

## WHAT A LONG STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN



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We have spent our entire lives waiting for this moment. The road which we travelled has been long and hard, and yet as we approach the end, the past is all we seem to see.

We have dedicated this yearbook to you in the hope that one more faded memory can be reached. Sometimes, the only way to make it through the present is by remembering the past. So when times become hard and you are ready to throw in the towel, remember there is always somewhere to turn.
As we each reach the end of the road, overlooking the edge of our lives, we will see the many unwritten pages of our future. We all know what we must do, but we hesitate. Stepping onto unknown ground, we turn our eyes for another look through the window of memory. We see our road and those things we have passed on the way. Suddenly, as we step through the darkness into our future, we realize "What A Long, Strange Trip It's Been."

Right: Ryan Hughes, Andy Noah, and Jake Russell relive an old memory of singing Bohemian Raphsody from 6th grade!! Nice hair boys!!!


Above: David Vailes shows off his nifty reindeer glasses!!!


Lorelle Hutchins and Justin McGee both have on lovely bras!

Below: Darius Green looks "sassy" in his grass skirt.


Lorelle Hutchins and Ryan Phillips are trying to knock some sense into Lorelle's head!


Below: Amanda Burr and Heather Ely show their spirit at the 8th and 9th grade Pep Assembly!


Below: Megan Peiterzak and Lori Farrell dissect their cat for Biology. Nice curlers Lori!



Above: Amy Proznyk looks disgusted by what Mrs. Danner is showing her!


Above: J.T. Mendenhall tries to impress the ladies as he uses one of their pantyhose as a mask.


## Mrs. Pamela Marta

With the many challenges and problems that high school students face, it is a relief to know that there is always a teacher who will listen. Mrs. Pamela Marta is a prime example of what a teacher should be: kind, understanding, and above all, a friend. She's always there with a warm smile and a kind word to help her students through their challenges and problems.

Mrs. Marta was born in Lubick, Texas. She graduated fifth in her class from Cederidge High School in Colorado. After marrying her husband, Ronald, she had three children: Sherry, Annissa, and Daniel. They then decided to move to Seneca, Missouri. Soon after their move, she decided to attend Crowder College. At Crowder, Mrs. Marta was active in Phi Theta Kappa, and named to the National Dean's List. She was also in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. She represented the non-traditional students as Crowder's Basketball Homecoming Queen candidate in 1989 and worked in the Financial Aid Office part time as a work-study student. She was an exceptional student, had a perfect 4.0 GPA , and was named Outstanding Female Graduate of 1990. After graduating from Crowder, she transferred to MSSC, where she served as president for several campus organizations and was elected State Newsletter Editor for the Missouri State Teachers Association. She taught a Freshman Orientation class in 1991. She was initiated into several honor societies, including Omicron Delta Kappa, an international honor society; Kappa Delta Pi for education; Phi Alpha Theta for history; and Pi Gamma Mu for social science. Mrs. Marta also had the opportunity to study at Oxford University, England, through the MSSC honor society. Mrs. Marta graduated from MSSC as Outstanding in Business Education, and Outstanding in Social Science Education.
Outside of her teaching activities, Mrs. Marta enjoys visiting and traveling to Scotland. Her many hobbies include reading, painting, drawing, and singing in her church choir. Mrs. Marta is a member of Sweetwater Baptist Church in Granby. It is for these reasons that the yearbook staff sincerely dedicates the 1998-99 NEOHIMO to Mrs. Pamela Marta.


Cute as a button. Even as a baby, Mrs. Marta had a big smile and was not afraid to show it to everyone.


Taking a break from all of the action for some quiet time while on a trip with "Come Together," a church choir group.


Above: Mrs. Marta is explaining the importance of patience to her oldest daughter Sherry.


While singing for a choir group called "Come Together," Mrs. Marta shared her love for God and music.


While on vacation in Scotland, Mrs. Marta poses with her friends, Graeme and Loraine Pearson, in front of Cawdor Castle.


Mrs. Marta shows her love of Geography, even on vacation, by stopping on top of Monarch Pass in Colorado, at the Continental Divide.

Mrs. Marta on her wedding day in 1979.



As a Senior, Mrs. Marta was actively involved in many of Cederidge High School's activities including FBLA and Choir.

The Hampton Family in 1972.


Mrs. Marta smiles at one of her students.

## Ifie on the Outsicie

Many people say, "Teachers give us so much homework it is ridiculous." What about those students who participate in activities outside of school? Being a teenager is hard sometimes because we have so much to do and so little time to get things done. We get confused sometimes about where priorities should fall. We need money, so we are forced to get a job. Yet our parents and teachers say our education should come before our jobs. As a teenager we need to start taking more responsibility, but yet we still want to have fun in the process. We want to go to all the games even though we know we should be studying for that big test tomorrow. Many teens go from practice to practice on various nights, not arriving home until nine or ten o'clock. Then we have to eat and relax for a little bit, still knowing that we have two hours of homework that's due tomorrow. It gets really stressful at times, but if you asked most teens they would not know what to do if they had a free night.


Above: Sally Crocker, Amber Secrest, Andy Cole, Sean Wilson, Aaron Divine, Heather Smith, Sherry Rhoades, and Anissa Marta patiently wait for their food at the Original Hard Rock Cafe in London while on their trip to Europe.


Above: Sara Ruth is so excited about being seen in uniform at Sonic.


Above: Sarah Houk is working hard behind the counter at Mighty Melt.


Above: Kendra Keeling relieves some of her Senior year stress by dancing with delicacy.


Above: This is one of Andy Cole's favorite outside of school activities. This was taken on a bus after a long day of touring London.

## Jobs

## After-School Activities

## Club Video

Kristin Phillips
Lee Schofield
Will Palmeiri
Kentucky Fried
Chicken
Aaron Delauney
Catherine Kelly
Chadia Ladbasri
Shannon Cobb
Julie Watson
Brittony Clouse
Shoneys
Curtis Baker
Ben Boyt
The Stage
Sarah Pogue
Katrina Lay

Walmart
Anissa Marta
David Vailes
McDonalds
Beth Kenny
Gabe Cook
Golf Course
Andy Cole
Nick Layman
Todd LeMaster
City Pool
Jacquie Kronkow Alissa Todd
Sonic
Amanda Martin
Tenille Condict
Angela Letts
Gabe Dorsey
Sara Ruth

## Sherry's Dance

Chadia Ladbasri
Lauren Layman
Kenra Keeling
Sally Crocker
Lori Hymer
Alisson Hunter
Karen Daugherty
Catherine Kelly
Hunting
Andy Noah
Jake Russell
Brandon Knight

## Piano

Kendra Keeling
Lauren Layman
Becky Brooks

## Riding Horses

Diana Boyt
Heather Woodrum
Running
Chelsey Cashel
Joe Moore
Sheen Brasiola
Chris Reynolds
Coach Stuart


Above: Jennifer Powell shows us how she keeps the mice under control at Orshelins.


Above: Brittony Clouse and Shannon Cobb are posing behind their display of kiddie toys at Kentucky Fried Chicken.


Above: Sally Crocker is always busy at Big Spring Auto, keeping all the cars clean and spotless.

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Polly Bressie John Briggs Becky Brooks Gina Brown Regina Brown Stephanie Brown

Meilon Browning Kenny Burleson Amber Burnett Rachel Butts Adam Carden Jennifer Carlin

Amanda Casey Chelsey Cashel Sabrina Caywood Desiree Chanslor Erin Chapman Teresa Chenoweth

Sally Crocker Dustin Daniels Matt Daspit

Tandee Daugherty Becky Davidson Elissa Davis Joy Davis Mackenzie Davis Brad Degraw

Karyn Degroat Aaron Delaunay Katrisha Dickinson Aaron Divine Davina Dobbs Gabe Dorsey

Olivia Duncan Jeramiah Durbin Christina Duvall Jamie Eastin Michelle Eberle Branda Edwards

Jonathan Ely Damon Embrey Shawn Erlewine Adolfo Estrada Joshua Evans Missy Ewen

Ryan Fletcher Kathryn Frankey Kyle Franklin Sydney Garrow Rebecca Glavin Katharine Glore

Darius Green Michelle Guppy Laura Hanschu

Rodney Harrell Clint Harris Josh Hedger


Seeing Double! Sondra Wise and Sydney Garrow show their spirit while dressing up for twin day.

## Remember When....?

.....we had to dress up as 80 's punks or something like that, Jason Alford
....."Honey if you love me please, please smile!" That's all I need to say, Lauren Layman
.....I talked with the animals, Shayne Sprenkle
.....some friends and I would escape from choir through the fire escape and Mrs. Taylor would never know that we left, Tandee Daugherty
.....once during a track meet a car caught on fire outside of school. The smell was hideous and the smoke covered the whole stadium. The fireman couldn't stop the blaze,Amanda Tuomala
.....friends used to be friends and listen to what people say, now as we get older and go our own ways and we are growing apart, Christina Duvall
.....all the spoons from the cafeteria were stolen, Nathaniel Smith


Brandon Knight Leslie Kohler Dusty Kuhn Stephanie Kyler Chadia Ladbasri Philip Land
Chad Henry Chuck Huff Ryan Hughes Lorelle Hutchins Shonda Ireland Nadine James

Robert Jarrell Thomas Jarrett Megan Jones Stephanie Jones Steven Jordon Kendra Keeling

Andrea Kelley Catherine Kelly Vicky Kelly Cassie Kessinger Sarah Kimbrough Tylan Kittrell


Wake Up!!! Julie Watson found Mr. Montz's class to be a little too boring and took a little nap.


Are Lorelle Hutchins and Chelsey Cashel showing off those guns or what???

Jared Lankford
Jenny Lara Lauren Layman Tara Lazure Jason Leach Alisha Lee

Colin Lentz Angela Letts Andy Long Tomi Lyster Tamara Lyttle Chris Maclain

Matt Major Robert Marshall Annissa Marta Amanda Martin Teddy Matlock Misty McCammon



Justin Mcgee Jamey Melton Joe Mendenhall Melody Mitchell Christina Mogan Michelle Montz

Matt Moore Lee Morrison Annete Mulholand Leia Needham Andy Noah Lisa Nunn

Amy Odell Christine Olson Adrienne Owens William Palmieri Angela Parmely Jason Patrum

Jamie Patterson Missy Peacher John Peacock Rodney Pendley Joel Phillips Kristin Phillips


Lauren Layman has a smile on her face as she leaves school for the day.

Missy Ewen, Julie Watson, and Chadia Ladbasri start their day off on the senior benches.


Ryan Phillips Sarah Pogue Jennifer Powell Nick Pyle Ashley Qualls Crystal Quintana

Joshua Reid Jaime Renfro Heather Reniker Kati Reynolds Mathew Reynolds Sherry Rhoades

Greg Richardson James Rigdon Kim Rogers Joanie Rose Jesse Ruby Jake Russell


## If you could be remembered for anything, what would it be?

That I was different because I am a Christian and that I stood up for what was right, not popular: Shawna Anderson

I would like to be remembered for my uniqueness, creativeness, and ability to get along with people: Julie Watson

Dressing up Mr. Espinosa's "monkey of knowledge" for Halloween as a hula dancer: Shonda Ireland

For my last name and for trying to be a nice person: Josh Ball
The Cheese. I am Vice President of Cheeseheads International, the elite cheese society. We have 5 members. Remember girls, let the cheese be your guide. Go Brobdingnagian: Olivia Duncan

Sara Ruth Brooke Sammons Rocio Sanchez Laura Schade Lee Schofield Brooke Schuster

Amber Secrest Kimberly Shields Sara Simek Jennifer Simpson Cassandra Smith Heather Smith

Aaron
Divine is always in the office, at least he isn't in trouble!



Matt Daspit, Ryan Hughes, Ryan Phillips, Dusty Kuhn, and J.T. Mendenhall show their leadership as they get the football team pumped up at the football homecoming bonfire.

What year is it anyway? These seniors showed their spirit as they dressed up for eighties day

Sondra Wise Heather Woodrum Wolfe Worden


Looks like Jeramiah Durbin and Ryan Phillips are better sleepers than chefs.


Showing the love, Kim Rogers and Teresa Chenoweth give a big hug in psychology class.

Caught in the act: Josh Hedger is chowing down on that wonderful school lunch.


Tosha Armstrong and Carla Whitworth look happy to be starting another day at school.

## NOT PICTURED

W.R. Bradshaw Kirk Brewer Matt Carr Dustin Charleton Alex Fields Justin Fletcher Melanie Friend Amanda Gratton Nicholle Hensley Brandon Hines Sarah Houk

Heidi Hubbard Phillip Jarrell Dustin Johnson Brian Kippes Katrina Lay David Madrid Jessica Miller Jason Morris Brad Porter Sarah Schmidt Beth Stough

Brandy Stubblefield Casey Sulier Tim Torres Samantha Vaughn Tara Webster Adrian West Michael Wilson Zeb Winton


Left: I bet this is the first and last time Will Palmeri will be made up by a nun.



Above: Friends for life, Amber Burnett and Shawna Anderson smile for the camera.

Left: What is Shayne Sprenkle looking for??

Left: Stephanie Jones looks dazed and confused as she digs through her locker.

# Senior Memories 

Over the years we seniors have made many memories we would hate to forget. We have all been very close as a class and have been through many times together. We have shared laughter, tears and many fun times. Memories such as eating at Pizza Hut after school, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Birthday parties, the last days of school, and the first best friends we ever had will never leave our minds. This page is made so we will never forget the best times throughout the years. We hope you have had the time of your life.

The 7th Grade pee wee cheerleading squad in 1994.



The 8th grade choir sings at the Christmas parade downtown on the square.


Mrs. Hyde's 3rd grade class collects trash at the highschool on Earth Day.


They may be buff, but they're not the stuff! B. Knight, J. Durbin, and M. Moore pose for a picture in 6th grade.


Mrs. Allen's 2nd grade class. See if you can recognize any of these people.


Miss Marble's 5th grade class. Are You In The Picture?
C. Ladbasri and K. Keeling stand in front of the rock museum at Joplin.

C. Ladbasri and S. Crocker are having a fun time at their dance recital.

C. Hudson, C. Ladbasri, S. Crocker, A. Secrest, K. Keeling, and J. Watson are having fun at Chadia's birthday party.


What A Crowd! The last day of school in 7th grade. On our way to junior high!
T. Chenoweth and K. Keeling eat lunch together at South School. Yum, Yum!
A. Burnett, L. Kolher, and S. Anderson take a
break from the 5 th grade play.


1994. Everyone is waiting to go barn swinging. That was the thing to do for birthday parties!


Who could ever forget Neosho Inn birthday parties?

A. Noah, J. Clement, T. Weems, and C. Casady take a break in the hot tub.

A. Burnett and R. Hughes are the lead characters in Joe White and the Seven Lizards. Aren't they studs!


Can you recognize these two faces? It's J. Watson and R. "Dog" Hughes.



## TOP TWENTY SENIORS



Valedictorian
Shonda Ireland


Salutatorian
Shawn Erlewine

Stacia Alvarez

Dina
Boyt

Kenny Burleson


Amanda
Casey

Andy
Cole

Gabe
Cook



Mac
Davis

Laura
Hanschu

Nadine
James


Stephine Kyler

Andy
Long

Angela
Parmley


Sherry
Rhoades

Laura
Schade

Shayne Sprenkle



Liz Ahsmuhs Scotty Albious Silas Allard Matthew Alldredge Lindsey Allen Samantha Anders Cheryl Anderson

Caleb Andrews Dawn Arehart Christina Arterburn Amy Augspurger Casey Augustine Josh Babb Michael Bacon

Aaron Baker Justin Baker Morgan Baker

Marshall Bales
Amanda Ball Josh Ball


Above: All bundled up! Geri Russel, Lindsey Allen, and Julie Osborne try to stay warm as they cheer on the Cats!



Above: Scotty Albious and Josh Lewis take a break on the Junior benches between classes.


Back row: Andy Elliot, Sarah McFarland, Jesseca Freese, Nathan Becknell, Meagan Pietrzak, Barbi Hoover. Front row: Deanna Janss, Cristin Smith, Julie Osborne, Alissa Todd and Miss Ellison took a trip back to the time when Miss Ellison was in high school.


Above: Tara Branham, Toby Patterson, Michelle Kissell, and Cristin Smith look like they really got into Fifties day. Are you sure they're going to be in our yearbook and not their mom's?

## What was your favorite song of the jear?

Overall, the Juniors' favorite song of the year was

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& \text { THING by: AEROSMITH }
\end{aligned}
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Charity Bradshaw- Lullaby-Shawn Mullins

Kris Goewert- Du Hast- Rammstein
Lori Farrell- I'll Be- Edwin McCain
Amanda Ball- Your Still The One -Shania Twain

Caron Woods- Are you that somebody -Aliyah




Above: Meagan Pietrazak, Kim Patterson, Deana Stonecipher, Stacy Linehan, Andrea McClain, and Melissa Carter, "The Pink Ladies," pose for a picture on the Junior benches.


Above: "You're not going fast enough." Tara Branham wraps Jenny Dywer's ankle for Sports Medicine class.

Left: Smiling for the camera. Brad Douglas and Cheryl Anderson are happy because they just made it through another day in Miss Ellison's class.

Tara Hunte Allison Hunter Lori Hymer Deanna Janss Stephanie Jespersen Christopher Johnson Katura Johnson

Bo Jones James Keezer Spencer Kelso Bethany Kenny Timothy Kenny Chris Kerr Michelle Kissel

Brandon Kline Cory Knight Jacquie Kronkow Dustin Lane Bronc Leach Sarah Leathers Josh Lewis

Jennifer Libby Stacy Linehan Rachelle Lynn Stacie Mahan Brandon Mailes Tara Marion David Mariott

Brandon Kline
Cory Knight
Jacquie Kronkow
Dustin Lane
Bronc Leach
Sarah Leathers
Josh Lewis


Below: Paying close attention. Amanda Vowell seems really interested in what Mr. Ramsey has to say.


Above: Get that goofy grin off your face. David Mariott just found out that he made it into National Honor Society.


Above: Nathan Becknell shows off his awesome shirt on Tie-Dye day.


Above: Hey Phil, what's on that slide? Alissa seems to think that it's pretty interesting.

## If jou could live any where in the world, where would

 you live?

Above: Taking time out. Tara Hunte makes a new friend at the C.P. Center in Webb City.

Overall, the place the Juniors would want to live was HAWAII. Scotty Albious: Hawaii, to help the poor tanning souls with their suntan lotion.
Cristin Smith: Anywhere but Neosho.
Silas Allard: In a dingy roaming the Earth on a voyage of conquest. Andy Ramon: London,England; so I can drink tea.
Jamie Slaughter: Afghanistan, because then I could have a positive influence on all the hurt, poverty stricken souls.


Above: Cristin Smith smiles from ear to ear at the thought of expanding her boundaries and seeing new places.


Buck Marsh Heath Martin Amanda Mayo Matthew McBride Andrea McClain Sarah McFarland Christina McGehee

Tabetha McGlown Eric Moreno Drew Mickolay Robert Middleton Christina Miller Lance Mittag Levi Mittag

Jeremy Montz Joseph Moore Ari Moreno Brad Morrison Amanda Murray Jennifer Myers Adrianne Neville

Nick Noah James Nunn Zackery Odem Andy Olbrey Julie Osborne Mark Palmer Chrystle Patterson

Kim Patterson Toby Patterson Jeff Pendergraft Andrea Perch Joanna Petersen Christy Pfaffman Meagan Pietrzak

Ray Pilkenton Sylvia Pilkenton Crystal Powers Daniel Pruitt Matthew Quinton

Andy Ramon Micheal Raulston


Chris Reynolds Kevin Reynolds Bonnie Roberts Danny Rogers Mechelle Rucker Geri Russel Marcus Russell

Sarah Russell Jonathan Savage Mark Schade Michael Schellhorn Ronnie Sellers Jessica Sexton Shiela Seymour

Clayton Shilling Sean Sides Jamie Slaughter Cristin Smith James Spencer Nina Spicer Daniel Stephens


Above: Out cold! After a long day at the Yearbook workshop, Cassie Hale catches up on a few ZZZ's.

Above: These Juniors clap for the Wildcats at the fall pep assembly.

Below: Up close and personal. Geri Russel shows off her big brown eyes.

Below: Allison Hunter, Erin Trout, and Nina Spicer appear awfully excited about typing an essay in the writing lab.



Below: Sarah Hierholzer takes a break from her work to flash those pearly whites.



Melinda Weems
Melissa Weems
Patricia Westerhouse
Bryan Whitcraft
Tami White
Adam Willett

Byran Williams Misty Williams Nathan Willis

Crystal Wilson Michael Wilson Sean Wilson


Below: Watching intently, Blake Henson and Jason Hafner try to decide who's paper airplane went the farthest.


Dustin Wolgamott Barrett Wood Cole Woodard Caron Woods Elizabeth Worden


Above: Casey Augustine, Jacquie Kronkow, and Geri Russel decided that smiling for the camera was more important than paying attention in class.

Right: Allison Hunter shows us that winning is a whole lot more fun than losing as she relishes her latest victory.


Above: Sheena Brasiola and Mechelle Rucker take a break from lifting to pose for a picture.


Left: Jessica Freese is having so much fun in weight lifting.


Left: Sizing up her opponent. Jacquie Kronkow looks to see who her next victim in tennis will be.

Below: Tim Kenny shows his disgust at what he is dissecting in Biology class.

## Juniors Not Pictured

Jeremiah Auch
Randy Betts
Amanda Bloom
Jamie Ellis
Marlena Howe
William Hunniford
Tim Jeffers
Josh Kinkade
Brandon Millard
Robert Montz
Karen Muskrat

Ryan Patton
Chris Price
Max Prier
Tim Prcotor
Stephanie Quick
Allen Schmidt
Lori Shields
Christopher Smith
Brandon Tate
Cory Tate



Kara Bradford
Rachel Brashar Crystal Brasiola Kenneth Brooks Jessica Brown Miranda Browning Brett Bunch

Justin Burch
Jennifer Burr
Stephen Busby
Bobby Bush
Janet Butts
Ashley Bybee
Cassie Calton

Erin Carey
Brad Carr
Holly Carver Jonathan Chacon Joshua Childress

Roselynda Chonggum Greg Clark

Michael Clark
John Clayton
Heather Cobb
Whitney Collins
Melissa Conness
Casey Cook
Cameron Crawford

Stacy Crosby
Stacey Crouch
Nereyada Culp
Tristan Dale
Dustin Danner
Bobby Davenport
Cory Davis


Above: STUDS! Graham Hadley and Dustin Danner have caught a case of the giggles!


Above: Jenny Burr takes a moment to observe her fellow classmates artistic talents.


Above: BUFF! Miranda Browning shows how strong she really is! Look at those MUSCLES!


Above: Jennifer Harper, Macharie Fischer, and Qui Seirra smile while relaxing on the Sophomore benches!

Joshua Depriest Allie Dobbs Crystal Doyle Boone Ducommun Chris Edwards Ryan Ehnen Chris Erlewine

Ben Estes Tara Fanning Nathan Fischer Marcharie Fisher

Tray Fisher Kristi Francisco Russell Freeman

Justin Fullerton Erica Garcia Gabe Garrow Junior Gauthier Kenny Gill Erin Glore Aimee Gruenewald

Graham Hadley Steven Hafner Elizabeth Hailey Andrew Hale Justin Hammack Wade Hampel Maranda Haner

Robert Hanschu Michelle Harmon Mike Harms Ben Harp Jennifer Harper Alicia Hatfield Jessica Hathaway


Below: WATCHOUT! Cassie Kinnear, Erin Carey, and Lindsay Blauert are happy about something!



Above: HOT STUFF! Mindy Owens, and Miranda Akin show us the importance of their friendship!

## Cartoon Characters

If you could be any cartoon character who would you be and why? 1.Stephen Busby: He-Man, he gets to ride a big cat.
2. Josh Love: I would be Yogi bear because he gets to live in Jelly-Stone Park and eat out of a lot of pick-a-nic baskets.
3.Josh Childress: Eric Cartmen,(South Park) because I like his attitude, the way he looks at things, and he is fat!!
4.Lindsay Blauert: I would be Woodstock (from Snoopy) because he is such good friends with Snoopy.


Tim Haupt Kara Heath Cristine Hilgenberg Shawn Honeycutt Morgan House Dora Huffman Tj Hunt

Adam James Keara Janisch Nichalos Jarosz Stuart Jeffers Brett Jenkins Freddie Jennings Michael Jennings

Kris Johnson Derik Jones Rick Jones Mandy Jordan Heather Keeling Wade Kesinger Cassie Kinnear

Gary Kroll Amanda Kuhn Lindsay Langland Sarah Lawson Nick Layman David Lazure April Leaf

Justin Lebel
Casey Lee
Todd Lemster Mindy Lewis Jose Lopez

Jared Maddox Aaron Markle Jamie Martin Shila Martinez Larry Masters Brandon Matlock Phillip Mattingly

Amanda McClintock Tiffany McDonald James McFadin Wesley McKay Tammy McNeill Jessica Mikeska Hollie Millard

Kile Mitchell Rachel Mitchell Nathan Mittag Autumn Mobley Audrey Montez Amy Moore Alisia Morrison

Mandy Muncy Benjamin Musser Julie Nelson Mindy Owens Adam Pappacoda Dustin Patrum Amy Patterson

Rebecca Payton Shane Payton Kyle Penn Shane Philliber Kendra Piechnik Mark Porter Clifford Potts



Above: Tammy McNeil, Valerie Snow, Lindsey Langland, Jennifer Harper, Taylor Tessmer, Morgan House, Tera Workman, and Amanda Kuhn all pil in for a group shot on the Sophomore benches!
elow: The Sophomore's show their Wildcat Spirit at e Football Homecoming Pep assembly!



Left: We have not quite figured out what Taylor Tessmer and Tera Workman are doing in this picture!


Siobhan Price Amy Proznyk Amanda Quinton Kurtis Ratliff Dale Reid Aaron Renfro Shilah Robertson

Chad Robinson
Amanda Ruark
Andrea Russell Matthew Russell Timothy Russell Matt Ruth Lacey Salsman

Greg Sammons Gabe Sanders Vince Schoonover Mark Schuster Jessica Selsor Kevin Sharpe Brian Sides

Cuitlahuac Sierra
Natasha Sissell Chris Smith Shea Snelson Valerie Snow Ashley Southard Rusty Stephenson

John Stevenson Charles StLouis Josh Storms Richard Strouss Philip Swem Cori Taylor Travis Taylor


Above: Elizabeth Hailey, Erin Carey, Adrian Wood, and Cassie Kinnear show their spirit by wearing tie-dye!

Above: Mrs. Schluter's Child Developement class look happy to be in school! Don't you think?

Below: We Still have not figured out what Valerie Snow is doing before State Cheerleading Competition!! Something must taste good!

Below: Lindsay Langland is all smiles at her locker! Look at those pearly whites!


Taylor Tessemer Jeremy Thomas Alicia Thurman Heather Tracy Erica Tuomala Ashley VanGorp Brett Walker

Adam Wall Kayla Walton Shelby Wasson Amanda Watson Stephanie Wead Amber Weems Chelsie Welch

Lisa Whitcraft Cody White Joe White Michelle White Daniel Willet Justin Willet Daniel Williams

Erin Williams Mark Williams Aaron Willis Laura Willson Kris Wilson Rachel Wilson Tyler Wilson


Below: Sophomore Amanda Kuhn is attempting to jump rope. Now we know what they do in Weightlifting.


Below: Brett Walker and Derek Jones portray the infamous Ceaser Augustes and Cassius Brutus.

Below: Josh Love gets pretty mouthy with the camara while his body guard Damon Dumond watches from behind.


Below: Charles Bock and Eric Bowers try to express their excitement which words cannot capture about Coach Stuart's class.


Below: Autumn Mobley is being a responsible student by blocking the locker next to her so no one can get in.


Below: Tammy McNeil takes a time out between classes to sit on the Soph. benches.


## What is it?

1. What has four eyes but cannot see?
1) Jared Maddox - Coach Stuart wearing sun glasses in the sense of an emergency
2) Eric Bowers - a blind Beaver with glasses
3) Amanda Kuhn - My dog that walks backwards
4) Valerie Snow - Hary Carey
2. What has three hands but no fingers?
1) Jared Maddox - My aunt's cat that was run over by a lawnmower
2) Eric Bowers - A Clock
3) Amanda Kuhn - Dusty Kuhn
4) Valerie Snow - An Octupus

## What is your funniest memory of your Sophomore year?

"When I asked Autumn Mobley if it sounded like a rainstick when she tilted her head." Mark Porter
"When Morgan House, Lindsay Langland, and I were at the creek and I swang out on a rope with all my clothes on and fell in the creek and Lindsay peed her pants laughing so hard." Valerie Snow
"When Chris VanDorn bit Jennifer Boyer on the cheek and left a big bruise." Alicia Hatfield
"On the night before Halloween, Derek Jones and Brett Walker, while crawling, carried me through a spook house. Then when the chainsaw guy chased us they ran a block away from the spook house." Cassie Kinnear
"I serenaded my friends in the halls with my friend Miranda Browning. We each sang different songs at the same time. It got some weird looks, but it was fun." Audrey Bowers
"When Tera Workman asked Valerie Snow if a female was a mammal." Jennifer Harper
"It would probably have to be when I came in from the parking lot riding on a cart into the school! I was bringing in play costumes. I got in a little trouble but it was hilarious!!" Cori Taylor
"My favorite memory is Burnin' the Fatties down the Boulevard" Jenny Burr


Above: Cassie Kinnear, Autumn Mobley, Lindsey Blauert, Adrian Wood, Erin Carey, and Miranda Akin give the camera big smiles in between classes!

Right: Amanda Ruark and Amy Proznyk show how tough Child Developement can be by wearing the empathy belt!!!



Above: Gabe Garrow shows his dimples in Physics class!!


Above: Wake Up!! Tim Haupt appears to have had a rough night!!

Below: Matt Ruth and Andrew Hale take a moment from their busy schedule to smile and say HELLO!


Below: Brian Sides looks a little too layed back to be studying or paying attention!!


Left: Hollie Millard, Cassie Calton, Morgan House, and Amy Patterson take time out of Coach Elliott's seminar class to smile for the camara!! Say "CHEESE!!"

## Not Pictured

Jeremiah Bommarito
Johnny Bowzer
Porshca Boyce Darren Charlton Jesse Clanton Jennifer Clark Matthew Clark Ricky Clark Bobby Cole Tammy Cooper Daniel Dell'Antonia Jennifer Gillette

Daniel Heistand Josh Holloway
Justin Irvine
Robert Jarosz
Trisha Lane
Melissa Lawson
Justin Lebel
Matthew Leer
Tanyaneeka Mathis
Jay Pulliam
Chris Price
Arkenam Pupo
Wade Russell


Below: Cash Hoover is confused in Mr. Watkins' Student Congress Class. He forgot what he was going to say.


Above: Scott Adler has his nose in a book trying to make time go by just a little quicker.


Joey Brotherton Ryan Brown Devon Burch Bonnie Burleson Clayton Burleson Aaron Burns
Amanda Burr

Stacy Butler Kellie Cable Kerbie Cable Michelle Cane Kyle Carden Hannah Carroll Joshua Casey

Anthony CongGum Hiram ChongGum Kacie Christmas Kayla Clutter

Tiffany Collins Candice Combs Justin Conner Dustin Cook

BJ Coonce Justin Cozart Daniel Craig Kyle Crane

Cody Crocker
Brad Crowder John Cummings Jennifer Cuppett Kyle Daniels Daniel Davidson Gerald Davis

Nicholas Davis John Dees Scott Degroat Jared Delauney Linus Dell David Dewitt Victoria Dickinson

Abbie Doubek Joseph Doyle Steve Dunaway Cody Duncan David Dunkin Tyler Dwyer Amanda Ehrhart

Charissa Eichman Sasha Ellis Heather Ely Maria Estrada Amanda Ethridge Rachel Evans Rusty Farley

Sherry Farmer Paul Farnsworth Brett Feagans Kimberly Fletcher Brian Forster Chris Fountain Cody Gideon

Mark Gordon Cody Gouge Gary Grantham Adam Gustafson Rachel Guthrie Rogelio Gutierrez Rachel Guy

Jeff Hailey Jerry Hall Brent Harris James Harris

Cody Haviland Darius Hawkins Joshua Hay Breanne Heckman


Some people are camera-shy, but not Jacque Hunte, she is really friendly. Why can't everyone wave like her?

What are you looking forward to the most next year in High School?

Being older than the Freshmen and seeing all the fine guys.
--Brandi Stanek
Air Conditioning.
--Jared DeLauney
That I'll be one year closer to graduating.
--Laura Hilker
Well, everyone says highschool years are the best so I plan to make them that way. I'm looking forward to the different experiences and fun.
--Kim Bostic
Looking at the fine guys, having fun, meeting new people and talking to people.
--Bridgette Ackerman

She has her bag strapped over her shoulder and is ready for a trip. Lakresha Hill is making the move to high school next year.


Everyone knows that Freshmen look forward to finally being considered High Schoolers, but here are some of the other things that are important to them:
-Driving
-Dating
-Meeting the older guys
-Hanging out with friends
-Another year closer to being gone


Johnny Kelson
Sonny Kester Gregan Ketcham Matthew Kimbrough Kyle Kirk Lance Krik Joshua Kirkland

Danny Kleinbak Heather Krattle Matt Kunkel Renea Ladbasri Ryan Larkin Melissa Lawson Ricky Lawson

Will Lentz Jessica Lett Shelly Lewis Ashley Loncarich Chase Long Betsy Loyd Patrick Luke

Meghan Maclain
Sasha Mahan Simon Mahan Lacy Mariott Dana Maroney Daniel Marta Sasha Martin

Joaquin Materne Kristen McCamish Mike McClintock Nicole McCollum

James McDaniel Brandy McGlown Tiffany McGuire Amber McReynolds

Steven Melton Monique Miles Eric Miller Jackie Miller

Tabitha Mittag Ashley Mobley Melissa Mogan Bobby Moore


Tyler Dwyer hopes that his teacher did not say anything important today.


Renea Ladbasri and Chelsea Kalmbach put in some study time in the stadium bleachers. It appears to be more difficult to study with the wind blowing.


Drew Moore Dixie Moorehead Danny Murphey

Levi Myers Newton Neidert Tyler Nelson


## C



Elizabeth Nolan Jacob Oakes Joey Olinghouse Missy Otten Zachariah Owens Angela Palmer Kenneth Peoples

Lindsay Perigo
Tindy Phelan
Brenton Phillips Patrick Phillips Justin Pickup Shane Pogue Steven Potts

Jesse Powers Quenton Powers Miranda Presley Amanda Price Coty Pringle Bobby Qualls Amber Raulston

Chris Reagan
Caleb Reed
Kernel Rehobson Zach Rice Steven Riggs David Robinson Glenn Robinson

Sarah Roderique Jessica Rose Sydney Rose Amanda Rosenow Tina Ross
Ezekial Rubottom Ian Rucker

Jonathan Rucker Jonae Ruddick Alejandra Sanchez Daniel Sanchez Eliazer Sanchez Susann Schmidt Heather Sharp

Mark Shellenberger Xochitl Sierra Crystal Sifuentes Christy Sinclair Destry Slaughter Billy Smith Wyman Smith

Megan Spencer Jillian Spicer Dusty Sprenger Brandi Stanek Renee Stillions

Brett Stone Chris Storms

Karrie Sough
Kristen Stough Fallon Strickland Angie Sumter Andy Tarpy Seth Tartar Joshua Tate

James Taylor Sheena Taylor Amber Tevebaugh Lucas Thogmartin Jaime Thompson Christopher Tomlin Michelle Tomlinson

Dustin Tosh Crystal Trauthwein Jackie Turosik \#Ashley Vandever Cody Vandorn Jon Vanotterloo Nathan Vanwinkle


Above: Gregan Ketcham looks like she is having a pretty good time cutting ginger bread men out in Mrs. Turner's class.

Above: Heather Ely and Kellie Cable smile for a quick snap shot before they have to go back to class.


Amanda Vaughn
Cheyenne Villa Sheana Waddle Amy Ward Daniel Ward Frank Watson Lisa Webster

Joshua Welch Boone West John Whetzell Chris Whitworth Travis Wilfong Krystal Willet James Williams

## Would you rather lose your homework or kiss your mom in public?

How important is homework to Freshmen? We asked about 40 Freshmen this question and here is what we found:

Those who would kiss their mom:
37.5\%

Those who would rather lose their homework:
62.5\%

## Losing Homework

I would rather lose my homework than kiss my mom in public and lose my reputation.
--Scotty Howard


Above: James Taylor ponders the meaning of life.

Below: Michelle Henton and Tina Bradford are having a great time learning about Romeo and Juliet.


Right: Whole Lotta' Spirit!!! These freshmen girls show just how much spirit their class has!! Keep it up!


Brandi Wilson
Travis Witt Robert Wolfe

Cory Wood Hunter Wool Justin Workman


Above: David DeWitt and Cody Crocker are definitely in deep thought about something. What could it be?



Below: Bridgette Ackerman is hard at work on her American History, but Lauren Hendricks has lost focus.


Above: Clay Burleson is paying a lot of attention to what Amanda Burr has to say!

Left: This picture truly shows how much Freshmen get picked on. Brett Stone definitely had something go wrong to get that black eye!


Left: Mrs. Kemna's class takes their learning about the outdoors to the outdoors. Do they enjoy science, or are they just happy to be out of class?

## Not Pictured

Jessi Alderman
Joseph Balloqui Josh Barker Jeff Bearden Tessa Bridges Robert Burham Zulenca Campos Shaun Cantrell Frank ChongGum Isang ChongGum David Cljark Robin Clark Jantsen Cope

Christian Cruz Shawn Degonia Carrie Dunkle Shannon Elmore Michelle Ethridge Lisa Francisco Emily Garrett Richard Goodman Shannon Graham Corey Harris Eric Howell Justin Hurst
Sean Ladbasri

Brenna Lamb Charleen Manuel James Martin Byron Mayfield Keisha McCracken Jacob Meadors Joshua Preston Sarah Pulliam Bradley Raulston Jamie Rice Keyle Rogers Roman Rojek Charles Steele Dusty White



Robby Benson
Amanda Betts
Danielle Bishop
Sherry Biss
Sammie Boblett
Tim Boblett
Jodi Boman

Michael Boman Autumn Bommarito Shasta Booyer Heather Bowers Megan Bowers Erin Boyt
Zachary Boyt

Jon Branscum
Scott Brasiola
Robert Braunschweig Heather Bridges
Rebeca Bridges
Jonna Briscoe
Jason Britten

Moriah Browning
Kristina Buerge
Cody Burch
Darci Burch
Sarah Burns
Jake Busby
Paul Butler

Lee Carter Megan Carter Moo Cho Lucy Chonggum Ruthina Chonggum Brandon Clines
Keenan Coggin

Clayton Collins Katie Collins Sarah Collins Rosana Colon
Melissa Compton Ashley Conness Kimberly Conness

Abby Cooper Megan Cooper Mitzi Cotton Jason Cozart Mikeal Crandal Chris Crevisten Nikki Cupps

Michael Daugherty Jamie Davidson Ricarda Deanda Cherish Debault Aaron Decker

Crystal Degraw Sean Delmarco
J. Scholfield

Woodrumteam up after school so they can hang out together.

E. Klier, M. Cotton, and S. Kester show their excitement about finally being in High School.




Ashley Gurley Jennifer Guthrie Mathew Guthrie Carli Hadley Amber Hafner Benjamin Hall Travis Hall

Andrew Hamilton
Tammy Hanke Daniel Hargett Jennifer Harris Jenny Harris
Amy Harrison Kimber Hawkins

Lindsay Hawkins Matt Hay
Skipper Herbert
David Heinlein Ashley Heistand Michael Henry
Bryan Hensley

Amanda Hernandez
Neil Hicks
Heather Hill
Ben Kilton
Blake Hines
Carrie Hobbs
Bethany Hoggard

Justin Houk Lynette Howard Rodney Howe Chris Huff
Marshall Hunt Jared Hurst
Adam Immekus

C. Kreviston is the Unofficial Yo-Yo King of the Jr. High. He is giving D. Allensworth private lessons.

C. Friend and R. Robin are trying to use violence as an answer. M. Hay does not like the answer too much.

S. Keezer, S. Ebbs, and A. Patterson let us all know that everyone needs somebody to love.

## SURVEY

We asked 50 eighth graders "If you could spend the day with anyone... who would it be?" Their answers compiled to create the Survey Says... Top Ten!
10. Insane Clown Posse
9. Cindy Crawford
8. Whoopie Goldberg 7. Sable
6. Tyra Banks
5. Jerry Rice
4. Ryan Phillips
3. Michael Jackson
2. Grandma

1. Adam Sandler

Trey Jackson Camden Janisch Martin Jensen Chad Johnson Kandice Johnson Lisa Johnson Sara Johnson

Stacy Johnson Cleetis Jones Michael Keaton Evan Keeling Shelley Keezer Bryce Kidwell Patricia Kincheloe

Richard King Erica Klier Brenda Kreeger Michael Lambert Sarah Lamp Jordan Langland Kevin Larrison

Gabe Lasiter Josh Laughlin Amber Lawson Matthew Lazure Adam Lineberry David Litle Susie Long



Garret Peirsol Chris Pendergraft Ahsley Penn Travis Petersen Tiffany Peterson Michael Plume Clifton Pouge

Scott Pogue Steph Porter Resa Powers Amanda Price Cassie Price Brandy Proffitt Tina Pugh

Krystal Pulliam Steven Quick Angela Ragsdale Bryan Ramsay Sally Rash Clint Reardon Kim Rehobson

Jennifer Rickman Kyle Ritter Robert Robin Kaysha Robinson Joshua Rogers Tara Roper Dustin Rosario

Megan Rountree Patrick Rountree Vincent Ruzic Caleb Saddler Leticia Sanchez Sandra Sanchez Summer Schmitt

Joel Schofield James Scott Sandy Scott Randall Scroggins Michael Selgeby Scott Senarosa Richard Seymour

John Shellenberger T. J. Shields Dallas Sims Amanda Slaughter Michael Smith Shelly Snyder Kevin Spencer

Travis Stephens Brianna Stillions Seth Stockam Michael Stockton Heather Story Rachel Strouss Eric Studdard


## What's Your Vote?



Election time is here again and we have just received the votes from the "Who's Your Favorite Teacher?" Campaign. The results are as follows:

| $\underline{\mathbf{1 6 \%}}$ | Mr. Burghart | $\underline{5 \%}$ | $\underline{\text { Mr. Daugherty }}$ | $\underline{5 \%}$ | Mrs. Scott |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\underline{12 \%}$ | Mrs. Giyer | $\underline{5 \%}$ | $\underline{\text { Mrs. Gillion }}$ | $\underline{5 \%}$ | Mr. Clement |
| $\underline{\mathbf{7 \%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Mrs. Tucker }}$ | $\underline{5 \%}$ | $\underline{\text { Ms. I. Thomas }}$ | $\underline{5 \%}$ | $\underline{\text { Mrs. Ward }}$ |



Christina Sturgeon Heather Swagerty Chris Talbot Isaiah Taylor Justin Taylor Adam Testerman Brandon Tevebaugh

Jolene Thomas Amanda Thurman Tara Tidwell Erin Tipton Justin Toman Crystal Tripp Josh Troutman

Jennifer Tucker Christina Vailes
Brady Vance
Brandy Vanstory
Kale Wade
Amanda Waggoner
Emily Wall

Curtis Walls
Jennifer Wead Josh Weems Matthew Weems Travis Werneke Dustin West Amber White

Seth White Trent White Kasey Whitworth Seth Wilder Casey Wiley Jayson Wilkins Andy Wilkinson


Sarah Willis
Sara Wilson
Shannon WIIson Cameron Woodrum

Charlie Writer


Heather Swagerty is setting a perfect example for Brandi Gibson on how to dance at the first Eighth grade Sock Hop.


Once again Mr. Henton is the peacemaker as Steve Quick, Justin Shellenberger, Mike Daugherty, and Trent Barrett try to give him a hard time.


Come on, feel the noise as Cody VanDorn trys to dance the music through you.


Keenan Coggin is way to enthuisiastic about being at school.

Sean Braisiola, Brandi Gibson, Tina Hernandez, and Josh Rogers are four guys and girls that can hang out. Way to go guys!!

Matt Hay waves to the camera, or is he waving to his buddy, Rob Robin?


Heather Bridges, Desiree Madrid, Carli Hadley, and Emily Mickelay get together for some good, old fashion fun.

## Not Pictured

Cassidy Bevis Mcgarren Gillespie Samantha Goswick
Chris Kreviston
Daryn Ledbetter
Adam Lee
Billy Meadows
Matt Montz
Mindy Owens
Dallas Price
Shawn Raines
Jacob Ralston
Nathaniel Reagh
Joe Ross
Amanda Skaggs
Matt Stevenson
Kimberly Storie
Tommy Taylor
Gary Turner
Brittany Wallander
Larry Woodcock


Angela Patterson and Shelly Keezer started thier own line dancing group as everyone else watched in amazement!

Kaysha Robinson and JuilianWoodard express their enjoyment of school as they Be Bop the day away.

## Neosho R5 Adminístration



Mr. Michael Bryant
Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum


Mr. Robert Murray Asst. Superintendent of Finance


Dr. Gary Quinn Superintendent of Neosho Schools

Mr. David Allphin Director of Transportation



Mrs. Sue Bowers Director of Food Service

1998-99 Neosho R-5 School Board Members:
(Back row, left - right) Bobby Bryant, Kevin Wilson, Jerry Wise, Jack Macy. (Front row, left - right) Vi Brannon, Earl Reynolds, Judy Day



Mr. Darren Cook
High School Asst. Principal/Act. Dir.


Mr. Bernie Jackson
Junior High Principal


Mr. Bryant is always searching for the best way to do his job. But, is the maintenance closet the place to look?

Ever wonder how Neosho's administration spend their day? Usually it is in a meeting.

## F A

Clarence Acton Cindy Aldrich Mike Aldrich Beth Alms Mike Austin Dianna Baker Susie Bilderbeck

Rex Black Cindy Branscum Jeff Burghart Patricia Burns Tony Bussey Sandra Cantwell Denny Chenoweth

Michael Clement Jacci Connell Linda Danner Patti DeArmond David Elliott Kathy Ellison Keith Espinosa



The High School Counselors, J. Miller (Sr.), G. Booth (Jr.), and Diane Snyder (Soph.) worked very hard this year helping students with their schedules and preparing them for their future.

N. H. S. teachers look forward to the dress-up days for Homecoming, too. Getting into "Twin Day" are (Front -Back) L. Schlueter, A. Vernon, S. Bilderback, D. Messens, F. Sommerfeld, C. Aldrich, L. Richardson, L. Neilsen, C. Gilstrap, A. Platner, and K. Ellison

## CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?

1. Taught English \& Preached in Russia
2. Likes James Taylor music \& bright "fun" sunglasses
3. "I sprint into school like a baseball player does to take his position. I'm ready and anxious for anything that comes my way"
4. Was a singer in a Rock Band. Was a Drum Magorette in high school.
5. Played on the 1st girls basketball team for Neosho High School.
6. Taught "English as a Foreign Language" to Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War.
7. Basketball MVP during Senior year at Neosho. Elected to Crowder's Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996.
8. Woked as the planning director for Prisons and Probations in British Columbia, Canada.
9. Copied tombstone inscriptions for Newton County geneological research.
10. As a child fed a pony gravel.
11. Played Tuba in High School, Volunteer Fire, All-County, and All-State Bands.
12. Mother was a war bride who was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel.
13. Has been a member of a hot air balloon crew and flown 3 times.
14. Was a Jr. Class president in high school, ran for Student Council Pres. for Sr. year, and lost to a $49 \%-51 \%$ split.
15. Named Jaycee's "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1970.
16. Snorkled in Hawaii
17. Attended a one-room rural school until the 8 th grade
18. Has played the French horn for over 30 years.
19. Wedding cake was a model of the Devil's Tower National Monument - made themselves.
20. Trained Boy Scout leader
21. Rode a "tandem" bike with spouse from Springfield, MO to Clinton, Mo; equalling 170 miles.
22. Attended Neosho schools and returned to teach in 1975
23. Favorite Quote: "A true friend stabs you in the face."
24. Was a square dancer for the play Shepherd of the Hills for 8 years with spouse.
25. Born in New Jersey
26. Born in Germany. Played the Clarinet from the 7th grade through 5 years of college.

## Answers can be found on the last page of the Index. Good Luck!



Mike Evans Terry Freese Ron Gilbert Carolyn Gilstrap Sherry Giyer Mike Godfrey Ray Godfrey

Jerry Gorham Marsha Harlan Steve Haupt Sharon Holkomb Linda Hopkins Bonnie Hudson Rayma Ireland

Larry James Shara Janss Eddie Jemes Dwane Jenkins Christi Kelly James Kelso Terri Kemna

Jackie Kenny Linda Lewis Pam Marta Shaun McAlister Dianna Messens Susan Miller Jodi Miller

Robin Montz George Morehead Linda Nielsen Sonia Overfelt Aleta Platner David Pyle Steve Ramsey

Linda Richardson Annette Robinson Diane Sandoval Joe Schibi Lori Schluter Roger Sides Mike Snow


Dianna Snyder Fran Sommerfeld Ron Sorensen Jim Stuart David Tarter Ann Taylor William Taylor


## Neosho Teacher that have taught for 20 years or more

| Dwane Jenkins | 30 years |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jerry Gorham | 30 years |
| Clarence Acton | 29 years |
| Rex Black | 29 years |
| Larry James | 28 years |
| Stephen Widder | 25 years |
| Rayma Ireland | 24 years |
| Tony Bussey | 22 years |
| Don Jessen | 22 years |
| Robin Montz | 22 years |


| David Tartar | 22 years |
| :--- | :---: |
| Marsha Harlan | 21 years |
| Robert Gillispie | 21 years |
| James Kelso | 21 years |
| Beverly Lewis | 21 years |
| Dave Hammett | 20 years |
| Bill Henton | 20 years |
| Harry Lineberry | 20 years |
| Diana Messens | 20 years |
| George Morehead | 20 years |



Gary Warren gives a few pointers to Erin Carey for her replica of the colorful tiles on the floor.


Steve Widder and James Kelso have been the leading force behind Neosho's instrumental entertainment for more years than they care to admit. However, we know that without them it would all be just noise.

# NEW FACULTY TO NEOSHO JR. \& SR. HIGH SCHOOL 

## High School

Susie Bilderback - Family \& Consumer Sc. Christie Kelly - Library Cheryl Kinmear - Library
Shawn McAlister - Vocational Agriculture
David Pyle - Science
Steve Ramsey - Language Arts
Lori Schlueter - Family \& Consumer Sc.
Diane Snyder - Guidance
Fran Sommerfeld - Computer Tech.

Junior High School
Joyce Blizzard - Special Ed.
Patricia Burns - Special Ed
Patti DeArmond - Library
Sherry Giyer - Language Arts
Sharon Holkomb - Social Studies
Bonnie Hudson - Special Ed
Terri Kemna - Science
Carol Swadley - ESL
Melissa Weston - Math
Barbara Wergrzyn - Music


Homecoming assemblies are not just for the student body. Eddie Jemes, Darren Cook, Steve Haupt, Ray Godfrey and his sons, Grant and Clint, are enjoying the entertainment in the high school gym, also. Do you think Coach Ray is giving his boys some football tips or just watching Willy dance and cheer?


Trish Thompson Diane Turner Aimee Vernon Vickie Walker Gary Warren Mellissa Weston Stephen Widder

## N. H. S. SUPPORT STAFF

Cindy Akin Pat Blauert Rita Boyd Linda Brewner Judy Brown SherryBrowning Peggy Caddy

Ron Clark Peggy Degraw Kim Dilday Bjorg Dubois Marcia Ellis Michelle Embrey Kristi Enlow

Jacque Faulkner Sherrie Garrow Jeanne Hailey Tom Jones Tonja Kalmbach Cheryl Kinnear Judy Lawson



Above: Peggy Caddy spends her days in the district's Print Room. Not only does she mass produce all those tests and worksheets your teachers keep giving you, but she also does the same for all the other teachers, staff, and principals in the Neosho school district.


Above: Judy Brown and Lisa White are holding down the Jr. High fort. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Stephens wouldn't be able to do their job if it weren't for these ladies' hard work.

Left: Jo Ann Osborn and Jeane Hailey work well together in the office they share. Mrs. Osborn is the A+ secretary and Mrs. Hailey is the high school principal's secretary.



Do you know who the "Cookie Lady" is? Maybe the question should be, "who doesn't?" Bjorg Dubois is probably the most well know member of the Neosho High School staff. If you haven't actually met her, you've surely smelled the aroma of her delicious cookies.


Lesa Thomlinson
Randy White
Doris Whithorn
Candi Wilkinson
Jerry Williams
Jean Wortman


Cindy Pruitt and Linda Brewner share the office quarters that serve the Attendance Records and Guidance Counselors. By the smiles on their faces the computers must have been working on this day.

Beverly Lewis Evelyn Lowe Kendra Lown Diana Marble Bobby Morries Carla Murray JoAnn Osborn

Shannon Overbey Cheryl Phelom Cindy Pruitt Tonya Rea Jody Sappington Linda Smith Linda Shockley

Var. Footlall 68.64 Ny. 9 Th, 872 foothall $70-71$
P Var Volleyball 72-73 Ginds Temmin $76.7{ }^{7}$ Socas $78-79$ Sotruale 80-81 Crap Counthy 82-83 Var cherenteading $84-85$ NV. 9Th, 8 th Cheerleading 86-87 $\int \operatorname{Var}$ Barm Barkethall 88-89 nt. 9 th, 87 th Bayp B. Ball $90-91$

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## ON DEADLY GROUND

As summertakes a turn for the worse and fall is just ahead, we know that football season has finally come. From the first sound of pads hitting in late August, until the final ring of the victory bell in November, we are fanatics! Our team has shown that heart will carry us farther than talent with an amazing Homecoming victory overCarlJunction, by kicking Joplin's feathers (42-7), and a close triumph over Carthage. These are the reasons why we stand united in the cold, hard wind, just to cheer them on. As the season slowly rounds to a close and the echoes of fans counting push-ups ride faintly on the wind, we will look back and remember that Wildcat Prideneverdies!


Back: J. Ball, M. Daspit, J. Durbin, D. Kuhn, J. Fletcher, R. Cholka, R. Phillips, J. Mendenhall, R. Hughes, B. Henson, C. Kerr, 3rd row:
S. Albious, R. Godfrey, D. Elliot, R. Cummings, M. Godfrey, J. Stuart, K. Espinosa, B. Mailes, M. Bacon, N. Pyle, 2nd row: J. Babb, N. Brown, A. Baker, J. Howard, L. Friend, J. Montz, B. Douglas, S. Gorham, M. Clark,D. Apt, front row: B. Estes, T. Wilson, J. Bates, A.Wynn, F. Jennings, K. Johnson, B. Ducommun, K. Albious, C. Sierra

Coach Stuart gives the Wildcat's defense a pep talk during the big game.

$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Aurora } & \text { L } & \text { Webb City } & \text { L } \\ \text { Monett } & \text { L } & \text { McDonald Co } & \text { L }\end{array}$
Carl Junction W
Glendale L
Seneca L
Joplin W
Carthage W
Nevada L

This Bulldog misses all the action as the Wildcats make the tackle.

\#13 Ryan Phillips, attempting to get ahead of the Bulldogs, gets tackled on the 40 yard line.


Matt Daspit recovered the ball and held on tight when the other team fumbled.

\# 24 Michael Clark and \#34 Dusty Kuhn are catching up to \#34 Bulldog to block his play.

\#19 Josh Ball makes a great tackle on the 35 yard line to stop Joplin from moving down the line.

\# 20 Jeramiah Durbin takes a break after making a play for the Wildcats.


Back of the year,MVP- Michael Clark Lineman of the year- J.T. Mendenhall Wildcat of the year-Ryan Hughes Hitter of the year- Jeremiah Durbin Sportsmanship Award- Matt Daspit High Intensity Award- Dusty Kuhn and Ryan Phillips

Overall the Wildcats had a good year. They never gave up and tried their hardest all year long. Móst of them said they had a fun year and are looking forward to starting the season off fresh next year
" Our record was somewhat disappointing but we are pleased with the fact that we never quit trying and played hard all year." Coach Ray Godfrey

## Brear On Through

The 1998 8th, 9th, and J.V. football teams have had an exciting and successful season. Each team strived for perfection and achieved no less. The 8th grade head coach is Mr. Gillispie, the 9th grade coach is Mr. Espinosa along with Mr. Cummins, and Mr. Stuart is the J.V. coach.
"The 8th grade team did a good job hitting and they had good attitudes," said Mr. Gillispie. "The freshman team has developed physically, and they have the potential to be the best class in the five years I have been here," said head coach Mr. Espinosa. "The J.V. team always comes ready to play hard and are a good bunch of guys," said Mr. Stuart. The J.V. team went undefeated this season. "Many have reached the goal of playing on Friday night," said Coach Stuart. All around, the teams have played well and will become mentally and physically stronger in the future.

| 9th/JV Football Score Box |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{9 t h}{}$ | $\frac{\text { J.V. }}{\text { WcDonald County }}$ |
| L | W |  |
| Monett |  | W |
| Carl Junction | L | W |
| Glendale | L | W |
| Seneca | W | W |
| Joplin | W |  |
| Carthage | W | W |
| Nevada | L | W |
| Webb City | W |  |
| Springfield Central |  |  |



WATCH OUT!!!! This Glendale player must have missed the Neosho Gang Tackling sign ahead at this 8th Grade game!


8th Grade: Justin Mountford (33), Dustin Rosario (70), and Kyle Ritter (25) fight hard to take this Bulldog to the GROUND!

The 9th GradeWildcat defensive team tries to recover this fumble as it slips out of the Bulldog \#11's hands and into Neosho's.



Eighth Grade Fourth row: Coach Moore, A. Decker, M. Daugherty, T. Barratt, S. Pogue, M. Lazure, C. Bales, M. Crandall, M. Weems, K. Pamplin, A. Carter, C. Wiley, Coach Gillispie Third row: M. Jensen, B. Farrell, C. Saddler, C. Friend, C. Birch, C. Marble, D. Rosario, C. Woodrum, T. Werneke, C. Walls, N. Alverez Second row: J. Branscum, J. Apt, E. Grittith, S. Stockham, S. Major, S. Wilder, B. Tenebaugh, R. Mayfield, J. Loveland, E. Keeling, K. Ritter, J. Wilkins, J. Taylor First row: V. Ruzic, M. Stockton, J. Schofield, J. Laughlin, J. Shellenbarger, J. Weems, J. Mountford, D. Marooney, R. Howe, A. Immikus.

## 8th Score Box

| McDonald County | W |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cassville | W |
| Webb City | L |
| Carl Junction | W |
| Nevada | W |
| Carthage | W |


J.V. Team: Brett Feagans (10) fakes a pass as Kyle Crane (35) looks for an opening in the Carthage defense!


Freshmen Third row: H. Wool, D. Murphy, K. Carden, C. Fountain, L.Thogmartin, B. Stone, B. Forster, A. Hund, S. Howard, D. Hawkins Middle row: Coach Cummins, J. Preston, L. Kirk, D. Cook, B. Harris, S. Quick, J. deLauney, K. Crane, J. Kirkland, C. Long, Coach Espinosa Front row: K. Kirk, B. Altman, S. Pogue, C. Reed, N. Neidert, B. Feagans, J. Workman, H. Albious, Z. Rice


9th Grade Michael Crandall (84) and Curtis Walls (12) make a great tackle by charging at the Carl Junction runningback.

## Drivin' the Last splke

This fall, the high school gym was the most exciting place to be. A large crowd of crazy fans showed up to cheer the Lady Wildcats as they drove the last spike. The Lady Wildcats dedicated many hours of hard work at practices, but in the end, it paid off with their awesome season: 17 wins! This year's Lady Wildcats are one of only three teams that have ever won this many games. And, to top the season off, the team went to districts and made it to the semifinals. Congratulations on a winning season!

Junior, Tara Hunte, leads this year's Lady Wildcat volleyball team to victory while smashing another serve over the net.


Team Members:
Top row: Coach Haupt, Sarah Kimbrough, Branda Edwards, Sydney Garrow, Coach Kemna. Middle row: Lindsey Perigo, Tara Hunte. Front row: Gerri Russell, Jenny Dwyer, Sarah Leathers, Heather Burr, Julie Osborne.


Geri Russell dives down to the floor to return a serve. It may look easy, but any volleyball player can tell you that the floor is really hard.


Volleyball games always drew a large crowd. Becky Brooks and Andy Cole are at the edge of their seats at one of the many exciting games.


Senior Branda Edwards practices her deadly spike to get ready for her next opponent.


Practices were hard work! After one practice is over, Julie Osborne dances for excitement, but Geri Russell is too exhausted to join in.


Whenever the Varsity team came onto the court, they were greeted with high-fives and cheers from the crowds.


Sarah Kimbrough makes a dash for the other side of the court. She was one of the three Senior leaders.


| Rogers | W | Eminence | T | Carthage | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wheaton | W | Bolivar | W | Joplin | WW |
| Diamond | W | McDonald | W W | Southwest | W |
| Carthage | L | County |  | Cabool | T |
| Nixa | L | Aurora | W | Carl Junction | T |
| Webb City | LWL | El Dorado | L | Cassville | T |
| Nevada | WWW | Springs |  | Kickapoo | L |
| Verona | L | Sarcoxie | W |  |  |
| Monett | TL | Purdy | W |  |  |

"I enjoyed our third place finish in the Carl Junction Tournament, during which we knocked off Webb City, Aurora and Nevada. Every player was a major contributor that day."

## BIzzare Bumpers

8th Grade: Samantha Goswick, Heather Bridges, Desiree Madrid, Sara Wilson, Carli Hadley, and Megan Carter warm up those killer serves before their big game.

J.V: Ashley Mobley pounds the ball over the net as Tammy Mcneil and Shea Snelson wait to switch and take their positions.

8th Grade: Sara Wilson passes the ball as Desiree Madrid is down and ready


9th Grade: Kelly Cable and Amanda Burr get down and ready for the return.
J.V: Sarah Leathers attempts to "pancake" the ball before her game. Nice try, Sarah!!!

The Neosho Volleyball program did great this year. The eighth grade team, coached by Coach Snyder, was 87 for the A team and 9-3 for the B team. The A team received 2nd place at the Seneca tournament. They had a great season and are looking forward to the years to come. The Freshmen team, coached by Coach Burghart, was 10-6. They received 2nd place at the Joplin Tournament and 3rd place at the Webb City Tournament. The Junior Varsity team, coached by Coach Kemna, was 5-11. The girls did a great job this season and worked really hard. Great Job Ladies, and good luck in the future!!

| 8TH GRADE |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | SCOREBOX |  |
|  | A | B |
| Nevada | L | W |
| Seneca | W | L |
| Joplin | W | W |
| Carthage | W | W |
| Joplin | WLL |  |
| Webb City | W | W |
| Tri-Way | W | W |
| Joplin | L | W |
| Webb City | L | W |
| Seneca | WWL | LLW |
| Carthage | L | W |
|  |  |  |


| 9TH GRADE SCOREBOX |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Rogers | L |
| Carthage | W |
| Nixa | L |
| Webb City | W |
| Nevada | L |
| Joplin Tourney | 2ND |
| McDonald Co. | W |
| Webb City | L |
| Carthage | W |
| Joplin | L |
| Nevada | L |
| Mcdonald Co. | W |
| Webb City Tour- | 3RD |
| ney |  |


| J.V. SCOREBOX |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Rogers | W |
| Wheaton | L |
| Nixa | L |
| Diamond | TW |
| Webb City | LL |
| Nevada | LL |
| McDonald Co. | LL |
| Exter | W |
| Southwest | L |
| Sarcoxie | W |
| Purdy | L |
| Carthage | W |
| Joplin | L |
|  |  |


J.V. Team Members Back: A. Mobley, Coach Haupt, L. Blauert, S. McFarland, H. Keeling, Coach Kemna, S. Snelson Front: C. Kinnear, A. Mobley, T. McNeil, S. Leathers


8th Team Members Back: C. Hadley, H. Bridges, C. Degraw, S. Snyder, M. Compton, Coach Snyder Middle: S. Wilson, S. Anders, H. Neuenswander, M. Carter, J. Barrat, D. Madrid Front: S. Goswick, S. Johnson


9th Team Members Back: H. Ely, A. Burr, Coach Burghart, M. Henton, K. Bryant Middle: M. Hilton, A. Birdsong, E. Holden Front: K. Cable, K. Cable


Erin Holden and Amanda Burr back up Michelle Henton as she dives after the ball.

## OVER THE TOP

As the fall breeze begins to blow, something inside of us needs to be released. We start to go mad as the growing intensity of Lady Wildcat Tennis engulfs us in anticipation, until we are on the brink of insanity. Just when you think you are going to spill "Over The Top," they give you what you have been waiting for all summer long. It has been an amazing season for the Lady Cats as they finished the season with a winning record, as a team! The individual records all seem to be boiling over the. 500 mark. These girls came out to win, you can see it in their eyes as they engage in battle with their opponent. When asked "How do you feel about this season and this game?", Laura Schade replied, " Tennis is cool!" Whether you think tennis is cool or not is up to you, but there is no denying that the Lady Wildcats' Tennis is on FIRE!!!


Top: Jessica Selsor, Angie Sumter, Coach Harlan, Robin Arnall, and Tina Bradford. Middle: Jessica Freese, Allison Hunter, Stefanie Warne-Robin, Cristin Smith, and Jacquie Kronkow. Bottom: Stacie Alvarez, Lorelle Hutchins, and Laura Schade Not Pictured Becky Brooks.

Stacie Alvarez sets her opponent on fire as she sings them a little song. "You might as well face it, you're addicted to LUV!"



Mrs. Harlan shows Becky Brooks the tricks of the trade. Little does Mrs. Harlan know that Becky trained Pete Sampras.


Lorelle Hutchins shows that if you send it over the net your gonna get hurt!


Allison Hunter walks away with a giant smile, because she knows that her opponent doesn't have a PRAYER!


Jessica Freese seems to be astonished by the laws of balance, or she is trying to set the world record for racket balancing.


Tina Bradford shows us that it is the grinning, silent type that you have to look out for.


Stacie Alvarez and Lorelle " Cannon Racket" Hutchins show that it should be illegal for them to be that close together!


## Did You Know?

Stacie ended the season in 3rd third at Districts. Jessica dominated the season, finishing with a $10-1$ singles record. The Lady Cats' record was 10 5 as the 98-99 season came to a close.

## LetterWomen

Stacie Alvarez Jacquie Kronkow Lorelle Hutchins Cristin Smith Laura Schade
Stefanie Warne-Robin
Becky Brooks
Allison Hunter
Jessica Freese
"The Lady Cats tennis team did a great job this fall. Their achievements far exceeded our expectations. Thanks to all of the ladies for their hard work and persistance. They will help make us better in the years to come." M. Harlan


## TRIPPIN' OUT OF BOUNDS

The Wildcat Soccer team had an outstanding season this year. They set a new school record of the most shutouts in a single season. They also won the Joplin Invitational for the first time in school history. We asked Coach Sides how he felt about this year's team as a whole. He said "I feel like we have gotten a lot acomplished this year! The Seniors have been good leaders for this team and some of the younger guys have really contributed to the varsity team. Cat Soccer is really starting to come into its own and we can look forward to some great things happening in the future!" The future of Cat Soccer is definitely on its way up. Great season Cats!! Good luck in the future!


Top row left to right: A. Olbrey, N. Becknell, B. Wood, K. Reynolds, S. Sides, G. Dorsey, B. Sides. Middle row: J. Briggs, J. Ely, A. Divine, J. McGee, J. Bryant, N. Layman, E. Marino, S. Cooper. Front row: B. Boyt, M. Schade, J. DePriest, C. Bradbury, C. White, C. VanDorn, C. Knight

Right: Nice Grab!! Brian Sides, the Wildcats keeper, makes a great save verses Monett.


Webb City L,L Joplin T,W Joplin Inv. 1st (T,W,W) Nixa W Greenwood W Carthage W,W Aurora W,W Monett W SW Challange (W,L) McAuley W,W

Glendale L Parkview W Ozark W District Record Parkview W Glendale L


Below: These Cats are trying to watch their fellow teammates. Looks like a pretty tough task.


Below: Chris VanDorn stops on a dime as he guards this Monett attacker.


Below: The Wildcat's get together for a team prayer before they go stomp Monett.


Below: Senior John Briggs puts a great move on this Carthage defender.

"I am really proud of these guys. They have worked hard and set some great goals. I think that Cat Soccer is now a force in the area and this team has had alot to do with that."-Coach Sides


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## 80 YARDS TO HOME AND BACK

The softball team arrived at a record of five losses and sixteen wins. According to Coach Alms, this is the best season they have had in their five year history. The one thing that pushed them ahead in the 1998-1999 school year was their goals. The Lady Wildcats had a lot of personal goals. Each of the young ladies had personal integrity and pulled together well as a team. They all had quite an amount of talent and potential. This made for a great season. Coach Alms and Coach Chenoweth are going to continue to build from here , refusing to be satisfied with the results of their girls. They are working towards being the premier team in the area. From the way it looks, they are headed in the right direction. This year's team has done fantastic and will strive in the future to continue their outstanding performances.


Above: Top row: M. Jones, B. Lloyd, A. Etheridge, L. Allen, D. Maroney, J. Butts, A. Baker, A. Longcarriage, and G. Ketchum.2nd row down: A. Thurman, A. Quinton, Coach Alms, L, Allen, S. Thomas, K. Daugherty, Coach Chenowith, S. Robertson, and J. Nelson. 3rd row down: S. Brasiola, M. Rucker, K. Rogers, manager R. Butts, A. Parmley, C. Faulkner, and T. Branham. Bottom row: L. Schofield, D. Dobbs, and A. O'Dell.

Right: Angela Parmley steals home to score a run in one of the many victories for the Lady Wildcats!


Below: AAAHHH!!! Aren't they cute? Lindsey Allen and Karen Daugherty give each other a big hug after their win over McDonald County!


Below: Tara Branham takes a swing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!


Below: Lee Schofield seems almost as if she is in pain while throwing her heart out on this return!!!!!!!!!!!


Below: Kim Rogers and Davina Dobbs show us their muscles as they warm up!


Below: Amy O'Dell has a mean look on her face while pitching!! I feel sorry for the batter!!


Below: Angela Parmely, Davina Dobbs, Kim Rogers, Lindsey Allen, Karen Daugherty, and Amy O'Dell take time out to smile between innings.


## Individual Awards

Most improved: Julie Nelson Most inspirational: Lee Schofield MVP: Angela Parmley Best offensive: Angela Parmley Best defensive: Karen Daugherty Honorable Mention: Karen Daugherty \& Janet Butts

## Team Awards

1st place Seneca Tournament 3rd place Ozark Tournament 1st Team All Districts: Gregan Ketchum \& Amy O'Dell 2nd Team All Districts: Ashley Longcarriage \& Angela Parmley
"This year's team showed a lot of heart and determination in building our program to new heights." Coach Alms

## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Our 1998 Cross Country team had a great season this year. This year's team consisted of 18 members. Four of these members were Seniors: Andy Cole, Kenny Burleson, Chelsey Cashel and Dina Boyt. The eighteen individuals on this year's team did a fantastic job working together. They came out on day one ready to run, and it payed off throughout the year. When asked earlier in the year about the team, Coach Lineberry said, "Well, we're ready for Disticts this Saturday (Oct. 31st), and we're going to do our best to qualify people for State." Congratulations to this year's team, and Good Luck to next year's members.


Back row, left to right: A. Cole, K. Burleson, P. Mattingly, G. Hadley, B. Whitcraft, B. Morrison, B. Walker, Coach Lineberry. Middle row, left to right: W. Taylor, J. Willet, D. Boyt, S. Martin, D. Mariott, D. Jones. Front row, left to right: A. Vangorp, A. Todd, C. Cashel, C. Welch.

Derrick. Jones shows enthusiasm as he runs across the finish line.



| Labett. Co | 2nd |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Carthage |  | NS |
| Springfield |  | 9 th |
| Carl. Junction | 3rd |  |
| Neosho |  | 3rd |
| Districts |  | 4th |

2nd


The boys Varsity team, Coach Lineberry, B. Morrison, P. Mattingly, A. Cole, D. Jones, B. Whitcraft and B. Walker, received 2nd place at Labette County.

W. Taylor, B. Whitcraft, G. Hadley, D. Jones, K. Burleson and A. Cole take their first stride off of the starting line! The outlook looks good from here.


Team Awards
A. Cole placed 2nd at districts and qualified for state. K. Burleson placed 10th at districts and qualified for state. Others that went to state include D. Boyt, A. Vangorp, and S. Martin.

## Personal Awards

G. Hadley was named boys rookie of the year, while A. Cole was honored with first team all-district. D. Boyt was named second team all-district and rookie of the year for the girls. K. Burleson received an honorable mention in all district.
" I think we had a great season overall. We had some new recruits, but they really helped push us to success. I am looking forward to a great season next year."
-Coach Lineberry


## Estranged Motions

The Neosho Varsity Cheerleading squad had yet another exciting year. All of the advanced stunts that you see at the games come from a lot of hard work. The squad starts practicing in the summer and ends in April. They attended two camps during the summer and learned routines, dances, and cheers. This year they took fourth place at state. The routine was awesome, they just had a few illegal moves. The Cats are known for their outstanding co-ed squad. They had three seniors this year: Becky Brooks, Amber Burnett, and Kendra Keeling. They did a great job leading the squad. They were coached by Mrs. Thomas.


Above:1998-99 Varsity Cheeleading Squad. Top: Kendra Keeling, Becky Brooks, Brandon Kline, Amber Burnett, and Cassie Hale. Middle: Derik Apt, Clint Harris, Billy Dunn, and Josh Love. Bottom: Alissa Todd, Amanda Vowel, Tera Workman, Christan Smith "Willie", Jennifer Harper, Julie Osborne, and Valerie Snow.


Above: Becky Brooks and Kendra Keeling show their stunting abilities.

Below: Willy shows how much she cares for little kids, especially Grant Godfrey.


Above: Amber Burnett and Kendra Keeling are standing proud during the football homecoming ceremony.

Below: Becky Brooks shows the proper way to do a heel stretch with Derick Apt.


Above: Jennifer Harper, Amanda Vowell, Tara Workman and Amber Burnett discuss the next cheer at the bonfire.

Below: Cassie Hale shows us just how felxible she really is as she does a scorpion.


Below: Julie Osborne, Amanda Vowell, and Alissa Todd finish off a stunt routine at an assembly


Below: Kendra Keeling and Jennifer Harper really get the crowd excited during the Basketball Homecoming Assembly.


## UNNATURAL FLEXIBILITY

This year the eighth, nineth, and J.V. cheerleaders did a tremendous job of supporting the Wildcats at football and basketball games. The eighth and ninth grade coaches started a new tradition by joining the two squads for the football season. This added to their ability to do more advanced stunts. The squads did, however, split back into their own grades for basketball season due to the larger number of games. The junior varsity squad traveled to Springfield for a national cheerleading camp. They received all superior ratings and two spirit sticks for both the squad and Willie the Wildcat.

Below: Lindsey Gyer, Lakresha Hill, and Erica Klier show their peppiness during the Jr. High Pep Assembly! Go Cats!


Below: Lindsay Langland gives us "SPARKLE FINGERS" after a touchdown made by the Wildcats.



Above: Jessica Lett, Shannon Wilson, and Lindsey Gyer do a cheer to support the Wildcats during football season.


Above: The J.V. cheerleaders show us their pretty smiles! Top row left to right: Jessica Brown, Lindsay Langland, Lori Farrel Bottom: Ashley Gillion, Willie

Below: Amanda Hernandez and Rachel Barnes look happy to be cheering for the Wildcats!


Below: Lori Farrell, Lindsay Langland, Jessica Brown, and Ashley Gillion do a chant to help encourage the Lady Wildcats!


Below: The 8th and 9th grade cheerleaders execute a stunt at the Jr. High Pep Assembly!


Below: Lori Farrel claps as one of the basketball players makes a shot!



The eigth grade cheerleaders, Top: R. Barnes Middle: L. Gyer, S. Wilson Bottom: E. Klier, S. Bobblet, A. Hernandez


The freshmen cheerleaders, Top: L. Hill Middle: M. Presley, C. Sinclair, M. Mogan Bottom: T. Mittag, J. Lett

## ANother Brick In The road

This year's 1998-1999 Varsity Boy's Basketball team was outstanding! Watching them play was a complete adrenaline rush. Mr. Chenoweth was the head coach this year along with Mr. Austin as the assistant coach. This year's seniors were: Ryan Phillips, Matt Major, Ryan Hughes, and Matt Daspit. Coach Chenoweth held practices everyday starting in November and lasting until February for the team to work on their skill along with difficult techniques. They pushed themselves to try to achieve their goals. No matter what the outcome was, they always came back with confidence. The team had a terrific year giving it their all. Good luck to next year's team!


Top Row: Coach Chenoweth, Jason Deffenbaugh, Phil Treadwell, Ryan Phillips, Tim Haupt, Matt Major, Ryan Hughes, Coach Austin. Bottom Row: Tony Branscum, Casey Cotton, Lance Mittag, Michael Clark, Matt Daspit.

Right: Matt Major \#25 pulls up for a jump shot to help the Wildcats defeat Nevada.

"I had fun this season. It was great being a senior on the team. Good Luck to next year's team." -Ryan Phillips
"I had fun this year. I miss playing and I am sad I have to step down. There will never be another "DOG" to play for Neosho again." -Ryan Hughes

## What's the score?

| Mt. Vernon | L, L | Nevada | L, W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| McDonald County | L, W,W | Joplin | L, L |
| Carl Junction | W | Cassville | W |
| Siloam Springs | W | Grove | L |
| Webb City | L, W | Carthage | L, W |
| Monett | W | Pittsburg | W |
| Republic | L | Hillcrest | L, L |
| Neosho J.V. | W | Nixa | L |

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Below: R. Phillips, T. Bransum, and L. Mittag hustle after a loose ball before the Mustangs can get to it!


Below: Matt Daspit dribbles past the Mustang's defense for a win! Good Job Matt!


Below: Casey Cotton shoots a three for the win against the Mustangs.


Below: Phil Treadwell and Tim Haupt are enthused about watching the J.V. team play.


Below: Ryan Phillips tries to get control of the turnover by McDonald County.


Below: Lance Mittag plays tough defense against this McDonald County player!


## Individual Awards

Best Field Goal Percentage- Tim Haupt Best Free Throw Percentage- Lance Mittag Assist Leader- Matt Daspit Rebound Leader- Tim Haupt Hustle Award- Matt Major Best Defensive Player- Ryan Hughes MVP- Casey Cotton

## Team Awards

2nd Place Conference
First Team All-Conference- Tim Haupt Second Team All-Conference- Casey Cotton
"We had an exciting year finishing with an 11-13 record. We had some big upsets defeating Siloam Springs in the Christmas Tournament and Nevada on homecoming night. We finished the year with a 5 3 record placing second in confrence."
-Denny Chenoweth
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## No Traveling Lane

The J.V. Boys Basketball team kicked of the season with five straight wins, three at the Seneca Tournament to bring home First Place. They went on to finish the year with a 13-11 record. Michael Clark was the team's strong man and fired up the Wildcat fans with some great shots.
The Freshmen Boys Basketball team had an outstanding season with a 17-1 record. Their only loss was to Pittsburg; however, they were soon avenged at the Carthage tournament, winning all their matchups at this event and the remainder of the year. The Eighth Grade Boys Basketball team enjoyed the first undefeated season at Neosho Jr. High School since the 1979-80 season. The team finished with 14-0 record. The team also completed a $5-5$ B team schedule. The Neosho Invitational tournament was won by the Wildcats for the 3rd consecutive year and the boys also won the Webb City Tournament.

Right: Jason Deffenbaugh (43) and Michael Clark(44) watch and wait for the ball to find the basket for 2 .

Below: Evan Griffith (8th) wants to be sure he is in the right place at the right time.



Michael Daugherty (8th) is relaxed and ready for the action to begin.
J.V. Team. Front row: Tray Fisher, Jamie Slaughter, Macharie Fisher, Adam Wynn. Back row: Coach Denny Chenoweth, Blake Mittag, Derik Jones, Jason Deffenbaugh, Michael Clark Dustin Danner, Coach Mike Austin.

9th Gr. Team. Front row: John Dee, Cody Crocker, Kernal Rehobson, Shawn Williams. Middle row: Travis Wilfons, Michael Anders, Sonny Kester, Chase Long. Back row: Coach Bob Gillispie, Tyler Dwyer, Cash Hoover, Newton Niedert, Brian Bevis, Roman Rojek


| Freshmen |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Kecord |  |
| Joplin | W |
| Pittsburg | LW |
| Nevada | WW |
| Lamar | WW |
| Webb City | WW |
| Carl Junct. | W |
| MCD C. | WWW |
| Carthage | WWW |
| Aurora | WW |
|  |  |



The Eighth Grade team. Front row: Michael Stockton, Danny Meza, Evan Griffith, Aaron Decker, Justin Taylor, Josh Rogers. Back row: Sam Major, Michael Daugherty, Jon Branscum, Trent Barratt, Scott Pogue, Matt Lazure, Coach Mark Brascum.

## Eighth Grade Record

| "A" Team |  | "B" Team |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Carthage | WWWW | Carthage | WW |
| Joplin | WW | Joplin | WL |
| Seneca | W | Seneca | L |
| Webb City | WWW | Webb City | LL |
| Monett | W | Nevada | L |
| Nevada | W | Carl Junct. | WW |
| Carl Junct. | WW |  |  |



Above: Trent Barratt (8th) presents a strong defensive against this Webb City player.

## JUST OUT OF REACH

The Lady Wildcat basketball team had a very successful season. They accomplished many of the goals that they set at the beginning of the year. The Lady Cats won the Carthage Tournament in impressive style with a huge win over state-ranked Lamar in the championship game. One of the keys to the first Conference Championship for this group of girls was they worked hard as a team and depended on each other as they strived for success. The Lady Cats finished in the very tough Southwest Conference undefeated as well. The Lady Cats won their first district game but fell in the semifinals to a tough Kickapoo squad. Congratulations on a great season Lady Cats!


Above: Front row; Heather Burr, Tara Branham, Tami White, and Heather Keeling. Middle row; Jenny Dwyer, Angela Parmley, and Barbi Hoover. Back row; Coach Kemna, Kim Rogers, Branda Edwards, and Coach Gilion.

Right: Hitting the boards! All five of these Lady Cats are in good position to grab the rebound and take it the other way.



Below: Practice makes perfect. Jenny Dwyer works on her free throws before the big district game.


Below: Angela Parmley inbounds the ball with a little help from teammates Tara Branham and Heather Burr.


Below: Tara Branham uses her exceptional quickness to beat this Kickapoo defender to the basket.


1998-99 Girls Basketball Record

| C. J. Tourney | 3rd | Carthage Tourney | 1st |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Parkview | W | East Newton | W |
| Aurora | W | Webb City | WW |
| Joplin | W | McDonald County | WW |
| Carl Junction | W | Marshfield | L |
| Monett | W | Grove | W |
| Nevada | WW | Carthage | WW |
| Pittsburg | L | Final Record | $20-3$ |

Left: Coach Gilion goes over a few things with his players during halftime of the Kickapoo game.

All-Conference Selections Heather Burr 1st team Jenny Dwyer 1st team Angela Parmley 2nd team Tara Branham 2nd team Branda Edwards 2nd team
 be champion." -Angela Parmley

son for our team and
enjoyed working with all of them."
-Coach Gilion
"I am really proud of our three seniors. They have meant so much to our program over the last few years. This was a great season for our team and I


## EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES

The Girls' J.V., Ninth, and Eighth grade basketball teams worked on extending the playing skills and pushing themselves beyond the normal boundaries. Coach Kemna kept the J.V. girls moving in the direction of next year's varsity players finishing the season with a $7-11$ record.. Coach Lineberry took the Freshmen team and continued building on their talents with a great 13-4 season. Coach Dickinson started developing the eighth grade girls into a team by working on the fundamentals of the game, whiched showed in a $9-5$ for the "A" team and a $9-0$ for the " B " team. At any game these players gave all they had and performed at the Wildcat standard - extending beyond the boundaries of the average.

Left: Determination is the key factor in this battle as Kim Rehobson (8th) stretches a little further to gain control of the ball.

Below: Crystal DeGraw (8th) follows through in the momentum of the play and ends up on the floor.


Above: The Freshmen Lady Wildcats Meet on the sidelines during a time out to plan their next strategies.


Above: Jennifer Rickman (8th) extends beyond the rest for the ball.
J.V. Team. Front row: Janet Butts, Toby Patterson, Sarah McFarland, Morgan Baker, Tara Hunte. Back row: Lindsay Perigo, Coach Terri Kemna, Lori Allen.

Freshmen Team. First row: Ashley Loncarich, Ashley Baker. Second row: Ashley Mobley, Elizabeth Nolan, Erin Holden. Third row: Tonya Kolmbach, Brandi Wilson, Amy Birdsong, Sasha Martin, Kim Fletcher. Back row: Amanda Boyd, Coach Harry Lineberry, Lacy Mariot


Eighth Grade Team. Front row: Heather Bridges, Kim Rehobson. Second row: Kaysha Robinson, Stephanie Porter, Brandi Gibson, Carrie Hobbs, Alison Dunn, Julianne Barratt. Third row: Kacey McFarland, Mandy Martin, Melissa Compton. Back row: Coach Gary Dickinson, Megan Carter, Shel Snyder, Crystal DeGraw, Amanda Thurman, Jennifer Rickman, Mitzi Cotton.


| Eighth Grade Record |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| "A" Team |  |  |  |  | "B" |
| Ceam |  |  |  |  |  |
| C.J. | LW | C.J. | WW |  |  |
| Nevada | W | Nevada | W |  |  |
| Carthage | LLLL | Carthage | WW |  |  |
| Webb City | WW | Webb City | W |  |  |
| Joplin | WW | Joplin | W |  |  |
| Lamar | W | Seneca | W |  |  |
| Seneca | W |  |  |  |  |
| Lockwood | W |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |



Ashley Baker (9th) looks for an outlet during a game against Webb City.


Alison Dunn (8th) stands her ground against this Webb City player.


Sarah McFarland lets Toby Patterson know she is open and set to score against Carthage's J.V team.

## NO WAY OUT

Time after time and year after year there seems to be one group that stands out from them all.This group has proven that they have what it take to survive among the elite and lead the way through troubled paths to stable ground. Our high school wrestlers are this solitaire group. They went undefeated this year while basking in the victory of a Conference Championship. Yet, this was not enough to satisfiy the persistant hunger of the team. They conquered all opposing forces as they took seven seniors to state. They fought long and hard, never giving into defeat. As the smoke finally cleared from the battle, only one man remained standing. Kenny Burleson had once again proven that he was strong enough to reign as champion. Congratulations to you all and good luck next year!


Top Row: Coach Espinosa, Daniel Marta, Joey Howard, Justin Mcgee, Will Palmeri, Joe Mendenhal, Darius Green, Ryan Hammack, and Coach Elliott. Middle: Fred Jennings, Kent Albious, Chris Van Dorn, Brandon Kline, Kenny Burleson, Brent Harris, Scottie Howard, Jason Alfred, and Harris Albious. Bottom: Zack Rice, Cody Van Dorn, Kyle Kirk, Lance Kirk, Rowdy Shellenberger, Caleb Reed, Wyman Smith, and Brett Feagans.

Right: Justin McGee is slamming his opponent violently to the ground.

"It was a great season, undefeated, and having all the Seniors go to State. We also won Conference It was all part of the job,we had to represent!" --Darius Green
" As a senior, I couldn't have asked for more this year. The team went undefeated, conference champs, and seven at state. was an awesome season.'
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The Neosho Wildcat Wrestlers gather together before the match so that they can get mentally ready.


Our seniors, J.T. Mendenhal and Will Palmieri, receive recognition for being the leaders of our school.


Kenny Burleson's parents stand pround next to him as they are honored on Senior Night.


Kenny Burleson has his opponent by the hocks and is getting ready to hog-tie him.


Kyle Kirk's foe doesn't know the definition of defeat, but it seems as if Kyle has just taught him the meaning.


## Did You Know?

Justin McGee pinned an opponent in 10 seconds.

Kenny Burleson holds the state record for fastest pin in the state tourney with 24 seconds.

The wrestlers beat their opponents by an average of 39 points every match.

## Team Awards

Hardest Worker - Kenny Burleson Underdog Award - Lance Kirk Most Improved - Brandon Kline Most Valuable Member - Justin McGee Curtis Longstreet Award - Kenny Burleson
"I think we had a great season. It was a pretty neat experience to go undefeated. I have always heard that if you work hard, winning will take care of itself. I like to think that we did just that." --Coach David Elliott


## LONG STRIDES

Our 1998-99 Varsity Girls Track has done a teriffic jobthis year. They started offthe season with greatattitudes anddedication andit payed offthroughout their season. They had a young team this year with only five seniors. However, that didn't stop them, they set goals and worked hard to achieve them. The girls track team consisted of thirty members this year, each and every one of them worked as a team and had a great time doing so. The track coaches are Coach Linbery and Coach Alms. During the season, the coaches figured and posted team and individual points to help determine at the end of the year who was lead scorer. This year, the athlete that was hard-working and a great leader was Chelsey Cashel. Congratulations to this year's members and good luck to all future track teams.

The track team huddles up for a fun group picture.



Chelsey Cashel practices before her race at Conference in Webb City.


The Varsity Girls Track who finished the season with Coach Alms. are M. Ballard, C Cashel, A. Parmely, A. Todd, J. Beauvais, L. Blauert, C. Brasiola, J. Harper, A. Kuhn, T. McNeil, A. Mobley, V. Snow, A. VanGorp, C. Welch, T. Workman, K. Fletcher, A. Loncarich, S. Martin, A. Mobley, H. Sharp, J. Thompson, and C. Trauthwein

Junior, Alissa Todd, would like to wish all the seniors Good Luck!
"This has been an exciting year for everyone, and I wish the seniors the best of luck," Coach


Alm's.

## INDIVIDUALAWARDS

Lead Scorer Rookie of the year Most Points

- Angela Parmley Team Captain - Chelsey Cashel Angela Parmley was also a District Champ and a State Qualifier.

Valerie Snow knows how important it is to be in shape!


Chelsey Cashel and Alissa Todd challenge each other to a race during practice.


Alissa Todd seems to be having some trouble. Imagine that!



Lindsey Blauert pushes herself to finish her race.

T. Workman and T. McNeil get prepared for long jump.


Autum Mobley and her competitor fight for the win.

WHAT'S THE SCORE! Mac Relay 3rd Carthage Relay 4th Coffeyville Neosho Relay Conferenceist1st 2nd
"I had a great time during track this year, its been a lot of fun, and I'll miss everyone."
-Angela Parmley
"I had some of my best times in high school during track season, and I'm going to miss all my teammates."
-Chelsey Cashel


## NEVER-ENDING JOURNEY

The 1999 Boy's track team had a great season this year. They accomplished many of their goals and had high hopes going into the district meet. This year's team was led by two great seniors who offered a great deal of leadership throughout the year. Darius Green and J.T.
Mendenhall not only led by example, they gave their advice and support to the entire team. The Cat's had a great showing at the Conference meet where they almost upset Carthage. Great job guys!

Below: Ben Harp makes a valient effort to clear the bar at a new height but comes up just a little bit short. Great effort Ben!


Above: Michael Clark hands off to Jeremiah Auch as the Cats prepare to take the lead in the 4 X 100 relay.


Above: This group of Cat sprinters listen for the gun at the start of the 100 yard dash.


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Above: Darius Green shows that practice isn't really that bad.


Above: Three of Neosho's finest sprinters race for the finish line.


Above: Cory Wood and Derik Apt take it one hurdle at a time at the Neosho Relays


Above: Chris Reynolds crosses the finish line in first place at Conference.


Above: Coach Stuart is the new world champion in wheel-barrel racing.


Above: Darius Green races and stretches for the next hurdle in the Conference meet.


## 1999 Track Meets

Open House N/S McCounty Relays N/S Carthage Relays 2nd Coffeyville Inv. 3rd Neosho Inv. 1st SMS Relays N/S Girard Relays 4th Conference 2nd

Above: Front Left - N. Bowers, C. Wood, J. Daymon, B. Harp, W. Taylor, and D. Apt. Second Row - A. Willet, S. Sides, N. Pyle, J. Auch, B. Whitcraft, D. Green, C. Fountain, T. Jackson. Third row - S. Philabur, P. Loyd, C. Reynolds, P. Treadwell, J.T. Mendenhall, N. Becknell, B. Sides, J. Moore, I. Turner and Coach Lineberry. Back row - J. Maddox, N. Davis, M. Clark, J. Montz, A. Baker, B. Kline.

The $4 \times 100$ relay team of Joe Moore, Jeremiah Auch, Darius Green, and Chris Reynolds took first place at the Southwest Conference Meet.

"It has been great being one of the two Seniors on this team. I hope we have had some influence on them."- J.T. Mendenhall

I have really enjoyed working with these guys. Their hard work and enthusiasm has been excellent." -Coach Lineberry

## Future Strides

Coach Austin established the path for the Jr. High Track Team early in March in hopes of leading them toward a strong future. He says, "The Eighth Grade Track Team had many fine individual performances and took 2nd place in both girls and boys division at the Neosho Relays" this Spring. The main goal of these young runners, jumpers and throwers is to lay down the steppingstones that will lead them along the four year path of becoming great athletes for NHS. Jon Branscum and Shelly Snyder led the junior Wildcats in total points for the season, while Stephanie Porter was the first eighth grade Lady Wildcat to compete in the pole vault. It looks like Neosho has some record-setting Wildcats on the way.

## Individual Records

Michael Daugherty set the pole vault record with a 10 ft . vault

Jon Branscum set new records in the long jump at 18 ft . and $11 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. and the triple jump with 37 ft . and $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.


Eighth Grade Track Team. First row: Brittany Adams, Rebecca Bridges, Ronni Duccuman, Shelly Keezer, Allison Dunn, Stephanie Porter, Brandi Gibson, Jennifer Rickman. Second row: Shelby Anders, Melissa Compton, Carli Hadley, Kassie McFarland, Amanda Martin, Michael Keaton, Josh Rogers, Shelly Snyder, Amanda Thurman, Ashley Bennett. Third row: Yolanda Gilmore, Crystal Earnshaw, Tara Roper, Ashley Conness, Deseret Martin, Sara Wilson. Fourth row: Coach Mark Daugherty, Bryce Kidwell, Tony Grife, Spencer Dobbs, Adam Lineberry, Travis Peterson, Chris Friend, Brandon Tenebaugh, Keenan Coggins, Coach Mike Austin. Fifth row: Nehamiah Alvarez, Jake Busby, Jeremiah Apt, Ben Hilton, Clayton Collins, Michael Daugherty, Jon Branscum, Andy Wilkinson.

# NARROW ESCAPES 



In the Jr. High they are growing and training the strong so that some day they will lead our school with power. This strength lies in their wrestlers. At the head of these men is the long and lasting experience of Jeremy Phillips, a man who knows what it takes to be great. In his footsteps, the Junior High wrestlers have ended their season at 6-2. With little experience starting off the season, Coach Phillips replies, "Everyone worked hard and that made up the difference." The Junior High has shown they have no room for weakness, as long as they "Work Hard and Win Big!"
Team Awards include: Hardest worker-John Shellenberger; MVP-Joel Schoelfield; Most ImprovedCody Burch, Jake Busby, and Dustin Pamplin; and Pride Award-Kyle Ridder.
Left: Joel Scholfield is taking his opponent to a little place he likes to call the "House of Pain!"


Above: Team Members: Coach Jeremy Phillips, Chris Friend, Dustin Pamplin, Scott Brasiola, Marty Jenson, Kyle Ridder, and Trey Jackson. Middle: Kyle Pamplin, Mikeal Craneal, Vince Ruzic, and Jake Busby, Bottom: Nehiah Alvarez, Joel Scholfield, and John Schellenberger.

Left: Dustin Pamplin, Jake Busby, Kyle Ridder, and John Schellenberger.

## What's The Score

| Seneca | W | Webb City | L |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Joplin | W | Lebanon | W |
| Carl Junction | W | Carthage | W |
| Ozark |  | Monett | L |

Ozark
W

## Did You Know?

Joel Scholfield went 17-0 this season.

There were only three wrestlers that had previous experience.
" I am extremely proud of these young men. They worked exceptionally hard and accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. Their success lies in their strong work ethic and determination. I believe that their breakout sums up this success the best, Work Hard - Win Big"

Jeremy Phillips- Head Coach

## OUTLANDISH IN THE OUTFIELD

The boys of summer are back and they are ready to play. With coach Mike Godfrey standing tall at the reigns, this year's Wildcat Baseball team is expecting to achieve great things. Seven seniors have returned to lead this team to, hopefully, another conference championship. "Hold the Rope!" can be heard ripping through the air at all the baseball games, as the players break it out. It is their little secrect, yet it has a special meaning to us all. Baseball has always had a special place in this school; without them, summer would not be as hot and school would not be as fun. Always remember to play with Wildcat Pride!


Above: Bottom: T. Wilson, B. Estes, F. Jennings, D Dell'Atonia, J. Burch, J. Fullerton, T. Haupt, D. Jones; Middle: S. Albious, B. Williams, R. Cholka, B. Henson, L. Friend, C. VanDorn, A. Olbrey, C. Knight; Top: Coach Mike, J. Ball, J. Durbin, R. Phillips, R. Hughes, M. Daspit, B. Knight, Coach Burghart, Coach Ray

Right: Ryan Cholka puts a lot of power into his pitches to strike out as many of the batters in the game against Webb City.


Ryan Phillips said, "I had a lot of fun working with everyone. Underclassmen, Good Luck."


Score Box

Gravette-W Berryville-W Springdale-L Vinita-W

MacDonaldCo.-L Fayetteville-L Pittsburg-L Spurry-L

Below: The baseball team gets together in a huddle to discuss their strategy for the game.


Below: Blake Henson steps on home to score a point for the Neosho Wildcats!


Below: Cory Knight looks a little nervous about something!


Below: Andy Olbrey rounds third base to score one of the many runs against Webb City!


Below: Jeramiah Durbin gets ready for one of Ryan Cholkas hard pitches!


Below: Tim Haupt seems very happy to be out playing on the field!


Score Box
Claremore-L
MacDonald Co. -L Claremore-L Carl Junction-W Parkview-L

Ozark - L
Carthage - L
Nevada - L
Webb City -W
Carthage-W

Nevada - W
Joplin -L
Webb City -W
"We had some graduating seniors that will have some good college baseball ahead of them and also a fine group of young men and good players coming up," Coach Mike.

## There's No Place

Under the coaching guidance of Coach Ray Godfrey, the J.V. Baseball team completed another good year. After playing over a dozen games for the season, this ball team ended the season reaching at least two of their goals: playing as a team and fine tuning their skills. Next year's Varsity team should have a fine group of players to draw from for another exciting Wildcat Baseball season. J.V. player Justin Burch was awarded "Honorable Mention" for disignated hitter by the Varsity players, giving Cat fans just a taste of what's to come.

Right: SMACK!!! That was the sound of the bat Justin Burch had just swung for a Double. Sliding into second and getting covered with the infield only adds to the thrill of a great hit.



Above: J.V. player Scotty Albious makes his contribution to the Varsity team by offering a glove and arm during warm-ups.


Above: Shane Pogue and Byron Williams need to get a little more excited about the game - or - they have some really good "game faces."


Above: Being in the right position on the field is one of the keys to a good defense. Justin Fulerton moves into the infield around third base.

## LIIE HOME

Below: With a look like that, Coach Burghart is ready to face anything the other team throws his way.

"So close," could be the Freshmen Baseball team slogan for this year. Coach Burghart felt "This year was tough because of all the close losses we had. However, I see great potential in this year's Freshmen for the furture" of NHS baseball. The team finished the season with a 3-11 record, but the heavy loss record does not come close to representing the true power of these ninth grade boys. All but three games were lost by only 1 or 2 points, showing their determination to stay with the struggle and not give in. These are the kind of players that form the foundation for the J.V. and Varsity teams of the future.


9th Grade Team: Back: Jantzen Cope, Mike Anders, Sonny Kester, Travis Wilfong, Darius Hawkins, Coach Jeff Burghart. Midddle: Dustin Cook, Brent Harris, Lance Kirk, Scott Howard. Front: Chase Long, Caleb Reed, Shane Pogue, Kyle Kirk, Hunter Wool.

## Freshmen Achievements

L. Kirk and J. Cope hit the only homeruns for the season.
L. Kirk, D. Hawkins, S. Howard and C. Long each batted over . 400 for the season

## Strange Love in the springtime

The returning letter winners for the 1998-1999 Wildcat tennis team this year were Gabe Cook, Colin Lentz, Michael Shellhorn, Gabe Garrow, and Kyle Penn. The returning players were Jason Alford, Silas Alard, and Andrew Hale. The team captains were the senior players: Jason Alfrod, Gabe Cook, and Colin Lentz. Gabe Garrow started out the varsity team as their number one player as a sophomore. Newton Neidert played in the number two spot for Neosho as a freshman. Gabe Cook was playing the number three spot as Colin Lentz played the number four spot for the team. Another fresh new player, Nathan Brown, suprised the team by playing on varsity for the Wildcats this season.

The boys' Wildcat tennis team began practice March 1 with thirteen players ready to start the season off. Through cold, wind, and many rainouts the team finished out the season ahead of the game. The team placed second in confrence play this year. They also placed second in the Southwest Confrence tournament. The team had a 6-7 over-all dual match record. The younger players gained a lot of knowledge and valuable experience through the solid senior players this year, and the team has a positive outlook for next year.


Top L-R: Colin Lentz, Gabe Garrow, Newton Neidert, Gabe Cook, Kyle Penn, Nathan Brown, and Coach Harlan. Bottom L-R: Michael Shellhorn, Andrew Hale, Jason Alford, Bobby Carr, Billy Duhn, and Silas Alard.


Above: Colin Lentz has the perfect form as he serves the ball.


Above: Kyle Penn places this ball right over the net.

G.Garrow is putting all of his muscle in this serve.


Above: Nathan Brown uses the force of his body and relases it through his racket with this powerful forehand.


Above: Gabe Cook is quick on his feet to return this one to his opponent.

## 1999 Boys Tennis Record 6 Wins-7 Losses

Carthage Here W6-3 Webb City Aurora Joplin Carthage Republic Nevada Webb City Nevada Joplin Aurora
Kickapoo
Parkview

Here L 4-5
Here W 9-0
There L 0-9
There L 4-5
Here W 5-4
There W 9-0
There L 2-7
Here W 9-0
Here L 0-9
There W 4-2
There L 2-7
There L 3-6


Above: Billy Duhn runs back to the baseline to tap this one over the net.


Above: Newton Neidert finishes through with this technical serve.

## Individual Awards

Most Valuable Players
Gabe Cook and Gabe Garrow
Rookie of the year
Newton Neidert
MostImproved
Silas Allard

> Team Awards Confrence 2nd place Southwest Confrence Tournament
> 2nd place
"It's been a good year for all of us and may Neosho tennis players continue the tradition."
-Jason Alford

## Drivin' in THE Rough

The Neosho Wildcats had seven returning letter winners back from last year's golfteam. Seniors Andy Cole, Andy Noah, Kenny Burleson and John Briggs were back on the varsity line up. The Wildcats had one of their most successful years in recent history. They took 1st place out of twenty-one teams in the Cassville Invitational and went back and won the District Championship almost a week later. This Championship qualified them for the State meet in Sedalia. Good luck to next years golf team.

Right: Sophomore Nick Layman holds the stick as he waits his turn to putt. Looks like a hard job.


Front row, left to right: Cody VanDorn, Kenny Burleson, Matt Quinton, Brian Bevis, Clay Burleson and Nick Layman. Top row, left to right: Graham Hadley, Dustin Danner, Todd LeMaster, Andy Noah, Jason Deffenbaugh, Andy Cole, Casey Cook and Coach Bussey.

"It's been a very memorable season from all the bus rides to winning the district championship. I have had a blast with all my teammates."
-Kenny Burleson
"This year has been a lot of fun! It was really neat that we won the district championship since it was the first one in my 4 years on the team!"
 -Andy Cole

McDonald County Win, Win Miami

Win, Loss Carthage Loss, Win, Carthage Inv. WebbCity Cassville Inv. 2nd Win, Win 1st Conference Districts

## 2nd

1st

Below: Senior, Andy Noah, chips the ball on the green.


Below: Senior, John Briggs, gets ready to putt his ball in the hole.


Below: Freshman, Clayton Burleson, puts a nice firm stroke on this putt.


Below: Sophomore, Todd LeMaster, shanks the ball off the 14th tee box.


Below: Senior, Andy Cole, lets one rip down the 15th fairway.


Below: Sophomore, Graham Hadley, gets ready to hit the ball down the 4th fairway

"This years golf team has done a great job. I am very proud of their accomplishments. They have been a lot of fun to be around."
-Coach Bussey


## AdRENALINE RUSH

Neosho High School does not focus only on your brain. The weight training and physical education programs are designed to work out the body as well. These classes teach students the importance of taking care to keep themselves physically fit. They are also a great break from many more stressful classes that are faced during the day. Weight training also prepares athletes for their sports by building strength and endurance. Team work, attitude and personal pride are gained by participants of these programs. There is nothing quite like the sight of students dressed in black, gold and gray to fill you with WildCat spirit!

Below: Karen Daugherty, Lorelle Hutchins, Tara Hunte and Mechelle Rucker pose as the weightlifting studs.


Above: Shouldn't you guys be lifting? Brandon Mailes, Joe Moore, and Josh Ball take tin out of class to find out how their weekends went.


Right: Sheena Brasiola encourages Toby Patterson during one of their workouts.


Above: Tim Haupt and Michael Clark take a break after maxing out on power-cleans.

Above: Will Palmieri is trying to cut a little weig for his upcoming wrestling match.


Above: Darius Green releases some stress at the thought of another long week at N.H.S.

Above: Barrett Wood maxes out on power-cleans. The concentration really shows as he successfully finishes the lift.


Above: Rodney Pendley focuses on the task at hand while maxing out on squats.


Above: Senior Leadership. Joel Phillips shows Joe Moore, Barrett Wood, and Cody White the right way to lift.

Left: After maxing, Will Palmieri checks on the rep-chart to see how much he improved.


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## What a Long Strange Trio It's Been

Every year a book that is filled with memories and events is put out for you to have. But where does this book come from? There is a forgotten group behind the scenes, who, with pride, puts a little peice of their hearts into each page. They have tried to capture the moments from the year and place them on paper, hoping that with each photo and each caption a memory is stirred. The Neohimo Staff does its best to place perfection into your yearbook with hard workers who face stressful deadlines. We have once again truimphed. We present to you this 1999 Yearbook, with hearts and pride of the Neohimo Staff.


Above: Shawn Erlewine is trying to "hook" Ms. Ellison!
Below: Lindsey Allen and Julie Osborne look like they are putting the decoreations in the wrong spot for the Yearbook Assembly! Here is a little hint as to where the crepe paper goes, it is suppose to be on the podium!


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Above: Becky Brooks, Sarah Pogue, Lindsey Allen, Andy Cole and Lori Hymer try and figure out how to use the computers!


Above: The Neohimo Staff in a trash can!(top to bottom) 1st row: K. Phillips, A. Marta, S. Pogue, A. Burnett, K. Brunner 2nd row: S. Erlewine, A. Cole, J. Hedger 3rd row: J. Russell, C. Hale, B. Brooks, A. Noah C. Courtney 4th row: J. Osborne, L. Allen, L. Hymer


Above: Jake Russell looks likehe Above: Cassie Hale is working is up to no good!
 hard on her pages!

Below: Kristin Brunner and Chastity Courtney are attempting to finish the arch for the Assembly!

Below: Jake Russell, Andy Noah, Josh Hedger, and Cassie Hale look a little confused as to where the balloons are actually suppose to go!



Above: Andy Noah, Jake Russell, and Kristin Phillips are acting as though they actually do work in Yearbook class!


Above: We still have not figured out why anyone would give Andy Noah and Jake Russell a sharp object! It could be dangerous!


Above: Becky Brooks, Sarah Pogue, Ryan Hughes, Jake Russell, Kristin Phillips, Andy Noah, Andy Cole, and Amber Burnett actually look good all spiffed up!


Above: Shawn Erelewine and Kristin Phillips try to tape up one of the many signs for the yearbook assembly!

## New Territory: The Willicat Times

The second year of the Wildcat Times was a success. With eight returning seniors, the new staff members learned the ropes, and by the first edition the newspaper was up and rolling. Concentrating on school events, the staff members improved their writing skills while informing the student body of recent news. From writing the story to layout, each staff member had to contribute at least one story to each paper. The papers sold for a quarter outside of the cafeteria, auditorium and in the Junior High hall. Students could also buy a paper in Mrs. Platner's room before and after school. The staff also focused on student life. The paper ran a varitey of stories from Teen Drug Abuse to a feature on Volkswagon Bugs. The staff ran stories on Student of the Month by having the students fill out an informational survey. The Student Profile also started this year. A survey was filled out by the students, and in each paper someone was picked from the stack to have an article written on them. The Wildcat Times is here to stay and has had a strong start.


Amber Secrest makes sure her tabs and margins are all lined up.


Tara Lazure and Katie Glore make all the final touches.


After a long third block, Sherry Rhoades gets ready for fourth block.



Tara Marion, Sherry Rhoades, and Amber Secrest check the layout of the paper.


Amy Tunney waxes one of her stories so it can be placed on the layout page.


Wildcat Times Staff: back row H. Burr, B. Hoover, T. Lazure, K. Glore, U. Tresvan, T. Westerhouse middle row: B. Brooks, T. Hunte, T. Marion, A. Tunney front row:Mrs. Platner, O. Duncan, S. Rhoades, H. Smith, A. Secrest, and A. Marta


As an Editor, I built a few strong friendships that should last a lifetime. Ihave gained a knowledge of the school and community around me, that I will never forget.

Heather Smith Co-Editor


I am glad I could be a part of such a neat school project.

Being Editor helped me obtain important skills that I will use my whole life. I thought it was great fun.

Olivia Duncan Co-Editor

## ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

The Science Department had an eventful year. Classes included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Sports Med. and Research. Neosho High School stays on top academically with great teachers like Mr. Elliott, Mr. Sides, Mr. Jemes, Mrs. Richardson and a new addition - Mr. Pyle. Sports Med, has been learning about rehabilitation. They wrapped ankles, dipped feet in ice water, used a spine board and walked on crutches. The Biology classes spent their time dissecting crayfish, clams, frogs, and cats. The Research class has been writing papers, feeding rats, raising bacteria and experimenting with numbers. The class also entered their projects into several science fairs.

The Science Club has been busy this year. They have gone on many campouts and other trips to learn more about science in the world around them. They visited Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas and caught a movie at the I-Max theater. They've also cleaned up the highway and worked with the Missouri Stream Team.

The Science Department has dealt with the strange and the crazy and has had many alien encounters.

Right: Mr. Elliot is helping Jamie Eastin dip her foot into ice water to see what it would feel like if you had an injury.


Above: Mr. Jemes'class is working hard on their surveying project.


Above: Mr. Sides is explaining how the color spectrum works to his Chemistry class.


The 1998-99 Science Club members: Back: B. Williams, J. Simpson, N. Spicer, Mr. Elliot, N. Smith, B. Ducommun, B. Carr. Middle: M. Otten , C. Trauthwein, L. Bowers, A. Dobbs, C. Bradbury, D. Mariott. Front: S. Mcfarland, S. Kyler, L. Hargett, A. Bowers, D. Janss.

Left: Andy Olbrey and Lance Mittag are getting ready to dissect their cat and find the muscles on it.

Below: Stacie Mahan is trying to prepare herself for a Chemistry test.


Left: Mr. Elliot is telling Nina Spicer where the clavobrachialis is.


Above: J.T. Mendenhall is looking in the microscope hoping to find something interesting.
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## UNKNO:N Propertiss

It's exciting to venture into the unknown. It is strange and sometimes a little crazy. There is nothing quite like it. Students at Neosho are beyond control when it comes to discovering the unknown properties of numbers. The math department is one of the most successful chances for learning. We owe a lot to the great teachers that took time in their own journeys to become enlightened in the way of numbers. A wide range of choices is offered, from basic math all the way up toAlgebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and even Calculus. People may call us strange. Let them. We are just excited about discovering the unknown properties of numbers!

Right: Mr. Morehead, one of the great math teachers here at Neosho High School, crunches some numbers on the board during his G2 Calculus class.

Right: Mr. Haupt puts hours of hard work into his Trigonometry classes. His number one priority is making sure that Spencer Kelso and everyone else understands that math is fun.


Linden Hargett, Laura Schade and Desiree Chanslor spend their afternoon hanging out at Math Club.

After finishing a Calculus quiz, Shonda Ireland works off a headache.



The officers of the Math Club were: Andy Long, President; Shawn Erlewine, Vice-president; and Linden Hargett, Secretary. They worked hard to show us that "Math is Fun!"


## Math Club

The math club is an afterschool club that allows an even more in-depth search into the realm of numbers. They meet on Wednesdays to learn and practice working problems for the up and coming math competitions that are held at MSSC once a month. It isn't all about numbers, though. This club has spent time hanging out at the mall, has pizza parties and even plans a trip to Worlds of Fun. Mr. Morehead sponsors this club and does a wonderful job of preparing for anything.

Left: John Clayton and Travis Brock work out problems in Algebra II.


Andy Long, Sherry Rhoades, Jim Farnsworth and Laura Schade huddle around worksheets about complex numbers. No matter how complicated things get, they always have a smile on their face when it is time to solve problems.


Josh Hedger, Josh Lewis and Zack Odem work diligently on their Trigonometry homework. Josh Lewis demonstrates what the turning of pages sounds like.

## The Roact Less Traveleç

Bonnie Roberts is working hard in Mrs. Kenny's Spanish Class.


AaronDivine, and Aaron Delauney areintriguedinMr. Espinosa's English IV class.

A manda Vaughn, and Jackie Hunte have found something funny in Mrs. Sandoval's class.

After Mr. Ramsey's first year at Neosho he is a little stressed!!!


Shayne Sprenkle looks up something in Mr. Evans' Shakespeare/Poetry class.

The Language Arts department has been busy this year. There have been many books read and many papers written. Also the foreign language classes have been talking away in other languages. In Miss Ellison's Junior English classes, they have readGone With The Wind and Huckleberry Finn. They also memorized the Gettysburg address (Coach Stuart would be proud). They worked on research papers and book reports. Mr. Ramsey's Junior English class worked on research papers, essays, and mugshots. They readThe Scarlett Letter and Huckleberry Finn. Mr. Ramsey's Senior English classes read Hamlet, 1984, Heart of Darkness, and Les Miserables. Mr. Espinosa's class readHamlet, wrote satires, and corrected many sentences. Mr. Evans' class read Shakespeare, had a trial prosecuting Othello, and studied major poets like Robert Frost, e. e. cummings, and Walt Whitman. The foreign language classes have studied for vocab quizzes, made pinatas and spoke in strange languages. They also watched Spanish movies and sang Spanish songs for Christmas. These were just some of the fun and exciting activites that went on in the Language Arts department this year.

Josh Ball is bewildered by the worksheet in Mr. Espinosa's class. It will be o.k. Josh!


Jeremiah Auch, Nick Bradford, and Matt Bales are listening and readingalong as Miss Ellison reads Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury.


Scotty Albious, Tami White, and Josh Ball are listening intently to Mr. Ramsey lecture.

## Idiosjncratic Disputaters

There are certain times throughout the year when we can see people mumbling to themselves in the hallway as if they were talking to the wall. In all actuality, they are preparing themselves. For what, you may ask? They are getting ready to debate. Yes, debating and speaking in front of strangers is not an easy process and that is why we must look to our debaters with respect and integrity. They are our leaders, for who else would pave the way for us if there was no one to speak out. Congratulations on a job well done this year!


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Jennifer Libby, R.C. Bechdoldt and Cori Taylor are working hard on material for their next tournament.


The Thespian Club:back row: M. Browning, A. Neville, A. Bowers, R. Lynn, E. Davis; middle row: A. VanGorp, D. Janss, A. Dobbs, D. Storrs, J. Spicer, A. Ramon, S. Bowers; bottom row: L. Bowers, C. Shilling, H. Cobb, E. Taylor, and C. Taylor


Left: Gabe Cook puts a lot of work and effort into pushing what debaters call "The Wall".

Below: Justin Covey and Tim Kenny take pride in their first-place trophies for Champion Team debate.


Liz Ahsmuhs and Laura Schade got first-place in team debate, and for their achievement they got to hold THE STICK.



Simon Mahan and Rachel Guy received trophies for placing in Novice Team Debate.

Left: Beth Kenny poses with her first-place trophy, do we see a resemblance to Vanna White?

## UNFAMILTAR WORLD

N.H.S. Social Studies students learned a lot this year. This year, as in every year at our school, the social studies classes participated in many different field trips and activities. Our social studies teachers include: Mrs. Marta, Mrs. Aldrich, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Schibi, Mr. Gillispie, Mr. Gorham, Mr. Lineberry, Mrs. Connell, Mr. Montz, Mr. Henton and Mrs. Holcomb. This year we were lucky enough to catch some students in action. Mrs. Aldrich's classes went to the CP center in Webb City to help out with the children for a day. They also visited the Funeral Home and became enlightened on the subject of death. Mrs. Marta's class painted the United States map on the playground at South School and participated in a tea party in class. The Behavioral Science Club is headed by Mr. Montz. The officers include: President, Katrina Lay; Vice President, Lindsey Bowers; Secretaries/Treasurers, Carla Whitworth, Leanne Morrison, Christina Duvall, and Mickey Corporon.


Mrs.Connell works patiently at her desk during her G4 class.

J a mie Patterson and her pal sit and chat during play time at the CP center.


Mental or Physical? Mrs. Aldrich's class work together to determine their balance and cooperation.

Mr. Schibi's Social Studies class listens to an interesting lecture.
hese students in Mrs. Connell's class work in groups to finish their ssignment.


Tim Haupt and Lindsay Blauert work as a team in a class game of Government Trivia.



Students from Mrs. Marta's and Mrs. Aldrich's classes proudly sit in front of their newly painted map on the playground of South School. Way to go guys!


Mr. Schibi is expanding the knowledge of his students in his G4 Government class.


Mrs. Marta leads her class in a good old game of Government
Brad Morrison and Colin Lentz show their wild side at the CP Center! Trivia.

## Path to the Future

Success was high this year in the Business Department. All of the computer classes got off to a great start. FBLA and DECA were busy with all of their activities. DECA members kept busy with community service projects, and fundraisers. The major change for DECA this year was the DECA Store. The store opened with DECO the clown giving away tickets for a drawing. The store was open before school and during lunch. The members also participated in district and state contest.

FBLA was also busy this year with contest. The members competed at Missouri Southern for district contest, and sixteen went to State contest in Columbia. At Christmas, the members went to the nursing home to decorate the Christmas tree and decorate gift bags. After they were done, they went to Precious Moments to look at the Chrismas lights and displays. For officer orientation, the members reserved Pizza Hut for a party and swore the officers in.


FBLA Top: Nadine James, Barbi Hoover, Elizabeth Hailey, Becky Brooks, Annissa Marta, Heather Smith, Sherry Roades, Olivia Duncan, Josh Lewis, Megan Pietrzak, Mickey Corporan. Middle: Miranda Akin, Cassie Kinnear, Erin Casey, Kendra Keeling, Jennifer Harper, Jenny Burr, Adam James. Front: Beth Kenny, Laura Schade, and Andy Long.


DECA Top: J. Ruby, J. Rigdon, E. Taylor, J. Leach, C. McGehee, A. Kelly, A. Winchester, E. Chapman, M. McCammon, C. Smith, L. Nunn, K. Lay, S. Crocker, A. Toumala, A. Secrest, N. James, K. Willis, R. Boblett Middle: J. Evans, C. Troxel, S. Cobb, E. Merino, R. Hammack, J. Babb, S Wise, S. Brasiola Bottom: A. Martin, T. Hunte, M. Kissel, S. Vaughn, A. Barker, A. Kelly, K Reynolds, M. Clarke.

Below: Rodney Harrell, Jason Leach, and April Barker went to Benton, to teach the second graders about the American Economic System.


Brad DeGraw dresses up as DECO the Clown at the opening of the DECA Store.


Jesse Ruby and Brad DeGraw raise money for MDA by running a ring toss and Lucky Seven Drawing at the Neosho Fall Festival.


Sherry Rhoades and Heather Smith decorate gift bags at the nursing home.


FBLA has given me strong business foundations for when I graduate. We go to contests at MSSC and in Columbia. This is my fourth year in FBLA and I really enjoy it. I will never forget all of the fun I have had in FBLA.

Annissa Marta FBLA President


DECA is an association of marketing students. We really enjoy working with area business leaders and donating time and money to local charities. We have had a very fun and successful year.

Sondra Wise Deca President


Enjoying the lights at Precious Moments, the FBLA members stop for a picture.


Laura Schade enjoyed working with all of the glitter and glue!


Becky Brooks concentrates on decorating her bag. It's going great Becky!

# Drawn Out Journer 

This year's 1998-1999 Art Department has been up to some pretty strange but exciting activities. As in every year, the artwork looked fantastic. The Junior High art teacher is Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Warren is the head of the Art Department and also teaches high school art classes. The Art Department has done many projects this year including: art on the square for the 1998 Fall Festival, work for Choraleer backdrops, various door holiday decorations for the school nurse, and they also did the basketball backdrop for Homecoming 1999. Some of the work done by the Art Club members could be seen in the show case across from the library.


Above: Meilon Browning is a little aggravated at Darius Green while trying to finish her painting!

Right: Miranda Browning is working hard to finish her art piece in M r Warrens class.

R ight: Justin Workman, Darren Blackburn, and Daniel Marta are painting a masterpiece in their art class!


Below: Mr. Jenkins is giving some of his EXPERT advice about art!


Below: Mr. Warren gives Brandy Earnhart some helpful hints about art and life!



Above: Sarah Wilson cuts out letters for an art project in Mr. Jenkins’ G4 Art class


Above: Michelle Carter concentrates hard on her work


Above: Katie Collins is happy to be cutting out letters in her art class!


Above: Stephanie Jespersen tries to ignore Steven Snyder and get her art project done! Be quiet Steven!

## BXOTIC FTAVORS

This year we received a new addition of teachers, Ms. Schlueter and Mrs. Bilderback. Ms. Schlueter has been busy with her classes. In Child Development, they experienced what it was like to care for a baby. In Interior Design, they went to a nice home in Western Hills. Meanwhile, Mrs. Bilderback has led the Foods classes on an adventure. They have been making food items from six different countries. Some of the foods they have made are porkchops, barbecue meatballs, quiche, greenbean casserole, and some spicy chicken fajitas. They also had a chili cookoff. The G-day winners were: D. Green, N. Pyle, M. Guppy, L. Schade, and K. Burleson. The B-day winners were: D. Boyt, K. Begy, R. Brown, and A. Proznyk. The food has been delicious and the babies exciting. We hope to keep these teachers next year.

Right: Damon Embrey is stirring up some delicious lemonade.

Below: Michelle Guppy rolls out dough for some good sugar cookies.




The 1998-99 Officers for FHA: Chastity Courtney, Samantha Anders, Annissa Marta, and Misty Williams. Not pictured: Morgan Baker, and Rachelle Lynn.


Above: Lee Schofield is making sure she eats up all of her Thanksgiving dinner.


Above: The Future Homemakers Of America 1998-99: Back row: S. Hembree, J. Beavis, K. Heath. Middle: Ms. Schlueter, M. Coness, L. Wilson, M. Friend, Mrs. Bilderback. Front: M. Muncy, K. Janisch, A. Gruenewald, and C. Tiauthwein.


Above: Kim Rogers is showing off her ability to make clay turn in to a beautiful ornament.


Above: Chad Robinson looks at Shawna Anderson while she tries to get the dough off of her shirt.


Kenny Burleson shows that he net only has the skill for wrestling, he has it for cooking.


Above: Joey Howard, Adam Carden, and Tim Russel are chopping mushrooms and green peppers for their spicy fajitas.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Leadership cannot be easily defined or imitated. Only those who have it will be left standing when things become too hard to handle.This year our FFA has shown immense leadership among their fellow Americans. We know that the FFA Department has long been a foundation for leadership by their extensive participation in community activities, but this year they have surpassed the norm. While drought hit the southern states and left farmers scavaging for feed, the aggies were busy gathering hay to be sent in support. They also participated in Project Pals, which allows them to interact with grade school kids. With all their efforts outside of school, they have not overlooked the needs of the Wildcats. They did contribute their sweat and muscle to the continuation of the sidewalk to the Jr. High. We much appreciate and acknowledge these leaders who stand among us in quiet regard. To the FFA, we salute you.


FFA Officers. Top: Joey Bogle - Historian, Josh Ball - Chaplin, Jared Lankford Treasurer, Ron Bates - Sentinel, Damon Embrey - Parlimentarian. Bottom: Amanda Quinton - Reporter, Amy Davis - Sectretary, Miranda Thompson President, Amanda Winchester - Vice President.


Miranda Thompson gets crowned 1998-99 Barnwarming Queen by
'99 Amber Houston.


Queen and King: Miranda Thompson and Ron Bates. Their Court: Nick Bradford, Christina Mogan, Caleb Andrews, Kelly Carter, Amanda Winchester, Adam Wimpey, Jessica Hathaway, Aaron Renfro, Gregan Ketchum, Darius Hawkins.


Ronnie Bates and Miranda Thompson share their King and Queen Dance at Barnwarming.


The puppies at the Hunte Corp. know that they come first when it comes to business. The Aggies found this one to be spoiled rotten!


Anyone for sturgeon? Leslie Baker, Tina Stephens,and Troy Alumbaugh find out that fish-n-a-bottle isn't as cool as everyone says.


Melissa Weems is demonstrating how delicate you must be with flowers. Way to go Melissa!


Mr. Aldrich and Holly Loughman show us that you are never too old to be at a petting zoo. The FFA put on the Petting Barn at the 2nd Annual Barnyard Days.


Joe White, Daymon Embrey, and Mike Green are giving a helping hand as the FFA collected hay to send south during the drought.


Alisha Lee is trying to show Mr. McAllister , in his floriculture class, what to do, but it does not seem to be working.

## Carving Their Own Path

The Industrial Arts program at Neosho High School is becoming a big thing. With all of the new computer equipment that Mr. Sorensen has, and the teaching skills of both him and Mr. Snow, they have created a great reputation for Neosho's Industrial Arts program. There have been many great projects come out of the wood tech. room at Neosho, anywhere from a simple bread holder to an entertainment center. Mr. Sorensen's Graphics Tech. class created another great production of Wildcat News this year, also. The 1999 Seniors would like to send a special "Thank you" for the Senior Video. Keep up the great work!

R ight: Johnny Damon uses a file to remove saw marks from his gun rack


Above: Having steady hands in the shop and knowing how to operate the machines helps to lessen your chance of having an accident.

Below: Billy Johnson uses a gouge to make his stock cylindrical as it spins on the lathe.


Above: Justin Workman may be a little confused about his project. Don't worry, Mr. Snow will get you back on track.

Below: Steven Jackson attaches the lid for his gun cabinet he made.


Below: Jeff Gregory sands his project before he puts his finish on.



Above: Chase Long makes sure he has done a good job sanding on his project, so that he can have a good finish.

## Mysterious Dancers

This year's Choraleers were outstanding! The Choraleers make singing fun and enjoy dancing at the same time. There are twenty-four members: twelve boys and twelve girls. Out of the twenty-four, there are eighteen seniors. The instructor of the Choraleers is Mrs. Taylor. The group holds practices on Monday evenings to prepare for competitions as well as second hour on Black day. With all of their practices and hard work they received a one rating at NEO and also received second place at Nevada. It was the best they have ever done at the Nevada competition. The Choraleers had a successful year full of excitement. They have had many competitions and also performed at various places for entertainment including: the Widow's Club, the Middle School, and several churches. The Choraleers make singing and dancing not only fun to do but also fun to watch!

The Choraleers would also like to thank Carl, their bus driver, for his support and being an honorary member.


Chad Henry serenades Michelle Montz while practicing for NEO competition the following day.


Shayne Sprenkle and Laura Haunschu seem to have been having some fun in the back of the bus on this Choraleer trip!


Joey Howard and Justin McGee prove to everyone that you do have to have muscles to be in Choraleers.


Top Row: Left to Right: John Clayton, Joey Howard, Desiree Chanslor, Brandon Tate, Kathryn Franky, Zack Odem, and Shayne Sprenkle. Middle Row: Mickey Corporon, Michelle Guppy, Shawna Anderson, Ashley Qualls, Jessica Brown, Michelle Montz, Lee Schofield, and Chad Henry. Bottom Row: Justin McGee, Laura Hanschu, Ryan Fletcher, Sarah Conness, Lauren Layman, Ryan Bogle, Tandee Daugherty, and Curtis Baker


While practicing for the Nevada competition Brandon Tate and Lauren Layman act as if they were two sweethearts while singing a love song.


STUCK IN THE MIDDLE! Brandon Tate has some really deep thinking to do to decide between Lauren Layman or Laura Hanschu. Good Luck!


Lauren Layman, Michelle Montz, Jessica Brown, Shawna Anderson, Michelle Guppy, and Desiree Chanslor, take a moment to relax after practicing for two hours on their routine.

## Strange Melocies

The choir instructor, Mrs. Taylor ,demonstrates her enthusiasm to lead Christina Douvall, Misty Wilson, and the rest of the choir.


The 1998-99 Cecilian Choir pose for their group picture in our school auditorium.


Joey Howard and Chad Henry practice for their talent show act as "98 Degrees" with the help of Mrs. Wegrzyn playing the piano.

C. Bevis, K. Dunaway, C. O'brien an d A. Jennings show their enthusiasm to sing during B3 class.


Tandee Daugherty reads a scripture to the audience before the choir performed a song.

Our 1998-99 Cecilian Choir had a busy, but GREAT year. Their instructor Mrs. Taylor always gives us a great year of choir, full of excitement and smiles. The choir performed at many places this year, some of which include: The Municipal Auditorium, the Senior Center, and as every year they performed Candles and Carols at the United Methodist Church. The choir was fortunate to have three members participate in Missouri All-State Choir competition. These members were Chad Henry (base), Ryan Fletcher (tenor), and Kathryn Frankey (alto-alternate). As a N.H.S tradition, the Cecilian choir chooses a Mr. amd Mrs. Cecilian every year. This year Mickey Corporon and Laura Hanschu were the chosen two. Congratulations to both of you! The Cecilian Choir consisted of fifty-five members this year. Thirtythree of these members were Seniors.

Other choirs that participate in wonderful activities in our High School are Wildcat Chior and Concert Choir. These choirs are also very active in giving performances and we appreciate their hard work also. We know that they'll give us awsome performances when they perform in the other choirs later in school. Congradulations to this year's members and Good Luck to all choir members in the future!

These Conert Choir members; Seth Tartar and Chad Robinson sing the song "Nebuchadmezzar’s Lament."


WAY TO GO! Chad Henry and Kathryn Frankey qualified this year for AllState Choir. Also qualifying was Ryan Fletcher, not pictured.

Jennifer Harris and Sherry Biss follow the lead of Mrs. Taylor in Wildcat Choir.


Charity Bradshaw, Ashley Qualls, and Laura Hancshu smile after competing at All Districts.

# MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRTMMER 

Known as the Pride of the Ozarks, the Wildcat Band started out the year very well. As a tradition they had summer band, getting ready for the marching season and half-time performances.This year's drum major was Desiree Chanslor and the assistant was Allison Hunter.

The Wildcat Band joined the Black and Gold for the Band Night show. This year it was a salute to America. Some of the other events that they appeared in this year were the Fall Festival and the Neosho and Goodman Christmas Parades.

As a way of getting to know each other as friends and band members, they had a bonfire and hayride. They have also planned many other activities to do together.

Desiree Chanslor directs the band during one of the half-time performances.


Right: Michelle Henton, Paul Farnsworth, Jenny Burr, Jennifer Boyer and Brandon Matlock are enjoying another season of performing at football games. What else would they want to do on a Friday night?


Right: Waiting for the Christmas Parade to start, the Wildcat Band gets to their postions so they can warm up and be ready to go.


People watch and listen with excitement as the Wildcat Band marches down the square.


As a tradition, the Wildcat band voted on Miss Merry Christmas. This year they voted Gina Brown. She rode in the Goodman and Neosho Cristmas parades.

Below: Kyle Penn, Mark Whitley, Tina Bradford, and Barrett Wood take time out during a game to show each other a little affection.

The Wildcat Band Flag Corp: back row: Caron Woods, Andrea Kelly, Chastity Courtney, Jennifer Severs, Andrea Perch front row: Lindsay Bowers, Charity Bradshaw, and Deanna Janss.


At the bonfire, these band members enjoyed themselves by going on the hayride.


Kyle Penn, Richard Dunnaway, Jennifer Boyer and Stacie Mahan try to entertain themselves during one of the football games.


Flute: M. Ballard, L. Bowers, A. Casey, A. Kelly, D. Burch, C. Courtney, L. Farrell, D. Janss, T. McGlown, K. Baird, R. Brashar, B. Bunch, M. Green, C. Hilgenberg, A. Montez, A. Morrison, A. Patterson, A. Thurman, A. Watson Clarinet: P. Bressie, R. Brooks, G. Brown, A. Secrest, K. Bradford, K. Brunner, J. Kronkow, M. Harris, C. Patterson, A. Todd, A. Bowers, D. Ward, A. Dobbs, A. Wall, M. Conness, R. Friend, D. Sprenger Bass Clarinet: D. Chanslor, T. Condict, C. Woods, S. Philliber Alto Sax: S. Kyler, J. Mcgee, J. Bryant, N. Brown, S. Mahan, S. McFarland, J. Boyer, C. Bock, C. Cook, J. Berner, M. Henton, M. Kunkel, A. Loncarich, J. Spicer Tenor Sax: R. Fletcher, J. Covey, A. Murray, C. VanDorn, J. Hay, N. VanWinkle Bariton Sax: S. Wilson Horn: B. Boyt, A. Hunter, R. Vansandt Trumpets: B. Wood, S. Sides, J. Burr, R. Larkin, T. Bradford, B. Matlock, K. Penn, J. Lankford, M. Whitley, J. Maddox, C. Bradshaw, R. Dunaway, M. Porter, A. Perch, P. Farnsworth, J. Hailey, J. Harris, S. Price Baritone: N. Jarosz Trombone: D. Beckerdite, C. Harris, S. Kelso, T. Haupt, B. Morrison, D. Burch, G. Johnson, C. Smith, T. Taylor, M. Kimbrough, J. Pickup, T. Dale Tuba: J. Patrum, Z. Odem, R. Swem, K. Johnson, M. Schuster Percussion: C. Lentz, J. Simpson, T. Branham, A. Elliott, D. Elrod, J. Keezer, D. Lane, C. Miller, C. Reynolds, G. Garrow, W. Russell, B. Harris, S. Elmore

## Jazzin' Through The Streets

The Neosho High School Jazz Band is one of the best in the area. They are best known for their half-time performances at the Varsity Basketball games. Everyone loves hearing the jazz band play. The jazz ensemble went to Pittsburg, Kansas to play in the Pittsburg State University Jazz Festival in March. They have also played at the Downtown Tulsa Jazz for a Lunch Concert Series. There were many in the Jazz Ensemble that received awards. Drew Elrod, Brad Morrison, and Sean Wilson received All District Jazz. Thank you for providing that extra edge that is needed at all of the basketball games!


Jazz Band Members: Daniel Beckerdite, Tim Haupt, Spencer Kelso, Clint Harris, Brad Morrison, Nathan Van Winkle, Nathan Brown, Gina Brown, Stephanie Kyler, Justin Covey, Jenny Burr, Tina Bradford, Brandon Matlock, Barrett Wood, Andy Elliott, Sean Wilson, Brent Harris, Drew Elrod, Dustin Lane, Sean Sides, Beth Kenny, and Linden Hargett.


Clint Harris and Daniel Beckerdite enjoy being in jazz band and playing their trombones at the basketball games.


Ryan Fletcher and Nathan VanWinkle play the Wildcat fight song at the varsity boys basketball game.


Senior, Gina Brown, plays her alto saxaphone to the soothing jazz tunes.

Drew Elrod is waiting patiently to get the que to play his solo. Everyone looks forward to hearing him play.


Pucker Power! Tina Bradford, Barrett Wood, and Jenny Burr are giving it all they can at a varsity girls basketball game.


SNAP THOSE FINGERS! Mr. Kelso sets the beat as the Jazz Band gets ready

## Diversifile Souncis

The Black and Gold Band is the beginning of the amazing things to come in the Neosho Music Department. Under the instruction of Mr. Widder, the band puts in many hours of hard work, learning to play new songs, practicing scales, and even learning to march for parades. Whatever they do, the Black and Gold Band is sure to be making some noise. They perform for the loyal Neosho fans, and one of their most notable events is the Christmas parade. The future looks bright as these musicians march their way to perfection.


The Black and Gold band shows off their talent during one of the Junior High Pep Assemblies. The band really knows how to pack a gym.


Zach Boyt and Michael Keaton spend their early morning class warming up in the band room. Practice does pay off!


Jordan Langland keeps the rythm as the band marches through the streets of Neosho during the holiday parade.


## Stringin? Along



Jenny Lara and Joanna Petersen practice on their violins until everything is perfect. Dedication makes the orchestra great.

There is yet another group of musicians that practices and plays in the band room of Neosho High School. These represent culture and class in the halls of the high school. They are the members of the Orchestra, an elite group that are masters of the stringed instruments. They perform at a couple of different competitions throughout the year. To add the final touch to their year, the orchestra gave a Spring concert.


It takes hours of practice to get every note right in the orchestra. All of this practice is worth it when you hear the music of the stringed instruments drifting in the hall.


## PATHOAY TO THE SKIES

Throughout the year if you watch and listen you will find consistant reminders of what our nation stands for. At the beginning of each football game, homecoming event and school assembly our country's colors are proudly presented by our own Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Aside from bearing our flag on these and other occasions, this group of young women and men divide their time between physical and skills training through drills and excercises, leadership enrichment, and service oriented activities. They can be seen and heard around the school and community learning by the examples set by their senior members and Col. Taylor and Chief Gilbert. These students not only learn about military service, but the different environments of our country, and other worlds - including the one beyond the clouds.


Neosho's R.O.T.C. is very proud of the Sabar Team. During the Basketball Homecoming game with Nevada, the squad provided a glimmering arch for the candidates and their fathers to walk under.


Above: Joplin's Army R.O.T.C. joined Neosho's color guard for the pregame ceremony at the Varsity Football game. The two schools were well represented on this night as the Wildcat band played the "National Anthem" in the background.


Leading the way, the marching skills are put to the test at the Neosho Christmas parade. It seems only natural that our hometown parade follow the
NHS R.O.T.C.


The R.O.T.C. Ball Queen and her court. Back row: Tarissa Howard, Queen Vicky Kelly, Xochitl Sierra. Front row: Lacy Salsman and Kelly Sumpter.


Mac Davis, the 1998 King, awards the crown to Sr. Vicky Kelly.


The R.O.T.C. Ball King and his court. Back row: Gerald Davis, Mac Davis (1998's king), King James White, and Robert Jarrell. Front row: Dusty Springer, Daniel Willet and Cameron Crowford.


Sr. James White smiles with pride as Misty Wilson, last year's queen, places the King's crown on his head.

## LEADERS OF THE PATH

The 1998-1999 Student Council has been very busy this year. The entire group is divided into committees. Each committee has a job to complete. Every week there is a committee that meets in the morning to do the display in the hallway by the office. The committee is divided into black and gold display committees. The scrapbook committee puts together a collection of memories for the class of 1999 to remember when they return for reunions. The big activity of the year was the canned food drive. This was held December 1-11. Each B3 class had a contest to see who could collect the most cans. Ms. Alms' class won with an average of six cans per person. Mr. Stuart's class came in second with 172 cans. All together the Student Council collected 1,423 cans. All the cans were taken to the Neosho Armory for the Food Basket Brigade. The 22nd annual Great American Smokeout for the American Cancer Society was supported by the Student Council this year also.

The Student Council awarded three $\$ 750.00$ scholarships in May to outstanding seniors. This was decided by the new Student Council. The tradition also continued by selling computer match cards for Valentine's Day. The money raised from the cards was given to the Ronald McDonald House and the Lafayette House. The Student Council was also busy in helping out in the community by picking up trash. The most success the Student Council had was with the air conditioning committee. It looks like Neosho High School will now be air conditioned thanks to Zach Odem: chair person, Cassie Kinnear, Laura Schade, Shea Snelson, Randy Betts, Jesseca Freese, Melissa Guthrie, and faculty advisor, Mrs. Diana Messens.


Above: All of these Student Council members helped sort the cans that they collected at the Neosho Armory.


Above: Zach Odem thanks Ms. Alms for contributing the most cans for the food basket brigade.


Above: Tim Kenny is way too excited about this $7: 45$ am meeting!


Above: T. Tessemer, A. Khun, T. McNeil, J. Freese, S. Garrow, M. Guthrie, C. Kelly, L. Blauert, C. Kinnear, and M. Akins load these cans carefully into the Student Body President's truck.


Above: Sherry Rhoades, Laura Schade, Carla Whitworth, and Sydney Garrow seem deeply intent to Mrs. Messens words.

Below: Tammy McNeil participates in homecoming activities as a representative of the sophomore class.


Top row: M. Guthrie, S. Garrow, B. Hoover, F. Jennings, T. Tessemer, R. Phillips, C. Whitworth, D. Marriot, Miranda Akin, Randy Betts, T. McNeil, A. Khun, J. Libby, and S. Rhoades, Bottom row: S. Snelson, T. Kenny, C. Kelly, Z. Odem, C. Kinnear, B. Brooks, L. Schade, and J. Fresse.


Above: Cassie Kinnear is fulfilling her duty as Secretary/Treasurer by taking down the meeting minutes.

Above: The top Student Body officers, Z. Odem, C. Kinnear, and C. Kelly are sorting cans for R. Phillips, A. Kuhn, and T. McNeil.


Above: Jesseca Fresse is taking the Student Council effigy to the football homecoming bonfire to burn.


Above: Ryan Phillips looks a little nervous about Becky Brooks, Barbi Hoover, Sherry Rhoades, Freddie Jennings, and Zach Odem piling cans into the back of his precious truck.

## Key Master To A Strange World

Key Club is a community service-oriented organization. The members kept busy doing dances for the Highschoolers, delivering on Daffodil Days, volunteering at the senior center, and many other things.

The highlight of the year is the Key Club Convention. At Convention, Neosho Key Clubbers meet in Springdale, Arkansas with Key Clubs from the entire Missouri - Arkansas District. There are dances and mixers and other fun activities. The weekend ends in a formal brunch Sunday morning where the new officers are installed.
Being in Key Club is exciting and fun. It gives you a chance to give back to the community for all that it does for you. Thank you Key Club for all your hard work and help in the community.

Right: Nathaniel Smith, Andy Long, Derick Stores, and Shayne Sprenkle were "cross dressers" when they dressed up before Halloween to go and collect canned goods for Crosslines.


Key Club members back: N. Smith, A. Long, L. Schade, R. Bechdoldt, M. Browning, T. Kenny, S. Allard, H. Cobb, C. Taylor Middle: M. Howe, D. Mariott, S. Wise, S. Garrow, N. Spicer, D. Burch, S. Martin, D. Dewitt, L. Morrison, S. McFarland, A. Bowers, A.

Dobbs, T. Marion, I. Allard, L. Bowers, A. Moreno, A. Vangorp, H. Millard, D. Janss, R. Friend

Below: Beth Kenny, Jessica Freese, Michelle Guppy, and Laura Schade picked out great costumes to go and collect canned goods in.


Heather Cobb and some fellow Key Club members in the crash test dummy suits pose with Ronald at Walmart while helping the Health Department during their Safety Fair.



Jonathan Ely, Allie Dobbs, Linden Hargett, and Stephanie Kyler are relaxing by the pool at the Key Club pool party.


Danica Burch is having a good time at one of the Key Club mixers.

## JUNIOR HIGH ACIIVITIS

The Neosho Junior High had a very successful year. Many students got involved with the League, Builders Club, and the English and Keyboarding Departments with the newspaper. The League started off the year with the Fall Festival Parade. They helped the school out by having contests to raise money, worked at concession stands, and even showed their spirt by forming a pep squad for different games during the year. As for the Builders Club, they went to Head Start and read books to the children and they also went to the Ronald McDonald House in Joplin and visited the kids. The English and Keyboarding Departments have done well adding a new newspaper to the Junior High, which has been very popular. In doing the various activities throughout the year, many of the club members learned how important a good education really is. Plus, helping out people in need really isn't so bad.

Right: N.J.H. League shows their appreciation of Neosho by walking in the Neosho Fall Festival Parade.


| $\underline{\text { Executive }}$ |
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| $\underline{\text { Members: }}$ |
| Megan Bowers |
| Darci Burch |
| Bonnie Burleson |
| Burt Farrell |
| Brandi Gibson |
| Sam Goswick |
| Blake Hines |
| Michael Keaton |
| Cindy Luke |
| Amy Moore |
| Angie Sumter |
| Curtis Wall |



Below: If we could see the true meaning of a student hard at work, Lindsay Gyer would be it. She is preparing an article for the Jr. High Newspaper.


Below: Lindsay Perigo and Gregan Ketchum work on a project in their English class.


Builders Club members:

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner Sherry Biss Jill Fox Tammy Green Jennifer Harris Stacy Johnson Amber Lawson David Little Katie Markle Sasha Martin Lynn McCammon Angela Raggsdale

## THE ETERNAL JOURNEY

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an organization that is known nationwide. Neosho High School FCA has two main leaders Tara Branham and William Palmieri. There is also an activity committee. Members include: Becky Brooks, Amber Burnett, Geri Russell and Alissa Todd. FCA has participated in several activities. Before Christmas, they put together a treasure chest. They collected toys for the needy children. It was a huge success. They also held a lock-in at the high school gym. It was a night filled with games, food, speakers and fun. Some members also went to a University of Arkansas baseball game and heard a speaker.

Some of the participants of the FCA lock-in got together for a group picture, they were: Coach Ray Godfrey, Jason Defenbaugh, Barrett Wood, Coach Elliott, Colin Lentz, Ryan Hammack, Carla Whitworth, Michelle Guppy, Desiree Chanslor, Jason Alford, Tara Branham, and Becky Brooks.


Members that are in FCA include: Becky Brooks, William Palmieri, Carla Whitworth, Amber Burnett, Ryan Phillips, Jason Alford, Chelsey Cashel, Aaron Baker, Desiree Chanslor, Tara Branham, Barbi Hoover, Cristin Smith, Jenny Dwyer, Brad Carr, Melissa Guthrie, and Sarah McFarland.


The sponsors of FCA are Coach Elliott, Coach Ray Godfrey, and Coach Mike Godfrey.


Tara Branham concentrates hard on making a poster for the lock in. Don't mess up!

TIRED? Colin Lentz, Desiree Chanslor, and Marina Ballard are taking a break after playing a hard game of hockey at the FCA lock-in which was held in March.



Becky Brooks helps organize the activities for the FCA lock in. She is making a poster to advertise all the fun!


TIME TO WAKE UP! William Palmieri is having trouble staying awake in FCA. They meet every Tuesday morning at 7:45.

# Mind Stretchers 

The academic team has been very busy this year in preparing for their competetions. The team prepared by looking over large amounts of information covering hundreds of different subjects such as Geography, Math, and World History. Mr. Jemes, sponser, also teaches them short cuts to finding the solutions to long mathematical problems. The members of the Academic Team are Silas Allard, Bobby Carr, Andy Elliot, Andy Long, Zach Odem, James Rigdon, and Nick Taylor. The team meets every week and studies every two weeks. Their actual season lasts from October until May.

A highlight of the academic year at Neosho High School is the intramural academic bowl. Members of the intramural teams had free reign to choose their names, and some of these were very interesting such as The Flying Flaming Flatulent War Pigs of Death and The Fanatical Devotees to the One Earthly Sub-Diety whose name is Tava. The winning team of this year's intramural academic bowl was The Manitobian Bums Relish Sanguinary Domination.


Mr. Jemes sets up the bracketts for the teams for the Academic Bowl on his trusty computer.



Andy Elliot, James Rigdon, and Linsay Bowers glance at Shonda Ireland, as if they are not sure if her answer is correct.


Andy Long, Silas Allard, R.C. Bechdolt, and Nathan Becknell look confiden in their answer to the question.

## Buillaing roads for the future



Club Officers: Marena Ballard, Carla Whitworth, Angela Letts, and Tosha Armstrong.

The Future Teachers of America club is a group of students that want to pursue a career in education. In September, F.T.A. had an ice cream social. It was a huge success in getting new members involved. Mrs. Richardson, sponser, took the group to Columbia to the state competition in October. Here, they selected the state officers and heard some outstanding speakers. In November, they hosted the retired teachers reception in the library. Every year the F.T.A. invites all retired teachers to come to the library and discuss old memories of teaching. There was quite a turn out.

In April, the F.T.A. group has the opportunity to shadow a teacher of their choice in the Neosho District. This has always been very beneficial in selecting their careers. They shadow the teacher the entire day. After shadowing, they all meet together and share their feelings and thoughts about teaching. The club officers are Marena Ballard, president, Carla Whitworth, vice president, Angela Letts, secretary/ treasurer, and Tosha Armstrong, historian.


Top row: Becky Brooks, Cristin Smith, Toby Patterson, Becky Davidson, Morgan Baker, Coti Daugharty, Racheal Guy, Rachel Butts, Mrs. Richardson, sponsor, Tenille Boatright, Amy Augsburger, and Joanie Rose. Bottom row: Marena Ballard, Carla Whitworth, Angela Letts, and Tosha Armstrong.


Mrs. Linda Richardson is the F.T.A. sponsor.


## One Step Aheact

Right: Mickey Corporon inspires both parents and students with his speech at the Induction Ceremony.

Right: Honor Society member Josh Babb tries to keep Michael Bacon from thinking about what this nice nurse is about to do to him.


Above: Lauren Layman is looking for a little reassurance from Michelle Guppy as she waits to give blood.

Right: Shawn Erlewine, "The Human Blood Drop," and Linden Hargett take a break at the annual blood drive.


Above: Josh Lewis happily accepts this nice flower along with the news that he has just been selected as a new member of National Honor Society.


Above: Shawna Anderson beams with pride as she gets pinned by her mom.

As each new member of National Honor Society found out, it takes a lot to become a member in this pretigious club. Character, leadership, citizenship and scholarship are just some of the characteristics required to be a member of Honor Society. The 1998-99 Honor Society was very active this year. They held two blood drives, one before Thanksgiving and the other in March. Leadership has definately not been a problem for this club. For the first time in a long while, the club has many two year members who offer their advice to a large group of Juniors. Great job Seniors!!

The Junior National Honor Society has had a very successful year. They have been active in the community as well as at school. During the Christmas holidays, they sponsored a canned food drive that helped the needy. Way to go Cats! The club is preparing to have their Induction Ceremony in which they will induct the new members to the National Junior Honor Society during the first part of May.

1998-99
National Honor
Society Officers
President -
Angela Parmley
Vice President Laura Schade
Secretary Gina Brown


"I am proud of these young people because they are the best of the best and it takes a lot for them to be selected into National Honor Society."

- Mr. Haupt

"National Honor Society is a great organization because we do alot for the community and it is so highly regarded."
- Angela Parmley


# Sturient of the Month 

Student of the Month had another great year. Teachers select students from grades 10-12 to be nominated for Student of the Month. Then a panel of choosen teachers pick the winners of each month. Student of the Month winners receive a certificate, Student of the Month T - shirt, parking in front of the school for a month, and taken out to lunch at a restaruant of their choice. At the end of the year, out of the students choosen for Student of the Month, one is honored by being selected as Neosho High School's Student of the Year. The winner was announced at the Senior Assembly. The honor went out to Senior Sherry Rhoades. In Sherry received a one-hundred dollar savings bond and a personalized plaque for her great efforts this year. Congratulations to all the students selected. It is a great honor. Good luck to next years 1999-2000 Student's of the Month.

Below: September's students of the month show their pride in front of the Victory Bell: Junior Josh Babb, Senior Jason Morris, and Sophomore Amanda Mclintock.


October's student's of the month are all smiles!Junior Cheryl Anderson, Senior Laura Hanschu, Sophomore Jessica Brown.


Below: December's students of the month take a quick picture on the Senior benches: Senior Micky Corporon, Junior Jesseca Freese, Sophomore Lindsey Blauert.


Above: Senior Sherry Rhoades receives the 1998-1999 Student of the Year award at the Senior Assembley.

Below: Febuary's students of the month are excited about being choosen: Sophomore Alicia Thurman, Senior Sherry Rhoades, Junior Sarah Leathers.


Below: March's students of the month show their pride in front of "Willie" the Wildcat: Senior Amanda Winchester, Junior Linden Hargett, Sophomore Adam James.




Whatit ore Strange Trip It'Been

The 1999 NEOHIMO Yearbook crown was awarded to Senior, Sherry Rhoades. Josh Hedger escorted Mrs. Miller, Senior counselor, to Will Palmieri so he could place the crown on this year's queen. The Royal Court included three seniors: Sherry Rhoades, Chadia Ladbasri, and Teresa Chenoweth; three juniors: Chastity Courtney, Melissa Guthrie, and Misty Williams; and three sophomores: Amanda Kuhn, Lindsay Langland, and Tammy McNeil.

The theme of the assembly was, "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been.' The gym was decorated in purple and silver balloons, with many "strange" decorations. The 1999 yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Pamela Marta.

Other festivities of the assembly included performances from the Choraleers and Jazz band, with the ROTC color gaurd presenting the colors, and the Saber Team saluting the canidates. With a feeling of both excitment and sadness, the assembly went very well.


Mrs. Pamela Marta


1999 NEOHIMO Queen Sherry Rhoades


Choraleersperforming "When IFall inLove."


The Jazz Band played a number of upbeat tones.


Kris Goewert and Chastity Courtney


Andy Ramon and Melissa Guthrie


Sean Wilson and Misty Williams


## The Ropal Court

## Seniors:

Teresa Chenoweth
Sherry Rhoades
ChadiaLadbasri

## Juniors:

Chastity Courtney
MelissaGuthrie
Misty Williams
Sophomore:
Amanda Kuhn
LindsayLangland
Tammy McNiell


Tim Haupt and Amanda Kuhn


Marcharie Fisher and Lindsay Langland

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## FOOTBALL HOMECOMING

This year's football homecoming theme was Wildcats Take The Bulldogs Back To The Future. This year's winners were: tye-dye day: Lee Schofield and Nathan Becknell, twin day: Nathaniel Smith and Derek Storms, crazy hair day: Ashley Qualls and David Mariott, class era: Miranda Browning and Will Palmieri, and black and gold day: Allison Hunter and Keith Espinosa. The overall spirit winners were Chelsey Cashel and Elissa Davis. The faculty spirit winner was Mrs. Gilstrap. Keep up the great spirit Wildcats!!!

Right: From top to bottom: Lindsey Allen, And $r$ e $a$ Russell, Crystal Quintana, Lee e Schofield, and Becky Brooks.



Above: Lee Schofield was crowned the 1998-1999 Football Homecoming Queen. She is pictured here with her escort, Jeramiah Durbin.

Left: Hail to the King! William Palmieri was crowned the 1998 Mr. Homecoming King. He is pictured here with his escort Davina Dobbs.


Left: Derik Jones cuts a rug at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. Derik, don't give up your day job!

Below: The seniors of the football team seem like they are having a good time giving a pep speech at the bonfire.


Left: Nice Hair! The varsity cheerleaders show their spirit by going crazy on crazy hair day.


Above: Geri Russel and Mrs. Gilstrap show their spirit on tye-dye day.

Left: Miss Ellison, S. McFarland, J. Freese, C. Smith, M. Pietrzak, B. Hoover, D. Janss, J. Osborne and A. Todd show their spirit on tye-dye day.

## Follow The Cats To Victory

There comes a time every year when the Wildcats are allowed to show their true colors, a time when we put our differences aside and band together as a school, a time when we celebrate and show our pride in being a Wildcat, a time we call Homecoming.

This year's Basketball Homecoming was like all the others before it: flowing with excitement. Our Boy's Basketball team beat the Nevada Tigers, as the King and Queen, Nick Pyle and Chelsey Cashel, and their court observed the game. However, the royalty were not the only winners. During the week we held our annual Spirit Week competitions. Each class picked a destination for a theme. The Seniors-Hawaii, Juniors-Hollywood, Sopho-mores-Emerald City. Then, throughout, the week we dressed up for each assigned spirit day. The winners were, Pajama Day- Matt Moore, Unique Sock Day- J.T. Mendedenhall, Mismatch DayAndy Long, Theme Day- Sara Leathers, Black and Gold DayLindsay Bowers. The winners for the class competitions were Hall Decorations-Juniors, Tags-Juniors, Spirit-Seniors, and Over-all- Seniors. The Boy's Basketball team thanks you for your participation and support in the events and wish you luck for next year.

Right: The Seniors all appear to be ready for a day at the beach! Make sure to put plenty of sunscreen on!


Above: The Juniors work hard to finish their decorations that won the Hall Decoration competition!


Above: Top: C. Taylor, A. VanGorp, T. Tessmer, K. Walton, M. Green Mid: L. Langland, T. Workman, J. Harper, A. Mobley Bot: M. Browning all look like they got dressed in the dark!


Right: Chelsey Cashel says "Aloha" in her Hawaiin style outfit!



Left: The Homecoming Queen Chelsey Cashel and her court. Top Row: Sophomore attendant Valerie Snow, Junior attendant Mechelle Rucker. Bottom Row: Senior candidate Laura Schade, Homecoming queen Chelsey Cashel, Senior candidate Amber Secrest.


Lori Farrell and Alissa Todd show their spirit by dressing up for Theme Day!


Above: Sophomores Jennifer Harper, Tera Workman, Valerie Snow, Taylor Tessemer, and Lindsay Langland pose for the camera in their costumes for Theme Day!


Above: Juniors Julie Osborne, Tara Hunte, Lindsey Allen, Casie Augustine, Geri Russel, or a.k.a. Spice Girls, stop for a quick picture! GIRL POWER!


Above: The Sophomores are dressed for their theme, Emerald City!


Above: The Juniors show their spirit on theme day! Their theme was HOLLYWOOD!

## The Sound of Music

This year's fall play was The Sound Of Music. The play was performed for three nights on November 20th, 21st, and 22 nd. Mrs. Nielson and Mrs. Taylor held tryouts for the cast. Once the cast was selected, Mrs. Nielson directed the play and Mrs. Taylor was the music director. The Sound of Music was written by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse. The music is by Richard Rogers and the lyrics are by Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast practiced for two months, some nights lasting until 10:00 p.m. Their hard work and dedication to the play surely showed in their performances. With a full house on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it was a big hit!

The Sound of Music included two Acts with Act I consisting of thirteen scenes and Act II having seven. The leads in the play were Maria Rainer played by Lauren Laymen and Captain Georg Van Trapp played by Mickey Corporon. There were 73 cast members in all, including the Light Technicians, Stage Crew, Costume Crew and the Paint Crew. The play was a huge success!


The cast of The Sound Of Music.


Oh No! Shayne Sprenkle cannot find his costume.


Elissa Davis shows us she is still cute wearing a costume.


Hungry? Will Palmieri grabs a quick bite before the big night.

Mickey doesn't seem too enthused about this scene of the play.


Lauren Layman and Laura Hanschu get to relax during this scene.

## The Sting



Above: The cast of "The Sting"

Below: Sean Wilson practices his shooting stance before his next scene.


Below: S. Bowers, M. Corporan, and J. Rigdon practiced their attitudes in between this scene.


Below: M. Corporan and E. Taylor practice their upcoming scene.



Left: D. Rogers and M. Corporan want to scrap! Not in front of S. Bowers!

Above: C. Shilling, A.Ramon and R. Betz go for the cola and snacks during intermission.

## One Heavenly Night

The Junior class did a good job on the 1999 Prom. Our theme was "One Heavenly Night." The theme song was "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin. Instead of having it at the Municipal Auditorium, like in the years before, we returned to an old tradition and had it in the High School Gym. The colors were baby blue and silver. The people who went received keychains, candles, and picture globes.


Above: Annissa Marta and Tenille Condict take a break from their dates for a quick picture.


Above: Josh Ball, Jacquie Kronkow, Lori Hymer, and Brandon Mailes stop dancing long enough to take a picture.

Right: Sondra Wise, Matt Major, and Ashley Qualls are happy they came to prom.


Above: Cheryl Anderson and Tara Marion smile while waiting in line for pictures.


Above: Nathaniel Smith and Lindsay Bower look like they are ready for more dancing.


Above: Scotty Albious, Billy Dunn, and Rya Hammack make getting dressed up look easy


Above: Shawn Erlewine and Linden Hargett make a perfect couple at prom.


Above: Cassie Hale and Andy Olbrey look happy to be together.


Above: Tenille Condict and Chris Reynolds were glad they were with each other.


Above: Andy Noah, Ryan Hughes, Jake Russell, Chelsey Cashel and Kristin Phillips show they are good friends.


Above: Justin Ackerman makes his way to the dance floor.


Above: Valerie Snow, Cristin Smith, Tera Workman, Julie Osborne, Becky Brooks, Alissa Todd, Kendra Keeling, Jennifer Harper, Amanda Vowell, and Cassie Hale all strike a pose.


Above: Aaron Divine and Jon Ely make a flashy entrance into the gym sporting yellow and blue tuxedos


Above: Andy Noah forgot what shoes were supposed to go with his tuxedo.


Above: Tray Fisher and Sarah Leathers are excited about the dancing that lies ahead of them.

Below: Randy Betts, Derek Storrs, and Rachelle Lynn are ready for swinging.


Below: Scotty Albious and Sheena Brasiola are a cute couple.


Below: The Prom Queen Sydney Garrow and her court: Sally Crocker, Michelle Guppy, and Kristin Phillips.

Right: MelissaCarter is wondering what will happen at prom.



Above: Ben Boyt, Lauren Layman, Amber Burnett, Jeremie Bridges, Josh Hedger, Shawna Anderson, Desiree Chanslor, and Jeremy Nichols enjoy the park while taking pictures.
Below: Rodney Hobart, Amanda Casey, Gina Brown, and Dustin McAffrey show they are having a great time.


Below: Ryan Fletcher and Cristin Smith are enjoying prom.


Below: Amanda Murray and Brandon Matlock are happy as they enter prom.

Below: The Prom King Justin McGee and his court: Ryan Hughes, Gabe Dorsey, and Andy Noah.


Above: Jessica Hathaway and Adam Carden are just arriving at prom.

Below: Tara Branham and escort look great with their matching green attire.


Above: Kati Reynolds and her escort are very exquisite.


Left: Sarah Kimbrough, Marena Ballard, Ashley Qualls, Kathryn Frankey, Becky Brooks, and Laura Hanschu were just in time for a picture.



Above: Jeff Yost and Amanda Vowell are excited about something by the expressions on their faces.


Above: Daniel Pruitt and Nathan Becknall are very charming in their tuxes.


Above: Michelle Guppy and Tim Haupt are taking time out to eat.


Above: Allison Hunter, Deanna Janss, Lori Farrell, Danica Burch, Erin Trout, Amy Augspurger, and Stacie Mahan work on the waterfall for prom.


Above: The staircase in "Stairway to Heaven."

Left: Karen Daugherty, Tennille Boatright, Cassie Hale, Sarah Hierholzer, Cristin Smith, Lori Hymer, Jacquie Kronkow, Toby Patterson, Tara Branham, and Lindsey Allen are making sure there are plenty of balloons.


Above: Deanna Janss, Lori Farrell, and Stacie Mahan are making the pool for the waterfall.

# In the Turning Iane 

Some people say that these are the greatest years of our lives. Yet, as we live them, we tend to see them as the hardest. Our parents tell us to wait until we are older, then we will look back and see the golden years. Well, now is the time for us to make our step into adulthood, Graduation. We have worked our whole lives for this moment, but as it approaches we don't want to go. At least not yet. We have thoughts that everyone will leave and we won't see each other again. At the same time we have visions of the future and are eager to start our lives. Remember, memories will never leave you; instead, they will keep you company as you make your journey. As you take those first steps towards the rest of your life, know that we are with you in heart and mind. For these were truely the greatest years of our lives.



Above: During Senior Assembly these Seniors look anxious to graduate.


Above: Catherine Kelly goes down memory lane during her speech at the Senior Assembly.


Above: Angela Parmley and Kenny Burleson receive the Army Reserves Scholar Athlete Award during the Senior Assembly.

Below: The schoolboard, administration, and speakers wait for graduation to begin.



Below: Mr. Garrow gives his advice and "goodbyes" to the class of 1999!

Below: Cecil Aerhart receives his graduation diploma.


Below: The Neosho High School band performs the seniors'song at the beginning of graduation night.

Below: The 1999 graduates celebrate after they all have received their diplomas!



Above: Ryan Hughes and Lorelle Hutchins give us a sad goodbye.


Above: Crystal Quintana, Elissa Davis, and Christina Mogan get together one last time before they all say goodbye.


Above: ShawnErlewine and Heather Smith are excited for the big night!

## Senior Hill

Shortly after the Senior Assembly is let out, you are able to see hundreds of seniors racing to "Senior Hill." This hill has long been a tradition to Neosho High School and will forever remain priceless in our eyes. Though we all look forward to graduation, one event brings out just as much excitement. This is our opportunity to leave our mark upon our school and our community for a year after our departure. Senior Hill is our monument to the Class of 1999. With each painting, a senior's personality is revealed. It is not only a road but a pathway through the lives of the students. Senior Hill is the keeper of our memories and the holder of our dreams. We will always remember and be greatful to the hill that the seniors built.

Below: Kristin Phillips and Lee Schofield work on their marvelous four leaf clover!


Below: Ryan Phillips spends a little quality time with his brother Trevor and his mom on Senior Hill!


Below: Andy Noah isn't worried about getting painted as he concentrates hard on his drawing.


Below: Ben Boyt threatens Miss Ellison with a paint brush.


Right: Andy Long got a little wild with the brush! Have fun trying to get clean.

Left: Laura Jenny and Adrianne Owens are enjoying themselves as they paint their crossword puzzle.


Below: Adrianne West tries to help Erin deLauney get some of the "art work" off of her face!


Above: Michelle Guppy and Ashley Qualls smile for a quick picture after being attacked with paint.

Below: Joel Phillips and Darius Green seem confused as to where they are suppose to put the paint! Hint: Not on the body.


Above: Jon Briggs and Aaron Divine take a minute to wash their brushes before heading back out to paint!

Below: This is it, Senior Hill, what every Senior waits for. The chance to paint the Hill.



Above: M. Daspit, D. Kuhn, K. Willis, P. Land, and J. Fletcher show us how much fun they really had.


Above: This group of Seniors are ready to get out of here, but before they do they leave us something to remember them by.

## Project Graduation

This year's Project Graduation turned out to be a blast. The Seniors and parents worked hard and raised the most money in the history of Neosho's Project Graduation. Project Graduation was held at the Olympic Fitness Center in Joplin and many fun games and large amounts food awaited them. Some of the games included scuba diving, bungee run, bungee bull, racketball, walleyball, kareoke and sumo wrestling. Having this one last night, gave seniors the chance to share memories and be together one last time as the class of 1999.


Shawn Erlewine tries to crawl his way through a tunnel in the maze.


Matt Major, Missy Ewen and Catherine Kelly sign up for the walleyball tournament at the end of the night.

Michelle Guppy, Gabe Cook and Shawn Erlewine take time out from having fun to talk.


James Warner attempts to hang on to the cords of the bungee bull.


Everyone waits to have fun while they are given the rules for the evening.

Becky Davidson is enjoying herself while scuba-diving in the pool.


Brandon Hines scuba dives by himself after a few lessons.


Stephanie Jones has fun trying to beat her opponent at the bungee run.


Matt Daspit, Dusty Kuhn and Justin Fletcher take time out to let everybody laugh at their singing abilities.


Adolfo Estrada, Stephen Snyder, Brandon Bressie and Ty Kittrell decide talking is more fun than racketball.


Christina Mogan, Rodney Pendley, Marena Ballard, Angela Letts and Stephanie WarrenRobin have fun eating all the food.


Amber Burnett has fun trying to stay on the bungee bull.


Adrian West has an anxious look on his face while waiting to be squashed sumo style.





Katrina M. Lay
Since you were born you've brought so much into my life. You've given me love, happiness, and lavghter. I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. And since you were a little girl you've always wanted to be an actress, you've always had high goals for yourself. So Honey "Reach for the stars" because they are just waiting for you. Please remember whatever you do with your life, you will always be "Mama's Little Angel", and I'm proud to say that you are my daughter.

Love, Mom


Congratulations!! we Love You!!
Love,
Mom, Raina, and Jim


M ARENA BALLARD


Peter-
Congratulations! You'll always have our love and support. May all your hopes and dreams come true and you have hapiness always. You are our Mr. Wonderful!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Betsy


Lorelle,
Here you are at the beginning of school. Seems like only yesterday... We wish you the strength to endure, and the wisdom to be humble.
God speed.
Love, Mom and Justin
Justin, Mackenzie, and Keaton

Rachel,
Congratulations, we are so proud of you. You have given us so much happiness in these few short years. We know you will do fine in your adult years, for you have gained knowledge and courage to lead the way. Love Mom, Dad, Janet, and Janice


I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can. Helen Keller

It seems like only yesterday you came into this world,
A picture of perfection Mom and Daddy's little girl. Now You're a young lady Your high school days behind
Your off to set the world on fire And see what you can find.
Life is an adventure. Dut there lies your world
But no matter where you travel- You are still our little girl.

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## AARON DIVINE

Thanks for all the joy you have brought to our life. Just keep being you and the future will always look bright.
We are proud of you and love you.
Mom, Dad, and Liz


Tosha-
It's only by the Grace of God that we came so far. My daughter, God's hand has been upon you from the very beginning, so "Be conf1dent of this very thing. He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Phillipians 2:6 We love you!
Mom, Scott, and Bryan


May you always be happy--
Through all four seasons.
we are so proud of you Sherry baby. with love, Mom and Dad


SHERRY RHOADES


Dear Gina,
You have been everything parents could wish for. We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nathan, and Jessica
"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7

The best baby,
A happy boy.
So much fun,
You're still our joy.
Be all that you can,
Our wonderful young man.
We love you
Mom, Rob, Dad, Don, Gran Gary, Leroy and Bob.


Jesse Ruby

Jonathan Max Ely

What a wonderful young man you've grown into! We are so proud of you. May your future be full of all the great things you deserve. Thank you for the talent you have of making us smile, and for all the laughter you have brought us. We Love You. Mom, Heather, Raymond, Granny, and Papa


Brooke,
You sure have come a long way since "sesame street"

We love you,
Mom and Danny


Ryan,
You're every Mom's dream. Seems like just yesterday you played your 1 st $T$-Ball game. We are all so proud of you and love you. Always follow your heart and your dreams will come true.
Love,
Mom, Robert, Trevor, Dad and Jeremy


Matt,
We thank God for the privelage to be your parents. These school years have had some "for better - for worse" days. But through all the years we have been blessed to watch you mature and become who you are. May your future be God led and offer you the best.

We love you--way to go 10! Love, Mom and Dad

## Chadia Ladbasri

Auguries of innocence
To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour.
To be in a Passion you Good may do,
Man was made for Joy \& Woe;
And when this we rightly know
Thro' the world we safely go,
Joy \& Woe are woven fine,
A Clothing for the Soul divine;
Under every grief \& pine Runs a joy with silken twine.

You are our joy. We love you.

Mom and Dad


## Heather,

from your first word to your desire to have the last word you've never been afraid to take a stand for what your believe in. May God continue to guide you as you work toward the achievepent of your dreams and goals. Thanks for the beautiful memories. We are so proud of you. You are our greatest gift. All Our Love Always,
MOM and DAD


## Angela,

It seems like only yesterday we were blessed with a tiny baby girl, now you are all grown up. You have made us very proud with all of your accomplishments and we know there is many more to come.

We love you,
Mom and Dad


Carla,
You've come a long way
Baby-we're so proud
Mom and Mike


Sydney,
It seems like just yesterday...Keep smiling and trusting in God and you will go far. Love Always,
Mom, Dad, and Gabo


## Mat+

 MajorYou're all grown up and we are so proud of you! You have all of our support and love, now and in your adventurous future.

## MOM AND DAD



Congratulations, Laura! We are extremely proud of all your high school accomplishments.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations! We're very proud of you. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Corie, Monica, Corel, Paig, MaC



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E Becky where! Continue to move forward

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$R \quad$ the best!
0 Love,
0 Dad, and Mom
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Lindsay Kaye-
Your determination and enthusiasim have helped you accomplish so much. We are very proud of you. Wonderful opportunities are still ahead, keep enjoying life as you strive to reach your goals. Love Always,
Your family


James:
You have grown and so has your car. Your ambition will take you very far. Remember as you travel from sea to sea God loves you and so do we!
Dad, Mom, Brittany, Ben, Becky, Rachel, and Abby


Michelle:
You've come a long way since you sat on our laps and "talked about things." we are so very proud of you ...ofyour accomplishments, or your sensible and balanced approach to life, of your care for others.

We are proud to be your parents, and we celebrate this moment in your life.

Mom and Dad


## Sarah Nicole Pogue Class of 1999

You my daughter are my hopes, my dreams, my joy, my friend, and $M y$ heart.

May life bless you and smile on you forever.

We love you
Mom
Garry, Scott, Eric, Brent, and Pippin.

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May you have the joy that's due You,
May the years be gracious to you, May the blue sky smile above you, And through all your days--God love you! An Irish Blessing Love Always, Mom, Dad, and Mat+


Sarah,
You were a beautiful child, you will be a beautiful woman. Keep God first in your life. Love,
Dad, Mom, Kim, and Jared

## OUR DEAR ANDY,

Those eyes, that simle, and that charm... Then and NOW, just cant be beat! We love you with all of our hearts... forever! Continue your leadership at Pitt State! Randen sends kisses and hugs too! Congratulations!
MOM AND POP


## Sara,

Congratulations! I am very proud of you, and wish you great success and hapiness. You will always have my love and support, and a very special guardian angel watching over you.

Love
Dad


## Shawn Michael,

Your smile has always blessed our lives. Always keep your positive attitude in everything you do. We love you and we're proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chris

## kEndRA JAnE kEELING

Dance to the music of your dreams; the steps will bring you joy.

You were our dream, and God made you a reality. May God's blessings follow you as you step into your future.
We love you, and are very very proud of you! Mom and Dad


Cassie,
Here you are on your first day of school, now we're looking at your last. My how time flies! We are so proud of you! You worked hard to get where you are. Congratulations, you made it! Continue looking to God to lead you through and hapiness will be waiting for you.
with ALL our Love,
Mom, Dad, Wade, and
Bon Bon


Lauren,
You have been a bright and constantly blooming flower in our lives.

Continue to bloom wherever God decides to plant you. Thanks for being a daughter we have been so proud of? Love, Mom, Dad, and Nick


Shawna,
You'll always be our precious little girl! Stay focused on your goals but most of all, Keep Serving Jesus!! we love you
Mom, Dad, Lisa, and Travis

## Ryan:

You have brought great joy to our lives with your humor and talent. We encourage you to reach for your dreams and always remexher, we love you and are very proud of you.
Mom, $\mathrm{Dad}_{2}$
Craig, and Angie


I AURA MICHELLEHANSCHU


Your sunny smile will con-
tinue to touch people and warm hearts throughout your life.
You have been such a blessing in our lives.

Love,
Mom. Dad, Rebecca, Kevin, Robert, and David

Your smile,
your dreams,
and your goals will make you a wonderful
contribution to the world around you.
You are God's gift
to us.
Love,
Mom and Dad


## KENNY BURLESON

Kenny, words can't describe how proud we are of you! It is unbelievable how these 18 years have passed so quickly.

Your achievements are a true testimony to the phrase, "The harder I work the luckier I get." It is obvious to anyone who knows you that you have earned everything you have received.

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Good Luck (hard work) as you begin the pursuit of your new challenges. We love you, Mom, Dad, and Clay!


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John Carlton Peacock II

The world is yours and the sky is the limit. We're very proud of you. Love,

Mom, Dad, Jay + Joshua

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Love you,
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## What a Long Strange trip it's been...

...We have each traveled a great distance and, as we stand and look back at the year, we realize "what a long strange trip it's been." We have made many friends and memories and these past few years have made us the people that we are. But it is only the beginning as we will take new journeys into our future. At times we will want to remmeber all the crazy and strange moments that we had here at Neosho High School. That is what this book is for; we will be able to open its pages and see everthing that happened in 1998-99 and then we will discover that it hasn't been such a long trip after all.


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D On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000 .


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The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station Alpha. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.


> C The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.
C) After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a $\$ 1.25$ billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.

A. On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

C President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.


© Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

## Nationa



President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.
C. Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

A A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000 .


Aug. 17

© The U.S. Treasury unveils a new $\$ 20$ bill designed to be much harder to
 counterfeit and more capable
of withstanding heavy abuse.
(4) President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes. the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial,


- Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.


C Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of $\$ 338$ million.
AP PhotolCary Cameron, Pool
© A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.



In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over $\$ 131$ million in aid.

CReform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.


Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.


In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of $\$ 70$ billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.


- The USDA announces that a 25 -millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpoputar method of irradiation.


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C The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.
6) Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.


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C Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.
 of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

Astronomers discover and photograph a
Astronomers discover and photograph about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCory discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.


As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.
©) A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.


D Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.
C. Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check - even for someone without a bank account. The machine "memorizes" facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user's identity.
4) Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.


A Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool $\$ 600$.


Walt Disney's $A$ Bug's Life is one of at teast 15 animated feature films that will flood the
nation's theaters in the next two years.


C In June, Keiko
 arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie Free Willy.

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24 -foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.


Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen atvertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.


Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.


Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 , including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a đuet she sings with Brandy.

The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.

. Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, Left of the Middle, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."

© Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie Armageddon, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 charts.

## Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical
6) In November, Garth Brooks' new album Double Live enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release. instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include Titanic and Return to Titanic, City of Angels, Armageddon, Hope Floats, Dr. Doolittle and The Wedding Singer.

Whitney Houston's My Love Is Your Love is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R\&B Album and Favorite Soul/R\&B Male Artist.


In a $4-0$ sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.


In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer titte. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Elysées and injures 60 people.

Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.
© Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.


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© The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Facons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

D Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.
championship by beating the Utah Jazz $87-86$ in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA


AP PhotoAEric Risberg

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16 -year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.


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