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**Decorations:** Third graders Jefferson Engel and Maci Gray wrap second grader Lane Hanger in tinsel. The three were part of the elementary Christmas program "The Littlest Christmas Tree." "It was hot in the suit, but I had really wanted the part," said Engel. "A first grader actually thought I was Santa."





**Game show contestants:** Third grader Alyssa Thulin plays *Are You Smarter Than a Third Grader* with her grandmother during Grandparents' Day. The day coincided with Wilder Day this year, so students, teachers and grandparents alike dressed in pioneer attire to celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's legacy. Both days were held on September 14.





"Same stuff, different day." For some people this is life. Every day follows the same basic pattern. Go to class, socialize with friends, laugh with teachers, then head home to repeat the process again tomorrow. Yet within the familiar pattern, fresh experiences arise, making each day unique. Monday, a thrilling baseball game keeps fans on their feet; Tuesday, a Stomp assembly keeps students dancing to the beat; Wednesday, See You At The Pole inspires students to keep faith; Thursday, an angelic choir concert provides students with soothing entertainment; Friday, a club trip to Bodies educates and intrigues students. Whether students are interested in student government, sports, agriculture, music or academics, certain events of the year stand out and stay in their memories. Everyone is similar somehow, and we are all intertwined. We're all part of the same student body; we're all Lions; we all share many experiences. This is a collection of pieces of the past year, a collection of the important moments that bind us all together and make us who we are.



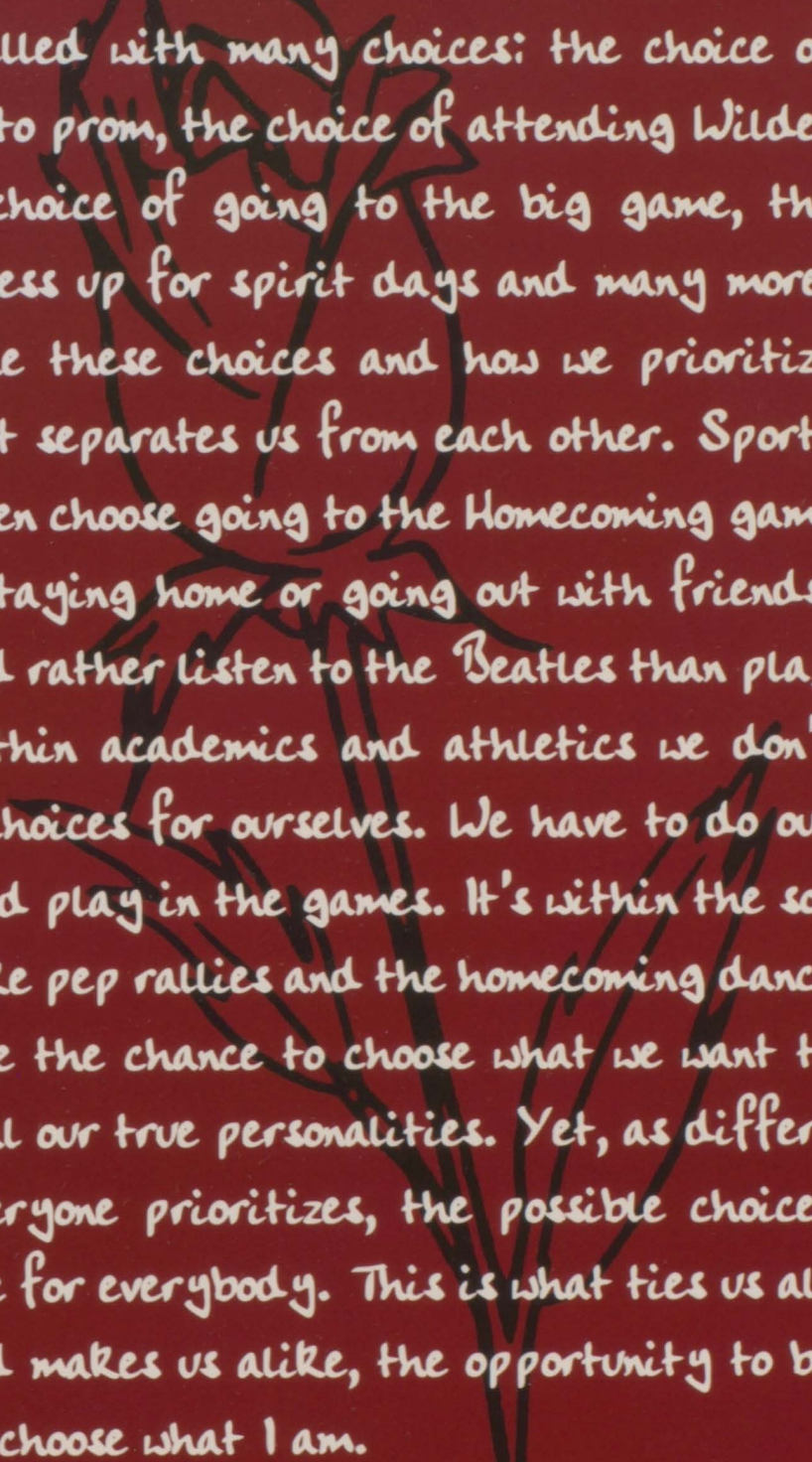


**Mascot Madness:** Mascot Chauncie Mitchell plays Leo the lion during the homecoming game. During Spirit Week, Leo was kidnapped and high school classes competed against each other to see who could solve the mystery of his kidnapping first. The senior class won the contest. "It was really hot in the costume," said Mitchell, "but it was really fun getting the crowd pepped up."

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# Student Life



School is filled with many choices: the choice of who to take to prom, the choice of attending Wilder Days, the choice of going to the big game, the choice of dress up for spirit days and many more. How we make these choices and how we prioritize them is what separates us from each other. Sports fans will often choose going to the Homecoming game instead of staying home or going out with friends. Others would rather listen to the Beatles than play X-Box. Within academics and athletics we don't have many choices for ourselves. We have to do our homework and play in the games. It's within the social events like pep rallies and the homecoming dance that we have the chance to choose what we want to do and reveal our true personalities. Yet, as differently as everyone prioritizes, the possible choices are the same for everybody. This is what ties us all together and makes us alike, the opportunity to be different. I choose what I am.

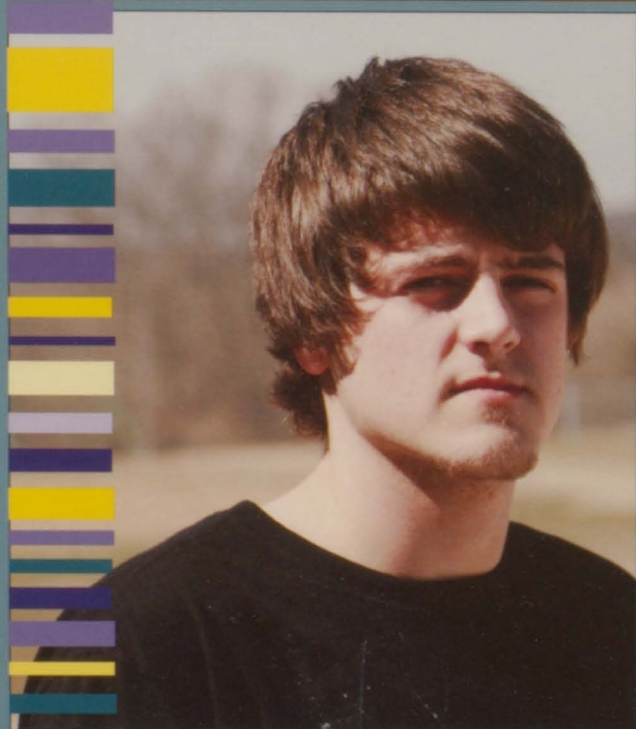


**It's my life:** "My personality is all that I have," says sophomore Marcy Stofer, below. "Friends may come and go, but who I am will always be the same." Stofer describes herself as outgoing, and her friends agree. "Marcy is hysterical," said junior Rachel Sowers. "She makes me laugh all of the time."

**I'm just me:** "I'm crazy fun, but sensitive," says senior Samantha Meredith, right. She describes herself as happy and bubbly. "Samantha creates this feeling in all of the classes you have with her," said senior Connie Quirk. "She makes people happy."

**Who am I?** Senior James Stafford, bottom, says he hates drama, but friend junior Gabby Millard says, "He can be a drama queen sometimes."

**Up close and personal:** Freshman Olivia Whorton, bottom right, is often seen laughing with her friend freshman Nikki Zorsch. "Olivia is a goofball," said Zorsch. "She is just loony." Whorton admitted, "I am very crazy when I'm with Nikki."





**I am me:** Mr. Personality is how sophomore Sheirif Williams describes himself. "Personality is it," said Williams. "My individuality is me."



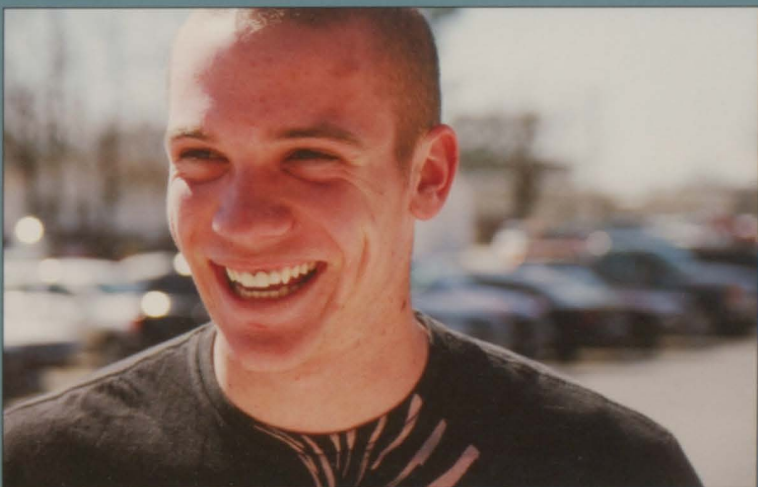
# Who ARE You?

High school is the time in people's lives when they begin to become the people they will be for the rest of their lives. Some strive for individuality while others try to simply fit in. Eventually, though, they all have a moment when they realize, "I am what I am, and that's what's important."

MHS students all have their own definitions of who they are. They may consider themselves patient and great with children. Others may see impatient people who should never work with children.

It may be interesting to look at who the people around us think they are. Their images of themselves may describe them in ways that even their closest friends miss.

"I am what I am," may be the answer MHS students begin to give when asked who they are. But no one truly knows herself. Growth is a continual process.



**Beauty in the eyes of the beholder** "The thing I like about Meagan is she's real," said junior Kelly Quirk of junior Meagan Brooke, top. "She acts the same around everyone." Brooke describes herself as caring and optimistic. "My life depends on how people look at me, my personality is important. But how I see myself is the most important thing," said Brooke.

**This is me:** "My personality is most triumphant," laughs junior Matt Miller, a new student this year. Junior Danielle Whitaker agrees. "He's funny and weird," she said.



# I've got SPIRIT

Last year's school spirit has been hard to top this year. Students began the year looking back at an amazing basketball record ending with a second place finish at state. With momentum left over from a year of district championships and a state contest visit, school spirit was not in short supply. A creative student council and an enthusiastic student body added to the energy.

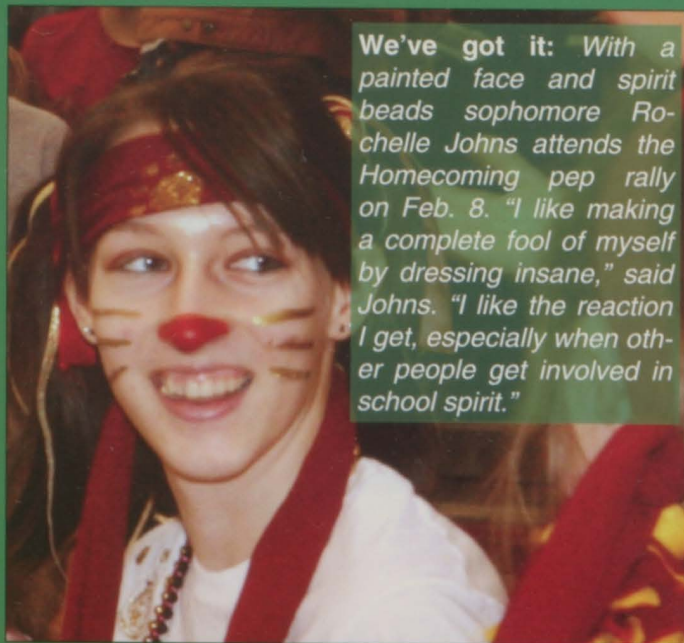
Basketball season began with a spirit week centered on class competitions. Each class was assigned sections of the main high school hallway. The classes were to decorate their sections of the hall to show their school spirit. "I expected some streamers," said junior Kelly Quirk, "but this, this was completely unexpected."

The hall decorations ranged from a jungle theme to basic school spirit. Juniors and seniors even added music to their decorations while the high school teachers voted on the section they thought was best.

At the first pep rally of the year, the seniors were awarded the spirit stick for winning the contest and for having the most students dressed to show school spirit. The seniors now own the stick until next year's first pep rally.



**Pep it up:** Pep band members junior Amanda Tucker, clarinet, and flutists sophomore Kaysha Ousley and senior Emily Nichols perform at a boys basketball game against Ava. "Pep band allows me to be part of the game," said sophomore Jasmine Turney, clarinet. The game was played on Dec. 19.



**We've got it:** With a painted face and spirit beads sophomore Rochelle Johns attends the Homecoming pep rally on Feb. 8. "I like making a complete fool of myself by dressing insane," said Johns. "I like the reaction I get, especially when other people get involved in school spirit."



**Roar like a lion:** MHS mascot Leo the lion cheers for the middle school girls basketball team at a home game against Hartville. "I wish Leo was at more of the games," said sophomore Erin Dierksen. "He really gets the crowd into the game."



**Spirited:** MHS sophomores whoop and holler during the pep rally before the first high school basketball game. "I love the spirit at this school," said new student sophomore Rebekah Orf. The assembly was held on Nov. 20.

**Welcome to the jungle:** Winning the high school locker decoration contest, senior lockers are decorated with a jungle theme including paw prints, balloons and Christmas lights. Judging took place during the second week of November. The senior class took possession of the MHS spirit stick and had bragging rights all year as the most spirited class.



**We've got spirit too:** Doing their own cheering, freshmen Wendy Ince, Olivia Whorton, Rachael Essary and Kimberly Stofer participate in the pre-game pep rally on Nov. 20. "It gives a lot of motivation to the players and the crowd," said Whorton. "It shows we support the team."





**"Stop in the name of love":** Sophomore Chauncie Mitchell, left, strikes a pose at the Homecoming dance. "Dancing is so much fun. Dancing with Vince was the best part of the night," said Mitchell. She and sophomore Vince Miller entertained the crowd with an interpretive dance.

**"Everybody clap your hands":** Senior Kati Sherman, bottom left, dances and laughs with Kelly Quirk. "The Homecoming dance was tons of fun. Kelly and I had a blast doing crazy dances and looking like dorks," said Sherman. The pair were seen together on the dance floor much of the night.

**"My heart will go on":** Senior James Stafford, guard, bottom right, escorts queen candidate Kellie Hutton onto the court. "James is awesome. I'm so glad he was my escort," said Hutton. Hutton fixed her own hair for the event, something she was very proud of.





**The reigning queen:** Homecoming queen Samantha Merideth, below, reaches up to adjust her crown. "Everybody told me that we were going to get a plastic crown because they lost the real one. I was so relieved to see a real one," said Merideth. She won against Kellie Hutton and Melissa Morris.

**Dance line:** Bryce Matlock and his girlfriend, bottom, dance the Macarena. "It was funny watching Maxie try to dance it, because she didn't know how," said Matlock. He girlfriend Maxie Ruth is a senior at Ava Victory Academy.

**The young:** Flower girl Tillie Wheelless and crown bearer Jacob Gray, bottom right, walk out onto the court. "Jacob and Tillie were so cute all dressed up, but they were so nervous right before they went on court," said Kati Sherman. Both Gray and Wheelless are in second grade.



# Homecoming

Homecoming was an exciting event this year, full of mysteries, thrills and excitement. Spirit Week, held the week of Homecoming, was mystery themed. Student council staged a fake kidnapping of Leo the lion, and the classes had a competition to see which suspect from the rival schools had done it. Clues were placed in the hallway each day, and the class that turned in all of the clues, and the correct answer to the mystery first, won. The senior class won the competition.

This wasn't the only mystery of Homecoming week. "The night before Homecoming we were trying to get ready for everything and couldn't find the crown. We looked everywhere, but it had vanished. We ended up using a crown that Kelly Brazeal bought at Hobby Lobby at the last minute," said Student Council president Kati Sherman.

The Lions played against the Gainesville Bulldogs in a back-and-forth game, resulting in overtime. MHS secured a narrow win of 61-59 when sophomore Nathan Jones, forward, scored a free throw with six seconds remaining.

Between games, Homecoming court was announced. Samantha Meredith, Kellie Hutton and Melissa Morris were the queen candidates. Samantha Meredith was crowned queen. "It was nerve-wracking. I thought I was going to pass out, when I walked onto the court. But when they said my name I was so relieved and happy," said Meredith.

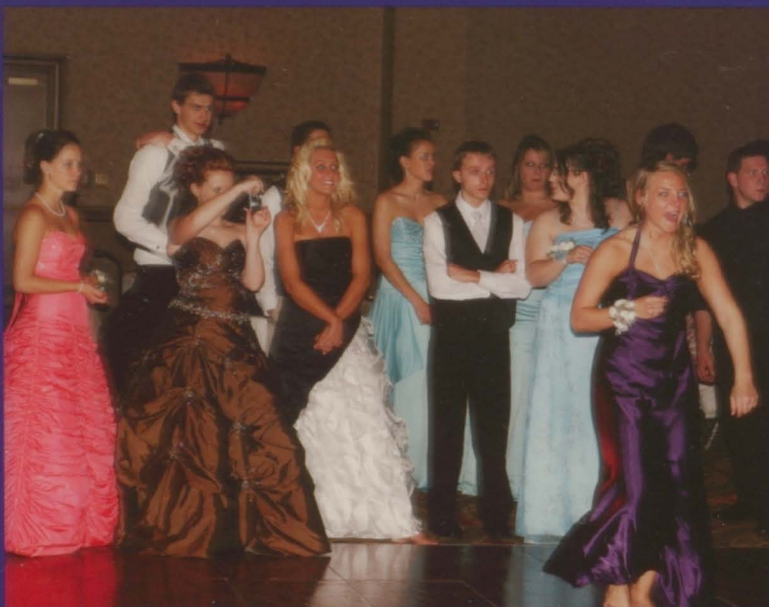
The dance was held after the game, and with the theme of "Stars." "I danced the whole night," said junior Kelly Quirk, "It was really fun."





*Poofy dresses are a'twirlin'*

**Pretty poofy:** Juniors Kelly Quirk, Dakota Willis and Whitney Jordan dance the "Electric Slide." "It's a bit difficult to dance like that in those dresses," said Willis. The "Electric Slide" was one of a very few country songs played at Prom.



**Barefooted beauty:** Taking a picture, senior Connie Quirk catches junior Jackie Emerick dancing barefoot as Emerick laughs. Someone was doing something silly on the dance floor almost all the time during prom. "Prom was a blast; it was one of the last times we will all be together," said Quirk.

Prom is the day we all have looked forward to since we were freshman. We get to wear our pretty dresses or tuxedos and dance the night away.

"Oh my gosh! We all look like princesses," said junior Kashmir Singh before leaving on the buses for prom.

Many parents came to see them off, some for the first time. After seemingly hundreds of pictures, students left for the dance. Once they arrived, they were loudly excited. It took a while, but eventually people migrated to the dance floor.

"Finally we can get our groove on," said senior Quentin Berry as the floor got more crowded.

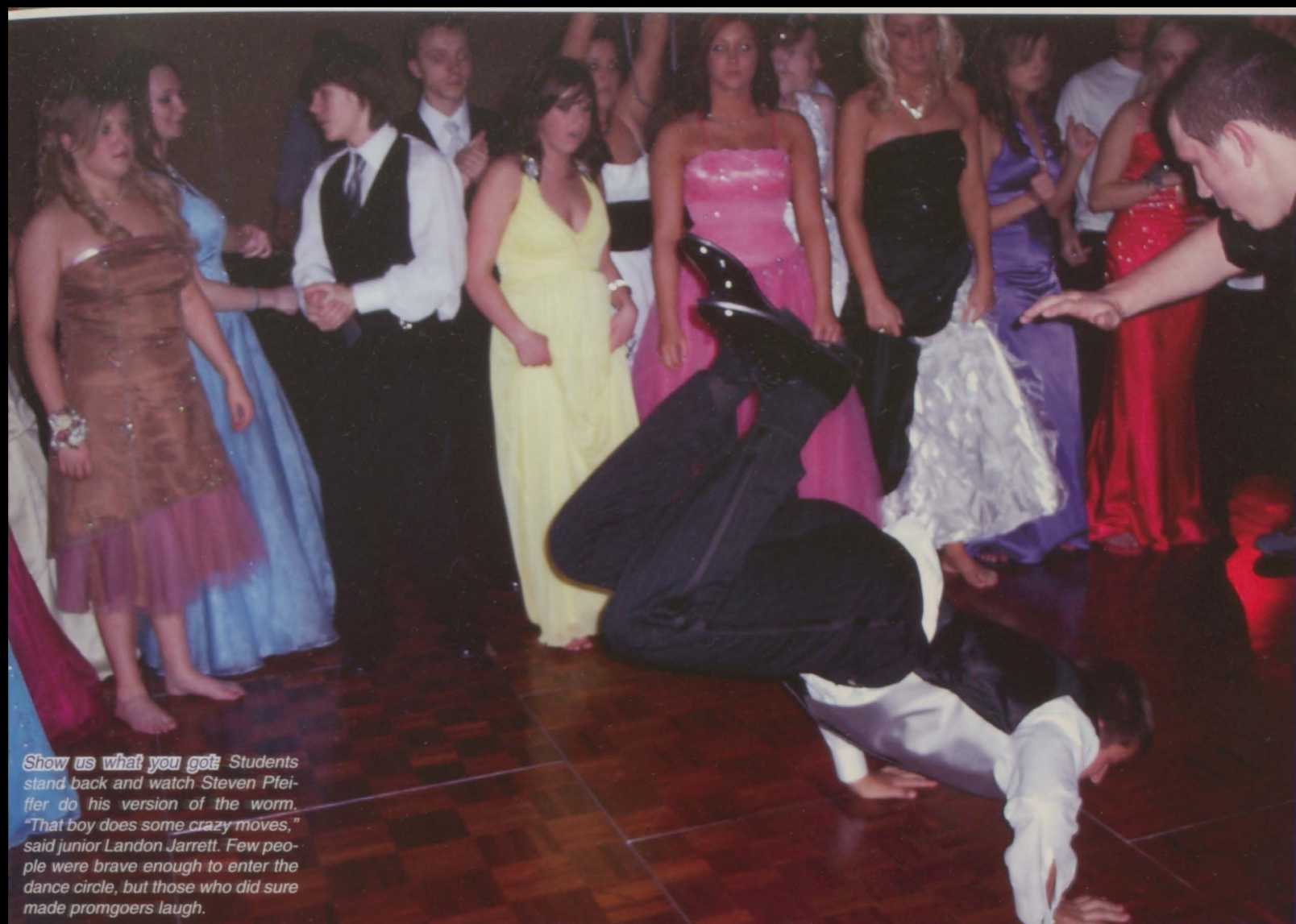
When the night was almost over, all that was left was to find out who was elected prom King and Queen. This year's winners were Josh Dorcy and Kati Sherman. As they danced, a group of girls yelled "Katie we love you!"

With time for only one more song, MHS students filled the dance floor and tried to hold on to the moment as long as possible, knowing the night was over. The next week at school, though, most agreed that the prom of 2008 was one to remember forever.

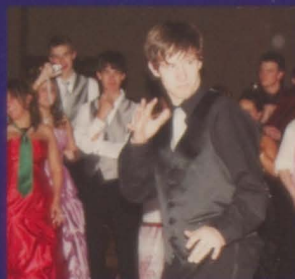


**Throw your hands in the air:** Seniors Quentin Berry and Josh Dorcy bust to the moves. "I know how to shake my booty," said Dorcy. Dorcy was also crowned prom king.





**Show us what you got:** Students stand back and watch Steven Pfeiffer do his version of the worm. "That boy does some crazy moves," said junior Landon Jarrett. Few people were brave enough to enter the dance circle, but those who did sure made promgoers laugh.



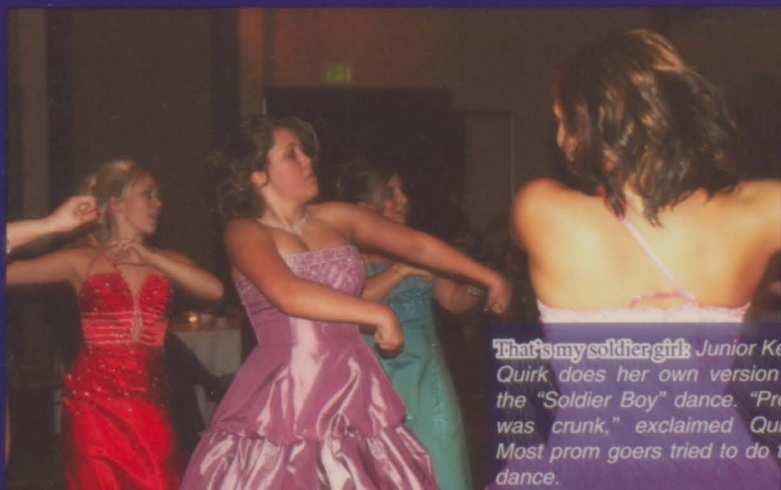
**Junior Whitney Jordan** and alumnus Steven Pfeiffer, left, share a dance. "It's weird coming back to prom without all my friends," said Pfeiffer. Even though he graduated, he still fits in with the crowd.

**Senior Quentin Berry** and Sophomore Nathan Jones, left middle, congratulate each other after a silly dance. "Quentin is a big guy but still soft at heart. You got to love him," said Jones.

**Senior Elliott Johns** shows his stuff in the middle of the dance circle, middle. "He definitely caused a good laugh for the crowd," said senior Brittany Keeling. After a long absence from school, everyone enjoyed his presence at Prom.

**Hanging on till the very end,** juniors James Wright and Dalena Mitchell, right middle, wait to hear the right song for dancing. "I prefer the slow songs," said Mitchell. At prom, though, very few slow songs were played.

**Wearing his sweet shades,** junior Landon Jarrett, right, takes a break. "He is always doing something weird," said Jarrett's girlfriend, sophomore Casey Box.



**That's my soldier girl:** Junior Kelly Quirk does her own version of the "Soldier Boy" dance. "Prom was crunk," exclaimed Quirk. Most prom goers tried to do the dance.



# Bringing us all together

## Attention.Forward.March:

Even the color guard, below left, has a good time at the annual Veterans Day assembly. The color guard was provided by Mountain Grove High School's Junior ROTC program

## Taking on the challenge:

A presenter for Rachel's Challenge, below, speaks to an assembly on Nov. 7. "It showed how people have to deal with the loss a child or friend," said sophomore Marcy Stofer.



Several assemblies brought a welcome change to MHS students' daily routines in 2007-2008. They stomped around and made music on trash with Stomp percussionists during SADD's Red Ribbon Week. They also learned about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and how falling in and out of love is a struggle. "The music was awesome," said junior Rachel Sowers, "and people were actually into the speakers. It was so much fun."

Rachel's Challenge, sponsored by StuCo, told students the story of Rachel Scott's murder during the Columbine High School shooting of 1999. Speakers told students how she cared for everyone she encountered, no matter their status in her school.

"Rachel's Challenge was the most

**In their honor:** State representative Van Kelly, above left, presents a medal to an area veteran. "It's sad that we take for granted all the things these brave men have done for us," said senior Chelsea Jones.

**Stand up and scream:** Juniors, left, yell to show their class spirit at a pep assembly on Nov. 20. "That gym was definitely very loud," said junior Landon Jarret.







**Play that funky music:** Showing their own drumming ability, juniors Justin Keith, Jordan Doolley, and Landon Jarret compete against visiting percussionists during the Stomp assembly. "I loved it," said Janet Brooke, high school secretary. "It's fascinating how someone can make music out of different items that aren't instruments, and they presented a really good message." Keith, Doolley and Jarret dressed in camo because the assembly took place on Camo Day during SADD's Red Ribbon Week.

touching story our school has ever heard by far," said senior Kati Sherman. "Knowing what those families went through and how they are still dealing with it every day is amazing. God has truly blessed the people who spend their time spreading the word and all the students who attended."

The whole gym was silent, and everyone in the crowd was intently watching. "I've never been to an assembly where everyone was in awe," said junior Jackie Emerick, "and not goofing around."



#### **Get up and stomp:**

Pounding an infectious beat, percussionists from James River Assembly perform at the Stomp assembly on Oct. 24. "Everyone was having a great time and actually got into the message they were telling us," said sophomore Nathan Jones. Between bouts of drumming, presenters delivered a message about making responsible decisions. The assembly was sponsored by SADD.



#### **Where's Leo the lion?**

Junior Whitney Jordan and freshman Savanna Cornelius feel the groove during the Stomp assembly.





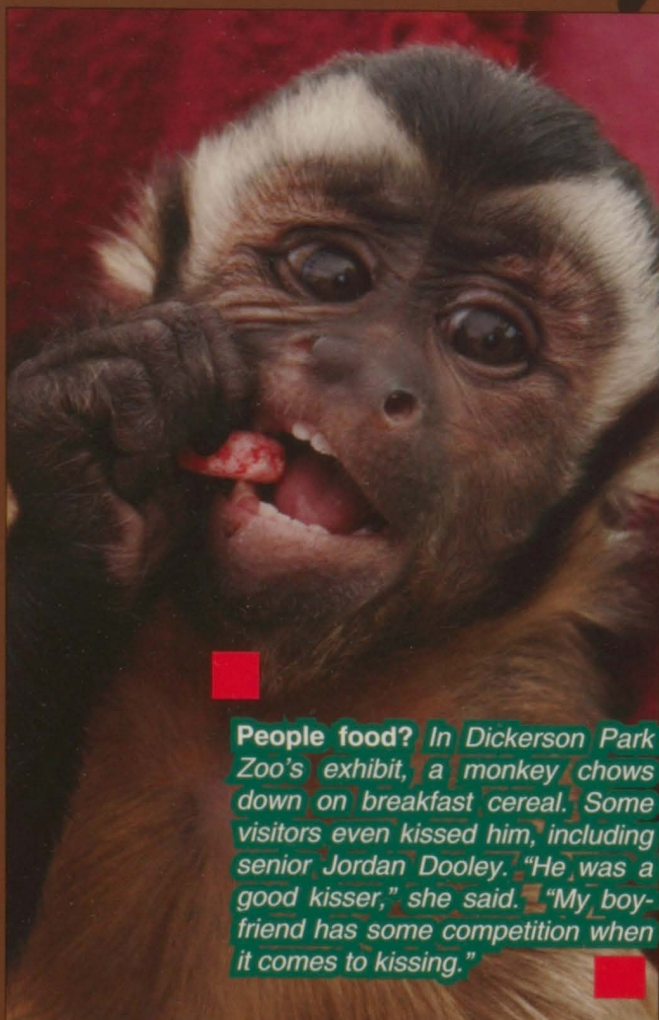
# A day in the sun

## Mansfield celebrates Wilder Days

The wind whistles past your ear, sending a chill up your spine. The sound is like a train running through the town crossing and laying on its whistle. Ignoring the wind, a parade begins to march down East Commercial Street as the brass section tries to outdo the wind. You see two petting zoos and several people selling Ozarks crafts. Welcome to Wilder Days, one of the biggest events to happen in Mansfield all year.

Wilder Days is a way of remembering the way that Laura Ingalls Wilder lived when she wrote the Little House books in Mansfield. The town holds the parade every year as well. In the parade, floats from local organizations compete for first place in float design. This year

**Friend or food?** Sophomore Lonnie Fulp, FFA member, cuddles a bunny at the FFA's petting zoo. "It was great," said Fulp. "It was a cold, fun day." Fulp had to spend the day in a chair because of a broken leg.



**People food?** In Dickerson Park Zoo's exhibit, a monkey chows down on breakfast cereal. Some visitors even kissed him, including senior Jordan Dooley. "He was a good kisser," she said. "My boyfriend has some competition when it comes to kissing."

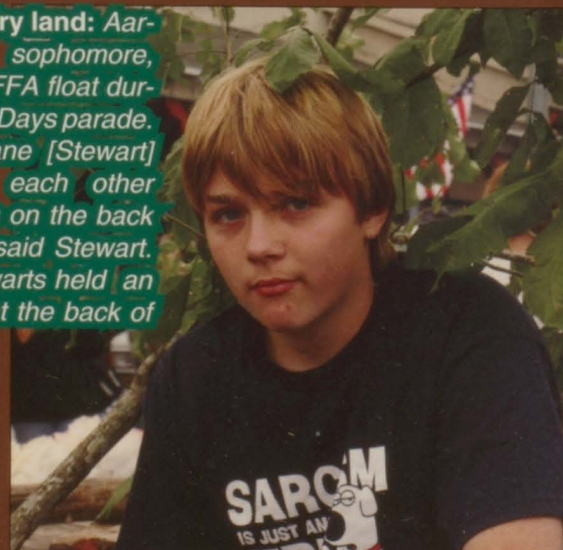
the winner was the MHS FFA float.

Also in the parade every year is the MHS band, this year including musicians from the middle school. Other attractions included two petting zoos, one sponsored by the MHS FFA and one by the Dickerson Park Zoo of Springfield, and artists and Ozarks crafts practitioners.

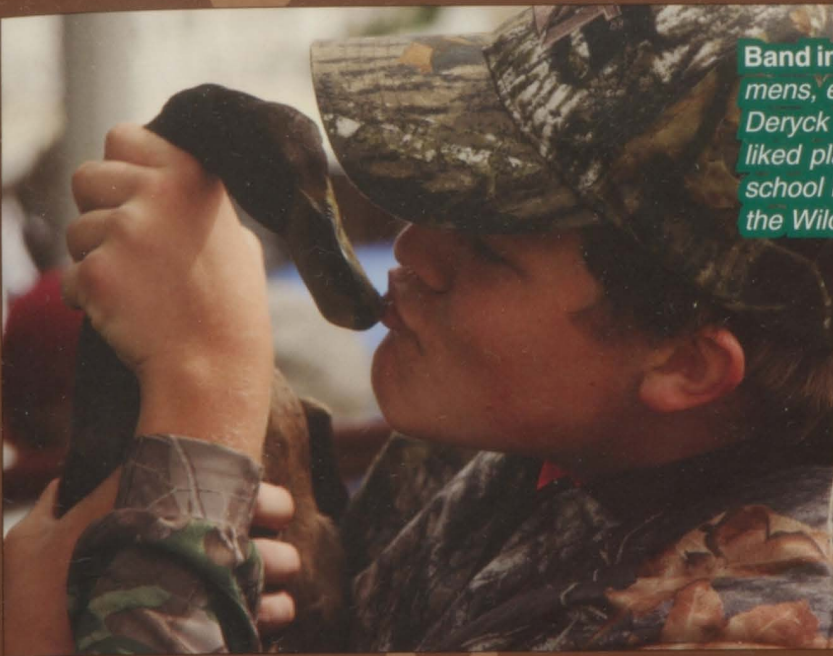
"It was great," said Bob Cubellis, math teacher, as he bought a cup of chili.

Other visitors did find fault though. After visiting the petting zoos, junior J. R. Seabolt remarked, "Next year there should be a pig."

**Floating on dry land:** Aaron Stewart, sophomore, rides on the FFA float during the Wilder Days parade. "Me and Shane [Stewart] were hitting each other with branches on the back of the float," said Stewart. Both the Stewarts held an FFA banner at the back of the trailer.







**Band in Mansfield:** As he plays cymbals, below, Kyle Rummens, eighth grader, far right, keeps in step with freshman Deryck Solina, far left, and Nathan Bogart, eighth grade. "I liked playing loud and having fun," said Solina. The high school band was mixed in with the middle school band for the Wilder Days parade.



**Duck, duck, smooch?** In a tender moment, junior Justin Keith lays one on a duck at the FFA petting zoo. "It was a cool duck. It's my friend," said Keith. The duck was a popular part of the petting zoo

**Lovely Laura:** Waving to the crowd, freshman Wendy Ince rides the FFA float. "I had a lot of fun," she recalled. Ince played the role of Laura Ingalls Wilder on the float, which took first place in the parade.





# High School FOR

# DUMMIES

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF HIGH SCHOOL

Entering high school can be the most intimidating thing to happen in a fourteen year old's life. There are many things to learn when entering high school. Which teachers are strict about tardies? Is Coach Wood really that scary? What clubs should I join? Where is the best place to sit at lunch? High school becomes the unknown, but this guide might help the confused figure out what is going on.

## Top Ten ways to... Win homecoming queen

10. Hide the crown
9. Become a blonde bombshell the next day
8. Wear a black and white dress
7. Walk with a giant
6. Smile all of the time
5. Whiten your teeth
4. Tan a lot
3. Don't let anyone know you want it.
2. Hand out candy and Valentines at lunch.
1. Be Samantha Merideth



And the winner is: Senior Samantha Merideth is crowned homecoming queen at the 2008 homecoming game against Gainesville. "High school is hard but so much fun. It has been the best experience so far. And, I will always remember the fun I had," commented Merideth.

A SENIOR'S  
words of wisdom

"Stress is the biggest killer of enthusiasm. Don't stress the little things. Life, and high school, are too short."

-Josh Dorcy, senior





Orange you glad to see me? Freshmen Cody Young and Sharice Dennis play an orange pass game while attending Mansfield's FFA Barnwarming held the fall of 2007. "I love barnwarming. It is a blast, lots of fun," said Young.

## WHAT TO Do

1. Your homework
2. Hang out with friends
3. Get a job
4. Join clubs
5. Eat the cafeteria lunch
6. Talk to your teachers about stuff other than class work
7. Say "hi" to your principal in the hall
8. Decorate your locker
9. Go to your counselor's office
10. Have fun

## Top tens ways to... Get ISS

10. Say certain words in certain classes
9. Skip class
8. Use the lab shower
7. Cheat on a test
6. Text in class
5. Start a food fight
4. Be late for classes
3. Don't turn in your assignments
2. Cuss out the teacher
1. Run screaming through the hall

## Top ten ways to... Get yourself talked about

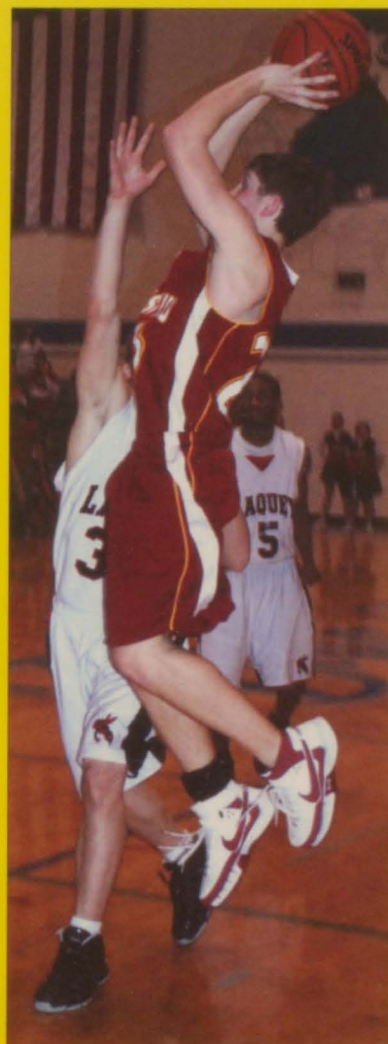
10. Drop your tray at lunch
9. Bring illegal substances to school
8. Drive a tractor to school
7. Cry in school
6. Break up with someone
5. Plan school events
4. Yell randomly in the cafeteria
3. Be on a sports team
2. Get your leg broken
1. Get caught making out by the cameras

## AND Don't

1. Procrastinate
2. Blow friends off for a boyfriend or girlfriend
3. Miss ball games
4. Be shy
5. Sit in the back of the class
6. Worry about what others think
7. Be someone you're not
8. Wear spaghetti straps to school
9. Be a suck-up
10. Spread rumors

## Top ten ways to... Get the opposite sex to notice you

10. Memorize their schedules
9. Stalk them at work
8. "Accidentally" bump into them
7. Spend a lot of time getting ready in the morning
6. Tell Mr. Cubellis you like them
5. Stick love notes in their lockers
4. Ask them to prom
3. Hold their hands when they give blood
2. Volunteer to escort them to the nurse when they are sick
1. Flirt, you dummy



He shoots: Junior Landon Jarrett shoots against the Laquey defense. "Playing basketball can get you talked about, but most of the time it's good stuff," said Jarrett. The lions lost at sectionals to Laquey.



## WHACKY WEATHER

An unpleasant, icy winter and an equally rainy spring dampened the Ozarks for months in 2008. Two heavy ice storms, both worse than the previous year's, had schools all over the area out for weeks. Mansfield was out for 11 days and added a whole week onto the end of the school year. Graduation was pushed back, and seniors were itching for the end of the year to roll around.

But during the days off, some students found things to do to pass the time. One group of boys drove around town looking for big hills to sled down.

"Me and Justin Keith were sledding down Stephanie Baty's hill, and we had to dodge a ton of stuff. There were yard ornaments, a tree, a shed and a car. We went under a bush, and thought we landed on a street, but it was really a culvert," said senior Quentin Berry. "The sled wasn't big enough for both of us, so we had scraped arms and bruised butts!"

Another night, a different group went all over town, sledding on every hill they possibly could.

"Me and Quentin were on a sled, going about 20 mph down a hill. We put our legs out to stop ourselves, and since his legs are longer than mine, I flew off the sled and my whole body smacked into the side of a house," said senior James Stafford. "My whole body was sore after that. I thought I had broken something."

Record rainfalls fell in January, February and March.

Highway 60 was underwater, and many people were left without access to their homes and businesses.

"[The rain] actually caused us to miss work and school. It tore up our road, and even washed out some of our property," said Debbie Allen, high school cook. "When the water gets that high, you can't pass it." Rivers overflowed, and lakes rose to record levels. Sinkholes started popping up all over the area, including one right on the square in Mansfield.

Many MHS students living outside city limits, in the country, had problems with their dirt roads and driveways.

"Our driveway washed out really bad, and it got pretty slick. What sucked about it was my parents wouldn't let me drive," said sophomore Alex Roy.



**High Water:** An area house sits under water during the late March flooding.



**Shine on:** Junior Miranda Farris twirls her flag in the Wilder Day parade on Sept. 15. "I love flagging," said Farris. The parade is held annually in honor of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

## Miracle Miranda

Early before school on Oct. 25, a tragedy hit Mansfield. Junior Miranda Farris and senior Sean Collins were involved in a car-train accident. The train struck the passenger side of Collins's pickup, where Farris had been sitting. She sustained tremendous injuries, but miraculously, Collins was not injured.

Nearly five months later, on March 20, Farris returned to school. She received a warm welcome in the high school gym from her friends.

"The first time I went to see her after the accident, I could barely recognize her, and when she came into the gym nearly five months later, she looked like Miranda again," said junior Whitney Jordan.

Many of her friends felt the same way, as did teachers. Some say she has changed, but that was expected. "I've noticed she's changed, but I've noticed those things are for the better. She's much more determined to succeed," said Wilda Watterson, social studies.

Farris agrees that it is good to be back. "It's a lot better being back," she said. "It's a lot easier."

A lot of her friends agree that her recovery has been a miracle.

"She is so strong and so brave. She's determined to get through this, and I believe in her. It's a miracle," said junior Kashmir Singh.

Sophomore Laken Conaway added, "I'll always love her no matter what!"



## In Remembrance

On a cold December night, Mansfield's community was once again struck by tragedy. On Dec. 1, Tony Cornelius, a 2007 graduate, was killed in a fatal car accident.

Tony had moved to Mansfield from Nixa for his senior year. He was a part of both the basketball and baseball teams. He made many friends and had an impact on many people's lives. Whether it was just acting goofy to make somebody smile or picking his team up when they were down, Tony could always be counted on.

"Tony was the guy who was there to pick me up when I got down, saying 'Two seven, get your head up, you're doing great!' Every time I step on the mound, I can hear him talking to me, saying the same Tony stuff that he would say every game," said senior Chandler Veit, pitcher.

Tony was the only senior on the 06-07 baseball team, and he showed a lot of leadership.

"Tony was the type of player coaches dream about. He was a great person, and a great player. We all miss him a lot," said Doug Jones, baseball coach. In honor of him, this year's baseball team wore his number, 4, on the side of their caps.

Terry Writer, basketball coach, agreed that Tony was a great person as well as a great player.

"In December, before the Houston game, Tony turned to me and asked if I had ever won State. I hadn't, and then he told me that we were going to go to State. And we went and got second," said Writer.

Tony was the kind of guy who made people feel good.

"When I hit my first home run, he was the first one to congratulate me. He ran up to me and gave me a really big hug," said sophomore Nathan Jones, infielder. He was also the kind of guy who could just relax and have a great time.

Danny Thompson and Preston Goss, two of Tony's classmates, had many stories to tell about Tony.

"One night during the big ice storm last winter, we all got in his dad's jeep and headed out to look for something to do. We were on a four wheeler trail in the woods when we came to this huge drop-off. We turned the radio up and screamed along with a song we didn't even know, and Tony gassed it. We somehow made it back up that huge hill and back to Preston's house," Thompson said.

Savanna Cornelius, Tony's younger sister also had many memories of him. She said she was glad that he moved down here when he did.

"Tony told our dad that he could beat him up," she recalled, "and that was about the time he was on the floor screaming at me, Will and Kim and all of us to help him out. We didn't, and that was the day that he told all of us he was a little girl, just so Dad would let go of him."

Many people say Tony was always laid back and ready to have a good time. Sophomore Cody Clayton said he was up for a good time on and off the field.

"We and Tony used to rap to each other at third and shortstop," he said.



Collage: Tony Cornelius was involved in both basketball and baseball. He also graduated on the honor roll. "He entered our lives quickly, made an impression on each and every one of us, and then left our lives even more suddenly," said classmate Chelsea House. "The impression he left will last a lifetime."

In the dugout, he was always there to pick the team up when they were down.

"Tony was the guy that, whenever we needed someone to come up with a big play or do something in the field, we could always count on him. Every time the team was down about something, he was the guy to pick us all up. He helped us forget about an error, bad hit or just a mental error on the base path," said Veit.

The MHS sports programs and Mansfield community will always remember Tony Cornelius as a bright and fun-spirited young man.

"I love and miss him so much," said Savanna.





# Hot or not

**MHS students express their unique personalities with personalized style**

From Carhartts to baseball coats, from cowboy boots to tennis shoes, from football jerseys to hoodies, MHS students wear different things and wear them differently. Students and faculty all think of themselves as unique, and they all have different styles. Some fashions fit their wearers' personalities, but some fit dress requirements for MHS.

Teachers may dress differently from their students because of professional requirements, but outside of school they may dress just like their students. When

**Contagious coats:** Brown canvas coats like the one on freshman Jeromy Dennis, continued to be popular at MHS. Carhartts and Polar Kings were the most highly prized.

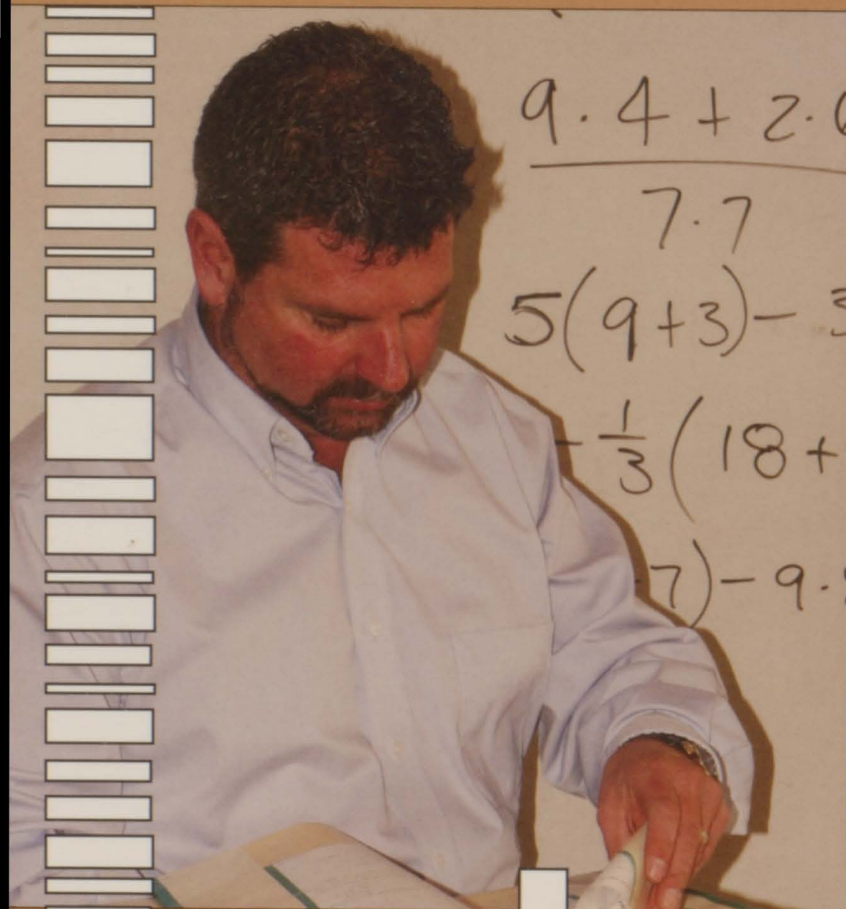


students think of fashion and teachers they often think that teachers always wear professional clothes, even on evenings and weekends, and each outfit looks the same. But when students see them at Town and Country or Dollar General, they often see that teachers aren't all that boring. They can wear some really fashionable clothes.

Fashion isn't just about what people wear. Fashion is about people's lives: how students wear their clothes and what their style means to them. Some people want to wear the next big thing, while others will work with what they have in their closets or on their floors. That is what makes MHS students just the way they are.

**Fashion stands out:**

*Bob Cubellis, math teacher, goes professional in a cotton oxford, without a tie.*





## What is Fashion to you?

**Comfy clothes:** Junior Amanda Tucker, left, looks good while working in Wilda Watterson's class room. Comfy hoodies allowed students to look good and stay comfortable.

**Rugged look:** Slipping his hat on in class, sophomore Jake Hultz, below left, keeps an eye on the teacher. Ball caps were so popular with sophomores that Scott Lawson, English teacher, began confiscating them during class.

**There you go:** Getting into the trends, sophomore Kyle Sigman, below center, wears his baseball jacket in the library.

**Classic casual:** Smacking his gum, senior Chandler Veit, below right, wears a basic gray T-shirt.



**Everything old:** As rugged looking hats become the new trend in MHS, sophomore Brian Bunch gets

caught wearing one in Scott Lawson's English class. The school's dress code prohibits hats in the building.

Photos by Drew Cooley, Dalena Mitchell



## \* Shooting for the stars \*

# Graduation Time

On May 22, kindergartners graduated in a well-attended ceremony in the high school gym, where they took a big step up in elementary school. As they all waited patiently, not one of them looked nervous, and if they were then they did not let it show on their faces.

When their names were called, students walked down the floor to receive their diplomas, filled with excitement, pride and joy. As they received their diplomas, they shook Principal Nate Moore's hand, which seemed to be scary to some of

**Single file:** Kindergartners line up to walk down the floor and receive their diplomas.



them.

"The kindergartners were pretty good and listened really good as well," said teacher Patty Hanger. So in their caps and gowns, the kindergarten class graduated from with joy and excitement in their hearts.

On May 23, eighth grade students graduated as well. As Principal Gary Green and Superintendant Arlene Magnin handed students their diplomas, the new graduates walked away thrilled at the idea of entering high school.

"I was excited to graduate," said Alexis Hunt. "I can't wait until next year and I become a freshman."

When the eighth grade ensemble sang "You Raise Me Up," they looked very nervous, but listeners could not tell by their voices.

"I was really nervous but I had to concentrate on singing the song, so that way it would sound good," said Nicole Mitchell.

Before graduation, Kyle Rummens switched hats from his graduation hat to his camouflage ball cap; he had put the tassel on the button on the top of the hat so that he could wear it.

"That was pretty funny," laughed Christian Gray. After the program, Rummens was teased a little by his classmates, but having some fun made eighth grade graduation an event to remember.

**Taking on the role:** Class president Christian Gray gives his speech.



**Diploma time:** *The eighth grade, below right, rises to leave after receiving their diplomas. Little graduates: Kindergartners, bottom, stand together after they receive their diplomas.*

**Raise your voices:** *The eighth grade ensemble, below left, sings "You Raise Me Up."*

**Laughing it up:** *Nathan Bogart and Christian Gray, below middle, share some laughs after graduation.*

**Little singers:** *Kindergartners, below right, sing at graduation. They sang "Be Alert," "On the Bus" and "Move Along."*





# Caps and Gowns

## *Seniors walk a line to the rest of their lives*

Maroon and gold, caps and gowns, tears rolling down faces... Thoughts are jumping through the minds of excited seniors. They hear their names, and a thump deep in their chests brings them to full awareness. This is high school graduation.

**The last word:** Superintendent Arlene Magnin hosts her last graduation. "This is definitely a life changing experience," said James Stafford of Magnin's speech. Magnin worked at MHS for over 30 years.

The last thing that they will do as MHS students is to take part in this ceremonial event.

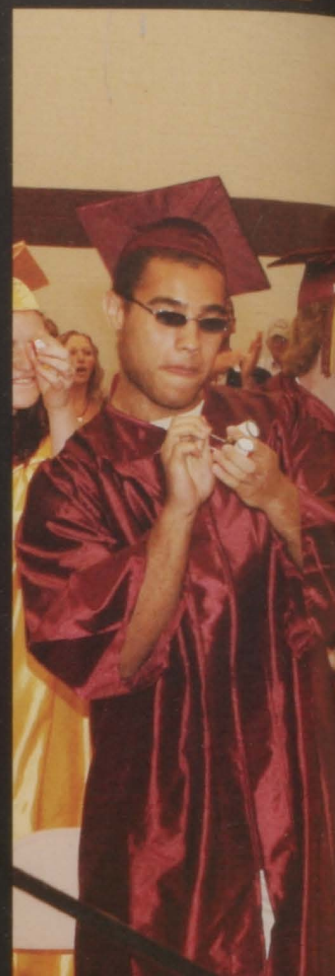
"It's a sad feeling, knowing you're getting ready to leave," said valedictorian Kati Sherman, "But I am definitely ready to go to college."

Both teachers and parents assembled in the gym for one of the biggest events in their lives.

"My mind is full of excitement and disbelief," said Tami Sherman, mother of valedictorian Kati Sherman. The excitement also rolled over to her younger siblings.

The parents tried to hold back tears and grabbed on to the seniors' younger siblings as the ceremony progressed.

This ceremony leads to a new chapter in these students' lives as they move from high school to the rest of their lives.







**The turning of a page:** Seniors throw their caps into the air at the end of graduation. "I'm really scared and nervous," said Samantha Merideth.



**I made it myself:** With a smile on her face, Jessica Turley puts a cup around the neck of Jean Coday. "We got a bunch of little pranks," said Chandler Veit, "like blow horns and poppers."

**The end of the beginning:** Josh Dorcy gives the welcome speech, beginning graduation ceremonies. "Another generation is coming behind them," said Roger Wood, history teacher.



**Last speech of high school:** Kati Sherman gives the valedictory speech. "I feel excitement and disbelief," said Tami Sherman, Kati's mother, during the ceremony. Kati will be attending Truman University in the fall.





**He can fly:** Freshman Heath Dugger goes for a jump shot in a game against Seymour on February 5. Dugger made the shot. "It's been fun to play with a team that went all the way to state last year," said Dugger, "but it's also intimidating because I have some big shoes to fill."

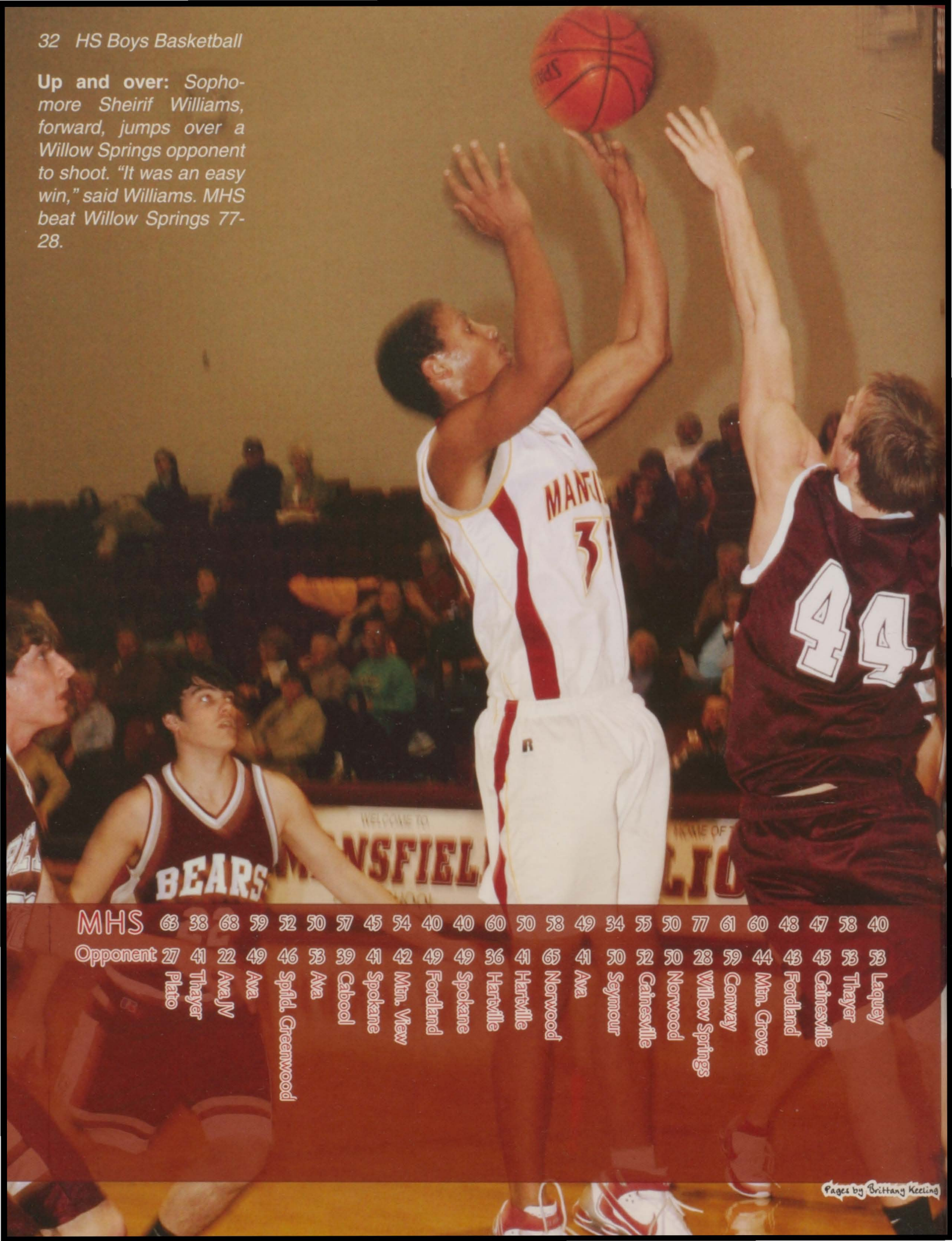


# Sports

Sports play a big role in the lives of most students. Those who play seem to have a practice or a game every night. Before the season even starts they have conditioning to go through. Those who don't play the sports often attend the games, supporting our teams. We cheer and yell for them, urging them to push a little harder in order to beat the other teams. The guidelines and rules of the sports don't change and must be followed by all players. The basics of playing the sport are constant: dribble the ball, swing the bat, run till you reach the finish line. Despite these never-changing rules and guidelines, though, all games are different than the ones before. One team will play rougher than another, while a different team will rely on defense more than offense. The players on the teams are what make these differences. Our teams play as units, but each member is a piece of the whole, contributing unique personalities and skills to their teams, morphing them into something different each time they play.



**Up and over:** Sophomore Sheirif Williams, forward, jumps over a Willow Springs opponent to shoot. "It was an easy win," said Williams. MHS beat Willow Springs 77-28.



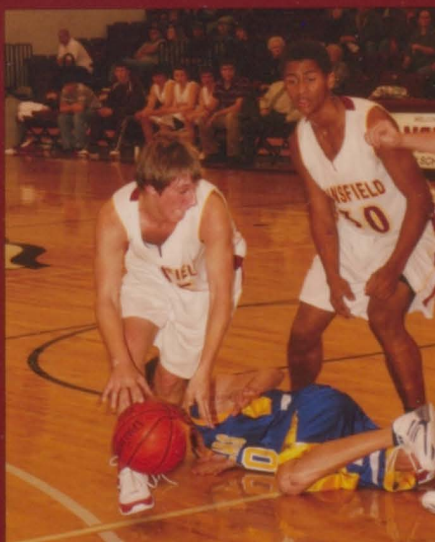
MHS	63	38	68	59	52	50	57	45	54	40	40	60	50	58	49	34	55	50	77	61	60	48	47	58	40
Opponent	27	41	22	49	46	53	39	41	42	49	49	36	41	65	41	50	52	50	28	59	44	43	45	53	53
	Plato	Thayer	Ava JV	Ava	Spfld. Greenwood	Ava	Cabool	Spokane	Min. View	Fordland	Spokane	Hartville	Hartville	Norwood	Ava	Seymour	Gainesville	Norwood	Willow Springs	Conway	Min. Grove	Fordland	Gainesville	Thayer	Lagney



# Drive to Win

**Varsity team (top):** Row 1: Heath Dugger, James Stafford, Colton Jones, Evan Whorton. Row 2: Coach Cody Shelton, Dustin Taylor, Sheirif Williams, Quentin Berry, Cody Clayton, Coach Terry Writer. Row 3: Nathan Jones, Landon Jarrett, Jeremy Henry.

**JV team (middle):** Row 1: Coach Cody Shelton, Sheirif Williams, Heath Dugger, Kaleb Nolen, Darron Nichols, Coach Terry Writer. Row 2: Evan Whorton, Austin Branham, Justin Hinsley.



Another season of high school boys basketball has been completed at MHS. On the heels of last year's team that made it to the state championship game, the team had a lot to live up to this year. Out of 13 players, only two were seniors, so it was a young team.

For a young team, they did well. The final season record was 19-8. For the fifth year in a row, they won the Mansfield Tournament and won the Summit Conference as well.

In a thrilling game against Thayer, the Lions won the District Championships 58-53. In the next round, sectionals, they fell to Laquey 40-53.

"The season went great," said junior Landon Jarrett, guard. "We wish we could have done better, but we did beat the highest ranked team in the state - Thayer."

**The great escape:** Forward Evan Whorton, bottom left, goes around an Ava opponent. "I thought that playing Ava would be brutal, but we ended up pulling through and winning," said Whorton. MHS beat Ava 49-41.

**He's the man:** Assistant Coach Cody Shelton gives advice to the team on what play to make. "He knew our individual talents well," said freshman Austin Branham, guard. Coach Shelton often coached the JV team.







A former basketball coach, John Wooden once said, "What you are as a person is far more important than what you are as a basketball player." This quote pretty much sums up the Lady Lions' basketball season. Even though they only won one game this year, they grew as people and as a family.

The girls all played their best and had fun doing it.

"We all got along so well it's like we were a family, I will always remember how much fun it was playing with those girls and for coach Richard," said junior Rachel Sowers, guard.

Even though this is

the last year at Mansfield for coach Mark Richard, he will be greatly missed.

"After a rough start we became more consistent, but we struggled to find our groove as a team. Good luck girls, you know how I feel," said coach Richard.

The girls will be starting all over again next year with a clean slate with a new coach, Gary Green, on the bench.

"I am excited to work with these girls, and I am confident they will see improvements as the years go on. I think it's time for Mansfield to return to the top of the heap in girls basketball," said Green.



**Team:** Row 1: Whitney Jordan, Brittany Cruise, Marcy Stofer. Row 2: Chauncie Mitchell, Ashley Piland, Katelyn Nolen, Jackie Emerick, Dakota Willis, Savannah Cornelius. Row 3: Sharice Dennis, Kim Stofer, Jessica Berry, assistant coach Mindy Lemons, head coach Mark Richard, Rachel Sowers.

# the heap



**Freshman Sharice Dennis** looks to pass. Dennis earned the most improved award for the season. "She has great potential," said coach Mark Richard.



**Freshman Jessica Berry** fights for the ball against New Covenant Academy. "Being the tallest girl on the team, I was expected to be tough," said Berry. MHS played New Covenant in the Mansfield Tournament.

**Jumping for the ball,** junior Dakota Willis fights hard for possession against New Covenant. MHS lost to New Covenant 31 to 56. "I was so glad to get to play this year," said Willis.





Beating Mountain Grove players off the dribble, sophomore Marcy Stofer drives toward the basket. Stofer was out the first part of the year with a broken leg but got back in time to really help the team.



#### Awards:

MVP: Whitney Jordan  
 Rachel Sowers  
 Heart: Whitney Jordan  
 Rachel Sowers  
 Hustle: Jackie Eyerick  
 Defense: Jackie Eyerick  
 Offense: Brittany Cruise  
 Most Improved:  
 Sharice Dennis  
 Paw Pride:  
 Whitney Jordan

MHS	29	32	41	41	31	32	41	34	31	39	34	35	33	40	25	34	21	42	23	51	58	39
Opponent	45	65	66	27	56	53	56	55	34	62	50	55	69	63	75	47	51	75	55	53	75	72
	Greenwood	New Covenant Academy	Galena	Lutie	New Covenant Academy	Mountain Grove	Willow Springs	Plato	Liberty	Fordland	Bradleyville	Hartsville	Norwood	Gainesville	Fair Grove	Licking	Bradleyville	Thayer	Conway	Cabool	Seymour	Couch

Record: 1-21

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*It's out of here! Sophomore Cody Clayton makes contact at a home game against Conway. "Baseball is a lot of fun - especially when we win, and I hit the ball," Clayton commented.*







Ugh, another freshman missed a sign. Now we have to run the bases again. Coach yells, "Ready... go!" and the running begins again.

"I hate running when a freshman messes up. But I was there once too, and I know it's hard," said lone senior Kati Sherman.

Running was practically an everyday event for the Lady Lions. So were running bases, batting practice and catching fly balls in the outfield. It may have seemed repetitious to some, but the Lady Lions lived for it.

Unlike most girls, dirt under nails is normal, and helmet hair is a style everyone wears. Razorback tans looked great with prom dresses, and sunglasses on the field were a must. Most important though, was players' red lipstick.

"I remember, in the fall season, all of us wore red lipstick to show our team spirit," said sophomore Katelyn Nolen.

Lady Lions definitely are not girly girls, and they definitely love the game. Coach Mark Richard was the brave soul who held them all together. The Lady Lions had a fall record of 8-10, and a spring season of 0-8.



**Team:** Row 1: Kati Sherman. Row 2: Rachel Essary, Vanessa Delcour, Jackie Emerick, Kayla Baty, Brittany Cruise, Marcy Stofer, Rebekah Orf. Row 3: coach Mark Richard, Amanda Tucker, Chauncie Mitchell, Alisha Gray, Jessica Berry, Rachel Sowers, Laine Kelly-Cain, Kim Stofer, Katelyn Nolen.



**Sophomore pitcher:** Chauncie Mitchell takes her stride. The Lady Lions played the Conway Bears during the fall season. "Softball is my favorite thing to do. I absolutely love to pitch," said Mitchell.

**Coach Mark Richard** gives the girls direction before sending them back out into the field. "Coach Richard can always motivate us when we are down," said junior Jackie Emerick.



**Sophomore Ashley Piland** watches from the sideline. Piland was out all season with a torn ACL. But her injury did not stop her from cheering on her team.

Their  
red  
lipstick



Giving some encouragement to sophomore pitcher Katelyn Nolen, coach Mark Richard and catcher Whitney Jordan try to boost her spirits. "It's hard not to get frustrated on the mound," said Nolen.



**MHS**

Opponent

13	1	1	16	15	21	20	15	3	7	0	8	5	8	19	4	7	0
12	12	11	17	18	11	10	7	13	8	5	12	6	2	8	3	0	10
Sparta	Springfield Central	Seymour	Conway	Hartville	Springfield Central	Liberty	Sparta	Couch	Thayer	Norwood	Bakersfield	Gainesville	Seymour	Hartville	Conway	Laquey	Richland

2	0	2	1	4	2	11	0
14	15	11	11	14	9	10	3
Seymour	Norwood	Plato	Hartville	Conway	Conway	Forland	Forland

**Record:**

Fall: 8-10  
Spring: 0-8



# dance. dance!

**1) Are You Ready?--** Junior Kelly Quirk heads to the ladies room to get ready before a game. The pommers usually met in the hallway behind the gym before the games to practice. **2) In honor of....** On Nov. 30, the pommers were asked to help between games to honor custodian Ronnie Roy and his wife, Beverley, for all their work in foster care. "We do it for the kids," he said. "There's been a lot of rough miles, but a lot of rewards too. We would do it all again." The members of Mansfield Emergency Academy gave them tickets to a show in Branson.



MHS Sweethearts Row 1: Jenni Lemons, Jordan Dooley, Nicole Gage  
Row 2: Kelly Quirk, Rochelle Johns, Tamara Delcour Row 3: Brittany Lakey, Casey Box, Laine Kelly-Cain

For the MHS Sweetheart dancers, this year has been full of long morning practices, big smiles, silly memories, and even tragedy. The season has been an emotional roller coaster for everyone.

The end of the season brought out a lot of different emotions for the seniors on the squad. "I'm really sad to see this year end. It's been a lot of fun with these girls," said senior Jordan Dooley. "Out of the three years I've done poms, this squad has been the best."

As for the rest of the squad, the end of the season was still sad, but the girls are optimistic about next year. "I'm excited about returning to the team next year. I'll be the only senior unless somebody else tries out from my class," said junior Kelly Quirk.

The girls who plan on trying out for next year are really excited about returning, maybe to familiar faces. "I can't wait to try out for next year's squad," said sophomore Casey Box.

The beginning of the season was kicked off by various fund raisers for summer dance camp. For the fund raisers, the team sold candles, tickets for a hog, painted faces at the Mansfield Freedom Celebration, worked at Pizza Hut and held a Jr. Sweetheart camp.

While attending summer dance camp, the pommers learned 14 different routines. Every member of the team learned three dances and had to perform them on the last day of camp. Some of the dances were a lot more difficult than others. Sweethearts learned a few routines just for fun as well. "Ghostbusters," "James Bond," "Grease" and "Napoleon Dynamite" were the themes for the fun routines. "I have two words, Camp. Period," said Quirk. Some of the girls faced challenges at camp, such as injuries. Sophomore Rochelle Johns, for example, reinjured an old injury in her right shoulder.

Highlights for the girls were varied. "Having support from the student body for the first time was such a great feeling," said senior Nicole Gage. Some had other opinions. "Performing was the best part of it," said freshman Laine Kelly-Cain.

"The routine we did at the meet and greet to 'Ghostbusters' was the best part of the whole season," said Quirk. "We could be complete fools in that routine and get away with it. It was great."

In February, the Sweethearts held another Jr. Sweethearts camp. Grades two through seven attended. Dooley choreographed the routine for the elementary girls while Johns and Kelly-Cain created the routine for the middle school girls. The camp was held for three days, each day lasting an hour after school. Snow days hampered the schedule though, and the Jr. Sweethearts didn't get to perform until Districts.

The three seniors on the squad this year had mixed emotions about the end of the season. Some shed tears at the annual rose ceremony as it sunk in that it was the last home game that they would be dancing. "I'm so sad that the season is over, but I'm leaving it with a lot of great memories and great friends," said senior Jenni Lemons.

Sadly, juniors Tamara Delcour, and freshman Brittany Lakey left the team during the season, and junior Miranda Farris was in a car-train accident one morning before school. "It was really difficult," recalled Kelly-Cain.

Still, the pommers feel good about how they ended the season. "We had some obstacles, such as losing the three girls, but we did it. We overcame our challenges, worked together and got through it," said Gage.



**Ready! Set! Chew!** Junior Tamar Delcour, senior Jordan Dooley and sophomore Rochelle Johns race to finish chocolate graham crackers during the basketball players meet and greet night. The pommers had to find a lion in the crowd, eat a bag of graham crackers and race to center court. Freshman Brittany Lakey won the game.





# Hanging around



**Don't stop:** The middle school track team trains in the park below the school.



**Cooling off:** Junior Evan Whorton gets help from junior Tyler Page in cooling off after running a mile.



**Running around:** Evan Whorton runs against Stoutland.

The track team did well this year. "Track is hard," said junior Tyler Page, "but we have a good time when we go to our meets - like one time at Ava we were a bit early, and Evan Whorton was attempting to jump a hurdle backwards. Well when he tried, his foot got caught, and he landed on the hurdle with a thump, hanging on the hurdle. Both his hands and his feet were hanging off the ground. I just laughed so hard. That could have been the highlight of the whole season for me."

The middle school track team considered themselves to be an average track team this year, although Brady Hanger and Sam Appleby both placed more than once in meets.

**Practice makes perfect:** Middle school runners at the park head back toward the school during a run.





**On the run:** Juniors Tyler Page and Evan Whorton race for first. 'I was really tired from the other races I had run before this one,' said Whorton.





# BASKETBALL IS

## MY FAVORITE SPORT

Never before has Coach Cody Shelton seen as successful a year on the court as he did this year as the seventh grade team went undefeated in the fall season. "It was a great accomplishment for the boys," he said. "I was very proud of them."

Shelton had worked with many of the team members over the summer and in past years. He took them to The Courts in Springfield and played games with the team at his own home over the summer.

In addition to hard work, the team had a few powerhouses who may have added to the team's record. Sam Appleby never seemed to tire, even if he played up and down the court three out of four quarters. Jason Cornelius also was a key player. His attitude on and off the court created a positive atmosphere for the team.

The middle school Lions were not exempt from trouble though. Carter Quirk sprained his ankle late in the season, but attended every game even though he could not play.

The eighth grade team was not as lucky as the seventh grade team. Although the team had a few losses, it was still mostly successful. Some of the strongest players were Christian Gray and Kyle Rummens. Both added to the team's success on both offense and defense.

Next year's eighth grade team will be expected to be as good, if not better than the seventh graders this year. The season will be anticipated by players, coaches and fans.

**Back off:** Nathan Quick, seventh grade, fights to get through the Hartville defense. "Basketball is so much fun, especially when we win," said Quick, who trained during the summer with Coach Shelton.



**Seventh grade team:** Row 1: Carter Quirk, Tyler Young, Scott Davis, Patrick Skog, Jason Cornelius. Row 2: Coach Cody Shelton, Caleb Jones, Nathan Quick, Corey Cantrell, Nathan Swisher. Row 3: Curtis Carnal, Brett Greer, Ryan Elliott, Sam Appleby, Shay Jackson.



**Eighth grade team:** Row 1: Mikeal Phippen, Daniel Moody, Austin Stewart, Trey Jones. Row 2: Christian Gray, Quinton Bell, Brady Hanger, Nathan Bogart, Shawn Barrett, Pavel Khatuliou. Row 3: Dakota Melton, Corben Burkhart, Coach Cody Shelton, Kyle Rummens, Tucker Kirkland.



**Clipping Eagles' wings:** Tyler Young, seventh grade, takes a shot against a tough Hartville defense. The seventh grade team won, contributing to an undefeated season. "Having an undefeated season was amazing," said Young.

**MMS Eighth Grade Opponent**

34	Seymour	47
42	Hartville	35
38	Gainesville	48
51	Sparta	24
53	Seymour	62
38	Norwood	
59	Hartville	33
48	Conway	46
41	Greenwood	37

**MMS Seventh Grade Opponent**

44	Seymour	23
30	Hartville	22
34	Gainesville	29
39	Sparta	19
54	Seymour	22
14	Norwood	7
12	Hartville	3
45	Conway	41
30	Greenwood	8



# Under PRESSURE

**Let's go!** The middle school cheerleaders wave pompons during a game against Sparta on Sept. 21.



"I think we did really good because we won the Norwood Tournament," said Lexi Sherman, eighth grade, of the middle school girls basketball teams' seasons. "But we gave up towards the conference tournament, because we were under pressure."

Team members practiced hard all season, yet did not get the results they had hoped for.

"During practice we worked really hard," said Shayna Matney, eighth grade, "but when it came to game time we sort of freaked out a little. We just threw something together. Even though we lost a lot of games we still played well as a team."

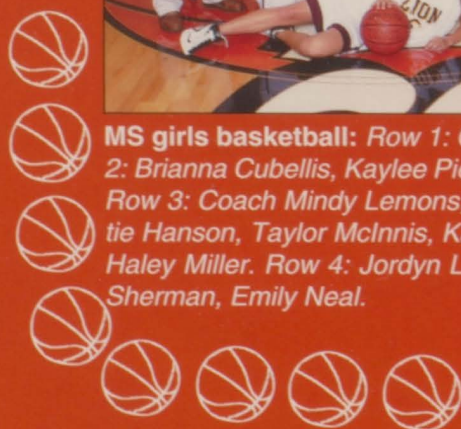
Even though the season disappointed some players, the team practiced hard and gained valuable experience that will help them next year



**MS girls basketball:** Row 1: Candice Dunbar. Row 2: Brianna Cubellis, Kaylee Pierson, Amanda Davis. Row 3: Coach Mindy Lemons, Shayna Matney, Katie Hanson, Taylor McInnis, Kailey Morris, manager Haley Miller. Row 4: Jordyn Loge, Kindal Ball, Lexi Sherman, Emily Neal.



**Battle for possession:** Struggling to keep the ball away from an opponent, Shayna Matney, eighth grade, battles the Conway defense on Oct. 16.





Watch out! Jordan Loge, eighth grade, pushes past a Hartville defender to score with a layup.



MMS			Opponent			MMS			Opponent		
A team						B team					
16	Seymour	50				11	Seymour	15			
15	Hartville	24				10	Gainsville	20			
32	Gainesville	38				13	Sparta	12			
23	Sparta	44				7	Seymour	17			
27	Seymour	32				2	Fordland	8			
20	Fordland	25				11	Norwood	2			
34	Norwood	21				4	Hartville	14			
42	Chadwick	28				8	Conway	16			
26	Plato	15									
25	Norwood	15									
24	Hartville	25									
21	Conway	23									
26	Greenwood	16									
34	Conway	35									





**Tension:** Middle schoolers Darren Hume, Sam Appleby and Quinton Bell anxiously watch Homecoming. The game was a close one, but the Lions won by a single point. "One of the best part about basketball games is getting to hang out with your friends," said Appleby.



The background of the page is a photograph of students in a hallway, rendered in a sepia or brownish tone. The students are out of focus, appearing as silhouettes or soft shapes. The word "People" is written in a large, white, cursive font in the upper right quadrant.

# People

The best part of school for most for us is probably the people we see every day. Our friends are some of the most important people in our lives, next to our families. We go out with them on weekends, go to concerts together, and have after prom game and movie nights with them. MHS students have their own special groups of friends that are filled with unique personalities and memories. We'll always remember how some people were obsessive compulsive about their car, how many choir members constantly hummed random songs, how others knew everything there was to know about certain bands, and how a few smacked people on the shoulder repeatedly when they became excited. We all have some unique quirks that make us memorable to others. Those quirks are what make us different, what make us great.



# Deadlines and Disney

Pub students juggle responsibilities to hit deadlines and have fun

Publication students Brittany Keeling, Whitney Jordan and Laura Wagner, along with Pub adviser Scott Lawson and English teacher Debbie Whetstine attended JEA/NSPA national convention in Anaheim, Cal., from April 16 to 22.

The students who went to Anaheim enjoyed many of the activities there, such as Disneyland and Huntington Beach. They even enjoyed some of the authentic Mexican food that they could eat there.

"This is so good, I think I might throw it up just to eat it again," said Jordan, referring to the Shrimp Ranchero Fajita that she ate at El Torito.

The trip was not all fun and relaxation though. The stu-

dents attended classes at convention and learned some new tricks to make next year's yearbook look even better.

The Pub class helped the students go on this trip by doing multiple fundraisers, even though some of the students

were out in the pouring rain, begging for money, during a gold rush. Students also helped out at the concession stands on other days.

The Pub students continued their work throughout the school year, frantically finishing deadlines before they were due and occasionally complaining about the unfairness of the deadlines and blaming each

other for not taking enough pictures.

*This is so good, I think I might throw it up just to eat it again.*

*- Whitney Jordan, junior*



**Hardly working:** Sophomores Ally Rokusek and Vince Miller discuss the backgrounds for their yearbook pages. "Vince and I were having fun talking," said Rokusek. Instead of using pictures for the background this year, Pub students created their own.



**Staring into the distance:** Walking up to Disneyland, junior Whitney Jordan and senior Brittany Keeling stare at the entrance sign. "It was so pretty. It was big and sparkly," said Keeling. "It was almost like being a little kid again." Pub students spent a day in Disneyland, enjoying the rides and attractions after national convention was over.

*"Pub is so much fun, and it's totally wicked being in charge of the yearbook." - Julia Allen, junior*

Pages by Laura Wagner



**Huh?:** Listening to junior Laura Wagner explain what the ad page in the yearbook is supposed to look like, junior Julia Allen, below left, looks on in confusion. "I was thinking I wasn't sure what she was talking about," said Allen, "so I just smiled and nodded and hoped that worked out for the best of it."

**Off to Neverland:** Getting a new yearbook for aide Danae Bogart, sophomore Vince Miller, below middle, wears Peter Pan's trademark hat, taken from senior Connie Quirk. "Signing parties can be really fun wearing in a Peter Pan hat," said Miller. Pub's signing party was on Disney day during Red Ribbon Week, explaining why anyone was wearing a Peter Pan hat.



**Stare into the light:** Helping to finance the trip to national convention in Anaheim, Cal., junior Dalena Mitchell, top, works in the concession stand. "I was paying attention to the game more than anything that day," said Mitchell. Pub works in the concession stands each year.

**Taking a bite:** Enjoying the Disneyland atmosphere, senior Brittany Keeling, middle, takes a bite out of a Polynesian beef skewer. "The food was so good, but the beef was a lot better than the chicken," said Keeling. Keeling was the editor for the 2007-08 yearbook.

**Scribbling as she works:** With a yearbook placed in front of her, senior Connie Quirk, bottom, signs her name. "Everyone wants the editor to sign their yearbook with, 'Love, editor Connie Quirk,'" said Quirk. Quirk was the editor of the 2006-2007 yearbook.



**Here's Tigger:** Senior Brittany Keeling and juniors Whitney Jordan and Laura Wagner take a picture with Tigger at Disneyland in Anaheim. "Tigger is one of my favorite characters," said Keeling, "so it was really great to get a picture with him." The students stood in line for about 15 minutes waiting to take the picture.



# Makin' it happen



**Checkin' in:** Seniors Josh Dorcy and Kellie Hutton help register schools for the Mansfield Math Contest. "I think the contest was a good success," said Hutton, "even if it was stressful at the time."

**Skin deep:** Pam Probert, biology teacher, and sophomore Erin Dierksen dissect a roundworm in class. "I found it hard to touch," said Dierksen. "But it was neat watching Mrs. Probert dissect it."



When it comes to subjects such as math and science, most people think of explosions and long mathematical equations. But at MHS, students focus not only on their subjects but also on helping get more people involved in their clubs by hosting Math Contest and the 24 Tournament. Bob Cubellis has been advising Math Club for two years.

"Some of the most memorable events this year include the middle school math contest, the 24-game tournament and the end of the year trip to the Springfield Cardinals game," said Cubellis.

Many students had fun doing the simple tasks that it took to make Math Contest and other events a great success.

"I am not very good at math, but I do enjoy food, so working the concession stand at contest was really enjoyable for me," said freshman Nikki Zorsch.

While Math Club worked to promote fun math skills, Science Club worked hard to present

their projects at contests. According to adviser Pam Probert, at the end of the year, the students brought home close to \$100,000 in awards and scholarships, along with ribbons and trophies.

Science Club achieved a lot this year, placing in contest and bringing home awards. Math Club also brought home many awards from their contests as well.

Freshman Haley Miller was proud to have been apart of Math Club. "I was really impressed with the accomplishments of this year's contests," said Miller. "I really look forward to next year's possibilities."

But for some, there won't be a next year. Senior Josh Dorcy, for example, leaves the presidency of Math Club open for somebody else.

"I gained a lot of leadership skills by being president," said Dorcy. "I think next year's club will do even better now, knowing what it feels like to be successful."

I gained a lot of leadership skills by being president.

- Josh Dorcy, senior



# M a t h



**Math Club:** Row 1: Dillon Massey, Josh Dorcy, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Vince Miller, Whitney Jordan, Dallas Massey. Row 2: adviser Jane Wehmeyer, Justin Sanders, Kati Sherman, Connie Quirk, Tron Sherman, Rachel Sowers, Jackie Emerick, Rachael Essary. Row 3: Deryck Solina, Heath Dugger, Landon Jarrett, Casey Box, Jasmine Turney, Jaimie Smith, Alisha Gray, Julia Allen, Erin Nichols. Row 4: Ethan Davis, Kaysha Ousely, Whitney Whorton, Rochelle Johns, Chelsea Jones, Nikki Zorsch, Lonnie Fulp, Cody Young, Brittany Cruse. Row 5: adviser Bob Cubellis, Chauncie Mitchell, Justin Keith, Bryce Matlock, Allyson Rokusek, Nathan Jones, Olivia Whorton, Sonserae Wilder, Emily Nichols



**Science Club:** Row 1: adviser Pam Probert, Josh Dorcy, Jackie Emerick, Connie Quirk, Kati Sherman, Kelly Quirk, Justin Hinsley, Dallas Massey. Row 2: Dokata Willis, Tyler Page, Brittney Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Tron Sherman, Rachel Sowers, Whitney Jordan, Paige Lambert. Row 3: Chauncie Mitchell, Landon Jarrett, Casey Box, Jasmine Turney, Jaimie Smith, Lindsey Allen, Alisha Gray, Jordan Dooley, Kelly Oliphant. Row 4: Nathan Rummens, Vince Miller, Kaysha Ousely, Whitney Whorton, Erin Dierksen, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea Jones, Samantha Merideth. Row 5: Colton Jones, Justin Keith, Rochelle Johns, Allyson Rokusek, Nikki Zorsch, Olivia Whorton, Sonserae Wilder, Katelyn Escalantani

# S c i e n c e



# Getting it write

## A new English class attracts student attention

Students have had a fun year in English with the addition of a new class: Cowboy Literature. It was taught by Caroline McGinness.

"It is more of a Western Literature class," McGinness explained. "We read novels and short stories as well." The kids also watched Western movies.

Still, though, every student has to take English 1, 2 and 3.

In English 2, the sophomores got in-depth training in writing a research paper. "It was a long process," said sophomore Vince Miller. The sophomores spent most of third quarter working on those papers. They took several trips to the library and spent day after day in class writing and researching.

The college writing class,

which is taken for dual credit, was busy with research papers as well. They were also expected to write several personal essays and, at the end of the year, they had to make a portfolio of all of their work.

The freshmen also had training in writing research papers. This was the first research paper for most of the freshmen, and it was not easy. Freshmen also read books in preparation for the project.

Meanwhile, juniors had to read books and then write book responses over them. They wrote reports and did projects like making things out of soap, but they did not escape the research paper requirement. Their papers, though, focused on careers related to their job shadowing unit.

**Questionably a question:** In Mr. Lawson's English class, sophomore Jamie Smith, top, prepares to ask a question. "I

like English class," said Smith of English 2. "I think Mr. Lawson's very reasonable because we can always finish in class."

**Crack open a book:** During free time, freshmen Olivia Whorton and Haley Miller, center, read books for English 1. "I love my English class,"

said Whorton. "It's awesome. Mrs. McGinness doesn't really give us homework. She assigns reading, and that's cool because I like to read."

**Rabbi-Tea:** Dressed like rabbits, seniors Emily Nichols and Chelsea Jones, right, sip tea while acting out the tea party from *Al-*

*ice in Wonderland*. "It was definitely different," said Jones, "but I liked it." Jones was demonstrating how rabbits drink tea.





"My favorite memories of English would be from my senior year. I love how my whole class is able to joke around with our teachers about anything." - senior Jessie Kelly



"I forgot to turn in an assignment one day. Mrs. Whetstine came and took me out of class that day and pork chopped me for not turning it in." - junior Rachel Sowers



"Last year when I was leaving English, Justin Hinsley was pushing me, so I was walking fast, and Rachael Essary tripped me. I fell flat on my face." - freshman Olivia Whorton



"In Mrs. Blankenship's class, I was caught making up a rap about my sister, and I had to rap it to the whole class." - sophomore Chauncie Mitchell



**Sittin' around and reminiscin':** Juniors Kristine Whorton and Brittany Estrada with senior Jason Skaggs wait for the first bell before Cowboy Literature first period. "We read nonfiction and fiction

texts," said teacher Caroline McGinness. "They have to read Western novels and short stories about the history of the American cowboy." She also said that students watch old Westerns in the class.



# The great melting pot

History and foreign language classes learn about other cultures

America is a melting pot of cultures, requiring that students learn about the histories and languages of different cultures and how American government works.

Students in history classes do many projects, such as teaching a section in their text books, creating models of historical scenes, and creating Venn diagrams to show the similarities between presidents. Advanced American History students read out loud in class and are required to do one book review each semester. When they start learning about The De-

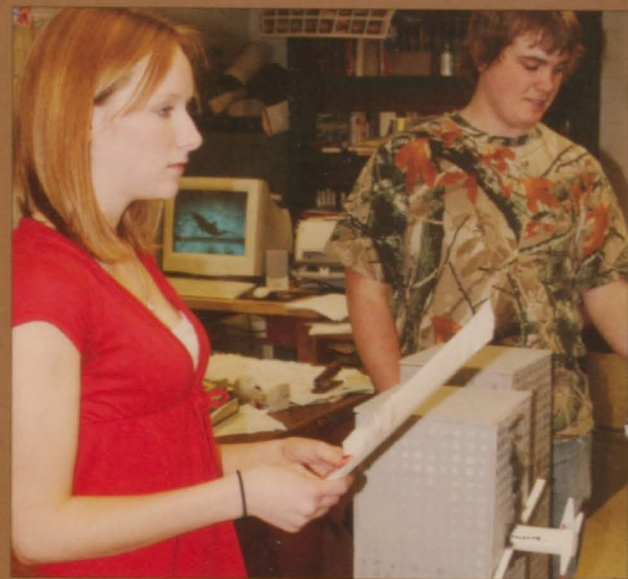
pression, students are required to interview someone who was alive during that time and who remembers that time clearly.

"I like doing the projects," said junior Kelly Whorton.

History focuses on past cultures, and foreign language classes allow students to learn the languages of other countries. Foreign language classes also require students to learn the customs and histories of the countries where those languages are spoken. Vicki Blankenship teaches French, and Wilda Watterson teaches Spanish.



**The long walk:** Walking back from picking up a projectile that they shot with their handmade trebuchet for their history project, sophomores Kaleb Nolen and Adam Heater know they did not win the distance contest. "We were in Mr. Wood's class" said Heater. We launched it, and it went about 30 feet. The catapults were not tested until a couple of weeks after the projects were due because of bad weather.



**It's the end of the world!** Sophomore Kelsay Dugger and senior Matt Leonard tell students in their class about their project on the terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers. "It was something that happened in our lifetime that we can relate to," said Dugger. Teacher Roger Wood has the World History class do projects each quarter. Each project is different, and third quarter is when students make models of things in history and tell the class about their projects.



"I like taking my Spanish class. I like learning about the culture and I find it helpful in the career I plan on going to take because dealing with the public you need to learn their second language." - junior Gabby Millard

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**Foreign Language:** Row 1: Jackie Emerick, Connie Quirk, Advisor Wilda Watterson, Advisor Vicki Blankenship, Kati Sherman, Dallas Massey. Row 2: Paige Lambert, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Tron Sherman, Kelly Quirk, Whitney Jordan. Row 2: Landon Jarrett, Colton Jones, Jasmine Turney, Jaimie Smith, Lindsay Allen, Alisha Gray. Row 4: Kaysha Ousley, Whitney Whorton, Casey Box, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea Jones, Julia Allen.

**He shoots!** Shooting a rubber ball, top, from a handmade catapult, sophomores Shane Stewart and Jake Hultz watch to see how far it will go. "We could have done some improvements," said Stewart. "It didn't throw it as far as we wanted it to." The students took time out of their history class to see which catapult would shoot farther.

Photos by Laura Wagner and Drew Cooley

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**Got Butter?** Junior Julia Allen, top, smiles as she shakes cream into butter in Advanced American History as she learns about frontier life. "While I was shaking the jar, it looked really gross and chunky," said Allen, "but whenever it was done it didn't taste that bad."

**Wrapping it up:** Preparing the catapult for release, sophomore Kaleb Nolen, middle, wraps string around the appropriate parts. "I thought it was a neat experience," said Nolen, "It was neat to do it."

**On lookout:** Watching as sophomores Kaleb Nolen and Adam Heater pick up the projectile from their trebuchet, sophomore Robert Snokhous, bottom, keeps an eye on their creation. "I thought Adam and Kaleb were going to win," said Snokhous.

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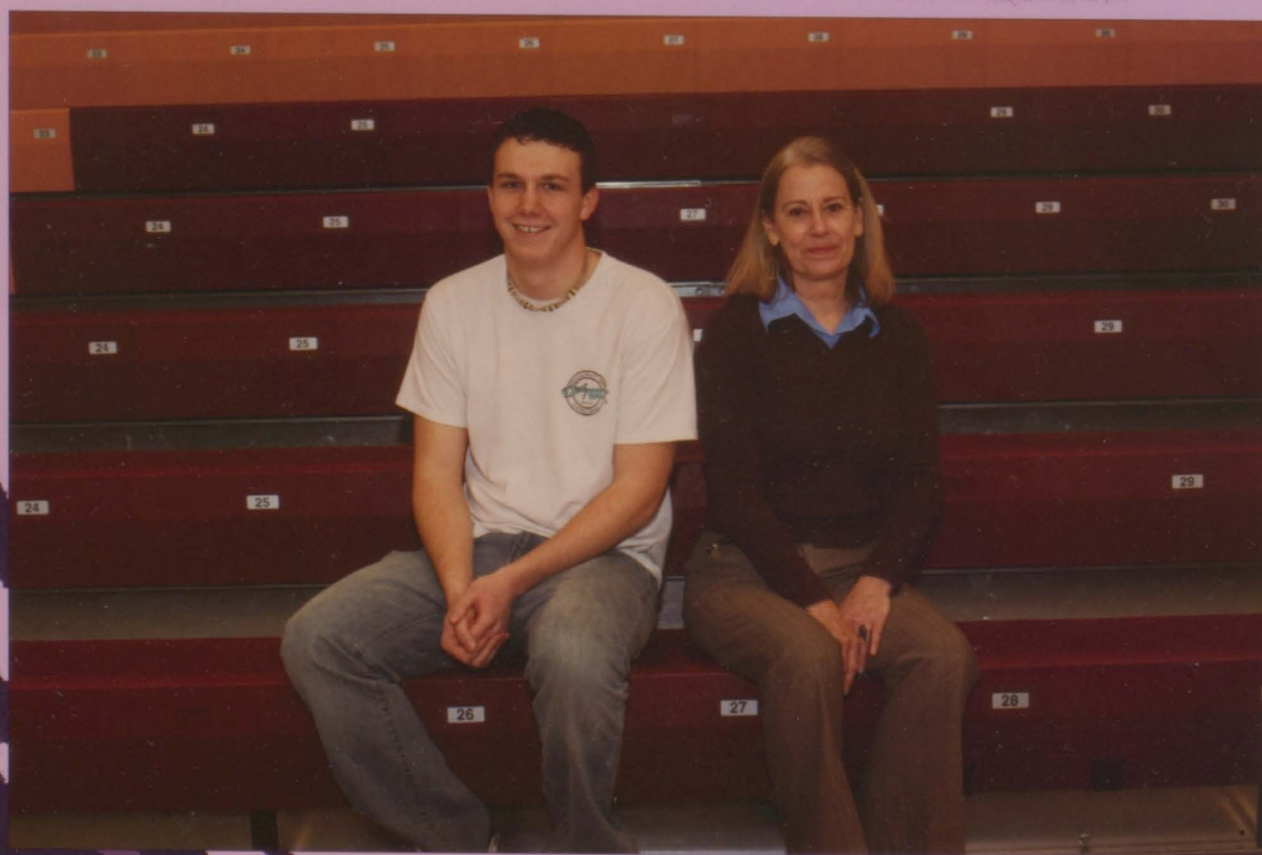
# A winning year in art

"All you have to do is pay five dollars," said Gretchen Shultz about becoming a member of Art Club.

It is one of the few clubs in MHS that will allow students to be members without taking any classes related to it.

Every year, Art Club members enter an art show if Shultz approves their projects. "Students can enter in several different categories, such as sculpture, painting and mixed media," explained Shultz. "I pick them and then enter them."

Industrial arts is not an official club, but class members still have contests as well. This year it was held in Hartville. Classes in industrial arts include: Cad I, Cad II and Woodworking. Industrial arts is taught by Roy Ryan.



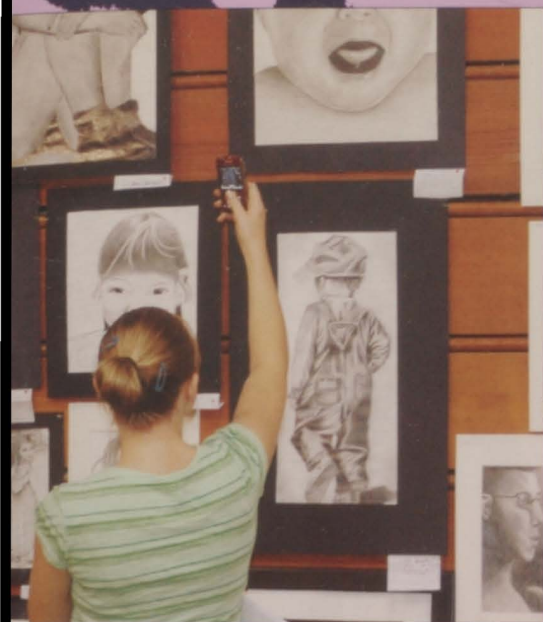
**Art Club:** Josh Dorcy, advisor Gretchen Shultz.





**Photo op.:** Junior Kelsey Baker, below left, snaps a picture of a baby at art contest. "I really liked that picture and wanted to have a picture of it on my phone," said Baker. Art Contest was held in Willow Springs.

• **It's captivating:** Junior Kelly Oliphant, below middle, looks at drawings done by other students at art contest. "That picture was really interesting," said Oliphant. Students were allowed to enter in several categories with adviser Gretchen Shultz's approval.



## And the winners are...

### Art show winners:

**Sarah Debrodie**- first place paper sculpture, and first place mixed media painting.

**Bryce Matlock**- second place mixed media painting

**Stephanie Henry**- third place mixed media sculpture

**Katelyn Escalanti**- third wheel thrown vessel, honorable mention wheel thrown vessel, hand built vessel.

**Kelsey Baker**- honorable mention pottery and sculpture

**Betty Debrodie**- fourth place pottery and sculpture

**Kristina Criss**- honorable mention mixed media painting

**William Johnsen**- fourth print making

**Jake Yost**- fourth sculpture

**Chelsi Keith**- fourth mixed media.

### Industrial arts:

**Ryan Whorton**- best of Woodworking II runner-up

**Matt Leonard**- first place Woodworking II

**Justin Sanders and Jake Hultz**- second place Woodworking II

**Heath Dugger**- best of CAD

**Dillon Massey and Austin Branham**- first CAD

**Ethan Davis**- second CAD



**Where is it?:** While flipping through the pages of the program at an art show, top right, junior Kelly Oliphant and sophomore Kristina Criss try to find the projects that they are looking for. "We were looking for the winners of the show," said Oliphant. Several students won in various categories, all listed above.

**Wow, it's art:** Juniors Kelly Whorton, Wendy Johnsen, and Kelsey Baker, along with senior Corey Kensinger, above left, walk through the rows of art contest entries, looking at pictures. "There were some really good drawings done," said Johnsen.

**Caught in the moment:** Adviser Gretchen Shultz studies a piece of art during contest. "I am really proud of all of the people who went to contest. I think that they should be congratulated for doing a great job," said Shultz.



# Blue corduroy

The FFA members grow another year in their blue jacket.

The doors open and a smooth breeze moves across the floor as people in blue corduroy jackets come strutting into the room. Who are these people? What are they doing here? These are members of FFA.

The club does many things throughout the year, including building floats for parades, organizing a petting zoo and competing at contest.

"I judge livestock," said sophomore Adam Heater. "I'm going to state!" State is the next best thing to national convention for FFA members.

This year Stan Coday, adviser and Ag teacher, took livestock, poultry and Division 2 public speaking competitors to state. Those are just a few of the many events that FFA members compete in.

"I do meats," said sophomore Nathan Rummens. "I would like to do floriculture next year because the chicks dig it."

FFA helps people with their futures as well.

"The FFA has provided me with the opportunity to learn how to properly run my own business," said senior Dallas Massey, secretary. "No matter what field

I go into, I will always be able to use what I have learned in the FFA."

"I will use everything I have used in the FFA," said Rummens. "I'm going to raise pigs." Rummens went on to say how much he loves Ag. "I like the trips and getting out of school," he said.

Although a lot of fun goes on in FFA, it comes with a lot of work, such as preparation for contests and class work.

"Record books can be a pain, that's for dang sure," Rummens said. "I'm not a huge fan of those three- or four-page book assignments we have to do either." Other students saw things differently though.

"The knowledge I have gained will continue to serve me well as I make the transition from high school to the rest of my life," said Massey in a paper that he wrote for Coday. Students also appreciate all that Coday has done for them.

"I think he is a real cool guy," said Rummens. "He's an awesome teacher." Rummens also said that the only thing he would change about the FFA is to make more time in the shop and cut out some book work.



**Candy kiss:** With a hesitant look on her face, junior Tamara Delcour receives a piece of candy from junior Kelly Quirk with a toothpick at FFA Barnwarming. "I thought, 'Kelly's going to stab me in the eye!'" exclaimed Delcour, holding back a giggle. "And guess what, she did." Barnwarming has been a tradition at MHS for many years. Games played at the event include a hay bale toss and an orange relay race.





### Dragging down the competition:

Sophomores Doug Pyle, Lonnie Fulp and Jake Hultz play a game of tug-of-war at Ag Olympics. "I was thinking, 'We better beat these son of a guns,'" said Hultz with a serious look on his face. "We lost the last one, and the other teams better come prepared next year. Ag Olympics included milk chugging and cow pie eating. In cow pie eating, contestants had to eat plates full of chocolate pudding with whole corn in the pudding.



**FFA:** Row 1: secretary Dallas Massey. Row 2: second vice president Tron Sherman, vice president Josh Dorcy, chaplain Andrew Cooley, president Kati Sherman, treasurer Jaimie Smith, reporter Lindsay Allen, parliamentarian Kelly Whorton, historian Randy Jo Barlett, assistant secretary Paige Lambert. Row 3: Kristine Whorton, Aaron Stewart, Justin Ince, Cory Walker, Rachael Essary, Brittany Cruse, Cody Young, Jacob Adamson, Amanda Seabolt, advisor Stan Coday. Row 4: Jasmine Turney, Dustin Taylor, Kyle Cunningham, Marcy Stofer, Kelsay Dugger, Jodi McDowell, Wendy Ince, Kaleb Nolen, Michael Kozak. Row 5: Nathan Rummens, Cody Clayton, Tyler Page, Colton Jones, Justin Keith, Sidney Tucker, Austin Branham, Cody Sigman, Shane Stuart. Row 6: Jeromy Dennis, Alex Roy, Jordan Gunter, Heath Dugger, Doug Pyle, Lonnie Fulp, Jake Hultz, Robert Snokhous, Devin Davis, Josh Box, Hayden Adamson.

Photos by Drew Cooley



# Racing into the business future

The FBLA had a good year this year with one student qualifying for State competition.

Future Business Leader of America member Emily Nichols placed second in Business Law at districts, which allowed her to advance to the state competition.

"I was excited to go. I had been once before but I am more excited because I am a senior this year," she said. Unfortunately, she did not place at state. "I wish I would have done better, but it was a fun trip and a good experience."

It was also a sad year because the club could not do their annual candy cane fund raiser.

Because of the school's nutrition policy, they were not allowed to sell any candy of any kind.

Senior Kellie Hutton was sad about it as well. "I think we should have been allowed to sell them," she said. "It is a part of Christmas that we have all grown to love."

Also this year, FBLA and FCCLA teamed up to hold Race into Reading, during which, members of the clubs read books to students.

Senior Chelsea Jones was one of the students who volunteered to read to the younger children. "I like being with the younger kids," she said. "I wish I could do it again."



**That's Our Gym Teacher:** Senior Bryce Matlock, top, reads a book titled *That's Our Gym Teacher* for Race into Reading. "It was fun to read to younger kids," said Matlock. Race into Reading was sponsored by FCCLA and FBLA.



**It's story time:** Senior Quentin Berry, middle, reads to students for Race into Reading. "Kids from the elementary got to come into the library, and we read to them," said Berry. All of the Elementary participated in the event.



**Portal to another world:** Reading to elementary students in the library, senior Connie Quirk, bottom, sends them into the world of reading. "I love to read to younger students," she said. "It makes me want to be a teacher even more." Quirk is planning to attend University of Missouri Kansas City, majoring in urban education.

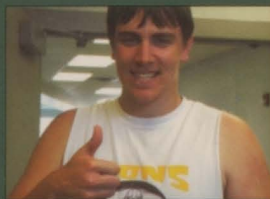




**FBLA:** Row 1: vice president Josh Dorcy, Jackie Emerick, Kelly Quirk, Connie Quirk, president Kyle Cunningham. Row 2: Lindsay Allen, Jordan Dooley, Chauncie Mitchell, Erin Dierksen, Kelsay Dugger, Rachel Sowers. Row 3: Quinten Berry, Bryce Matlock, Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Emily Nichols, Chelsea Jones. Row 4: adviser Marsha Appleby, Alisha Gray, Whitney Whorton, Brittany Greer.

Mrs. Appleby is the bomb. And it is a fun club.

- Quinten Berry, senior



It is a great way for people to learn about business, and for them to prepare for the future.

- Jackie Emerick, junior



After we finish our contests, we get to walk around and eat lunch. We also try on dresses at a dress shop on the square. It is a lot of fun.

- Alisha Gray, sophomore



I think that it is a club that everyone should be in because it teaches you skills you will need to know in the world to deal with people, like how to work with others and how to be a better leader.

- Bryce Matlock, senior



# Going Hollywood

## FCCLA goes to Thayer with Hollywood style

Who is that? Is it Brittany Spears? A paparazzi? No, it's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) students dressed up for their region nine trip to Thayer.

"The outfits were cool. There was that guy that dressed up like a girl" said junior Kelly Whorton. "He was pretty cool looking."

Every year, FCCLA takes a trip to the region nine meeting. The FCCLA officers work to create a basket filled with goodies, and they also work on name tags that go with the meeting's theme for each FCCLA member. This year the theme was "Going Hollywood." Students dressed up as Hollywood movie stars and showed off their styles in a contest to see who had the best costume.

"I liked seeing all the different costumes and baskets," said junior Randee Jo Barlett.

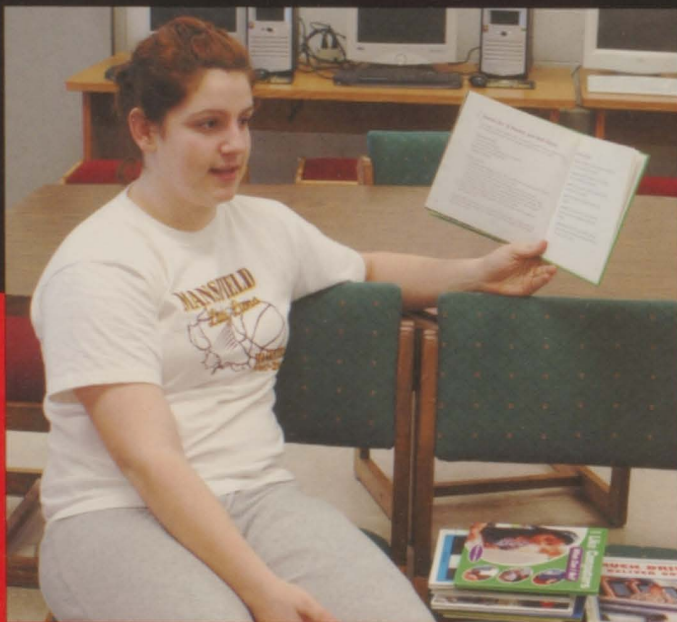
Every meeting also includes a motivational speaker. This year was no disappointment to FCCLA members. The speaker was very amusing and told many funny stories. Students from all over region nine had to jump up and take part in the speaker's activities such as participating in a wake up dance and seeing how many people are truly lazy.

"I liked the speaker," said Whorton.

The only way students can become a FCCLA members is to take one FACS, Family and Career Sciences, class.

FACS includes Teen Living, Basic Skills, Nutrition, Health, Child Development, Family Living, and Clothing.

"We cook a lot, but we also do a lot of book work," said junior Dalena Mitchell. "Mrs. Hinsley makes it fun."



**Library lady:** In the high school library, freshman Jessica Berry reads to elementary students for Race Into Reading. "I was listening to what they were saying," said Berry, "because I asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up, and then I told them what I wanted to be when I grew up." FCCLA members do other activities such as Caring is Sharing, which allows each member to buy a gift for a child whose parents could not afford to buy presents themselves.



**Window on the world:** Junior Kelly Whorton stares at her cell phone on the way home from the FCCLA regional meeting in Thayer. "I thought that the meeting was great," said Whorton, "and I liked going to Ryan's afterwards, though we had to wait a long time to have our orders taken." The FCCLA group stopped at Ryan's in West Plains to eat lunch before heading back to Mansfield.





**FCCLA:** Row 1: Meagan Brooke, Whitney Jordan, Jessica Berry, Kashmir Singh, Miranda Brooke, Tara Robinson, Brittany Lakey. Row 2: Kelly Whorton, Laura Wagner, Savanna Cornelius, Brittany Cruse, Ashley Vinson, Summer Banister, Randee Jo Barlett, Windy Johnsen. Row 3: Nathan Rummens, Josh Dorcy, Kati Sherman, Kaleb Nolen, Haden Adamson, Whitney Whorton, Casey Box, Advisor Teresa Hinsley. Row 4: Rochelle Johns, Laken Conaway, Lindsay Allen, Kelsay Dugger.

**Hot and Fresh:** FCCLA and FBLA members, top, gather around a box of steamy, cheesy pizza during FCCLA week while trying to grab the best slices. "The pizza was good," said sophomore Kelsay Dugger. This year, instead of FCCLA week being during the week of Valentine's Day, it was moved back a couple of weeks due to icy weather.

**Brittany Spears?** No, it's junior Windy Johnsen, top, dressed up as Brittany Spears for the FCCLA regional meeting. "I was trying to make sure I didn't fall," said Johnsen, "because of the shoes I was wearing." FCCLA members take a trip to the regional meetings every year.

**That's my story:** Junior Kashmir Singh, middle, reads to elementary students on Friday, March 7, for FCCLA and FBLA's Race Into Reading. "It was different because, instead of reading to one, I was reading to many," said Singh. "I was nervous." This is the first year that FCCLA and FBLA have hosted the Race Into Reading program.

**Library voices:** Juniors Whitney Jordan and Meagan Brooke, bottom, take a break during Race Into Reading. "Even though the kids had a short attention span," said Jordan, "I think they all enjoyed high school students reading to them." FCCLA and FBLA celebrated Race Into Reading by having a pizza party during lunch.



# BREAKING THROUGH

Students Against Destructive Decisions and the National Honor Society have many of the same qualities, which is probably why many students are involved in both. NHS and SADD are both focused on progressing students futures and helping them reach their full potential. Both are driven organizations that strive for a better and safer community.

SADD, unlike NHS, focuses more on students making better decisions, and supporting them during those decisions. "It's a good organization for students because it encourages them to make good decisions and to get involved in the community to help make it better for future generations," freshman Nikki Zorsch said. SADD sold bracelets to students and community members when junior Miranda Farris was injured. One hundred percent of the profit was sent to Farris to help with her medical expenses.

"I think that SADD helps students, as well as their peers, open their eyes and see what things can damage them and the people they care about. I think it also teaches them to be safer," sophomore Kayla Baty said.

"I think that the things SADD does are really great. I like when we mentor the sixth graders because I feel like we are giving them more opportunities for everything,"

added junior Rachel Sowers.

NHS also held many drives to help those in need, including having presents wrapped in exchange for a can of food. "It was awesome wrapping presents with all the pretty paper, except for when the paper was too thin; it ripped," said senior Chelsea Jones. Also on the agenda was a pumpkin carving contest and Christmas trees that were decorated with mittens, scarves and hats to be donated.

"NHS is swell," commented senior Bryce Matlock. So while SADD and NHS are usually associated with each other, they do tend to have their differences. Both are prominent organizations according to the members. Both are helpful and beneficial to students who like to be involved in clubs that help people.



**Santa's little helpers:** Junior Whitney Jordan passes junior Julia Allen a Christmas gift. NHS passed out gifts to school faculty and staff.



**A penny for your vote:** When NHS sponsored a pumpkin carving contest for teachers, top, the students controlled their fates. Students voted on the pumpkins with penny votes. Anything other than a penny counted as a negative vote. The office's witch pumpkin ended up winning.

**Walk it Out:** Sophomore Chauncie Mitchell, above, changes classes while wearing a cowboy costume for Cowboy Day during SADD's Red Ribbon Week. "I dressed up like Woody and Bullseye [from the movie "Toy Story"] for Red Ribbon week, to encourage kids to make better decisions," said Mitchell.



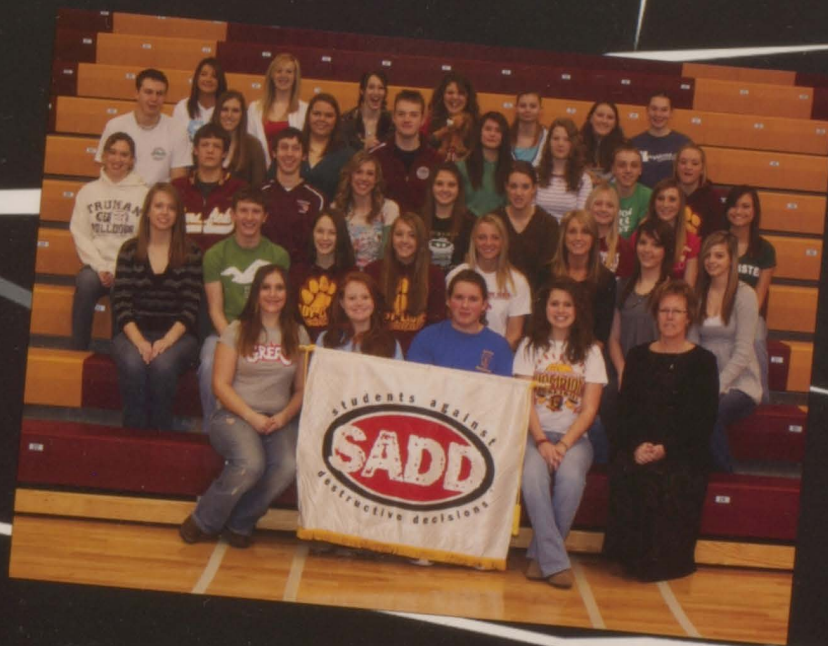
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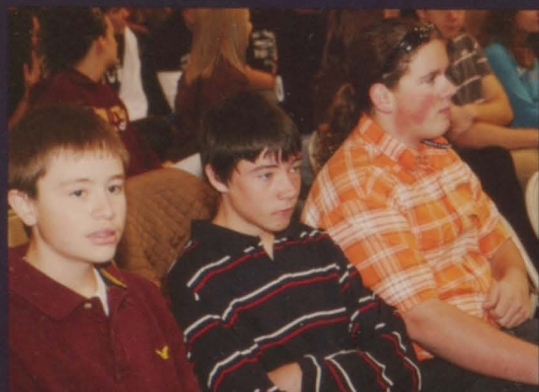
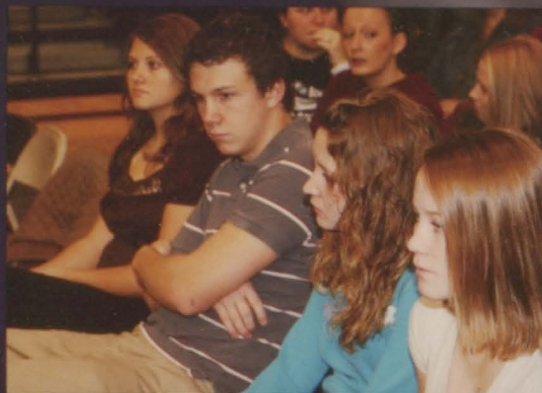
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# Blast from the past



Student Council started this year with a trip to Student Council Convention in Republic. "We went to classrooms, and they talked to us about how we can make student council better for next year," said freshman Heath Dugger. "I thought that it was really really helpful and fun."

The meeting kicked off a busy year. StuCo members served tables and washed dishes at Pizza Hut; they made breakfast for area veterans; they decorated for Homecoming; and had a spirit week to pep up the school for the Homecoming game.

"I think Student Council went relatively well this year," said senior Bryce Matlock. "Mr. Cubellis has done a good job with the transition from Mrs. Watterson being the advisor. She will be missed."

**Waiting for more:** Student council members sophomore Jaimie Smith, senior Josh Dorcy, junior Julia Allen and junior Whitney Jordan, top, listen to the speaker during the Rachel's Challenge assembly. StuCo held the assembly to promote the sort of kindness and compassion practiced by Rachel Scott, the first victim in the Columbine High School shootings in April, 1999.

**Listening intently:** Student council members freshmen Justin Hinsley, Heath Dugger and junior Tron Sherman, middle, watch the video presentation during the Rachel's Challenge assembly. The video included footage of Rachel Scott and information about the Columbine tragedy.

**Take a stand:** Senior Katie Sherman, left, introduces the speaker at the Rachel's Challenge assembly. Presenter Lilly Pona introduced the video presentation and addressed students after it ended.



**Student Council:** Row 1: Landon Jarrett, Katie Sherman, Jackie Emerick, Tron Sherman. Row 2: Chauncie Mitchell, Kellie Hutton, Whitney Jordan, Rachel Sowers, Kelly Quirk, Connie Quirk. Row 3: Josh Dorcy, Justin Keith, Casey Box, Jaimie Smith, Nikki Zorsch, Justin Hinsley. Row 4: Quentin Berry, Julia Allen, Bryce Matlock, Chelsea Jones, Heath Dugger, adviser Bob Cubellis.



My first year as Student Council sponsor has taught me the value of leadership in our school. Student Council members are the heart of our school, and I am proud to be a part of this organization.

-adviser Bob Cubellis



# Getting somewhere

It was a winning year for the Speech and Drama team this year.

Sophomore Erin Dierksen was the only member of the team, but that didn't stop her from winning all that she could. She competed against teams of four or five to teams of 30 or 40.

"I think I had strong pieces this year," said Dierksen. She competed in four different events, they were: prose, poetry, dramatic interpretation and humorous interpretation.

She competed in nine regular season tournaments.

At districts she place second in dramatic interpretation, which allowed her to compete at the state tournament, held at the University of Missouri in Columbia. However, she did not make it to finals.

"They took eight to finals, and I was ninth," she said.

Dierksen almost made it to nationals with the National Forensics League, a speech league that the MHS team belongs to. Nationals this year were held in Las Vegas. Unfortunately, she missed it by only a few points as well.

"I really wanted to go to Vegas," she said. "I guess it just wasn't my year. But there is always next year. This is only the beginning."

## Tournaments:

Kickapoo	Marshfield
Waynesville	West Plains
Branson	Marion C. Early
Cassville	Districts
Licking	NFL
Lamar	State

**One last practice :** Sophomore Erin Dierksen puts in one last practice before leaving for the state competition in speech. "That piece was about a kid who has Cerebral Palsy and thinks that his dad is planning to killing him. It is a great piece," said Dierksen. The state tournament was held in Columbia



## Reserved for Choir:

The MHS choir relaxes before a performance at the Veterans Day assembly. "It was great to sing for the people who fought for our country, and I think they appreciated it," said sophomore Kayla Baty.



Speech: Erin Dierksen.





Over and out: Freshmen Nikki Zorsch and Olivia Whorton leave after the choir performance at Open House. "We were missing a few people, but I think it sounded good. Stilley was happy," said Whorton.



**Coffee break:** Sophomore Erin Dierksen sips coffee while waiting to perform at state competition. "I was scheduled to go last in that round so I had time to kill," said Dierksen. She wound up not making it into finals, missing by only a few points.



**Choir:** Row 1: Brittany Keeling, Kellie Hutton, Vince Miller, Jordan Dooley, Chelsea Jones, Tara Robinson, Tamara Delcour. Row 2: Emily Nichols, Rochelle Johns, Chauncie Mitchell, Jana Banister, Samantha Merideth, Nicole Gage, Megan Brooke, Kayla Baty. Row 3: director Amber Stilley, Laine Kelly-Cain, Miranda Brooke, Kashmir Singh, Summer Bannister, Wendy Johnson, Ashley Vinson, Laken Conaway, accompanist Vicki Box. Row 4: Sonserae Wilder, Danielle Whitaker, Corey Kensinger, Michael Pagel, Josh Dorcy, Jeff Smith, Jessica Berry, Tailer Caruso, Kristina Criss.

This year's choir class was full of hardworking students and preparation for the annual music contest in West Plains. Many students competed in ensembles and solo competitions such as Vince Miller, Rochelle Johns, Kellie Hutton Josh Dorcy, Emily Nichols and Chelsea Jones.

"I like choir because I get to sing," said Kristina Criss, who earned a one on her solo. "Singing helps me to express myself. I don't get to state my opinion very much, so choir is great. I love to sing, I have since I was a little girl." Criss got to attend state solo competition along with fellow soloists Vince Miller, Chelsea Jones, and Kellie Hutton all earning ones.

There were two trio ensembles this year as well. One trio including Kayla Baty, Kristina Criss and Haley Miller was not as lucky as the second ensemble. The other trio (Kellie Hutton, Chelsea Jones and Sonserae Wilder) received a one. That one gave them a golden ticket to state competition. Due to unforeseen circumstances, however Sonserae Wilder couldn't attend state, but the trio was saved by Haley Miller when she stepped up to perform the songs.

"It was such an honor for them to pick me to sing with them at state," said Miller.

At state Vince Miller was the only competitor from Mansfield to receive a two, everybody else from MHS received a three which is excellent for competing at state level.

Amber Stilley, choir director, has completed her second year of teaching at MHS. Many of her students hope she stays around for a while.

"I certainly hope Miss. Stilley doesn't leave. I think she is a great teacher and a great friend," said freshman Jessica Berry.



# Changing leaders

The band this year was very successful with their new band director, Justin Ormsby.

"Starting a new job isn't easy. It's taken time for me to get used to the kids, and for them to get used to me. But our year has been marked with success, and I'm really excited about the future of the band program at Mansfield," said Ormsby.

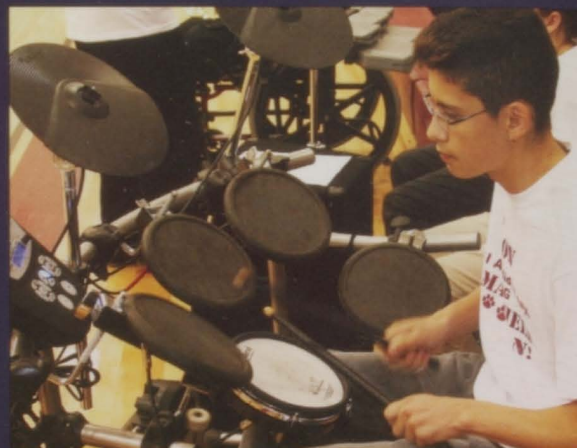
This year the band had a lot of programs to attend to. The high school band marched at Wilder Days, Apple Festival and at Christmas parades in Mansfield and Seymour. The band also marched the long parade at Carthage where they won second

place.

The whole band went to district large ensemble contest and received a two for their rating. Other students went to district and received ones. The students who received ones went on to state. The judges at state this year were more strict than usual, and only one of the ensembles received a one there. That ensemble consisted of Kellie Hutton, Julia Allen and Erin Dierksen.

Through everything that happened in band this year, the strongest aspect was change: a new teacher, a new drum line, new music and new accomplishments.

**Can't stop the beat:** Freshman Deryck Solina drums at a boys basketball game. "I thought band was sweet. Having the drum line playing at the basketball games pumped me up every time," said Solina.



## Toothing their horns:

MHS trumpet players freshmen Justin Hinsley and Rachael Essary and sophomore Nathan Jones perform in the Mansfield Christmas parade. "I love going out and performing in front of a lot of people. It's so exciting every time," said Jones.



**Getting peppy:** The high school band, including flute players freshman Jessica Berry and senior Kellie Hutton, gets ready to perform at a basketball game. "Pep Band is something I am really going to miss when I graduate," Hutton.



**Band was always one of my favorite classes in high school. I will miss it very much when I have to leave,**  
- Chelsea Jones, senior



**Band is a great opportunity to express yourself through music. This year has been tough, but we had a great person for a teacher to guide us through new experiences.**  
**- freshman Haley Miller**



**High School Band:** Row 1: Dillon Massey, Sydney Tucker, Kellie Hutton, Emily Nichols, Chelsea Jones, James Stafford, Dallas Massey. Row 2: Rachel Essary, Laine Kelly-Cain, Kelly Oliphant, Amanda Tucker, Kim Stofer, Erin Dierksen, Jessica Berry, Brittany Cruise, Cody Young. Row 3: Cory Moore, Jake Hultz, Nathan Jones, Marcy Stofer, Jaimie Smith, Kaysha Ousley, Kaleb Nolen, Deryck Solina, Julia Allen. Row 4: Austin Wilson, Justin Hinsley, Olivia Whorton, Michael Kozak, Justin Ormsby, band director.





**Disney fans:** Senior Connie Quirk, junior Jackie Emerick and junior Rachel Sowers show off their Disney pride on Disney Day. Disney Day was part of Red Ribbon Week, a SADD sponsored week promoting good decision making. "It was fun to dress up with my best friends," said Quirk, "even though Hook and Peter Pan are supposedly enemies."



# School Life

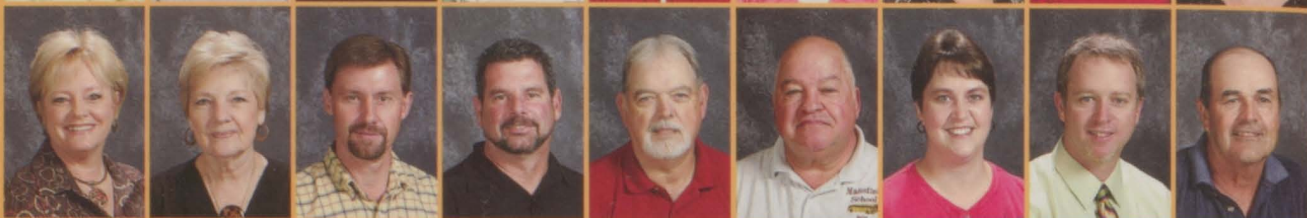
Academics are the one aspect of school that all of us share. We all must go to class and try to make the grade. The same requirements are applied to all of us, we have to have a full credit of P.E., a full credit of a fine arts, and endless other classes in order to graduate. But within the structured requirements there lies a certain amount of choice for each student. In World History we can make anything for our projects, and in College Writing the topics for essays are up to us. Clubs also allow us to be ourselves and show our interests. Those who are good at specific core subjects like science or math will join those clubs. Students who want to play a part in deciding things for the school will run to be members of Student Council. Those who are exceptionally bright and committed to the community will apply to be sworn in as members of National Honor Society. There are extracurricular choices available for nearly any interest. How we choose the clubs we want to be part of is how we show our individualism within the confines of academics.



Gina Adams, Special Ed. Dir.  
Becky Adamson, Bus Driver  
Debbie Allen, Cook, Custodian  
Marsha Appleby, Business  
Steve Baty, Maintenance  
Vicki Blankenship, A+, French, Eng.  
Danae Bogart, Aide  
Chandra Box, Health Clerk  
Kelly Brazeal, Secondary Counselor



Janet Brooke, High School Secretary  
Cleo Chambers, High School Secretary  
Stan Coday, Agriculture  
Bob Cubellis, Math  
Harold Dennis, Maintenance  
Bill Gray, Bus Driver  
Tiffany Gray, Math, Social Studies  
Gary Greene, Middle School Principal  
Verlin Hall, Bus Driver



Don Hanger, Transportation Director  
Calvin Helsley, Speech and Drama  
John Hinsley, Science  
Brenda Hutton, MS Secretary  
Patricia Ivy, Bus Driver  
Avenall Jones, Cook  
Cami Jones, Special Education  
Doug Jones, Science, Athletic Dir.  
Cheryl Keith, Cook



Colleen Klingensmith, LD  
Kay Lansdown, Lunchroom Clerk  
Scott Lawson, English, Journalism  
Jerry Lemons, Bus Driver  
Mindy Lemons, PE, ISS, Girls BB  
Teresa Leonard, Social Studies  
Debbie Letsinger, Bookkeeper  
Carol Lucas, Bus Driver  
Caroline McGinness, English



Kayla Melton, Bus Driver, Custodian  
Stephaney Menzie, LD  
Becky Moody, Special Ed. Secretary  
Patty Nolen, Bus Driver  
Justin Ormsby, Band  
Mercede Price, Cook, Custodian  
Pam Probert, Science  
Mark Richard, PE, ISS, Girls BB  
Ronnie Roy, Custodian



Christopher Russo, Math  
Eric Schrabie, Aide  
Gretchen Schultz, Art  
Cody Shelton, PE, ISS, Boys BB  
Randy Short, HS Principal  
Amber Stilley, Vocal Music  
Donna Streight, Special Education  
Jessica Waldstein, Social Studies, Alt.  
Wilda Watterson, Social Studies



Jane Wehmeyer, Math  
Debra Whetstone, English  
Louisa Williams, Custodian  
Roger Wood, Social Studies  
Terry Writer, PE, ISS, Boys BB  
Not Pictured:  
Bill Bennett, Custodian  
Ann Brazeal, Cook  
Naomi Clouse, Aide  
Pat Dennis, Cook  
Lori Edwards, Aide  
Kay Goss, HS Librarian  
Teresa Hinsley, Cons. Sci, Health  
Teresa Jarrett, Ele. Secretary  
Debbie Letsinger, Bookkeeper  
Arlene Magnin, Superintendent  
Jennifer Morris, RN  
John Nelson, Art  
Regina Roy, LPN  
Roy Ryan, Ind. Tech., Alt.  
Cindy Sanders, Custodian  
Kathy Short, Parent Educator  
Nancy Veit, Cook  
Barbara Williams, Aide  
Natasha Young, Custodian



**School Board:** President Derrick Neal, Gene Loge, David Tripp, Jean Coday, Brooke Dennis, Randall Roy, Secretary Max Greene



# How are you a celebrity?

Many students don't think of their teachers, coaches, janitors, or cooks as celebrities, but really they are. Without teachers we wouldn't be able to learn and receive the right education; without the janitors our school would never be clean; without the coaches we would have bad sports teams, flag teams and dance teams; without the cooks we wouldn't have lunches. The people who work at our school actually help us even though we may not realize it. They help us in many ways that may be invisible to us. We may not even think about it, but really they are preparing us for life outside of school.

*I think that I am a celebrity, because of my stunning good looks and winning personality.*  
- Roger Wood, history teacher

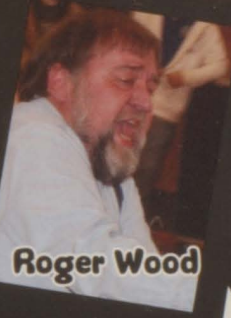
*I think that I am a celebrity because I have been here longer than almost anyone else. Also, I know all the best authors and have a map to where their books live.*  
- Kay Goss, high school librarian

*I don't really think that I am a celebrity, and this is because I have been here so long that everyone knows who I am, and what I stand for.*  
- Doug Jones, athletic director

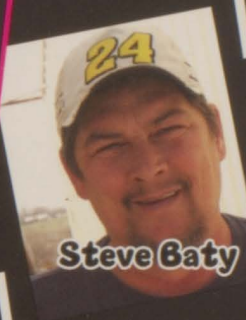
*I kind of think that I am a celebrity, because I received the chance to be on the step as Ronald Reagan took office for the first time.*  
- Steve Baty, maintenance

*I think that I am a celebrity, because I'm known far and wide as the grumpy teacher with the mug of coffee.*  
- Scott Lawson, English teacher


*I think that I am a celebrity, because I am able to spend every day with characters like Clifford, Franklin, Arthur and Amelia Bedelia.*  
- Beth Strain, elementary librarian



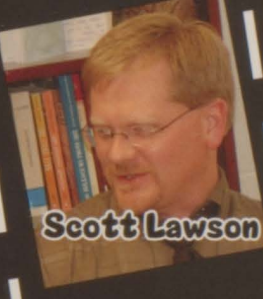
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Kellie Hutton

Favorite color: Green  
Plans after high school: Attend College of the Ozarks and major in Education

Favorite memory: "Emily had gotten in the habit of sayin 'food,' so, when the lunch lady asked what she wanted, she spun around and angrily said, 'food.'"

Farewell: "The teachers are great, the students are fun, and the memories are endless."



Jenni Lemons

Favorite food: Pizza  
Plans after high school: Receiving my RN from Cox and work in the ER.

Favorite memory: "When Samantha, Jordan, Nicole and I played at the roadside park. We had to go to Wal-Mart soaked."

Farewell: "I will miss you all. You have all made a huge impact on my life. I hope you all get what you want in life. Never settle for less than you deserve."



Brittany Greer

Favorite subject: World History  
Plans after high school: Go to college and major in business.

Favorite memory: "When the senior boys started a food fight at lunch."

Farewell: "Goodbye Mansfield High School, I will miss everybody. These have been the best four years."



Brittany Keeling

Favorite movie: "Beauty and the Beast"  
Plans after high school: Attend Truman State and major in communications or business  
Favorite memory: "When Kellie and I got into a water bottle fight at the park after school."

Farewell: "Act like a little kid: buy Play-Doh and animal crackers. Don't take things too seriously. Enjoy being a kid while you can."



Kyle Cunningham

Favorite color: Yellow  
Plans after high school: Become president of the United States.

Favorite memory: "Going to State in baseball."

Farewell: "Farewell."



Rastawnda Sullivan

Favorite color: Orange  
Plans after high school: Taking care of the family and then maybe going to college to become an RN.

Favorite memory: "When I met Josh in the hallway."

Farewell: "The best of luck in the future, and I hope all of your dreams come true."



Matthew Leonard

Favorite food: Chinese

Plans after high school: Go to OTC, become a landscaper and own a business.

Farewell: "Have fun."



Emily Nichols

Favorite subject: Lunch  
Plans after high school: Attend MSU-WP for two years, then transfer to MSU-Springfield or SBU.

Favorite memory: "The times my friends and I went to Switchfoot concerts, and we met them and got their autographs."

Farewell: "Goodbye everybody! I've got to go. Gotta leave you all behind and face the truth. Have a wonderful rest of your lives."



Frankie Estrada

Favorite movie: "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"

Plans after high school: Go to college, become an entrepreneur and become filthy rich

Favorite memory: "Coach Wood always tells me he will save me a seat after graduation because I will still be in there."

Farewell: "Live like there's no tomorrow."



Will Brazear

Favorite subject: History

Plans after high school: College, most likely West Plains on A+

Favorite memory: "I just can't say I have a favorite because the funny or memorable moments were all enjoyable in their own way."

Farewell: "Make the choices that make you happy. The path that is chosen should be tackled with effort. Slacking will only cause procrastination."



James Stafford

Favorite subject: Band

Plans after high school: College at OTC

Favorite memory: "Everyone."

Farewell: "Bye! Just kidding. I'm going to miss everybody!"



Chris Roy

Favorite food: Pizza  
Plans after high school: Go to Joplin for college.

Favorite memory: 2008 Homecoming against Gainesville

Farewell: "We had a good four years. I hope I see you later."





Melissa Morris

Favorite subject: Science  
Plans after high school: Attend MSU and major in cell and molecular biology.  
Favorite memory: "When we drew a sperm bar fight in Human Anatomy."  
Farewell: "I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's happening next,"  
- Gilda Radner.



Josh Dorcy

Favorite movie: "300"  
Plans after high school: Going to MSU-WP for the first two years then go to college to major in the field of aviation.  
Favorite memory: "Taking over the senior lunch table with my friends when we were sophomores."  
Farewell: "I've had a lot of fun and have made so many memories. Get involved the most you can in school. It will go by much faster and will be more fun."



Cory Walker

Favorite movie: "300"  
Plans after high school: Become an electrician  
Favorite memory: "food fight."  
Farewell: "Goodbye!"



Dallas Massey

Favorite subject: Science  
Plans after high school: Major in Biochemistry at MSU and then MU. I'd like to get my PhD.  
Favorite memory: "The day I won the '07 Math Contest in Algebra II."  
Farewell: "Graduation isn't an ending, it's a beginning. See you in another season."



Margaret Davis

Favorite Book: *Zig Zag*  
Plans after high school: Find out what I want to do and go to college.  
Favorite memory: "Our sub in Algebra"  
Farewell: "I would like to say, 'Bye' to everyone and ask that they remember me. I would also like to thank everyone who helped me make it this far."



Eliot Johns

Favorite Book: Too many  
Plans after high school: United States Navy, marriage, something.  
Favorite memory: "Don't really have one."  
Farewell: "We've all changed so much, but we've still remained the worst class. No regrets, guys."

Michael Pagel

Favorite movie: "The Bourne Supremacy"  
Plans after high school: Military Service  
Favorite memory: "Playing pranks."  
Farewell: "Later."

Allen Fosness

Favorite color: Dark  
Plans after high school: Hanging around.  
Favorite memory: "I don't have one."  
Farewell: "Have a fine life, full of excitement."

Nicole Gage

Favorite color: Purple  
Plans after high school: Attend OTC and major in early childhood development  
Favorite memory: "Watching the class of '07 graduate. It was sad, but it also meant that it was my turn to be a senior."  
Farewell: "We might be leaving, but we still have memories shared. Don't rush things, you will miss the best in life."

Jessie Kelley

Favorite Book: *Chicken Hawk*  
Plans after high school: Join the military or go to nursing college in Indiana.  
Favorite memory: "We could talk and joke with Mrs. McGinness first hour."  
Farewell: "Good-bye to all my friends. I will miss you and promise to come back and visit soon. Stay out of trouble."

Sidney Tucker

Favorite Book: *Twilight*  
Plans after high school: Join the Air force and be an aircraft mechanic.  
Favorite memory: "When the basketball team went to state and almost won."  
Farewell: "Goodbye high school."

Brent Welch

Favorite food: Ice Cream  
Plans after high school: Go to OTC.  
Favorite memory: "My Halo parties."  
Farewell: "Bye."





**Candler Veit**

Favorite color: Desert Orange

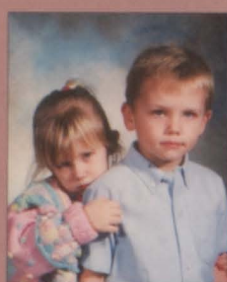
Plans after high school:

Play college baseball somewhere bad, become a real estate agent.

Favorite memory: Going to the state baseball playoffs freshman year.

Farewell:

"We had a lot of fun over the years. Hope everyone does what they want to do and succeed. Good luck everyone."



**Ryan Whorton**

Favorite movie:

"Mr. Woodcock"

Plans after high school:

Go to college for a few years and become a brain surgeon.

Favorite memory:

Skipping school.

Farewell:

"See you guys later."



**Connie Quirk**

Favorite subject:

Chemistry

Plans after high school:

Attend UMKC and major in urban education.

Favorite memory:

"High school is a collaboration of memories. It is too hard to choose just one. Each moment I spent with you will be a memory I will always hold close."

Farewell: "Each person I have encountered in high school has affected me. Thank you for everything you taught me. I will remember all of you with fond memories. I will miss you all greatly."



**Bryce Matlock**

Favorite food:

Sweet and sour chicken

Plans after high school:

I'm headed to Drury University to study international business.

Favorite memory:

"The famous lunch time chant of Elliott Johns before basketball games, 'Everybody clap your hands!'"

Farewell:

"High school has gone by so quickly, and we will always remember the good times and the crazy people. Good luck everybody!"



**Quentin Berry**

Favorite subject:

PTA

Plans after high school:

Play college basketball.

Favorite memory:

"The day we made asymptotes in math, but Mr.C. doesn't know."

Farewell:

"Peace out."

**Sean Collins**

Favorite movie:

"Never Back Down"

Plans after high school:

"Move to Springfield and got to college. Also to start my band."

Favorite Memory:

"All the times my friends helped me through everything, and when they were there for me no matter what."

Farewell:

"Farewell to all the teachers who helped me through my last years of high school, thank you for never giving up on me."



**Summer Bannister**

Favorite book:

*She Said Yes*

Plans after high school:

To move out and get a good paying job while going to college. Then get married and have a family.

Favorite memory:

Getting to go to all the pep rallies and play the weird games while getting pumped up for that night's big game.

Farewell:

"I'm going to miss all the fun with my friends, and all the silly little things we do. It's been a great six years at Mansfield. I will miss it and everyone here."



**Jordan Dooley**

Favorite color:

Pink

Plans after high school:

Go to college in West Plains.

Favorite memory:

"When we got to dance during one of the basketball games, and my extensions fell out."

Farewell:

"Seniors of 2008, I hope you all do well in everything you do. I love you all, and I will totally miss you. Have a great life and never forget were you come from - Mansfield."



**Ashley Vinson**

Favorite food:

Pizza

Plans after high school:

Go to college, and do my own thing.

Favorite memory:

"When Rashawnda and I dressed up as hippies on the FCCLA trip. We had tons of fun."

Farewell:

"We have shared so many memories over the years, but now were going our separate ways. I wish everyone luck in whatever they do."



**Corey Kensingler**

Favorite subject:

English

Plans after high school:

"I plan to attend OTC."

Favorite memory:

"My first day at Mansfield when I was so excited."

Farewell:

"I have had an awesome year at Mansfield, and I would like to thank the friends I made, and the teachers, for it."



**Patrick Kelley**

Favorite book:

*Kill Kenny*

Plans after high school:

Join the National Federation of Professional Bull Riders.

Favorite memory:

Mrs. Waldstein's class - always getting on her nerves.



**Kati Skerman**

Favorite movie:

"Grease"

Plans after high school:

Attend Truman State and major in chemistry, and eventually become an orthodontist.

Favorite memory:

"The pilgrimage my British lit. class took my senior year."

Farewell:

"Wow, it's all over. The last 14 years were great, and we have made memories to last a lifetime. None of us will forget these days. I will miss you all and good luck to each of you."





*Samantha Meridell*

*Favorite food:*

*California rolls*

*Plans after high school:*

*Go to college and become a dental hygienist.*

*Favorite memory:*

*"When we all got in a water balloon fight after school, and Cory got a ticket for having us in the back of his truck."*

*Farewell:*

*"I will miss seeing everyone's faces. I was lucky to have a school like Mansfield High. I will miss my teachers who became my fiends. Goodbye Lions, and good luck!"*



*Kaytelyn E.*

*Kaytelyn Escabank*

*Favorite color:*

*Maroon*

*Plans after high school:*

*Going to MSU Springfield.*

*Favorite memory:*

*Eating lunch with Danielle and Matt.*

*Farewell:*

*"Bye."*



*Justin I.*

*Justin Ince*

*Favorite movie:*

*"Tombstone"*

*Plans after high school:*

*"Work for my dad in construction, building pole barns."*

*Favorite memory:*

*"All the wrestling matches me and my friends have had."*

*Farewell:*

*"See ya later friends. It has been fun."*



*Chelsea J.*

*Chelsea Jones*

*Favorite subject:*

*Band*

*Plans after high school:*

*Go to MSU and study music education.*

*Favorite memory:*

*"Marching in the rain at the Mansfield Wilder Days parade with no instruments."*

*Farewell:*

*"Be who you are, even if it is a marching, black sock wearing, whistle blowing band nerd. I'll miss all of you."*



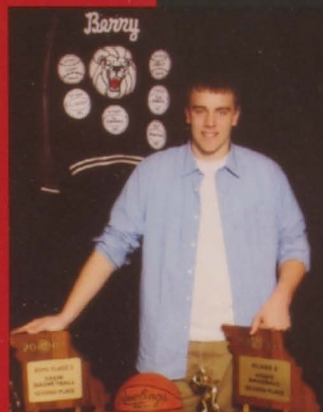
The Senior class of 2008 "has always had a way of coming together," as class president, Josh Dorcy, put it. The class decorated part of the school hall. It won the first annual spirit stick. It solved the mystery of who kidnapped Leo the Lion during Homecoming week. The class filled the entire high school hall with 10,000 Sonic cups. The class of 2008 was a memorable one. One that will be missed by the students of Mansfield High. The class will soon head out into the world to become teachers, nurses, lawyers, orthodontists or dancers. Will the things the class learned about coming together help them in the future? If so, they have their own class to thank. It will be no surprise when we read in ten years about all of the accomplishments made by the class of 2008.

**Class Colors:**  
**Maroon and Gold**

**Class Motto:**  
*In our hands we hold today;  
In our dreams we hold tomorrow;  
In our hearts we hold forever.*

**Class Flower:**  
**Panoot Tulip**

Kady Adamson



Quentin Berry

Baseball 1 2 3 4, Basketball  
1 2 3 4, Choir 1 2, Student  
Council 4, Math Club 1, Sci-  
ence Club 2, FCCLA 2, FFA  
3, FBLA 2 4

Summer Bannister

Softball 1 2, Choir 2 3 4,  
FFA 1, FCCLA 4, SADD 4



Will Brazeal

Band 1 2 3



*Sean Collins*

Band 1 2 3



*Josh Doray*

Art Club 4 Officer 4, FCCLA 2 4, NHS 4, Math Club 1 2 3 4 Officer 4, Cross Country 3 4, Track 3, FFA 1 2 3 4 Officer 2 3 4, FBLA 4 Officer 4, Youth Alive 4, Student Council 3 4, Class Officer 2 3 4, Choir 4, Science Club 4 Officer 4, Pep Club 2, Prom King, Barnwarming King

*Kyle Cunningham*

Baseball 1 2 3 4, Basketball 1, Math Club 1 2, Science Club 1 2, FFA 1 2 4, FBLA 2 3 4 Officer 4



*Katelyn Escalanti*

Science Club 4

*Margaret Davis*

FFA 1, Math Club 2, FCCLA 2



*Frankie Estrada*

FFA 1 2, Track 3, Auto Club 1 2, Small Engines 1 2

*Jordan Dooley*

SADD 1 2 3 4, FFA 1 4, FBLA 1 2 4, FCCLA 1 2 3, Science Club 4, Softball 1, Poms 1 3 4,



*Allen Fossness*

FFA 1 2 3 4



*Nicole Gage*  
FFA 1 2 3, SADD 4,  
Poms 3 4,  
Choir 1 2 3 4



*Elliot Johns*  
FCCLA 2 3 4, Math  
Club 2 3, Pep Club 2,  
Track 2 3, Baseball 1

*Brittany Greer*  
FFA 1,  
Math Club 1,  
FBLA 1 2 3 4



*Chelsea Jones*  
Band 1 2 3 4, Choir 2  
3 4, FCCLA 3, FBLA 2  
3 4, Math Club 1 2 3 4,  
Science 3 4, SADD 2 3  
4, Foreign Language 2  
3 4, NHS 3 4, Student  
Council 4, Youth Sum-  
mit 3

*Kellie Hutton*  
Student Council 4,  
FBLA 1 2 3 4, FCCLA  
1 2 3, Math Club 1 2  
3 4, Science 1 2 3 4,  
SADD 1 2 3 4, Band 1  
2 3 4, Choir 1 2 3 4



*Brittany Keeling*  
Choir 1 2 3 4, SADD  
1 2 3 4, Foreign Lan-  
guage 2 3 4, Science  
3 4, Math Club 1 2 3  
4, NHS 3 4, FBLA 1 2  
3 4, FCCLA 1 2 3, Pub  
2 3 4, Quill and Scroll  
3 4

*Justin Duce*  
FFA 1 2 3 4



*Jessie Kelley*  
FBLA 3



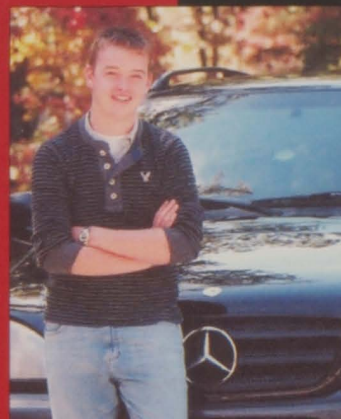
*Patrick Kelley*



*Dallas Massey*

Band 1 2 3 4, FFA 1 2  
3, Math Club 1,  
Science 1 2 3,  
Foreign Language 1

*Cory Kelsinger*  
Choir 4



*Bryce Matlock*

FBLA 2 3 4, FCCLA 3,  
Foreign Language 1 2  
3 4, Math Club 1 2 3 4,  
Science Club 1 2 3 4,  
NHS 3 4, SADD 1 2 3  
4, Student Council 2 3  
4, Band 1 2 3, Pep 2

*Jennifer Lemons*

FBLA 1 2 3, FCCLA 1  
2 3, Band 1 2 3, Poms  
3 4, Math Club 3, Sci-  
ence 3 4, NHS 4



*Samantha Meredith*

FBLA 1, FFA 1 2 3,  
Choir 1 2 3 4, SADD 3  
4, Science 4

*Matthew Leonard*  
FFA 1 2 3 4



*Melissa Morris*

Band 1 2, Math Club  
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3 4, Science 3, Class  
Officer 2 3, Student  
Council 3



## 86 Seniors

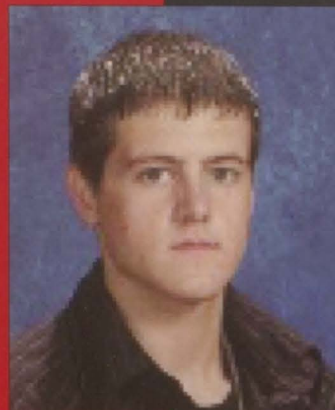
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Band 1 2 3 4, Choir 2 3 4,  
FCCLA 1 2 3, FBLA 2 3 4,  
Math Club 1 2 3 4, SADD  
1 2 3 4, Science Club 3 4,  
Foreign Language Club 3  
4, NHS 4



*Catherine Sherman*  
FFA 1 2 3 4 Officer 2 3 4, Student  
Council 1 2 3 4 officer 4, NHS 2  
3 4 Officer 3 4, Math club 1 2  
3 4, Science club 3 4 Officer 4,  
FCCLA 1 2 3 4, FBLA 2, Choir 1  
2 officer 2, SADD 1 2 3 4 Officer  
4, Foreign Language Club, 2 3 4  
Officer 4, Varsity Softball 1 2 3  
4 Captain 4, Pep Club 2, Prom  
Queen 4, Barnwarming Queen  
4, Math Contest 1 2 4, Science  
Fair 2 3 4, English Contest 1 3 4,  
Softball All-Conference 3 4, Aca-  
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Honor Roll 1 2 3 4, Valedictorian

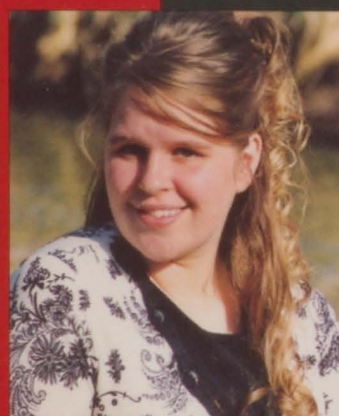
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Choir 3 4



*James Stafford*  
Basketball 1 2 3 4, Band 1  
2 3 4, FBLA 1 2, FCCLA 1,  
Math Club 1

*Constance Quirk*

Stuco 2 3 4, SADD 1 2 3  
4 Officer 1 2 3 4, FFA 1 2  
Officer 2, Math Club 1 2 3  
4 Officer 3, NHS 3 4 Offi-  
cer 4, Pub 2 3 4, Editor 3,  
Spirit Club 2, Class Officer  
2, FBLA 1 2 3 4, Choir 1,  
FBLA contest 1 2 3 4, Math  
contest 1 2 3 4, Science fair  
2 3 4, English contest 1 2 3  
4, Foreign Language Club  
3 4 Officer 3 4, Quill and  
Scroll 3 4, State FBLA con-  
test 3, State FFA contest 1



*Rashawnda Sullivan*

*Chris Roy*  
Choir 1



*Dustin Taylor*



*Sidney Tucker*  
Band 1 2 3 4, FFA 1 2 4, Science Club 3



*Ashley Vinson*  
Band 1 2 3, FCCLA 1 2 3 4, SADD 1 2 4, Math Club 1, Choir 1 2 3 4



*Jessica Turley*



*Cory Walker*  
Choir 4



*Sadie Vaverka*



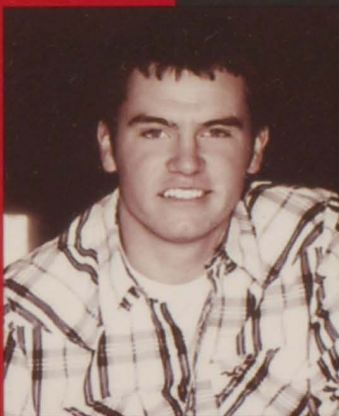
*Brent Welch*



*Chandler Vest*  
Baseball 1 2 3 4, Basketball 1, Band 1 2, FFA 1, FBLA 2



*Ryan Whorton*  
FFA 1 2, Foreign Language Club 1, Science 1





Julia Allen  
Kelsey Baker  
Randee Jo Barlett  
Brittani Bartel  
Stephanie Baty  
Travis Bishop  
Joshua Box  
Meagan Brooke  
Miranda Brooke



Nathan Brumley  
Blake Conaway  
Sarah Debrodie  
Tamara Delcour  
Jacqueline Emerick  
Brittany Estrada  
Amber Heath  
Shawn Hume  
Landon Jarrett



Windy Johnsen  
Colton Jones  
Whitney Jordan  
Chad Kabage  
Justin Keith  
Paige Lambert  
Michael Lynn  
Gabrielle Millard  
Dalena Mitchell



Kelly Oliphant  
Tyler Page  
Jeremy Perry  
Kelly Quirk  
Tara Robinson  
Thomas Rogers  
J.R. Seabolt  
Tron Sherman  
Kashmir Singh



Navdeep Singh  
Rachel Sowers  
Amanda Tucker  
Pete Turley  
Laura Wagner  
Ronald Webster  
Danielle Whitaker  
Evan Whorton  
Kelly Whorton



Kristine Whorton  
Dakota Willis  
James Wright  
Not Pictured:  
Miranda Farris  
Matt Miller





# Where do you see yourself in the future?

*In the future, I pretty much see myself living with the hippies that live down my dirt road.*

- Rachel Sowers

*In the future, I see myself as a manager at McDonald's, still living with my mom and dad. I will have no car, only a bicycle with a trailer.*

- Tyler Page

*In the future, I see myself hopefully on the beach with my wife and kids with a big psychology firm called "The Fixers."*

- Shawn Hume

*In the future, I hope I'm out of high school by then.*

- Landon Jarrett

*In the future, I see myself as a full-time fire fighter, hopefully a chief.*

- Justin Keith

*In the future, I see myself spending every dime I make at my dead-end job on books, and sneaking into a public library and sleeping in the basement.*

- Laura Wagner

Relax, close your eyes, imagine that you have just climbed into a time machine that is sitting in the middle of your room. You press a button that says "FUTURE," and you think about what it's going to be like in your future.

Suddenly everything starts moving around you and then stops. You climb out of the time machine and see yourself, all grown up and looking back. You both begin to scream.

You scream because you do not know the you that is standing in front of you. Is that actually you?

You see yourself with a family and a very successful career. Or maybe you see yourself with your friends in the same place and still hanging out with them at the park.

When you open your eyes, are you glad that you could look 20 years from now? What did you see?





# 90 Sophomores

Hadén Adamson  
Travis Adamson  
Lindsay Allen  
Jana Banister  
John Barnett  
Kayla Baty  
Casey Box  
Brian Bunch  
Ronald Caruso



Tiffany Caruso  
Cody Clayton  
Dillon Coffelt  
Daniel Colston  
Laken Conaway  
Drew Cooley  
Michael Cooley  
Kristina Criss  
Devin Davis



Erin Dierksen  
Kelsay Dugger  
Lonnie Fulp  
Alisha Gray  
Jamie Gunkel  
Sativa Hale  
Adam Heater  
Josh Heater  
Jeremy Henry



Stephanie Henry  
Tifani Henry  
Taylor Hubbard  
Jake Hultz  
Rochelle Johns  
William Johnsen  
Nathan Jones  
Chelsi Keith  
Vince Miller



Chauncie Mitchell  
Cory Moore  
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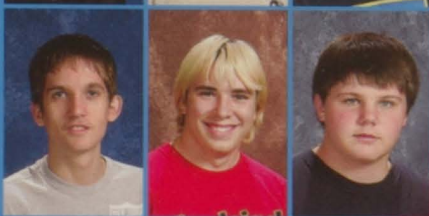
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Alex Roy  
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Justin Sanders  
Cody Sigman  
Jaimie Smith  
Jeff Smith



Robert Snokhous  
Aaron Stewart  
Shane Stewart  
Marcy Stoter  
Marc Stone  
Jasmine Turney  
Whitney Whorton  
Sonserae Wilder  
Sheirif Williams



Austin Wilson  
Bobby Woods  
Jake Yost  
Not Pictured:  
Deanna Bookout  
Levi Cooley





# Where is nowhere?

You are alone in a strange place. You look all around you and see practically **nothing**, but you don't recognize where you are. There are no stores, no restaurants, no cars and no people anywhere. You listen for a familiar sound, like a diesel or a horn honking, but all you hear is **nothing**. You inhale deeply, trying to pick up on a familiar smell, such as food or gasoline, but you smell **nothing**. You are in the middle of nowhere. **Wait**. Where is nowhere?

"It's where the seniors go when they graduate." -Drew Cooley.

"Nowhere is **not** anywhere; it's wherever you want it to be because there is no nowhere, because you're always somewhere. Nowhere is an excuse to not tell anybody where you are." -Marcy Stofer.

"Nowhere is located just south of yeswhere." -Vince Miller

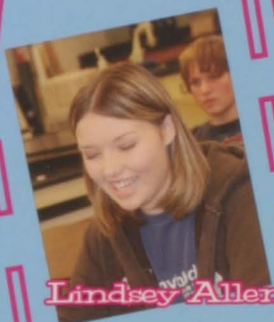
"Nowhere is right in between confused and lost." -Lindsey Allen

"Nowhere is a place; well it isn't a place. Nowhere is non existing, except in the back of your mind where you can escape the confusion and drama of reality. It is a place of solitary existence." -Kayla Riddle

"Nowhere is with your peeps on the street bustin' moves, and in a garage playing *Ha/o 3*." -John Barnett



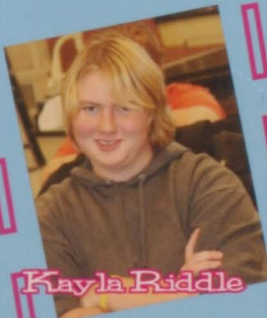
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Lindsey Allen



Marcy Stofer



Kayla Riddle



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John Barnett



Jacob Adamson  
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Jessica Berry  
Austin Branham  
Warren Brazeal  
Eryka Carr  
Tailer Caruso  
Savanna Cornelius  
Brittany Cruse



Ethan Davis  
Belly DeBrodie  
Rita DeBrodie  
Vanessa Delcours  
Jeromey Dennis  
Sparice Dennis  
Gulnazik Djekshembayeva  
Heath Dugget  
Rachael Essary



Dustin Greenway  
Jordan Guntar  
Justin Hinsley  
Matt Huber  
Wendy Ince  
Laine Kelley-Carr  
Michael Kuchak  
Brittany Lakey  
William Massey



Jodi McDowell  
Haley Miller  
Darron Nichols  
Erin Nichols  
Anthony Sabado  
Amanda Saabolt  
Kyle Sigman  
Daryck Solina  
Kimberly Stoler



Olivia Whorton  
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Cody Young  
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# Special delivery

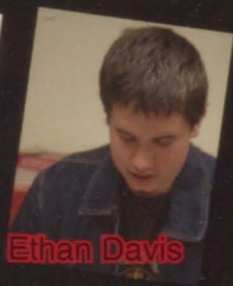
Parents have said it for years: "You are my special package." We are delivered to them and, like a package, have to be taken care of. In the hospital, the nurses do a lot for the parents: changing diapers, bathing the baby and sometimes feeding the baby from a bottle. The day eventually comes when the parents bring their children home. There's one problem though: the nurses aren't there to take care of the children anymore. The parents are on their own. If only children came with instructions. If they did, what would yours say?



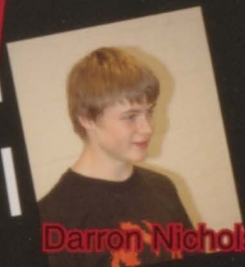
**Deryck Solina**



**Rachael Essary**



**Ethan Davis**



**Darron Nichols**



**Rita DeBrodie**



**Rita DeBrodie**

They would say "Caution: very strong; not responsible for his actions if you make him mad! Very bad attitude." - **Deryck Solina**

"Handle with care." - **Darron Nichols**

"I'm not sure what my instructions would say, but I know that they would have pictures because I have found that instructions with pictures are very helpful." - **Rachael Essary**

"Just add a brain. Warning label: Sarcasm." - **Betty DeBrodie**

"Caution: chick magnet." - **Ethan Davis**

"Caution: big words may cause loss of brain use. Off button not included." - **Rita DeBrodie**



Chance Allen  
Chase Allen  
Macy Allison  
Christal Banister  
David Barlett  
Shawn Barrett  
Taylore Baty  
Quinton Bell  
Nathan Bogart



Corben Burkhart  
Jenna Campie  
Justin Colston  
Micheal Corbus  
Billy Estrada  
Christian Gray  
Chad Greenway  
Julia Gresham  
Andrew Hall



Brady Hanger  
Katllyn Hanson  
Tyler Henry  
Alexus Hunt  
James Jackson  
Samuel Johnson  
Trey Jones  
Pavel Khatuliou  
Tucker Kirkland



Lily Krueger  
Travis Ladouceur  
Molly Laird  
Jordyn Loge  
Joe Lynn  
Jonathan Lynn  
Shayna Matney  
Chasity Maynard  
Taylor Mcinnis



Dakota Melton  
Nicole Mitchell  
Daniel Moody  
Joe Moore  
Emily Neal  
Mikeal Pippin  
Kyle Rummens  
Devon Sabado  
Hannah Sandlin



Lexis Sherman  
Austin Stewart  
Sierra Strunk  
Jerrad Sullivan  
Kodi Toomey  
David Turley  
Cory Turney  
Alexander Winters  
Not Pictured:  
Katllyn Swisher





# Time travelin'

Beep...beep...beep their alarms go off. They wake up early every morning and get ready. They put on their work attire and go into their kitchens, get some breakfast and start preparing for their long days on the job. They finish up some last minute work and make sure they have everything that they will need for the day. Now, realizing that they will be late if they don't leave soon, they decide that they should go. They walk out of their doors and get

into the vehicles that they spent night after night dreaming about. They pull out of their driveways, away from the houses they thought were just perfect and head to the jobs that pay for all their stuff.

None of us know what the future holds. Will we be brilliant scientists, lawyers or doctors? For these eighth graders, the possibilities are endless. Where might they be in twenty years?

*"I see myself as a hot, young male model."* - Chance Allen

*"Doing absolutely nothing in my mother's basement."* -Tucker Kirkland

*"I see myself being in an orchestra, or in a traveling choir or maybe a conductor."* -Katelyn Swisher

*"I could see myself like my mom except not so many kids, a better job, a nice loving husband."* -Shayna Matney

*"In twenty years, I have no idea what I'll be doing because I don't really plan ahead. I sort of live in the moment."* -Trey Jones

*"Well I see myself in an Oldsmobile with seven cats and two dollars to last me two weeks."* -Taylore Baty



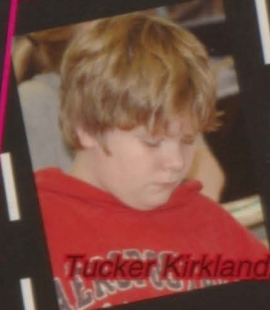
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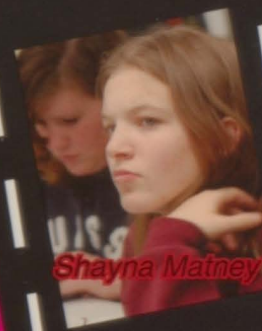
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Corey Cantrell  
Curtis Camal  
Austin Cook  
Jessica Cook



James Cooley  
Jordan Cooley  
Jason Cornelius  
Brianna Cubellis  
Amanda Davis  
Scott Davis  
Amber Delcour  
Aidai Djekshembayeva  
Candace Dunbar



Melissa Edwards  
Brandon Elliott  
Ryan Elliott  
Chance Emerick  
Dustin Equevilley  
Colten Fullington  
Brett Greer  
Ryche Hale  
Myranda Hanson



William Hash  
Maranda Heath  
Megan Hemmer  
Cody Henry  
T. J. Hilton  
Jessica Houke  
Samantha Howard  
Devon Huff  
Darren Hume



Michael Hutson  
Katelyn Irwin  
Shay Jackson  
Caleb Jones  
Alicha Kilgore  
Canaan Kindle  
Hunter Ladouceur  
Jacob McDonald  
Kolby Miller



Janine Milton  
Christain Parsons  
Michel Perrin  
Savannah Phifer  
Kaylee Pierson  
Cody Pratt  
Nathan Quick  
Carter Quirk  
Michael Ramsey



Elaine Rawlings  
Rebecca Short  
Patrick Skog  
Benjamin Smith  
Devon Solina  
Bryon Stout  
Nathan Swisher  
Kyle Tibbett  
Jade Turney



Jesse Waggoner  
Dylan Watson  
Taylor Wehmeyer  
Cheyanne White  
Shafi Williams  
Susan Williams  
Clayton Young  
Tyler Young





# Step on it

You're in the mall, sitting and watching people walk by. You have the perfect view of everything and everyone from your position. People begin to walk up to you and examine you closely. They pick you

up and flip you upside down. They ask a person in a uniform what size and colors you come in because you're sitting on a stand surrounded by shoes like yourself. What sort of shoe are you?

"I would want to be a baseball cleat because baseball is the best sport ever, and I love the Mansfield baseball team." -Cody Henry

"I would be a house shoe because I'm tired, lazy and like to relax." -Kaylee Pierson

"I would be a Puma because they are fast, short and simple in a cool way, just like me." -Carter Quirk

"I would be a ballet flat because they are cute, colorful and creative." - Melissa Edwards

"I would be a slipper because I like to sleep, and I trip a lot. I would be warm and comforting, and I urge people to relax." - Savannah Phifer

"I wouldn't want to be a shoe; they stink." - Maranda Heath



Cody Henry



Kaylee Pierson



Carter Quirk



Melissa Edwards



Savannah Phifer



Maranda Heath



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Amanda Cook  
Fallon Easley  
Sarah Emerick  
Jess Farris  
Kaylea Fulp  
Russell Harrison  
Rachel Hash  
Brandon Henry



Derrick Hunsucker  
Steven Irwin  
Patrick Jackson  
Tiffany Jones  
Shelby Lansdown  
Leanna Leckenby  
Dalton McNeil  
Brandon Nelson  
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Rylan Schuster  
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Jennifer Sigman  
Alexis Smith  
Clay Smith



Tressa Sykes  
Kimberly Tetrick  
Shania Tibbett  
Calli Titsworth  
Tiffani Ussery  
Spencer Vogt  
Ethian Wallace  
Stephinie Watkins  
Sulaman Williams



Michael Wilson  
Ashtin Young  
Destiny Young  
Jarrod Young  
Not Pictured:  
Austin Smith





# It's tricky!

As you watch Saturday morning cartoons, a commercial comes on that pulls your attention to it. A white rabbit is hiding behind a bush waiting for unsuspecting children who are skipping by with a box of colorfully marked cereal. His eyes grow wide as he looks at the box of delicious cereal.

The children are almost skipping as they pour a bowl of the cereal. They laugh and sing as the

bush moves and the rabbit jumps out, reaching for the bowl of many colors. The kids pull the food away from his grasping hands and watch him fall to the ground. They giggle and say that famous line that you can recite too: "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids!"

As the commercial ends, you think to yourself, "Why are Trix only for kids?"

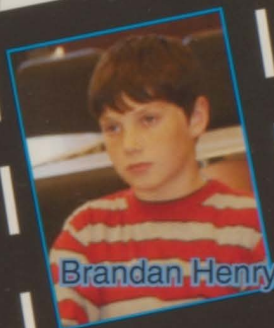


Calli Titsworth

Because the bunny doesn't deserve them.

- Calli Titsworth

Because the Trix company says it as their motto. It is not really true. Trix is for adults too. - Brandon Henry



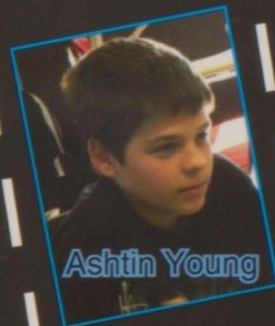
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Kids love the taste so much that they get jacked up! - Kelsey Adamson

Rabbits don't eat Trix because it will make them fat. - Ashtin Young

Trix will turn bunnies into zombies!  
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Trix are for kids because it has sugar, and adults don't like sugar.  
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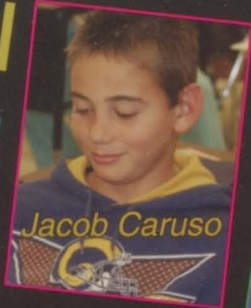




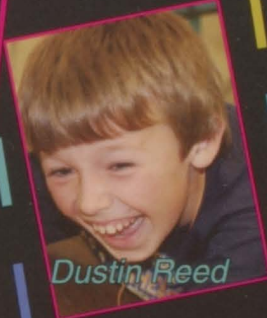
# UP, UP and away

You're sitting in science class avoiding the teacher and dosing off. You daydream random fantasies: anything not involving school. The teacher's voice goes in and out of your thoughts, and you only comprehend some

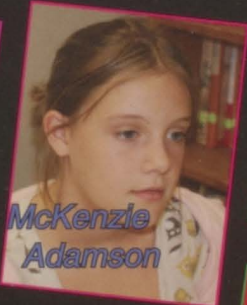
of what she is saying. As she goes on and on about weather science and the sky, a question pops into your head, what shape is the sky? You ponder for a bit, trying to imagine what the answer is, but you are stuck.



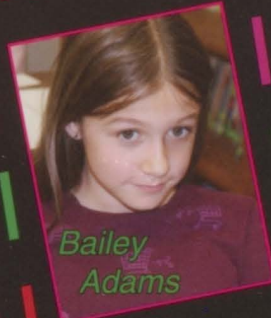
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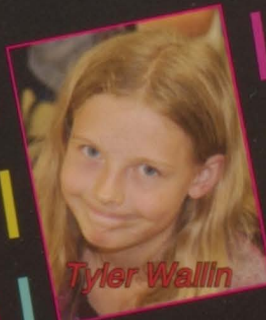
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*I see sometimes blue or black. I see all different types of shapes. But the sky I see is round.*

- Jacob Caruso

*It is black at night, blue on sunshine days, puffy when it is cloudy. It's round and lights up too.*

- Dustin Reed

*The shape of the sky is... well, I just don't know. But the clouds are the shape of a booger.*

- McKenzie Adamson

*The sky doesn't have an exact shape. If it does, I will never know. The sky carries on to outer space and on. That's why I don't think it has a shape.*

- Bailey Adams

*The sky is like a ball with no inside, but it's not really like Saturn's ring. If you think about it, land is in the middle of the earth, and the sky surrounds land.*

- Katlin Vough

*Flat of course; it is huge.*

- Tyler Wallin



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# Warlocks, dragons and fauns oh my!

The faun walks through the forest, careful not to leave tracks that would betray him to human kind. He breathes out in relief as he sees the door to his cave. He relaxes as he walks across the open meadow, not even thinking of a possible attack at this time. Suddenly everything goes quiet. The faun quickly looks up and cries out as a dragon swoops down on him. The dragon's claws are about to surround the defenseless faun, but suddenly the faun is grabbed from his certain doom. He looks up at his savior and gasps as he sees the man's pointy hat.

I would like to be a witch 'cause I like being mean to people, and I would like to fly. And also I could steal stuff I like 'cause I could escape very fast. - Logan Alsup

If I could be a supernatural creature, I would be a minotaur. - Kailie Girard

I would like to be a vampire so I could turn into a bat. If I was a vampire, I could walk or I could fly. I could do a lot more things than I can do now. - Logan Henry

I would like to be a fairy because I like Tinker Bell, and I would love to fly and grant little kids wishes and to help the homeless. -Sarah Reser

A warlock because I like magical things. I think it would be cool to fly, do spells and control people. It would be so cool, cool, cool to be a warlock. - Chandler Lee

I want to be zombie Hannah Montana because she is my favorite pop star, and I think of her scary sometimes. - Megan Kingery

The wizard smiles and tells the faun to stay quiet. The wizard zooms off with him on his ancient broomstick and suddenly plummets, causing the already frightened faun to cry out. But the wizard suddenly pulls back before they crash, gently turning into a dark cave. The faun carefully listens outside for the dragon, only to hear its anguished cries as it realizes its meal has been stolen. The relieved faun turns to thank the wizard, but he is gone.

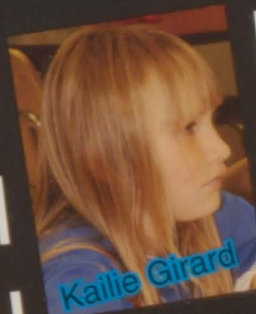
Imagine yourself in a similar situation. What would you be? The helpless faun? The heroic wizard? The hungry dragon? Or would you be a different supernatural creature?



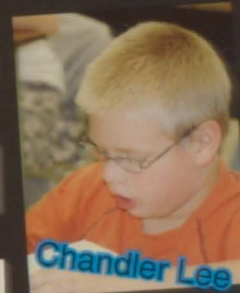
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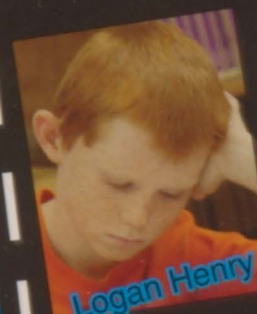
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# What flavor of ice cream would you be?

If you like something sweet and cold, ice cream is your thing. It can be cold and creamy like the churning sea when all you see is foam. It can be crunchy like Rocky Road. It can be smooth like a desktop, and it can flow like a work of art. It melts easily and can run down your chin and onto your shirt, and you may not even notice until someone points it out, which can be very embarrassing. When it falls on the ground, you may want to pick it back up and eat it, but you can't because people will think you're weird. Instead, you walk off and leave it lying there like a piece of garbage, and you

almost feel sorry for it.

When you order ice cream, you can't seem to make up your mind because there are so many different kinds, and you have too many favorites, like chocolate, strawberry and vanilla. But you have to make a choice quickly because there are a lot of people in line behind you, so you just say something. Then you begin to wonder if it was a good choice. And then you get your ice cream cone. It's really big. You look at it. It looks at you, and you look back, and it looks back, and you begin to wonder who is who.

*Vanilla because I like hot fudge on it.*  
- Conner Choate

*I would be mint because I like the mints in it.*  
- Shaila Lewis

*I would be pumpkin so people wouldn't eat me.* - Jefferson Engel

*I would be Rocky Road because I live on a rocky road.* - Calista Bogart

*I would be strawberry ice cream because I could be pink.* - Adrian Adams

*I would be sherbert because people would eat me; then I wouldn't have to do my homework.* - Trenton Denief



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Saundra Phelps



# Let's go play

You're playing at recess. It's always the best part of the day. You get to play with your friends, and you get plenty fresh air. You get to run around and slide down the slide. It's always hard to decide, though, what you should do at recess. There are so many choices. What is your favorite part?

*My favorite part of recess is swinging, because it is fun. -Kamryn Harris*

*I love going down the twisty slide. It makes you have a real good time. -Mikayla Henry*

*My favorite part is to swing, because when you close your eyes, it feels like you're flying. -Mikaela Hanger*

*I love the spider web because you can swing around on it. -James Lewis*

*I love playing with my friends at recess, because you don't get to in class. -Caitlin Quirk*

*My favorite part of recess is just playing. I love to play. -Lucy Grubbs*



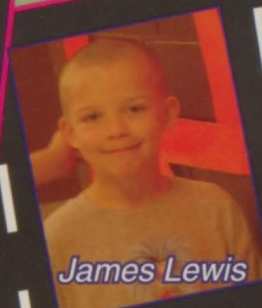
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# Around the world

Summer vacation is the best part of the year. Often it includes traveling with the family to places you've only dreamed of. From going to Disney World for the first time when you were seven to going backpacking in Europe after graduating from high school, traveling the world is a dream for most people. Whether you dream about seeing the Eiffel Tower in Paris or snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, there's a place in the world everyone dreams of seeing. If you could go anywhere in the world on vacation, where would you go?



**Bret Berry**



**Valentina Keith**



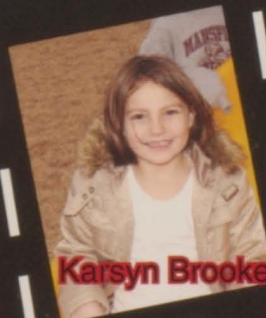
**Clayton Florence**



**Austin VanOrden**



**Peter Wallin**



**Karsyn Brooke**

I would go to the army so I could protect our country.  
-**Bret Berry**

I would like to go to the moon. - **Clayton Florence**

I would go to the north pole, and see Santa. And I would play with him and his elves and see Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. -**Valentina Keith**

I would go to Santa because I like his hat.  
-**Austin VanOrden**

I would go to Mexico because they have guitars, and I like to play them. The sun is hot there, and there is no water. -**Peter Wallin**

I would go to Wal-Mart so I could buy my mom and dad a present for Christmas. -**Karsyn Brooke**



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# My Favorite Part is...

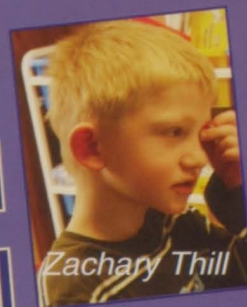
I love going to school and everything about it! My favorite part is... wait, what is my favorite part? I really like recess and playing tag with all of my best friends on the jungle gym. But if you get in trouble, then you have to stand on the sidewalk by yourself, and I don't like that. Then there's lunch, when I can talk to everyone and eat, but you sometimes get in trouble for being too loud, and I don't like that. I also enjoy learning my letters and numbers because I get to color in all the pictures and learn how to write them in order, but sometimes I can't write them right, and it makes me mad. I really don't like that. Plus there's reading all those books. They all have colorful pictures that I love, but sometimes I accidentally rip a page, and my teacher gets mad. I don't like that either. I wonder which part is the best.



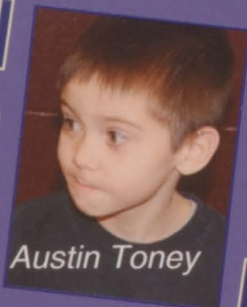
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I liked it when I brought my puppy on my birthday because it was fun. I also like playing outside with my friends. -Austin Toney

I like to go in the gym because I like running back and forth. I really like to run backwards. -Hunter Dugger

Going to music because it's really fun to play games and watch Rudolph. -Connor Johnson

Taking trips to the Food Power demonstration because we got to sit on teeth. -Shatavia Scott

When we count all the way to 100 because it's fun. -Heavenly Chewning

Playing with toys for inside recess because there are lots of different toys. -Zachary Thill

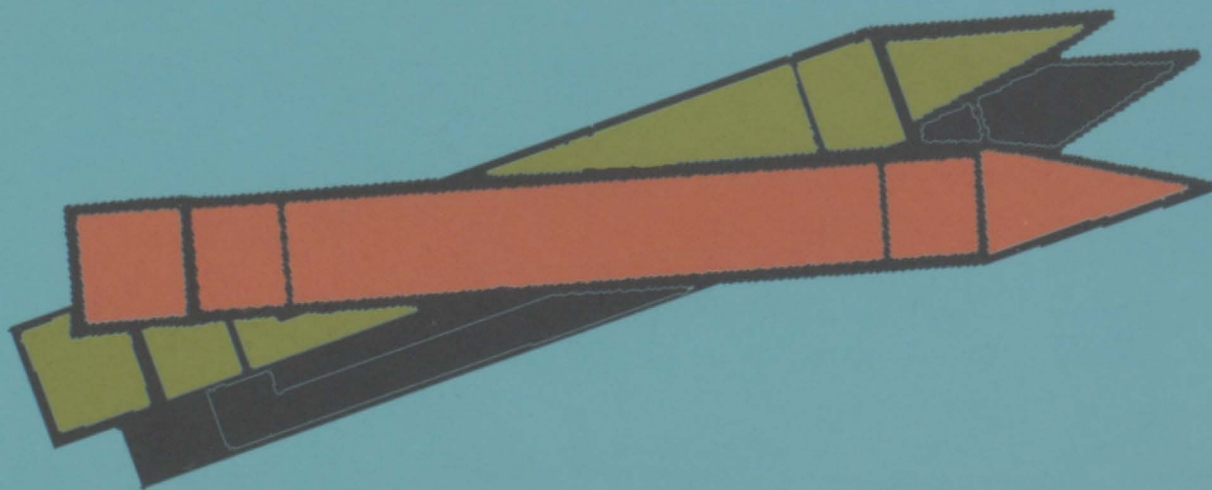


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# Mother knows best

Parents are the first teachers of their children. They teach them how to walk, how to be polite, and especially how to talk. Through common sayings like, "Sit down and finish your dinner," to unique sayings like, "Don't be such a Minnie Minerva," they form their children into who they truly are. Quite often, they

rub off onto their children. The weird sayings that are uniquely parental slowly become part of children's daily speech. They catch themselves repeating the very sayings that they once thought were quite odd. Some parents seem to say odd things all the time.

"Clean your room," and, "Sometimes you don't get what you want to do." Sometimes Dad says, "No, you can't," and sometimes Mom says, "Yes, you can."  
-Amon Short

Sometimes my mom calls me "Booger Bear." It makes me happy and makes me laugh when she calls me that.  
-Parker Mattix

They say, "Good night," and, "I Love you."  
-Skylar Adams

"How was your day?" -Sarah Wynn

Mom says the animals are trouble.  
-Madison Wolanyk

They say, "Play the Wii game."  
-Scott Mason

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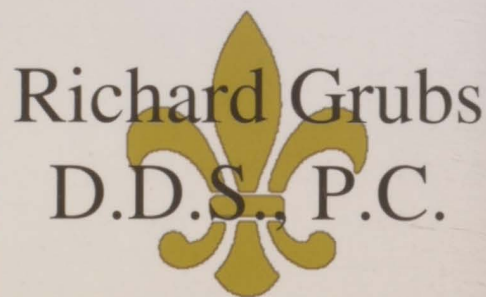
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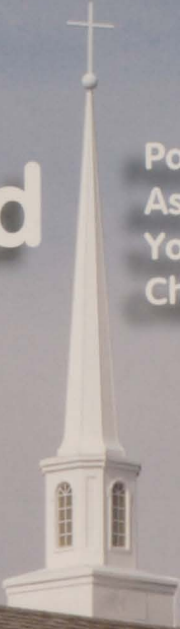




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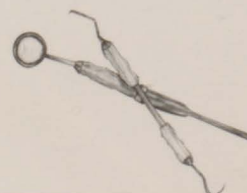


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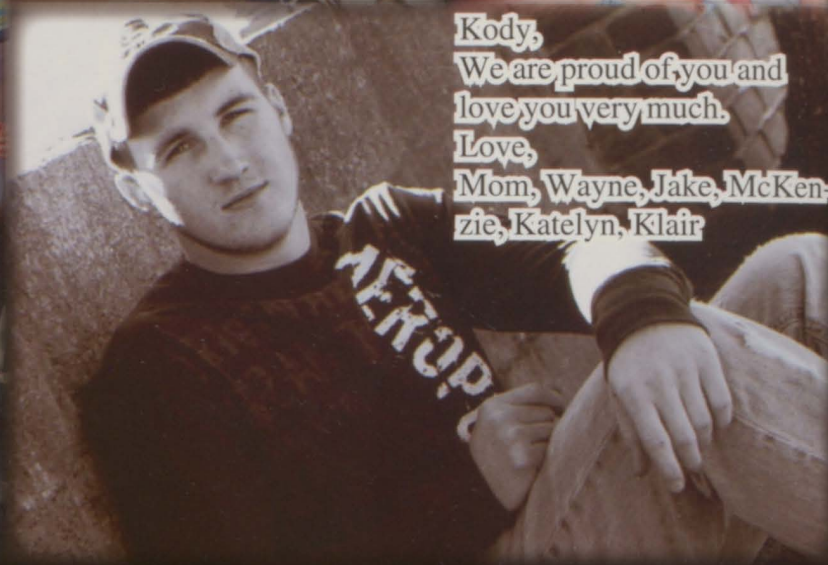
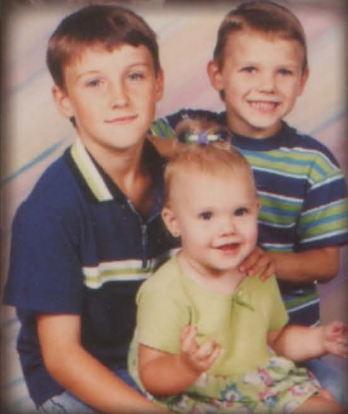
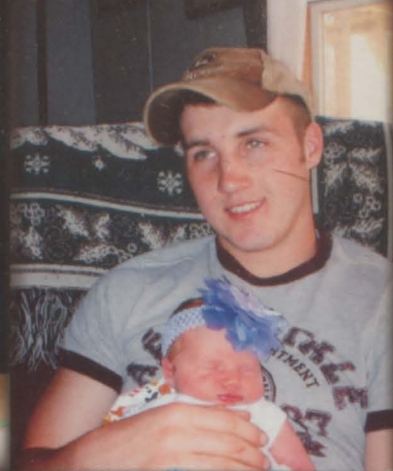
These pictures will always hold great memories of your youth. The next chapter of your life as a young adult is about to begin. We are very proud of you and we love you very much.

Mom and Dad





# KODY ADAMSON



Kody,  
We are proud of you and  
love you very much.  
Love,  
Mom, Wayne, Jake, McKen-  
zie, Katelyn, Klair



# Kellie Hutton



Kellie,  
You have added so much  
joy to our family.  
Continue to put God first  
in your life. Let Him direct your  
path and you will have a truly  
fulfilling life.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad & Julie







*Rashawnda*

*Sullivan*

Rashawnda,  
You did it! Congratulations.  
We are very proud of you.  
It seems like only yesterday  
you were a little girl. Now  
you are all grown up! Re-  
member to keep God first  
in your life. May all your  
dreams come true! We love  
you and wish the best for  
you always!  
Love ya!

Mom, Mike, Cal-  
ista, Shay, Josh,  
Mallory & Dad

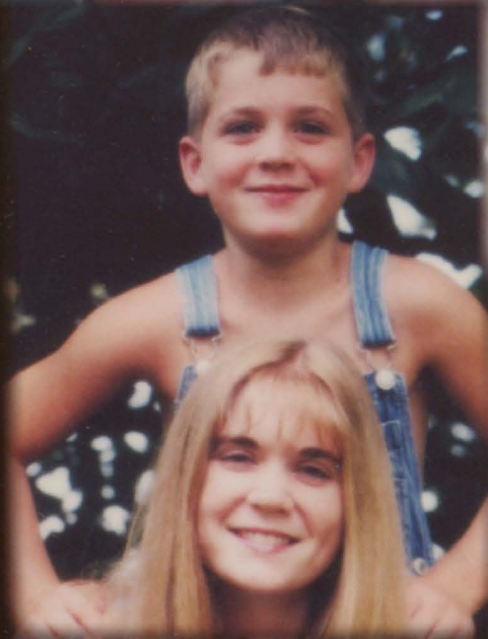






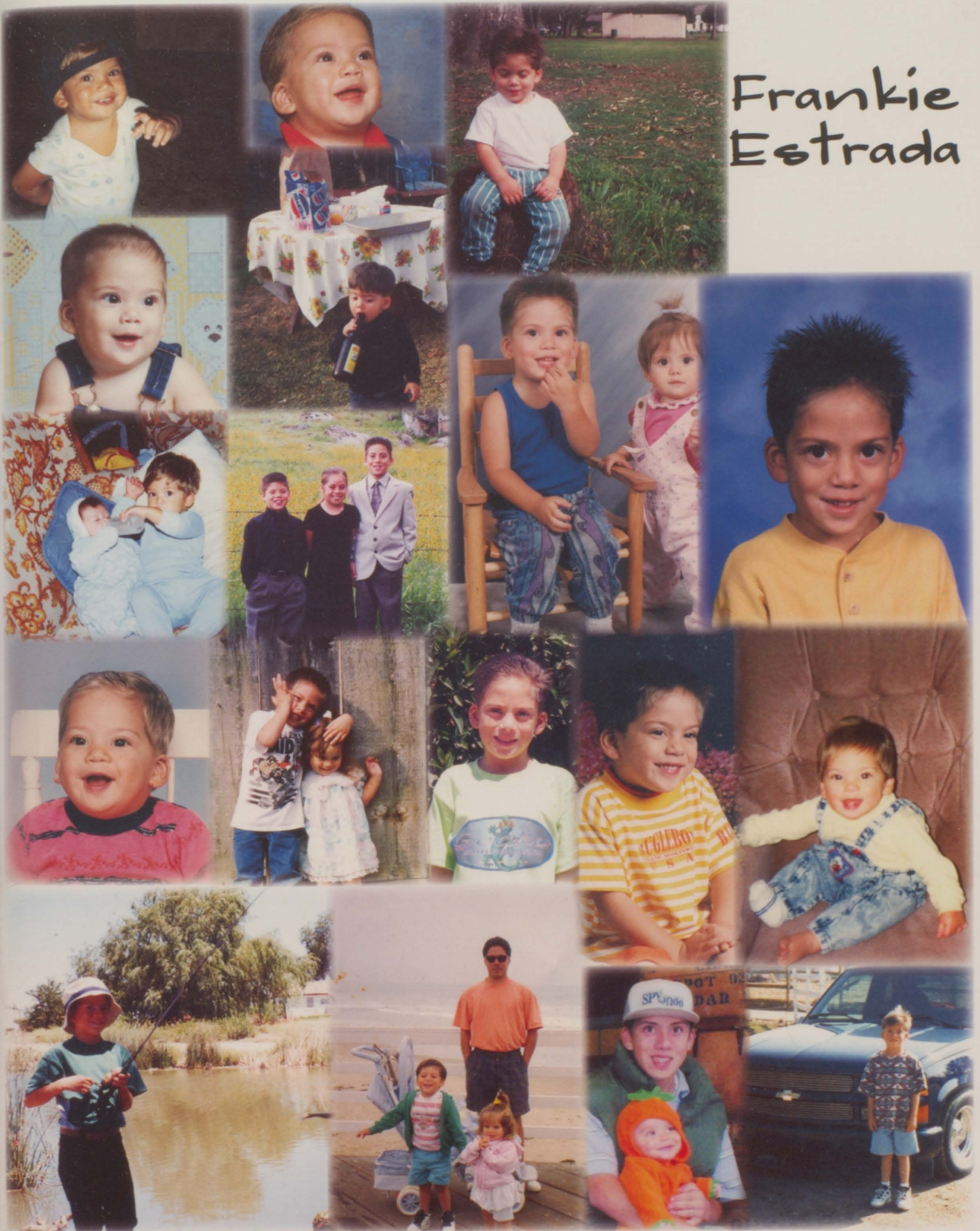
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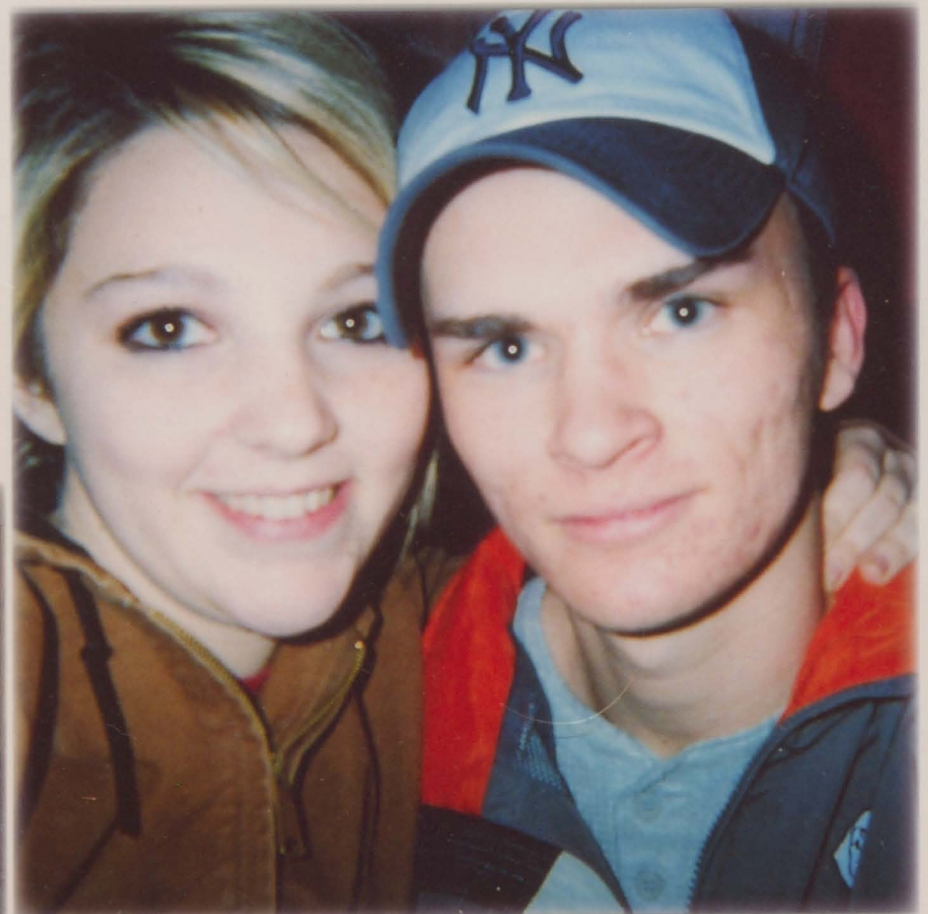


We are so proud of you for all you  
have accomplished and love you so  
much for who you are.

**Dad & Mom**



Jordan Cole





# Connie Quirk



Connie,  
Simply put... it has been such a privilege to watch you grow into the woman you are today. Always remember you are loved...

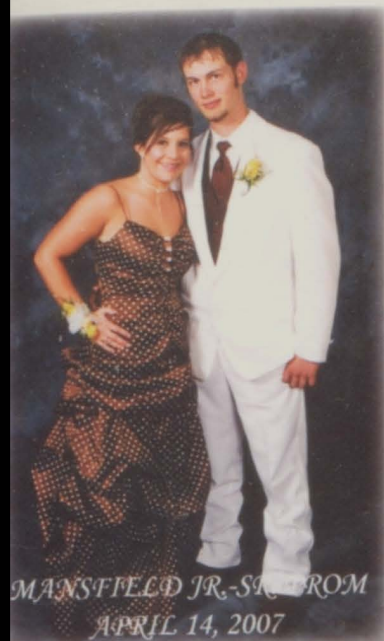
Dad, Mom, Kelly, Carter, Caitlin, and Clinton.

"Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it." - author unknown.



Pages by Whitney Jordan





*Kati*



*Kati.*  
 I still remember you as the excited, curious, take charge little girl you were in kindergarten. You always tried to make everyone happy and strived to do your very best in everything. The goals you set for yourself far exceeded your parents' expectations. You never gave less than one hundred and ten percent in everything you did. Your goal was to reach the top, and you made it. We are so very proud of you. Keep your faith, your dreams, your hopes, and you will get everything out of life you deserve. Although you are leaving us for a while, remember we are always here for you in good times and bad. We love you very much and wish you all the best.  
 Love always,  
 Mom & Dad & Lexi & Tron





Counte Quirk



Five years of baseball games together on the all boy team... agony, six years of first day of school hair and matching outfits... torture, a lifetime of sharing the "good swing" on the swing set with you... irritating, getting stuck with you for 17 years (even in laundry baskets)... priceless.

Through the years, you have been my best friend and greatest role model. I am so happy that you are following your dreams and exploring the world (even if it is without me!). I love you so much and couldn't ask for a better big sister than you.

Love you,  
Kelly





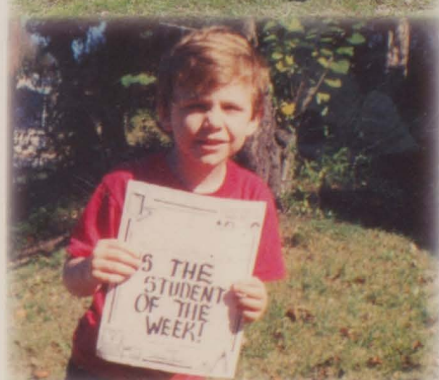


Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

- Henry David Thoreau

Josh, you have brought immeasurable joy to our lives since you were born. Even as a baby, you always went full tilt, and you still do. Your family could not be more proud of you. You have accomplished so much I cannot keep up with it all. I know you have wonderful goals, and you know you can accomplish what you set out to do.

We love you,  
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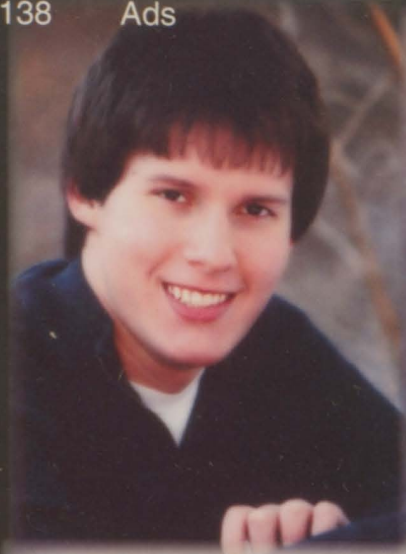


# Jenni Lemons

Jen,  
I am so proud of everything you do. I can't believe how fast you have grown up and what a beautiful young lady you have become. I hope for the best for you!  
I love you,  
Mom







# Corey Kensinger

*Corey,  
We are so very proud of you, and we  
love you so much.  
Dad, Mom & Lindsey*





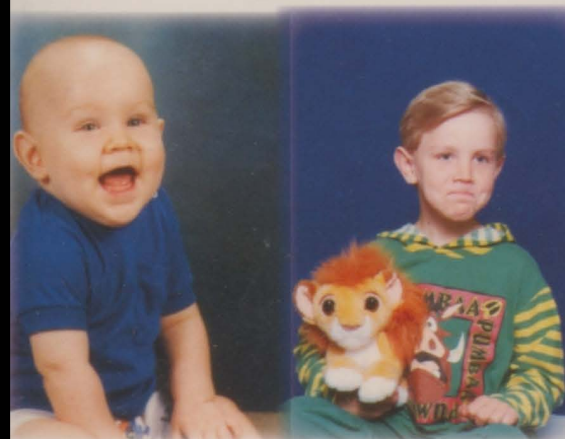
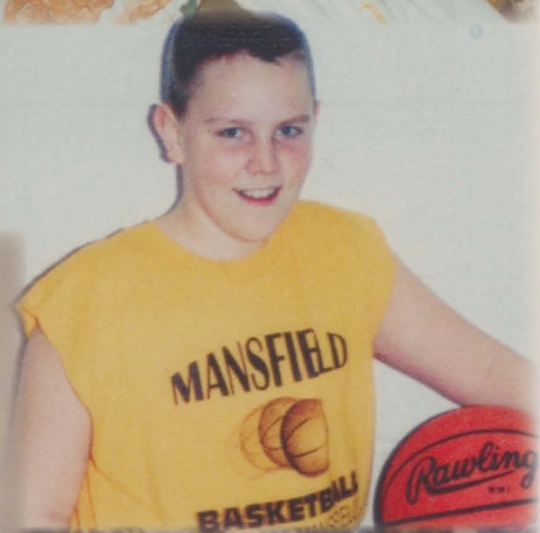


# Quentin Bug

Quentin,

An important impact of your life is attitude. The remarkable thing is... You have a choice every day regarding the attitude you will embrace for the day. Your Dad and I believe that your life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% on how you react to it. Face this life with a positive attitude and don't be afraid to take a risk, for this will help you achieve all your goals.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Drew and Jessica







# Bryce Matthews



*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." -Henry David Thoreau*

*Bryce - It's hard to believe that you are graduating and heading off to Drury. The time seems to have flown by too quickly. We are so very proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to seeing what you become. We pray that you stay safe, focused, and always follow your dreams.*

*Love, Dad, Steph-Mom, & Kenzie*





# Dallas Massey



# Melissa Morris









# Closing

Another year has come and gone at MHS. Some might think that it was just like last year; others would disagree and think it was completely different. It's true that the pattern of events that make up a school year hardly changes, but there are distinct differences hidden beneath the surface. This year the math club held a fourth and fifth grade 24 Game Tournament for the first time, and Student Council changed the way it gives commissioner positions. These are all small differences, but they add up to form a completely unique year. Each student treasures different memories from the past year. Yet the student body has shared the same events that created the different memories. There is no way for us to represent the year as each individual sees it, but we hope this will serve as summary of the events that sparked the memories that were created here.



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We could not have made this book without you.

## From the Editor

To the staff,

This year has been stressful, rushed, and frantic. It has also been fun-filled, entertaining, and full of new occurrences. Above all it's been a learning experience for all of us. We desperately fund-raised all year to raise enough money to go to National Journalism Convention in California, even begging for money in the pouring rain. We doubted we would make it, but it paid off in the end. The many ice storms this winter not only threw off the entire school's schedule, it put even more stress on us to finish our pages before the March deadline. Yet, through all the complaining and begging to move deadlines, we finished in time. Thank you for all the hard work you put into this book. I hope that you will value the memories that you made this year while we created this yearbook.

## From the Advisor

I have seen this year's class work frantically to finish deadlines get photos of school and community events. I have seen some of you endure repeated soakings in a cold rain to raise money to fund the yearbook and finance a trip to NSPA/JEA National convention in Anaheim, Calif. and learn a lot while you were there. I'm looking forward to your implementing those ideas in next year's book. Through it all, you all stayed who you were: Mansfield's own talented Lions.



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