For students and faculty at MHS, most citizens of the United States, and perhaps even people all over the world, the year 2001 would be forever etched into memories. On the morning of September 11th, some students eagerly awaited fieldtrips for ISTEP opportunity days while others nervously readied themselves for taking the tests; meanwhile, Osama Bin Laden and his faithful followers began to carry out their plan of terrorism upon America.

At 9:03 a.m. as the United Flight 175 from Boston crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, Senior Kim Taylor apprehensively gathered around the television in her cadet teaching room with teachers, waiting for some answers before the students arrived. When the children made their way into the classroom, the TV was shut off; yet they still knew that the nation was in trouble. "Chris wanted to have the blinds shut because all of the planes were being grounded. He sat under his desk all day," Taylor said.
Other opportunity day fieldtrips which were outside of the corporation, such as the Lebanon cornfield excursion, reached their destinations but were required to return to MHS when the school was forced into a lockdown.

After a few days, Mooresville High School became more active again, but students and faculty did take time to remember those who were lost. One way Mooresville paid its respects occurred before a football game against Beech Grove when fans were encouraged to arrive early and light candles in remembrance. “It made you stop and think about how many people really cared,” said Junior Megan Riggins.

Like other fans, she and her friends wore red, white, and blue attire and lit candles to show their patriotism.

The spirit of the nation began the school year with unity throughout Mooresville High. The Wagon Trails staff decided to come together to keep up that oneness for the remainder of 2001 and 2002 and took it upon themselves to create “spirit days” such as “Blue and Gold” and “The Spirit of Song and Dance.” Junior Tad DeWitt took home a pumpkin pie for him and his mother after he won the gobbling contest during the Thanksgiving-themed day. “We were going to my grandma’s and my dad did it [gobbled]. I asked him how he did it, tried it, and just got good at it,” he said.
For students such as Junior Lesley Young, ordinary curriculum became an extraordinary task. With both the retirement of Frau Drake last year as well as the small class sizes, the administration did not hire a part-time German teacher. However, cameras, televisions, and microphones brought a teacher to a roomful of MHS students in a distance learning lab set up at Paul Hadley. “This year German was harder because we didn’t have that comfortable level of being one-on-one with the teacher,” said Young.

The week of football sectionals brought about more than just another tally on the list of the football team's wins—it also helped classmates take a break from everyday work by participating in activities such as a door decorating contest. As Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff's journalism class busily made a masterpiece entitled “Stomp Those Cubs” to tack on her door, the monthly fire alarm sounded loudly throughout the halls. Sophomore Adam Whitney, who was literally stamping his feet upon the mural at the time, began to panic. “I rolled myself [in Mrs. Eickhoff’s chair] down to the restroom on one foot,” he said. There he covered his painted foot with paper towels and made a safe escape.

Painting was a common occurrence at the high school during the year even outside of art classes. Last year’s *To Kill a Mockingbird* mural made by Mrs. Kellie Jacob’s service learning group inspired the National Honor Society and the social studies department to make their own masterpieces. Honor Society spent several Saturday mornings creating paintings above lockers in the English hallway. “I liked the way it looked. It showed all the different things about our school and that we had some spirit,” said Sophomore Stephanie Callahan. Pictures varied from senior paddles to prom tickets.
For Freshman Ashley Clark, excitement came from people such as “the funny guy who said he squished his Pokémon.” The student body filed into the auditorium to hear speaker Mr. Kevin Wanzer give a talk about his “A.L.O.H.A!” theory, which exemplified good Attitude, Leadership, Overcoming Obstacles, and a (HA !) sense of humor. Wanzer’s messages rang clear with students. “There were better ways to have fun than to do drugs,” said Clark.

Lastly, students like Freshman Maeghan Antunes found their own spirit which led to personal victories and triumphs. Racing down the field at the powder-puff game, Antunes prevailed for her team when she outran other players and stopped her sprint within the endzone. “I made a 62 yard touchdown for my team against the sophomores. Nobody even knew I had the ball,” Antunes said.

Over the course of the year, the United States and the whole world found that doors were not always open. Times of darkness slammed right into hopes and dreams, but whenever a door closed, a window of opportunity shone light through. While the events behind 9-11 intended to force Americans into despair, patriotism burst forth and ignited a newfound sense of respect for our nation’s firemen, police, and everyday heroes.

Within Mooresville High School itself, each student found the keys within himself to unlock his own personal spirit, no matter how large the door.

"Go to the grocery store where your friend works and buy just one grape,” speaker Kevin Wanzer instructs. Wanzer was a Butler graduate who traveled the globe to promote drug-free lifestyles.

"I rolled myself in Mrs. Eickhoff’s chair, down to the restroom with one foot.”
- Sophomore Adam Whitney
Unlocking the Week...

- Homecoming day had .91 inches of rain
- Spirit days: “College Dorm,” “Twin,” “Superstar,” “Class Color,” and “Blue and Gold”
- Mr. Thomas and his wife made 135 cupcakes for the eating contest
- Homecoming week took the cheerleaders three weeks to prepare
- Senior float building time was 1/4 eating, 3/4 work

Fighting to fill his cheeks with five pink and blue cupcakes, Junior Alex Ruoff manages to prevail as a winner. “I just started to stuff my face and before I knew it, I couldn’t swallow and felt like I would upchuck,” Ruoff said. Last year he also participated in the spaghetti eating contest and added, “The secret was having a big mouth and stuffing it all in!” The junior class won the contest by default, when the sophomores were disqualified for eating off each other’s plates.

Seniors Tami Poole, Lucas Prosser, Kari Turner, Jodi Willis, Staci Moody, Jeremy Manion, and Tharasa DiMeo team up to prevail in the tug-of-war contest against both the juniors and the faculty.

“I never thought I could do it! I actually have the ball!” Freshman Danielle McCorkle thinks as Sophomore Alicia Overton sprints down the field to snatch her flag. “It was exciting!” McCorkle said.

Belting out a song during the dance after Homecoming, best friends and fellow Juniors Nicole Sparks and Calli App jam. “It was fun! Anywhere that we went together, we had fun,” Sparks said.

Seniors Lori Bryant, Amy Marine, Lindsay McCauley, Ellie Patton, Stacy White, Amber Marine, Satoko Arakaki, and Shanelle Corriean wear shirts with their names in Japanese, designed by Arakaki.

Grinacing in disgust, Sophomore Stacey Sipos catches an egg during the egg toss. “I had cornrows in my hair and an eggshell got stuck in one! I washed my hair like eight times before it would come out.”
The biggest Homecoming peril filled the hallways long before the pep session even began to take place. For weeks leading up to the Homecoming hoopla, the rumors of a few members of the junior class buying supplies for "junior jeans," or even just sweatpants, began to circulate throughout the school.

Knowing that, several seniors, including Allison DeNardin, went to Kroger’s to buy squirt bottles on Friday morning. Their intent: to spray the juniors with water or even spray-paint. “I had the squirt bottle, but I never squirted anybody. Afterwards, I thought it was immature that I even bought it in the first place,” DeNardin said.

Although DeNardin “felt badly about how overblown” the situation had become, it didn’t stop several senior girls. Jade McCart was one of the few who reacted to the junior’s clothing by spraying them with water. “My jeans were what happened throughout my whole high school life,” McCart said, explaining the significance of the tradition. “I was upset because they tried to overspirit the seniors. They’d get to make jeans next year.”

“We were just trying to have spirit,” Junior Ashley Bain said. She and Lacy Moore were two of the students whose spirited outfits were ruined. Bain, Moore, and their friends spent over 60 dollars buying puffy paint, feathers, iron-on letters, bells, and photos of the football players to decorate t-shirts and sweatpants, not jeans. Bain said, “I didn’t even notice until someone in class pointed it out, but when I was in the hallway a senior girl spray-painted my pants with black spray-paint.”

Miss Beth Henry, Dean of Girls, handled the situation by making the juniors go home and change. “I understood the seniors’ feelings. It had been a tradition for years, but it also could have been handled in a different way,” she said.

By the end of Homecoming, some students may have had a renewed sense of spirit, while others had a pair of ruined pants. Bain, who was most affected by the events said, “It was Homecoming: we were supposed to hate the other school, not our own.”
THE KEYS TO VICTORY...

- Senior Jason Peasley’s 283 yards and 2 touchdowns
- Kyle Oschman’s 66 passing yards and 2 touchdowns
- Josh Miller’s interception
- The defense holding the Patriots to negative yardage in the second half
- 19 second half points by the Pioneers

"We had a big head coming into it and underestimated them, but we knew we were a second half team," said Sophomore safety and special teams player Jacob Tri, referring to the 13-12 halftime deficit.

Sadee Rozzel becomes the first freshman to win Homecoming Princess since 1977. "Wow! I really didn’t expect to win because I was running against sophomores and juniors. I was really honored," said Rozzel.

The freshmen win the float building contest with the help from teacher Dale Graves. "Our float theme this year was ‘Unsung heroes from around the world.’ I really gave us a chance to be thankful for the heroes we have," said Graves.

Senior Christina Allegree, with her escort Tom Barton, is crowned Homecoming queen. "It was very exciting, I was very lucky to have such good friends and know so many nice people," Allegree said.

Senior running back Jason Peasley uses his stiff arm and zips past the Patriot defender. Even with the incredibly muddy turf, Peasley still managed to post some impressive numbers, but it wasn’t until the second half that he really came on. "We were kind of disappointed at halftime. We felt like if we were going to win it, it was going to be with our seniors, and I think Jason really took this to heart," said Coach Mark Bless.

"Take it to heart he did when Peasley ended the night with 283 yards on 41 carries."
Senior offensive tackle and defensive end Justin Hietberg was one of the catalysts of confidence for the Pioneers. "I knew going into it that we were going to have our second Homecoming win in a row," said Hietberg. Although he knew the magnitude of Homecoming and what it meant to win, he still found time for fun. "It was really, really muddy, so I smeared some of it on [Matt] Crouch and told him that it would give him some skills," said Hietberg.

"The wind was so strong that it literally turned my umbrella inside out and nearly lifted me off the ground. Kind of like in Mary Poppins!" - Senior Lindsay McCauley

"I want to hear the fans come out and sing the school song after each and every touchdown, and I want to hear it sing five times!" said Head Pioneer Football Coach Mark Bless at the Homecoming pep rally. Despite the piercingly cold, bitter weather, the Pioneer faithful came out in masses with their umbrellas, ponchos and hot cocoa all intact and did just what Coach Bless had asked.

As the Pioneers marched onto the dreary, soggy gridiron to face first-time foe Jay County, the Pioneer fans came out from under their warm, comforting blankets and welcomed them onto the field with a cheering frenzy. However, it wasn't going to be a cake-walk like many of the Pioneers and their fans had originally thought.

The Pioneers fumbled the snap on a punt, and a Patriot player scooped it up and ran in for a 35 yard touchdown to take the early 7-0 lead. The Pioneers would rally back and score two touchdowns, but miss the extra point, to trail 13-12 going into halftime.

As the rain and wind slowly faded off into the night, the Pioneers seemed to acquire a new life. They stormed out of the locker room full-throttle after halftime and totally dominated the game in all aspects.

They drove 91 yards and scored their third touchdown of the game to take the lead and never look back. They would add two more touchdowns and one extra point by Senior Cory Wright to make the final score 31-13 Mooresville.

So in spite of the adverse weather, the Pioneers and their fans truly shined bright on this triumphant October night.

"I was a little mad because I didn't get to start, but I still had a lot of fun. It was so muddy," said Junior wide receiver Tad Dewitt.

"It was cold and wet, but it was a fun game. Hearing the fans sing the school song was good for the spirit," said Senior offensive guard and tackle Bryan Gilman.
THE KEYS TO A GOOD SHOW

- 19 members on the Wagon Trails staff and 1 adviser
- A month of planning the skits from the Wagon Trails staff
- 310 members involved in choir
- Michelle Shea and her 21 members of Stage Crew
- The stage crew practicing with all the choirs, bands, orchestra, and individual acts, so they knew the right procedures

Senior Joe Owen has played the violin for seven years and has no fear of performing for large groups. “My favorite part about Wagon Trails was getting to perform in front of a big audience,” said Owen.

All decked out in her make-up and jewelry, Senior Wagon Trails member Lauryn Fischer gives her rendition of Miss Cleo. “Ms. Cleo was so stressful because I was the only one out on stage,” said Fischer.

Freshman Joe Monin slides across the stage during one of Splat’s performances. This was the second year that Splat performed during Wagon Trails Revue. They were the opening act during this year’s show.

Sophomore Austin Smith and Freshman Julia Bullard sit down to perform their Millennium song “Your Momma Don’t Dance.” “I thought Harkema did a really nice job in his skit,” added Smith.

Freshman Men’s Choir member Jordy Smith grabs the microphone to perform his rap solo for “I’m in the Army Now.” “Ms Cleo was my favorite skit during Wagon Trails Revue,” said Smith.

Senior Sarah Myers and Junior Kate Korn sit amazed as Choir Director Mrs. Elaine Mobeius and Choreographer Ms. Christy Chitwood surprise them on stage. “I had suggested to Mrs. Eickhoff that we do this. I knew that Sarah and Kate were both good natured and would get a kick out of it, but I also knew it would only work one time, so we saved it for Saturday night,” said Mobeius. “The look on their faces were priceless. Sarah was trying to do such a good impression of me,” added Mobeius.
Sophomore Stacey Siros excelled in the performing arts. She sang, performed in color guard, and acted. Over the summer she played the character Rizzo in a production of Grease at HTC. "It was really nerve racking because it was my first play, and I was like the amateur, because everyone had done plays before," she said. During Wagon Trails Revue she sang a song from Grease as well. "I sang 'There Are Worse Things I Can Do,' which Stockard Channing sang in the movie. Wagon Trails was also pretty nerve racking. I was supposed to walk around on stage, but I just streaked out and stood against the brick wall," said Sipos.

No matter how much time teenagers are given to do something, they will always put it off until the last possible inkling of a moment. This year's 2001-2002 Wagon Trails staff was no exception.

"I thought for sure we were going to have to cancel one of our kits because people weren't coming to the practices," said Senior staff member Abby Undercoffer. "We were cramming so much before the show that I thought it would be really unorganized," added Senior staff member Nicole Wright.

Despite all of the nervousness strewed about, the show went on seemingly perfect. "A lot of people commented on how smooth it was, which was ironic because of how panicked we were," said Wagon Trails Adviser Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff. "Mr. O came up to me after the show and said that it was one of the best shows he had seen in a long time. That made me feel so good for someone to take the time to come out of the audience and tell me that. I felt appreciated," said Eickhoff.

A lot of the smoothness for the show can be attributed to the stage crew and other various people behind the scenes. "A lot of my worries were eliminated because of the stage crew. They were fabulous. We really only had one problem during any of the nights. There were these loud booms through the mics, but they could not control that," said Eickhoff.

"Despite all of our worries and procrastination, the show turned out better than we ever thought it could," said Junior staff member Breann Boles. Undercoffer agreed, "Somehow it all just magically came together."

Junior Aaron Nauert has been on a stage crew of some sort since 6th grade. "We practically lived here we practiced so much!" said Nauert.

Senior broadcast member Jared Malott mans his camera during Wagon Trails Revue. "My favorite parts of the show were the commercials in between the acts," said Malott.
Sophomore Sarah Harper scored 22 points for the Lady Pioneers.
Each eight-piece medium pizza in the eating contest had 2,264 calories and 80 grams of fat.
Homecoming scores: Boys Varsity, 50-56; Girls Varsity, 51-45.
"Basketcase" by Green Day was played by the pep band for the first time at the pep session.
Finesse sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the boys varsity game.

At the top right of the cheerleaders' pyramid, Junior Lindsay Greene relies on her bases to support her while "flying." "It [the pep session] was fun because I liked performing in front of crowds," said Greene.

Working together to make a basket are Sophomores Miranda McGuire, Eddie Welch, Josh Cave, and Lara De Juan Romero. "It was tons of fun because everyone was rooting me on," Cave said.

At the game, Jeremy Hendricks lounges on the couch with Senior Nicole O'Neil and her younger sister Andrea Cornelison, Patricia Workman, and Matt Wickham. The group got a good seat and free pizza.

Pausing long enough to chew her Papa John’s, Freshman Kassidy Turner and Leland Kinnet team up for the eating contest. "Even though I thought I was going to puke, it was a lot of fun," Turner said.

Blindfolded and confused, Senior Cory Wright attempts to rush Staci Moody’s wheelchair across the gym floor in the chariot race. "I was afraid we were going to hit someone!" she exclaimed. However, her fun got even better as the night moved ahead. During half time of the game, she was crowned queen, with Senior Jason Peasley as the king. "I was very surprised," she said. "The first thing I thought was that the crown was not going to fit my head, but it did."
Even though the 18th was typed into every student's agenda and it seemed that Homecoming suddenly popped up, students, cheerleaders, and players alike still had prepared weeks in advance for the event.

Friday morning was the official kick-off of the two-day festivities behind Winter Homecoming; however, Sophomore Nicole Didot worked Thursday evening to piece together pom-poms, paper, and a troll doll all atop a large cowboy hat.

"It [the hat] took about two and a half hours to make," said Didot, who was one of the winners of the contest, along with Freshman Brandon Mitchell.

During third period, students in Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff's class participated in the door decorating contest. "Whether it was just one person cutting out basketballs or making letters, everyone helped," she said. The journalism class did win the contest, and Senior Jeremy Hendricks was able to be a couch potato at the game. "It would have been a lot better if we could've used my doormat," Hendricks said.

Getting ready for the pep session took two weeks of the cheerleaders' time. "It was so hard to plan inside activities that would be as physical as the Fall Homecoming," said Cheerleading Coach Kathy Bothwell. Nonetheless, the cheerleaders' plan for a new wheelchair chariot race worked out. "It was interesting watching peoples' expressions as we went straight toward them!" said Senior Staci Moody, who was a part of the contest.

Within the walls of the concession stand, Freshman Matt Hockett prepared soft drinks with the Spanish Club. "Mr. Hults was making funny jokes, and I tripped and spilled Coke everywhere," said Hockett, who later spent 15 minutes wiping the floor.

And, of course, the girls and boys basketball teams trained hard for Homecoming. "It made me want to play harder because it was a special event," said Senior varsity player Jaclyn Kenney. The girls even noted the cheerleaders' efforts to bring out spirit. "The decorations the cheerleaders made for us were great," Kenney said.

Senior Kyle Oschman drives the ball toward the basket. "I was very disappointed," he said. "It was the worst loss of the season, and it put the team down. Coming into the game, we though we'd win."

In a struggle to gain control of the ball, the junior varsity girls basketball team works to move the game back downcourt.
The official food for the *Harvey* practices was Subway sandwiches.

The cost to watch the play was $3.00.

There was 1,167 lines to be memorized by the entire cast of *Harvey*.

It took 12 gallons of paint to paint the walls for the backdrop.

This year the lumber alone cost about $2,000 to make the three sets from scratch.

Eagerly listening to the disheveled Vita Louise (center), Sophomores Katie Brant (Myrtle Mae), Stacey Sipos (Swedish maid), and Ben Thomas (Judge Gaffney) attended to her needs. "I felt like a huge goofball," exclaimed Senior Christina Allegree, who played the dramatic, loving sister, Vita Louise Simmons. "I was always having to think of sad things or people I didn’t like in order to keep a serious face instead of laughing while out on stage," said Allegree.

Imagining what Harvey would look like, Senior DeAnna Lundy glances off into space. "My favorite part about practice was our Euchre tournaments that we had going on backstage," said Lundy.

Becoming the old Judge Gaffney, Sophomore Ben Thomas has wrinkles sketched onto his face. Mrs. Kassen created all the lively faces of the characters with her talent of make-up art.

"Mentally I had to think like Kelly Bundy from *Married with Children*" said Sophomore Stacey Sipos, about her method she used to help her get into the character of the ditzy house maid.

Helping the cast members with their lines, Freshman Heather Bartram reads along. "Since I wasn’t a cast member I figured I could learn by just being there and being able to help out," said Bartram.

Putting the backdrop together, Freshman Austin Roberts works on the wooden frame of the set. "I liked working on the crew for the spring play because I got to use power tools," said Roberts.
Ellie Patton

**SPIRIT OF BELIEVING**

"Pooka: a fairy spirit in animal form. Always very large. The Pooka appears here and there, now and then, to this one and that one to his own caprice," said Freshman Chris Eiteljorge (Wilson).

Harvey could be described as a six and a half foot tall white rabbit that was the main character of the play. The only thing was he wasn’t real.

"Harvey is a versatile actor and our communication between each other was excellent," said Senior Matt Hacker, who played the best friend of Harvey, Edward P. Dowd.

"Whenever Matt disappeared during practice, we always said that he was off playing with his fuzzy white rabbit," giggled Senior Maren Allen.

Harvey could only be seen by those who had imagination, but in order for the cast members to get used to a white rabbit walking around on stage, Harvey was played by a volunteer.

"I think every kid had an imaginary friend," said Freshman Jackie Blessing. For some cast members, when they were alone as children they had invisible friends.

"When I was younger, I had to bury my imaginary friend, Bat," said Sophomore Ben Thomas.

"Captain Universe was mine, but of course I had a wild imagination as a kid," said Junior Joey Smith.

For some like Sophomore Stacey Sipos, having an inanimate friend helped her get prepared for the play. "I always had a little talk with Woodstock, my beanie baby, before I went on," said Sipos.

Believing in imaginary friends was an advantage for some cast members in order to help them work with Harvey in the play. Even though Edward P. Dowd was the main believer of Harvey, by the end of production Harvey had become a friend of everyone in the cast.

Dr. Sanderson, played by Junior Joey Smith, diagnoses his patient’s mental illness. "I didn’t like my character or his lines at first because he was stuck on himself," said Smith. Although Smith’s character in the play was not liked, in reality the chemistry between him and the other actors was a different story. "It was refreshing knowing that I had a good group that got along really well," said Director Melanie Kassen.

Smith also believed they were all good actors and told them on the first night of Harvey production, "We are stacked from top to bottom, from the people with 200 lines to the people with two lines."

Putting in the long hours for practice, cast members Sophomore Katie Brant, Seniors Christina Allegree and Damien Black, and Junior Joey Smith work on their line memorization.

"A funny part of practice was when Joey and Matt kept on forgetting their lines, so they kept on kicking the stage," said Junior Yates Hull, who played the cab driver.
UNLOCKING INDIVIDUALITY

- The cost of a tongue piercing at Artistic Skin Designs was $45
- It was 16.2 miles from Mooresville High School to Greenwood Park Mall
- There were 1,344 academic lockers and only 1,243 were in use
- One container of Manic Panic Hair Dye cost $6.97
- Out of 100 various students from MHS surveyed, the top album recently released was Linkin Park: Hybrid Theory

“My room was creative because it expressed me,” said Sophomore Brandy Poltoto. Poltoto’s room was pizzazzed from head to toe with a theme in each corner. For instance, in one corner, it was dedicated to bands like Good Charlotte. The other themes were cars, guitars, and friends, which was combined with her border of wolves. “My room is crazy, and I like its chaos,” explained Poltoto. Her favorite object that was located in the room was a very blue bass guitar.

“I wanted to be “ghetto,”” exclaimed Senior Jodi Willis. Willis spent one hour getting just the top part of her hair braided for the basketball game by Senior Cindy Doughty. Cornrows were a popular fashion for hair. Blushing up the holiday with their Valentine attire, teachers Mrs. Karen Yeager, Mrs. Elizabeth Yoke, and Mrs. Rosie Horien chat in the teacher’s lounge. All three had been known for their bright colors.

Boring is a word far from explaining freshman Ryan Hickey’s organized locker. Hickey’s locker contained head bobbing dogs, pictures of girls and football, sports clothing, snacks, and the regular school books.

If the lights ever went out, Sophomore Megan Taylor’s ears would be able to light up the room with her colorful earrings. “I liked the way my ears looked with glow-in-the-dark sticks!” said Taylor.

Going through her collection of newspapers, Senior Nicole O’Neil found a forgotten banana that was from a lunch several weeks before. “My locker had no junk in it than a dump,” exclaimed O’Neil.
Many students got behind the wheel of a car to get a new item of clothing to add to their wardrobe. For Senior Kelli Kruschinsky and Junior Michelle Calderhead, they got behind the wheel of a sewing machine.

For Kruschinsky, who began her knack for sewing her sophomore year, it had become a hobby to create items that nobody else would own. Sometimes she created items of clothing from cloth, while other times she invented things out of old items from her closet and Goodwill’s clothing rack.

“Once, I made a pair of patchwork pants out of old jeans. I had worn them to school, but then the pants started falling apart. So, instead of taking them off, I just taped the pants back together,” said Kruschinsky. Although her pants’ threads did not hold up for an entire day, Kruschinsky was able to innovate unique prom dresses for her friend and herself.

“I felt better when I knew that I made my own clothes and accomplished something,” exclaimed Kruschinsky.

With a few more years of experience, Calderhead had learned how to create not only her own clothes, but patterns to her clothes, through her grandmother’s help. In the past few years, Calderhead had made costumes, dance outfits, and a one-piece jumpsuit with a needle and thread.

“For me, I found sewing to be a relaxing and stressless activity,” explained Calderhead. Over the past few years designing and sewing clothes had become something that she enjoyed, and Calderhead was looking into using her talent as a fashion designer.

“I felt more comfortable in my clothes, because they were not only designed to just fit me, but they allowed me to be a non-conformist,” said Calderhead.
If you win a figure 8 at the Speedrome, you win $800
KFC had the original patent to the spork
A Pez dispenser costs around $1.50
Andrew Prather won 40 out of 43 Go-Kart races he entered last year
It cost about $15,000 to build the cars that Ryan Garrigus worked on

Sophomore Darcie Ikard has a pretty rare hobby. She collected Pez dispensers from all around. “We bought one off of E-Bay, and we didn’t realize it was from Austria. We had to spend a fortune on shipping and handling,” she said.

Freshman Ashley Clark touches her foot to her nose. “I knew someone who got really grossed out by people who do weird things, so I showed him what I could do with my leg and he got really grossed out!” said Clark.

Junior Shonda Skinner has been riding BMX freestyle bikes for four months. “It was a lot of fun because it was your own style, and you could recreate every trick because everyone did it a different way,” she said.

Senior James Taylor has the odd ability of being able to bend his finger all the way back to touch his wrist. “I couldn’t do it too many times because it hurt. It was like a mutant power,” said Taylor.

Junior Jessica Walenga has a rather odd hobby — collecting spoons and moist towelettes. “They were fascinating, they’re not, quite forks, they’re not quite spoons but they function as both!” she said.

Junior Andrew Prather had been racing Go-Karts for eight years and was not afraid of the consequences that could have come from it. “I flipped a couple of times, and I got knocked out in one race and had bruises all over my back. It really wasn’t that dangerous though. They made you wear a lot of safety equipment,” said Prather. Prather raced in the Southern Indiana Racing Association as well as the World Karting Association and hoped to race in NASCAR or Formula 1 some day.
Senior Casey Smith was practicing for great things at a very young age. “When I was five, my mom had me on video camera modeling and posing watching the Miss America Pageant!” said Smith. Smith spent her time modeling at competitions all around the country. She competed in the Miss Teen America contest, the Miss Perfect Teen Indiana competition, and also traveled to Chicago where she placed as a regional finalist. She went on to say, “It made me feel alive, was my dream.”

Many students in Mooresville High School lived life on the edge. Rock climbing, fencing, parachuting and racing were just a few of the hobbies that they participated in.

Junior Ryan Garrigus grew up with gasoline in his veins and loved racing tremendously. “I have been interested in racing forever. I absolutely love it and the atmosphere all around it,” he said.

Garrigus raced the car that his dad owned, but after they sold it, he started to get more interested in working on the pit crew. He and his brother owned the number 77 Helton Transport car that they raced at places like IRP, Anderson and Angola. Although he did not actually get to race that car, there were still things that he liked to do with it. “I helped change the tires, put weight in it, and helped fix it when he got in a wreck. Me and him were the only ones that worked on the team during the races,” he said.

While at the races Garrigus enjoyed many different things. “I loved it when the three hour figure-eight started because it shook the ground, and the atmosphere was really cool. Everybody was trying to win.” He also recalled a funny moment. “There was this one guy who got out of his car on the passenger side after every single race!” he said.

Garrigus’ talents both in racing and in the pit crew did not go unnoticed. He got an offer to work on Eddie VanMeter’s professional late model race team. Not only would this job pay his way into the track, it would also fund his meals and hotel expenses. He planned on maybe going to a trade school to further himself in the racing world. “My dream job would to one day be a member of a NASCAR team,” Garrigus said.

“I broke my front two teeth out while riding; it was kind of funny. I looked like a hillbilly for like a week!” said Sophomore Corey Johnson.

“Just the fun and riding with my friends was my favorite part about BMX freestyle riding. I usually rode with my friend Corey Johnson,” said Junior Dakota Rittenhouse.
THE KEYS TO FREEDOM...

♦ It took about 16 hours to drive in a vehicle from Mooresville, IN to Panama Beach, FL.
♦ A 12 oz. of Panama Jack's 45 SPF waterproof sports sunscreen cost $6.79.
♦ UVB rays made up only 5% of the UV rays given off by the sun.
♦ An ordinary pair of flip flops from Old Navy was $3.50.
♦ The original color of Coca-Cola was green.

Getting gently splashed from a small wave, Juniors David Yaraschefski, Amy Viles, Alicia Overton, and Brad State enjoy the coolness of the ocean. "It was wonderful to be able to relax and listen to the ocean during Spring Break," said Viles. Overton and Viles went to Panama City on Spring Break with their families who were good friends. "We went into the ocean only a couple times, but for one of the times it was because Amy wanted to look for shells," said Overton.

At the break of dawn, Senior Chris Stoner is dumbfounded by his "catch of the day." While at St. John's River in Florida, Stoner woke up in the early hours of the morning each day and was lucky to catch a four-foot, 12 pound Giar.

Posing in Egyptian style, Juniors Sarah Bunch and Megan Riggins make a pyramid with Seniors Jodi Willis, Jesse Stricker, Tiffany Spence, Amber Lykins, Holly Lloyd, Mary Rains, and Kathleen Moffitt.

Screaming "I'm falling out of my seat!" Senior Morgan Norris flies in to the aerial with Senior Brandy Phillips while taking a flight in the dark on the ride "Ejection Seat," located in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

We had a blast on the bikes and also got a good tan while out riding them," said Senior Stephanie Williams, who rented a moped in Panama City, Florida, along with Seniors Anastacia Pope and Alicia Fugate.

Jamming with "KISS," Juniors Ashley Baim, Gina Beretta, Brandy Carbonell, and Jessica Satche enjoy the atmosphere at Panama City. "It was hilarious when Lacy Moore was attacked by the seagulls," said Beretta.
Ellie Patton

"It was heartbreaking to see the kids without proper clothing or sheets on their beds," said Senior Rachel Wright, about the kids she met while on her Spring Break.

For most seniors at MHS, their Spring Break consisted of many hours out on the hot sands collecting rays of light from the sun, but for Seniors Rachel Wright and Staci Moody, time was spent volunteering for Ambassadors for Children in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. For the seven days, the girls spent their time, talent, and gifts helping the less fortunate.

For two of the days on the trip, Wright and Moody went to two orphanages. On one day they took the kids to the movies and on the other, to the waterpark. "It was wonderful just seeing them so happy no matter what the situation was. For instance, this one girl was just happy being able to talk," said Moody. "The kids were so fascinated with the small things like running water, restrooms, and lipgloss," said Wright.

At the "domes," Moody and Wright experienced the extreme poverty. "The people there were so poverty stricken that they couldn't pay $15 to go to school," said Moody.

However, not all of the waking moments were spent with the poor. "One day we went horseback riding through the countryside, and during the nights we would go to authentic Mexican restaurants and dance," said Wright.

"We left goods and supplies and things like that, but we definitely left them with memories," Moody said. The two not only had memories left in thought and on paper, but a friendship that was much stronger than before. Moody felt that taking trips in the future would keep the two's friendship thriving. "No words could ever justify the experience we had-- it was the most amazing one of my life," said Moody.

Enjoying the very little tropical environment that Chicago has, Juniors Liz Atkinson, Melissa Bishop, Julia Miller, and Caitlyn Corbin make a food stop at the Rainforest Cafe.

Trapped, Juniors John Pelance and David Langley enjoy the pirate recreation provided by the Lost Treasure restaurant. "We ate at a lot of cool restaurants while on Spring Break," said Langley.
THE SPIRIT OF SOUND

- The Spotlighter boys’ KISS farewell tour t-shirts cost $17 apiece
- “Give Me Wings” was sung at the end of Spring Spec. for 13 years
- The seniors received music for their senior song three days before the first night
- Finesse got free Royal Line pizza after having the cops mistakenly called on them Saturday
- To give a rose to all 50 seniors Saturday, the choir department spent $120

Holding onto the hands and memories of her friends, Seniors Lauren Howard and Danae Vehling, Senior Patricia Workman, Workman and Vehling, both two year members of Finesse, were close friends during the year. “It was heartbreaking to know we wouldn’t be spending as much time together—we would be starting our own lives. It was great to know that we would have this moment to hold on to for the rest of our lives,” said Workman.
Following through with her choreography, Freshman Sensations member Katie Tutterow puts on her charm. Tutterow, also a cheerleader and PUSH volunteer, had been singing and dancing since fifth grade. "I didn’t like to stand still while singing," she said, which explained her love of dance and her part in PHMS’s musical Guys and Dolls. Tutterow also enjoyed theatre and participated in MHS’s play Dude, Where’s My Sleigh?

"[My favorite part] was our lift because it was my turn to say, 'Yay! Look at me!'"
-Senior Mary Rain

And, on the new side of the show, the Sound Image choir presented a song and dance with swing choreography, and the men’s choir sang R. Kelly’s “The World’s Greatest.” To add to the creativity presented, Finesse sang “JJ Jetplane’s Jadventures In Jooresville” which was written and composed by all of the girls during class. The girls split up into a harmonic “teamlet,” a melodic teamlet, and a text teamlet, and each group wrote or composed its area’s elements. By the end of the class period, the song was done, and Choir Director Jason Damron was quite surprised because it was written about him. “I was laughing really hard,” said Damron. The girls’ new tune included an inside joke about a cup that Damron often carried to class, which the students thought looked pink. “I did not have a pink cup. It’s red,” said Damron.

Whether it was the newer tunes, the vibrantly colored costumes, or the fast beats, most members of the audience enjoyed the show. “My family loved it,” said Senior Amy Marine. “They saw me showing more enthusiasm because we selected the songs,” she said.


Breaking it down to “It’s Gonna Be Me,” fellow mens choir members and Freshmen Derek Ridenour, Derek Baier, and Kevin Farmer imitate the hearththrob NSYNC boys.

From Mandi Moore to R. Kelly to KISS, Spring Spectacular’s songs took on top chart hits to reveal an energetic and fun atmosphere.

With a bigger emphasis on student input, the annual Spring Spectacular choir showcase brought out the year’s past favorite songs and even some oldies hits to brighten up the mix of the program.

A newer tradition of the show was the Spotlighter’s dance break, which gave the group a chance to show off nothing but dance talents and hip hop techniques. “[My favorite part] was our lift because it was my turn to say, “Yay! Look at me!” said Senior Mary Rain. Rain and her partner, Junior Joey Smith, were one of the pairs who presented a lift. “At first I was a chicken because it was scary to be lifted that high. I didn’t think I could do it,” Rain added.
The total prom cost was $12,000 which included the ballroom, favors, and food.
Some girls bought synthetic hair for the prom—the cost? $60.
Junior Tabitha Smalling wrote all of the nearly 600 names on the placecards.
Junior Kristen Gunnell’s prom dress was the most expensive: $520; Junior Sarah Swinney’s prom dress was the most thrifty: $0.10.
The theme song was “If I Were the One,” sung by Ruff Endz.

Hopping into the middle of the train which formed on the floor, Junior Tony Gabvard and his girlfriend, Sophomore Kelly O’Conner, dance the night away. Gabvard and O’Conner enjoyed the evening by riding to the Indianapolis Convention Center in a limo. Gabvard and his friend both bought sunglasses at a Marathon gas station and wore them almost all night, along with their pure white tuxes, to imitate the famous Blues Brothers.
While some girls spent all of Saturday, May 11th pampering themselves to prepare for the prom, Junior Jessica Sutche used most of her time pampering others.

Sutche’s morning began at seven o’clock, when Junior Tabitha Peasley arrived at Sutche’s house. Sutche, who had been testing out hair techniques since age 14, was often seen styling hair for friends. Sutche’s talent was not acquired from her family but learned from experimenting. “My favorite thing to do to hair was braid. I liked to braid because I could do any design, and it was fun to experiment with different designs,” she said.

Junior Sarah Swinney was one of the five girls who paid Sutche to fix her hair. After arriving at Sutche’s house, Swinney sat down and had Sutche cornrow and pull up half of her hair, which was then decorated with glitter. “She styled it in a fun way, and she could do almost anything,” Swinney said.

Another student whose hair was fashioned by Sutche was one of her best friends, Junior Brandy Carbonell. Part of Sutche’s trademarks were new styles and extreme colors, which shone through on Carbonell. Before Saturday, the girls went to Lafayette Road to a special hair shop for African Americans and bought packs of colored weaves. For $3 a pack, Sutche bought orange hair for Carbonell and weaved it into Carbonell’s own hair. “It saved me 30 bucks and looked better. It was different,” she said.

While Sutche’s “clients” left her house in style, Sutche herself did not. At 2:30 pm she and her date dashed off to the mall where they bought their last minute Prom t-shirts. After searching the mall, the couple realized they did not have enough time to eat dinner with their friends and dined at Burger King. “I had some nasty fries and half of a hamburger,” said Sutche. “I did my makeup and nails and ate on the way home,” she said.

Even though her day was packed full of things to do and Sutche spent her afternoon rushing around, she still managed to get to prom on time, and enjoyed every minute of her day. “I loved doing people’s hair, especially when they really liked it. Professional hair stylists wouldn’t have done what stuff I did to hair for Prom,” Sutche said.

Outside of her mother’s house Juniors Jenni Shipley and Brent Evans playfully pose for the camera before heading to dinner at the Olive Garden. The 2002 Prom was extra special for Shipley this year because she spent many hours planning after school with Prom Steering Committee. “It was really neat knowing that we helped magical,” said Shipley.

"I DID MY MAKEUP AND NAILS AND ATE ON THE WAY HOME."
- JESSICA SUTCHE, JUNIOR

"I got worn out from hugs, but I'm a hugging type of person, so it was great,” Cashion said. Embracing each other warmly, Senior friends Staci Moody and Cory Wright enjoy a dance together. “It was a pleasant surprise that my fellow students wanted me in that position,” Wright said.
The Keys to Traveling

- Tickets to Post Prom for 2002 cost $5 for underclassmen and non MHS students
- The Post Prom committee spent $10,000 in prizes alone
- The Canadian fishing game contained 21 plastic fish to catch
- Ritter's offered chocolate and vanilla flavored custard treats
- There were 40 possible goals in the Chinese fish bowl game

Overwhelmed by the pressure of competition, Junior Matt Allen and Sophomore Katy Sears put all their emotions into the game. Racing through Australia was difficult for many, because of the steering. "Katy lost every game against me," said Allen. "When we played the race car game, I ran my car into Katy's and won," Allen said in excitement. Winning wasn't everything though for Allen, "My highlight was seeing my dad in a sumo outfit at the pong game."

Hoping to make the ball into the fish bowl, Junior Josh Miller prepares to toss the ball lightly into the air so that it wouldn't have such a hard landing. "I had a lot of fun playing all the games, but I enjoyed the prizes the best," said Miller.

Hoping to make it around the track before her date's car did, Senior Sam Harris laughs at her date. "Jeremy was beating me at the race car game by going the wrong way around the track," exclaimed Harris.

Winning a DVD player and a refrigerator in less than a 60 second span, Senior Dustin Gunkel goes up to the table to view the door prize he had won by signing the Prom Promise for Unity.

Ready, set, aim was how Sophomore Max Jeffrey started out in the basketball game. "I like the paper whirlies they had at Post Prom, because I was able to have paper whirlie wars," exclaimed Jeffrey.

Lining up the shot to the ball, Sophomore Jessica Riley hopes to make it in. "T-ball was incredibly hard to play, because the way the holes were set up, it was impossible to hit or throw a ball in the goal," said Riley.
"We didn't want to be left out of everything," said Junior Brittany Tidd, who was one of the few who attended the Post Prom but not the Prom. Many who went to just Post Prom wanted to avoid the hoopla of Prom but still wanted to enjoy some of the fun that was going on that evening.

"I enjoyed Post Prom because you didn't have to go through all the money troubles that you did with Prom," Blair Schneider, Senior said.

"I didn't enjoy Prom, but I liked the carnival," said Senior Blair Schneider. Schneider was another person who opted not to attend the Prom because he didn't like the whole Prom scene, yet wanted to still have fun with his friends.

"I couldn't play the wheelbarrow game because of my foot, but I didn't get a lot of games in by playing the Canadian fishing game," said Schneider who had sliced his heel on a step and was forced to wear a cast around Prom time. Many enjoyed the competition, and for Schneider the race to catch all the fish in the net was his favorite game.

"At Post Prom you didn't have to go through all the money troubles that you did with Prom," explained Schneider, who gave a good reason why he avoided Prom. Many students who did attend Prom spent well over $200, while others like Schneider spent $15 at the most for Post Prom t-shirts or tickets.

"The best part of the night was before Post Prom with my group of friends," said Tidd. Tidd was a part of a trio who chose to have a girl's night out instead of Prom by going to the Movies 8 for $1.50 to see A Walk to Remember and getting a bite to eat before heading to the Post Prom.

"I did enjoy, though, being able to see everyone with their hair-do's at Post Prom," Tidd said. Some of the attendants of Post Prom were there for the prizes, but for Tidd, it was being able to be around her friends.

"I thought the whole theme was very creative, but I liked the ice cream the best," said Tidd.
Mrs. Eickhoff spent $180 out of her own pocket for the Spirit Days
Andry won concert tickets of his choice and chose "System of a Down"
There were about 3,000 pieces in a family size box of Lucky Charms
$724 was raised during the guessing games
Tad Dewitt won the Turkey gobbling contest

If a person were to have walked by Mrs. Joyce Gilly’s classroom one October morning, they could have easily confused it with the Batcave! “We spent one study hall period coming up with the theme, and we decided to choose something that we could all participate in. We all came up with the theme of Batman. We chose the 1960's version though, and I got to be Aunt Harriet,” said Gilly. “It was a great experience for me to be able to unite a diverse group of people.”

Senior Derrick Andry gives his best impersonation of Gene Simmons from KISS. Andry won the Spirit of Song and Dance contest. “The make-up was a real pain to put on. I had to get up at 5:30 in the morning to put it on,” he said.

Senior Jared Malott does a victory dance after winning over $50 from one of the guessing games in the yearbook put-on. Malott also won the Lucky Charm guessing game and won two free meals at Cracker Barrel.

Senior Marie Allen attempts to disguise herself as Mrs. Melanie Kassen while Kassen impersonates a rock star. “I thought it was fun. It gave us something to look forward to especially when we really needed it,” Kassen said.

Freshman Heather Trusty dives right into her pumpkin pie. She finished in second place. “It was really gross! It went all up in your nose. You had to smell it all day long, and I did not even like pumpkin pie!” said Trusty.

Junior Alex Ruoff holds up a cardboard turkey costume and gobbles like a turkey during his lunch. “I appreciated the yearbook staff bringing light into my life with their spirit days!” said Ruoff.
Sophomore Maeghan Antunes thoroughly enjoyed the spirit awards that the yearbook put on. She participated in many of them ranging from the blue and gold day to the pumpkin pie eating contest. One of her favorites, though, was the “Spirit of Song and Dance” contest. “I dressed up as Ginger Spice because when I was little, I used to love the Spice Girls, and she was my favorite. I had all of her clothes and just decided to wear them."

The fear, confusion, and anger soon subsided, and something miraculous happened, almost indescribable. The spirit of the nation came back full-throttle, and patriotism was in the forefront. MHS rallied behind the nation in support in a way some could have only dreamed.

Junior Ashley Bain was one of the major catalysts in this spirit revival. She won the very first spirit award that the yearbook gave out and tried her best to participate in everything else she could.

For various reasons the spirit dwindled down; however, for Ashley the reason was apparent. Toward the end of the year, Ashley started to have severe pains in her stomach. “I had cancer in my right ovary. I went to four different doctors, and they all told me I was too young to have it, but I did,” said Bain.

“It was pretty hard because I missed a lot of school and work, and it was hard to deal with all of the people and the drama. People didn’t think that it had an effect on you, but it did,” Bain said.

Bain was scheduled to go in for surgery June 4th. “They were going to go into my belly button with a scope and make sure that the cancer was not spreading,” she said.

Despite all that had happened, both with 9-11 and her cancer, Ashley still looked forward to things to come, and she kept her spirits up as she had done all year. “I hoped to do as much as I possibly could next year and have the best Senior year possible.”

“We all (the math teachers) decided to be the Village People. We researched them on the Internet to get the costumes right!” said Ms. Kelly Crawford.

“We wanted to dress up as police officers for September 11th for our favorite heroes because it was hero day in honor of them,” said Special Education teacher Lisa Weaver.
THE SPIRIT OF AN ENDING...

- The people who received honors diplomas wore solid gold tassels
- There are 60 individual strings on each tassel; 32 blue and 28 yellow
- Mr. Muston hand delivered diploma covers to the seven seniors who did not receive them during the ceremony
- 255 seniors graduated from MHS on May 25, 2002
- The band played through Pomp and Circumstance Processional 18 times

With a look of joy and excitement on their faces, Seniors Janies Pottorff and Rachel Wright participate in the turning of the tassles with the rest of their senior class. "[Turning the tassle] was an awakening moment. It made me realize that it [high school] was all over and my life had just taken a brand-new beginning," Wright said. Wright planned to attend Indiana Wesleyan University, but was undecided on a specific major.

Principal Chuck Muston gives some last minute details to the valedictorians like when to stand and where to sit. "I wanted to make sure it was a dignified, respectable ceremony for the graduates of 2002," said Muston.

Senior Lacy Chambers receives both a diploma and handshake from Superintendent Curt Freeman. "As I walked across the stage, I was scared to death and my stomach was jumping," said Chambers.

With a smile on her face, Senior Jeannette McIntyre receives her actual diploma from Mrs. Elizabeth Yoke. Before the seniors could receive their diplomas they had to turn in both their cap and gown.

Standing proudly with arms around his mother and father, Senior Michael Jennings poses a minute for a family picture. "They were very proud of me and that I was graduating with honors," said Jennings.
With a strong look of determination on his face, Senior Rockford Pierini gets ready to walk out to his seat. “It [graduation] was a relief since it [my high school career] was finally all over with,” he said. Rockford’s future plans were to take lessons to become a pilot. “Aviation had been my dream since I was a little child. It had always been something in my heart that I wanted to do,” said Pierini.

“I had mixed emotions. I was sad, yet at the same time I was happy. As I walked down the hallway for line-up I cried, but then I realized it was just the beginning,” said Senior Christina Allegree.

The mixture of emotions was true for a lot of seniors; however, the sadness that had always been associated with graduation did not seem as apparent. “I was excited to finally graduate, but I was not as excited as I thought I would be. You know like when I had gone to previous graduations it just felt really different,” said Senior Lori Bryant. “I thought it was kind of sad, but it just seemed that we were more ready to get out this year,” Senior Kayla Culver added.

Although most seniors were ready to step out into the world and spread their wings, there were still a lot of things they were going to miss. Senior Cory Wright may have said it best in his Valedictorian speech. “We have all heard the cliché ‘we never know what we have until we do not have it anymore,’” and most people did not stop to realize this. “I was going to miss the freedom to make choices without them having such an affect on my life,” said Senior Ellie Patton. “I was going to miss being forced to socialize with people that I normally would not unless I was placed in that situation,” said Senior Matt Hacker.

There were a few things that did not go quite as planned, though. There were seven students, including all three valedictorians, who did not receive their diploma covers. “I just thought that it was kind of funny that the three people who worked the hardest their whole high school careers were three of the people who did not receive their diploma covers,” said Culver. All seven eventually received the covers and the 2002 Mooresville High School Graduation was officially complete.

Senior Lisa Travelsted gives her speech on the memories she and her fellow seniors shared over their years at high school. “I was a little nervous at first, but I soon calmed down because all I could see were my friends due to the darkness,” said Travelsted.

Senior Lucas Belcher celebrates in the courtyard with his 11 year old brother hanging from his neck “He was choking me and I really couldn’t breath!” Belcher said.
Unlocking the emo

Cautiously looking for the ground, Sophomore Amanda Burnett slowly descends the rock wall which was provided for the ISTEP Opportunity Days by the Army.

Attempting to put the finishing touches on her looks, Freshman Katie Tutterow gets ready to have her picture taken for the yearbook.

Faculty members Karen Clifton and Jan Emerson sort the mail wearing rubber gloves after the outbreak of anthrax-laced letters that swept the nation.

Posing as Slash, Junior Brent Evans celebrates the spirit of Halloween by dressing up for the dance after the Orchestra's Octoboo concert.

Looking up into the sky in a moment of silence at a home football game, Senior Jeremy Manion remembers those who were lost due to the tragedy on September 11.
Throughout the year many emotions engulfed the hallways of MHS. From the tragedy that struck the nation on September 11 and the anthrax scare that followed, to the joy of winning yet another Homecoming, the year had been anything but calm. Many new faces graced the hallways as well. New students, teachers, and even principals walked the hallways leaving their mark for all those to see.

“It was fun [competing in choir] to get up in front of the judges and dance and sing. It really gave us a chance to show what we’d learned and worked on for awhile,” stated Freshman Lance Newton.

“I thought Homecoming was a good win two weeks before sectionals. We really came together to win through elements we couldn’t control,” exclaimed Sophomore Austin Smith.

“I was frustrated with the grading system. It amazed me how students who took breeze classes were ranked higher than those who took honors classes,” stated Junior Kristen Mertens. Senior Chris Stoner felt as though the year was, “A time of awakening, for people to realize that America was not invincible.”
We had spent the last four years anticipating our graduation, restless for the moment that we could claim our freedom. When that time came, we found ourselves seeking reasons to hold on to our past.

Remember when life was carefree and our only responsibilities were keeping clean and finishing supper? Mom and Dad were our two best friends, and no matter what the problem was they always knew the answer to everything.

Then the day came when we gathered for the first time—kindergarten. We anxiously absorbed every bit of new information, and piece by piece created our new world. The ceilings were high and the hall seemed to stretch for miles. The other children looked daunting, but eventually, we loosened up and began friendships that would last a lifetime.

As we grew taller and wiser, we began to take on responsibilities of our own and discover our individuality. Our lives revolved around friends and school. Suddenly, Mom and Dad turned into the two most ignorant people in the world, while we, of course, became geniuses.

At last, we reached the final stretch, high school. Our age, though not reflected through our maturity, labeled us as young adults. We no longer could use the world as our playground; it was crunch time. We endlessly worked on homework, while we tried to hold a part-time job. “All work, no play,” became our motto. We spent every moment living for the future, and suddenly it was upon us.

We prepared to step into a bigger pair of shoes and walk down a freshly paved road made for us. Yet, every once in awhile we knew we could look back and remember the best years of our lives. The world became our brand new playground, and rather than fight it, we urged ourselves to explore it. We had unlocked our spirit and were ready to share it with the world.
Hypocrisie est un hommage que le vice rend à la vertu.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.

Believe in yourself and your dreams will come true.

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like.

When all think alike, then no one is thinking.

The only thing that matters is what happens later.

The President's men.

Smelly cat, smelly cat, what are they feeding you?

We are all the President's men.

I'm gonna take you dancin', big boy!

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift.

I'm gonna take you dancin', big boy!

I love you.

Carve your niche.

I'm gonna take you dancin', big boy!

When all think alike, then no one is thinking.

I love you.

Carve your niche.

I'm gonna take you dancin', big boy!

When all think alike, then no one is thinking.

I love you.

Carve your niche.
"They say everyone was born, but I don't recall it."

"The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins."

"Plan your future. It comes quicker than you think."

"The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby."

"You'll never fail if you don't try."

"Don't drink the school's milk."

"Don't worry about the small stuff."

"I don't want to grow up!"

"Reality is a delusion of the mind."

"I came to bring the pain, hardcore to the brain, let's go inside my astroplane."

"The destination is not important, it's the journey that's important."

"I live my life a 1/4 mile at a time, and for those 10 seconds or less I am free."

"Good luck in your last years of school."

"The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby."

"Good luck in your last years of school."

"I need a job."

"I want a job.

"There is no such thing as bravery; only degrees of fear."

"Learning is fun."

"Be an original."

"Always have faith in God. Never give up on God or on life, it's not worth it."

"I came to bring the pain, hardcore to the brain, let's go inside my astroplane."

"Guys are like bathroom stalls, they're either taken or full of crap."

"Live like there's no tomorrow."
Becky Coy
"Sometimes I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't mean I have the right to be rude."

Matthew Crouch
"Morning."

Kayla Culver
"As you wish."

April Danforth
"Take time to laugh—It is the music of the soul."

Laura Degrave
"Express yourself."

Alison Denardin
"Tomorrow's another day."

Joseph Desnoy
"Laughing is the best medicine."

Shannon Dillin
"Life is about not knowing, it is about having to change, taking the moment, and making the best of it."

Tharasa DiMeco
"You only live once... so live it up while you still can."

Heather Dishman
"True love is like ghosts, which everyone talks about and few have seen."

Cindy Doty
"Live life to the fullest."

Miriam Doughty
"Men are like horoscopes... they always tell you what to do and are usually wrong!"

Elizabeth Doyle
"Don't forget me!"

Jenni Drury
"Warning: Fortune cookies don't care what happens to you!"

Loralee Dworek
"Believe in miracles but don't depend on them."

Zachary Eason
"Cut your toenails in private."

Dayna Edens
"Meow, for our lives are frittered away by detail. Simplify, Simplify."

Joy England
No Quote

Lance Evans
No Quote

Miguel Feliu
"Never tell a woman you liked her hair better before she had it cut."

Matt Fenn
"Sometimes do things that make you go crazy."

Lauryn Fischer
"Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Alicia Fugate
"Don't put off till tomorrow what can be enjoyed today."

Sarah Gerholdt
No Quote
"Linemen win ballgames."

"When you can't figure out what to do, it's time for a nap."

"Stay straight and you will succeed."

"It's better to be silent and thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

"Don't believe anything you read, hear, or see. Make stuff up and swear it's true."

"98% of all statistics are made up."

"It is always the secure who are humble."

"The day has begun. Make new for that ideal spot in the distance, lest might fall and you find you have not moved."

...And the greatest of these is love. Corinthians 13:13

"I'm inside, open your eyes. I'm you, sad but true."

"I am a delicate little flower."

"I am, who I am, I'll be, who I'll be."

"I will accept things I cannot change, and change the things I can."

"Gangstas don't dance, we boogie."

"If they ride the jeep, they must be cheap."

"Jeg har no funne ut: Borte bra hjemme best! Amerïca sugert!"

"Jesus loves all the little children of the world."

"Everyone has dreams, few go after them. Don't sit and let them pass you by."
"Spam! The other, other, reprocessed meat!"

"Sweet mother Mary and Joseph! I'd rather mount a cactus!"

"Sports are the toy department of life."

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

"Dreams come true; without that chance, nature wouldn't incite us to have them."

"There's more to life than Mooresville."

"I did not escape... they gave me a day pass."

"It's the friends you can call up at 4 am who matter."

"Don't worry about what other people think. Just be yourself."

"Faith is not believing in something you can see. It's believing in something you can't see."

"Success depends on your backbone not your wishbone."

"There's always room for J-E-L-L-O."

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"If you want an education, then don't quit school."

"It wasn't me."
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF THE YEAR?

"Beating Crete Monee in Finesse and marching band getting first place." -April Danforth (pictured left)

"Making senior jeans." -Stephanie Williams

"Senior paddles." -Aaron Laughlin

"Going to the sectional championship in soccer." -Michael O’Riley

"My favorite memory was when I picked Mrs. Gilly out of a crowd by her hair." -Ana Tyree (pictured right)

"Homecoming!" -Jill Jaynes

"Camping in flooded Tennessee and the marching band actually winning 1st place at a contest." -Sally Wood (pictured left)

"Ben Hunter taking his shoe off in government and beating himself over the head with it." -Molly Swinney

"Finding out that I was in the Top 20." -Elizabeth Sellers

"Hanging out with friends in the hallway in the morning." -Dustin Gunckel
Wade Mason
"Something good will come of this yet. There's no need to say another word."

Daniel Mathers
"Chicks dig pale, skinny guys with watches."

Andrew McCammack
"There is no right way to do the wrong thing."

Jade McCart
"Believe that life is worth living, and it will be."

Lindsay McCauley
"Find the seed at the bottom of your heart and bring forth a flower."

Tony McDonough
"Always look ahead, leave your pain behind you."

Josh McElvea
"Never underestimate what one mind can accomplish."

Adam McGuire
No Quote

Matt McGuire
"No man is free who cannot control himself."

Brandon McIlquham
No Quote

Jeannette McIntyre
"To speak kindly doesn't hurt the tongue."

Joseph Meadows
"If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep."

Travis Meyer
"To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are."

Charles Miller
"Think before you act... it may save you a lot of heartache."

Rhett Miller
"All of them are heroes because some of them are heroes."

Frank Minardo
"Be happy with what you have while working for what you want."

Kathleen Moffat
"Do not live in the past, but do learn from it to live now."

Staci Moody
"Nothing is as good as it seems or as bad as it seems. Everything happens for a reason."

Mary Mountain
"Serving is what I do best."

Tyler Murphy
"If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep."

Jeremy Musall
"Think. Dream. Believe. Dare."

Sarah Myers
"Talent is overrated; you win with hard work and dedication."

Jonathan Mynatt
"All things must pass."

Paul Nance
"Failures are a normal part of life. They are not disasters."
Brian Neutzman
"I'll give you a dollar!"

Brent Nibarger
"An optimist is a guy who has never had much experience."

Morgan Norris
"Almost doesn't count."

Brian Norton
"For every minute you're angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

Bryan Nuffer
"Do everything to the fullest and don't have any regrets."

Nicole O'Neal
"To be great is to be greatly misunderstood."

Michael O'Riley
"Self-pity comes so naturally to all of us, that the most solid happiness can be shaken by the compassion of a fool."

Janeen Oakes
"Never settle for less than you deserve!"

Amber Oliver
"SMILE. It makes life more colorful."

Kyle Oschman
"One of the worst feelings in the world is to fall short of your potential."

Aaron Overton
"Be yourself and the person you hope to be."

Joseph Owen
"Don't work for recognition, but do work worthy of recognition."

Aaron Owens
No Quote

Kristina Park
"A lie may take care of the present, but it has no future."

Ellie Patton
"Blondes have more fun."

Miranda Pearson
"Never forget that it only takes one person or one idea to change your life forever."

Jason Peasley
"It's not enough to look up the steps, you must step up the stairs."

Matt Perkins
"I live my life a quarter mile at a time...for those 10 seconds or less I'm free."

Randall Perry
"Walk your talk."

Brandy Phillips
"Life's a dance you learn as you go; sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow."

Cassie Phillips
No Quote

David Phillips
"Everyone dies but not everyone lives."

Rockford Pierini
"I was born to fly."

Amanda Pietila
No Quote

42 Seniors
"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others."

"There is no right way to do the wrong thing."

"My strength is as the strength of ten, because my heart is pure."

"Rules should be for the faculty too."

"The difficulties of life are intended to make us better not bitter."

"If you've done something wrong, learn from it."

"It's better to burn out than to fade away."

"No Quote"

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Shaun Rawlin
“When you win, nothing hurts.”

Casey Reichanadter
“A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.”

Dianna Roach
“Don’t be sad because it’s over, smile because it happened.”

John Ross
“I wish I wasn’t so hot!”

Graham Rutherford
No Quote

Sean Rutherford
No Quote

Blair Schneider
“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

Adam Scott
“Learn to walk before you can crawl.”

Elizabeth Sellers
“Anger is never without reason, but seldom a good one.”

Kyle Shapiro
“Always remember bling bling money ain’t no thing and represent your click.”

Derrick Sherrell
“In golf, the proof is in the putting.”

Chris Shipley
“Uh... I don’t have a quote.”

Sarah Shipley
“James 1:5.”

Stefanie Shraker
“Don’t ever question who you are, be yourself, live out loud!”

Crystal Skinner
No Quote

Amy Smith
“As you slide down the banister of life, may there be no splinters pointing the wrong way.”

Ashley Spearman
“What a long, strange trip it’s been.”

Tiffany Spence
“Live everyday like it’s your last.”

Tabatha Spencer
“Believe you have a destiny and the ability to become all you expect in life.”

Shane Stanley
“Pack a couple of Ziploc bags and a pad of Post-it notes when you travel.”

James Stonebraker
“Have fun while it lasts and try not to think of the past. Now the journey begins.”

Christopher Stoner
“It’s over!”

Jessi Stricker
“Sometimes there is no next time, no second chance. Sometimes it’s now or never.”

Molly Swinney
“Time is never wasted when spent with a good friend.”
Steven Taft
"Don't be so open-minded, or you're brain will fall out."

James Taylor
"Foreign languages are for foreigners. National Honor Society is honorific!"

Kimberli Taylor
"I can do ALL things through Him who strengthens me."

Jon Thompson
"Ooh... look at me! I can pick things up with my feet!"

Mike Timbs
"You cannot reason with a hungry belly; it has no ears."

Chad Tipmore
"I'm getting dizzy as the world keeps spinning like a frisbee."

Tabatha Tolnay
No Quote

Lisa Travelsted
"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."

Kari Turner
"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Ana Tyree
"Be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming."

Abby Undercoffer
"The best things in life cannot be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Amanda Vanbiericum
"Enjoy yourself. These are the days you'll miss in the years ahead."

JustinVanderAuler
"We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough."

Danae Vehling
"Many think this is the end... yet it is only just the beginning... of a new life..."

Andrea Walden
"Pish Posh."

Jennifer Walden
"Good luck in everything that you do."

Rodney Walker
"What's up buddy, buddy?"

Jeremy Walls
"The worst prejudice in sports isn't skin color; it is size."

Adam Ward
"Throw the dawg a bone."

Matt Weaver
"Never underestimate the power of a problem solver."

Jimmy Wells
"If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up somewhere else."

Trish Wells
"Go ahead! Be yourself!"

Stacy White
"We came together as strangers, but we'll leave as eternal friends."

Thomas Whittington
No Quote
The Winds of Tomorrow

Olivia Wicke
"Don't label people."

Matthew Wickham
"Once you have holiness in your life, people will notice and God will notice."

Janessa Wilkinson
"You don't know what you have until it's gone."

Stephanie Williams
"Live life as it is."

Jodi Willis
"Attitude almost always determines your altitude in life."

Jenna Wilson
"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Naomi Wilson
"Success has no limits."

Rachel Wilson
"If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain."

Christina Wineman
"Liberty is not a gift of God but a hard-won achievement."

Sally Wood
"So make the best of this test and don't ask why, it's not a question but a lesson learned in time."

Patricia Workman
"What you see is what you get."

Cory Wright
"If you don't have the tools you need to succeed, use the tools you have to make them."

Nicole Wright
"The opposite of love is not hate -- it's indifference."

Rachel Wright
"He who has no fire in himself cannot warm others."

As time passes by, many changes take place. We never know what will come next or what hardships we will face. We are caught up in the winds of tomorrow, not knowing where we'll be or what we'll do... or even what we'll experience... Everything just seems to occur right out of the blue. Often, we become disoriented... Perhaps even confused. For we have trouble deciding which would be the better path to choose. Sometimes you have to step back and look at life from a different point of view... You never know... You may even learn something new. Use what knowledge you gain and the path may become clear. Stay steadfast in what you decide, and continue down the road without fear. Keep your ambitions and goals constantly in your sight. Try and anticipate what's ahead and do what you think is right.

-Charles Miller

Senior Charles Miller plays his violin in the orchestra. Not only was Miller a talented musician, he also enjoyed writing. "I found that poetry was an easier way for me to express what was on my mind and heart," said Miller.
Senior Elizabeth Doyle picks up her senior paddle. Paddles were a long-standing tradition for MHS seniors. Doyle said, "This was the best year because I got to be closer to my friends. I planned on going to the International Business College."

Senior Jon Mynatt sports his one-of-a-kind shirt for the football team. Mynatt was a major supporter of his friends. "Wooo! To be the man, you’ve got to beat the man! And wooo! I am that man! Wool!" stated Mynatt.

Senior Sarah Shipley adorned herself every day with paper towels to keep the paint on her palette and not on her lap. "Although I enjoyed painting class, journalism was my forte, and my dream was to become the owner of a magazine," said Shipley.

Senior Jared Malott poses with the jar of pennies he won from the Operation Life Goes On fundraiser. Malott said of his senior year, "No one was predestined to succeed or fail; success and failure were decided by determination, motivation, and your preparation."

senior 'se-ri-nər noun user as in: seniority, one who has seniority; a person of extreme intelligence and wisdom; and a survivor of four years of immeasurable amounts of homework and a research paper; someone ready to graduate and experience the world; those who are struck by a disease called senioritis during their junior year; one who sits on the senior benches five minutes after the five minute bell has rung; one who knows every excuse in the book to get away with turning in late homework. syn-procrastinator, generous giver, the most excited person to leave school at the end of the day, upperclassman, and elder.

"In the fall, they’re the greatest people in school but in the spring they seem to shut down." -Mrs. Diana Hadley
"Boom, boom, boom," went the jolt of the shaky vehicle. Dark blue paint, rust, and patches of light blue, worn away paint covered the body of the two door hatchback. Senior friends Derrick Clark, Jeremy Manion, and Ryan Purdue bought that very 1986 Ford Escort for a mere $105.

"We bought it to paint it like Dale Earnhardt’s car and drive it to all the home baseball games," said Purdue.

With their big plans for the car in mind, the friends had no idea that their purchase would become their best story. Their tale began on the way home when the car began to catch on fire.

"I was behind the guys in my car, and I saw sparks fly out from underneath the car," said Manion.

Soon after Manion had seen the sparks, a piece of burning metal the size of a grapefruit flew off the car and started a small fire in the grass. Manion got beside Clark and Purdue, and the guys pulled the car off the road. When they looked under the hood, they found a small fire.

"I just thought that it had overheated, but then I saw the flame under the hood," said Purdue.

"We went to these people’s house to call the police. When we came back, the fire was out of control!" laughed Manion.

The friends waited for the firefighters to arrive by standing back and watching their "dream car" burn away. The owners only had the car for a short while, less than an hour, and it was now a site of flames.

"We weren’t sure if we should have laughed with the firemen there, but we did anyway!" laughed Clark.

The trio may have lost their investment that day, but they all agreed that the money was worth it. Clark said it best when he stated, "We had big plans for the car, but it was worth the money. I mean, no one in school has a story like that."
Last day of school, five minutes to go, and every junior sat there wondering what his or her senior year would be like. Junior Matt McCoy said, "On the last day of school I was excited to be a senior." Juniors were stuck in the middle; there's was a feeling of wanting out but still one more year to go. Nothing could begin to explain the spirit that the juniors had at the beginning of the year. They were ready to attack anything, but the spirit soon died down. Junior Brittany Allen said, "At the beginning of the year everybody had the spirit of school and were happy to be there, but by the end we were all ready to get out." Being a junior made Junior Aimee Richards have the feeling of being old. Allen also had the same opinion. Junior year is one of the hardest years claimed Junior Jessica Walenga. Walenga said, "Being a junior is hard. You have to do tons of homework, and all the colleges start to look at you knew so if you mess up, you can't fix it your senior year." Many others had the same opinion. McCoy said he worked the hardest he ever had just to make it to his senior year. McCoy also said, "It's all down hill after your senior year." Finally, it all comes to an end, the three hard years paid off and juniors achieved the spot of being a senior.
Jason Bailey
Nichole Bailey
Ashley Bain
Michele Barnes
Endia Beard
Richard Beecher

Johnny Beers, Jr.
Gena Beretta
Samuel Bischoff
Melissa Bishop
Ashley Blackwell
Justin Blankenship

Breann Boles
Chad Boncquet
Adam Botts
Emily Breeden
Timothy Bridget
Justin Brown

Jennifer Bucker
Sara Bunch
Sara Burns
Michelle Calderhead
Kristina Caldwell
Brandy Carbonell

Erica Carroll
Jessica Carter
Nathan Carter
Nick Carter
Nathan Cartwright
Chad Cash

Megan Cashion
Joseph Chenault
Jason Chiocote
Joshua Chrenko
Adam Claprodt
Krista Clark

Jay Clements
Chrysal Compton
Matt Conner
Heather Cooper
Kyle Copeland
Caitlin Corbin
As a kid, what did you think prom would be like?

Fred Henderson: "I thought it would be expensive."
Cara Huntley: "It would be like Cinderella."
Nathan Carter: "It seemed really fun!"
Teresa Hoots: "I thought it would be like a fairy tale."

65% of juniors had pre-senioritis  66% liked long hair
34% liked short hair  96% wanted improved senior rights  88% liked DVD's
Courtney Hubbard
Russell Hull
Molly Huntman
Cara Huntley
Danton Hurt
Tiffany Jackson

Olivia Jones
Sarah Kays
Polly Keown
Kerrie King
Marie King
Rebekah Knight

Lindsey Kohlmann
Katelyn Korn
John Krueger
Jessica Lane
David Langley
Kristen Lasley

Terri Laverty
Megan Lawrence
Christopher Lee
Lauren Leep
Jessica Loftus
Joseph Loveless

Eric Lybarger
Charlene MacEly
Katherine Maddox
Lori Manza
Jennifer Markowitz
Amanda Mason

Heather Mason
Cory McCauley
Eddie McChure
Beth McClusky
Matthew McCoy
Jonathan McDermed

Sean McGill
Ron McGuire
Jerahme McKinney
Kirk McLouth
Shannon McNally
Amanda Medlen

~ 73% liked Real World / Road Rules ~ 56% liked the Simpsons ~

54 Juniors
Alexandra Rodenbeck
Alan Roe
Alexander Ruoff
Jaclyn Russell
Spring Sando
Lauren Schroeder

Trista Schrougham
Alicia Schubert
Kim Schubert
Michael Scott
Richard Scott
Stephanie Shelby

Jenni Shipley
Ceanna Shuffitt
David Silcox
Shonda Skinner
Joshua Smalling
Tabitha Smalling

Amanda Smith
Jared Smith
Joseph Smith
Christina Smock
Chasity Sparks
Dustin Sparks

Nicole Sparks
Matthew St. John
Drew Stanley
Bradley State
Sarah Stefaniak
Donna Stephany

Jeri Steward
Ryan Stewart
Cassie Stierwalt
Johnny Stogsdill
April Stone
Joshua Sturm

Jessica Sutche
Josh Swanson
Sarah Swinney
Stephanie Swinney
Daniel Tanner, Jr.
Carly Taylor

~ 64% felt they had more school spirit than the other classes ~
She got her dream. "Aladdin, he macked on Jasmine."

Who was your favorite fairy tale character and why?

- Nikki Bailey: "Cinderella, she got her dream."
- Kyle Pendygraft: "Aladdin, he macked on Jasmine."
- Tabatha Peasley: "Peter Pan, he looked good in those tight pants."
- Brittany Smith: "Pocahontas, she lived with animals."

- 64% owned their own car
- 75% Juniors were in one after school activity

Juniors 57
Walking in on the first day of school with the feeling of knowing they're not a freshmen was the thought going through most sophomores' head. Sophomore Josh Schubert said, "The first day of school was great because we were no longer to be called freshmen." Sophomore Jessica Purdue didn't care about being a freshman, but she was happy because she knew where to go. Finally, they achieved the name of a sophomore and began to look more at the future than the past. ISTEP was one task each sophomore had to face. If they passed it they never had to look at it again, but if they failed it they would have to retake it each year until they did pass. Many sophomores were happy to pass ISTEP. Schubert said, "To finally be done with all the ISTEP testing gave more time to study for tests." After nine months, many tests, and lots of homework, the year was over. Purdue said, "It's exciting, because the next year I would be a junior." Sophomore Devin Deaton said that it was great to end school because it was summer time. As the sophomores walked through the doors on May 22, 2002 many, such as Purdue, Deaton, and Schubert, would be excited to have another year down and only two more to go.
51% were girls  8% were left handed  84% were right handed
Patrick Coughlan
Melissa Covy
Christopher Cowan
Kevin Crouch
Ronald Danforth II
Lucinda Davis

Heaven Dayhuff
Brock De Jong
Devin Deaton
Kimberly Degrave
Karla DeJuan Romero
Lara DeJuan Romero

Amanda Demaree
Jacob Didot
Nicole Didot
Devin Dodd
Longyong Dong
Christopher Dougherty

Justin Eaker
Jamie Elrod
Justin Eversole
Derrick Fair
Kasey Fancher
Bryan Farmer

~ 59% liked Lord of the Rings ~ 41% liked Harry Potter ~
Audrey Farrand
Jenna Fisher
Randall Foye
Megan Franklin
Ryan French
Leota Gaffney

Brittany Gardner
Baron Garrard
Kenneth Garrison
Anthony Gearlds
Cliff Gentry
Brandy Gilman

Joey Givens
Natasha Goodman
Brandy Goodnight
Amanda Goodwin
Christopher Graham
Joey Gregory

Ryan Gregory
Candice Hall
Matthew Hall
Michael Hamm
Sarah Harper
Rikki Harrison

Jennifer Henderson
Summer Hogan
Casey Holtzclaw
Heather Hoskins
Kylea Howe
Heather Huffman

Darcie Ikard
Max Jeffrey
Corey Johnson
Eric Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Joshua Jones

Joshua Kaufman
Charles Keiser
Rachel Kenney
Brittany Key
Jasmine Khosravi
Kevin King

~ 29% owned their own car ~ 38% liked American Pie and 62% American Pie 2 ~
Jeremey Odom
Alicia Overton
Zachery Owens
Randy Parmerlee
Jamie Parvis
David Pate

April Perry
Amanda Phillips
John Pierce III
Christopher Pierini
Brandy Pollatos
Tommy Pollock

Tori Poole
Justin Potter
Andrew Prather
Bryan Preston
Audra Prosser
Jessica Purdue

Amanda Purvis
Lauren Raitz
Franklin Randle
Kelly Ratliff
Jillian Ray
Lee Reagan

Jessica Renner
Chelsea Reynolds
Jesse Rhodes
Justin Richardson
Nicole Richart
Thomas Riester

Jessica Riley
Dakota Rittenhouse
Luke Robinson
Eric Robling
Jennifer Rogier
Jessica Rominger

Chris Ross
Jacob Roth
Michael Rowland
Annette Rubbo
Justin Russell
Dannelle Salonko

~ 28% liked Black Hawk Down ~

Sophomores 63
Andrea Sandlin
Christine Saricos
Anthony Saucerman
Joshua Schubert
Nichole Seals
Katheryn Sears

Jacob Seeley
Jacqueline Seiber
Jessica Seiber
Nicole Shanklin
Gareth Shields
David Shipman

Ben Shover
Danielle Shrake
Derrick Silcox
Stacey Sipos
Bruce Skirvin
Austin Smith

Justin Smith
Nicholas Smith
Noah Speck
Felecia Spencer
Matthew Spencer
Dustin Spurlock

Anna Squires
Andrew Stanifer
Jacob Stephey
Evan Steward
Kelly Stidham
Mathew Stinnett

Amanda Stiverwalt
Eric Stoner
Patricia Stoops
Joshua Stout
Tyler Stull
Allison Stultz

Danielle Summers
Shelby Sutton
Heather Tanner
Chase Taylor
Brandon Teague
Steven Terrell

~ 23% Sweet November ~ 77% The Wedding Planner ~

64 Sophomores
62% liked Scream ~ 38% liked I Know What You Did Last Summer ~
FRESHMAN FRENZIES

*Samantha Raney*

August 14 brought a variety of feelings for the incoming freshmen. "I was nervous because I didn't know where I was going," said Freshman Arrie Stricker. However, for Freshman Alicia Boles, that first day was "exciting" because she got to meet a bunch of new people.

By the end of the year, this new group to MHS had found its niche and was looking forward to not being the "underdog." Freshman Heather Trusty said, "I was glad the year was over because that meant I wasn't going to get paddled anymore.”

Jason Alsup
Aaron Andrews
Maeghan Antunes
Kristina Armitage

Facts
- 50% participated in Wagon Trails~
Sarah Beck
Roger Bell
Abbie Beyerdsorfer
Brent Bishop
Chad Blair
Jacqueline Blessing

Alicia Boles
Allan Bonnewell
Thomas Bothwell
Jacob Bowan
Jeremiah Boys
Joshua Breeden

Morgan Breedlove
Dustin Brinkerhoff
Clint Brock
Heather Brock
Destiny Brooks
Allison Brown

Courtney Bryant
Jason Bryant
Maggie Bryant
Jeremy Buchanan
Julie Bullard
Brooke Burns

Derek Burton
Charity Cartwright
Darrin Carver
Bradly Cassidy
Carrie Catron
Edward Chaney

Jennifer Chilcote
Daniel Chrenko
Jared Claprodt
Ashley Clark
Justin Clark
Melissa Clark

Missie Clements
James Clevenger
Katherine Coburn
Brad Coffman
Sarah Coley
Dean Cook

~ 85% liked high school and 15% didn't ~ 51% were in sports ~
James Cooley
Ashley Coombs
Garrett Cooney
Whitney Cooper
Eric Cotter
Eric Cox

Brittany Crafton
Bryttney Crane
Jessica Daffron
Evan Dale
Shaena Daughtery
Kevin Davis, Jr.

David Delaney
Matt Dempsey
Scott Dewey
Stephanie Dildine
Donald Dorsett
Amber Doss

Lyndsey Doss
Brandon Doulaki
Jonathan Dowden
Devin Dozier
Matt Drury
Christopher Dubois

Heather Duke
Chad Dunham
Eric Edwards
Shannon Edwards
Christopher Eteljorge
Jeremy Ellyson

Lamber Enochs
Ben Esterline
Matthew Evans
Tammy Fannin
Kevin Farmer
Austin Faull

Melissa Fears
Nicole Fenn
John Fields
Joel Fischer
Chad Flake
Aaron Flowers

~ After school activities: church, sports, jobs, and paintball ~
Justin Fox
Andy Frye
Lauren Gershanoff
John Getz
Stephanie Gilliam
Jeffrey Gilmer
Edward Goebel
Kayla Golden
Levi Gosser
Brandon Graham
Heather Graves
Rebecca Greathouse
Sheri Grebel
Jason Griffith
Sarah Griffith
Samantha Gun
Emily Gunckel
Justin Gunn
Charles Hagee
Rachelle Halcomb
Kyle Hall
Craig Hampton
James Hannah
Ashley Harpe
Heather Harris
Abdel Hashem
Alex Hathaway
Shaun Hatmaker
Abby Hayes
Darla Haynes
Kevin Hein
Miranda Henderson
Jennifer Hietberg
Jared Hilligoss
Matthew Hockett
Kj Hornaday
Alex Howard
James Howard
Joshua Hribernik
Amanda Hudgins
Bailey Hult
Courtney Humes

~ 53% went away for Spring Break while 47% stayed home ~
Thad Hundertmark
Jesse Hunt
Shawn Hyatt
Jared Johnson
Adam Jones
Daniel Jones

Daniel Jones
Joshua Jones
Lindsey Jones
Mindy Jones
Cassie Jurey
Christopher Kaufman

Stephen Kays
April Kelly
Kerien Kenworthy
Leland Kinnett
Scott Klinger
Sheri Kraeger

Allyson Ladd
Ashlie Lair
Donald Lane
Chad Lasley
Megan Leblanc
Michelle Lehr

Rachel Linthicum
Edna Lobdell
Patrick Long
Jacob Looke
Aaron Loomis
David Lucas

Alyssa Mann
Jeffrey Martin II
Todd May
Caitlin McBride
Jessica McCauley
Danielle McCorkle

Joshua McDonald
Ashley McDonough
Carol McGuire
Lance McIhuquham
Andrew McKinney
Nick McKinney

~ 77% weren't intimidated by the upperclassmen, 23% were ~

70 Freshmen
Katlain McLouth
Candice Medlen
Ashley Miller
Deric Miller
James Miller
Jacob Mills

James Minardo
Brandon Mitchell
Chris Mobley
Tyler Moffat
Derek Mong
Joseph Monin

Kerry Moors
Ashley Moppin
Miranda Morris
Sarah Morris
Erin Moser
Kyle Mossbrucker

Jaxon Munn
Lynn Myers
Mary Myers
Lance Newton
Stephanie Norwalt
Matthew O'Neil

Nicholas Oschman
Ann Pate
Amy Patterson
Anna Payne
Travis Perkins
Morgan Petty

Samantha Phelps
James Fletcher
Sara Potect
Greg Preston
David Price
Sylvia Price

Eric Qiu
Ryan Queen
Andrew Racic
Melinda Rains
Nickolas Ralph
Reanna Redmond

~ 50% weren’t involved in Wagon Trails ~ 49% weren’t in sports ~
~ 37% thought teachers treated them different and 63% didn't ~
Anthony Thacker
Danielle Thomas
Jerrica Thomas
James Thompson
Mallory Thompson
Melissa Trainor

Bradley Trisler
Andrea True
Heather Trusty
Kassidy Turner
Katie Tutterrow
Christian Vaughan

Sara Walton
Jamie Wampner
Zachary Wathen
Nathan Watson
Brenda Webb
Jeremy Weddle

Whitney Weers
Travis Wellman
Matt Welsh
Aaron West
Joseph White
Daniel Whitman

Ashley Wilson
Charlie Wilson
Ernie Wilson II
Bryce Wojcieszowski
Shawn Wolf
David Wood

Amanda Wright
Amanda Wright
John Wright II
Jacob Wright
Jeremy Wright
Russell Wright

Kelsie Wys
Valerie Young
Bill Yutneyer

~ Hang outs: J2, Mooresville Movies, friend's house, and own houses
1. "When I Come Around"

Moderately

Focusing on hitting the right notes, Junior Josh Miller plays his cello during the orchestra’s October concert. “We always had fun playing in front of the student body because it gave us the chance to show off our talents,” commented Miller.

Practicing her spins, Freshman Ashley Miller prepares herself for a contest later that day. “We had a difficult season, but we learned a lot. In the end it was all worth the work we put in,” stated Miller.

Senior Brad Allen decorates one of the many light poles in the courtyard during the Christmas season for Student Council. Student Council sponsored many events from the penny war to the blood drive.

Freshman Kevin Farmer plays his trumpet during a timeout of a boys’ basketball game. “We had a lot of good memories, like holding up signs with our phone numbers on them for the opposing team’s cheerleaders,” exclaimed Farmer.

Quietly coloring away, Junior Sean Delaney finishes up his poster for PUSH. The students in PUSH traveled to the elementary schools to help teach the students through games and posters the negative effects drugs can have on a person’s life.

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Many reasons such as the want of belonging or just the chance to be with friends swayed a person’s decision on whether or not to participate in a group. Whatever the reason may have been, numerous students at MHS were driven to the many organizations the school had to offer.

“My free time became short, but it had all been worth it. I enjoyed everything I was in or else I would not have been in it,” Junior Molly Hunteman said.

As well as providing students with something to do before and after school, the clubs and organizations often tried to help out the community in some way with the projects they did. One such affair was the service project TSLA students had to complete as part of their requirement to graduate from the program. The project consisted of going to Miller’s Merry Manor over the holidays and mingling with the elderly.

“I thought this [TSLA] was a great experience, especially listening to all the guest speakers. I think I will take their words with me for the rest of my life,” claimed Sophomore Katie Brant.
"We felt like we helped bring spirit back into the crowd," said Junior Jared Smith, who played the saxophone at home games.

French Club members Juniors Molly Hunteman and Megan Cashion and Sophomore Karla De Juan Romero enjoy their meal at Le Petit Café. In addition to going to Le Petit Café, club members also celebrated together by eating at Pizza Hut. "French Club gave me a strong sense of who I was and who I wanted to become," said Cashion. Cashion planned to visit France over the summer along with a few other students on an EF tour. In order to go on the trip, she had to raise $1,900, so she and other members participated in many fundraisers. First year teacher Mlle. Andrea Rogers sponsored the club and was responsible for organizing the Prom Steering Committee. "I had faith that the Steering Committee would do a wonderful job," said Mlle. Rogers.

"Color-guard made me feel like I was needed for something," said Junior Sarah Flewelling. Flewelling also participated in winter guard which competed in the Class A division for the first time.

"Peace, Peace" at the Christmas concert in front of family and friends. The choir, which consisted of freshmen and sophomores competed at various invitational schools including Southmont, and they went to Ohio in March to compete in the Ohio River Valley competition. "A lot of my friends were in choir, so it gave me time to talk to them," said Sophomore Morgan Lollar.

Working on their posters for PUSH (Prevention Using Student Help) are Juniors Ashley Reed and Brittany Allen. "I loved belonging to PUSH because we helped keep kids away from drugs and had a positive effect on the community," said Allen.
Orchestra members play at their annual Halloween concert, October. The orchestra also spent 50 hours working on their ISSMA show, which the students organized themselves. Left Performing right after intermission are Sophomores Heather Bush and Rachel Thomas at the variety show, Wagon Trails Revue. They also entertained people at the Italian festival in February and played for the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce. Right Sophomore Gareth Shields plays at the Christmas concert. Fifty-six students bonded together to form the orchestra ensemble. The orchestra played such songs as “Suite in Alten Style” and “Symphony #15 in G-major.”

“Student Council was a great organization. We tried to get a lot of things accomplished that were suggested by the students and the faculty,” said 2001-2002 Student Body President Senior Brad Allen. Student Council sponsored a blood drive after the September 11th tragedy, and they organized the semi-formal Valentine’s Day dance. “I had a really good time at the Valentine’s Day dance,” said Junior Amy Viles.

Organizations provide options for students to find their niche

Julia Miller

One of the biggest high school crises that most teenagers faced was the feeling of not fitting in. Most teens would have done just about anything to “fit in,” but what price would they have paid? Many teens asked themselves that question daily.

“It was a nice feeling to be a part of a group because nobody wanted to be an outcast, and with the organizations available to us, we felt the desire to not be alone,” said Junior Catti Corbin.

With many choices of extracurricular activities, it became easier to feel connected with a group. One of the reasons why students joined an organization was so that they could feel like they were able to belong to something.

“I wanted to be in a sport, but I couldn’t run, I couldn’t throw and catch, or even hit a ball with a bat. Color-guard was a way I got to be with a group and have fun,” said Sophomore Susan Bradley.

It turned out that most answers to the question of what they would pay to fit in were “not much.”

“People wasted so much time worrying about what others thought, but I was just me,” said Sophomore Melaine Baird.

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Leadership was a highly desired quality with a multitude of meanings. To describe a leader was to describe a personality. The definition of a leader was as unique as the person defining it. To some, a leader was a strong, visible image. To others, a leader was someone behind the scenes. From firemen to friends, coaches to counselors, presidents to peers, Mooresville had leaders of every shape and size.

"A leader would be someone like Christina Alleger. You could always look to her for the right decisions," Senior Kari Turner said of her fellow student. Leading by example was often a quality exhibited in parents. Sophomore Alicia Overton felt that her mother was a positive influence in her life. "My mom was a leader because she was an example of a good Christian. She had much integrity," said Overton.

Others believed, however, that unyielding personality of a leader. to be a leader, one must leader didn’t let anything they wanted to do," stated discrepancies that divided definitions of a leader, strive for the label of leadership should be personal to the individual. "Everyone was a leader in their own way," McCauley asserted. "Leader" was more than a title to achieve, it was a personal decision to live up to personal standards.

Lead the way
In the spirit of...

Leadership

Fixing a fellow council member's decorating, Senior Lauren Howard and Sophomore Alicia Overton spread a little holiday spirit. "Brad Allen hung the garland in a stupid way. It was so bad, we had to fix it," Overton laughed.

Decorating the courtyard was a project that Student Council headed during the 2001 Christmas season.

Giving the issues some serious thought, Junior Athletic Council member Tricia Wright participates in a group discussion. Athletic Council met to discuss sports' concerns.

Drudging through the paperwork that accompanies giving blood, Senior Ashley Keown patiently fills out the required forms.

Taking a break from Bing, Sophomore Jennifer Henderson poses for a picture with Miller's Merry Manor resident Mabel Prescott. TSLA provided some Christmas company at the nursing home as part of its service program.

Bringing the Big Red Dog to life, Junior Lesley Young animates a story of Clifford. Athletic Council members traveled to elementary schools to share the joy of reading.

Baring her arm to donate blood, Senior Sarah Gerholdt watches attentively as the nurse proceeds. Gerholdt was one of many Mooresville students to brave the needle in the name of generosity.
Concentrating on her comments, Junior Athletic Council member Ashley Flake voiced her concerns about Mooresville's sports teams. Athletic Council provided each sport a voice to the administration by way of student representatives.

Fighting with the wind, Senior Student Council member Staci Moody sorts and unloads toys for the children at Riley Hospital. Student Council raised over $800 in a change drive to bring toys to the hospital for Christmas.

Pausing for a picture, Sophomore TSLA member Amanda Demaree poses with her senior sidekick. Demaree was one of 12 students who visited a nursing home with The Student Leadership Academy during the holiday season.

Taking time out from her schoolwork, Senior Athletic Council member Josie Bothwell meets with other students to discuss the athletic program. Athletic Council members met at various times during the school day.

Did You Know?

There were 42 members in Student Council.

Athletic council met at least once a month.

The "T" in "TSLA" stood for "Team".

78% of the students in TSLA were sophomores.

Student Council's polo shirts cost them $25.00.

Cross Country was the only co-ed sport in Athletic council.

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I thought that I was a leader because I worked hard and strove for the best for myself in everything I did.

I didn’t feel pressure to be a leader because I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives and take action.

If no one took the lead in life, there would be no one to follow. No one would know what to do.
Making school spirit banners, hosting a pumpkin carving contest, competing in a racing event, and learning new skills were just a few of the aspects of being in a creative school club. Art Club and Technology Club were clubs that allowed students with creative interests to be involved in school.

Throughout the year, members of tech club stayed busy. They began working diligently on constructing an electric car from the very beginning of the school year. The Tech Club worked one night a week for about two or three hours; however, as the year progressed the members put in more time. They met at the Indiana Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee also known as the Electrical Union School near the airport. All of the to the Island Fest 2002 Island, Michigan. The about 30 teams all thing - victory. “I was race,” said Tech Club Sophomore member Dan really fun. I liked car.”

Another club that provoked creativity was art club. Art club was sponsored by Art Teacher Dennis Amrhein. Amrhein said, “The year was pretty successful. We had fun at Zydeco’s. We had a successful year with the candy sales and pumpkin carving contest.” Art club members were involved in many events such as the Homecoming parade and basketball games. “I had fun. I liked the Homecoming parade-I got soaked,” said Sophomore member Melanie Baird.

The group celebrated the year by an end-of-the-year restaurant outing. The chosen restaurant was Mooresville’s cajun restaurant Zydeco’s. “It [Zydeco’s] was a new experience. I mean, it going there because I had before. My food was sophomore Renae Moore.

Christina Allegree

"Zydeco’s was a n e w experience. My food was interesting!" Renae Moore '04

Sophomore technology club member Dan Lee carries a box of pumpkin carving tools as he works on a tech club project.
In the spirit of...

Creativity

Art club sponsor and art teacher Mr. Dennis Amrhein poses for a photo while eating at Zydeco's. "I thought that we had a pretty successful year. I thought that the pumpkin carving contest came off as being successful. It was a good event for the student body. The banners we made went well, and I thought the whole year went well," said Amrhein.

Sophomore T.J. Riester checks out a wheel on the back of the electric car during a work session. "It was fun, a lot of easy work, not knowing where things went but pretending I did," said Riester.

Sophomore technology club member Dan Lee works on the club's car. "Tech club was a lot of fun because we got to work on the electrical car. I thought anyone who liked to work on cars should have been in the club," said Lee.

The winners of the annual art club pumpkin carving contest pose for a photo. The winners were all seniors.

Senior Karen Cochran took home the best of show award at the Tri Kappa Art Show for her piece titled "Storybook."

Junior art club member Sara Swinney puts a final piece on a banner for the basketball team. "It was fun making banners for the team. I really hoped they appreciated them," said Swinney.
Lauryn Fischer

Among all the clubs at Mooresville High School, only one required a prerequisite for admittance. In order to be a part of UNITY (Understanding Needs In Today’s Youth) one had to attend a summer camp sponsored by the Indiana Teen Institute to prepare for the upcoming year as a UNITY member. “[Indiana Teen Institute] really had an emotional way of getting to you,” said Senior Patricia Workman of her summer experience. Workman went on to say that ITI was a good source of useful information, “With all the activities, plays, and films, [ITI] could give you any information you needed.” UNITY members learned skills at camp that would help them handle the many drug prevention projects that UNITY provided for students throughout the year.

The camp also helped to bind the club’s members together in service. Junior Kathryn Rains explained how summer camp helped her in dealing with others. “We all learned how to work well with each other. Personally, I learned how not only to be a leader, but people’s ideas.” UNITY the group had to be close functions that they as Prom Promise, Reaper Day were all organized.

Despite the the time spent some UNITY had problems whole, I very committed. I felt that a lot of people went back on their word to be drug free,” said Junior Ashley Flake. Even though Flake was disappointed with some of the effort put forth by other members, she felt that the group helped to make a difference. “We touched only a few people, but it didn’t matter that not everyone was affected. If only one person was touched, it was worth it.”

Attending the ITI summer camp had social benefits as well. For Freshman Carol McGuire, the experience made for a smoother transition into high school. “[Indiana Teen Institute] helped me make new friends. I heard their stories, and it helped me learn that drugs and alcohol weren’t worth trying. I realized that other people could be harmed,” said McGuire.

“While I was at camp, I learned not only about others, but also about myself.”
-Ashley Flake '03

Summer fun

Posing as a rabbit, Senior UNITY member Blair Schneider offers students an opportunity to “Take a hit on the rabbit, not on drugs.”
In the spirit of...

Prevention

Announcing the winners of the SADD talent show to an anxious crowd, Senior SADD member Nicole O’Neil announces a tie between the members of the band Orange Wood: Randy Parmerlee, Zach Wooten, Chris Stoner, C.J. Pierini, David Pate, and Soloist Sophomore Lara De Juan-Romero.

Distributing soft drinks to Prom goers, Senior UNITY members Amy and Amber Marine spread a drug free message to increase awareness for Prom weekend.

Passing out prizes, Junior PUSH member Betsy Norton rewards the winning team of elementary students with candy. PUSH taught the students to resist drugs by use of interactive games.

Taking time out of their busy summer camp schedule, future and present UNITY members pose for a picture.

Urging their friend to break her cycle of drug use, UNITY members try to persuade her to stay away from negative choices.

Waiting to capture her next victim, UNITY’s Grim Reaper symbolizes death by drunk drivers. Grim Reaper Day became an annual event at Mooresville High during the week preceding Prom.
Emotionally relaying his rendition of Tim McGraw's "Don't Take the Girl," Junior Jarret Law kneels on stage at the annual SADD talent show. Law had only been attending MHS for two weeks, but he still felt at home performing. "That was what I did. I sang. I loved to sing," said Law of his experience.

Enjoying herself at a meeting, Sophomore Jessica Riley laughs along with her fellow SADD members. SADD met throughout the year to plan activities for the student body to increase awareness against destructive decisions. Backround Freshman Jacqueline Blessing.
At camp, there was this game we learned and no matter what, I always got out first. Everyone thought that it was on purpose, but it wasn’t.

I liked UNITY because it helped get kids not to do dumb stuff with their lives, like using drugs and alcohol. It was fun to help the community.

We did the “Celebrate Life” production for some study halls at the high school. When we got done, no one clapped, they just stared.
Offering a shoulder to lean on, Senior Brad Allen comforts Freshman Matt Hackett at the September 11th memorial service. Won By One organized the prayer session to remember those lost in the disaster.

Lauryn Fischer

"As he walked through the front door, he was greeted with a dozen smiles, everyone wanted to get a word in with him. He couldn't even make it to his destination without having a few conversations first," narrated Sophomore Corey Baize. Who was this highly visible individual Baize described? One might guess a rock star, a movie star, or some world renowned hero. Well, he sang hymns instead of rock, and the only movies he starred in are ones taken at home. But as far as heroism goes, the kids in his youth group thought that he was world-class. He was the Youth Pastor at the Mount Olive Church, and he made an impact in many lives.

Mount Olive was not the only church with an active youth group. Many churches were filled with Mooresville students eager to experience Christ. School-offered programs such as Won By One and Fellowship of Christian life-styles in a school-groups did not account for all local church youth groups.

A church group students from every walk of life. like a surrogate family. types of people in our said Senior Joe Mt. Gilead.

When “church” was mentioned, often the first images to enter one’s mind were steeples and solemnity. While youth groups did have their solemn moments, the teens of 2002 were not a classic crowd. Groups conformed to the needs of an ever-changing audience. “At my youth group we talked about which animal we would want to be and why,” Senior Liz Jones said of the local United Methodist Youth Church. The lessons were laced with icebreakers and games. According to Junior Breann Boles, games loosened them up to learn. “I thought that the games before service helped to remove tension.”

No matter the person, a student at MHS was sure to find a fit with such a variance of churches to choose from.
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In the spirit of spirituality

Lending a helping hand, Won By One co-sponsor Mr. Stan Emerson demonstrates how to pour milk for Junior Alex Rodenbeck. Won By One met every Wednesday morning for Bible study. The group also sponsored many events for Mooresville students. At Christmas time, however, they took some time out to sit back and celebrate the reason for the season.

Bowing their heads in respect, Mooresville students join hands and hearts in a word of prayer at the annual See You At The Pole service. Multiple circles of students were layered around the flagpole bound by a sincere spirit of prayer and intercession.

Enjoying the fellowship of the Won By One Christmas party, Seniors Mary Mountain, Lauren Howard, and Sarah Myers make a memory with this photograph.

FCA's winning whistle ball team of Seniors Derrick Clark, Jodi Willis, Cory Wright, Jeremy Manion, Staci Moody, and Junior Tad Dewitt pose for a snap shot.

Closing his eyes in reverence, Senior James Taylor joins his fellow classmates at See You At The Pole in prayer over the school year. SYATP provided students with a chance to come together and publicly pray over their school.

Paying their respects, Seniors Wesley Johnson and Sarah Myers tie balloons to a cross in remembrance of the victims of the September 11th tragedy.
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“Playing the violin is a relaxation for me, so I really enjoyed sharing the music with the others who attended the Italian Fest,” Senior Laura DeGrave said of her orchestra experience.

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Color-guard brought spirit back to MHS in many ways such as performing during half time at football and basketball games. However, the girls did not perform during the traditional Homecoming half-time show due to the poor weather. The most memorable performance was after the September 11 tragedy, the girls did a performance to honor the lives of firemen and family members who were lost. The performance really meant something for the girls and they felt it was very touching.

“It took a lot of hard work and dedication, but in the end we inspired the people by our music and the emotional involvement. Our show was about grace and most importantly it was for our country,” said Sophomore Stacey Sipos.
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Rhythm

Sporting the “Miss America” look, Junior Elizabeth Atkinson performs a ghostly selection with the orchestra for their annual Octoboo concert. “I really like Octoboo because it gives us a chance to dress up and have lots of fun,” said Atkinson.

Throughout all four years (of marching band) I had to work hard for every little accomplishment I received,” said Senior Jamie Henning, who performed a solo for the band’s ballad “Someone To Watch Over Me.”

Looking casual, Junior Sarah Flewelling poses on a park bench for the Marching Band’s field show A Walk In The Park. “Color guard taught me how to be more emotionally expressive. It also taught me how to deal with things during hard times,” said Flewelling.

Watching her music closely, Freshman Morgan Breedlove practices a piece for the orchestra’s Italian Fest. “Italian fest was a lot of fun; it reminded me of when I was in the 6th grade,” said Breedlove.

Performing at her last Wagon Trails Revue, Senior Amber Marine plays her cello. “I really enjoyed my last year in Wagon Trails and I’m going to really miss all the fun I had,” said Marine.
In addition to multiple concerts, the orchestra took a few trips. "I really enjoyed orchestra because of the fun trips we took," said Owen.

Junior Aaron Nauert not only performed on stage playing his baritone saxophone, but also backstage where he served on the Auditorium Crew. He was very involved in the behind-the-scenes work on productions. Nauert enjoyed working on crew so much that he planned to major in theatrical production in college.

Plucking out his part, Senior Joe Owen contributes to the orchestra's musical ensemble. In addition to multiple concerts, the orchestra took a few trips. "I really enjoyed orchestra because of the fun trips we took," said Owen.

Proudly gazing at the audience, Senior Drum Major Emily Hackett awaits her turn to conduct. "The fun times and good friends from band made it definitely a memorable experience," said Hackett. "Brass" the color-guard stands at attention on the football field during their show.

Delicately waving her scarf, Sophomore Cassie Brown portrays a song of searching for love. "Guard was a real challenge. It took lots of time and effort, but it was a lot of fun," said Brown.
Bundled up for the chilly Saturday morning, band members Freshman Dan Jones, Junior Heather Morton, and Senior Abby Undercoffer march backwards during the practice of their 2001 field show *A Walk In The Park*.

"At one of our practices for Wagon Trails, Stacy did a 'runthrough' with her pants below her bottom. She had on a body suit, but she had no idea she was losing her pants.

"On our trip I wandered off and got lost, so by the time they found me they had already circled the place three times. It was really funny but also a little scary.

"During a night practice, I was holding my tuba down by my side. My shirt got caught on my mouth piece, and when Emily signaled us to play, I ended up flashing the whole staff."

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Buried among the countless clubs was a group whose season few people knew of. This after school activity specialized in one thing: talking. The Mooresville High School Speech Team was a competing club that traveled to other schools to show off their speaking skills. Although comprised of only a few students, the speech team represented Mooresville at schools such as North Central and Carmel.

The team began the season with hopes of advancing farther than last year, but in the end only one member, Senior Christina Allegree qualified for sectionals. Allegree scored high enough to move because there really wasn't

**"The Speech Team Sectionals always fell on the week of the spring play!"**

-Mrs. Melanie Kassen

because performing in the

Spring Play conflicted with the speech meet dates. Mrs. Melanie Kassen, the Speech Team’s coach, had contradictory scheduling problems as well.

"Speech sectionals always fell on the week of the Spring Play, which I direct. A few team members were also very involved with it," said Kassen.

Aside from the the lack of participation, the Speech Team fared well at the meets they attended. Freshman Kayla Golden brought home several victories for the team along with Allegree. "Christina had previously competed in the impromptu category, and this year she decided to compete in radio," commented Kassen. "Kayla also competed in broadcasting and learned a lot of valuable skills."

Kassen felt that more involvement in the team would have boosted its success significantly. "It was hard having the conflict between the two activities that I sponsored. That was very frustrating," said Kassen.

"Standing over her mother at the Top Twenty Banquet, Senior Speech Team member Christina Allegree reaches for her program. Allegree utilized the skills she learned from her Speech Team competitions to deliver a heartfelt speech at the banquet. "Being on the Speech Team for the past four years gave me confidence in my speaking," stated Allegree of her speaking experience."

**Lauryn Fischer**

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Performance

Illuminating the stage with her spotlight, Sophomore Renae Moore positions her equipment. Moore helped out the crew at the Band Showcase concert because they were shorthanded. The Auditorium Crew worked behind the scenes on all of the performances produced at the William R. Curry Center.

Waiting through a pause in the backstage action, Freshman Austin Roberts takes some time to enjoy the performance he had helped produce.

Helping to construct the set, Freshmen Christie Seidl and Stephanie Gilliam bring out chairs for a musical performance.

Taking time out from the activities of Drama Club, the members pose for a quick memory on-stage in the auditorium.

Following his cue, Sophomore Auditorium Crew member Jared Wildcat pulls the curtain. Wildcat spent many hours after school assisting the auditorium crew at a variety of events.
Christina Allegree

What happened when Mooresville combined singing, dancing, instruments, talent, and many students? Mooresville showchoirs and showchoir band that’s what! The choirs and band did everything from school performances to out-of-state competitions, and they received several honors throughout the year.

The group Finesse started off the year with a new choir director, Mr. Jason Damron, and a thrilling grand champion title at the Southmont competition. Senior Lindsay McCauley said, “I was really excited because we got first place [at Southmont], but I was also really excited for Mr. Damron having his first win.” Finesse continued through the year with a show dedicated to independent women and having fun.

Throughout the show that provided the vocals and loud dance really energetic, but it was a not the judges,” said Senior Heatwole. Choir Director year went really well. We as other years, but that work really well.” Millennium, finished the year with unfinished goals of competing. “It [Millennium] was fun, but we weren’t in many competitions, so we didn’t get to see much,” said Freshman Kelsie Wys. Other members felt the year should have been more successful. Sophomore Landry Bates said, “Millennium was alright, but I felt that we could have done better because we didn’t make finals.”

Showchoir band members agreed that the year was fun and memorable. “It was funny, because I said that I would never wear spandex, but I had to wear it for the Spotlighter show,” said Justin Eaker.

Showchoir band member Jamie Henning plays her trumpet during Wagon Trails Revue. Henning said, “The year was really fun, especially because of Mr. Damron.”
In the spirit of...

Sophomore Millennium member Ben Shover looks dreamily out into the crowd as he entertains the audience at Wagon Trails Revue. Shover was a two-year member of Millennium. He said, “Millennium was enjoyable.”

Junior Zach Wooton puts his all into his band’s performance at the Unity talent show. Wooton was a member of show choir band as well as a band compromised of his friends called Orangewood.

Senior Patricia Workman takes a stand when performing with Finesse.

Senior Jenni Drury and Junior Joey Smith perfect the handclap in their choreography.

Junior Spotlightter member Matt Allen gets into the holiday spirit as he performs in the choir during the Christmas show.
Spring Spectacular tickets cost $5.00-$6.00.

A drumset could cost $500-$2,500.

Senior showchoir member Emily Hackett plays a saxophone solo during Wagon Trails Revue. Hackett was not only a showchoir band member, but she was also a member of orchestra and drum major of the marching band.

Did You Know:

Senior showchoir member Emily Hackett plays a saxophone solo during Wagon Trails Revue.

There were 35 seniors between Spotlighters, Finesse, and showchoir band.

Spotlighter girls had 3 inch heels on their dance shoes.

Senior Mary Rains is wide-eyed and smiling as she performs in the group Spotlighters. It was Rains' second year to be a member of the showchoir, and her sister Kathryn was a first year member of Finesse.

Senior Shannon Dill has put her all into a Finesse performance. Dill was a member of the choir for two years. Dill said, "Mr. Damron was very inspiring for my senior year."

Background Senior Damien Black performs his solo during Wagon Trails Revue. Left Millennium members Zach Wathen and Ryan Gregory get ready for the Spotlighter Invitational. Wathen said, "I looked forward to seeing Mrs. Moebius every morning because she brightens my day with her beautiful voice."
The Showchoir Finesse celebrates their victory at the Southmont Invitational. "It was one of the happiest moments from this year. The girls (Finesse) finally realized that hard work really paid off," said Choir Director Jason Damron.

"Justin Eaker had to play the drums with a burned foot at the Spotlighter Invitational after dry ice slipped onto his drumset."

"Spotlighters was a lot of fun this year. People grew up a lot, and I think that everyone matured a lot this year."

"I fell off the bleachers at Southmont when Audrey and I were jumping up and down after we won grand champion."
"For the most part I had fun helping out at Prom, but sometimes it wasn't so great," said Junior John Pelance.

"I liked helping in every way that I could, and donating money made me feel good," said Sophomore Lee Danforth.

"Painting the senior hallway was a lot more work than what we thought it was going to be," said Senior Abby Undercoffer.

Julia Miller

"It (Prom) was overwhelming and stressful!" said Prom Steering Chairperson Andrea Rogers. Being her first year as an MHS teacher and having to plan Prom, Ms. Rogers had quite a struggling time with the preparations.

Endless hours were spent on the planning of Prom. The students had to choose the theme and then had to assign committees to organize each division of the Prom. The committee originally started out with a different centerpiece, but because the items were so terrible, they had only two weeks to search for new centerpieces. They ended up spending over $5,000 on decorations.

In addition to the struggle with decorations, the committee sometimes had too little help for the amount of work it had to do. "Prom Steering was a big disappointment for me, and I thought that all the decisions were never decided as a group," said Junior Kathryn but I put a lot of time in just Junior Tabitha Smalling.

A big problem of the voting of the Prom of the votes wasn't The students new candidates were revealed.

Despite the challenges they faced, the remaining members showed up at 7 am to set up the ballroom. "It was challenging, especially getting up at 5 in the morning the day of Prom just to set up the ballroom," said Junior Kristen Mertens.

Fueled by chips and lots of soda, the group spread out to begin the task of transforming the ballroom.

Junior John Pelance’s height came in handy when hanging the gossamer from the arches; Junior Kyle Copeland spent hours stapling decorations, and when it came down to it, the group rose to the challenge to create a magical atmosphere.

"It was really early in the morning when we had to set up Prom," said Junior Kyle Copeland. Although Copeland was not a member of the Prom Steering Committee, he volunteered to help get ready the Indy 500 Ballroom for Prom. He, along with other students were at the convention center by 7 am and spent the morning decorating 59 tables, blowing up balloons and setting up the entry with lights and arches.

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**Service**

"It is all rather simple really, you give just a little and you receive a tenfold. In donating a little spare change that I could live without, I won $50. Honestly, when it came down to it, Steven needed the money more than I did," said Senior Jared Malott.

"I had a really good time selling snacks and food for FFA at the tennis match, but not a lot of people came to the matches. It was still fun hanging out," said Junior Ashley Payton.

"I felt really good about how Prom turned out, just being able to see how everything looked and how much people were enjoying themselves made me feel good," said Junior Tabitha Smalling.

"I really enjoyed helping a kid out by just donating change. It was amazing what difference it made," said Sophomore Meagan Adams.

"After lunch Cody and I would donate our change for Steven Bellamy, an unfortunate teen who needed a transplant. It was the least we could do for him," said Junior Kate Korn.

"I liked painting the English hallway because it made the hallway more colorful, and it brightened everyone’s spirit," said Senior Amy Marine.

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NHS had to do three hours of community service each month. Life Goes On sponsored a special change wars between classes and raised $724. Life Goes On wanted to raise $2 from each student for Steven Bellem's transplant fund. NHS donated money to the Riley Burn Center.

“NHS was a very important group in high school because it got me involved in helping the community, it also made school more enjoyable with the colored hallways,” said Senior Josie Bothwell.

“I wish that I would have won all the pennies in the jar because that had a lot money, but at least it was for a good cause,” said Senior Bryan Arnold.

“Even though we had to stay after school a lot to get Prom put together, I had a good time seeing everything come together the morning before Prom,” said Junior Kristen Lasley.

“FFA was a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed helping out with the plant sales, but unfortunately there wasn’t a lot of participation from the other students,” said Sophomore Rikki Harrison.

Background Senior Laura DeGrave paints the senior hallway after school.
National Honor Society members Sarah Myers, Blair Schneider, Laura DeGrave, Casey Reichanadter, Lisa Travelsted, and Abby Undercoffer hand out schedules at the annual open house.

The NHS went to eat at Texas Roadhouse in Avon, and nobody at my table ate their food, so I got to take home a ribeye and a full slab of ribs.

One girl donated 10 or 20 dollars each day to Steven’s fund, and by the end of the week, she had donated up to 80 dollars, which was awesome.

While I was putting sparkles on the stars, I glued my hand to my forehead, and I ended up ripping skin off when I pulled my hand away.
Ben Hunter

Seventeen year old Satoko Arakaki’s vivacious energy and spirited aura were felt long before she even arrived to America. “We called her soft taco just because it was easier to say and it was funny,” said friend Kimmy Schubert.

Arakaki arrived here last summer and wasted no time immersing herself in all of the culture that America had to offer. During Homecoming. Seniors Amy Marine, Amber Marine, Lindsay McCauley, Ellie Patton, Lori Bryant, Laura Degrave, Stacy White, and herself all made Homecoming shirts with all of Japanese. They also visited in Plainfield. “That was so nice. The Japanese food is a lot home though,” said Arakaki. Food that she really enjoyed, Bell, it was so good. I was added.

Arakaki noted quite between here and her school is a lot more strict in Japan. I was surprised when I came here and saw how the kids talked to the teachers, but I really loved this school,” she said.

One of the other major differences that she noticed is the fact that high-schoolers can drive in America. “In Japan you had to be 18 before you could drive, so most kids were graduated by that time. I think it was really cool, but it could sometimes be dangerous though,” she said.

Arakaki really enjoyed the “Experience Japan” days that the Chamber of Commerce and International Culture Council of Mooresville put on. “That was a good experience. I got to meet a lot of Japanese people who lived here. I really want to thank Mr. Adams,” she said.

Arakaki was scheduled to head back to Japan on July 8th. “I was really going to miss my friends. It was a great experience,” she said. Schubert went on to say, “It was hard to pick a ‘best memory’, because we spent so much time together!”
In the spirit of...

Culture

"It was an awesome experience to see and learn about the Japanese culture," Career Counselor Julie Swain said. Swain attended Japanese culture night at the high school and spent time getting dressed in authentic Japanese clothing as well as walking around looking at the different exhibits.

Japanese folk dancers teach members of the audience about native dances of Japan. The Mooresville International Culture Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Don Adams sponsored the April 22 event.

Senior Christina Allegree immerses herself in the Japanese lifestyle. Allegree tried to participate in as many things as she could during her high school career.

"I really liked Spanish this year. For me, it was a neat experience. I liked the projects that we did. My favorite one was the skits," said Freshman Dan Jones.

Making crepes, Sophomore Karla De Juan Romero, and Juniors Megan Cashion and Danton Hurt enjoy eating the French pastry at a club party.

Stirring the crepe batter is French club sponsor Andrea Rogers. Rogers graduated from Purdue University and spent a semester living and studying in France before coming to MHS to teach French.
"It took us (Student Council) a while to decorate because we kept breaking everything, or it didn't look good enough, but it was still fun," said Senior Lauren Howard.

Spotlighters take time to entertain Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff's third period class during the holiday season. They acted as Secret Santas for Eickhoff's class. For one week, classes did something special for another class in order to boost the holiday spirit. In addition to being Secret Santas, Spotlighters competed at Teays Valley, Southmont, Pike, Anderson Highland, and Huntington North. They received Best Vocals at Southmont and 2nd Runner-up at Teays Valley. At the Atlanta Festival they received Grand Champion overall chorale ensemble, 1st Runner-up concert choir, and Grand Champion in the Show Choir division.

"Indoor (percussion) was a lot of fun. It gave us a chance to get to know some of the new members," said Junior Jennifer Markowitz. It was her first year in the percussionist division, where she played the finger cymbals. Their show was called Typhoon Techno which had an Asian theme. The group was called M.O.B., which stood for Mooresville Oriental Blend. The group was able to advance to state competition at Decatur Central where it placed 16th.

The SADD party was fun, but it would have been better if more people came," said Junior Kathryn Rains. SADD also participated in the Victorian Christmas and hosted a talent show to raise money.
National Honor Society contributed a great deal to MHS. Many members donated their spare time to help tutor other students. “I enjoyed helping my fellow classmates understand their homework so they might get better grades and possibly become a better student,” said Senior Josie Bothwell. In addition, NHS spent nearly $400 to decorate the senior hallway. “National Honor Society gave me the opportunity to add my own touch to the senior hallway,” said Senior Stacy White. NHS also helped raise money for the Riley Burn Unit. National Honor Society was sponsored by Government teacher Joyce Gilly. Gilly was also honored by being named as the high school’s candidate for the Hope Award as outstanding teacher of the year. Pictured for left to right Senior Nicole O’Neil; Junior Chad Boncquet and Senior Josie Bothwell; Senior Stacy White.

Under the new direction of Mr. Jason Damon, Finesse had a challenging year. Unlike the year before, the girls not only had to learn lyrics and choreography, but they also had to do homework, which was calculated as part of their grades. Finesse competed at Pike, Anderson Highland, Huntington North, and Ohio River Valley. In Atlanta they received Grand Champions in the Show Choir division and 1st runner-up in the Chorale division. “We had our good times and we had our hard times. Maybe it was because we were girls, but when it came to performing, we all came together and had some of the best times of our lives,” said Sophomore Lara De Juan Romero.

Dedication

Julia Miller

Without the dedication from the students at MHS, there wouldn’t have been any organizations. Each organization had required time and effort from its members in order for its goals to get accomplished.

Some groups had spent numerous hours working together, and others had spent just a couple hours.

“In PUSH, we had spent probably a little over five hours helping teach children about the dangers of drugs and the effects they had,” said Junior Stephanie Swinney.

“We had spent approximately 136 hours just practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays (for Finesse), and that was not even including the time we had spent on the weekends,” said Junior Kathryn Rains.

Each organization had a different goal in mind. Not all the groups succeeded with their goals, but the those groups that did where very proud of their accomplishments.

Although knowing how much hard work it would take, the members still went through with their commitments. “Someone came up with the idea of painting the English hallway, and we needed a service project. We ended up getting more paint on each other than the walls, but at least we had fun,” said Senior Stephanie Babbitt.

“The biggest reward for me was when we (Student Council) hosted the penny wars, and we ended up raising over a $1,000 for the Riley Children’s Hospital. Just knowing that all the kids got to have a Christmas present was the most satisfaction for me,” said Junior Melissa Bishop.
Uncovering the Abil

Having everything in its place. Junior Meghan Woodard's locker stayed neat and tidy. "I kept it nice and clean because I didn't want a mess," said Woodard.

A new addition to this year's curriculum was a law class taught by Mrs. Joyce Gilly. Seniors did not receive credit for this class. It was merely for those interested in learning about law.

Senior Melissa Brooks gives a demonstration speech on how to tie a bow made of ribbon. The students were required to give a demonstration speech on anything they wanted.
"To be organized, or not to be organized. That was the question."

Many students at MHS chose an abundance of ways to organize their time and work, from using an agenda to manage their day to using folders to hold their homework. A lot chose to stay organized because they felt it helped them out in a multitude of ways.

Junior Meghan Woodard said, "It [being organized] helped me to do better in all my classes, as well as keep all my things together. I didn’t purposely do it; it had just always been a part of who I was."

Others however, chose not to be so organized in their lives. They chose to just "go-with-the-flow," so to speak. This however, didn’t always seem to be the best method.

"You usually ended up forgetting about homework when you were unorganized," said Junior Ron McGuire, "but it was a lot easier and you didn’t have to worry about whether or not you had everything in order as much. Being unorganized wasn’t necessarily always a choice, sometimes it just sort of happened."
Technology today has become even more advanced than before. With all the things that had happened in the last year, technology had become even more needed. Some of MHS’s students were taking classes that deal with technology and business combined. The keyboarding classes and computer applications classes were learning how to use the computer for more than just typing a letter or surfing the web. The accounting and business classes were learning how to do everyday tasks with the help of new technology, such as electronic check book balances. “I think it was good to take business classes because it helped you know what to expect in the future and how to handle it,” said Senior Kayla Culver, a student in the business and personal law classes.

“If someone said that technology was not important I would suggest that they look around and pay attention to what is going on in the world,” said teacher Mr. Joe Ash.

Technology may be advancing much faster than some like, but in all honesty it is only helping people to be better equipped for the highly technological world they are in. “I think that sometimes we have too much technology, that kids know too much, too soon, but it does help us in the future,” said Culver.

Balancing all her finances, Senior Ashley Specman works hard in accounting class. “My favorite part was putting together the PowerPoint presentations because you got to be creative.”

Concentrating on her project, Senior Heather Dishman works to get her things done during computer applications class. “I liked the class because it was fun and it helped me learn more about the computer.”

While in accounting class, Junior J.D. White finishes an assignment. White took the class as one of his electives this year. “I really liked learning the new things about the business world.”

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“I think some students needed them (business classes) and some students didn’t. It was like all the other electives.”

Don Adams  
Social Studies

Robert Adams  
English

Dennis Amrhein  
Art
Double or nothing

For Junior Renee Redmond, just one class wasn’t enough. Redmond took accounting and computer applications. Even though she wasn’t sure what her major would be in college, she said it would be something with business. “You can do a lot of different things with a business major.” She also said that business was a part of everyone’s life and that it was good to know about it.

“Just learning about business is a huge part of a person’s life. I never knew it could be so confusing sometimes. You really learn a lot.”

More than required

For some students, they would never consider taking more classes than what was required, but for Senior Aaron Owens, the minimum was not an option. Owens had been involved in business classes all through high school. He took keyboarding and introduction to business. This year he took accounting and marketing.

“I really liked classes about business. I thought I would get a head start on some of the things for college,” he said. Owens wanted to major in business and taking more than the minimum gave him the advantage he desired.

Elizabeth Andrews
Special Education

Joe Ash
Business

Joel Beebe
English

"I think business classes were important for kids who were preparing for the future. It shouldn’t be required but encouraged."

English Teacher
Joel Beebe

Top Freshman Matt Hockett takes a break from his work. Hockett took keyboarding taught by Mrs. Aloha Landwerlin. “I enjoyed the class a lot,” he said. Left Referring back to his typing book, Freshman Zach Stahley works on an assignment for class. “I took the class to get better in typing.”
Almost hidden behind the big shadow of MHS was a building known faithfully as the “ag.” building, where students met to learn about subjects from creating healthy soil to animal physiology. The 2001-2002 school year, however, brought about a change for both the auto classes and the agriculture classes when the auto shop was moved from the end of the business hall to the ag. building.

Vocational auto was held in the new auto shop for the last three periods of the day. Vocational auto was a class for students who wanted to pursue a career in auto mechanics; at the same time, they received a credit for each period in which they participated.

There were some advantages of being away from the main school building. “With auto moving out to the ag. building it made our shop a lot bigger. We had so much more room, and we also got to park out by the building so we got out of the parking lot sooner than a lot of other students did,” said Senior Wade Mason.

A negative result of the department’s move was the isolation the students faced from the rest of the student body during their automotive classes. “We were stuck out in the ag. building for the last three periods. If you had friends who weren’t in auto, you didn’t get to see them or talk to them,” Mason said.

While the mechanics were becoming acquainted with the new surroundings, the ag. students had some adjustments to undergo as well. Junior Samantha Raney was one of the ag. students who found herself trapped next door to the auto shop. “The noise was disturbing, but it meant people in the main building weren’t being disturbed, just us,” Raney said.
Mechanic Mason

Most people thought that auto was just about cars and was not really worth spending a lot of time on. Senior Wade Mason thought just the opposite. “I was in auto shop ever since I was a freshman,” said Mason.

Auto might have seemed easy because the students had freedom to work on independent projects at times, but there were some hurdles. “The hardest thing for me to do was replacing the transmission in my old car,” said Mason.

More than a Class

Another student who was involved in auto was Junior Joe Wilson. “I always had an interest in the way things worked,” Wilson said.

Auto wasn’t just a class for Wilson. It was also a cost-cutter and a conversation topic. “When I worked on my car I knew what I was doing. It saved me money in the long run. It also gave me a lot to talk about with my family and friends.”

A tough part of the class for Wilson was rebuilding an engine for Mr. Kelley’s friend. “I felt a lot of pressure,” he said.

Top Adding varnish, Sophomore Danielle Shrake prepares to piece together a clock/CD holder. Her favorite project was making a sign, which started with a single shape. “I made an umbrella because everyone else made rectangles and I wanted mine to be different,” said Shrake.

Left Auto teacher Mr. Rick Kelley speaks to students about things which should be completed for the day.

Matthew Bosworth
Social Studies

Jim Bradshaw
English

Karl Brown
Guidance

"I was in college on my way to a tennis meet. I had a flat tire and tried to change it in my skirt on a windy day."
Cindy Bond
Mathematics

Academics 113
Paintbrushes, crayons, and scissors were the first things people thought of when it came to artwork. Most didn’t consider mousepads, software, or computers as components of art, but to Sophomore Jared Wilcurt, these had been his art supplies since the sixth grade.

Wilcurt had been designing web pages for almost four years; however, this was the first time he was able to expand his knowledge in an actual class.

“I started in sixth grade, and messed around with websites and graphics. I basically taught myself. Now, I’ve learned things like java script and HTML format,” said Wilcurt.

Learning wasn’t his only motivation though—he also got a unique experience that not many students had received.

“I got to teach the class one time. I gave them directions on how to download a program that helps with animated pictures. Since I’ve used it before, I got to show the class how. It was an interesting experience,” said Wilcurt.

Although Wilcurt admitted that he enjoyed all parts of the design class, he did have one favorite part. “The best part of the class was the website design. The best opportunity though was the site [he made] for an outside source. Designing sites for the school was nice, but the chance to design something other people besides students would see was better.”

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**Faculty & Staff**

“1 helped in the art department for Bradford Woods, and there was always more paint on us than the paper.”

*Secretary*

Karen Clifton

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Edna Bush
*Librarian*

Stacy Chen
*Science*

Karen Clifton
*Secretary*
Art of Individuality

Some of the best artists have come with their own unique style. Senior Dayna Edens was no exception. "I started sketching in the sixth grade because I wanted a different life. It was great because I could go different places," said Edens.

Edens had drawn many things over the years, but one thing remained her favorite. "I liked dragons because in China they were viewed as wise creatures, and wise creatures couldn't be evil."

Painting Passion

Sophomore Luke Robinson harbored a fondness that not many young men share. "I always liked to draw. I had been interested in art since before the sixth grade. My first oil painting was actually this year though," said Robinson. "I took Intro. to 2-D Art my first year. This year I took advanced painting and drawing, but I wouldn't get my assignments done in drawing because I'd be busy painting both periods."

Robinson planned on pursuing art in the future.

Top Senior Stefanie Shrake takes her photograph through chemicals as she processes it. "I think the most interesting thing I learned was that a picture isn't taken, it's made. It's so much fun. You can play with the dark and light; you determine how the picture turns out." Left Junior Christina Smock recreates a landscape from a video in painting. "I loved Mr. Farrand's class, but I wish that we had gotten to paint what we wanted more often," said Smock.

Terri Clifton
Special Education

Brian Copes
Graphic Arts

Kelly Crawford
Mathematics

"I won best of show at the Tri Kappa art show in grade school. I regret not cultivating my art talents."

Math teacher
Kelly Crawford
With all the choirs MHS offered, not many chose to stay in the non-competing choir of Sensations for all four years. For Junior Dana Holsapple though, staying with Sensations was one of her main goals at the end of her sophomore year.

"I guess I just wanted to be in the center of the stage with my Sensations dress for my senior year," said Holsapple. Although she was unable to stay in Sensations for her junior year, Holsapple was not altogether disappointed with her new choir, Sound Image.

"I loved performing. It wasn't necessarily the singing, but the performing that kept me in choir," said Holsapple. "This past year we came a long way and worked ourselves. We did one of our best performances at ISSMA. Unfortunately, the judges didn't agree."

However, Holsapple did not attribute the success only to the people in the choir. She felt that there was another big contributor that helped the choir develop into a more mature singing group.

"Mr. Damron worked a lot with our choir when many people wouldn't. We felt like we were treated like kind of the misfit choir for people who couldn't make it into anything better," said Holsapple. "It turned out to be really fun throughout the year. He [Damron] worked with us and trained us to be a better choir. In the end, we were great."

"I can't sing - at all, so I really admire those who can and love to listen to them perform."  
Journalism Teacher  Sharon Eickhoff

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Sing a Song

Despite some feelings of misgiving, the Men's Choir still came away with a few good memories.

"At ISSMA, we forgot the words so we just went 'hmmmm' and then sang the last note together. I guess it was funny. We all laughed afterwards, but I don't think our director was amused," said Freshman Kevin Farmer.

Farmer admitted that they had issues at points, but he still felt that everyone had a pretty good time.

In with the New

Along with new Choir Director Jason Damron came many sweeping changes in the choir department. Instead of singing every day, Damron introduced more of music theory in order to further the emphasis that choir wasn't just about singing.

"It was my job to teach music, not just vocal technique. I hoped I changed the stereotype that choir was an easy A," said Damron. "I enjoyed teaching students to appreciate and love music as much as I did."

Stan Emerson
Social Studies

Jan Emerson
Secretary

Brinton Farrand
Art

"With so many practices, I thought it [choir] took away time from important homework."
Social Studies Teacher
Stan Emerson

Top Focusing on her choreography yet keeping her head high, Freshman Caitlin McBride dazzles the crowd during Genesis' portion of Wagon Trails. Left: Singing at Wagon Trails, Junior Travis Thompson, Sophomore Michael Roland, Junior Evan Dale, and Senior Aaron Mann take their turn in the spotlight during the Sound Image performance. "It [choir] was really fun and I liked the new teacher. Mr. Damron did a lot for the choir department," said Dale.
To an average student running laps might not have seemed like a big problem.
However, for a student who was battling with asthma, it might not have been such a "breeze."
"Running while timing was the hardest thing for me to do," said Freshman Meg Addair.
Running in gym was an accomplishment in itself for students with breathing difficulties. What about running and then having an asthma attack? "I have had an asthma attack while participating in gym," said Junior Erin Olsen.
Next came the biggest accomplishment, and that was making the grade. People with asthma were not always treated differently to help make it easier for them. "The teachers treated me just the same as the other students which really wasn't fair because when your lungs were exploding, they wanted you to keep going," said Addair.
The hardest thing for the students could have been the teachers or other students didn't really understand exactly what happened during an attack. People with asthma had supersensitive airways, and that triggered the airway to swell and become unable to breathe. Statistics show that 4.8 million children under the age of 18 had asthma and that accounted for more than 10 million missed school days a year.
Getting in shape

The requirement for the advanced physical conditioning was two semesters of regular gym, but, Senior David Griebel took advantage of his schedule and participated in APC for three years. “I felt that it made me stronger,” said Griebel.

APC was a good thing for students who participated in sports and wanted to achieve in that sport.

“I was on the soccer team, and APC helped me have a stronger lower body,” he said.

Fun & games

Another student who also went over the requirement was Junior Jessica Sutche.

“I took APC to get more in shape,” said Sutche.

For Sutche, APC wasn’t always the most serious class at times. “One time before Christmas, Ashley Bain decided to give Lacy Moore a dead catfish that had died the night before for a Secret Santa gift. Before class Lacy dumped it into the toilet and didn’t flush it, leaving it for an unexpected victim. I was about to use the bathroom when I noticed the catfish in the toilet,” laughed Sutche.

Top Senior Shaun Rawlins performs his curls for boys APC. Rawlins had to overcome his asthma to achieve the conditioning he desired. He participated in football and was named to the all-conference team as offensive tackle. Left Seniors Dianna Roach and Kathleen Moffat do their crunches for girls APC. They were given the nickname “ab queens” by Mrs. Shanklin for their workout.

Sheryl Fyffe
Orchestra

Joyce Gilly
Social Sciences

Barbara Goodard
Librarian

“My gym teacher wasn’t observant; when I finished my test the other students copied it.”

Joyce Gilly
Social Sciences

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At the beginning of the school year, most departments within the academic part of MHS were fully staffed and ready to go, but that was not true for the math department. Mr. James Owen had decided to resign just before the school year began, and there was not enough time to get a replacement. Mr. Robert Grosskreutz, head of the math department, had to cover two classes almost each period before a replacement was found. "The math department teachers helped a lot by teaching additional sections and helping subs with lesson plans and grades," said Grosskreutz. Mr. Anthony Miller was hired to become the new algebra and geometry teacher.

However, as the year progressed other teachers left and had to be replaced. Mrs. Donna Sekhorn was replaced by Mr. Hensley and when Mr. Owen became sick, Ms. Shaffer took his place.

The teachers admitted that it was hard starting after the school year began. "It was difficult at first with trying to learn all the terminology, procedures, and technology that are a part of the everyday life at MHS," said Shaffer.

Overall the staff was very supportive of the new teachers. They showed them around and helped them get into the groove of MHS. The students helped too.

"The students helped out a lot by telling me their opinion of how class should be run," said Miller.

The Math department lost a lot but they gained even more. The new teachers added new faces to the halls and a new environment in the classroom.
Late Nights Pay Off

Some students have excelled very much in math. They doubled up somewhere along the line and landed themselves in AP Calculus.

AP Calc, as most called it, counted as a college credit if the final test was passed; therefore, the students had more than just the school day hours. This required them to stay after one night a week.

"It was sometimes an inconvenience to stay after, but most of the time we had fun," said Senior Lance Evans. "Mr. G. made it fun. We always had pizza or some kind of food. It made it easier to come and learn after school."

Let's go fly a kite

Taking notes was a part of most every class in high school, and from a student's point of view, that can be boring. But Math Teacher Cindy Bond incorporated a little fun into the learning process.

In all of her geometry classes, they learned about geometric shapes. To finish out the last semester, she let them use their geometric knowledge to build kites.

"Kite week was fun. It was a change from doing homework and taking notes," said Junior Sarah Harper.

The students got to test fly their kites when done.

Robert Grosskreutz
Math

Monty Grover
Science

Diana Hadley
Journalism

"It is a good idea to take high level math because you never know if you will change your mind about a college major."

Journalism Teacher
Diana Hadley
ISTEP was a state wide test that evaluated the skills and learning level of sophomores. It was given during the second week of September. As many students all over the state and here at MHS sat in classrooms and tried to concentrate, something happened that changed the world forever. On September 11th terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers in New York City. They also flew a plane into the Pentagon. It was the first day of testing, and with the chaos from the news came students who couldn’t concentrate.

“It affected my testing. It happened the first day and whenever everyone got done testing the teachers turned on the TV’s so we could watch. I felt hurried to get done,” said Sophomore Courtney Chenoweth.

With all the things that happened, some people wondered whether or not the students should get the chance to re-test.

“It wasn’t hard to concentrate because I really didn’t know what was going on, but the people who couldn’t concentrate should have been allowed to retake it,” said Sophomore Tosha Lloyd. Concentration was a big issue. Was the news as distracting as some say it was? “I think it distracted me a little because rumors were going around that they were going to bomb Indianapolis next. It was a scary thought,” said Sophomore Alisa Moore.

ISTEP scores were lower than in the past; some say it was because of 9-11. “I don’t think it was fair because all sophomores’ test scores were going to be lower now,” said Chenoweth.
A Teacher's Farewell

With only a few weeks of school to go, Mr. Robert Adams finished his final day at MHS. Known to many as a great teacher, Adams had to retire for health reasons.

Walking down the halls, everyone knew that room 12 belonged to him. Within those walls, Adams prepared sophomores to be ready for the next year and for the ISTEP that would take place early in their sophomore year.

The other members of the English department, his colleagues, planned a farewell party for him. "He will be missed a lot," said English Teacher Joel Beebe.

Big Change

After being home-schooled for the biggest part of her life, Freshman Katie Imhoff decided to enroll in a public school, MHS. "I just wanted a change," she said.

It was different for her at first. When at home she said she could stop her work and go get a snack or do something else as long as she got her work done. But here at MHS that was different. "I couldn't just get up and leave like I normally would have done at home," Imhoff stated. "But it was a good experience for me. I liked being able to talk to other people my age every day," said Imhoff.

Top Working on her homework, Sophomore Jessica Renner keeps focused so she will get done and not have to take it home. Left Re-reading the directions carefully, Freshman Cory Bryant makes sure he is doing his work right so he wouldn't get a bad grade. "I liked Mr. Beebe's class. English wasn't my favorite, but it was okay," said Bryant.

Rosie Horein
Consumer Science

Kellie Jacobs
English

Joan Jarvis
Consumer Science

"I think that English is important for whatever you are a part of. It helps with our speaking and writing." Consumer Science Teacher
Rosie Horein
Creativity became something that was used in many classrooms. The 11th and 12th grade English classes became more aware of this learning tool.

Creativity was not always used, but students were finding that they learned better when it became a part of the learning process. Some students said that they worked better when there were illustrations to go along with the things they were studying.

"Mrs. Yoke used creative projects to make her class intriguing. We were able to express our opinions through our writings and projects. Her class was my favorite," said Junior Lesley Young when she talked about Mrs. Yoke's Advanced Comp 11 class.

Most of the junior and senior English teachers had used creativity for a long time. It was something that became an everyday tool in the classroom.

"If we made it ‘real,’ it became fun because it was relevant. I always told them to put themselves in the other person’s shoes as they read," said 11th grade English teacher Ann Phillips.

"Mrs. Yeager challenged us to stretch our minds and think outside the box," said Senior Stacy White.

More and more teachers started to realize that visual illustrations and projects, where the students could use their imaginations, helped students learn and understand things.

"Mrs. Yoke did just about anything to get the point of the lessons across. She even acted out the story which made it easier to understand," said Junior Kristen Lasley.
Role Play vs. Reading

*Macbeth*, a well known play written by William Shakespeare, was used in high school classrooms all over the U.S., and MHS was no exception. Senior James Taylor played the part of Duncan’s son when the advanced lit class acted the play out in class.

“I liked reading *Macbeth* out loud in class, especially watching Wes Johnson, who played Mac Beth, kill Chris Shipley, who played Duncan,” Taylor said.

Mrs. Yeager acted it out for a while. “She really wanted us to succeed in her class,” he said.

Impressions Last

“Mrs. Phillips was the best teacher ever. She made her class fun, and we still learned too,” said Junior Brittany Allen. Mrs. Ann Phillips had been at MHS for 18 years. She admitted that things changed since the first day she stepped into MHS. “I think the teamwork between teachers and students got stronger. Students started to be perceived as people, not kids.”

One thing had not changed though—students still loved her! Allen said that she was a great teacher, and that she always makes English more fun than it usually would have been.

*Top* Acting out his part, Senior Blair Schneider dresses up as a computer nerd to get extra credit. The second semester Advanced Literature 12 classes wrote poems describing a person in society. *Left* Playing with Playdough, Senior Kim Busbee works on her masterpiece in Advanced Comp. 12. Seniors in Mrs. Yeager’s comp. classes used Playdough to represent the writing process.

**Angie Kennedy**
*Choir Secretary*

**Aloha Landwerlen**
*Business*

**James Leffer**
*Educational Opportunity Center*

“I think that the [upper level English] needs to focus more on grammar and punctuation.”

*Business Teacher*
*Aloha Landwerlen*
It was a known fact that everyone was unique, but many students tried to hide it so they would fit in with the crowd. However, the students who took speech class were given the opportunity to break out of their shells and show fellow students their individuality. "I found it fascinating learning about all the hobbies of my fellow students," said Senior Ellie Patton.

The demonstration speeches that these students showed for a wide variety of topics. These topics included horses, food, and demolition derby, to name a few. The endless list of possibilities for a subject helped make these speeches more interesting than some of the other required speeches. "I thought the demonstration speeches were composed better than the other speeches, and they were more interesting to listen to. The students put more into it because it interested them, so it was more entertaining," said Sophomore T.J. Riester.

This project wasn't all just fun and games, though. Junior Gena Beretta showed her class how to perform CPR. "I chose CPR because I thought everyone should know how to help people," she said.

The demonstration speeches benefitted students and teachers alike. Speech teacher Mrs. Melanie Kassen added it to the class curriculum. It helped kids show other students how to do something. This could end up being useful in a career.

It also helped them be more comfortable in front of people. "They got a chance to develop self-confidence in their speaking," said Speech Teacher Diana Hadley. The speeches helped Hadley get to know her students better. "It created a lot of conversation and sharing between me and my students," she said.

Even though these students might not have always shown their individuality at school, for at least one week in speech class most students revealed their 'real' self before returning to the crowd.
Written Decision

While a lot of students took journalism because they needed the credit, Sophomore Chad Wood took it for a much better reason.

"I had an interest in The Pulse because I wanted to get into newspapers and magazines. I wanted to be an editor or a writer," Wood said. He took Journalism 1 and Journalism 2 and enjoyed his experience in both. "Journalism helped me write better, and I think it helped prepare me for a career."

Behind the Scenes

Drama was an acting class, but Sophomore Katie Brant got a lot more out of it. Brant had written three plays, and one of them was used for the Christmas play last year in 2001.

"My favorite parts of writing plays were seeing people perform them and seeing the audience's reaction to it," Brant said.

Between acting and writing plays, she still preferred acting more. "I liked it better because you could just hang out and not worry about script changes. When you were acting, you got to relax and goof off."

Top Letting her acting talent show through, Senior Kristy Swartout plays the part of the Grinch. "I liked this part because I loved the Grinch (the movie with Jim Carrey in it) because it was cute, and Jim Carrey was one of my favorite actors," said Swartout. Left The wicked witch, the Easter bunny, and the tooth fairy gather around Santa in the Christmas play How the Wicked Witch Stole Christmas. This play was written by Sophomore Katie Brant and put on by drama students.

Andrea Mobley
Science

Elaine Moebius
Choir

Amy Moss
Guidance Counselor

"I hated not getting to use any note cards for speech."
Math teacher
Andrew Miller
The yearbook staff played a large part in trying to bring school spirit back by sponsoring several Spirit Days. "We wanted to bring a little pep and color back into the school. National Honor Society was painting hallways to add some color, so we decided that Spirit Days would spread that as well," said Senior staff member Liz Jones.

The Spirit Days were supposed to just be for fun, but students had the chance to win prizes, too. The yearbook students had an interesting time trying to surprise the winners. The first spirit day was Blue & Gold day, and Junior Ashley Bain took top honors. The staff wanted to surprise her, but she was in APC, so the members hid in various offices and closets. "We were hiding in the office waiting to surprise the first winner. Christina was hiding in the utility closet. We were laughing so hard. We tried to be quiet, so we laughed even harder. At one point I almost couldn't stand up because I was laughing so hard," said Jones.

Even though Spirit Days sometimes just included a simple change in outfits, they gave students the chance to act goofy. "I thought the best part of spirit days was when everyone got involved. I thought the best one was on super hero day. Mrs. Joyce Gilly's entire first period class dressed up as Batman characters. I thought it was awesome because they didn't care what anyone thought. They just dressed up and had fun," said Jones.

"The yearbook did make you feel like you contributed something to school, especially when your picture was in there." - Principal Chuck Muston

**Faculty & Staff**

Mike Mossbrucker  
*Athletic Director*

Chuck Muston  
*Principal*

James Owen  
*Mathematics*
On the Air

Broadcast was an excellent class for learning more about communication. This class helped Senior Jared Malott prepare for his desired career as an air traffic controller.

"I wanted to be an air traffic controller because of the amount of responsibility associated with the job," said Malott.

Malott thought he might also try to get on Purdue's campus radio station. "I loved how DJ's got to be themselves and run the show at times."

A Love of Writing

One great way to prepare for college was to brush up on writing skills, which was one area Senior PULSE member Molly Swinney didn't have to worry about. "I have had to write many essays for scholarships, and my writing skills have made that writing much easier," said Swinney.

Writing was something Swinney liked. "It provided knowledge and entertainment by doing something I loved. Who could ask for anything more than that?"

Debra Page
Guidance Counselor

Jim Parker
Technology

Bruce Peters
Assistant Principal

"What I liked about the yearbook was the pictures of all the different activities people were involved with."

Guidance Counselor
Debra Page

Top Sitting at the computer, Junior Julia Miller works on her yearbook spreads. "I spent so many hours at the computer finishing my pages, but yearbook was still a lot of fun," said Miller. Left Wearing blue and gold, Yearbook Adviser Sharon Eickhoff, Junior Kate Korn, and Seniors Christina Allegree and Ben Hunter promote school spirit days. "I thought the spirit days really worked. They were fun to make commercials for," said Allegree.

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Tests often brought a lot of stress and uneasiness to students, especially when their extracurricular activities took up so much study time. Luckily, the students of teacher Mrs. Joyce Gilly did not have to worry too much about that.

Every morning before a sociology or government exam, students could be found packed into and sitting outside of Gilly’s class, eagerly awaiting the beginning of her study session.

“The study sessions that Mrs. Gilly offered were the best of any I’d ever seen. She asked some extremely informative questions that took thought to answer. These questions always helped me on the tests she gave,” said Senior Wes Johnson.

Gilly started these sessions while she was student teaching, and she kept them going because she felt they really benefitted the students.

“I felt they were important because they helped relax the students on exam day,” said Gilly.

Not only did Gilly give up some time before school, she also gave up her prep period to meet the interests of her students. She began a law class for students who had expressed an interest in law. The students who took this class held a mock trial so they could learn more about how court cases were run.

Even though Gilly didn’t receive any pay for teaching this class, her effort was worth it.

“Most students were eager to learn, and I enjoyed having the opportunity to help them learn. Besides, young people kept your mind young and kept you in touch with what was current,” Gilly said.

So whether Gilly and her students were having an early morning study group or meeting over pizza at the local Pizza Hut on a Sunday night, they could usually be found hanging on her every word in hopes of passing the upcoming test. Once their questions were answered, the students could rest a little easier about the day’s exam.

"[History] was essential because literature was created by authors who were influenced by the times in which they lived.”

*English teacher
Ann Phillips

Members of social studies teacher Mrs. Joyce Gilly’s government class sit and listen as she goes over the test material for the day. These study sessions were very popular among her students.

Facility & Staff

"[History] was essential because literature was created by authors who were influenced by the times in which they lived.”

English teacher
Ann Phillips

Brenda Ponchot
Guidance Secretary

David Pugh
Mathematics
A Whole New World

America’s history had always been a part of MHS education, but for foreign exchange student Andreas Holen, U.S. history was new territory.

“It was fun to learn about who was on the dollar bills,” said Holen.

He said that learning about the Civil War kept his attention. “I found it interesting because we’d never had a civil war in Norway, and I found it interesting how a country could fight within itself.”

Crazy About Psych

Many people took psychology just because it sounded like a fun class, but for Junior Heather Cooper, it was to prepare for the future.

“I was interested in psychology because I had always been interested in the way the mind works, and I wanted to help people,” said Cooper.

Of all the different careers in psychology, Cooper knew what she wanted to do. “I either wanted to have my own private practice or to work in an insane asylum,” she said.

Top Senior Kyle Oschman goes for the shot in the econ basketball game. “What I remembered most about econ was when he threw candy at you for getting a question right, and it hit you in the head,” said Oschman. Left Senior Ana Tyree questions Senior Andrew McCammack and has him identify evidence during the mock trial in the new law class. “I thought the mock trial was really frustrating, but it was really fun. It was just like Matlock,” said Tyree.

Andrea Rogers
French

Michael Savini
English

Lisa Schultheis
Special Education

“In history, we watched Schindler’s List. That was a highlight because we got to sit on the floor and watch it.”

French teacher

Andrea Rogers
Culture Shock! Not many people realized when they were younger, that the man down the street was not just tan because he was in the sun all day, but because he was really Hispanic. Students inside MHS who took a foreign language learned that there were many more cultures outside the U.S.

"I learned a lot from taking French. It helped me understand their culture," said Junior Molly Hunteman.

In the past five years, taking a foreign language became a requirement for many schools all over the U.S., and MHS was no exception.

"Foreign languages were vital in order to appreciate other cultures," said Mrs. Maureen Wehmeier. Wehmeier taught Spanish I and Spanish III classes.

Some students were so interested in the other culture they were learning about that they decided to go and visit that country. "Foreign travel was one of the top five ways to better learn a language," said Wehmeier.

"The best way to learn a language was to be immersed in the language, yet going to any country was beneficial for the experience alone," said French teacher Miss Andrea Rogers. Rogers spent some time over in France when she studied abroad. Cultures are so different and diverse from one to another. The U.S. had become even more diverse in culture than in any other country. Knowing a language helped many people in different situations in life. Spanish teacher Mrs. Amanda Williams said, "It was important to be able to communicate with a wide variety of individuals."

"I think that languages need to be introduced sooner, like in middle school, and then continue on into High School."

Jennifer Shanklin
Physical Education

Michelle Shea
Auditorium Director

Greg Silver
History
Virtual Teacher

German class changed a little bit this year. With the retirement of the former German teacher, the school was unable to find a replacement, so the class format changed.

No longer was there a teacher in front of the class; instead the teacher was on a big screen TV. The students communicated by microphone and video camera.

"I didn't like the distance learning as much because I was not able to ask about minute details on some material," said Junior Lesley Young.

"It was an okay experience but having an actual teacher would have helped."

Split in Two

Spanish had always been the favorite language of choice at MHS, but the number of those going on to higher levels dropped.

The Spanish IV class was so small that the students had to split the class with a Spanish III class.

"I learned a lot in the class, despite the fact that we had to split our time with third year. When she taught the third year class, it was a good review for us," said Senior Kathleen Moffat, who also used her creativity in drama class where she played the role of an elf in the Christmas play.

Left Sitting in class, Freshman Reanna Redmond listens intently to the instructions for her homework assignment. Top Setting up the camera, Senior Blair Schneider makes sure that everything is hooked up right so they will be able to communicate with their teacher. The German class was taught at the virtual learning lab. They communicated by microphones and a video camera.

Tamara Skaggs
Foreign Language

Julie Swain
Career Coordinator

Roger Thomas
Special Education

"Because of the moving elements of a wide variety of businesses in other countries, being familiar with languages will help."

Special Education Teacher
Roger Thomas
Spectators came to the pool, students prepared to get wet, and cameras flashed; all in the name of science. As a project in science teacher Dale Graves’ A.P. physics class, five teams of two students each had the goal of building a boat that could make it across the pool without sinking. Most of the boats finished the race without much event; however, a few had a bumpy ride.

“We’d been a little concerned about the buoyancy of the boat, so we scrapped the plan to use our buoys and just used the paddles,” said Senior Matt Hacker. “John got into the boat first, and he started to yell ‘It’s taking on water!’ I jumped in, and we started paddling. We made it to the other side of the pool, but on the way back our boat veered toward the boat of Michael and Lance, our arch enemies. We were stuck together, and when we finally got out, we slid past to place second.”

While Hacker’s boat had difficulty, Seniors Jeannette McIntyre and Brent Nibarger had even more to deal with.

“We really thought our boat was going to do well,” said co-captain of the Good Enough McIntyre. “When we put it in the water, our paddles didn’t move. They bent in half; it was like the water was moving them. I was just very surprised that our paddles didn’t work. We actually had to paddle with our hands. In fact, we actually pinned Derrick and Wes against the wall for a while because our boat wasn’t excited about moving.”

“My first year teaching was an enjoyable one, because the students were eager to learn,” said new Science Teacher Stacy Chen. Chen taught physical science and biology.

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**Faculty & Staff**

**Wanda Tomlinson**  
Mathematics

**Chris Urbanowski**  
Guidance Counselor

**Judy Wade**  
Computer Applications

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This Class Exists?

With so many science classes offered, not many students chose to invest their time in physical science.

"It was just basically an introduction to chemistry and physics," said Senior Frank Minardo. "I thought it was great because you got a toss between the two classes. I guess I liked the physics part better. We had more labs, so it was more hands-on experience. I thought it made it easier to learn the material when I got to try things out," he added.

Radiating Knowledge

Many classes played a role in students' career decisions, and Junior Megan Woodard's class choice was no exception.

"I became really interested in science and becoming a radiologist when we took a field trip to where Mr. Graves' daughter worked. She was a radiational physicist. She made sure that the machines were working right. It kind of combined physics and anatomy," Woodard added that the experience helped her decide on a career in science.

Top Science Teacher Derek Eaton lectures his anatomy class on the finer points of the nervous system. Eaton replaced Science teacher Andrea Mobley when she left to write tests for the state. Left Senior Ellie Patton laughs as her hair becomes statically charged by the Van de Graff generator. Physics teacher Dale Graves was giving a demonstration on how electrons flowed from one source to another.

Ken Wallace
Assistant Principal

Lisa Weaver
Special Education

Jerry Weber
Band

"My science class was at zero hour,' which meant that I had to be at school an hour earlier in the morning to take it." Band Director
Jerry Weber
Labs formula for fun

Elizabeth Jones

Ever since shows like Saved by the Bell, students had seen a school life that was very different than what they live now. One thing that remained constant in both real life and on television though, was the popularity and sometimes hilarity of...

“Labs,” said Senior Stephanie Williams.

“Experiments,” said Sophomore Al Pierce.

“Labs,” said Junior Lindsay Greene.

So many times with labs, things did not always turn out exactly the way the teacher planned it for the students.

“One time Rosie lit my paper on fire in a lab,” said Junior Dusta Hammer. “She was lighting the bunson burner. The match went near her finger, and she dropped it on the paper. There was a hole in my paper with flames coming out!”

Things did not have to catch on fire for something to go wrong, though. Sometimes the accidents were a little less dramatic.

“Stephany and I mixed two chemicals together, and we weren’t supposed to. Mrs. Brewer said that if you mixed this one chemical with the other one it would ruin the whole thing. Well, we mixed them, but we didn’t tell her. The next day she gave a big lecture about it. I guess it cost a lot of money or something. We still never told her it was us,” recalled Sophomore Landry Bates.
For the birds

Just around fall break, Biology teacher Joe Johnson’s two love birds hatched six beautiful baby birds. The babies weighed almost a gram at birth and were only an inch long.

“I had to hand feed them every two to four hours. I had to get up at two in the morning to feed them,” said Johnson.

Thanks to Johnson, all six little miracles found wonderful homes with loving families. Johnson helped prepare the birds by handling them often.

Eight is enough

The Chemistry 2 class had only eight students in it this past year. Most were not there for the credits, but for different reasons. Junior Kristen Lasley was one of those students.

“I chose to take Chem. 2 because I enjoyed Chem. 1, and I also got along with the teacher,” said Lasley.

“The labs were the best part,” she added.

Lasley also said that with only eight students in the class the labs usually made for a very entertaining period.

Shane Williams
Special Education

Karen Yeager
English

Elizabeth Yoke
English

“In high school my lab partner was this mad scientist type. He drank stanis chloride and the rest of the year his tongue was yellow.”

English teacher
Karen Yeager

Top “I didn’t like chemistry as much as the other science classes I’d taken, but I liked the labs,” said Junior Jared Smith while watching for the reaction in his test tube during introduction to chemistry. Left Freshmen David Wood, Sara Potter, Derek Ridenour, Eric Cottley, Andrew Racic, Ernie Wilson, Patrick Long, and Justin Shroult sit inside their cell. The group of students made this cell together for their freshman biology class.
Many students agreed that the best classes were the ones in which they learned things that would help them later in life. Among one of the most popular for seniors was adult roles and responsibilities.

"I learned how to write a check and keep a checkbook balanced," said Senior Joseph Desnoyer. "I also learned what it took to move out on my own."

"I learned how to plan a meal," said Senior Trish Wells.

The class was centered around skills that seniors would need when they moved away from home. The class did many projects aimed at helping them obtain that goal of independence.

"We did a project where we had to buy a car, so I decided to look up my own car. When I looked it up, it didn't exist on the computer," said Desnoyer.

Although both students agreed that they had learned several valuable things, they both admitted that their best memories were from when they did their cooking section.

"We had just got done making a pumpkin pie, and we had some filling left over on a fork. Trish flipped it and it flew into the air, and it stuck to the ceiling above our kitchen. We didn't tell the teacher, and we got in trouble the next day," said Desnoyer.

"I liked the cooking part the most, because we got to eat. I learned how to prepare food right and use correct measurements so the food tasted good," said Wells. "I thought I liked it the most though because all my friends, like Tyler Murphy, were there."

"I remember the time we had to make egg salad and none of the boys could crack an egg."

Science teacher
Kim Zook

Randy Davis
School Board

Beverly Viles
School Board
Grilling up a Change

Being in the minority didn't deter Junior Kevin Petrey from taking foods class. In fact, it helped to spark possible career interest for the young man.

"I took foods class, and then I started thinking of going to a culinary arts school after I graduated. I liked to eat, and my mother was a good cook. She made great food, and that made me want to do the same. In a way, it was also a way to meet girls—you know, whatever worked," said Petrey.

Designing the Future

"I think I paid more attention in housing and interiors because I wanted to be an interior designer and an architect," said Junior Jennifer Atwood. "I liked it because it gave me ideas of things I could do when I become an interior designer."

Despite her liking of the class, there were times she was impatient. "I couldn't wait until we designed our dream houses. Mine had a master bedroom with two French doors and a balcony," said Atwood.

Top Sophomore Corey Baize adds banana to his freshly made cake. The cake was for a culinary artist simulation that the class was doing to get a feel for the decorating and displaying of food. Left Senior Amber Oliver helps an elementary student glue colored paper in the shape of a rainbow. Along with visiting North Madison Elementary, the child development classes also undertook many other projects over the course of the year.

DeWayne Ward
School Board

Dr. Phil Wright
School Board

G. Ronald Wright
School Board

"I thought it [consumer science] was very beneficial because I learned to do things that I couldn't do before." School Board Member G. Ronald Wright
Many students had jobs after school to pick up some extra money, and most worked at fast food restaurants or local supermarkets. Senior Justin VandeVanter did work at Value Market, but he wasn't a bagger or cashier like most kids--he was a butcher in the meat department, and he also worked as a deer butcher in a business he started with his friend.

A lot of people just thought of crops and tractors when they thought about agriculture, but butchering deer was also part of the agricultural field. "We dealt with animals all the time. Agriculture was not just farming. It also dealt with animals and the outdoors," said VandeVanter. Like any job, there were always some funny moments that could make a day more interesting. "There was a funny moment for us, but not the customer. He brought his deer in and a video tape. His deer got attacked by dogs when he was carrying it out of the woods. He was so mad. It was very funny," he said.

The business that VandeVanter started with his friend continued to grow, and he hoped it would keep growing even more. "I would have liked to be at this job for a long time," said VandeVanter. "We were doing very well. We were in the process of expanding the business. We were getting state approval, which meant we could have cut cows and pigs as well. Our business was an awesome accomplishment to us. During deer season it was hard to keep up with school work. Just remember you could do anything if you put your mind to it."

"Cutting open an animal heart, Sophomore Nick Bebym helps his fellow classmates perform one of many dissections. "Agriculture was very educational and fun," said Bebym.

Sophomore Jessica Renner laughs while she takes care of the flowers in the agriculture greenhouse. "I learned a lot about animals and planting plants from agriculture," Renner said.

Talking with her friend, Junior Ashley Payton checks out the flowers. "Ag. class made me realize that you used more than just the things you see in doing different things," said Payton.

Faculty & Staff

"The agriculture opportunities that the school offered were an important part of education for some of the students."

Superintendent
Curt Freeman

William Roberson
Superintendent

Rebecca Sager
Asst. Superintendent

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Fun at the Park

Students of the natural resource management class went on a water testing field trip. Many of the students enjoyed the trip, and Sophomore Renae Moore was no exception.

"The field trip was fun because I got to get out of class and play in the park," said Moore.

The field trip was an educational experience, but some funny things happened along the way. "My favorite moment was when I fell in the water with my clothes on."

Down on the Farm

Some students may have taken agriculture classes to learn about farming. As for Sophomore Ricki Harrison, she already knew all about it. "I lived on a farm all my life," said Harrison.

Harrison's future plans included possibly being a landscaper, but while still in high school, she just continued enjoying her farm life. "My favorite part of the farm was the tractors because when we planted and the crops grew, no one could see our house."

Top Standing on the creek bank, Junior Sam Bischoff enjoys the water testing field trip. "I liked the field trip because I got to get away and see different fish species. A funny moment was when Dennis Henson jumped off a tree into a three-foot shallow creek and dented up his elbow," said Bischoff. Left Dissecting a cow heart in animal science, Sophomore Lewis Collins and his classmates get help from teacher Tonya Weiss. "I've learned that animals' organs are really nasty," said Collins.

Michael Turner
Asst. Superintendent

Sharon Aldridge
Cafeteria

Brenda Buchanan
Cafeteria

"I think agriculture helped people when they got out of high school if they wanted to be a farmer." Cafeteria
Sharon Aldridge
Most classrooms consisted of things such as books, desks, and chalkboards, but Senior Matt Fenn's classroom was a little different.

Fenn was part of the Ben Davis vocational program where he was involved in auto body and repair class. However, his work was good enough to make it in the industry, so the people in the program gave him permission to go work in a real body shop or car dealership. After a week and a half of searching for a job, he began working at Golden Chassis Body Shop as a collision repair technician.

Even though he was allowed to work because of his great skills, the job wasn't as easy as he expected. It was challenging for him because he had to do all the work by himself, and he was slower than the other people who worked there. "I went in there thinking I knew everything, but it was a whole different world in the industry. I was looked at like a young pup--you get used to it," Fenn said smiling.

His job may have been a little challenging, but he still really enjoyed it. "I loved it. It helped me with money, and I got a lot more hands-on training," said Fenn.

The Ben Davis program helped Fenn get a start for a possible career in the automotive area, but he wanted to take another year to decide if that was the field he wanted to work in. Either way, the program did a lot for him. "It gave me experiences that I'd never had. This paid off and helped me get more knowledge in a subject that I loved to do," said Fenn.
Top Participating in cosmetology class, Junior Tiffany Jackson dries her classmate's hair. "This class helped me prepare for the career I wanted to have. I enjoyed doing this. This was what I wanted to do," said Jackson. Left Using a makeup applicator, Junior Kayla Atkinson puts makeup on her fellow student. "Cosmetology taught me a lot about hair. There was a lot more than just the basics. I wanted to do this for a career. My favorite thing was doing the updos," said Atkinson.

Alice Curry  
Cafeteria

Ruth Ferguson  
Cafeteria

Linda Hart  
Cafeteria

"I think the career program was great to give some of these kids an idea of what different things were offered."  
Cafeteria worker  
Ruth Ferguson

Auto Excellence

Seniors Wade Mason and Pete Johnson were in auto class, but they went beyond the classroom this year to a state automotive competition. They had the highest score in the state on the written part of the competition. "I felt that for the practice we had, we actually did pretty good," said Johnson.

They had fun while they were there, and they were also very proud of their new bragging rights. "No one could take that away from us," said Mason.

Preparing Early

The Ben Davis vocational program was geared toward helping students with future careers. Senior Jessica Clark made the most out of this opportunity by taking dental assisting. "I took this class because I was interested in being a dental assistant. I always wanted to. My cousin was, and I always looked up to her," said Clark.

Because of the Ben Davis program, Clark had credit applied toward PCI where she would continue dental assisting.
Seniors got ready for their future by what they did during high school. Some seniors did a lot to help out in their future. Two programs were offered at MHS that have helped seniors prepare for their future.

Teaching became a big career choice. Cadet teaching offered a chance to get some hours in the classroom before entering college.

"I did not know if I really wanted to be a teacher so I took cadet teaching to find out if it was really what I wanted to do," said Senior Lauren Howard.

Wes Johnson spent seventh period each day at Northwood. "I loved the kids I worked with. They were always happy to see me. Every time I walked in the door they always turned and said, 'Hi Wes!'"

Another opportunity that was available was ICE, otherwise known as "work release." It let students leave half-days in order to go to work. Many seniors took the opportunity to use this program to make extra money.

"I wanted to get out early, so I would not have to sign up for classes I did not want or need, and I wanted to work more so I could help pay bills," said Senior Patricia Workman. Workman worked at Squealers during the school year.

Both cadet teaching and ICE gave students a chance to prepare for their future. It proved to be a great opportunity for those who did not want to stay at school all day.

Listening attentively in her class, Senior Carrie Boles looks over at someone. "My favorite part of working there (Kohl's) was that I got to look at all the new clothes since I worked in the juniors department," she said.

Working with one of her students, Senior Kim Taylor helps out with a vocab worksheet. Taylor was a Cadet Teacher at Northwood for Mrs. Faulkenberg's class. "I loved working with my kids."

Senior Ashley Keown works on smaller jobs in the class during cadet teaching. It was not about being around the kids all the time, because sometimes they spent time helping the teacher prepare for other things.

"It [ICE] gave them an opportunity to get a taste of what it will be like when they get out into the world."

Facility & Staff

Nancy Hayes
Cafeteria

Nicole Miley
Cafeteria

Virginia Misser
Cafeteria

144 Academics
Humbling Experience

A room full of kindergarteners did not always sound like something to volunteer for, but for one person it was the chance of a lifetime. Senior Wes Johnson signed up to be a cadet teacher because he wanted to become a teacher himself. But he wasn’t thinking of teaching six years olds.

“I wanted to go to college to be a high school teacher so when I found out I had a kindergarten class I was surprised. It was a humbling experience but well worth it,” said Johnson.

Fun at Work

Going to work did not have to be all work and no fun. Senior Jade McCar, who worked at Steak-n-Shake in Mooresville had many fun times.

“Once I was working drive-thru and this man had taken forever to look at every single item on the menu before he left. So, the guy behind him got out and went to the window to yell at him but he forgot to put his car in park and he hit the other car. I had to threaten to call the police just to get them to leave,” she said.

Rosemary Prather
Cafeteria

Deborah Swinney
Cafeteria

Eleanor Witt
Cafeteria

“Cadet teaching helped my daughter, Molly. It showed her the things she will cope with when she becomes a teacher. It helped her grow.”

Cafeteria
Deborah Swinney

Top: Entering a customer into the computer, Senior Amanda Jenkins spends her time working at Tanners. “I liked working at Tanners because I got to see a lot of people.” Left: Cutting some beef, Senior Matt Perkins works hard at the Marsh Supermarket in the meat department. “It (ICE) was an easy way to make money and not have it interfere with school.”
"When we saw the stage [at state] for the first time, we were all in complete awe. It was really intense," said English academic team member Maggie Ladd.

"I was a duck on a pond. On the outside I was calm, but under the surface everything was churning," said teammate Wade Mason.

This year the English academic team made it all the way to state competition and received a seventh place rating overall. While many of the team members felt that it was very nerve wracking and intense, they admitted that their accomplishment wasn’t totally unexpected. "At our first meeting Mrs. Gilly told us we were going to make it to state," said Ladd. Although studying did help the team along, all the teammates agreed that there was another surprise element that helped as well.

"Coffee was the key to our success! We met at Muddy Waters for practices. It made us more of a group than if we would have met at school," said Ladd. "Mrs. Gilly even took us out to Starbucks to calm our nerves before state."

Despite the coffee, nerves were still on edge as the competition time approached. The group did many things to keep calm and try to relax.

"I meditated before the competition; then we just had casual conversations to keep each other calm," said Mason.

"I was nervous, but Wes was like a rock. I think he calmed everyone down," said Ladd.

Standing in front of the mural they helped create, Seniors Jeff Chappo and Kathleen Moffat prepare to accept the award their class won for their depiction of the novel To Kill a Mockingbird.

Going over the final team list with faculty sponsor Kellie Jacobs, Senior Wes Johnson makes some final notes before the meet. Johnson was the team captain for the math, interdisciplinary, and English teams.

Faculty & Staff

"I thought the students helping in the community was positive because they had a way of reaching people."

Arthur Brown
Custodian

Marge Brown
Custodian

Merle Mann
Custodian

Sophomore Misty Zickhur, Junior Jessica Loftus, Sophomore Bethany Branam, and Junior Mallori Herbert display some of the puppets from their service project.
Science of Winning

"I was on the science and interdisciplinary teams," said Senior Nicole O'Neil. "Interdisciplinary was kind of a combination of all the areas in competition. It could be hard at times."

Even though O'Neil admitted that there were a few tense moments, she felt the team still did well. "We were in the top 15 for science, and we got third at Mid-state. We really did pretty well, and the science team had fun guessing the right answers."

Serving to Learn

"Service Learning was where you got to do service and learn all at the same time," said Senior Jeff Chappo.

Chappo accepted a service learning award for his English class. Although he was proud to receive the award, he felt that there was more to the service project than that.

"It [service] made me feel good about myself and the world around me. It was deeply gratifying. I think everyone could benefit from doing service learning projects."

Top: Taking a break before the competition, Senior Maggie Ladd takes a minute to relax before the English portion of the day’s events. This was the English team’s first trip to state finals in many years. Left: Academic Team: Row 1: Jeannette McIntyre, Laura DoGrave, Ellie Patton, Nicole O'Neil, Maggie Ladd, Christina Allegro; Row 2: Wes Johnson, Wade Mason, Brent Nibarger, Gareth Shields, Josh Sturm, Joe Owen, and Lori Bryant.

Curt McClure
Custodian

Randy Morrison
Custodian

Randall Rogers
Custodian

"I felt that community service was a good deal because students could always help in a good way."

Custodian
Randall Rogers
The biggest difference between freshmen and seniors is their actions. By the time you're senior you know how to pick up after yourself.

Cindy Stephens
Custodian

Sonny Wheeler
Custodian

Diane Wilson
Custodian
What class did you stress about the most?

- Composition: 38%
- Government: 34%
- Economics: 12%
- Literature: 10%
- I was never stressed: 6%

How much time did you spend on homework each night?

- Less than 30 minutes: 27%
- 30 min. - 1 hr.: 13%
- 1 hr. - 1.5 hrs.: 7%
- 1.5 hrs. - 2 hrs.: 33%
- More than 2 hrs.: 20%

"Freshmen come in here as little kids and most times by the time they are juniors they start to grow up."

Colleen Wood
Custodian

Warren Wood
Custodian

Pioneer Wagon
Mascot
Unlocking the team

Keeping her eyes on the ball, Sophomore Jasmine Khosravi gets ready to serve to her opponent. “Even though I lost almost every match, I still had fun,” said Khosravi.

Junior Jerry Reecer practices on how to properly throw the baseball. The members of the baseball team practiced hard this year, often showing up for 6 am practices.

Keeping herself at a steady pace, Sophomore Katie Brant outruns her opponents in cross country. “This season went great even though we had a lot of trouble finding girls to run,” said Brant.

Taking a break from his duties, Sophomore Zachary Morris takes time to catch up on some of his reading. Morris worked as the waterboy for the football team.

Waiting for the ball to be hit, Junior Amy Viles stands poised and ready. “I had a lot of fun in softball this year. Everyone got along well as a team and we had a great season,” said Viles.
Justin Harpe

Team. Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines team as “a number of persons associated together in work or activity.” This can also involve working together to reach a common goal.

To many people, the word “team” takes on a lot of different meanings. To some, it was just a word. To others, it may have meant something very special.

“The word ‘team’ to me meant a group of people working for some common goals. I thought that in order to be a good team, each person had to contribute her part and help push the other teammates to reach their goals,” said Junior Ashley Flake.

“Team meant a group of people who stuck together, would do anything for each other, would face adversity together as one. Team meant not only being together on the field, but being together off the field, becoming a family. The closer teams were the farther they went. And no matter how big, small, hard, or easy the problem was, they would face it together, as one. That was what team meant to me,” said Junior Adam Pruitt.
Unending Friendship

FRIENDSHIP IN TEAM CONTRIBUTES TO GREAT SEASON

Joe Grubbs

Friends for life. That was the case for Senior Samantha Harris and Juniors Cali App, Ashley Blackwell, Kate Korn, and Spring Sando. App and Blackwell had been friends since second grade while Korn and Sando had known each other since kindergarten. Both groups had known Harris in many other activities prior to golf.

“We were like sisters,” said App. “Sometimes we would go out to eat after our home meets. We also had a sleepover at Spring’s house after the conference meet. You got to know these people because on the golf course, there were only a few people around so you had to talk and eventually you got to know them.”

“My favorite part of the season was when we played Martinsville because I got to play with Kate and my other friends,” said Sando. “We took an incomplete that match so we just had fun without worrying about whether we won or lost.”

The closeness of the girls made them share similar techniques and learn from each others’ mistakes. Four of the girls, App, Harris, Korn, and Sando, received All-Conference honors during the Mid-State match.

“My highlight of the season was when Cali, Kate, Spring, and I received All-Conference honors,” said Harris. “Even though we got second place, it was still a great personal triumph.”

The team agreed not one individual person on the team should receive the most valuable player award. “I did not think that we had a key player,” said Sando. “We all worked hard to get the job done.”

“Although golf is an individual sport, every single player is important,” said Harris. “Not having even one of the girls would have affected us all.”

Though Harris was the only senior on the team this year, she enjoyed every moment. “High School just would not have been the same without the golf experience,” said Harris. “The girls were all very unique and special people. I will miss them.”

Junior Ashley Blackwell follows through with her powerful swing. Though this was Blackwell’s first year on the team and first year playing golf, she enjoyed the season. “I really just wanted to learn to play golf and just try something new,” said Blackwell. “The highlight of my season was when I scored a 103 at the Mid-State Conference match.” Blackwell helped the girls to a 22-15 record.

Senior Samantha Harris marks her ball while she mentally prepares herself for a spectacular putt. “I just imagined hitting a good shot and hoped that I did,” said Harris.
Kate Korn said, "I tried to be a leader for the team by being positive and by having fun at the same time, even when we were not doing that well," said Korn. Korn, along with teammate Cali App, placed sixth in All-Conference.

Junior Spring Sando lines up her ball with the hole. "I practiced hard over the summer to make my golf game better and to become more of a leader," said Sando. This was Sando's second year receiving All-Conference Honors.

During their match against Danville, the girls set a school record of 168 for their nine hole match.

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For Senior Samantha Harris, golf was not the sport she chose to play. "My dad forced me to play golf," said Harris. "I was the only girl on the eighth grade team." Though her dad pressed her into the sport, he was still very supportive at the same time. "After my first match, I called my dad and even though I did really bad, he still told me that he was proud of me." Times had passed since her first match and her scores had done nothing but improve. Harris led the team with a season average of 45.
"Never quit," said Coach Mike Smith after his team fell to the Center Grove Trojans 3 - 0 in the sectional championship. "We played with a lot of heart and competed for the entire game," said Smith.

The team may not have reach their goal of winning sectionals, but they improved as the season went on. It took a lot of hard work for the team to even make it that far. Their first win did not come until their seventh game of the season. The coaching staff then decided to change some of their strategies, such as their formations and they even shuffled the line-up.

The change brought about a new attitude and the seniors started to fit into their roles as leaders. The younger players jumped onto the bandwagon with the seniors and headed into sectionals ready to fight for the title. They fought through their first game against Martinsville and finished in a 1 - 1 tie. The game would then be decided with a shootout, with the Pioneers coming out on top. "Beating Martinsville in a shootout was one of the reasons I loved this game," said Senior Cory Wright.

After that win they realized they could compete with any team. They took this new confidence into the championship game against Center Grove. The fierce battle raged on the entire game as Mooresville tried to get revenge for an earlier loss, but the Pioneers ended their season with a disappointing loss. The seniors showed a lot of emotion as their high school soccer careers came to an end.

"I know that no one quit playing during the game," said Smith. "We played very well. Our record might not have shown it, but the team earned a lot of respect and made a huge accomplishment for our program. I was really proud of the way they finished their season," Smith said.
Right Keeping his eye on target, Junior Alex Ruoff prepares to kick the ball down the field. Ruoff had a loyal following at every game. The fans had self-made shirts with his name on it. "I really appreciated the fan club," said Ruoff.

Bottom Trying to get the ball down the field, Senior Miguel Feliu, a foreign exchange student from Spain, dribbles the ball past a opposing player. "The language was hard to understand when the coach talked about formations and put in the plays," said Feliu.

"Cory Wright and Matt Hacker were the captains of the team. Kyle Thorp has scored 43 career goals and was only 13 goals from tying the career record. Cory Wright won the Mental Attitude award, and Matt Whitman was the Sportsmanship award winner.

"We need Kyle to score," chanted one of the fans at the games. When the team needed someone to score, they turned to forward Kyle Thorp. In the second round in sectionals, Thorp scored a goal to clinch the victory for the Pioneers. Thorp was modest about how he got into position to score all of his goals. "They [teammates] kind of just kicked the ball up, and I ran by everyone to get it and score," said Thorp. Thorp was only a junior and had another season to try to break the season and career scoring records. "If I stay healthy and keep working hard I believe I have a great shot at it," said Thorp. Thorp was named to the Metro-West first team for his scoring capabilities.
Getting ready to clear the ball, Junior Angela Reedy lines up her kick. “Angela stepped right in when Suzy went down,” said Coach Bill Byers. “Her strong point was smartness.” Reedy earned the sportsmanship award.

Making sure the ball doesn’t come near the goal. Senior Miriam Doughty follows through on her kick. She led the defense at the position of Sweeper.

Left Moving the ball upfield, Sophomore Alicia Overton struggles to maintain control. “Being a captain was hard as a sophomore,” said Overton. “The captain’s job should have been left to the upperclassmen.”

Bottom “I had never seen a soccer game in my life,” said Junior Jeri Steward. Steward was called by other members of the team to try-out. She soon became the first-year goalie for the team. “Jeri was a natural,” said Coach Byers.

SOCCER, CADET TEACHING GIVE DOUGHTY NEW PERSPECTIVE

Soccer can do many things for a person; keep them in shape, stress teamwork, and even give them a new found patience level. At least that was the way it worked out for Senior Miriam Doughty. Doughty worked with a special education class during one of her class periods. “I loved making a difference,” said Doughty. “Teaching those kids taught me a lot of patience.” Doughty was able to transfer this feeling to her soccer game. “I became more aware,” she said. “I was more of a leader and I was much better at dealing with conflict.”
As the players stepped off the bus, their shoes seeped down into the chalky, white mud of the parking lot. Puddles dotted the playing field, and the rain soaked their jerseys immediately. Even though they knew they were about to face a formidable opponent, the team's energy ran high. "I loved playing in the rain. Everyone slipped and fell; it was hilarious," team captain Junior Suzzy Doughty said.

With the stands filled for the first time, the Pioneers squared off against soccer powerhouse Center Grove in the "mud bowl" of sectionals, and by halftime, the score favored the Trojans 9-0. "They called the game because it was pretty evident who was going to win," Sophomore Melissa Covey said. Even though the team was finished for the season, playing their last game in the pouring rain seemed to lift everyone's spirits. "We were all sliding on the field after the game, diving head first into the mud, doing 'Pete Rose's' into the puddles," laughed Senior Lauryn Howard.

It was an uplifting end to a season that started with sadness. The team's coach, Ken Thompson, died of liver disease in July before the season began. "Ken was really straight forward with us. I think his death affected us all, but I think the seniors felt it the most," Sophomore Karla De Juan Romero said. "Most of the team went to his funeral. It was very sad," said Covey.

After the funeral the athletic department faced the tough assignment of finding a replacement. Northwood teacher Bill Byers stepped in to serve as coach. "I had coached boys for 15 years, but this was my first time coaching girls. My biggest problem was knowing the players and their strengths," Byers said. "I did find that the girls were more encouraging to one another," he said. "This team was never out hustled. They came to practice to work. Even though there were a lot of disappointments, they never tossed in the towel," Byers said.
Change is good, right? The boys tennis team had to adjust to a lot of change this year after Brad Rhodes graduated. Last year Rhodes was runner-up in the state finals. Those were awfully big shoes for anyone to fill.

“I was a bit disappointed with the team this year. They didn’t prepare enough in the off season, they didn’t take lessons, they didn’t play in tournaments,” said Coach Steve Clark. “It was a harsh blow to lose someone as good as Brad, I just wish one of the players this year would have stepped up to the plate a little better.”

Seniors Cody Ransome and Kyle Klinger agreed with the coach. From having three more years of experience, both Ransome and Klinger knew what it took to be a good team. “I felt as though I could have worked a little more during the winter. I think it would have helped if the whole team had,” said Ransome.

“Our season started out well, but some events transpired and we lost enthusiasm and the will to work hard. I think our team had potential, but we just didn’t work hard enough,” said Klinger.

Klinger had the job of trying his best to stick his feet in Brad Rhodes’ oversized shoes. “I tried really hard the first couple matches to do as well as [Rhodes], but then later on I got distracted, and it kind of ruined my season,” said Klinger.

Even though the boys finished with a record of one win and 13 losses, they didn’t lose their will to compete throughout the season. “I felt like the scores of the matches didn’t reflect the way the season went,” said Coach Clark. “We came in third in the Mid State. That means we beat some teams that we didn’t in the regular season.”

As for next year, things are looking up. Even though the seniors will not be around to lead the team, new leaders will emerge. The underclassmen got plenty of practice this year by having to step up and play at the varsity level. “It was a rough season, but hopefully that will help us build some more for next season,” said Sophomore Devin Love.
Right Carefully setting up the ball, Freshman Jon Dowden gets ready to hit the ball back to his opponent. “I think the match of the year was the senior night match. It seemed like we played well and had the most fun we had all year,” said Dowden.

Bottom Following through on his backhand, Freshman Michael Ashburn watches the ball go across the net. “I tried my best to get good serves and keep them in. It was best when I stayed back at the baseline because I was not very good at the net,” said Ashburn.

Keeping his eyes on the ball, Sophomore Devin Love gets ready to prepare for the next point. “There were a lot of happenings this year, but maybe the team will be able to take all that and build on it for the years to come,” said Love.

*The team has had two different coaches in the past three years.*

*Freshman Jon Dowden received the mental attitude award, and Sophomore Devin Love received the sportsmanship award.*

*Even though it looks like there are several strings in a tennis racket, it is really only one long string woven through the whole racket.*

Watching his shot Senior Cody Ransome hopes that he hit a winner - a shot that the opposing player cannot get to. Ransome played number two singles for the second time.

**KEEPING COOL UNDER PRESSURE REMAINS KEY IN MATCHES**

Senior Cody Ransome came back this year to keep his number two varsity singles position. Ransome kept his calm and laid-back attitude throughout the season. This left a good impression on the rest of the players. “I think Cody was the key this year because he was relaxed no matter what. He helped the team play under control,” said Freshman Jon Dowden. Ransome felt very honored to know that his teammates felt he did well this season. “It felt stupendous, it always felt good to be nominated and voted MVP by the team,” said Ransome.

Senior night was a break in the routine to honor the seniors of the team for all their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The seniors this year were Cody Ransome, Kyle Klingor, and David Counce.
Trying to beat out the Secina runner, Freshman Heather Bush pushes herself to run faster up the hill. "When I heard that the girls cross country team needed some more runners, I decided to help out so I could condition for track," said Bush.

Running toward the finish line, Sophomore Katie Brant works hard to shed some seconds off of her time.

**SOPHOMORE KATIE BRANT SETS A NEW SCHOOL RECORD**

Setting a new school record is not a common occurrence, so when Sophomore Katie Brant set a new girls cross country record, there was plenty of room for celebration. "Katie setting the new school record [of 15:02] was one thing that I'll never forget about this year," said Coach Dale Graves. "My goal at the beginning of the year was to break the school record, and I was so happy when I finally achieved it," said Brant. "My lowest time so far is 15:02, so I've made it my goal for next year to get 15:00."

**LOCKING IN THE FACTS...**

* Sophomore Katie Brant was named to the Honorable Mention All-State Cross Country team.
* Junior Ashley Flake received the Most Improved Award for the third year in a row.
* The last time the cross country team made it to regionals, until this year, was in 1988.

Left Waiting for the coach to tell her how many miles to run, Junior Molly Hunteman listens to her teammates. "I think we had a really great season. We exceeded all expectations and had a lot of fun doing it," said Hunteman.

Bottom Helping keep track of the scores and times, MHS cheerleaders Junior Cadie Crawley and Senior Amber Lykins put the records in the correct envelopes. The cheerleaders supported the cross country team throughout their season.

Gasping for breath, Senior Sarah Myers cools down after decreasing her time by a full minute. "Making regionals was my dream come true," said Myers. "All of us screamed because it was so exciting."
Running with fellow teammate Junior Molly Huntman, junior Ashley Flake sets the pace. “I personally wanted to break 17 minutes,” said Flake. “I finally did it with a time of 16:56. I wasn’t sure if we could make it to sectionals as a team, but when we did, it sure was an awesome surprise.”

Unavoided Finish

**GIRLS FORFEIT HALF OF SEASON, ADVANCE TO REGIONALS**

*Abby Undercoffer*

Being a small team was difficult for any sport, but having to forfeit half of the meets because of small size would make anyone want to rip her hair out. “Forfeit” was not an unknown word for the girls cross country team this season. The girls had to forfeit five meets and three invitational due to an incomplete team. In order to compete, the team was required to have five runners. The Mooresville team only had four members.

“It [forfeiting] was very frustrating,” said Coach Gerry Emerson. “Given the talent I saw around school, I just couldn’t understand it.” Recruiting announcements ran on AM MHS and some team members took it upon themselves to find more teammates.

“Only have been on the team three years and then watch your senior year go down the drain was hard for me,” said Senior Sarah Myers. “When we finally found a fifth girl I ran up and hugged her. All the recruiting had finally paid off.”

Three girls joined, and they were ready to compete as a full team. They had five meets left to prove that they were the best.

“The team was a bit discouraged at the beginning, but we stuck it out and showed our talent at sectionals, leading us to our ultimate goal: going to regionals,” said Junior Ashley Flake.

The girls advanced through sectionals with a fourth place finish and showed what they could accomplish at regionals.

Though they didn’t advance on after regionals, the coaches were every bit as proud of them as they would have been if they had made it to state.

“I was ecstatic!” said Coach Emerson. “We went from just two weeks prior, not being able to beat anybody to qualifying for regionals. It just made you want to go, ‘what?'”

Just as New England won the Super Bowl despite the odds, the girls cross country team proved that they could accomplish their goals if they just put their mind to it.
Unmatched Talent

DAN "THE MAN" MATHERS RUNS AS TEAM LEADER AND EXAMPLE

Abby Undercoffer

Apparently Senior Dan Mathers made a smart decision when he decided to focus on running rather than divide his time between cross country and soccer. Mathers walked away this year (or should one say 'ran away') and left many admirers in his wake.

"Dan 'The Man' was always there to give me an encouraging word if I was in a rut or if I was frustrated in any way," said Freshman Lance Newton.

"Dan motivated us to run hard and to have a really great season," said Freshman Chris Vaughan.

"The thing that helped the team the most this season was Dan's example," said Coach Dale Graves. "Dan would add miles of his own before or after (sometimes before and after) everyone else's workout."

Mathers didn't quite see himself in the same leadership position as others. He thought that he was the leader for a much different reason.

"I had the best jokes out of everyone else on the team," said Mathers.

Mathers received honors being named to the Honorable Mention All-State Cross Country team and to the Honorable Mention Academic All-State Cross Country team. He even broke the school record by running the 5K run in 15:58.

"Dan was a very self-motivated person," said Coach Gerry Emerson. "He was always looking for ways to improve and he was never satisfied. He didn't want to be good, he wanted to be the best."

"The coaches helped me throughout the season by giving me the proper workouts to get ready for all the races," said Mathers. "I did whatever I could during the season to improve my times. It was just a matter of doing the right workouts at the right time."

Summing up the season Mathers said, "I was able to run faster than I have before. We had a good team atmosphere, and that made for a great season."

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Hustling towards the finish line, Freshman Chris Vaughan knows he is getting close. "I chose to run cross country to prepare for basketball season," said Vaughan. "I planned to run a lot during the summer and train hard to prepare for next year."

Sprinting through the grass, Freshman Lance Newton pushes to run faster. "When Coach Graves saw me running track, he asked me to run cross country. I told him I'd think about it, but you know Graves, he said 'don't think about it, just do it.'"

Senior Lance Evans was named to the Academic All-State First team. Senior Dan Mathers took both the Most Valuable Player and the Sportsmanship award at the fall sports banquet. Senior Brandon Byers was named the most improved player on the team.

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Getting ready to start the race, Freshman Lance Newton receives some last minute advice from Seniors Brandon Byers and Dan Mathers. "I tried to be the emotional leader of the team," said Byers. "I think for the most part, they all did what I said."

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"Senior Leadership Apparent in Byers"

Modesty is the best policy, or is that honesty? Which ever it may be, Senior Brandon Byers had high marks. "I just liked to run," said Byers, then added quickly at the end, "runners got all the chicks." The coaches certainly could spot Byers's talent. "Brandon was a very good runner---only one position out of all-conference---and he consistently scored well," said Coach Dale Graves. Byers, however, gave the credit to the coaches. "We had a great coach that pushed us through the tough times," said Byers.
Delivering a powerful serve, Senior Rachel Wright watches as her opponents prepare to receive the ball. Though Wright did not set or break any new records for the year, she was still a powerful part of the team.

Left Senior Jaclyn Kenney practices her moves in preparation for the game. "I just tried to stay focused by having a good warm up," said Kenney. "During the game, I tried not to think about much and just acted by instinct."

Bottom Taking some time out of the match, Coach Brinton Farrand gives advice to Senior Jodi Willis. Along with playing softball over the summer, Willis spent more than 20 hours in the weight room to prepare for the volleyball season.

Junior Kristen Mertens follows through with her serve. Mertens almost broke the record for the most aces in season until an accident left her unable to accomplish her goal.

RECORD AND FINGER ALMOST BROKEN

The record for the most aces in a single season was not the only thing Junior Kristen Mertens almost broke this year. "On the last game of the season, I opened up the locker room door and was amazed at the decorations the parents left for us," said Mertens. "I paid no attention to the door and it closed on my finger." Though her finger was not broke, she did bruise and jam it. "It bled all over and I was missing a huge chunk from my finger." Although Mertens still played in the game, she was unsuccessful in breaking the record.

*Every year, the team goes to Papa Farrand's, Mr. Farrand's father, lake house to swim and play other water sports.

*During summer weights, the girls received a shirt for 20 hours of lifting.

*Under the request of Senior Staci Moody on senior night, Junior Rachel Freeman did a cartwheel in front of the crowd.
Keeping a close watch on the ball, Senior Jodi Willis anticipates the set from Senior Jaclyn Kenney. During the season, Willis normally set the ball for Kenney, who received the nickname "Jack Hammer" for the many spikes that she sent to the opposing team. Kenney averaged 12.3 kills per match while Willis averaged 19.1 assists per match.

Unthinkable Records

EXPERIENCED TEAM SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

Joe Grubbs

Many records were set and broken this year as six seniors stepped up from last year to contribute to a 21-12 season record. Senior Jodi Willis led the way with two single match records including most assists and most aces. Willis also led the team in assists with an average of 19.1 assists per match. Willis would have taken the school record for the most assists; however, an injury left her sidelined for three matches.

Senior Jaclyn Kenney believed that Willis was an important part of the team. "Without Jodi, some of us would not have known what to do!" said Kenney, who led the team with 406 kills in a season. Though Kenney did not break the school record for the most kills in her career, she finished with 636 kills.

Through the eyes of Senior Kari Turner, both Willis and Kenney were the key players for the year. "Jaclyn broke the school record [for the most kills in one season], yet Jodi was the one who got the ball to her all the time," said Turner. Turner was a major part of the defensive side, with a record of 13 blocks in one match, and set a new school career record with 367 blocks.

Since the team had six seniors, many helped the underclassmen by giving them assistance when it was needed.

"I just told them when they did something wrong and told them how to correct it," said Turner. "When Coach Farrand put Sophomore Rachel Kenney in during the sectional game, I just tried to calm her down and told her what to do."

Though the team did not fare well in the sectional tournament, they did have many other notable wins.

"Beating the ranked teams that we played like Tri-West and Columbus North were some of our big victories of the season," said Kenney. "It was also good to know that we beat Monrovia, who made it to the Final Four."

Standing next to her parents, Senior Kari Turner emotionally takes in the feelings of the evening. "On senior night, knowing that I was almost done playing with these girls really hit home," said Turner.
I wanted to get involved with the school," said Senior Wesley Johnson. Johnson had been a student trainer for four years. "Football was the most exciting sport because it is popular. It was almost like I was a part of the team," said Johnson.

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**Senior Jason Peasley**

runs with the ball toward the goal to score a touchdown. Peasley scored 20 touchdowns for the Pioneers this season.

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Enticmg the crowd, Senior Derrick Clark, approaches the grandstands enthusiastically. "It was easy to get excited because we had good crowds," said Clark. Clark also said, "The crowds were a lot bigger this year than I had ever seen."

Coach Mark Bless had been a MHS football coach for seven years. "I liked to see the players develop through the years," said Coach. "It was our [the team's] responsibility to keep the fans coming back [to the games]," he said.

Unforgettable Season

BLESS, TEAM REFLECT ON SEASON IN LAST HUDDLE

Chris King

The last game, sectional championships, and the whole football team huddled. There were parents and classmates all around. Coach Mark Bless started tp address the team, but his voice cracked. He bowed his head to collect his thoughts. "I didn't get to finish what I was talking about because I was so emotional," he said.

The speech was about how it was the last high school game for the seniors.

"It was a real reality setter. Coach basically said that high school football was over for us seniors," said Senior Jason Peasley. This group of 17 seniors had compiled a 9 - 3 record. "It's not every year you have a team with only three losses. We had a lot of support from the coaching staff and the fans," said Bless. "It was our job to get the fans to come back the next weekend, and I think this year our crowd were a lot bigger than in past years," Bless continued. The fans brought enthusiasm to each game, and the sectional championship was no different.

Before the game, spirits ran high. The Pioneers faced a tough Zionsville team in the sectional finals, but they felt they were ready. Fans filled the bleachers as everyone had hopes that the team would use its home field advantage to secure the championship.

But early turnovers would cost them the game. "The first quarter of the game we dug a deep hole," said Bless. "After the first quarter they [the team] came back strong and played a good game, but it wasn't enough to win." The team lost to the Eagles 14-35. It was then it hit the 17 seniors; this was to be their last game. It was equally tough on Coach Bless. "I had watched them grow up, and I realized I would never get to coach them again," he said.
The cheerleaders do an “extension” during the Homecoming pep session. They performed their competition routine with the varsity competition squad.

Sophomore cheerleader Ryan French does a flip at a home game. He enjoys being a cheerleader.

Proving all odds wrong

Most people thought that cheerleading was a girl’s sport, but one of Mooresville’s male cheerleaders proved them wrong. Sophomore varsity cheerleader Ryan French was not ashamed of being one of only two males on the varsity cheerleading squad. “If you were a guy, would you want to be with a bunch of sweaty soccer guys, or a bunch of hot girls?” French asked sarcastically. He got a lot of comments and recognition from people throughout the school, and made a lot of “girl” friends out his new hobby.

Proving all odds wrong

* Cheerleaders spent approximately $1,000 this year for cheerleading.
* Junior Betsy Norton continued to cheer despite having a hyperextended elbow during the Mid-State competition.
* Senior Holly Lloyd underwent three surgeries during the season.

Left: Four varsity competition cheerleaders hold up Amber Lykins as she does a “liberty” during competition at Franklin. The competition squad did very well and even made it to sectionals.

Bottom: Sophomore varsity cheerleader Ryan French yells through the megaphone during one of the home football games. He and Junior Chad Dale were the only two boys on the team.

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Senior varsity cheerleaders Amber Lykins, Dianna Roach, and Sophomore varsity cheerleader Ryan French hold up a future Mooresville cheerleader. The little league cheerleader got to cheer with the "older" cheerleaders because she was a top candy seller for her league. "It was cool helping out the little cheerleaders," said French.

The competition squad, after performing their routine at Franklin High School, hang out with math teacher Mr. Brian Hults. He was the only teacher there cheering them on. "I think they were robbed from the win!" said Mr. Hults.

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**Unmeasurable Spirit**

**Through Rain and Pain, Cheerleaders Show Diligence**

*Karla De Juan Romero*

The hot August air was more than most could take, and many tried to avoid it. However, there was a group of people who went through it all: the Mooresville fall varsity cheerleaders. With sweat dripping down their faces, they practiced daily in order to perfect their routine.

The cheerleaders' fall season began just as the spring season ended. They began by attending an annual summer cheerleading camp, which was held at the high school this year.

"The season was one that was controlled by the weather," said Coach Kathy Bothwell. The fall varsity cheerleaders, with their unmeasurable spirit, cheered through the worst whether it was the heat or even the freezing cold temperatures. "The biggest problem was Homecoming. The rain took a lot of the fun out of it. I mean, really--can you imagine sitting on a soaking wet tarp on top of a firetruck, in the freezing cold with the pouring rain, trying to throw all of the candy that we had to the very few kids who were there and watching them stare at us like we were crazy? It was weird," said Senior varsity cheerleader Dianna Roach.

Despite their bouts with the weather, the squad worked together to encourage school spirit. "They were very cooperative, and always came prepared," said Coach Kathy Bothwell. Their hard work paid off when they made it to sectionals, where Coach Bothwell said that the momentum within the audience was a major highlight. The varsity squad also placed fourth in the Mid-State conference competition.

"The season was fun. Lots of fun," said Senior cheerleader Alicia Fugate. "We all got along great, it was a blast, and I will miss them!"

Whether there were hard times, or bad weather, these cheerleaders showed their "unmeasurable spirit" with undeniable strength, and as Coach Bothwell put it, with "diligence."
Some high school athletes never received the same attention others did. Some athletes did not care to receive that attention as long as they got the opportunity to play the game.

"I had played since the fifth grade and watched my dad's team ever since I could remember," said sophomore Audrey Farrand. "I practically ate, slept, and played volleyball all the time. During the off-season I played club volleyball and practiced with my dad at least once a week."

Many of the junior varsity players practiced along side of the varsity team. "I helped the varsity out by becoming the linebackers' tackling dummy," said Sophomore Ben Thomas. "I took many, many beatings but it did not matter if you got knocked down. It only mattered if you sucked it up and got right back up."

Although the junior varsity did not share the same spotlight as the varsity, many looked up to the more experienced for advice. "Staci Moody was my motivator for the year," said Farrand. "She worked hard for everything, and she always had a smile on her face."

Though the junior varsity did not compete for a state title, many matches were attributed to the success of the team.

"Playing Plainfield was the game for us this year," said Freshman soccer player Kevin Farmer. "We did not win against them but we did play well as a team."

"Winning the Mid-State conference was the key victory for us," said Farrand. "We won the whole thing but also stepped up our play level and beat Plainfield who we had lost to earlier this year."

In the end, many junior varsity athletes were proud of their accomplishments but planned on more for next year.

"I want to play on varsity next year," said Thomas. "I have always wanted a varsity letter."
Right Sophomore Carly Wright follows through with her serve. "I wanted to play varsity next year so that I could play with my sister, Tricia," said C. Wright. "I looked up to my other sister Rachel during the season." R. Wright had played volleyball for four years.

Bottom Freshman Kevin Farmer prepares to deliver a powerful kick. "I had fun this year," said Farmer. "I want to play on varsity next year because there are not many people who play my position so I will need to step up and fill in for my team."

Right Sophomore Zach Morris returns to the sidelines after delivering water to thirsty players during a break. Morris enjoyed his first year as a student athletic trainer.

During a huddle, Junior Kyle Harkema listens to his teammates as they talk the play over. "I enjoyed playing football this year," said Harkema. "The coaching staff was great. I thought we really played well as a team when we needed to."

Softball Freshman Kevin Farmer prepares to deliver a powerful kick. "I had fun this year," said Farmer. "I want to play on varsity next year because there are not many people who play my position so I will need to step up and fill in for my team."

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**Locking in the facts...**

* A volleyball court measures 60 feet by 30 feet.
* The official soccer ball brand of the Indiana High School Athletic Association was Wilson. It had 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons.
* The cheerleading squad cheered in Asics shoes.

**Student Athletic Trainer Earns His Letter**

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Josey Cooper prepares to set the volleyball for another player.

Three Year Volleyball Player Moves Up

Whitney Cooper played volleyball because she wanted to do more in school. Cooper was a setter for the freshmen volleyball team. "It was my favorite position and I was glad I got to play it," said Cooper. "High school sports were more competitive and more mental," said Cooper. The team had a 16-2 winning season. "I thought that there would be no problems with me getting on the team next year even though they had a lot of setters," said Cooper. Cooper wanted to participate in volleyball for the following three years as well.

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Left Freshman Matt Dempsey waits for the football to go into play. Dempsey was a defensive player for the freshmen team. "I just wanted to do something with all my friends," he said. Dempsey intended to play football throughout his high school career.

Bottom Cheering in the middle of a football game. Freshman Nicole Riley is lifted to impress the crowd. "In high school you got more personal attention, even if it was from the seniors," said Riley.

*The total cost for the cheerleading uniforms was $238.00, but the members only paid $113.00.

*The Freshman football team had an undefeated season with a record of 8-0.

*Leading spiker for the freshmen volleyball team was Sara Walton.

Cheering for the freshmen football team is Freshman Shari Krueger. Krueger was a first year cheerleader. "I liked the tumbling and I liked to be loud," she said.
Serving the ball, Freshman Sara Walton assists her teammates in earning another point. It was Walton’s third year to play volleyball. “The coaches wanted more out of you being on a high school team,” she said. “I didn’t have as many problems with the upperclass members as I thought I would,” said Walton. Walton intended to tryout for the 2002 varsity volleyball team.

Freshmen Ashley Abney and Jacqueline Blessing stretch before cheering at a football game. “Cheerleading camp was different because the instructors came here and we had 7 a.m. practices,” said Blessing.

Unpredictable Challenges

FRESHMEN FACED MANY OBSTACLES

Chris King

There were many challenges faced by many freshmen in different ways. Many expected high school sports to be harder or easier than it really was. Freshman Derek Bailer said, “It was harder with all the extra workouts and Saturday practices.” Some of the students believed that high school was easier.

“I thought that we would be worked really hard at all the practices, but eventually we got use to it,” said Freshman Erin Moser.

The freshmen football team had an undefeated season, while the freshmen volleyball team only lost two games. The freshmen cheerleaders were at every football game this season cheering on their winning team.

“In junior high we didn’t have as many responsibilities. We were expected to have everything done,” said Freshman Nicole Riley.

Practices were longer and coaches expected more at the high school level. Most of the players stated that they were going to try out for the team next year, even if they had to “sit the bench.”

“I wanted to play next year even if I did not get to play. Just to be on the team,” said freshman Nick Osmich.

One of the hardest parts of the team was getting to participate in the sporting events. “One of the challenges that I faced was trying to hold a starting spot for more than one game,” said Freshman Danny Chrenko.

Getting along with upperclassman on the teams was easier than the freshmen had thought in most ways.

“Sometimes it was just hard getting along with my teammates. A lot of times we argued, but normally we resolved everything,” said Freshman Ashley Wilson.
"We got spirit, yes we do, we got spirit how about you!" Yelling and jumping around could tire anyone out, but trying to make up for a loss of some of the upperclassmen cheerleaders was especially tough on those remaining. Desire to cheer kept those remaining strong and enthusiastic throughout the season. They came together as a group and participated in many extra events including cheering on Channel 13 news for the Operation Basketball report and going to cheerleading competitions.

"I wished those who quit would have cheered. I felt kind of bad, but it was still a really fun season," said Junior Amy Viles.

"I loved to cheer," said Senior Alicia Fugate, "but it really sort of stunk this year because we were down in numbers from football season. You had to do what you had to do."

Others had a different take on the predicament they were in. "I didn’t feel as if those girls ‘quit.’ They made a decision they knew was in their best interests, and I respect that," said Senior Josie Bothwell. "I know how they all loved cheering and it must have been a difficult choice to make."

The cheerleaders were responsible for attending over 26 games during the basketball season. On top of that they had to work concessions at football games and boys and girls cross country home meets. Stress was common among the cheerleaders. Many of them participated in other extra-curricular activities including both the Spotlighter and Finesse showchoirs, other sports including track and softball, and many other clubs that had after-school activities.

"I would have quit too, but I didn’t," said Sophomore Ryan French. "There were just entirely too many games."

"I sort of felt like I needed to step up and help be one of the leaders," said Junior Cadie Crawley.
Manuvering her way to the top of the tower, Junior Cadie Crawley tries to get her hands perfectly above her head. "Most of the flyers quit this season so I stepped up and volunteered for the position," said Crawley.

Leading a chant, Senior Josie Bothwell looks to her side to make sure the rest of the squad is following her lead. "Before games we always did warm-up builds and pyramids we had planned for the evening," said Bothwell. Bothwell planned to continue cheering at the University of Indianapolis.

Clapping his hands together, Sophomore Ryan French works hard to keep the crowd enthused. "The basketball season just had too many games," said French. "The only thing that kept me in it was all the hot girls."

*Junior Chad Dale received the most improved award at the winter sports banquet.

*Some of the cheerleaders participated in as many as seven other extra-curricular activities.

*The MHS cheerleaders were responsible for having matching shoes, outfits, and warm-ups. They also had matching tank tops and shorts.

Waving her pom-poms around, Senior Alicia Fugate pumps up the crowd at a home basketball game.

Work, work, work. Work and extra-curricular activities dominated the busy schedules of MHS students. Alicia Fugate was a busy girl during her high school career, but she always left time to have a good time cheering. "I loved to cheer," Fugate simply put it. Aside from cheering, Fugate also participated in the Spotlighter show choir, orchestra, and French Club. Fugate planned to attend Ball State and cheer on their basketball cheer squad. "Who wouldn't have wanted to spend time with 15 other hysterical people?" said Fugate. "It was a blast."
Coach Jim Whitaker watches his team in hopes of a good play. "I gave the team credit," said Whitaker. "It was a trying season. I felt good about their attitude. They always tried hard and never gave up. The hardest thing to do is to quit trying, and they never did that."

"People did not realize the hard schedule we had to play," said Hicks. Making a move, Senior Brandon Hicks dribbles the ball to the basket.

**TOUGH WIN EARN "ATHLETE OF THE WEEK" AWARD**

Hard work and determination was what Senior Brandon Hicks brought to every ball game, but to excel and lead the team, a little more was needed. Hicks gave what was needed against Greenwood to claim the "Athlete of the Week" award. "The highlight of my year was earning the award," said Hicks. "I learned in that game that if you put your mind to something, you can do it. It was pretty exciting for me to help win that game and then get the award." Hicks also won "Athlete of the Week" in a game against Cascade.

*The schedule the Pioneers played was the 26th hardest in the state.*

*Coach Jim Whitaker's speech at the winter awards banquet lasted 13 minutes and 43 seconds.*

*Senior Brandon Hicks won "Athlete of the Week" in both of the Pioneers victories.*

Left: Towering over his Greenwood opponents, Senior Adam Scott prepares to raise the scoreboard. "Disbelieving that the last game of my high school career was going to be approaching was hard to cope with during the season," said Scott.

Below: Keeping his eye on the ball, Senior Kyle Oschman stays close to his opponent. Oschman won the team MVP award. "I thought it was a good accomplishment but I would trade the award in for more wins on our record," said Oschman.

Trying to motivate his teammates, Senior Adam Ward shouts words of encouragement. Ward often encouraged his teammates to strive for success.
Junior David Yaraschefski concentrates on his dribbling as he advances to the basket. Yaraschefski broke his right big toe during practice. "After I broke it, I did not feel like my play level was at 100 percent," said Yaraschefski. "I never got to play a full game after that. It started to feel better until someone stepped on it."

Keeping his eye on the ball, Junior Brad State stares in disbelief at a missed shot. "The highlight of my season was when I scored three three-pointers in one game," said State. "It pumped the team and the crowd up."

"At the end of the year, any coach would have been disappointed if they did not reach their goals," said Coach Jim Whitaker. "Unfortunately, we did not manage to obtain any of ours."

Disappointment was among many of the emotions that traveled through the minds of the varsity boys basketball team. The team finished the season with a 2-19 record.

"I was sad to see our season end like that," said Senior Brandon Hicks. "I had worked real hard over the past summers because I wanted for our team to do good, but I guess that was just the way things went."

"Even though we were not that good this year, I had fun," said Junior Brad State. "Winning was fun and made me want to practice harder so that we could win."

Though the team did not score well on the record books, Whitaker was proud of the efforts made throughout the season.

"It was a trying season," said Whitaker. "We kept our spirit up. I tried to motivate the players by setting easier goals that would not necessarily win the game but keep them from giving up. Sometimes, the parent groups would prepare meals for us before games and other times we would go out to eat. They did it just to encourage the kids."

In a season that looked grim, the team did face bright points with games against Northview and Greenwood.

"I think that coming close to beating Northview was a team highlight for us this year," said Hicks. "Even though we lost that game, it showed that we could compete with good teams. We had a lot of positives in that game. Beating Greenwood was the most meaningful victory to me. They were a great team and everyone expected us to lose that game."
The girl's varsity basketball team, proved once again that hard work and determination could pay off. Their season consisted of after school practices, even during winter break. Their non-stop hard work took them all the way to sectionals where they were beaten by Terre Haute South, who later went on to win it all. "Terre Haute South won the State Championship, and three out of the last four years, they beat us," said Coach Mark Hurt. The girls won the the Twin Lakes Tournament again this year, and continued to grow into a winning machine with a 20-4 record.

Coach Hurt was co-named Coach of the Year in the Indianapolis Star, Metro West section. "Anytime a coach was named Coach of the Year, it was a reflection on what type of team the coach had," said Hurt. Senior Stefanie Shlake was chosen for Metro West's first team, and Senior Jaclyn Kenney was chosen for their second team. Honorable mention went to Juniors Tricia Wright, and Suzy Doughty, and Sophomore Sarah Harper. "My hard work paid off, and I got noticed for it," said Harper.

The team's winning season went beyond the starters, though. The entire team contributed, and as Junior Olivia Jones put it, "We had twelve girls who could all play." The depth of the team took them to the top, where a few loses were brushed off with the love they had for the game.

All in all, whether Harper was excited because she got to start at the Franklin game, or that some of the "younger zipperheads," as Shlake said, forgot to bring their shoes to the game, the team had an amazing season, and it left its' mark in Mooresville High School's history.

Senior Jaclyn Kenney prepares to take a free throw. "Jaclyn had been a major part of varsity the last two years and helped us finish 19-4(last year), and 20-4," Coach Mark Hurt said.
The girls amazing season got them a lot of attention, but one player in particular took the game to a totally different level. Senior Stefanie Shrake scored an astonishing 1,008 points in her high school basketball career. She broke her own record with 368 points in the season, and had a final game record of 68-23. This senior had definitely made her mark in Mooresville High School's history. “My senior year had been so great,” Shrake said. “My teammates, my coaches, and my family made it really special.”
“My strategy for making weight was to eat two pieces of pizza for lunch,” said Freshman Zach Wathen. He was already underweight so he did not have to worry about losing it.

Left “Making weight was not an issue for me because I wrestled 275 pounds and only weighed around 240 pounds,” said Senior Jared Malott. “Instead of worrying about my weight, I just tried to eat healthy to stay in shape and maintain my weight,” said Malott.

Bottom “Cutting weight was hard,” said Sophomore Andrew Prather, “I had to move up a weight class because I could not lose the weight.” Before the meets Prather drank a lot of water and after he weighed in he ate light to boost his energy.

Senior Justin Hietberg tries to takedown his opponent in the state competition.

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“The thing I would always remember was being under the spotlight in Conseco Fieldhouse for state,” said Senior Justin Hietberg. He placed second in the state wrestling competition, but he said that it did not feel any different than any other match. “I was happy but I did not feel any different,” he said. There was a stadium full of people, but that did not faze Hietberg. “There was a bunch of fans,” he said. At the end of the match Hietberg lost to get second place in the “match of a lifetime.”

*According to Coach Steve Pugliese the rule of the room is “Keep your gloves up at all times.”

*Senior Jason Peasley had the most take-downs.

*At dual meets they drew weight classes out of a hat to see who went first.

The varsity wrestling team limbered up before the sectional meet against Monrovia, Martinsville and Plainfield, which was held at Martinsville.
Junior Tad DeWitt prepares for a match. DeWitt dislocated his elbow at semi-state with twelve seconds left in his match. "I was in the lead and my elbow just popped out," said DeWitt, "I would have made it to state." DeWitt did not finish the season due to the injury but did intend to be on the team the next year. "I thought that next year I would have been able to make it to state," said DeWitt.

**Untrackable Loss**

**Team Changes Weight to Wrestle in Matches**

*Chris King*

Was "making weight" a problem? Some members of the wrestling team would have said "yes." There were many different ways to lose weight and there were many different ways to gain weight. Most members of the wrestling team had to do one or the other to be able to wrestle at their desired weight.

Some of the members of the team struggled to lose weight. Sophomore Andrew Prather said that he had to discipline himself to eat healthy. "It took a lot of willpower to not eat junk food," he said.

Some of the members waited until almost the last minute to lose the weight. "I really did not worry about my weight until two days before a meet. Then I would wear sweats during practice to lose extra weight," said Junior Joe Grubbs. Senior Jason Peasley waited until the night before to worry about the extra weight. "The hardest thing was not eating the night before the meets," he said.

Some of the members did not have to worry about losing weight. Freshman Zach Wathen had just the opposite, and said "I was already underweight, but I did make sure the whole season that I did not eat a lot of junk food, and I tried to eat things that gave me energy."

There were many different strategies to gaining weight. Some people ate more and some people exercised less. Senior Jared Malott said, "If you wanted to gain weight, [you] exercised less frequently and ate your last meal of the day late at night."

Whether the members had to lose or gain weight they still did it. "Everyday for four months our team worked, sweated, and fought to all extremes, and in the end I can say that I had the time of my life," said Prather.
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Joe Grubbs

"Last year, the girls thought that when I asked one of them to do a 500 meter swim, it was unheard of or I made them do it to punish them," said Coach Dennis Davis. "This year they realized that they were just doing the same routine that girls from other schools did at practice."

Dennis led the team through its second year as a group which improved in many ways. He was pleased with the efforts given by the young team, saying, "We improved all of our times and broke just about every record we set last year. Everybody dropped their individual times, also."

Many of the girls were also proud of their accomplishments throughout the season, both individually and as a team. "My personal highlight for the season was when I took about 10 seconds off of my 500 time," said Sophomore Amanda Phillips. "I felt that as a team the biggest highlight was that all of us beat our own personal records and the school records we set last year."

"I just loved having fun this season," said Junior Erica Carroll. "One of the greatest things as a team was the attitude improvement we had from last year. It was a lot more fun with everyone getting along. We really got a lot accomplished."

Being the only junior and the oldest member on the team, Carroll enjoyed holding the spot as the captain. "It was hard to be a captain because it held a lot of responsibility and put pressure on me," said Carroll. "I had to communicate with the coach and the swimmers if something was wrong. I also had to have a lot of spirit and tell the girls to get up and cheer for the team."

Last year's MVP, Sophomore Melissa Covey, chose a different path. "Coach asked me to be a captain for the team and I told him I did not want to be a captain," said Covey. "I wanted to do what I wanted and not be a leader. I did not like to lead but instead I liked going with the flow."

Looking at the water, Junior Erica Carroll prepares to dive in. Carroll was a lifeguard at the Mooresville Pioneer Park pool over the summer. "Working at the pool allowed me to swim all the time over the summer," said Carroll. "To make sure we were still qualified, the employees actually had to swim to earn their paycheck. I also came into school early so that I could swim and run to stay in shape."

Sophomore Tammy Wade stares into the water before preparing to dive in. "The season was great!" exclaimed Wade. "It was really fun and all the people on the team were fun to be around with," she said. Wade swam in the 200 and 400 meter freestyle relay.
Right Sophomore Theresa Light takes her mark as she waits for the signal to go. Light was one of the few returning varsity swimmers from last year’s inaugural year for the swim team. Light also participated in the all-girl choir, Finesse.

Below Emerging from the water, Sophomore Heather Huffman gasps for a fresh breath of air. “I thought our season was really good,” said Huffman. “I had a lot of fun with the girls.” Huffman swam in the 200 individual medley event.

Coach Dennis Davis examines his clipboard while his team competes. “This year, our work ethics were so much better than last year’s,” said Davis. “We worked harder in practice, and that is why I believe we had such a good season.”

Sophomore Emily Berry holds the lap count for her teammates during the 500 meter freestyle event. “I thought the season could have been better,” said Berry.

*Before every meet, Junior Erica Carroll listened to the band System of a Down.

*The team had no seniors and only one junior.

*Over Christmas vacation, the team enjoyed a Christmas party.

** Berry has more than one true love **

Many students who played two or three sports never incorporated them into one event. In a triathlon, an athlete must run, bicycle, and swim. Sophomore Emily Berry, who already enjoyed participating in such events, tried out for the swim team. “I didn’t join the swim team to stay in shape for cycling,” said Berry. “I just swam because I liked to.” To participate in such a competition, Berry had to keep her body in shape. “Both sports involved use most of my muscles in specific areas of the body. It was important to have all different areas in my body in good shape, especially in a triathlon.”

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Rising from the waters, Freshman Austin Faull is relieved that the race is over. During the year, Faull broke three records. "I was excited to have broke the records but I did not have any kind of a party," he said.

"As cited, he had broke the records but I did not have any kind of a party," he said.

"I wanted to try something new," he said. Amore had been swimming for four years and intended to tryout for the team the following year.

**Sophomore Voted Most Valuable Player**

Sophomore Michael Amore was voted MVP two years in a row. "It was not that big of a deal to me," said Amore. Amore broke two records, in the 100 meter freestyle and the 100 meter backstroke. Amore had alterior reasons for joining the swim team, "I just wanted to try something new," he said. Amore had been swimming for four years and intended to tryout for the team the following year.

*The high-dive was approximately 13 feet above the water.*

*The chemical Barium was used in the water instead of Chlorine.*

*A swimming cap cost approximately $2.50.*
Diving into the water, Freshman Derek Burton practices his form. Burton was a diver for the swimming team. He intended to be a diver for the team the following year also.

Although a lot of personal goals were broken the swim team did not advance as a whole. The swimming team was in its second year and had no progression as a team, while individuals strived. Most of the individuals broke more than one record, whether it was for the school or whether it was a personal record.

Freshman Austin Faull broke two school records and one personal record. "I was excited to break the records but I want to do better next year," said Faull.

Some of the team members did not break any records but still had high expectations for the following year. "I did not break any records this year but I plan to next year in the 50 meter freestyle and the 400 meter medley relay," said sophomore Brock de Jong. Even thought de Jong did not break any records he believed that he helped the team in other ways. "I felt like I helped the team in places that they did not have," said de Jong.

All the members of the team had different strategies to help them achieve their goals. "I take time to stare at the water and visualize my good performance," said Junior Haleem Ramdoum.

Some members had other ways to get ready for a swim meet. "I ate Subway to give me some energy," said Faull. Freshman Justin Bain took a moment of silence before he met up with the rest of the team.

Some members had ulterior motives for striving to meet their individual goals. "I wanted to be a Navy SEAL, so I thought swimming would help me to achieve that goal," said Freshman Brandon Doulaki.

No matter the reasons for achieving their goals, most of the members did achieve what ever the goal was that they wanted to achieve.
Unintimidated Teams

JV teams don't allow push and shove from varsity

Abby Undercoffer

Competition at the JV level was just as intense as at the varsity level. The winter teams struggled through tough losses and celebrated hard fought victories. The JV boys basketball team had a record of 7-13. The girls basketball team had a record of 16-4. The JV wrestlers had a winning season as well.

“I planned on playing varsity next year,” said Sophomore Lindsey Wissel. “I was going to work hard on developing my shot so I would be able to be more competitive in the outside aspect of the game.”

Not all JV players were just limited to playing JV full time. In several instances, there were players who had to dress and play for both the JV team and the varsity team.

“I played both JV and varsity,” said Junior Cali App. “There was a really big difference between JV and varsity.”

Fairness issues did not seem to be a big concern for those on the JV teams. Some may have deemed it unfair for certain players to play for both the varsity and the JV teams, but for the great majority, they thought that playing for both teams depended on the player and how talented he or she was.

“I thought it was fair for some players to play both varsity and JV because even though they may not have been ready to play varsity full time, they could have still helped the team out when they were short,” explained Sophomore Chris Ross.

“The only problem with having to play for both JV and varsity was that sometimes they didn’t practice with the right team so it really ended up hurting both teams in the long run,” said Sophomore Evan Stewart.

The JV teams battled to prove their ability to play at the varsity level. Small victories were one and others were lost. Those who lost would have the challenge of proving themselves next year.

Waiting for her opponent hoping she will make a wrong move, Junior Cali App watches the ball intently. “You got more experience from playing junior varsity,” said App.
Right Raising her hand in an effort for her teammate to see her, Junior Nicole Sparks gets ready to receive the ball. "By playing JV I got more playing time than I would have on the varsity team," said Sparks. "On days I dressed for varsity, I just sat."

Below Keeping the crowd into the game, the MHS Junior Varsity cheerleading squad performs one of their many cheers. "It was fun to help out the varsity when they needed it because most of their cheers were the same as ours," said Sophomore Rosie McKinney.

*There were only four girls listed on the JV girls basketball team roster. *Senior Mike Hamilton was a Junior Varsity Mid-State wrestling champion. *The basketball was invented in 1891. The basketballs were tossed into hoops made out of peach baskets with wire backboards.

Below Looking for a way to take down his opponent, Senior Mike Hamilton reaches in for a hold. Hamilton had to job of filling in for Senior Justin Heitburg during some meets.

Dribbling up the court, Sophomore Evan Stewart keeps his eye on an open teammate. "Hopefully next year I would be able to start on varsity," said Stewart. "I was even on the varsity roster for Sectionals."

Sophomore Landry Bates got plenty of experience this year by playing for both the JV and varsity boys basketball teams.

3......2......1 BUZZZZZ! BATES SINKS THE SHOT OF THE YEAR

A split second of silence filled the gym as Sophomore Landry Bates shot the ball. There were just moments left in the game and the JV boys basketball team was down. "I didn't even practice the shot before hand," said Bates. "It was a shot that I had messed around with before, but I had never made it." Bates never had the intention of trying to shoot the ball, but with no time to pass, he made a desperate shot. "I'm going to Disney World!" shouted Bates. "As soon as I saw my shot go in I just jumped up in the air and my teammates came running over to me."
The freshman boys basketball team runs off the court after their game against the Center Grove Trojans. The boys

Freshman Sara Walton poses for her individual picture. Walton started out playing for the freshman team but moved up to the junior varsity level.

After the loss of a player on junior varsity, Freshman Sara Walton jumped right in and helped the team. “It was a privilege to be able to play on JV,” Walton said. According to Coach Roger Thomas, Walton was brought up to the next level because she was a versatile player and had a great concept of the game. Walton played the majority of the time for the freshman team but was ready whenever the JV team needed her. “It always seemed that she ended up guarding the biggest player on the other team,” said Thomas. Playing at the next level gave Walton the chance to get to know the other players. “I liked meeting new people,” Walton said.

Left Freshman basketball player Emily Gunckel shoots a free throw at a home game. The girls freshmen basketball team had a very good season. Gunckel, like the rest of the team, put in her part to make that possible.

Bottom The Freshman girl’s basketball team was impatiently at practice. The girls had a great season, with a 10-5 record. “We improved a lot, you have to somewhat if you practice 24/7/365,” said Kassidy Turner.

*The freshmen boys team did not lose one single game at home.

*Freshman Sarah Glover amused Kelsie Wys by imitating the coach kicking over the trash can.

*One of Jeremy Wright’s highlights of the season was getting to play.

The freshman boys basketball team, together for a picture recognizing them for winning mid-state. The boys had an excellent season, with a 18-3 record.
Unthinkable Power

Freshman teams achieve victory, championship

Karla De Juan Romero

This year’s freshman basketball team, both boys and girls, showed that the freshman class of 2005 were more than just little underclassmen. They were great athletes, and especially great in basketball. They showed off their skills, and won more games than anyone expected.

The girls’ had an excellent season. “It was a fun season,” said Freshman Stephanie Barnes. “It wasn’t too hard, and I had fun playing,” she said. One of the teams’ main highlights was beating Franklin. “Beating Franklin by 14 points, after they beat us at the beginning by 12 points, was a major highlight!” said Freshman Kelsie Wys. They obviously improved as the season went, and most of them were ready to move forward, and play on the “real” team. “I plan on playing next year, because I really enjoyed the season,” said Freshman basketball player Jessica McCauley. “It was fun and competitive, so I think I will play next year,” she said. They finished off with a 10-5 record.

The boys strutted their skills on the court as well. They had an extraordinary season, where they won the Mid-State Tournament, and beat their “rivals,” as freshman basketball player Clint Brock put it, the Plainfield Quakers, two times. The freshman boys did not lose a single game at home, and had a record of 18-3. “It was a very fun season,” said Freshman Deric Miller. “I’m happy with our overall record,” he said. The freshman boys came in with experience, though. “The season was great. We only lost three games, and our team won the conference for the third year in a row,” said Freshman Kyle Hall. Like the girl’s basketball team, the boys had a player play JV and even varsity too, but their record wasn’t as good as the freshman’s record. Both the boys and the girls worked hard this season, and prepared to become future Pioneer stars.
As athletes and performers all know, they, at one time or another, need some sort of support. To be more specific, most of them would love fan support. At most football games, the stands were packed with die hard fans. Blue and gold banners hung from the fences, and the players’ numbers dotted the entrance. Senior Brad Allen said, “We had really good fan support this year, especially during football.” With pots, wooden spoons, and basically anything that would make noise, Allen, usually with a large group of people, would also travel to the away football games and support the team.

Throughout the year, cheerleaders, the art club, parents, and the players themselves decorated the school with motivational signs, especially at sectional time. Before tournaments, eight to nine art club members gathered in room 158 to create the signs that helped cheer on the teams. “I liked the gym to look like we had school spirit,” said Art Club President Christina Allegree.

Parents often volunteered their time to decorate the athletes’ lockers, but athletes were not the only ones with fan support. Band, color-guard, orchestra, and choir members also helped cheer each other on before contests. The decorated lockers gave students a boost before heading into competition. “They gave me that extra energy that made me want to do it more,” said Sophomore Benjamin Thomas. At the regional band contest in Terre Haute, IN, balloons and signs of support were scattered among the crowd, cheering on the marching band as they took the field on the warm October afternoon. They too needed the support, just as well as any sports team.

Signs, banners, and anything that supported the team provided the school with spirit and inspired the participants to do their best.
Senior Rhett Miller stands to cheer on the team at a varsity home football game.

Right Sophomore Jessica Purdue [middle] sits with her family and cheers on the her brother Ryan and the baseball team. "It was exciting when the boys got close because everybody was pumped up and ready for the boys to win," Purdue said.

Bottom Junior Alex Ruoff, wearing his famed sombrero, supports the team at the Winter Homecoming Pep Rally.

Locked in the facts...

* There were 441 strands in shakers that were used to make noise at football games.
* Junior Elizabeth Atkinson was one of four known wrecks on the way to the Whiteland game.
* Fans could purchase a bag of popcorn for $0.50 and a bottle of soda for $1.25.

Supporting the Team with Great Pride

Senior Mike Hamilton went to every single game this year. "I attended every game, at home or away, nice weather, or not," said Hamilton, "All sport teams like the support, and when they do well, they have more fan support," Hamilton said. "I remember on a very cold night at Westfield, everyone was all crunched together, piling as many people under one blanket as possible," he said. Hamilton was one of many people who supported the football team all the way.
Swinging mightily at the ball, Senior Ashley Heatwole gets ready to take off to first base. “I personally contributed to the team through my pitching,” said Heatwole. “I depended on my teammates to back me up because I knew they would get to the ball.”

Left Anticipating a fly ball, Junior Kristen Mertens adjusts her position in left field. “Coach rolled up a state tournament program to give us a goal to reach—the state tournament,” said Mertens.

Below Putting some muscle behind her pitch, Junior Cassie Sterwalt aims the ball carefully. “I was definitely satisfied with this year,” said Sterwalt. “Beating Martinsville was the best because we had not beat them in so long.”

Locking in the facts...

* Senior Laura Antrim forgot to take her batting helmet off and went to out to play first base.

* Senior Ashley Heatwole was the starting pitcher as a freshman.

* Senior Rachel Wright received the Sportsmanship award as well as being named Academic All-Conference.

LEAD BY TAKING A SWING AT THE OPPOSITION

Enthusiasm ran high as the girl’s softball team took the field at each game. Senior Jodi Willis took her position as shortstop seriously and she played it well. “Jodi was an amazing athlete and a fun person to be around,” said Junior Kate Korn. Willis stayed strong through the entire season, encouraging and cheering for her teammates. “I felt I personally led the team with my attitude,” said Willis. “I tried to always be positive and cheer. I talked to everybody and did my best to keep them pumped up.”

Walking back to her shortstop position, Senior Jodi Willis laughs at the funny antics of fellow Senior, Laura Antrim.

Discussing fielding strategy, Juniors Kristen Mertens and Amy Viles and Sophomore Holly Murphy wait in the outfield for the opposing batters to step up to the plate.
Chattering at the opposing batter, Junior Rachel Freeman tries to be a distraction to force the batter to make an error. "I had a wonderful time with the seniors this year, and I will miss them next year," said Freeman.

With a record of 16-9 last year, the girl's softball team expected to live up to, if not exceed, the great things their counterparts of last year accomplished. "I thought we would do well this year since we were really good last year, and we only lost one girl," said Sophomore Tasha Lloyd. "Unfortunately, we did not do as well as I was hoping."

The team ran strong at the beginning of the season, slugging out a 13 inning game against Greenwood in which Senior pitcher Ashley Heatwole pitched a no-batter. Suddenly, the team ran into a wall--Monrovia. "We pretty much just stopped hitting the ball," said Junior Kate Korn. "I thought we would be able to go undefeated, but that could not happen anymore."

Rainouts and cancelled games due to rain and wind were just one of many headaches for the team. Four games and one tournament were cancelled due to muddy fields and lightning.

Though going through a period of struggle, the girls pulled it together and were able to defeat their toughest opposition, Martinsville. "Martinsville had beaten us six times in the past three years," said Senior Jodi Willis. "They had bad attitudes, and we did not like them so we were very pumped up to win, especially in the second game." Willis went on to describe the Martinsville defeat as the turning point and a confidence builder for the entire team.

With a new drive, the team turned into a powerhouse, crushing both Terre Haute North and South as well as Franklin and Greenwood. They still had some rough moments along the way falling to Whiteland and Roncalli, but all in all, they pulled together as a team and overcame a beginning of the year slump to finish 12-5.

Despite losing the final game of the sectional to Martinsville, the girls were still happy with the overall turnout of the season. "We may not have had an undefeated team, and we could have done better," said Heatwole. "I still considered it a winning year."
Joe Grubbs

Coaches Eric McGaha and Heath Bailey left a long, lasting impression on their baseball team. They did more than just coach the team; they gave them knowledge to be used on the field as well as off.

"The coaches helped me out a lot," said Junior Adam Pruitt. "They made me realize how important baseball really was to me. They also made me better not only as a player, but also as a person. They showed me how to be a player on and off the field."

"In the beginning, the six o’clock conditioning was optional," said Pruitt. "But eventually the players made it mandatory. It really showed how much we cared about the team. The coaches brought the team together as one. We had team unity and that made us successful."

"My personal expectation for the season was to be the best team player," said Junior Ryan Stewart. "That’s what was always expected from me by Coach McGaha and Coach Bailey. They were the best coaches any player could ever have. They were both really good at what they did, especially Coach Bailey, who was the best batting coach in Indiana."

"My expectations for the season were big," said Senior Adam Ward. "I hoped that our team would win Mid-State and advance to Regionals."

"Attitude could have had a major effect on any team. A good attitude could have helped a team succeed, while a bad attitude could have made a team fail."

"The coaches had a winning attitude at the practices and the games," said Junior Jerry Reecer. "They actually cared about the team. We did workouts in the weight room that some colleges do. While we were on the field, they tried to put us in the same situations as college players."

"Coach McGaha and Coach Bailey were the most enthusiastic two men I had ever seen," said Senior Jeremy Manion. "I would do anything to be a freshman again to maximize the time I could have with the two."

Watching the ball, Junior Adam Pruitt prepares to hit it. "We did not have just two or three team leaders," said Pruitt. "It was all of the seniors. All of the juniors we had now will have to step up and fill the positions of the senior leaders we had now." Pruitt’s most memorable moment was in a game against Avon. "I got ejected from the game for running over the catcher when I was coming home."

Getting in position, Junior Kyle Davis prepares his mitt to catch the ball from the pitcher. "I had played baseball since I was about five years old," said Davis. "I enjoyed being on the team with all the guys and the coaches. The bus rides were great."
Ready to swing the bat, Senior Ryan Purdue watches as the ball flies to the plate. "Teammates and coaches were what made this year fun for me," said Purdue. "That is also why I played baseball. They are just fun to be with." Purdue had played baseball for 13 years now.

Warming up before the game, Juniors Kyle Thorp and Ryan Stewart catch the incoming balls from their teammates. "Even though I did not start every game, I was the one who got the players up whenever we were down," said Stewart.

* With the absence of stadium lights, some games were rescheduled or even canceled.
* On May 6, high gusts of wind blew the first base bleachers over the five foot fence.
* After the first away game, the veteran players shared the ritual "fishing story" with the new players.

Concentrating before pitching the ball, Senior Joe Meadows waits for a signal from the catcher. Meadows had pitched for 10 years.

For the past 13 years of his life, Senior Joe Meadows has played the sport that he loves the most. "I started playing baseball when I was four," said Meadows. "I have just always been good at it, and it just kind of stuck with me." Although Meadows had played baseball since he was four, he had only pitched for 10 years. Meadows planned on playing baseball at Indiana State University after high school. "I had other colleges that wanted me to play for them, but Indiana State was my best choice."

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Junior Ashley Blackwell runs hurdles during practice. For practice, the girls would run warm-up laps, stretch out as a team, and they would do their own workouts after all that was completed.

Freshman Emily Gunckel finishes her long jump at a home track meet. "She had tremendous amount of talent," said Coach Brian Hults.

The girls track team showed a lot of outstanding talent, and Freshman Emily Gunckel was one of those talented many. Placing at every meet, she impressed coaches and teammates all season. "She was awesome!" said Coach Brian Hults. "For her age level, she was well above average. Her work ethic was outstanding, along with her improvement," Hults said. "I enjoyed the meets, and thankfully my teammates and coaches were there for me," said Gunckel.

Left Sophomore Katie Brant dominates the track during the 1600 relay run. "I wished this season would have been more interesting, but it wasn’t," said Brant.

Bottom Junior Ashley Flake checks her time after strongly running the 3200. "Ashley had to be one of the most improved runners on the team from the time she was a freshman to now," said Coach Brian Hults. "She should have been a role model for everyone else."

The discus used by females weighs 2lbs. 3oz. It was once considered a gymnastic exercise by the ancient Greeks.

Coach Dale Graves had been coaching for 22 years.
Senior track member Josie Bothwell prepares to throw the shot put. "Josie had an excellent work ethic. She even came and practiced on Saturdays," said Coach Brian Hults. "She also improved daily."

The cool air blew against their skin as they ran between those thin lines that separated them from the opponent, and the sweat trailed itself down their faces as they crossed the finish line. Whether they won or not, members of the girls track team were happy they made it.

Despite having a season of 5-6, they worked their way to winning the Morgan County meet. Although they "lost some meets they should have won," as Senior Kari Turner put it, they still worked hard throughout the season. "I was really happy we won Morgan County, even though I did not run," said Sophomore Katie Brant. Brant, a record-breaking runner from the time she was a freshman to this year’s cross-country season, was injured for two weeks during this track season and even during the county meet. "Katie Brant got hurt during the season, and she was awesome," said Turner. Many had given one or two people credit for the track team’s winning, and many times it had been because of one or two people, but the girls track team beat all of the odds. When their top runner was out, they still managed to be strong and capture first place, winning by three points.

Even though the team only had 19 members, many of them were able to cross over and do more than one event, but this came at a price. "Going back and forth from event to event made me pretty sick, and my times on the 400 suffered because of it," said Senior Lauren Howard.

Each member had felt some sort of progression, or improvement, as the season went. "My times improved a lot," said Howard. "Towards the end of the season I could go over the hurdles with much better form."

The small team showed dedication and perseverance because they enjoyed the sport. "Track was my favorite sport," said Sophomore Amy Wright. "It made me work hard, but I still managed to have fun."
There were many different reasons to join the track team, and each person had his own reasons. Many members just wanted to be involved with school, and others just liked to run or throw. Some even participated to keep themselves in shape. "I basically just wanted a sport to participate in the winter and spring, and I did not do well in basketball, so I picked track," said Freshman Steven Smith.

Many of the boys chose the events they participated in. They had many different reasons to choose those particular events. Some of the reasons would have been because those are the events they had always participated in. Freshman Matt Smith said, "I did well in hurdles in junior high, and I wanted to improve."

Some of the boys did not want to choose their particular events, and had Coach Gerry Emerson choose for them. "I did not choose the events I participated in. Emerson knew how I could run and then decided for me, and I never questioned his choices," said Freshman Lance Newton.

A lot of the members felt differently about track than any other sport. Most of them, such as Junior Nathan Carter, felt that it was more of an individual sport. "Track was not so much a 'social sport,' but a sport where your ultimate competition was yourself," said Carter.

Some of the boys felt track was different because it was almost like "freedom." Freshman Zach Wathen said, "Track was different because you ran around the town. There was nothing that held you back, and there was nobody to tell you that you could not do something."
Right Sophomore Anthony Saucerman tries to keep up with a Franklin runner. One strategy was to stay directly behind the opponent until the last stretch of track and then pass him. This strategy was used by many of the members of the boys' track team.

Bottom Jumping for distance, Sophomore Ryan Gregory leaps into the sand pit. This was one of many events Gregory took a part in. In this event the participant runs from a given point and when he hits a bar on the ground, he jumps. They were judged by the farthest point back in the sand that he hit.

Running in a relay, Freshman Chris Vaughan prepares to hand off the baton. There were very few freshmen to make the cut for relay teams.

**Locking in the facts...**

* An average mile runner ran approximately 48 laps around the track during all the meets in one season.
* Most of the boys wore spikes on their shoes to grip the track.
* The boys’ hurdles were approximately six inches higher than the girls’ hurdles.

Sophomore Evan Steward tries to glide over the pole in a meet against Franklin.

**Pole vaulting for new records**

Pole vaulting make the news in 2002 for its danger to the athletes, but for Sophomore Evan Steward it was a challenge. "Even though Steward was only a sophomore, he was doing really good," said Athletic Director Mike Mossbrucker. Steward had a best height of approximately 13 feet, which was how high the pole was off of the ground. This was Steward’s second season as a MHS pole vaulter and he planned to try out for the team the next year.

After winning the county meet, Junior Dustin Sparks and Seniors Dan Mathers, Lance Evans, and Brandon Byers take time to pose for a picture.
Swinging a powerful backhand, Junior Dana Holsapple watches as the ball flies over the net. "I really wanted to beat Plainfield this year," said Holsapple. "I did not beat them during the season, but came very close during Mid-State."

Left: Stretching for the flying ball, Junior Ali Schubert goes airborne. "We did pretty much how I expected us to do this year," said Schubert. We had lots of new and inexperienced players so I thought we would probably be the underdogs.

Bottom: Senior Casey Reichanadter walks off the court after her match. "My favorite moment of the year was when a girl from Bloomington South hit me in the chest really hard with her ball," said Reichanadter. "Renee Redmond hit the girl back in the next point. That was loyalty and teamwork!"

Senior Abby Undercoffer delivers a powerful swing in an attempt to score a point. "I was so happy to beat Whiteland in Mid-State this year," said Undercoffer.

**UNDERCOFFER ENJOYS "LUCK OF THE DRAW"**

Her goal was simple; to place better this year than she did last year in the Mid-State Conference. Although she did not earn first place, Senior Abby Undercoffer still attained her goal. "I was happy that I got second," said Undercoffer. Undercoffer placed third in last year's Conference tourney. "I got the best draw I could have gotten. If I would have been in the top of the draw I would have played Jacque Jay from Plainfield. Even though I beat her in the season, she was still a good opponent and the match would have been close."

*Senior Abby Undercoffer was the only player who had been on varsity for all four years.*

*Due to weather problems, the second half of Mid-State was moved indoors.*

*Freshman Reanna Redmond was the only freshman on the team this year.*

Freshman Reanna Redmond watches her ball as it soars to her opponent. "I thought I served as a very good replacement for Brandy," said Redmond. Redmond stepped up to play varsity when an opening was available.
Placing her feet, Junior Renee Redmond prepares to hit the ball to her opponent. "My favorite moment of the year was on the bus ride on the way home from Bloomington," said Redmond. "It was on a Friday night, we were running 30 minutes late, and we got our butts kicked, however, we had a blast on the way back, and it made up for everything."

Unbeatable Season

TEAM APPRECIATES CLOSERNESS OF PLAYERS

Joe Grubbs

A new year brought upon a new coach for the girls tennis team. Coach Eric Potthast, a recent graduate of Indiana University, accepted the challenge.

"Coach Eric [Potthast] did a great job with the team," said Senior Casey Reichanadter. He had the most tennis experience out of any of the coaches we had before. He especially did a great job considering he was from a different town, did not know the girls on the team beforehand, and was fresh out of college."

With a new coach, leadership from the team was a key.

"Abby Undercoffer did a very good job of leading by example," said Reichanadter. "She was such a talented, slow-tempered tennis player. Dana Holsapple certainly kept the moral up and relaxed us in stressful situations."

"The seniors were definitely the team leaders," said Junior Ali Schubert. "They did a good job of setting the standard for the underclassmen."

"I tried to contribute to the team by being a positive leader," said Senior Abby Undercoffer. "I tried not to set a bad example, because I knew whether I liked it or not, and I was the person that everyone looked up to."

Disappointment and happiness were among some of the emotions expressed from the team this year.

"I would have liked to have won a few more matches," said Schubert, "but we had fun and were becoming better players, so the losses did not hurt too bad."

"I expected the team to do well this season because we had three seniors who had been on the team since our freshman year," said Reichanadter. "We also had some very good juniors this year. Unfortunately, other schools also had a good team. I was disappointed that my record had not improved from last year, but the team got along so well, that it counteracted all the bad."

"I had a blast with the team," said Undercoffer. "They all got along so well this year."
Golf professional Tiger Woods inspired younger golfers to enter the sport early, for he began his career at age three. Many of the members of the Mooresville golf team said that they wished that they would have started younger, and felt that they would have been better if they had started playing under age 10. Sophomore Landry Bates said, “I started [playing golf] about the end of my sixth grade year. I thought this was a disadvantage because if I had started earlier, I may have been a better player in the season.”

Some of the members started at an earlier age and felt that this was a major advantage. “I started at age eight, and because I started so early I was a better golfer,” said Freshman Nathan Watson.

The team’s home course was at Heartland Crossing. For meets against other schools, they played on the first nine holes, and in tournaments they played on all 18 holes. Some members thought some holes were harder than others. “I felt that hole seven was the hardest. It was a long drive at the bottom of a hill, and the green was surrounded by bunkers,” said Junior Ben Weddle. Even though the team had 12 golfers only the top six got to play, and of those six, the top four scores were used.

Many of the team members felt that Senior Cory Wright was a big asset to the team. “He gave us a lot of leadership and since he had played all four years, he knew a lot of the courses so he could fill us in,” said Bates. Weddle said, “Cory really led the way. I hoped that when I was a senior that the team would look up to me like they did him.”

“Last year was a lot different for me. We had a lot of experienced seniors. This year we were more carefree and we did not have as much pressure put on us,” said Sophomore Landry Bates. He played as number two or three all season. Bates planned to participate in golf the next year.
Right: After finishing a match, Senior Adam Scott picks up his golf bag then proceeds back to the clubhouse. Scott played number six for the team, and only the top six golfers got to compete in the meets.

Bottom: Sophomore Chad Undercoffer accidentally hits the ball into the rough and will have to play it where it lies. He had been playing golf since he was 12 years old. "I found this to be a disadvantage because most other people had been playing a lot longer.

Sophomore Michael Amore tees off the ball. He was teamed up with Wright for the meets. "Cory was not very talkative; he was really serious, but I liked playing with him," said Amore.

**Locking in the facts...**

* There were approximately 48 Bunkers on the first nine holes at the Heartland Crossing golf course.

* There were only three seniors on the golf team.

Senior Cory Wright may not have been Tiger Woods but in his teammates eyes he was close enough. "I wish kids would have looked up to me and came to me for advice like they did Cory," said Sophomore Landry Bates. Wright started playing golf at age seven with his parents, Dawn and Phil Wright. "My parents and I played golf every Friday in the summer," said Wright. He stated that he would have liked to play when he went to college at Rose-Hulman.

Senior Chad Tipmore attempts to hit the golf ball out of the grass directly beside the sand pit. "Chad was very consistent with his scores," said Junior Ben Weddle.
Freshmen Ryan Hickey and Jared Hilligoss return the ball during practice. Hickey thought the season would be hard. "I thought the coaches would yell at me, but they didn't," said Hickey.

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Freshman Sadée Rozzel concentrates on the ball about to be hit.

"I thought the coaches would yell at me, but they didn't," said Hickey.

Young player shows love for the game

Ever since first grade, Sadee Rozzel had been playing softball. "I grew up in a neighborhood where softball and baseball were all we played," said Rozzel. "We brought Sadee up for one game on the varsity team for quickness," said Coach Brett Taber. Rozzel felt she stepped up as being a team leader and getting everyone pumped up. "Sadee had a lot of team spirit. She kept us going when we were down on ourselves," said Freshman Valerie Young. "I had always loved softball," said Rozzel. "Softball was my life."

Left: Freshman Kelsie Wys prepares for the ball to be hit. Wys' favorite moment was when Junior Kate Korn almost got her head taken off but still caught the ball. Wys had played softball since she was about four years old. "I started because my sisters played and I liked it, too," said Wys.

Bottom: Junior Tabatha Peasley and Senior Lisa Travelsted practice before their meet. Peasley liked to think of her and her doubles partner, Junior Elizabeth Atkinson, as the team clowns. "We liked to make people laugh," said Peasley.

* Altogether there were 10 cancellations for the JV and Freshmen seasons.
* A baseball catcher squatted an average of 16 times per inning.
* There were three types of string used for a tennis racquet: Nylon, Gut, and Synthetic Gut.

Freshman Joey White watches the ball go by during a game against Whiteland. White felt he had stepped up from the freshman level to the JV level.

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Jumor Kate~ Roberts returns the ball to her opponent. "The rain had cancelled one or two meets, but those teams weren't in our division, so it didn't matter," said Roberts. This past year was Roberts' first year playing tennis, and she played tennis because she wanted to find a sport to play. "The bus ride to Bloomington South was fun, and all the games I had won," said Roberts.

The ram had cancelled one or two meets, but both teams couldn't cancel. So it didn't matter. Roberts

This past year was Roberts' first year playing tennis, and she played tennis because she wanted to find a sport to play. The bus ride to Bloomington South was fun, and all the games I had won," said Roberts.

Freshman Clint Brock steps the ball coming toward him during practice. Brock's expectations were to win every game during the season.

Unstoppable Rain

STRONG RECORDS DESPITE STRONG RAINFALL

Samantha Raney

The junior varsity and freshmen teams had to fight through the record breaking rainfall to get the job done. The softball team suffered when Sunshine Park was under a half a foot of water. "The weather hadn't cooperated with us very much. We had a lot of rainouts and no rescheduled games," said Freshman Sadee Rozzel. The girls ended their season with an overall record of 8-11 despite the rain-outs. Freshman Valerie Young said, "I think my team spirit kept the team up and happy, even when it was pouring down rain."

Though the tennis team avoided meet cancellations, they still had weather problems, like the other teams. "We missed a lot of practices, and I think the cold and windy weather affected how we played," said Freshman Melissa Trainor. Junior Jennifer Atwood said, "Some days were really cold, and others were really hot. It was a roller coaster for us."

The freshman baseball team also showed they could still get down and dirty with a 7-3 record despite all the rain and cancellations. "The rain affected our season a lot," said D.J. Lane. "There were a lot of rain-outs, but it made the practices a lot more fun," said Freshman Brandon Mitchell. "The rain cut out half of our season," said Lane.

The junior varsity baseball team finished with an a record of 15-5. "The weather had cancelled a couple of games, but overall it hadn't been bad. It wasn't too hot or too cold," said Sophomore Austin Smith. "We only had one game cancelled, but it was one we wanted to play the most," said Freshman Leland Kinnett.

Despite the deluge of rain and constant standing puddles on their playing fields, the freshman and junior varsity teams competed to win. Although the record rain dampened many of their games, it did not dampen the spirit to win.)
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Bottom Left: Jason Peasley, Justin Hietberg

E: Josie Bothwell, Adam Scott, Brandon Byers
Bottom Center: Miriam Doughty

Top Right: Kyle Oschman, Justin Hietberg, Jason Peasley, Derrick Clark
N: Lance Evans, David Counce

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Waiting for the moment when the Lilly Endowment Scholarship will be announced, Senior Cory Wright smiles with anticipation.

Shaking hands with Mr. Steve Hilligoss, Freshman Joshua Jones receives his award for keyboarding.

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Kettering University- Lance Evans
St. Joseph's College- Ashley Heatwole
Butler University- Kathleen Moffat
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Scholar Athlete Award- Brandon Hicks
Abby Undercoffer
U.S. Marine Corps
Distinguished Athlete Award- Kyle Oschman
Stefanie Shrike
The Semper Fidelis Award- Joe Desnoyer
Lauryn Fischer
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Ana Tyree
Ben Davis Area 31 Career Program Award
Brandon Johnson
Jessica Clark
Lucas Prosser
Vocational Auto
Golden Wrench Award- Bryan Gilman

208 Awards Day
In a touching moment, Junior Chad Boncquet receives a award given in honor of his sister, Trina. His mother presented him with the award.

Foreign exchange student Senior Miguel Feliz shares memorable moments from his year at MHS.

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Josie Bothwell
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Trina Boncquet Achievement Award- Chad
Boncquet
One of the first new restaurants to open in Mooresville this year, Steak 'n Shake quickly became a popular place to hang out after school with friends.

Junior Heather Morton tries to make a decision on what to see at the movies. "The best part about going to the movies was going with my friends and then talking about our favorites scenes," said Morton.

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Senior Florian Ruhammer pulls off some tricks at the local skatepark. "I liked hanging out at the skatepark because it gave me a chance to be with all my friends and just have fun," exclaimed Ruhammer.

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Josie,
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We're so proud of you.
You light up our lives with
your laughter and smile.
Follow God always;
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Wow!
Where have the past 18 years gone? It is difficult to express in writing all the love and joy in our hearts. We've watched you grow into a beautiful young lady. Congratulations on your academic and athletic accomplishments. We're so very proud of you. Continue to pursue your goals with God as your guiding hand.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Blair Schneider

Blair,
You have always been on the move, always ready to go places, and we know you are ready now to make your biggest move. We will always support you and the choices you make. Be sure to take God with you everywhere you go.
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With joy, we have watched you grow into the adult you now have become. When you look at us, may you remember how very much we love and care for you. Always believe in yourself. You are capable of great things. We love you,  
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High-Five Babe! You're the best. We're so proud of you.  
Love,  
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Shannon Dillin
Shannon,  
Congratulations, you made it through all these challenging years. Always know that no matter what challenges you'll be faced with in the future, you are my precious daughter, and I'll always be there for you. Good luck in all you do in the coming years.  
Love always,  
Mom

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Love,
Dad, Mom,
Jennifer & Joshua

Shane,
Thank you for all of the hard work and for being so dedicated. You are a wonderful son, and we are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Timmy

Dear Miriam,
It is amazing how fast time flies. It seems like only yesterday that you were this shy little girl playing with dolls and running around the neighborhood. As you make your way through life, we know you'll go far, because you are a strong, smart & independent young woman who is loved a lot. We are so proud of you!
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Carrie,
We are so proud of you and of the young lady you have become. You have come a long way.
Good Luck and Lots of Love!!
Mom, Dad & Justin

Lisa,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Follow your dreams!
Love you,
Mom, Terry,
Brian, Stacey, & Dave

Jenni,
We are so proud of you! You've overcome every obstacle put in front of you. What a beautiful young woman you have become. Look forward to your future, enjoy the present, and only look back for the good memories. Congratulations!
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Mike,
The road to success has many directions and you are your own guide. We have no doubt that you will have a productive and successful future. Always remember that we are proud of you and feel blessed that you are our son.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Anastacia, Job well done! We knew you could do it. Your family is so proud of you. We believe you can do anything you set your mind to, and we will be behind you every step of the way.
Love always,
Mom, Randy, Tonisha & Jalen

Staci,
It's great to know that dropping out of preschool did not have a lasting effect.
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Dad, Mom, & James

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Congratulations Seniors!

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Kayla Jeannie,
Well, the big day is here! Congratulations! We are so proud of you and who you are. May you always let God lead your footsteps. Love you forever- Forever our baby girl you will be!
Daddy and Mother

Cory Wright
Cory, Congratulations on all of your awards and achievements. We have enjoyed following your academic, athletic and music career at MHS. We know you always strive to do your best. Continue to let God be your guide at Rose-Hulman.
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Dusty, We love you and are very proud of you. May the Lord continue to be with you. XOXO.
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Ashley, You are a true blessing from God. We are so thankful God blessed us with you! You have brought so much laughter and joy to our home! We love you and wish you well in your new bright future!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ty, Whitney, and all the animals

To our 2001 - 2002 Senior Cheerleaders,

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SENIORS
Top Relaxing at the end of class, Senior John Silcox and Sophomore Holly Walker share a hug of friendship. Silcox and Walker were in computer drafting class together.

Right The Valentine's Dance offers Seniors Nicole O'Neil and Kayla Culver a chance to get a fun picture together. The semi-formal dance was held in the cafeteria, which was decorated by members of student council.

Bottom Members of Mrs. Melanie Kassen's Drama 1 class dress as reindeer in the Christmas play. The play was written, directed, and acted out by students. In addition, the backstage work and lights were also run by students.

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Left Varsity volleyball teammates come together to prepare for the game. The team successfully achieved the title of North Putnam and Edgewood Tournament Champions.

Bottom Standing proud, Senior Lauren Howard and Junior Brittany Allen show some faithful fan support. Howard and Allen handmade their t-shirts to show just how much they loved their boy's soccer team.

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Top Conducting a chemistry experiment. Junior Johnny Stogdill lights a candle as part of the preparation for the test. Chemistry class allowed students to work at lab stations, which provided a break from book learning.

Right After finishing a major deadline for the yearbook, senior staff members Lauren Fischer and Abby Undercoffer celebrate by "drinking" soda from a plastic hat. There weren't any cups, so the staff improvised and used anything that would hold liquid.

Bottom Channel 6 interviews a local police officer at a home baseball game. The police and firefighters were honored at the game against Plainfield, and the community showed its thanks to the men and women who helped to protect the local community. This event was in response to the tragedy of 9-11.
Top Freshmen students provide a gift-giving service by stuffing stockings for needy children in the local community. The students spent a week preparing the stockings for the kids.

Left Sprinting to the lead of the pack during the high hurdles is Sophomore JR Anton. Anton led the team in the hurdles and also participated in the long jump.

Bottom For Juniors Danny Tanner and Kyle Pendegraft, ISTEP Opportunity Days allow them to work outside with social studies teacher Don Adams. Tanner, Pendegraft, and Adams spent time digging holes, pouring concrete, and landscaping the front of the school building. Although they were able to complete their tasks, many students had their events cancelled due to tragedy of 9-11, which occurred during the Opportunity Days.

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Top Jumping right into his assignment, Freshman Alex Howard begins to dissect his frog. Biology students learned various animal anatomies through these different dissection labs.

Right Junior Sam Bischoff grabs the base of the tree trunk in order to get it into position to plant. The agriculture students did a service learning project where they planted numerous trees and bushes. The students also went to the zoo and visited McCormick's Creek to identify tree leaves.

Bottom Creating his own landscape portrait is Sophomore Josh Jones. Art class was a creative outlet for Jones who also enjoyed hanging out with his friends after school and playing a variety of video games.
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Top Occnal(l anchored the news

Top Carryin the weight of the world on his shoulders is Sophomore Justin Ault. Ault was taking the globe to the library where it was to be set on display for the student body. The new rotating globe was part of a service learning project.

Bottom Working to his potential, Senior Travis Meyer lifts the free weights to work his biceps as a fellow student offers encouragement. APC offered students a chance to improve their physical health. In addition to weight training, students were pushed to improve their aerobic conditioning by APC teacher Mark Bless.

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Top Sticking it out in the pouring rain during the Homecoming parade, members of UNITY sit proudly on their float. Despite the inclement weather, the tradition of having a parade before the game was not broken. UNITY also sponsored a variety of activities, all geared at helping students make positive choices.

Left As Science teacher Kim Zook looks on in disgust, Junior Joe Grubbs dumps the remains of her class’ molded pumpkin. The smell was so strong that students throughout the English hallway were scrunching their noses at the stench.

Bottom Heading to Lebanon to explore a corn maze, students display their corn snacks. They earned the snacks by answering corn trivia questions. The field trip, however, was called back because of 9-11.


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This was the 57th volume of the Wagon Trails, and for the year of 2002, the yearbook staff tried to capture on film and through print, the memories of the 2001-2002 school year. It was a year of ups and downs, but as with any year, it was one filled with its own events and memories. The staff hoped to preserve those memories so that when you looked back 20 years from now, you would be able to remember what went on inside the walls of MHS. To help compile these memories, the staff used IBM computers, Adobe Pagemaker software, and Adobe Photoshop. Herff Jones served as the publisher, and Cathy Wolfe was the yearbook representative. Mooresville High School was a member of the Indiana High School Press Association. Underclass photos were taken by Indiana School Pictures, and senior portraits were done by Studio One. Ms. Sharon Eickhoff was the adviser.
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Mr. Bess and the Mid Varsity Football Team

Mr. Bob Adams
Senior Sarah Myers
Junior Gyzelle Wiles-Cawes
Senior Lauren American and Damien Black
As the year drew close to the end, it was almost as though "senioritis" and end-of-the-year blues came out in full force like a great wind, which blew closed the door to spirit for most MHS students. For the seniors, and even some underclassmen and faculty, the summer sun could not show its face quickly enough. While enthusiasm could be seen in almost any corner of Mooresville High School during the first semester, the yearbook staff, like many students, became engulfed in various tasks, deadlines, and homework.

After Christmas break, Spirit Days were left on a back burner. Just as the nation was hit with obstacles in 2001, MHS was faced with its own, smaller challenges, too. And, just like the nation, MHS lost a little of its spirit as well as time crept by. However, no matter how much time expired, no wind could dim the light inside each of us or close the door to our own individual spirits, which shone through even the smallest keyhole during tough times. And, it was often our inner spirits which broke free and enabled us to conquer all of life's barriers during the years 2001 and 2002.
Even though the total number of shark attacks decreased in 2001, a rash of highly publicized cases make this "the Summer of the Shark."

On Jan. 1, 2001, 12 European nations adopt a single currency called the Euro which becomes legal tender in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain.

John Walker, the American Taliban, is being held for war crimes against the United States.

Princess Margaret, sister of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, dies at age 71.

Enron is the largest company in U.S. history to file for bankruptcy. Allegations arose concerning the shredding of documents believed to be connected to the company's use of funds from its employees' 401k program.

Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter, is kidnapped and murdered by the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. President Bush declares, "The United States of America will rid the world of these agents of terror."
Million of acres of southeastern Australia are scorched by wildfires.

Ford and Firestone go their separate ways after a year of finger pointing in the deaths of more than 170 people in Ford Explorers equipped with Firestone Tires.

The sun sets on the Taliban as U.S. soldiers raise an American flag from the World Trade Center at a U.S. Air Force base near the Afghan city of Kandahar. The United States organized its allies and began an all-out "War on Terrorism."

American Airlines Flight 587 leaving New York for Santo Domingo crashes three minutes after take off, killing 251 passengers and nine crew members.

Congressman Gary Condit is a central figure in the search for Chandra Levy, a Department of Justice intern, who has been missing since April 2001.

Slobodan Milesevic appears before the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal on charges for crimes against humanity during Yugoslavia's breakup in the 1990s.
Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross and spouse of former presidential candidate Bob Dole, announces her candidacy for the Senate.

After being detained for more than three months by the Taliban, American aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry are rescued from Afghanistan.

On June 11, Timothy McVeigh, convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, is executed by lethal injection.

Letters containing anthrax are delivered to U.S. senators Patrick Leahy and Tom Daschle, and NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw. The Senate office building was closed for three months. Five people died from inhalation anthrax.

A missile defense shield to protect the United States is a priority of the Bush Administration.

Hundreds of bodies are discovered at a Noble, Georgia crematory, some dating back more than 10 years.
After 12 years of construction, the efforts to stabilize the Leaning Tower of Pisa are complete.

Amnesty for illegal Mexican immigrants is promoted by President Bush.

The decision to allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research only on stem cells from embryos already collected raises ethical questions.

Kmart, the giant discount retailer, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection while it reorganizes its holdings.

other NEWS

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced a plan to set buffer zones after an increase in violence against the Palestinian Authority.

- Jim Jeffords switched from the Republican GOP to the Democratic party's side of the aisle, causing an important shift in power and reorganization of the Senate.

- Crown Prince Dipendra of Nepal gunned down 10 members of the Nepalese Royal family before turning the gun on himself.

- A North Carolina state trooper killed one Green Beret and injured another when they tried to disarm him, believing that he was part of a training exercise.

- Experimental drug BL22, which targets only a rare form of leukemia cell, showed signs of great success in fighting hairy cell leukemia.

- Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the bathtub of her Texas home. She pled not guilty by reason of insanity.

- Charles Bishop, 15, stole a Cessna aircraft and crashed it into the Bank of America Plaza in Tampa, Florida.

GM launches a program to cut its workforce by 10 percent through an early retirement program.

Ford looks to cut 12,000 union jobs and 8,000 salaried positions.

Britain's Prince Harry may face charges stemming from smoking marijuana and drinking underage.

Wendy's founder and spokesperson Dave Thomas dies at age 69.
Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will be remembered as a tragic day that changed the world. That morning, a plot, masterminded by terrorist Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network, was put into action. Two hijacked commercial airliners were flown into New York City's World Trade Center Towers, ultimately causing their collapse. Immediately following the incident, another hijacked airliner crashed into one side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Thousands of lives were lost, citizens were terrified and the world was in shock.

Following that mournful day the United States experienced anthrax scares, continued security threats and the reality of war. Despite the horror, fear and heartache, U.S. citizens united and their patriotic spirit soared. President Bush promised: "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail." Through that statement and the remarkable sense of national pride exuded by U.S. citizens, it became evident that no threat, great or small, could deter the United States resolve for enduring freedom.
Ailing airlines urge citizens to defy terrorists' attempts to disrupt lives by reboarding airplanes.

Thousands of people world-wide donate blood and volunteer their services to aid U.S. recovery.

An overwhelming spirit of unity and national pride arises out of the smoldering ashes and human devastation from the September 11 attacks on the United States.

**America's Heroes**

- Michael Benfante and John Cerqueira, employees on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center, selflessly carried wheelchair-bound Tina Hanson down 68 flights of stairs to safety.

- New York City Fire Department Chaplain Father Mychal Judge, lost his life at Ground Zero while offering last rights to another victim.

- While attempting to rescue others, 343 firemen and 60 police officers died during the attack on the World Trade Center Towers.

- Army Chief Warrant Officer Craig Sincock, despite losing his wife at the Pentagon, offered assistance to those he could aid at the scene. On Sept. 12, Sincock began acting as a grief counselor for others who had lost family members at the site.

- Passengers Todd Beamer, Tom Burnett, Mark Bingham and Jeremy Glick joined to overcome hijackers aboard Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Beamer's final statement "Let's roll," has become a symbolic phrase since then.

Canine rescue teams help firefighters search for survivors among the wreckage.

U.S. troops dedicate their lives to preserving freedom and keeping America safe.

Citizens and communities across the country proudly display patriotic decor.
Academy Award-winning actor Russell Crowe claims a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "A Beautiful Mind." The movie is nominated for five Academy Awards.

Actress Julia Roberts wins her eighth People's Choice Award for favorite motion picture actress.

Hit movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" breaks box office records.

ABC's "My Wife and Kids" and Damon Wayans win People's Choice Awards.

"Shrek" wins an Oscar nomination and the People's Choice Award for Favorite Motion Picture.

NBC's "The Weakest Link" puts a new edge on quiz show standards.

Jack Lemmon, an Academy and Emmy Award-winning actor, dies at age 76.

Professional soccer player Ethan Zohn is the $1 million dollar winner of Survivor: Africa.

In honor of those involved in the events surrounding September 11, Hollywood actors and musicians combine efforts to produce "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The benefit, which was aired simultaneously and commercial-free by dozens of broadcast and cable networks, raised more than $100 million in donations.
Stars of the No. 1 rated show "Friends" agree to return for a ninth season in 2002-2003. Each cast member received a 33 percent salary increase bringing their wages to $1 million dollars per episode.

Actress Nicole Kidman wins a Golden Globe award for her musical performance in "Moulin Rouge." Kidman and "Moulin Rouge" were both nominated for Academy Awards.

Soap star Kelly Ripa replaced Kathy Lee Gifford on "Live with Regis."

Box office hit "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings" earned 13 Academy Award nominations.

Actress Winona Ryder was arrested for allegedly shoplifting $5,000 worth of clothing and accessories from Saks Fifth Avenue.

Actors Kelsey Grammer and Ray Romano tied for favorite male television star at the annual People's Choice Awards.

The world bids farewell to Academy Award-winning actor Anthony Quinn.

The 2001 Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of security concerns. The eventual winners were "The West Wing," "Sex and the City," "The Sopranos," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Will and Grace." Other popular shows were "ER," "CSI," "That 70's Show," "Smallville" and "Scrubs."

Other popular movies were "Rush Hour 2," "Monsters, Inc.,” "The Mummy Returns," "Jurassic Park III," "John Q" and "We Were Soldiers."

"Pearl Harbor" heart-throb Josh Hartnett furthers his career with his role in "Black Hawk Down."

Popular television star Carroll O'Connor dies at age 76.

The United Nations names actress Angelina Jolie its goodwill ambassador.

Hit television show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" takes a bold step by producing a musical episode.
Favorite Album, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, is awarded to Destiny's Child for "Survivor" at the American Music Awards. They also won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Duo/Group.

Jennifer Lopez says "I do" to dancer and choreographer Chris Judd just eight months after the announcement of her split from boyfriend of two years, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

George Harrison, known as "The Quiet Beatle," dies at 58 of cancer. The death of John Lennon in 1980 leaves Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr as the only remaining Beatles.

Pop superstar Britney Spears makes her debut on the big screen in the movie "Crossroads." She also released her self-titled album, went on tour, performed in her "Live from Las Vegas" HBO special and dated 'N Sync pop singer Justin Timberlake.

Nelly wins Favorite Artist, Rap/Hip-Hop, at the American Music Awards.

Michael Jackson is named Artist of the Century at the 2002 American Music Awards.
Alicia Keys wins Favorite New Artist, Soul/Rhythm and Blues, and Favorite New Artist, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, at the American Music Awards. Keys also won five Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Fallin'."

Madonna tours the United States for the first time in eight years. Tickets sold for $250 each.

Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory" is the best selling album and the song "Crawling" wins a Grammy.

Tim McGraw and wife Faith Hill win Favorite Male and Female Country Music Artist at the American Music Awards.

Pop group 'N SYNC took the title Favorite Group/Band/Duo for Pop/Rock 'n Roll at the American Music Awards. In addition, they won a People's Choice Award for Favorite Musical Group.

Bush's lead singer Gavin Rossdale and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani announced their engagement.

Christina Aguilera, Mya, Lil' Kim, and Pink won a Grammy for Best Pop Collaboration "Lady Marmalade."

U2 earned $109.7 million from their U.S. concert tour this year. They won Internet Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards and performed at the Superbowl XXXVI halftime show. They also won four Grammys.

Garth Brooks received the Award of Merit at the American Music Awards.

Movie soundtrack "O Brother, Where Art Thou" won five Grammys at the 2002 awards ceremony and was awarded Album of the Year.

Other musicians who made headlines this year included Nelly Furtado, Outkast, Train, Staind, India.Arie, Lenny Kravitz, Lucinda Williams and Craig David.

Janet Jackson wins Favorite Female, Pop/Rock, at the American Music Awards. She also won two Grammys.

Rising music and movie star Aaliyah dies in an airplane crash. She was 22.

Mariah Carey's first movie "Glitter" and its soundtrack are panned by critics and ignored by fans.
A new top-of-the-line iMac is introduced by Apple Computer. The redesigned computer has a floating 15-inch LCD flat screen, allowing users one-touch adjustment, a 700 MHz or 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processor, and the SuperDrive for playing and burning CDs and DVDs.

Cell phones in schools are considered a distraction and banned by some administrators.

The Intel Pentium 4 processor is the next evolution in desktop processing technology.

Microsoft's future generation video game system X-Box delivers the most powerful game experiences ever.

Hanspring, Inc. introduces a handheld computer with a built-in cell phone.
Dusters, as worn here by actress Evan Rachel Wood, are a new trend in stores everywhere.

Reggae/pop superstar Shaggy wears his colored sunglasses, a hot trend for the year.

There is a different attitude in American culture this year for Halloween. A shift to the "hero concept" make firemen and policemen costumes the most popular choices among children.

After September 11, Americans unite and show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

Other News

IN TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

- Hewlett Packard and University of California scientists patented a process that will eventually develop a computer chip small enough to fit on the head of a pin.

- SONICblue unveiled its first hard drive-based portable music player, The Rio Riot, which holds up to 5,000 songs or 400 CDs worth of digital music.

- Glitter, sparkle and shimmer were found in makeup, nail polish, body lotion, hair gel and on clothing. Corduroy pants, studded belts, hoodies, vintage and unique cut jeans were also popular.

- A travel-size camera from Intel was designed to shoot Internet-ready photos and videos for easy upload.

- An electric toothbrush was a necessity when it came to serious dental hygiene.

- DVD players gained popularity and threatened to replace VCRs.

- From the court to the classroom, Adidas All Day All Night sneakers were the "cool kicks" for the year.

- Cell phone cases were a hot item to coordinate with an outfit.

- Claudia Schiffer shows off some hot trends: low-rise jeans, fat belts and tops with some sparkle.

- Body and skin jewelry continue to be a "cool thing to do."

- Flip-flops make a comeback. They were available in an assortment of funky colors and styles.

- Boots that rise to the knee are in stores everywhere.
Barry Bonds sets a new Major League record for most home runs in a single season with 73.

Jennifer Capriati wins the French Open in 2001, then wins a second straight Australian Open in 2002.

"His Airness" returns to the court after three years in retirement. Michael Jordan, 39, faced perhaps his toughest challenge in leading the Washington Wizards to the 2002 playoffs.

The New England Patriots claim their first Super Bowl title with a win over the St. Louis Rams. A dramatic fourth-quarter field goal gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory.

During a game following the Sept. 11 tragedy, the football team at John R. Rogers High School in Spokane, Wash., proudly carries the American flag onto the field. This photo appeared in several major newspapers and was featured in Sports Illustrated.

Tiger Woods wins a fourth consecutive major, The Masters.
Venus Williams repeats as Wimbledon and U.S. Open Champion. In the U.S. Open finals, Venus defeated her sister Serena.

American cyclist Lance Armstrong claims his third consecutive Tour De France title in July.

Lennox Lewis regains his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles from Hasim Rahman in Las Vegas, in November.

L.A. Laker Kobe Bryant earns MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game, leading the West All-Stars over the East, 135-120.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. returns to Daytona in July to win an emotional Pepsi 400. Just five months earlier, a crash during the Daytona 500 took the life of his legendary father, Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

With six victories and nearly $7 million in earnings, Jeff Gordon claims another Winston Cup Championship for the 2001 NASCAR season.


The Colorado Avalanche win the 2001 Stanley Cup, defeating the New Jersey Devils.
American snowboarding sensation Kelly Clark takes the United States' first gold medal in the Women's Half-Pipe Snowboarding competition at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Americans Ross Powers (gold), Danny Krass (silver), and Jarret Thomas (bronze) sweep the medals in Men's Half-Pipe Snowboarding at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya of Russia and David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada receive gold medals in Pairs Figure Skating. Initially given the silver medal, the Canadians were awarded gold after misconduct by a French judge was discovered.

American Chris Witty took the gold in world record time in the Women's 1000-meter Speed Skating competition at the Winter Olympics.

The United States earned 34 medals in the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the most ever by the United States in the winter games.

Third generation American Olympian Jim Shea captured the gold in the Men's Skeleton competition.

The Miami Hurricanes won the Rose Bowl and their fifth NCAA Division I Football Championship with a decisive 37-14 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Hurricanes' baseball team also won the College World Series 12-1 over Stanford in the final game.

Pitcher Danny Almonte dominated Little League Baseball with an untouchable slider and grueling fastball. It was discovered at season's end that Almonte was 14 years old, two years over the league age limit.

PGA star David Duval took home his first career major title, the 2001 British Open, in July.

Sixteen-year-old American Sarah Hughes shocks the world, winning the gold in Women's Figure Skating.

Casey Fitzrandolph takes the gold in the Men's 500-meter Speed Skating event.