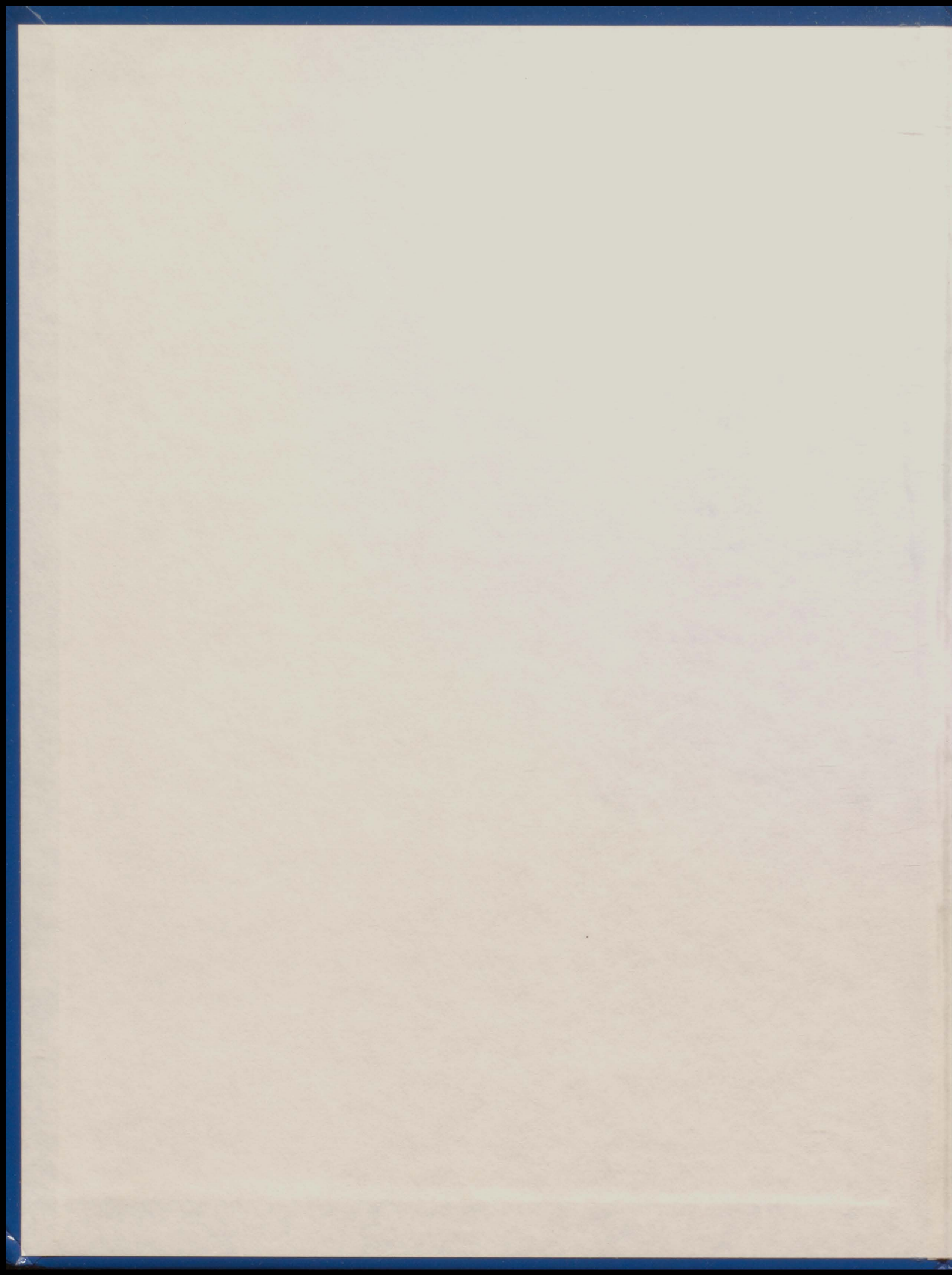


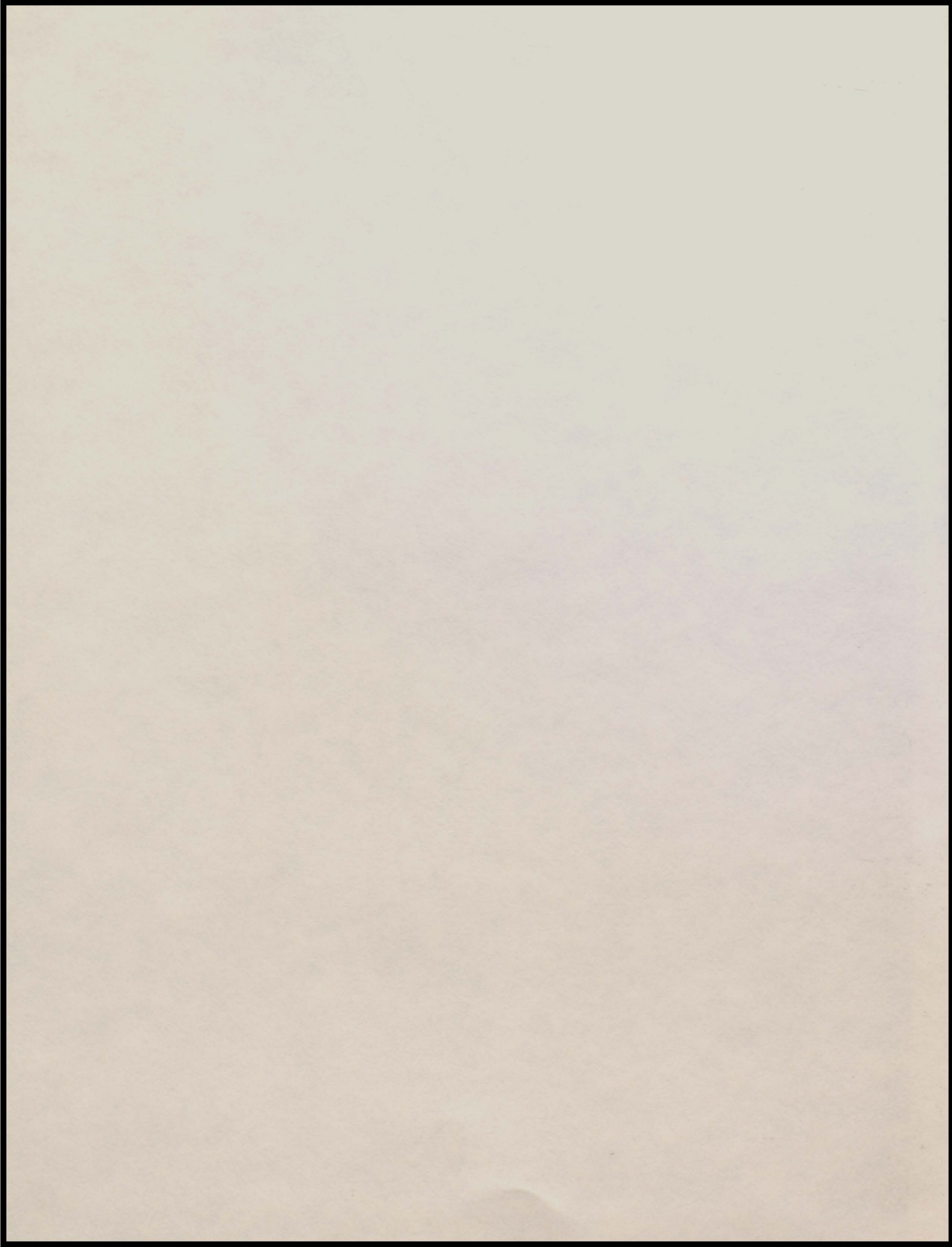


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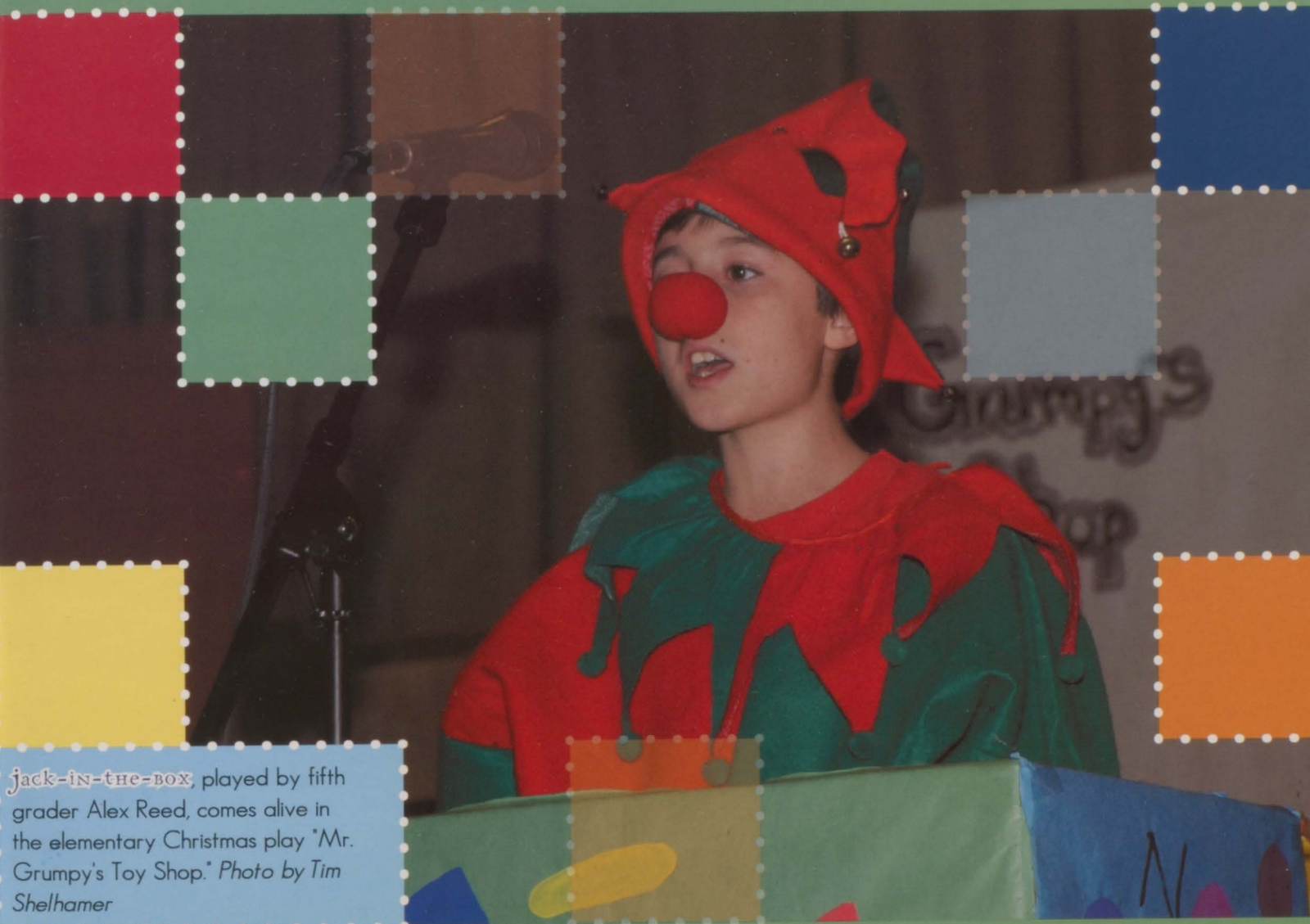






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Jack-in-the-box, played by fifth grader Alex Reed, comes alive in the elementary Christmas play "Mr. Grumpy's Toy Shop." Photo by Tim Shelhamer

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We see and hear them every day. From Sportscenter to CNN, instant messages to family dinners. Past incidents flood present conversations. Rehashing the day's events provides us with new perspectives, new angles and new stories to tell.

Some might say "you just had to be there" to feel the excitement and energy of a Friday night basketball game, or to understand the somber

atmosphere of a drunk driving reenactment.

That's where we come in. By fusing together photographs and personal accounts, we intend to shed renewed light on the spinning dancers and front yard catapulters. Here you have it— the thrills, highlights, and emotions that this past school year brought. We hope that those who *weren't* there can fully experience it, and to those who were: enjoy the replay.

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fast forward



in a fLASH Junior Shane Norell, above, keeps the pace during an Open House band concert. The annual event included the musical performance, homemade ice cream and an FBLA ceremony. *sequence of events* Holding his ground, left, catcher Adam Keith protects the plate from a Seymour opponent. The Lions enjoyed a successful year on the diamond, climbing all the way to the state championship game. *Photos by Tim Shelhamer.*

>>>perspective

By alex miller
& Virginia SHERMAN

What did you do this weekend? Free time is a blank canvas to a student. Some create neatly planned lines, while others mash together a cluttered collage of work, friends and extracurriculars. Tradition blends with high-energy spirit in the prelude to homecoming. Formal attire evokes compliments from casual friends. Students trade textbooks for the tragic experience of automobile accidents. A school wide assembly extends into the community, honoring veterans in song. Follow our lead as we take you through our excitement, talent and dedication to fun winding our way toward pomp and circumstance. *Hats off.*





Dancing the Night away Juniors Amanda Hilton and Synthia Bannister share an informal dance. Juniors voted to hold prom at a Springfield Holiday Inn. Rite of passage Taylor Thompson, left, accepts his diploma while passing a marble to school board President Gene Loge. Thompson plans to attend SMSU-West Plains utilizing A+ funding.

WILDER DAZE

Annual festival brings community together in celebration of the past

Of those who attended the Little House Memories play this year, most experienced something quite different than what they expected.

For the past 14 years, "Little House Memories" has always been the centerpiece of the Wilder Days festival.

The play, originally co-written by former Mansfield teacher Terry Spyres and Pat Allen, has consistently remained the same throughout the years. However, when the two decided to take a break, there had to be some changes.

"Basically, we had to create a completely new production because my wife and Pat took the year off," said choir sponsor Eric Spyres. "Pat had always played the music, so without her, we had to write a different version."

Many adults and students came and participated in the annual performance, which went better than most had originally expected.

"Our confidence was high when it was a normal routine. With the new play, we were starting over, so it was much harder," said Spyres.

The script wasn't the only new addition to this year's production. Over this past summer, a new outdoor theater was built, as well as new seating installed, which people seemed to really enjoy.

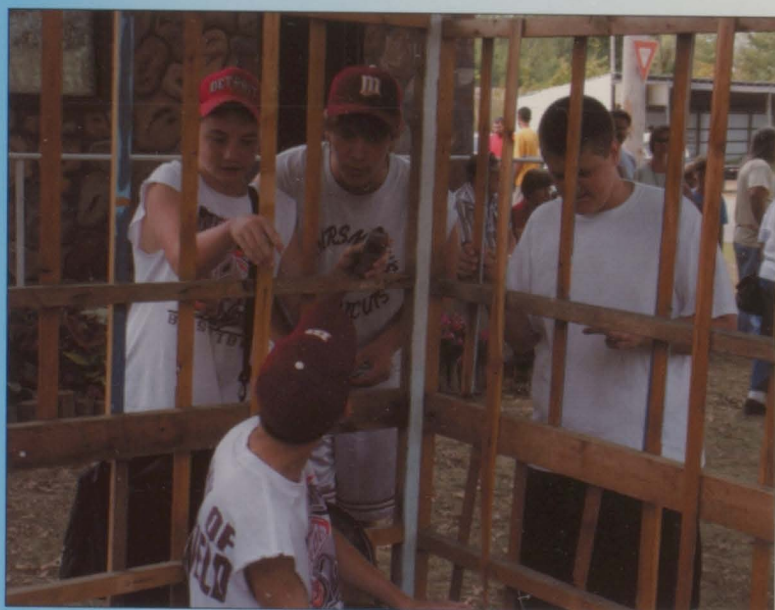
"The play went very well, but there were just fewer people that participated in it. It went better than expected and people really loved the new outdoor theater and seats," said sixth grader Nikki Zorsch, who has taken part in "Little House Memories" for past two years.

On the Saturday the play ends, the annual Wilder Day festival begins, which includes many different booths and activities that raise money, provide entertainment for families and give tribute to Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Such activities included an old fashioned sack race, a jail and a real blacksmith from the Springfield area who demonstrated the process that was used in Laura's time to create tools and other items.

...It went better than expected and people really loved the new outdoor theater and seats.

-Nikki Zorsch



Jailbait Kyle Cunningham, left, is incarcerated by freshmen Chandler Veit, Quentin Berry and James Stafford. During Wilder Days people could pay a dollar to put a friend in jail.

Quick Trip Hopping along, above, fourth graders Nathan Quick, Jason Cornelius, and T.J. Hilton, along with other elementary students, race to the finish line in burlap sacks. Other games that students participated included the water balloon toss and turtle races, with Laura Ingalls Wilder books given as prizes.



Striking the Anvil A blacksmith from Springfield, left, works on a piece of metal during Wilder Days as freshman Pamela Feldhaus, and seventh graders Marcy Morton and Danyale Young observe. The blacksmith made many different crafts that were displayed during Wilder Days.

Roughin' It Sophomore Jeremy Sutton, above, pretends to roast a rabbit on the FFA float during the Wilder Days parade.



A Family Moment Members of the annual Wilder Days play, top, pose for a family moment. Included are Payree Short, Eric Spyres, sixth grader Nikki Zorsch, second grader Bethany Lakey, Ken Horton and sixth grader Brittany Lakey.

Fire maker Fourth grader Nathan Quick, bottom, polishes the stove in the annual Wilder Day play. Along with Quick, other students and members from the community participated in the play.

Marching Proud Members of the High School band, left, march down Commercial St. during Wilder Days. The band performed "El Gato" which they also played at the Maple Leaf Festival in Carthage.



WRONG ANSWER HAS CONSEQUENCES

Mansfield Police officers prepare to pretend to arrest junior Adam Smith, who pretends to be drunk. "I actually went [to Burger King] a year ago and told them I was going to have a birthday party and they gave me a bunch of crowns," he said, explaining his choice of headgear. ■ GUILTY LOOKS SPREAD among passengers of the car as Mansfield police approach.



WORKING TOGETHER, Mansfield firefighters and a St. John's flight nurse, above right, attach a breathing apparatus to an injured passenger. ■ AS EQUIPMENT LITTERS THE GROUND, flight nurses, right, attach an IV to the passenger who died.

"We actually had the St. John's medical crew come down and do the makeup and stuff for us."

—junior Adam Smith



Mansfield Emergency Academy and local emergency services stage a

FATAL CRASH

With lights flashing and sirens screaming, Mansfield police and volunteer firefighters raced onto West Pennsylvania on March 29, pretending to respond to a single fatality accident. The mock accident, staged by the Mansfield Emergency Academy, the Mansfield Police Department, the volunteer fire department and Saint John's Regional Health Center's Emergency Medical Service, reconstructed the collision of a car, driven by a drunk driver, with a fire engine. The car struck the fire engine's side head on, injuring the driver of the car and some passengers. One passenger in the car and the driver of the fire engine were supposedly killed. While firefighters worked to rescue some passengers, police questioned, and later pretended to arrest, driver Jesse Stuart and passenger Adam Smith. While firefighters were still working, a helicopter from St. John's landed near the parking lot of the First Baptist Church. Flight nurses immediately began caring for victims and preparing them for the flight to Springfield.

"I think it was successful," commented junior Adam Smith. "It was a lot of fun to do." The purpose of the mock accident was to graphically demonstrate to MHS students what the consequences of drinking and driving can be. "Its not a good idea," explained Smith. "If you're going to do it, make the choice not to drive."



STRAPPED TO A BACK BOARD, an injured passenger, left, is carried around the wrecked car to an ambulance.

■ PROTECTING HIS EYES with a plastic visor, a Mansfield volunteer firefighter, right, prepares to break the windshield on the wrecked car.



WELL TRAINED TEAMS of first responders, below left, work quickly to rescue and treat the injured.

■ CONFRONTED with the grizzly consequences of driving under the influence, MHS Students react to the rescue efforts.



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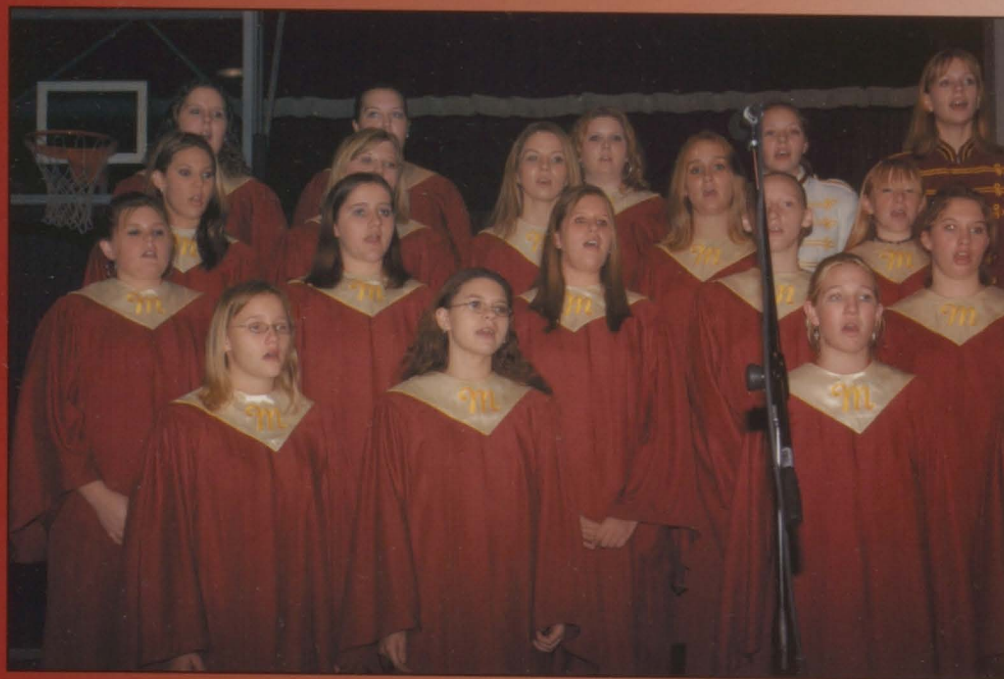


VETERANS' DAY

Students honor veterans with a special assembly



Practice makes perfect True notes ring out for the high school band, above left, as they play "The Star Spangled Banner." *Classic swing* Covering an Andrews Sisters song from World War II, freshman Kellie Hutton, sophomore Audra Dierksen and junior Julie Hutton, above, snap their fingers two the beat. The popular singing group was the first all female act to have a record go platinum. *For love of country* In a tribute to local veterans, the high school choir, left, performs patriotic songs.





Sign language While Marine Corps ROTC cadets from Mountain Grove wait to present colors, above, elementary students hold patriotic artwork at the ready. **Honored for service** John B. Doane, left, bestows awards to area veterans at the November 11 event. **Courage and patriotism** As elementary students occupy the bleachers, below, veterans wait for the assembly to begin.



Give me an S Give me a P Give me an I Give me an R Give me an I Give me a T

What's that spell? SPIRIT!

It's not every day that students get to wear Spandex with oversized shirts and wrap teachers up like mummies without being sent to the office. Spirit Week is a fun time for both students and faculty that helps gear people up for the start of basketball season or the homecoming game. Dressing up as hoboes, putting on '80's workout gear or decking themselves out in the school colors, Mansfield students are full of school spirit. "My favorite day was Coach Wood Day," said Kati Sherman. "It was hilarious to see everyone dressed up as Coach Wood."

The commons area, hallways and lockers were brightened up with maroon, gold and white streamers and balloons for the start of basketball season. A '60's theme was used for the hallways before Homecoming, with flowers and peace signs galore. Spirit squad members left goody bags and encouraging notes in basketball players' lockers too.



HOLD ON TIGHT. Freshmen, left, grab on to each other as they prepare to participate in a pep rally relay. The relay racers had to keep a balloon between each person as they hopped to half court and back to the baseline. ■ A crowd of students, right, jumps for small basketballs tossed up by pommers.



BUILDING BRIDGES. Freshmen Justin Ince, Dustin Taylor, Cody Adamson and Josh May, below left, help classmates build a bridge using only two butts, four hands and four feet that can touch the floor, during a pep rally. Students enjoyed many fast-paced games during the rally. ■ The '80's Ladies and Guy, below right, showed up in 80's workout gear ready to pump some iron and get sweaty during the school day.

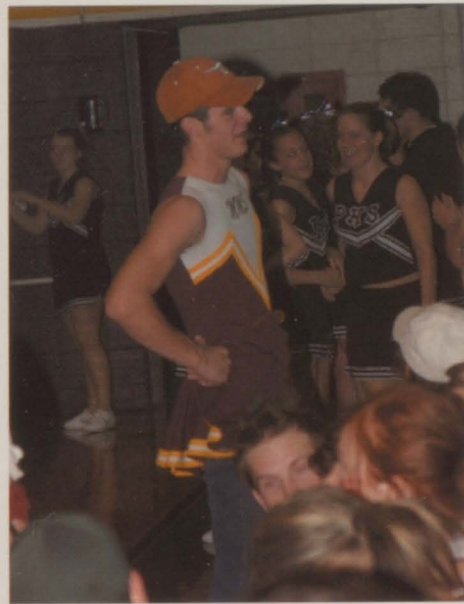


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PILLOW FIGHT. Kristin Campbell, left, lies laughing on the ground after being knocked down by Quentin Berry during a pep rally game. "Almost all the other girls were out," said Campbell. "I went to knock down one of the boys, and I picked the wrong one." ■ Josh Sullivan, below, tries to pump up the crowd at a basketball game by wearing an old cheerleader outfit. "Josh is our 'male cheerleader,'" said pommer Chelsea House. "He's really good at getting the crowd pumped up."



SANTA'S NOT SO LITTLE HELPERS. Boys, above, form a kick line while dressed like elves for their part of the pommers' special Christmas dance. ■ Math teacher Michell King, left, is wrapped up in toilet paper by juniors Adam Smith and Natasha Dixon. The game between the classes was to see which grade could use an entire roll of toilet paper on a teacher first.

"School **SPIRIT** is like **deodorant**," laughed junior Adam Smith, "everyone **needs** it!"

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Tension sets in as Miss Mansfield Miss contestants aim to impress with grins, glamour and glitz



WINNER

Lip Service (From top) Before they're called on stage, freshman Ashley Jasick and senior Kate Probert put on some final makeup. Probert won first runner-up in the Miss Mansfield division. **Holding Hands** Assembled backstage with other Little Miss Mansfield contestants, second graders Cassidy Hickle and MaKenzie McCrite examine each other's fingernail polish. The annual event had over 65 girls competing. **Vocal Chords** Providing entertainment during an intermission, junior Ashley Renner sings "You'll Think of Me." In between divisions, several choir members gave performances.



Makeup Artist Applying a few last-minute touch ups, left, freshman Kati Sherman gives her younger sister, Lexis, some lip gloss before the pageant begins. Last year, Kati Sherman was the winner of the Junior Miss Mansfield division.

Little Miss Mansfield winners, above: Daleah Jones, first runner-up; Alexis Wilson, Little Miss Mansfield; Logan Alsup, second runner-up; and Blaine Dennis, third runner-up.

Although some girls have competed in the annual Miss Mansfield pageant all their lives, they share one common dilemma with even the youngest contestants: nerves.

"Every year, I still have the same butterflies in my stomach," senior Kate Probert said. "Even though I've went through this same experience many times before, I find myself nervous when my name is called."

Probert, one of eight competitors in the oldest division, was not the only one who dealt with anxiety. About 65 girls competed in four categories: Little Miss Mansfield, Young Miss Mansfield, Junior Miss Mansfield and, coveted by all, Miss Mansfield.

Sponsored by FCCLA, the yearly event allows girls of all ages to vie for a crown in a battle of charm, glamour and style. A panel of judges from out of town decides who receives the title in each division.

The winners of this year's four events were: Melanie Davis (Miss Mansfield), Casey Box (Jr. Miss Mansfield), Amanda Davis (Young Miss Mansfield) and Alexis Wilson (Little Miss Mansfield).

Junior Miss Mansfield

Casey Box with Chauncie Mitchell, first runner-up; Laken Conaway, second runner-up; and Alisha Gray, third runner-up.



Miss Mansfield

winners: Brittany Borders, third runner-up; Leanne Moody, second runner-up; Kate Probert, first runner-up; and Melanie Davis, Miss Mansfield.

Young Miss Mansfield

Amanda Davis with Caitlin Hickie, first runner-up; Candace Dunbar, second runner-up; and Kaylyn McNeil, third runner-up.



With a big smile and shaking pompons, junior Megan Sowers dances with the Spirit Squad during halftime of Homecoming.



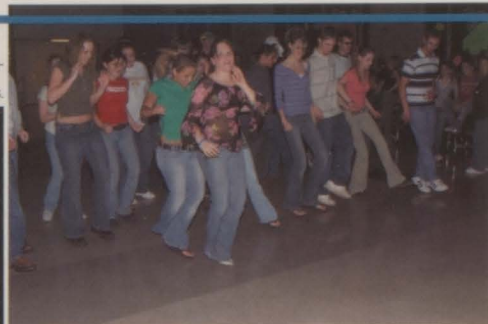
Arms fly and the dance floor clears for freshman Elliott Johns and sophomore Bobby Cubellis during the Homecoming dance. Their dance partners, though, sat this one out.

Taking the game to the floor, seniors Tim Shelhamer and Tristan Dennis team up on a Conway opponent during the varsity game.



Bringing it all back home

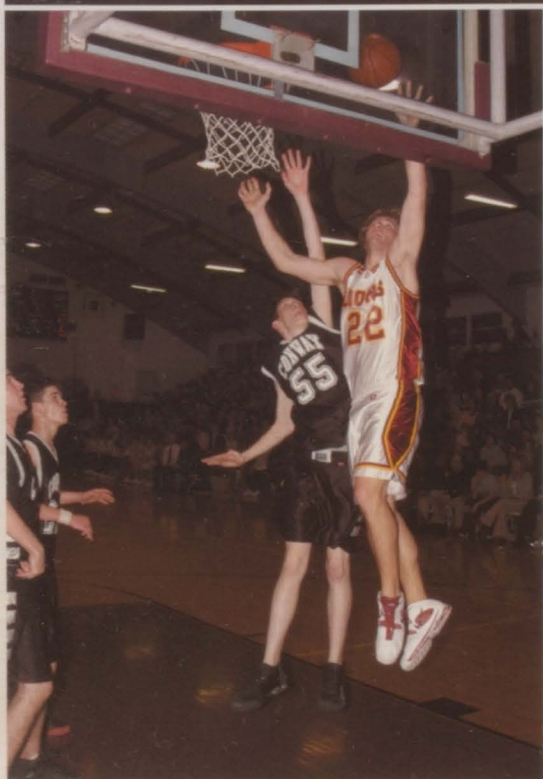
Homecoming court Row 1: Senior candidate Becky Lucas, Homecoming queen Whitney Miller, Senior candidate LeAnn Kendall. Row 2: Sophomore princess Kristin Campbell, freshman princess Rashawnda Jackson, junior princess Megan Sowers.



Feet fly, top, as the crowd joins senior Amanda Neal in line dancing.

Emotions run high during the Homecoming game, above.

Sophomore Kristin Campbell joins in the cheering



Outmaneuvering a Conway player, senior Drew Berry goes for a lay up.



Room With a View Enjoying some down time, above, prom goers take advantage of a two-hour long open buffet while talking to friends. An expansive hotel lobby was transformed into the setting of this year's prom.

Smackdown Hitting their hands against the dance floor, below, Preston Goss, Garret Keith, Taylor Thompson and Brandon Grass provide a drum roll effect before prom royalty was announced. Dates Craig Campbell and Becky Lucas were voted prom king and queen.



Full Court (by couples, from left) Second runners-up Kate Probert and Brandon Grass, third runners-up Whitney Miller and Josh Pyle, Prom Queen Becky Lucas and Prom King/Court Jester Craig Campbell, and first runners-up LeAnn Kendall and Drew Berry.



Dance Revolution Giving his prom date a twirl, senior Tom Brazeal spins freshman Kati Sherman on the dance floor at the Springfield Holiday Inn Express. For the first time in three years, juniors voted to hold the annual event at a location other than school.

If you asked several people their favorite memory from prom, you would receive dozens of various recollections, ranging from senior James Wheeler's dance moves with counselor Kelly Brazeal, to sponsor Michell King reprimanding girls for mingling too closely.

"My personal favorite moment of the night was seeing Adam Smith's impersonation of the old man in the Six Flags commercials," said senior Coy Holden.

Another

feature that many prom goers enjoyed was an audience watching from above balconies. Because juniors voted to have the event at the Holiday Inn Express, prom provided different scenery, including onlookers watching from their hotel rooms.

Other perks to the night were a ballroom-like setting, as well as a two-hour long open buffet, which added to the delight of those attending.

"It was nice to be able to choose when we wanted to eat within the two hours, as opposed to already having a time selected for us," said junior Rebecca Barlett.

BEAUTY



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FEAST

Three's Company (From top) In a brotherly embrace, juniors Eric Bricker, Jesse Stuart and senior Mark Cruse sing together as a trio. Many different events left good impressions in prom goers' minds. **Mosh Pit** Huddling together in a huge crowd, juniors and seniors find entertainment on the dance floor. The radio station Power 96.5 provided DJs for the event. **Vanity Mirror** Trying to look her very best, junior Katelyn Choate primps and checks her hair to make sure it's fixed correctly. Prom always proves to be a night of elegance and glamour, with students wearing their finest attire.

Converting a hotel lobby into an unforgettable evening, juniors provide seniors with a prom night highlighted by entertainment and elegance

Moving on up

and it seems to go by in an instant



MARKING THE TRANSITION from middle school to high school, top, choir members perform during eighth grade graduation ceremonies on May 17

TEING ONE ON, eighth grader Dee Singh, above, puts finishing touches on his outfit moments before stepping inside for graduation.

MORE RELAXED THAN THE REST of his classmates, Jeferson Engel, right, watches the crowd minutes before kindergarten graduation.



UNSUCCESSFULLY TRYING TO HIDE A GRIN, kindergartner Imanie Williams, above, accepts a diploma and a handshake from Principal Nate Moore.

HOLDING HER DIPLOMA and wearing a big smile, kindergartner Andrea Davis sits with classmates during graduation ceremonies.



BECAUSE TIMING IS EVERYTHING, kindergartner Mycaylah Hooks watches her music intently during the kindergarten choir's performance.

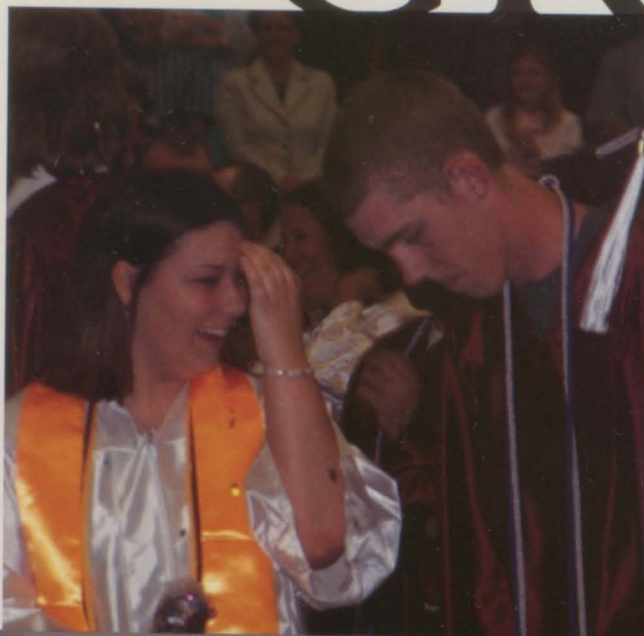


DRESSED TO IMPRESS, eighth graders Julia Allen and Ryan Hillard, far left, walk the aisle of Mansfield First Baptist Church during graduation. Ceremonies were moved to the church after the high school gym became unusable. THEIR EXCITEMENT SHOWS as kindergartners, left, wait their turns to collect their diplomas.



WITH WORDS OF WISDOM, eighth grader Tyler Riley, far left, addresses the crowd during graduation. A VERY DAPPER Tyler Page, left, shakes the hand of Principal Randy Short as he accepts his diploma.

GRADU



WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN.
Sara Henley and Steven Jarrett, top, dust confetti off themselves after graduation.
OVERCOME BY TEARS, Sara Henley, above, pauses while singing "Please Remember." Whitney Miller quickly filled in, while Melanie Davis provided harmony.



WALKING THE AISLE IN NORWOOD'S GYM, Tom Brazeal and Kate Probert, top, march in at the beginning of graduation. Ceremonies were moved to Norwood because of structural problems with MHS facilities.
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LAUGH. Seniors, above, react to Tim Shelhamer's jokes during the salutatorian's speech.
WORDS OF WISDOM. Valedictorian Alex Miller offers advice, encouragement and humor to the crowd.

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WITH A FIRM HANDSHAKE AND A WORD OF THANKS, Danny Ray LaFavor, above, accepts his diploma from Gene Loge, school board president.

HAPPY, HAPPY, JOY, JOY! Graduates, right, fling confetti and mortar boards into the air at the end of graduation.

IN A POIGNANT MOMENT, seniors, accompanied by Mike Moody on guitar, below right, sing Green Day's 'Good Riddance (Time of Your Life).'



TIMELINE 2004

See you at the pole

PATRIOT ACT Every third Wednesday in September, students put aside their busy schedules and religious differences to pray together for their school, state and nation. An annual event for teenagers across the country, See You at the Pole provides a way to unite today's youth in hopes of a better future. Before their school day begins, all those who wish to participate meet at the flagpole to bow their heads during a moment of prayer. SYATP is organized and led by the students.



Death of a superhero

SUPERMAN'S ULTIMATE BATTLE Both fictional character Superman and the person who portrayed him share a mutual bond: they each heroically fought for what they believed in.

After a horse-riding catastrophe paralyzed Christopher Reeve, he was confined to a wheelchair and a respirator, with slight odds of ever recovering. Though his body was hindered, nothing could hold back his hopes of walking again. His tragedy didn't slow him down, but gave him a new purpose in life, helping find research methods to aid those with similar cases.

As a public speaker, Reeve seized every opportunity to promote investigations benefiting those who lost their mobility. He also started the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, which has donated over \$40 million to spinal cord studies.

In early October, Reeve suffered heart failure from a bed sore infection; soon after, he fell into a coma and died. He left behind a wife, three children and a huge legacy.

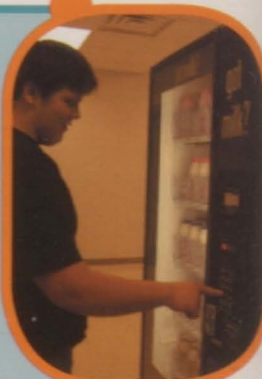
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FAMILY MATTERS Second-grader Daleah Jones receives help from her grandfather Mike Roberts on a class project. In September, grandparents were able to spend a school day with their grandchildren and assist them during various activities.

GOT MILK? Joining in on the craze, junior Jesse Stuart buys milk during lunch hour from the high school's new vending machine. The new beverage machine gave students healthier alternatives to soda, such as milk and juice.

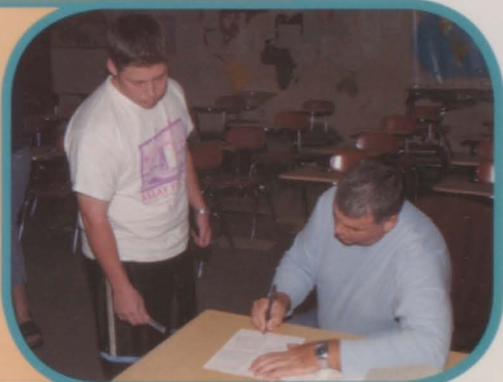


Decision '04

VOTE OR DIE What do P. Diddy, Drew Barrymore and history teacher Roger Wood have in common? Not a chart-topping album or box office surprise. They encouraged people to get informed and go to the polls.

Adding to the usual election year campaign blitz, celebrities and networks like MTV flooded the airwaves with ads to raise young voter turnout at the polls in the recent election. In the end, about 4 million more of America's youth showed up to vote in 2004 than in 2000.

SETTING A PRESIDENT Senior Cody Calhoun completes his voter-registration form for Wright County clerk Tony Dugger. Dugger came to the school several weeks before the November election to register students to vote.



Christmas Play

TOYS R' US In early December, elementary students gave a performance for parents, family members and the community, titled "Mr. Grumpy's Toy Shop." Fifth-graders each had an acting role, while first-, second- and third-grade students sang in the Christmas-style play. Accompanist Dorothy Mitchell provided the music while music teacher Eric Spyres directed.

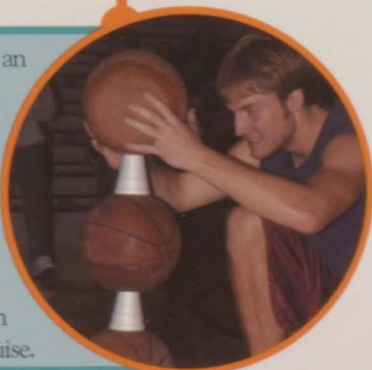


LIKE TOY SOLDIERS, James Jackson, Sam Johnson, Pavel Khatuliou and Dakota Melton escort rag doll Sierra Strunk on stage. Fifth grade students played the major parts in the performance "Mr. Grumpy's Toy Shop."

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

BALANCING ACT During an event at the Senior Olympics, Drew Berry attempts to stack three basketballs using styrofoam cups. The event which pitted classes against each other was a fundraiser to provide the seniors with money to go on a cruise.



DESIGNING WOMEN Kindergartener Taylor Tripp applies candies and other edible objects with her mother, Pam, to finish decorating her gingerbread house. Before the Christmas holiday each year, students of Patti Gleason construct the houses with graham crackers.



TIMELINE 2005

fire in the House

DAMAGE CONTROL Just a few days after Christmas break was over, many students and teachers received a small jolt in their daily routine. Because of a small fire in one hallway and classroom, agriculture and special education classes had to relocate into a different building.

For about three weeks, students were forced to hold classes in a new location while all of the damage was being cleaned up. Most of the fire was contained within the special education classroom; however, much of the wiring in the roof was harmed, as was the agriculture hallway. Smoke damaged books, furniture and computers, as well destroyed ceiling tile and carpeting.

While it took a few weeks to repair the Internet in various classrooms and fix other wiring problems, classes returned to normal once again. Because of the situation, teachers and faculty are no longer allowed to have open flames or candles within their rooms.



JANUARY



CHARITY WORK Going door to door, student council and foreign language club members Kati Sherman, Whitney Miller and Cassie Sanders ask history teacher Roger Wood to donate money to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Overall, the clubs raised around \$2,000.

Power team

EXTRA STRENGTH Trying to make an impact the lives of today's youth, a group of men called the "Power Team" gave a school assembly on making good choices. By displaying their incredible strength and giant size, they grip students' attention in order to teach them the importance of every decision in life. They discussed many subjects that affect kids' lives today, such as self-respect, peer pressure and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. They have visited and spoken to over 15,000 schools across the country. In doing so, they've also shown their amazing brawn by ripping phone books and license plates in half, as well as destroying bricks and 2 x 4's with little difficulty.

BAT BOY Attempting to display his strength, senior Dakota Branham unsuccessfully tries to break a wooden bat over his knee. Later on in the assembly, a Power Team member accomplished the feat.



Penny Wars

TIME FOR CHANGE Creating a battle between class divisions and faculty, National Honor Society started Penny Wars in hopes of raising money for Relay for Life.

Vying for a pizza party, students and teachers placed their pocket change in designated jugs. Each penny collected scored that respective class a positive vote, while every other denomination of money served as negative votes. Strategies broke loose as students placed their dimes, quarters and dollars into other class's jugs, while unloading hundreds of pennies into their own. In the end, juniors

walked away with the reward and NHS raised over \$600 for the American Cancer Society.



FEBRUARY

MARCH



GROWING OLDER Demonstrating their school spirit, juniors Ryan Loge (left) and Blake Miller (right) collect laughs after dressing up for Grandparent Day during the week of Homecoming. Student Council members decided the themes of each day during Spirit Week.



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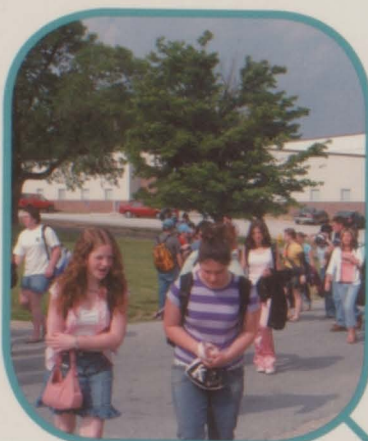
When students discovered gym classes were being moved outside on April 22, most didn't think anything of it. It wasn't until later that day when everyone learned how serious the issue was.

After noticing the roof was sagging inside the gymnasium, custodian Steven Baty alerted school officials that something was wrong. Outside, he noticed

that sheet metal which enclosed wooden beams supporting the gym was bending. On further inspection, the wood underneath was found to be rotting. Deciding it was no longer safe for students to be in the vicinity, Superintendent Arlene Magnin dismissed school early and sent students home.

Although many students were ecstatic to find out school was out for the day, they soon realized that the gym where they'd witnessed several basketball games, pep rallies and performances might not survive.

"I was extremely sad to hear about the gym," senior Whitney Miller said. "I've had so many memories in there that I never



APRIL



EGGS-PERIMENT After conducting a science experiment, fourth grade students dispose of the broken eggshells that didn't survive a fall from a gym window. Groups in the class designed packages to drop the eggs onto, hoping they would remain intact.

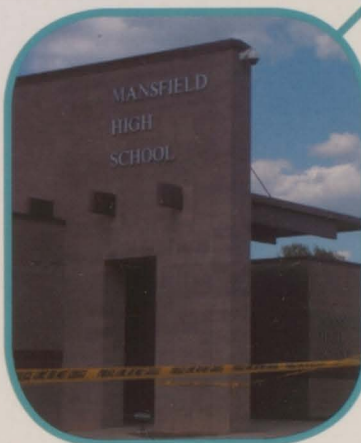
want to forget."

School board members met to discuss the future of the gym. They decided it was unsafe for students to have classes in the school if the gym were to collapse. Classes were cancelled the following Monday, only to reconvene the next day in local churches, the community center and the OTC building.

When students returned from their unexpected break, they realized the extra pressure the situation added. Classes had to deal with tight quarters, sometimes with other classes only feet away. Teachers were forced to make new lesson plans and relocate all books and materials. Cooks had to make sack lunches since they no longer had a cafeteria.

Graduation ceremonies had to be moved; high school commencement was relocated to Norwood, while eighth grade and kindergarten held their event at the Assembly of God church.

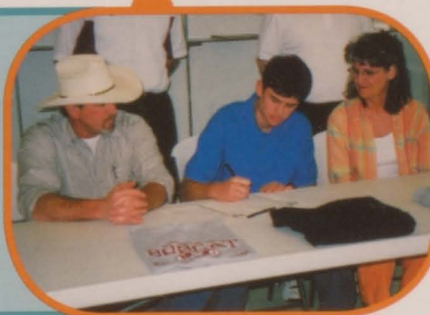
In mid-May, the school board voted to tear the gym down. The school district voted in August to raise taxes in order to build a new gymnasium. However, the new facility will not be completed until after the next school year.



ReLocation

MAY

ON THE DOTTED LINE While his parents watch, senior Craig Campbell signs a letter of intent to attend College of the Ozarks on a basketball scholarship. Campbell received many honors for his outstanding achievements during this basketball season, including most valuable player, first team all-conference and second team all-state.



>> momentum

by tim Shelhamer, kristin Campbell,
Chelsea House & ashley Young

Muted grunts from under the rim mix with hopeful screams from the highest bleacher. Fans and players feed off each others' vigor. The ball starts moving. Heated conference rivalries spur an escalating contest of chants. Championship games give us instances we want to see again from another point of view or maybe never recall. Yet, every moment is brought back to life in the post-game chatter among friends and teammates. While those on the court are the ones playing, rooting for the home team brings out the game in everyone. The past year's athletics showed us a spectrum of progress from rebuilt seasons to championship games and reminded us the importance of taking it one step further.

CHANGE OF HANDS

Coach Roger Wood passes the ball to pitcher Megan Sowers, giving her a challenge to close out a game against Gainesville.





Overboard Forward Kristin Campbell corrals a rebound away from a Seymour opponent. The Seymour Tigers handed the Lady Lions a 49-19 defeat. **Running away** with another conference title, second basemen Adam Keith dodges his demise in the fall victory over Fordland. The Lions continued an 18-game conference winning streak to capture their third consecutive conference championship.





Higher Ground

Lions claw their way to the brink of glory



Courtesy of Larry Dennis

QUELLED ASPIRATIONS center Drew Berry accepts the district second place plaque after losing to Thayer 57-49. "Coming in second place in districts was a bitter-sweet feeling," said Berry of his final court appearance.

Winners Circle

Craig Campbell - Most Valuable Player and Best Offense Award (19.0 ppg)

Tim Shelhamer - Highest free-throw percentage (72.7%)

Drew Berry - Sportsmanship Award

Blake Miller - Defense Award

Kendall Findley - Hustle Award

First Team All-Conference - Drew Berry, Craig Campbell, Kendall Findley

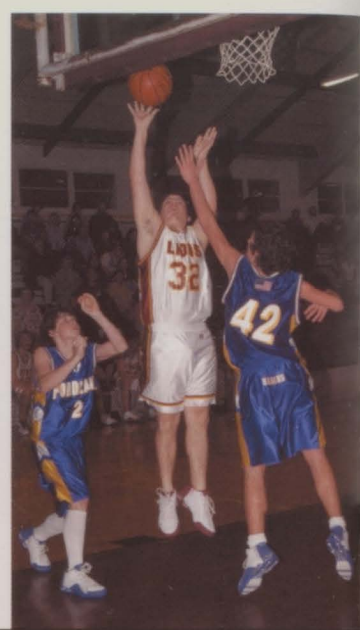
All-District - Craig Campbell

Second Team All-State - Craig Campbell

First Team Academic All-State - Craig Campbell

WITH A QUICK first step, point guard Blake Miller surges past a Cabool defender on his way to the basket. The Lions easily handled the Bulldogs 62-30 on their way to a second consecutive Mansfield Tournament championship.

IN THE BANK Guard Casey Ivy seeks the rim between two Fordland defenders. "It was Fordland so it was easy," said Ivy of the Lions' 85-31 rout.



VARSITY Front - Marcus Sherman, Andy Morris, Blake Miller, Evan Jones, Kendall Findley, Adam Keith, Danny Thompson, Billy Newton; Row Two - Coach Terry Writer, Tristan Dennis, Craig Campbell, Tom Brazer, Tim Shelhamer, Casey Ivy, Drew Berry, Asst. Coach Ryan Waters.



JUNIOR VARSITY Front - Steven Pfeiffer, Chandler Veit, Joey Neal, Cory Walker, Kyle Cunningham, James Stafford; Row Two - Coach Terry Writer, Quentin Berry, Andy Morris, Adam Keith, Danny Thompson, Marcus Sherman, Billy Newton, Asst. Coach Ryan Waters.

Banking on a wealth of experience, the Lions achieved an accomplished season of high-energy victories.

Season highlights included defending the Mansfield Tournament title, making a second round appearance in the Blue and Gold Tournament, maintaining a near-spotless home court record and earning second place in districts.

After a second place conference finish behind rival Hartville, the Lions went into district competition with a mission.

"Two of the teams in our district had beaten us and we wanted another shot at them," point guard Blake Miller said. "We were all excited after getting back at Hartville in the semi-finals."

However, the team faced an even greater challenge in the championship game against state-ranked Thayer on their home court. The Bobcats

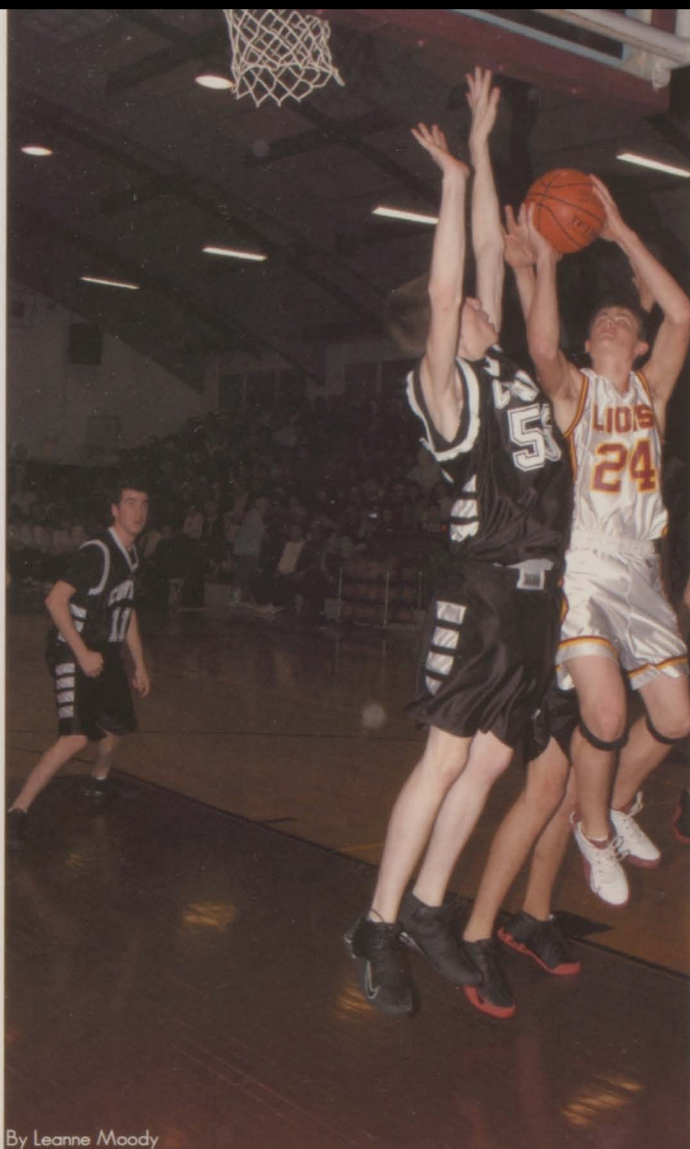
proved to be too much to overcome, putting an end to the Lions' run.

"We accomplished some things that I'm really proud of," guard Tim Shelhamer said. "It was a lot of fun to be a part of a team that could win 20 games."

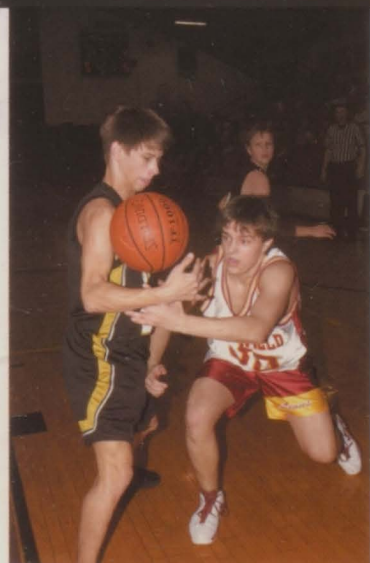
The Lions accumulated a variety of accolades, such as all-state honors to forward Craig Campbell and team sportsmanship trophies in the Blue and Gold Tournament and the Mtn. Grove Tournament.

At the athletic awards ceremony, Coach Terry Writer joked, "When we don't win the tournament we get the sportsmanship trophy. But it really does say something about how great these kids are."

The junior varsity lived up to the varsity's success, earning a respectable 16-3 record and claiming the Norwood Tournament championship.



By Leanne Moody



POKING AROUND for a loose ball, guard Steven Pfeiffer works for a steal in the JV game against Dadeville. "Playing in the States is so much fun, but it's a lot different," said Pfeiffer, of his experience in his home country of Germany. **BLUE IN THE FACE** guard Andy Morris drives the baseline against a Cabool defender.

"I love my sport because it's the best game ever, how the crowd gets into the game and how it comes down to the last shot"
- forward Craig Campbell, above

GO FIGURE

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F1GURE

	Plato	Cabool	Seymour	Cabool	Gainesville	Catholic	Ava	Crane	Glendale	Mtn. Grove	Mountain View	Fordland	Houston	Hartville	Forsyth	Norwood	Thayer	Mtn. Grove	Conway	Seymour	Gainesville	Norwood	Willow Springs	Dadeville	Summersville	Hartville	Thayer
Opponent	65	49	31	30	50	68	68	53	65	63	31	56	68	54	32	50	58	54	46	49	55	48	58	73	54	57	
MHS	68	70	79	62	68	73	63	64	60	56	70	85	63	55	58	62	57	47	57	72	62	77	71	83	88	59	49

VARSITY RECORD **20-7** CONFERENCE RECORD **5-1** JUNIOR VARSITY RECORD **16-3**



By Eli Helms



BLOCKED Catcher Leanne Moody protects the plate from the Dora runner, recording an out in their win over the Falcons. "Playing catcher takes a lot of thinking," Moody said. "I have to communicate with the pitcher, remember batters weaknesses and keep an eye on the base runners." **PITCHING ROTATION** With a swing of her arm, pitcher Samantha Branstetter fires the ball toward the Hartville batter. Branstetter shared the mound as part of the team's new four pitcher system.

"Even when we had someone injured, we stuck together as a team, and concentrated on upcoming games and practices. That helped us achieve."
 -shortstop Amanda Neal, on coping with injuries



By Tim Shelhamer

GRABBING a sharply hit ball, shortstop Amanda Neal throws out a runner at first. Neal doubled as a pitcher, and ended the season with the highest batting average. **DOWN UNDER** the tag, Hollie Jordan safely makes it to third base and past a Central fielder. The Lady Lions gave up an early lead, losing to the Bulldogs 10-5.



By Tim Shelhamer

Playing as a team means
everybody must

Pitch In

too many pitchers is the kind of problem a coach likes to have.

"We had four girls that could pitch," said Coach Roger Wood, "and we used them all in a come-from-behind win against Seymour."

In several games the team would literally revolve around the pitcher.

"Sometimes, when we changed pitchers almost everybody would end up in at a different position," said catcher Leanne Moody of the team's versatility.

The ability to fill in at other positions also proved to be a valuable asset as a wave of injuries picked the team apart. The disabled list claimed a few players at a time with injuries such as broken fingers, twisted

ankles and a dislocated knee.

"Many of the younger girls stepped up, filling in the spots of the injured, and they did an excellent job," said Wood.

As the fall season progressed, the Lady Lions found their stride, winning the Bakersfield tournament.

"This fall we worked together well and we won more games than spring," said Samantha Morris.

The rainy and unpredictable spring season presented a different kind of challenge.

"We had a lot of games rained out this spring that we couldn't reschedule," said Summer Bannister. "At one point we went more than a week without playing a game."



SPORTING new uniforms Lauren Rummens and Amber Henry give Plata players a hand of sportsmanship. The Lady Lions helped raise money to buy new jerseys by selling candles. **MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER** Coach Roger Wood rallies the troops before the Lady Lions go to bat. "Our hitting started coming around as the season progressed," Wood said.



SOFTBALL TEAM Front – Lauren Rummens, Samantha Morris, Kati Sherman, Hollie Jordan, Megan Sowers, Summer Bannister, Jordan Dooley; Row Two – Leanne Moody, Jessica Taylor, Amber Henry, Kristin Campbell, Amanda Neal, Samantha Branstetter; Row Three – Coach Roger Wood.



EYE ON THE BALL Right fielder LeAnn Kendall pokes the ball into center field. Kendall, the only senior on the team, earned the team award for showing the most improvement.

Winners Circle

Megan Sowers – Most Valuable Player

LeAnn Kendall – Most Improved Player

Amanda Neal – Highest Batting Average

Leanne Moody – Highest on base percentage and most home runs

Kristin Campbell – Defense Award

GO FIGURE

Opponent	Dora	Seymour	Conway	Dora	Hartville	Bakersfield	Dora	Bakersfield	Couch	Norwood	Ava	Central	Gainesville	Seymour	Hartville	Gainesville
MHS	3	8	11	7	15	8	5	4	2	9	13	10	15	5	17	17
	18	9	1	19	4	5	13	8	17	1	1	5	4	7	1	7

Hustle & Heart

BUILDING A FOUNDATION

63 practices + 23 games + 12 players - 2 players + 2 new coaches - 1 JV team = 1 team of 10 players who are increasing in talent and becoming closer to each other. Although the Lady Lions did not have a winning season, many players still look back with a smile. "I'll never forget all the memories I've made, both good and bad, playing basketball," senior Becky Lucas laughed.

From the beginning, the Lady Lions knew it was going to be a tough season, but they never gave up. Even though juniors Mandie Adamson and Synthia Banister had to stop playing

before the season was over. "I don't know who, or what, hit me," commented Adamson on her jaw injury. "I just felt the pain afterwards. It was awful."

With a 2-21 season, and faltering community support, most teams would have given up, but the Lady Lions are not most teams. "Although it was an up and down year, and for not being in very many games [score wise], this group of girls showed as much, if not more, heart than any team in the state," said Mark Richard, head coach. "I look forward to the upcoming year knowing that this group is hungry to improve."



SHOOTING FOR TWO, Amanda Neal scores on a Plato defender. Neal had thirteen points and was the high scorer for the game. Mandie Adamson, below, stays low while defending a Plato guard. Adamson had two points in the 33-56 loss for the Lady Lions.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) - **Kristin Campbell**

Defensive Player of the Year - **Leanne Moody**

Offensive Player of the Year - **Amanda Neal**

Lion's Pride - **Kristin Campbell**

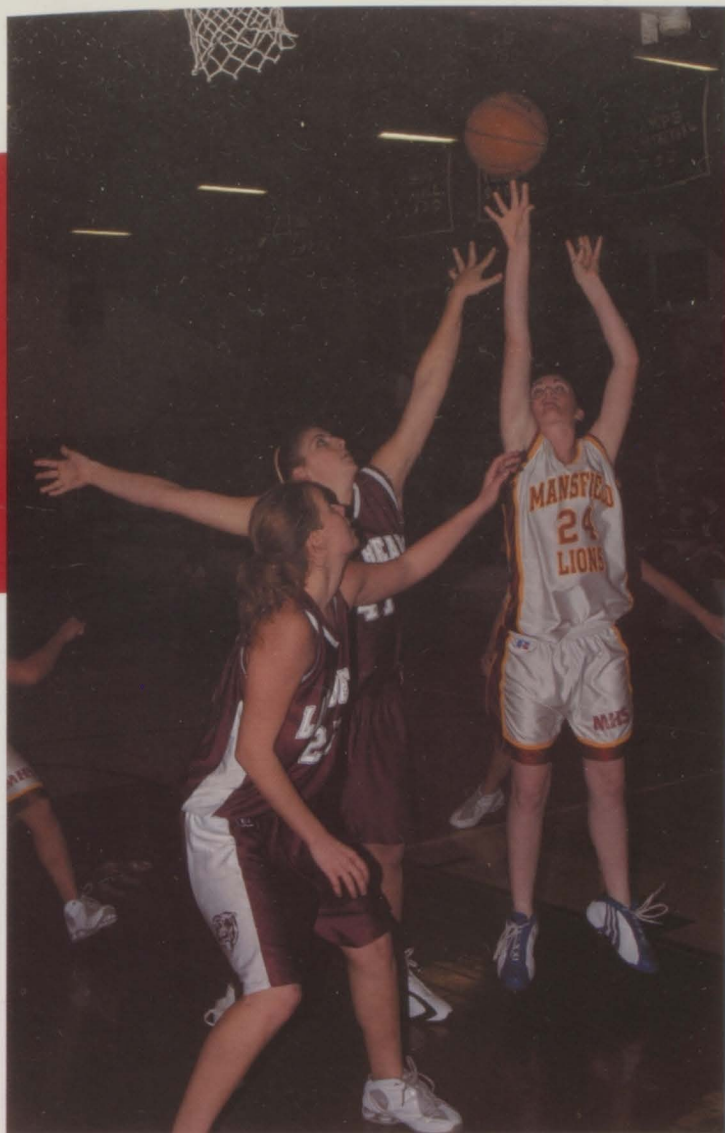
MSHSAA Sportsmanship and Ethics - **Becky Lucas**





FIGURE

	Willow Springs	Mtn. Grove	Houston	Willow Springs	Plato	Gainsville	Bradleyville	Dora	Hartville	Norwood	Gainsville	Mtn. View Liberty	Cabool	Nianqua	Bradleyville	Seymour	Spokane	Conway	Gainsville	Fordland	Ava	Fordland	Hartville
Opponent	59	42	69	54	56	65	43	28	59	48	69	42	33	41	56	49	59	37	67	43	58	55	57
MHS	8	27	17	18	33	26	27	42	14	20	22	33	51	28	23	19	23	13	26	29	29	29	21



RIISING UP AND ABOVE, Kristin Campbell attempts two points against Willow Defenders. Campbell had three rebounds for the game.



DRIVING THE BASELINE, Leanne Moody takes a Houston defender to the hole. Moody scored two points that night helping the Lady Lions to a total of 17.



■ FIGHTING FOR THE BALL, Mandie Adamson grapples for a rebound with a Houston player as Paige Hoover looks on. Adamson was one of two players forced to stop mid-season.

"EVOLUTION is the most evil word in the English language," groaned Leanne Moody, about a 'get in shape' drill.



BASKETBALL TEAM Front - Kate Probert, Becky Lucas; Row Two - Samantha Branstetter, Amanda Neal, Mandie Adamson, Leanne Moody, Ashley Young, Kristin Adamson, Synthia Bannister; Row Three - Coach Mark Richard, Amber Henry, Paige Hoover, Kristin Campbell and Coach Mindy Lemons.



HANDLING THE PRESSURE from Willow defenders, Paige Hoover drives around a screen set by Amanda Neal on her way to her two points for the game.

Hitting On All Cylinders

On their way to a banner year, Lions set records and accumulate accolades.

After a 9-2 fall season the Lions held high hopes for a great spring and were not disappointed.

Shaken by an 0-3 start in the Willard tournament, the Lions answered with a 13 game winning streak. A loss to Houston provided the wake up call that propelled the Lions to a district title over Licking. From there the Lions rolled all the way to the state championship game. After leading 7-6 in the sixth inning, the Lions suffered a heartbreaking one-run loss to the defending champion Hallsville Indians.

"We couldn't have asked for

anything more," said catcher Kendall Findley about the state championship game. "We were in the game and we had a chance. They just beat us."

The Lions set school records along the way to a successful season, including the second most wins in school history, the most stolen bases as a team (174) and individually, by Evan Jones (39).

"I love to run," Coach Jones said. "If you can do it, it really puts pressure on the opposing defense, and this is the best base running team I've ever had."



BRINGING THE HEAT Senior Taylor Thompson throws a curve during a home game against Conway. Thompson finished the season with a 1.90 ERA and also earned the MVP award.



SOOTHSAYER Coach Doug Jones, *above*, gives pitcher Taylor Thompson a moment to regain his composure in the state semifinal game against Iberia. "I always dreamed about pitching at state," said Thompson. "It was a great feeling." SENIORS Craig Campbell, Dakota Branham, Tom Brazeal and Taylor Thompson, *above right*, graciously accept the Class Two second place trophy at Columbia. The Lions lost the state championship game to Hallsville, 8-7. SECOND BASEMAN Adam Keith, *right*, turns a double play during the Class Two quarterfinal game. The Lions 9-3 win over the Panthers advanced them into the final four.



LAYING IT DOWN Catcher Kendall Findley lays down a bunt in the conference game against Seymour. Mansfield defeated the Tigers 11-1. Findley received the award for least strikeouts for the second year in a row, having only 5 in 109 at bats. CLOSE CALL First Baseman Eric Bricker, far right, safely steals second base against Conway with a little help from the umpire. Bricker added another stolen base to the school record set this year. GUNNED Shortstop Evan Jones, below, denies the Houston runner a stolen base. The Lions fell 9-7 to the Bears.



"This team truly epitomized **team**."
 – Coach Doug Jones on how his team made it to the state championship.



BASEBALL TEAM Front – Blake Miller, Chandler Veit, Kyle Cunningham, Adam Keith, Kendall Findley, Chad Smith; Row two – Evan Jones, Tom Brazeal, Ryan Loge, Taylor Thompson, Eric Bricker; Row three – Coach Doug Jones, Asst. Coach Jason Duey, Ryan Harris, Dakota Branham, Quentin Berry, Craig Campbell, manager Chelsea House and Asst. Coach Mark Richard.

VARSITY RECORD **30-7** CONFERENCE RECORD **6-0** JV RECORD **7-3**



Winners' Circle

Taylor Thompson – Most Valuable Player

Kendall Findley – Least Strike Outs

Kendall Findley – Highest Batting Average

Kendall Findley – Highest on base percentage

Blake Miller and Adam Keith – Defense Award

Tom Brazeal, Taylor Thompson, Kendall Findley, Evan Jones and Blake Miller – First Team All Conference

Taylor Thompson, Kendall Findley, Evan Jones and Blake Miller – First Team All District

Taylor Thompson – First Team All Ozarks

Kendall Findley and Evan Jones – Second Team All Ozarks

Taylor Thompson, Kendall Findley and Evan Jones – MSHSAA First Team All State

GO FIGURE

	Hartville	Gainesville	Fordland	Seymour	Conway	Norwood
Opponent	3	0	8	1	1	3
MHS	4	10	19	11	7	14

BASEBALL



By Tim Shelhamer

LET IT SHOW Using elf volunteers and shaking hands, Spirit Squad members put on the schmaltz. Members took the opportunity to make the fun dance using guys before Christmas break.

"I was so into handing out candy to the crowd that I forgot to get in the pose with someone on my lap at the end." – senior LeAnn Kendall, on being Santa



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT Led by pommers Chelsea House and LeAnn Kendall as Santa, senior Craig Campbell moves to the Yuletide tunes. Members of the spirit squad called upon a few boys to volunteer as elves for a special Christmas themed dance.



SPIRIT SQUAD *Front* – Rebecca Bartlett, Lindsay Hopping and Megan Sowers; *Row Two* – Chelsea House and LeAnn Kendall; *Row Three* – Virginia Sherman and Jordan Dooley.



MOVERS AND SHAKERS Flashing pompons to the beat, dancers keep the halftime crowd entertained. Squad members performed dance routines they choreographed, during the halftime break at home varsity basketball games.

By Tim Shelhamer



CREATING A STIR freshman Jordan Dooley, top, works the crowd by launching T-shirts to rowdy fans. Spirit Squad members used a variety of tactics to encourage fan participation at games, including theme nights, cheers and projectiles. IN FRONT of the homecoming crowd, junior Megan Sowers showcases a new routine. Squad members spent weeks practicing each routine before breaking out the new material.

warm-up stretch

Pommers raise spirits with few members

As numbers dropped, the spirit squad's future looked bleak. Before the season had even started there was a question if there would be a squad to dance at halftime.

The initial fourteen squad members were whittled down to six as members decided to part ways. The members of the smallest squad in recent history were forced to pull a little extra weight to keep school spirits high. As the season progressed, the low numbers proved to have their benefits.

"I think only having six members has made us a closer squad," said junior Rebecca Barlett.

Squad members called upon basketball fans to increase their numbers, using a few male volunteers in a Christmas dance. They also introduced a new tradition of themed game nights such as paint-your-face night or pajama night. The organized themes proved successful for the

squad.

"I am glad how well the spirit nights have turned out," said sophomore Chelsea House. "It gives the fans more opportunity to show their spirit and creativity."

The squad remained focused on its main purpose, original halftime dances. Using skills learned at summer camps, members created dance numbers to a variety of music ranging from hip-hop to 80's pop to rock.

"If it wasn't for Megan and her choreography skills, we would have been trouble because we would have been very short on dances," said senior Virginia Sherman.

Along with dancing at halftime, the spirit squad acted as cheerleaders for the home crowd. "It was kind of stressful learning cheers and dances at the same time," senior LeAnn Kendall said. "We mostly just concentrated on our dancing."



Ahead of the *CURVE*

Accustomed to easy wins, Lions stumbled over tougher competition

One game removed from a perfect season, the 8th grade Lions started looking ahead for another great year.

"I expected to be better than 9-5 this year," guard Colton Jones said. "After the kind of season we had before, this year was hard."

One of the Lions' stumbling points came with a "pop" as guard Landon Jarrett landed on a Chadwick opponent's foot.

"I broke my ankle and was out for the second half of the season," Jarrett said. "It was hard to watch when I wanted to be on the floor, especially when we lost to Conway."

With this challenge came more

opportunity, according to Jones. "After Landon got hurt, I had to step it up."

With fewer injuries and a deeper bench, the B-team found improvement in the mental aspect of the game. Their season proved to be one of learning.

"I messed up in the first game because I didn't know our plays," said forward Vince Miller. "I started paying attention better in practice and working harder. It paid off."

For others, the fundamentals proved to be the greatest obstacle to overcome.

"We need to work on shooting better," said B-team point guard

Nathan Jones. "Making shots takes some of the pressure off defense and rebounding."

Colton Jones echoed that statement adding, "Our free throw shooting needs work."

The fun of playing seemed constant among the athletes, even as their reasons varied.

"I enjoy playing basketball with my friends," said forward Cody Clayton. "Scoring 18 points in the Hartville tournament was fun too."

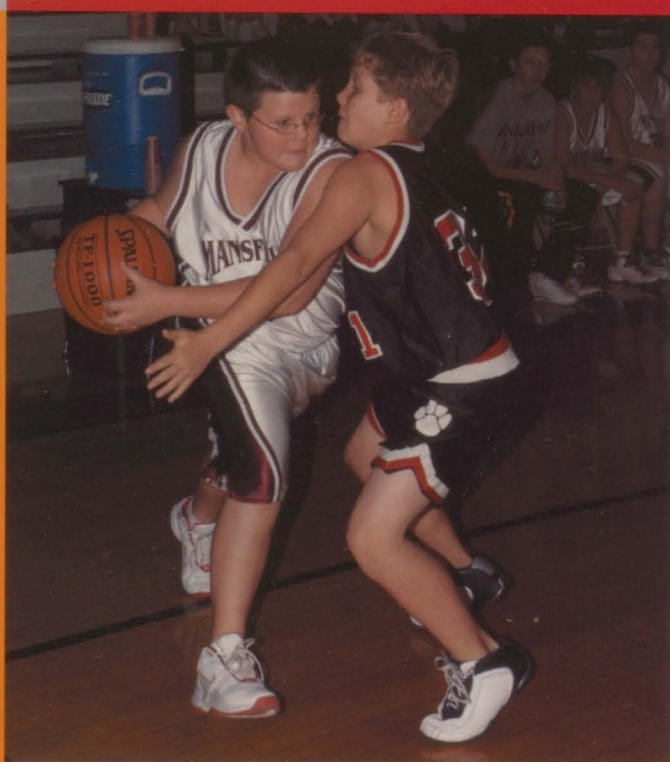
For others it was difficult to point out their favorite thing about the game.

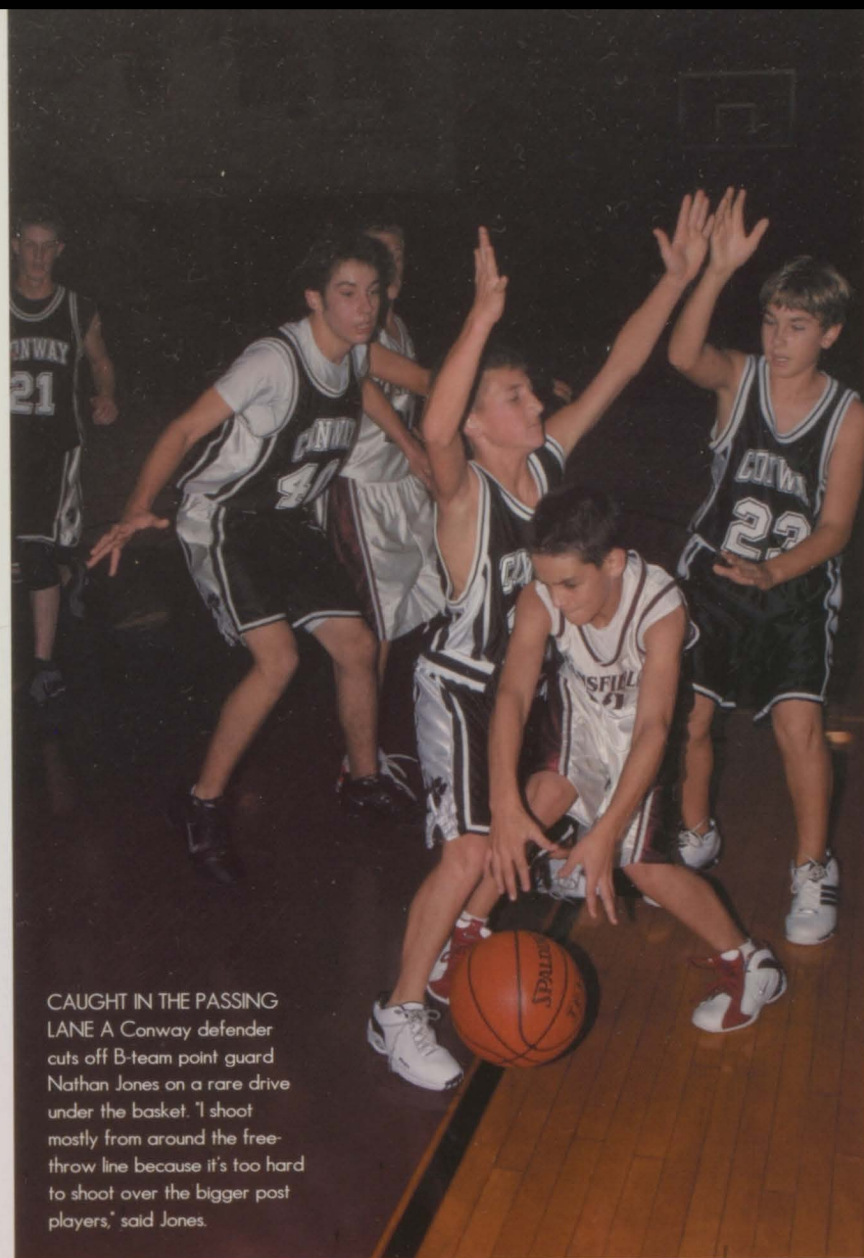
"I just like playing for the thrill of the game," said Nathan Jones.



BETWEEN QUARTERS The B-team gathers around Coach Jim Neely to make adjustments. For the first year, seventh and eighth grade teams were mixed together to play as an A-team and B-team.

1, 2 STEP Guard Jake Yost breaks for the baseline past a Conway defender. "I dribble better with my right hand, so I usually try to go baseline to the basket," Yost said.





CAUGHT IN THE PASSING LANE A Conway defender cuts off B-team point guard Nathan Jones on a rare drive under the basket. "I shoot mostly from around the free-throw line because it's too hard to shoot over the bigger post players," said Jones.



IN THE AIR Point guard Colton Jones arches his shot over a Conway opponent in an A-team loss. "After being unbeaten last year I expected to do just as good this season," Jones said of their 9-5 record.

GATHER ROUND The Lions B-team players Nathan Rummens and Cody Clayton huddle to watch Coach Jim Neely draw up a play. "The best thing about playing basketball is winning and being on the floor with my friends," Clayton said.



"I just like playing for the thrill of the game."

-GUARD NATHAN JONES



A-TEAM Front - Evan Whorton, Ryan Hilliard, Jake Gunter, Colton Jones, Josh Box, Tron Sherman; Row Two - Justin Keith, Dee Singh, Landon Jarrett and Tyler Riley.



B-TEAM Front - Robert Snokhaus, Haden Adamson, Nathan Rummens, Nathan Jones; Row Two - Vince Miller, Jake Yost, Doug Pyle, Devin Davis, Cody Clayton and Kaleb Nolen



Networking

Lady Lions strive for consistency and teamwork

though the Lady Lions missed out on a winning season, they felt they knew what their problems were and how to fix them.

"Working as a team was a struggle for us. There were too many games that girls would step onto the floor thinking only of themselves, and it showed on our 5-8 record," said forward Jackie Emerick.

Other eighth graders recognized the problem and attempted to thwart it. Point guard Whitney Jordan said, "Even though we lost to Seymour, it was our best game because from start to finish we played as a team. No one was concerned about only themselves."

The seventh grade team failed to build a better record, but they raised their hopes for next year.

"We only won two games, but we have a lot of experience as a team and we know what areas we need to improve," said Chauncie Mitchell, point guard.

The team maintains a positive outlook, citing the season as a learning experience.

Marcy Stofer said she refused to be discouraged. "We just need to focus on the upcoming season and leave this year behind us. All that matters now is how much we progress and that we play to the best of our abilities."



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM Front— Dakota Willis, Whitney Jordan, Jackie Emerick, Julia Allen; Row Two— Katelyn Nolen, Laken Conaway, Marcy Stofer, Alisha Gray, Kayla Baty; Row Three— Coach Mindy Lemons, Miranda Farris, Miranda Brooke, Rachel Sowers, Stephanie Baty; Row Four— Chauncie Mitchell, Whitney Jordan, Jaimie Smith.

UP AND IN Forward Julia Allen attempts to score for the Lions against rival Hartville. "Allen played well that game," teammate Rachel Sowers said, "but we didn't all play as a team well enough to win." The Eagles defeated the Lions 46-32.



COURT VISION Point guard Chauncie Mitchell checks for an open teammate against Seymour. Mitchell racked up 11 points in a losing effort against the Tigers.



By Tim Shelhamer

“We only won two games, but we gained a lot of experience as a team.”

— point guard Chauncie Mitchell



ONE ON ONE Eighth grade point guard Whitney Jordan drives to the basket, earning a trip to the free throw line. “The Seymour game was our best example of working together. Even though we didn’t come out on top, we knew we played the best we had all season,” said Jordan.

UPWARD BOUND Forward Miranda Brooke grabs a rebound and returns it to the basket. Brooke’s two points contributed the seventh grade’s 41–20 win over the Eagles. **HANDS OFF** Eighth grade forward Julia Allen closes out the trap on the ball against a Seymour opponent. The Lions fell to the Tigers.

GO F1GURE

Opponent	30	32	38	54	34	42	36	20	46	49	36
MHS	31	35	17	28	24	30	42	32	32	27	10



final examination

Bells usher students to class. From that point on, school is open to interpretation. History students created artifacts and representations, limited only by their imagination and the dimensions of the doorway. Education is often what students make of it. Whether solving for x or earning Writer's Hall of Fame honors, our students harnessed some serious brain power. Students maintained high test scores, earning Mansfield the state award for Distinction in Performance while gaining valuable hands-on experience. Business law students role played court situations. Chemistry and physics students experimented with a nuclear reactor. That's only the tip of the iceberg. Join us while we paint, march, volunteer, build and pal around.



By Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover
& Samantha Morris



By Leanne Moody

Vantage Point Sophomores Ashley Kirtwright and Bobby Cubellis, above, experiment in biology class. "I thought it was funny because I've never seen liver turn that color," said Cubellis. **Dirty Work** Senior Brandon Grass, ag teacher Stan Coday and senior Josh Pyle, left, spruce up around the Head Start with trees and shrubs. Horticulture students used class time to help with the Head Start's landscaping. **Gift of Life** Junior Blake Miller, far left, donates blood for the first time at the annual blood drive sponsored by FFA.

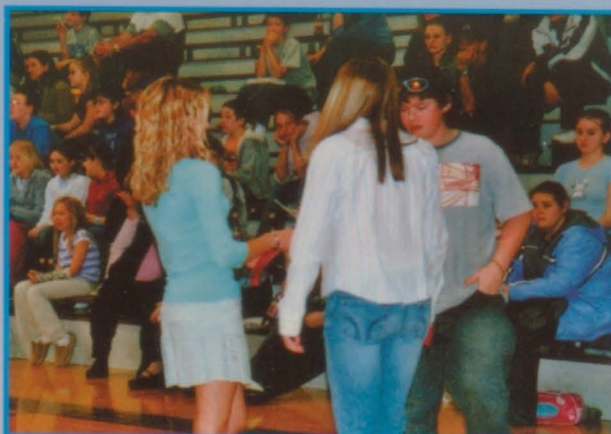
There's a First Time For Everything...

It's all a new experiment.



On The Road Again Math Club volunteered to adopt a two mile stretch of Hwy 60 to pick up trash about two to three times a year. Dragging everyone out of bed on Saturday mornings, they went out at eight and were done around noon. Math Club also hosted the Middle School Math Contest, on February 26, by supervising the kids taking the tests and providing food for the hospitality room. The Math Club trip was held on March 25. Everyone met at the school early Friday morning and was to leave by seven, that was until Michelle King, adviser, informed everyone that she left the tickets at home, in Ava. Later on they hit the road for St. Louis. On Friday they went to the St. Louis Zoo and later on that night hung out at the hotel and ordered pizza. "Everyone had fun just messing around in the hallway of the hotel, and it was especially funny when Mrs. King and some other kids got in trouble for playing dodgeball too loud," laughed Lauren Rummens. The next day they went to Six Flags and had a blast not having to wait in lines. Very few people were there because of the cold weather. All together it was a great trip.

Near The Top Megan Sowers presents Tron Sherman and Rachel Sowers with their awards for winning second place in the middle school math contest.



On The Road Again While picking up trash on Hwy 60 with Math Club, Kristin Campbell and Lacey Tate wave to the truckers as they drive by. The question is, where is their trash? **Time Goes By** On the bus ride to St. Louis for Math Club Trip, Becky Lucas and Mandie Adamson sleep away to make time fly by. They both try to restore energy for a night full of fun.



The Winner's

Conference Math Contest
Jackie Emerick 1st Place
Kelly Quirk 1st Place

Algebra Teams
Tron Sherman 2nd Place
Rachel Sowers 2nd Place

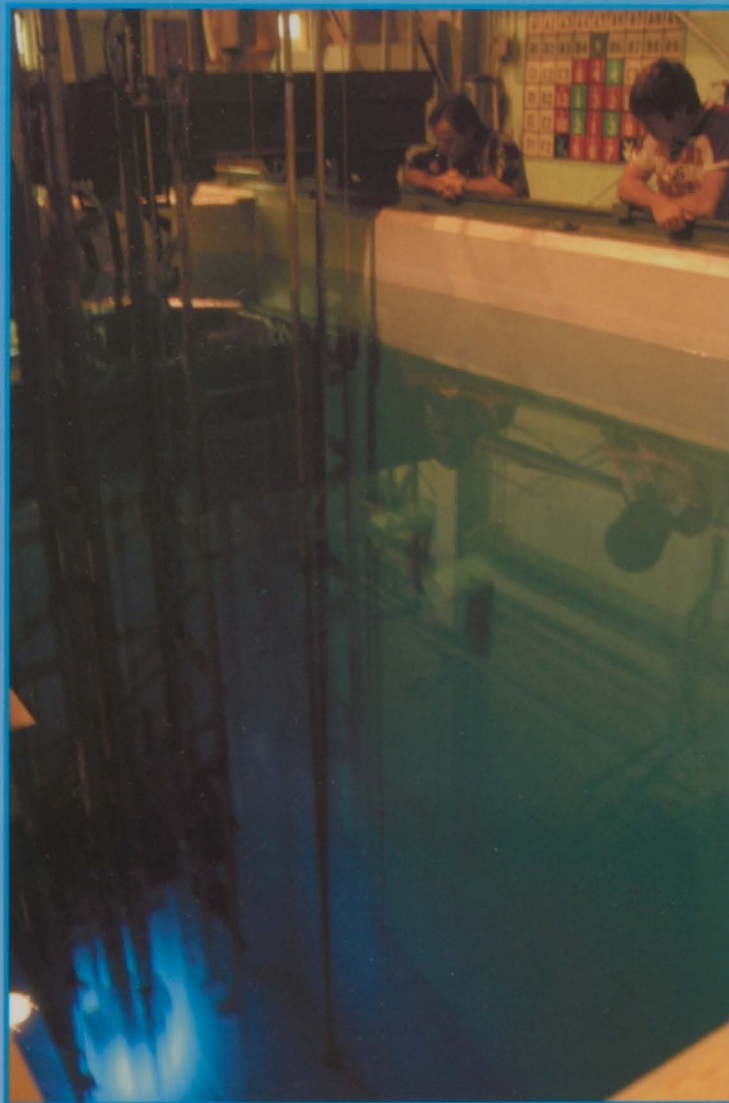
Fractions, Decimals, Percentages
Paige Lambert 3rd Place

Science Fair
Kate Probert 1st Place
Craig Campbell 2nd Place
Chelsea House 2nd Place
Cassie Sanders 2nd Place
Kristin Campbell 2nd Place
Margee' Snakehouse 3rd Place
Alex Miller 3rd Place
Tim Shelhamer 3rd Place
Amanda Hilton 4th Place
Rebecca Bartlett 4th Place
Toby Shelhamer 4th Place
Ryan Wright 4th Place
Shane Nofell 4th Place
Adam Keith 4th Place

Emitting an eerie blue glow, a small nuclear reactor, right, hangs suspended in a tank of water at the University of Missouri, Rolla. Senior Tom Brazeal takes a look.

Looking for a hot one, senior Mark Cruse monitors radiation levels near the reactor.

Definitely not grilling out, juniors Kendall Findley and Ryan Loge dissect their cat, Peetches, in Human Anatomy.



Math Club Front - Michell King (adviser), Alex Miller, Becky Lucas, Whitney Miller (president), Evan Jones, Megan Sowers, Mandie Adamson, Hallie Jordan, Jane Wehmeyer (co-adviser); Row two - Lauren Rummens, Rebecca Freeman, Connie Quirk, Dulci Lancaster, Kate Probert, Craig Campbell, Cassie Sanders, Julie Hutton, Amanda Neal; Row three - Lacey Tate, Brittany Greer, Sara Ussery, Kristin Campbell, Kati Sherman, Tom Brazeal, Kendall Findley, Ryan Loge, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Eric Bricker, Billy Newton; Row four - Bobby Cubellis, Emily Nichols, Ashley Vinson, Chelsea Jones, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Rashawnda Jackson, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea House, Blake Miller, Michael Fuge, Adam Smith; Row five - Brandon Sinning, Marquee Snokhous, Margaret Davis, Michelle Lynn, Kristin Adamson, Pamela Feldhaus, Blake Miller, Adam Keith, Drew Berry, Josh May, Josh Dorcy, Kyle Cunningham, Quentin Berry.

Clubs

Science Club Front - Dallas Massey, Kate Probert, Whitney Miller, Cassie Sanders, Julie Hutton, Pam Probert (adviser); Row two - Tom Brazeal, Rashawnda Jackson, Ryan Loge, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover; Row three - Kellie Hutton, Craig Campbell, Bryce Matlock, Megan Sowers, Chelsea House.



Living to Serve

FFA official creed shows real meaning of active members

Teaching children about daily farm life, helping out the Community Blood Center and creating good impressions are just a few areas that active agriculture and FFA members participate in during service projects.

"Everywhere you look you see an FFA member being involved or reminders of the good deeds of the club; it's great to see the positive influence we have on people," said senior Kate Probert, active FFA member.

During the annual Food for America event, FFA members had the chance to interact with and teach children from kindergarten to sixth grade. Members showed the real aspects of farm life and demonstrated

the purpose and care of animals.

"I love explaining basic things to the kids," said junior Jesse Stuart, "because you can just see them soak it all up."

Agriculture and FFA members also took part in other activities throughout the year. They hosted the annual barnwarming dance, hosted a milking contest, grew and sold many kind of plants and served ice cream at Open House.

"We try to stay involved," said senior Taylor Thompson, "because it's our community and we have to take care of it."



Awards

Chapter FFA

Outstanding Member- Kate Probert

Outstanding Freshman- Connie Quirk

Outstanding Sophomore- Kristin Campbell

Outstanding Junior- Cassie Sanders

Outstanding Senior- Brandon Grass

Star Greenhand- Kati Sherman

Star Chapter Farmer- Josh Pyle

State Convention

Poultry team- Ninth Districts, Group 1 (11th)- Kati

Sherman, Cory Walker, Connie Quirk, Sidney Tucker

Dairy Cattle team- Tenth Districts, Group 1

(12th)- Kate Probert, Kristin Campbell, Toby Shelhamer,

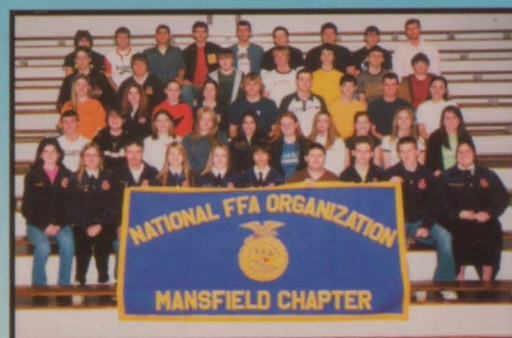
Amanda Hilton

State Degree Recipients- Kate

Probert, Josh Pyle

State Proficiency Recipients- Josh

Pyle, Cassie Sanders



FFA Front - Kristin Campbell, Cassie Sanders, Brandon Grass, Kate Probert, Amanda Hilton, Brendan Keeling, Craig Williams, Toby Shelhamer, Jeremy Sutton, Aimee Williams; Row two - Cody Adamson, Josh May, Pam Feldhaus, Alyshia Meiners, Kristin Adamson, Connie Quirk, Nicole Gage, Kati Sherman, Melanie Davis, Amanda Neal; Row three - Margaret Davis, Brittany Greer, Amber Heath, Tiffany Dollarhide, Justin Ince, Josh Dorcy, Kyle Cunningham, Ryan Whorton, LeAnn Kendall; Row four - Allen Sosness, Cody Wagner, Larry Ousley, Dustin Taylor, Cory Walker, Brett Essary, Sydney Tucker; Row five - Mark Cruse, Tom Brazeal, Shawn Singh, Dakota Branham, Josh Sullivan, Taylor Thompson, Jesse Stuart, Brett Calhoun, and Stan Coday (adviser).

BITTER BERRIES COUNTER CLOCKWISE

FROM TOP: At the University of Missouri research station at Mt. Vernon, FFA members spend the day observing exotic plants and listening to speakers on plant grafting and fire safety. Members had the opportunity to taste unique plants like huckleberries and foreign fruit on the annual field day. It was really informative," said senior Kate Probert, "plus watching people eat sour food was hysterical." ■ Placing newspaper balls and napkins into chicken wire, Melanie Davis decorates the yearly float for the Wilder Days parade along with other FFA members. "Preparing for the parade takes a lot of work," said Davis, "and it's awesome to see the final outcome." ■ Barn warming royalty King Brandon Grass, back, and Queen LeAnn Kendall join junior candidates Sythnia Banster and Brett Calhoun, sophomore Kristin Campbell and Jeremy Sutton, and freshmen Justin Ince and Nicole Bockout.

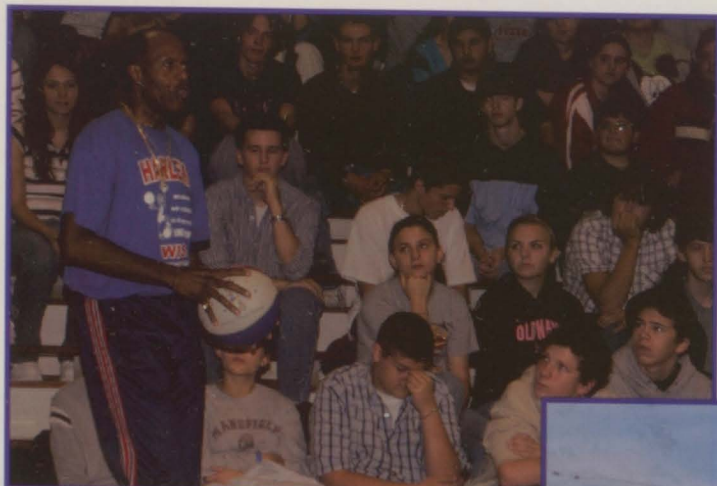


SPARKS FLYIN' COUNTER CLOCKWISE

FROM TOP: While in Ag construction class, FFA member Taylor Thompson keeps busy by practicing welding on scrap metal. Students have many projects including treestands, feeders and a picnic table while in the shop. ■ Senior Kate Probert explains to elementary students why her Holstein milk cow is skinny compared to most other cows at the annual Food for America. "Some of the questions little kids are outrageous, but comical," said Probert. Probert also brought a Holstein calf for the students to observe. ■ Junior Jesse Stuart and senior Brandon Grass transport dirt from the greenhouse. "I like working in the greenhouse a lot, but I'm not a fan of heavy lifting," said Stuart. The greenhouse is used by the horticulture students and FFA members for basic study and hands-on activities with plants.

Do you realize...

Clubs show students ways of helping themselves and others.



NHS, Front: Secretary Sara Henley, Scribe Whitney Miller, Secretary Cassie Sanders, Vice-president Julie Hutton, President Craig Campbell. Row Two: Tim Shelhamer, Alex Miller, Becky Lucas, Kate Probert, Virginia Sherman. Row Three: Tom Brazeal, Leanne Moody, Adam Smith, Adviser Debbie Whetstone.



Keep your eyes on the ball. Captain Magic, above left, delivers his anti-drug message between basketball antics.

SADD, Front: Adviser Kelly Brazeal, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Brazeal, Connie Quirk, President Craig Campbell, Vice-president Julie Hutton. Row Two: Kate Probert, Megan Sowers, Alex Miller, Whitney Miller, Becky Lucas, Cassie Sanders, Ashly Renner. Row Three: Alyshia Meiners, Jordan McDowell, Kristin Adamson, Kati Sherman, Ryan Loge, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Jessica Turley. Row Four: Abby Hultz, Emily Nichols, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Samantha Merideth, Rashawnda Jackson, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea House. Row Five: Hannah Persinger, Audra Dierksen, Melanie Moore, Blake Miller, Adam Keith, Drew Berry.

Follow my finger. During the mock accident, Jesse Stuart undergoes a sobriety test.

"My goal in NHS is to make a difference for not only school, but for charities."
-senior Whitney Miller

Besides helping with the mock accident, SADD has taken several trips this year, such as touring the SMS West Plains campus, going out to dinner at Ryan's and, later that night, going to the SMS Haunted Hall. The students on campus must have worked very hard to decorate their dorms.

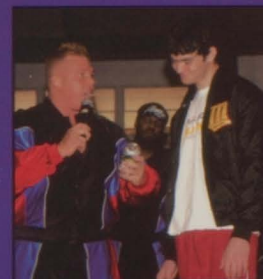
"I thought it was neat to see all the hard work the college students did to put it all together, but I also enjoyed watching my mom scream the whole time. She was so scared," laughed senior Tom Brazeal. Sponsor Kelly Brazeal said that SADD had a fun time seeing all that the students had put together.

SADD also sent out candy canes to elementary students for Christmas. Near the beginning of the school year, Kelly Brazeal invited Captain Magic Valentino Willis from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to put on an anti-drug assembly for the whole school.

"I liked the way he played games with all of us. He thought he was good but I was better," chuckled junior Adam Smith.

Valentino talked to the students about why they should avoid drugs and alcohol. He told stories about what happened to some of his friends, who abused them.

Sophomore Steven Pfeiffer said, "He was so funny! I liked the way he was making fun of all the teachers; their basketball skills are not very good."



"Can you crush this?" asks Power Team member Jeremy Baker. Senior Dakota Branham could not, but Baker did during the assembly sponsored by SADD.

Taking time for tradition, senior Tom Brazeal lights candles during the NHS induction ceremony.



Laughs break out for sophomore Kristin Campbell, junior Adam Keith and senior Drew Berry when the candles refuse to stay lighted during NHS induction.



Consequences follow poor decisions for Shane Norell and Jesse Stuart, above, during the mock accident.

Pinching pennies, NHS members sophomores Lauren Rummens and Kristin Campbell, and senior Kate Probert, left, count change during their Penny Challenge fund raiser. The junior class won the competition, which netted \$659.40 for Relay for Life. The contest also took in one black button, one rhinestone, two screws, one BB, three tokens, three plastic pennies, one rock, four Canadian pennies, one Spanish coin, one Greek coin and one booger.

Doing his part, junior Adam Smith, below left, donates to the Penny Challenge.

"Being the President involves being in all the activities and I enjoy being involved in school life."

- senior Craig Campbell

"I look forward to setting up the CTA Carnival and involving the school and community."

- junior Leanne Moody



GETTING A GLIMPSE OF LIFE

FBLA and business law learn outside the classroom



Sharing the love FBLA and Business Law students freshman Samantha Merideth, junior Adam Smith, freshman Pam Feldhaus and senior Ashley Jackson help prepare Christmas candy canes for students. Every year, FBLA and business law sell candy canes to raise money for club trips and activities.

Viewing a different life Dwayne Delcore, Mansfield police, lets students observe meth ingredients in coolers. He explained to seniors Ashley Jackson and Jessica Wright, juniors Julie Hutton and Kateyri Choate, and sophomores Lauren Rummens and Lacey Tate what meth can do to people's lives.

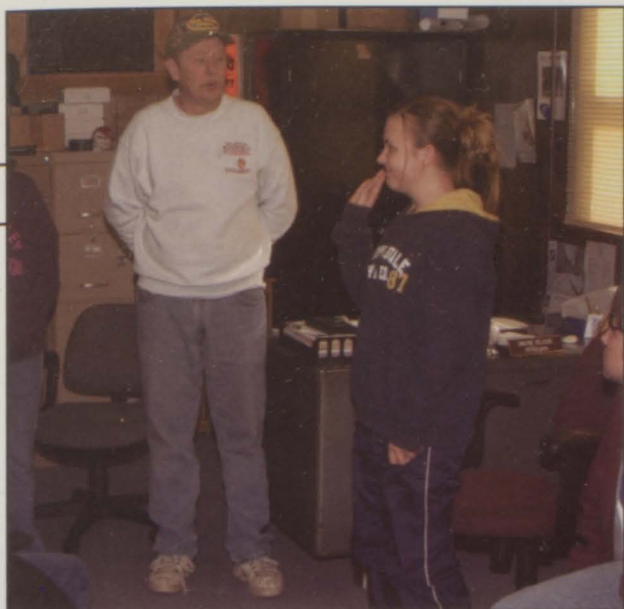


FBLA Front— Julie Hutton, Sarah Moody, Sarah Sherman, Shamala Bunch, Kelsey Tomlinson, Hannah Persinger; Row Two— Marsha Appleby, Cassie Sanders, Bobby Cubellis, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Vicki Billings, Kate Probert; Row Three— Connie Quirk, Samantha Merideth, Chelsea House, Paige Hoover, Pam Feldhaus, Abby Hultz.

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Taking Charge Newly elected FBLA members sophomore Hannah Persinger and juniors Shamala Bunch and Kelsey Tomlinson light candles while attending the club induction ceremony. Each one of the officers has a candle to light to represent responsibility and loyalty to FBLA.





I Promise to tell the whole truth Business law takes a trip to the Mansfield police station to view different meth ingredients and to act out a mock trial of someone speeding while under the influence of drugs. While standing in front of the judge, sophomore Lauren Rummens is sworn in with help from Dwayne Delcore.



How to deal Martial arts teacher, Zach Shaw, above, teaches sophomore Hannah Persinger and seniors Sara Henley and Christy Nichols how to react if attacked. **Kung Fu hells** Shaw, left, shows Ashley Kirtwright how to break someone's grip on her arm.



Being prepared Ashley Kirtwright and Debbie Quick help each other prepare to fight for themselves if in danger.



BUSINESS Awards

> DISTRICT FBLA CONTEST

FIRST PLACE

Bobby Cubellis - Computer Concepts
Chelsea House - Word Processing I,
Introduction to Business
Communications

Kate Probert - International Business,
Marketing

> SUMMIT CONFERENCE CONTEST

FIRST PLACE

Chelsea House - Keyboarding I
Production and Speed

SECOND PLACE

Alex Miller - Business Knowledge

THIRD PLACE

Alex Miller - Accounting

"It was a good
experience to be in
business law because you
learn more than what's in a
typical classroom setting."

- Sophomore Lauren Rummens

Choir & Speech

Performing their hearts out

MHS students combat long rehearsals and stage fright to earn a place at center stage



Right on her mark, senior Sara Henley performs "Tortured, Tangled Hearts" during the High School Choir's "It's Country Tonight" show. The song was originally recorded by The Dixie Chicks. *Working together*, Choir members sing in the High School gym.



Clothes make the men. The men of the MHS Choir dress the part to deliver "Happy Trails."



It's all about me Audra Dierksen stands alone during the high school's awards assembly as the only student participating in speech and drama.

Laughing too hard to scoot, junior Jessica Williams performs a line dance to "Boot Scootin' Boogie."



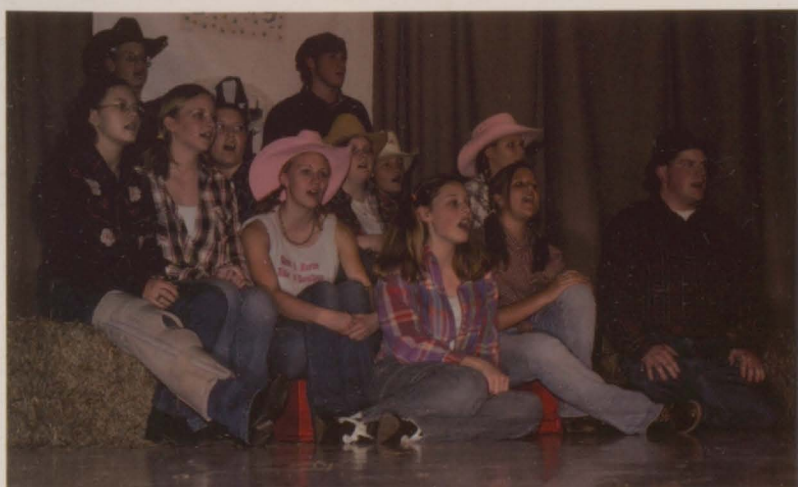
In a stroll down memory lane, freshman Kellie Hutton, sophomore Audra Dierksen and junior Julie Hutton perform at the Miss Mansfield pageant. The trio sang frequently throughout the year, specializing in Andrews Sisters tunes.

Choir Front— Jordan Dooley, Sara Henley, Julie Hutton, Audra Dierksen, Erin Schell, Kati Sherman, Kellie Hutton. Row Two— Samantha Meredith, Summer Bannister, LeAnn Kendall, Becky Lucas, Whitney Miller, Tiffany Dollarhide, Sarah Sherman, Brittany Keeling, Connie Quirk. Row Three— Rashawnda Jackson, Melanie Davis, Jessica Williams, Jessica Taylor, Ashly Renner, Synthia Bannister, Sadie Vaverka, Nicole Gage. Row Four— Joey Neal, Mark Cruse, Tim Stewart, Greg Short, Bobby Cubellis, Drew Berry, Steven Jarrett. Row Five— Chris Roy, Casey Ivy, Ryan Harris, Tristan Dennis, Josh Wilkerson, Quintin Berry.

Movie moment Choir members perform "O Brother, Where Art Thou" from the movie of the same title.



To pump up the crowd, the women's choir signals their enthusiasm for the lyrics of "Any Man of Mine."



Inspired by *natural* ideas, students express themselves during...

Tool ime



UNDER CONSTRUCTION Woodworking 2 students Steven Jarrett and Danny LaFavor, above, work together to glue details to a project. The advance class of woodworking 2 made many projects, ranging from gun cabinets to hope chests.

THE FINISHING TOUCH Junior Ryan Harris and Senior Steven Jarrett, below, lay down a six-foot-tall gun case in order to add the last layer of stain to conclude the project. The gun case took only three months to complete, although similar projects at the high school level usually take a whole school year.



From fine pine to plywood, art finds expression in a unique way. Instead of the traditional means of expressing emotions with paint, students are turning to wood and stain to reveal how they feel.

"I'm not a sit-down and paint kind of guy," said senior Josh Pyle, "and woodworking demonstrates how I really am— natural."

Class members have been working on many diverse projects showing their personal interests. Principal Randy Short asked the advanced class to make a headboard from the broken bats of his son, Barry Short's, baseball career.

"Woodworking is more than just making chairs and tables," said junior Adam Keith, "it just brings out how people are in a different way."

DOWN THE STRETCH Principles of technology students watch diligently as their CO₂ cars race down the OTC hallway. Students designed the cars themselves, and were graded on basic ideas like speed, design and durability. ■ **SHELF EXPRESSION** sophomore Randi Wood, below, works on a personal design for her skateboard, with paints. Students were able to bring in personal items to add a little life to their belongings.

■ **NO PLACE LIKE FOAM** senior Becky Bennett and, foreign exchange student, sophomore Steven Pfeiffer, below right, paint foam models for Art I. Projects from class were sent off to the Alpha Rho Tau Art Show.



Art Awards

ALPHA RHO TAU ART SHOW

Second Place

Randi Wood
Ashly Kirtwright

Third Place

Randi Wood



Industrial Art Awards

Summit Conference Industrial Technology Fair

Woodworking I

Josh Willkerson- I Rating
(Best in Division Runner up)
Dakota Branham- I Rating
Amber Heath- I Rating
Craig Campbell- II Rating

Woodworking II

Danny LaFavor- I Rating Chad Smith- I Rating
Ryan Harris- I Rating Steven Jarrett- I Rating

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

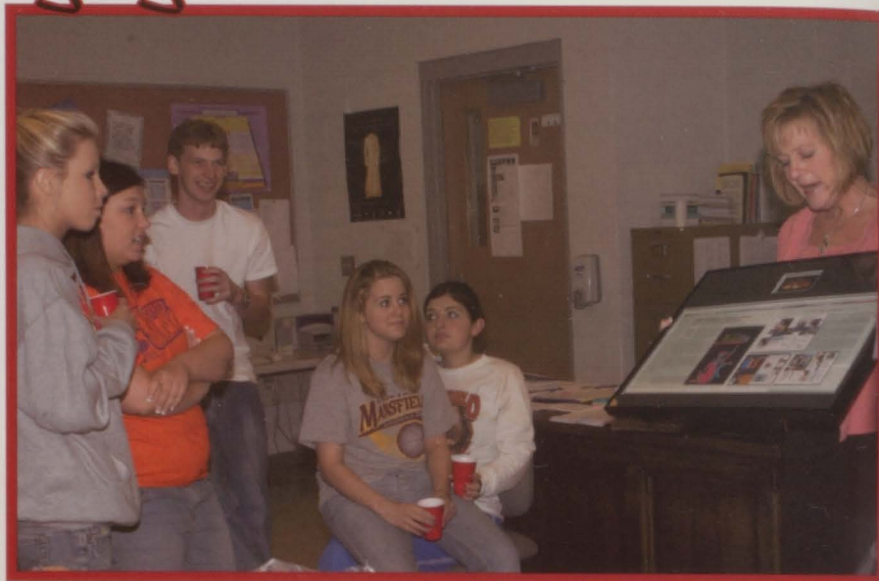
Craig Campbell- I Rating Matt Lenonard- I Rating
(Best in Division) Dustin Taylor- II Rating
Andy Morris- I Rating Casey Ivy- II rating
(Best in Division Runner Up)

Text wrap

language arts rakes in awards

Backing in the glory Sales representative Karen Ray presents the El Leon staff with the 2004 President's Collection award from Walsworth Publishing.

Famous Writers Mansfield's Writers Hall of Fame winners sophomore Samantha Morris, seventh grader Chauncie Mitchell, and sixth graders Chasity Maynard and Eryka Myers arrange themselves beneath a tree.



The Winners

Writers Hall of Fame

Leanne Moody	Samantha Morris
Chauncie Mitchell	Eryka Myers
Chasity Maynard	

Dance a Poem

Leanne Moody	Chasity Maynard
Chauncie Mitchell	

Summit Conference

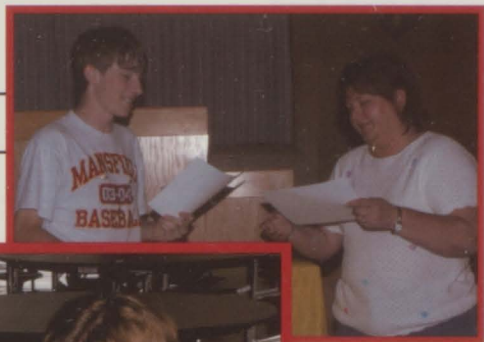
Lauren Rummens	Whitney Miller
Alex Miller	Kati Sherman
Toby Shelhamer	Connie Quirk
Leanne Moody	Megan Sowers
Becky Lucas	Chelsea House
Julie Hutton	Kellie Hutton
Bryce Matlock	Virginia Sherman
Blake Miller	Kristin Campbell



Perfect prize

Summit Conference winners: Front—Lauren Rummens, Whitney Miller, Alex Miller, Kati Sherman; Row Two—Toby Shelhamer, Connie Quirk, Leanne Moody, Megan Sowers, Becky Lucas, Chelsea House; Row Three—Julie Hutton, Kellie Hutton, Bryce Matlock, Virginia Sherman, Blake Miller, Kristin Campbell.





Giving credit where credit is due Junior Evan Jones, above right, accepts his English award from teacher Debbie Whetstone during the high school awards ceremony.

Thanks for the memories At the yearbook signing party, sophomore Ryan Wright and junior Shane Norell, above, replay memories from the 2004-2005 school year.

Get out a piece of paper and pencil English teacher Debbie Whetstone goes all out for Coach Wood Day. All teachers were encouraged to dress like Coach Wood, but Whetstone's costume was the most convincing

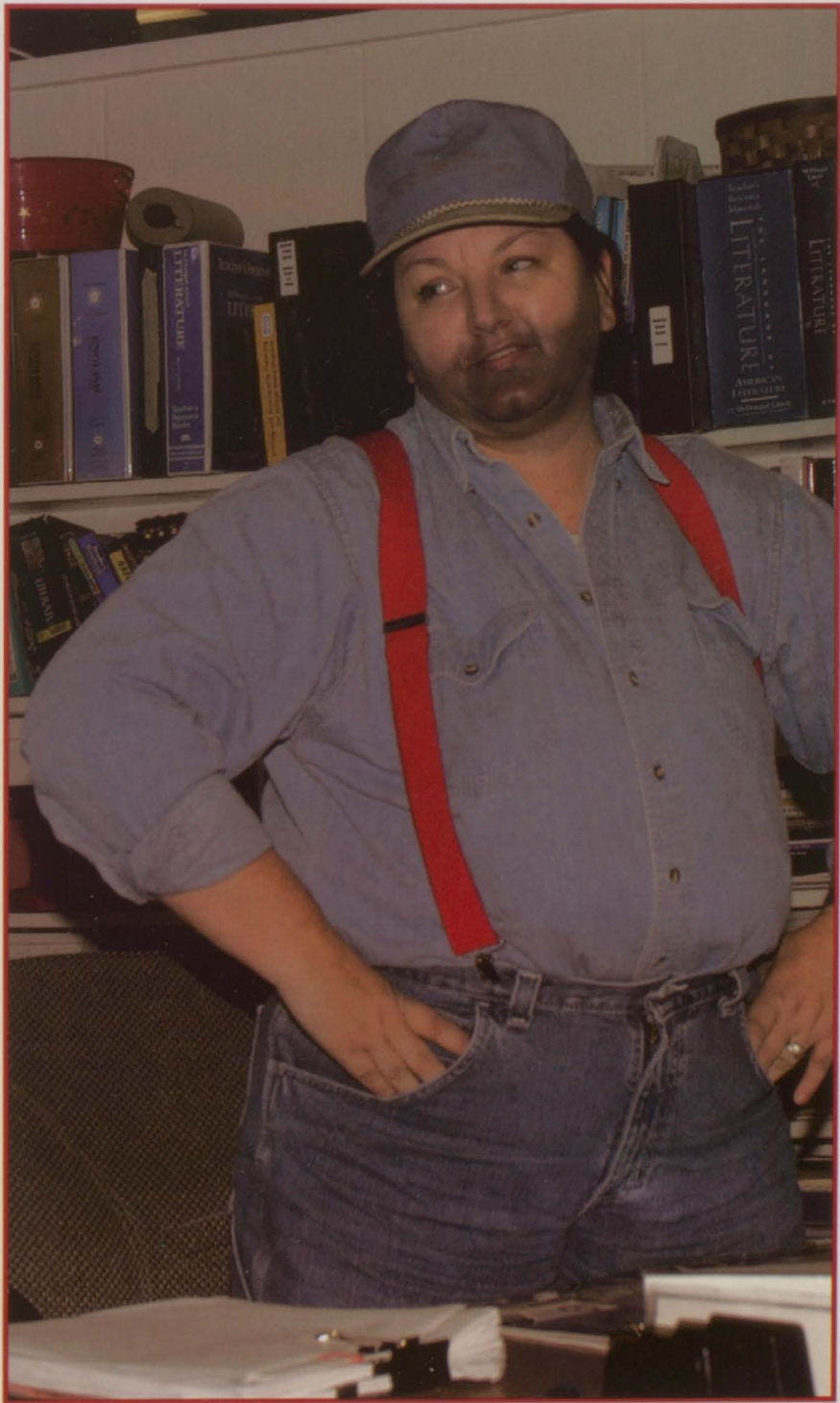
"I love J1,"

said freshman Connie Quirk. "It's so entertaining—Mr. Lawson and his eating-out-of-trash cans stories. But I still think that it should count as an English credit."

Other journalism students agreed, and said that they were looking forward to publications class next year. But they didn't like some of the things they had to do in journalism, like write more stories than last year's class had to write. Other than the writing, students said they enjoyed the class.

"Mr. Lawson has told us about a million stories about his college days, his ponytail. He even knows who can pull of a ponytail based on what their hair looks like," added Quirk.

Other students, though, had some criticism for the class. "I think the J1 students [should] stop slacking and hold up to become the 'elite,' as Mr. Lawson says," explained Josh May.



The cutting edge

FCCLA celebrates 60 years of youth leadership and service

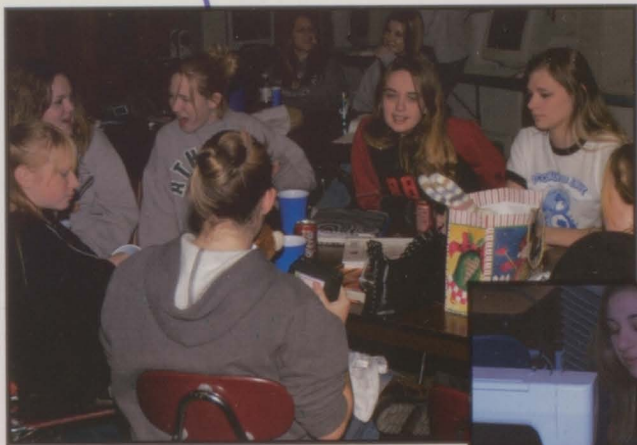
To some it is known as FHA, Future Homemakers of America. The organization was formed in 1945 and operated as FHA until 1999. In July of that year, FHA changed its name to Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Because FCCLA has changed with the times, the organization has stayed on the cutting edge of youth leadership, concerns and involvement in school and community service.

FCCLA is one of the largest school organizations, with both male and female members. Mansfield's FCCLA chapter actively attends regional, state and national meetings, collects money and provides gifts for different charities. It also celebrates National Vocational Week by promoting FCCLA and working on other projects such as the annual Miss Mansfield pageant.





Runway ready Pinning a number on a contestant, senior Ashley Jackson, left, helps keep the Miss Mansfield pageant running. ■ **Party time** Members take time out for fun, below. Sophomores Brittany Ewing, Vicki Billings, Michelle Lynn, Ashley Kirtwright and Melissa Johnsen share snacks and soda at the FCCLA party. ■ **A stitch in time** With fabric pulled tight, eighth grader Kashmir Singh, bottom, prepares to sew a project together.



Cookie doh! Up to their wrists in cookie dough and M&Ms, seventh grader Travis Adamson and eighth grader Brody Banner, left, mix up a treat during class. ■ **In stitch-** With pink thread at the ready, senior Brittany Borders, above left, pins a project before sewing it together. ■ **Choco-licious** Choosing chocolate chips over M&Ms, seventh graders Casey Box and Chelese Adams, right, show seventh grader Chance Greer how to mix the ingredients together.

Carefully spacing their cookies on a baking sheet, seventh graders Bailey Acree and Cody Clayton, below, prepare to use the oven. ■ **Soda break** during the annual FCCLA party, senior Becky Bennett, junior Tabitha Meredith, and seniors Heather Mitchell and Sara Henley, bottom, surround the pizza and soda.



FCCLA Front— Adviser Teresa Hinsley, President Sara Henley, Vice-president Sarah Sherman, Secretary Tabitha Meredith, Reporter Hannah Persinger, Parliamentarian Vicki Billings, Treasurer Ashley Kirtwright; Row Two— Emily Nichols, Samantha Meredith, Rashawnda Jackson, Kellie Hutton, Brittany Keeling, Julie Hutton, Ashley Jackson, Melissa Johnsen, Michelle Lynn; Row Three— Chris Roy, Abby Hultz, Kristin Adamson, Kati Sherman, Joey Neal, Sarah Moody, Ashly Renner, Sadie Vaverka, Tiffany Dollarhide, Samantha Kirby.

Not all Greek to them

Reenactments and community involvement open students' eyes to other cultures



Epic romance Taking part in Toga Day, sophomores Paige Hoover and Andy Morris recreate ancient Roman clothing during a presentation with sophomores Marqèè Snokhous and Melani Moore.

More than just talk In response to a devastating tsunami in Indonesia, foreign language students collect donations to apply to international relief efforts. Juniors Cassie Sanders and Julie Hutton, below, plus freshman Kati Sherman and senior Alex Miller, bottom, went door to door, soliciting aid for victims of the disaster.





Allez en prison! Money changes hands in French class. Students used French Monopoly games during class to strengthen their language skills.

On a roll Senior Tim Shelhamer tosses the dice high in a French class game of Monopoly.



Fore! A deftly launched golf club zooms from sophomore Andrew Byerly's history project: a very large, functional crossbow. History teacher Roger Wood enforced a sidewalk only rule for the class, except for Byerly's assistant, sophomore Ryan Wright.

Heads up! Flung from sophomore Josh Gresham's trebuchet, a softball gained more altitude than the golf club did, but could not match it for distance.

Grueling meal Inside their cardboard shanty, freshmen Rashawnda Jackson and Quentin Berry demonstrate living conditions in a Hooverville during the Great Depression. Their meager lunch included a thin vegetable soup, white bread and an apple.



Tongue tied Stumped for words, junior Ryan Loge and senior Tim Shelhamer pause to consult a French/English dictionary.



Represent us!

Student Council shows responsibility, leadership

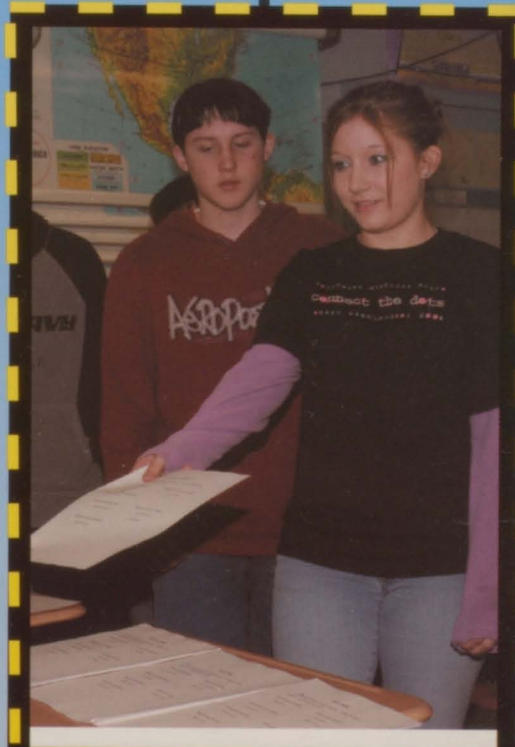


The Maca-what? StuCo member junior Julie Hutton, left, has a tough time dancing the Macarena. Freshmen Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Chelsea Jones and Emily Nichols tried to model the steps, but seemed confused themselves. **Will trade donuts for blood** Blood drive donors, senior Taylor Thompson and junior Kendall Findley have a snack after giving blood. Donuts, chips, cookies and juices were available for all donors.



Making a difference

StuCo and Foreign Language Club members juniors Julie Hutton, Cassie Sanders, freshman Kati Sherman and senior Alex Miller canvassed town to raise money for victims of the Asian Tsunami. Over \$1,000 was raised. **Hot glue flies** as StuCo members senior Becky Lucas, junior Mandie Adamson and senior Brandon Grass work on gluing together Homecoming decorations.



Democracy in action Freshman Kati Sherman casts a ballot for the 2005-2006 StuCo election. Winners were: Adam Smith (president), Leanne Moody (vice-president), Megan Sowers (treasurer), Mandie Adamson (secretary), Landon Jarrett, Jackie Emerick, Connie Quirk, Kati Sherman, Kristin Campbell, Chelsea House, Julie Hutton and Blake Miller.

Give 'till it hurts First time donor, freshman Josh Wilkerson, right, donates blood during StuCo's annual drive. "I got sick afterwards," said Wilkerson, "but I would do it again because I know I'm helping save someone's life."

And the winner is... StuCo President Brandon Grass reads Dakota Willis' name aloud so she can join her dance partner. StuCo held a dance for the middle school and drew names as one of the activities.



StuCo Front— Tim Shelhamer (vice-president), Brandon Grass (president), Becky Lucas (secretary), Craig Campbell (treasurer); Row Two— Dulci Lancaster, Alex Miller, Mandie Adamson, Julie Hutton, Heather Menefee, Katelyn Choate; Row Three— Evan Jones, Tom Brazeal, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Chelsea House, Kati Sherman; Row Four— Drew Berry, Taylor Thompson, Whitney Miller, Josh May, Adam Smith, Kendall Findley.



CHRISTMAS FLUTE. With the fingers cut off her gloves, freshman Melissa Morris, above, marches in the Christmas parade.

BAND MARCHES FOR FIRST TIME AT CARTHAGE. Marching band participates in the Carthage Maple Leaf parade, above right. In previous years the band marched in the Missouri State University homecoming parade, but went to Carthage this year instead, so they could watch field marching competitions after the parade. "It was a really great experience overall. Getting to perform in front of such a huge crowd was overwhelming at first, but was a fabulous exposure for our school," said Shannon Waldo, band director.

TO KEEP WARM IN THE FRIGID WEATHER, freshman Amber Henry wraps herself in her marching flag, right. "It was really, really cold, but after the hour long wait, and we finally began to march, it was worth it. It was a great learning experience, especially since it was my first parade," said Henry. In spite of the hardships, Henry plans to try out for flags again next year.



Play Time



BLOWING HER OWN HORN. Shannon Waldo, band teacher, plays along with middle schooler Landon Jarret, who is practicing for high school pep band. Waldo played along on more difficult pieces, to help out the brass section.

MIDDLER CHIMES IN. With mallet in hand, Chauncie Mitchell, seventh grade, strikes the chimes, at the Christmas concert. "I was really nervous at first, because I had never played the chimes in front of that large of a crowd, but after I finished without any mistakes, I felt a lot better, and also had better self-confidence about playing them," said Mitchell.





MARCHING FORWARD, band member Sydney Tucker marches through the crowded streets at the Carthage Maple Leaf parade. "Although the marching wasn't my favorite, because of the coldness, getting to watch the field shows really paid off," said Tucker.

"The thing I will miss the most about band is probably Miss Waldo's corny jokes, and the way she always picks on certain students."

—Kati Probert
senior



BAND Front — Dallas Massey, Julie Hutton, Tom Brazeal, Brandon Grass, Audra Dierksen, Andy Morris, Melissa Morris, Shannon Waldo (director); Row two — Nicole Freeman, James Stafford, Chandler Veit, Samantha Morris, Abby Hultz, Randi Wood, Hannah Persinger, Ashley Jasick, Marqee Snokhaus, Virginia Sherman; Row three — Kate Probert, Mandie Adamson, Drew Berry, Lauren Rummens, Jasmine Singh, Miranda Pringle, Chrystina France, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea Jones, Melissa Johnsen, Ashly Renner; Row four— Josh Gresham, Jacob Wright, Rashawnda Jackson, Ashley Vinson, Mike Moody, Jenni Lemons, Rebecca Freeman, Kellie Hutton, Emily Nichols, Tabitha Merideth; Row five — Margaret Davis, Larry Ousley, Will Brazeal, Sydney Tucker, Matthew Leonard, Michael Fuge, Adam Smith, Shane Norell, Jessica Williams, Melanie Moore, Jessica Taylor.

»» Recollections

Enter the doors, have a seat and scramble to ask others for help on last night's homework. Bell rings. Head to the classroom, ask where so-and-so is today, and daydream of going hunting. Bell rings. Turn in half-completed assignment, sit through lecture and doze off. Bell rings. Walk down the hall, brush shoulders with elders and "young 'uns," and say hello with a simple nod. Bell rings. Rush to class, open a book, and look forward to sharing a new joke at lunch. Bell rings. Stride to the lockers, grab a few books, and briefly discuss an experience from last night. Bell rings. Run to the next class, make an excuse as to being late, and ask a neighbor for a math formula. "Ringee dingee." Though it may be perceived as repetitive, students find comfort in their daily routines.

By Tim Shelhamer



fLower power Reading a Valentine card, freshmen Melissa Morris and Jenni Lemons survey the roses, balloons and stuffed animals. Throughout Valentine's Day, students eyed all their gifts and candies on the commons area tables.

By Becky Lucas, Whitney Miller,
Sara Henley & Toby Shelhamer



United we stand Rising to honor the flag, elementary students proudly display handmade posters during the Veterans Day Assembly. The school-wide gathering involved speakers, color-guard and performances from the band and choir. **Under wraps** Senior Josh Sullivan races to unwind his roll of toilet paper around agriculture teacher Stan Coday. Classes participated in spirited competitions during a pep rally to boost excitement for the evening game. *Photos by Tim Shelhamer.*

Administration

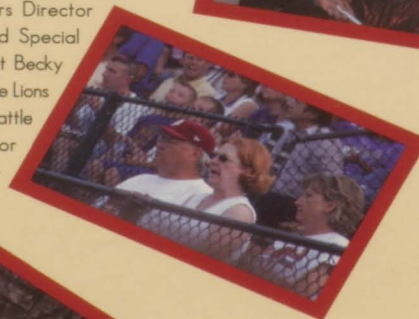


Crisis management High School Principal Randy Short uses his cell phone to organize bus transportation home for students from Mansfield United Methodist Church. High school and middle school students evacuated to the church after custodians discovered problems with the gymnasium roof.

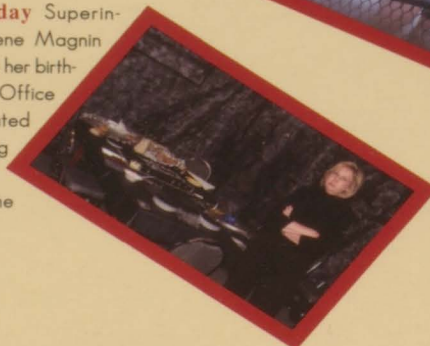
Job well done Elementary Principal Nate Moore hands a diploma to graduating kindergartner Adam Blaine.



Nail biter High School Principal Randy Short, Parents as Teachers Director Kathy Short and Special Education Assistant Becky Moody watch the Lions baseball team battle with Hallsville for the state championship.



Black Friday Superintendent Arlene Magnin stands beside her birthday treats. Office staff decorated the meeting room in all black for the occasion.



& staff

test scores are up, and honors are many, and
it's all thanks to administration



Debbie Allen, Cook
Chanda Box, Health Clerk
Ann Brazeal, Cook
Kelly Brazeal, High School Counselor
Janet Brooke, High School Secretary



Deirdra Carnall, Custodian
Pat Dennis, Cook
Don Hanger, Head Mechanic
Teresa Jarrett, Elementary Secretary
Avenail Jones, Cook



Kay Lansdown, High School Cafeteria Clerk
Debbie Letsinger, Superintendent's Secretary
Arlene Magnin, Superintendent
Kayla Melton, Custodian
Kelly Moody, Elementary Cafeteria Clerk



Nate Moore, Elementary Principal
Jennifer Morris, Nurse
Mercede Price, Head Cook
Regina Roy, LPN
Ronnie Roy, Custodian



Cindy Sanders, Custodian
Randy Short, High School Principal
Becky Sullivan, Cook
Nancy Veit, Cook

the faculty

helping here, scolding there,
teaching this, preaching that, it
all fades into blah blah blah
until the students wake up

"Heats" is a word Teachers Gretchen Schultz, Jane Wehmeyer, Marsha Appleby, Michell King and Pam Probert compete in human Scrabble® during a pep rally. Agriculture teacher Stan Cody kept his M in the background.



Gina Adams, Special Education
Carol Anderson, Grade Four
Marsha Appleby, Business, FBLA
Marsha Blaine, Grade Six
Vicki Blankenship, MS English, French

Vicki Box, Grade Three
Edwina Carnal, Grade Two
Dallas Chambers, Remedial Math
Stan Coday, Agriculture, FFA
Bob Cubellis, Special Education Aide

Cindy Delcour, Grade Five
Viky Denney, Grade Four
Tara Dennis, Special Education
Jacki Engel, Grade Five
Terri Flynn, Learning Disabilities

Patti Gleason, Kindergarten
Kay Goss, Librarian
Linda Graham, Grade Three
Tiffany Gray, Middle School Alternative
Erin Greene, Grade Four

Christie Grubbs, Grade Six
Carol Hanger, Grade Two
June Hanger, Title I
Teresa Hinsley, Family and Consumer Science, FCCLA
Lori Hoover, Preschool



Stompi Math teacher Michelle King holds her own against student competitors in a balloon stomping competition. Sadly, she did not keep her own balloon from being burst.



Feel the love Boys' Basketball Coach Terry Writer receives a hug from Elementary Principal Nate Moore during the annual athletic banquet.



Doug Jones, Science, Athletics
Kelly Jones, Kindergarten
Michell King, Math, Math Club
Colleen Klingensmith, Spec Ed
Holly Kristek, Ele, MS Art
Wendy Langley, Preschool

Helen Lawrence, Title I
Scott Lawson, English, Pub
Mindy Lemons, PE, Girls' BB
Don Luster, MS Math
Cindy Massey, Title I
Janet Mitchell, Title I

Becky Moody, Spec Ed
Jim Neely, MS Science
Tina Nichols, Inst Aide
Pam Probert, Science
Brenda Quick, Grade Four
Mark Richard, PE, Girls' BB

Gretchen Shultz, Art
Kay Scrivner, Kindergarten
Jodie Sell, Grade Five
Beth Ann Strain, Ele Library
Donna Streight, Spec Ed
Shannon Waldo, Band

Wilda Watterson, Social Studies
Jane Wehmeyer, Math
Debbie Whetstone, English
Barbara Williams, Spec Ed
Roger Wood, Social Studies
Terry Writer, Boys' BB



CLASS OF 2005

Saying Goodbye

"It's been fun and interesting finishing school with you guys. When I moved here I was terrified, but everyone welcomed me with open arms. Good luck in life and have fun."

—**Chrystina France**

"The memories will last me a lifetime. I know I wouldn't be the same without each one of you. The

Class of 2005 will always stick with me, long after graduation is over."

—**Alex Miller**

"Best wishes to all and I hope everyone is prosperous. Never get down on yourself because times will always get better. Always be positive."

—**Shawn Smith**

"Well, it's hard to believe it's over. We have all become one in our own way. Now we will part and travel our own paths in life. All the memories will never be forgotten. Congrats and God bless!

—**Whitney Miller**

"Thanks for the friendship and the memories. I love you all. God bless."

—**Jessican Wright**

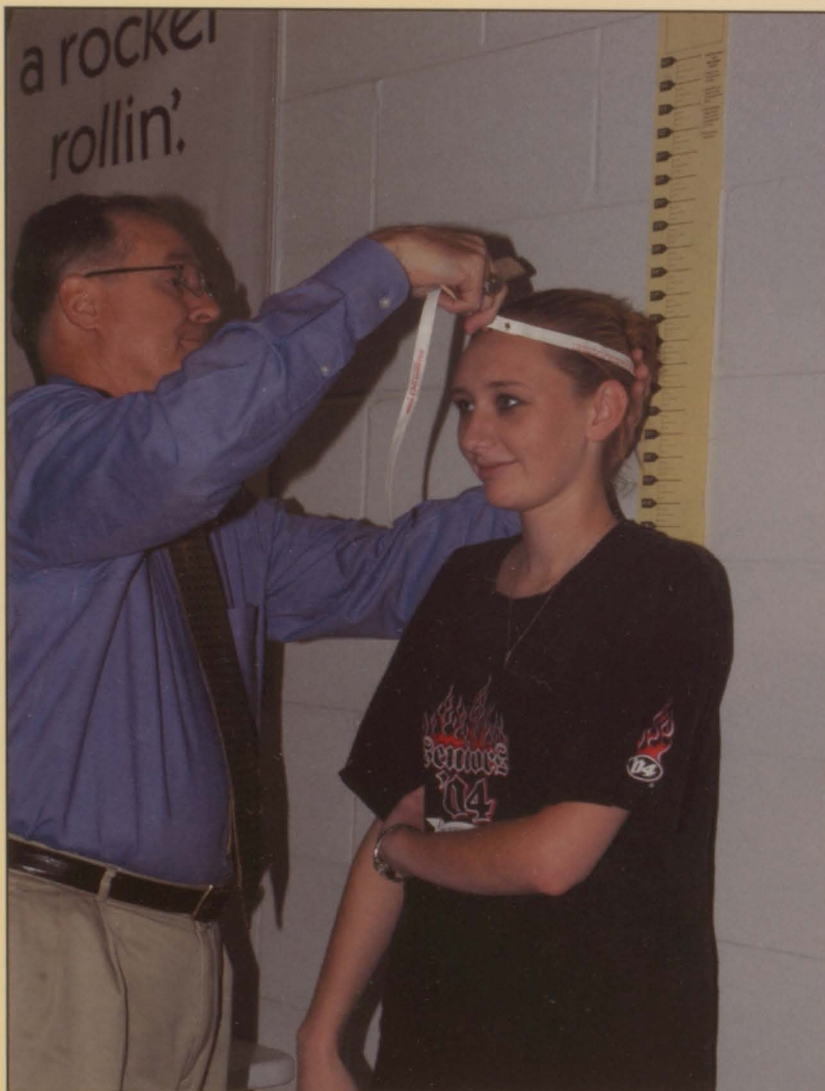
Words of Wisdom

"Always give your best effort even though it might not be as good as it was on a different day. Above all if you can learn one thing, always be able to say no. If you can say no and stand up for what you believe in, you will always be successful."

—**Principal Randy Short**

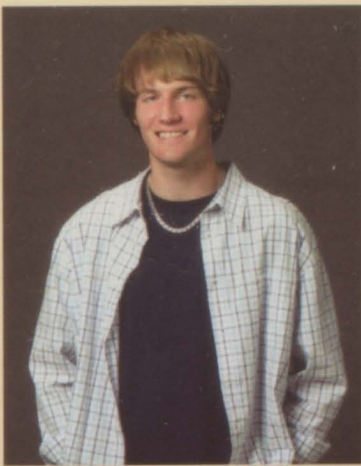
"Whenever possible, avoid dumpster diving."

—**English teacher Scott Lawson**



We've lived, learned, laughed and cried...-Becky Lucas

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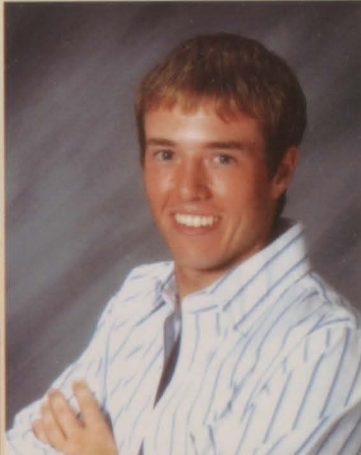
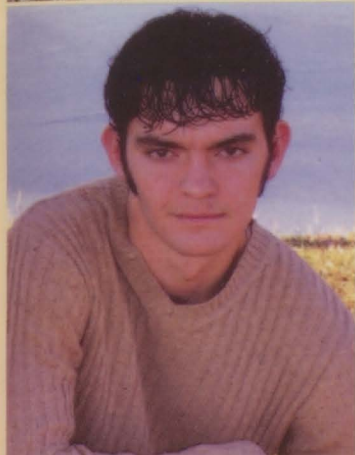
BECKY BENNETT

FCCLA 1,4 Officer 4, SADD 1,2, Student Council 3, Art Fair 4

DREW BERRY

FCCLA 1, SADD 3,4, NHS 4, Math Club 2,3,4, Science Club 3, Choir 2,3,4, Band 3,4, Student Council 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Baseball 1, All Conference Basketball 4, District Vocal Music 2,3,4, State Vocal Music 2, State Choir 2, Mock Accident Actor 3, Band Contest 3,4, Class Officer 1,2,3,4, Prom King Runner-Up

Brittany Borders



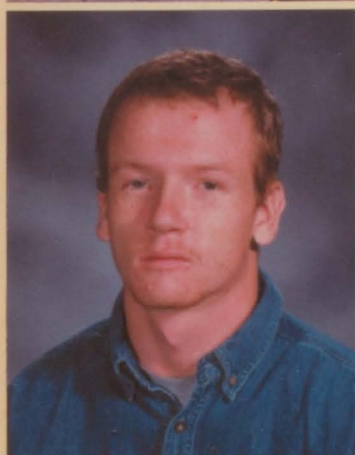
Dakota Branham

FFA 1,2,3,4, Baseball 4, Art Fair 1,

Tom Brazeal

FFA 1,2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4 Officer 4, NHS 3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Science Club 1,2,3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Student Council 4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Baseball 1,2,3,4, Mock Accident Actor 3, Band Contest 1,2,3,4

Vernon Brazeal



Jeremiah Butcher

Cody Calhoun

Craig Campbell

FBLA 2 Officer 2, FCCLA 1 Officer 1, FFA 1, SADD 2,3,4 Officer 3,4, NHS 3,4 Officer 4, Math Club 1,2,3,4 Officer 3, Science Club 2,3,4, Choir 1,2,3, Student Council 3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Baseball 1,3,4, Track 2, Cross Country 2, All Conference Basketball 3,4, District Vocal Music 1,2,3, State Vocal Music 2, State Choir 1,2,3, Honor Choir 1,2, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, Science Fair 4, Boys State 4, Prom King



Mark Cruse

FCCLA 1, FFA 1,2,3, TSA 1,2, Art Club 1,2,3 Officer 3, Choir 4, Art Fair 2,3, Mock Accident Actor 4,

Melanie Davis

FCCLA 1,2, FFA 1,2,3,4, SADD 1,2, Math Club 1,2,3, Science Club 3, Choir 3,4, Band 1,2, Basketball 1, Softball 1, Poms 3, Art Fair 3, State Choir 3,4, Band Contest 1,2, Math Contest 1, Miss Mansfield 4, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 2,3



I don't know how to say goodbye...-Tim Shelhamer



TRISTAN DENNIS

FFA 1,2,3,4, Choir 4, Band 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Band Contest 1,2,3,4, Math Contest 2

CHIRSTINA FRANCE

FCCLA 1, Choir 1, Band 1,2,3,4, Softball 1,2, Poms 3, Band Contest 1,2,3,4

Michael Fuge

FFA 1,2, TSA 1,2, Math Club 3,4, Science Club 3, Art Club 3, Band 3,4, FBLA/Business Contest 4, Art Fair 1, Band Contest 3,4, Math Contest 3, Boys State 3



Brandon Grass

FFA 1,2,3,4 Officer 2,3,4, Math Club 2, Science Club 2, Band 1,2,3,4, Student Council 2,3,4, Band Contest 1,2,3,4, Class Officer 2,3,4, Barnwarming King 4, Youth Excel 2

Salisa Greene

Sara Henley

FCCLA 1,2,3,4 Officer 4, SADD 1,2,3, NHS 3,4 Officer 3,4, Foreign Language Club 3, Math Club 2,3, Science Club 2,3, Choir 1,2,3,4 Officer 1,2,4, Student Council 3, PUB 3,4, Softball 1,2, English Contest 2,3, Quill and Scroll 4, District Vocal Music 1,2,3,4, State Vocal Music 1,2,3, State Choir 4, Honor Choir 1,2, Mock Accident Actor 2, Youth Excel



Kayla Hilton

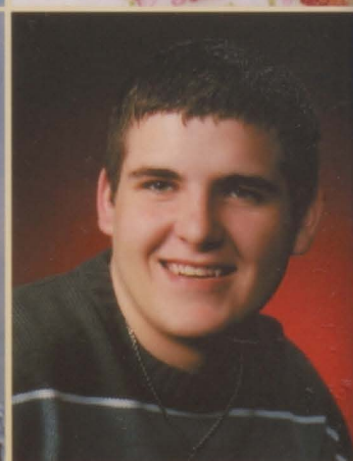
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Coy Holden

FFA 1,2, Foreign Language 3, Art Club 4, Choir 1, Track 1, Speech 3, Barnwarming Candidate 1,2, FCA 4, Football 1,4, Pep 2,4, Foods 3,4

Casey Ivy

FCCLA 1, FFA 1, SADD 3, Science Club 3, Choir 1,2,3,4 Officer 1, Basketball 1,3,4, Baseball 1, District Vocal Music 1,2



Ashley Jackson

FCCLA 4, Band 1, Band Contest

Steven Jarrett

Elaine Johns

FCCLA 1, SADD 1, Poms 3, Cheerleader 1



Saying Goodbye

"Good luck everyone, have fun working the rest of your lives."

—Taylor Thompson

"We have stuck together for thirteen years. Over the years we have made new additions to our class which has only made it better. It has been a great journey, but now it is time for another chapter. With the lessons we have learned, we now move into the world. Congratulations and good luck."

—Kate Probert

"Thanks to everyone for the good times and memories, especially in sports. I will miss you all."

—Tom Brazeal

"Just remember it doesn't matter what you know, as long as you know the right people. Goodbye my friends and good luck."

—Mark Cruse

"We finally made it through all the high school drama. Good luck to everyone and God bless. Sara we finally made it!"

—Becky Bennett



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Words of Wisdom

"Never close a window of opportunity."

—Arlene Magnin

"Make a new life but never forget the life you've had before and where you've come from."

—Debbie Whetstine

"Don't forget to go to class."

—Pam Probert



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Saying Goodbye

"There are so many great memories we have. I hope all of you can remember them to remind me in ten years for some laughs."

-Tristan Dennis

"I am to quote the band Oasis: 'Someday you will find me caught beneath the landslide in a champagne supernova in the sky.'"

-Micheal Fuge

"Life isn't easy, but never get discouraged. I will never forget all the memories we have shared. Good luck."

-Melanie Davis

"I have made so many friends over the years who I have been able to share laughter, tears and secrets with. Some of our friendships have grown apart and some have gotten stronger. No matter which one describes us the memories will last a lifetime. Good luck and may God bless each and every one of you."

-Sara Henley

"Good luck everyone."

-Greg Short

Words of Wisdom

"God bless you seniors 2005. Make good choices because the choices you make now will affect the rest of your life. Galations 6:7 says, 'Be not deceived God is not mocked; whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap.'"

-Ronnie Roy

"When you go to college buy a good bed and a good pair of walking shoes, because if you're not in one you'll be in the other."

-Marsha Appleby

It's been fun growing up together...-Kayla Hilton

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LEANN KENDALL

FFA 1,2,3,4 Officer 2, Choir 4, Basketball 1, Softball 1,2,3,4, Track 1, FBIA/Business Contest 4, Math Contest 2, Barnwarming Queen 4, Homecoming Princess 3, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4



DANNY LAFAVOR

FFA 1,2, Band 1,2,3, Band Contest 1,2,3



Becky Lucas

FBIA 2, FCCLA 1,2, SADD 1,2,3,4, NHS 4, Foreign Language Club 2,3 Officer 3, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Science Club 1,2,3,4, Choir 2,4, Student Council 1,2,3,4 Officer 1,4, PUB 2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, English Contest 2,3,4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, Journalism Contest 1,2, Class Officer 1, Girls State 3, Homecoming Queen Candidate 4, Homecoming Princess 2, Prom Queen



Alex Miller

FBIA 2,3, SADD 1,2,3,4 Officer 1,2, NHS 2,3,4, Foreign Language Club 3,4, Math Club 1,2,3,4 Officer 3, Science Club 2,3, Student Council 4, PUB 2,3,4 Division Editor 2,3 Editor in Chief 4, FBIA/Business Contest 2,3,4, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 2, Quill and Scroll 2,3,4, Journalism Contest 3, Math Contest 1,2,3,4, Science Fair 4, Class Officer 1,3,4, Youth Excel 2, Mansfield Active Youth 2,3,4, Valedictorian

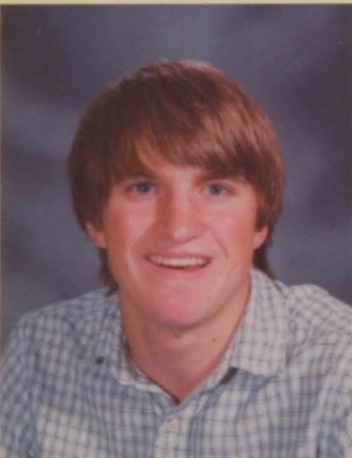


Whitney Miller.

FBIA 2, FCCLA 1, SADD 1,2,3,4, NHS 3,4, Foreign Language 3 Officer 3, Math Club 1,2,3,4 Officer 4, Science Club 1,2,3,4, Choir 2,3,4, Student Council 3,4, Pub 2,3,4, Basketball 1, English Contest 1,2,3,4, Quill and Scroll 3,4, District Vocal 2,3, State Vocal 2, Class Officer 3,4, Girls State 3, Homecoming Queen 4, Youth Excel 2



Heather Mitchell



Mike Moody

FBIA 2, TSA 1, Foreign Language 3, Math Club 1,2,3, Band 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1, Band Contest 1,2,3,4, Science Fair 3



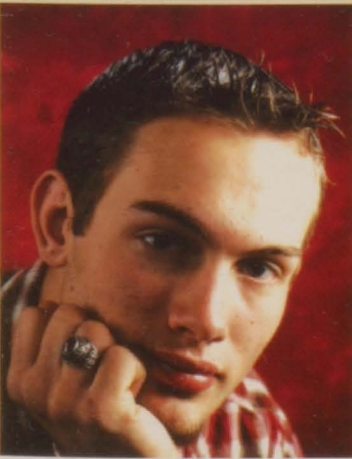
Christy Nichols

FCCLA 1,2, FFA 2, SADD 1,2, Art Club 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 1,2,3,4, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 1,2



Kate Probert

FBIA 2,3,4 Officer 3, FCCLA 1,2, FFA 1,2,3,4 Officer 2,3,4, SADD 1,2,3,4, NHS 3,4, Foreign Language 2,3, Math Club 1,2,3,4, Science Club 1,2,3,4 Officer 1, Band 1,2,3,4, Student Council 3, Basketball 4, Poms 1,2,3, FBIA Contest 2,3,4, Band Contest 1,2,3,4, Math Contest 1, Science Fair 4, Girls State 4, Barnwarming Candidate 1, Miss Mansfield Runner-Up 4



Josh Pyle

FFA 1,2,3,4 Officer 4, Baseball 1, Barnwarming Candidate 1



Melanie Riley

FCCLA 1,2, Softball 1,2, Poms 2



Amber Schofield

FCCLA 1, FFA 1

Even though we won't all be together, you'll all be with me.
-Drew Berry

TIM SHELHAMER

FBLA 2 Officer 2, FFA 1,2, NHS 3,4, Foreign Language 3,4, Math Club 1,2, Science Club 1, Art Club 2, Student Council 1,2,3,4, Pub 2,3,4, Baseball 1, Basketball 1,2,3,4, FBLA Contest 2, English Contest 1, Art Fair 3, Quill and Scroll 3,4, Math Contest 1,2,3, Science Fair 4, Class Officer 1,2, Boys State 4, Salutatorian

VIRGINIA SHERMAN

FOCLA 1, SADD 3, NHS 3,4, Foreign Language 3, Math Club 3, Science Club 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Pub 3,4, Poms 2,3,4, English Contest 2,3,4, Quill and Scroll 3, Band Contest 1,2,3,4, Science Fair 4

Greg Short

FFA 1, SADD 2, Foreign Language 3, Math Club 3, Science Club 3, Choir 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1, District Vocal Music 1,2,3

Shawn Singh

FBLA 3, FFA 1,2,3,4, Choir 3,4, Barnwarming King Candidate 3

Shawn Smith

NHS 1,2,3, Math Club 4, Basketball 1,2, FBLA/Business Contest 4, Art Fair 4, Math Contest 4

Tim Stuart

Josh Sullivan

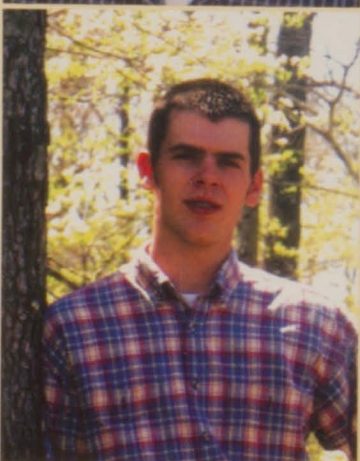
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Taylor Thompson

FFA 1,2,3,4, Math Club 2,3, Science Club 2,3, Art Club 2,3, Student Council 4, Baseball 1,2,3,4, Art Fair 2,3, Science Fair 3

Jessica Wright

FBLA 4, FOCLA 2,3, Art Club 1,2,3, Choir 3,4, FBLA Contest 4, Art Fair 2, State Choir 3



Not Pictured:
Megan Barlett
Tracey Cline
Lindsey Hopping
Jalene Lehman
Daison Steffe
James Wheeler
Cristolph Wilson
Keri Young

CLASS OF 2005

Saying Goodbye

"Ladies and Gentlemen of 2005:

I guess we are all on our own way to adulthood even though it still feels like we are kids. We have had lots of good times together and lots of bad times, but we still managed to carry on. Keep that same mindset as you travel through life. Never give up. Keep keepin' on."

—Brandon Grass

"I wish you the best in everything you do and I hope all your dreams come true."

—Ashley Jackson

"I hope you all have a wonderful life ahead of you. Good luck."

—Steven Jarret

"The past years have been good, but now it's time to move on to better things. I hope you are successful in everything you do and in life."

—Cody Calhoun

"Always remember, life goes on, even during the bad times, and sooner or later things will get better."

—Craig Campbell

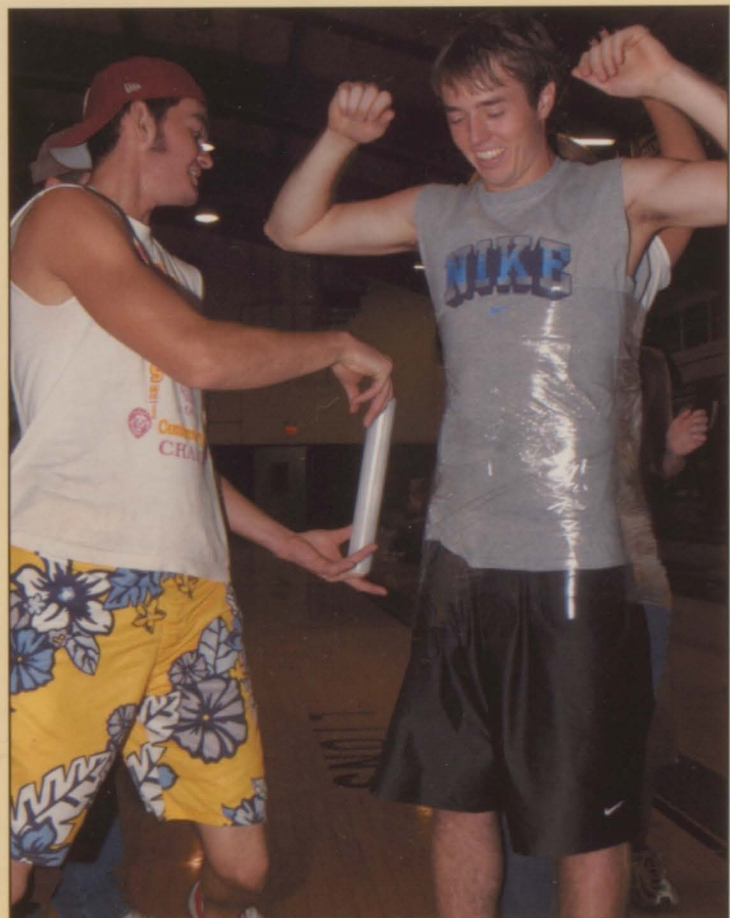
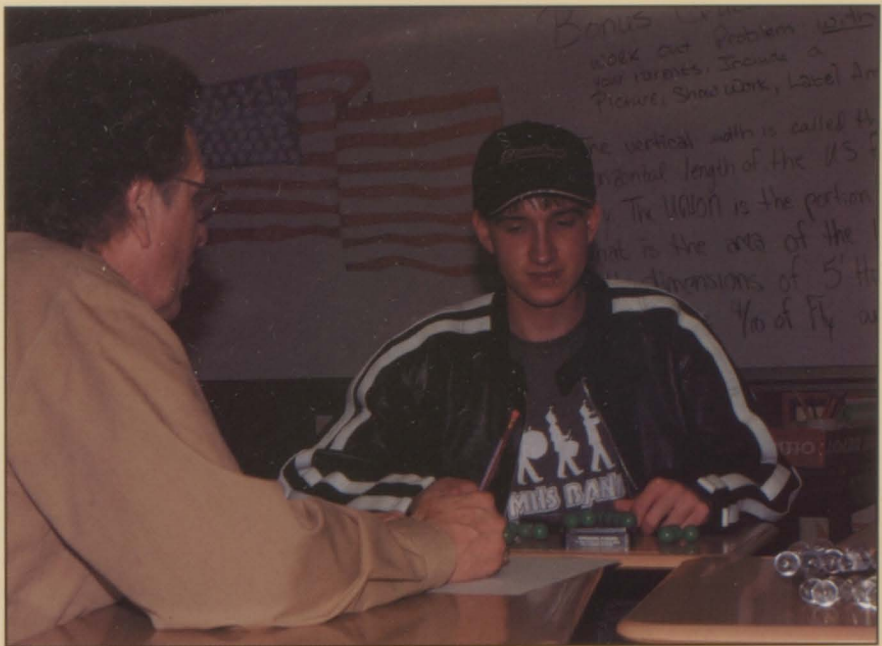
Words of Wisdom

"Look back with appreciation for where you've been. Look forward with anticipation and enthusiasm for where you're going. Look around you for the good things and look up for help in all things, not just the problem times."

—Wilda Watterson

"Smile. Over the next few years you will experience things that will make you frown. Always remember to smile and make the best of each situation."

—Eric Spyres



What is your pet peeve about the opposite sex?

"When it's always the guy's fault." -Jacob Wright

"Why do guys take so long in coming around to talk to you?" -Julie Hutton

"One word: cockiness." -Dulci Lancaster

"When girls say they are smarter than guys; we all know we are of equal intelligences."
-Shane Norell

"When Jesse Stuart gripes." -Sarah Moody

"When their pets decide to take a peeve on me."
- Ryan Loge

"How a guy can think he knows absolutely everything there is to know about basketball." -Megan Sowers

"My pet peeve is when guys take longer than I do to get ready." - Rebecca Barlett

"To see girls act like they are all that. It makes them look stupid." -Blake Miller

"When they go to the bathroom, they always have to take another girl with them." -Adam Smith

"A guy that you are dating thinks he has to pay for everything." -Hollie Jordan

"My biggest pet peeve is when they become easily upset and act stuck up the rest of the day." -Evan Jones



Inside out Human anatomy class, above, examines a kidney during a class field trip. For me! Kelsay Thomlinson, right, pauses in the commons area on Valentine's Day. Gifts to students were stored on tables until the end of the school day, when they were available for pickup.



Better to light a candle.... FBLA member Sarah Moody lights a candle during the club's annual induction ceremony.



Mandie Adamson
 Synthia Bannister
 Rebecca Barlett
 Samantha Branstetter
 Eric Bricker
 Shamala Bunch

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

Vanessa Green
 Ryan Harris
 Amanda Hilton
 Julie Hutton
 Evan Jones
 Hollie Jordan

Adam Keith
 Dulci Lancaster
 Ryan Loge
 Hannah Maggard
 Tabitha Merideth
 Blake Miller

Leanne Moody
 Sarah Moody
 Amanda Neal
 Billy Newton
 Shane Norell
 Les Parsons

Ashly Renner
 Cassie Sanders
 Erin Schell
 Scott Short
 Adam Smith
 Chad Smith

Megan Sowers
 Jesse Stuart
 Jessica Taylor
 Kelsay Tomlinson
 Josie Vaverka
 Jessica Williams

Jacob Wright
 Not Pictured:
 Trampus Hire
 Samantha Kirby
 Sarah Sherman



MEASURING UP Sophomores Vicki Billings, Hannah Persinger and Melissa Johnsen measure liquids to fill beakers for a heating experiment. "You had to be careful to get the right amount in the glass," said Billings.



STUDENT TEACHING During a world history project, sophomore Marqueè Snokhous dresses in a toga in order to help teach her classmates Greek history. Each student was assigned a chapter out of the textbook and was responsible for teaching it to the class.

Vicki Billings
Andrew Byerlee
Brett Calhoun
Kristin Campbell
Josh Cornelius
Robert Cubellis



Audra Dierksen
Brett Essary
Brittany Ewing
Preston Goss
Josh Gresham
Paige Hoover



Chelsea House
Melissa Johnsen
Brendan Keeling
Adam Kennedy
Ashley Kirtwright
Michelle Lynn



If you could give up one of the five senses, what would it be and why?

"I would want to give up my hearing because I think it would be neat to have to learn sign language." **-Aimee Williams**

"Who cares if you can't taste. You could eat healthy and not ever know if it tastes bad." **-Andy Morris**

"If I had to lose one of my senses, I would choose to lose my sense of touch, because I would want to be able to still see, hear, smell and taste." **-Audra Dierksen**

"I think you least use your taste sense. I'd give it up." **-Marcus Sherman**

"Seeing, because I would be able to have a hard challenge to make it through life. I'd know how blind people feel."
-Melanie Moore

"I wouldn't give up any of them; if you give up one, then the rest would be messed up." **-Jasmine Singh**

"I'd give up my hearing. Then I would not have to listen to negativity and arguing. Also, I wouldn't be able to talk so I'm sure my mom would enjoy that a lot!"
-Marqueè Snokhous

"If I gave up hearing I could learn more sign language, and my sister could teach me." **-Hannah Persinger**

"Smell, because there are some nasty scents." **-Heather Menefee**

"You need sight, touch, hearing, and smell in order to detect dangers. I'd give up taste, you don't need it."
-Randi Wood

"I would give up my smell sense, then I wouldn't have to smell Andy Morris."
-Steven Pfeiffer

"I would give up my sense of smell...I live on a dairy farm."
-Brett Calhoun



Heather Menefee
Melanie Moore
Andy Morris
Samantha Morris
Joey Neal
Chad Newton

Hannah Persinger
Steven Pfeiffer
Lauren Rummens
Toby Shelhamer
Marcus Sherman
Jasmine Singh

Adam Smith
Jeremy Sutton
Lacey Tate
Danny Thompson
Aimee Williams
Craig Williams

Randi Wood
Ryan Wright
Ashley Young
Not Pictured:
Andrew Barton
Marqueè Snokhous



What was your biggest fear coming into high school?

NEW VIEW Freshmen Emily Nichols and Brittany Keeling flip through a new year-book at the fall signing party.

Kristin Adamson
Summer Bannister
Quentin Berry
Will Brazeal
Kyle Cunningham
Margaret Davis



Josh Dorcy
Pam Feldhaus
Rebecca Freeman
Nicole Gage
Brittany Greer
Amber Heath



Amber Henry
Abby Hultz
Kellie Hutton
Justin Ince
Rashawnda Jackson
Ashley Jasick



Elliott Johns
Chelsea Jones
Brittany Keeling
Jennifer Lemons
Matt Leonard
David Lister



Dallas Massey
Bryce Matlock
Josh May
Jordan McDowell
Alyshia Meiners
Samantha Merideth



"My worst fear? Those scary Seniors...ha...yeah right!" -Connie Quirk

"Evil, mechanical teachers giving me loads of homework because they hate me."
- Elliot Johns

"I was afraid of a spider in an ice cube, I won't go into details." -Kellie Hutton

"I was mainly worried that I would fail all my classes." -Will Brazeal

FRESHMEN



Melissa Morris
Ethen Napier
Katrina Neville
Emily Nichols
Larry Ousley
Michael Pagel

Miranda Pringle
Connie Quirk
Kody Reynolds
Chris Roy
Kati Sherman
Jacob Skaggs

Jason Skaggs
Justin 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
Ronnie Webster
Ryan Whorton
Josh Wilkerson
Not Pictured: Josh Lansdown
Nicole Bookout Gabbie Millard
Jordan Dooley Daniel Pharris
Adam Kennedy Toby Shelhamer



ESCORT Josh Box walks Megan Newcomer down the Assembly of God Church aisle, since the gym could not be used for graduation ceremonies

SHOCK THERAPY The mock accident makes some students think about why not to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



WORM RACERS Dee Singh and a seventh grader have a dance contest by doing the worm at a middle school dance.



Julia Allen
Brody Banner
Randee Barlett
Chelsie Barton
Stephanie Baty
Sara Billings



Josh Box
Megan Brooke
Miranda Brooke
Nathan Brumley
Dustin Cody
Amy Collins



Blake Conaway
Spencer Deal
Tamara Delcour
Justin Elliott
Jacqueline Emerick
Miranda Farris



Courtney Geeser
Eric Greer
Amanda Hallmark
Dawn Harper
Ryan Hillard
Shawn Hume



Landon Jarrett
Daniel Jenkins
Windy Johnsen
Colton Jones
Whitney Jordan
Chad Kabage



If you were stranded on a desert island what is one thing you would miss the most?

"The thing I would miss most would be my favorite teddy bear because I can't sleep without it." -Dawn Harper

"I would miss lasagne the most because it is my favorite food." -Kelly Quirk

"I would miss my cat, Casper, the most." -Windy Johnsen

"One thing I would miss the most would be basketball because basketball is my life." -Whitney Jordan

"I would miss my XBOX the most because I play it every night." -Colton Jones

"I would miss my radio most because I can't go a day without listening to it." -Paige Lambert

"The thing I would miss most would be the women." -Landon Jarrett

"If I were stranded on a island I would miss books the most." -Chelsea Pringle

"I would miss a lot of stuff and guys." -Dakota Willis

"I would miss basketball the most because its the best thing in the world next to friends." -Tara Robinson

"I would miss TV because seeing John Wayne movies on the sand isn't quit the same." -Kelly Whorton



Justin Keith
Paige Lambert-Adamson
Michael Lynn
Corey Mincks
Dalena Mitchell
Steven Myers

Megan Newcomer
Tyler Page
Daniel Pharris
Chelsea Pringle
Kelly Quirk
Tyler Riley

Tara Robinson
Tron Sherman
Kashmir Singh
Navdeep Singh
Rachel Sowers
Amanda Tucker

Joe Turley
Laura Wagner
Evan Whorton
Kelly Whorton
Kristine Whorton
Dakota Willis

James Wright



WIND IN THE WILLOWS Lindsay Allen plays clarinet at a band concert in the gym area for family and friends.



GOT GAME? Sheirif Williams learns how to play basketball with style from Captain Valentine during an assembly.



COOKIE CUTTERS Devin Davis assists in cooking chocolate chip cookies in teen living class.

Bailey Acree
Chelese Adams
Haden Adamson
Travis Adamson
Missty Alderson
Lindsay Allen



Jana Banister
John Barnett
Kayla Baty
Casey Box
Brian Bunch
Cody Clayton



Dillon Coffelt
Daniel Colston
Laken Conaway
Andrew Cooley
Devin Davis
Erin Dierksen



Kelsay Dugger
Alisha Gray
Chance Greer
Jamie Gunkel
Sativa Hale
Adam Heater



Joshua Heater
Stephanie Henry
Jake Hultz
Rochelle Johns
William Johnsen
Nathan Jones



What is **one thing** you **wish** you could **change** about **yourself**?

"I would try to act more mature because I think I'm, you know, challenged."

-Jamie Gunkel

"I would change my hair because it's so frizzy and curly."

-Kayla Baty

"I would be more athletic in sports if I could change something."

-Casey Box

I would change my teeth because they are crooked even though I have braces."

-Marcy Stofer

"I wish I could make myself really tall."

-Cody Clayton

"I want to change my glasses because I want to be able to see without them."

-Austin Rokusek

"I would change my hair color because everyone calls me a dumb blonde."

-Kelsay Dugger

"I wish I was better at trying new things."

-Whitney Whorton

"I would get an Irish accent so I could say 'Top of the morning to ya.'"

-Vincent Miller

"I wish I could dance like Napoleon Dynamite."

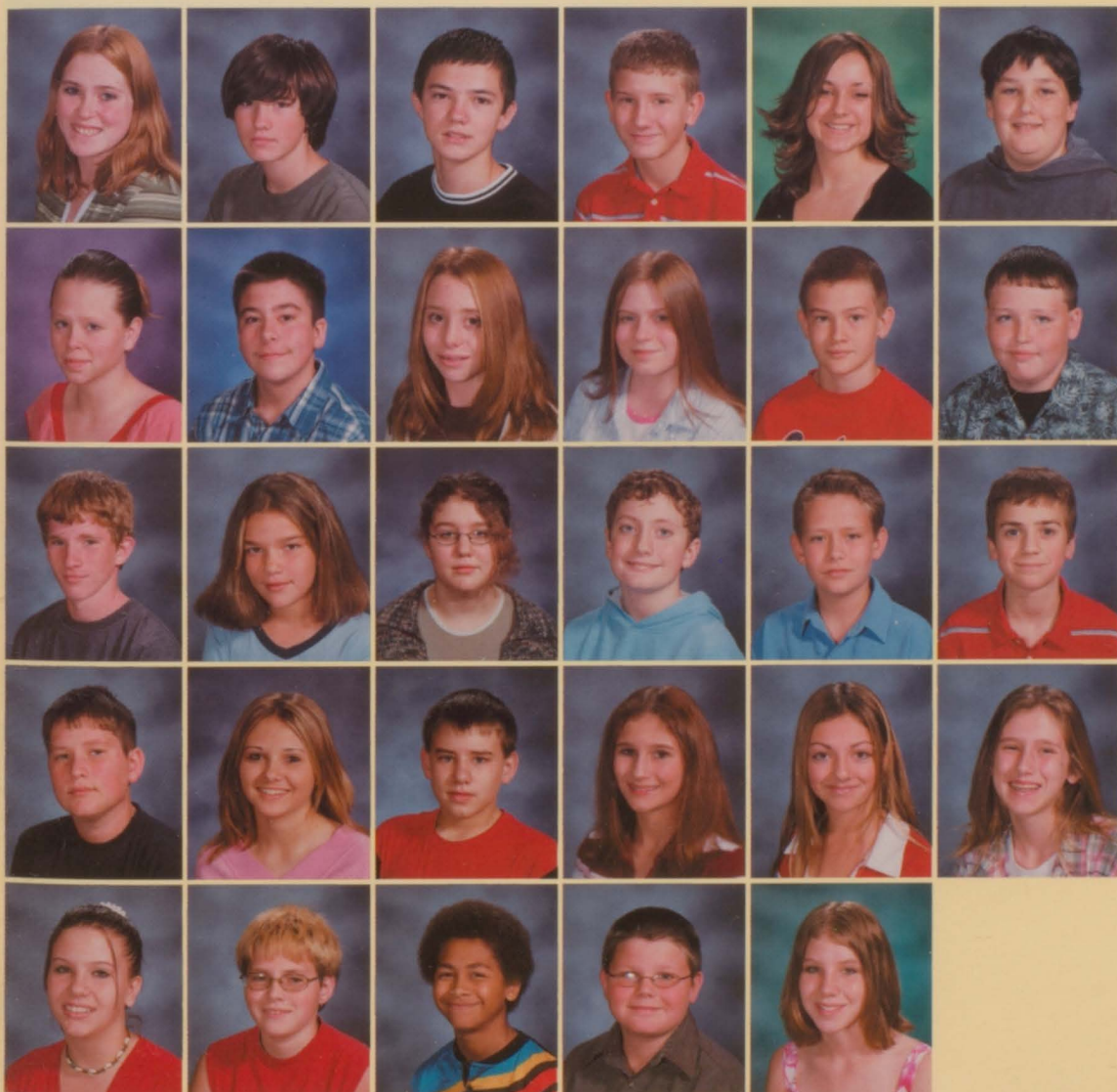
-Haden Adamson

"I would grow as tall as Shaq because now I'm a midget."

-Adam Heater

"I would be the richest kid in the world."

-Jake Yost



Brittany Landrum
Billy Maynard
Gary Maynard
Vincent Miller
Chauncie Mitchell
Cory Moore

Marcy Morton
Kaleb Nolen
Katelyn Nolen
Kaysa Ousley
Doug Pyle
Cody Riley

Cole Riley
Kelsey Rogers
Allyson Rokusek
Austin Rokusek
Alex Roy
Nathan Rummens

Justin Sanders
Jaimie Smith
Robert Snokhous
Marcy Stofer
Jasmine Turney
Whitney Whorton

Ebboni Williams
Morgan Williams
Sheirif Williams
Jake Yost
Danyale Young



WHEEL GIRLS Vanessa Delcour takes an ATV to the Butter Day parade.

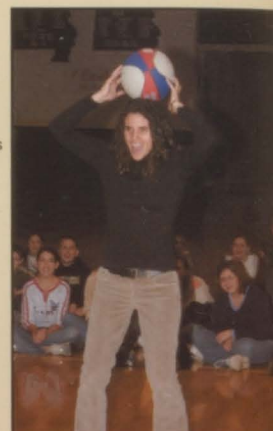


MUSIC MAN Jeromy Dennis plays trumpet at a band concert in the gym area for family and friends.



RAT RACE A group watches a testing of cars made by physics class. The cars were made with wood and mouse traps.

B-BALL Teacher Christie Grubbs gets to learn fancy handling techniques from the guest speaker, Captain Valentine.



Jacob Adamson
Rheanna Allen
Alyse Ashburn
Jessica Berry
Austin Branham



Robert Brawley
Josh Brazeal
Warren Brazeal
Savanna Cornelius
Brittany Cruse



Ethan Davis
Vanessa Delcour
Jeromey Dennis
Sharice Dennis
Heath Dugger



Rachael Essary
Jordon Gunter
Gabrielle Henry
Justin Hinsley
Zach Houke



What did you fear as a child and why?

"When I was four years old I feared the closet because I thought the boogeyman was in there." -Jeromy Dennis

"I used to be afraid one this one weird cat that always acted like it was going to kill me." -Racheal Essary

"When I was little I was afraid of clowns because they wear makeup are smiling and are just plain creepy."
-Robert Brawley

"I feared the dark because I thought a hat on my chair looked like a person."
-Olivia Whorton

"I was scared of the clown off 'It' because it looked scary with its long teeth and evil eyes." -Rheanna Allen

"I was afraid most of the boogeyman because I belived the scary movies that I watched." -Chasity Maynard

"I was most afraid of my brother because he told me he was going to shave my head bald." -Wendy Ince

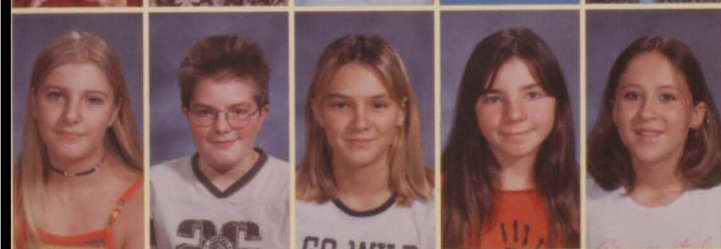
"When I was little I was scared that someone was in my closet and under my bed because a monster could pop out." -Haley Miller

"I always thought there was something under my bed because my cat made noises." -Warren Brazeal

"I feared porcelain dolls because they always stared at me evil."
-Cody Young



Matthew Huber
Wendy Ince
Rebecca Kaempfer
Laine Kelley-Cain
Brittany Lakey



Hannah Leven
Dillon Massey
Chasity Maynard
Jodi McDowell
Kaylyn McNeil



Haley Miller
Cody Mincks
Drake Murdock
Eryka Myers
Darron Nichols



Erin Nichols
Anthony Sabado
Dustin Slate
Kimberly Stofer
David Turley



Olivia Whorton
Cody Young
Nikki Zorsch



Joyful noise Fifth grade boys Tucker Kirkland, Chance Allen, Pavel Khatuliou, Shawn Barrett and Kyle Rummens perform in the annual Christmas Choir Concert. **You scratch my chin...** Making friends with a goat, Kodi Toomey spends time at FFA's Food for America exhibition. **Hard to swallow** The school's annual eye, ear and dental screening proves to be more than a mouthful for Silas Strain. The screening was held in the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church.



Chance Allen
Chase Allen
Christal Banister
David Barlett
Shawn Barrett
Taylore Baty



Quinton Bell
Jenna Campie
Jordon Cooley
Johnnie Dunham
Devin Fullington
Christian Gray



Julia Gresham
Brady Hanger
Katie Hanson
Caitlin Hickie
James Jackson
Steven Jenkins



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



What is something you do nobody is looking?

"I write in my diary." - Katlyn Swisher

"I talk to myself." - Chase Allen

"I chew bubble gum when nobody is looking." - Devon Sabado

"I make fun of people when they aren't looking." - Sierra Strunk

"I daydream when nobody is looking." - Kendra Woolman

"When no one is looking, I watch Jordyn Loge throw things at Mikeal Pippin." - Emily Neal

"I make faces at people."
- Caitlin Hickie

"I throw things at people's heads."
- Jordyn Loge

"I fall asleep when nobody is looking." - Megan Schofield

"I take one can out of a 12-pack and hide it, then I grab another one."
- Joe Lynn

"Crazy, crazy and I mean crazy things you don't want to know about."
- Christian Gray

"I don't have any privacy, so I don't know what I would do."
- Dakota Melton

"That was a stupid question. If you do it when no one is looking, that means you don't want people to know." - Julia Gresham



Jonathan Lynn
Shayna Matney
Dakota Melton
Nicole Mitchell
Daniel Moody
Joey Moore

Billy Morton
Emily Neal
Michel Perrin
Tori Pingel
Mikeal Pippin
Alex Reed

Kyle Rummens
Devon Sabado
Hannah Sandlin
Megan Schofield
Lexis Sherman
Loren Smith

Silas Strain
Sierra Strunk
Jerrad Sullivan
Katlyn Swisher
Kodi Toomey
Cory Turney

Amanda Willen
Not Pictured:
Sarah Bishop
Justin Colston
Corey Willacker
Alexander Winters
Kendra Woolman



Broken heart Ryan Elliot checks an egg for damage after a science experiment involving dropping the egg out the gym windows. The goal of the experiment was to keep the egg from cracking on impact. **Free falling** Moments before letting their egg drop, Jade Turney, Katelyn Irwin and Kindal Ball pause in anticipation.

Cory Allen
Sam Appleby
Kindal Ball
Chance Bell
Chantelle Borders
Cory Cantrell



Curtis Carnal
Bobby Clanton
Brooke Coffman
Austin Cook
Jessica Cook
Jason Cornelius



Brianna Cubellis
Amanda Davis
Scott Davis
Amber Delcour
Candace Dunbar
Melissa Edwards



Ryan Elliott
Chance Emerick
Dustin Equevilley
Brett Greer
Ryche Hale
Ryan Hamberg



Mandy Hanson
William Hash
Maranda Heath
Cody Henry
T.J. Hilton
Samantha Howard



Devon Huff
Darren Hume
Michael Hutson
Katelyn Irwin
Shay Jackson
Caleb Jones



If you could choose one flavor of ice cream to describe yourself, what would it be and why?

"Vanilla, because I'm American and I have white skin." -Curtis Carnal

"Strawberry shortcake, because I have red hair and I'm short."
- Devon Huff

"Neapolitan sherbert, because it's all mixed up like I am."
- Amanda Davis

"Chocolate chip mint, because it has a mixed flavor and I am a mix between my mom and dad."
-Scott Davis

"I would be sherbert, because it's fat free."-Corey Cantrell

"Twist, because I'm twisted up."- Shay Jackson

"Moosetracks, because my freckles are like the peanut butter in the chocolate."-Samantha Howard

"Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, because of the color of my hair."
-T.J. Hilton

"Sherbert, because it's colorful and I like to be colorful."
- Bryon Stout

"Rocky Road, because I ride dirt bikes."-Chance Emerick

"Cotton candy, because I'm fluffy and sticky." -Nathan Swisher

"Rocky Road, because it sounds adventurous like me."
-Carter Quirk



Canaan Kindle
Brandy Koke
Taylor Matney
Jacob McDonald
Kolby Miller
Adriana Parsons

Christain Parsons
Kaylee Pierson
Cody Pratt
Nathan Quick
Carter Quirk
Michael Ramsey

Elaine Rawlings
Becky Short
Austin Smith
Bryon Stout
Nathan Swisher
Kyle Tibbett

Jade Turney
Taylor Wehmeyer
Cheyanne White
Shafi Williams
Susan Williams
Tyler Young

Not Pictured:
Alexander Cotten
Jessica Houke
Ryan Jetton
Cassandra Sproul
Claire Willacker
Clayton Young

*If you could choose one
person to be **President of the United States**,
who would you choose and why?*

"Justin Sanders, because he is strong and mighty."
- Leanna Leckenby

"My mom, because she is sweet, smart and always
puts money in my account." - Calli Titsworth

"Michael Jordan, because he is the best basketball
player." - Russell Harrison

"My mom, because she is the best."
- Meileeta Rawlings

"Toby Keith, because he is a good singer."
- Alyssa Sproul

"Care Bears, because they have feelings for other
people." - Jordan Baty

"Mr. Moore, because he is nice, kind and smart."
- Sean Keiter

"Tom Brady, because he is a star football player and he
plays for my favorite team." - Jess Farris

"Tiffani Ussery, because she is always nice to people."
- Gabby Levan

"Gabby Levan, because she is a kind, giving person."
- Shelby Lansdown

"Mark McGwire, because he is my favorite Cardinals
player." - Rylan Schuster

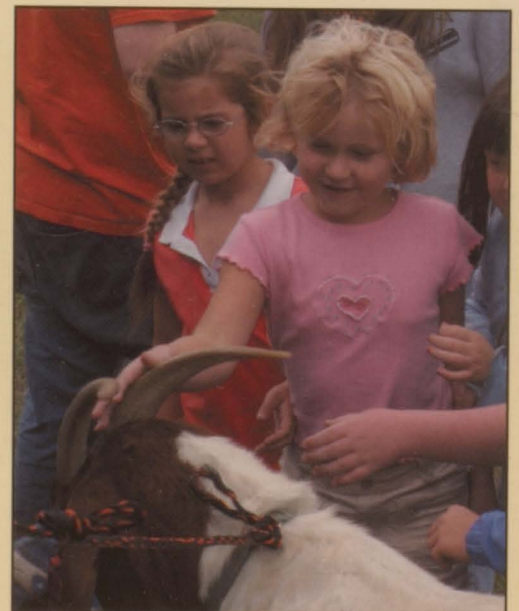
"Mrs. Graham, because she is smart." - Austin Matney

"Albert Pujols, because he plays for the Cardinals."
- Cameron Shores

"Clay Smith, because he is smart and cool."
- Clay Smith



What's up? Height matters when third grade students play keep away with senior Drew Berry. **Animal planet** During Food for America, Taylor Fore and Kimberly Tetrick take a moment to pet a goat.





Kelsey Adamson
James Alderson
Aidan Bailey
Jordan Baty
Kourtney Brumley
Derek Campie

Amanda Cook
Fallon Easley
Sarah Emerick
Jess Farris
Taylor Fore
Mariah Harris

Russell Harrison
Rachel Hash
Brandon Henry
Cory Henry
Derrick Hunsucker
Steven Irwin

Patrick Jackson
Tiffany Jones
Sean Keiter
Shelby Lansdown
Leanna Leckenby
Gabby Levan

Dalton McNeil
Katie Peak
Will Pingel
Meileeta Rawlings
Chance Reed
Rylan Schuster

Cameron Shores
Clay Smith
Kimberly Tetric
Austin Thrun
Shania Tibbett
Calli Titsworth

Tiffani Ussery
Spencer Vogt
Ethan Wallace
Sulaman Williams
Michael Wilson
Ashtin Young

Jarrold Young
Not Pictured:
Kaitlyn Branham
Shianne Hadlock
Austin Matney
Dustin Riggs
Alyssa Sproul

GRADE TWO



Music in motion Performing in the school's Christmas concert, second graders act out falling snow as they sing. **Magic moment** The fans go wild for the second grade team during a pep rally.

Bailey Adams
Mckenzie Adamson
Ashley Ball
Christie Banister
Chandler Blaine
Dalton Borders



Madison Box
Ashley Brazeal
Braden Bruce
Tayler Cain
Brianna Carter
Jonathon Clanton



Arik Dennis
Blaine Dennis
Brenton Drane
Kyle Elliott
Justin Gower
Jonah Gray



Patty Hanger
Cassidy Hickie
Zachary Hodges
Korynn Hoerner
Deleah Jones
Sheldon Kabage



Kara Kennedy
Courtney Kirkland
Bethany Lakey
Katelynn Lansdown
Jordan Lebahn
Anthony Lubbock



What's your least favorite food?

"Eggplant, because it is disgusting."

- Korynn Hoerner

"I don't like enchiladas, because they are hot."

- Kristin Wallace

"Salad, because it tastes like leaves."

- Justin Gower

"Corn on the cob, because the juice is gross."

- Cassidy Hickie

"Spaghetti, because the sauce tastes like ketchup."

- Ashley Ball

"Pizza, because it is hot, the cheese is stringy and the crust is burnt and hard."

- Madison Richardson

"Peas, because they are yucky." - Jonah Gray

"Mango, because I've tried it and it was very, very gross." - Tayler Cain

"Broccoli, because it doesn't taste good."

- Madison Box

"Spinach, because I think it tastes like grass. It almost is grass!" - Bailey Adams

"Lemons, because they are sour and taste really bad." - Brianna Carter

"Butter, because it is in the fats and sweets column." - Bethany Lakey

"Chocolate, because it is rich and too sweet." - Braden Bruce

"Onions, because they smell bad" - Zachery Nirk



Beau Massey
Ashtin Matney
Makenzie McCrite
Sherry McDowell
Kaylee Melton
Justin Moss

Karl Murdock
Zachery Nirk
Cole Owens
Cory Parsons
Dustin Reed
Madison Richardson

Kimber Stout
Makenzie Tripp
Kristen Wallace
Shyan Webster
Shatona White

Not Pictured:

Adreanna Branham
Chelsea Emerick
Richard Jetton
Seth Johnson
Tristan Meadows
Garrett Mendes

Kailey Morris
Dalton Young

If you could be a Disney character, who would you be and why?

"Sleeping Beauty, because she is pretty and she sleeps a lot and so do I." -Alyssa Nelson

"I would like to be Minnie, because she wears a spotted skirt sometimes and she wears a vest like Mickey." -Hailey Allen

"Nemo, because I would get to swim every day." -Jacob McNeil

"I would like to be Donald Duck because he likes dragons." -Brandon Cantrell

"Aladdin, because he fights the bad guys." -Jack Brazeal

"I would like to be Aerial, because she is a mermaid and she is pretty." -Tera Berkstresser

"I would like to be Cinderella because she is pretty. She is a princess. She wears a pretty dress." -Emily Lebahn

"Belle, because she is pretty, has a rose and is very nice to the other characters." -Alexis Titsworth

"I would like to be Pluto because he is very funny, brave, responsible and is one of the best dogs in the whole world." -Kelby Clark

"Sabrina, because she's a witch and she has magic." -Brianna Tibbett

"I want to be Scar, because he is the bad guy and he takes the kingdom over." -Tyler Carnall

"Squirt, because he is a funny little turtle." -Levi Brooke

Hailey Allen
Blake Allsman
Logan Alsop
Preston Bailey
Kadie Black
Jack Brazeal



Levi Brooke
Justin Campbell
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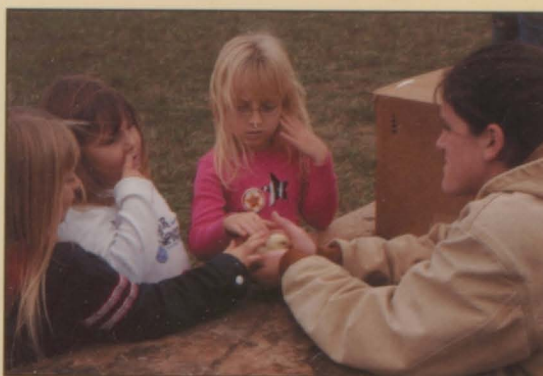


Ryan Coffman
Christian Cooley
Ethan Davis
Drew Dunbar
Alyssa Elliott
Chelsea Essary



Cassidy Gardner
Logan Henry
Samantha Jones
Kaitlynn Kaempfer
Megan Kingery
Tristan Lane





Double tap While other first graders sing, Julia Shelhamer and Abigail Roy, above, keep the melody going on xylophones. **Chic talk** Sophomore Kristin Campbell holds a chick, above right, for Brianna Tibbett, Kaitlynne Kaempfer and Myka Pratt during FFA's Food for America event. **Flower guys** Standing in front of their classmates, Ethan Davis and Jacob McNeil demonstrate the use of their sunflower masks.



Emily Lebahn
Jana McConnell
Dennis McDowell
Michael McDowell
Jacob McNeil
Alyssa Nelson

Jeremy Oberbeck
Natasha Parsons
Myka Pratt
Morgan Price
Sara Reser
Cheyenne Ridenour

Abigail Roy
Radonna Roy
Julia Shelhamer
Eli Stigall
Mckynze Sutton
Brianna Tibbett

Alexis Titsworth
Alexis Wilson
Not Pictured:
Tera Berkstresser
Zachariah Cotten
Bobby Hire
Aaron Myers



One down, twelve to go Waiting their turns to accept their diplomas, kindergartners clap for their friends. **New friend** While the rest of the class looks elsewhere, Conner Choate takes the opportunity to play with a baby chick.

Adrian Adams
Gregory Anderson
Amanda Bailey
Debra Bell
Dylan Berry
Gage Bittner



Adam Blaine
Calista Bogart
Cameron Brazeal
Jamie Brooke
Braidy Calhoun
Austin Cantrell



Tyler Cantrell
Conner Choate
Joshua Clanton
Kyla Corder
Andrea Davis
Sara Dugger



Tabitha Emerick
Jefferson Engel
Shelby Equevilley
Alex Farris
Alexis Farris
Kaliesha Garrison



Maci Gray
Aidan Gresham
Dylan Hodges
Mycaylah Hooks
Alex Ipock
Mckenna Jones



Michala Jones
Caleb Kindle
Kelsey Kingery
Fred Martin
Alyssa Matney
Kelcie Matney



If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

"I would go to the mountains because that would be a good place to live," -Joey Schofield

"I would like to go to Hawaii because it is warm."
-Andrea Davis

"I want to go to church, because I like it." -Daniel Presley

"To Wal-Mart to buy toys."
-Bailey Owens

"Concordia, where my uncle Billy lives so I could see my cousin Sissy." -Tyler Thomas

"In the woods, so I could shoot a deer." -Fred Martin

"North Pole to see Santa."
-Alex Ipock

"California, because it is a big place and it has more room."
-Austin Cantrell

"I would like to go to Alabama, because it's been a long time since I lived there." -Jamie Titsworth

"To my grandma's house, because I never got to spend the night with her." -Amanda Bailey



Christian McCrite
Alex McGuire
Michael Murdock
Sean Neal
Chris Oberbeck
Bailey Owens

Andrew Roy
Mason Roy
Billy Sargent
Joey Schofield
Kacey Smith
Caleb Swisher

Christian Thill
Tyler Thomas
Jamie Titsworth
Taylor Tripp
Andrew VanOrden
Angelique Weisshaar

Imanie Williams
Jonah Williamson
Chassity Wilson
Kodi Wilson
Nathan Withnell
Hunter Young

Not Pictured:
Daniel Presley
Taylor Steele



How do you bake a cake?

"You need sugar and then I would stir it with a wooden spoon. Put it in the oven and cook it for just a little bit."
-Dakota Gower

"I would put eggs and water in the cake. I would set in a chair and wait for it. It needs to cook for five seconds. Then a bunch of people would come in the door to eat it."-Emily Pierson

"I like chocolate cake. I would put sugar and milk in it. Then I would put it in the oven." -Devin Kingery

"I would put eggs and stir it up. I would bake it for four minutes in the oven." -Justin Cooks



"I would put milk and flour in it then put it in the refrigerator." -Zachary Edwards

"I would put milk, ice cream and flour in it. Then I would put it in the oven for one hour." -Lexie Morris

"I would put eggs, icing and salt in it. I would bake it on hot for six hours."
-Charles Moss

"I would put milk and frosting in it. Then I would put it in a pot. I would bake it for one hour." -Matthew Seiferth

"Bread, ice and put it in the refrigerator."
-Spencer Greene

"I would put dough, flour, milk and eggs in it. I would put it in the oven for 18 hours." -Caitlin Quirk



Dress Up. Emily Pierson and Caitlin Quirk play quietly with Barbies in the corner during free play time. During free play students can choose which learning center they participate in. *Circles, Squares and Triangles.* Pre-school teacher Wendy Langley and the children use sign language to sing along with a shape song. This is the first year the pre-school has incorporated sign language with learning basic skills.

"You need eggs, milk and put it on the stove. Cook it for 20 seconds and then eat it." -Lucy Grubbs

"Put sugar, flour and cookies in the stove. Bake it for 10 minutes and then it's a cake." -Kara Rhodes

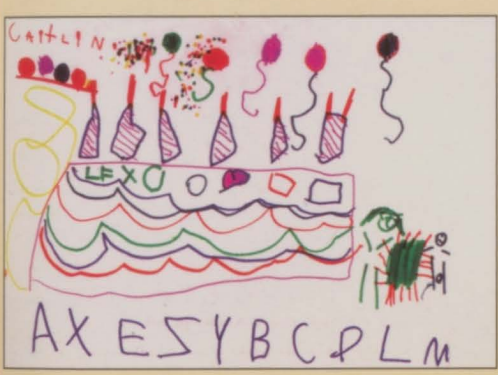
"You put milk, eggs, flour and roll it. You bake it in the oven for 20 days. You put the icing on and set the timer."
-Alissabeth Wheelless

"Put flour in it. Put in the microwave. Cook it for seven minutes. Then put it in the fridge with white icing."
-Corbin Hadlock (not pictured)

"Spiderman makes all the cakes."
-Anthony Mason



Little Picasso Pre-schooler Lucy Grubbs sponge paints during morning center time. Some of the other morning centers include block skills along with motor skills. *Blocks make the man* Assembling their own creations, Hunter Richardson, Travis Brazeal and Dakota Gower play together.



Bret Berry
Travis Brazeal
Justin Cook
Zachary Edwards
Dakota Gower
Spencer Greene

Lucy Grubbs
Devin Kingery
James Landsown
Anthony Mason
Lexie Morris
Charles Moss

Emily Pierson
Caitlin Quirk
Kara Rhodes
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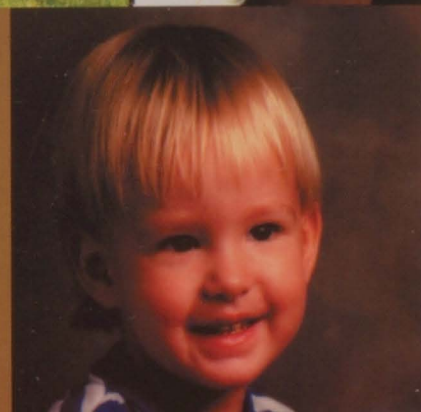
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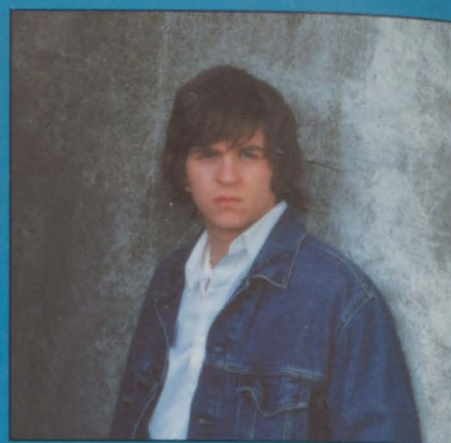
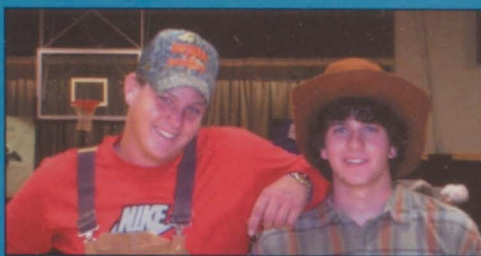
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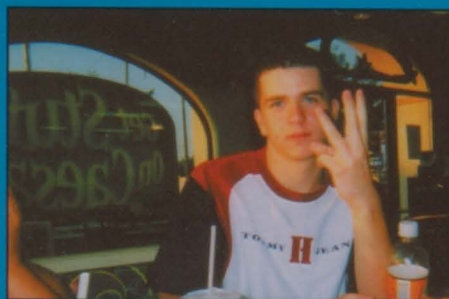
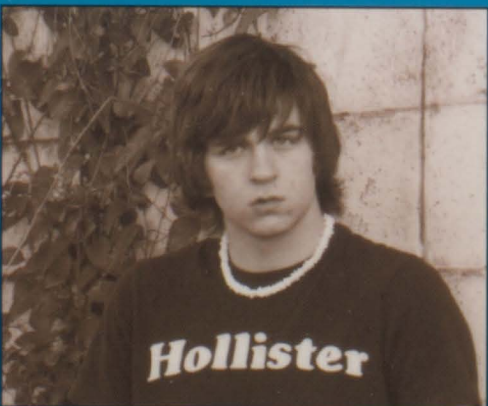
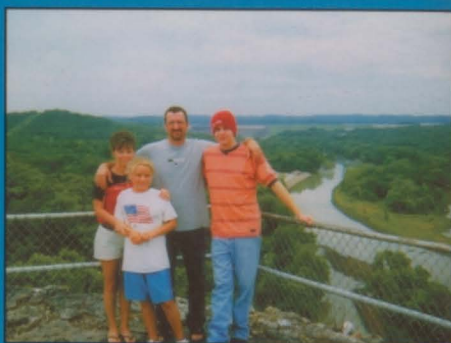
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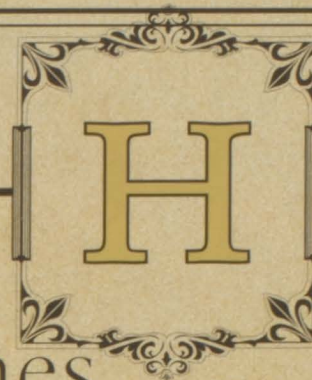
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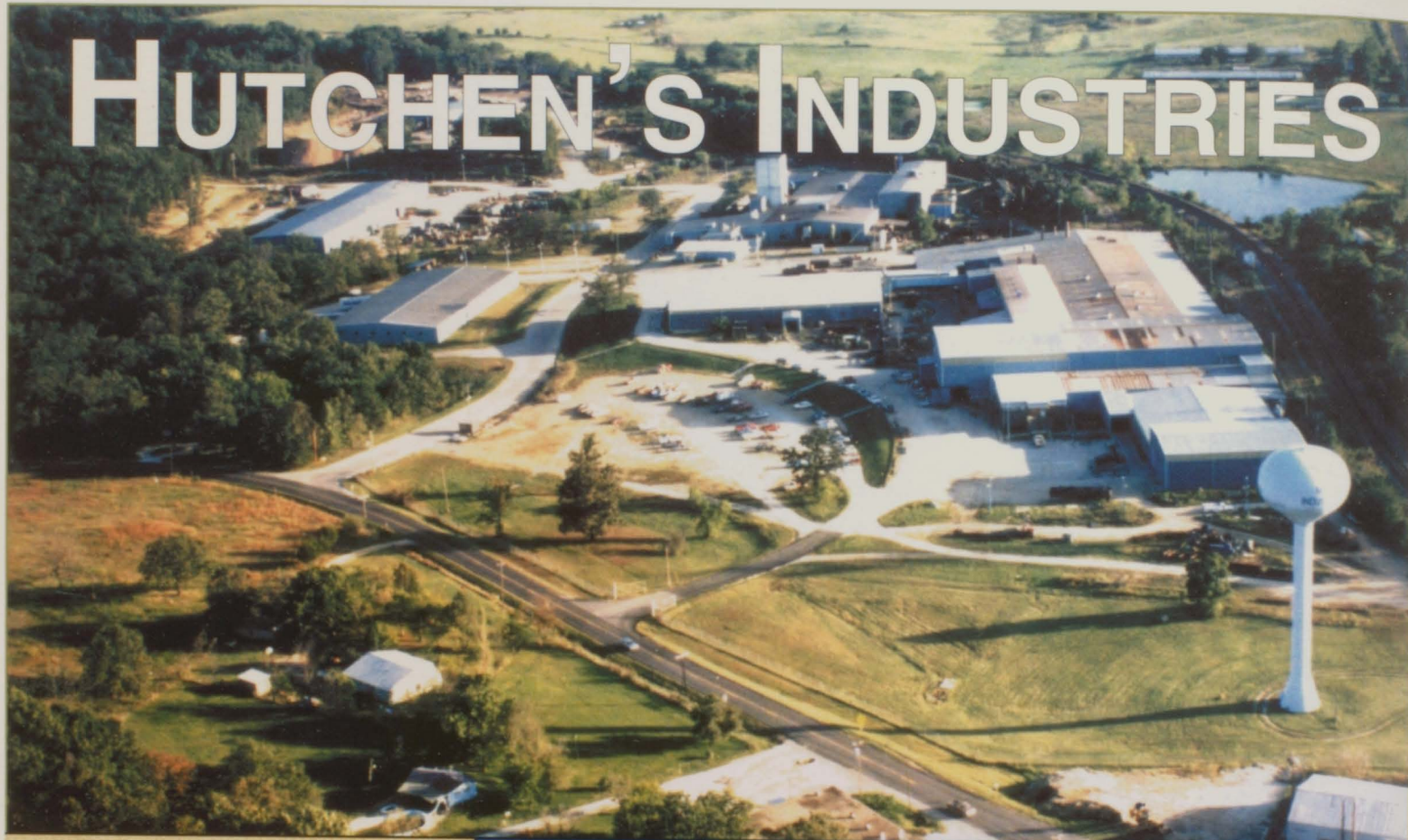
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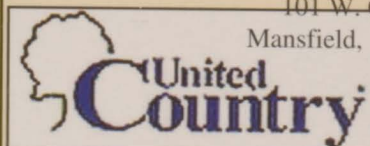
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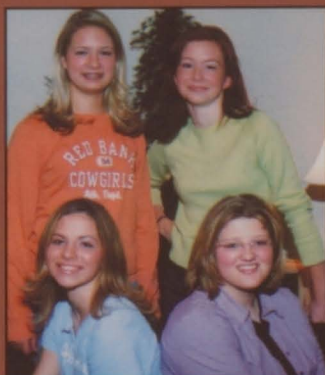
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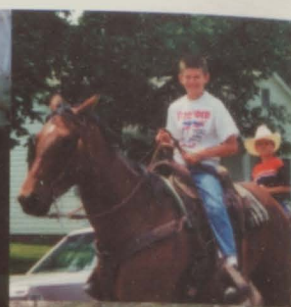
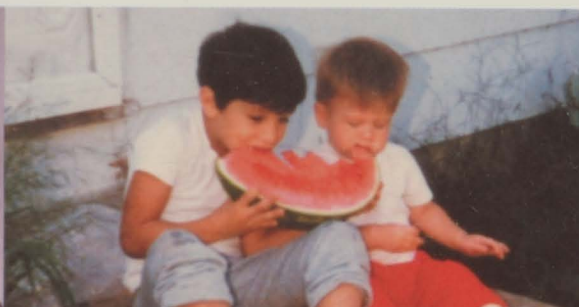


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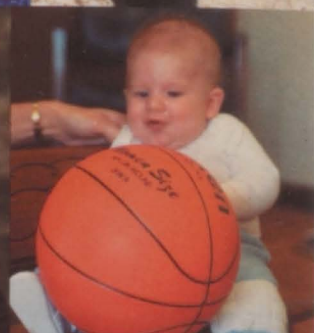


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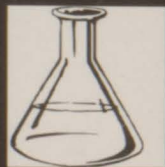


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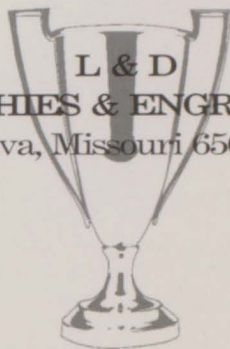
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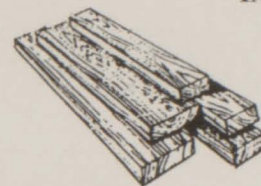
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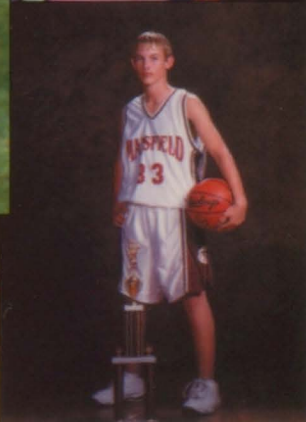
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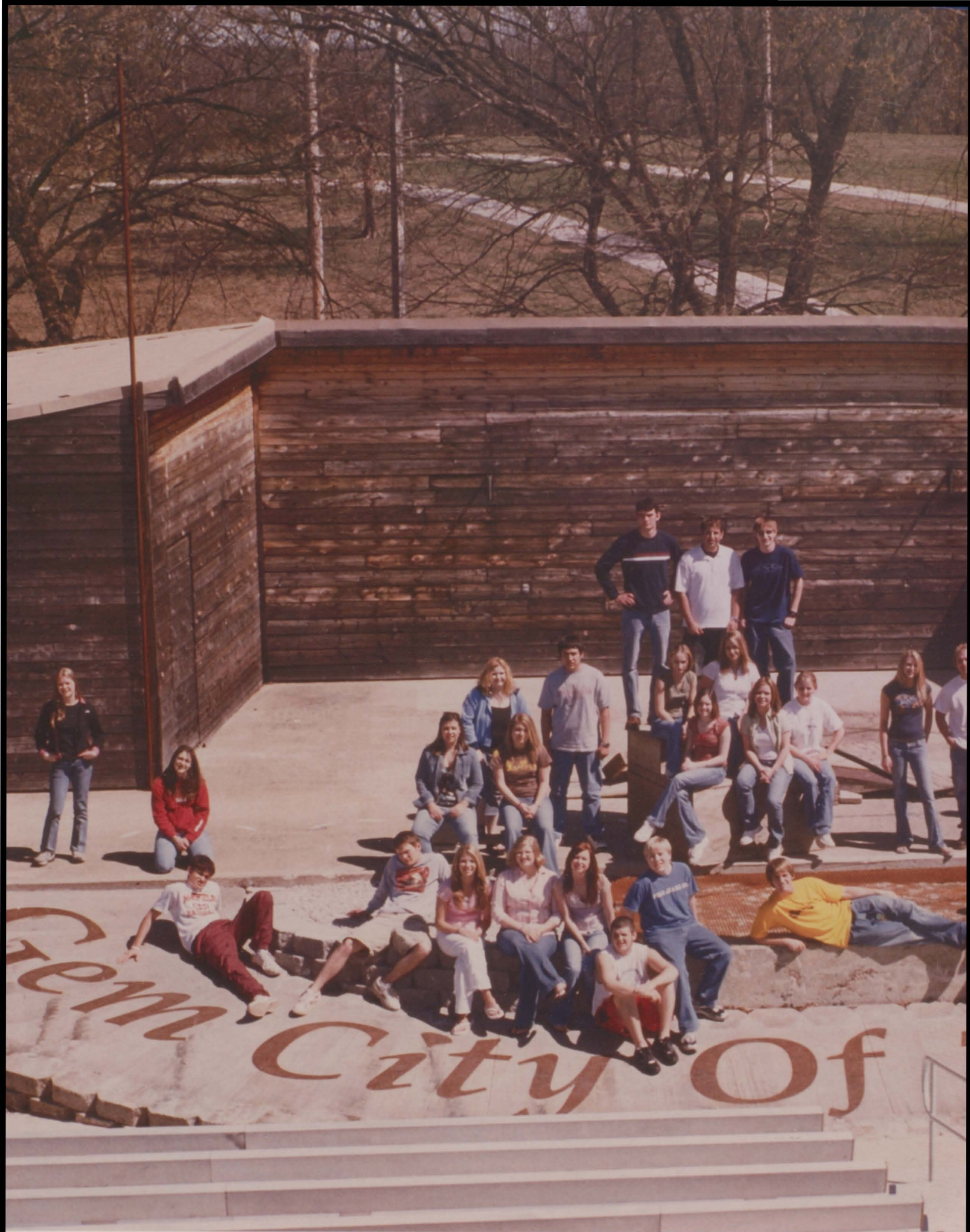


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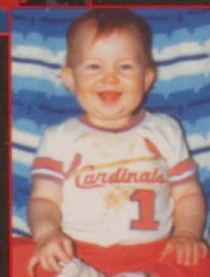
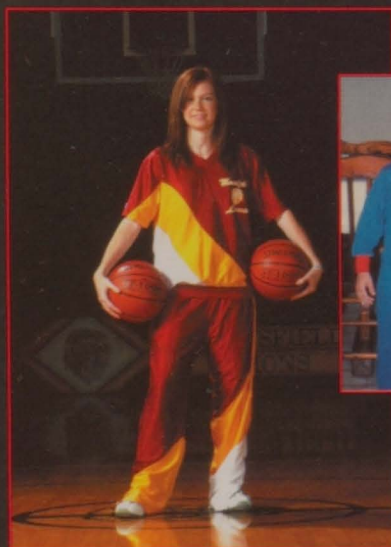
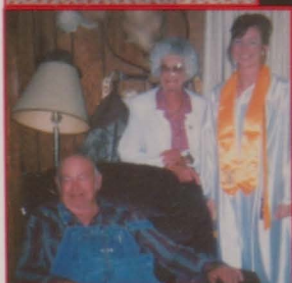
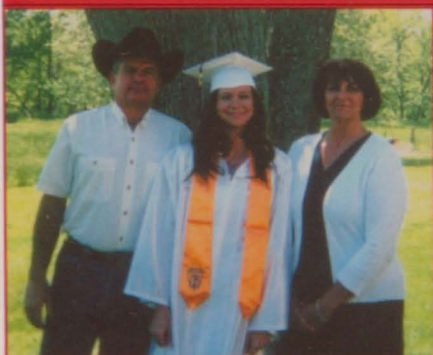
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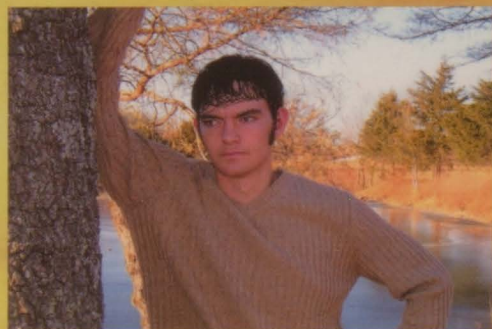
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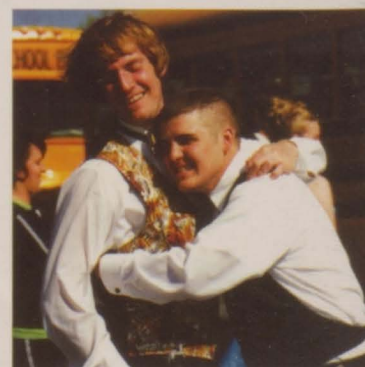
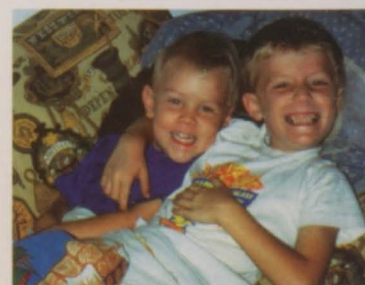
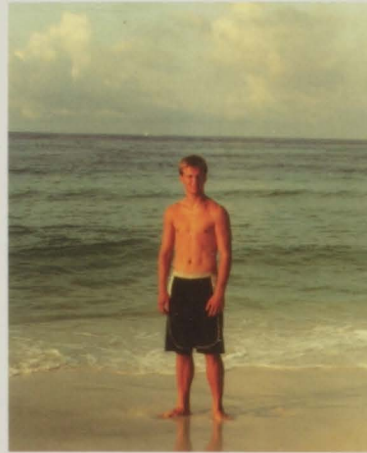
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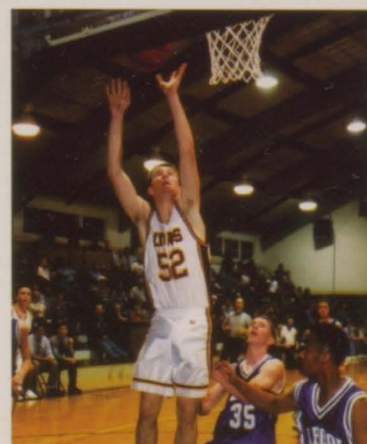




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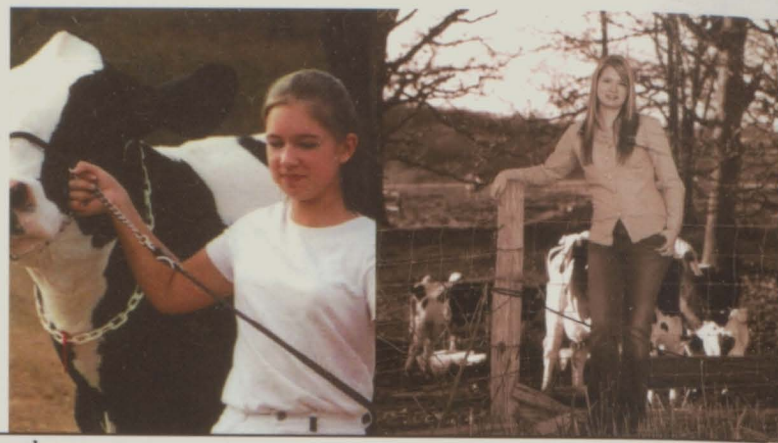
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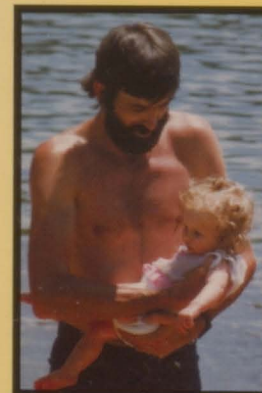


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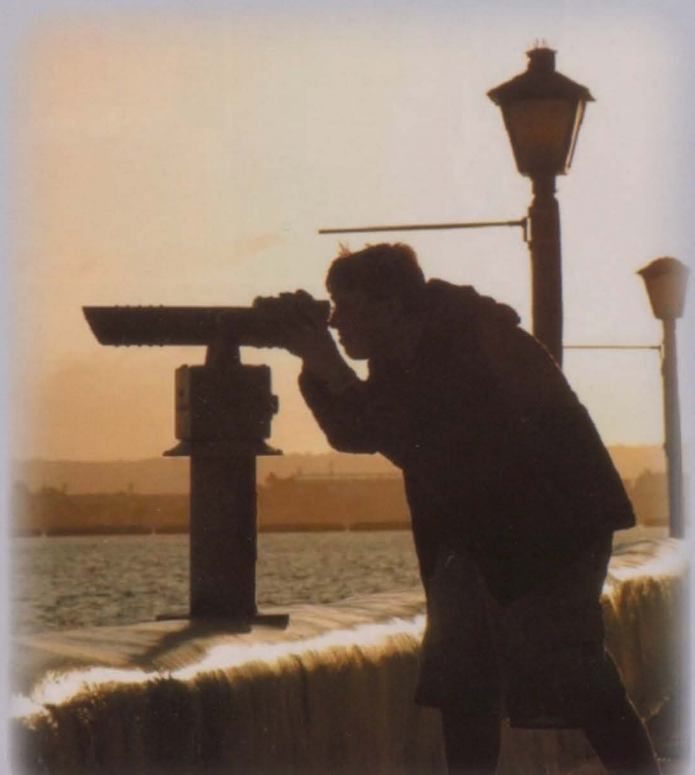
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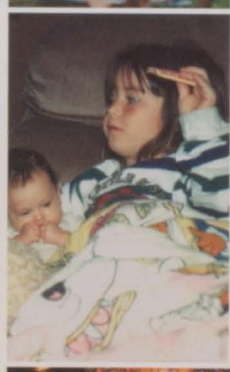
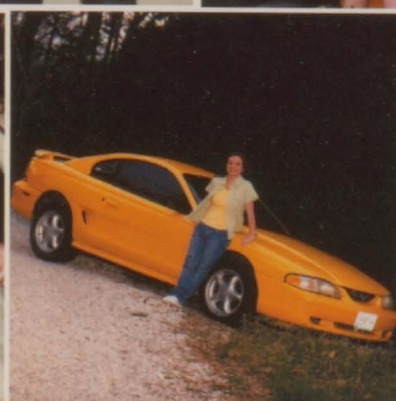


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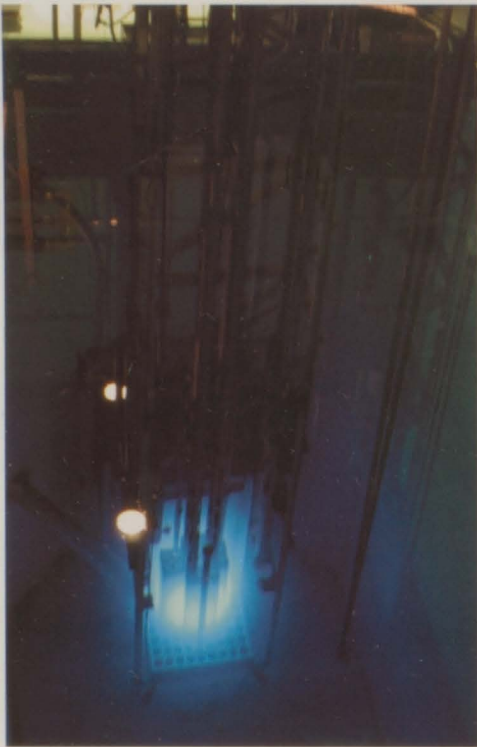
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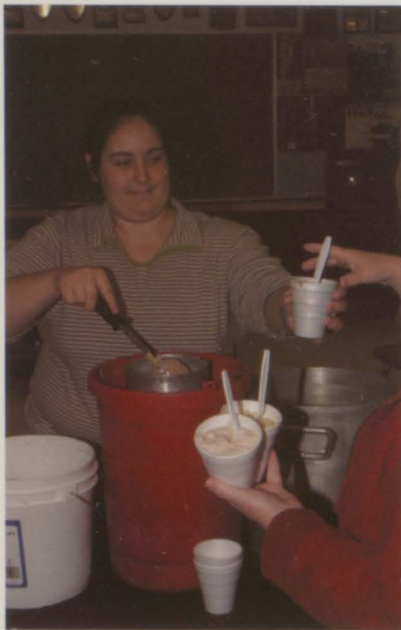
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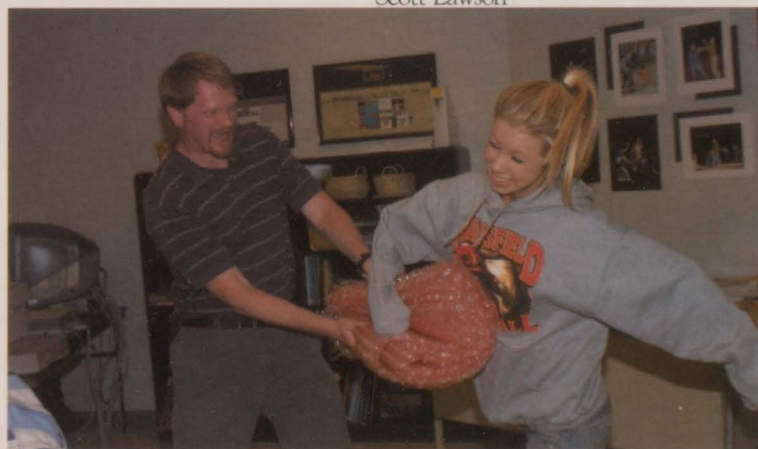
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Instant Replay



wetted appetite Freshmen Quentin Berry and Chandler Veit punctuate the Lions' second consecutive district championship by soaking coach Doug Jones. The team rode a winning streak all the way to a second place state finish. *Photo by Leanne Moody day by day* Pep band players fine tune their sound with practices, *right*, and senior Mark Cruse pushes the limits of hobo day. *Far right*, Decomposing gym supports result in a complete school evacuation and a school year being finished in local churches and the community center.

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n retrospect, it possessed all the usual school flavors with a dash of spice:

kindergartners frosting gingerbread houses with parental assistance and a lunch period with friends interrupted by impromptu “penny wars” for charity.

The year was comprised of more than just fun and games. An unwanted spotlight fell upon the school as a rotting structure crashed its way into the headlines. With the added

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