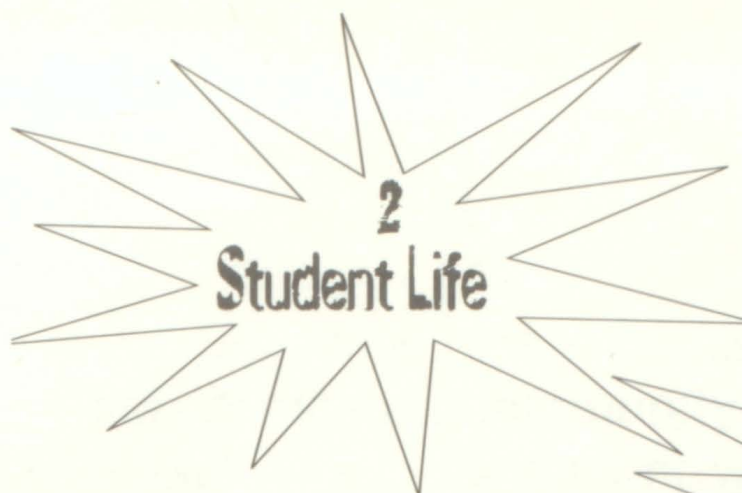


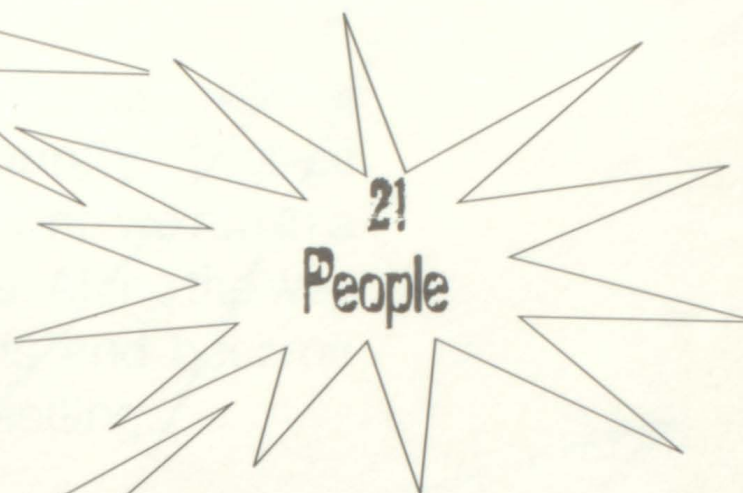
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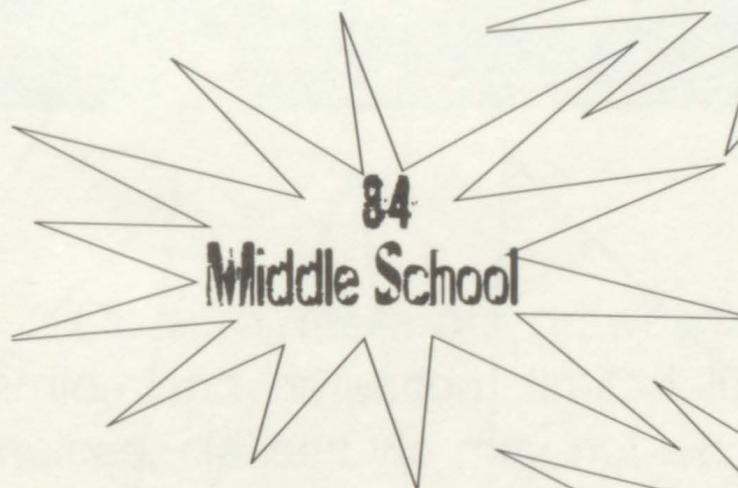
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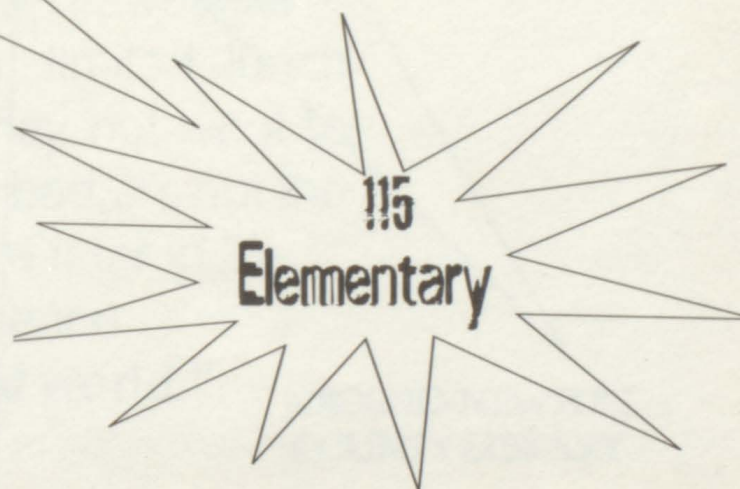
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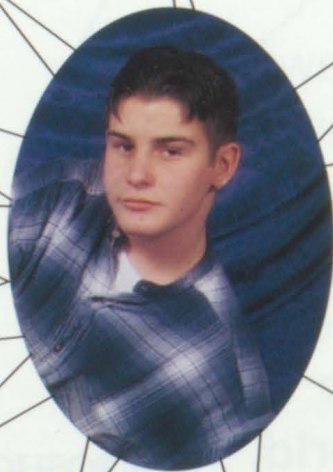
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Working:

Joleen Butler works at Eyeland in the Northpark Mall.



Mike Shull operates a forklift as one of his duties at Lowe's.

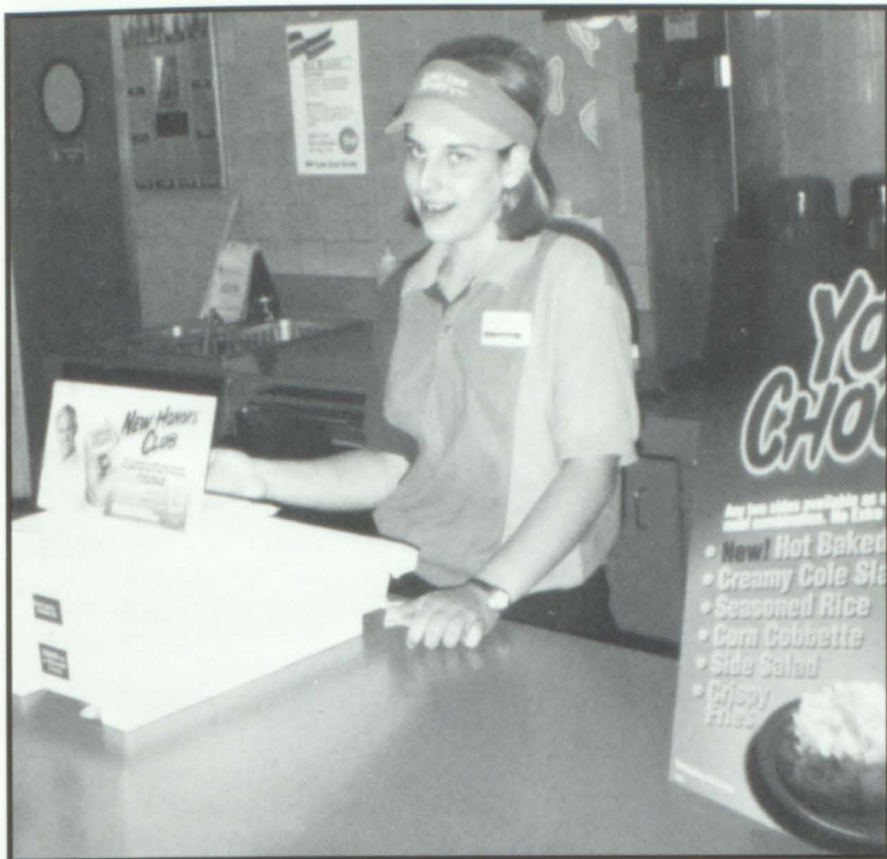


Aubrey Powers checks price tags at Cato's.



Bruce Stoops and Rocky Binning flash peace signs in the sports department at K-Mart.

Amber LaFleur rings up an order at Long John Silver's.



Ashley Jackson works the drive-thru at McDonald's on North Range Line.



Zach Grube cleans a table at CiCi's Pizza.

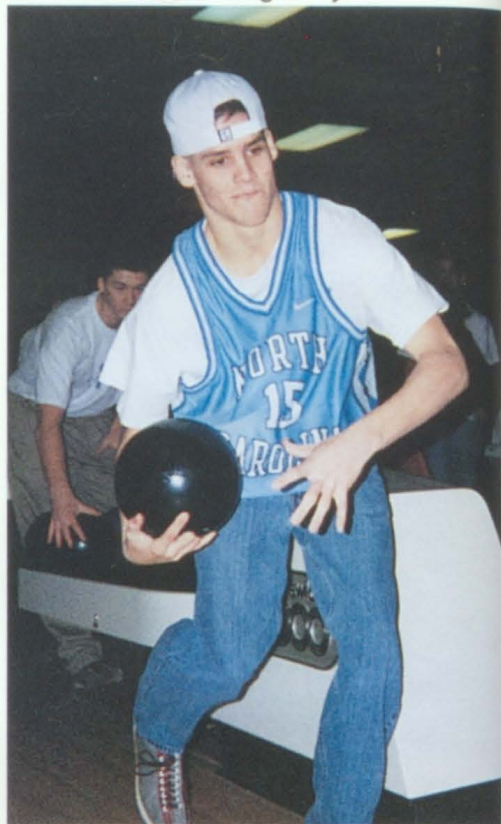


Hollie Brasier weighs out spicy fries at the Diamond Dairy Den.

a touch of the real world

Matt Waddell, Levi Sherrill, Joleen Butler, Matt Kissel, Nathan Cunningham, Kristin Gunnerson, Zach Waddell, and Rocky Binning show the many styles they like. "I would wear just about anything, but my favorite is my \$1.50 fleamarket clothes," said Butler. "I don't like clothes that are trendy. I just like to have my own style," said Gunnerson.

Manny Long displays his North Carolina attire at the bowling alley.



Jeremy Maples and Hollie Brasier wear t-shirts promoting a cartoon character from television.



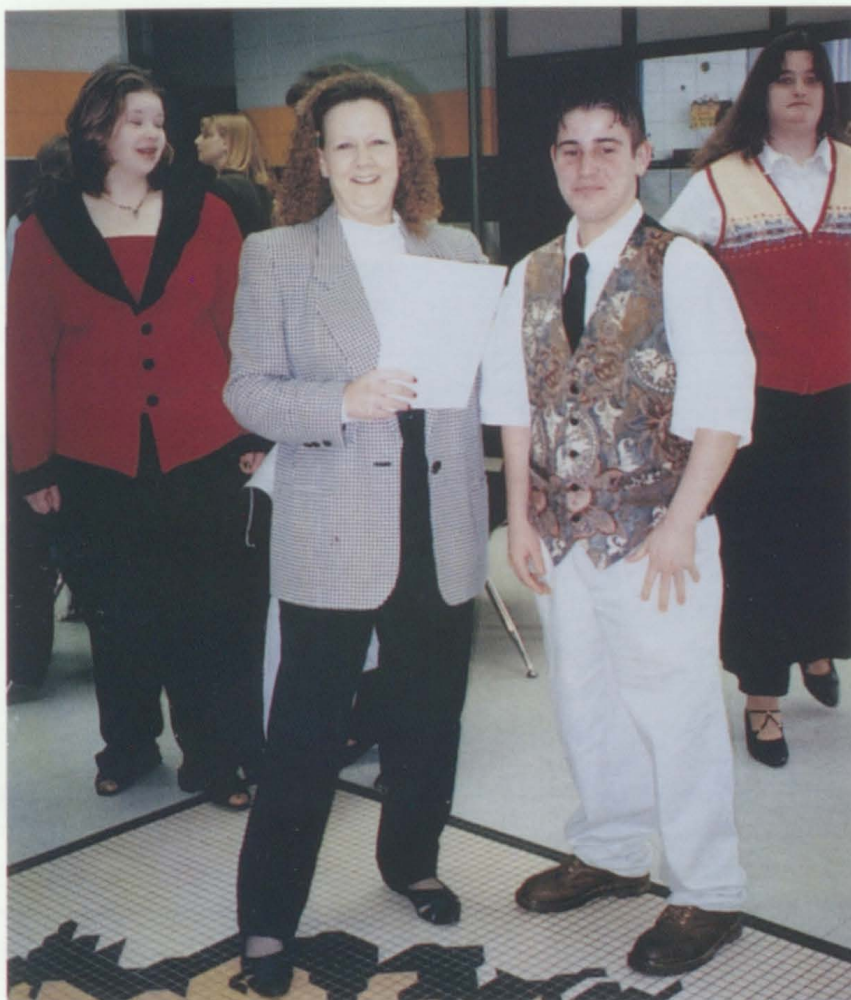
Josey Long, Josh Comer, and Mike Shull are dressed for success as they wait to leave on a business trip.

profile on style



Carrie Whitehead and Tracy Youngblood wear long dresses, a style popular during the year.

On the Roaring River biology trip, Jeff Cook, Sarah Clouse, Marty Rinehart, Jennifer McCoy, and Sammi Piatt dress comfortably in case they fall off the log and get wet.



Pant suits create a business look for Bonita Taylor, Donna Dorsey, and Laura Davis. A vest adds an extra touch for Dustin Englehart.



Whitney Pugh, Coleen Michael, and Amber Ward dress in red shirts and overalls to support FFA week.

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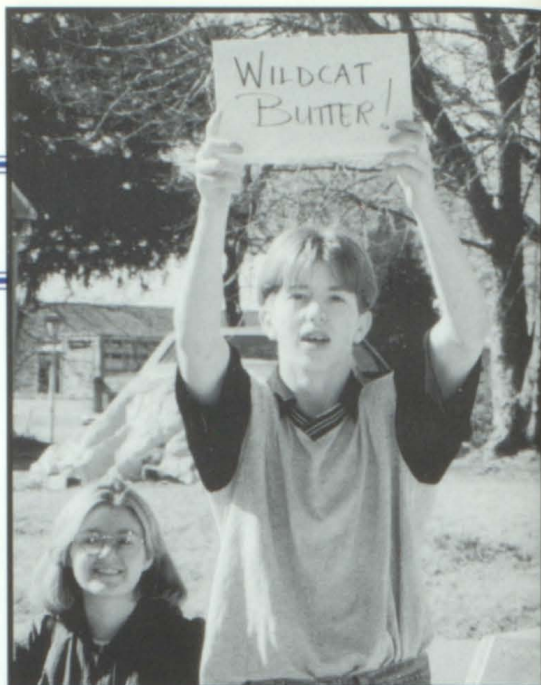
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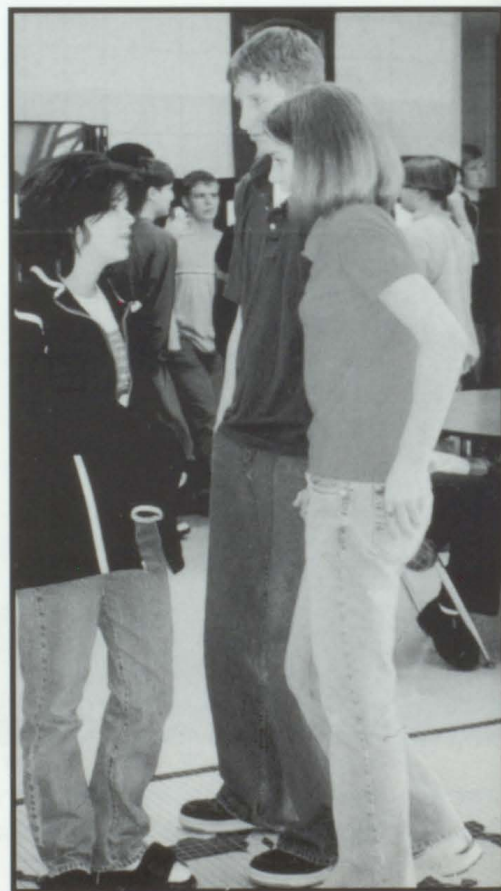
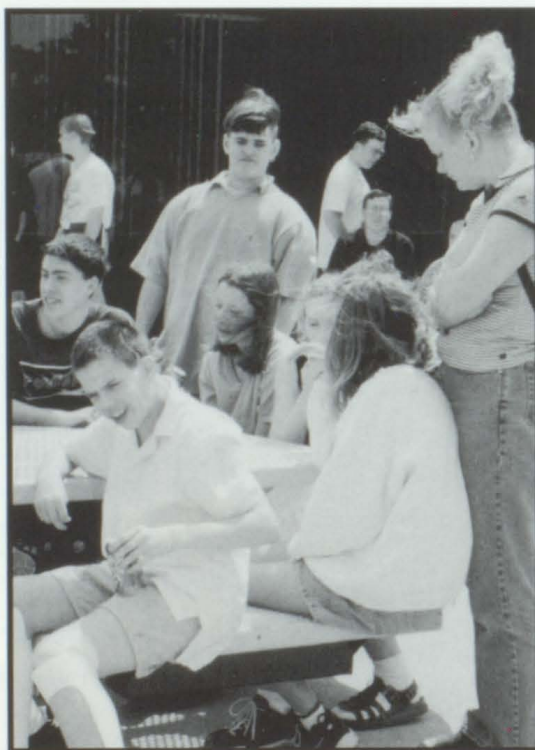
Jason Sanders advertises "Wildcat Butter," a product made by Mrs. James, F.A.C.S. teacher.

Below right: Students gather around a table in the commons area to talk.



Above left: Shavonne McCoy, Sharon Malotte, and Carrie Garrison wait for the bell to ring after eating lunch.

Nice weather draws a crowd to the patio area to soak up the sun: David Miller, Travis Waldo, Hilary Adler, Laura Chimero, Stephanie Taylor, and James Dillon.



Sheana Vincent, Levi Welde, and Serena Sullenger catch up on the latest at noon.

Lunch



Josh Comer, Chris Patterson, and Diana Cokerham chat by the pop machines. Mary Carr responds to another conversation.

Below left: A group of students take their pops and chips outside to eat on the patio.

Dorothy Brown, Vicki Pennington, and Jenny McCoy occupy a bench outside.



Spanish I and II classes stop for lunch at Taco Town in Carthage after a seeing a performance by Spanish dancers.

Jeriney Fulcher, Wendy Bryan, and Tiffany Lindsay demonstrate that the lunch room is not only for eating. It is also a time for socializing.



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Weekends: life on the streets

Serena Sullenger and Amanda Mills ride the American Plunge while at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri.



Josh Danner and Jeff Cook eat pepperoni pizza while watching a movie at Danner's house.

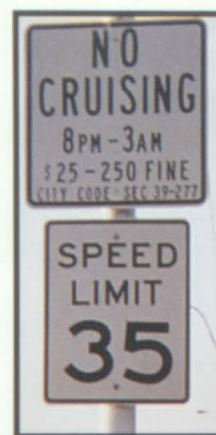


Becky Stripling and Jessica Groves watch Jenny Soper as she displays the tan she got at the District Track meet. They are at the foodcourt at the mall, which is a popular place to meet while at the mall.



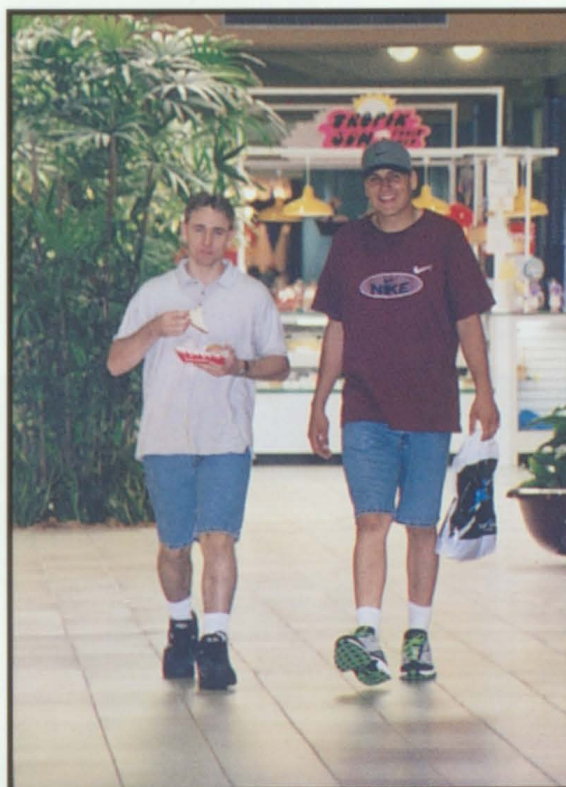
Hanna Lawson looks for clothing at Famous Barr during a weekend trip to the mall.





Brad Leake displays the 2nd place trophy he won for his 1981 Camaro, restored by Leake and his father. The trophy, for "Current Consecutive Hardtop," was won at Street Dreams Rod and Custom Show, at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

Missi Tichenor, Tracy Youngblood, Amber Ward, Matt Brand, Rachel Arnold, and Carrie Whitehead sit around a camp fire at Stockton Lake.



Jason Brown has a snack as he walks around the mall; Josh Danner totes bargains he found at the Finish Line.



Jackie Brummett searches for a bargain at the Famous Barr cosmetic counter. Shopping and beauty are major weekend activities.

graduation

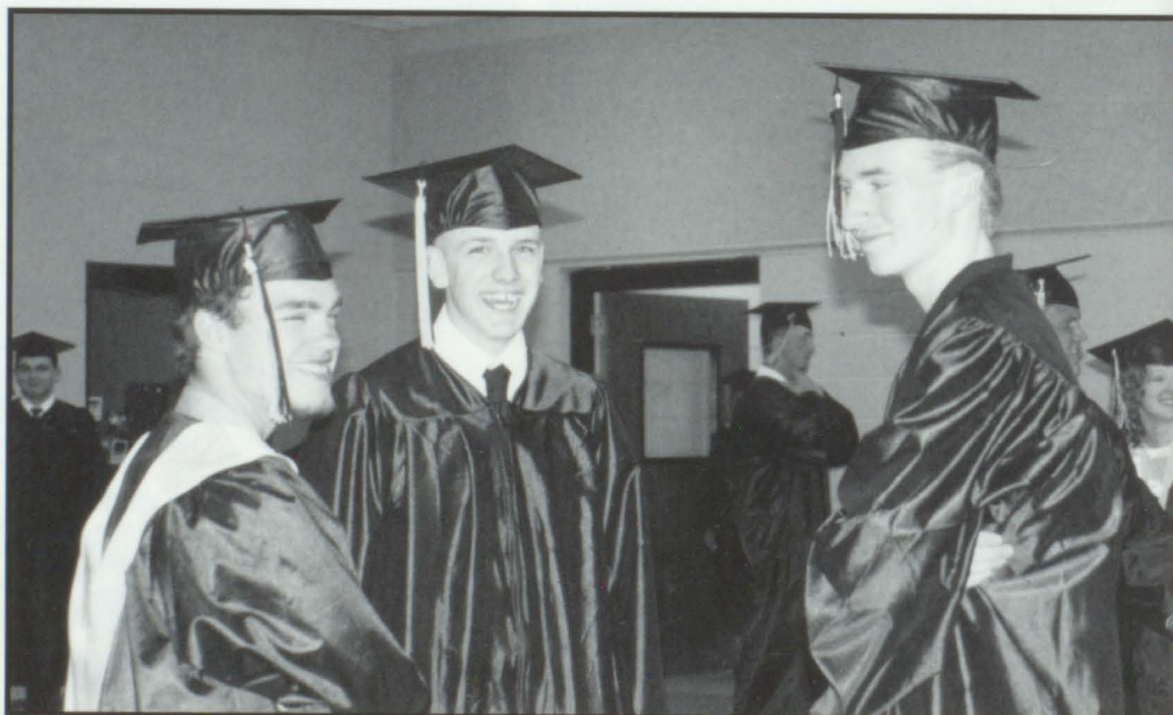
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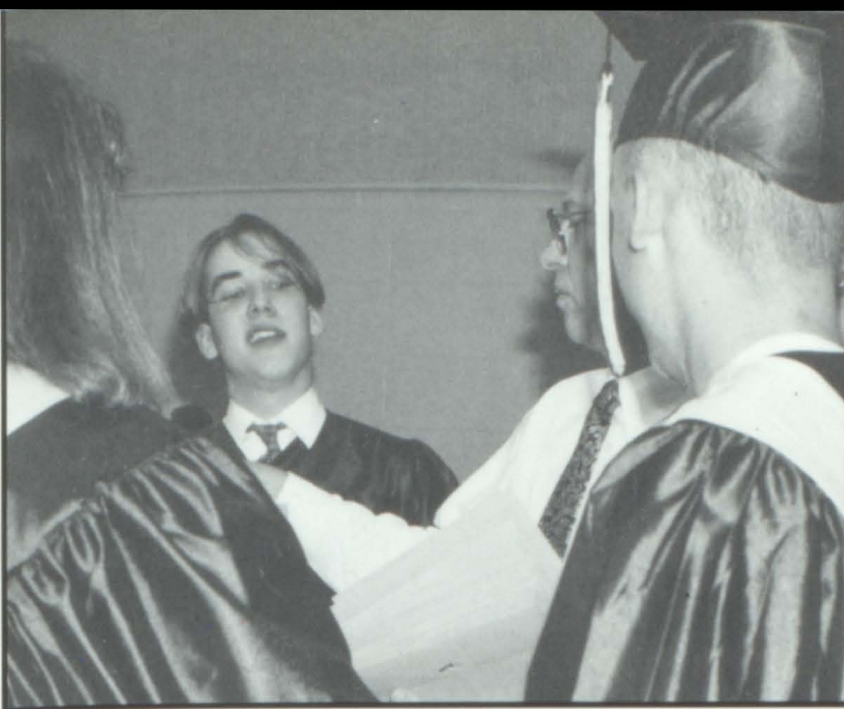
Seniors congratulate each other in the music room.

Jesse Bruce and Genea Hoyer pause for pictures after the ceremonies.

Jeremy Maples, Travis Renburg, and Brad Leake socialize before taking "the walk."

A call for a "group hug" after graduation gets enthusiastic response.





Seniors gather around Robert Blizzard, counselor, to receive their diplomas.

The Sopers pose for a family portrait.



Underclassmen take the opportunity to get a last photo with high school friends. In the background, Creative Images Studio was set up to provide the opportunity for more formal portraits commemorating the occasion.

How do you feel about graduating?

"I really don't want to because I am going to miss everyone. Also, I don't want to go to college and start all over."

-- Diana Cokerham

"I am very excited, yet scared. This is starting a new beginning in my life. I can now play my part in the real world."

-- Aubrey Powers

"Graduation brings about a lot of mixed feelings for me. I'm glad to be starting a new adventure in life, but I'm also a little scared."

-- Mike Shull

What will you miss most?

"Being a senior was the best. I will miss all the assemblies, and the rush you get when you try to run to your 1st hour class so you will not get a tardy. Altogether I will miss it. It was the time of my life."

-- Amber Ward.

"The close friends I have made. Most of these people I have known since kindergarten and now my whole world is about to change."

-- Shannan Carey

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Beau Johnson, Josh Merriman, Brandon Soper, Josey Long, Mischa Admire, Carrie Whitehead, Aubrey Powers, Jenni Badley, and Shannan Carey wait for the crowning of the 1998 Prom King and Queen.



Above: Matt Alford and Stephanie Cobb sit and take a break after dancing.

Right: Mike Shull takes over the dance floor while the D.J. plays "Gettin' Jiggy With It."



Jenni Badley and Brandon Soper dance to the theme song after being crowned Prom Queen and King.

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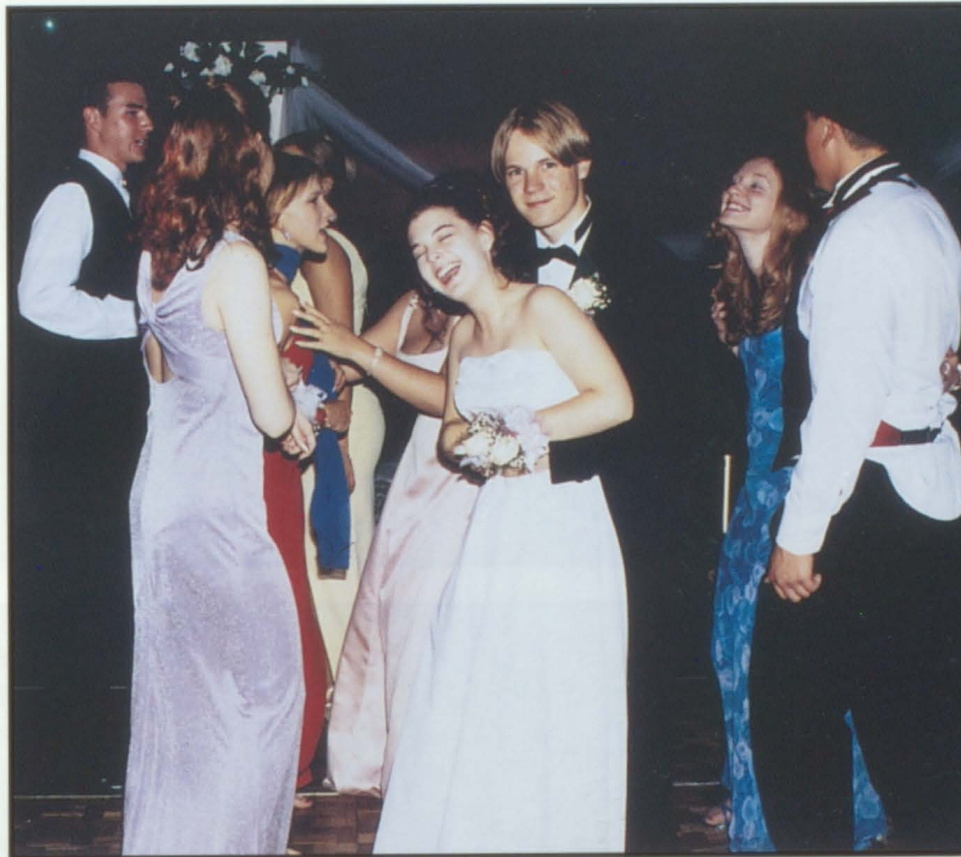
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Couples dance to the popular "My Heart Will Go On," a song by Celine Dion from the hit movie *Titanic*.



An upbeat song draws a smile from dancer Hollie Brasier. Brasier said that barefoot dancing was a result of sore feet, not a fashion statement.



John Reidiger twirls Rachel Arnold around to catch the camera while Brandon Soper, Cieson Culp, Mary Carr, Carrie Whitehead, Mike Shull, and others mingle on the dance floor.

Favorite Prom Night Restaurants:

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| 1. Olive Garden | 6. Fortune East |
| 2. Applebee's | 7. McDonalds |
| 3. Ruby Tuesdays | 8. Wilders |
| 4. Travetti's | 9. Ardes Villa |
| 5. Kitchen Pass | 10. Hidden Acres |

friends for fun times

We've been there for each other through good and bad times and now we're going separate ways, but we will always have a special place for each other in our hearts.

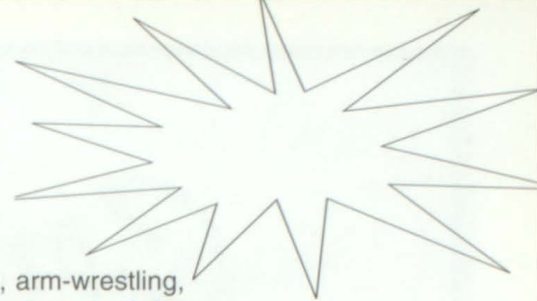
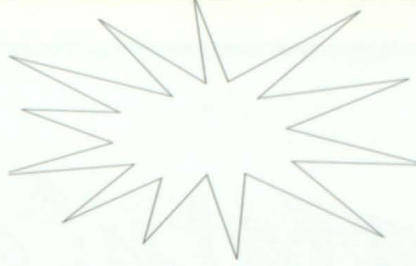
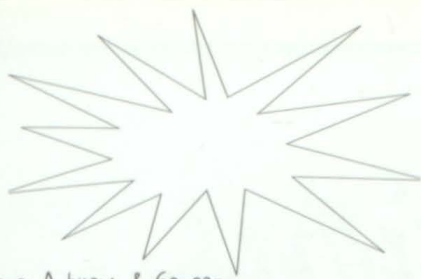
Keepin' It Real!



Remember the rushing everyone home before curfew, all the laughs and people from Main. We have had many great times together and more to come.



*Snow-day sledding, summer-night swimming, mom-made breakfast,
Todd-car tampering, round-ball fighting,
Good times a'coming!*



Jenni, Diana, Aubrey, & Genea-
You guys have been GREAT friends. Thanks for all the prayers
and concerns while Kelley was in the hospital. I never could
have made it without you guys. Love, Kylee

Always remember the senior table, arm-wrestling,
cramming for English 101/102, mornings in Pub.,
eating candy, sharing clothes, and that Chee-zits
and Dr. Pepper rule!



Friends are Friends Forever!

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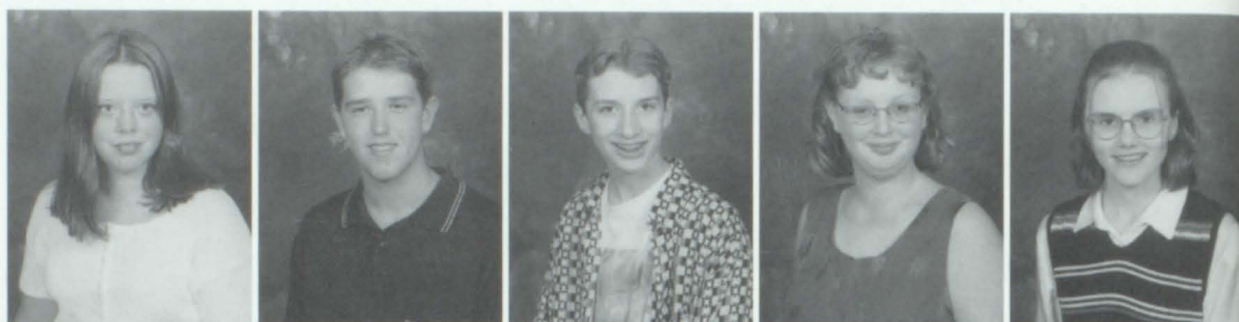


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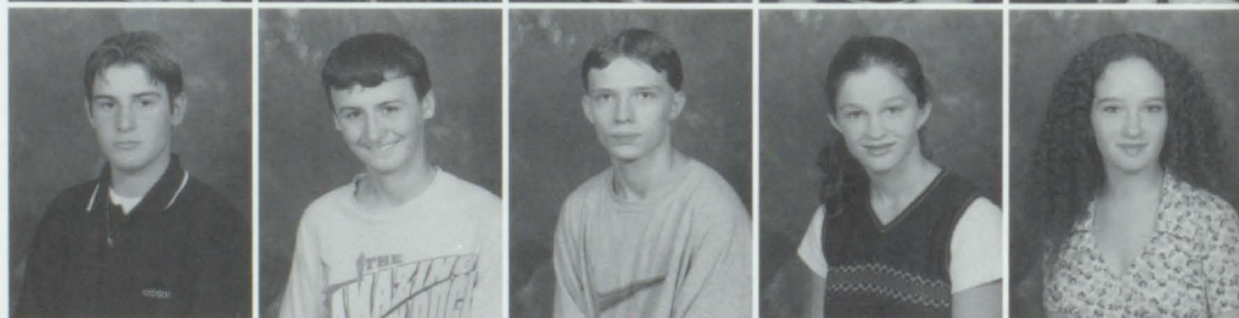
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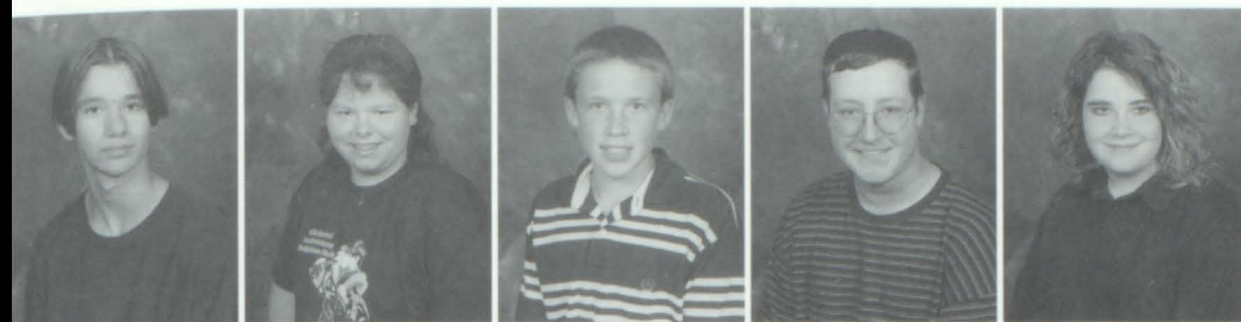


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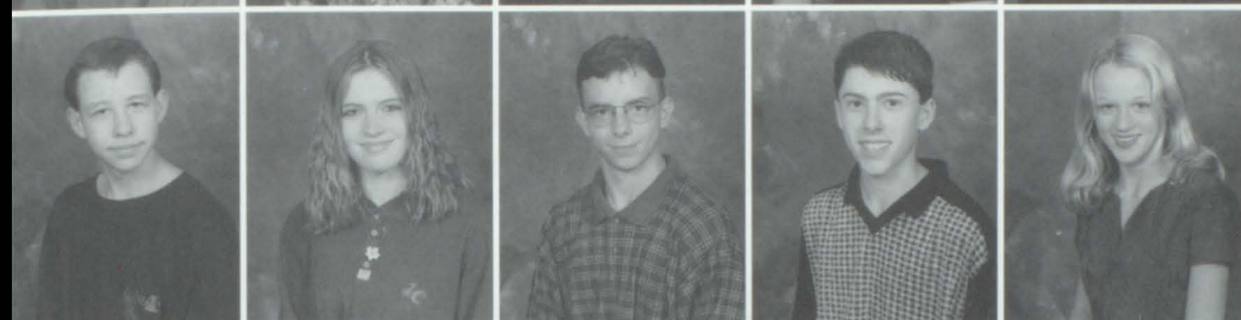




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Bryan Moore
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Dustin Filarski, Ashley Bridges, Serena Sullenger, and Josh Schrader pose in front of their artwork in L.A. I. The assignment in the class was to make a collage, and then write an essay. The essay had to be an extended definition of an abstract word, such as an emotion.

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Chad Shelton
Lacy Sparlin
Rebekah Stripling



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Joe Swofford
Stephanie Taylor
Anthony Testerman
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Brett Vaughn
Sheana Vincent
Cole Vittetoe
Katie White
Andrew Whitehead



Laney Williams
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Not Pictured:
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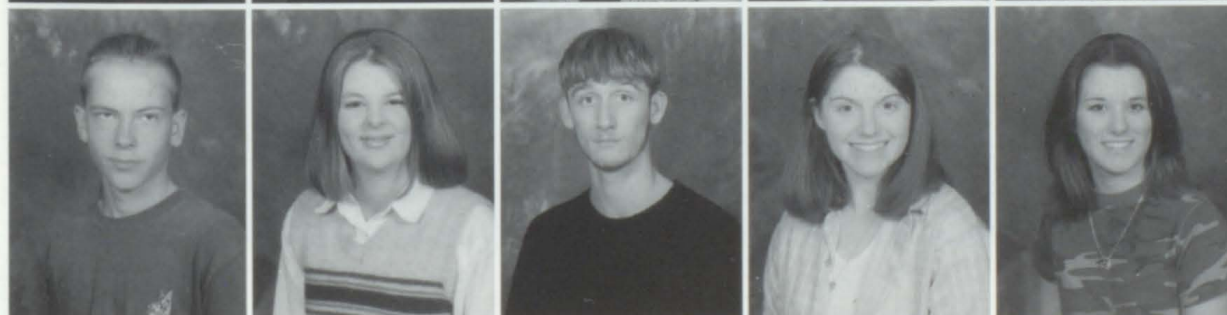
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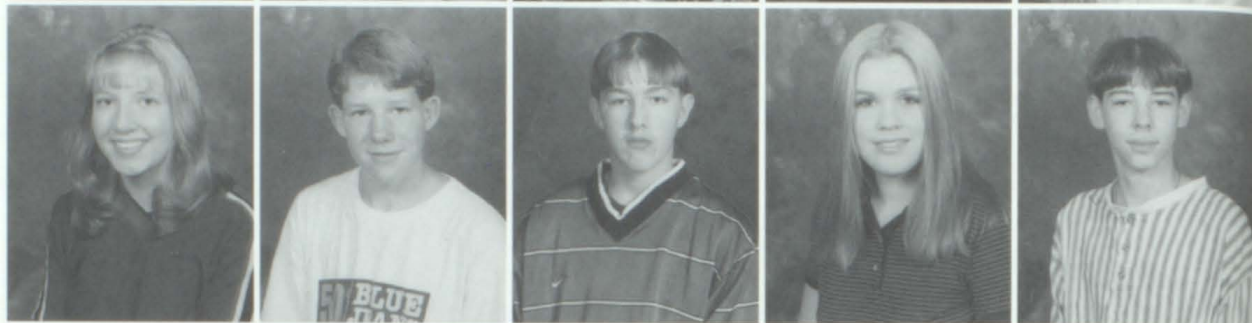


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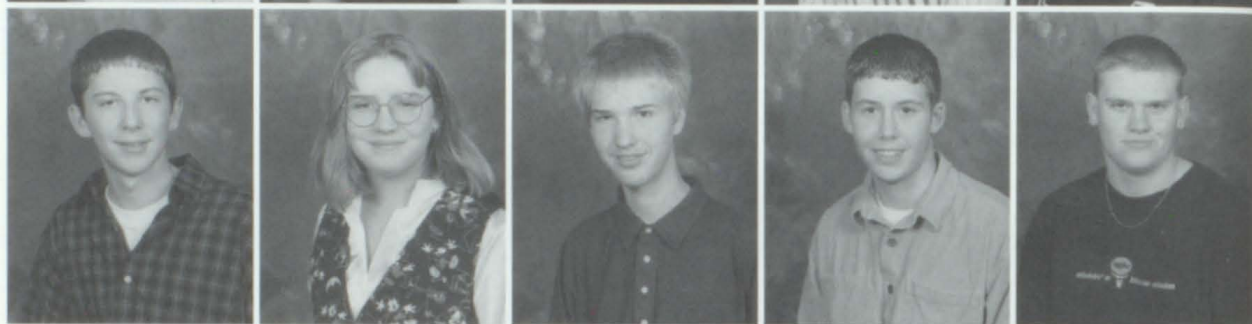
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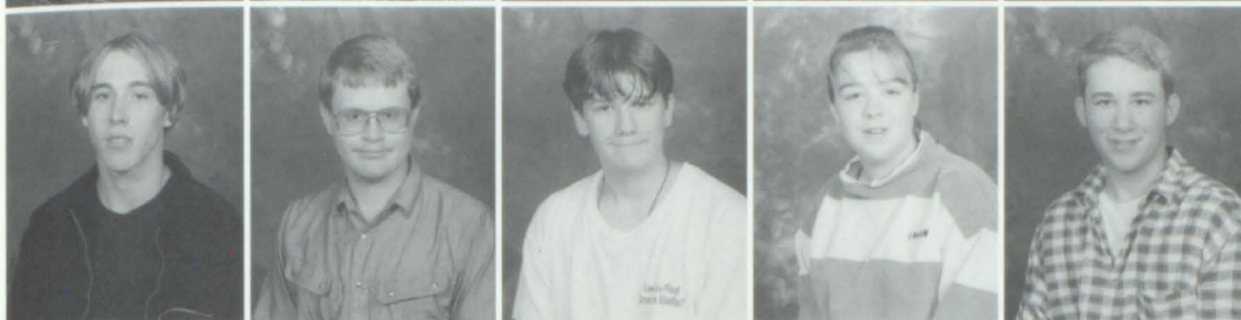


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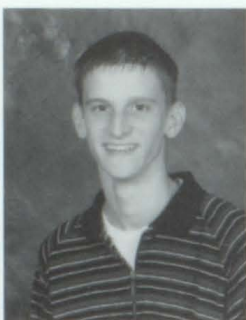
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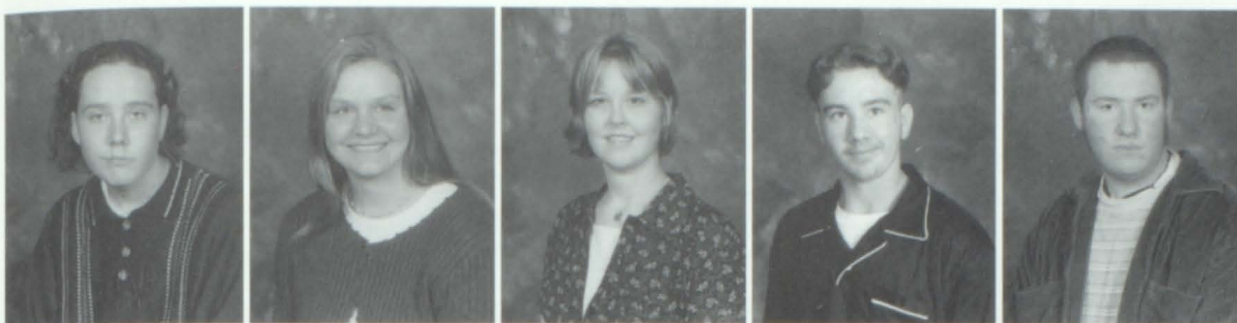


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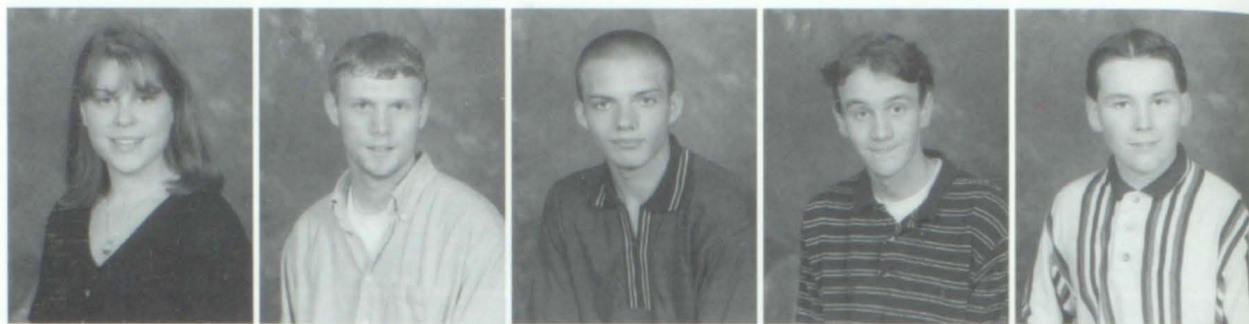


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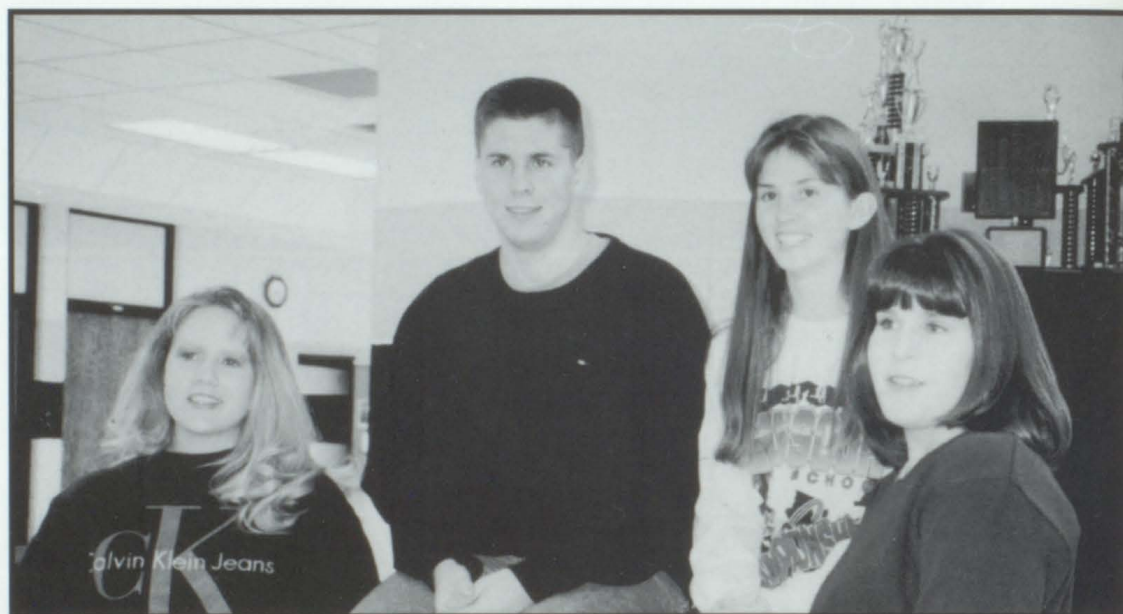
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Diana Cokerham

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FFA 9-12, Math League 11, Publications 11-12, Academic Letterman 9-12, Class Treas.12, Varsity Cheerleader 9, Football Homecoming Queen 10, NHS 12

Nyley Isbell

NHS 10-12, Hi-STEP 10-12, Math League 10-12, Academic Letterman 10, Academic Quiz Team 11, Stu-Co 11-12(Sec. 12), Publications 11-12, Softball 9

Beau Johnson

Basketball 9-12, Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12, FFA 10-12

Tom Jump

Crowder Vo-Tech (Auto Body) 11-12

Brad Leake

Basketball 9, Art 9-12, Crowder Vo-Tech 12

Josey Long

Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Weightlifting 12, Math League 10, Hi-STEP 12, FBLA 12, FTA 12 FHA 9

Sharon Malotte

Band 9, Art 9,12, Honor Roll 12

Sherri Mathews

Softball 9-11, Basketball 9-10, Track 9, FHA 9-11, Show Choir 12, Dance Team 12, Choir 9-12, Drama 10-11

Jeremy Maples

Show Choir 9-12, Honor Roll 9-12, Academic Letterman 11, Boys' State 11

Shavonne McCoy

Honor Roll 9-12, Art 9-10, Drama 11-12, Choir 9, Academic Letterman 11

Josh Merriman

Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Hi-STEP 10, Stu-Co 11, Math League 10-11, Academic Quiz Team 10-11, Choir 10,12, Weightlifting 11-12

Chris Patterson

Show Choir 11, Choir 12, Art 9-12

Rocky Pennington

Show Choir 12, Choir 9-12, FHA 10, Art 10,12, Weightlifting 11

Susan Piatt

Volleyball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Math League 11-12, Academic Quiz Team 12

Aubrey Powers

Cheerleader 9-11, State Vocal 9, Stu-Co 9-10, Show Choir 10-11, NHS 11-12, Hi-STEP 12, FBLA 12, Academic Letterman 10-12

Travis Renburg

FFA 9-12, Art 11-12, Crowder Vo-Tech 12, Basketball 9

Beau Rickman

FCA 9-11, FFA 9, Baseball 10, Basketball 9-11, Art 10-12, Science Club 9-11

Mike Shull

Football 9-11, Baseball 9, FBLA 12, FFA 9-12, Weightlifting 10-12, Honor Roll 9-12

Brandon Soper

Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Publications 11-12, Stu-Co 12, Hi-STEP 10-12, Choir 12, Office Aide 12

Missi Tichenor

FFA 9-12, FBLA 11-12, Honor Roll 9-12, Dance Team 12, Show Choir 12, Class Sec. 9, Publications 12, Track 9

Dusty Tubbs

FFA 9-12

Matt Vance

Football 9-12, Academic Quiz Team 10-12, Track 12, Basketball 9, Baseball 9, FFA 9-12, Weightlifting 10-12, Art 9-12

Amber Ward

FFA 9-10,12, FBLA 12, Cheerleader 9-11, Class Treas. 9, Dance Team 12, Drama 11-12, Newspaper 11-12, Choir 9,11-12

Carrie Whitehead

NHS 10-12, FBLA 9-12, Drama 10-12, Academic Quiz Team 10-12, Publications 11-12, Class Sec. 10-11, Softball 9-12, FTA 12

Tracy Youngblood

Class Vice-Pres. 12, Class Treas. 10-11, NHS 11-12, FFA 9-12, FBLA 11-12, Academic Quiz Team 11, Softball 9-10

Most School Spirit:
Diana Cokerham and Brandon Soper



Best Personality:
Mischa Admire and Josey Long



senior gems



Most Scholarly:
Carrie Whitehead
and Cullun Culp



Most Athletic:
Jenni Badley and
Beau Johnson



Most Talented:
Jeremy Maples and
Rachel Arnold

Best Dressed:
Josh Comer and
Genea Hoyer

seniors



Mischa Admire



Rachel Arnold



Jenni Badley



Matt Brand



Josh Bricker



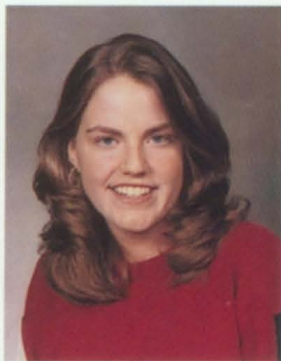
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Shannan Carey



Marty Cendroski



Diana Cokerham



Josh Comer



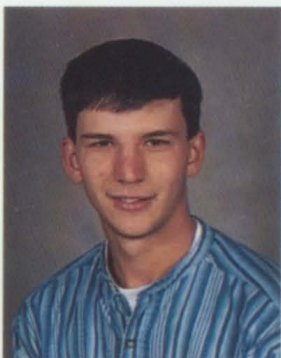
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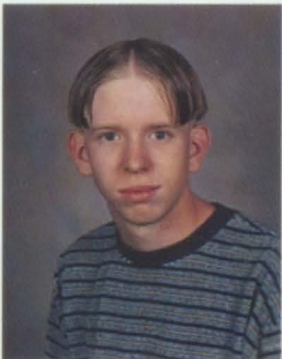
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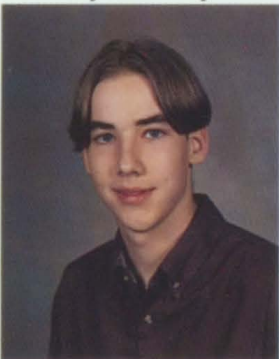
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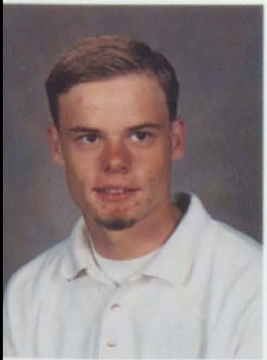
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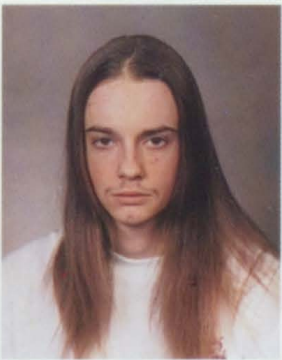
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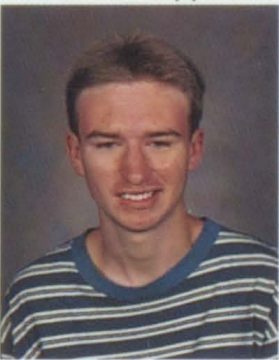
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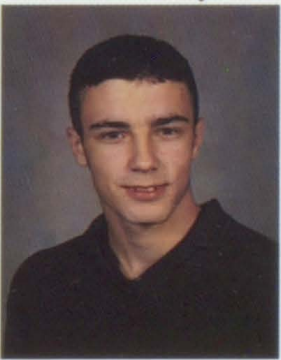
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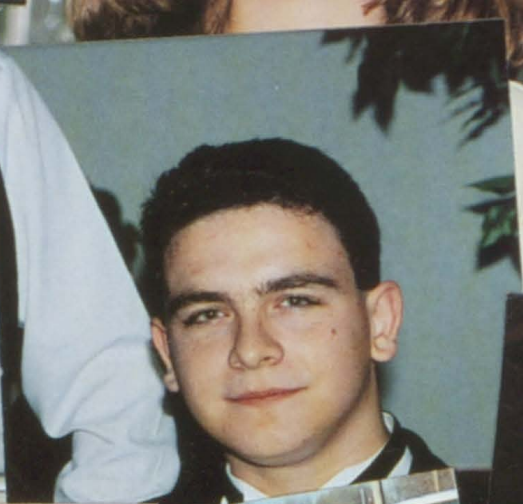
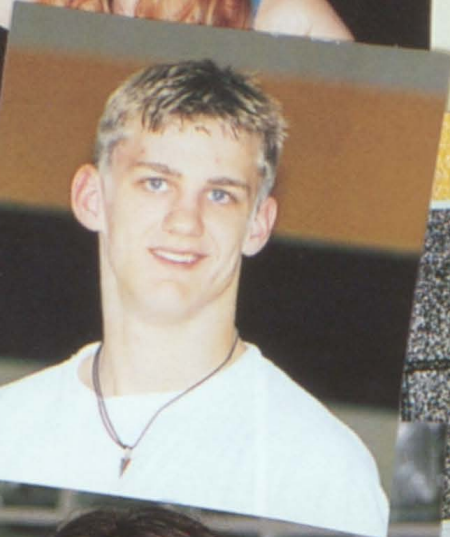
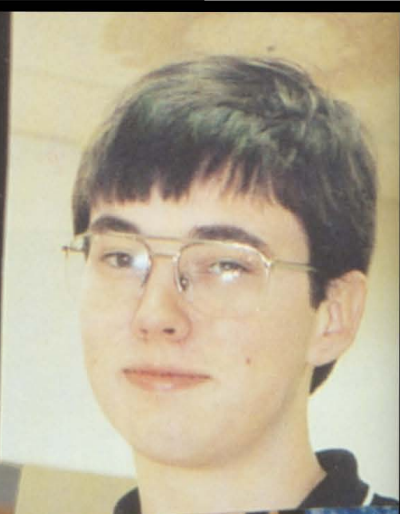
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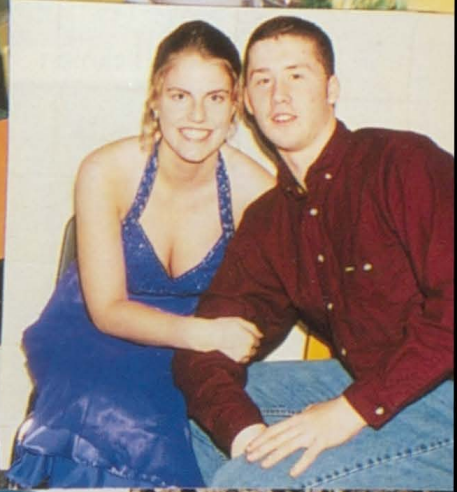
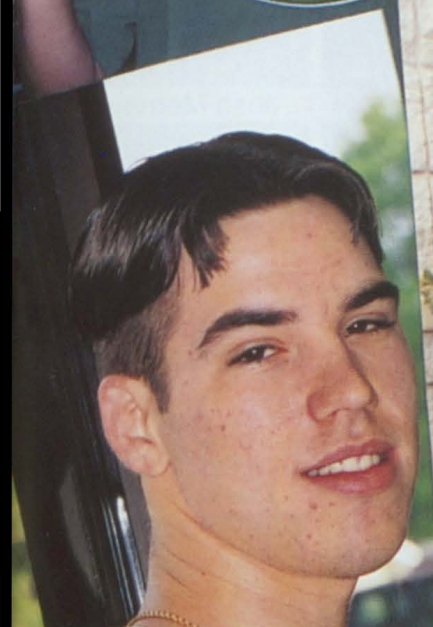
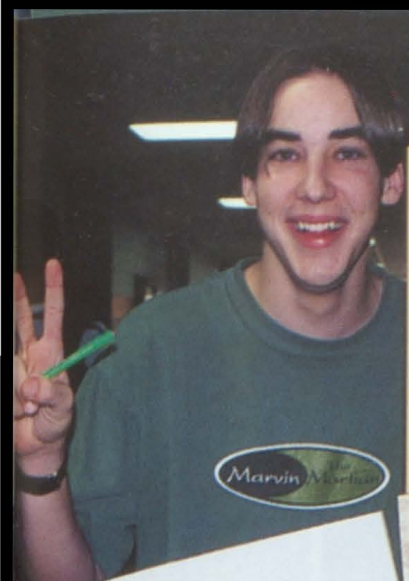


Josey Long



Jamie Loveland

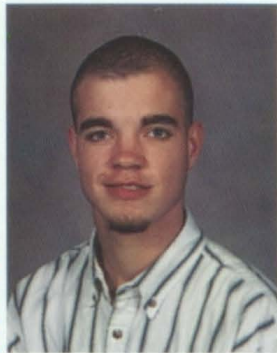




seniors



Sharon Malotte



Jeremy Maples



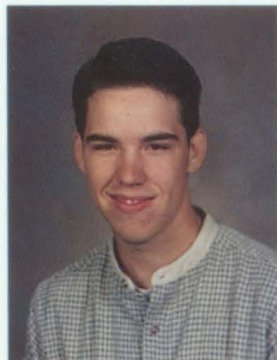
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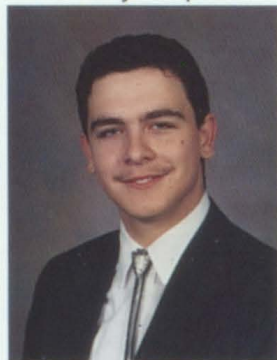
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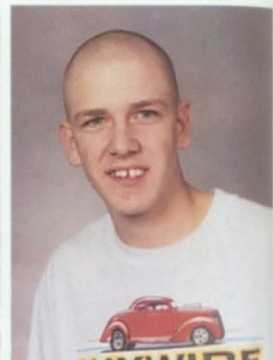
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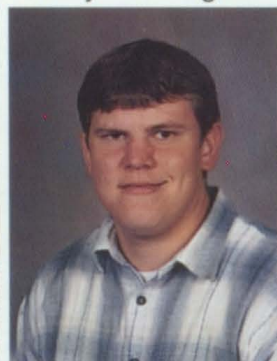
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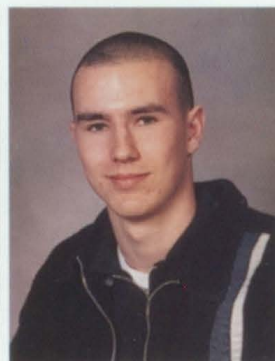
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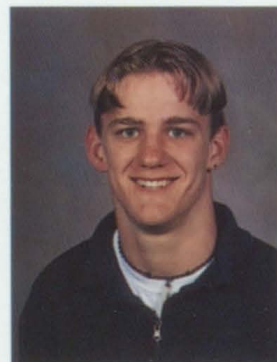
Brandon Soper



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Dusty Tubbs



Matt Vance



Amber Ward



Carrie Whitehead



Tracy Youngblood

Not Pictured:
Kristina Jordan

Senior Class Officers:
Genea Hoyer, V-Pres;
Cullun Culp, Pres; Brandon
Soper, Boy Rep; Tracy
Youngblood, Treas; Rachel
Arnold, Sec; Mischa Admire,
Girl Rep.



Mr. and Mrs. Diamond



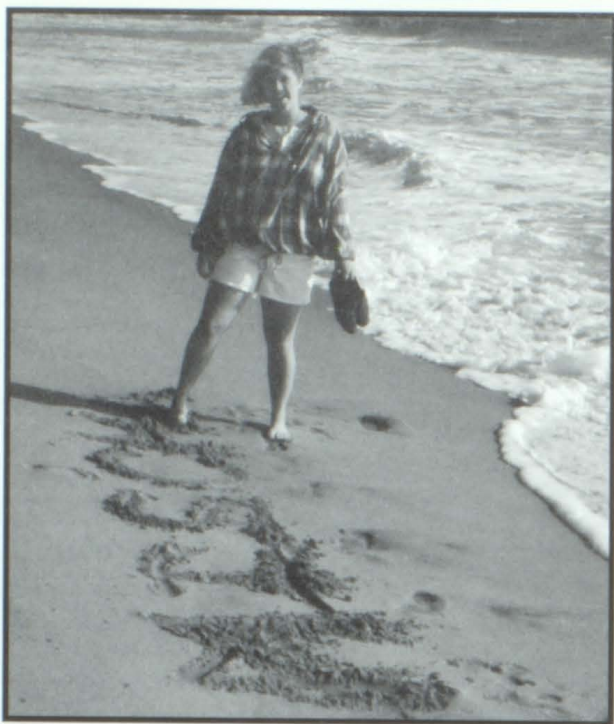
"I hope the students chosen for Mr. and Mrs. Diamond realize the honor it is. Being chosen for this by adults says good things about their character."

-- Donna Dorsey, Business teacher

"Winning ways and warm hearts are the characteristics of these winners."

--Coleen Michael, Language Arts teacher

Each year, the faculty of Diamond High School selects one male and one female who represent all of the students. These two, Mr. Diamond, Josey Long, and Ms. Diamond, Jenni Badley, show outstanding achievements in all respects, including academics, leadership, and personality.



MISCHA,

FROM A LITTLE GIRL WHO LOVED TO LAUGH TO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN WITH A KIND & TENDER HEART, YOU HAVE BLESSED US. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND KNOW YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE WHEREVER THE LORD LEADS YOU.

LOVE,
MOM, MARK & TIM



Diana,
We're proud to have
a daughter like you.
May God bless you
in all you do.

Love,
Charlie,
Mom
& Amy



Rachel,
*All the precious time
Like the wind, the years go by
Precious butterfly
Spread your wings and fly.*

Bob Carlisle

and remember

**Tomorrow you must do the thing
you think you cannot do.**

Eleanor Roosevelt

We will always be there to encourage you to reach for the stars and to do that thing you think you cannot. We are very proud of your accomplishments and the wonderful person you have become. Love,

Mom and dad

Nathaniel and Elizabeth



Josh --

We are very proud of you and the nice young man you've become. May you always be an inspiration and a joy to be around. Keep putting God first in your life and you'll go far in everything you do. You are a real blessing to our lives and we love you very much.

Love & prayers
Mom, Dad, Jonathan,
and Jordan



Jennifer

Your success in life is all yours. You've always had our support, encouragement and love. You've worked hard to achieve your accomplishments and reach your goals. Always know how very much you're loved and how very proud we are of you. Our prayer for you is that our Heavenly Father will always guide you, protect you, and lead you where He wants you to go.

With Our Love Forever,
Dad, Mom, Ronda, and
Michael

Shannan,

We are so proud of our beautiful daughter. You are our happiness and my best friend. You are in our dreams of tomorrow, our sweet dreams of the past. May all you wish for come true.

Love,

Mom & Dad



Congratulations on a job well done. Best Wishes in all you do.

Love,

Dad, Mom,

Cieson, and Cabal



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Congratulations, Laura. We are so proud of you.

With all of our love,
Dad, your mother in Heaven,
Susan, Katie, John,
Grandma and Papa Hoagland,
and Nanna



Genea,

After ten long years of prayers God answered and gifted us with you. Every day has been so special. We love you so much. Remember, all your dreams are just a moment away. Always be happy.

Love,

Dad and Mom



SHAVONNE,

IT SEEMS LIKE A SHORT TIME AGO YOU STARTED KINDERGARTEN, AND NOW YOU ARE GRADUATING. WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU AND HOPE ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. WE LOVE YOU.

MOM, DAD & RON



Carrie,

You are our Sunshine. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Jessica, Andrew, Addie

Dusty -- The song lyrics "Mama don't let your babies grow up to be Cowboys" will always remind us of you. You have grown into a wonderful, well-respected young man. We're very proud of you & all your accomplishments. Don't dream your dream -- live it! And always remember money can't buy happiness or success, but your faith in God as a Christian Cowboy will give you everything you need throughout eternity. God Bless you --as He blessed us with you!

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, & Cody





*Your little-girl years
were a magical
time. . .
Each day brought
new excitement and
fun,
and watching you
discover the world
around you was a
delight.
It was easy to tell --
even back then --
what a beautiful
person you were
going to become. . .*

*We'll love you for-
ever, Aubrey.
God Bless You,
Mom and Dad*



Missi,
Congratulations! Words could never explain how proud
of you I m. I look at you and wonder where all the time
went. Just yesterday you were my little sweetpea,
and now you're all grown up -- ready to face the world
on your own. You are an absolute joy in my life. I have
been truly blessed.

I love you,
Mom

P.S. I love you Sis!
Love, Jake



*Out there in the "real world"
you'll do just fine
if you pay attention to detail
and meet each deadline.
And remember -- you heard it first in Pub!
Smiles -- Mrs. Doennig*



*Tony the Tiger and his friends
have moved on, and so have you,
but it's nice to look back on good
times in Room 1. . . .*

Best Wishes to you all!

Mrs. (Michael) Hughes

Q. If you could create your own organization what would it be

A. **S T A - Save The Animals**

N S O S S D - National Society of Organized Senior Skip Days

D F P - The Diamond Fashion Police

F D N A - Future Difference Makers of America

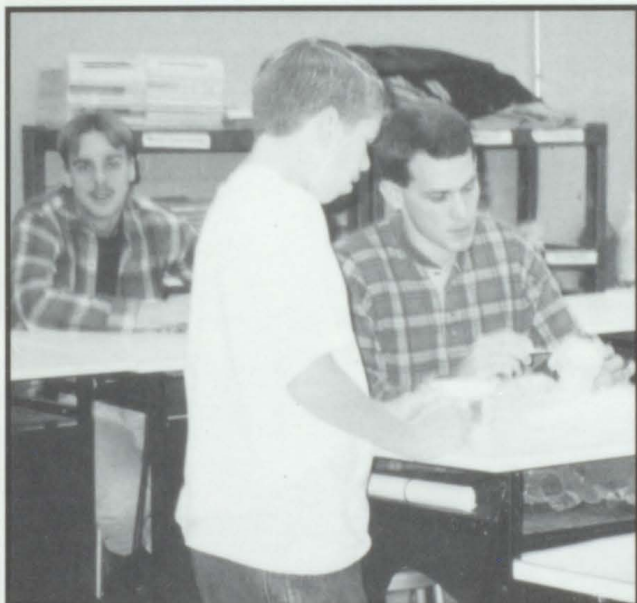
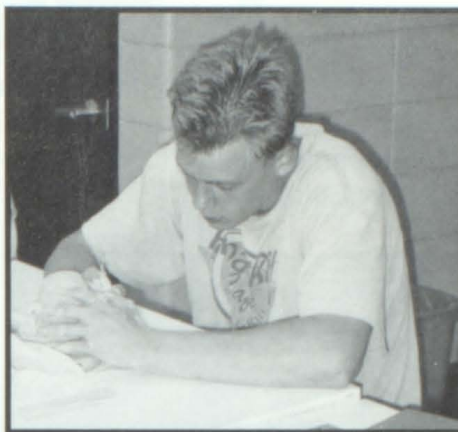


Organizations

Beau Johnson finishes his "Koby Bryant" picture. Johnson won several awards in the Diamond art show.



Marty Cendroski works on his clay sculpture, a year-long project.



Above Left: After the art I and II students finished their clay statues, they were exhibited in the "Hall of Fame" display case.

Above: Josey Long works on "The Hulk," trying to finish in time for the art show. Although "The Hulk" didn't place, Long recieved a 4th place ribbon for his "Popeye" copper tooling.

Jonathan Comer learns about the proper way to sculpt from instuctor Dustin Miller while Bruce Stoops looks on for possible pointers.

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Front: Rebecca Simms, Holly Brasier, Vicki Pennington, Jeannette McLeod, Katie White, Wendy Harrell, Alisha Holland, Cindy Baker; middle: Serena Sullenger, Bruce Stoops, Nathan Arnold, Zach Grube, Jeriney Fulcher, Jonathan Comer, Cole Vittetoe, Rocky Binning, Amanda Garoutte; back: Amber LaFleur, Lance Piatt, Daniel Wood, Ron Niedert, Andrew Jinks, Laney Williams, Hilary Alter, Linda Bullette, Matt Alford, Becky Stripling.



Legacy performs at Northpark Mall in Joplin. They are singing a Christmas medley in the Famous Barr court.



Front: Aubrey Powers, Shannan Carey, Missi Tichenor, Amber Ward; middle: Holly Brasier, Jeriney Fulcher, Stephanie Busse; back: Casi Wintgens, Whitney Pugh, Tiffany Danner, Alisha Holland.



music department



Choir: Front: Carrie Whitehead, Mischa Admire, Holly Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Laura Chimero, Casi Wintgens, Mary Carr; middle: Amber Beyersdorfer, Missi Tichenor, Amber Ward, Ashley Bridges, Vicki Pennington, Serena Sullenger, Amanda Nicholas, Amber LaFleur, Wendy Harrell; back: Jason Kimmons, Brandon Soper, Chris Patterson, Thomas Hasler, Josh Merriman, Travis Heckmaster, Rocky Pennington.



Show Choir: Front: Amber Ward, Sherri Mathews; middle: Rocky Pennington, Rachel Arnold, Eric Smith, Hollie Brasier, Jeff Rowe; back: Missi Tichenor, John Riediger, Jeremy Maples, Jeriney Fulcher.



Cathy Holt, director, leads the band during the winter concert. The band played "Jingle Bell Rock," "Joy to the World," and "Ding Dong Merrily on High." The marching band participated in 13 parades throughout the year.

speech

Below and right: The all-school play, "The Pink Panther Strikes Again," was a comedy about Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau who fights for his life and for the future of all mankind in some of the most bizarre ways.

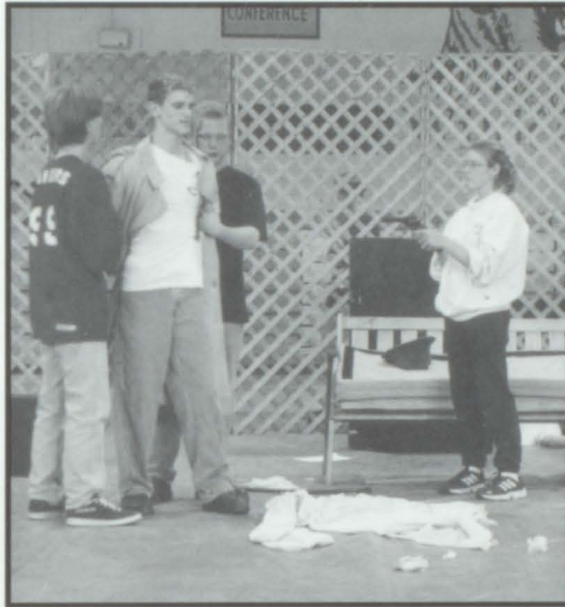


Above and right: "When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet," was the one act play the Drama department took to contests. It was a play about what it would be like if the female characters from several of William Shakespeare's plays met. In Juliet's garden, they give her advice about men and about Romeo, but the tables turn and Juliet ends up giving the other ladies some advice.





Each year the Drama classes perform plays in front of the student body, that the students have directed and participated in themselves. The plays were like a final grade in the class. This year there were six class plays. The plays were, "Pals," "Queen of the Silent Scream," "You Can't Get There From Here," "Faith County II," "Murder Well Rehearsed," and "Good-bye to the Clown."



National Forensic League: front: Tim Admire, April Jones, Michelle Chaney, Sarah Clouse, Jason Sanders; middle: Jenni McCoy, Kristen Landreth, Jessica Groves, Cieson Culp, Tammy Smith; back: Rachel Arnold, Mischa Admire, Carrie Whitehead, Laura Davis, Carrie Garrison.

publications

Carrie Whitehead: "Being in Publications has been a great experience. I've learned leadership skills and how much time goes into putting a year-book together."

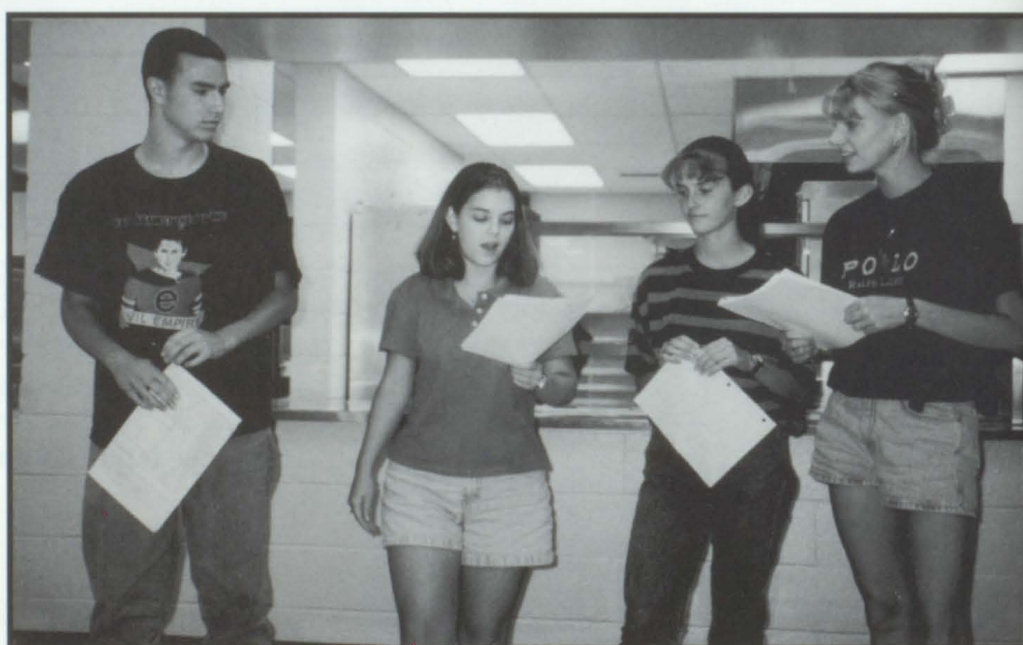
Rachel Arnold: "Deadline is a word that you never really know the meaning of until you are in Publications."

Rori Bullis: "Publications was a great learning experience with stressful deadlines, but I'm ready for next year!"

Carrie Whitehead, Genea Hoyer, Rachel Arnold, Missi Tichenor, Tiffany Lindsay, Crystal Doyle, and Wendy Bryan practice creating pages with Tom Shields, yearbook representative, at a camp in Frontenac sponsored by Jostens Publishing Co.



Brandon Soper, Rachel Arnold, Wendy Bryan, and Missi Tichenor present the page the Publications staff created during camp. The assignment was to do a prom page with the theme: "A Night to Remember."





Front: Tiffany Lindsay, Rori Bullis, Stephenie Busse, Jennifer Badley, Kyley Isbell
back: Mischa Admire, Brandon Soper, Josh Danner, and Dotty Doennig, advisor, are dressed in black and gold for football homecoming spirit week. Students wear school colors to show support for their school on the final day of spirit week.



Above Left: Linda Bullette, Nicole Brandon, and Stephenie Busse work on layouts at the Joplin Publications camp.

Above Right: Jeriney Fulcher and Todd Meares work on the year-book royalty layout.



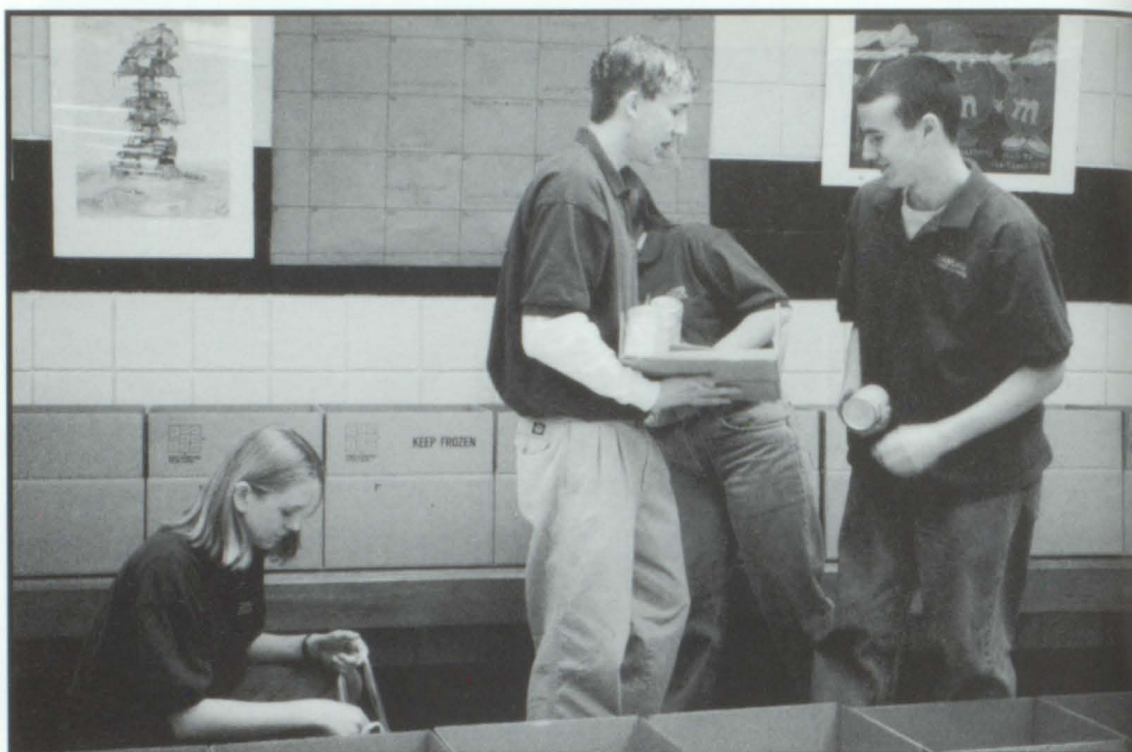
The publications staff always selects a new and/or different location for the group photo. The newly constructed two-story log cabin on county line provided an unusual background.

Student Council

Branden Huffhine, Jacob Harper, and Jacob Heppner give blood during "Bloodstock," the blood drive held by Student Council.

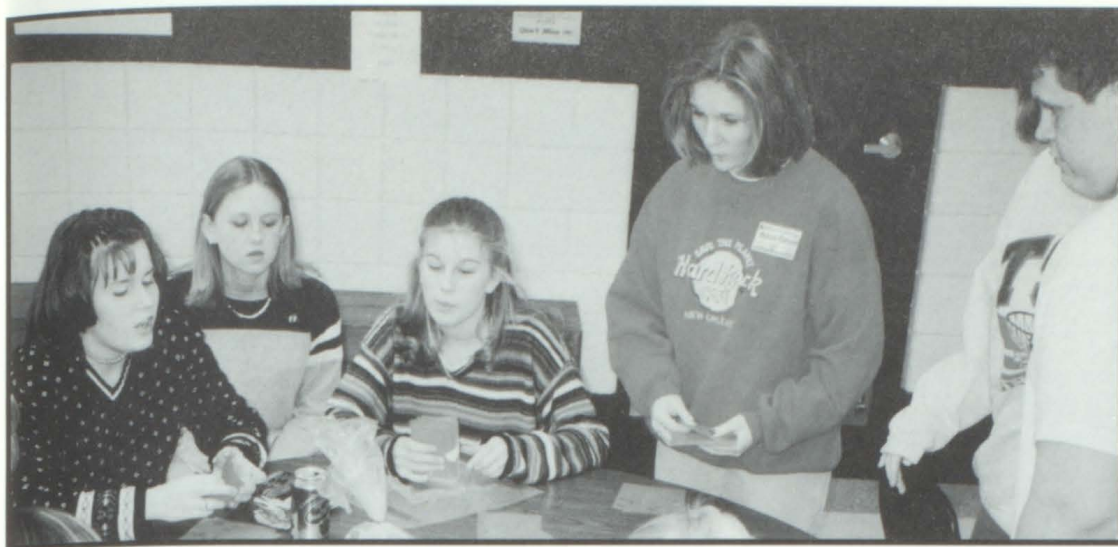


Christy Hartner, Cullun Culp, Hanna Lawson, and Brandon Soper box cans for the annual holiday food drive.



Front: Tyler Smith, V.P.; Jenni Badley, Pres.; Kyley Isbell, Sec.; middle: Stephenie Busse, Jeff Rowe, Cullun Culp, Brandon Soper, Mischa Admire; back: Adam Comer, Michael Badley, Lindsay Compton, Christy Hartner, Marty Reinhart, Brent Moser.





The student council raises money every year by selling candy grams. Students purchase candy grams which contain a sucker and a card for their friends. The candy grams are delivered on Valentine's Day during seventh hour.



Student Council serves food at the annual teachers' breakfast. Breakfast is served and a door prize is given to show appreciation for the faculty.

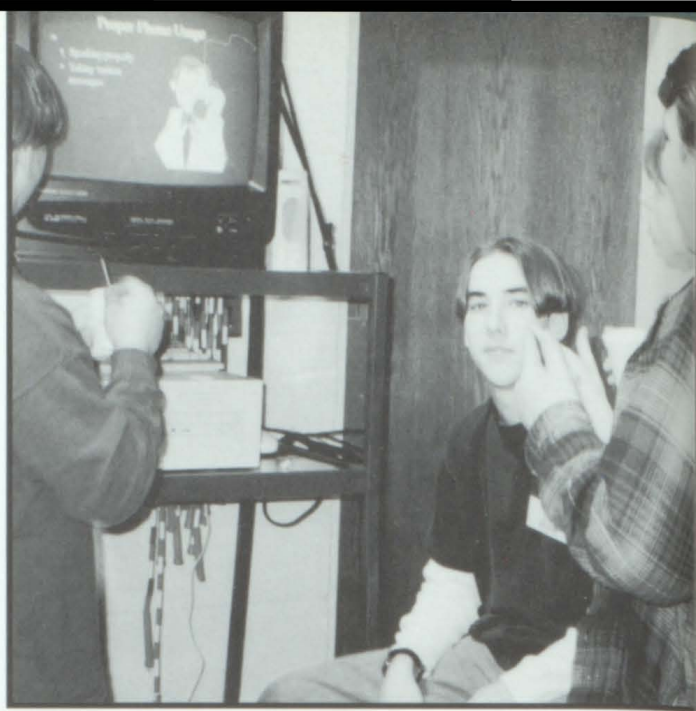


Stephenie Busse and Tyler Smith watch as Mrs. Aday draws for the door prize at the teachers' breakfast, a table centerpiece.



Shannon Caylor keeps Jessica Loyd company as Loyd donates to the blood drive. Sixty units of blood were given by the end of the day.

Jacob Heppner demonstrates a Power Point presentation at the Vocational Fair.



Amy Taylor and Bonita Taylor wait to take their next test at the Business Contest held at MSSC.



Front: Carrie Whitehead, Aubrey Powers, Diana Cokerham, Missi Tichenor, Amber Ward, Shannan Carey, Crystal Doyle; middle: Laura Davis, Tracy Youngblood, Cullun Culp, Josh Comer, Josey Long, Mike Shull; back: Bonita Taylor, Michael Badley, Dorothy Brown, Amy Taylor, Dustin Englehart.



At the officer induction ceremony, Cullun Culp lights the candle signifying his role as president. Other officers are: Missi Tichenor, secretary; Shannan Carey, historian; Mike Shull, parliamentarian.



Michael Badley, Diana Cokerham, Aubrey Powers, Crystal Doyle, and Laura Davis attend a before-school meeting. The discussion of the meeting was about the contests that were coming up.

ffa.



Carl Duquette, Travis Renburg, Hanna Lawson, and Laura Davis work at the plant science booth at the Vocational Education Fair.

Josh Harrison and Jeremy Nelson cook bacon at the teachers' breakfast.



Members of the Future Farmers of America



Jesse Bruce, Wade Rogers, Matt Vance, and Casey Donica transplant flowers in Greenhouse Management.

J-BAR-E LIVESTOCK

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Diamond MO 64840

future homemakers of america

Jennifer Goade, Casi Wintgens, Amanda Nicholas, and Amy Bishop explain FHA and child development at the annual vo-tech fair.

James Dillon and Travis VanWey were among the students who learned how to render lard.



Wendy Harrell, on behalf of the FHA, presents Nancy Smith with a doll that is in a wheel chair. Smith will use the doll to help teach her Sunday School class.



Front: Ben Carter, Wendy Harrell, Jennifer Goade, Christy Hartner; middle: Heather Hays, Amy Bishop, Alisha Holland, Vicki Pennington, Dorothy Brown, Jason Marney; back: Clarence Evans, Casi Wintgens, Sarah Clouse, Amanda Nicholas, Theresa Jensen, Keri Wintgens.

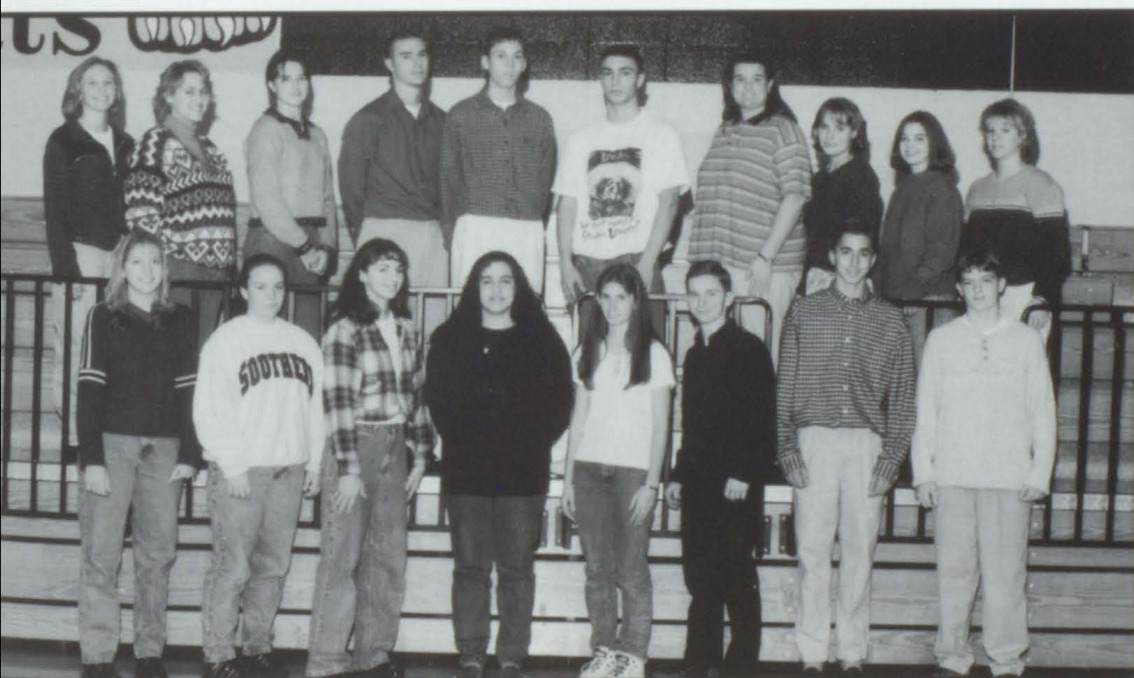


During Hi-STEP training, one of the activities in which the students participate is group discussion.



Alisha Holland reads the "IALAC" (I Am Lovable And Capable) story to Mrs. Gilbert's class.

Laura Davis explains the directions while Carrie Garrison waits to begin the activity.

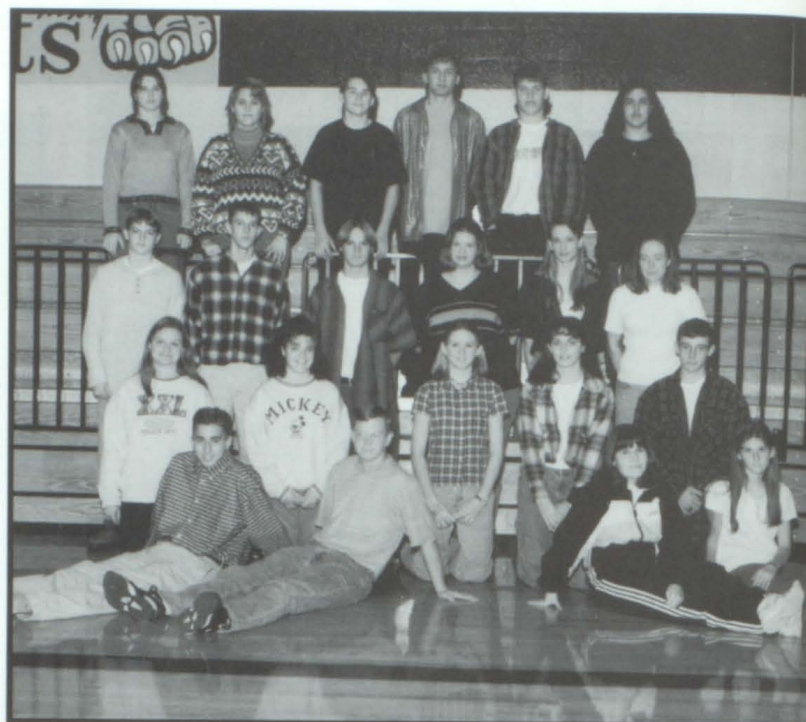


Front: Alisha Holland, Sammi Piatt, Amy Taylor, Rori Bullis, Wendy Bryan, Chris Wegrzyn, Tyler Smith, Marty Rinehart; back: Aubrey Powers, Kyley Isbell, Jenni Badley, Brandon Soper, Josh Comer, Josey Long, Laura Davis, Carrie Garrison, Rachel Arnold, Mischa Admire.

academic teams

Math League: Front: Tyler Smith, Nathan Arnold, Hanna Lawson, Wendy Bryan; second: Sara Foster, Holly Brasier, Christy Hartner, Amy Taylor, Ron Neidert; third: Matthew Whitely, Brent Moser, John Reidger, Bonita Taylor, Linda Bullette, Susan Piatt; back: Jenni Badley, Kyley Isbell, Todd Meares, Cullun Culp, Tim Admire, Rori Bullis.

Piatt, Culp, Lawson, and Whitehead contemplate the answer to a question.



Arnold, Chaney and Riediger prepare for a meet in Exeter. Both Varsity and J.V. defeated the Exeter Tigers.



Academic Quiz Team: front: Andrew Whiethead, Tyler Smith, Matthew Whitely, Sara Foster, Brent Moser; middle: Tim Admire, John Riediger, Nathan Arnold, Michelle Chaney, Amy Taylor, Wendy Bryan, Hanna Lawson; back: Mischa Admire, Rachel Arnold, Matt Vance, Cullun Culp, Carrie Whitehead, Susan Piatt.



Arnold, Riediger, Taylor, and Chaney work on a bonus question during a meet.



Admire and Culp listen to a question at Exeter.



Arnold, Riediger, Whitehead, and Bryan work on a math problem in a J.V. match.



Mischa Admire and Rachel Arnold listen to a problem at the meet with Verona. Varsity and the J.V. won their rounds.



Lawson, Culp, Admire, and Whitehead listen to a question in a match against Verona.

national honor society

Sara Clouse's mother pins her National Honor Society pin on her during the induction ceremony.



Front: Jeriney Fulcher, Rori Bullis, Wendy Bryan; middle: Aubrey Powers, Cullun Culp, Tyler Smith, Kyley Isbell; back: Jenni Badley, Rachel Arnold, Mischa Admire, Carrie Whitehead, Tracy Youngblood.

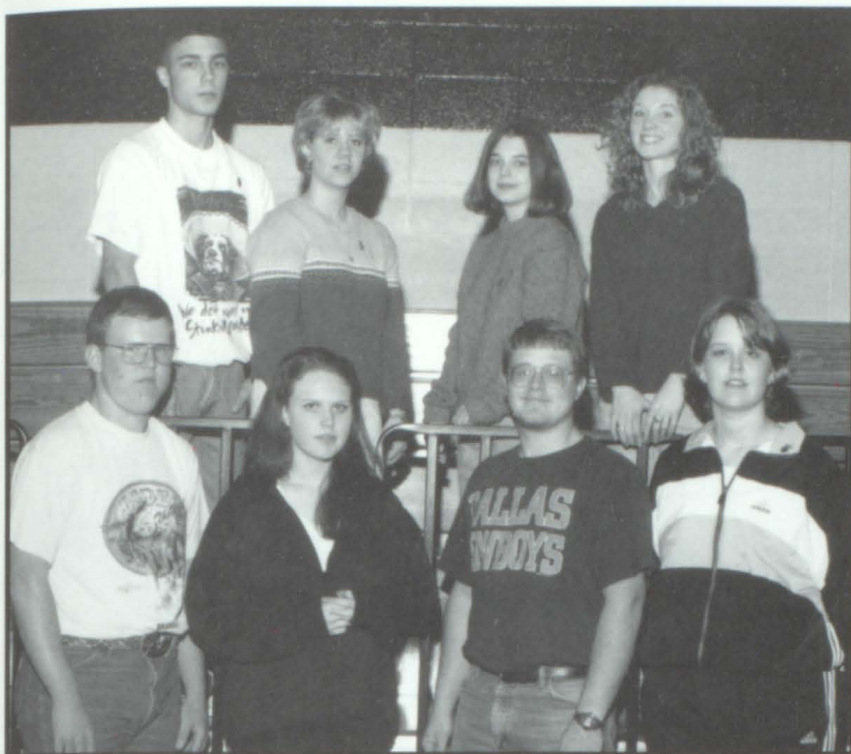
As she begins her speech, Carrie Whitehead lights the candle that represents service.



While they eat their cake and drink punch, Hanna Lawson, Tyler Smith, and Barbara Badley look at a display of pictures of National Honor Society students involved in various school activities.



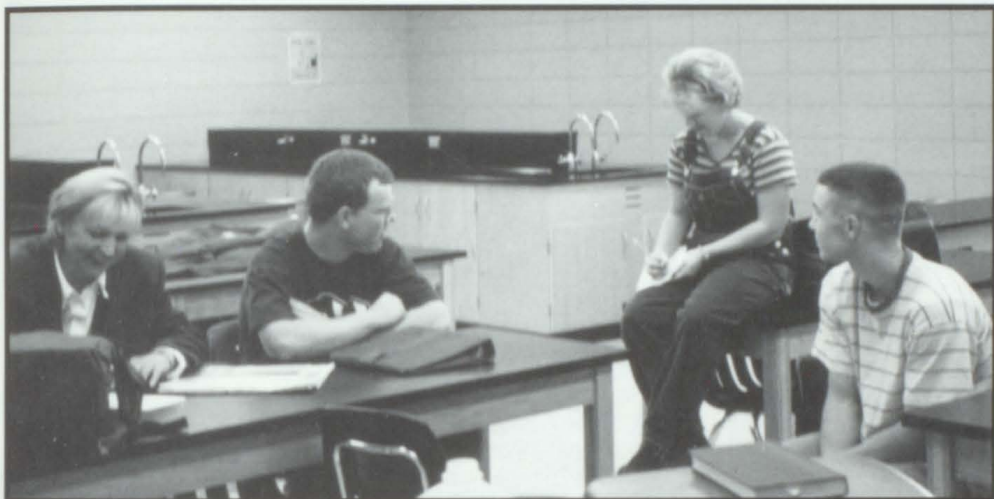
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Front: Josh Whiteley, Stephanie Cobb, Casey Simmons, Jeriney Fulcher; back: Josey Long, Mischa Admire, Rachel Arnold.



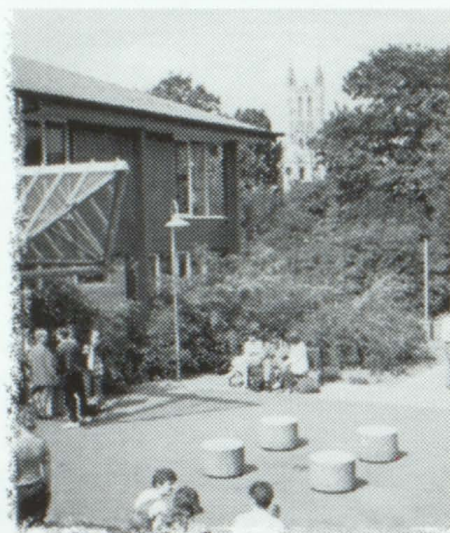
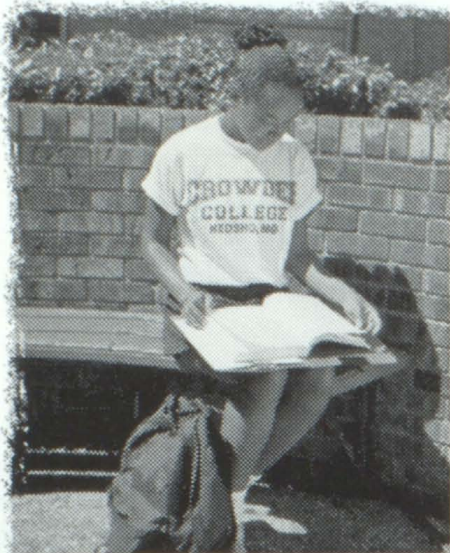
Long, Cobb, Whitehead, and Arnold discuss the district meeting at Republic High School. The students went to the meeting and shared their accomplishments with other chapters in the district. Josh Whiteley was elected parliamentarian for the district council.



Garrison, Simmons, Admire, and Long plan ways to encourage new members to join the newly formed FTA organization.



Cobb, Arnold, Admire, Simmons, and sponsors Rebecca Garrison and Janet Kirk discuss the plans for the elementary school's math and science night. Members created an academic bowl centered around math and science questions.



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Q. What's the most physically demanding sport
here in D-Town?

A. 33% - Basketball

32% - Football

21% - Cross Country/ Track



Sports

Hailey Housh finishes 1st with a time of 23:19 at the Diamond meet. Housh finished 11th at State.

"I sing to myself as I run, like maybe 'There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea.' It's silly, but it keeps me going."

-- Hailey Housh



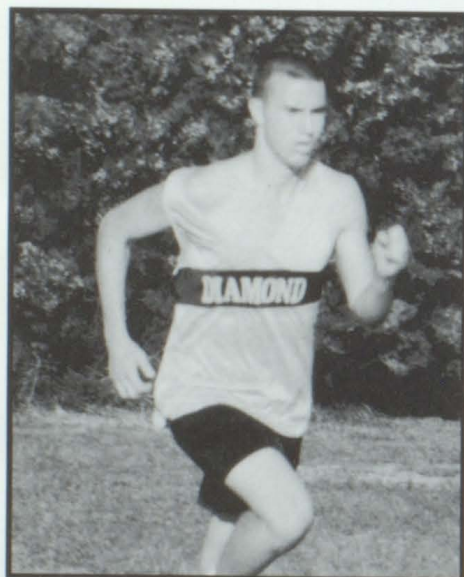
SCHEDULE

Sept 16	Monett
Sept 18	Wheaton
Sept 23	Nixa
Oct 2	Diamond
Oct 9	Conference
Oct 11	Carl Junction
Oct 16	Southwest
Oct 23	Diamond
Oct 27	Wheaton
Nov 1	District
Nov 8	State

Brent Moser "closes the gap" between himself and the Purdy runner. Moser finished 22nd with a time of 19:45.



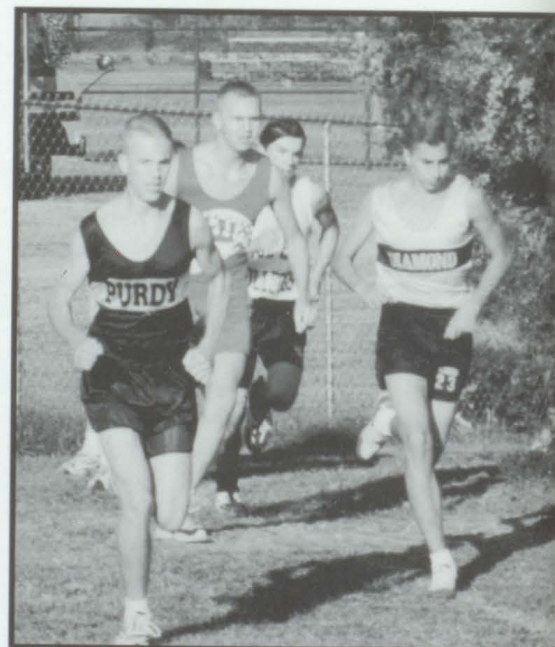
Marty Cendroski pulls in front of Wheaton's runners to finish 14th in the J.V. competition.



Finishing 25th in the boy's varsity run with a time of 21:48, Brandon Soper pulls ahead of the pack.

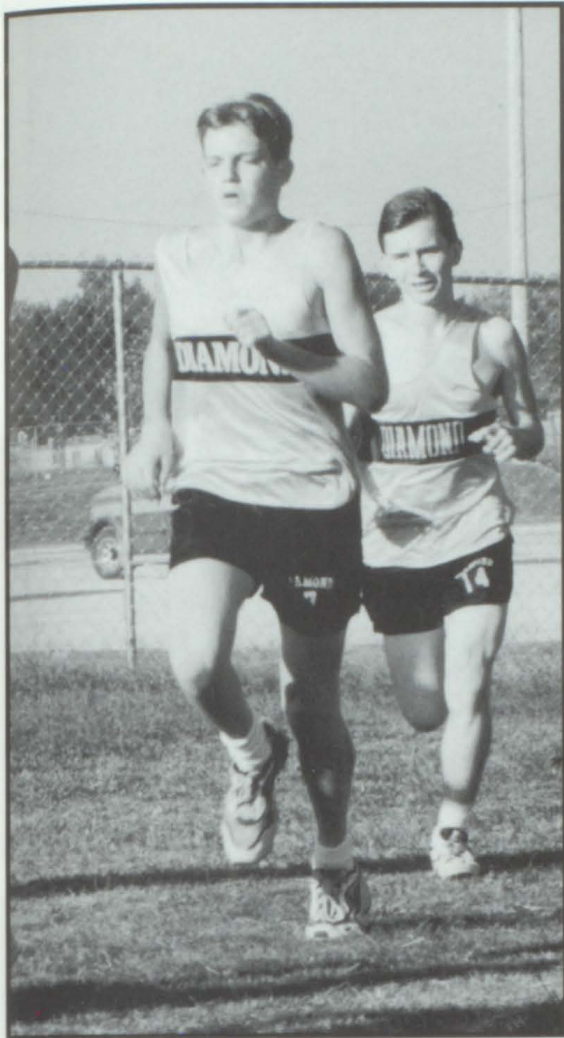


During the Diamond Invitational, Josh Comer leads the pack, closely followed by John Riediger. Comer finished 6th with a time of 22:41, and Riediger finished 10th with a time of 23:50 during the J.V. meet.



Tyler Smith passes an opponent at the beginning of the Diamond Invitational. Smith finished 11th with a time of 20:35. Diamond's Varsity team finished 3rd.

Cross Country



Marty Rinehart and Chris Wegrzyn pace themselves shortly after the start of the Diamond J.V. competition. Wegrzyn placed 15th and Rhinehart finished 33rd. The J.V. team placed 3rd.

Before the start of Districts, the boys' team performs a series of stretches and warm ups.



Front: Brent Moser, Wendy Bryan, John Riediger, Hailey Housh, Zach Waddell; back: Marty Rinehart, Chris Wegrzyn, Stephen Busse, Josh Comer, Brandon Soper, Cullun Culp, Tyler Smith, Marty Cendroski, Andrew Jinks.

volleyball

Jenni Badley makes a set to the outside hitter while two opposing players wait to block.

Susan Piatt, Crystal Long, Jenni Badley, Rori Bullis, and Christy Hartner set up to serve receive. Long and Bullis were the two main passers in this game. Badley waits behind Long until the ball is served to go set.



Susan Piatt attempts to "dig" the ball while Rori Bullis waits to help.

Amy Taylor spikes the ball while Jenni Badley, Rori Bullis, and Christy Hartner back her up with coverage.

Front: Crystal Long (V), Lindsey Compton (JV), Jessica Groves (JV), Amy Taylor (V); middle: Christy Hartner (V), Ashley Bridges (JV), Rori Bullis (V), Ashley Jackson (JV), Kristi Divine (JV); back: Coach Bill Presley, Jenni Badley (V), Kyley Isbell, Mgr., Susan Piatt (V), Bonita Taylor, Mgr.



Rori Bullis approaches to hit on the assist from Jenni Badley. Christy Hartner is covering Bullis' hit attempt.



Crystal Long attempts to serve.



Amy Taylor and Susan Piatt wait to hit while Jenni Badley attempts to set. Coach Presley and the team look on from the bench.

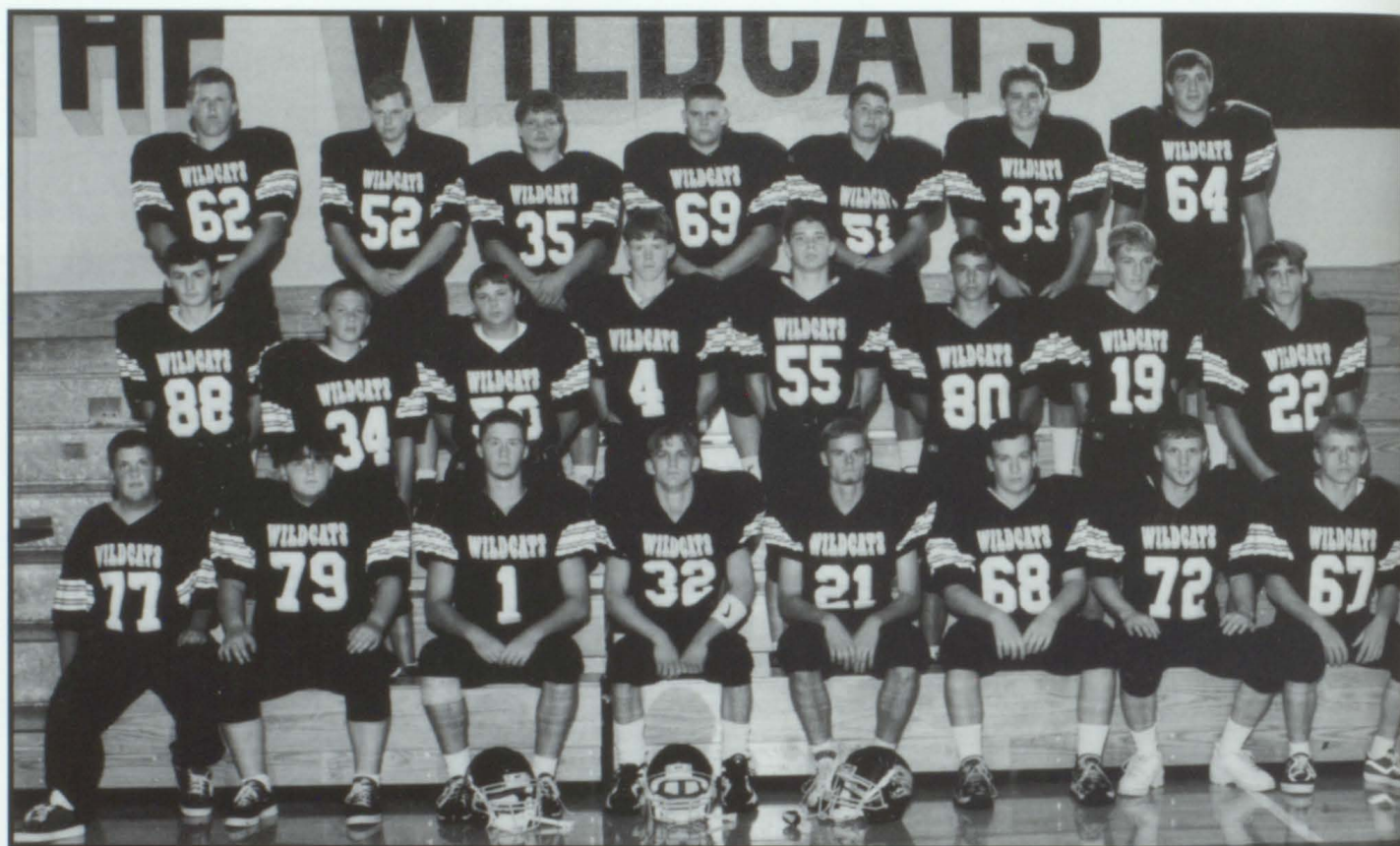


football

Andrew Whitehead throws himself into a defensive play.



Josh Merriman (1) runs a sneak as halfback Manny Long (22) and fullback Matt Vance (32) block.



Front: Travis Heckmaster, Joe Swofford, Josh Merriman, Matt Vance, Beau Johnson, Lance Piatt, J.R. Maggard, Tyler Bunn; middle: Clarence Evans, Jace Harris, Ben Carter, Wade Kinney, Brian Moore, Trevor McMullen, Andrew Whitehead, Manny Long; back: Josh Whiteley, Nathan Arnold, Chad Shelton, Allie Modlin, Jake Merriman, Michael Badley, Brett Vaughn.



Beau Johnson runs the football at the Stockton game as a defender attempts to tackle him. Johnson had three tackles and three yards for the game.

Fullback Matt Vance prepares to block for the run. Quarterback Josh Merriman steps back to give the handoff as the offensive line initiates a block.



Josh Merriman attempts a pass for the Wildcats at the Stockton game. Merriman completed two passes against Stockton.



Wildcats scramble to tackle the Ash Grove receiver. Michael Badley makes the tackle as Trevor McMullen runs in to help stop the Pirates. Badley had two receptions for a total of 20 yards.

cheerleading

The cheerleaders spend time decorating for homecoming. The theme was "Secret Garden."



Sally Radlund, Nicole Brandon, and Hanna Lawson perform their routine for basketball homecoming.

Front:: Nicole Brandon, mascot Jeriney Fulcher, Sally Radlund; back: Cieson Culp, Sarah Clouse, Hanna Lawson.

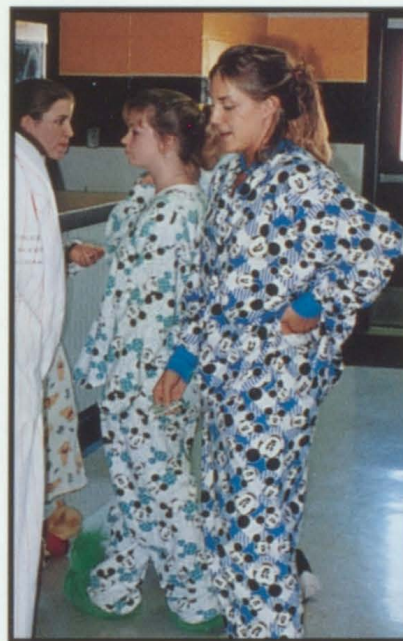


football homecoming '97 -- spirit week



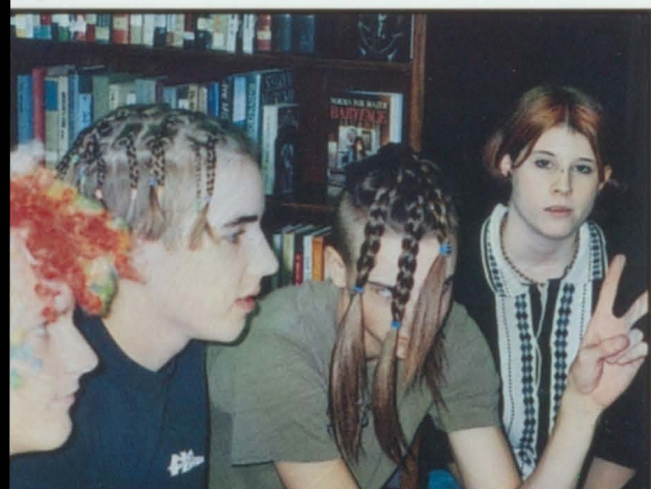
Black & Gold Day: Diana Cokerham, Shannan Carey, Aubrey Powers

Homecoming assembly: Marty Cendroski, Kristi Divine, Josh Danner, and Roxi do the hula



Hippie Day: front: Brandon Soper, Matt Alford; back: Nina Jordan, Stephanie Taylor, Laney Williams

Come As You Are Day: Jessica Davis, Nicole Brandon, Crystal Long



Funky Hair Day: Nathan Cunningham, Jacob Heppner, Tom Jump, Jackie Soper

Work Uniform Day: Shannon Caylor

football homecoming night -- oct. 3

Manny Long rushes for more yardage against Miller.



The theme, "ALOHA," is especially appropriate because of the unusually warm weather. Josh Merriman and Beau Johnson are the first to charge through the spirit hoop.



A familiar slow song draws couples to the floor during the homecoming dance.



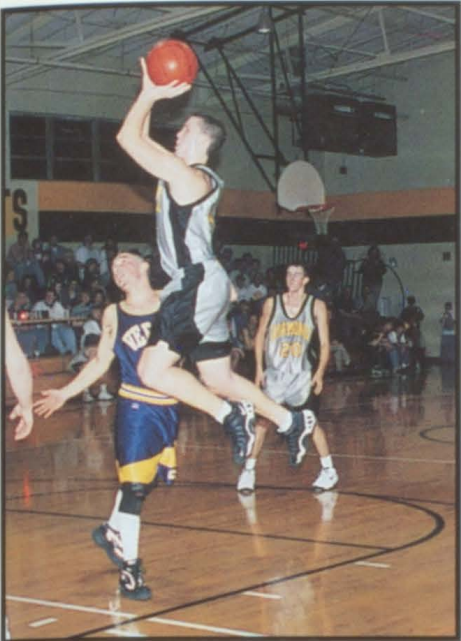
Above: Homecoming Royalty: Queen Jenni Badley, sr; back: Carrie Whitehead, sr; Crystal Long, soph; Carrie Foster, fr; Jessica Lloyd, jr.



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Josh Merriman jumps and shoots for two during the game against Verona. Diamond won the varsity game 49 to 47.



Seated: Holly Johnson, fr; Christy Hartner, soph; Queen Hailey Housh, jr; Diana Cokerham, sr; Genea Hoyer, sr; escorts: Michael Badley, fr; Matt Maxwell, soph; Tyler Smith, jr; Beau Johnson, sr; Josh Merriman, sr.



A popular song brings everyone to the dance floor.



Tyler Smith goes up for a shot against the Verona Wildcats as Joey Petty prepares to blockout for the rebound.

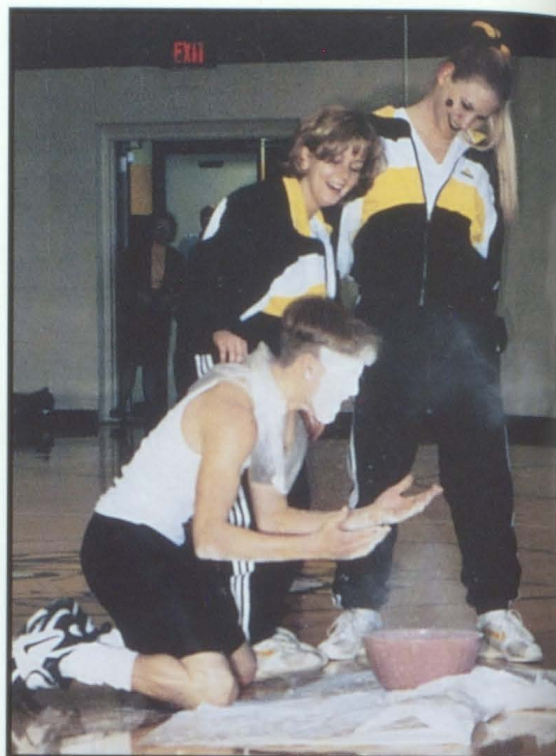
basketball homecoming night -- jan. 30

basketball homecoming '38 -- spirit week

"Faculty in Black" - teachers dress for Twinkie Day during Spirit week.



Manny Long attempts to retrieve lifesavers from a bowl of powdered sugar.



Senior boys show their spirit on Twinkie Day as they dress in white tees and backwards jeans.



Seniors pump up for the game with the senior chant at the pep assembly.





The squad tries a basket toss at the pep assembly for basketball homecoming.



The cheerleaders end their dance for football homecoming with a formation.



Doing the can-can at a football game occupies the squad, and gives them a change from cheering for the players.



Brandon, Radlund, and Clouse hand out spirit bags to the basketball players and coaches.

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basketball

It's the first day of practice and everybody is ready to start basketball season again. The whole team is ready and willing to go through many sacrifices, such as long practices, wind sprints, suicides, and the dreaded nets, to win what some people call a meaningless game. The team is starting the first day of a four month journey. Where you will feel the best you ever have and the worst you ever have. But, still everyone who can take it is on varsity, junior varsity, or the freshman team. After a couple of weeks of practice is under our belt, we start to play the games that the people want to see. They might laugh at or heckle us, but they don't know what we have been through.

Throughout the season, a person may go through many different kinds of pain. There is the exhaustion of a long practice or a tough road game. There are bruises that come from the banging against a variety

of people for a four month period. Also the injuries and learning to play through the worst pain of all, failure to complete all of the team's goals.

Now we are deep into our season and we have experienced the best times together, winning close games and playing great team basketball. But there are still times when we play horrible or when we lose the close game, that we want to get right back out there and try it again.

Personal accomplishments are what the fans, the media, and some other people see, but to our team, we are all headed in one direction and that is to the top. We are going to work as hard as we can to pursue our goal to win conference and districts, and then give it all we have until some team is good enough to take that away from us.

-- Tyler Smith

Josh Merriman goes in for a lay-up while Jeremy Griffitt and Matt Whiteley take rebounding positions against the Seneca defenders.



"The season was a perfect exercise for expressing our hopes to grow and become, growing from the reality of the heart"

-Marty Cendroski



"Great year for trying to rebuild the program. I feel like we're back on the right track."

-Bill Presley



Varsity: front: Marty Rhinehart, Jeff Rowe middle: Michael Badley, Josh Merriman, Matt Whiteley, Levi Welde back: Brent Moser, Tyler Smith, Beau Johnson, and Joey Petty.



Josh Whiteley goes into the lane for the board shot, while Beau Johnson, Brent Moser, and Josh Merriman go in for the rebound.

Beau Johnson skies above the Verona defenders while going up for the lay-in and Matt Whiteley takes rebounding position.



Tyler Smith squares up for the three-pointer while Josh Merriman sets a screen on the Exeter defender.



Junior Varsity: front: Jason Brown, Marty Rhinehart, Josh Whiteley; middle: Jeff Rowe, Levi Welde, Jeremy Griffith, Brian Moore; back: Matt Maxwell, Michael Badley, and Andrew Whitehead.



□ "It was a long and painful season, but in the end it was worth it."

-Beau Johnson



□ "It was a great season, we accomplished a lot."

-Josh Merriman

Varsity: front: Jenny Soper, Lacey Sparlin (mgr), Crystal Long; middle: Amy Taylor, Susan Piatt, Jenni Badley, Rori Bullis; back: Coach Ron Badley, Laura Chimero, Ashley Jackson, Carrie Foster, Diana Cokerham (mgr).



Junior Varsity: front: Carrie Foster, Laney Williams; middle: Ashley Jackson, Hilary Atler, Ashley Bridges; back: Lacey Sparlin (mgr), Coach Dustin Miller, Laura Chimero.



Jenni Badley shoots over Wheaton's Tracy Keel and draws the foul. Diamond won the game.



Hilary Atler attempts to inbound the ball as a McAuley opponent guards her pass.



basketball



Susan Piatt bursts through the spirit hoop to lead the team onto the floor before a game.



Rori Bullis and Amy Taylor play defense against a Thomas Jefferson opponent.

Carrie Foster prepares to shoot a lay up.

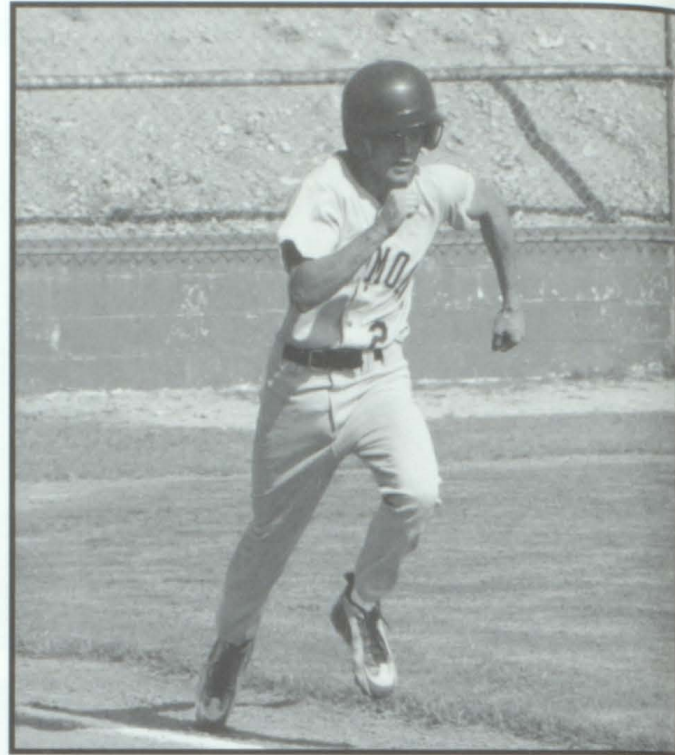
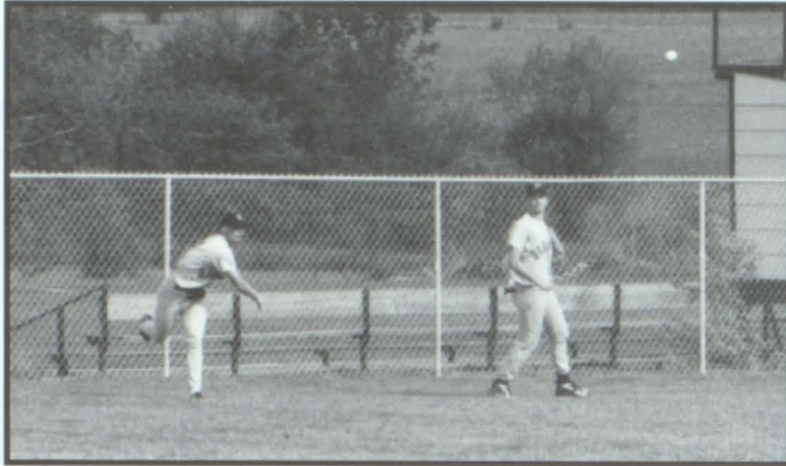


Coach Badley talks to Crystal Long about a play in the game. Ashley Jackson, Carrie Foster, and Laura Chimero also listen as they watch the game.

baseball

Manny Long heads toward first base after a hit.

Center fielder Beau Johnson throws the ball in after fielding a ball hit in the gap. Left fielder Josh Merriman watches.



Todd Meares connects in the Diamond-Jasper game.



Pitcher Brian Navarro throws against Jasper.



Front: Tim Admire, Ben Carter, Manny Long, Brian Navarro, Marty Rinehart, Eric Smith, Todd Meares; middle: Lance Piatt, Brett Vaughn, Josey Long, Tyler Smith, Wade Rogers, Nathan Arnold, Michael Badley; back: Wade Kinney, Beau Johnson, Joe Petty, Josh Danner, Josh Merriman, Andrew Jinks, Coach Frank Esposito.



Pitcher Brian Navarro attempts a pick-off play to first baseman Joe Petty. Petty tags the runner, but is too late to get the out.

Josey Long watches for the pitcher's pick-off move as he takes his lead off.



At the Jasper game Tyler Smith looks back a runner after a hit to the outfield.

Right Fielder Marty Rinehart runs down a fly ball.

Softball

Front: Jenni Badley, Christy Hartner, Lindsey Compton, Sammi Piatt, Ashley Bridges; middle: Kristi Divine, Rori Bullis, Jeriney Fulcher, Hilary Adler, Whitney Pugh, Nicole Brandon; back: Aubrey Powers, Wendy Harrell, Sara Foster, Carrie Foster, Jessica Groves.



Lindsey Compton, who plays second base, fields and throws the ball to first.

Aubrey Powers practices fielding a ground ball during warm-ups. Powers played shortstop.





Rori Bullis is in position to catch, but is denied the opportunity when the Miller player swings and hits. Bullis has caught for the Lady Cats for two years.



Sara Foster makes the throw to the infield as Carrie Foster backs her up.

Jenni Badley dives to catch a fly ball in left field.



Wendy Harrell pitches as Christy Hartner awaits a hit on first base. Harrell was the Lady Cats' main pitcher.

track & field

Hailey Housh leads off in the 3200 meter relay at Diamond. The team of Housh, Jenny Soper, Crystal Long, and Amy Taylor took first with a time of 11:32.16. They also came in second at Districts, breaking the school record.

Laney Williams clears a hurdle just ahead of teammate Amanda Mills. Williams' time of 21.49 won first place in the Ozark 8 meet. Mills won second place.



Front: Crystal Long, Amanda Mills; second: Jeremy Butler, Hailey Housh, Amy Taylor, Linda Bullette, Laney Williams, Stephen Busse; third: Zach Grube, Chad Shelton, Clarence Evans, Rori Bullis, Nathan Cunningham, John Riediger, Chris Wegrzyn; back: Coach Larry Cunningham, Adam Comer, mgr. Jason Richardson, Andrew Whitehead, Brandon Soper, Cullun Culp, Jesse Bruce, Matt Vance, Max Prier, Marty Cendroski, Tyler Bunn, Coach Robert Stephens.

Cullun Culp vaults over the bar at the Diamond Meet while Adam Comer waits to catch the pole. Culp finished in first place after clearing 9'. At Districts, he came in second place, qualifying for State.



Jesse Bruce concentrates on throwing the discus at the Ozark 8 meet. His best throw of the day was 74'2".



Far left: Cendroski begins his second lap in the 3200 meter. The team of Cendroski, Riediger, Wegrzyn, and Grube finished with a time of 10:20, winning 3rd.



Above: Taylor, who came in third in the event, prepares for her triple jump as Bullette watches. Bullette won the event with a jump of 29'8" and later placed first at Districts.

Left: Nathan Cunningham participates in the long jump while, in the background, Brandon Soper takes a break between events.

yearend awards

Matt Brand is congratulated for receiving the second highest score at a Business Law contest at MSSC.



Cullun Culp receives a certificate for placing tenth in the state in Business Calculation.



Art Awards: front: Cullun Culp, Genea Hoyer, Jesse Bruce, Matt Vance, Beau Johnson, Josey Long, Brad Leake; 2nd: Marty Rinehart, Brian Navarro, Joe Petty, Jason Bryant, Vicky Pennington, Marty Cendroski; 3rd: Brent Moser, Jeremy Griffitt, Tracy Youngblood, Matt Whiteley, Rocky Pennington; back: Shannan Carey, Stephenie Busse, Josh Bricker.



Top Art Award winners: front: Joe Petty (Pencil), Matt Vance (Copper Tooling); back: Jesse Bruce (Colored Pencil), Genea Hoyer (Painting). Petty recieved the grand prize overall.

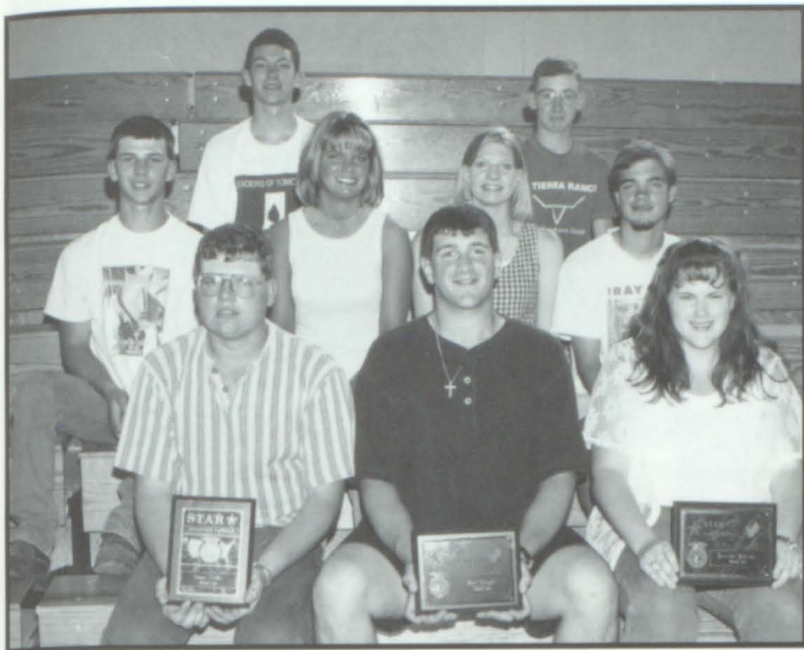


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FFA Awards: front: Dusty Tubbs, Brett Vaughn, Jennifer Johnson; middle: Carl Duquette, Genea Hoyer, Missi Tichenor, Jeremy Maples; back: Thomas Hasler, Ron Neidert.



Band members Jeriney Fulcher, Zach Grube, and Linda Bullette perform "Gavotte" at the Spring Music Concert. The trio received a one rating at District Music contest. They then recieved a one rating at State Music Contest, the highest rating possible.



At the annual Athletic Banquet, Jenni Badley recieves Most Valuable Player from Coach Bill Presley for her achievements in volleyball. Badley also received MVP in Softball, MVP in Basketball, the MSHSAA Award for "Citizenship through sports and fine arts initiative," and Overall Athlete of the year.

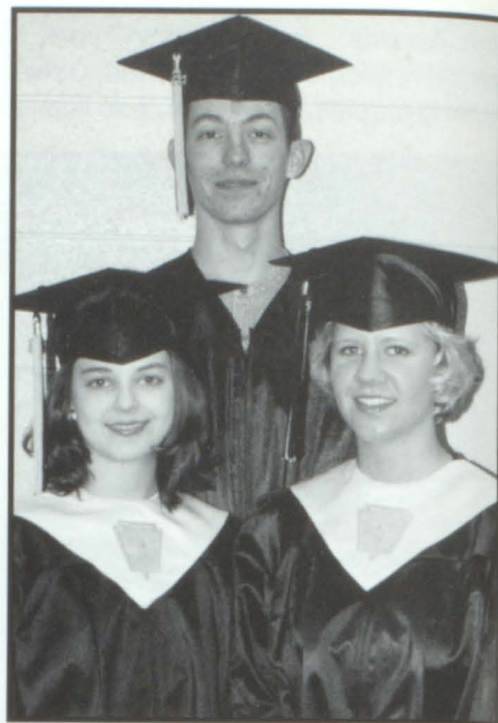
Athletic Awards: front: Jenny Soper, Rori Bullis, Crystal Long, Josh Merriman, Beau Johnson, Matt Vance; middle: Aubrey Powers, Jenni Badley, Hailey Housh, Amy Taylor, Lance Piatt; back: Joe Petty, Tyler Smith, Brent Moser, Chris Wegrzyn.



Carl Duquette receives the Outstanding Ag Mechanic award. Lance Massey, Vo-Ag instructor, presented the award.

Drama seniors: Rachel Arnold, Most Senior points; Mischa Admire, Coach's Award: Thomas Hasler, Novice Award.

New Degrees for Drama: Tim Admire, April Jones, Michelle Chaney, Sarah Clouse, Josh Danner, Cieson Culp.



Students who earned 25 points by participating in speech and debate contests became new members of the National Forensic League: April Jones, Jenni McCoy, Jackie Brummett, Tammy Smith, Jessica Groves.

Speech, Debate, and Drama Award Winners display their certificates and plaques.

For serving on Student Council, senior members Jenni Badley, Cullun Culp, Kyley Isbell, Brandon Soper, and Mischa Admire receive plaques. Along with the plaques, they also got to keep their Student Council shirts.





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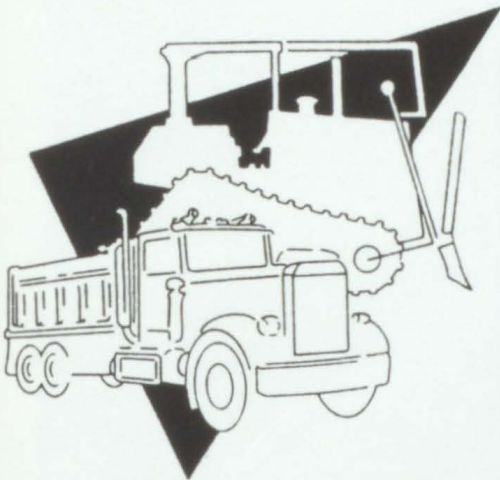
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Front: Tiffany Lindsay, Zach Grube, Chris Wegrzyn, Sara Foster, Stephenie Busse, Cindy Baker; 2nd: Tim Admire, Hanna Lawson, Todd Meares, Nicole Brandon, Jason Brown, Manny Long; Shannon Johnson, Hailey Housh, Rori Bullis, Matt Alford, Jeff Rowe; 3rd: April Jones, Daniel Wood, Travis Heckmaster, Hollie Brasier, Wendy Bryan, Tyler Smith, Linda Bullette, Joleen Butler, Rebecca Loyd, Bennie Malotte, Shannon Caylor, Stephanie Cobb, Ron Neidert, Stephen Busse, Jacob Harper; 4th: Cody Tubbs, Jeriney Fulcher, Branden Huffhine, Levi Gregg, Cameron Garoutte, Casey Donica, Dorothy Brown, Jason Bryant; top: Jeff Cook, Jessica Loyd, Wade Rogers.



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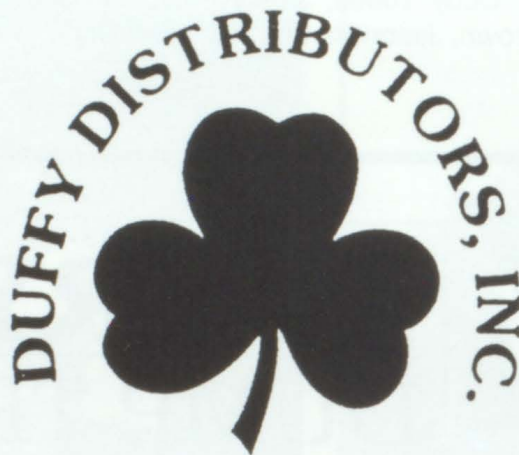


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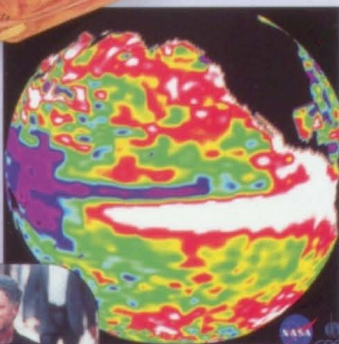
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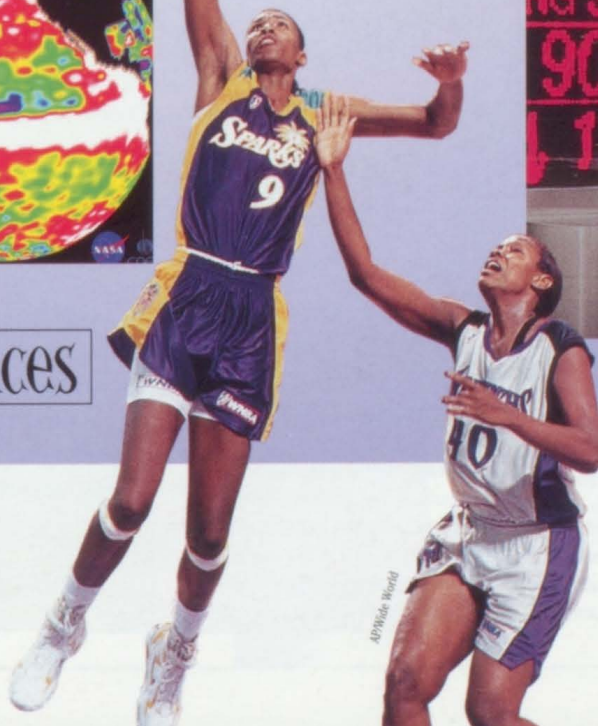


Faces



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Lifestyle



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World news



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- ▶ A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

- ▶ Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

Agence France-Presse



- ▶ Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



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- ▶ Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

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- ▶ Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



Savino, Sipa

- ▶ Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities.

The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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- ▶ The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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- ▶ After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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- ▶ Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

- President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.

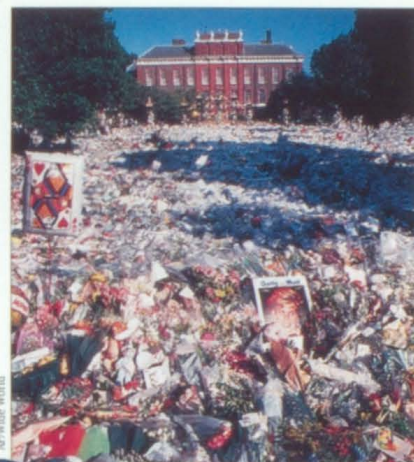


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Tim Graham, Sygma

- The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



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- One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

- At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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flash

- Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



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- In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

National news



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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.



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Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.

Brooks Kraft, Sigma



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.



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Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

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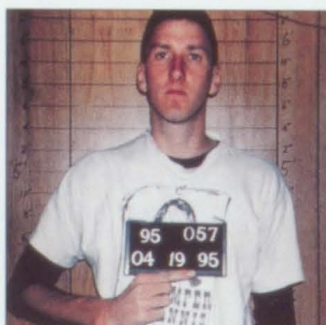
Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



AP/Wide World

Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.



Patrick Haggerty, Sigma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

▶ A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



Reuters/Archive Photos



▶ Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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▶ Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

▶ UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



AP/Wide World

▶ Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

Reuters/Archive Photos



▶ At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



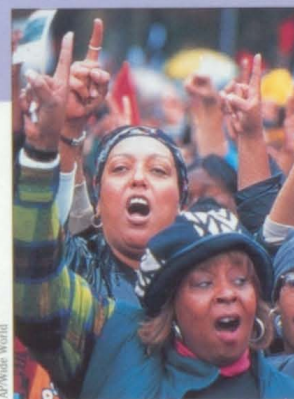
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▶ Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



AP/Wide World

▶ On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

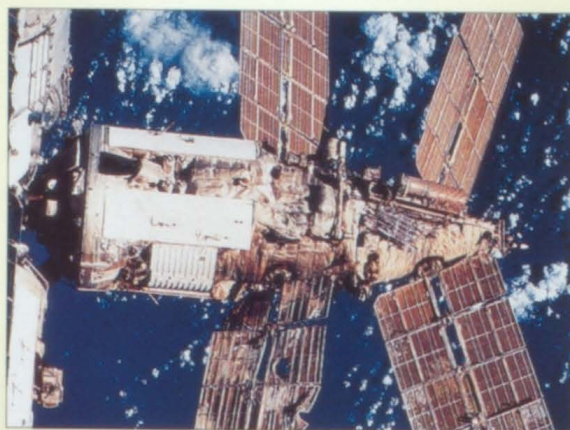
Science news



NASA

- ▶ Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

- ◀ Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.



NASA



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- ◀ In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

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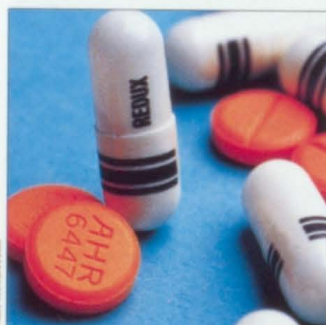
Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



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- ▶ Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Mendelsohn

- ▶ The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.

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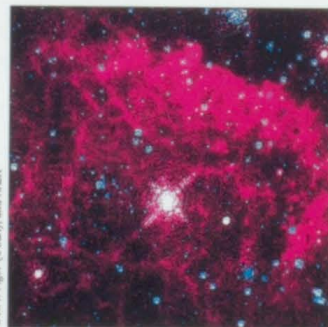


- ▶ For \$8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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- ▶ Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.



Don F. Figer (UCLA) and NASA

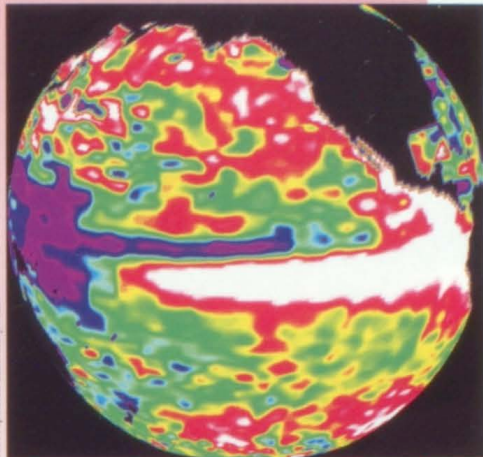
- ▶ Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

▶ Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

AP/Wide World



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA



▶ On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



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▶ El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



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▶ Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

▶ In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.

▶ The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



Premier Laser Systems, Inc.

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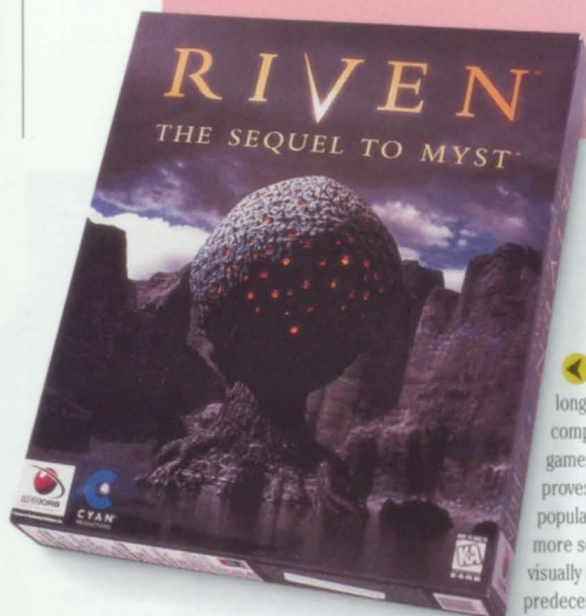
Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.



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▶ French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."



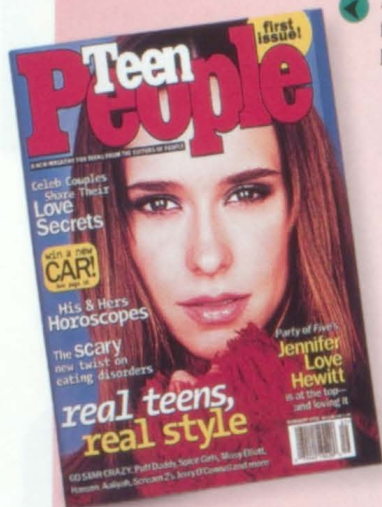
▶ Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to *Myst*, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

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TRENDS



Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



AP/Wide World



Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



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Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.



AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

Christian Dior

- ▶ The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors



Softer Hairstyle

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Smaller Hips



- ▶ A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



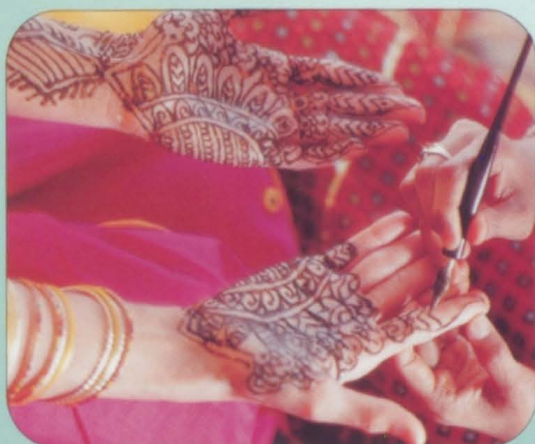
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- ▶ After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



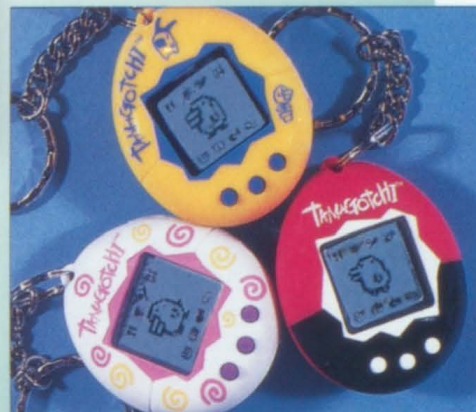
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- ▶ Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Karl Steinbrenner

- ▶ Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



- ▶ Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

B beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



- ▶ Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Risk and Boggle.

Entertainment news

ABC from the Kobal Collection



▶ ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.

▶ *The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star



Gino Milford, Shooting Star

▶ Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox from Shooting Star

▶ Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

▶ *Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



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▶ Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandala from the Kobal Collection



▶ Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

▶ Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

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Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



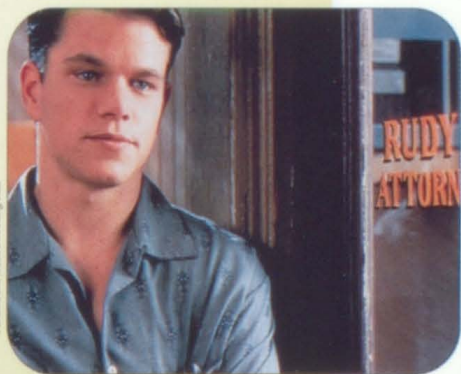
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Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.



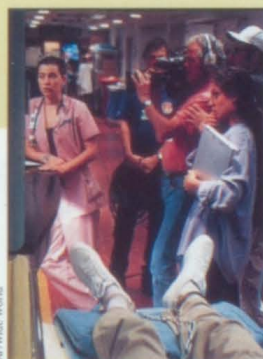
Columbia TriStar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

Tomorrow Never Dies, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

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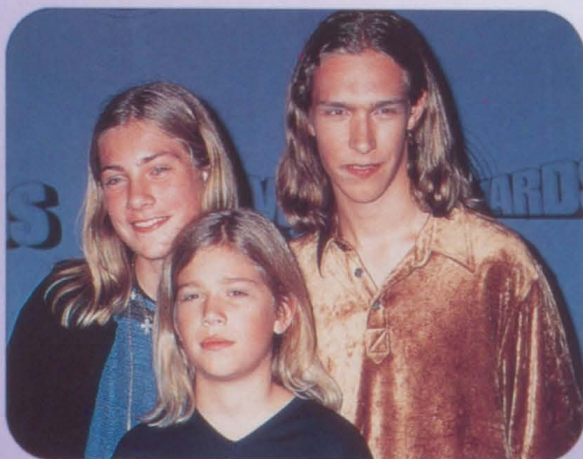


▶ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.



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▶ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.



Jay Blakesberg, Retna

▶ Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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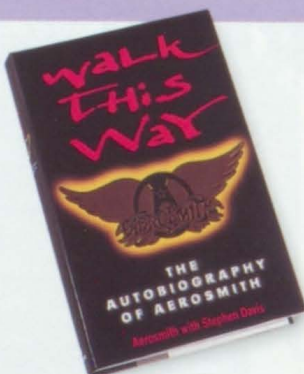
Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.

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▶ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.

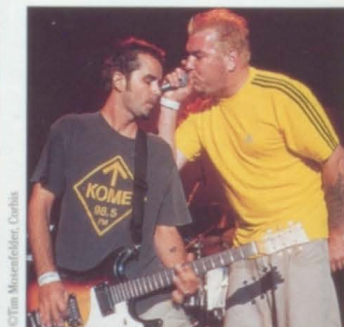


▶ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

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▶ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



▶ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

- British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

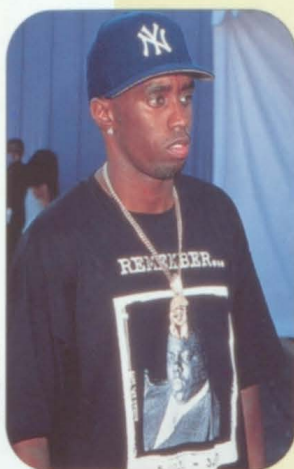
Ren Davis, Shooting Star



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- Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



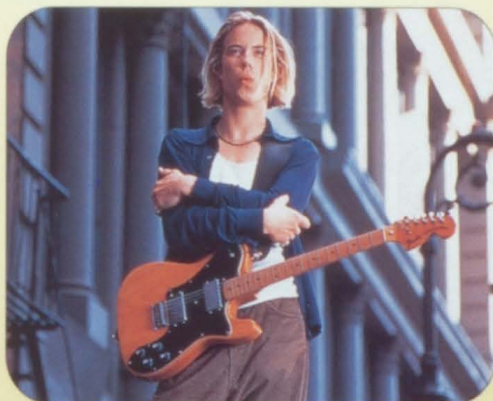
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- The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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- Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard's* blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.



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- Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

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- At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.

flash

Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

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- ▲ In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

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- ▲ The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

- ▲ Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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- ▲ Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.



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- ▲ Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.

flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

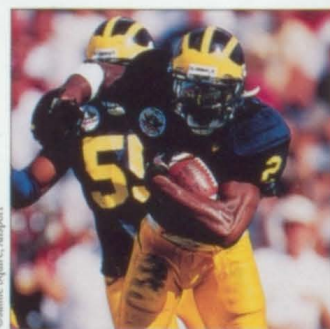


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- ▲ Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



- ▲ In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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- ▲ Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

- Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



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- The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

- When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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- Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

- Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.



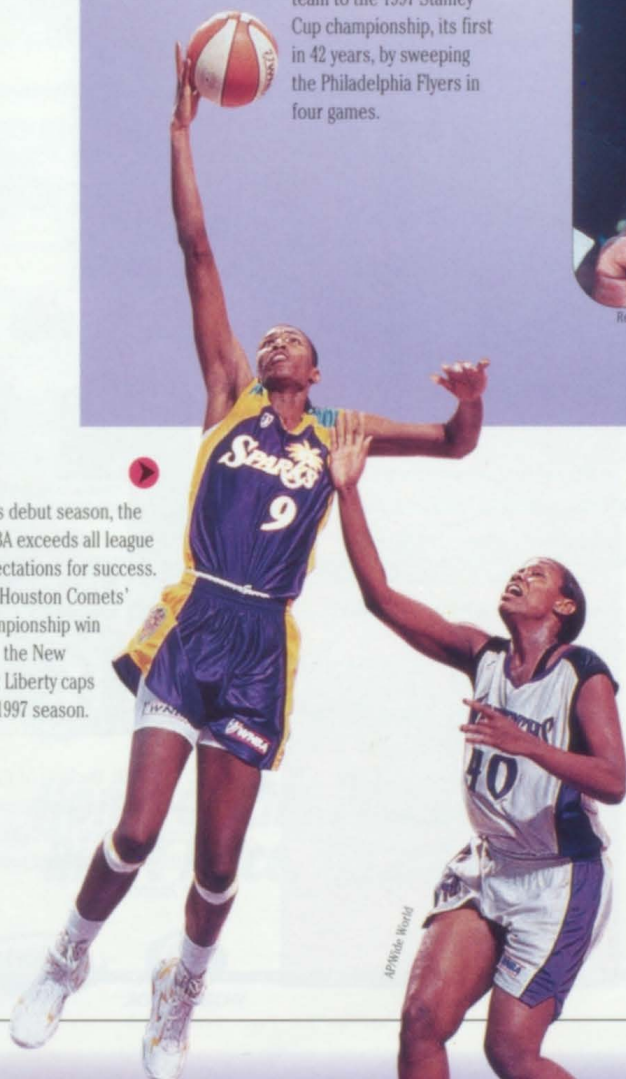
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Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.

In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.



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- Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

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- Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.



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- Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



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- For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

Shooting Star



- Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

- Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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- American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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- Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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- Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.



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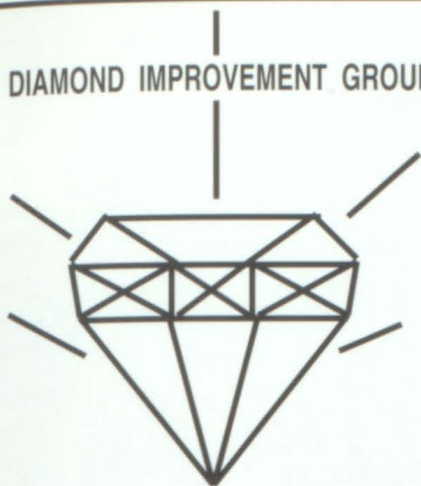
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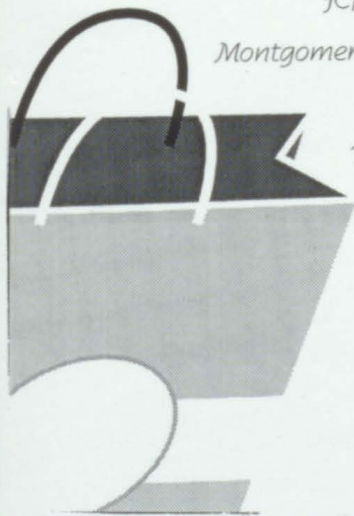
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Student council members Matt Compton and Matt Harp count money from a fundraiser.



Student Council:

front: Matt Harp (V-Pres), Matt Compton (Boy Rep), Skyler Powers (Pres), Casey Holland (Boy Rep) middle: Dezi Powers (Sec), Brittany Gilliam, Candace Clouse, Jessi Youngblood, Kara Malcolm; back: Karen Loewe (advisor), Jeri Rinehart, Ashley Parker, Stephanie Barwick, Merri Brummett (advisor)

middle school music

Show Choir: Skylar Powers, Jeri Rinehart, Dezi Powers, Zach Cope, Thereasa Stone, Terry Bessman, Jenna Holland, Seth Bingman, Tara Danner, Justin Taylor



The middle school choir gets some practice on the risers before a performance.



The choir performs at Northpark Mall during the holiday season.





The middle school band marches at the Diamond Christmas Parade.



Rebecca Riley, director, introduces the middle school band. The band performed at the Winter Concert.



Band members sported new uniforms for the year.

socials



Students sit out a dance and discuss the events of the night.

Couples dance to a slow song as the night comes to an end.



The macarena, a popular dance song, draws a large crowd to the dance floor.





Anna Greg, Addie Whitehead, and Jenna Holland make masks in Dustin Miller's first hour art class. The mask starts out as a balloon covered in paper mache. Then the balloon is cut in half, shaped, and painted.

Classrooms



Darrell Clark shows students stamps used to imprint their leather projects.



Linda James's students work on a book assignment in F.A.C.S.. The chapter was preparing for a sewing project.

sixth grade

Karen Loewe, English teacher, has Robin Bullis and Megan Taylor work on their assignments.

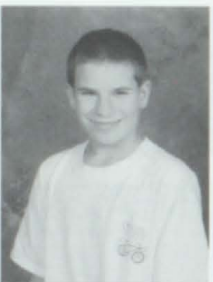


Sixth graders Frankie Stevens, Jason Little, Gary Harrall, and Mark Brasier participate in math class.



Science teacher Cheryle Straw answers questions from her students, Robin White and Ashley Beegle.

Krystle Allan
Stephanie Barnett
Eric Bateman
Ashley Beegle
Kristen Bishop
Chelsea Blizzard



T.J. Bowman
Andy Bradley
Mark Brasier
Sarah Branham
Alisha Brock
Ashley Brummett



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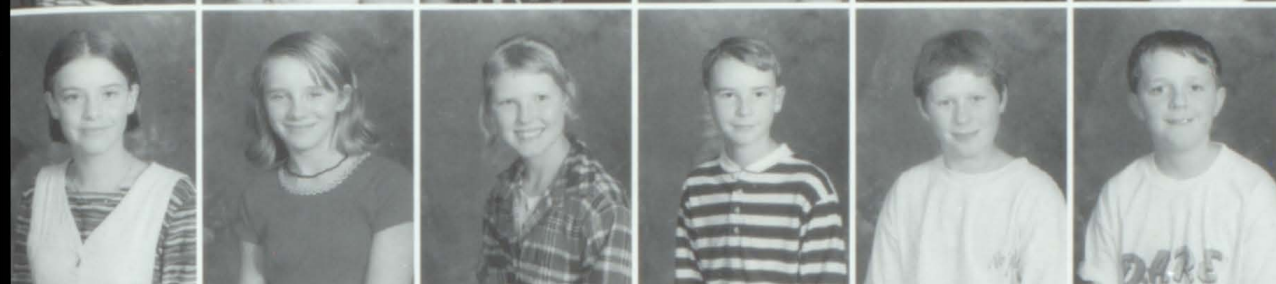




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Landon Dees
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Brittany Gilliam



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Sarah Hale
Gary Harrall
Dusty Hodson
Andrew Hoffman



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Brenda Leuellen
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David Long
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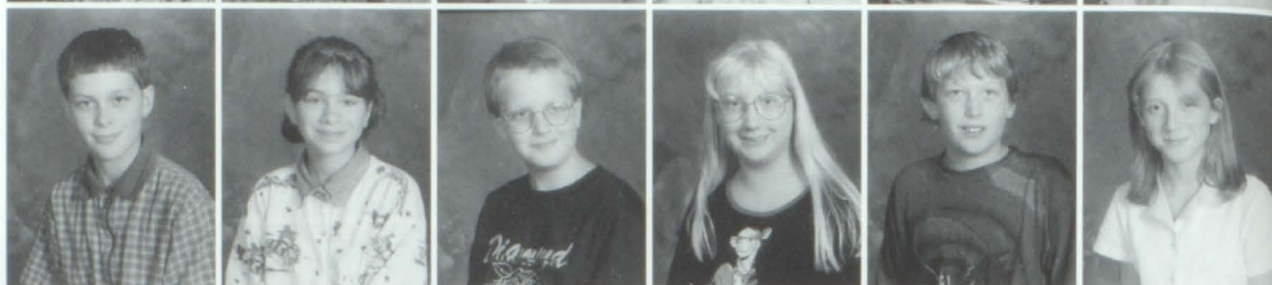


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Shane Sexson

Libby Sherrill
Lacey Souders
Frankie Stevenson
Jesse Sweet
Megan Taylor
Kaci Testerman



Jake VanLue
Sheena Vincent
Chris Wall
Erica Welch
Nathan White
Robin White



Meagan Wirth
Jessi Youngblood



Not Pictured:
Micheal Clark
Heather Coffey
Josh Turley

Mr. Augustine shows his class how their work should look when completed. Students Megan Taylor, Kenzie Greenwood, and Jesse Youngblood compare their work.



Kara Malcolm and Hannah Nelson do aerobics during their first hour P.E. class with coach Esposito.

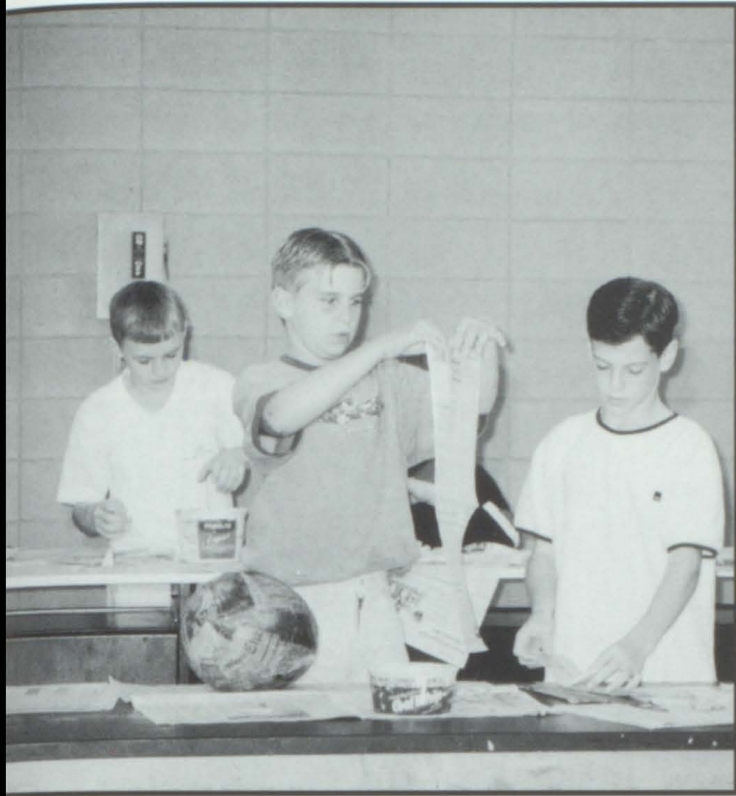


Robin White works on her Language Arts Worksheets.



Kaleb McIntire and Kelli Price take a math test.

seventh grade



James Riedeger, Matt Compton, and Matt Harp work on a papier mache project in art class. The students cover a balloon with paper strips dipped into a flour and water mixture. After the paper dried they painted their creations and made them into masks.

Matt Reed, Rebecca Jones, Jenna Holland, Bubby Farley, and John Cendroski work on a group project in the hall during science class. The class was studying independent and dependent variables. The students are using their new knowledge to create a catapult.



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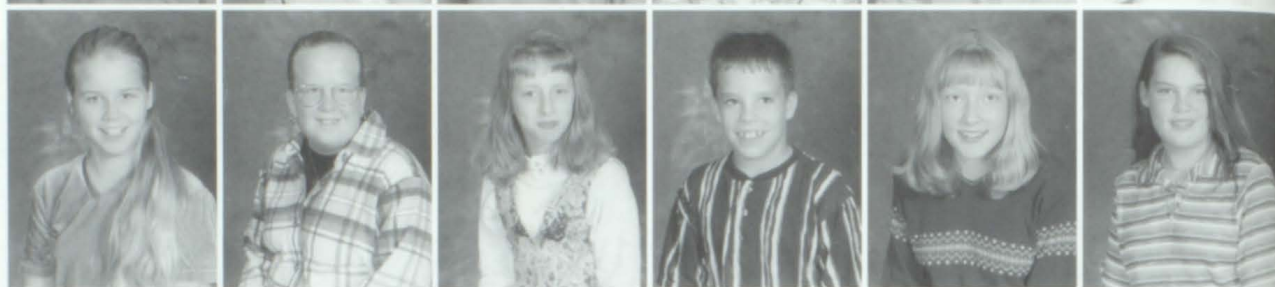
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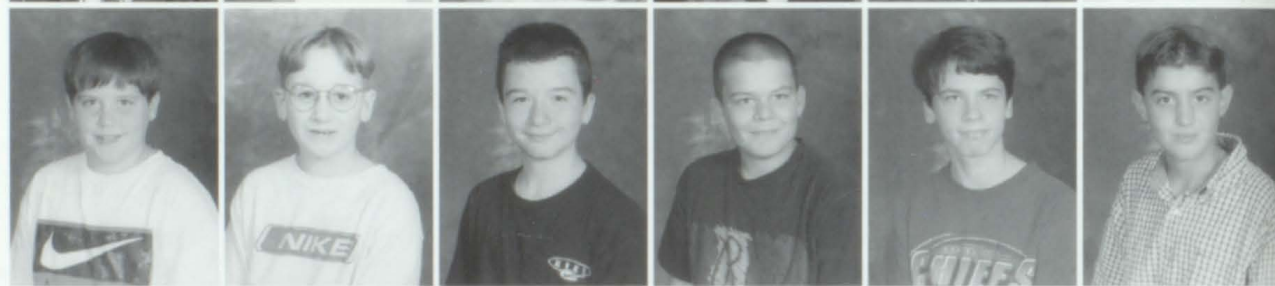
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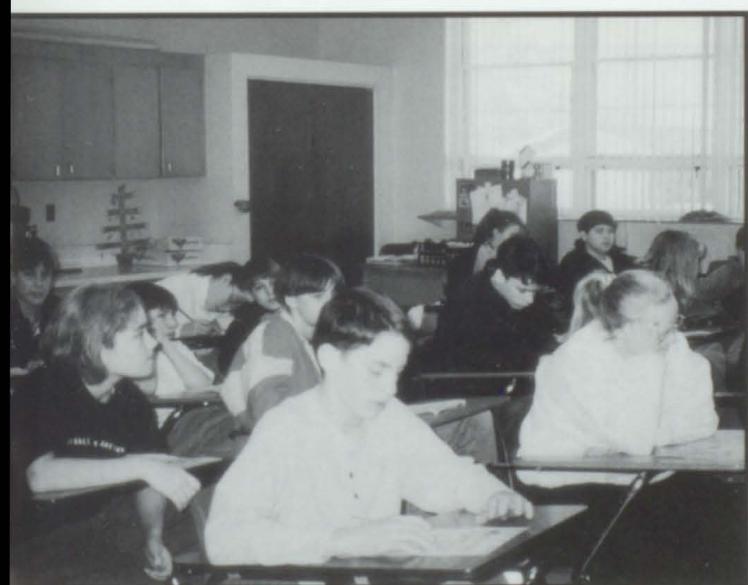
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Desiree Young
Not Pictured:
Laura Greek



Mr. Reed's second hour social studies class finishes a review worksheet. The students are studying for a test the next day. They had been learning about ancient Greece. They covered the country's religion, government, and culture.

Carla Garoutte, Colt Davis, Cathy Harrel, and others do a worksheet in English class. The students are learning prepositional phrases. Students did worksheets and puzzles, besides using their textbooks, to help them with important English skills.

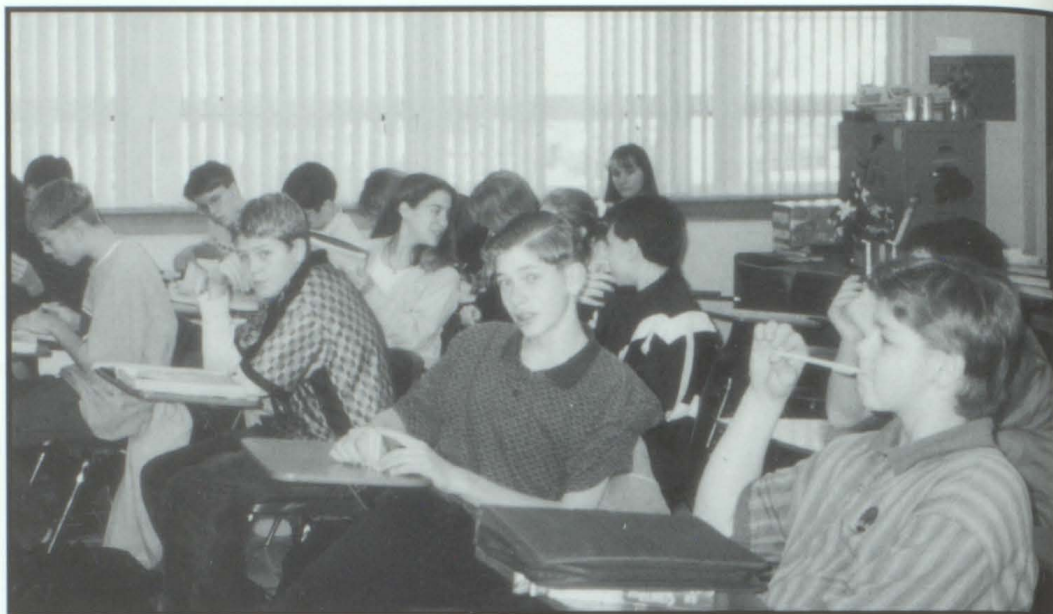


Bubby Farley corrects grammar in sentences on the chalkboard. The unit the class was studying covered prepositional phrases.

eighth grade

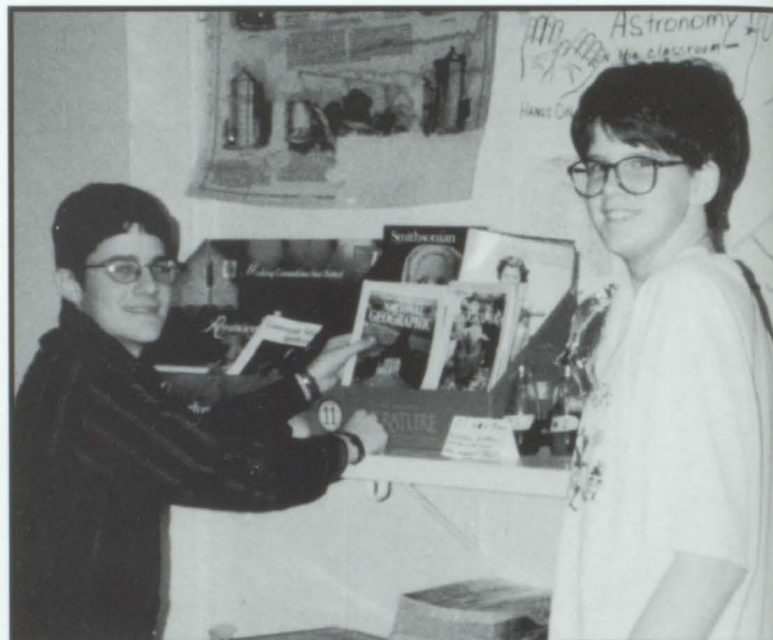
Eighth grade students settle down for the beginning of Ann Patrick's science class. During the day's lesson, the class took notes from the chalk board on heat energy.

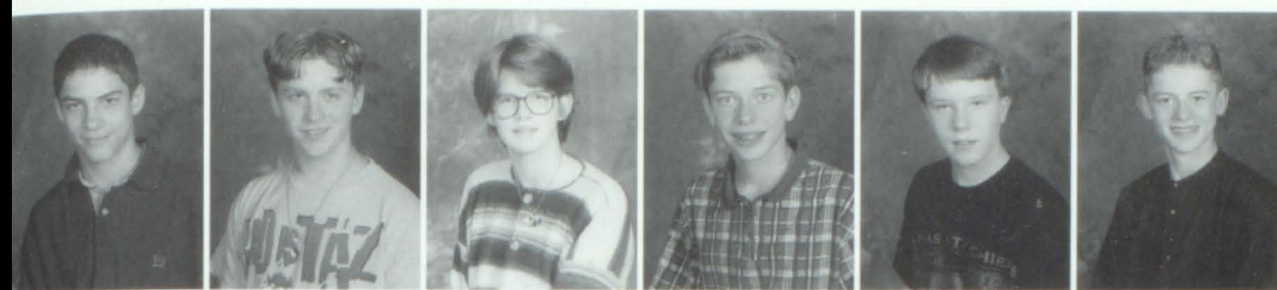
Heather Leake, Bekkah Sappington, and Audra George work on their assignment in Jodi Esposito's second hour class.



In Ann Patrick's science class, Heather Barnett and Justin Taylor look through science literature. They are researching for information on a science project.

In Jodi Esposito's second hour math class, Skylar Powers, Justen Shull, and Chris Parker study surface area and volume of cylinders.





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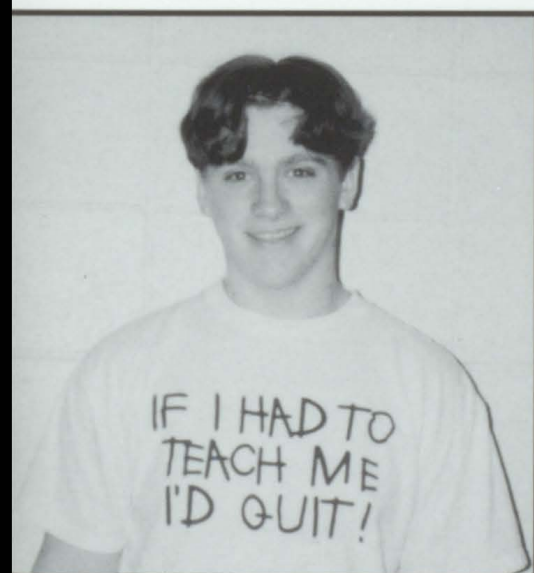
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Q. What was the funniest thing you did in Middle School?

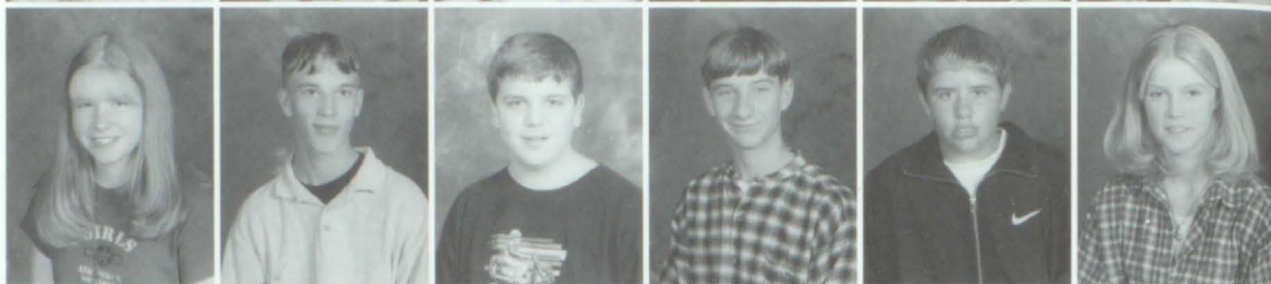
A. "I ate a dog biscuit, because I lost a bet."

--Jason Baker

Christopher Jinks
Amanda Jones
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Kyle Kelso
Samantha Landreth
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Heather Leake
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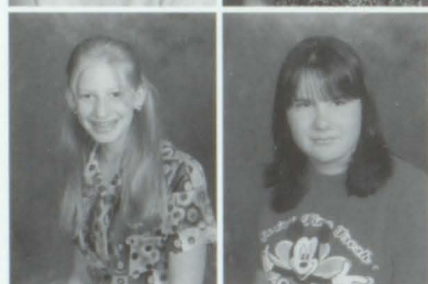
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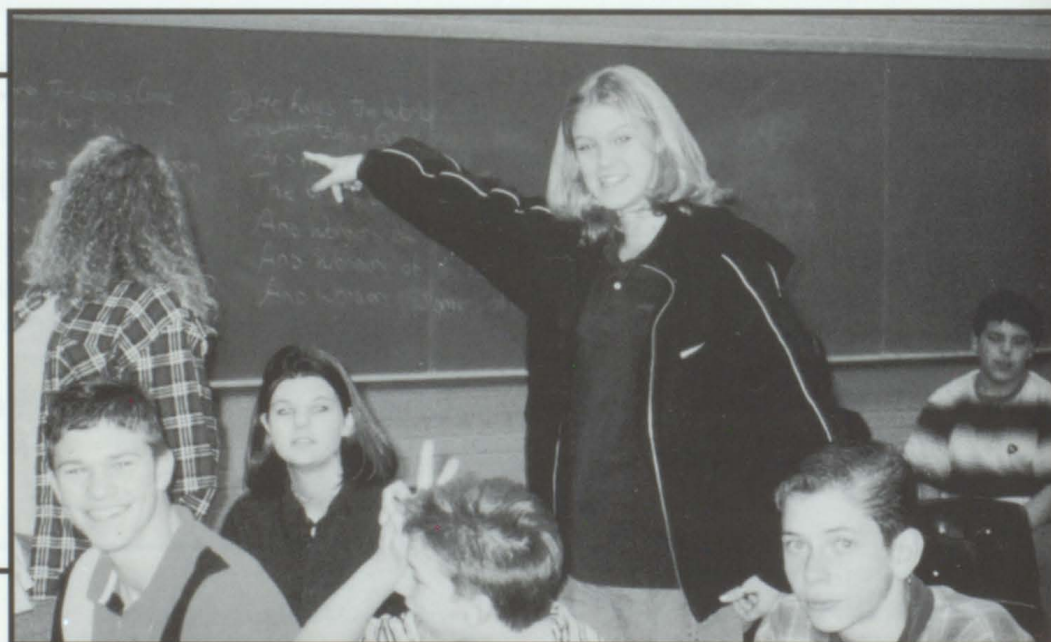


Chelsey Waddell
Tabitha Wiggins
Not Pictured:
Kessie Wright



Q. What do you like
most about Middle
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Friends 44%
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Classes 16%
Teachers 12%



eighth grade graduation

Katie Holmes, Audra George, and Krystle Boman celebrate after graduating the eighth grade.



The graduating class listens to Mrs. Sells congratulate them on their achievements.

Salutatorian Nate Billings addresses the crowd.



Mr. Dicke congratulates Heather Leake on receiving her diploma.

The eighth graders help each other get ready to graduate.

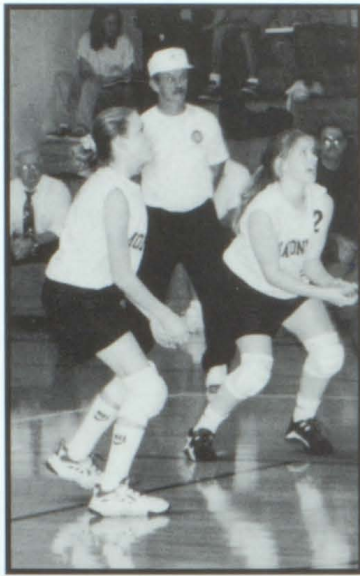
Valedictorian Skyler Powers expresses his appreciation to parents and teachers for their role in the education process.

*If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.
If you can dream it, you can become it.
Within me lies the power to seize the hour
and live my dreams.*



volleyball

Jeri Rinehart and Heather Leake watch the ball as the other team volleys, getting ready for the return. The Lady Wildcats won the game against Granby in two sets.



Rebekkah Sappington is ready to set the ball while Amanda Farley starts her approach. The Lady Wildcats lost this game despite their efforts.



Below: Emily Petty moves to get in the proper position to receive the ball on the Sarcoxie serve. The Lady Wildcats won the set in three matches.



Season Results

	W	L
Purdy	2	0
Wheaton	1	2
Granby	0	2
Sarcoxie	2	1
Seneca	2	1
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Granby	0	2
Jasper	0	2
Seneca	2	1
Liberal	2	0
Tournament Results		
Neosho	1	2
Wheaton	2	0



8th Grade Team Members: front row: Chelsey Waddell, Amanda Jones, Heather Leake, Jeri Rinehart; middle : Katie Holmes, Jennifer Ferguson, Teresa Stone, Tara Danner, Emily Petty; back: Karen Loewe (Coach), Rebekkah Sappington, Amanda Farley, Heather Barnett (Manager).



Rachelle Gilliam, Rachel Whiteley, and Ashley Parker wait for Sarcoxie to serve the ball. The Lady Wildcats lost the game 9-15, 13-15.

Elizabeth Ruhl prepares to serve the ball against Granby. The lady Wildcats went ahead to win the game 15-12, 15-12.



7th Grade Team Members: front: Brandy Porter, Lyndsey Tuter; middle: Ashley Shelton, Kathy Harrell, Rachel Whiteley, Rachelle Gilliam, Carla Garoutte, Stephanie Barwick; back: Karen Loewe (Coach), Jenna Holland, Ashley Parker, Elizabeth Ruhl, Heather Barnett (Manager).

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Triway	1	2
Granby	2	0



football

Following a Lockwood kickoff, Skylar Powers returns the ball to the 3rd yard line for an eight yard gain.



After the Wildcat defense holds the Lockwood Tigers, the Tigers punt for a Diamond possession.

The players begin to reassemble after a quarterback blitz resulting in a 3 yard loss for Lockwood.



Before the game against Pierce City, the Wildcats go through a series of stretches to help prevent muscle cramps during the game.

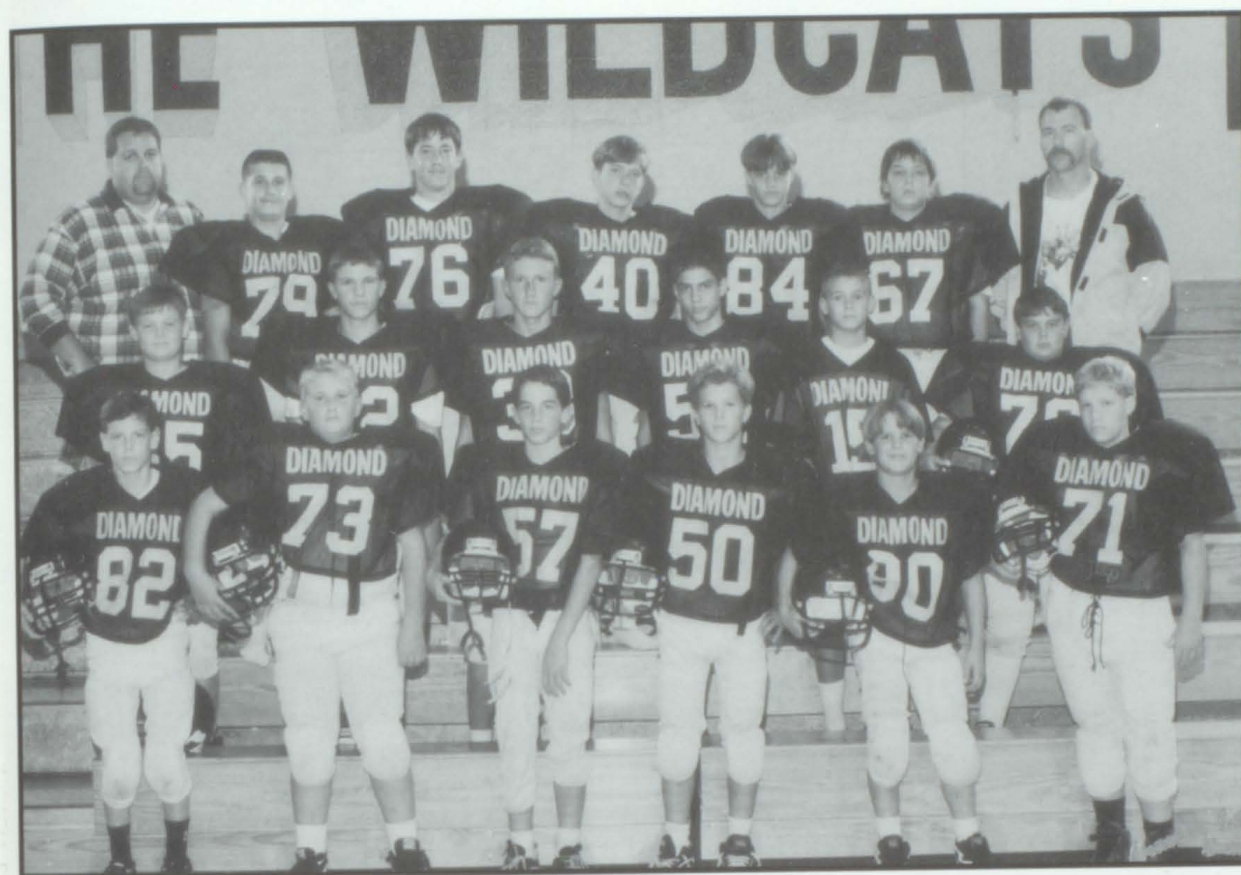




SCHEDULE

9 - 9	Pierce City
9-15	Sarcoxie
9-22	Lockwood
9-25	Pierce City
10-13	Liberal
10-20	Commerce

Justin Shull runs the ball for a Diamond first down after a Wildcat breakaway.



Front: Matt Harp, Cody Daniels, Colt Davis, Kyle Kelso, Cody Kelso, Aaron Smith; middle: Daniel Brown, Skylar Powers, Justin Shull, Jared Addington, Zach Cope, Donovan Bailey; back: Coach Jon Oetinger, Dustin Bruffett, Randall Benson, Terry Bessman, Derek Cullum, Adam Evans, Coach Richard Curran.





basketball

Seventh grade: front: Justin Lane, Matt Harp, Deke Beckett, Elliot Sutherland; middle: Matt Compton, Leif Welde, Klint McIntire, Derek Cullum, Colt Davis; back: Coach Grant Reed, Bubby Farley, Ryan Sparlin, Shawn Buzzard, Coach Jon Oetinger.



Eighth grade: front: Amos Carrick, Chris Jinks; middle: Terry Bessman, Skyler Powers, Justen Shull; back: Coach Grant Reed, Seth Bingham, Frank Chimero, Ryan Green, T.J. Holland, Coach Jon Oetinger.



Creative



Left: Justen Shull drives into the lane against Sarcoxie. Terry Bessman prepares for a pass from Shull. Diamond went on to win against Sarcoxie.



Diamond players Seth Bingman, Chris Jinks, and Terry Bessman scramble for a loose ball in the Sarcoxie-Diamond game. Sarcoxie looks on as Diamond recovers the ball.



Deke Beckett shoots a layup before Sarcoxie players can stop him. Fellow team members run up in case of a missed shot.



Klint McIntire rebounds over a Southwest player. Matt Harp and Bubby Farley keep their eye on the ball as McIntire shoots the follow-up.



basketball

Front: Heather Leake, Jennifer Ferguson, Jeri Rinehart, Chelsey Waddell; middle: Rebekkah Sappington, Heather Barnett, Jamy Spry; back: Coach Karen Loewe, Amanda Farley, Amanda Jones, Carla Garoutte.



Sarcoxie shoots the ball as Ashley Parker positions herself for a rebound. Teammate Addie Whitehead comes in to assist.



Before the tip-off against Seneca, Coach Loewe gives the team a few "words of inspiration."



Against Sarcoxie, Jennifer Ferguson passes the ball to wide-open Heather Leake. Heather Barnett gets into position in case of a possible rebound.

Against Miller, Jenna Holland shoots a jumpshot for an easy two as Rachel Whiteley and Ashley Parker take defensive positions.



After a Miller freethrow, Anna Gregg and Ashley Parker prepare for a rebound.



Following a missed shot, Anna Gregg fights with Miller for possession.



Front: Rachelle Gilliam, Addie Whitehead; middle: Jenna Holland, Liz Ruhl; back: Coach Karen Loewe, Rachel Whiteley, Ashley Parker, Anna Gregg.

cross country / track & field

Amos Carrick, Addie Whitehead, Anna Gregg, Chris Jinks, Coach Larry Cunningham



Chris Jinks, Anna Gregg, and Amos Carrick participate in the Diamond Invitational.



Front: Jeri Rinehart, Jennifer Ferguson, Rebekkah Sappington, Chelsey Waddell, Heather Leake; middle: Liz Ruhl, Ashley Parker, Rachelle Gilliam, Addie Whitehead, Jenna Holland, Anna Gregg; back: Coach Bill Presley, Chris Adler, Derek Cullum, Amos Carrick, Zack Cope, Terry Bessman, Seth Bingman, Chris Jinks, Randall Benson



Zack Cope gets good height in the long jump.



Jennifer Ferguson races her opponent to the finish line in the 800 meter relay.



Jeri Rinehart finishes second in the long jump at the Diamond meet.



Addie Whitehead throws the shot while her teammate Jenna Holland observes.



Kyle Kelso finishes third in the 100 meter hurdles.

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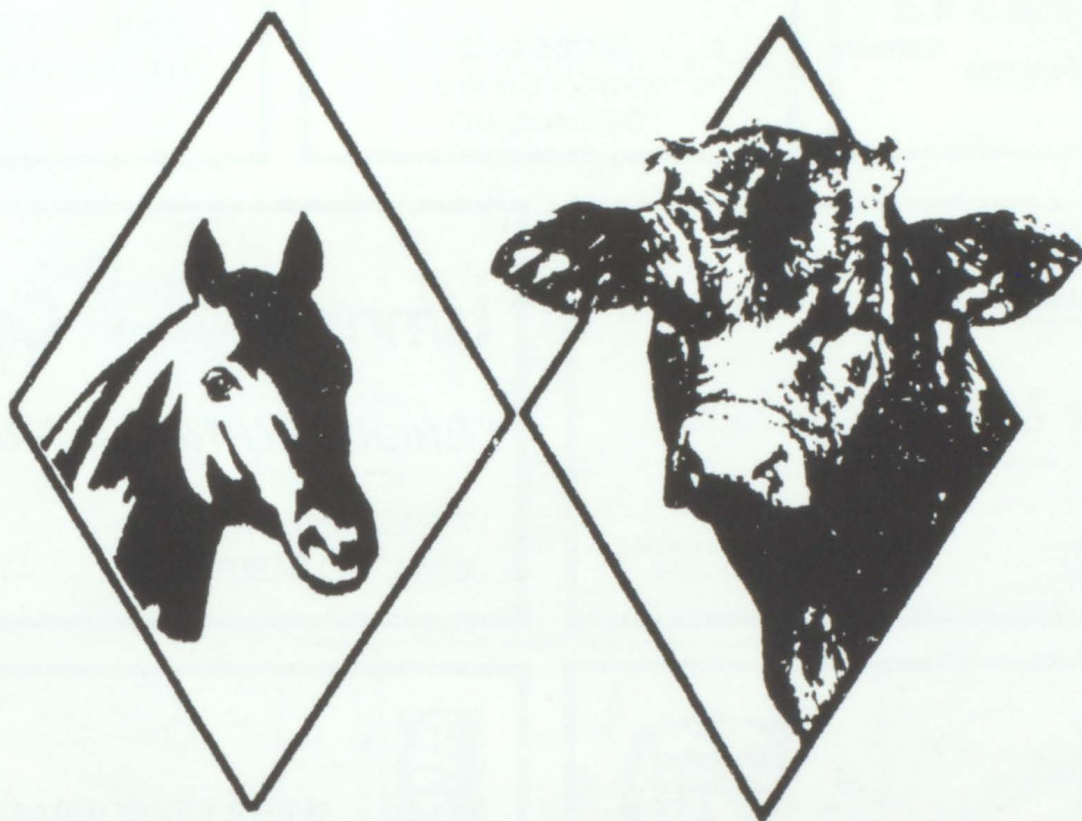
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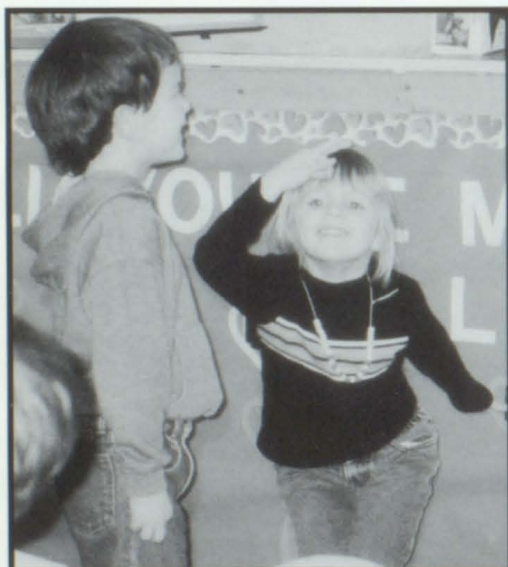
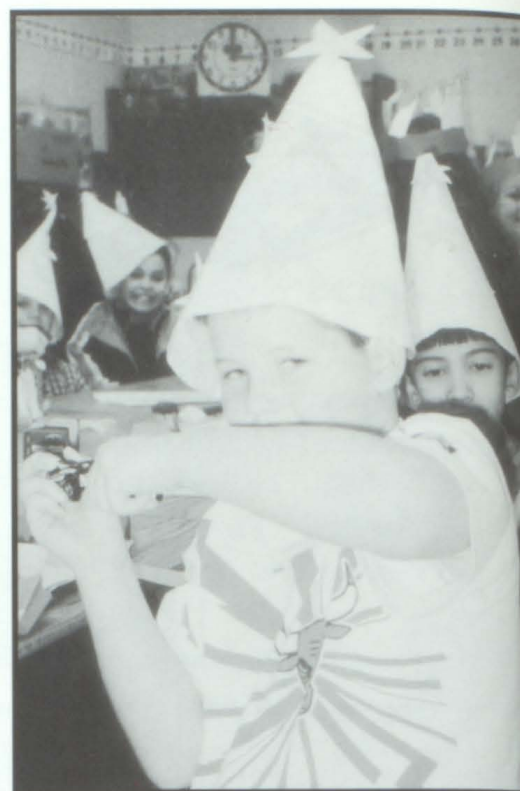
Holidays

Holidays drew a smile from faculty as well as students (especially on Halloween when Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Billings performed a synchronized swim routine) Also, for Halloween the elementary put on their annual parade.

Santa Claus comes to the elementary before the holidays to visit with the children. Parties are in full swing for elementary before the holiday break.

These "special" days are a change from the ordinary classroom routine.

"Holidays are fun!" said Casey Youngblood, 3rd grader.



activities



At the lock-in, the fourth and fifth grade students practice using the computer under the direction of Mr. Higginson.

The students have to get to sleep at a decent time because of all the activities going on at the school's sleepover.

During the second grade activity night, students made different structures out of potatoes. They also colored different pictures.



special events

Cody Sales, Shala Bass, Greg Zarate, and Jayma King explore nature on Canyon Trail at Fantastic Caverns.



The Mobile Dairy presentation gives students a chance to learn about the process of milking a cow.

Students were taught the technique of using a dulcimer during "Old Fashioned Day."



A Newton County firefighter shows the students his truck and equipment used in fighting fires.

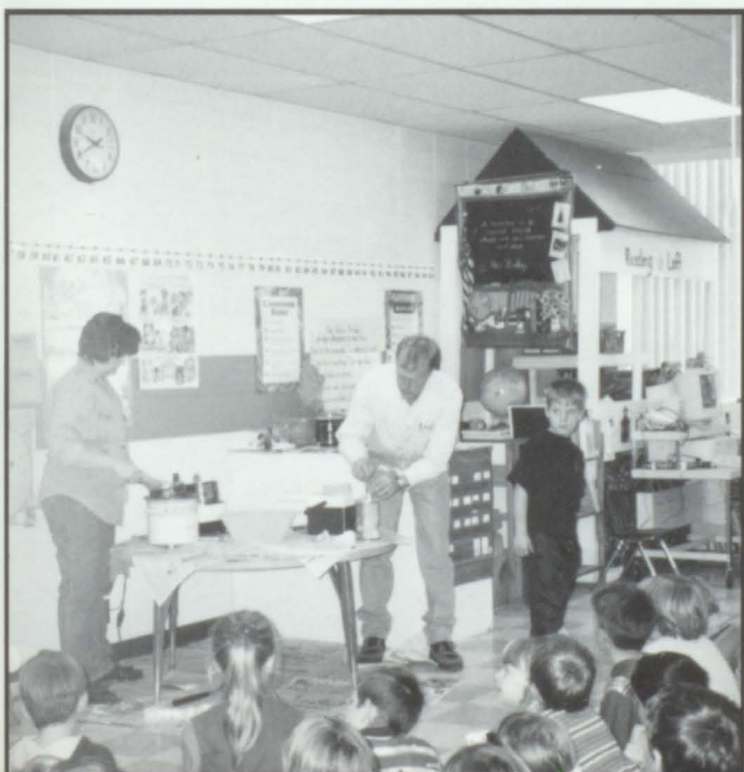




Above Left: Aaron Johnson gets his teeth checked from a dental student from MSSC. The students got hands-on experience and Diamond Students got a check-up.

Above Right: Desi Powers, Liz Arnold, Michelle Darr, Kelsi Davis, Darci Price, Kristen Hicks, Chris Wall, and Anthony Shipman participate in the Spelling Bee. Powers took first, Davis second, and Walls third.

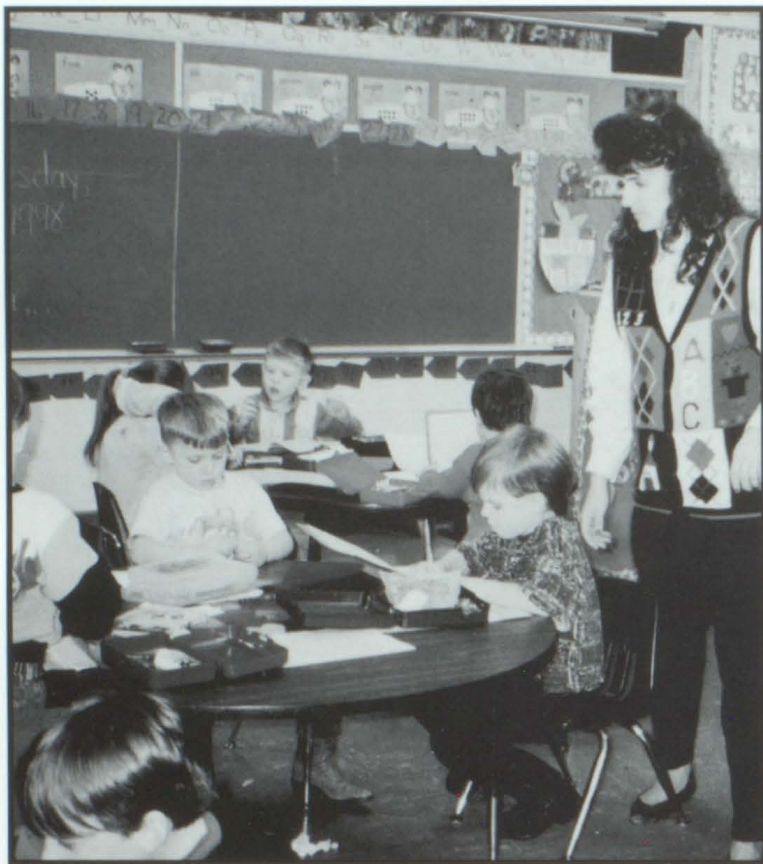
Left: Jake Edge, Luke Hockman, Kristen Bruffett, Amanda Ferguson, Andrew Heckmaster, Samantha Homes, Alisha Nickolaisen, Alisha Simpson, Tristen Steele, and Liz Arnold display their Young Author contest entries.



Kent and Trish Greenwood teach second grade students the art of candle making during "Old Fashioned Day."

kindergarten

Mrs. Rea gives instructions as the students begin their classwork.



Mrs. Henning's class celebrates Thanksgiving by making art projects at their "Thanksgiving Harvest."



Miss Gross's students sit on the carpet and listen while she tells them a story.



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Cameron Baker
Zackary Bass
Trenton Beeler
Megan Blakely
Tyler Bradley

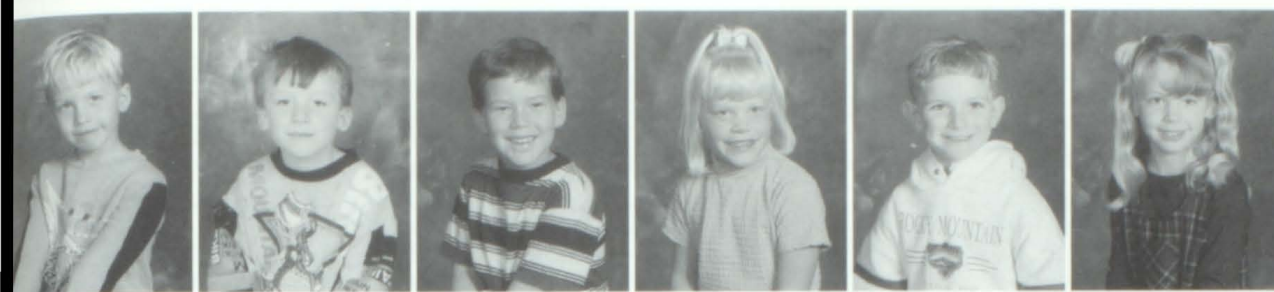


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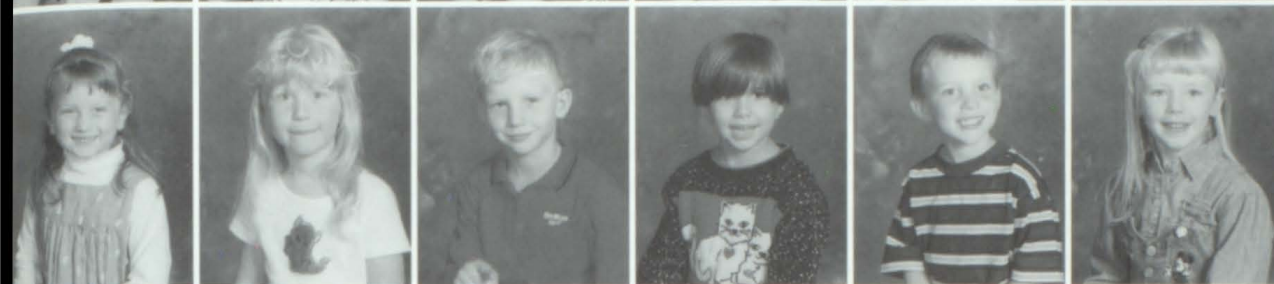


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Kelsie Daniels
Keysha Danner





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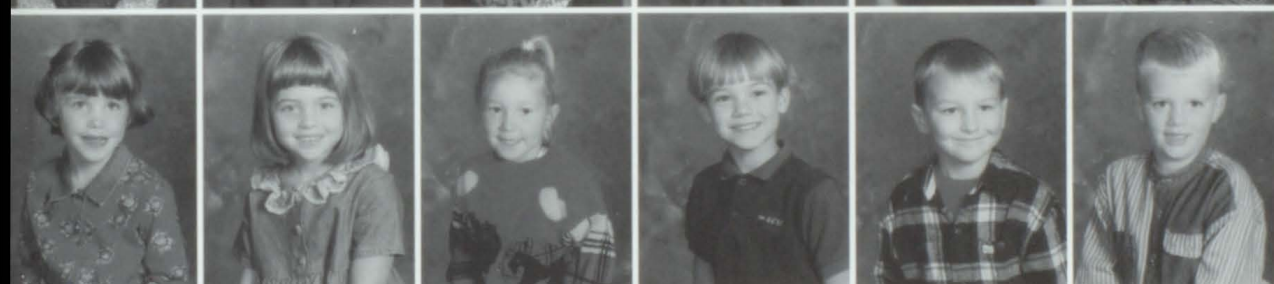
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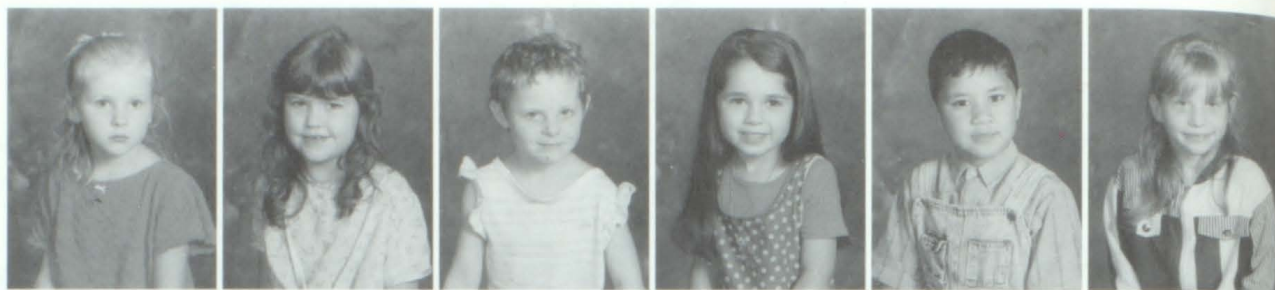


Kelsey Pringle
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Taylor Tuter
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Katherine Wall
Corey Walstead
Matthew Warford
Dalton Welch
Morgan Wirth
Eli Yokley



Dylan Youngblood



Not Pictured:
Sara Linn Taylor

Miss Gross and her students get first hand experience with a miniature pony. The pony was brought by Audra Shelton for Show and Tell.



Mrs. Henning's class sits on the carpet while she tells their daily math activity.



Some of Mrs. Rea's students experiment with shaving cream at one of their fun centers.

first grade



C.J. Heslin and Chris Cover work on a cooperative reading worksheet with Mrs. Heidlage's assistance.



Mrs. Whiteley passes out vocabulary tests to her class.



Mrs. Roark aids students on a reading worksheet.



Eris Baker
Tyler Barnes
Karen Bass
Jason Beckett
Derek Bell
Travis Brashear

Jacob Cagle
Derrick Cameron
Lindsey Cameron
Sheena Chung
Megan Coffey
James Cook

Whitney Cosby
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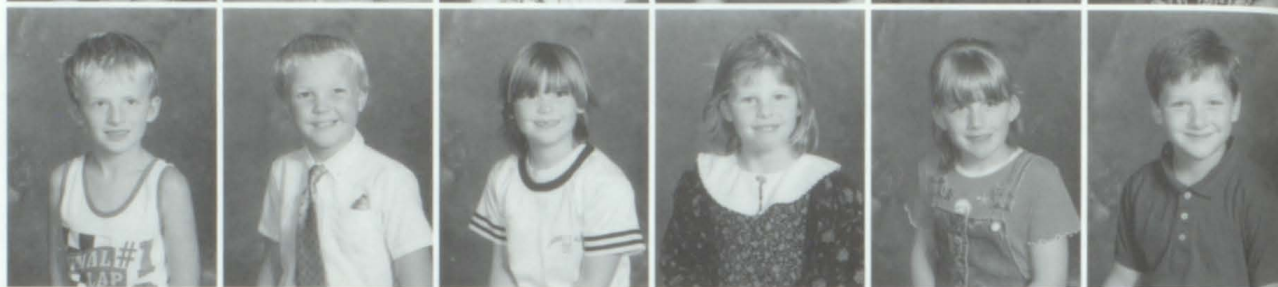
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 April Davis
 Trevor Devins
 Maria Dousa
 Jarrit Dowling
 Emily Edge



Lindsey Gilbert
 Cierra Gravett
 Macy Harp
 Andrew Heckmaster
 C.J. Heslin
 Talitha Hicks



Toby Hicks
 Matthew Holland
 Samantha Holmes
 Natasha Hussong
 Jessica Jordan
 Zack Kettner



Leigha Kisling
 Jacob Kyle
 Crystal Lane
 Houston Lietzke
 Ariel Linder
 Ryan Mendoza



Samantha Morgan
 Billy Morrow
 Steven Newland
 Ashely Nickolaisen
 Samantha Olson
 Derek Paradeis



Jasmine Parker
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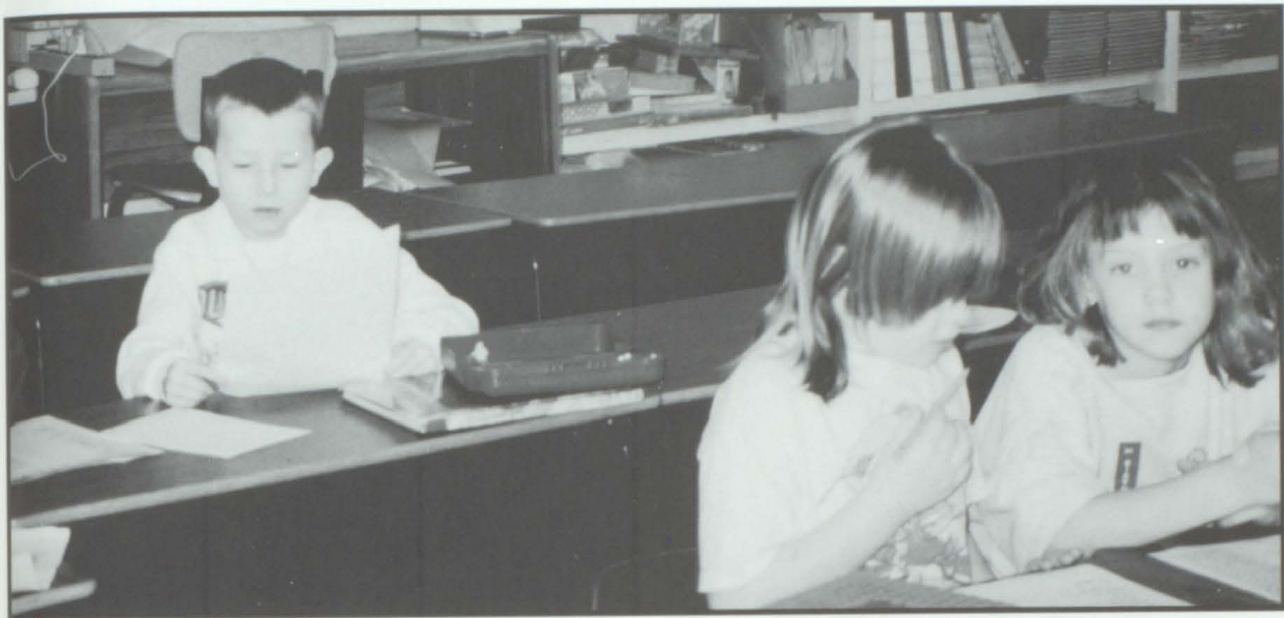




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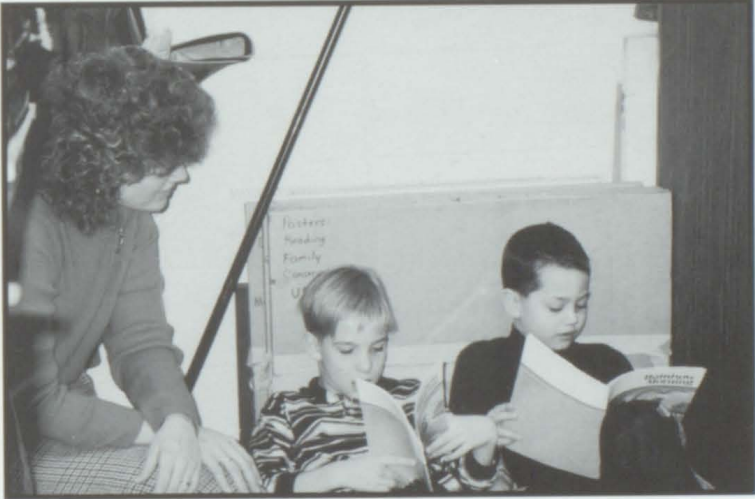
Aaron Vittetoe
George Walker
Dylan Wallace
Daniel Windsor
Kenneth White
Not Pictured:
Johnna Rifenberg



Derek Paradeis,
Samantha Holmes,
and Chelsea
Scribner gather in
Mrs. Roark's room
for peer tutoring.
The three first grade
classes exchange
students for the
reading tutoring
every Friday.



Eris Baker makes her own book during reading class.

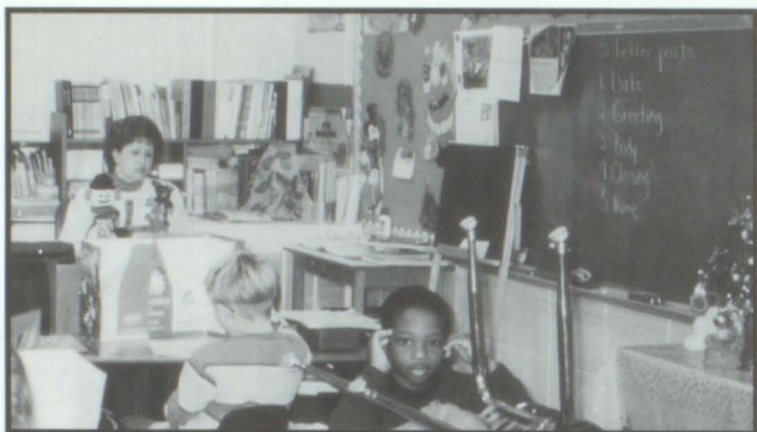


Mrs. Heidlage watches as Bellamy Larson and Chris
Cupp read together.

second grade



Linda Herron's class shows off their apple stories.



Barbara Badley teaches her class the five important parts of letter writing.



Linda Herron awards Matthew Barnes with a sticker for his good work.

Jessica Adkins
Kelsee Anderson
Aaron Bailey
Matthew Barnes
Shala Bass
Loren Bell



Robbie Bell
Haylee Berliew
Derek Blankenship
Gram Boman
Toby Brown
Keira Burks



Bradley Buzzard
Jerry Cagle
Jim Cantrell
Lacey Carneal
Caitlin Carter
Misty Conner





Angela Cover
Brittany Crawford
Joshua Crawford
Nichole Crockett
Cassi Cullum
Amanda Cupp



Holly Curtis
Chad Dalgleish
Megan Dean
Lucas Dees
Cody Easley
John Fountain



Harrison George
Devin Greenwood
Clay Grundy
Collin Haney
Crystal Harrall
Amanda Harris



Cody Harris
Michael Harris
Kelsey Henson
Eli Hicks
T.J. Hicks
Kasey Hockman



Joshua Hocter
Justin Holden
Lee Hollars
Chelsea Hottel
Crystal Hylton
Colter Jones



Daniel Jones
Katie Kelley
Jayma King
Laureano Kuri
Chris Kyger
Devin Marsh



Isaac McLees
Amanda Moore
Krystal Morgan
Amanda Morris
Bradley Morris
Zachary Newland

Cody Palmer
Lindsey Patterson
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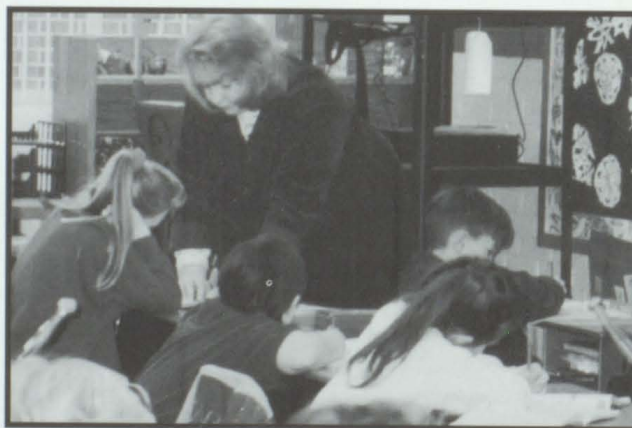
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Mikey Turley
Jonathon Vandenburg



Shane Vandenburg
Dakota Vincent
Michael Waddell
Courtney Wall
Becca Warthen
Jessica Webb



Kayla Webb
Parker White
Ashley Whitson
Matthew Witt
Casey Youngblood
Greg Zararte
Not Pictured:
Cindal Spoon



Shiela Brummett helps Crystal Harrall with her lesson while the rest of the class continues to work.



Jean Kyger, Sarah Sweet's grandmother, helps the children in Linda Herron's class churn butter.

third grade



Mrs. Bachmann and her students wait their turns and watch as Chelsie Baker gets her picture taken.

Students in Mrs. Murray's class unwrap presents they exchanged during their Christmas parties.



Benjamin Attebury
Chelsie Baker
Brittany Barwick
Clint Blizzard
Whitney Booyer
Alyshia Bowles

Alicia Bradley
Amanda Brashear
Dana Bridges
Jacob Bruce
April Burbage
Thressa Campbell

Carrie Castor
Ryan Clouse
Kacie Cooper
Michael Crum
Treaa Dardenne
Katie Dodson

Colton Drake
 Jake Edge
 Anthony Faulkner
 Travis Faulkner
 Charles Forest
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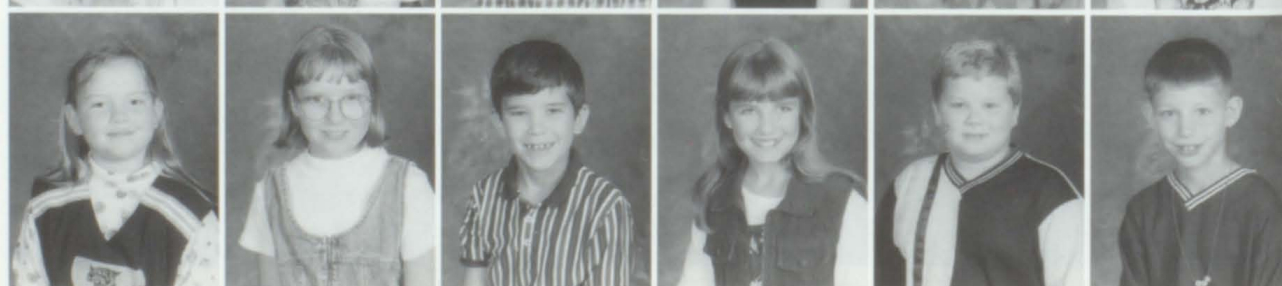
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 Vanessa Sapp
 Chase Sexson
 Alyssa Simpson
 Spencer Snow
 Tristan Steele





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Erica Stofferan
Daniel Stone
Andy Struewing
Zach Towers
Sam Vincent

Nathan Walker
Casey Welch
Thia Wiggins
Brittnee Wood
Wayne Younglood
Not pictured:
Joseph Greek



Mrs. Stirewalt and her students prepare for a spelling test.



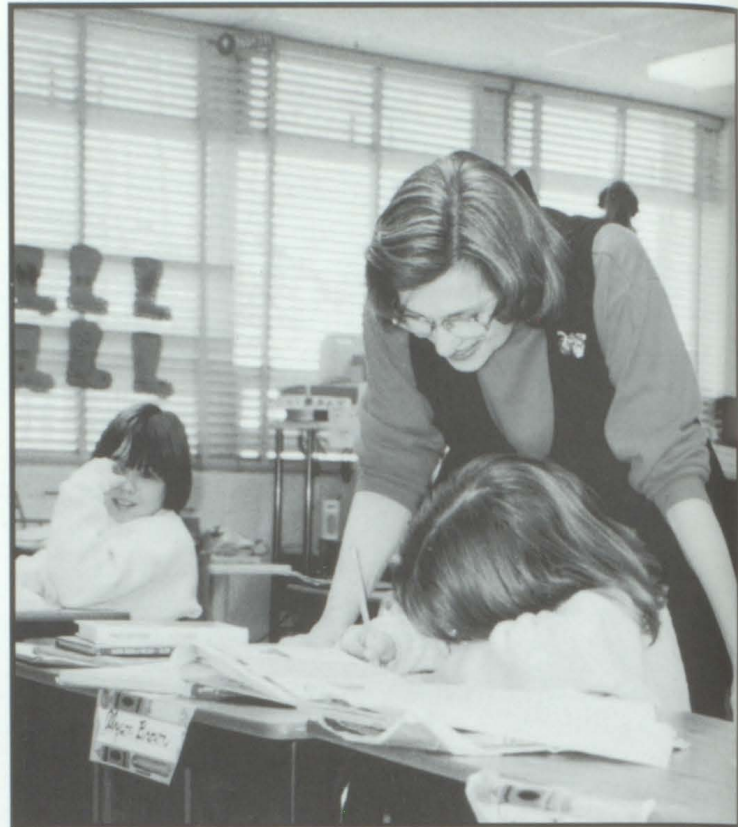
Students read books and filled out round forms to make up the "body" of Libby Bookworm. Libby ended up wrapping around the elementary hallways twice. Winners were Ryan Clouse who placed first and Michelle Nickolaissen who placed second.



Mrs. Murray goes over the directions with her students who are working on a map project of the United States.

fourth grade

Jeff Morris
and Ryan
Cosby wait
for Mrs.
Goodman to
call on them
to answer a
math
problem.



Mrs. Berry, Robin Hoy, and Caleb DeVillier read over a passage in their reading book. The class is discussing the meaning of the passage to better understand the story.

Mrs. Gilbert assists Maggie Bowman and Alyson Brown in their reading homework. Students are assigned problems to expand their knowledge of that day's lesson.

Cody Allerton
Kalen Allerton
Elizabeth Arnold
Ryan Baker
Cory Bass
Josh Bass



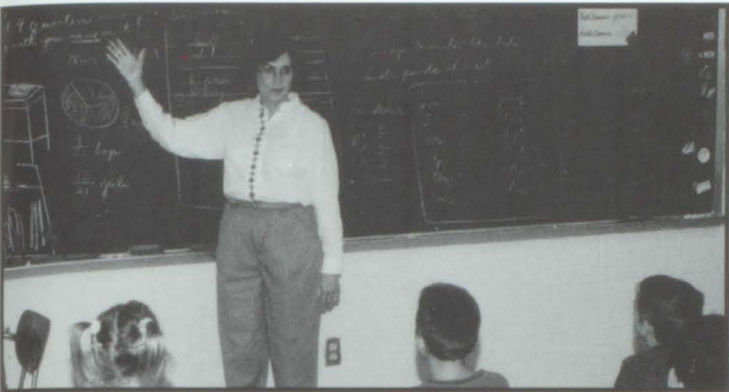
Kayla Bass
Jonathan Benson
Russell Blankenship
Philip Body
Maggie Bowman
Alyson Brown



Jodi Brown
Brittany Busse
Devin Chasten
Andrea Corkle
Ryan Cosby
Chris Dalgleish



Mrs. Goodman reads a math lesson to her class. After she finishes, the students will grade their papers.



Mrs. Gilbert teaches a lesson in math while her students listen. They are preparing for the MMAT and MAP testing.



Mrs. Berry and Elizabeth Arnold laugh at a funny passage in the days story, "No Star Nights."



Nicole Dame
Michelle Darr
Sam DeBoer
Caleb De Villier
Levi Dees
Josh Dresslaer

Derek Estabrook
Lauren Feters
Elliott Foster
Ricki Fountain
Angel Gonzales
Austin Greninger

Tonia Hammond
Zack Haskins
Lukas Hockman
Lloyd Holton
Robin Hoy
Adam Jones



Jodi Brown, Lauren Feters, and Michelle Darr work on their art project in Shannon Lupini's art class.



Mrs. Goodman and her class discuss a math lesson on how to write out numbers. Jordan Rentfro writes his answer on the board as the other students discuss another problem.

Justin Jones
James Karr
Jamie Kyle
Chad Leuellen
Adam Marney
Stephanie Mathews



Jeffery McLeod
Jeff Morris
Stephanie Parker
Casey Patterson
Brandy Phillips
Trevor Points



Terry Powell
Daniel Price
Darci Price
Jordan Rentfro
Denny Root
Christina Ruvalcaba



Andrew Sevilla
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Jerry Stewart
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Alisha Witt
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Not Pictured:
Andy Jones



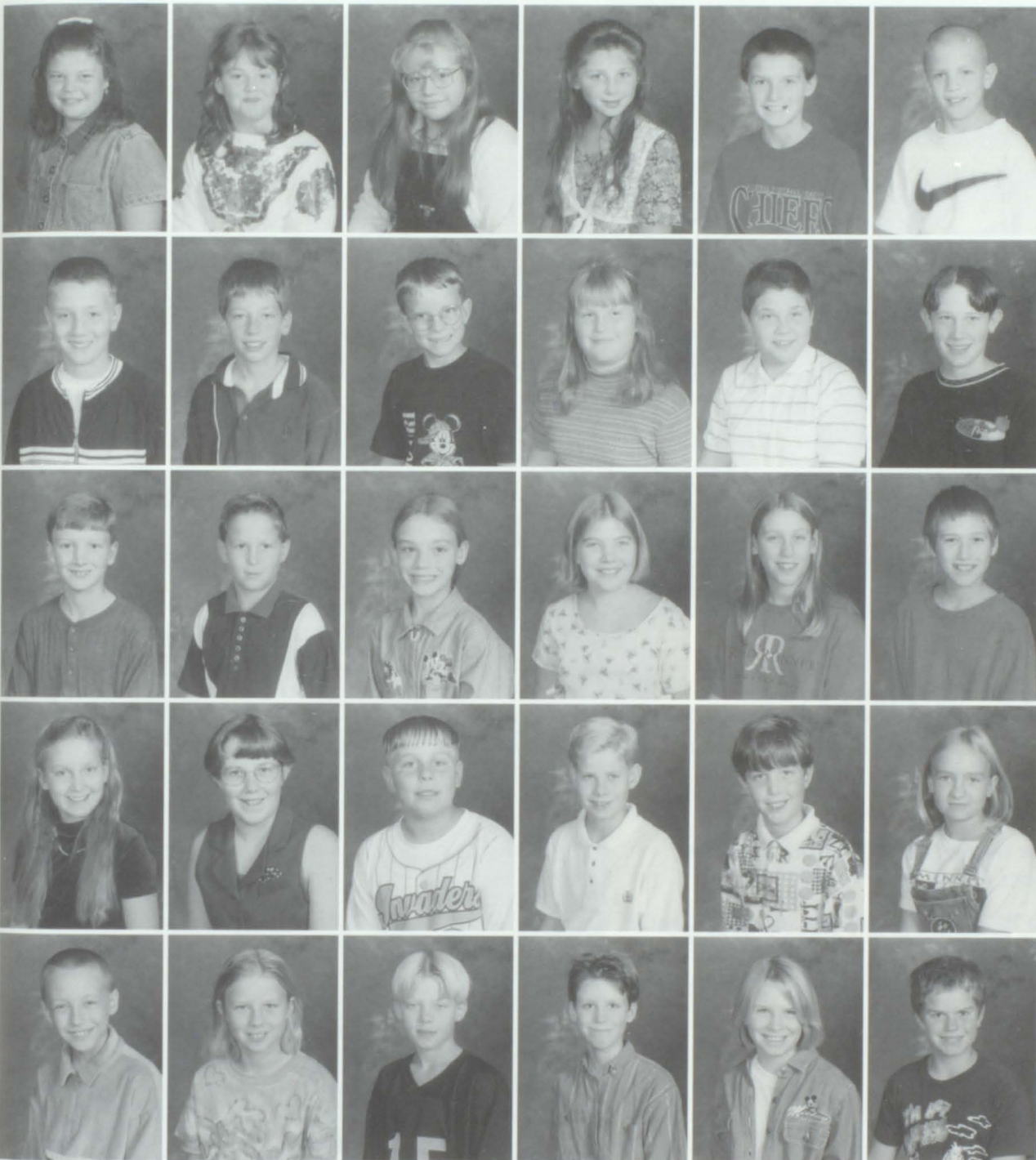
fifth grade



Mr. Higginson:

What do you hope the kids get out of your class?

"That they can succeed if they want to and try. It may be with different levels of success, but everyone can succeed."



Heather Atler
Felicia Attebury
Sara Atwell
Tiffany Barnes
John Barnett
Josh Beckett

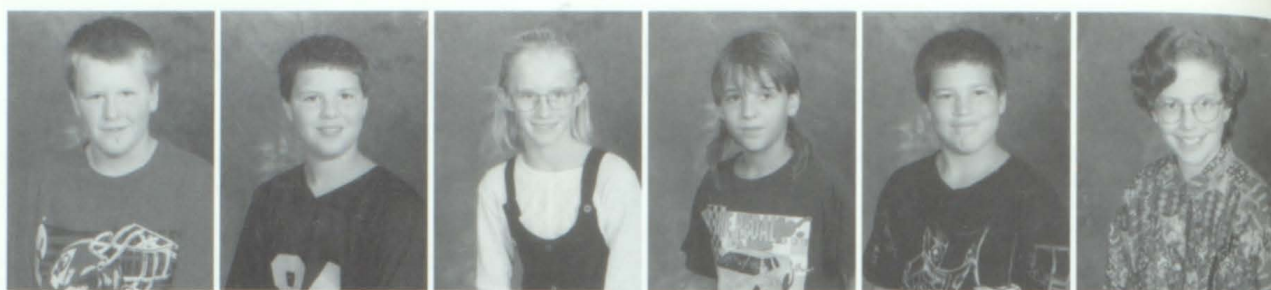
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Krystle Brown
Tara Brown
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Robert Castro

Andrea Chaney
Amy Cokerham
Nate Compton
Jonathan Cook
Graham Cox
Meagan Crawford

Cabal Culp
Rikki Dardenne
Cody Dowling
David Faulkner
Amanda Ferguson
Joey Garrison

Josh Gill
Chase Green
Jackie Hail
Jeff Hamilton
Aaron Haney
Kristen Hicks



Sarah Hoffman
Joseph Horton
Andi Ingersoll
Brent Jackson
Genoa Johnson
Susan Johnson



Nathan Jones
Trent Jones
Casey Kelley
Megan Kinney
Lacey Landreth
Tosha Loyd



Nathan Lutz
Jordan Macy
Derek Mathews
Timmy Mathews
Dustin Mayeaux
Brittany McBride



Cliff McKee
Justin McLees
Nathan Moss
Kimberly Ness
Emma Owens
Jesse Parmley



Mrs. Knorpp:

What is one thing you will remember the most about your class?

"I will always remember my class's zest for life and their quick, bright smiles!"

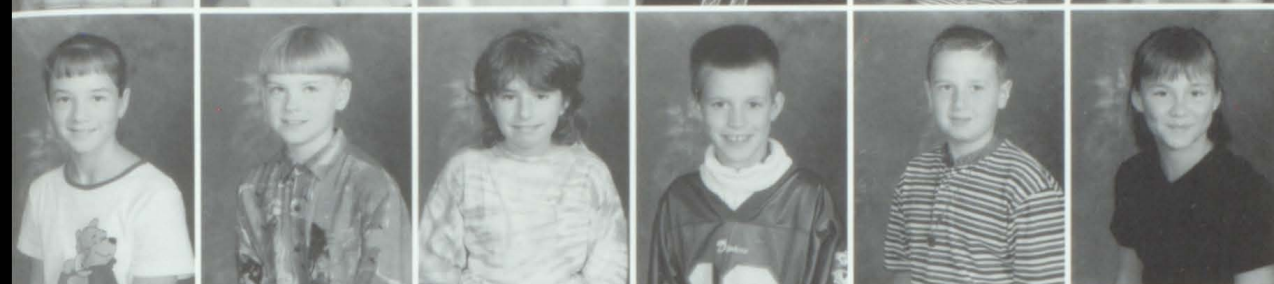




Courtney Payton
Frank Rawlings
Korey Scribner
Kendra Sharon
Anthony Shipman
Sarah Simpson



Emily Sissem
Shelby Slinkard
Amanda Souders
Nicholas Springer
Sasha Steele
Shenoah Stewart



Lendi Stirewalt
Matt Sutherland
Stephanie Tennenbaum
Greg Vincent
Brandon Webb
Nancy Wiggins



Mary Windsor
Kelley White
Samantha Young
Lonnie Zarate



Mrs. Knorpp's class works on their spelling assignment.



Mrs. Ward:

What do you hope the kids get out of your class?

"Being a responsible citizen and good work ethics."

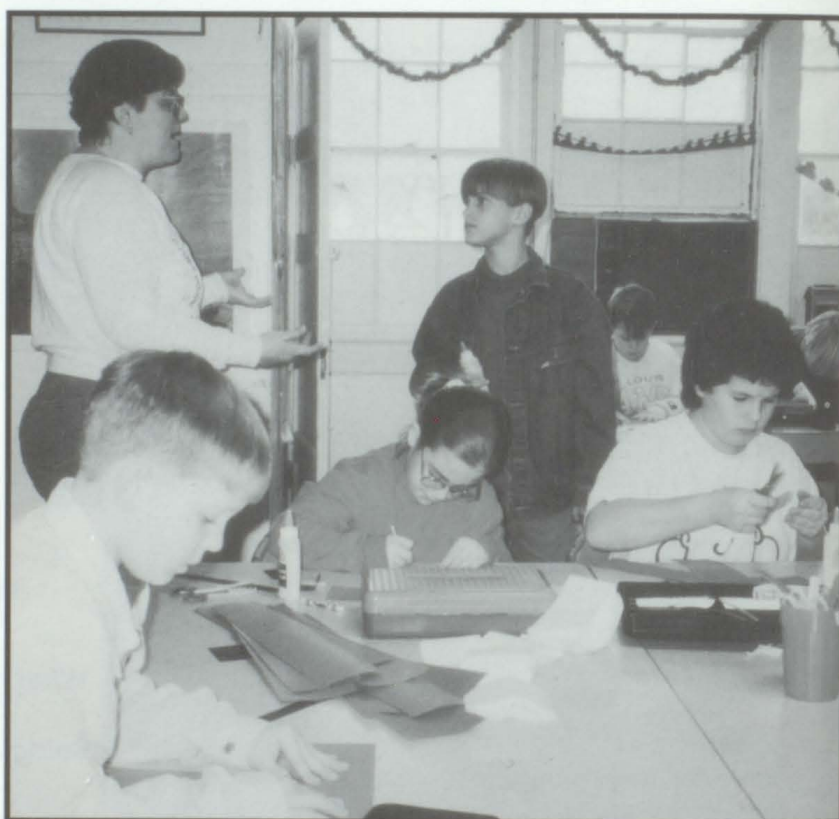
encore classes

Students learn about the different types of illustrations. Pam Bastin, librarian, shows the students a book of illustrations by Eric Karl.

Student teacher Brad Hocker plays a game called Mousetrap with Mrs. Rae's kindergarten class.



Music teacher Rebecca Riley leads the class in "See Saw Margery Daw." The students have actions that go along with the song.



Shannon Lupini, art teacher, answers a student's question about an art project. The students were working on decorations to put up in the windows.

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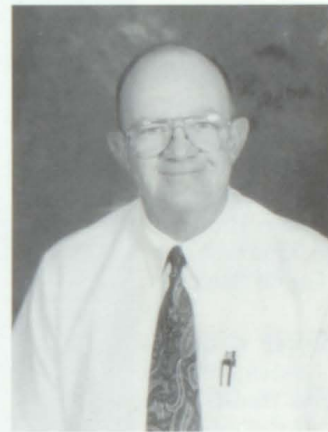
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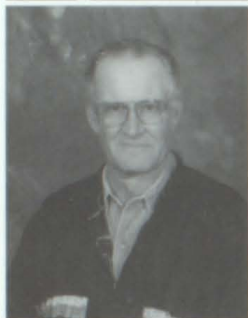


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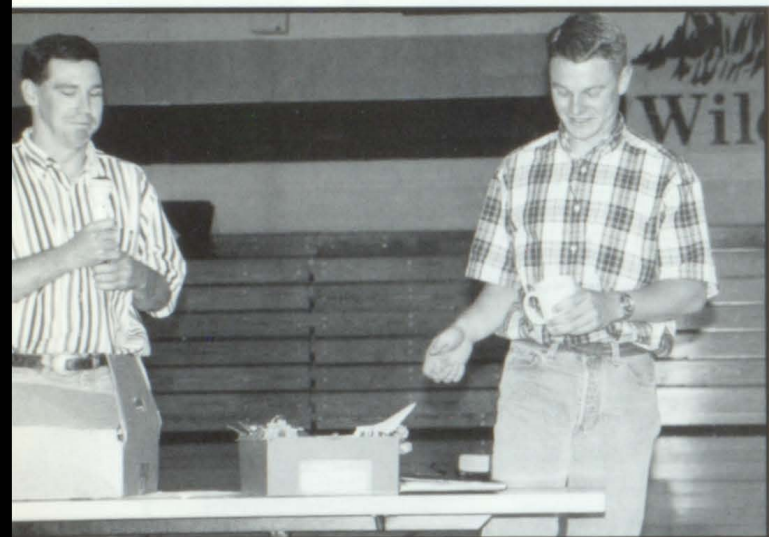


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Darrell Clark and Jerry Douglas receive pins and plaques at their retirement. Clark has taught for 30, and Douglas has taught for 25 years.

Below right: Three of our teachers got married this year. Robert Stephens got married May 31, Marian Jones became Mrs. Abrams on April 10, and Colleen Michael became Mrs. Hughes on May 16. Mrs. Hughes has moved to Columbia after 25 years of teaching at Diamond.



Lance Massey gives Mark Elbert a coffee mug for his student teaching accomplishments.



Mischa Admire, Tim Admire, Carrie Whitehead, and Andrew Whitehead present Mrs. Miller with a case to display Drama trophies. The case, a surprise gift, was funded by student contributions.





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