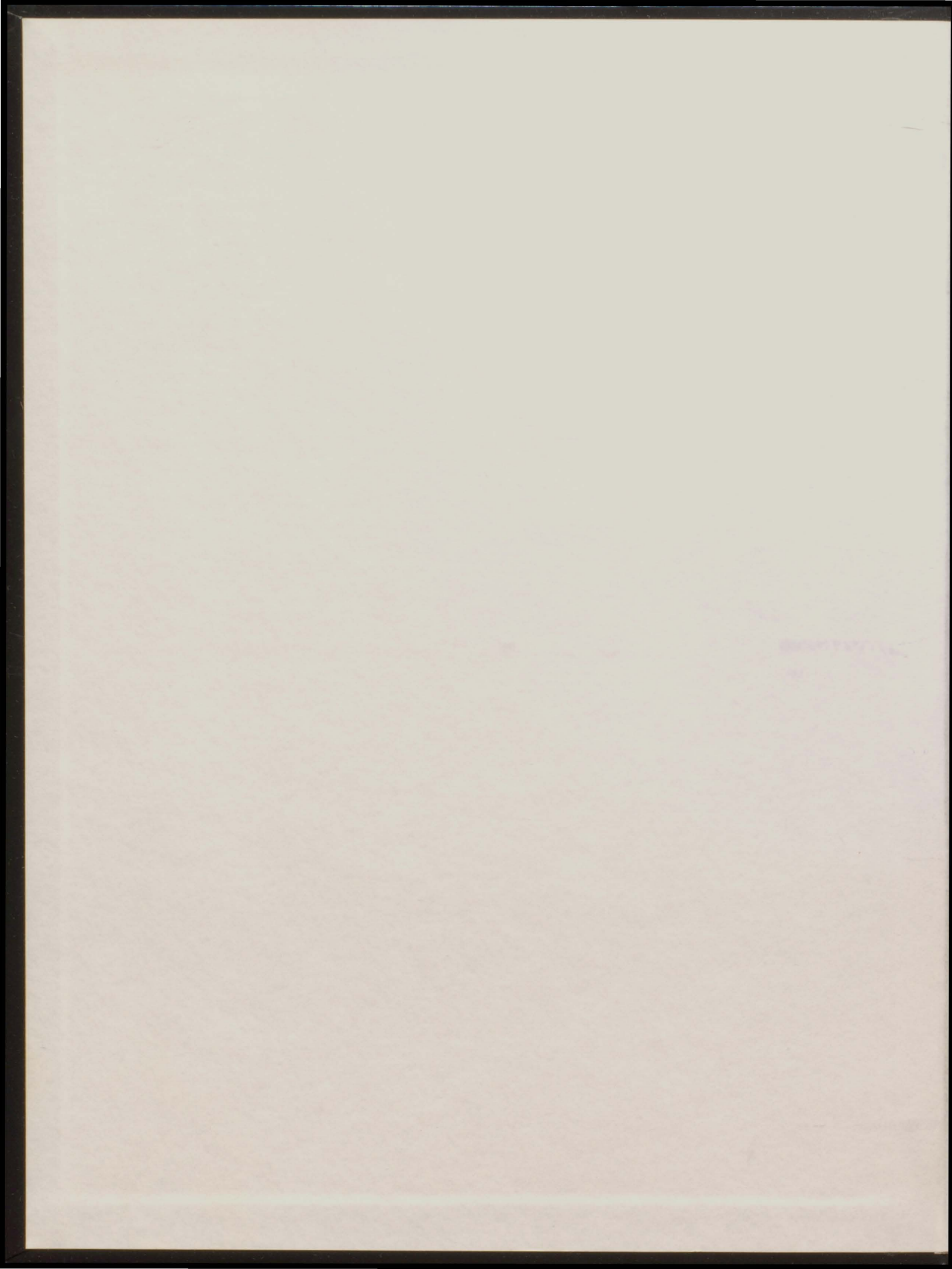


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Spirit. Boeks. Love. Memories. Smell. Projects. Basketball. Stress. Lying. More  
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Dances. Soda. Clubs. Honors. Baseball. Calculator. Tests. Hope. Quarrels. Parties.  
Rumors. Inspiration. Motivation. Extremes. Pressure. Relationships. Pictures. Jokes.  
Togetherness. Connections. Softball. Progress. Bonds. Future. Teachers. Game. Passion.  
Growth. Time. Courage. Space. Failure. Tradition. Embarrassment. Competition.  
Pride. Fun. Choices. Secrets. Experiences. Fears. Finals.  
Excuses. Wisdom. Serve. Performance. Reality.*



*El Leon 2006*













# Where it's at

2006 El Leon



Forty-year-old, rotten wooden beams ultimately reduced roof support, causing structural problems for the gym. "I'm glad they caught the problem before it got any worse," said sophomore Ashley Vinson.



Amanda Neal drives the baseline on Niangua defenders on her way to another two points. "I just kept thinking, 'Attack the basket,'" said Neal. "I finally did just that."



During an activity at FFA National Convention in October, junior Jeremy Sutton takes on a hay swing.

Mansfield High School

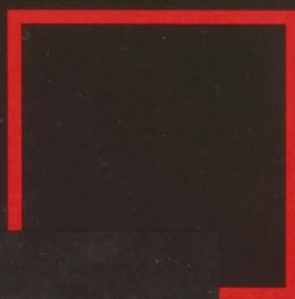
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**W**herever we are, we have to be somewhere. Most of the time, our somewhere is right here - Mansfield High School. From sports to clubs to academics, the school is often the center of our lives. Add a new gym going up to the mix, and this **place** is the busiest spot in town.

Some people say that nothing goes on **in this town**. Maybe they just aren't paying attention to baseball, softball,

basketball, track, choir, band, StuCo, FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, Foreign Language Club, Math Club, Barnwarming, Homecoming, Prom, Wilder Days and everything else that goes on **around here**.

That's why this book is **here**. Crack open a fresh new copy. Have a look at organized events and random moments, memories of the year in a portable medium. No matter **where** you travel, you can remember



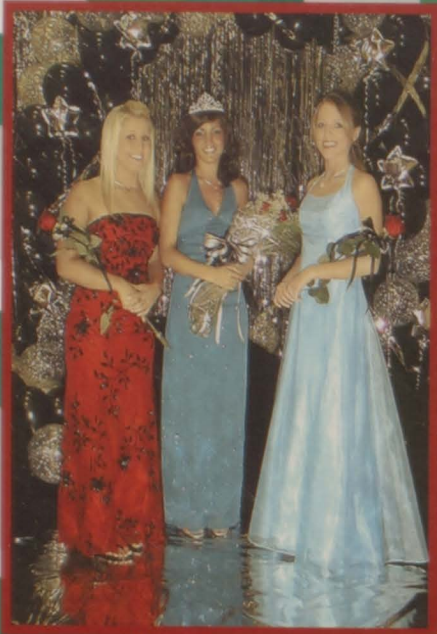
**where it's at**





**WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?!** Elementary school teachers are showered with creme pies by their students. The stunt was part of a fund raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in March.





**Royal Court** Homecoming queen Lindsay Ratzloff with her court, left: Leanne Moody, left, and Megan Sowers, right. **Side by Side** Kayla Corder and Skyler Heil, below, walk down the aisle at kindergarten graduation wearing red gowns to coordinate with the red, white and blue theme. The graduation took place at the Assembly of God Church due to gym constuction. **Bear Hug** Ryan Loge gives his father, Gene Loge, a hug after receiving a diploma, below left. "My dad has been such a BIG part in my life," said the senior, "it just felt right to give my dad a BIG hug."



By Leanne Moody

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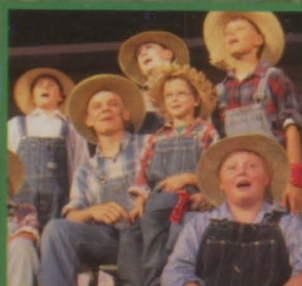


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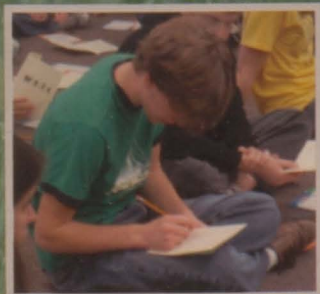


# In The Groove.

Moments in life can **snap** in your face or make you **sizzle** with excitement, yet both are alike in one aspect: **reality**. All special moments have an impact on life, even if you don't realize it at the time. As a student, you encounter many moments that make an **impression**. You may not even notice because you're lost in life, because you're in the groove.

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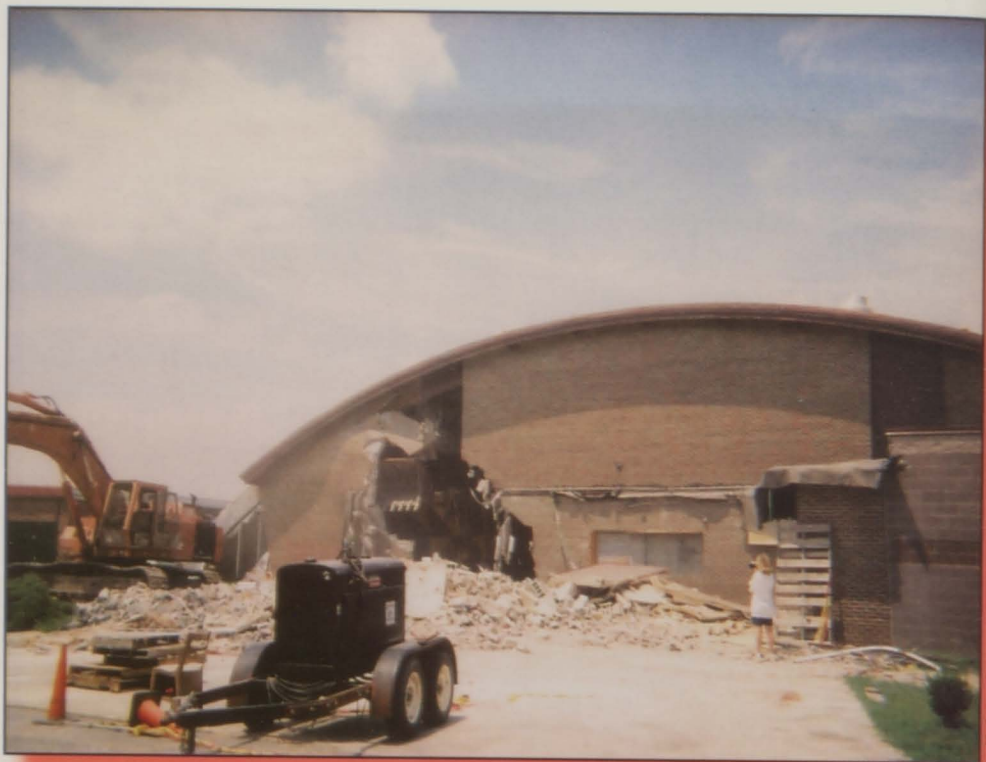


# Before and After

"We won, we won, we won!" said a letter from Superintendent Arlene Magnin to faculty members after Mansfield voters passed a tax levy that allowed the school to rebuild its fallen gym.

Late in the 2004-2005 school year, the Mansfield School campus was evacuated after custodians discovered that the gym roof was slowly giving way. Students and faculty didn't learn until later that the gym could not be repaired and would have to be torn down.

The school board decided to pass a tax levy that would raise the



**Tearing away memories** Construction workers begin the tedious task of tearing down the old gym to make ready for the new. "It's really sad that the gym is going, there are a lot of memories stored in those walls," said sophomore Chelsea Jones.

## Before

Building from the ground up



**Empty interior** The snack bar and entrance stand cleaned out in preparation for the demolition of the gym. "I worked a lot of hours in that room, it's sad to see it go," said senior Julie Hutton.





**Making progress** The demolition of the gym continues as more and more of the building is removed to take out the old and let in the new. "I'm really excited for the new gym. It's not every day that you get a surprise like this, I can't wait," said sophomore Kellie Hutton.



**The gym's demise** Forty-year-old, rotten wooden beams ultimately reduced roof support, causing structural problems. "I'm glad they caught the problem before it got any worse," said sophomore Ashley Vinson.

needed funds to rebuild the gym. The ballot measure was called Proposition M.

Students helped in getting out the message until the August vote. Student Council members even created T-shirts that supported the levy.

Many other groups - such as the boys and girls basketball teams, FCCLA and FBLA - participated in the effort.

"The day of the voting I went to the polls and asked voters their opinion of Proposition M and also what benefits it would create for the school," said senior Julie Hutton, a member of both FCCLA and FBLA.

The efforts of students and faculty paid off. Proposition M, passed by a narrow margin of 57 votes: 639 to 528.

## After Ready for action



2006

# The Mock Accident

The carnage was horrific when the Mansfield Emergency Academy and Students Against Destructive Decisions staged a mock accident on April 19. The scene was also staged by the Mansfield Police Department, the volunteer fire department and Saint John's Regional Health Center's Emergency Medical Service. Two previously wrecked cars were arranged in the street in front of the school and filled with volunteer victims, covered with makeup to resemble injuries. A passenger in one of the cars portrayed a crash fatality. While firefighters worked to rescue some passengers, police questioned, and later pretended to arrest, the driver. While firefighters were still working, a helicopter from St. John's landed nearby. Flight nurses immediately began caring for victims and preparing them for the flight to Springfield.



Big Break Senior Jesse Stuart works on removing the windshield of one of the wrecked cars. Inside the car was a trapped victim.





Badly injured Senior Adam Smith, left, is carefully extricated from one of the wrecked cars by first responders.

Busted Senior Blake Miller portrays a drunk driver shortly before his sobriety test.



Yoga for dummies With his arms twisted behind his back, senior Blake Miller, above, is arrested for driving while intoxicated. Senior Megan Sowers played a passenger in his vehicle.

How many fingers? Some? Enduring a field sobriety test, senior Blake Miller, below, tries to keep his eyes on a highway patrol officer's finger.



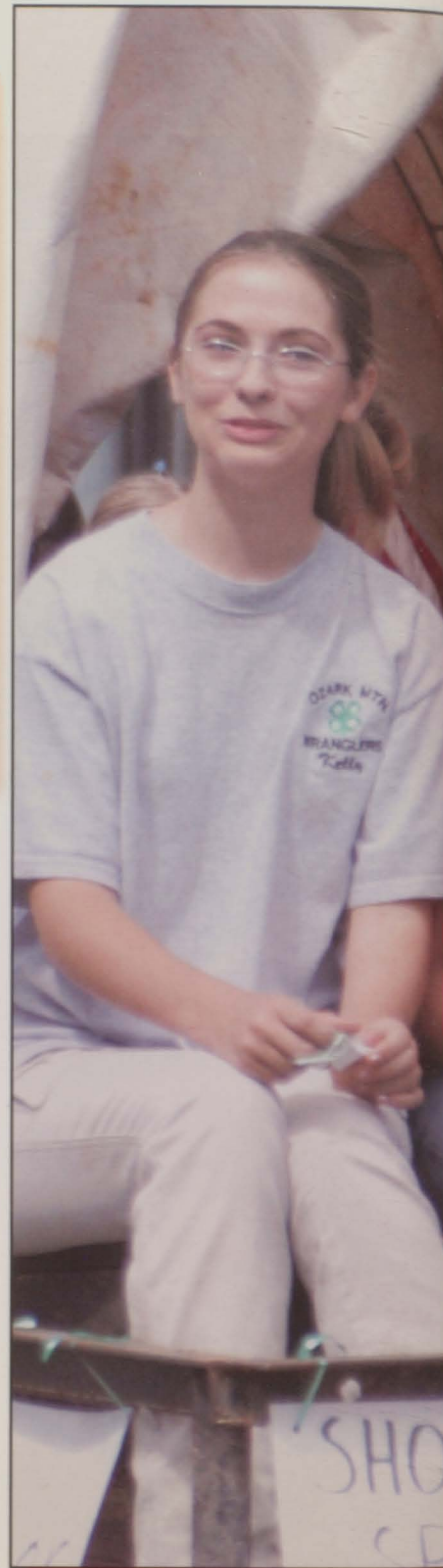
Quietly intent MHS students watch the rescue effort as the mock accident is performed.





Tootin' his own horn, sophomore Will Brazeal, above, plays in the Mansfield High School marching band at the annual Wilder Days parade. "We were playing one of the songs we had worked on to play for the Wilder Day parade. I suppose it was fun, but playing the trombone can take the breath out of you if you're not full of hot air, like me," said Brazeal. "At least I knew my part of the song well enough to contribute to the band, as a whole. It was a wholesome experience, but starting band earlier on in my school career helped prepare me for the marching and competitions in high school as well as many more to come."

Having a balloon of a time, sophomore Josh Dorcy, left, participates in a water balloon activity on the square during the Wilder Days festivities. "I had a lot of fun playing with the balloons, I was completely drenched by the time it was over," said Dorcy. "Time passes by fast and I can't wait until next year's Wilder Days."



**“It was really fun to use some of the old scenes and mix them with the new...” said Audra Dierksen**

"We spent many hours learning our lines and doing a lot of other stuff to put on the best show that we thought possible. It took a lot of work, but we had so much fun, and I really look forward to next year's production and how it may change." — junior Audra Dierksen.





# Wilder than before

## Tribute To Laura Ingalls Wilder Brings Annual Festival to Town

Old time costumes, down home American food and handmade crafts were all parts of the Wilder Day experience. In addition, Terry Spyers and Pat Allen wrote a play called, "Laura's Memories." By any standard, Wilder Day held many entertaining events that both tourists and natives came to enjoy.

The square teamed with activity ranging from craft booths and traditional American food to a contest for small children to compete for the titles of Little Laura and Little Farmer Boy of Mansfield.

Junior Audra Dierksen, who played Laura as a love struck teenager in a new version of Spyers and Allen's play, said, "It was really fun to use some of the old scenes and mix them with the new, I feel that it flowed a lot smoother then previous years. I even had a little kissing

scene that, at first I was nervous about, but as time went on I became a lot more comfortable with it."

Students ranging in grades from elementary to high school, participated in the outdoor play.

"I love *Little House on the Prairie*, no I like *The Long Winter*, no, I like them all. It's really cool to see the books acted out in a live play. Sometimes I wonder how they get it to work so well and make it so appealing to the audience," commented sophomore Chelsea Jones.

Although the play is the main focus of Wilder Days for some, others come for the parade, which makes it way through the heart of Mansfield. Classic cars, floats, and the high school marching band participated. For band members, the parade is particularly important.

"I really enjoy the way the town supports us when we march in home town parades," explained sophomore Kellie Hutton, "but there is nothing like showing the town what we have worked so hard on with marching."

*Floating through Wilder times, freshmen Kelly Whorton and Randee Barlett throw candy to spectators during the Wilder Day Parade. "I had a lot of fun in the Wilder Days Parade," said Whorton. "I felt really important riding on the float. I would have been a little nervous if my friend Randee hadn't been there by my side, but all the fun I had was having got rid of any nervousness that I had."*

"I was one of the younger ones in the play, but we are just as important as the older characters, though they may have more lines. I appreciated how the older characters went out on a limb to make sure that we understood what we needed to do." — Erin Dierksen, eighth grader.



Grand Breakfast Junior Shona Stewart and Senior Megan Sowers serve a free breakfast to area Veterans before school on Veterans Day. Student Council members prepared and served the meal in the Mansfield Community Center.

Singing for Veterans The middle school choir, directed by Eric Splyers, sings to honor local veterans during the school's Veterans Day assembly.



Honoring veterans in song Senior Jessie Stewart sings with the high school choir during the Veterans Day assembly.



By Bryan Muller



Veteran breakfast Area veterans wait for breakfast prepared by Student Council.



## Honoring Our Veterans

Student Council members did their fair share of honoring as they held a Veterans Day breakfast. The meal was served before an assembly in the community center.

“It was a lot of fun helping out with the breakfast, and the veterans really enjoyed it,” commented junior StuCo member Andy Morris.

Band members also did a lot of helping out as they preformed the National Anthem and other patriotic songs to honor local veterans .

Other forms of entertainment were provided by MHS students. The high school and middle school choirs both performed.



Opening ceremonies The Mountain Grove HS Jr. ROTC color guard, above left, presents the flag to begin the Veterans Day assembly .

Trumpets for freedom Trumpet players, sophomore Matthew Leonard, freshman Landon Jarret and junior Josh Gresham play for the veterans.



# It's Spirit Time!

"We may not have had a gym or cheerleaders, but we still had school spirit," said sophomore Bryce Matlock of this year's school morale.

Throughout Spirit Week and Red Ribbon Week there were numerous different themes for the days, ranging from Pajama Day to Nerd Day and even Grandparent Day.

"It was really funny to see the way people would dress up. My favorite was grandparent day because the boys would dress like old women," said sophomore Kati Sherman.

Spirit week came to an end with Spirit Day, when participants wore school colors and attended a pep assembly in the commons where students participated in games and won prizes.

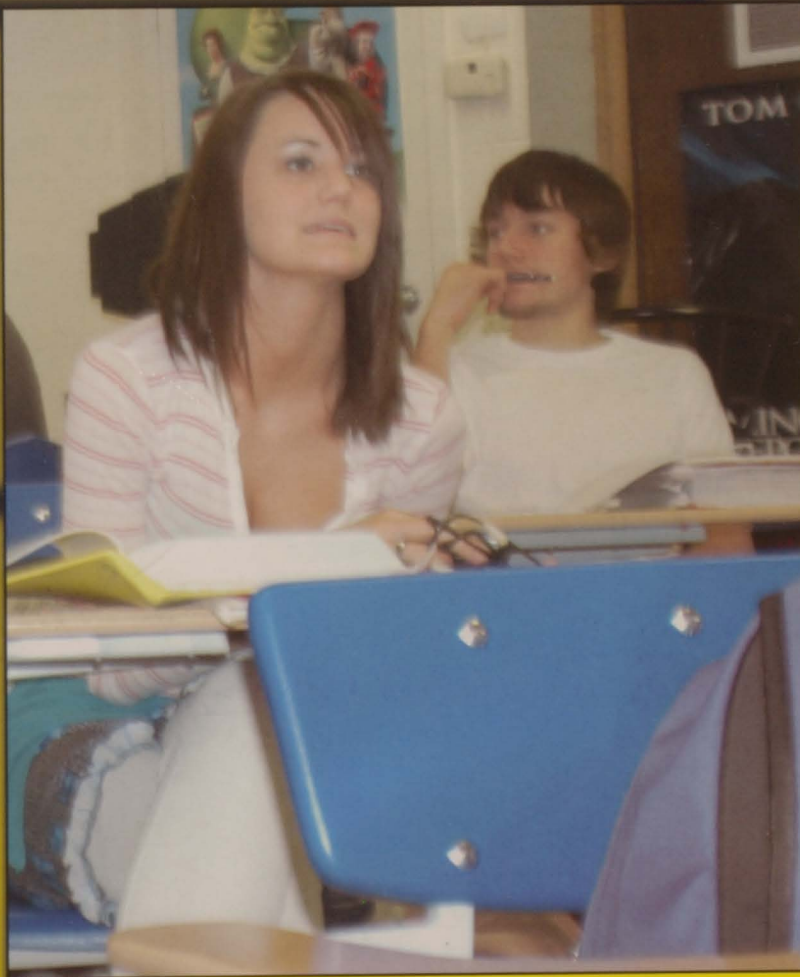
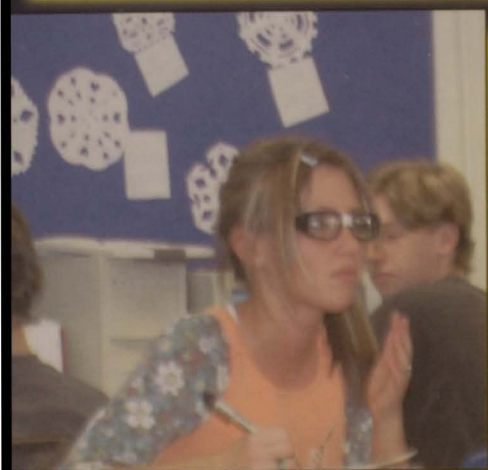
"It was fun to play games where you got to win food," said junior Andy Morris. "I got a candy bar, and someone at my table didn't want their pop so I traded it for another candy bar. I'm always up for getting free food."



IN THE SPIRIT Sophomores Amber Henry and Melissa Morris participate in a confusing game during the pep assembly. "It was really confusing trying to keep track of which way we were supposed to pass the items," said Henry.



GRANNY LOGE Senior Ryan Loge, below, dresses up as an old woman for Grandparent Day during Red Ribbon Week.



FEELIN' GEEKY Juniors Dakota Ratzlaff and Chelse House participate in Spirit Week dressed in their nerd attire.



# Youth Summit Leadership Conference

Mansfield Juniors participated in the Wright County Youth Summit conference which was held at the Mansfield Community Center on Nov. 21. The conference included groups from Mountain Grove, Hartville, Norwood, and Mansfield.

Students performed group activities throughout the day. Before they were grouped, they answered individual questions about themselves to determine which personality categories they would be in for the group activities.

Each group had one of four different books with different questions, each pertaining to a specific personalities that were used to help determine the groups. The books were called "Solid Gold," "Curious Green," "True Blue," and "Action Orange." After answering questions in the books, students checked their answers to see which colors best matched their personalities. The students were grouped with people with similar personalities regardless

of their home schools.

After students were grouped, they participated in activities such as planning the perfect prom. Students from different schools banded together to design their perfect proms. By drawing pictures and writing out descriptions and details for their ideal proms, students were able to work together.

"I thought it was a good experience where we got to work with new people as a team," said junior Paige Hoover.

All the activities the students participated in were meant to teach them leadership skills that they could take back to their home schools.

"I was very excited to see the kids willing to help out and to see the needs of the community," said sponsor Marsha Appleby.

MHS students used the conference to plan a cleanup of places around Mansfield, such as the tennis court and the square.

**MANSFIELD REPRESENTATIVES.** Row 1: Shona Stewart, Debbie Quick, Jasmine Singh, Paige Hoover, Ashley Kirtwright, Marqu   Snokhaus, Aimee Williams. Row 2: Marcus Sherman, Danny Thompson, Bobby Cubellis, Jeremy Sutton, Toby Shelhamer.







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**-Junior Paige Hoover**

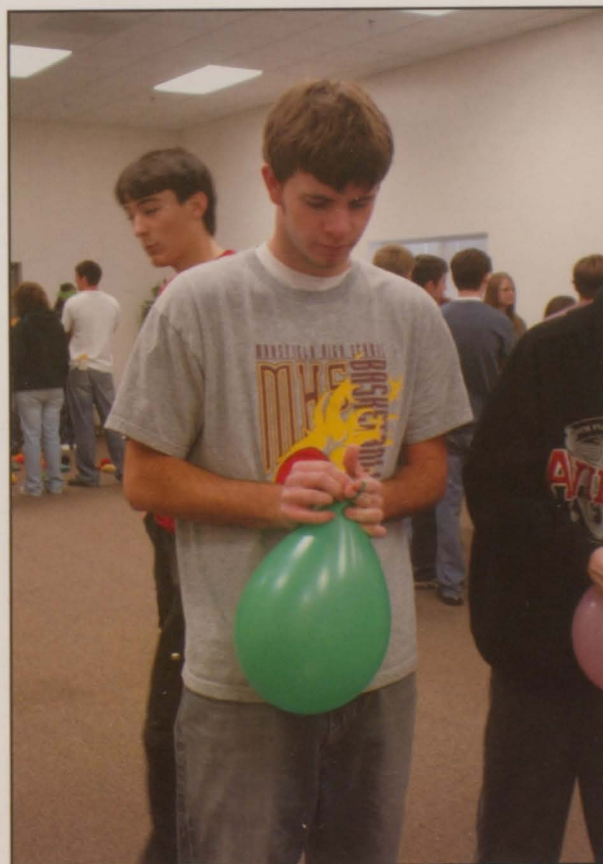
**BUILDING UP** Junior Shona Stewart, participates in a group activity during the Youth Summit Conference. “It’s hard to accomplish the tasks alone, but when we work as a team it’s easier,” said Stewart. The conference was held at the Mansfield Community Center.

**TIING UP BALLOONS** Junior Danny Thompson helps his team build a balloon tower during one of the activities at the Youth Summit Leadership Conference.



“I was very excited to see the kids willing to help out...”

**-Youth Summit Sponsor,  
Marsha Appleby.**



YOUTH SUMMIT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE





Courtesy Larry Dennis

**HOMECOMING QUEEN** Lindsay Ratzlaff smiles for pictures after the crowning ceremony.

**HOMECOMING ROYALTY** After the crowning, homecoming Queen Lindsay Ratzlaff and candidates Leanne Moody and Megan Sowers pose for pictures with homecoming princesses junior Shona Stewart, sophomore Melissa Morris, freshman Julia Allen, crown bearer Justin Campbell, second grade, and flower bearer Logan Alsop, second grade. "I was really nervous; it was hard to stand still, and my cheeks were hurting from smiling so much," said Stewart.

**WALKING DOWN THE AISLE** Senior Blake Miller escorts homecoming queen candidate Megan Sowers to the center of the gym where the crowning ceremonies were held.





# A Homecoming away from home

Students celebrated Homecoming at Norwood's gym this year due to gym construction at home. Student council members spent the day decorating for the ceremonies which were held between the varsity and junior varsity games. Senior Lindsay Ratzlaff was crowned Homecoming queen by 2005 queen, Whitney Miller.

"It was awkward crowning at Norwood. But everyone looked beautiful, and I was really happy for Lindsay," said Whitney Miller, 2004 Homecoming queen.

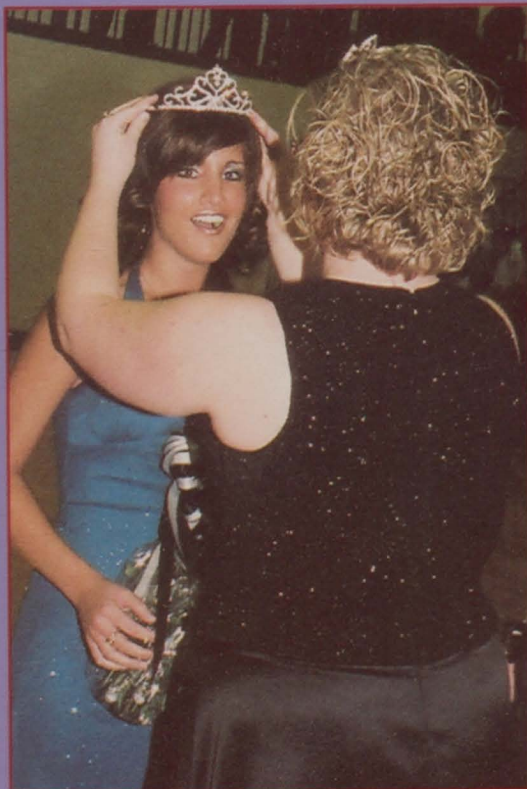
Basketball players, Homecoming queen candidates and princesses were nervous before the ceremonies.

"I was so afraid I was going to fall down the stairs on my way down to the basketball court; we were all really nervous," said Julia Allen, freshman princess.

The Lions won the Homecoming game against Forsyth 68-63, leading the game in the first half before Forsyth gained the lead in the third quarter. The Lions then regained the lead in the fourth quarter, scoring eight points.

"The dance was loads of fun. I really enjoyed the Electric Slide," said sophomore Bryce Matlock.

The homecoming dance was held Saturday in the high school commons area.



Courtesy: Larry Dennis



**PUTTING IT UP FOR TWO** Post-Quentin Berry flies through a crowd of Forsyth players on his way to the basket. "I was really pumped up and wanted to win," said Berry.

"It was really awkward crowning at Norwood, but everyone looked really beautiful..."

**-Whitney Miller**



# We're in heaven

Transforming an MSU ballroom into a heavenly scene on April 22, juniors provided seniors with a prom night to be remembered.

"I was a little nervous at first," said junior Andy Morris, who sang a wacky, self-composed song that brought back memories of embarrassing moments for seniors. "But once everyone started laughing, the butterflies in my stomach disappeared."

The full day of work

needed to prepare the ballroom for prom was justified in the eyes of those who attended.

"It was really exhausting blowing up balloons all day, but the end product was worth it," said junior Randi Wood.

Besides decorations, seniors were catered with an Italian buffet followed by an ice cream Sundae bar.

"The spaghetti was really messy," recalled senior Katelyn Choate, "but noodles are always fun to throw at people."



By Melissa Morris



**SHAKIN' IT** Junior Kati Sherman, left, shakes her stuff on the dance floor. "I had a lot of fun dancing with all my friends," said Sherman.

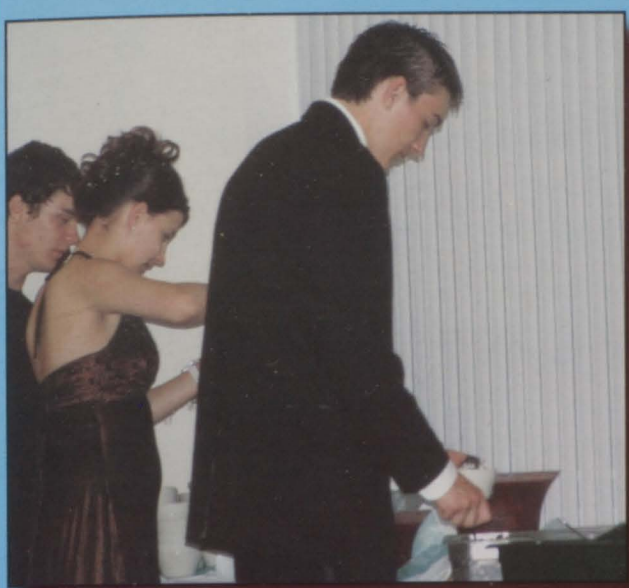
**CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT** Queen Leanne Moody shows her squirrel face while Katelyn Choate and Amanda Neal pretend to dig around for prizes. "We were all having fun being silly," said Neal. "It was a prom to be remembered."





**WE RULE** Queen Leanne Moody and King Adam Smith, below left, smile after their coronation.

**SELF-SERVE** Juniors Marcus Sherman and Lacey Tate, below, help themselves to the Sundae bar. "It was fun to be able to make our own Sundaes," said Sherman. "They were really good."



**TURNING CIRCLES** Seniors Jesse Stuart and Amanda Neal, above, entertain the crowd with their dance moves. "My last prom was a blast because I got my freak on with all the ladies, but mostly Amanda Neal," said Stuart.



**PROM ROYALTY** (In couples from left) Third runners-up Katelyn Choate and Ryan Loge, second runners-up Megan Sowers and Adam Keith, first runners-up Amanda Neal and Blake Miller, Queen Leanne Moody and King Adam Smith.



Stepping up to first grade, Jacob Peak, Corbin Hadlock and Desmond Starr, right, line up before kindergarten graduation begins.

Moving forward, eighth grade graduates Chauncie Mitchell and Hayden Adamson walk to the sanctuary before graduation. "Graduating into high school is fun," said Adamson. Exercises were held in the Mansfield Assembly of God church due to gym construction.



# Top Dawgs

Stretching patience to the limit, Spencer Greene waits his turn to accept his diploma from Nate Moore, elementary principal, on May 16.





# Step by Step

Students Graduate to Bigger and Better Things

May 16 and 18 were two very important stepping stones for Manfield students.

One of the two dates involved a large group of children who will further their education in elementary school.

The other involved students wiping their slates clean to start a new fresh life in high school.

"I'm really going to miss my middle school teachers, but I'm really looking forward to meeting my new high school teachers," said Alex Roy, eighth grader.

Students from both kindergarten and middle school had expectations

of what would happen next year. Some looked forward to it with anticipation, while others were nervous.

"I'm pretty scared, but I think I'll have lots of fun, I hope," said kindergartner Jacob Gray.

Older students, as well as teachers were sure to be present for the new students entering high school and elementary school.

Both kindergartners and eighth graders said that

they looked forward to next year.

"Time flies so quickly. It seems like I just started middle school the other day, and I'm already going into high school," mused Rochelle Johns. "I'm nervous, but I'm ready."

**"I'm pretty scared, but I think I'll have lots of fun."**



Hand shake of accomplishment Superintendent Arlene Magnin shakes the hand of Robert Snokhaus as he accepts his diploma. "I was very excited to be accepting my diploma," said Snokhaus. "I was really nervous at first, but my classmates made it a lot easier for me."



Eyes of joy Superintendent Arlene Magnin, John Hirsley, middle school science teacher, and Vicki Blankenship, middle school English teacher, watch their students graduate to high school.



# GRADUATION

The day every senior waits for finally came on May 20, when the class of 2006 walked across the platform in Norwod's gym, due to gym construction at MHS.

"It was weird to actually be graduating, knowing I would have to break the routine I have been doing for thirteen years and actually go to college," said Jesse Stuart.

Forty-Seven graduates walked in the procession. During the ceremony a senior ensemble sang "Drift Away" and "Something More."

As a joke, students exchanged Hawaiian leis and plastic forks for their diplomas during the ceremony. The class was known for its fondness for

plastic forks, which was shown to all when they decorated the school yard with them on May 15.

"I remember sitting in the gym, sweating to death in my gown, as I looked around at all of my classmates. We have all waited thirteen years to achieve this. And now that we have, we are all going our separate ways," said Adam Smith. "I was excited and sad at the same time - this was going to be the last memory that all of us have of each other. I thought about all of my memories that I had made at school, and I finally understood a quote that I heard, 'Life's a journey, not a destination.'"



**HEAD OF CLASS** Julie Hutton offers advice and encouragement to fellow students.

**BEAR HUG** After shaking hands and receiving his diploma, Ryan Loge hugs his dad, school board president Gene Loge. "I love my school board president," said Ryan.



**SHEDDING A TEAR** Katelyn Choate tries to hold back tears while being escorted by Evan Jones. "It was a really emotional day," said Choate. "It marked the beginning of the rest of our lives."



**SIGH OF RELIEF** Graduate Cassie Sanders after the ceremony.



“It was weird to actually  
be graduating...”  
-Jesse Stuart



**ALL SMILES** Kendall Findley holds his lei and plastic fork to be exchanged with school board president Gene Loge for his diploma.



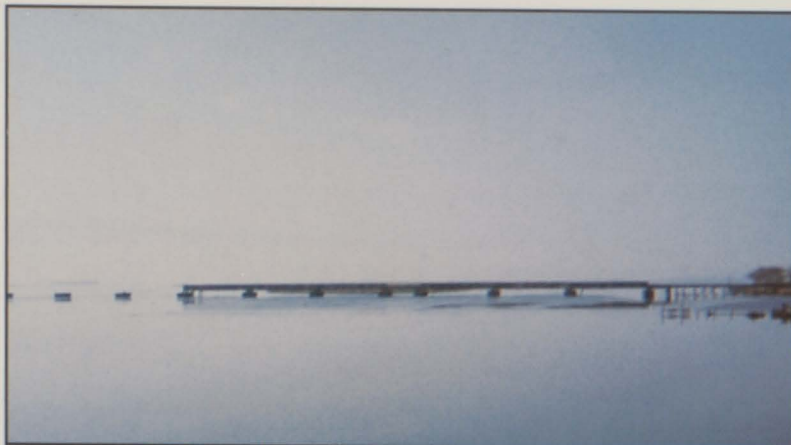
**FILLED WITH JOY** Graduates left throw confetti and plastic forks into the air. "I used up a whole box of plastic forks," said Ryan Loge.

**PATIENTLY WAITING** Students right listen to a speech before they receive their diplomas.





# Mini Mag



Katrina photos by Wilda Wallerson

## Mine Explosions

Following a freak lightning strike, the Talmansville, West Virginia, Sago coal mine experienced an explosion that trapped 13 mine workers two miles into the mine. Twelve of the miners died before they could be rescued.

Family members were initially misinformed by the mining company that 12 miners had survived and only one was dead. In reality, only one miner survived, Randal McCloy.

The miners, trapped inside a shaft, modified their oxygen masks to extend their usefulness and shared masks as their oxygen supply ran out. The disaster prompted revision of federal mine safety rules.





## Hurricanes Ravage Southern US Coast

Orphans, broken lives, and lost memories, these are all the effects left behind by the disastrous 2005 hurricane season.

Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were the three major storms that slammed into the US's southern coasts

Together these three storms, that affected Florida, Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana, caused billions of dollars in property loss.

According to MSNBC over 1,500 people were killed in these three storms. Hurricane Katrina caused the most deaths. It slammed into Louisiana on August 29.

As Katrina made landfall, hundreds of thousands of refugees fled, some even settling here in the Ozarks.

Not only did these three hurricanes cause major property loss and death along the coast, they damaged or destroyed critical

infrastructure many miles away. Katrina shut down oil refineries all over the south, sending gas prices well over \$3.00 as a national average.

These three storms also revealed that the nation's relief system was not ready for such disasters. The director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michael Brown, quit in the aftermath of the disaster.



## FEMA director quits in midst of disaster



FEMA Director Michael Brown Resigned on September 12, 2005, after federal mishandling of hurricane aftermath.

"It is important now that I leave to avoid further distraction from the ongoing mission," said Brown.

# Deaths

**Bob Denver**, 70, died on September 2, 2005, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina. He died from complications of cancer treatment. He is survived by his wife and four children. Denver was well known for his role as Gilligan on the television series, *Gilligan's Island*.

**Richard Prior**, 65, died December 3, 2005, at his home in San Fernando Valley in California. He died from a heart attack sustained at his home. He was survived by his wife Jennifer Lee Prior. Prior was a well-known comedian and actor. One of Prior's famous films is "Stir Crazy."

**Coretta Scott King**, 78, died January 30, 2006, at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico. King was the wife of the late political activist Martin Luther King Jr. Coretta King was well known for her charity works with minority groups in the US.



# Extreme Home Makeover Visits the Ozarks

Surrounded by cheering campers as well as volunteers, a Purdy, Mo., area family wept with joy over their newly renovated home and camp grounds.

ABC's hit TV series *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* transformed Paul and Cyndy Teas's Camp Barnabas, a nondenominational Christian camp for children with special needs.

The Teas family was sent on a ten day vacation to the Hilton Head in South Carolina while *Home Edition* crew members and local volunteers remade their home and camp facilities.

Camp Barnabas, in Barry County, is one of the largest projects that the show has undertaken. The second day after the Teas family left, their old home was burned and construction on the new and improved home began. The team also completed a staff bunk house and a media center for camp-

ers.

When the Teas family returned from their vacation, the revealing of the new camp and house was a slow one. As they arrived they were greeted with two donated Ford Explorers.

They were driven blindfolded in front of the show's bus, which obscured the new buildings. After their blindfolds were removed, they shouted the show's signature phrase, "Move that bus!"

"The truth is I wanted everyone to know about Camp Barnabas, and I thought if they were lucky enough to get picked by ABC, then the whole country would know about Camp Barnabas. It's an incredible place," said Cyndy Teas.

The Teas said she hopes that the show will bring more campers. Since the camp's foundation 10 years ago, numbers of campers has steadily declined.

## Angelina Jolie gives birth to baby girl

Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt, Angelina Jolie's third child, born on May 27, 2006, took Hollywood by storm. She is Jolie's first biological child.

The father of baby Shiloh is actor Brad Pitt, a native of Springfield, Mo.

Baby Shiloh was born at Swakopmund Hospital in Namibia. She is reported to have tufts of Jolie's dark hair and Pitt's nose.

Jolie's father, Jon Voight, was reported to be ecstatic about the birth of his new granddaughter.



# First female president of African nation elected in Liberia

Webshots

Cheers of approval roared on January 6, 2006, in Monrovia, Liberia, as the first female president of an African nation was inaugurated.

The inaugural ceremonies for Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf were held in the capitol.

Johnson-Sirleaf was accompanied by US first lady Laura Bush.

In her inaugural address, John-

son-Sirleaf vowed to maintain order and create jobs after 14 years of civil war in Liberia.

In spite of international support she faced a great deal of scepticism from other male African governmental leaders.

During the inauguration, the US showed support for her presidency. Not only did Laura Bush attend, but the US also sent two warships, that were stationed

just off the coast of Liberia to deter violent reactions to Johnson-Sirleaf's presidency.

Security was extremely tight to protect both Bush and Johnson-Sirleaf. No vehicles were allowed in or out of the capital during the inaugural ceremony.

Johnson-Sirleaf has made it a point to declare that she would reinstate trade with the US in a few months.

## Ozarks residents donate to Red Cross to aid hurricane victims

After the devastating hurricanes that ravaged southern US coasts, residents of Mansfield and MHS students took action to do their part on the clean up and relief efforts

The Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Red Cross, shortly after the hurricanes, began receiving calls from area residents wanting to volunteer and donate

money to the victims of Katrina and Rita.

Some hurricane refugees even settled here in the Ozarks.

One man, Richard Sahugue, who took refuge in Springfield, told the *Springfield News-Leader*, "It's going to be hard, but the people of Missouri are being very hospitable."



Sacks and boxes wait in the Mansfield Community Center to be loaded on a truck bound for hurricane relief centers along the coast. MHS students and faculty contributed to the relief drive, which left town on Sept. 16.



# In The Game.

It's the **squirmy** feeling in the pit of your stomach. It's the pressure of air entering your starved lungs. It's the **fluttering** of your heart. Anyone who has ever played a sport knows these moments on the field, floor or track. This is the precise moment when you know it's the time to play, the time to push to the limits, because that exact moment is **Where It's At.**

**Basketball 34-37**

**Basketball 34-37**

**Baseball 38-39**

**Baseball 38-39**





**CRASH** On the floor, senior Amanda Neal and a Niangua player, right, scramble for the ball. All girls' home games were played in the Community Center due to the construction of the gym. Cory Walker slides home, below, successfully knocking the ball from the Hollister catcher to score a run. The Lions played the last game of the season at Hollister for State Quarter Finals.



**Softball 40-41**

**Softball 40-41**

**Middle School 42-46**

**Middle School 42-46**





# Ball Handling



**Varsity Row 1:** Quentin Berry, Colton Jones, Marcus Sherman, Row 2: Cody Shelton (assistant coach), Blake Miller, Evan Jones, Billy Newton, Adam Keith, Kendall Findley, Coach Terry Writer. Row 3: Preston Goss, Andy Morris, Landon Jarrett, Danny Thompson



**Junior Varsity Row 1:** James Stafford, Tyler Riley, Joey Neal, Steven Pfeiffer. Row 2: Coach Terry Writer, Preston Goss, Colton Jones, Landon Jarrett, Cody Shelton (assistant coach). Row 3: Evan Whorton, Jake Gunter, Cory Walker, Michael Almanza



"We had a great season... accomplished by a great group of young men who had to practice without the benefit of a gym. I am very proud of them and how they reached some of their team goals."

-Coach Terry Writer

"The season went excellent considering we didn't have a gym," said Landon Jarrett, freshman guard. The 2005-2006 high school boys basketball season did go well. The varsity team went undefeated in the Summit Conference with a record of 6-0.

This season was different from others because of the lack of a gym. Construction of a new gym began in November and is scheduled for completion before next year's basketball season begins. For the first time in MHS's basketball history, there were no home games, and practices were held in the Mansfield Community Center.

"Practicing at the Community Center [was the hardest part of practice]. The atmosphere and level of enthusiasm was very poor. It didn't seem like a gym. Therefore, the practices seemed very long and boring," said Blake Miller, senior guard. More enthusiasm for practice could have helped against tough opponents.

"The toughest opponents were Mountain Grove and Thayer, because we've never beaten either one of them through my whole high school career. If I had to pick, it would be Thayer because of the tough defense they played," said Kendall Findley, senior guard. There were two close losses to Thayer, but the team managed to defeat Hartville three times this season.

Tough games were an issue during the season too. Consequently, there were a few injuries. Junior Danny Thompson dislocated his knee at Ava on December 20, and senior Billy Newton sprained his foot in the final round of districts on March 4 against Thayer. During the Blue and Gold Tournament at Nixa, sophomore Quentin Berry passed out and was sent to the emergency room. Despite the hardships, though, the boys still achieved a 22-5 overall record.

"We had a great season," said Coach Terry Writer, "Record of 22-5, undefeated Conference Champs, all this was accomplished by a great group of young men who had to practice without the benefit of a gym. I am very proud of them and how they overcame adversity and reached some of their team goals."

**FREE THROW** Marcus Sherman, top left, follows through after shooting a free throw. **PUT BACK** Andy Morris, top right, grabs a rebound and puts it back up for two points. **DOWN LOW** Quentin Berry, below, fights for position on a Gainesville defender. **SPIRIT JESTER** Ryan Loge, bottom, shows school spirit by dressing goofy for a game.



By: Brittany Keeling



**NO LEG WARMERS NEEDED** Senior Blake Miller prepares to catch a pass from a teammate during the pregame warm-ups for a game against the Ava Bears. The Lions earned a 73 - 53 victory.







DOWN TO THE GROUND Sophomore Quentin Berry is taken off the floor during a game at the Blue and Gold Tournament. Berry passed out suddenly and was taken to a nearby hospital as a precaution.



Photo: Larry Dennis

UP THE LANE Senior Kendall Findley, left, jumps high to put a lay-up in for two points in a game against the Thayer Bobcats during district play. The Bobcats ended the Lions season during the championship game, handing Mansfield a 39-43 loss. "It was so disappointing for our season to end," said Findley. "I wanted to win so bad." ON FIRE Sophomore Quentin Berry, below, prepares to drain a free throw. "Just follow through," laughed Berry.

Photos: Leanne Moody, Connie Quirk

MVP-Kendall Findley

Most Improved- Marcus Sherman

Best Defensive Player- Blake Miller

Best Rebounder- Marcus Sherman

Sportsmanship Award- Adam Keith

Hustle Award- Kendall Findley

Best Free Throw Percentage- Evan Jones

First Team All-Conference- Kendall Findley & Marcus Sherman

Honorable Mention All-Conference- Evan Jones & Blake Miller

Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State- Evan Jones



Findley awarded MVP Senior Kendall Findley receives the MVP award from Coach Writer at the basketball awards banquet held in the common's area on March 27. Along with MVP, Findley won the Hustle Award and First Team All-Conference.

	MHS	
Plato	86	43
Cabool	57	46
Fordland	69	25
Forsyth	59	39
Ava	59	56
Houston	61	57
Catholic	66	71
Ava	70	56
Reeds Spring	54	34
Nixa	56	71
Mtn. Grove	65	85
Mtn. View Liberty	77	33
Fordland	76	35
Hartville	80	42
Forsyth	68	63
Hartville	59	42
Thayer	42	43
Ava	73	53
Dora	69	37
Conway	66	56
Seymour	56	50
Gainesville	85	57
Norwood	82	58
Willow Springs	65	53
Hartville	60	28
Gainesville	28	26
Thayer	39	43

Season: 22 - 5

Conference: 6 - 0



# Laying the

**PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT** Junior Kristin Campbell prepares to block out a Seymour opponent during a free throw. Campbell had eight points for the 22 - 63 defeat.



**JUMP BALL** Senior Amanda Neal tries to keep a Nlangua defender from wrestling the basketball away from her. Neal had 8 rebounds for the game.



**SLIDE TO THE LEFT** Freshman Jackie Emerick sprints to catch a pass before a Nlangua defender can reach it. Emerick had three rebounds for the 23 - 33 defeat of the Lady Lions.



**SURVIVAL OF THE FIERCEST** Senior Leanne Moody slams a Mountain Grove opponent to the ground in her attempt to retrieve the basketball. The game was a 23 - 53 loss for the Lady Lions.



**DOWN THE LINE** Senior Amanda Neal, top right, drives the baseline on Nlangua defenders on her way to another two points. "I just kept thinking, 'Attack the basket,'" said Neal. "I finally did just that."



By Kristin Campbell



**FOLLOW THROUGH** Senior Amanda Neal pulls up for a quick jumper in the paint, draining it on the Lady Cardinals trying to stop her. Neal had four points for the game.



**HANDS ON THE BALL** Senior Leanne Moody fumbles with the basketball among a cluster of Nlangua defenders. Moody had two points for the game.

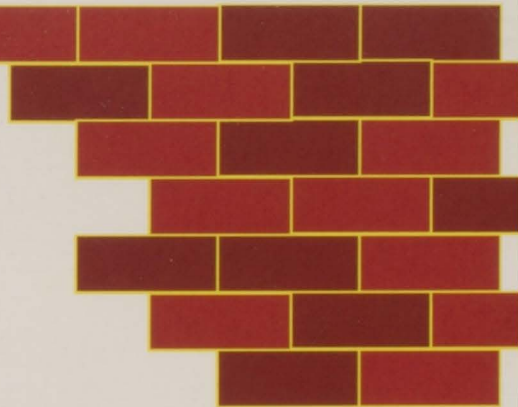


**TO THE HOOP FOR TWO** Senior Amanda Neal goes up high and soft for a lay-up. Neal had eight points for the 61-38 loss.



# foundation

## Brick by brick



"You all are laying a foundation for future teams," Coach Mark Richard constantly preached. "One day, when they're winning every game, you can look back and say you were the beginning of it all. You laid the foundation!"

Just as the foundation bricks are being built upon for the school's new gym, the Lady Lions are hoping to build upon the foundation they have slowly been laying. Ending with a 3-20 overall record, the team finished one win ahead of last year.

"I'm really happy that we improved over last year," said Leanne Moody. "Even though it was only one win, every little thing counts."

Even with all the tough losses the team suffered - both on the court and off, people continued to quit the team until a final eight remained - the girls stuck with it. They continued to improve themselves with dedicated hard work, but not so hard they couldn't have fun.

"I'll never forget how Dakota [Willis] fouled out before the two quarters of JV were over," laughed Whitney Jordan. "And Julia [Allen] got all five fouls within six minutes!"

With a hopeful eye turned toward the future, the Lady Lions are ready to show their fans what they are really made of. Pride. Determination. Hustle. Ability. Talent. Desire. And most of all, heart.

"One thing I think the entire team **learned** this year," laughed Amanda Neal, "is **don't** give J.J. [Allen] a **Mtn. Dew!**"



FRONT: Leanne Moody.  
ROW TWO: Rachel Sowers, Dakota Willis, Whitney Jordan. ROW THREE: Mark Richard (head coach), Amanda Neal, Sadie Vaverka, Kristin Campbell, Mindy Lemons (assistant coach). ROW FOUR: Jacki Emerick, Julia Allen.

Most Valuable Player:  
Amanda Neal

Lion Pride: Kristin Campbell

Offensive Player of the Year:  
Kristin Campbell

Defensive Players of the Year:  
Leanne Moody, Amanda Neal

Honorable-Mention  
All-Conference:  
Kristin Campbell

	MHS	
Willow Springs	28	54
Bakersfield	44	60
Mtn. Grove	23	53
Fair Grove	22	71
Thayer	38	63
Plato	59	57
Norwood	33	59
Gainsville	31	49
Hartville	29	67
Norwood	32	68
Gainesville	31	50
Mtn. View Liberty	33	54
Cabool	49	40
Niangua	23	33
Bradleyville	35	47
Seymour	22	63
Dora	51	25
Conway	29	58
Hartville	22	56
Lutie	46	53
Ava	38	60
Fordland	33	61
Thayer	29	67

Season: 3 - 20

Conference: 0 - 6



# taste the dirt

a sacrifice worth making

After a 10-0 fall season, the Lions rally cry for spring, "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet," seemed a tall task. But the Lions, after losing the first game of the spring, reeled off 18 consecutive victories. The boys won the Summit conference 6-0, extending the graduating seniors' conference record to 24-0. Roaring to a district championship 5-1 over Houston and a 12-11 victory over Strafford in the Class 2 Sectional, the Lions found themselves in the position for another trip to Columbia. The Lions defense had been outstanding all season, but an uncharacteristic performance against Hollister in the Class 2 Quarterfinal contest ended the streak.

The Lions were led to their final 28-2 record for fall and spring by team MVP Evan Jones. Jones hit .542 with a school record of 18 triples, while finishing up on the mound 13-0 with a 1.60 ERA. Fellow teammate Kendall Findley hit .516 with a team leading .642 on-base percentage and received the Team Defense Award. Findley broke the school record with 42 stolen bases for the year.



LOOSE CANNON Pitcher Evan Jones, above, throws a strike in a game against Hartville. The Lions handed the Eagles a 4-2 loss. Jones was named to the first team All-State and first team All-Ozark and also received the team MVP award. BOYS BASEBALL TEAM Row 1: Landon Jarrett, Ryan Harris, Quentin Berry, Dustin Taylor, Adam Keith. Row 2: Coach Doug Jones, Evan Jones, Chad Smith, Kendall Findley, Asst. Coach Mark Richard, Mgr. Chelsea House. Row 3: Chandler Veit, Blake Miller, Kyle Cunningham, Justin Keith. Row 4: Colton Jones, Josh Box, Cory Walker.



# scoreboard

## Most Valuable Player:

Evan Jones

## Highest Batting Average:

Evan Jones

## Defense Award:

Kendall Findley

## Highest On Base Percentage:

Kendall Findley

## All-State First Team:

Evan Jones, pitcher

Kendall Findley, catcher

## All-Conference First Team:

Evan Jones, Kendall Findley, Blake Miller,  
Adam Keith, Quentin Berry

## All-Ozarks:

Evan Jones, first team

Kendall Findley, second team

## Team School Records:

Pitching ERA – 2.07

Triples – 15

Stolen Bases – 132

## MHS

Willard	3	4
Waynesville	7	6
Ash Grove	13	3
Rogersville	8	3
Springfield Catholic	3	2
Hartville	4	2
Seymour	10	6
Gainesville	16	1
Licking	5	4
Fordland	10	0
Conway	7	0
Marshfield	12	1
Mountain Grove	10	6
Norwood	11	1
Willow Springs	18	0
Liberty	17	0
Winona	9	1
Houston	5	1
Strafford	12	11
Hollister	5	6

Fall and Spring Record: 28-2

CONFERENCE CALL Coach Doug Jones, below, gathers the infield to discuss errors made in the Quarterfinal game against Hollister. The Lions were defeated, 6-5, ending their 18-game winning streak as well as their season. ROUTINE Catcher Kendall Findley, right, adjusts his batting gloves one last time before stepping up to the plate against Willow Springs. Findley scored 4 of the Lions 18 runs in the victory over the Bears. Findley was named to the first team All-State and second team All-Ozark and also received the team Defense Award.





# Change is in the Air and on the field

## Most Valuable Players:

Amanda Neal, Leanne Moody, Megan Sowers, and Synthia Bannister

## Highest Batting Average:

Leanne Moody

## Defensive Player of the Year:

Kristin Campbell

## Highest on Base Percentage:

Leanne Moody

## Hustle Award:

Leanne Moody

	MHS	
Central	2	17
Seymour	24	7
Conway	12	13
Hartville	2	4
Central	15	2
Norwood	9	22
Bakersfield	6	2
Gainesville	0	8
Hartville	1	11
Seymour	12	2
Marionville	2	7

Season: 7 - 7

Conference: 2 - 3

Holding steady with .500 seasons for several years in a row, this year was no different for the Lady Lions. The team finished with a strong 11-11 record.

"I'm happy with our record this year," said senior Amanda Neal. "We could have done better, but there is room for improvement in whatever you do."

Next year, though, holds some uncertainty as, after coaching for 21 years, Coach Roger Wood retired from the sport.

"I'm just ready for a change," explained Wood.

"I'm so glad Coach **Wood** **stayed** until we [seniors] left," said Megan Sowers about Coach Wood retiring at the **end** of the year.

Also leaving the team are four influential seniors. Megan Sowers, Leanne Moody, Amanda Neal, and Synthia Banister all graduated, leaving holes in the field that will need to be filled.

"I just hope that the underclassmen will be able to fill those spots," commented junior Kristin Campbell. "Those are some pretty big shoes they will have to fill."



Row one: Leanne Moody and Megan Sowers; Row two: Rachel Sowers, Amanda Neal, Amber Henry, Synthia Bannister and Whitney Jordan; Row three: Kristin Campbell, Coach Roger Wood and Dakota Willis; Row four: Tamara Delcour and Jackie Emerick; Row five: Kati Sherman and Lauren Rummens





**OUTS AT ONE.** Freshman Whitney Jordan, above left, fires a throw for an out at first base during a game against Central. "It was my first game," said Jordan. "I was pretty nervous at the beginning but it got better as the game went on." **UP THE MIDDLE.** Freshman Dakota Willis, above, scoops a ball that was hit to shortstop during a home game. "We practice hits like that in practice all the time," commented Willis. "I was just hoping that I wouldn't miss it in a game." **STRETCH NO FARTHER.** Sophomore Kati Sherman, above right, reaches for a ball just past her glove in a game against Conway. "The ball went just past me," groaned Sherman. "I thought I might be able to reach the ball, but I guess not." **BEHIND THE PLATE.** Senior Leanne Moody, below, takes her position in front of the umpire and prepares to catch during a game against the Lady Bears. "I love to play softball, and I love being a catcher," laughed Moody, "even when my back is killing me."







Brittany Cruse - Discus, Jessica Berry - Shot put, Ashley Diland - long jump



4x400 meter relay team: Reanna Allen, Ashley Diland, Rochelle Johns, Jessica Chilton, Katelyn Nolen, Marcy Strofer



Right: 4x400 meter relay: Sherif Williams, Daniel Colston, Vince Miller, Nathan Jones (not pictured)

# LION'S PRIDE SPRINGS FORTH



"THE TEAM WAS GREAT. THEY PERSEVERED AND TRIED VALIANTLY. I'M PROUD TO SAY THEY TRIUMPHED IN THE END."  
- COACH JOHN HINSLEY

'Personally I think [the season] was a success, considering it was such short notice and we didn't know we'd have a track team," said Rochelle Johns, eighth grader.

Indeed it was short notice, because - for the first time in three years - Mansfield Middle School had a track team. Science teacher John Hinsley became coach to the seventh and eighth graders.

This first season was tough on some teammates because they had no previous experience in track and had to train hard to be ready to compete.

"I pulled a muscle in my leg and didn't get to run in any of the track meets," said Chauncie Mitchell, eighth grader.

On the other hand, Robert Snokhous, eighth grader, said that the most fun was riding the bus to the meets.

But, Devin Davis, eighth grader, had different priorities with track. "I'm thinking about [running track next year] because it'll help me get in shape for basketball and baseball, but I don't know if I want to take the time out of practice for them," he said.

According to Hinsley, the team practiced hard and tried even more. "The team was great," he said, "They persevered and tried valiantly. I'm proud of them and how they triumphed in the end."





**Distance Runners:** Jacob Adamson (1600 M), Adam Heater (800 M), Heath Dugger (800 M), Justin Hinsley (1600 M), Austin Branham (1600 M)



**100 M Dash:** Rochelle Johns, Katelyn Nolen, Jessica Chilton



**Shot put:** Justin Hinsley, Austin Branham, Robert Snokhous



**Entire Team:** Brittany Cruse, Sherif Williams, Adam Heater, Jessica Berry, Robert Snokhous, Jacob Adamson, Ashley Diland, Katelyn Nolen, Rochelle Johns, Nathan Rummens, Devin Davis, Heath Dugger, Reanna Allen, Olivia Whorton, Austin Branham, Marcy Stofer, Jessica Chilton, Kelsey Dugger, Chauncie Mitchell, Justin Hinsley, Daniel Colston, Vince Miller, Cody Clayton (Nathan Jones not pictured)



**Sprint Team:** Row 1: Reanna Allen, Marcy Stofer, Chauncie Mitchell, Ashley Diland. Row 2: Brittany Cruse, Olivia Whorton, Jessica Chilton, Katelyn Nolen, Rochelle Johns

**Jessica Berry- 1st place Shot put**  
**Daniel Colston- 4th place 100 Meter Dash**  
**Jessica Chilton- 6th place 100 Meter Dash**



# BUILDING WITH THE BASICS

Almost a .500 season is the thought that was running through the basketball boys' and Coach Cody Shelton's minds, almost .500. The eighth grade team finished with a 6-8 season and the first place trophy from the Norwood tournament.

"The **funniest** part of the season," laughed Doug Pyle, "was when Cody Mincks got locked **inside** a locker! He was stuck for a really long time!"

Although the seventh grade team, with only three actual seventh graders, didn't finish as well, with a 1-10 record, players and coach alike enjoyed the season.

"It was a fun first year," said Shelton. "Both the players and myself learned from each other this year. We had a good run and I am looking forward to being able to coach them [eighth graders] in high school next year."



By Keith Campbell



ON THE RUN Heath Dugger, above, sprints back down the court to play defense against the Seymour Tigers.  
AND ONE Nathan Jones lines up for the free throw in a game against Chadwick during the Norwood tournament. "It's all about the love of the game," said Jones.  
BASKETBALL BOYS Row 1: Josh Heater, Haden Adamson; Row 2: Jakob Adamson, Justin Hinsley, Austin Branham, Adam Heater; Row 3: Jake Yost, Devin Davis, Nathan Jones, Heath Dugger, Cody Clayton; Row 4: Sheirif Williams, Jeremy Henry, Kaleb Nolen, Coach Cody Shelton, Doug Pyle, Robert Snokhous, Vince Miller.





TO THE HOOP FOR TWO Heath Dugger, top left, scores two points off of a drive to the basket. Dugger had 8 points for the game. GOOD GAME, GOOD GAME Cody Clayton, Jeremy Henry, Kaleb Nolan and Devin Davis, top right, show their sportsmanship by giving high fives and "good games" to Chadwick players after a 59 - 50 victory for the Lions. HEAD OVER HEELS Heath Dugger, left, dives for the ball as a player from Seymour tries to defend him. The Lions beat the Tigers 47-22.



**BOYS BOYS BOYS** After winning first place at the Norwood tournament the eighth grade team poses for a team picture. Row 1: Devin Davis, Austin Branham, Nathan Jones, Heath Dugger. Row 2: Doug Pyle Vince Miller, Coday Clayton, Jeremy Henry, Kaleb Nolan. Coach Coday Shelton

	MMS	
Seymour	47	22
Fordland	16	25
Gainesville	36	49
Hartville	26	52
Sparta	56	28
Seymour	33	34
Fordland	42	45
Norwood	33	21
Plato	34	32
Norwood	45	12
Chadwick	59	50
Hartville	24	52
Gainesville	53	71

Season: 6-8

Conference: 2-4



"There are a lot of things that our team could work on, but I think the main thing would be **teamwork**. Without teamwork we wouldn't get anywhere, and it's what would help us **win!**" – Kim Stofer, seventh grade forward.

"The hardest part about junior high basketball was realizing how big of a deal it was and how much **heart** it took to win and **play hard!**" – Brittany Cruse, seventh grade guard.



Double trouble Marcy Stofer, eighth grade guard, below, fights against two defenders from Conway on Oct. 18. "This season was fun and hard at times," Stofer said. "I think that we could have done better than what we did."

"The hardest parts were running, drills and ladder runs," said Jessica Berry, seventh grade forward, of basketball practice.

The first year of middle school basketball was a tough adjustment for some of the girls on the team. Sadly, the increased physical demands of practice and competition led to a season with only two wins. But, the girls did manage to take third place in the Norwood Tournament.

Consequently, some team members plan to spend the off season working on their game.

"I will be running a lot more, things like suicides, to be ready for the next season. I will also work on shooting," said Lane Kelley-Cain, seventh grade guard.

On the other hand, Marcy Stofer plans "to work on my passes and thinking right for the game."

"[They] worked hard and improved throughout the season," observed Coach Mindy Lemons. "I'm excited to have them back next season."

Scanning the court for an open teammate, Katelyn Nolen, eighth grade center, attempts to pass the ball in a game against Conway on Oct. 18. "I was proud that all of the players got along with everybody," said Nolen. "I was also proud of myself because I tied as hard as I could and gave 100% on each game."



By Brittany Keeling

# Tough Training

Girls meet challenge of middle school basketball



Front row: Savana Cornelius, Brittany Cruse, Marcy Stofer, Chauncie Mitchell, Jessica Chilton Middle Row: Jordyn Loge (manager), Laine Kelley-Caine, Vanessa Delcour, Emily Neal (manager), Kailey Morris (manager) Back Row: Sharice Dennis, Katelyn Nolen, Jessica Berry, Coach Mindy Lemons, Jaimie Smith, Kim Stofer, Ashley Diland



Team effort: Awaiting the call from the referee, Ashley Diland and Jessica Chilton, both eighth grade guards, keep possession of the ball from a Hartville opponent. "I think we did good," said Chilton, "but we didn't put 110% into all of our games. We tried our best and that's all that matters."



"I think the team needs to work on having more **con-**  
**fidence** and **faith** in ourselves so that we can do bet-  
ter. Some people get nervous, but be smart. It's all in  
the head." – Chauncie Mitchell, eighth grade guard

"I was most proud of the **team** when we worked together on and  
off the court. Katlyn and Marcy and Coach helped me **improve** my  
shooting and defense. I don't care what people say, our team has  
a lot of heart." – Jessica Chilton, eighth grade guard



**[The girls] worked really hard and im-  
proved throughout the season. I'm excit-  
ed to have them back next year."**–Coach  
**Mindy Lemons**



Ready, set, dribble: Brittany Cruse, seventh grade guard, below, charges ahead of a Conway player toward the goal. Holding down the court: Keeping the ball away from a Hartville defender, Savana Cornelius, bottom, looks for an opening to pass.



Under pressure: Two Conway defenders fail to take the ball from the hands of Marcy Stofer, eighth grade guard, above. "Conway was rough physically," said Stofer.

Eyes on the prize: Leaping to keep possession of the ball, Brittany Cruse, seventh grade guard, left, keeps up the fast pace of the Conway game. "Even though they beat us," said Cruse, "I think that if we'd worked harder as a team we would have beat them."







**Back to the wall** NHS members tape Principal Randy Short, below, to a wall during lunch as a fund raiser. Students could buy an inch for ten cents or one foot for a dollar. **Snip, snip** Sophomore Jordan Dooley cuts a section out of senior Leanne Moody's hair for data in a science project with sophomore Nicole Bookout. The project was to test how hair color was absorbed by healthy and damaged hair.



**Spirit Club**



50-51

**Math/ Science**



52-53

**SADD/NHS**



54-55

**FFA/Ag FBLA/Business**



56-57

**Speech/Choir**



58-59



60-61



# In our actions

**Students naturally never connect the everyday occurrences of high school with memories that will stay with them forever. Simple things like goofing off while making gluep or playing pranks on teachers are actions that are impressed into their high school history. Whether these actions are made up of fun, care or heart, they will shine in our futures as the days that we took action that was our own.**

**There it goes!** Student Council members have some fun during down time while riding the bus to Student Council Districts by rolling a tennis ball down the aisle and watching it come back. Students attended classes and seminars at districts that taught them how to help the student body with projects from homecoming to fund raisers.

2-63



**Band**

64-65



**Art/Industrial Arts**

66-67



**English/ Mass Media**

68-69



**FCCLA/FACs**

70-71



**Student Council**

72-73



**Social Studies/ Foreign Language**



# We've got SPIRIT, yes we do, w



BEST FRIENDS Senior Leanne Moody and junior Paige Hoover, top left, participate in Spirit Week by dressing as nerds. They spent time in the Pub room chatting. IN DISGUISE Sophomore Chandler Veit, left, dressed in full camouflage during Camo Day. "Chandler thought he could hide from me, but I found him," laughed Scott Lawson, English teacher. GETTING INVOLVED Janisha Brooke, lower left, English teacher, dresses as a nerd during Spirit Week. Even though, she could still outsmart her students.



HUNTING FOR INFO Dillon Massey, seventh grade, above, does research while dressed in camo for spirit day. TOO OLD FOR SCHOOL Senior Shane Norell, left, dresses up as his grandpa for Favorite Grandparent Day during Spirit Week. DRESS MESS Sophomore Quentin Berry, below, shows off his new style. He participated in Dress Up/Dress Down day during Spirit Week. He was so proud of his attire that he walked the hallways many times that day to show off his outfit.



"We were gymless **NOT** spiritless..."



# We've got SPIRIT, how about you?



PEP CLUB Row 1 - Jeremy Sutton, Jessie Stewart, Lindsay Ratzlaff, Advisor Wilda Watterson. Row 2- Sara Ussery, Connie Quirk, Leanne Moody, Rachel Sowers, Shona Stewart, Megan Sowers, Mandie Adamson, Kati Sherman, Audra Dierksen. Row 3- Randi Wood, Ashley Jasick, Blake Miller, Adam Keith, Elliott Johns, Kyle Cunningham, Dakotah Ratzlaff, Kelly Quirk. Row 4- Ashly Renner, Adam Smith, Kristin Campbell, Billy Newton, Chelsea House, Josh May.



RYAN'S MA'AM Senior Leanne Moody, right, shows her spirit with a shirt made to support senior Ryan Harris during baseball season.

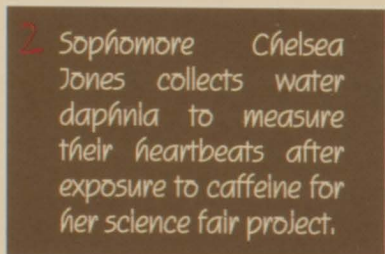


# Applying Our

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1 Senior Adam Kelti tries to identify metals by the color produced in their flames. He found that the color magenta meant that the metal was nitrate based.



2 Sophomore Chelsea Jones collects water daphnia to measure their heartbeats after exposure to caffeine for her science fair project.



3 Science teacher Pam Probert's Human Anatomy class takes a trip to Missouri State University's Cadaver Lab to get a glimpse of real human organs.



4 Senior Cassie Sanders is rewarded with a trophy for her science fair project at Summit Conference Science Fair held in Fordland.



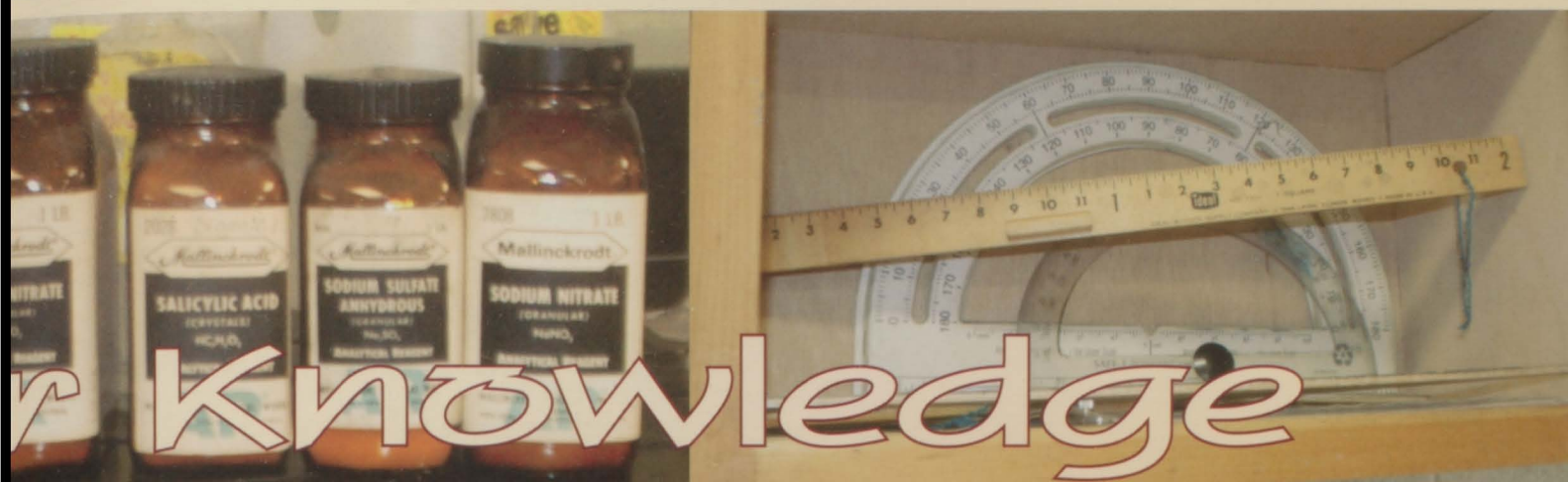
5 Juniors Chelsea House and Kristin Campbell receive medals at the Summit Math Conference at Gainesville for placing first in Trigonometry.

"REACHING OUR GOALS" is not exactly what comes to mind when you think of walking down the highway picking up trash, but contributing to the community is what Math Club enjoys doing most. Waking up early and walking a mile with dead animals and lingerie under your feet can be exciting, believe it or not. Not only did Math Club members enjoy reaching their goals, Science Club members did too. After long hours of research and long nights in the science room, students found a way to make their science projects stand out. After three science fairs, some student's projects were very interesting to their judges. Sophomore Kati Sherman received Grand Prize at the Missouri State Ozark Science and Engineering Fair. Afterward, she competed at the International Fair in Indianapolis, Indiana, along with 1,482 finalists from 47 countries. The students in Math and Science Club have become committed to applying their knowledge in order to reach their goals.

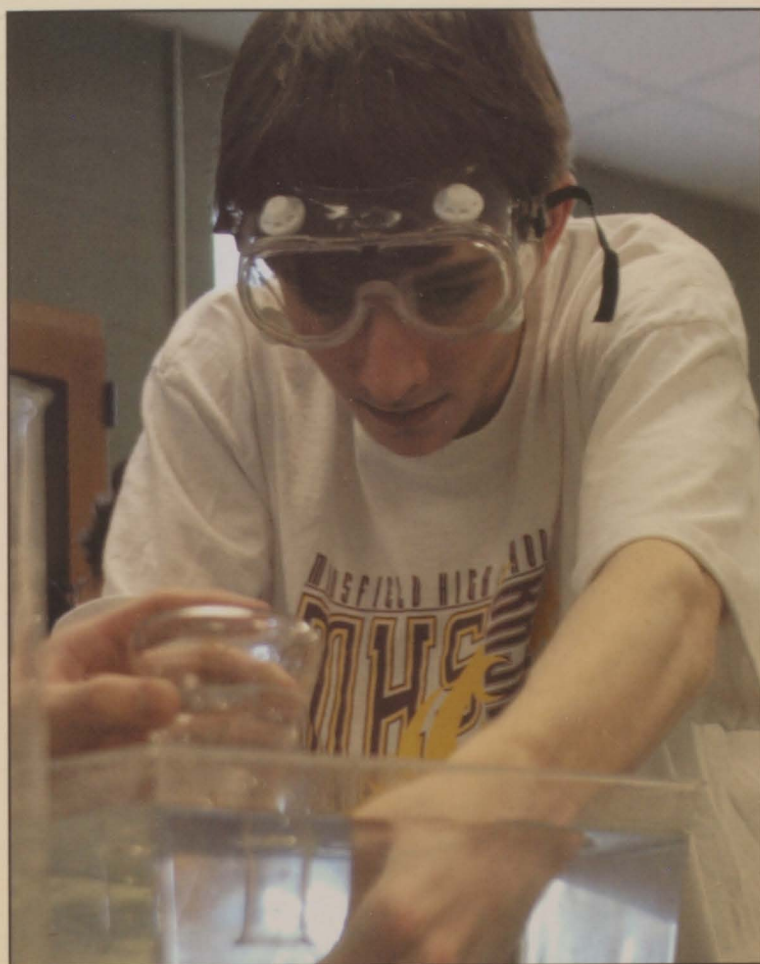


SCIENCE Row 1- Bryce Matlock, Adam Smith, Chelsea House, Leanne Moody, Julie Hutton, Megan Sowers. Row 2- Advisor Pam Probert, Kelly Hutton, Paige Hoover, Cassie Sanders. Row 3- Blake Miller, Adam Keith.





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A MASS OF THE GAS inside the lighter is what senior Evan Jones is trying to measure. To determine the molecular mass of the gas in the lighter, it has to be tested by water displacement. Jones also tested the lighter to see if it contained butane. He found out that the amount of mass in the lighter was not the right amount to be composed of butane.



**MATH** Row 1- Mitchell King (advisor), Rachel Sowers, Kelly Quirk, Jackie Emerick, Shana Stewart, Megan Sowers (president), Blake Miller (secretary), Adam Smith (vice president), Joey Neal, Jane Wehnmeyer (advisor). Row 2- Tren Sherman, Bobby Cubellis, Lacey Tate, Lauren Rummens, Stephen Pfeiffer, Paige Hoover, Leanne Moody, Cassie Sanders, Julie Hutton, Ashley Young, Kati Sherman, Melissa Morris. Row 3- Connie Quirk, Josh Dorcy, Kyle Cunningham, Chandler Veit, Toby Shelhammer, James Stafford, Sara Usery, Marquel Snokhou, Chelsea Jones, Emily Nichols, Brittany Keeling. Row 4- Andy Morris, Kristin Campbell, Kelly Hutton, Marcus Sherman, Quentin Berry, Billy Newton, Chelsea House, Bryce Matlock, Elliot Johns, London Jarrett.

## Science Club

WE HAVE A WINNER! After numerous hours of preparing, MHS swept away the grand prize. Sophomore, Kati Sherman impressed her judges with her science project, "Effects Of Hormones On Carbohydrate Use In Germinating Monocots." Because of her excellent work, Sherman took first place in her division in two of three fairs. Kati was awarded Grand Prize at the Ozarks Science and Engineering Fair, followed by Cassie Sanders who received first alternate.

### SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR, Fordland

- Nicole Gage and Jordan Dooley - Best of Show
- Cassie Sanders - Engineering trophy winner
- Kelly Hutton - Botany trophy winner
- Kati Sherman - Biochemistry trophy winner
- Kristin Campbell - Math/Computers trophy winner
- Kody Reynolds and Dustin Taylor - Zoology trophy winners

### DZARK SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR, Springfield

- Chelsea House - Biochemistry, First Place
- Kati Sherman - Biochemistry, Second Place
- Connie Quirk - Botany, Second Place
- Bryce Matlock and Brittany Keeling - Botany, Fourth Place
- Bobby Cubellis and Elliot Johns - Computer Science, Third Place
- Toby Shelhammer - Earth/Space Science, Second Place
- Cassie Sanders - Engineering, Second Place
- Kristin Campbell - Mathematics, First Place
- Paige Hoover - Microbiology, Third Place
- Chelsea Jones - Zoology, Second Place
- Andy Morris and Marcus Sherman - Zoology, Third Place

### REGIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR, West Plains

- Kati Sherman - Environmental Science, First Place
- Cassie Sanders - Technology, First Place
- Kelle Hutton - Life Science, Second Place
- Kristin Campbell - Math, First Place
- Jordan Dooley and Nicole Gage - Physical Sciences, First Place

## Math Club

### SUMMIT CONFERENCE CONTEST

- Algebra I - Team: Second Place
- Derrick Cross - 2nd Place Indv.
- Tara Robinson
- Miranda Brook
- Geometry
- Rachel Sowers - Red Ribbon
- Algebra II - Team: Second Place
- Kati Sherman - 1st Place Indv.
- Connie Quirk
- Lauren Rummens
- Trigonometry - Team: Third Place
- Kristin Campbell
- Chelsea House - 2nd Place Indv.
- Blake Miller
- Advanced Math
- Megan Sowers - White Ribbon

### COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS MATH COMPETITION

- Algebra II - Second Place
- Lauren Rummens
- Connie Quirk
- Kati Sherman
- Kelly Hutton
- Trigonometry - Fourth Place
- Toby Shelhammer
- Julie Hutton
- Open - Fourth Place
- Kristin Campbell
- Chelsea House
- Blake Miller
- Megan Sowers
- Bonus - Earned 3 Pts.
- Megan Sowers
- Blake Miller
- Chelsea House



# THE CHOICES AND THE CHANCES



**STUCK ON YOU** NHS members seniors Adam Keith, Adam Smith, and junior Andy Morris, left, participate in the "Tape The Principal To The Wall" project during lunch period. Debbie Whetstone, advisor, helps cut tape to affix Principal Randy Short to the wall. Duct tape was sold to students for ten cents per inch. **BAD CHOICE** SADD member senior Blake Miller, right, seems to be arrested while portraying the drunk driver during the mock accident. The event is to show students that a bad choice, such as putting friends' lives in danger by driving drunk, can have major consequences.



**THE CHANCES** During the mock accident, right, SADD member senior Adam Smith pretends to be severely hurt in a car accident caused by driving while intoxicated. The Mansfield fire fighters and EMTs rushed to his aid. SADD member senior Megan Sowers, below, fakes unconsciousness and being trapped in the totaled vehicle.



SADD Row 1- Connie Quirk (secretary-treasurer), Blake Miller (president), Megan Sowers (vice president), Kelly Brazeal (advisor). Row 2- Whitney Jordan, Rachel Sowers, Jackie Emerick, Kelly Quirk, Julie Hutton, Kati Sherman, Melissa Morris. Row 3- Adam Keith, Tron Sherman, Paige Hoover, Cassie Sanders, Chelsea Jones, Emily Nichols, Brittany Keeling. Row 4- Miranda Farris, Andy Morris, Kelly Hutton, Chelsea House, Billy Newton, Bryce Matlock.



FIVE HUNDRED DUCKS, PENNIES GALORE, AND YARDS OF DUCT TAPE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS CONJURED UP TO MOTIVATE THE STUDENT BODY.

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, NHS MEMBERS RAISED MONEY TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE. THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF SELLING DUCT TAPE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR TEN CENTS PER INCH. STUDENTS COULD THEN PARTICIPATE IN TAPING THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, RANDY SHORT, TO THE CAFETERIA WALL DURING THE HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PERIOD.

ANOTHER ACTIVITY NHS MEMBERS WERE IN CHARGE OF WAS THE PENNY WAR. EACH CLASS CHALLENGED THE OTHERS TO SEE HOW MUCH MONEY THEY COULD RAISE. PENNIES WERE POSITIVE POINTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE BESIDES PENNIES WAS NEGATIVE POINTS. ALSO, NHS HAD THE STUDENTS VOTE TO SEE WHICH TEACHER HAD THE BEST PERSONALITY. THE WINNERS WERE ROGER WOOD, HISTORY, AND MICHELL KING, MATH, WHO BOTH RECEIVED A TURKEY.

NHS ALSO SPONSORED A DUCK RACE FOR ANYONE WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE. THERE WERE FIVE HUNDRED DUCKS TO SELL. EACH DUCK WAS SOLD FOR TWO DOLLARS. THE DUCK RACE WAS HELD IN MANSFIELD AT NEWTON CREEK.

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS AND THE MANSFIELD EMERGENCY ACADEMY WERE IN CHARGE OF THE MOCK ACCIDENT HELD ON APRIL 19. SADD MEMBERS MEGAN SOWERS, BLAKE MILLER, RYAN LOGE, ADAM SMITH, SHANE NORELL, HANNAH MAGGARD AND AUDRA DIERKSEN WERE PART OF THE ACT. THIS WAS A TIME TO TAKE SCHOOL SERIOUSLY AND REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT FRIENDS ARE, AND HOW QUICKLY THEY CAN BE LOST. MICHELL KING, MATH TEACHER, ACTED AS THE MOTHER OF SHANE NORELL, WHO WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE.

"I CAN'T IMAGINE BEING IN THAT SITUATION," SAID KING. "IT WAS HARD TO EVEN PRETEND HE WAS MY CHILD."



NHS Row 1- Megan Sowers (secretary-treasurer), Kristin Campbell (vice president), Julie Hutton (president), Debbie Whetstone (advisor). Row 2- Lauren Rummens, Leanne Moody (scribe), Cassie Sanders, Audra Dierksen. Row 3- Adam Smith, Blake Miller (liaison), Adam Keith.



# It doesn't mean "Food for America,"...

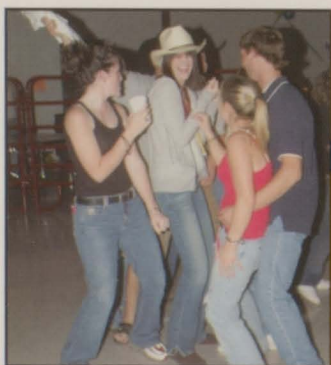
WHAT'S SO FUNNY? Competing in an apple eating contest during Barnwarming, freshman Whitney Jordan gets the giggles. Her partner, junior Jeremy Sutton, tried to carry on without her. Barnwarming was held in the high school commons area on Nov. 4.



BARNWARMING ROYALTY Row 1: Brittany Greer, Kelly Whorton, Tron Sherman, Aimee Williams. Row 2: Michael Lynn, Derrick Cross, Sarah Debrodie, Brett Essary.



DANCE PARTY Juniors Kristin Campbell and Chelsea House dance the night away.



By Connie Quirk

Although Food for America's focus is farm animals, some National FFA Organization members had another idea of the real reason they were outside during school on Oct. 20: "football," explained Dustin Taylor, who combined his FFA duties with some impromptu scrimmaging. The actual events scheduled for Food for America this year, though, included teaching elementary kids about animals and horse racing. Laughs were added on the spur of the moment.

Elementary kids travelled from their human filled classrooms to an animal filled destination. The kids came upon a mixture of trucks, animals and high schoolers. The animals ranged from the common horse to the not so common "Mexican fighting goat," as sophomore Josh May called them. But they are better known as pigmy goats. "I liked the bunnies and horses," said kindergartner Lucy Grubbs. "It's fun to ride them, just not the rabbits."

Besides holding Food for America, FFA members also traveled to National Convention in October. More than 50,000 high schoolers in blue corduroy jackets, journeyed to Louisville, Kentucky, for the annual event. From hypnotists to a motivational speaker yelling "Ta da!" to get aggies pumped, National Convention's schedule had little to do with plows and seeds. One of the star attractions of the convention was a speech given by Stedman Graham, keynote speaker and Oprah Winfrey's boyfriend.

"I got to see Oprah's man!" exclaimed junior Kristin Campbell.

"I liked the bunnies and horses. It's fun to ride them, just not the rabbits."  
- kindergartner Lucy Grubbs.



LOCAL SWINGER During an activity at FFA National Convention in October, junior Jeremy Sutton takes on a hay swing.







Stan, The Man, Coday

...but FFA is America's food future.



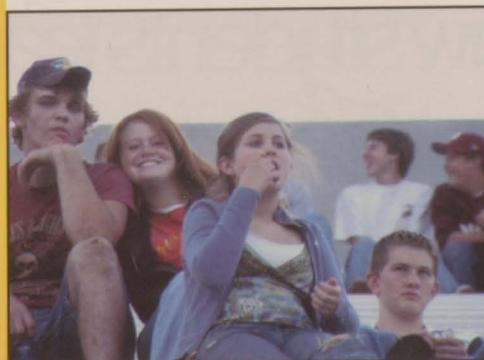
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION Row 1: Jason Skaggs, Michael Almanza, Tyler Riley, Jackie Emerick, Kelly Quirk, Nicole Gage, Colton Jones, Mike Pagel, Shawn Hume, Josh Box. Row 2: Amber Heath, Kristine Whorton, Windy Johnsen, Kelly Whorton, Rande Barlett, Jake Gunter, Reporter Connie Quirk, Vice-president Kristin Campbell, Sentinel Kati Sherman, Historian Josh Dorcy, President Cassie Sanders, Second Vice-president Toby Shelhamer, Treasurer Jeremy Sutton, Chaplain Aimee Williams, Parliamentarian Craig Williams, Dallas Massey. Row 3: Brent Welch, Sarah Debrodie, Cory Walker, Kyle Cunningham, Justin Ince, Spencer Deal, Stephanie Baty, Jessica Taylor, Hannah Maggard, Josh May, Miranda Brooke, Dakota Willis, Quentin Berry, Ryan Whorton. Row 4: Allen Fossness, Brody Banner, Dee Singh, Amanda Tucker, Matt Leonard, Cole Riley, Evan Whorton, Chris Roy, Steven Myers, James Wright, Derrick Cross, Adviser Stan Coday. Row 5: Tron Sherman, Kody Reynolds, Dustin Taylor, Jesse Stuart.



BREAKFAST BELLE Preparing food for a teacher appreciation breakfast, senior Cassie Sanders cooks sausages while Adviser Stan Coday inspects the results. The breakfast was one activity during FFA Week in February.



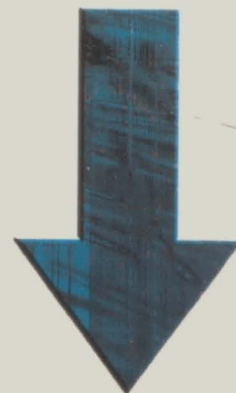
SAVING A LIFE Squeezing a ball and listening to instructions, junior Lauren Rummens donates blood during an FFA-sponsored blood drive on March 27.



FOOTBALL FUN Mostly watching the field, sophomores Justin Ince, Connie Quirk, sophomore Kelly Quirk, and junior Jeremy Sutton on attend an FFA trip to a Missouri State University football game on Sept. 17.



# Power to the *people*



Listen up! Freshman Jackie Emerick listens to a presentation about meth and how it can effect its users. "I learned a lot about the effects meth has on a person," said Emerick. "It was a useful lecture."



Business Law students learn about how they  
can put the power into their own  
*hands*





Row 1: Megan Sowers, Connie Quirk, Jackie Emerick, Cassie Sanders, Audra Dierksen, Brittany Keeling, Emily Nichols. Row 2: Adviser Marsha Appleby, Katie Sherman, Jenni Lemons, Sara Ussery, Joey Neal, Kellie Hutton, Sarah Moody, Chelsea Jones, Julie Hutton. Row 3: Steven Pfeiffer, Blake Miller, Quentin Berry, Bryce Matlock, James Stafford, Ronnie Webster, Kelsey Tomlinson, Shamala Bunch. **Not Pictured:** Amanda Neal, Hannah Persinger, Kristin Quick, Sarah Sherman, Rashawnda Jackson, Samantha Kirby, Chandler Veit.



Shine and Smile! FBLA contest Winners show off the bling they recieved from going to district contest. Sophomore Jenni Lemons, seniors Megan Sowers and Cassie Sanders, junior Audra Dierksen, senior Julie Hutton, and sophomores Brittany Keeling and Emily Nichols. "I didn't think I would acutally win, but I was really surprised I placed," recalled Lemons.



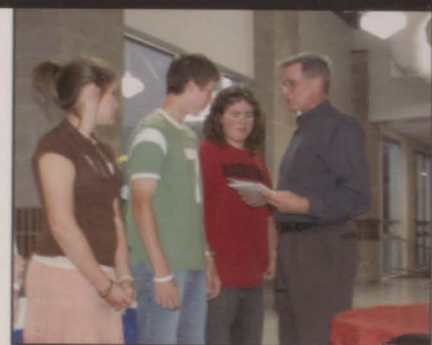
# For some MHS students, performing is a passion

**SHE CAN DO THIS IN HER SLEEP** While listening to music on her headphones, Allyson Rakusek, eighth grade, copies papers for use in the MHS speech tournament on Feb. 18.

**HOLDING ON A REST** Waiting in the high school commons for a bus, sophomores Emily Nichols and Chelsea Jones listen to their friends talk.



**PRACTICED OUT** Preparation for State Music Contest takes its toll on sophomore Chelsea Jones, who rests her chin on Director Eric Spyres's piano.



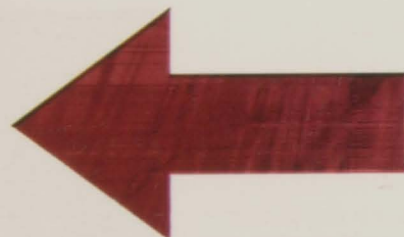
**SINGLED OUT** Freshmen Kelly Quirk, Landon Jarrett and Tron Sherman receive choir awards from Director Eric Spyres during Awards Night, May 8.

## Choir and Speech





LAST MINUTE TOUCH UP Junior Audra Dierksen, above left, reapplies her lip gloss in a stairwell before competing at music contest.



SPEECH Adviser Eric Spyres, Audra Dierksen.

CHOIR Row 1: Director Eric Spyres, Kellie Hutton, Kati Sherman, Quentin Berry, Audra Dierksen, Julie Hutton Row 2: Jessica Taylor, Ashley Renner, Synthia Bannister, Lindsay Ratzlaff, Jessica Williams, Scott Short, Jesse Stuart. Row 3: Chelsea Jones, Emily Nichols, Spencer Deal, Summer Bannister, Rachel Sowers, Kelly Quirk, Nicole Gage, Ashley Vinson, Brittany Keeling, Tara Robinson, Dakota Ratzlaff. Row 4: Tron Sherman, Samantha Merideth, Miranda Farris, Margaret Davis, Landon Jarrett, Dustin Taylor, Ashley Jasick, Jackie Emerick.



LAYING DOWN THE LAW Working the MHS speech tournament, junior Audra Dierksen, far left, gives extemporaneous speaking competitors their topics.

THE COMMONS IS ALIVE with the sound of music, as sophomore Kellie Hutton, left, performs in the MHS talent show on Oct. 27. Hutton's song from *The Sound of Music* was the reason for her nun costume.



# We are the champions...

ON THE WAY to Carthage, sophomore Matt Leonard moves to the rear of the bus. Marching Band members often used their time on the bus to put on their uniforms. The band returned home from Carthage with a third place trophy.



BAND AID, in the form of a bus, stands ready to carry weary performers home after State Music Contest. The band earned a I rating at the March 30 and 31 event.



FLUTE FLAVOR is added to the band as sophomore Kellie Hutton preforms in State Music Contest on March 30.



## Awards

Rebecca Freeman.....	Trumpet Solo.....I
Kellie Hutton,	
Audra Dierksen,	
Erin Dierksen.....	Percussion Trio.....I
Audra Dierksen.....	Tympany Solo,
	Marimba Solo.....I
Rachel Sowers,	
Whitney Jordan,	
Miranda Farris.....	Clarinet Trio.....I
Rebecca Freeman,	
Josh Gresham,	
Landon Jarrett.....	Trumpet Trio.....II
Andy Morris.....	Snare Solo.....III

The MHS band began the year with a rocky start, but finally the show was on. Rising above the lack of a gym for Pep Band performances, Christmas Concert and Spring concert, Shannon Waldo, band director, kept members motivated with her persistently positive attitude. Eventually, Pep Band was able to perform twice, and Marching Band carried on a normal season.

Before Christmas, Waldo told band members that they were going to perform in the Mansfield, Seymour and Ava parades, all on the same day. The performance was the first appearance of the MHS band in Ava's parade. Even though the band was new to the parade, Ava judges gave it second place for its performance. During the march, band members performed the song "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," a new piece in their repertory.

"I liked playing the piece," said freshman Justin Keith, "because it wasn't boring, and I have always liked the Grinch."

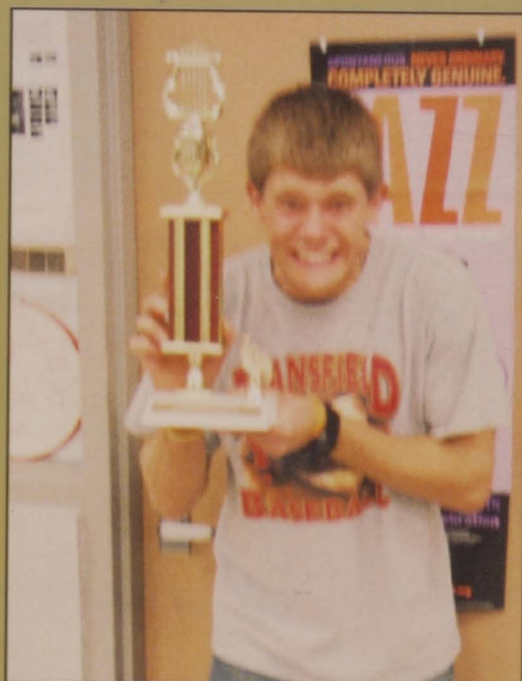
The band also performed in contest at Missouri State University - West Plains, receiving a I rating.

Perhaps Waldo's willingness to experiment and improve was responsible for the rating. During the Butter Days parade, for example, the band marched as usual but without any instruments. Band members sang their parts for the crowd instead of playing instruments. Waldo said that the reason for that particular decision was to protect the instruments from the rain that was falling during the parade.

"It was humiliating," remembered junior Randi Wood, "but I had fun."

I just do  
what I do  
best, even if  
it means be-  
ing a class  
clown.

-senior  
Adam Smith







Where's Waldo?

...but most people call us the band geeks.



Row 1: Dallas Massey, Chelsea Jones, Shawn Hume, Whitney Jordan, Miranda Brooke, Emily Nichols, Rebecca Freeman, Lauren Rummens, Mandle Adamson, Julia Allen, Shannon Waldo (band director). Row 2: Laura Wagner, Jasmine Singh, Spencer Deal, Marqee Snokhaus, Jessica Williams, Ashley Vinson, Amanda Tucker, Jenni Lemons, Kashmir Singh, Amy Collins. Row 3: Kellie Hutton, Randi Wood, Julie Hutton, Miranda Pringle, Will Brazeal, Melissa Morris, Rachel Sowers, Audra Dierksen, Abby Hultz, Chelsea Pringle, Sidney Tucker. Row 4: Miranda Farris, Chandler Veit, Josh Gresham, Adam Smith, Andy Morris, Shane Norell, Bryce Matlock, Landon Jarrett, James Stafford, Matt Leonard, Tabitha Merideth.

### State Music Contest Awards

Kellie Hutton,  
Audra Dierksen,  
Erin Dierksen.....I  
Audra Dierksen.....I  
Rebecca Freeman.....III  
Rachel Sowers,  
Miranda Farris,  
Whitney Jordan.....III



KEEPING TIME by marching while waiting to play, junior Jasmine Singh and freshman Chelsea Pringle perform in the Wilder Day parade on Sept. 17.



BLOWING HIS OWN HORN, sophomore Will Brazeal plays trombone in the Wilder Day parade.



# Art and Industrial Arts



**GOOD WOOD** Checking out the entries, seniors Billy Newton, Blake Miller, Jesse Stuart and Adam Keith, above, attend MHS's Industrial Arts Show on May 2.

**JOB WELL DONE** Senior Katelyn Choate accepts an award from Gretchen Shultz, art teacher, during MHS's high school awards night on May 8.



**Christmas raffle** Finishing touches go on a Christmas tree as junior Randi Wood prepares it for an Art Club raffle. The tree was displayed in the high school office on Dec. 19 until Christmas break.





## creating beautiful things



**CRITICAL EVALUATION** During the MHS Industrial Arts Show, sophomores Tron Sherman and Michael Almanza, and seniors Billy Newton and Blake Miller check out a display cabinet.



**ART CLUB** Row 1: Ashley Kirtwright, Adviser Gretchen Shultz. Row 2: Melissa Johnsen, Randi Wood.

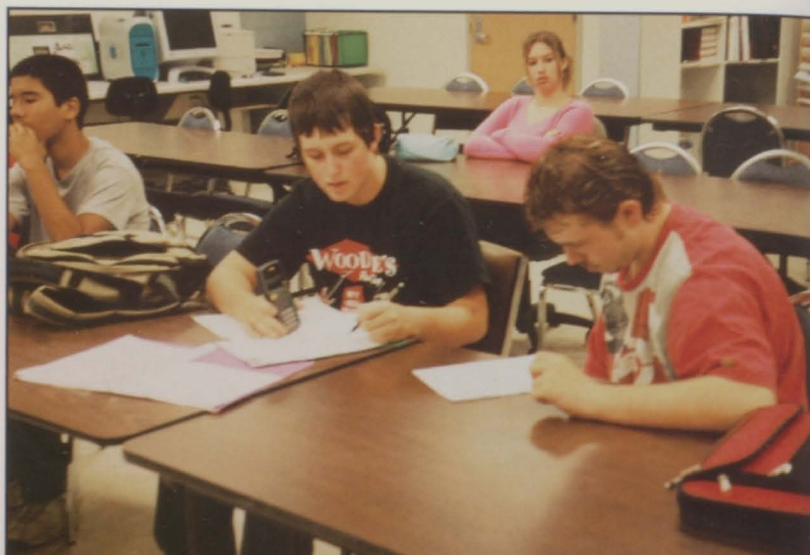


# After a whole year of language arts classes, some MHS students know

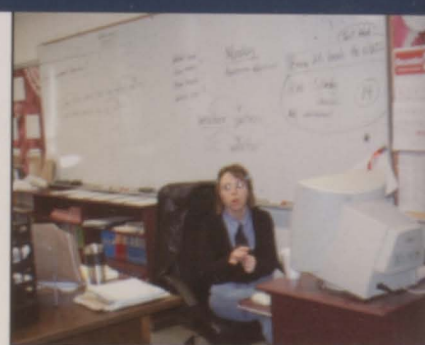
**LIBRARY LOAN** Sophomore Brittany Keeling peers over the shoulder of Librarian Kay Goss. English students spent several class periods in the school library as part of their research paper assignments.



**ENGLISH DOESN'T ADD UP** when sophomores Jacob Skaggs and Travis Turley borrow English teacher Scott Lawson's calculator. Skaggs and Turley were working on math homework after finishing their English assignment.



**ON A ROLL** Debbie Whetstine, English teacher, discusses an assignment with senior Amanda Neal. Whetstine spent much of the year coping with knee problems.



**DRESSED FOR SUCCESS** Janisha Brook, English teacher, participates in Nerd Day during Spirit Week on April 6.

**VERBAL WARNING** FCCLA's teacher appreciation lunch provides a photo opportunity. "Don't you dare take that," said Debbie Whetstine, English teacher. "Every year you take a picture of me eating!"

# English Linguish





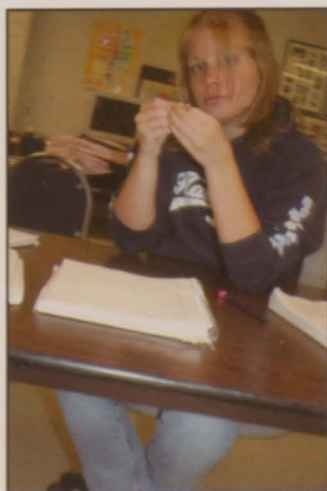
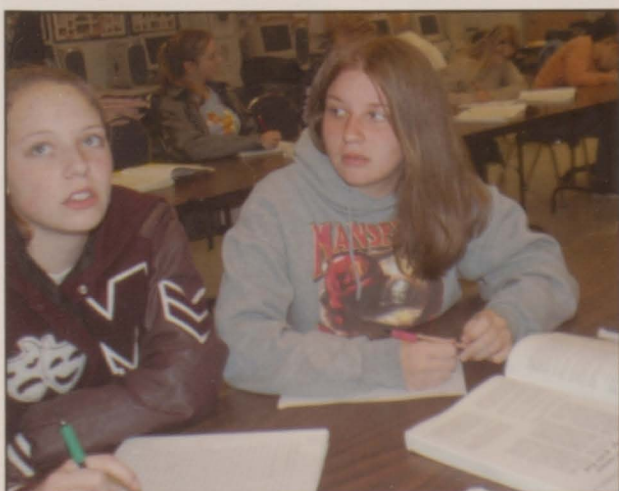
WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS Junior Lauren Rummens, above left, looks through old yearbook photos. The photos were available for sale during Open House Nov. 17.

PUBLISHING Juniors Chelsea House, Melissa Morris, Toby Shelhamer and Paige Hoover, far left, design yearbook pages during class on October 28.

BOOK NEEDS Junior Paige Hoover and senior Leanne Moody, left, wear their Nerd Day costumes in Pub. Spirit Week was held the first full week in April.



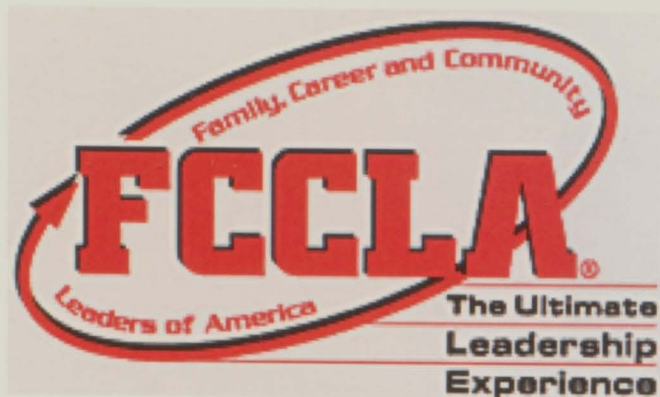
LORDS OF THE DANCE Busting a move for the camera, junior Bobby Cubellis (far left) and freshman Landon Jarrett (left) participate in a photojournalism scavenger hunt in Mass Media. Students used the camera to find subjects on a list including "someone dancing."



WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW? An assignment in Mass Media temporarily confuses juniors Audra Dierksen and Maranda Pringle, far left, on Oct. 31.

WISHING WHAT'S DONE UNDONE Fiddling with an eraser, freshman Chelsea Pringle, left, sits over a mostly empty page before beginning an assignment.



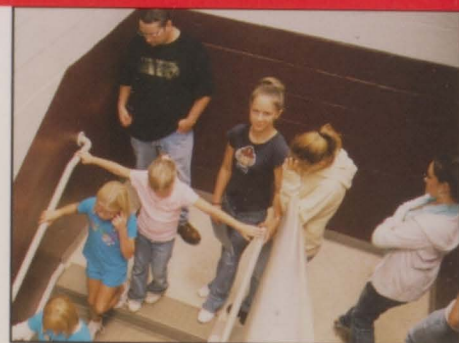


WORDS OF WISDOM Junior Steven Pfeiffer listens to Jerry Armstrong's story of the integration of college basketball in the 1960s. Armstrong, a former MHS principal was on the Texas Western Miners basketball team that won the 1966 NCAA championship with the first all African-American starting lineup. He spoke at a combined FBLA/FCCLA party on Feb. 15.

MOTHER HEN Keeping an eye on her classmates, freshman Megan Brooke clips pretzels in melted almond bark during fourth hour.



FIRE SAFETY Basic Skills class members freshman Miranda Brooke, senior Ryan Harris, freshman Whitney Jordan and sophomore Sara Ussery give a 15-minute presentation on fire safety to elementary students on Sept. 19.



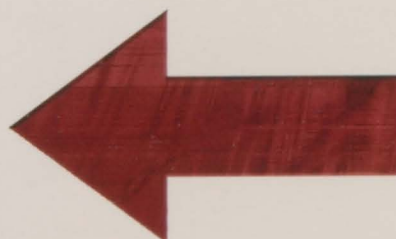
PORTRAIT OF SHAME Interrupted in their presentation by a tornado drill, Basic Skills class members are forced to seek shelter with elementary students. Freshman Whitney Jordan glares at the photographer while sophomore Sara Ussery hides her face.

# FCCLA and FACS





**FRY DADDY** Fourth hour gets messy for Chad Kabage as he learns how to use an induction range. The range was used to melt almond bark for coating pretzels.



**MAD SCIENTIST** Making pizza in Basic Skills on May 11, sophomore Summer Bannister, far left, gets carried away.

**GOOD EATS** Sneaking candied pretzels during class on Nov. 4, freshmen Whitney Jordan and Dalena Mitchell, left, get caught with their hands in the proverbial cookie jar. Freshman Megan Newcomer keeps a discrete distance.



**FCCLA Row 1:** Kati Sherman, Whitney Jordan, Jenni Lemons, Megan Brooke. **Row 2:** Treasurer Ashley Kirtwright, Pam Feldhaus, President Tabitha Merideth, Vice-president Sarah Moody, Secretary Ashley Renner, Adviser Teresa Hinsley. **Row 3:** Windy Johnsen, Amy Collins, Melissa Johnsen, Tamara Delcours, Ashley Vinson, Emily Nichols, Miranda Brooke. **Row 4:** Laura Wagner, Kelsay Tomlinson, Kellie Hutton, Julie Hutton, Brittany Keeling. **Row 5:** Miranda Farris, Margaret Davis, Josh Darcy, James Stafford, Kody Reynolds. **Not Pictured:** Reporter Vicki Billings, Parliamentarian Hannah Persinger.





## Time To Serve

The only way to succeed in life is to work well with others. As part of student council, working together is the turning point in achieving our goals. Members are determined that when performing a duty, they make the best outcome possible. Using skills, strength, knowledge and time, members make an effort to better our school and community. Showing respect and appreciation to people we serve is Stu-Co's number one rule.

## LEADERSHIP

Student Council members attended Districts at McDonald County to learn new leadership roles. They left at 5:30 a.m. on a three hour bus ride and spent the day in workshops and general sessions. They met with several hundred other students from the district and shared new ideas for school spirit. Members also put in two hours or more in picking up walnuts around town, raising \$280. Student Council reserved two nights at Pizza Hut to raise money for their activities. Members also worked from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., taking orders and serving the customers. The outcome was great. They raised \$595 in commissions and tips. They also showed their appreciation to the faculty and the local veterans by providing a Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast and a breakfast for the veterans before the Veteran's Day Assembly held at the Mansfield Community Center. Members also took an hour out of the school day to work sessions of the blood drive held at the school. They treated the community to drinks, snacks and directions. Members also take a day of school off to decorate for homecoming. This year, they decorated the Norwood High School gym due to construction on the new MHS gym.





**TURN UP THE HEAT** Student council members, above, rise and shine early to stir up an outstanding breakfast to show their appreciation to the faculty. They provided biscuits and gravy, bacon, eggs, pancakes, sausage, breakfast casserole, fruits and beverages. Members arrived at the school at 7 a.m. and prepared food in the Food and Consumer Science Kitchen for about 50 faculty members in May.

**ACHIN FOR SOME BACON** Student council members, juniors Chelsea House and Andy Morris, below, show off their cooking skills. Student council cooked breakfast for Mansfield area veterans before attending the Veteran's Day Assembly held in the Mansfield Community Center.



**MISBEHAVING** Teachers Coleen Klingensmith and Debbie Whetstone, above, threaten to fly their butter across the table during the Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast. Senior Adam Smith, left, concentrates on making perfect pancakes. "Everyone said mine were ugly, but I thought they were terrific," laughed Smith. **ELECTION DAY** Junior Jeremy Sutton, below, hands in his ballot as he votes for 2005-06 Student Council officers.



**STUDENT COUNCIL** Row 1- Adam Smith, Megan Sowers, Leanne Moody, Mandie Adamson, Wilda Watterson. Row 2- Lauren Rummens, Bryce Matlock, Connie Quirk, Jackie Emerick, Shana Stewart, Paige Hoover, Kati Sherman, Audra Dierksen, Aimee Williams. Row 3- Losey Tate, Blake Miller, Dakotah Ratzloff, Marcus Sherman, Andy Morris, Chelsea House, Kristin Campbell, Julie Hutton, Landon Jarret.



# A foreign world under one roof...

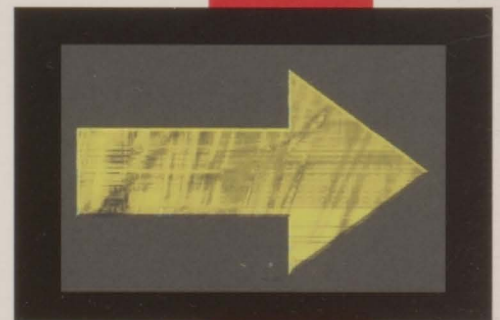


Teacher for a Day Sophomores Kati Sherman and Josh Darcy tell their class about their project - the Trojan Horse. For a grade students made projects from history and then explained to the class what their project was and its role in history.

Learning about history and picking up a language too, many students took a foreign language class and a history class. Students in Roger Woods's World History class gained the experience of teaching their classmates a section from the textbook. Foreign language classes learned how to speak another language, even if they didn't get it right at first. In Vicki Blankenship's French I class, students got to watch sing alongs in French. This helped the students learn more about the language, and they had fun trying to keep up with the video.

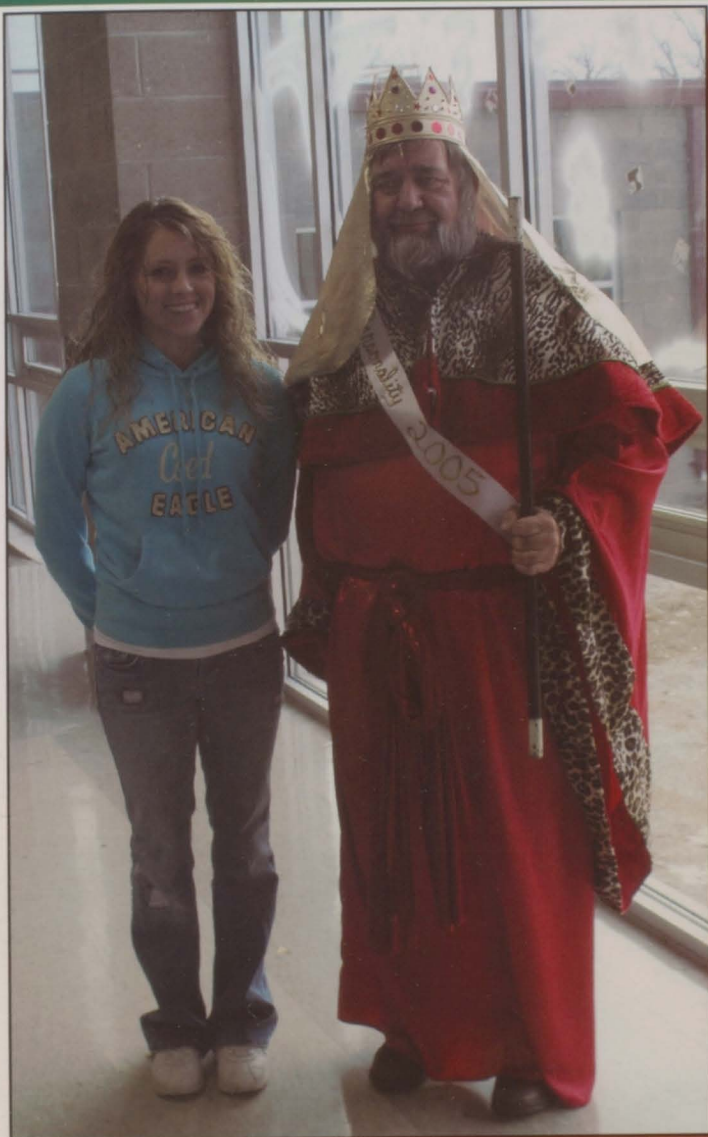
By Rebecca Freeman

## Students **Learn** About the **History** of their **World...**





...and a little language too.

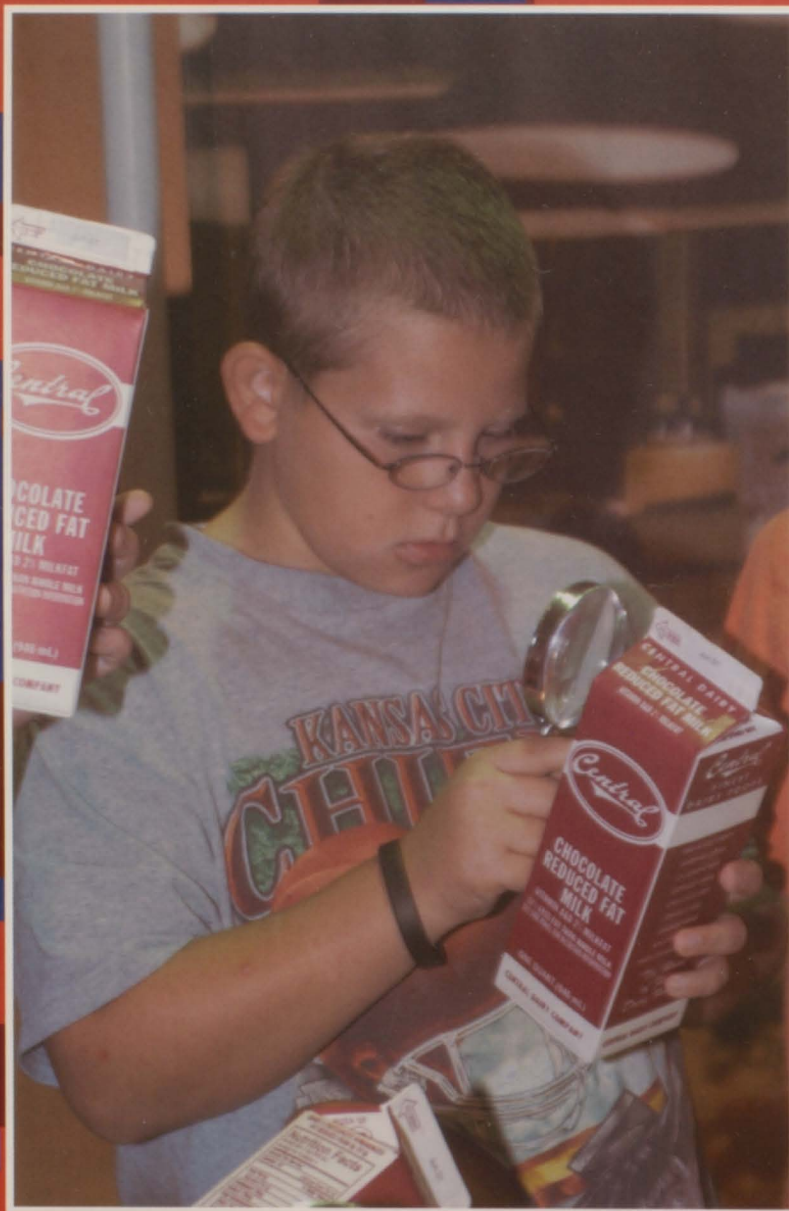


Mr. Personality Roger Wood, history teacher and softball coach, smiles after being voted Mr. Personality and then crowned by senior Megan Sowers.



Foreign Language Club: Row 1: Lauren Rummens, Emily Nichols, Kati Sherman, Vicki Blankenship, adviser, Kellie Hutton, Megan Sowers, Julie Hutton, Ashley Young. Row 2: Chelsea Jones, Brittany Keeling, Bryce Matlock, Leanne Moody, Paige Hoover, Chelsea House, Melissa Morris, Toby Shelhammer, Cassie Sanders. Row 3: Ashley Kirtwright, Lacey Tate, Andy Morris, Kristin Campbell, Blake Miller, Adam Keith, Elliott Johns.





**Checkin' the milk** Kyle Tibbet, left, examines the back of a milk carton to find the nutrition facts of chocolate milk during the Food Power presentation. Elementary students were able to walk through a giant human body to learn important health facts. **Fly away** Students watch as Mandy Hanson, above, lets her butterflies free. The sixth grade classes raised butterflies from caterpillars and set them free to help the environment. **Story time** Elementary students gather around Ibiyinka Alao, below, as he talks to them about art. Alao stopped in Mansfield as part of a cross country tour promoting his art.



**Faculty 76-79**

**Seniors 80-87**



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# In The Box.

If you could put your finger on the **one thing** that made high school, what would it be? Sports, academics or after school activities? Whatever it is, people have their own **personal** description of high school, but one thing they have in common is people. From friends to enemies, high school is all about the people, because without **people**, what would high school be?

**High School 88-93**



**Eighth-Preschool 94-113**



**High School 88-93**

**Eighth-Preschool 94-113**



**Bell rings.** "Get to class!" Toilet clogged. Find custodian. **Bell rings.** Staff meeting. Hurry. **Bell rings.** Playground. Cut knee. Rush to nurse. Band-Aid. **Bell rings.** Prepare lunch. Shrimp? No time today. **Bell rings.** Lunch begins. "Need more fries!" **Bell rings.** Phone rings. Rings again. "Mansfield High School, how can I help you?" **Bell rings.** Fight in hallway. "Go to the office. NOW!" In school suspension. Great. **Bell Rings.** Toilet clogged, again. Find custodian. Bus duty. **Bell rings.** Thank goodness, it's Friday. They might not be in every class, but they are there – behind the scenes, making the day run smoothly. They discipline, cook, clean and do many jobs in-between. They put up with it all, yet they still return every Monday. They are **the staff and administration.**

Chanda Box, *Health Clerk*

Ann Brazeal, *Cook*

Kelly Brazeal, *High School Counselor*

Janet Brooke, *High School Secretary*

Naomi Clouse, *Title I*



Harold Dennis, *Maintenance*

Pat Dennis, *Cook*

Don Hanger, *Head Mechanic*

Brenda Hutton, *Middle School Secretary*

Teresa Jarrett, *Elementary Secretary*



Helen Lawrence, *Title I*

Debbie Letsinger, *Superintendent's Secretary*

Arlene Magnin, *Superintendent*

Cindy Massey, *Title I*

Kayla Melton, *Custodian*







**MAINTENANCE MUNCHIES** Steve Baty, Harold Dennis and Ronnie Roy, below, enjoy a breakfast prepared for them by FFA. Teacher appreciation breakfast is an annual activity during FFA week. **AND THE AWARD GOES TO...** Principal Randy Short, left, announces Principal's Honor Roll winners at the awards ceremony. Students must make the A honor roll all four quarters to make Principal's Honor Roll.



**STUCK DUCK** Principal Randy Short, right, watches senior Adam Smith closely as he pulls out the crate Short was standing on. NHS students taped Short to the wall with duct tape for a club fund raiser.



Janet Mitchell, *Title I*  
Becky Moody, *Special Education*  
Kelly Moody, *Elementary Cafeteria Clerk*  
Nate Moore, *Elementary Principal*  
Jennifer Morris, *Nurse*

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

Barbara Williams, *Special Education*  
Natasha Young, *Custodian*



**Bell rings.** Find seat. "Number a paper from one to ten." Groan. Find paper fast. Fail quiz. Take some notes. **Bell rings.** Rush to next class. Make excuse for being late. Attempt to work. Take nap. **Bell rings.** Race through hallway. Turn in half-finished assignment. **Bell rings.** Change clothes. Run a mile. **Bell rings.** Lunch. Imagine that; it's chicken. **Bell rings.** Find homework. Take test. **Bell rings.** Find computer. Type away. Bell rings. Grab books. Rush to class. Take more notes. **Bell rings.** Thank goodness it's Friday. They are there through it all – the groaning, the complaints, and the rarely-seen smiles. Yet they put up with it all and still return every Monday, hoping to prepare us for what's ahead. They are **the faculty.**

Gina Adams, *Special Education*  
 Marsha Appleby, *Business*  
 Vicki Blankenship, *French*  
 Danae Bogart, *Special Education Aide*



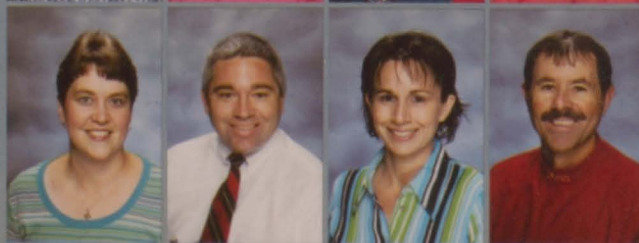
Vicki Box, *Reading First Director*  
 Janisha Brooke, *English*  
 Dallas Chambers, *Remedial Math*  
 Stan Coday, *Agriculture*



Bob Cubellis, *Math*  
 Terri Flynn, *Learning Disabilities*  
 Donna Gilley, *Special Education*  
 Kay Goss, *Librarian*



Tiffany Gray, *MS Alternative*  
 John Hinsley, *Science*  
 Teresa Hinsley, *Family and Consumer Science*  
 Doug Jones, *Science, Athletics*



Michell King, *Math*  
 Colleen Klingensmith, *Special Education*  
 Scott Lawson, *English, Publications*  
 Mindy Lemons, *Athletics*







**BAD LUCK** Holli Smith, art teacher, left, opens her umbrella before being bombarded with creme pies. Elementary teachers were subjected to a pie-in-the-face at the St. Jude's fund raiser award ceremony. **FOOD FIGHT** Jane Wehmeyer, Colleen Klingensmith and Debbie Whetstine threaten their fellow teachers with scrambled eggs at Student Council's annual teacher appreciation breakfast. StuCo members arrived at school long before the first bell rang to prepare eggs, pancakes, biscuits, sausage and other items for the high school teachers.



Teresa Leonard, *Social Studies*  
Stephaney Menzie, *Special Education*  
Tina Nichols, *Instructional Aide*  
Pam Probert, *Science*



Mark Richard, *Athletics*  
Gretchen Schultz, *Art*  
Cody Shelton, *Athletics*  
Jane-Elise Shirley, *Special Education*



Kathy Short, *Special Education*  
Holli Smith, *Art*  
Beth Ann Strain, *Librarian*  
Donna Streight, *Special Education*



Shannon Waldo, *Band*  
Wilda Watterson, *Social Studies*  
Jane Wehmeyer, *Math*  
Debbie Whetstine, *English*



Roger Wood, *Social Studies, Athletics*



## ...the end of the road...

**Bell rings.** It's the last first day ever. We've spent the last twelve years together, and today marks the first day of the thirteenth. The majority of us haven't even arrived at school yet because we chose to take part time attendance. Those of us who are here look tired, still stuck on the late night, summer schedule. We rush to class, hoping since it's the first day the teacher will excuse our tardiness. **Bell rings.** Second hour begins. You notice a few more classmates straggling through the front door. "*Buenos días.*" Spanish this early in the morning? Are you joking? **Bell rings.** Finally, the rest of our classmates arrive. You high-five a friend you've missed all summer. This is it. We're finally seniors. We rush to class, and get our first homework assignment. It's the first day of school and you would think they'd go easy on us, but of course not. We're seniors and they're preparing us for the years ahead – or so they claim. **Bell rings.** Time for chemistry. You've waited for this day to arrive. You'll finally be *allowed* to light things on fire and mix together chemicals to see what happens. And you're that much closer to lunch. **Bell rings.** First day lunch is always something good, making you think the food could have possibly gotten better over the summer. But don't think that for too long – tomorrow's lunch is guaranteed to be chicken. **Bell rings.** We're on the downhill side of the day. Shakespeare's *Hamlet*... You've got to be joking. We didn't understand *Romeo and Juliet*, and now we have to conquer *Hamlet*?! Wonderful. **Bell rings.** Of course, Coach Wood gives a quiz the first day. That's typical. Half of the class will bomb it and he'll inform us it was just a joke. He only does it because he enjoys seeing us squirm. **Bell rings.** The majority of our classmates head home, once again taking advantage of part time attendance. Others head to weights to prepare for ball practice. Either way, it's the last hour of the day. And when that last **bell rings**, we can smile. We just finished our first last day ever. **One hundred seventy-three more,** and we'll be done forever...





# Seniors



**DRUMLINE** Adam Smith marches during the Wilder Day parade. **BLOODLINE** Leanne Moody waits her turn to donate blood during the annual Student Council blood drive. **PULL!** Cassie Sanders and Samantha Parkes attempt to defeat the freshmen at Barnwarming. Classes compete against each other every year.



Mandie Adamson  
Synthia Bannister  
Rebecca Barlett



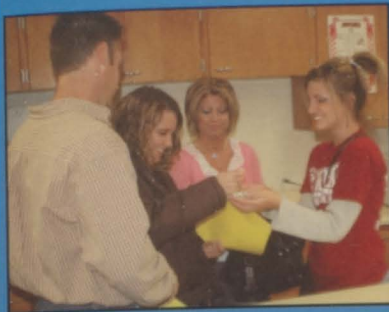
Shamala Bunch  
Brett Calhoun  
Katelyn Choate



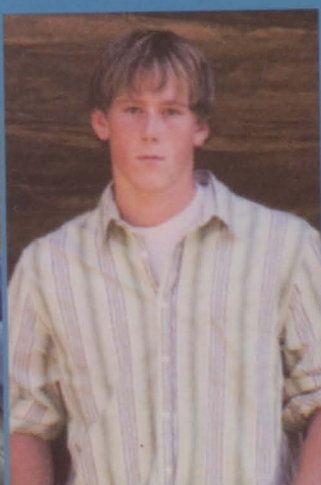
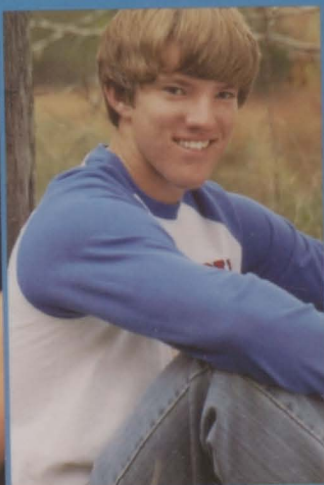
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Tiffany Dollarhide







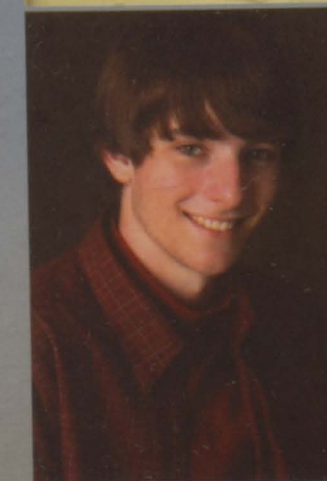
**SWEETCAKES** Lindsay Ratzloff shares with her parents a dessert she made in Nutrition. Open House visitors had the opportunity to taste students' concoctions. **GO!** Billy Newton races his car during physics class. **MY TOP MATCH IS...** Blake Miller helps Sara Usery pass out Data Match Results. FBIA sponsors the activity around Valentine's Day.



Natasha Dixon  
Kendall Findley  
Ryan Harris



Amanda Hilton  
Trampus Hire  
Julie Hutton



Evan Jones  
Hollie Jordan  
Adam Keith



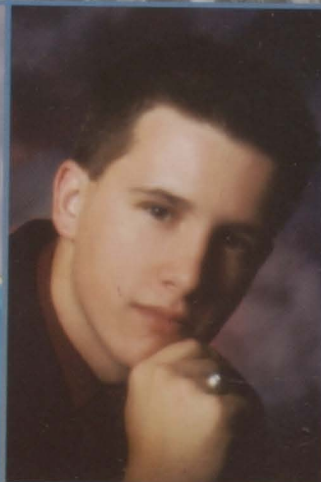
**CRISS CROSS** Ryan Harris passes his candy to Jane Wehneyer during a pep assembly. **NAP TIME** Chad Smith and buddies relax on the bed he built for the Industrial Arts Fair. **MR. AND MRS. PERSONALITY** Megan Sowers poses with Roger Wood during lunch. Wood was voted Mr. Personality by the student body.



Dulci Lancaster  
Jalene Lehman  
Ryan Loge



Hannah Maggard  
Tabitha Meredith  
Blake Miller



Leanne Moody  
Sarah Moody  
Amanda Neal







**SWING BATTER, BATTER.** Adam Keith makes contact during the fall game against Hartville. The Lions defeated the Eagles. **POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE** Ashly Renner and Scott Short make their final walk as seniors. Graduation ceremonies were held at Norwood High School. **SUMMER LOVIN'** Jesse Stuart and London Jarrett perform during the talent show. Choir members sang multiple songs from the hit musical, Grease.



Billy Newton  
Shane Norell  
Samantha Parkes



Les Parsons  
Kristin Quick  
Lindsay Ratzlaff



Ashly Renner  
Cassie Sanders  
Erin Schell

# Seniors



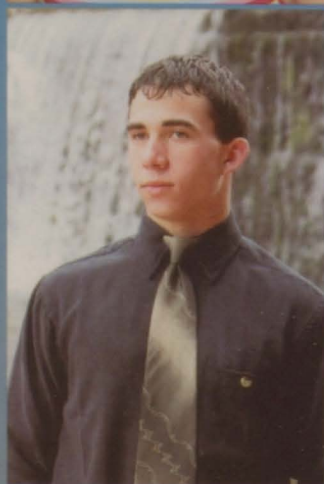
MY VOTE Julie Hutton is presented with an award for her essay, "What My Vote Will Mean To Me." The essay contest was held by the American Legion. FIRE AWAY Leanne Moody and Mandie Adamson shoot at targets. Seniors held a turkey shoot as a fund raiser. FUN AND GAMES Adam Keith, Evan Jones, Blake Miller and Kendall Findley share a laugh at the basketball award ceremony.



Sarah Sherman  
Scott Short  
Adam Smith



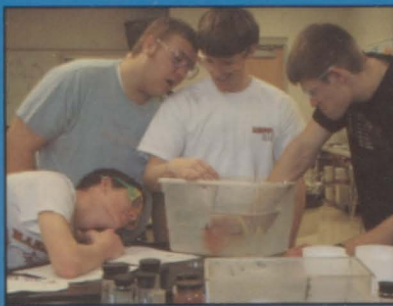
Chad Smith  
Megan Sowers  
Jesse Stuart



Jessica Taylor  
Kelsey Tomlinson  
Josie Vaverka







**SCRAMBLE** Amanda Neal fights for the ball during a game against Niangua. **SCIENCE NERDS** Adam Keith, Ryan Loge, Kendall Findley and Adam Smith perform an experiment during chemistry. **FORKING** Students arrived at school Monday morning to find the front lawn covered by over 2000 plastic forks. The senior prank was performed the night before, and the culprits were not caught.



Chris Wilson  
Jessica Williams  
Jacob Wright  
*Not Shown:*  
Samantha Branstetter  
Brendan Keeling  
Samantha Kirby

### CLASS STATS

President: Julie Hutton

Vice President: Cassie Sanders

Secretary: Megan Sowers

Treasurer: Natasha Dixon

Student Council Representative: Blake Miller

Population: 51

Class Colors: Maroon and Gold

Class Flower: Fire and Ice Rose

Class Motto: Here's to the nights we felt alive. Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry. Here's to good-bye, tomorrow's gonna come too soon. — Eve 6

Valedictorian: Julie Hutton

Salutatorian: Megan Sowers



# What I most **dread** telling my **parents** is...

I don't want to have to tell my parents that I ran over their favorite dog.

—Steven Pfeiffer

I most dread telling my parents about my imaginary friend, Ted. We partake in wacky adventures.

—Bobby Cubellis

I loathe telling my father that I just killed a calf because I gave it the wrong shots.

—Chad Newton

I dread telling my parents why I don't get home on time and what I was doing.

—Aimee Williams

I can tell my parents anything because I'm so close to them. They are my best friends.

—Dakotah Ratzlaff

I don't dread telling my parents anything, but I'm scared to tell the world I am really Batman.

—Andrew Byerlee

I don't dread telling my parents anything because I already tell them everything. I don't have any secrets.

—Melissa Johnsen

Andrew Byerlee  
Kristin Campbell  
Bobby Cubellis  
Audra Dierksen  
Brett Essary



Preston Goss  
Joshua Gresham  
Paige Hoover  
Chelsea House  
Samantha Jasick



Adam Kennedy  
Ashley Kirtwright  
Heather Menefee  
Melanie Moore  
Travis Moore



Andy Morris  
Samantha Morris  
Joey Neal  
Chad Newton  
Hannah Persinger







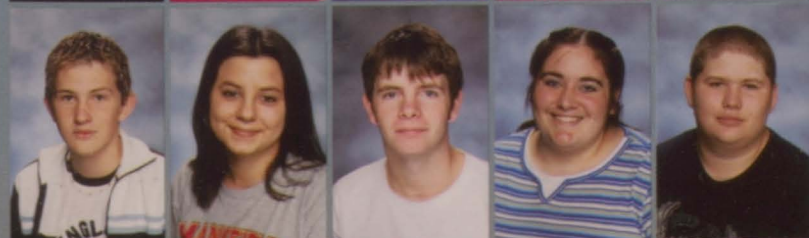
**GIFT OF LIFE** Heather Menefee, above left, donates blood for the first time at the annual blood drive sponsored by FFA. **GLUEP GALORE** Samantha Morris, above, perfects the gluep recipe. The Human Anatomy class helped students make the concoction at Open House. **JAZZ MAN** Andy Morris, left, accompanied by Josh Gresham, serenades the senior class with a parody at prom. "I wasn't nervous at all," Morris stated. "I knew I was good, and I knew I could make them laugh."



Steven Pfeiffer  
Debbie Quick  
Dakotah Ratzlaff  
Lauren Rummens  
Toby Shelhamer



Marcus Sherman  
Jasmine Singh  
Adam Smith  
Marqee Snokhous  
Shona Stewart



Jeremy Sutton  
Lacey Tate  
Danny Thompson  
Aimee Williams  
Craig Williams



Randi Wood  
Ryan Wright  
Ashley Young  
*Not Pictured:*  
Vicki Billings  
Josh Cornelius  
Melissa Johnsen  
Maranda Pringle



# What is the best **excuse** when you break **curfew**?

I was home; you just didn't see me come home.

-Cory Walker

I forgot where I was and my curfew.

-Justin Ince

I was following a log truck and the strap broke. Logs were all over the road.

-Dustin Taylor

Next time I will be faster.

-Allen Fossness

My phone couldn't get any service, so I couldn't call you.

-Michael Almanza

I got pulled over.

-Kody Reynolds

Kristin Adamson  
Michael Almanza  
Summer Bannister  
Quentin Berry  
Will Brazeal



Kyle Cunningham  
Margaret Davis  
Jordan Dooley  
Josh Dorcy  
Allen Fossness



Rebecca Freeman  
Nicole Gage  
JR Girtler  
Amber Henry  
Abby Hultz



Kellie Hutton  
Justin Ince  
Rashawnda Jackson  
Elliott Johns  
Chelsea Jones



Brittany Keeling  
Jennifer Lemons  
Matt Leonard  
David Lister  
Dallas Massey







4X4 Dustin Taylor, left, Josh Dorcy, and junior Brett Essary learn ATV safety at the annual Mount Vernon Field Day. **GIMME THAT** Cory Walker, above, Kyle Cunningham and freshman Daniel Pharris participate in a pep rally. Students traded candy with their neighbors at key words read from a story Wilda Waterson, social studies teacher, wrote about the boys basketball team.



Bryce Matlock  
Josh May  
Alyshia Meiners  
Samantha Meredith  
Melissa Morris  
Emily Nichols

Larry Ousley  
Mike Pagel  
Maranda Pringle  
Connie Quirk  
Kody Reynolds  
Jonathan Rosas

Chris Roy  
Kati Sherman  
Jacob Skaggs  
James Stafford  
Dustin Taylor  
Sidney Tucker

Jessica Turley  
Travis Turley  
Sara Ussery  
Sadie Vaverka  
Chandler Veit  
Ashley Vinson

Cory Walker  
Brent Welch  
Ryan Whorton  
*Not Pictured:*  
Ethen Napier  
Katrina Neville  
Jordan Sutton

Josh Wilkerson



# If you could go back in time, when and where would you go?

I would go back to the 1950s in New York City so I could see all the movies and wear those cute poodle skirts.  
—Kelly Quirk

I would go back to 1969 and have the best hippy time of my little hippy life.  
—Stephanie Baty

I would go back to medieval times in the European countries so I could watch the knights jousting.  
—Jackie Emerick

I would go back to the time of the cavemen and invent newer and improved accessories.  
—Paige Lambert

I would go back to the time of the dinosaurs and save them from becoming extinct. I'd keep one for a pet.  
—Windy Johnsen

I would go back in the '70s so I could go to Woodstock.  
—Tron Sherman

J.J. Allen  
Brody Banner  
Randee Barlett  
Stephanie Baty  
Josh Box



Megan Brooke  
Miranda Brooke  
Josh Chilton  
Dustin Cody  
Amy Collins



Blake Conaway  
Derrick Cross  
Spencer Deal  
Sarah Debrodie  
Tamara Delcour



Jackie Emerick  
Miranda Farris  
Pam Feldhaus  
Brittany Greer  
Eric Greer



Jake Gunter  
Amber Heath  
Shawn Hume  
Landon Jarrett  
Ashley Jasick







FLY HIGH Tyler Page, left, tests his airplane design for physical science. Each year the freshman make their own designs and then compete with their classmates to find the best one. HIGH ACHIEVER Kelly Quirk, above, receives her academic letter from Counselor Kelly Brazeal at the high school awards ceremony.



Windy Johnsen  
Colton Jones  
Whitney Jordan  
Chad Kabage  
Justin Keith  
Paige Lambert

Michael Lynn  
Dalena Mitchell  
Steven Myers  
Tyler Page  
Daniel Pharris  
Chelsea Pringle

Kelly Quirk  
Cole Riley  
Tyler Riley  
Tara Robinson  
Tron Sherman  
Dee Singh

Kashmir Singh  
Jason Skaggs  
Rachel Sowers  
Amanda Tucker  
Cody Wagner  
Laura Wagner

Ronnie Webster  
Evan Whorton  
Kelly Whorton  
Kristine Whorton  
Dakota Willis  
James Wright

*Not Pictured:*  
Sarah Billings  
Nathan Brumley  
Mitchell Campbell  
Mike Pagel  
Daniel Pharris  
Aaron Stewart  
Joe Turley  
Ebboni Williams



# Describe your **Ideal** opposite sex.

I would want him to understand me, be sweet, romantic and have a lot in common with me.

—Kaysha Ousley

My ideal guy has to have skater boy hair, he needs to make me laugh, and he can't be cocky.

—Allyson Rokusek

He needs to be smart, into sports, taller than me, confident but not cocky, plus funny and hot.

—Jessica Chilton

I want him to be funny and sweet. He needs blonde hair and bluish-green eyes. In other words, Levi.

—Sativa Hale

My ideal guy would be blonde hair, blue eyes, tan, a little muscular, not a skater or a smoker.

—Jaimie Smith

Two words: Leanne Moody.

—Vince Miller

Bailey Acree  
Chelese Adams  
Haden Adamson  
Lindsay Allen  
Jana Banister  
John Barnett



Kayla Baty  
Deanna Bookout  
Casey Box  
Brian Bunch  
Jessica Chilton  
Cody Clatyon



Dillon Coffelt  
Daniel Colston  
Laken Conaway  
Andrew Cooley  
Levi Cooley  
Devin Davis



Erin Dierksen  
Kelsay Dugger  
Alisha Gray  
Chance Greer  
Sativa Hale  
Adam Heater



Joshua Heater  
Jeremy Henry  
Stephanie Henry  
Jake Hultz  
Rochelle Johns  
William Johnsen



Nathan Jones  
Chelsi Keith







WORDS OF WISDOM Class  
President Vince Miller offers advice,  
encouragement and humor to his  
fellow classmates during eighth  
grade graduation. Sixty-four students  
participated in graduation ceremonies  
held at the Assembly of God  
Church because of gym construction.



Brittany Landrum  
Billy Maynard  
Gary Maynard  
Vince Miller  
Corey Mincks  
Chauncie Mitchell



Corwin Moore  
Marcy Morton  
Kaleb Nolen  
Katelyn Nolen  
Kaysha Ousley  
Ashley Piland



Doug Pyle  
Cody Riley  
Allyson Rokusek  
Austin Rokusek  
Alex Roy  
Nathan Rummens



Justin Sanders  
Cody Sigman  
Jaimie Smith  
Robert Snokhous  
Shane Stewart  
Marcy Stofer



Marsi Stone  
Patty Turman  
Jasmine Turney  
Whitney Whorton  
Morgan Williams  
Sherif Williams



Bobby Woods  
Jake Yost  
*Not Pictured:*  
*Patience Eaton*



# If I were principal for a day I would...

If I was principal, I would change it so that we only had to do homework on Mondays.

-Cody Young

If I was principal, I would go easy on the kids. I would try to give all the teachers a raise, including myself.

-Haley Miller

If I was principal, I would change ISS because sending kids there just makes them angrier.

-Brittany Cruse

If I was principal, I would change the school hours to 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

-Vanessa Delcour

If I was principal, I would change the rules, get better busses and have the cooks make better food.

-Darron Nichols

If I was principal, I would change the rule about not having cell phones on during school.

-Olivia Whorton

If I was principal, I would change the rules about eating during class and buying pop during the day.

-Wendy Ince

If I was principal, I would have the teachers take a gun safety class and have them carry a firearm. It would reduce fighting.

-Ethan Davis

I would change the basketball schedule so that it lasted all year. The basketball girls want more games.

-Jessica Berry

If I was principal, I would change the tardy rules. I think you should have to get 10 tardies in each class before you get ISS.

-Jordon Gunter

If I was principal, I would change the ISS room into a lounge for the middle school.

-Kim Stofer

If I were principal, I would have more diverse sports for the students. A lot of students would love volleyball and soccer.

-Rita DeBrodie

Jakob Adamson  
Rheanna Allen  
Jessica Berry  
Austin Branham  
Josh Brazeal

Warren Brazeal  
Savanna Cornelius  
Brittany Cruse  
Ethan Davis  
Betty Debrodie

Rita Debrodie  
Vanessa Delcour  
Jeromey Dennis  
Sharice Dennis  
Heath Dugger

Dillon Earl  
Rachael Essary  
Jordon Gunter  
Justin Hinsley  
Zachary Houke







**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** Brittany Cruse, top left, and Vince Miller, eighth grade, share a moment during the Middle School Dance. For the second year, Student Council sponsored the back-to-school dance and provided music, food and lots of fun. **HAND OFF** Marcy Stofer, eighth grade, and Rheanna Allen, left, practice their baton hand off before a race. Because of growing interest and participation, the middle school had a track team for the first time in three years. "Being a part of getting track started in middle school was awesome," said Coach John Hirsley. "They did well for a first year team." **ART WORKS** Jessica Berry shows her mom a piece of her work during Open House. Students display their best work for the people who attend the event.



Matthew Huber  
Wendy Ince  
Rebecca Kaempfer  
Laine Kelly-Cain  
Brittany Lakey  
Dillon Massey

Chasity Maynard  
Jodi McDowell  
Haley Miller  
Cody Mincks  
Eryka Myers  
Darron Nichols

Erin Nichols  
Anthony Sabado  
Kimberly Stofer  
David Turley  
Olivia Whorton  
Christopher Woods

Cody Young  
Danyale Young  
Nikki Zorsch  
*Not Pictured:*  
Justin Bogard  
Hannah Levan  
Kaylyn McNeil



# If you could be one **character** from your favorite **book**, who would it be and why?

If I could be any character I would be Alec from *The Black Stallion's Ghost*. I like his personality and how he loves an adventure and his horse.

—Amanda Willen

I would like to be Lucy from *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. I would want to be Lucy because I think it would be cool to find a town.

—Kendra Woolman

I would be Delreata from the book *The Man Who Loved Clowns* because she doesn't make fun of Punky.

—Taylor Baty

I want to be Meg from *A Wind In the Door* because I want to go on adventures.

—Katlyn Swisher

I would like to be Stacey, a character in *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* because he has to be so mature.

—Quinton Bell

If I could be any character from any book I would be Dustfinger from *Inkheart* because he can control fire.

—Nathan Bogart

## Sixth Grade

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



Quinton Bell  
Sarah Bishop  
Corben Burkhart  
Jenna Campie  
Justin Colston  
James Cooley



T.J. Cooley  
Jason Davis  
Johnnie Dunham  
Devin Fullington  
Christian Gray  
Chad Greenway



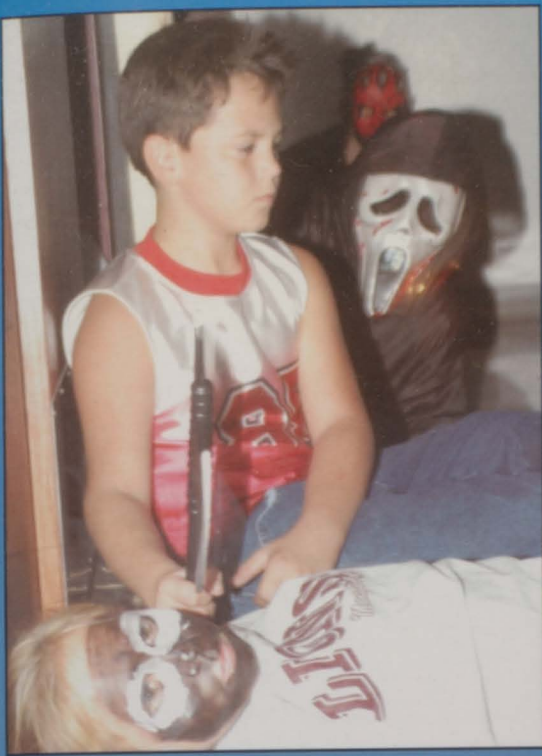
Julia Gresham  
Brittany Grogan  
Brady Hanger  
Katie Hanson  
Alexis Hunt  
James Jackson



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







**HALLOWEEN GORE** Quinton Bell and Emily Neal, right, provide scares at a haunted house presented by the Community Center. The annual Halloween event includes a walk-through haunted house, games and candy for visitors.



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

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

Kayla Regnaiere  
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  
Kendra Woolman  
Marcia Blaine  
Christie Grubbs  
*Not Pictured:*  
*Nathan Bogart*



# If you could trade lives with anyone, who would it be and why?

I would be Kelly Pickler because it would be totally cool to be on American Idol 2006.

—Jessica Houke

If I could be anyone in the world I would be Mr. Cogdill because I think it would be cool to be a math teacher.

—Shay Jackson

I would be George Gershwin because he was an amazing composer and he made many great songs in only 39 years.

—Carter Quirk

I would be Bill Gates because I'd be the richest person in the world and I'd have a lot of air space.

—Jacob Mitchell

I wouldn't want to trade with anybody because I love my family, and I like the way I live.

—Kindal Ball

I would be Cassie Sproul because she is always nice. She is also a good and trustworthy friend who is always there for me.

—Amanda Davis

I would trade lives with Missy Elliot because she's famous and she's a rapper.

—Samantha Howard

I would trade places with Lebron James because he's an NBA superstar and youngest in the league.

—Sam Appleby

If I could trade lives with anyone, it would be my mom because she has an awesome job and she is beautiful.

—Jade Turney

## Fifth Grade

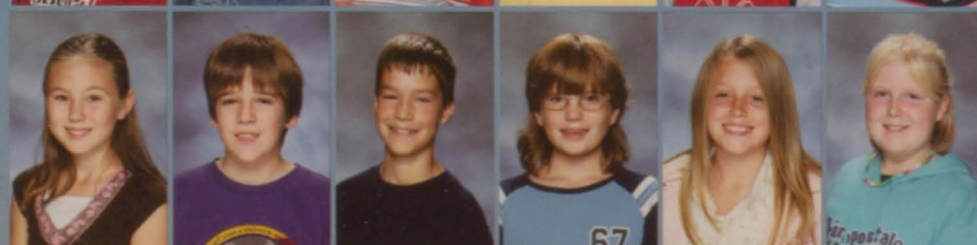
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Sam Appleby  
Kindal Ball  
Chace Bell  
Chantelle Borders  
Corey Cantrell



Curtis Carnal  
Bobby Clanton  
Austin Cook  
Jessica Cook  
Jason Cornelius  
Brianna Cubellis



Amanda Davis  
Jacob Davis  
Scott Davis  
Amber Delcour  
Candace Dunbar  
Melissa Edwards



Ryan Elliott  
Chance Emerick  
Dusty Equevilley  
Colten Fullington  
Brett Greer  
Ryche Hale



Ryan Hamberg  
Mandy Hanson  
William Hash  
Maranda Heath  
T.J. Hilton  
Jessica Houke







**FLY AWAY** Mandy Hanson, above, releases a butterfly her class raised from a caterpillar. Teacher Jodie Sell has her fifth grade class raise a butterfly and release it into the wild each year. **OH, FARMER BOY** Nathan Quick, right, along with six other cast members, performs "Grandma's Feather Bed" in the Little House play, *Laura's Memories*. The outdoor pageant is presented by the Ozark Mountain Players in the town's outdoor theater.

## Fifth Grade



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

Canaan Kindle  
Jacob McDonald  
Kolby Miller  
Jacob Mitchell  
Christain Parsons  
Kaylee Pierson  
Cody Pratt

Nathan Quick  
Carter Quirk  
Michael Ramsey  
Elaine Rawlings  
Becky Short  
Cassie Sproul  
Bryon Stout

Nathan Swisher  
Kyle Tibbett  
Jade Turney  
Taylor Wehmeyer  
Cheyanne White  
Shafi Williams  
Susan Williams

Clayton Young  
Tyler Young  
Klaron Cogdill  
Cindy Delcour  
Jodie Sell  
*Not Pictured:*  
Cody Henry



# What **cartoon** character are you most **like** and why?

I'm like Woody Woodpecker because he's funny and sometimes I can laugh like him.

—Makayla Fringer

I'm Tom and my brother Shadd is Jerry because I chase Shadd all over in the backyard.

—Leanna Leckenby

I'm like Sandy from *Sponge Bob Square Pants* because I am a girl and I like to fight and do karate moves.

—Alyssa Sproul

I'm like Scooby Dooby Doo because he likes to solve mysteries just like me.

—Jess Farris

I think I look like Little Bill because we are both African Americans.

—Sulaman Williams

I resemble Velma on *Scooby Doo* because we both have red hair and she wears a sweater like mine.

—Amanda Cook

I'm like Patrick Star from *Sponge Bob Square Pants* because we are both really lazy.

—Michael Wilson

I'm most like Kim Possible because I'm really flexible like her.

—Calli Titsworth

I'm like Goku from *Drangonball Z* because I'm a black belt in karate and do other marshal arts in combat.

—Chance Reed

Kelsey Adamson  
Jordan Baty  
Kourtney Brumley  
Derek Campie  
Amanda Cook  
Fallon Easley

Josh Eaton  
Sarah Emerick  
Jess Farris  
Makayla Fringer  
Cory Girtler  
Scott Girtler

Christopher Grogan  
Shianne Hadlock  
Russell Harrison  
Rachel Hash  
Brandan Henry  
Derrick Hunsucker

Steven Irwin  
Patrick Jackson  
Tiffany Jones  
Gabby Levan  
Sean Keiter  
Shelby Lansdown

Leanna Leckenby  
Dalton McNeil







**STUDENTS AS TEACHERS** Senior Jesse Stuart, above, teaches fourth graders about bones at Food Power, sponsored by the University of Missouri extension office. **FLYING PIE** Rachel Hash, left, throws a pie at her teachers during a St. Jude's fund-raising award ceremony. Students from each class who were top fund raisers got the opportunity to pie a teacher in front of the elementary student body.



Katie Peak  
Will Pingel  
Mileeta Rawlings  
Chance Reed  
Dustin Riggs  
Rylan Schuster

Cameron Shores  
Jenny Sigman  
Austin Smith  
Clay Smith  
Alyssa Sproul  
Elizabeth Sweeting

Kimberly Tetrick  
Shania Tibbett  
Calli Titsworth  
Tiffani Ussery  
Spencer Vogt  
Natalie Walker

Ethan Wallace  
Sulaman Williams  
Michael Wilson  
Johnathon Wise  
Ashtin Young  
Jarrod Young

Carol Anderson  
Vicky Denney  
*Not Pictured:*  
*Brendon Nelson*



# Which of the **seven dwarfs** would you most want to be?

Grumpy, because I don't like to take baths.

—Ashley Ball

I would like to be Sleepy because then you could sleep all night and all day and not have to do chores.

—Kayla Yunker

Dopey, because I like to be quiet so that I am good and don't get into trouble.

—Ashley Brazeal

Doc, because he's the leader of the seven dwarfs and he reminds me of Gimli from Lord of the Rings.

—Beau Massey

I would most likely be Happy because I am in a good mood and don't fight with anyone in my class.

—Shatona White

I would like to be Grumpy because I am probably the grumpiest kid in the world.

—Kyle Elliott

Grumpy is my favorite because he is grumpy a lot and sometimes I'm grumpy.

—McKenzie Adamson

I would like to be Dopey. I want to be him because he never says anything.

—Jordan Lebahn

Sneezy, because he sneezes a lot and I could sneeze really strong and blow people away.

—Jonah Gray

Bailey Adams  
Alayna Adamson  
McKenzie Adamson  
Ashley Ball  
Christie Bannister  
Chandler Blaine



Dalton Borders  
Madison Box  
Ashley Brazeal  
Braden Bruce  
Tayler Cain  
Brianna Carter



Zackary Cooley  
Zach Cornelison  
Arik Dennis  
Blaine Dennis  
Brenton Drane  
Hali Eastland



Kyle Elliott  
Chelsea Emerick  
Cortlyn Fullington  
Justin Gower  
Jonah Gray  
Cory Henry



Zachary Hodges  
Korynn Hoerner  
Cody Jayne  
Deleah Jones  
Kara Kennedy  
Courney Kirkland







WE'VE GOT TALENT Drew Dunbar, Chelsea Emerick and Christie Bonnister, left, sing and dance during the annual MHS talent show. MATH-A-THON Kailey Morris, Ashtin Matney and Mackenzie Tripp, above, receive awards during an assembly after raising money for St. Jude's. The assembly also included a pie toss where top selling students could throw creme pies at their favorite teachers.



Bethany Lakey  
Katelynn Lansdown  
Jordan Lebahn  
Anthony Lubbock  
Beau Massey  
Ashtin Matney

Makenzie McCrite  
Sherry McDowell  
Kaylee Melton  
Garrett Mendes  
Kailey Morris  
Justin Moss

Cory Parsons  
Dustin Reed  
Madison Richardson  
Kimber Stout  
Matthew Sweeting  
Mckenzie Tripp

Eddie Volner  
Kristen Wallace  
Shyan Webster  
Shatona White  
Lacie Woods  
Dalton Young

Jaci Engel  
Linda Graham  
Erin Greene  
*Not Pictured:*  
Kayla yunker



# What happened to the dinosaurs?

I learned that it got very hot and very windy, and a comet hit the earth and killed the dinosaurs.

—Eli Stigall

I think the dinosaurs died when the world's volcano splattered lava everywhere.

—Morgan Price

The dinosaurs all got blown up by TNT when their island got blown up.

—Jonathon Clanton

I think that a big wave came, and it washed all of the dinosaurs away into the ocean.

—Jack Brazeal

I think a big, red, burning meteor crashed into the earth and made a big crack that the dinosaurs fell into

—Tyler Carnall

All the dinosaurs disappeared when there was a civil war and they all killed each other.

—Abigail Roy

I think the dinosaurs died because they lived in the desert and there was not enough water.

—Samantha Jones

I think that T-Rex ate all the other dinosaurs and then there was no water for him so he died too.

—Michael McDowell

The dinosaurs were all asleep when a volcano erupted, and it went everywhere and killed all the dinosaurs.

—Cassidy Gardner

Hailey Allen  
Logan Alsup  
Preston Bailey  
Tera Berkstresser  
Kadie Black



Jack Brazeal  
Levi Brooke  
Justin Campbell  
Kaelan Cannon  
Tyler Carnall



Jonathon Clanton  
Kelby Clark  
Christian Cooley  
Ethan Davis  
Drew Dunbar



Alyssa Elliott  
Chelsea Essary  
Cassidy Gardner  
Brynna Garson  
Kailie Girard



Abigail Hampton  
Samantha Jones  
Kaitlynn Kaempfer  
Megan Kingery  
Tristan Lane







**BEAUTIES IN A ROW.** Little Miss Mansfield participants, above, wait nervously in line for their turn on the big stage. The pageant was hosted by the community center with divisions for four different age groups. **CALVES AND KIDS.** Jack Brazeal, McKynze Sutton, Natasha Parsons and Brianna Tibbet right, take time to pet a Holstein calf that was brought in during the annual Food for America program hosted by the Mansfield FFA chapter. The program strives to teach elementary students where the food they eat comes from.



Emily Lebahn  
Dennis McDowell  
Michael McDowell  
Jacob McNeil  
Aaron Myers

Alyssa Nelson  
Bradley Peacock  
Myka Pratt  
Morgan Price  
Sara Reser

Cheyenne Ridenour  
Abigail Roy  
Radonna Roy  
Julia Shelhamer  
Eli Stigall

McKynze Sutton  
Brianna Tibbett  
Alexis Titsworth  
Alexis Wilson  
Ethan Wright

Edwina Carnal  
Jana McConnell  
*Not Pictured:*  
*Logan Henry*



# If your **dog or cat** could talk to you for one minute, what would it **tell** you?

My cat would say to me, "I am mad because I can't catch a mouse."

-Billy Sargent

My dog would say, "Can I please chase your calf for a while?"

-Sean Neal

My cat would say, "Joey, you are a good boy."

-Joey Schofield

My dog would say, "I will play with you and run around and lick you."

-Adam Blaine

My dog would say, "If I had thumbs, I would punch you."

-Jamie Titsworth

He would say, "You're my best friend."

-Tabitha Emerick

Adrian Adams  
Andrew Allsman  
Ciera Allsman  
Gregory Anderson  
Kelsey Anderson



Amanda Bailey  
Debra Bell  
Dylan Berry  
Gage Bittner  
Adam Blaine



Calista Bogart  
Cameron Brazeal  
Jamie Brooke  
Braidy Calhoun  
Austin Cantrell



Conner Choate  
Kyla Corder  
Andrea Davis  
Trenton Denief  
Sarah Dugger



Heather Eastland  
Tabitha Emerick  
Jefferson Engel  
Shelby Equevilley  
Alex Farris



Alexis Farris  
Kaliesha Garrison  
Maci Gray  
Aidan Gresham  
Dylan Hodges







**ART OF ATTRACTION** Ibiyinka Alao, left, shows first graders a mural. Alao represented his home country, Nigeria, in the United Nations International Art Competition and received first place. He toured America with his art pieces and visited Wilder Elementary on one of his stops. **BACK IN THE DAY** Calista Bogart, above, plays the part of Laura Ingalls Wilder's little sister, Grace, during *Laura's Memories*, a play based on Laura Ingalls Wilder's life.



Mycaylah Hooks  
Alex Ipock  
Mckenna Jones  
Caleb Kindle  
Kelsey Kingery  
Alyssa Matney

Kelcie Matney  
Christian McCrite  
Alex McGuire  
Sean Neal  
Daniel Presley  
Andrew Roy

Mason Roy  
Billy Sargent  
Joey Schofield  
Kacey Smith  
Taylor Steele  
Caleb Swisher

Christian Thill  
Tyler Thomas  
Taylor Tripp  
Andrew Van Orden  
Imanie Williams  
Jonah Williamson

Chassity Wilson  
Kodi Wilson  
Nathan Withnell  
Hannah Wright  
Hunter Young  
Patty Hanger

Jessica Palmer  
Brenda Quick  
*Not Pictured:*  
Rebekah Wise  
Janie Titsworth



# If you could be any **color**, what color would **you** be?

Red, it's my favorite color of Power Ranger.

—James Lansdown

Pink, it's real light, and it's a girl color.

—Molli Roberts

Blue, because of *Blue's Clues*!

—Lucy Grubbs

Blue, because it's my dad's favorite color, my brother's favorite color, my favorite color and my mom's second favorite color. Her first favorite color is yellow.

—Matthew Seiferth

Orange, because orange is my favorite color. I like orange pumpkins, oranges and sometimes orange shirts.

—Sarah Brazeal

I would be blue because I want to be a blue Power Ranger

—Cody Carter

Cheyenne Anderson  
Adam Bahnmitter  
Raymond Barhydt  
Mary Blaine  
Sarah Brazeal  
Travis Brazeal

Tristan Cannon  
Cody Carter  
Joshua Clanton  
Justin Cook  
Madison Curtis  
Kinsey Doyle

Paige Eastland  
Zachary Edwards  
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Gabrielle France  
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Dakota Gower

Jacob Gray  
Spencer Greene  
Lucy Grubbs  
Corbin Hadlock  
Latesha Hammond  
Andrew Hampton

Lane Hanger  
Mikaela Hanger  
Skyler Heil  
Mikayla Henry  
Caylan Higley  
Devin Kingery







100 DAYS Caitlin Quirk and Jacob Gray, left, celebrate the one hundredth day of school by parading through the elementary hallways. The students decorated their clothing with 100 items such as pennies, buttons or paw prints and make necklaces with 100 pieces of candy. **FINISHING TOUCH** James Lansdown, above, concentrates on perfecting his gingerbread house at the class holiday party. Parents and grandparents are invited to the party where students make ornaments, cards and gingerbread houses.



Kelsey Klingensmith  
James Lansdown  
Fred Martin  
Anthony Mason  
Lexie Morris  
Charles Moss



Michael Murdock  
Tiffany Myers  
Jacob Peak  
Emily Pearson  
Samantha Presle  
Caitlin Quirk



Kara Rhodes  
Hunter Richardson  
Molli Roberts  
Elanna Sabado  
Isabelle Schuster  
Matthew Sieferth



Hailey Stacy  
Desmond Storr  
A.J. Stout  
Seth Sweeting  
Mykah Turley  
Tilly Wheelless



Johnathan Wilson  
Patti Gleason  
June Hanger  
Kelley Jones  
*Not Pictured:*  
Kristen Campbell  
Britt McNeil



# If you could be any **animal**, what would you be?

I would be a frog because they hop and jump on stuff.

—Michael Williams

I would be a kitty cat because they can climb trees.

—Madeline Roy

I would be a little baby kitty because they let people hold them.

—Lanysha Kelley

I would be a baby cat because they are little.

—Brynah Hanger

I would be a brown dog so I can play.

—Anthony Gardner

I would be a cat because they meow and they catch stuff.

—McKenzie Kilgore

I would be a shark because they eat people.

—Robert Eade

I would be a giraffe because they have long necks.

—Donavan Sarginson

I would be a sharptooth so I could tickle people with my sharp claws.

—Shaelynne Fringer

Kelli Adamson  
Bret Berry  
Karsyn Brooke  
Tallana Carter  
Jeffrey Davis



Taylor Denief  
Robert Eade  
Shaelynne Fringer  
Anthony Gardner  
Kayla Garrison



Sydnee Greene  
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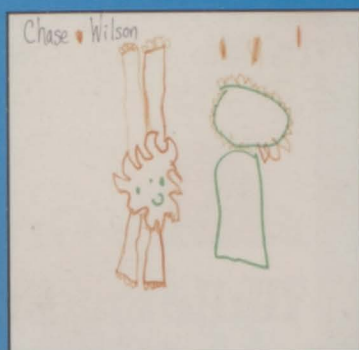
Sydney McNeil  
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Grace Roy  
Madeline Roy



Donavan Sarginson  
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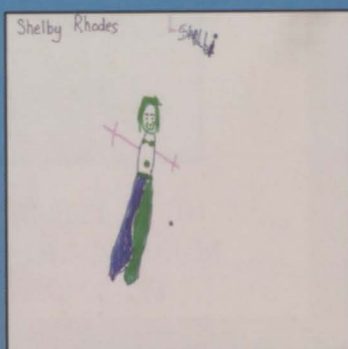
I would be a lion because they jump through fire at the circus.  
 —Chase Wilson



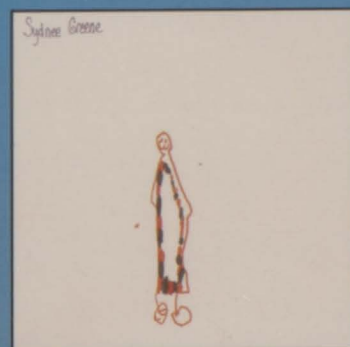
I would be a horse because ...just because.  
 —Sydney McNeil



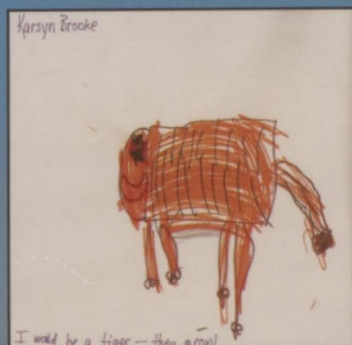
I would be a horse because they go, "Neigh."  
 —Kayla Garrison



I would be a mermaid so I could swim, because I don't know how to swim very good.  
 —Shelby Rhodes



I would be a giraffe because I like them, and they like to pick people up.  
 —Sydnee Greene



I would be a tiger because they growl  
 —Karsyn Brooke



I would be a giraffe because I love them, and they eat leaves and have a long neck.  
 —Kelli Adamson



I would be a zebra because I like the stripes.  
 —Hannah Tripp





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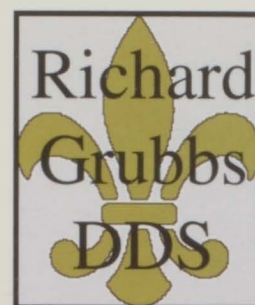
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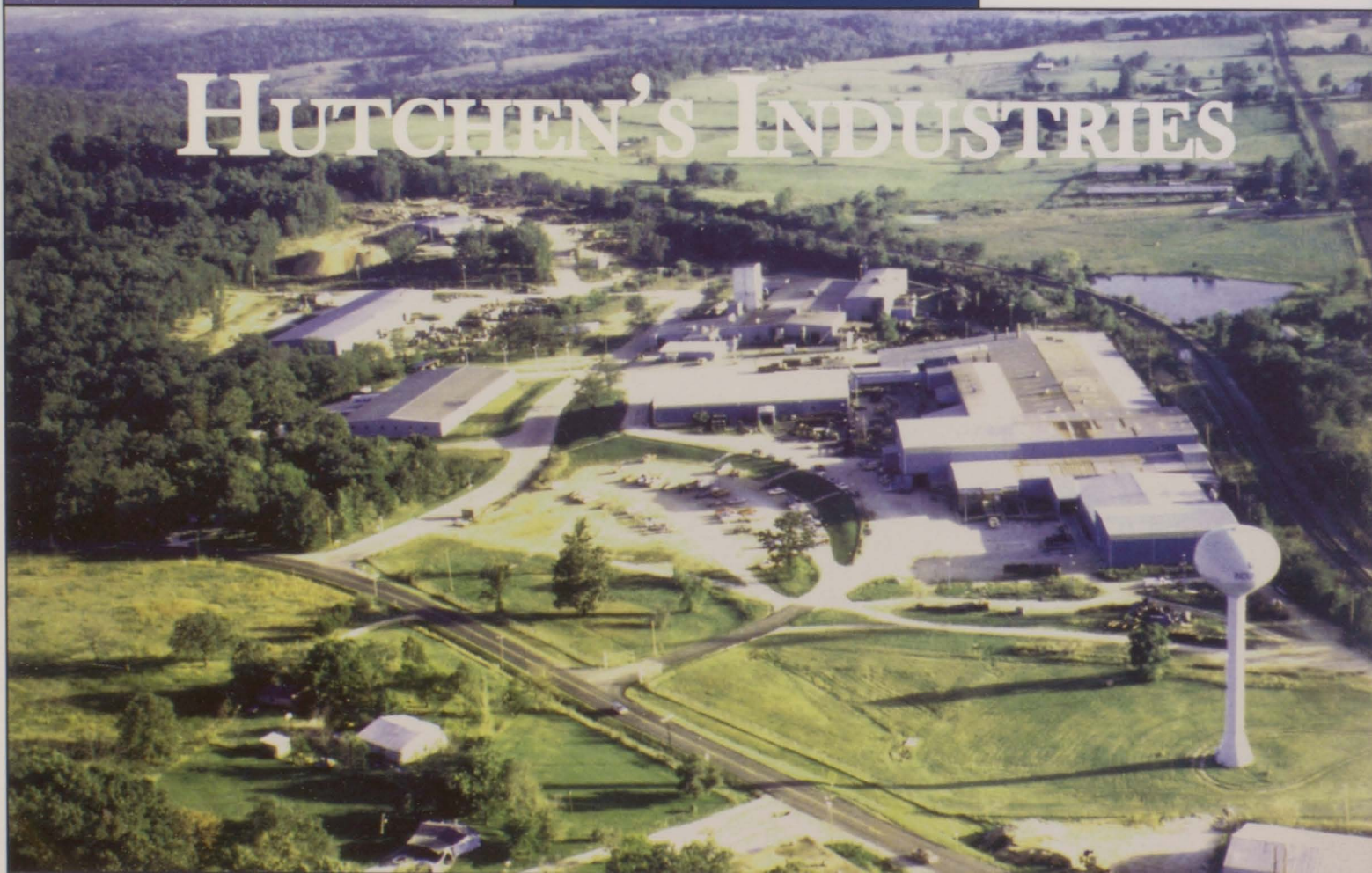
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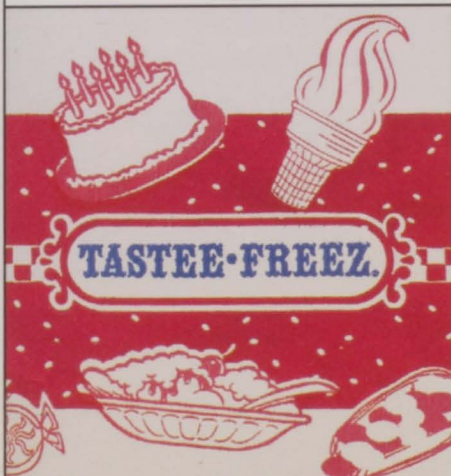
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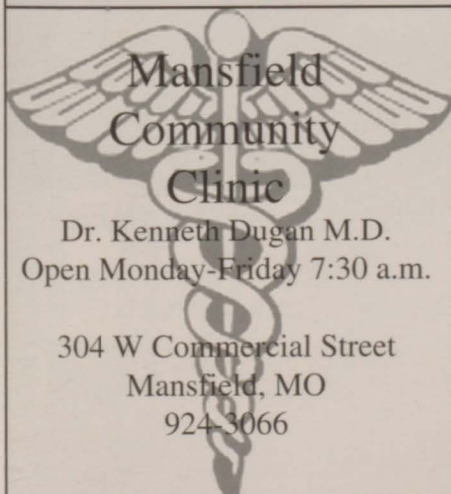
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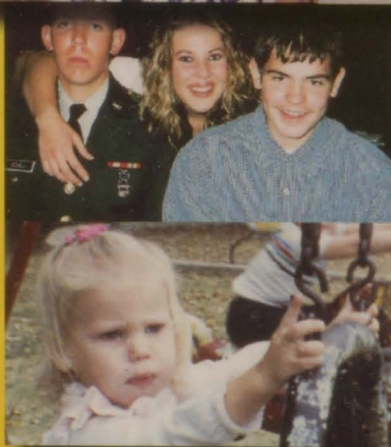
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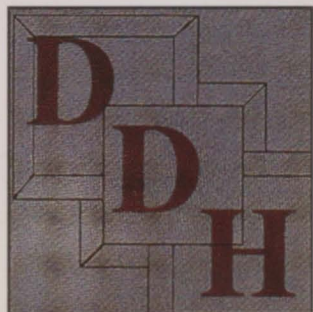
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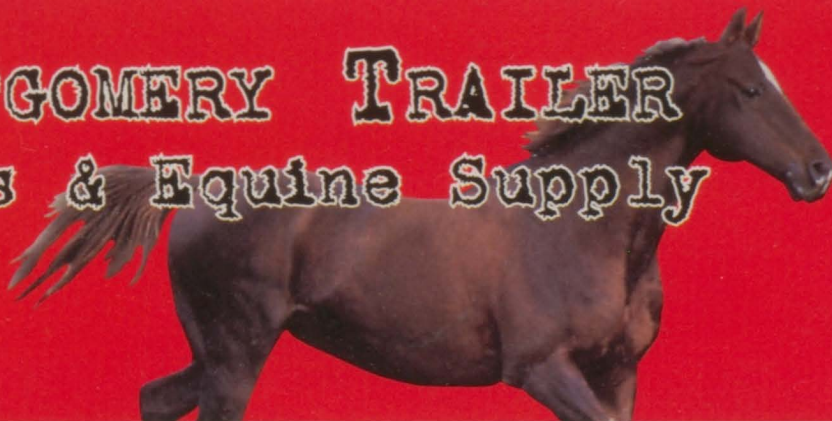
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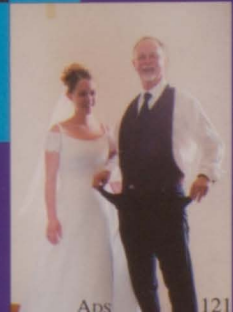
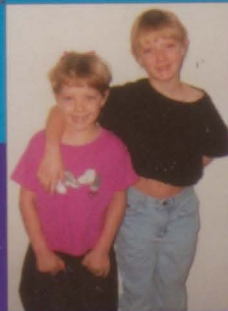
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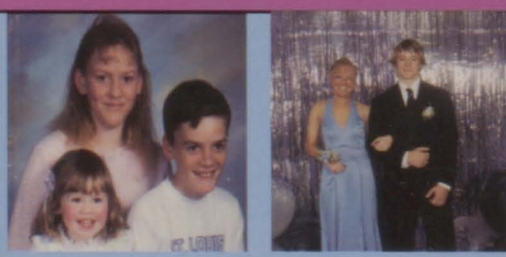


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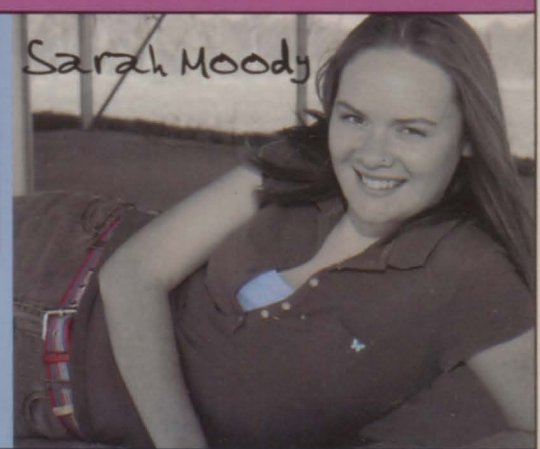


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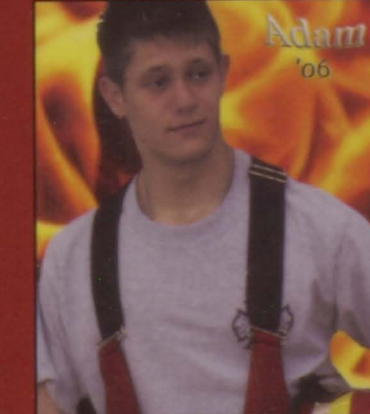
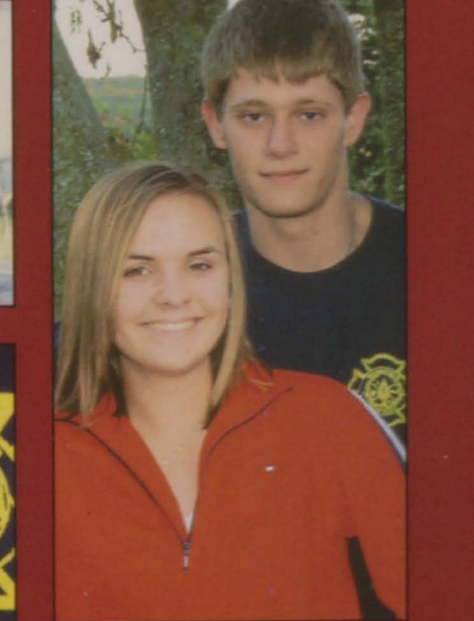




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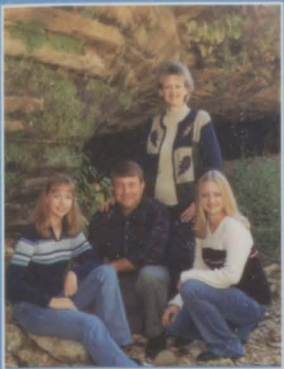


*Jesse,*

*Just stay the way you are  
- your funny disposition  
and quick smile will take  
you far. We are very proud  
of you.*

*Dad & Hazel*



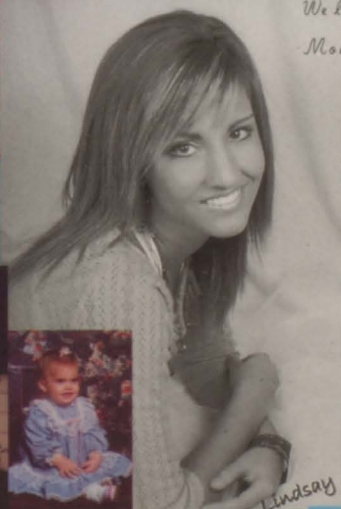


**Julie,**  
**You're a blessing to our family.**  
**Continue to put God first in your life and follow where**  
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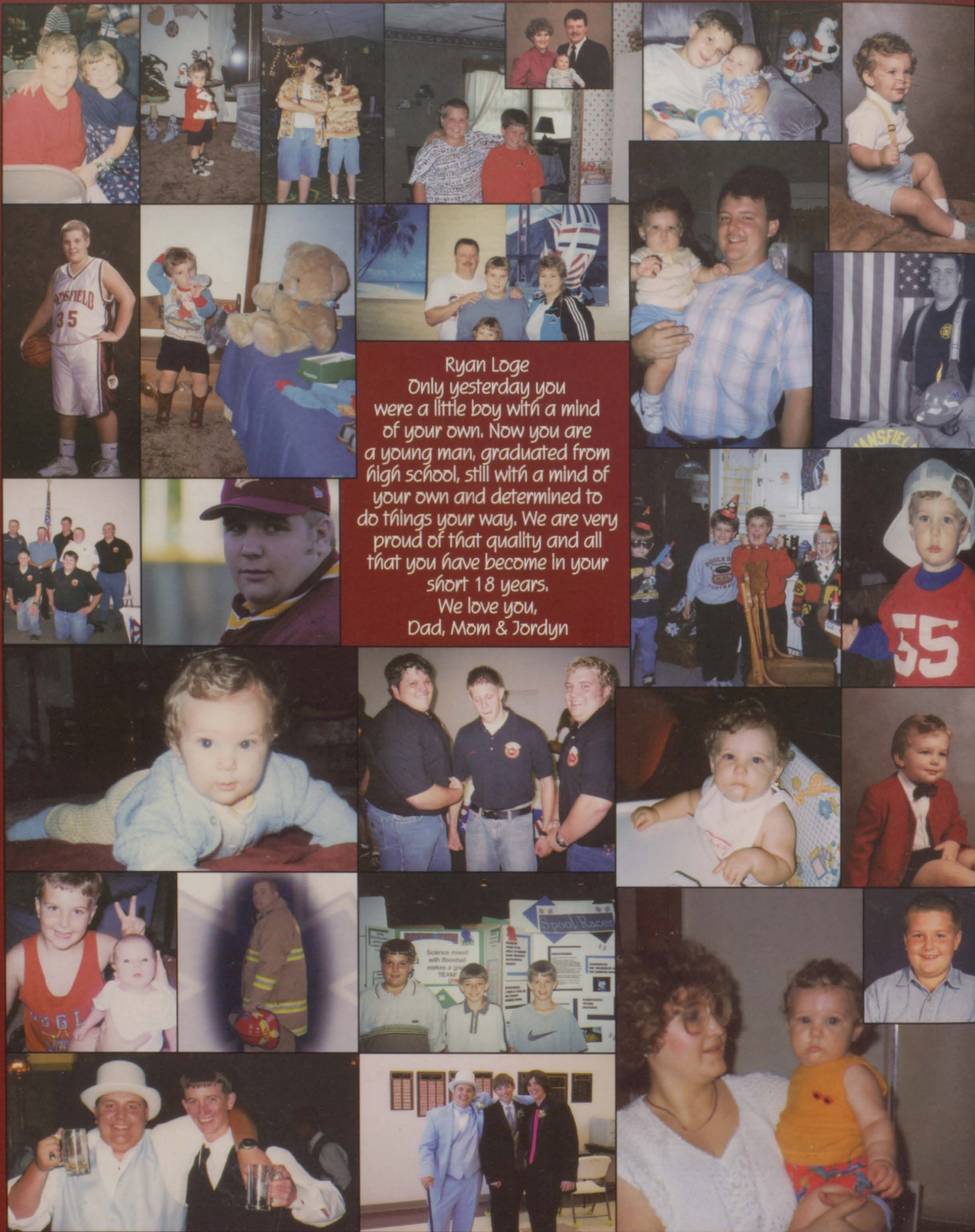


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 you.*

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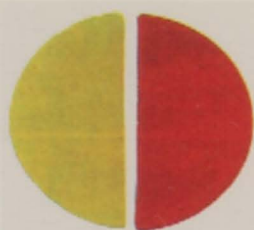
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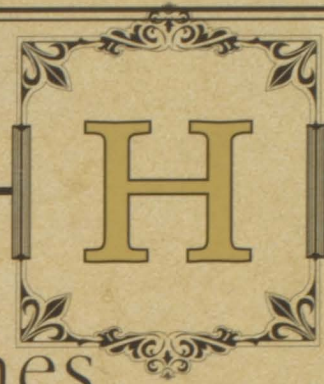
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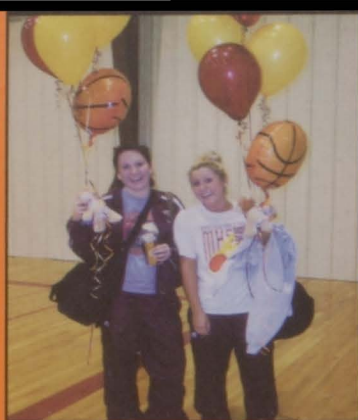
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*Believe in Yourself*

*Set your standards  
high  
You deserve the best.  
Try for what you want  
And never settle for less.*

*Believe in Yourself  
No matter what you  
choose.  
Keep a winning attitude  
And you can never lose.*

*We love you very much!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jeff,  
Emile & Shawn*



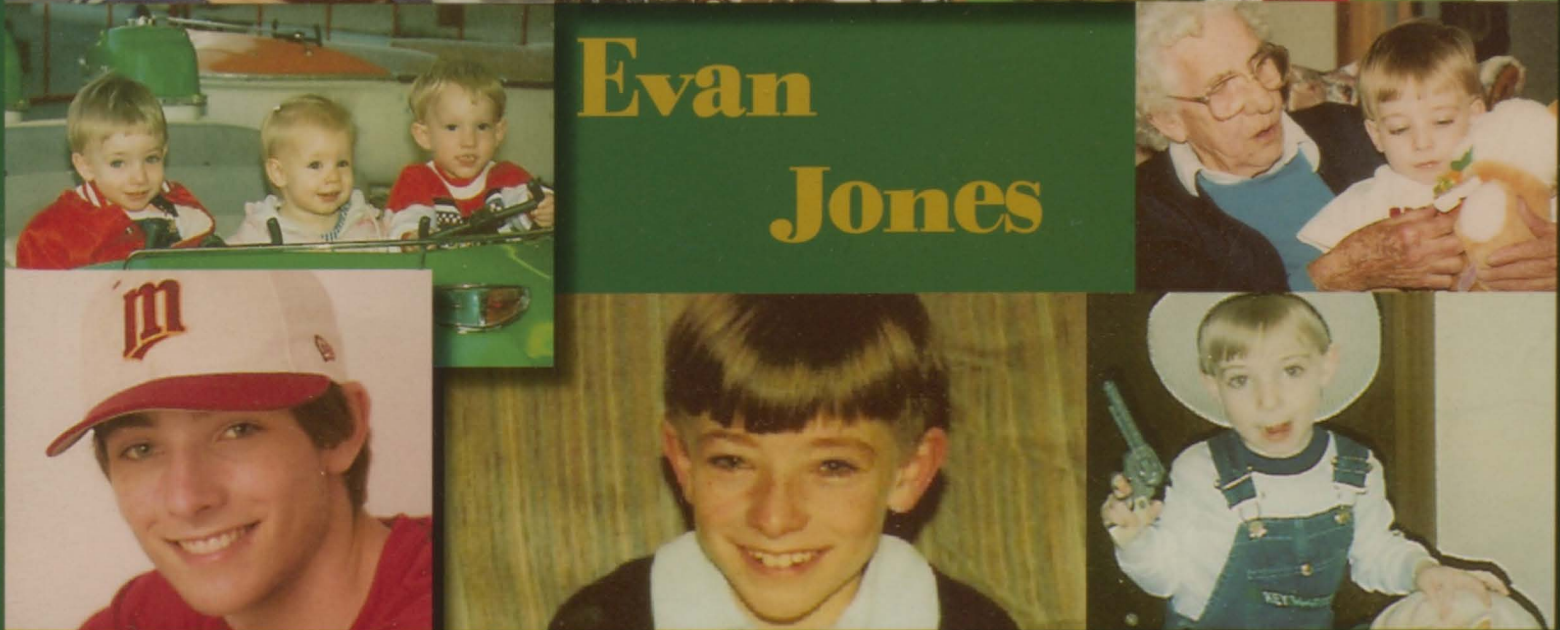
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Leanne Moody,  
You have brought love, joy, and laughter into all our lives. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Stay strong in who you are and in your beliefs. Keep the Lord in the center of your life, and He will guide you in all things. Never give up on your dreams. We love you #20!  
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Jenny and Zach





# Blake Miller

You have grown into a kind and handsome young man. It is now time to end a chapter in your life and start anew. Always look to God for guidance and he will lead you down the path to love, happiness and success! We are proud of the hard work and effort you have shown throughout the years!

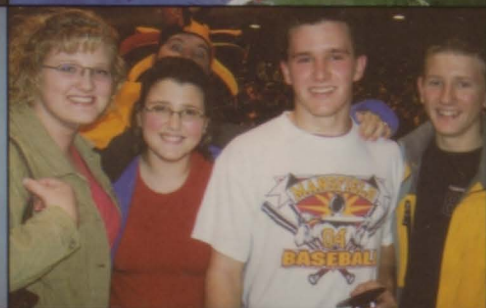
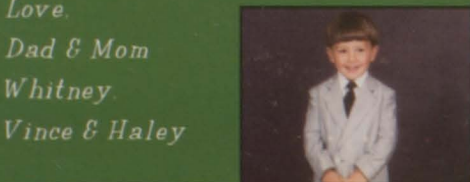
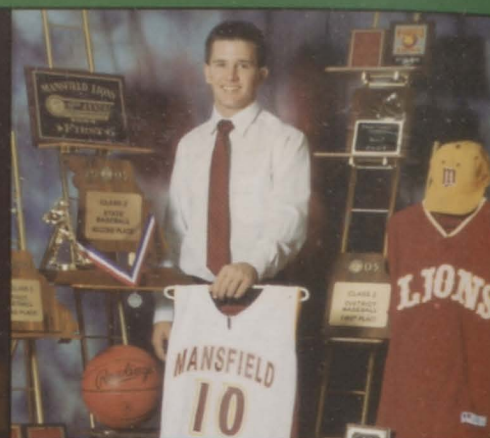
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Love,

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# Kendall Findley



This page is our gift to you  
of memories made, and dreams come true.

The pictures tell a story  
of the times that we have shared.  
Family times & fun in the sun  
you always were the dirtiest one.

To play the game just made your day  
to kick up dirt and run and play.

Kendall, you are a Blessing  
and God's Gift, you've always been.

Precious are the memories we hold.  
And priceless are the stories told.

We pray in this page you will see  
the love from your dad and me.

Just know, we will always love you  
and in our hearts you will always be.  
Give it your best, as always you do  
and we pray, all your dreams come true.

You were our dream  
and we thank God for you.

Love Dad & Mom

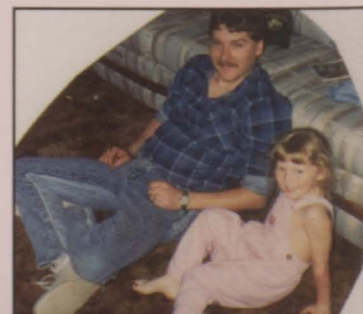




# Megan Sowers



*You have made us so proud with all that  
you have accomplished. Always keep God  
first and he will never let you down.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad & Rachel*





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## Where It's At!

**Upward and onward** Rebar protrudes from a wall as gym construction gets under way. **Literacy skills** Checking the instructions on a box of Christmas decorations, Janet Brooke, high school secretary, and Brenda Hutton, middle school secretary, right, prepare to festoon their office walls with holiday happiness.

**Drum line** Lining up before morning band practice, senior Shane Norell, and sophomores Chandler Veit and Bryce Matlock, middle right, put on their drums.

**The missing Bangle?** Walking like an Egyptian, junior Kristin Campbell, far right, slowly returns to Pub from parts unknown.

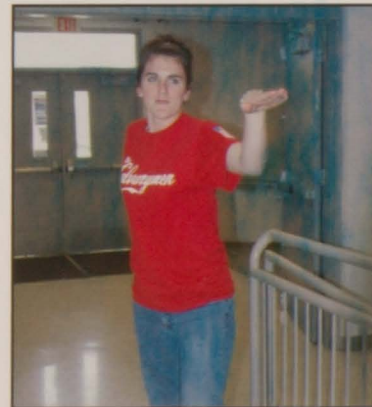


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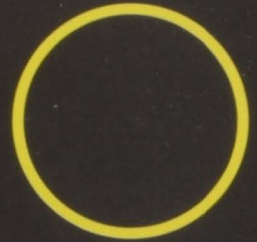
The year was **spot** on for fun and frenzy. Sports, academics, clubs and friends all converged on this **set of buildings** in this particular Missouri town.

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