, far left, educates second grader Spencer Vogt about caring for horses while he visits her station at Food for America. Meanwhile, Jeremy Sutton and a group of second graders inspect New Zealand white rabbits. Members bring in their own animals to educate elementary students about animal care and how agriculture impacts their lives.



ON YOUR MARK Summer school students Clay Smith, Levi Britt, Dakota Harris, Dalton Sean Keiter take the plunge at the city pool as lifeguard Justin Kingery and teacher Vicki Denny supervise. Classes swim at the pool everyday for an hour.







































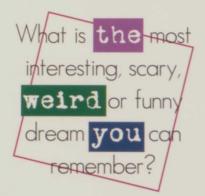








Sulaman Williams Michael Wilson Ashtin Young Jarrod Young Edwina Carnal Carol Hanger Not pictured: Aiden Bailey, Nicholas Barnard, Cory Girtler, Scott Girtler, James Riggs



"Two girls took my mom and me away and I fell in the water and a crocodile ate me.."

#### -Kimber Stout

"One time I dreamed a vampire was chasing me and Ashtin and Madison."

#### -Blaine Dennis

"My scariest dream was about my pretend neighbor who took me for a walk. She found a door and opened it and a man caught her. I gathered all the people up and chased her and got her back." **–Korynn Hoerner** 

"That my mom got eaten by a monster."

## -Kyle Elliott

"One time I dreamed my dad was a robot in a gun factory." **-Beau Massey** 

"I dreamed that I drowned." **–Kaylee Melton** 

"I was at the beach and a whale almost ate my sister." **–Bailey Adams** 

"I was outside during deer season and somebody killed me and hung me on a fence post." —Dakota Lems

"A dog was a person." - Ashley Brazeal

"A ghost was the teacher in my classroom." **–Jonah Gray** 

"A monster came in my house and took my little brother." – Darian Garcia

"Trint and I were outstide shooting birds and one bird landed on the balcony. I wanted to shoot it but Trint wouldn't let me. The bird turned into a mean man and fought Trint. We finally shot him."

#### -Braden Bruce

"I was being chased by a giant cat at school."
-Ashtin Matney

"A monster chased me and when my mom woke me up, the man stopped chasing me." – Madison Box

waste NOT Zachery Nirk and his grandpa clean up glitter after making a picture in the classroom. As guests of honor, grandparents accompanied their grandchildren to lunch and participated in morning activities. BELOW: A special musical program in the gymnasium featured each grade singing and dancing.

"I went to a big circus and saw tigers jumping through fire hoops."—Anthony Lubbock

"A monster came into my house and ate my cookies."—**McKenzie Tripp** 

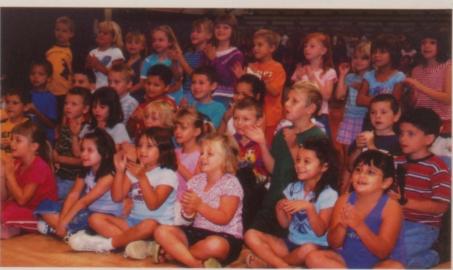
"I was going to the living room to watch cartoons and there was a monster sitting on the couch watching my TV shows."— **Tayler Cain** 

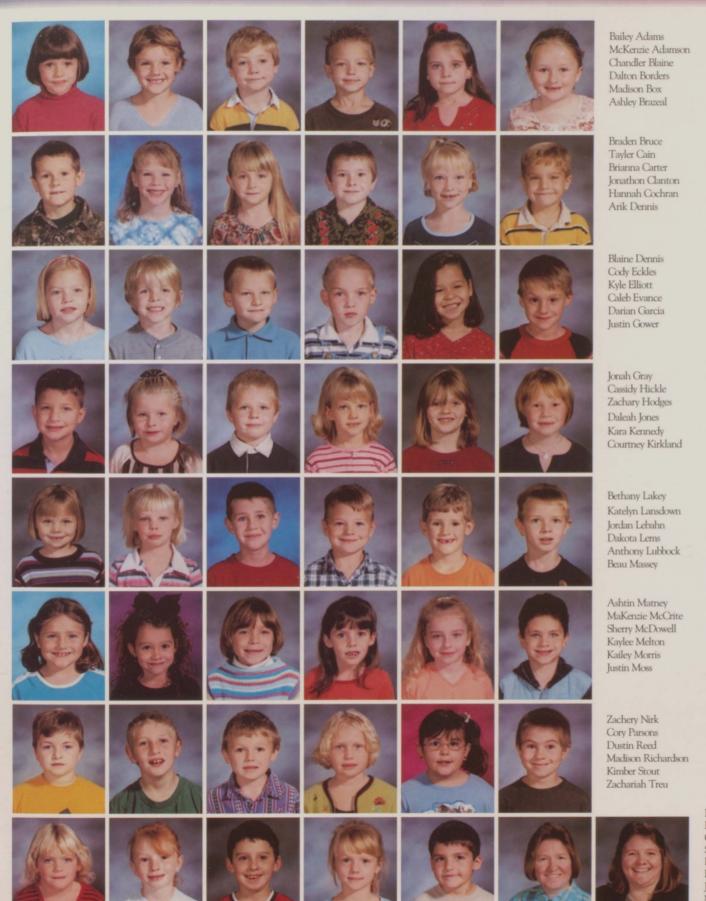
"I had a dream I woke up and there was a witch in front of me and she tried to hug me."—Adreanna Branham





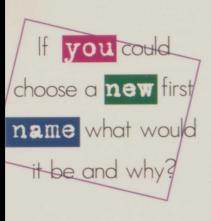
CHALKZONE On the playground, Tayler Cain entertains herself with colored chalk during recess.





McKenzie Tripp Kristin Wallace Caden Watson Shyan Webster Dalton Young Patty Hanger Jana McConnell Not pictured: Erick Berson, Adreanna Branham, Mayshayla Crain, Korynn Hoemer

# [kindergarten]



"Justice because lesus told me that was his nickname." -**Jeremy** Oberbeck

"I like my name, I would keep it."

**Emily Lebahn** 

"Princess Jessica because I just

like it and it is a pretty name." -Julia Shelhamer

"Dora so I could be an explorer." - Shauna

"James because he works in a junk vard and builds stuff." -Preston Bailey

"Michael because my friend named Michael moved away." - Aaron Myers

"Ryan because I like it and it starts with an R like Rainbow Ribbons." - Michael McDowell

"I want to be called Spiderman because he is my favorite superhero."- Dillon Slack

"lade because I like it."-Destiny Johnson

"Crystal because I like crystals." -Abigail Roy

"Rapunzel because I like the movie." -Alexis Titsworth

"Samantha because I think it is a really nice name."-

Radonna Rov

"Shania Twain because I like her songs."-Cassidy Gardner

"Michael Jordan because I like basketball a lot."- Justin Campbell

"Cinderella because I would like to be her." -Rachel Veenstra

"Levi because I like Levi in our class."- Chevenne Ridenour

"Serina because that's my mommy's name."-Samantha Jones

"Brittany because I like the name and the singer Brittany Spears."-Logan Alsup

"Dunbar because that is Drew's last name."-Levi Brooke

grandpa's name." - Ryan Coffman

Hailey Allen Blake Allsman Logan Alsup Preston Bailey Gage Bittner Kadie Black







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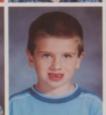








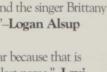












"Pa Pa because it is my











Julia Shelhamer and Ryan
Coffman celebrate the 100th day
of school by parading through
the elementary hallway. Students
decorate their clothing with 100
items like buttons, pennies,
cereal and stars.



TEFLED

HAND IN HAND Escort Michael McDowell, left, walks Sara Reser down the aisle during the processional at graduation. Principal Don Sanders awarded diplomas to graduates on May 18.

GONGENTRATING ON DETAILS. Alyssa Elliott applies finishing touches to her gingerbread house and tree. Students of Patti Gleason construct houses from graham crackers and decorate them with frosting and candies for the holiday season.









































Dillon Slack Eli Stigall McKynze Sutton Brianna Tibbett Alexis Titsworth Rachel Veenstra













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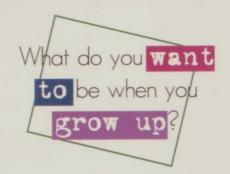








Kayla Volner Alexis Wilson Patti Gleason Kelly Jones Kay Scrivner Not pictured: Cheyenne Ridenour



"I want to be a cheerleader because I always wanted to be one." -Chasity Wilson

"I want to be Santa Clause when I grow up." – Dylan Hodges

"I want to be a clown because they do something funny at the circus." –**Zachary Edwards** 

Adrian Adams Dylon Berry Braidy Calhoun Austin Cantrell Conner Choate Kyla Corder

Andrea Davis Sarah Dugger Zachary Edwards Jefferson Engle Dylan Garcia Kally Garrison

Maci Gray Dylan Hodges Caleb Kindle Devin Kingery Christian McCrite Kelcie Matney

Sean Neal Chris Oberbeck Andrew Roy Mason Roy Joey Schofield Kacey Smith

Caleb Swisher Taylor Tripp Imanie Williams Chasity Wilson Lori Hoover Cheri Rummens Not Pictured: Michala Jones "A doctor that rides in a helicopter to get people from car wrecks and give them shots." – **Kacey Smith** 

"When I grow up, I want to be a bird because I love it." –**Mason Roy** 

"I want to be a mommy when I grow up."— **Taylor Tripp** 

"A doctor so I can help people when they're sick." – Michala Jones

"A big truck driver."

-Chris Oberbeck

"I want to be the Hulk because he can walk, he can punch, and he can jump."

-Christian McCrite

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"A bullrider

because you

get money if you ride for

eight seconds."

-Sean Neal

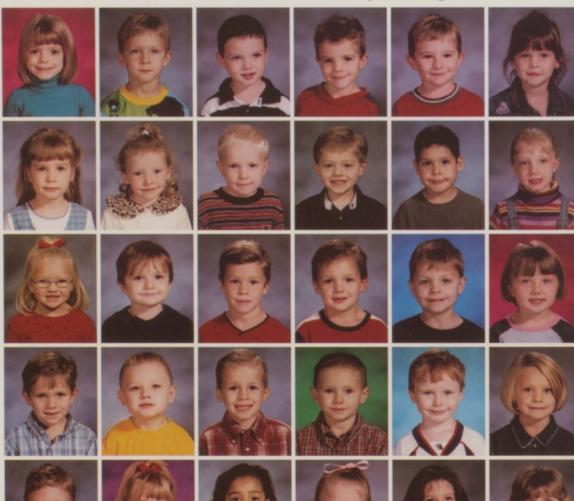
"I want to be an actor and get in a big costume and make a movie." –**Joey Schofield** 

"An airplane flyer because you get to push buttons." – **Dylan Garcia** 

"I want to be a doctor, but I might be a cheerleader; I'm not sure yet." -Maci Gray

"A dinosaur scientist because I like dinosaurs."

-Jefferson Engel



"An artist so I can write and color and paint." -Adrian Adams

"A doctor cause I like putting that heart thing on there where it's beeping."

-Braidy Calhoun

"I want to be a crane driver because cranes are cool." -Caleb Swisher

"I want to be a teacher because they read." -Kally Garrison



"I want to be a dad because I'll be grown up."

-Conner Choate

"A ballerina because they dance." -Kelcie Matney

"A giant so I can go out in the ocean where it's deep." -Dylon Berry

"An airplane driver because when people get hurt, we can take them to the doctor." -

Andrew Roy

"I want to be a firefighter because they save people. - Caleb Kindle

"I want to be a mommy because I can hold babies." -Sarah Dugger

"I want to be a cowboy where I can ride bulls." -Austin Cantrell

"I want to be a cop when I grow up so I can put people in jail." -Devin **Kingery** 

"A mommy when I grow up so I can have babies." -Andrea Davis





#### ENCHANTED LEARNING

**Dylon Berry and Austin Cantrell** discover facts about dinosaurs in an illustrated book. During free time, preschoolers pick and choose their own reading material.

# ALL ABOARD

Using their imaginations and a few props, Taylor Tripp, Maci Gray, Andrea Davis and Jefferson Engel pretend to take a train ride.



### STENCILS AND PENCILS

While creating pictures in art class, Sarah Dugger, Kyla Corder and Andrew Roy draw different shapes using stencils. Students, left, also crowd together to make pictures using tools ranging from

glue to glitter.



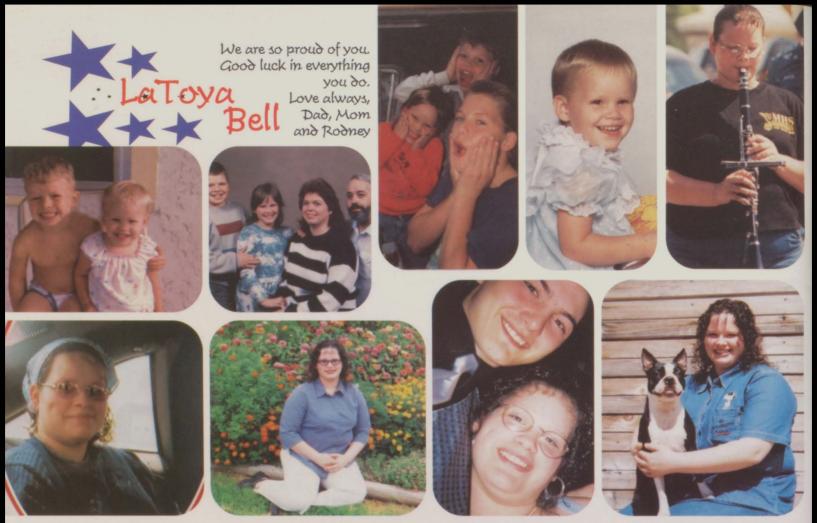


NEXT STEP Students wait for instructions on how to make hand puppets on a field trip to the Jubilee Theatre in Marshfield. Afterwards, they munched on popcorn and soda before watching a puppet show about the circus.

# HELI-COOL

Preschoolers gather around an Air-Evac helicopter after the SADD mockaccident with St. John's medical personnel. Students toured the cabin while the pilot explained its features.





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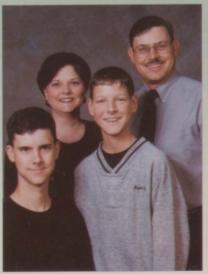
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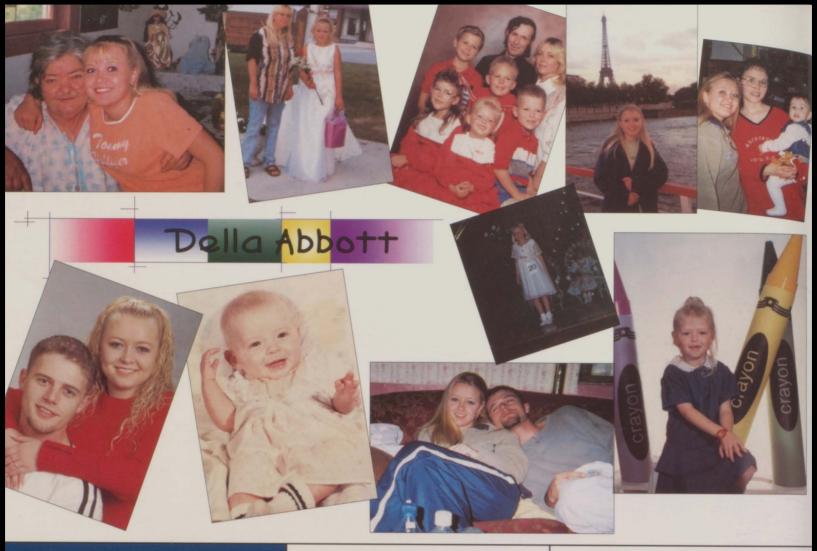
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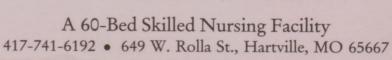
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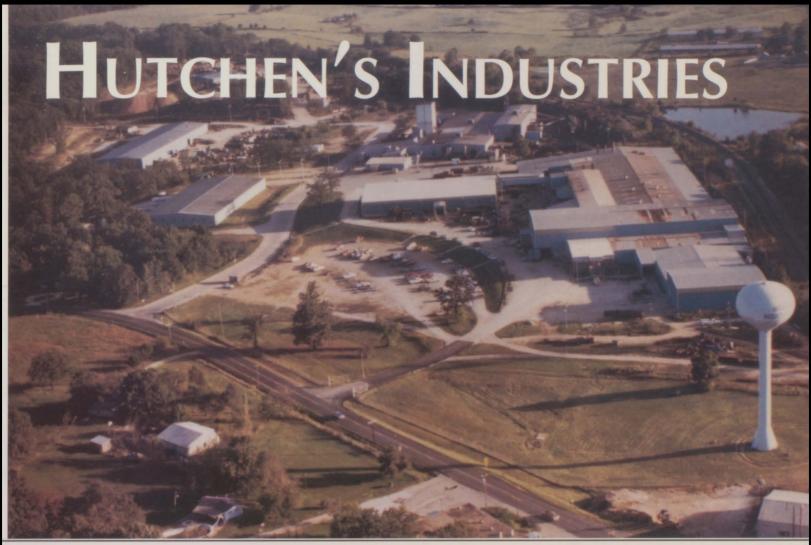
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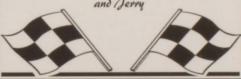






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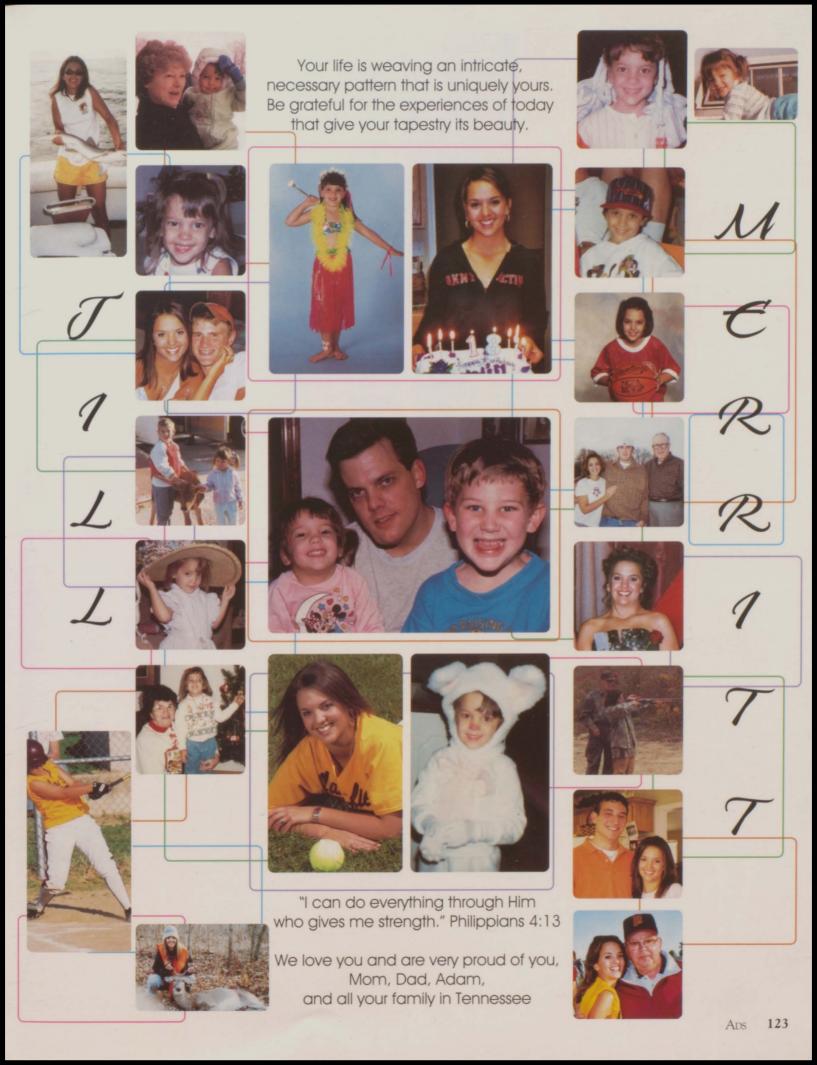
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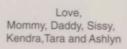








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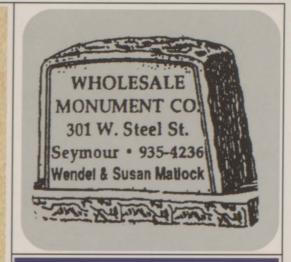
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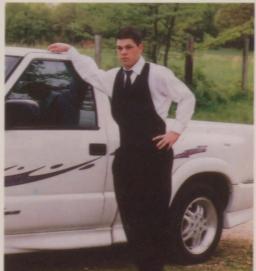




















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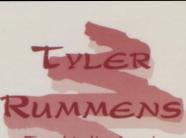


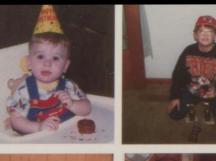


































































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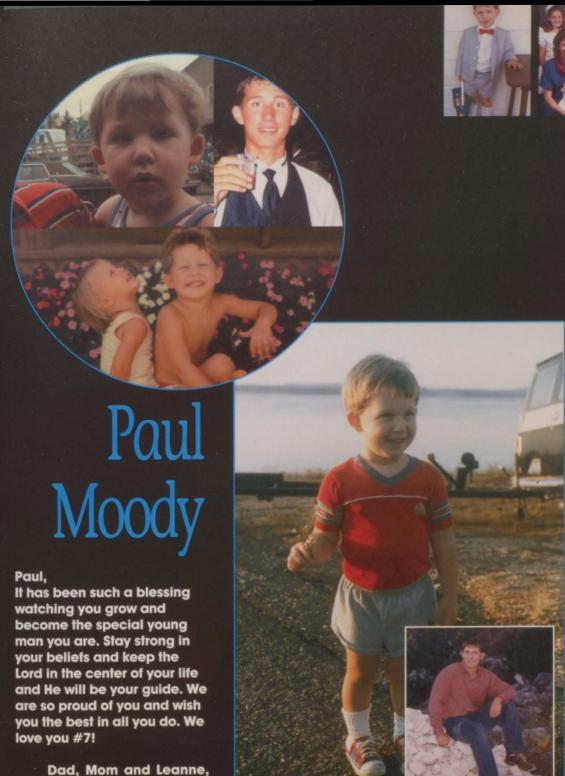




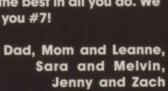




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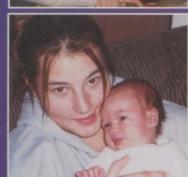


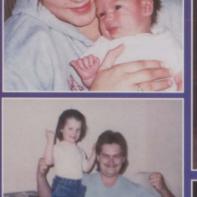
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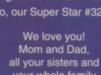


























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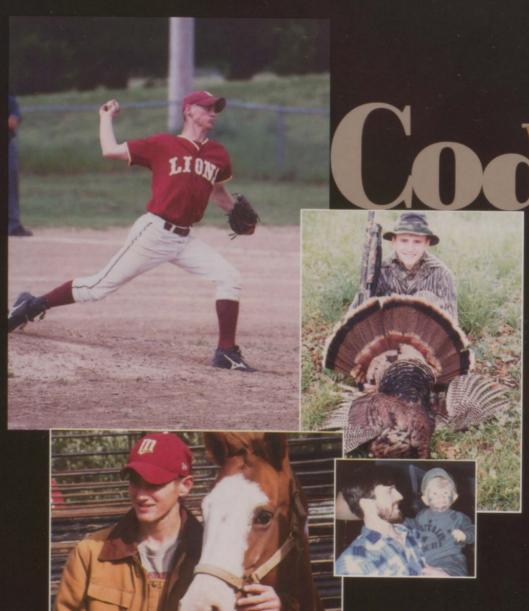












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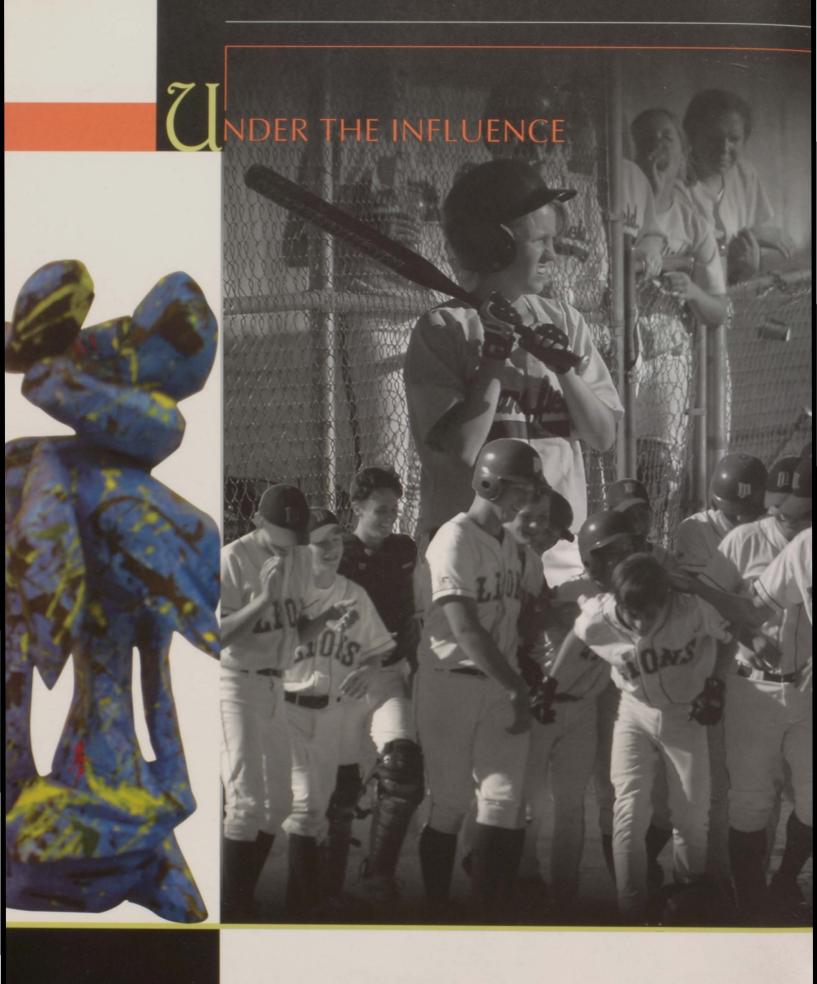








LAUGH IN Katelyn Choate, Dannielle Banner and Principal Randy Short at the juniorsenior prom held at the city park under at tent.



o there you have it. After sifting through hundreds of ideas and photographs, we settled on the final selections to show the most influential people, events and issues of 2003-04. On the global front, we witnessed a wave of business fraud paraded in handcuffs, a wobbly economy recover and heated debates about the war in Iraq and on terrorism. On the state level, we watched as political maneuvering resulted in budget cuts for needed programs and services. Locally, our own school population decreased which compounded the situation.

How did we fare? While not immune to the world's woes, MHS stayed true to its mission of offering the responsiveness of a small school, educating students for the future and being passionate about the journey getting there. Students continued to strive for excellence, exceed expectations, explore new territory and experience an atmosphere conducive to learning-expressing-questioning-producing.

### \_TO EXPLORE FAR

LEFT: Making a visual statement, senior Derrick Richardson integrates the mind, eye and hand in his creation "Destruction of Self-Confidence." The sculpture won fourth place in Alpha Tau Rho's spring art show. \_TO EXCEED Photographer Eli Helms merges Lady Lions pitcher Megan Sowers, left above, as she waits on deck with a team celebration of shortstop Evan Jones's grand slam in games against Seymour. Jones, who lead the team in batting average (.437) and on base percentage (.491), helped the Lions capture Summit Conference and District championships and advance to the state quarterfinals where they lost to Catholic in the second game. -TO EXCEL Trading paper for a handshake, Preston Bailey receives his diploma from Principal Don Sanders at kindergarten graduation where 51 students promoted to first grade.

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