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THE ROADS TRAVELED
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Everyone faces crossroads throughout life. Many of those crossroads can be insignificant, while others can greatly effect a person, a community, or the entire world.

In the summer of 2002, many government officials in Indiana faced a major crossroad with the state budget. The decrease in state funds nearly eliminated summer school for the year and possibly for the future.

The crowded hallways and classrooms at MHS became a crossroad that the administration could not ignore. With the growth of the community, more students enrolled in classes, nearly exceeding the maximum capacity for the school.

President Bush faced one of the greatest crossroads of his career, effecting MHS as well as the rest of the world. When Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein failed to follow orders, Bush pushed for war on Iraq. The war heightened many securities around MHS. During normal school hours, all doors near the parking lot were under constant surveillance. No doors or windows, except the main entrance, were to be opened once school began until the end of the day.

Through the course of the year, crossroads were presented to students, the community, and the world. In the end, the roads taken were the roads that paved our future.

Senior Eric Lybarger displays his awards to the crowd at Conseco Fieldhouse. Lybarger took fourth in the state in the Indiana Wrestling tournament.

Concentrating on her song, junior Finesse member Nicole Shanklin places her hand inside of her glove at the Spotlighter Invitational.

Freshman Ruth Thomas paints a project for Mrs. Sharon Eickhoff's English class. The project was on display for the school to see.
Junior Susan Bradley stops to pose for the crowd during a Color Guard show for the students of MHS. The Color Guard placed fifth in the state for their performance.
Senior Joe Grubbs acts as a contestant on a blind date show for Wagon Trails Revue.

Senior Yates Hull works on the senior float to show his support for his class.

Seniors show spirit with their paddles at the football Homecoming pep rally.
Winter Homecoming Queen Kate Korn receives congratulations from her father at the game.

The choirs sing in the gym at the 9/11 convocation. In remembrance of the terrorist attacks, the school participated in several unified activities.
ARE PADDLES CONSIDERED A WEAPON? THAT WAS THE ISSUE THE ADMINISTRATION TACKLED THIS HOMECOMING. THE ADMINISTRATION FELT THAT THE PADDLE CREATED AN IMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THE SCHOOL PROMOTED VIOLENCE. MHS IS KNOWN FOR ITS TRADITIONS AND THE PRIDE TAKEN IN HAVING PADDLES, BUT THE QUESTION WAS: IS IT FAIR TO DEPRIVE THE SENIORS OF THE RITUAL OF HAVING A PADDLE ON HOMECOMING?

MANY STUDENTS SAID THEY HAD THE SAME OPINION REGARDING THE PADDLES. THE MAIN REASON FOR NOT GETTING RID OF THE PADDLES WAS BECAUSE IT IS A TRADITION.

"I THINK IT IS UNFAIR AT THE MOST. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TRADITION AT MHS, AND I'M SURE THEY'VE HAD PROBLEMS BEFORE THAT THEY DEALT ACCORDINGLY WITH, WHY STOP NOW?" SAID SENIOR CAITI CORBIN.

TRADITIONS ARE STRONG. SOME STUDENTS WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS REWARD THROUGH WATCHING OLDER RELATIVES GET THEIR PADDLES, LIKE JUNIOR ROSIE MCKINNEY. "I THINK THAT TAKING AWAY THE PADDLES IS A HORRIBLE MISTAKE, BECAUSE ITS TRADITION. MY PARENTS...

BY JULIA MILLER

GOT ONE AND MY SIBLINGS DID TOO! WHY CHANGE A TRADITION THAT GOES BACK SO LONG?" SAID MCKINNEY.

BESIDE THE FACT THAT IT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A WEAPON, PADDLES WERE ALSO KNOWN TO BE USED TO ACTUALLY PADDLE PEOPLE. ONE FRESHMAN FROM LAST YEAR, WHO WAS PADDLED BY A SENIOR, EXPRESSED A GREAT DEAL OF EMOTION ABOUT THE IDEA OF LOSING THE PADDLE PRIVILEGES. "I DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BEING PADDLED BECAUSE, FOR ONE THING, I FELT PRIDE IN GETTING TO SIGN A SENIOR'S PADDLE, THEY WILL HAVE THAT SIGNATURE TO CHERISH FOREVER. I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MY EXPERIENCE WITH ANOTHER LITTLE FRESHMAN SUCH AS I WAS," SAID SOPHOMORE ZACH W AthEN.

"I THINK SENIORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE PADDLES, BUT ONLY IF THEY SHOW ENOUGH MATURITY TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY," SAID FRESHMAN FLETCHER JONES.

THE ADMINISTRATION CAME UP WITH SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES AND SOLUTIONS, THOUGH NONE HAVE BEEN SET INTO MOTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOMECOMING.
Freshman Lauren Kenney participates in the eating contest. Each person had to eat a total of two Big Macs from McDonalds. "It was fun even though we cheated and put Big Macs in our pockets," said sophomore Greg Preston. Despite the cheating, the Seniors won the event.

Seniors Kate Korn, Nicole Sparks, Jessica Sutche, Jenni Shipley and Kristen Gunnel play around after the Powderpuff game. "Coach Thomas made the best of our practices and taught us the how to beat the Juniors," said senior Kate Korn. The team did succeed and beat the Juniors by one touch down.

The Juniors participate in the tug of war contest. "The key to tug of war is to grab the rope and pull as hard as you can," said junior Ben Thomas. Although they won against all of the classes, they lost to the faculty. "I can't believe we lost to the teachers," said junior Kylea Howe.

Ms. Crawford, Math, recovers after being pied by Mrs. Gilly, History. "I was more than happy to be a spectacle, purely for the entertainment of MHS students," said Crawford. She, along with two other teachers and one guidance counselor, was selected by the students to be pied.
Before the sun came up and while most were still asleep, the senior cheerleaders began making breakfast for the seniors on the football team. They prepared various egg casseroles, fruit dishes, and breakfast drinks. "I woke up at 4:30 in the morning," said senior Brittany Tidd. "I never woke up that early before but I really enjoyed getting together with my friends and teammates in the morning. Hopefully it will become a tradition."

"The breakfast was actually pretty good," said senior Joey Smith. "Any food that is served to us is good food."

Unlike last year's Homecoming game, rain was not a factor. During the day, it looked as if another chilled rain was in the forecast, but by game time the rain had ceased. "I was glad that it did not rain during the game this year," said senior Tad DeWitt. "Because it did not rain, there were more fans at the game. It was always good to hear the fans cheering for you."

"Since it did not rain we had good fan support," said senior

A Sweet Victory

By Joe Grubbs

Josh Miller. "I felt our support all year was good, but it was most predominately felt at Homecoming. My highlight was walking off the field knowing that we [the team] had done our part in Homecoming."

During halftime when the float winners were announced, the senior float experienced a small technical problem. "When we hooked the inverter to the battery, sparks started flying out everywhere," said senior Amanda Mason. "I was trapped inside with my sister and Mrs. Skaggs tried to pull us both out. Nothing actually caught on fire but it was pretty scary. We ended up just taking the float around the track with no power running to it." Mason was the designer of the winning float.

In the end, players were proud of their victory, but some had other things on their minds. "The best part of Homecoming this year was annihilating Franklin," said senior Corey McCauley. "42-10, that was annihilation. This Homecoming was better than any other because we were seniors. I was upset that there would be no more Homecoming games for me to play in."
Senior Megan Cashion and her escort senior Kyle Thorp pose for pictures after receiving the Homecoming Queen crown. "That really added to my senior year experience," said Cashion. "It was something that I would always remember." Cashion was also named Miss Morgan County earlier in the year.

"Traveling around the football field, Operation AMMHS captures all of the action at the game. "It was my idea to make Operation AMMHS, but I never had the resources," said Mrs. Hadley, journalism. "We had some of Mr. Graves' physics students help us make it. [Juniors] Stephanie Callahan and Gareth Shields helped the most."

The offensive line prepares to execute another powerful play. "I thought that the offensive line did an outstanding job," said Head Football Coach Mark Bless. "They definitely dominated the line of scrimmage." The strength of the offensive line enabled the team to score a total of 42 points.
Senior Joe Grubbs and Junior Corey Baize are a girl’s best friend. To keep the tradition going, both boys were forced to wear a dress and introduce Finesse. “Getting out on the stage for my other acts was fine, but I still hated wearing a dress for the second year in the row,” said Grubbs.

Senior Angela Reedy sings in Madrigals, which was directed by Mr. Damron, Choir. This was Madrigals’ first year. “I am thrilled to be in the first year of Madrigals! I think we have started a tradition that will only improve,” said Reedy. The group sang “Throw the Yule Log on Uncle John.”

Sophomore Jacqueline Blessing sings “It’s A Grand Night for Singing”. “This was my first year to have a solo in Wagon Trails, and my favorite part was the big, pink dress I wore because I loved to twirl around in it,” said Blessing.

Colorguard performs to John Williams’ piece. A saying that the group used as motivation was “Karma Cap.”
Fans didn’t hesitate to review the fact that Wagon Trails Revue was two nights instead of three. Although the change was convenient for the students, it was upsetting to the parents who didn’t get to see their children perform.

“My mom was so mad that she was not able to sit down and watch me that she ended up sneaking in and standing in the back just to see me perform, while the rest of my family had to go home,” said junior Devin Black.

Normally, the public had no problem being able to purchase tickets on the night of the concert, but because of the lack of seating available the tickets sold out faster than normal.

“I think that it would have been better to have it for three nights, instead of just two, that way more people would be able to watch the show, and it would bring in more money for the yearbook fund,” said choir aid Mrs. Angie Kennedy, who helped sell Wagon Trails Revue tickets.

When the issue was discussed regarding whether to have the performances be two or three nights, the yearbook staff agreed it would be more productive to have the show be sold out for two nights than to have three nights with empty chairs.

Not everyone was upset with the decision, like junior Lara DeJuan Romero. “I thought that having two nights of Wagon Trails instead of three was convenient because it gave me, as well as the other performers, a day to just relax and hang out,” said Romero.

The yearbook staff considered going back to three nights next year, but the decision was not made until the choir, administration, and the yearbook staff agreed on what was best.

“I hope that we have three nights next year because I had a blast watching all that went on and two nights just was not enough to see everything,” said staff member Karla DeJuan Romero.

By Julia Miller

Just Two Nights

JUNIOR TONY GERALD PLAYS THE TRUMPET  JUNIOR KASEY FANCHER SINGS A SOLO  SOPHOMORE SARA POTEET POSES
Winter Homecoming has become a tradition that will carry on for many years at MHS. On its fourth year, many enjoyed the Winter Homecoming. To fire the students up during school, a pep rally featuring a game between the “Golden Boys” and the faculty was scheduled. Seniors Brad State and David Yaraschefski coached the “Golden Boys,” while members of the Girls basketball team coached the faculty through a close win. “It was a lot of fun to coach the faculty during the pep rally,” said senior Suzy Doughty. “We got to choose who we wanted to coach, so we picked a winning team.”

Not only did the girls enjoy the sweet victory over the “Golden Boys,” but they also defeated Avon 72-46. “Winter Homecoming was great because we killed them,” said Doughty. “It was also great since I was a senior,” said Doughty. “We knew that we could win but we also knew that we had to work hard to win.”

GIRLS RULE, BOYS DROOL

By Joe Grubbs

The Boys Basketball team was not as fortunate as the girls were. In one of their closest games of the season, the boys fell to Avon in a heartbreaking 47-48 loss. “We knew that they were a good team before we played them,” said junior Austin Smith. “We had a very good effort against a very good team, but I was still disappointed that we lost by just one point.” Smith, along with teammate Yaraschefski, led the team with 11 points each in that game. “My biggest highlight personally was that I did a good job scoring,” said Smith.

During halftime of the boys game, the Winter Homecoming royalty was announced. Many were in attendance as senior Kate Korn was named queen and senior Alex Ruoff was named king. Bad weather and slow traffic nearly caused Ruoff to miss the crowning ceremony, but when he arrived, he was glad he had. “I was excited that I was named the winter homecoming king,” said Ruoff. “I was expecting to be nominated, but when I won, it overfilled my heart with joy.”

Freshman Heather Harper

Winter Homecoming King and Queen

The “Monks” pray for a victory
DISPLAYING HER COLLEGE COLORS, SENIOR LAUREN SCHROEDER RESTS BY A WINDOW. "I LIKE SPIRIT DAYS," SAID SCHROEDER. "I LIKE THEM BECAUSE YOU GET TO WEAR THINGS THAT YOU NORMALLY DO NOT GET TO WEAR." SCHROEDER WORE THE PURDUE CLOTHES BECAUSE THAT WAS THE COLLEGE SHE PLANNED ON ATTENDING.

FRESHMEN ALYSSA CALDERHEAD, KAYLA SMITH, AND LINDSAY FAULL MAKE THEIR PLANS TO DECORATE MRS. CANDICE DUE'S, ENGLISH, DOOR FOR THE DOOR DECORATING CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE CHEERLEADERS. "I FELT BAD FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY WORKED REALLY HARD AND DIDN'T WIN," SAID MRS. DUE.

WALKING TO CLASS, SENIOR TERRI LAVERTY DISPLAYS HER CLASS SPIRIT DURING ONE OF THE SPIRIT DAYS. THE STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORED A WEEK'S WORTH OF SPIRIT DAYS INCLUDING HAT DAY, COLLEGE DAY, INSIDE OUT DAY, OLD UNIFORM DAY, AND BLUE AND GOLD DAY. MANY STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THESE SPIRIT DAYS.
Snetsky, played by freshman Jon Eickman, tries to explain to Leon, played by senior Joey Smith, who is troubled by the town's unusual behavior. "The play was a wonderful experience. The people were great, the atmosphere was fun and the directors were perfect. I will miss the stage when I am gone," said Smith.

Dr. Zubritsky, played by junior Ben Thomas, and Lenya Zubritsky, played by Katie Brant, are awakened in the night. "Boy, I was really glad that my mustache stayed on because during dress rehearsal it kept falling off. We had to improvise the rest of the night, it was really funny," said Thomas.

Sophia, played by sophomore Jacqueline Blessing, shows emotion for Leon, played by senior Joey Smith. "The hardest part about the play was the kiss because Joey and I were dating someone, so it was kind of weird," said Blessing.

Yenchna, played by senior Ashley Reed, tries to bribe Slovitch, played by senior Yates Hull, to buy some "fish." "This play was very fun and had one of the best directors and actors. I was very proud and happy to have been a part of it," said Hull.

Yenchna (Reed) talks about her wonderful "fish" to Leon (Smith).
EVERY PLAY IS MADE OF ACTORS, ACTRESSES, AND DIRECTORS, WHO ALL GET PLENTY OF RECOGNITION, BUT SOME SEEM TO FORGET TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE STAGE WORKING TO MAKE THINGS COME TOGETHER.

THE PLAY, TITLED *FOOLS*, WAS ABOUT A TOWN THAT HAD BECOME NON-INTELLIGENT, DUE TO A CURSE FROM A REVENGEFUL FATHER. *FOOLS* WAS MADE UP OF SIX ACTORS, FOUR ACTRESSES, TWO DIRECTORS, TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, THREE STAGE MANAGERS, TWO LIGHTS AND SOUND SPECIALISTS, ONE PROGRAM MANAGER, TWO PROP MANAGERS, FIVE PROP CREW MEMBERS, TWO MAKEUP AND COSTUME CREW MEMBERS, AND NINE STAGE CREW MEMBERS.

STAGE MANAGERS WORKED ABOUT NINETEEN HOURS A WEEK, KEEPING ORDER BACK STAGE. "IT WAS A TON OF FUN AND HIGH STRESS, BUT IS WAS WORTH IT," SAID SOPHOMORE CHRISTIE SEIDL.

PUTTING THE SET TOGETHER GAVE A COUPLE OF WORKERS TROUBLE. "I SLICED MY HAND OPEN [WHILE PUTTING THE SET TOGETHER],

NEED HELP, FOOLS?

BY JULIA MILLER

BUT EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MY FAULT, IT ENDED UP HEALING FINE," SAID SOPHOMORE STEPHANIE GILLIAM.

LIGHTING GAVE THE CREW A PROBLEM, DUE TO REARRANGED SWITCHES. "AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, I FOUND THAT THE LIGHT BOARD HAD BEEN TOTALLY REPROGRAMMED TO THE WRONG SETTINGS, SO I HAD TO REPROGRAM IT BACK TO THE NORMAL SETTING FOR THE SPRING PLAY," SAID SOPHOMORE AUSTIN ROBERTS.

MOST ALL OF THE CREW HAD A GOOD TIME, DESPITE SOME DIFFICULTIES. "SOME PEOPLE DO THIS [CREW] BECAUSE THEY LIKE STAGE CREW, SOME CAUSE OF THEIR FRIENDS, AND I DO IT FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, PLUS SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP THE SHOW GOING," SAID FRESHMAN AMANDA HEINSMAN.

"I THINK THAT THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE CREW AND CAST HAS BEEN A REALLY INTERESTING," SAID FRESHMAN BUDDY DEBAUN.

JUNIOR CALEB SLOCUM PROTESTS LOVE
FRESHMEN JON EICKMAN AND DANIELLE STROHMeyer
JUNIOR BEN THOMAS AND SOPHOMORE CHRIS EITELJORGE
Senior Megan Cashion expresses her fear of lady bugs. "I have been scared of lady bugs since I was old enough to know what one was," said Cashion. "I do not like them because they smell, they are everywhere, and they are evil. I am especially afraid of the biting ones because I have been bitten before."

The fear of spiders, called arachniophobia, is common. Many spider haters worst fear was encountering a spider like this.

Senior Michelle Calderhead's car, senior Betsy Norton has a fair excuse to be afraid while riding in her car. "Michelle has been in seven wrecks that are on record," said Norton. "Even though I have only been in one wreck with her, her driving skills are not the best."

"I am terrified of spiders," said Senior Brittany Allen. "I was ringing up a lady's items at Meijer when I realized she had bought a giant toy tarantula for her dog. I started to scream and the lady just looked at me. I had to have someone else ring it up for her. My heart started beating really fast."

Freshman Josh Fisher has the fear of heights called Acrophobia.
Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! In the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy made it clear what she feared. Although the students of MHS should not be concerned about those animals, many had fears of their own to worry about.

Some fears were common among the students, such as the fear of heights. "I have been afraid of heights my whole life," said freshman Josh Fisher. "One time, I went up the tower at Kings Island and looked over the edge. When I did, I got weak in the knees and fell back."

"Since I was really little, I have been afraid of heights that are not secure," said sophomore Adam Jones. "I just don't feel secure when I am up real high."

Some of the students knew why they had the fears that they did, while others were clueless as to why they were afraid.

**Don't be scared**

By Joe Grubbs

Whatever the reason, most students did not think they would overcome their fear. "I am afraid of porcelain dolls," said freshman Jon Eickman. "I really do not know why I am afraid of them; it is just that they have those eyes that stare at you. One time, I pulled a prank on my dad and to get me back, he took one of my sister's talking dolls and put it next to my bed. He had the doll say my name. It was really scary."

"I am afraid of drowning," said sophomore Derek Mong. "When I was about eight years old, my cousin's friend kept spinning me in the water, and I could not breathe."

"About five years ago, I was down in Florida playing in the ocean," said senior Erica Carroll. "All of the sudden, my foot started to move. I realized I had stepped on a stingray. Even though it did not sting me, I still went running and screaming out of the water. Ever since then I have been afraid of the bottom of the ocean. I just do not like not being able to see the bottom of it."

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By Joe Grubbs

Librarian Mrs. Barb Goodard fears mice. Sophomore Derek Mong fears drowning. Sophomore Adam Jones fears heights.
Spring Break, a time for fun, relaxation, and just being able to get away from the everyday school scenery. Most students and faculty look forward to the break all year, some may even say it’s the highlight of their year. While some stayed home and possibly worked, others vacationed. Many chose to vacation in Florida, while some went as far as Hawaii to enjoy their week-long recreational break.

All in all, the majority of MHS students had a typical experience while they were vacationing, but tragedy took its tole on one of MHS’ freshmen. Freshman Lindsay Faull, like any normal teenager, was just beginning to enjoy her vacation in Bonita Springs, Florida, with her family and friends. Like many others, Faull spent most of her time on the beach relaxing and having a good time. Even though she had jet skied before, “I was a little nervous for some reason,” said Faull, but after about fifteen minutes of riding one with her dad and brother,

Spring Fling

By Julia Miller

she recalled the fun of jet skiing on the ocean. The fun soon turned into terror when Faull and her family collided into the Myers’ family traveling in the opposite direction. Faull and her brother were sent to a local hospital, while her father was flown to a nearby hospital. All of them where seriously injured and needed surgery. Yet, by the time Easter came around, they were able to spend the holiday together as a family.

“I believe that God was with us on those jet skis, and He saved our lives,” said Faull.

Although pain and suffering was a part of one MHS student’s break, overall most of the student body came back relaxed and healthy, just ready to finish out the school year.

Freshman Ashley Viles surfs in Hawaii. Senior Stephanie Swinney sleeps. Sophomores Sarah Griffith and Danielle McCormick parasail.
SENIORS DAVID YARASCHEFSKI, LAUREN SCHROEDER, JUNIOR CHRIS DOUGHERTY, SENIORS JOEY SMITH, TAD DEWITT, BRAD STATE, CARLY TAYLOR, AND SPRING SANDO RIDE THE WAVES AT FT. MEYERS BEACH.

SENIORS ALEX RUOFF, CALI APP, DAVID NAY, ASHLEY BLACKWELL, MATT ALLEN, JUNIOR ADAM COLEMAN, SENIORS OLIVIA JONES, KYLE COPLELAND, DUSTIN SPARKS, AND NICOLE SPARKS WAIT FOR THEIR ROOMS IN PANAMA CITY.
THE CHOIR DEPARTMENT PUT ON ITS ANNUAL SPRING SPECTACULAR SHOW ALLOWING THE CHOIR MEMBERS TO SHOW OFF THEIR TALENTS ONE LAST TIME BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR. APART FROM MINOR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM THE MICROPHONES, THE SHOW WENT ON ALMOST FLAWLESSLY.

"I THOUGHT THAT SPRING SPEC WENT SMOOTHLY FOR HOW LITTLE WE PRACTICED," SAID SENIOR BRENT EVANS.

"I THOUGHT SPRING SPEC WENT OVERALL PRETTY GOOD," SAID SENIOR KATHRYN RAINS. RAINS WAS A MEMBER OF FINESSE AND THE NEWLY FORMED CHOIR MADRIGALS. "IT WAS GOOD BUT PERSONALLY, IT WAS CRAZY BECAUSE I HAD TO CHANGE FOR TWO DIFFERENT CHOIRS."

ONE OF THE RECENTLY FORMED TRADITIONS FOR FINESSE DURING SPRING SPECTACULAR WAS THE PERFORMANCE OF A SONG

ONE LAST SONG

BY JOE GRUBBS

COMPLETELY WRITTEN AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE MEMBERS OF FINESSE. THE MEMBERS OF FINESSE ALSO HAD MR. DAMRON, MUSIC, COMPOSE A MEDITATION OF THREE SONGS THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THEM.

"MY FAVORITE PART OF THE SHOW WAS WRITING OUR OWN SONG AND BEING SACRIFICED TO THE FIRE," SAID RAUNS.

AS THE SHOW CAME TO A CLOSE, SOME OF THE SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THEY WOULD NEVER GET A CHANCE TO SING AGAIN AT ANOTHER SPRING SPECTACULAR SHOW.

"ONCE IT WAS ALL OVER, I WAS HAPPY," SAID SENIOR ALEX RUOFF. "I WILL MISS THE CHOIR TRIPS AND THE PRETTY GIRLS."

"IT WAS REALLY SAD BECAUSE IT WAS ALL OVER," SAID RAUNS. "I WILL MISS MR. DAMRON. I AM DEFINITELY GOING TO MISS THE PEOPLE FROM FINESSE AND MADRIGALS BECAUSE WE ALL GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER SO WELL."

SENIOR DAVID YARASCHEFSKI

SOPHOMORE AMANDA WRIGHT

JUNIOR ROSEY MCKINNEY, SENIOR JULIA MILLER, AND JUNIOR MARANDA MCGUIRE
SOPHOMORE ANDREW MCKINNEY SINGS IN A DUET. "I LOVE TO PERFORM," SAID MCKINNEY. "IT'S A RUSH, AND IT IS JUST SOMETHING THAT I LIKE TO DO. I HAVE BEEN SINGING AT CHURCH SINCE I WAS LITTLE, BUT I HAVE PROBABLY BEEN IN AN ACTUAL CHOIR FOR SIX YEARS NOW."

JUNIOR KATIE BRANT FLASHES HER DRESS AS SHE PERFORMS FOR FINESSE. "MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT FINESSE THIS YEAR WAS GOING TO DISNEY WORLD," SAID BRANT. THIS WAS BRANT'S SECOND AND LAST YEAR TO PERFORM FOR FINESSE.

SOPHOMORE STEPHANIE DILDINE GIVES SENIOR CHRISTIN ENOCHS A HUG AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SHOW. "MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT FINESSE THIS YEAR WAS EATING AT STEAK-N-SHAKE AT 2:00 A.M.," SAID ENOCHS. "I THOUGHT THAT SPRING SPEC WENT WELL THIS YEAR BECAUSE EVERYONE TIMED EVERYTHING REALY WELL."

SENIOR BRENT EVANS SINGS A SONG DURING THE SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS' PERFORMANCE. "DURING SPRING SPEC, IT WAS HARD TO HAVE FUN," SAID EVANS. "IT WAS STRESSFUL RUNNING AROUND EVERYWHERE. AFTER IT WAS OVER I HAD FUN." EVANS ADDED THAT THE THING HE WOULD MISS MOST ABOUT SPOTLIGHTERS WOULD BE THE 'HACKY SACK.'
"Goodwill, good prices, good idea!" Apparently, even a good idea for trendy, teenage shoppers.

The latest question among MHS students became where to buy clothes considering trendy store clothes cost more than similarly trendy secondhand clothes sold at stores. More and more students decided to stop buying expensive clothes at trendy shops and start saving money by frequenting secondhand stores.

Many of them started shopping at the local Goodwill store. "You can find any kind of styles, new or old at Goodwill. It is affordable, fun, and truthfully the best bargain you could find for buying clothes," said senior Kate Korn.

At many of the trendy stores, a t-shirt cost approximately twenty dollars, depending on the store and the style. At Goodwill, a similar shirt might cost students about a dollar. "Goodwill was like a gigantic garage sale with lots of

**Bargain Buys**

By Julia Miller

Trendy clothes to choose from. They had tons of quality stuff to pick from and the best part was that all the clothes had already been broken in," said junior Alicia Overton.

Goodwill had plenty to offer for its buyers. Not only did they sell clothes, but they also provided furniture, toys, appliances, and many other items of interest. One student even bought a toaster from the store.

"I shopped at Goodwill because I liked the out of ordinary clothes and the late breaking electronic devices they had," said senior Alex Ruoff.

Overall, Goodwill had a variety of styles to choose from: preppy, vintage, gothic, dressy, casual, and other types. The store carried donated items that were no longer desired by their previous owners, but some students found them eye-catching.

"I believe that one man's trash, is another man's treasure," said senior Brent Evans.
JUNIOR Kasey Fancher relaxes by the stairs. "I always keep an eye open for bits and pieces of fashion ideas that I think could work really well together," said Fancher. Style motto: If no one else has tried it...I'll go for it!

Freshman Dustin Pugh receives an achievement award. "I wore Aeropostale daily because I liked the style of the clothes, they described my personality," said Pugh. Style motto: clean and baggy.

Junior Andrew Kouns participates in class. "I wear whatever my parents buy for me. Most of my style can be found in American Eagle," said Kouns. Style motto: Decided by parents.

Senior David Yaraschefski lounges in the broadcast room. "I wear comfortable clothes because there is no reason not to. I have to be here for a while, so while I am here, I am going to be comfy," said Yaraschefski. Style motto: Comfortable.

Junior Alicia Overton looks through t-shirts at Goodwill for good vintage buys.
Senior Sarah Flewelling and sophomore Todd May dance to a slow tune. "When I saw Todd for the first time in his tux, I was so surprised of how great he looked that I nearly cried," said Flewelling.

Senior Jared Smith, juniors Amanda Purvis and Justin Smith and date, take a carriage ride before Prom. "My boyfriend, Jared, was so sweet, he planned the carriage ride and bought me roses before Prom," said junior Amanda Purvis.

Senior Brad State goofs around with date senior Spring Sando. "Brad and I had a lot of fun at Prom. I thought he looked really good in his orange tux, and I was even more excited when I saw how well my dress matched his tux," said Sando.

Seniors Tad DeWitt and Cali App dance together after being announced Prom king and queen. "The thought of having my senior prom was really exciting especially when they announced my name and Cory (Wright) was able to be up there with me," said App.
No tiaras or crowns for the royal court tonight. For the prom king, queen, prince, and princess, the only thing they had to dance the rest of their evening with was just a smile on their face, despite the disappointment. "I thought that not having the crowns there was stupid because that is the only time I'll wear it except when I'm strutting around the house," said junior Ben Thomas.

Not all of the winners were upset, and they enjoyed the feeling they received by winning the title. "Winning prom queen was really thrilling, and I was completely honored. The thought of not having the tiara was irrelevant because I still felt like a queen, although I would still like to have had one," said senior Cali App.

In fact, the prom king's mom was more disappointed. "I was not too upset. My mom was really mad though because she wanted to get pictures of me and my brother [Trent, who also won the crown his senior year], wearing our crowns," said senior Tad DeWitt. Late or not, the royalties received their crowning on AMMHS about two weeks later.

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In the late night hours after prom, many students ventured back to MHS to attend post prom activities, sponsored by the junior class parents. The event was held to offer students a chance to win prizes, have fun, and stay safe after prom ended.

The junior class parents prepared for the event for many months prior to prom night and worked late hours to help turn the gymnasium into "A Night at the Movies." Each booth was based off of a recent popular movie, with the workers dressed in character to correspond with the movie.

"I enjoyed post prom," said senior Megan Cashion. "I think that the parents did an awesome job. The theme was great, the characters were great; they really did a good job.

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My favorite booth had to be Austin Powers. The parents really looked like their part."

"I liked all of the booths," said senior Brent Evans. "I never saw My Big Fat Greek Wedding, so it did not make a whole lot of sense to me. I kept going there though because I kept winning. I cleaned up in the end and won Best Buy gift cards to use for my computer."

By the end of the night, many exhausted students left MHS with prizes, free food, and memories. Parents stayed after to begin tearing down the gymnasium and return it to normalcy. Not many students said they would like to have the job of organizing and working post prom, but Evans claimed "It might have been easier to win more prizes if the students ran it, but the parents would do a much better job at making it."

Junior Amy Wright and Freshman Buddy DeBaun

An Oscar welcomed all who attended post prom

Junior Rosey McKinney plays "Sinko"
JUNIOR MEGAN KOERNER ROLLS “WILSON” IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOWL A STRIKE. THE POPULAR BOWLING GAME REPRESENTED THE MOVIE CASTAWAY. BY ROLLING A STRIKE, THE PLAYER WOULD RECEIVE FIVE MOVIE DOLLARS, WHICH COULD BE TURNED IN FOR A VARIETY OF PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

RACING TO THE FINISH LINE, JUNIOR CASEY HOLTZCLAW AND FRESHMAN ASHLEY VILES COMPETE IN THE DAYS OF THUNDER RACE CAR GAME. “THE RACE CAR GAME WAS MY FAVORITE,” SAID HOLTZCLAW. “IT WAS JUST A REALLY FUN GAME TO PLAY.”

JUNIOR ADAM COLEMAN PREPARES TO SINK A BASKET, WHILE SENIOR KATE KORN WATCHES HER SHOT. “I WON A DVD PLAYER BY GETTING MR. EMERSON’S HAT,” SAID KORN. “PEOPLE WERE FIGHTING FOR HIS HAT, AND I SNATCHED IT OFF OF HIS HEAD!”

SENIORS ASHLEY BLACKWELL AND KYLE COPELAND CONCENTRATE ON THROWING A FOOTBALL THROUGH A TIRE. “I ENJOYED POST PROM,” SAID BLACKWELL. “I WON A SWEATSHIRT THAT WAS VERY COMFORTABLE.” BLACKWELL SAID THAT HER FAVORITE GAME WAS THE BASEBALL GAME.
Freshman Lauren Woods talks to her boyfriend. "My parents got me a cell phone so that I could keep in touch with them when I go to social events. It was also a great thing to have when I needed to get a hold of my friends," said Woods.

Junior Megan Koerner catches up with some friends. "My cell phone was very useful to me especially at school because when the pay phones weren't working I could use my own phone to call someone," said Koerner.

Senior Caiti Corbin discusses her weekend plans. "It [cell phone] was much cheaper than calling collect and it is always a good idea to have a way to get a hold of somebody in case of an emergency," said Corbin.
IN THE MHS HANDBOOK, IT IS STATED THAT NO STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO BRING TO SCHOOL CELLULAR PHONES OR PAGERS OF ANY KIND—OR ANY OTHER MATERIALS THAT MAY BE DISRUPTIVE TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OF THE SCHOOL.

DESPITE WHAT THE HANDBOOK STATED, MANY STUDENTS IGNORED THE RULE AND BROUGHT THEIR CELL PHONES TO SCHOOL. MOST STUDENTS WERE COMPelled TO BRING THEIR PHONES TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THE PAY PHONES WERE OFTEN NOT WORKING OR THEY WANTED TO HAVE THE PHONE IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

"I THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE OUR [CELL] PHONES IN SCHOOL, BECAUSE HALF OF THE TIME SOME TEACHERS WOULD NOT LET US USE THE PAY PHONES AND SECOND OF ALL, IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY, YOU COULD ALWAYS CALL ON YOUR CELL PHONE. WHAT WAS THE POINT OF HAVING PAY PHONES IF YOU WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO USE THEM?" SAID JUNIOR JAMIE WHITE.

Many thought that spending fifty cents to use the pay phone was unreasonable, and that even if they were going...

TECHNOLOGY Rules

By Julia Miller

To use the pay phones, they couldn't because they were often out of order or busy.

"EVERY TIME I TRIED TO USE A PAY PHONE, IT WAS ALWAYS OUT OF ORDER, WHICH MADE IT VERY INCONVENIENT WHEN I NEEDED TO CALL SOMEONE," SAID SOPHOMORE CHRIS EITILJORGE.

With the pay phones being out of order, some students resorted to asking their teachers if they could use the classroom phones. Yet, with the rule that no students were allowed to use or be on Teachers' equipment, including the phones, students were often left with no way to use a phone in school.

Even though many students agreed that cell phones were more convenient than the pay phones, the use of cell phones in school was uncommon.

"I BROUGHT MY CELL PHONE TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY, BUT I DIDN'T EVER USE IT, IT WAS JUST FOR EMERGENCIES," SAID JUNIOR ROSIE MCKINNEY.
Walking from the darkened hallways into the spot light-lit gymnasium filled with family and friends alike was enough to give a cold chill to many of the seniors as their graduation ceremony began.

"I was anxious to get the show on the road," said senior Kim Schubert. "I was not really scared, but I was not overly happy. I kept thinking, walk the same speed as [senior] Ross [Currens], and do not trip!"

After all of the seniors took their seats, speeches from the Valedictorian, senior Molly Huntman, and Salutatorian, senior David Yaraschefski, were made. Following their speeches, the audience watched as diploma covers were handed to all 259 seniors graduating from the class of 2003.

It's All Over

By Joe Grubbs

"When I received my diploma cover, I felt like I could finally relax," said Schubert.

"I was excited when I received my [diploma] cover," said senior Elizabeth Atkinson. "It was kind of weird because so many people were watching me."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, many seniors, along with family and friends, gathered in the cafeteria and courtyard to celebrate the occasion.

"It was a splendid feeling to know that it was all done and over with," said Schubert.

"I was glad that it is all over," said Atkinson. "I am ready to take a new step in life."

Senior Sarah Flewelling walks down the aisle.

Mr. Mike Savini, English, and senior Kerrie King look at the audience.

Senior Amber Wilson prepares to walk with her escort down the aisle.
Senior Amanda Walters walks down the aisle toward her seat.

Senior Elizabeth Atkinson displays a large grin as she walks towards her seat at the beginning of the graduation ceremonies. "It was kind of scary entering the gym because I knew that this would be the last time that I would be with all of my friends," said Atkinson.

Senior Valedictorian Molly Hunteman speaks words of wisdom.

Senior Salutatorian Daivid Yaraschefski gives his speech.

Accepting his diploma cover from Superintendent Curt Freeman, senior Alex Ruoff gives him a firm handshake. "It felt great sitting in front of the seniors during graduation because the chair was really comfortable," said Ruoff.

Senior Student Body President Dana Holsapple talks to the audience. "It was weird watching my friends walk knowing that I was going to be next," said Holsapple. "When I got my diploma cover, my hat was getting ready to fall off, and I had to make a quick grab and save it."
Senior Tricia Wright is escorted by her father Ron Wright during the fall senior sports night.

Sophomore Zachary Wathen takes a picture of Spotlighter girls during practice.
Sophomore Carol McGuire watches a presentation during the UNITY lock-in.

Freshman Alyssa Calderhead decorates a poster for the door contest during Winter Homecoming.

Freshman Amanda Hillman, sophomore Reanna Redmond and freshman Brittany Goodman perform during the drama Christmas play.

Freshman Malachi McKinney watches the basketball game during the Winter Homecoming pep session.
Crossroads...

Seniors 2003

Kade Addair
No quote

Leanne Adams
No quote

Jason Armitage
“Seek the advice and help of others, but always remember you have the final word.”

Elizabeth Atkinson
“You’ve got to stand for something, or you will fall for anything.”

Michele Barnes
“Don’t worry be happy.”

Enrique Barousse
“Arriba la Mostaza.”
to the Future

Brittany Allen
"Men are like a deck of cards; you find the occasional king, but most are jacks."

Matthew Allen
"Dig a well before you are thirsty."

Travis Allen
"Be strong, never give up."

Megan Allison
"It all works out in the end."

Craig Apman
No quote

"You don't need a plan, just a goal. The rest will follow on its own."

Kayla Alkinton
No quote

Jennifer Aboud
"Never lose track of your dreams."

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

Jason Bailey
"I'm a riverman."

Nichole Bailey
"I'm outta here ... lata!"

Ashley Bain
"I'm feeling kind of lonely."

Endia Beard
"Time is a great teacher, unfortunately it kills all its pupils."

Richie Beecher
"Live for the moment and the moment will last forever."

Johnny Beers Jr.
"Don't hate the player, hate the game."

Gena Beretta
"If you don't like it bond out."

Samuel Bischoff
"If women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy."

Melissa Bishop
"Carpe Diem."
Ashley Blackwell  
"No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back."

Brevann Boles  
"To love someone is one thing. To be loved by someone is another, but when you both feel the same means a lot more."

Chad Bonduet  
"We want what we don't have; but when we get what we want, we forget what we wanted."

Anm Bolls  
"Where love is, God is."

Tam Bridget  
"Carpe Diem."

Jennifer Bucker  
"A person's looks are never going to make you love them or like them."

Sarah Bunch  
No quote

Sara Burns  
"All you need is love."

Michelle Calderhead  
"Never settle for less than the best."

Kristina Caldwell  
No quote

Brandy Carbonell  
"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Erica Carroll  
"Live each day as if it were to be repeated for an eternity."

Jessica Carter  
"Do your work so you won't be stuck here any longer than you have to."

Nicholas Carter  
No quote

Nathan Cartwright  
No quote

Megan Cashion  
"God made memories so that we might have roses in December."

Jason Chilcote  
"Don't stress every situation, because you will die every time."

Josh Chrenko  
"Everyone ends up somewhere in life, but few people end up somewhere on purpose."

Aim Claprodt  
No quote

Jay Clements  
"Drugs melt your mind not in your hand."

Matt Conner  
No quote

Heather Cooper  
No quote

Kyle Copeland  
No quote

Caitlin Corbin  
"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it; so start now!"
Sarah Corbin
"Love like you've never been hurt, laugh like you've never been heard, and dance like no one's watching you."

Tony Cram
No quote

Cadie Crawley
"Smile, life's too short to frown."

Ross Currens
"Don't stress it."

Timothy Currens
"Don't let the man get you down."

Aaron Dale
"Thinking is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but takes you no where."

Chad Dale
"Life is too short to take it so seriously."

Daniel Dameron
"Don't cook bacon naked."

Kyle Davis
"My mind not only wonders; sometimes it leaves completely."

Sean Delaney
"New blood joins this earth and quickly he's subdued through constant pained disgrace the young boy learns the rules."

Leanna Denbo
"Wherever there's a problem, there's also a 'But God.'"

Ted Devitt
"There is no shortcut to any place worth going."

Amanda Dobbins
No quote

Suzanna Dougherty
"Always give 110% in everything you do."

Dennis Dowling
"Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good."
Rom. 12:21

Tyler Dunn
"No matter what goes down, boy you better shake them haters off."

Christin Enochs
"If you can't handle the consequences of your words, you don't deserve to speak."

Joseph Eya
No quote

Brent Evans
"Truth is not what is true, but what is relevant; relevancy is decided by an individual."

James Fawcett
No quote

Lindsay Fisher
"We know what we are but know not what we may be."

Ashley Flake
"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will still be among the stars."

Sarah Flewelling
"It's been real, now let's be fake."

Jeremiah Floyd
No quote
Dustin Franklin
"If you don't eat your meat you can't have any pudding."

Rachel Freeman
"Live life to the fullest and have no regrets."

Christina Frost
No quote

Samuel Gabbard
No quote

Ryan Garrigus
"Can you hear me now? Good."

Justis Gipson
"It's better to die on your feet than to live on your knees."

Derek Gorman
No quote

Angelina Gould
"Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember."

Misty Grace
"Love all, but only trust a few."

Nicholas Grafton
"Always be happy, but never be satisfied."

Lindsay Greene
"Be not afraid of tomorrow, for we have seen yesterday, and we love today."

Ann Grimm
No quote

Kristin Gunnell
"Every morning, you have two choices; go back to sleep and dream your dreams, or wake up and chase them."

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

Erin Hackett
"Just because something is new, it doesn't mean it's bad."

Dusti Himm
No quote

Tonya Himmard
"Let us not make love with words, or tongue, but with actions and in truth."

Kyle Harkema
No quote

Chad Harris
No quote

Monica Hart
"It all goes slow, in the end it speeds up in time to graduate."

Lori Hayes
"Don't search for flaws in others, instead look for love."

Amber Helms
No quote

Fred Henderson
"The government is actually controlling our minds with cough medicine."

Dennis Henson
No quote
Colleges, Scholarships, and Future Plans

Sarah Flewelling
My future plans are to attend the University of Southern Indiana. My major is elementary education and minor in art. I have yet to apply for scholarships but plan to apply. I liked spending time with children. Cadet teaching was a great experience for me.

Josh Miller (#28)
I plan to go to Rose Hulman to major in mechanical engineering. I have applied to several scholarships, but have not yet been accepted. Also I have applied to several colleges. I would like to play football in college.

Brittany Allen
I plan to attend Ball State University and major in advertising and minor in public relations or broadcast journalism. I have been accepted to the Presidential Scholarship and have applied for several others.

Cory McCauley
I am planning to go to a four year college. I have been accepted by my college of choice. I am going for engineering. I have not yet applied for any scholarships.
Monica Hiethberg
"I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it."

Dana Holsapple
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Trig class is my favorite."

Dann Holtzclaw
"Don't try to rush the school years by, life's too short."

Teresa Hoels
"That pain be jail."

Courtney Hubbard
"It's not what happens to you, it's what you do about it."

Russel Hull
"These three remain; faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love."

Molly Hunteman
"... And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Cara Huntley
"If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed."

Danton Hurt
"There's only one way to find out."

Olivia Jones
"And heaven will bless those stars that shine not the longest... but those that shine the brightest."

Sarah Keys
"No man is worth your tears, and the one who is will never make you cry."

Polly Keown
"Generally speaking, you're not learning much when your mouth is moving."

Kerrie King
"Stop worrying about other people's actions, worry about your own actions."

Marie King
"You will find, as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the most memorable."

Monica Kirk
"Don't do anything today that you will regret tomorrow."

Lindsey Kohlmann
"Don't judge a book by its cover."

Katelin Korn
"I'll see you cats tomorrow, same time, same channel, same hop beat..."

John Kruger
No quote

David Langley
"Shaker Greeny."

Kristen Lasley
"Always behave like a duck—keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath."

Terri Laverly
"Good judgment comes from bad experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

Jarrett Law
"Don't follow where the path may lead. Instead go where there is no path."

Megan Lawrence
No quote
Christopher Lee
No quote

Lauren Leop
"Walk your own path."

Jessica Loftus
"Tears are nature's lotion for the eyes; the eyes see better for being washed by them."

Joseph Loveless
"I paid the cost to be the boss."

Eric Lybarger
"Do what you do, not what others expect."

Charlene Macey
"Tremors, can you still hear the sheep, Clarice?"

Katie Mackey
No quote

Nicholas Manson
No quote

Jennifer Markowitz
"Time may come, time may go, memories will always stay within us."

Amanda Mason
"Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."

Eddie McClure
"What if the hokey pokey is what it's all about?"

Matthew McCoy
"We live, and we die. Do not make life more complicated than what it has to be."

Sean McGill
No quote

Ron McGuire
"Irritation makes pearls; pressure makes compact garbage."

Kirk McLaugh
"That one had potential."

Shannon McNally
No quote

Kristin Mertens
"If it wasn't hard, everybody would be doing it; it's the hard that makes it great."

Matt Michael
"We can't stop here, this is bat country!"

Joshua Miller
"You must first be mean before you can ever be nice."

Julia Miller
"Above them all is truth and truth must be set free. If the wings of truth are clipped, the voices will fall silent."

Rene Monroe
No quote

Ashleigh Moore
"Keep your friends close, keep your enemies closer. Don't put too much trust in anyone."

Jocelyn Moore
"My only love sprung from my only hate."
Jessica Walenga
"Mrs. Yeager, her pearls of wisdom that she embedded in my brain everyday made her special to me. I plan to keep in touch with her when I come home from breaks."

Jessica Loftus
"Ms. Eickhoff, she is one of a kind. She never gave up on me, and she tried to always help no matter what. I hope to keep in touch with her after high school."

Adam Pruitt
"Mr. Miller, he has helped me enroll in the Army, and I plan to keep in touch with him."

Lindsay Fisher
"Mrs. Phillips, she has put her heart and soul into her job. No matter where or what time, she is always there. She is just an all around great teacher."

Travis Thompson
"Ms. Crawford, she is nice and helps me with my homework. She has helped me get through high school. I will probably keep in touch with her after I have graduated."
Nikole Mundg
"Where the party at, Beep! Beep!"

David Nog
"Everyday the world turns upside down on someone who is sitting on top of it."

Gyzelle Niles-Carnes
No quote

Betsy Norton
"Go confidently in the direction of your mind and live the life you've imagined."

Andre O'Dell
"Don't stress because you might miss out on tomorrow, enjoy life every second it has to offer."

Oli~ia Paint~r
"It is well for the heart to be naive and for the mind not to be."

Ian Patton
No quote

Ashley Payton
No quote

Tabatha Peasley
"It's not good until the end, if it's good, then it's not the end!"

John Pelance
"How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat?"

Kyle Pendegra~t
"Just because I rock, doesn't mean I'm made of stone."

Kevin Petr~
No quote

Scott Poland
No quote

Josh Prescher
"A good place to make friends."

Brittany Prosser
"Smile and nod."

Adm Pruitt
"I'm not the best looking guy here, but I'm the only one talking to you."

Kathryn Rains
"You can't lose what you never had."

Samantha Raney
"Everything is okay in the end, if it's not okay, then it's not the end."

Megan Ralliff
"There are things known, and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors."

Renee Redmond
No quote

Ashley Reed
"Que sera, sera; what will be, will be."

Angela Reedy
"The wise learn from successes as well as mistakes."

Jacob Renner
No quote
"Sometimes it is just best to shut up."

"Until you walk a mile in another man’s moccasins, you can’t imagine the smell."

"It starts out slow and it ends fast, cherish the time while it lasts."

"Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you cry."

"Live as if you will die tomorrow. Learn as if you will live forever."

"The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need."

"You don’t know what you have until it is gone."

"Do not accept your dog’s admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

"Your mom on bread with a Dr. Pepper."

"Try not; do or do not. There is no try."

"I don’t suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it."

"Achievement lies within the reach of those who reach beyond themselves."

"Listen to your heart, not your hormones."

"Lost love is like a flame: worth getting burned just to feel its warmth."

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names. Love is always more important than knowledge."

"I don’t know what you are, don’t hate yourself for what you aren’t, and have fun life is now!"

"I am a mayonnaise sandwich, I am a bowl of sugar water."

"God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December."

"They call me Big Smalls, makin’ the laws, and breakin’ the falls."

"You think you know, but you have know idea."

"I have too much respect in God to believe that he created a world as absurd as this."
Jared Smith
"Whoa! Good times!!"

Joey Smith
"The less you have, the harder you fight for it."

Christina Smoak
"Sometimes fate finds you, all you have to do is open your eyes."

Chasity Sparks
"Don't settle for anything less than your best!"

Dustin Sparks
"Everything is going to be alright."

Nicole Sparks
"People forget what you said. People forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

Matt St. John
No quote

Drew Stanley
No quote

Brad State
"The decisions that you don't make are as important as the ones you do make."

Donna Stovall
"Live life one day at a time and live it to the fullest."

Jeri Steward
"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

Ryan Stewart
"My love for you will burn longer than the stars and will always shine through on a cloudy night."

Cassie Stierwalt
"You never realize how great of a friendship you have until it's gone."

Johnny Stogsdill
"You never really grow up, you just learn how to act in public."

April Stone
"Tremors, can you still hear the sheep Clarice?"

Joshua Sturm
"Gesticulation is the key to success."

Jessica Suitche
"It don't matter. I might be wrong, but I doubt it. Mind your business."

Josh Swanson
"Never say never, you don't know how long it will last."

Sarah Swinney
"If your dog is fat your not getting enough exercise."

Stephanie Swinney
"Live each day like there's no tomorrow because you never know when tomorrow won't come."

Carly Taylor
"Throw your heart into life and never stall—for the greatest risk is to risk nothing at all."

Travis Thompson
"Never give up on your dreams!"

Kyle Thorp
"Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead."

Brittany Tidd
"Don't be afraid to put yourself out there."
Terry Toney
"Good times, good times."

Alyssa Turner
"Will you help me try this on?"

Saskia Van Bijsterveld
No quote

Amy Viles
"The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams."

Jessica Walenga
"Like the sand through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives."

Justin Wamsley
"I can’t believe it’s not butter."

Elizabeth Weaver
"Cha, cha, cha . . . charmin’.”

Dawn Webster
"Take the list with you and check it off as you go."

Ben Weddle
"Poppin’ them collars cuz my name is Ben Dollas."

Matt Whitman
"It may be those who do most, dream most."

Amber Wilson
"Live your life to the fullest, and don’t change for anybody."

Jennifer Wingate
No quote
Common sense is not so common!

Life is not measured on the number of breaths you take, but the number of times your breath is taken away.

Those looking for faults will find them—even in paradise.

Always look forward to Friday nights.

Don’t forget that you are but a traveler on this planet and nothing belongs to you.
The Long Road to Success

Crossroads . . . defined as a crucial point especially where a decision must be made. Sound familiar? There were many crossroads for the class of 2003—a new principal, a new pool, and don't forget the distraction of 9/11. There were challenges along the way, and at the end of each crossroads, students took away experience from their decisions.

The crossroads began the first day of high school. Everything was different. There were two announcements, the bell made an awful ringing noise, and suddenly we were the babies of the school. In fact, those bells, the old-fashioned kind made of metal, were soon to be replaced sophomore year with an electronic sound. The joys of high school soon settled in, and everything began to change right in front of everyone's eyes.

One of the biggest and most expensive crossroads was the new pool and the construction surrounding the pool. Parking was almost impossible, and the noise of the construction made it difficult to concentrate on anything but the noise. Beside loud noises and a labyrinth of dump trucks and orange fences, freshmen year was over.

With our sophomore year and the new bells came a new dismissal. Instead of the usual dismissal after the afternoon announcements, the intercom bell dismissed us right at 2:34—not two minutes early. Sophomore year was also the only year in our high school career that the Homecoming Pep Rally happened outside.

Junior year was filled with spirit, a new principal and an unforgettable event that almost destroyed the nation, 9/11. Mr. Overholser retired and Mr. Muston took over as our new principal, with new innovations. 9/11 brought an overwhelming shock to the entire nation that would forever change the rules of the school. Just after the event, the doors were locked, field trips were cancelled, and ISTEP was disrupted. During our junior year, the annual Twelve Days of Christmas was cancelled and never rescheduled. At the end of the year, many teachers became ill or were retiring and made our senior year filled with a staff of new teachers.

Our senior year brought an amplitude of ups and downs. There were no Christmas or Valentine's Dances, we were rewarded with senior parking, and the lunch boycott received much attention. The biggest event was the war with Iraq, and once again doors were monitored, windows were closed, and parking rules were changed. Although there were new teachers, wars, and lunch problems, we traversed four years of crossroads. Those decisions were the beginning of a lifetime of crossroads and the decisions that come with them.
The End Of The Road

Survey:
Best Car:
Kyle Pendegraft tied
Josh Strum

Best Song Artist:
Dave Matthews

Most Likely to be...
President: Josh Sturm

Famous: Joey Smith

A comedian: Jessica Walenga

Successful: Amy Viles
Junior Tosha Lloyd toughens up at the powderpuff game during fall homecoming week. Even with a lack of players, the juniors pulled through.

Brian Acker
Meghan Adams
Grace Allbright
Laura Allsup
Michael Amore
Jessica Armstrong
Justin Ault

Jasmine Austin
Amanda Bach
Lindsey Bailey
Melanie Baird
Corey Baize
Jennifer Barks
Landry Bates

Jessi Beard
Shana Beecher
Nicholas Behymer
Amanda Belz
Rebecca Bender
Devin Black
Danielle Blevins

John Blombach
Holly Boutwell
Kyle Box
Sara Bradley
Susan Bradley
Bethany Brannam
Katie Brant

Junior Anthony Saucerman, Rosie McKinney, and Jessica Riley go back in time at the Conner Prairie field trip for U.S. History.
Junior Jessica Purdue exhibits American pride on the anniversary of 9/11 by painting an American flag on the football field during the class activities.

Juniors Ryan Gregory and Ben Thomas get wet and wild during the AP Physics B cardboard boat races. The boys decided to have a theme and dressed in army attire.
I'm thinkin' about...

free associations

What song comes to mind when you hear the word "blue"?

"Pink" by Aerosmith
- Mike Rowland

"Blue" by Eiffel 65
- Elizabeth Lester

"Blue" by Patsy Cline
- Jessica Riley

blue

"Blue Moon" from Grease
- Jennifer Barks

"The Smurfs" Theme Song
- Ben Thomas
do you eat it?

By Jasmine Khosravi and Allison Stultz

Greasy chicken patties, stale french fries, sour milk... sound appetizing? Well, to many juniors this situation signaled a time to make a change in the school lunch.

After many problems with the school cafeteria food, several students decided to start a school-wide boycott of the lunch. Many students participated in the boycott by bringing their lunch to school everyday instead of buying. According to the students, one of the problems with the school lunch was its lack of nutritional value. "The school serves nasty, overpriced, kindergarten-serving-sized un-nutritional food. All the food is fried. If you're on a diet, you're not eating," said junior Josh Cave. Cave, along with other students, made signs and slogans to protest against the school lunch.

Even though this boycott was very important to many students, some students felt differently about it. Some students boycotted just to go along with the crowd. "I helped the boycott, but I really didn't care. I helped them because it was easier," said junior Luke Catellier.

Other students like junior Jamie Parvis had nothing to do with the boycott. "I think the boycott is stupid because the food has always been the way it is, and now all of the sudden everyone turns against it," said Parvis. But the nonboycotters also found some benefits to the boycott. "It's nice that the lunch lines are shorter now," Parvis added.

The school boycott was a prime example that David really can beat Goliath. After only a few weeks, the boycott led to changes in the school lunch, including the use of pin numbers to make check out faster and lines shorter.

bryan farmer

"I like my own food better than the school food because it's cheaper. I'd rather spend two dollars on a can of Pringles than five dollars on three chicken patties."

drew kouns

"I don't have a problem with the school food."
Why eat?

1. Easy to obtain
2. Not a long wait
3. Nice lunch ladies
4. Only the milk is bad
5. Variety

Why not eat?

1. Nutritional Value
2. Fried food
3. Food quality
4. Serving sizes
5. Overpriced

Top five reasons to eat or not to eat: school lunch

Holly Murphy
Kelley O'Connor
Alicia Overton
Zachery Owens
Randy Parmerlee
Jamie Parvis
David Pate

Amanda Phillips
John Pierce
Christopher Pierini
Brandy Pollatos
Tommy Pollock
Tori Poole
Justin Potter

Stacy Powell
Andrew Prather
Bryan Preston
Audra Prosser
Jessica Purdue
Amanda Purvis
Lauren Raizk

Franklin Randle
Kelly Ratliff
Melissa Reeves
Chelsea Reynolds
Nicole Richart
Thomas Riester
Jessica Riley
Dakota Rittenhouse
Luke Robinson
Eric Rohling
Jenny Rogier
Jessica Rominger
Chris Ross
Jacob Roth

Michael Rowland
Justin Russell
Andrea Sandlin
Christine Saricos
Anthony Saucerman
Joshua Schubert
Nicole Seals

Katheryn Sears
Jacob Seeley
Jackie Seiber
Jessica Seiber
Nicole Shanklin
Gareth Shields
David Shipman

Ben Shover
Danielle Shlake
Stacey Sipos
Bruce Skirvin
Caleb Slocum
Austin Smith
Justin Smith

Doug Sparks
Noah Speck
Marion Spencer
Anna Squires
Jacob Stephey
Evan Stewart
Kelly Stidham

Amanda Stierwalt
Mathew Stinnett
Eric Stoner
Patricia Stoops
Tyler Stull
Allison Stultz
Danielle Summers

Shelby Sutton
Heather Tanner
Brandon Teague
Steven Terrell
Benjamin Thomas
Carrie Thomas
Jannett Thomas

Rachel Thomas
Jo Thompson
Jacob Tri
Lisa Turner
Ross Turner
Chad Undercoffer
Danielle Vandevanter
What is your dream college?

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- 20
- 15
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Ivy League School
IU
Purdue
Notre Dame
Somewhere in California
Somewhere in Florida
Other

Randall Vangundy
Justin Waddell
Kristi Walker
Mallary Watson
Edward Welch
Jamie White
Adam Whitney
Matthew Whitney
Jared Wier
Jared Wilcure
Dennis Wilde
Morgan Wilkins
Nathan Willey
Melissa Wilson
Lindsey Wissel
Kenneth Wolff
Amy Wright
Carley Wright
Kristen Wright
Braxton Yegerlehner
Al Young

Janice Young
Misty Zickuhr
Jeremy Zigler
Andrew Zipoff
Sophomore Megan Shimonek smiles with enthusiasm at the Lift It Up leadership conference Halloween dance.

Sophomore Brandon Doulaki concentrates as he works hard on his 9/11 essay.
Christopher Beasley
Sarah Beck
Roger Bell
Brent Bishop
Joshua Blair
Ann Blaschke
Jacqueline Blessing

Alicia Boles
Joseph Bollin
Allan Bonnewell
Thomas Bothwell
Jacob Bowman
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 Claprod

Ashley Clark
Melissa Clark
Missie Clements
Katherine Coburn
Joseph Coffey
Brad Coffman
Sarah Coley

Dean Cook
Jacob Cooke
James Cooley
Ashley Coombs
Garrett Cooney
Whitney Cooper
Eric Cottee

Eric Cox
Brittany Crafton
Brynnney Crane
Jessica Daffron
Evan Dale
Shaena Daugherty
Kevin Davis
Getting older brings a lot of new responsibilities but has some advantages as well. It seems that students do a lot of growing up in high school, especially during sophomore year. This is when life really starts to change.

Most sophomores got their licenses during sophomore year. That usually came with more freedom, a new curfew, a better job, and maybe even a new car.

Even though being able to drive came along with many advantages, it also had its share of disadvantages. For some, a disadvantage was having to drive younger siblings around all the time. For others, it was getting into that first car wreck. "I used to have my license until my car got hit," said sophomore Maeghan Antunes. "I didn't see it happen, and my insurance went up, so I had to get rid of my license."

Getting an after-school job was another big part of growing up. Even though working was sometimes a chore, many found it very rewarding to be able to make their own money. Other students just enjoyed getting to work with their friends. "Work is a lot of fun. I have a lot of friends that work with me, and we have a great time," said sophomore Matt Smith.

Most sophomores agreed that life suddenly moved into the fast lane during this transitional year. Yet, it was an important step toward becoming an upperclassmen.
I'm thinkin' about...

**free associations**

- Seventh Heaven
  - Ashley Coombs

- Saved by the Bell
  - Brad Trisler

**spirit**

- Survivor
  - John Wright

- American Thunder
  - Luke Goebel

- The Simpsons
  - Missie Clements

What television show do you think of when you hear the word "spirit"?
What is your dream car?

*Others included Viper, Roadster, Navigator, Denali, and Eclipse.
Biology teacher Mr. Scott Johnson assists Tyler Klingensmith and Ethan Goodman in dissecting crayfish.

Freshmen Nathan McIntyre, Corey Holsapple, and Adam Bobst perform a freshmen Honors English project. Bobst dressed as Michael Jackson for the project.

Daniel Adams
Kayleigh Adcock
Amanda Adkins
Wyatt Allegree
Sara Allen
Stacy Allen
Stephanie Allen
Danielle Allison
Joshua Allison
Amanda Allsup
Thomas Anderson
Justin Andrew
Marie Aungermeier
Allen Ashbrook
Amber Aspin
Ashlee Aspin
Richard Bach
Michael Bailey
Sarah Bailey
Carrie Ball
Tyler Ballard
Kelsey Barnett
Nicholas Barrickman
Stacy Bartoletta
James Bartram
Sanna Baskerville
Zachary Bell
Casey Beyersdorfer
can it still be done?

The sound of plastic wheels grinding over bumps on one of Mooresville's paved streets and the rush of finally tricking the "heel flip." These are just a few things that made freshmen skaters continue to strive to master this nearly outlawed fad.

Skateboarders all around would agree that "skateboarding isn't a sport, it's a lifestyle," as freshman Zach Page put it. "Skateboarding was the only sport with no limits," said Page. "The possibilities were endless."

Page was one of many freshmen that discovered this lifestyle. "Skateboarding was a challenge," said freshman Malachi McKinney. "Learning to do new tricks was so awesome!" McKinney said he was inspired by Page and by senior Eddie McClure.

Another dedicated skater was freshman Jerrod Taylor. Taylor had been skating for two and a half years. "I tried every other sport out there and this one just clicked. It was so fun," said Taylor. "No one told you what to do, no coach, no one yelling in your face, you practiced whenever you wanted to, and you make up the rules."

Since the beginning of their freshman year, these "skaters" used MHS sidewalks, outside stairs, and handrails to skate on. Skaters admitted that it was fun while it lasted, but school administrators put a stop to that as soon as they heard about it. "I didn't think it was right that they could kick us out," said McKinney. "The school was a great place to skate."

Whether they were influenced by pro-skaters, or simply by fellow students, these freshmen found a lifestyle and left their mark in MHS and its curb sides.

"Anyone who is willing to put their body on the line for something as great as skateboarding is my idol."

Courtney Demeter
Stephen Desnoyer
Magdelen Desonier

Cynthia Dix
Scott Dong
Cassandra Dorsett

Matt Drury
Heather Duke
Justin Dunn

Jon Eickman
John Eldred
Tiffany Elliott

Scott Evans
Tanya Fannin
Lindsay Faull

Andrew Fisher
Brittney Fisher
Casey Fisher

Joshua Fisher
Jeremy Foltz
Michael Fox

Shawn Foye
Brandi Franks
Andrea Frew
Erica Fugate
Rachel Fuller
Gary Gabbard
Larri Gaffney
Joshua Garrard
Sara Getman
Nicholas Gibson
Stephanie Gibson
Cody Gilpin
Brittany Goodman
Christopher Gore
Bryan Grebel
Jill Grimes
Melissa Grubbs
Sara Grubbs
Melissa Hacker
Benjamin Hackler
Nicole Hall
Carl Haney
Heather Harper
Kaitlyn Harris
Turner Hart
Stephanie Hasstedt
Christopher Hawkins
Douglas Heath
Amanda Heineman
Jacob Heinz
Eliza Henson
Logan Hilbert
Amanda Hillman
Corey Himes
Joshua Hoffman
Christina Holder
Brandy Holland
Corey Holsapple
Dwayne Holtzclaw
Kegahn Hopwood
Meagan Horton
Jessica Howard
Brianna Huber
Ronald Hughes
Suzanne Imhoff
Cori Jackson
John Jackson
Lakeeta James
Danyl January
Craig Jeffrey
Alyssa Jewell
Aleisha Johnson
Amanda Johnson
Bradley Johnson
Christen Johnson
Erica Johnson
Amanda Jones
Daniel Jones
Fletcher Jones
I'm thinkin' about...

**free associations**

**gold**

What movie do you think of when you hear the word "gold"?

Shrek
- Bradley Lee

Old Yeller
- Manda Koerner

Austin Powers: Goldmember
- Olivia Breedlove

Goldfinger
- Paul Stultz

Golden Eye
- Justin Khosravi
Who is your dream date?

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Sophomore James Thompson demonstrates how a water molecule is made by using small and large marshmallows. Agriculture students celebrated National Water Day by sharing information with elementary students.

Freshman Ashley Romans dissects a crayfish in biology. Biology students also dissected fetal pigs and frogs.

Juniors Jacob Tri and Dennis Wilde race for the finish line. The AP Physics B students made a boat out of cardboard and raced in the natatorium.
Senior David Yaraschefski times his mouse trap car. AP Physics C students had to make a car that was completely powered by a mouse trap.

Freshman Brian Blevins takes notes for geography. In geography, each student chose a partner and researched a country of their choice.
Senior Aimee Richards creates a Play-Doh pencil holder in Mrs. Yeager's senior English class. Students in Mrs. Phillips' and Mrs. Yeager's senior classes competed for the best Play-Doh pencil holder.

"At the beginning of the year, it was hard for me to understand the first chapter we studied in grammar, but then with some help from my mother who is a Spanish teacher, I finally understood the first chapter and moved on," said Vanesa Estevez.

After spending time learning English and grammar, Estevez found that English class was no problem.

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Sophomores Amber Smith, Reanna Redmond and Katie Richardson act out a scene from the play Julius Caesar. Mr. Wes Neese's, English, classes performed parts of Caesar in front of the class.

Faculty & Staff

Teacher Trauma:

"Anytime I have to do anything with my computer you can consider it a trauma!" said Mr. Joel Beebe, English.
The universal language of English has not changed much in itself, but the way it is being taught has.

In the past, there was one semester of composition and one semester of literature, but the state changed the traditional way and made it a combined full-year English class. "I am not personally big on the state's decision simply because it makes it harder if you have to switch to a different English class at semester because of classes being only offered certain periods," said junior Jacob Didot.

English was a required course for graduation, and because it was a full-year class, it made it harder for seniors to graduate at midterm.

The reason for the change in policy was due to the state's idea that students would not lose as much information by taking a longer time to learn the material.

Even though the English classes were a full year, some students still changed teachers—but not by choice.

"I think it makes it harder on the students because you have to change your way of learning from the previous semester, which isn't as easy for some," said junior Amanda Burnett.

Last year, speech class could count for one semester of an English class, but this option was no longer a possibility because of the new requirements. Speech class was still a one-semester class. Speech class provided students with the basic skills of using effective oral communication. Many people who took this class were looking to enhance their speech and public speaking skills.

"Though I wasn't in favor of the change, I will live with it," said Burnett.
Adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying—oh my!

Math was a class that all students at any high school were required to have under their belt before receiving a diploma. There was a three-year minimum for a Core 40 diploma, and Core 40 was required for college-bound students.

Usually freshmen started out with algebra or pre-algebra.

Geometry was the next level, which usually consisted of graphing, learning shapes, and learning the theorems.

"I want to become a teacher and this class has better helped me to get into a better school, which will lead to a good job," said sophomore April Kelley.

Math had a lot to offer to the students as well as the teachers. Most of the math teachers learned something from their students everyday.

Each and every math teacher also had their own way of teaching—just as any teacher did. Yet, the same thing went for the students, who each learned differently. When different teaching and learning styles clashed, usually the outcome was not good. Math could be one of the subjects that built upon itself as the year progressed. So, if a student fell behind early, their grades and enthusiasm quickly fell.

"I personally just don’t get along with my math teacher all that well. The way he teaches is just not for me, I personally like to be taught one on one," said junior Jacob Didot.

For those math wizzes who enjoyed math and hoped to excel in math in college, AP Calculus was an important outlet. Mr. G taught AP Calculus to seniors.

Sophomore James Thompson attempts to complete his math homework on his own. Most math teachers give their students time to complete the assignments in class so they could help if the students needed it.

Faculty & Staff

Teacher Trauma:

"The most traumatic thing that happened to me this year was coming back to school after my maternity leave. It was really hard being away from my son," said Mrs. Cindy Bond, math.

Mr. Mark Bless, Physical Education

Mrs. Cindy Bond, Math

Mr. Matt Bosworth, Social Studies
Participating in her math class, sophomore Kelsie Wys makes a graph on the board.

Drawing out the coordinate plane, sophomore Brandon Doulaki participates in his algebra class.

Helping freshman Catlin Summers with her geometry homework, Mr. Andy Miller stood by and assisted her with the problem.

Teacher Trauma:
"When [freshman] Sarah White attempted to run the pie into Mrs. Horein's face instead of throwing it, it would have been perfect except Mrs. Horein dodged it," said Mrs. Kathy Bothwell, math.
Nicole Didot

Making changes was a must for World Geography and Indiana Studies teacher Mr. Emerson. His classes where not respecting him or each other. In order to change this, he made a new class rule. The new rule consisted of a point system. Every time the class disrespected him or one another, a point would be taken away, and if they were good they might get a point added. The two classes with the top score got to go on a field trip. Most students said they didn't like the new rule, but some liked it.

"I think that the respect idea is a great idea because for once kids are rewarded instead of punished," said freshman Corey Himes.

Sophomores Nicole Fenn and Shannon Edwards present their project to the world geography class. The world geography classes did a class project once every six weeks.

In economics class, senior Ashley Blackwell concentrates very hard on a test. Economics class consisted of learning more about the economic world.

Faculty & Staff

Teacher Trauma:

"Showing up on the first day of school and finding out that the first day was the next day," said Mrs. Amy Colbert, guidance.

Ms. Edna Bush, Library

Linda Cannon, Special Education

Ms. Terri Clifton, Secretary
Learning about the past is just one part of the social sciences. Social studies also consisted of learning about the law, the brain, and why people react in the way that they do. Social studies was a subject that had plenty of possible classes that fit this category.

Some of the classes were electives, but the majority of them were required. U.S. history, government, economics, and two electives were required classes to graduate with Core 40 diploma.

U.S. history gave the students the knowledge of our country’s past and helped students learn more about the important parts of history that effected the United States.

“U.S. history is not a stressful class, which I really like because I have a lot of classes that are,” said junior Amanda Purvis.

Economics and government taught its students all about the fundamentals of the law and more about the economic standards of today’s society. It also gave its student a chance to understand more about the stock market.

Among some of the social studies electives lie world geography, world history, sociology, psychology, Indiana studies, and law education.

World geography and world history consisted of mostly freshmen and sophomores. These classes taught about other countries histories, important dates, where countries lie, information about their landscape, and about their important places. Indiana studies was a class all about Indiana and history.

Sociology, psychology, and law education were more advanced than the rest. Because of this, they were only offered to juniors and seniors.

“I will miss Mrs. Gilly, she is the best teacher I’ve ever had. I truly look up to her,” said senior Charlie Macey.

To the middle left, junior Adam Coleman tries to skin an animal properly, as they did in the 1800’s. The U.S. History classes went to Conner Prairie on a field trip.

Sophomore Aleisha Johnson presents her project to the World Geography class. She dressed up to fit the part of an Asian person for extra credit from Mr. Emerson.

Teacher Trauma:
"I am still in therapy from being ambushed by Mrs. Gilly, the pie-throwing, government goddess," said Ms. Kelly Crawford, math.

Mrs. Amy Colbert, Guidance
Ms. Kelly Crawford, Math
Mr. Jason Damron, Choir
Science classes are a big part of school. Junior Renae Moore took earth/space science for two years in a row. "I will probably have to take it again next year," said Moore. Most students did not have to take that many science classes. Moore could not take a higher class than earth/space science until she passed it. "I'm okay with not getting to take higher classes because I can't pass earth science," said Moore. Moore hoped to pass earth/space science this time, but she didn't know if that would happen.

Sophomore Clint Brock and the rest of the Chemistry I class try to solve an equation that Mr. Zach Errett wrote on the board. Chemistry was a required class for a Core 40 Diploma.

Freshman Heather Lashley works hard on a microscope lab in Biology. Biology students completed several labs.

Teacher Trauma:
"When my son was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, my life changed forever. Now I realize life is short and to cherish every moment I'll have with him," said Ms. Sharon Eickhoff, English.

Mrs. Candice Due, English
Ms. Sharon Eickhoff, English
Mr. Stan Emerson, Social Studies
Learning about living things, the human body, and the periodic table are all things someone can study while taking a science class.

Most freshmen started with biology because it was the highest science class a freshman was able to take.

"I took this class to learn more about life and because I get to dissect things," said freshman Heather Wilson.

Biology is the study of living things allowing students to study everything from microorganisms to plants and animals. They dissected frogs, pigs and starfish.

After biology, there were many different sciences a student could take such as: chemistry, physics, physical science, and earth/space science. Sophomore Kelsie Wys chose chemistry. "Chemistry is challenging, but it is interesting to learn," said Wys.

Chemistry students learned about how elements worked together and how to use the periodic table. Labs happened often—once a month.

Physics and advanced physics is the study of moving parts. For example, students in physics learned how a bowling ball suspended from a string swinging back and forth would not hit the teacher or a person standing in front of it.

Physical science and earth/space science were classes anyone could take beside freshmen. Junior Bobby Keiser took earth/space science for his extra science credit.

"My favorite part of this class is when we take notes, and then we get a work sheet with all the answers for the work sheets in our notes," said Keiser.

All of the science classes were a full year course, and some were required to graduate.

Senior Josh Miller sets up his car to give it a test run in AP Physics. AP Physics students had to create a car that worked without being pushed by any force.

Teacher Trauma:
"Everyone experiences pain, but suffering is optional," said Brinton Farrand, art.
WEIGHT LIFTING, TAKING TESTS, RUNNING—WHAT IS IN COMMON?

BY NICOLE DIDOT

Push-ups, weight lifting, squatting, aerobics, yoga, but what do these activities have in common?

They are all a part of girls and boys APC, which stands for Advanced Physical Conditioning. APC is one of the fastest growing classes at MHS—but why would students want to work out in school?

"To get stronger, and to build unity amongst my fellow teammates and peers," said senior Josh Smalling a boys APC student.

"It's good way to stay fit and it gives me a chance to lift weights," said senior April Stone who was in girls APC.

People who were not in APC usually had no idea what the difference was between boys and girls APC. The members of the girls APC class had two answers.

"Boys APC is more strenuous, and they max out more often then we do," said senior Amanda Mason. "I hate it when girls sign up for this class just to have it easy. Guys want to do more—that's the difference," said senior Olivia Jones.

For Coach Bless, with his 16½ boys APC students, compared to Mrs. Shanklin's total of approximately 30 students in girls APC, the difference is dramatic. Yet, the reasons why the students took APC are all very similar.

Students wanted to improve their bodies. Senior Jeremiah Floyd said, "Physical appearance, you know what the ladies like." Eighty-seven percent of the students interviewed mentioned that APC helps them feel better about their physical condition.

Health and gym were also designed to help students take care of their bodies. Health taught students about drug and alcohol awareness and the other things that can harm or help the body. Health is a required semester class that students needed to graduate. One full year or two semesters of gym was required to be able to join any APC class. The girls gym classes were separated from the boys gym classes. The activities that they performed were along the same lines: swimming, basketball, dodgeball, running, physical fitness, and taekwondo are some examples of the many activities the students did throughout the semester.

Sophomore Cassidy Turner finishes a test in APC seventh period. The girls did not max out on weights every Friday because they took a test on those days.

Ms. Tricia Ferguson, Social Studies
Ms. Joan Fleck, Math
Mr. Jeff Franklin, Social Studies
Senior David Nay does inclined sit-ups during APC. Boys maxed out on weight lifting every six weeks in order to get stronger.

"A student handed in his final exam and said, 'It's amazing how much stuff I actually forgot.' said Mr. Jeff Franklin, Social Studies.

Sophomore Justin Fox does pull-ups in boys APC. Boys in APC also worked at building muscle. "Working hard in APC helps on the football field," said Fox.

Junior Melissa Reeves works hard on finishing her homework assignment for Mr. Gregory's health class.
Want a class that provides a unique learning style along with knowledge that will be useful in the future? Foreign language classes were once again a popular choice among many MHS students. Not only did the students get the challenge of learning a new language, but they also got to enjoy experiencing some of the cultural aspects of the foreign languages they studied.

“My favorite part of this class is just being able to walk into a restaurant and be able to read the menu,” said freshman Spanish student Jessica Howard. That was proof that MHS students had used their knowledge of the language, as well as furthering their knowledge for their futures.

Another reason MHS students took foreign language classes was to receive a higher diploma: Core 40 or honors. Junior Jasmine Austin advanced her language by taking two years of Spanish and one year of French.

“I have always wanted to take French. I had already taken two years of Spanish, and I’m glad I get to experience another language and culture by taking French,” said Austin.

Freshman Carrie Ball planned for a big future by taking a foreign language.

“I am going to be a missionary in Africa, some countries there speak French, and in order for me to more effectively reach them, I need to know their language,” said Ball.

Ball also said, “I think everyone should take a foreign language because it helps to better understand the English language.”

Overall, foreign languages seemed to have played a pretty important role for many MHS students, and will continue doing so for students that come.

Junior Michael Rowland, performs exercises. Mrs. Skaggs ordered the class to act out an event in Spanish, and the class played out what she requested.

Sophomore Whitney Burda makes finishing touches to her family tree for French I. The class had to explain their family trees in French to the class.

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**Teacher Trauma:**

"The laminator almost went up in flames. Luckily we did not set off the smoke alarms or the sprinkler system," said Ms. Barbara Goddard, library media specialist.

Mrs. Barbara Goddard, Library

Mrs. Peggy Gorman, Treasurer

Mr. Dale Graves, Science
Mr. Max Gregory,
Health

Mr. Bob
Grosskreutz,
Math

Mr. Monty Grover,
Science

Mr. Max Gregory, health.

Teacher Trauma:

"Students who go on extended field trips and fail to make-up missed work until the very end of the grading period; sometimes they want to take even longer," said Mr. Max Gregory, health.

Nicole Didot

Trying new things is said to be very healthy, but when it comes to trying new food make sure you know what it is before ordering it (especially if it is at a foreign restaurant).

Junior Chelsea Reynolds' experience changed her outlook on trying new things.

"Once when we went to a little French restaurant with our French class, I ordered something in French and when it came to the table it turned out to be liver. It was really disgusting," said Reynolds.

Trying new food was okay when the menu was in English, but it was hard to know what to expect when ordering in French.

Nicole Didot

Freshman Corey Himes presents her family tree while speaking in French along with freshman Steven Watkins who held her poster board. Ms. Rogers did this project to help her French I students speak the language better.

Mrs. Whemeir hands out candy to sophomore Chris Weaver. Mrs. Wehmeir handed out candy to celebrate Valentine's Day.
PAINTING, DRAWING, SKETCHING, ALL TAKE SOME TALENT

BY NICOLE DIDOT

If a person is talented, skilled and able to make art, then they probably took an art class.

Regular art is a semester class, and after that there are a hand full of other art classes that art students can take. Mr. Farrand and Mr. Amrhein are the two art teachers at MHS.

“I have taken 2-D and 3-D art because I like to draw, and I also needed a credit for honors in art, drama or choir. So, of course, I chose art over the rest,” said senior Jeri Steward.

Although some accidents happened, overall the art classes were quite safe.

“This one time Trinica spilled glaze all over herself. It probably wasn’t that funny, but I thought it was hilarious,” said senior Saskia Van Bijsterveld.

Senior Heather Cooper is in her third year in art. Her freshman year she took basic art and her sophomore year she took photography. Now, in her senior year, she is taking ceramics and drawing.

A big highlight is when one of the student’s projects gets placed into the school’s showcase. Only the art that is really good and very creative gets the chance to get into the glass showcase.

“I know it sounds really corny, but it really is a highlight when your art gets put into the showcase, it’s like getting a big pat on the back and you get the feeling of a job well done,” Cooper said.

Mr. Amrhein has a saying that is one of Steward’s favorite sayings: “Don’t give up the ship captain.” “I thought it was different, but it makes sense now,” said Steward.

“Mr. Amrhein is very dedicated to what he does and to all of us as well,” said junior Rachel Kenney.

Freshmen Josh Hoffman and Alex Warren play a color wheel game. “We enjoyed listening to the comedy of our classmates, and making projects such as cardboard stamps,” said Hoffman.

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Teacher Trauma:

“The most frustrating part of my job is when I’ve worked hard to prepare a lesson that a student doesn’t put forth equal effort to learn,” said Mrs. Diana Hadley, journalism.

Ms. Cathy Guy,
Special Education

Mrs Diana Hadley,
Journalism

Mr. Bob Hamm,
Science
Sophomore Ashlie Lair carefully molds her pottery on the throwing wheel. “I liked being in ceramics because I thought it was fun and it was a chance for me to be creative,” said Lair.

Senior Lindsay Fisher carves at her jewelry during class. “Jewelry class was a great experience. It was a good opportunity to do unusual projects and to use different tools,” said Fisher.

Freshman Elizabeth Bodle puts the finishing touches on her color wheel game. “I guess I’m okay at art. The point isn’t if you’re good at it, but if it’s what you like to do,” said Bodle.

Teacher Trauma:

“À boy came into the office and his pants had caught on fire while he was welding for his final, and he seriously thought he was going to get an “A” on his final because he was the only one to get burned,” said Mrs. Laura Hickey, nurse.

O lder Travis Thompson and junior Nikki Blevins gaze at each other during Sound Image's performance at Wagon Trails Revue.


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Teacher Trauma:
"You know for me, when I started down this new path in my career as an educator, I did think, how sad my daughters (who are four and six) will probably never remember me being a teacher, and I think that is one of the noblest careers a person could choose," said Mrs. Jacobs, administration.

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Mrs. Rosie Horein, Home Economics
Mr. Mark Hurt, Social Studies
Mrs. Kelli Jacobs, Administration
Learning the right way to perform, act, and present oneself is a big part of performing arts.

Choir and drama classes were some of the most popular classes at MHS.

Drama and choir were the two classes that required public performance, but in order to be in one of these classes, all it took was signing up. Yet, performing required much more work.

In order to stay in these two classes, students needed motivation to achieve their goals and a willingness to expand and grow from the mistakes that everyone made.

"I took choir because I enjoy doing the choreography and performing on stage in front of an audience," said sophomore Ashley Coombs.

Choir and drama did have their differences, and they did have certain qualities that were similar. Both taught the art of performing in front of a live audience and how to put on a good show.

Drama was more hands on with learning stage directions and as well as projecting the voice. The first six weeks had speech intertwined. Drama also taught the students a little about the way people should really speak through lessons on voice and diction.

Both gave the students a chance to enhance their skills and move on to a higher level of performance. After drama, the student could move on to Drama II. Yet with choir, in order to move on to a better choir, the student had to go through the tryout process.

"Trying out was a hard and emotional process to go through. The best advice someone could have gave me is be prepared to sight read," said Coombs.

Another consideration for choir was that there were fees to pay to cover the price of the outfits. But the students did get a chance to sell fund-raisers to cover some or all of the cost of membership.

Senior Saskia Van Bijsterveld acts out winning a Grammy for best actress in drama class. Drama classes were awarded Grammys in several different categories.

Freshman Justin Khosravi speaks carefully as he acts in the Christmas play put on by Mrs. Kassen's Drama I students. The Christmas plays were performed in the Auditorium before Christmas Break.

"A student fell asleep for two to three hours, and I just let him sleep," said Mr. Joe Johnson, science.
Senior Lori Hayes starts her assignment for Accounting. The accounting classes learned about running their own business.

Sophomore Shawn Hyatt works intently on his accounting homework. In accounting, students were allowed to use calculators quite often.

Teacher Trauma:

"We had just finished our pig dissection, and Jerrod Taylor and Steve Shimonek were apparently so hungry that they licked a pig tongue!" said Mr. Scott Johnson, science.

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Mrs. Kathy Johnson, Secretary
Mr. Scott Johnson, Science
Mrs. Melanie Kassen, Drama
Business

KEYBOARDING, COMPUTER PROGRAMS, ACCOUNTING, LAW

BY CASSIE BROWN

Keyboarding, business and personal law, computer applications, and accounting are all classes that deal with getting a business-related job after high school.

"My favorite part of keyboarding is time writings. I try to enhance my words per minute each time," said freshman Megan Couch.

"I took keyboarding because computers will be number one in the world eventually, so I figured I better learn how to type," said junior Jacqueline Seiber.

Another business class at MHS was business and personal law. Students learned about owning a business and what laws pertained to that business. Junior Adrienne Rodriguez said she enjoyed the class, "Many questions and debates start; I'm a very argumentive person," said Rodriguez.

Although business courses were not required, most students took keyboarding to help them type faster on English essays and reports for other classes that had to be typed.

"I liked keyboarding, so I decided to further my education with computers by taking computer applications," said junior Rikki Harrison.

Computer applications was just a little more advanced than keyboarding. The students had more freedom to create advertisements and to create Power Point presentations. They learned how to keep business records and accounts by using Microsoft Excel. The computer applications classes used several different programs and not just the keyboarding program.

"I want to own my own Bridal Shop and Business and Personal Law helped me understand the laws of owning a business," said Rodriguez.

Sophomore Katie Tutterow (middle) works on and assignment for keyboarding. Keyboarding taught students about the techniques for typing.

Freshman David Riggs works on his typing skills in keyboarding. Keyboarding students learned many different ways to design a business letter.

Teacher Trauma:

"During the Spring Play, Joey Smith tried on his rented costume and the pants were so tight that during dress rehearsal he couldn't kneel or sit. The entire rear seam tore, and we ordered new pants for the show!" said Mrs. Melanie Kassen, drama.

Mr. Rich Kelly, Auto

Mrs. Aloha Landwerlen, Business

Mrs. Joann Lundy, Special Education
Many students became interested in communications through journalism class. Ms. Hadley, journalism department head, helped spark students' interest in communications classes.

"I enjoyed journalism class because it's the only class I have where the teacher cares about our opinions," said sophomore Michelle Lehr.

After completing journalism, students were able to apply to be a member of the newspaper, yearbook, or broadcast staff. "I always wanted to be a part of the school's journalism team," said sophomore Erin Moser.

Once on staff, students were able to see the impact of their work. Often, the experience changed them. "I've actually decided I would love to do this as a career, so I am either majoring in broadcasting or public relations," said senior Betsy Norton.
Senior Erica Caroll cues for the announcer to start speaking during a taping of PMMHS. "Broadcast has been the greatest experience of my life time, it was fun learning all the technical equipment," said Caroll.

Mr. Chad Neal, 
Math

Mr. Chuck Muston, 
Principal

Mr. Wes Neese, 
English

Junior Karla De Juan Romero works hard on making a deadline. "I loved how I was the butt of all jokes in yearbook. My favorite insults were 'Hey Karla 'the man' and 'fall in any ditches lately?'" said De Juan Romero.

Senior Kathryn Rains hands new issues of The Pulse to English teacher Mr. Savini. Pulse went out every other week to the student body.

Teacher Trauma:
"The worst thing to happen to me this year is when I was yelling at my second hour class for laughing, and I found out it was because my pants were unzipped! That is a teacher nightmare!" said Mr. Wes Neese, English.

Wearing a band-aid on your face is not the most popular thing, but in Mrs. Hadley's Journalism class it seemed to be for one student. Senior Lacy Moore had a nose ring, and Mrs. Hadley made her wear a band-aid over it during her class. "Well I think it was stupid that I had to cover it up with a band-aid that is even more distracting, but I don't blame Mrs. Hadley, she was just enforcing the rules. I'm 18 and I live on my own, so I am responsible for my own and I am able to make my own decisions," said Moore.
Observing children, talking amongst each other, designing rooms, and learning more about the basics of cooking is what family and consumer science is all about. Each class is an elective and can be taken by anyone.

Child development was a semester class and was taught by Mrs. Rosie Horien. This class taught the techniques of basic child care. This class also observed children. Mrs. Horien and/or students sometimes asked a parent to bring in their child to give the class a chance to observe the way the children interacted with different surroundings.

"I love the way Mrs. Horien referred to her days as a mother and shares her mistakes that she made with her children to us. I think it helped everyone understand that no one is perfect," said junior Heaven Dayhoff.

A class that dealt with some of the everyday hassles of being a teenager was interpersonal relations.

"I love this class because we get to get in a circle and talk about anything that is bothering us," said junior Heather Bush.

Nutrition and wellness was another family and consumer science class. This class showed students the skills they needed to face the world of adulthood. If the student liked the class, they could move on to advanced nutrition.

"One reason I am glad I took this class is simply because it helped me cook things that were non-microwavable for when I move out of my parents house," said sophomore Dustin Brinkerhoff.

Finally, housing and interiors was a part of this group. This class offered students the opportunity to learn more about designing and decorating the common household.

These classes were some of the most memorable classes for students.

Getting a taste of the cinnamon rolls she helped to make, sophomore Michelle Lehr enjoys every bite of her snack. "I will always remember the proper way to set a table," said Lehr.
Junior Kelly O'Connor and baby Haley Swackhammer enjoy each other's presence in child development class. Every once in a while, a child would come in and the class would get a chance to observe.

Preparing food is best things about foods class, but for freshman Ashley Yegerlehner preparing food was scary.

"We were melting margarine for muffins and we were instructed to place the margarine in the microwave. So I stuck it in for 40 seconds," said Yegerlehner. Yegerlehner watched closely, and the margarine exploded right before her eyes.

"There was a huge pop! The margarine exploded all over the microwave." From then on, margarine was put in the microwave for no more than 10 seconds.

Sophomore April Shover cleans up after herself. After each group placed their food in the oven, they would clean up the mess of the preparing stage.

Junior Laura Allsup and sophomore Joey Coffey share information about their greyhounds for a class presentation in interpersonal relationships. Every week, the students would gather at the back of the room to share stories.

Teacher Trauma:

"Students gesticulating in Anglo-Saxon videos down the hallway and in the classroom. Very memorable indeed!" said Mrs. Ann Phillips, English.
Senior Courtney Hubbard helps freshman Stephanie Allen play a game of 20 Questions during fifth period. "I plan to become a special education teacher," said Hubbard.

Junior JoAnna Thompson assists junior Jared Wier while he sits in his chair. Thompson worked as an assistant to the special education class seventh period.

"Teacher Trauma:
"Having to feed Mr. Miller his Big Mac in front of the student body, after engulfing mine because he ate so slow!" said Ms. Andrea Rogers, Foreign Language.

Ms. Shelby Roberts, Special Education
Mr. John Robertson, Technology
Mr. Chris Robertson, Technology
NEW PROGRAMS AND TEACHERS REVITALIZE DEPARTMENT

BY NICOLE DIDOT

With five new teachers and the first-ever moderate to severe disability program, the Special Education Department found that learning was no problem for teachers as well as students.

Ms. Cathy Guy, Head of the Special Education Department, took over the special education program at MHS. "We give support to students that receive the help of the special education department," said Guy.

The department helped students with disabilities of all varieties. The level of help that a student received depended on the student's needs.

Many MHS students volunteered as Teacher's assistants (TA) in the department. Senior Jessica Loftus helped Ms. Sharon Eickhoff, English. "I wanted to make a difference, and I want to know that I am helping someone," said Loftus.

TA's helped regular classroom teachers and the moderate to severe disability teachers. TA's helped tutor students and teach students the skills that they needed to work outside of school.

"I help each student. I go around the room and help them if they need it. I work with them on essays, vocab, and even worksheets," said Loftus.

Senior Courtney Hubbard was a TA in Ms. Shelby Robert's moderate and severe disability classroom seventh period. "We play games like 20 questions, BINGO, Sorry, and we also walk around the track," said Hubbard.

Both teachers and students learned from their new experiences in special education. Ms. Guy was pleased with her department's accomplishments. "Ms. Roberts and four of the five new teachers wrote a grant for an assistive technology mini lab with computers," said Guy.

"The fun part is when we are able to help students succeed and see them graduate," said Guy.

The custodians work to move the moderate to severe disability classroom over Christmas break. Mrs. Kassen's room was switched with the special education classroom, which was the Green Room.

Helping a student in Ms. Sharon Eickhoff's freshman English class, senior Jessica Loftus asks him to get out his homework. Loftus was a TA for Eickhoff fifth period.

Teacher Trauma:

"A parent's worst nightmare is the death of their child, a teacher's worst nightmare is the death of a student," said Mr. Mike Savini, English.
When students at MHS take auto, most take it to be able to work on cars and trucks, while others take it to learn how to design a vehicle. There are three different classes, Transportation Processes, Transportation Systems, and Vocational Auto.

Auto included classroom and shop experiences, which incorporated training in all areas of automotive repair. It also trained students in the use of technical manuals and a variety of hand and power tools. The students learned how to diagnose malfunctions.

Sophomore Robert Streib, a student in transportation processes said, “I like cars and want to design them.”

“My favorite part of Transportation Processes is working on the computer,” said sophomore Stephen Kays.

In transportation systems, the class learned the basics in engine repair, with some hands-on work.

Senior Aaron Nauert said, “I enjoy this class because Mr. Kelly is a lot of fun and I like working with my hands.”

Vocational Auto students worked on cars during fifth, sixth, and seventh periods.

Senior Tony Gabbard said, “I have enjoyed working on my Hot Rod.”

Most of the auto students took more than one year of auto to advance their abilities in repairing cars.

Mostly men joined the auto classes, but there were a few girls.

“I hope that in the future more girls will join an auto class. It’s kind of weird being in a class with no other girls,” said junior Nikki Blevins.

A auto club member, Junior David Pate, helps Mr. Kelly with the eighth grade orientation. The orientation was meant to give the eight graders insight on the Auto Program.

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Teacher Trauma:

“Running in pouring rain with APC. Sprinting into the building soaking wet!” said Mrs. Jennifer Shanklin, physical education.

Ms. Michelle Shea, Special Education

Ms. Julie Storm, Foreign Language
Senior Haleem Ramdoum finishes making some minor changes on his car during auto.

In auto classes, a lot of non-car accidents can happen. Senior Tony Gabbard was trying to repair his truck when his accident happened.

"I set my truck on fire!" said Gabbard. "Then I cut my pinky; I had to get stitches," said Gabbard. Most of the students enjoyed being able to tease and have fun with Mr. Kelly.

"Mr. Kelly likes to mess and play around with the students, he's a good guy," said Gabbard.

Auto was all fun and games until a person or a car got hurt.

Junior Ryan French plays a game on the computer during Auto. Students in Transportation Processes learned on the computer about how to design a car from start to finish.

Senior David Langley reads about how to fix his cars. Students in vocational auto could repair their own vehicles with the supervision of Mr. Kelly.

Teacher Trauma:

"A couple of my students are always buying me strange gifts from the Dollar Store. One day it was an extra, extra large pair of hot pink granny underwear. Very strange! It was initiation to a secret 'club'!" said Ms. Laila Strickland, English.
Seniors Rachel Freeman and Lesley Young move poinsettias during Plant and Soil class. Students moved the plants periodically in an attempt to equal out the lighting.

Junior Jeff Call checks the aloe vera plants for dead stems. Students in Plant and Soil classes raised the aloe plants to observe them and occasionally use them.

Sophomore Missie Clements checks on a plant and observes its growth pattern for Plant and Soil class. Plant and Soil classes were located in the Agriculture building.

Teacher Trauma:
"I drove up my road and noticed that all of the bricks in our retaining wall had fallen off because of the freezing and thawing this winter," said Mrs. Chris Urbanowski, guidance.

Ms. Wanda Tomlinson, Math
Mrs. Chris Urbanowski, Counselor

Mr. Roger Thomas, Special Education
Plants flowers, making root beer and a field trip to the Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky are just some of the activities that agriculture students enjoy.

Even though the students had to walk outside and across the bus parking lot for 180 days, sometimes in the rain and snow, most students agreed that it was worth the work.

Junior Summer Hogan said, "In the winter it stinks but during the spring, I love it!"

Agriculture students took part in many activities throughout the class. The food science class went to Pioneer Park and did water testing for DNR. They also made ice cream with liquid nitrogen. They even studied the process of fermentation by making root beer and yogurt.

The plant and soil class put on a workshop for the third graders from Northwood on National Water Day. The students used pudding to show the soil layers in "dirt" cups. "I like Mrs. Weiss, and I like the outdoors," said senior Kirk Mcloth.

They also grew plants by using the system of hydroponics. The landscaping class created a 3-D landscape project on a computer program called 3-D Landscape. Class members also went to Ed and Lisa Prosser's house and did landscaping activities there. "I thought this class would be interesting to take," said sophomore Chris DuBois.

The agribusiness class studied the effects of taxes on farmers and other farming-related issues.

All of the classes took part in a Purdue University research study on Biotechnology.

Agriculture classes may have been located in a separate part of the school, but students still found ways to connect agriculture to life.

Senior Alan Roe tests the pH level in the hydroponics during Plant and Soil class. "I enjoy my agriculture class very much because it's a lot of fun," said Roe.

Mrs. Judy Wade, Business
Mrs. Lisa Wathen, Special Education

Teacher Trauma:
"A girl in one of my classes said, 'Mrs. Wade, why does this thing keep telling me that I am spelling my name wrong? I swear that's how I spell it!'" said Mrs. Judy Wade, business.
Career Pathways: Auto Service Technology, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting

BY NICOLE DIDOT

Going half day is only a part of this important educational opportunity.

AREA 31 was held at Ben Davis High School. In order to be eligible to take these classes, students went through an application process. If their grades were struggling or attendance was poor, then the chances of going to AREA 31 were slim.

Cosmetology was one of the most popular classes that was offered in this program. Students were required to complete 1500 hours of training over a two-year period. Second-year students were required to attend classes on Saturdays. The class consisted of dying hair, cutting hair, styling hair, manicuring nails, and working as a makeup artist.

"I would like to be a makeup artist someday, and the class lets me experiment my techniques with different colors," said junior Stacey Sipos.

Another class that was offered was dental assisting. Not only did the students learn the fundamentals of cleaning the mouth, but by the end of the class, the student obtained their licenses.

Heating and air was another class available at Ben Davis. In this class, students got certified for free. They learned the fundamentals of the basics and beyond.

"I got third in the state at the state competition, and this will hopefully help me when I am ready to go out and get a job in this field," said senior Charles Goodwin.

These were just a few of the classes that were offered in the vocational program. Although there were 29 other classes offered at Area 31, students generally took the popular courses.

"This class has helped me a lot by giving me the experience of working with actual people, which is an important skill," said junior Shelby Sutton.

Senior Charles Godwin (middle) concentrates hard in his heating and air class.

Junior Stacey Sipos works on Susan Bradley's hair for her cosmetology class. In order to graduate and work on clients' hair, students must practice extensively.

Ms. Lisa Weaver, Special Education

Mr. Jerry Weber, Band Director
Senior Johnny Beers smooths out the surface of a rusted out spot on a van in the shop. Each student in the collision repair course had to complete the basics in order to complete the difficult jobs.

Senior Britney Bailey performs basic cleaning on one of her fellow classmates. By taking dental assisting class, students could get their licenses by the end of the course.

Teacher Trauma:

"Chris Weaver spent one whole seventh period with ice on his head after someone threw gum in his hair during his sixth period class," said Mrs. Maureen Wehmeier, foreign language.
Leaving school everyday for a period or going to school for a half day sounds like heaven to most students at MHS. In order to qualify for this treatment, students must be in ICE, Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education, or they must be a cadet teacher. ICE students are allowed to leave the building during the school day in order to work at a local business. Cadet teachers go to area elementary schools to practice teaching kids.

Although this may sound like fun, there were certain twists to being a part of these classes. Since they were considered classes, students were evaluated by the employers or the cooperating teacher, depending on the program. The evaluation was part of what made up a student's grade in the class.

Cadet Teaching and ICE were opportunities for students to get a taste of the real world. "It just helped me realize how the real world really is," said senior Misty Grace who was a part of ICE.

Some students got a taste of reality and found that they weren't meant for teaching or working in a particular field. "This helped me realize that teaching is not for me," said senior David Nay. Senior Sarah Flewelling had a different experience, "I enjoyed Cadet Teaching even though being with 23 kids can be quite stressful," said Flewelling.

Many students found their experiences to be positive. "I think this is a great class if a person is unsure if teaching would be a job option for them," said senior Kristen Lasley. "I would recommend ICE to future seniors because you get a half day," said senior Janna York.

Cadet Teaching and ICE classes were offered to seniors only. Ms. Henry, administration, oversaw Cadet Teaching and Mr. Ash, business, and Ms. Weiss, Ag., oversaw the ICE program.

Senior Christina Smock (right) works for her mother through the ICE program. "ICE is the best, it helps to cure senioritis when you leave before lunch!" said Smock.

Senior Sarah Flewelling (far right) helps first grader Olivia Meek. "The best part of teaching is going into the class everyday and the little kids yelling 'Miss Sarah, Miss Sarah,'" said Flewelling.

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Teacher Trauma:

"Teaching classes I've never taught before was my trauma," said Mrs. Karen Yeager, English.

Mrs. Tonya Weiss, Agriculture

Mr. Jim Whitaker, Boys P.E.
Senior Elizabeth Atkinson (above) looks at caterpillars with third graders at Newby Elementary. "Cadet Teaching has been an experience of a lifetime, it has inspired me in wanting to become a teacher," said Atkinson.

Senior Cadie Crawley starts the daily lesson with a first grade class at Newby Elementary.

Teacher Trauma:
"Last spring at the end of the school year I said, 'I have to teach sophomores and move!'" said Mrs. Liz Yoke, English.
Junior Rachel Kenney cheerfully cuts off a piece of the net after successfully defeating Terre Haute South in the sectional championship. The team later fell to rival Bloomington North during regionals.
Junior Tyler Stull practices his putting skills prior to his golf meet.

Stepping toward the plate, senior Rachel Freeman awaits the pitch from the opposing team.

Junior Brandon Doulaki gasps for a fresh breath of air as he races through the pool.
Girls end season with unforgettable moments

With nine players, four of them seniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen, the girls golf team swung hard at its opponents.

The girls had a few ups and downs. Some of them were inexperienced but enjoyed several moments of the season. "Everything the rookies did struck me to be funny," said sophomore Kassidy Turner. "I hadn't played golf long enough, but no one played, so I thought I'd spark an interest," said Turner.

Several achievements were made by Senior Spring Academic All-Sando was one of players on the the first playoff place at the Invitational," said Sando, "I got an 81." Sando has been playing golf since she was in seventh grade. "My dad played, and he got me started," she said. Spring was also a part of the All-Conference Team.

The girls golf team had a record of 20-27. "The season was a good season, we played well," said Coach Jeff Franklin, social studies. Coach Franklin has been coaching girls golf for five years. Along with coach Franklin, senior Kate Korn found the season to go well, mostly due to the closeness of the players. "It was fun to have friends on the team, we could talk during golf," said Korn.

MHS Varsity Vs.

Franklin Central 217-189
Yorktown Invit. 398-6th
Edgewood Invit. 404-2nd
Oak Tree Invit. 397-9th
Terre Haute South Invit. 393-4th
Greenwood/Perry Meridian 197-175
Monrovia 241-226
Martinsville 194-190
Brownburg 204-173
Beech Grove 261-246
Whiteland 183-193
Southport 189-202
Greencastle 209-243
Zionsville/Avon 199-166
Danville 200-226
Lutheran 191-263

Senior Spring Sando concentrates on her putt during a meet. Sando was the only girls golf member to receive Academic All-State Honors. She was also a member of the 2002 All-Conference Team.

Seniors Spring Sando, Kate Korn, Ashley Blackwell, Cali App, and freshmen Hattie Sando and C.J. App get together for a picture on senior night at Eagle Pines golf course after a home meet.
Freshman C.J. App watches the ball after she swings. App was one of the “Rookies” on the team, but participated in many meets. "Mid-state Conference was the best, but I didn't do very well." said App.

Coach Jeff Franklin, social studies, talks to the team during senior night at the Eagle Pines golf course after one of their home meets. "I was hoping the senior girls would enjoy their season," said Coach Franklin. "I'm really going to miss them."

Senior Kate Korn looks carefully after sheputts. Korn was a member of the 2002 All-Conference Team. "This season was fun because it was our last year, but also a little sad," said Korn.

Boys Soccer
New coach brings new season
Karla De Juan Romero

The boys kick to achieve personal goals but suffer losses on the field. The boys JV and varsity soccer teams had "kind of a learning season," as senior Matt Whitman put it. They ended the season with a 6-10 overall record and a new coach. "There were really no problems during the season, it was just awkward playing with a new style," said Whitman.

The varsity team began its season against Perry Meridian with a 1-2 loss and finished off the season against Bedford with a 2-0 season was junior Drew got better at the season got used to coach." This first year as a varsity player

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The JV also had its ups and downs. "This was the funniest season I've ever had," said freshman Steve Shimonek. Shimonek was one of the few players with a partially positive attitude toward the season. "This season could have been better," said sophomore Alex Howard. The JV also had the misfortune of not always getting to play. "A lot of teams did not have a JV team, so we did not get to play as much as I would have liked to," said Howard.

Both teams managed to get through the season, despite several injuries on the teams as well as new coaches.

Senior Brad State attempts to get the ball before the opposing player. State played midfield and was an all-around versatile player. The team called him "Ginger," because of his fiery red hair.


Sophomore Matt O'Neil prepares to kick the ball. This was O'Neil's first year on varsity. "It was different from last year because we had a different coach," said O'Neil. "I thought that practice was a lot more fun, though." O'Neil has been playing soccer since he was seven. "I had some friends who played soccer, so I started playing everyday during recess in elementary school," said O'Neil.

Freshman Brad Lee goes after the ball at one of the JV boys home games. "The season was a new learning experience," said Lee. "The major highlight of the season was seeing my brother almost win the game at sectionals." Lee's older brother, Chris, was the goalie for the varsity team. "We lost more games than we won," said Lee. "I hope we have a better season next year."

Freshman Steve Shimonek defends the ball during one of the junior varsity boys soccer games. Shimonek was already a pioneer at the sport by this year. "I had been playing since I was in second grade," said Shimonek. "My dad made me, and I liked it." Although the boys season was not a winning one, Shimonek still enjoyed it. "It was the funnest season I've ever had," he said.
Girls Soccer

Girls tie the school record for best regular season with 9-7

Trixie Cole

The smell of freshly cut grass, the sight of cheering fans, and the taste of victory. The first thing that comes to mind is soccer. The girls soccer team was used to this scenario. An MHS girls victory was a common thing for the varsity players.

Senior Suzy Doughty led the varsity team to a 9-7 season record, which tied the school record for best regular season. “We had a lot of support from the school and the fans,” said Suzy Doughty.

The team season record was six for the first half season. “I think the team was more confident than before,” said senior Reedy. The girls would always sit around during stretches and crack jokes at each other or gossip.

“It was so embarrassing when we got killed in the scrimmage game against the boys team. They even took out their starters and put three freshman in, and they still killed us,” said senior Sarah Swinney.

The JV’s overall season record was 4-8-1. Mary Myers was the leader of this pack with high scores in shots, goals, and number of points. The MVP award went to freshman Ann Payne. “I enjoyed all of the players, we all had a lot of fun,” said sophomore Candis Shipman. “Especially when we wore our colored underwear under our white shorts!”

“I enjoyed seeing Brittany Allen imitate Coach Damron during our streaches,” junior Lara De Juan Romero.

Doughty started the strong shutouts in the season. Doughty thought that a lot of fun,” said Angela Reedy.

Senior Suzy Doughty passes her Plainfield opponent without hesitation. The team lost to Plainfield 0-5. Doughty set new school records in the number of goals in a game and number of goals in a season. “It was funny when the news came and threw empty pizza boxes at us,” said Doughty.
Sophomore Megan Shimonek works hard to steal the ball from the Plainfield opponent. "I had a lot of fun being team captain as a sophomore," said Shimonek. Shimonek made the All-Conference Team.

Senior Brittany Allen advances the ball down the field, right past a Plainfield player. "A girl kicked me in the face with the ball, and it started bleeding," said Allen. Allen seemed to fall (very gracefully) during every game. Allen also had the habit of imitating Coach Damron during stretches. Allen made the ICGSA All-Academic Team and received its Honorable Mention Award.

Junior Katy Sears goes head to head against Whiteland for the ball. "Every day I got laughed at because I would always run away when I was supposed to headbutt the ball," said Sears. Sears had to quit the team due to arthritis problems.

Senior Ashley Reed slide tackles to get to the ball before her Plainfield opponent. "I was at practice and I gave Coach Damron the 'I.Q.' test. I embarrassed him in front of the whole team," said Reed. Reed received the Mental attitude Award, and she made the All-Conference Team.

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Vanilly/JV Girls Soccer
Freshman Drew Thurman plays close to the net while waiting for a volley before his match against Southport.

Sophomore Jon Dowden tosses the ball up to serve to his Franklin opponent. Dowden made varsity as a freshman and continued to play on varsity through his sophomore year. Dowden was one of the two varsity captains.

Freshman Kyle Biggs practices his forehand before a match against Bloomington North.

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Plainfield 0 - 5
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Indian Creek 2 - 3
Southport 0 - 5
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Mid-State Conf. 0 - 5
Bloomington South 0 - 5
Martinsville Sect. 1 - 4

Freshman Thad Miller gets ready to return a serve to his Martinsville opponent.
"With nine freshman, four sophomores, one junior and a new coach, this season was a learning experience for all involved, especially me," said the first-year boys varsity tennis coach, Mr. Teders. "The entire team is excited about the prospects for next year."

The team held together through thick and thin and gave it their all. In fact, teams and coaches impressed well the considering they were team in sectional and the conference competitions.

"Since we didn't lose any seniors, we will be able to grow stronger as a group for next year," said freshman Corey Holsapple. "With a dual match record of 2-14, the team held together enough to send freshman Scott Evans to the Sectional Singles Tournament, by winning at the Martinsville sectionals. Evans accumulated half of the total wins during the season. Evans also led the team in wins with a total of five. The team had ten individual wins throughout the season.

"I really enjoyed having Mr. Teders as our new coach. He was a really nice guy, and he taught us a lot," said sophomore Scott Klinger.
Senior Lesley Young, with a dramatic look on her face, crosses the finish line. Young earned the Sportsmanship award on the girls team. “This cross country season was the best ever because my teammates were so supportive, and we enjoyed each other’s company,” said Young.

Junior Katie Brant enjoys a little “downtime” after running. Brant earned the Most Valuable Player award for the girls team. She was third in sectionals and advanced to regionals. Brant then ran third in regionals and advanced to the Semi-State meet where she earned twenty-first place.

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Freshman Katie McGagh runs tiredly under a covered bridge. McGagh was the only freshman on the girls cross country team. “It was kind of weird being the only freshman on the team, and that was my first year going to Mooresville, too,” said McGagh. McGagh moved here from Plainfield.


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Senior Molly Hunteman runs through the crowd. Hunteman reported enjoying the season. “We were a really close team, since most of us have been together since junior high,” said Hunteman.
Girls Cross Country

Team runs to the finish line, with fun times remembered

Karla De Juan Romero, Jasmine Khosravi

The girls cross country team advances to the regionals, despite several overwhelming odds.

With only five members on the girls cross country team, the season was fairly difficult. “We only had five girls, the minimum for a competing team, no one could get sick or injured if we wanted to compete,” said junior Katie Brant.

Even though the team lacked many members, they were in high spirits. They had become friends. “Whether we were running or just hanging out, we always had a blast,” said senior Molly Hunteman.

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The team, however, also had its share of problems. The girls lost their head coach in the middle of the season, leaving Mr. Graves, science, to coach both the girls and the boys cross country teams.

The girls managed to do fairly well during the season. “We definitely won more meets than we lost,” said Hunteman.

The girls advanced to regionals as a team, an achievement that they worked hard to earn.

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Girls Cross-country 110
Some teams would let a rebuilding season bring them down, but not the MOPI runners. They practiced harder than ever since there were no seniors or freshman on the team, and there was only one junior. The rest of the team was made up of promising sophomores. The cross country team had to compete with football and soccer for players, and cross country didn’t win.

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"We all get along well especially when there is a frisbee involved," said sophomore Chris Vaughn. So while they could have been bummed about losing their coach and three of their best runners from last year, they weren’t because they were having too much fun.

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Roads Remembered

The team begins its annual creek run. The players enjoyed the creek run because it was different from their normal routine. "I like it because we get to charge like madman through the creek, and I almost got attacked by a beaver," said sophomore Lance Newton.

Sophomore James Hannah runs with the look of hard work and determination on his face. "When we pace ourselves we start the race fast, then cruise in the middle, and kick it in at the end of the race," said Hannah.

The boys team poses to show off their socks. "We wanted to be recognized as a team, so we picked the socks because we didn't figure anyone else would have them," said junior Brandon Teague.

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| Seymour Invitational | 11/12 |
| Mid State            | 6/6 |
| Morgan County        | 2/4 |
| Sectional            | 8/11 |
| Regional             | 8/10 |

Sophomore Charles Hagee sprints across a field during a race. The team practiced throughout the season to get better. "We would run really hard for at least four miles everyday," said Hagee.
Varsity Volleyball

Sticks and stones can't break MHS bones

Darbie Thurl, Samantha Raney, Trista Cole

The team isn't going to get bumped from the top, because they are set for the spike.

Even though the team suffered from numerous injuries during the season, they finished by breaking even with a record of 13-13. "We didn't have a constant lineup since somebody was always injured," said senior Kristin Mertens. Junior Audrey Farrand added, "The injuries kept us from matches."

Senior was one of the the team. "We fun but the to keep us performing at potential," said

Injuries were a major contributor to the .500 record, "At almost every tournament someone was hurt," stated Mertens.

One of the biggest injuries was junior Sarah Harper, who hurt her pinky finger. "Her pinky being hurt affected her blocking abilities," said junior Brittany Love.

Yet, the team always had time to enjoy themselves. "I loved just being part of the team, we had a great group of girls," said Farrand.

"My favorite part of the season was having my birthday on game day," said junior Kristi Walker. Overall the girls reported enjoying the season, even with all of the injuries that hampered their performance.

"Almost everyone had at least one injury throughout the season," said sophomore Kelsie Wys.

Tricia Wright key players for had a lot of injuries seemed from our highest Wright.

Sophomore Kelsie Wys goes up for a block against a Plainfield spike. Wys moved up to varsity becoming the only sophomore on the team during the season. "All of the upper classmen were nice to me, even though I was just a sophomore," said Wys.

Juniors Carley Wright and Sarah Harper give each other a five as they plan out their next play. Harper was a key blocker, and Wright was a key setter.

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Senior Kristin Merten runs up to return a serve against Franklin. "One time, before a game, Tricia Wright and I were warming up our arms when Tricia threw the ball, hit coach in the face, and knocked off his glasses," said Merten. Merten broke the school record for most digs in a season with 299.

Senior Carly Taylor runs after the ball and gets ready to serve against Monrovia. The varsity won 21-8, 21-14, and 21-14. The varsity ended its season with a record of 13-13.

Senior Rachel Freeman gets ready to practice her serve before a game. "One day during practice I tripped over the ball cart and the balls went everywhere. It took a really long time to pick them all up," said Freeman.

A group of varsity players come together for a huddle after a play. Players from left to right include: Kelsie Wys, Carley Wright, Rachel Freeman, Tricia Wright, Angel Gould, and Kristin Merten.
The JV and freshman volleyball teams became closer friends while they also came close to winning records. There were several injuries forcing players to switch from the freshman team to the JV team with very little warning. "I liked being moved up because I worked really hard all summer to improve myself," said freshman Tasha Clampitt.

That kind of situation can make it difficult to adapt and play as a team. Even with such an unusual season for both teams, the JV had 10 wins and the freshman had eight wins. With the hardship of the season came great friendships. "We all got along and became better friends, and really enjoyed the time we got spend together," said freshman Lauren Kenney. The girls had a lot of fun on and off the court and left with many happy memories, including: riding around in ball carts until they break, smacking into teammates when running for the ball, getting kicked out of a game for having glitter on, hitting heads on the bleachers, and falling into the net.

"I thought it was funny when our coach choked on a chip, and our assistant coach had to give her the Heimlich maneuver," said freshman Megan Couch.


Freshman Olivia Breedlove serves the ball during a home game. Due to injuries on the JV team, she was able to move up from the freshman team for one game. "I thought of it as a privilege to move up to the JV team even if it was only for one game," said Breedlove.

Front row: Lauren Kenney, Tiffany Bigham, Megan Couch, Amanda Wright, Kelsie Wys. Back: Coach Jennifer Willis, Michelle Lehr, Katie Imhoff, Sara Walton, Coach Shelby Roberts.
The JV team mentally prepares in a huddle before the game. "Before home games, we [the sophomores] would stuff our faces with food so we could play better," said sophomore Michelle Lehr.

Freshmen Tasha Clampitt and Tiffany Bigham give each other words of encouragement before a game. "There were a lot of attitudes on the team, but we got along fine," said Clampitt.

Freshmen Kelsie Lockwood, Megan Manion, and Olivia Breedlove congratulate the Plainfield team after their loss. "We always wanted to beat our opponents, especially Plainfield, but sometimes things did not work out right," said Lockwood.

Freshmen Heather Harper, Paige Turley, Daniel Stromeyer, Ashley Viles, and Ginger Bush play against rival Plainfield. "The games were really intense. All I could think about was hitting the ball over the net," said Turley.
Sophomore Kyle Mossbrucker kicks a field goal against Greenwood. “I act like it is practice, so I don’t have to think about it,” said Mossbrucker.

Junior Evan Steward gets patched up by trainer Fred LaPlante during the Plainfield game. Steward hurt his shoulder being tackled while running for the end zone and missed the last five games of the season. “It was disappointing sitting on the bench watching everyone else play,” said Steward.

Walking off the field after an exhausting run are seniors Tad Dewitt, Joey Smith, and junior Lucas Catellier. “It wasn’t too tiring, but there were those long drives that took forever,” said Smith.
There is only one word to describe MHS varsity football: stupendous. The MOPI were ranked sixth in the nation for schools with 1,200-1,500 students.

“I enjoyed the group of guys that the team was made up of and all of the leadership potential that we shared,” said senior Josh Smalling.

Most of the accolades went to the defense, which had a strong season. They smashed all of their opponents into the ground by letting only an average of 7.6 points a game.

“The best thing was winning, but also the team got along which made everything fun,” said junior Ryan Gregory.

There was only one thing about the season that could have been changed for the better. The loss against Zionsville in Sectionals that cut the season short. It was a scoreless game until the end of the fourth quarter, but they got a field goal through the defense in the last few minutes to win the game. “I hated losing to Zionsville because now we don’t know what we could have become if we had made it past the first round of sectionals,” said Smalling.

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Junior Varsity, Freshman teams snap into winning seasons

Success is a word used quite often to describe the MHS football teams’ seasons. The Junior Varsity football team had an undefeated season with a 7-0 record. The team tackled its opponents by giving up only eight points the entire season. “We were undefeated last year and our goal was to be undefeated this year too,” said sophomore Josh McDonald. The team hoped to achieve more undefeated seasons in the future.

As freshmen the Junior a winning prove. The team had altogether a successful season. Improving tremendously, the team beat five teams including conference foes, Greenwood. “We beat them! Greenwood this year by one touch down, and last year we lost by forty-two points,” said linebacker and tailback freshman Pat Norton.

Another player focused on different parts of the season, as well as the sport. “The thought of being able to hurt someone and not get in trouble for it made me interested in playing football,” said freshman Adam Clark.

All in all, the Junior Varsity and the Freshman football teams kept their fans believing in their success and finished their seasons with more wins than losses.

Coach Matthew Bosworth, social studies, talks to the freshman football players in a huddle during the home game against the Martinsville Artisans. "The coaching in high school was a lot better than middle school," said freshman Zach Bell.

Freshman Pat Norton pauses to think as he looks at his helmet. Norton played on the freshman team. "Beating Greenwood was a major highlight," said Norton. "We lost a lot of people this year, but I think we got a lot more accomplished," Norton commented on the season.

Freshman Adam Clark anticipates the charge from the opposing player as he looks for a clear run. "This season overall was more of a learning experience than anything but was still fun," said Clark. "I plan on playing in the future because football is one of the greatest games there is, and it's fun playing for such a good coaching staff," said Clark.

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Senior Lindsay Greene comes down from a build. “When I started one cheer, I was doing the wrong moves. Everyone just stopped and stared at me. I didn’t even realize that I was doing it,” said Greene.

Junior Megan Koerner does a cartwheel during a competition at Greenwood High School. “On Homecoming it was really windy, and I was carrying these big signs and I was just walking along when all of the sudden a big gust of wind came and completely blew me over. Everyone saw it and laughed at me,” said Koerner.

Freshman Heather Wilson stays solid on top of a build. “In practice we were practicing one of our routines, and I got dropped from the top of a build. We looked so dumb,” said Wilson. Wilson started the season on the freshman squad and ended the season as a member of the JV squad.


Six schools in Indiana are chosen to cheer at The World Basketball Games that were held in Indianapolis. The MHS varsity cheerleading squad was one of those six. The team was lucky enough to have a good season. The squad finished fifth at the Mid-State Competition.

"The senior cheerleaders made breakfast for the senior football players the morning of Homecoming," said senior Betsy a thank you, t he link. "The symbolized the football That's seniors did. senior night, got to be at build, including the squads only male member, Chad Dale. "Watching Chad fly at senior night was one of the funniest things I have ever seen!" said junior Megan Koerner. The freshman squad was the only freshman squad at the Mid-State Competition. "I enjoyed pretty much everything about this year," said freshman Jenna Cravens. "The girls are all great and we have an awesome ability to stick together and have fun."

"Senior night was so funny. I got to be on top of a build and so did all of the other seniors. We had a lot of fun with it," said senior Mallori Herbertz.

"Last year was my first year cheering since I was in seventh grade. Making varsity as a sophomore was very exciting," said sophomore Sadee Rozzel.

Wrestling

Winning season for new head coach
Trista Cole

The wrestling team consisted of nine freshman, five sophomores, five juniors, four seniors and one new coach. "Even though it was Coach Errett's first year as head coach, we still did better this season than most seasons in the past," said senior Joe Grubbs.

"We all got along very well," said freshman Ryan Lybarger. "We had to wrestle in these old-school, high-riding singlets," said freshman Justin Malott. The team learned that getting along with each other and having fun was a big key. Although it was just a little fun, "We [seniors] got just underclassman in a figure-four jock lock," said senior Tad Devitt.

The team got along very well, and won the season with a record of 12-2 in the last fourteen dual meets," said Coach Errett.

Seven of the varsity wrestlers advanced to regionals, however only two of them, senior Eric Lybarger and junior J.R. Anton, advanced further to the semi-state competition.

Only E. Lybarger advanced to the IHSAA State Final Competition (individuals). E. Lybarger finished his season with a 31-4 record and a fourth place title for the weight class 171.

The varsity wrestlers had an overall season record of 20-7, including second place at the Mid-State Conference and third place at the IHSAA Sectional. "They worked very hard and finished the year with a record of 12-2 in the last fourteen dual meets," said Coach Errett.

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Freshman Justin Malott pushes his Monrovia opponent to the mat. "I got disqualified from sectionals for slamming some kid," said Malott. Malott finished the season with a record of 17-17, which tied his previous record. Malott had eleven pins throughout the season.

Freshman Ryan Lybarger racks up the points against his Avon opponent. R. Lybarger made it to regionals as a freshman. "When I won my first match I almost fell getting up because I tripped over my opponent," said R. Lybarger.

Senior Joe Grubbs takes control over his Tri-West opponent on the mat. Grubbs finished the season with an individual record of 26-8. "With Coach Errett as our coach we did better than most years in the past. I even met one of my personal goals by improving my record from last year," said Grubbs.

Freshman Alex Warren tries to earn some back points against his Tri-West opponent. Warren got the nickname "Peanut" from Coach Errett early in the season. "I think it was because I am so small," said Warren.

Junior Melissa Covey gasps for air during a freestyle race at a home meet. "This year was a lot better because of the team getting better, and we had better attitudes towards the sport," said Covey.

Freshman Christin Johnson turns her back on the crowd preparing for a backwards dive. Johnson participated in a summer diving program. "A major highlight to me would be number one: throwing coach into the pool, and number two: coming five points away from beating the diving record," said Johnson.

A Mooresville swimmer races to get to first place. The Mooresville swim team was established in the winter of 2000-2001.

Junior Heather Huffman peeks her head out of the water during one of the team's home meets. "I believe the season went pretty well," said Huffman. "It was a bit rough with all the freshmen at the beginning of the year, but we all came together.

Junior Melissa Covey prepares to dive into the pool before a race. The girls swimming team was lead by Covey, until she got mono and was out for the rest of the season.

The moisture in the air, and the strong, inevitable scent of chlorine was something most of us could never get used to.

Yet, there was one group of people that made a choice to be in this atmosphere for a whole winter sports season: the girls swimming team. The girls swim team surpassed old obstacles and managed more wins. "This season overall was good," said freshman Tonisha Pope. "We learned how to get along as a team." Pope swimming was in grade. "I was good the whole season," said Pope.

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Many members had previous experience leading up to joining the swim team. "Over the summer I joined Indianapolis Starz, a diving team, and I really enjoyed diving," said freshman Christin Johnson. Johnson also swam and dove in middle school, and Coach Davis urged her to join in high school.

"I had been swimming since I was little," said freshman Katy Harris. "It looked like fun to swim at places and for competition," said Harris.

The girls swim team endured a major loss of the top swimmer, junior Melissa Covey, due to a medical problem, but senior Kristen Gunnell stepped in and was awarded Academic All-State Honorable mention.

MHS Varsity Vs.

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The boys swimming team had its best season, in its three years of existence. They started training early in October to improve upon their times from last year, and it worked. Freshman Billy Walker broke a record in the first time trials of the year. "I was happily surprised when I broke the record, and I could not wait to break more in the future," said Walker. The record breaking did not stop there though. During the course of the season all of the old records were broken except for one.

"Even if we did not have the best record...I know we had the most fun," said sophomore Todd Simmons.

Although Pierce was a second away from beating it, "I was not disappointed when I was not able to beat the record because I have confidence that I will improve upon myself and beat it next year," said Pierce.

A very memorable moment from the year was the Thanksgiving celebration. During the practice before the long weekend, the swimmers did wacky relays and ate pumpkin pie without any hands. "Even if we did not have the best record out of all the teams, I know we had the most fun," said Todd Simmons.

This was the first season that the boys swim team won any meets. "We beat four teams this year, which is a lot better than we expected," said junior Ben Shover.

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Sophomore Brandon Doulaki swims the butterfly in competition. "We have filtered out the slackers from the team and only the strong are left. I feel like I know more about leadership since I am a part of the team," said Doulaki.

Junior Al Pierce prepares to dive into the water to start his race. "I try to focus on what I have to do and how I am going to do it, and then I take my dive and give it my all," said Pierce.
Sophomore Derek Burton gets his footing on the diving board as he prepares to dive in. "I like to go to the end of the board and jump up and down about ten times because it helps me focus on what I have to do," said Burton.

Freshman Clayton Carpenter swims the breaststroke at a swim meet. "The season was difficult because the teams we were competing against were experienced, but we were still a young team," said Clayton Carpenter.

Sophomore Todd Simmons swims the 500 freestyle. "I was glad that my hard work finally paid off when I shaved off more than a minute from my old time," said Simmons.

Freshman Thad Miller swims the backstroke in a meet. "There was a lot of goofing around in practice, but the upperclassmen kept us in order," said Miller.
When thinking of the MHS varsity boys basketball team, that person hears the sounds that ball makes—as it is dribbled down the court, as it is passed around from team member to team member, and as it swishes through the hoop, touching nothing but net.

That is how the season sounded this year, compared to the previous year. The team went from being last at Mid-State just one year ago, to second place this season. "It was a very big improvement," said Coach Whitaker.

The team had a winning conference record of 3-2. However their record was
Senior David
led the team points and game, with
Josh Jones
too far behind.

and Jones were the only two who made the All-Conference team.

"The team became like a family over the course of the year," said Yaraschefski. The team was supposed to come in around 6:00 in the morning for an early practice. Then they had to go to practice from right after school until between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. "The best part of the season was hanging out with the guys outside of basketball. We built a real team unity both on and off of the courts," said sophomore Leland Kinnett.

"Coach Whitaker would tell us not to play 'half-fast' during practice," said senior David Yaraschefski.

The team watches as the play moves down the court at sectionals. From left to right: Coach Adams, senior Mike Minardo, juniors Austin Smith, Chris Doughtery, and Matt Lawson.
Sophomore Leland Kinnett shoots the ball from the free throw line. "We achieved the goal of improving our basketball skills from the beginning of the season," said Kinnett.

Junior Austin Smith hands the ball to the referee with a confused look on his face during the sectional game. MHS lost to Martinsville 43-48. "When we were eating, [sophomore] Josh Jones couldn't remember what cheesecake was called, so he called it a cheese pie," said Smith.

Senior Brad State runs down the court with the ball in his position. "It was frustrating, at times, when we lost all of those games, but the support that we gave each other helped us get through it," said State.

Junior Evan Steward concentrates on his opponent and the ball. "We all used to go out to eat after our games and make fun of everybody on the team," said Steward.

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Roads Remembered
JV & Freshman Basketball

JV, Freshman teams suffer losses but maintain positive attitude
Karl DeJuan Romero

The boys JV and freshman basketball teams played a decent season and welcomed a new coaching staff.

Screaming fans were plentiful in most varsity games, but what about JV? The JV boys basketball team suffered 14 losses. Despite their efforts on the court, the lack of fans was not a helpful factor. First year coach, Mr. Wes Neese said, "We were 6-14 and really played one of the tougher schedules in the state." Coach Neese was not only a coach, but one of the new English teachers. "We lost about five games by only three points or less, so we were very close," said Coach Wes Neese.

Some players were very fond of Coach Neese. "He was like a father to me," said junior Franklin Randle. This was Randle's first year on the JV basketball team.

A step below JV was the boys freshman basketball team. With their heads held high, they went on to have a record of 6-13. They did, however, achieve to triple their wins from the year before. The team also received a new coach, English teacher Mr. Aaron Thomas. The freshmen had several successes, such as placing second in the conference tournament.

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Photo courtesy of Indiana school picture
Freshman Tyler Davis prepares to defend a warrior. Davis was a warrior of the freshman basketball team. "I thought we played better toward the end of the season," said Davis. "We won close games at the end of regulation by free throws, and some teammates got suspended."

JV Coach Wes Neese, English, coaches from the sidelines. "One thing I'm most proud about is that the guys worked all year to get better and had a good attitude and work ethic all year," said Neese.

Freshman Adam Bobst stands in amazement as the opposing team approaches. "This season was a good experience," said Bobst. "Winning more games this year than last year and making it to the Mid-State finals were some highlights of the season," he said. Bobst was a member of the freshman basketball team.

Sophomore Jeff Martin defends his opponent at a home game. "We had our hard times, but still made it through alright," said Martin. "Some games we did okay, some we broke down in the fourth quarter."
The girls varsity basketball team advances to regionals, and falls to foe, Bloomington North, who go on to win the regional championship.

The team had a near perfect record of 19-2. They attracted a very strong crowd of fans to almost every game, including the team’s favorite “the Golden Boys.” “The Golden Boys” were a group of senior boys who travelled to most of the girls games, including a trip to Bedford North Lawrence for regionals. They dressed in old practice uniforms, and during half-time girls at home played a game against “The ‘Golden awesome,” said Wright. “They have a season.”

Beside phenomenal fan support, the girls continued their “depth-in-team” tradition. The girls were Twin Lakes champions for the third year in a row. They were also sectional champions for the first time since 1991. “We were really excited we won because we had been working hard all season, and when we realized we won, we were like ‘oh my gosh, we did it!’” said junior Sarah Harper.

The girls won 60-11 the last three years. They were not able to take home the regional trophy, but ended being ranked fourth in the state.

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| North Central  | 56-54          |
| Decatur Central| 76-19          |
| Franklin Central| 65-64        |
| Terre Haute North | 91-47      |
| Martinsville   | 72-42          |
| Zionsville     | 73-43          |
| Greenwood      | 83-61          |
| Monrovia       | 72-18          |
| Bedford        | 59-46          |
| North Newton   | 55-48          |
| Lawrence North | 59-56          |
| Evansville     | 71-48          |
| Beech Grove    | 52-54          |
| Whiteland      | 72-23          |
| Plainfield     | 86-52          |
| Bloomington North | 60-61  |
| Franklin       | 63-38          |
| Terre Haute South | 65-34      |
| Avon           | 72-46          |

“...when we realized we won, we were like, ‘oh my gosh, we did it!’” said Junior Sarah Harper.

The girls made back a ter scoring on Bloomington North. Despite the immense effort against Bloomington North, the girls fell to them in Bedford. “We got beat out of regionals because of all the foul shots,” junior Sarah Harper.
Senior Olivia Jones prepares to take a free throw at a home game versus the Whiteland Warriors. The girls beat Whiteland 72-23.

Senior Suzy Doughty attempts to get away from her Bloomington North opponent. Doughty was awarded Academic All-State Honors and had been part of a MHS basketball team since her freshman year.

Senior Ashley Blackwell looks for a pass to keep the ball away from her Beech Grove opponent. Their loss to Beech Grove was the girls first loss of the season.

Junior Rachel Kenney fights for the ball against a Beech Grove opponent. The girls lost to Beech Grove 52-54. “The season was very challenging,” said Kenney. “We all had to put out our individual effort to get as far as we did and accomplish our goals,” she said.

Freshman Lauren Kenney, who played on the JV team, gets ready to shoot free throws. "We really liked Coach Storm even though we always gave her a hard time. I felt bad when I hit her in the head with a basketball," said Kenney with a laugh.

Freshman Ashley Viles takes a breather before shooting her free throws against Plainfield. "When we made free throws in practice Coach Hurt had to run laps, so it gave us extra motivation to do them right," said Viles.

Freshman Heather Harper takes a second to reflect upon the events of the game against Center Grove. "We ran a lot in practice and worked really hard to have a great season," said Harper.

MHS JV Vs. | MHS Freshman Vs.
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Northview 34-28 | Bloomington North 39-50
North Central 44-34 | Franklin 50-24
Decatur Central 49-10 | Terre Haute South 40-35
Avon | 50-24
Plainfield | Avon 36-31
Franklin Central 33-38 | Southport 48-47
Plainfield 19-38 | Martinsville 32-30
Franklin Central 33-38 | Zionsville 28-17
Terre Haute South 38-22 | Greenwood 48-25
Martinsville 32-30 | Monrovia 60-3
Zionsville 28-17 | Bedford N Law. 39-19
Greenwood 48-25 | Beech Grove 51-19
Monrovia 60-3 | Plainfield 39-53
Bedford N Law. 39-19 | Whiteland 46-8
Beech Grove 51-19 | Mid-State 42-25
Plainfield 39-53 | Southport 35-20
Whiteland 46-8 | Decatur Central 42-13

Sophomore Kelsie Wys plows through a Beech Grove defender to make her way to the basket. "My main goal for every game was to get on the score list," said Wys.
Having a successful season means hard work and a lot of sweat, and the JV and freshman girls basketball teams put in a lot of time to have one. Usually varsity players are the ones who train nonstop, but this year the underclassmen practiced so they could get good enough to replace the four seniors that graduated.

"The practices were really hard this year because there was a lot of good young players that can get even better," said sophomore Mandy Hudgins. Many talented freshmen stepped up the JV team the sophomores with all of the freshmen JV one what was left freshmen team. Yet, there was no problem there because there were plenty of highly skilled players to go around.

The freshmen team had a record of 11-4, and the JV team had a record of 16-3. The only thing the players found wrong with the season was the lack of teamwork during the games. "Our season went well, but it could have gone better if there had been more team unity," said sophomore Kelsie Wys. The numbers and stats showed that the varsity team had much to look forward to. "I thought we had a great season, but there is always room to improve," said sophomore Sara Walton.
The boys track team was recognized for several great accomplishments throughout its season. Many of those events included the 4x400 and 4x100 relay, long jump, and pole vault. The pole vaulting success of junior Evan Steward stood out above all.

Steward worked as hard as he could and eventually broke the school pole vaulting record of 14 feet. “Last year, I went to state as a spectator and had a great time. This year, I am really excited to participate in an event,” said Steward.

“I got faster throughout the season, and the others got a lot faster,” said freshman David Riggs.

“Steward really wanted vaulting.”

At the end of the season three awards were given. The season MVP was awarded to senior Dustin Sparks, Sportsmanship was awarded to junior Ryan Gregory, and Mental Attitude was awarded to sophomore Chris Vaughan. Joey Smith, Molly Hunteman, and Ashley Flake were also nominated for Academic All-State.

The team seemed to have a good season on and off the track. “At sectionals we had to wear the really short runners shorts, everyone, except me, seemed to think that was pretty funny,” said junior Luke Catellier.

Junior Evan Steward vaults himself over the pole. Steward went to State on June 6 but did not place. “It goes so fast once you take off that I don’t really know what is going on until I land on the ground,” said Steward.

Sophomore Lance Newton tries to keep up with his opponents. Newton and his relay team ran the 4x800 in 8.53, which put them in the top 10 list. “All I had to say was “I can run farther than this,”” said Newton.
Junior Luke Catellier throws the shot put while Coach Bless and freshman Tyler Jugg watch. Catellier achieved his own personal goal of breaking into the record boards, placing into the top 10. "All I can say is 'low flying plane in shot'," said Catellier.

Junior Joe Loy begins his portion of the relay race as sophomore Lance Newton passes him the baton. "I learned a lot as an individual, and as a team we did our best and worked hard. Our 4x800 even made the school record board," said Loy.

Junior Ryan Gregory takes the first step to begin a relay race. Gregory finished the 400 dash in 52.45 seconds, which made him tenth fastest at MHS. "When I was about half-way through the race, I kept telling myself 'Ryan you're half-way done, you're almost finished.' Saying that gave me more motivation to finish the race faster near the end," said Gregory.

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Sophomore Chuck Hagee tries to keep his lead on the track. "Since this was my first year running long distance, everything was a personal record for me to break next year," said Hagee.
Girls Track

Girls surpass obstacles, finish with freshman on top
Karla De Juan Romero

With the wind beneath their feet, and the feeling of spring in the air, the girls track team sprinted through an outstanding season.

The girls started out on the rough side, yet pulled through in the end. Freshmen were a main ingredient for the team. With record time runners and phenomenal athletes such as freshman Courtney Demeter, who participated in the pole vault, and freshman Kayla Smith, who consistently placed in the top four in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the long jump, the team was set to regions.

"We did as well as we could do with 15 girls on the team," said Coach Dale Graves.

The girls track team had other outstanding athletes. Junior Katie Brant, who kept her winning tradition, was the team’s top distance runner, and junior Rachel Kenney qualified for regionals in the high jump competition.

The girls completed their season with a record of 8-7, and qualified for regionals, where they came in twentieth of 39 schools in Indiana.

MHS Varsity Vs.

| Zionsville, MHS, Noblesville | 78, 26, 22 |
| Avon, MHS, Cascade | 77, 44, 22 |
| MHS, Her. Christian, B.Grove | 73, 58, 24 |
| C.Grove, Greenwood, MHS | 75, 42, 39 |
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| Plainfield, MHS, Whiteland | 83, 44, 28 |
| Franklin, MHS | 68, 55 |
| MHS, Brownsburg | 49, 39 |
| MHS, Speedway, Decatur C. | 69, 51, 36 |

Freshman Kayla Smith shakes her arms before participating in the long jump at regionals. Smith qualified for regionals in the long jump and 300 hurdles.
Freshman Courtney Demeter prepares to participate in the pole vault competition at regionals. Demeter was the only girl on the MHS track team to be a part of this competition.

Freshman Lauryn Kenney smiles as she runs the 400. Kenney was also involved in the long jump, high jump, 4x4, and 4x1. "This season was pretty good," said Kenney. "Personally, I think I did pretty good as a freshman."

Sophomore Emily Gunckel prepares to run the 400. Gunckel was also involved in the long jump, high jump, 4x4, and the 4x1.

Junior Rachel Kenney takes a break at the regional competition. Kenney qualified for regionals in the high jump competition.
The softball season started off slowly for both varsity and JV. "Our record was not as good as it could have been. Most of the games that we lost, we easily could have won. We just didn't keep our heads in the game," said junior Holly Murphy.

Both teams improved their records as the season concluded. "As a team, we communicated pretty well, especially towards the end of the season. I guess that it is better late than never," said Tasha Freeman on the school. "She now holds for most career at 17. Even easy games, they came together to defeat Roncalli, a team known for winning state titles. Many of the teammates claimed that beating Roncalli was the best part of the whole season.

Other high points of the season happened on the bus. "I used to pretend to beat Spring up, and the truck drivers would point and laugh at us as they passed by," said senior Kate Korn. "Kate was also known for keeping the dugouts in order. "Our team was a strict softball team. Kate made sure of that. She wouldn't allow any cheering in the dugouts, she hated it," said Murphy.

"Our record wasn't the greatest, but we all had a good time. I think that is the reason everyone plays sports to begin with," said senior Amy Viles.

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Junior Holly Murphy waits for the pop fly to fall into her glove. "Beating Roncalli was the best part of the season, because they are a tough team," said Murphy.

Junior Tasha Lloyd prepares to scoop up a pitch behind the plate. "During the season I realized that I was becoming more of a leader and having more fun," said Lloyd.

Sophomore Caitlin Summers pitches the ball. "I had fun on our long bus ride home from Terre Haute, listening to Kate and Sara's song," said Summers.


Junior Chris Dougherty draws back in his pitch during a home game. "We lost a lot of games we should've won, but I'm still happy with the season and will be back next year," said Dougherty.

Senior Kyle Davis throws the ball back to the pitcher when the batter strikes out. "We practiced for three long hours a day, but it was not hard, just time consuming," said Davis.

Senior Adam Pruitt throws the ball to first base to snag the out. "The season started out slow, but we finally started to click as a team in the end," said Pruitt.


Sophomore Leland Kinnett hugs his little brother during Little League day as junior Jacob Tri smiles. "When the kids are there I feel like I have to play my best because they look up to us," said Kinnett.
Junior Brian Preston awaits the ball as the runner barely makes it back in time. "The season started out tough, but we got close to the record we wanted," said Preston.

Junior Austin Smith "smashes the ball as his opponent watches in agony from behind the fence, "One time the coach told us to man up and eat dirt, so we did and we ended up winning that game," said Smith.

A rough start can haunt a team throughout an entire season, and the varsity baseball team saw its fair share of ghosts. The most common reason for any team not to get off to a good start is a lack of teamwork.

"There is a lot of talent on the team, but we are a much younger team with all of the sophomores playing on varsity this year," said senior Adam Pruitt. With all of the differences in age, it made it hard for the team to start clicking right away. It was not until the middle of the season that they felt comfortable the field that they putting score sheet. good thing having sophomores play varsity is that they will be able to step up as a valuable part of the team with all of the leadership skills they developed. It gives the team a good backbone to lean upon for the upcoming two seasons.

With a slow start, the team had problems believing in themselves and struggled. "We had a bumpy season, but we had a lot of fun and learned a lot. I think we will come back strong next year," said junior Jacob Tri.

Several times in the season the team had a Little League night where they would invite the younger kids to come and watch. It was a fun time for both age groups and just one of the moments that made the season so memorable.

**Varsity Baseball**

Rough start builds strong team

Corey Baize

"We had a bumpy season, but we had a lot of fun and learned a lot," said junior Jacob Tri.

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The JV baseball team wraps up the season with equal wins and losses and the freshman baseball team finishes with an overall winning record.

The JV team closed their season with a record of 9–9. The team started their season with a win against Danville, but following their win they suffered two consecutive losses against Brownsburg and Ben Davis. The team went on to win eight more games, but lost seven more, making the season even. The team, on hand, season on team Beech an score of 21–0, which did not appear to be a baseball score. They ended with a final record of 9–4. "We had a good season, and we improved a lot throughout the year," said Coach Wes Neese. "We had an excellent coaching staff, and I learned a lot from them and the players." Coach Neese continued by saying, "They [the players] were a bunch of hard working kids."

The JV and freshman teams surpassed hot, cold, and rainy weather, and closed their seasons with success.

"We had an excellent coaching staff, and I learned a lot from them and the players," said Coach Neese.
Sophomore John Fields swings his arm back to unleash a monstrous pitch. Fields was the main pitcher for the JV team.

Freshman Paul Stultz, playing third base, gazes toward home during a freshman baseball game and gets ready for the hit. "It was a winning season," said Stultz, "We grew and got better as a team."

Sophomore Joey White jumps back to first base. "The season started off pretty rough, we didn't hit much," said White. "We started hitting the ball a lot more towards the end of the season, so we improved."

Freshman Andrew Pelham practices his bunts at the dugout. Pelham, along with his fellow teammates, contributed to a successful season of 9-4.

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Girls Tennis
Defeat with grace
Corey Baize

A losing season can often bring a team down, but that is not the case for the resilient girls tennis team. There is no denying that they lost, but that does not mean that they performed badly. A lot of the meets they lost were upsets, but they never gave up during the season. They continued to practice hard even after their most heartbreaking losses and always kept a positive attitude.

The girls got along great and were happy to have Coach Bond back after her year off. "There were no fights over which is with around for so junior Overton. of the heartbreaking losses, the girls never stopped having fun. They enjoyed every moment with each other and collected many memories throughout the season. "I hit Karla in the back of the head one time, and I couldn't stop laughing," said senior Jennifer Atwood.

They always kept their morals in mind when competing, and made sure that if they lost, they would lose with dignity. "The girls from Southport made many bad remarks to us, so I went over to their coach and told him that he needed to teach his team some etiquette," said senior Ali Schubert.

"There were no fights or bickering, which is surprising with twenty girls..." said junior Alicia Overton.

Even with all bickering, surprising twenty girls each other long," said Alicia

Junior Alicia Overton serves the ball to her opponent during a match. "The season was fun and laidback with nothing good or bad standing out. Our coaches Crawford and Bond, made it fun," said Overton.

Junior Jasmine Khoosravi serves the ball during an away match. "I had a lot of fun this year. My partner and I had the best record because we are superstars," said Khoosravi.

MHS Varsity Vs

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| Whiteland | 1-4  
| Speedway | 4-1  
| Franklin | 0-5  
| Southport | 0-5  
| Plainfield | 0-5  
| Greenwood | 0-5  
| Bloomington | 0-5  
| Ben Davis | 3-2  
| Beech Grove | 1-4  
| Avon | 0-5  
| Martinsville | 2-3  

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WAYNE TRAILS: CROSSROADS
Senior Ali Schubert swings for an incoming ball against an opponent from Bloomington South. "My highlight of the season was beating Martinsville when we went to mid-state," said Schubert.

Junior Karla De Juan Romero serves the ball to her opponent. "I blame my horrible record on Ms. Crawford, math. She was constantly harassing me, and all I wanted to do was throw rocks at her," De Juan Romero jokingly said.

Senior Dana Holsapple stretches for an almost out of reach ball. "One time me and Kara accidentally went into the boys bathroom at an away match," said Holsapple.

Junior Jennifer Henderson knocks the ball back to her opponent in an intense match. "We didn't always take things seriously, but we had fun," said Henderson.

The boys golf team was all about having fun this season with their crazy antics taking over the green. They did a lot of goofing off during their practices, but they practiced so much that it did not affect their performances in the matches. The only day that they had off was Sunday. During the rest of the week, they were either practicing or competing. The goofing off stopped when it came to the meets but the fun didn't. The team brought their personalities into every meet. All of the outgoing personalities made the matches more exciting, and the team was successful on both a personal and team level. "This season went well, and I can't wait for next year," said freshman Justin Mallott.

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Landry Bates watches the ball as it glides to the hole. "One of the guys concentrated a lot during putting, but I just hit the ball and waited for it to go in," said Bates.

Sophomore Kevin Farmer carefully practices putting the ball before a golf meet. "We usually practice pretty late, and everybody does their own individual thing," said Farmer.

Junior Morgan Lollar studies the slope of the ground before attempting his putt. "The way the ground slants is important because it effects the way the putt breaks and how hard to hit it," said Lollar.

Freshman Justin Mallott takes his time as he carefully hits the ball in. "When I putt, I try to be smooth and just hope it goes in," said Mallott.

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Seniors

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Jenny Atwood

Ashley Flake

Dustin Sparks

Suzy Doughty

Kyle Harkema

Molly Hunterman

Amy Viles

David Nay

Tad DeWitt and Joe Grubbs

Ashley Reed

Senior

Photos by: Trista Cole, Nicole Didot, Julia Miller, Karla De Juan Romero, & Joe Grubbs

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2003

Ashley Blackwell

Cadie Crawley and Jeni Shipley

Sarah Swinney

Chad Dale

Spring Sando, Ashley Blackwell, Kate Korn, and Cali App

Megan Cashion

Kyle Copeland

Brad State

Joclyn Moore

Matt Allen

David Jaschowski

Athletes

2003

Seniors
Senior Amy Viles cheers toward the crowd at a home boys basketball game. The winter cheerleaders went to most boys and girls basketball games.

Senior Lindsay Greene claps during a cheer at a home boys basketball game. Greene was both a fall and winter cheerleader.

A group of varsity winter cheerleaders begin a cheer at a home boys basketball game. "Cheerleaders work very hard," said freshman Lindsay Faull. "We did a lot of 'behind the scenes' that no one is aware we did."


Sophomore Nicole Riley stands tall at a boys home basketball game. She commented on the season by saying, "Everytime we didn't have practice, we had to cheer at a game."

As the cold winter slowly progressed, MHS cheerleaders were in the midst of their season, going to an average of four games a week.

The girls endured rough weather going to and from the basketball games, but that was nothing compared to the "rough weather" within the cheerleading squad itself. "Varsity was a 'split' squad and there were arguments between the people on said junior Wright. on both JV "JV had a with losing and keeping a together and good said Wright.

"I enjoyed getting the crowd involved during the games, working with the coaches and the girls, but most of all, it was just a lot of fun," said freshman Lindsay Faull.

Yet, some freshman experienced the total opposite. "There weren't really any problems during the season," said freshman Heather Wilson. "...If there were, they were too small to remember." Another freshman, Lindsay Faull, said, "Everyone got along for the most part. I enjoyed getting the crowd involved during the games, working with the coaches and the girls, but most of all, it was just a lot of fun."

The cheerleaders had their ups and downs, but seemed to pulled through with spirit.
The Other "Sports"

Whether you consider them to be a hobby or an obsession, they are always fun

Corey Barze

Spare time is a very limited and valued thing to high school students, but what is there to do in such a rural town? School sports are always an option, but they are not for everyone. That is when it's time to turn toward the other "sports."

Things like bowling, hackey sac, pool, cards, video games, computer games, and even thumb wrestling were popular. Some would consider these "sports" to be hobbies, but to others they could be a practiced obsession.

The card game Magic was around for a long time, but just became cool among teens that Magic were dedicated. Cards to and I spend hours a day against people," said junior T.J. Riester. Hackey sac made a comeback from the hippy era, but that created a problem for students who wanted to play at school. Even though there was no harm in playing during lunch, it was not allowed, so the hackey sacs were taken away. The same carefree thought process came back too, with a lot of students not taking the stresses of life too seriously. "The hackey sac is a chi. It's the closest you will ever get to the matrix," said junior Eric Johnson.

The one thing that all of these activities had in common was the companionship. Without friends, none of these "sports" would have had any reason to exist.

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Juniors T.J. Riester and Caleb Slocum play a game of Magic in their spare time.

Freshman Josh Lahne (front) and sophomores Justin Gunn and Jason Bryant play hackey sac during lunch.

Junior Caleb Slocum and sophomore Ann Blaschke thumb wrestle during class.

Going To Pool Halls
"My friends and I go to the pool hall by the airport. It is really smokey in there and the people are not the best, but we go there anyway because we love to play," said senior Adam Pruitt.

Playing Video Games
"I spend a lot of time playing video games, but I don't think that it has gotten to the point where it has hurt my grades," said sophomore Todd May.

Hacky Sac In School
"I think hacky sac is awesome and should be allowed in school with designated areas for people to play at," said sophomore Austin Faull.

Freshmen Ben Hackler, Todd Breedlove, sophomore Valerie Young, and freshman Nathan McIntyre lost early in the orchestra class Euchre tournament.

Sophomores Morgan Breedlove, Caitlin McBride, James Hannah, and James Miller play in a Euchre tournament in study hall. Hannah and McBride won.
Albert New Memorial Scholarship
Cadie Crawley

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship
Dana Holsapple

American Legion Post 103
David Yaraschefski
Molly Hunteman

Applebee's Steak in Education Grant
Ashley Flake

Area 31 Career Programs Scholarship
Joe Loveless

Area 31 Career Programs Outstanding Student in Cosmetology
Amanda Dobbins

Army Reserve
Kyle Thorp, Amy Viles

ATA
Danton Hurt

Burger King
Misty Grace

Charles F. and Olive B. Flater Memorial Scholarship
David Yaraschefski

Chris Long Memorial Scholarship
Donna Stephany

Delta Kappa Gamma
Cadie Crawley

Delta Theta Tau Academic/Vocational Scholarship
Megan Allison
Jennifer Markowitz
Molly Hunteman

Dura Builders-Carl Asaro 9/11 Scholarship
Amy Viles

Genuine Parts Company/NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship
Samuel A. Gabbard, Jr.
Matthew T. McCoy

Gold Wrench Award
Tony Gabbard

Hoosier Scholars
Molly Hunteman
David Yaraschefski

10 o'clock Line Chapter Indiana DAR Good Citizen Award
Lesley Anne Young

Indianapolis Chapter Executive Women International Scholarship
Amy Viles

IUPUI
Breann Boles
Chad Boncquet
Leanna Denbo
Kendol Samuels
Ashely Reed

Jennifer Holden Memorial Scholarship
Courtney Hubbard

Jennifer Tippore Memorial Scholarship
Caitlin Corbin

Justin & Bonita Conduit Marley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kimberly Schubert
Dana Holsapple

Kappa Delta Phi Sorority
Cassie Stierwalt

Kappa Kappa Kappa Scholarship
Molly Hunteman
Jennifer Markowitz
Kyle Thorp
David Yaraschefski

Kappa Kappa Sigma Elsie Record
Ashley Flake
Kyle Thorp

Greg and Margaret Kellum Worsham Memorial Grant
Sam Bischoff
Carly Taylor

Kendrick Scholarships
Megan Cashion

Lilly Endowment
Amy Viles

Mooresville Eagles
Sean Delaney

Mooresville Girls Junior Basketball League (MGJBL)
Tricia Wright
Suzy Doughty

Mooresville Kiwanis Scholarship
Matthew McCoy
David Yaraschefski

Mooresville Ministerial Association
Alicia Schubert
Chad Boncquet

Morgan Co. Sertoma Club
David Yaraschefski

Murat Shrine Movers and Sheikers Scholarship
Megan Allison

Networking Business Women
Stephanie Shelby

Paul A. Allen Lions Scholarship
Samuel A. Gabbard, Jr.
Molly Hunteman

Principal’s Leadership Award
David Yaraschefski

Purdue Agricultural Scholarship Award of Excellence
Spring Sando

Richard Crosser Scholarship
Ben Weddle

Universal Technical Institute Tuition Scholarship
Richard Scott

University Awards:
Johnson Bible College
Teresa Hoots

Franklin College
Heather Morton

Butler University Heritage Award
Sarah Corbin

Univ. of Southern Indiana
Sean Delaney

Ball State
Brittany Allen

Eli Lilly Memorial Scholarship
Lesley Young

Comcast of Tomorrow
Molly Hunteman
David Yaraschefski

IU Wells Scholarship
Kristen Gunnel
Amy Viles

University of Indianapolis
Ben Weddle
Kristin Mertens

University of Indianapolis Alumni and Legacy
Alexandra Rodenbeck

University of Indianapolis Alumni Scholarship
Ashley Flake
Jennifer Shipley

Danville Area Community College
Tricia Wright

Word of Life Bible Institute
Jared Smith

Louisiana Tech University
Matthew McCoy

Kristen Gunnel

Maggie Grounds Scholarship Fund
Rachel Freeman

Marine Corp.
Molly Hunteman
Joshua Sturm
Meghan Woodard
David Perkins
Tricia Wright
Kyle Davis

Masons of Indiana Scholarship
Joe Grubbs

Mooresville Athletic Booster Club Scholarship
Sarah Swinney
Kyle Harkema

Mooresville Chamber of Commerce
Meghan Woodard
Butler University
Molly Hunteman

Depau University
Kyle Davis

Indiana High Education Award
Kyle Davis

Freedom of Choice Grant
Kyle Davis

Marion College Award
Jeri Steward

Velma M. Hackleman-Mendenhall Memorial Scholarship Fund
Courtney Hubbard

VFW Pop Warner Award
Samuel Gabbard, Jr.

Wendy's HS Heisman Award
Kyle Thorp

William Curry
Dana Holsapple

Mooresville Booster Club Senior Athlete Awards
Matt Allen
Cali App
Ashley Blackwell
Cadie Crawley
Kyle Davis
Tad DeWitt
Suzy Doughty
Rachel Freeman
Olivia Jones
Katie Korn
Eric Lybarger
Kristin Mertens
Jocelyn Moore
Betsy Norton
Ashely Reed
Alex Ruoff
Spring Sando
Joey Smith
Dustin Sparks
Brad State
Sarah Swinne
Danny Tanner
Kyle Thorp
Amy Viles
Tricia Wright
David Yaraschefski

Three Sport Athlete Awards
Ashley Blackwell
Amy Viles

Senior Academic/Athletic Awards
Molly Hunteman
David Yaraschefski

Mid-State Medal of Honor
Kyle Davis
Amy Viles

Outstanding Senior Athletes
Suzy Doughty
Tad DeWitt

Top Twenty Seniors
Brittany Allen
Megan Allison
Chad Boncquet
Ross Currens
T.J. Currens
Kyle Davis

Sean Delaney
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Unity
Jacqueline Blessing

Miranda Morris
Carol McGuire
Nicole Didot
Morgan Petty

Ashley Reed
Joey Smith
Yates Hull
Tim Bridget

Matt McCoy
Kate Korn
Lesley Young
Kristin Mertens
Kyle Pendigraff

Kathryn Rains
Kasey Fancher
Liz Lester

Justin Eaker
Mary Myers

Social Studies
James Hanna
Lance Newton
Chris Hahn
Charles Haney
Scott Klinger

Science
Josh Strum
Molly Hunteman
Amy Richards
Allison Stultz

Math
Garrett Shield
Dennis Wilde
Bryan Acker
Brian Livingston
Jennifer Henderson
Derek Baller
Jessica Rominger
Ashely Romans

Pulse Staff
Nicole Didot
Heather Huffman
Jessie Manges
Nicole Richart
Stacie Sipos
Amanda Hudgins
Sara Walton
Valerie Young

Broadcast Staff
Cali App
Suzy Doughty
Brent Evans
Dana Holsapple
Kristen Lasley
Eddie McClure
Alex Ruoff
Nicole Sparks
David Yaraschefski
Alicia Overton

Family and Consumer Science Award
Leanne Adams

Attendance Award
Alex Ruoff

Spanish
Kendra Wissel
Ashley Glover
Kathryn Summers
Jessica Nimtz
Morgan Petty
Erin Mosier
Jasmine Khosravi
Kimberly Schubert

Science
Josh Strum

Math
Allison Stultz
Molly Hunteman

Trina Boncquet Award
Ryan Gregory
Freshman Christina Holder performs a ballet routine. Holder was a participant in the SADD Talent Show.

Junior Justin Eaker works on a crossword puzzle during a German Club meeting. There were only four members of the German Club.
Freshmen Scott Dong and Wyatt Allegree work the Spanish Club booth for eighth grade orientation.

Seniors Lindsay Fisher and Sarah Flewellng eat at Zydeco's with the art club.

Juniors Chelsea Reynolds, Jennifer Henderson, Jessi Beard, Jasmine Khosravi, and sophomore Mary Myers dress up during a leadership conference.
The choir members expected their trip to Orlando, FL to be smooth sailing. Of the three charter buses taken for the Spotlighters and Finesse trip, one broke down in Franklin, IN on the way down to Orlando. The remaining buses had to wait in Franklin until a new bus arrived to be exchanged with the broken one. Another one of the buses had no air-conditioning. The third and final bus could only be described as fragrant on the inside.
Madrigals was born in 2002. Directed by Mr. Jason Damron, music, this newly-formed choir has become a well-known assembly of students in such a short time.

This concert choir gained its name from Mr. Damron’s former high school. While attending Brownsburg High School, he was involved in a similar choir and participated in its dinners. From this experience, Mr. Damron formed Madrigals.

The overall sentiment of the performers in Madrigals was one of pride. They were honored to be the first set of students to be involved in the program. Even with high expectations, the choir members reported that Madrigals was also a fun class.

The Madrigals Dinner was a success. “We worked so hard and people really enjoyed it,” said senior Kathryn Rains.

Sophomore Ashley Mills especially liked it “when the other choirs complemented the dresses.” Madrigals had no choreography and focused on Renaissance period music. They sang a cappella (voices only, no music).

Senior David Perkins was “happy to be in a choir where people gave a hoot.”
CLOSE UP

THE BEAT OF ANOTHER DRUMMER

Of the current 97 symphonic band, percussion, and color guard members, many participated in other areas of the band division of the music department. Forty-seven of such students were also in Splat, which even included 12 eighth graders. The marching season consisted of 63 dedicated members [marching band was not a requirement of symphonic students]. The MHS jazz band was made up of 17 participants.

Senior Sarah Fleweling performs at a contest at Columbus East High School.

Junior Kyle Box holds form at the home game performance. Box was a part of the marching band drumline.
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Orchestra

By: Stephanie Callahan

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Imagine seeing classmates and friends being pulled out of a crashed car by the local fire department and police forces. That is exactly what happened in front of the school on May 6, 2003.

Every four years the leadership club, UNITY, puts on a Mock Car Crash presentation for the school.

"It was kind of scary," said freshman Rachel McKinney.

The members of UNITY spent the whole day preparing the realistic-looking car crash for the school. The Brown Township Fire Department, Mooresville Police Department, Lifeline Helicopter Staff, Carlisle and Son Funeral Chapel, and St. Francis Hospital helped make this presentation come to life.

"I thought it [mock car crash] proved a good point. I thought it was a good way to tell kids not to drink and drive. It was kind of scary too," said freshman Rachel McKinney.

"I think they are good to be involved in but I don't think they help," said freshman Angie Woodrum.

"I think prevention clubs are great. Yes, I think they help the schools greatly," said senior Yates Hull.

"Yes and no. The car crash probably helped some people, other people just do whatever they want to do," said sophomore Ryan Hickey.
The 2003 Orange Ribbon Week was an experience all its own. Sophomore Rachelle Halcomb shared a meal with friends. Juniors Mallary Watson and Jessica Riley took time off to look at pictures. Ms. Andrea Rogers, foreign language, participated in a dance activity. Juniors Stacy Powell and Holly Murphy enjoyed a game of "Monkey In the Middle."

Seniors Jocelyn Moore, Betsy Norton, and Michelle Calderhead participate in the TSLA Youth For Youth costume contest.

Freshman Amber O'Dell watches an elementary student color during a PUSH presentation.
Ron Riley is a French Club student. "So What," right? He is special because he is the only French Club member that has not been in a French class. He joined the club because his ride home, Danton Hurt, was in French Club, and when Danton stayed after school, Ron stayed after school. Ron believes that the only con about being in the club is that they only meet once a month. One activity he enjoyed was eating alligator at Zydeco’s Cajun Grill.

Sophomore Michelle Lehr prepares to unwrap a present from the Spanish Club Christmas party. Lehr, along with many other students, was a member of the Spanish Club.

There is only one way senior German exchange student Annie Grimm can describe German Club. "It is a lot of fun. I really like the other people that are in it, too."
Junior Josh Schubert sets up pins after they were knocked down in a game of bowling. "The activities at French Club are a lot of fun," said Schubert.

French teacher Miss Andrea Rogers says her favorite food was alligator from Zydeco's Cajun Grill.

Junior Heather Huffman shows excitement over having milk. "I liked having milk with the crepes."

"I really liked the Walking Tacos at the dinner and a movie night. They were fun and easy to eat," says Spanish teacher Mrs. Maureen Wehmeier.

Of the approximate 141 students in a foreign language club, 107 of them are in Spanish Club. This leaves only about 34 students between French and German clubs.

"There are no cons of being in French Club," said Miss Andrea Rogers.

Spanish Club had the overwhelming majority of students pay to join the club. There were nine Spanish One classes, seven Spanish Two classes, four Spanish Three classes, and one Spanish Four class offered. That meant that the percent of students who joined Spanish Club was about the same percent as the other languages. The more students in the language, the more that join.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, German Club had only four members. This included the German exchange student, Annie Grimm, who "feels more comfortable speaking English than German" because when here it is her first language. There was only one German class, and it was a German Three Class. Mr. Bob Grosskreutz taught the class, while continuing to teach higher-end math classes.

All the clubs were of moderate size except Spanish. Miss Andrea Rogers described being part of French Club as "having no cons."

What is your favorite foreign food that you've had at a meeting?

"There are no cons of being in French Club," said Miss Andrea Rogers.
Even though it was a Christian club, this small club withstood many years of weathering. On a good year, the club had approximately 35 members. Most years, the club was of a smaller size.

Mr. Stan Emerson, social studies, remembered having the club as long as he has been here (roughly 13 years).

The original name of the club was I Know. "The name change occurred about five years ago," recalled Mr. Emerson, who was the co-leader of the club with Mrs. Wehmeir, foreign language.

They were an open-ended organization. This meant that any student or staff of MHS was welcome to come to any of the meetings. There was no obligation or fee required to join. Of the few members, those who joined were faithful and were at the majority of the meetings.

"We try to do small and manageable service projects. We had a [fall] homecoming float, and we try to donate to Christian type organizations," added Mr. Emerson.

All of the lessons were student-led, except when the occasional guest speaker was invited.

"The name change occurred about five years ago," said Mr. Stan Emerson.

Mr. Wes Neese, English, gets hit in the face with a pie at the FFA pie-in-the-face fundraiser.

What was your favorite (club related) event this year?

Speak your piece
FFA sponsored a drug-free promise in the form of "Plant a Promise." If a student signed a paper agreeing to be drug free, he or she was allowed to go outside one day during seventh period and plant a bulb as commitment to that pledge. This event drew a large crowd. A large portion of the student body went out to show their commitment to their promise.

"It was a good idea. There was a good turn out," said sophomore Heather Trusty of the FFA sponsored "Plant a Promise" event.

Phil and Rhonda Foley speak to Won By One members at an early morning meeting in April. The Foleys talked about their experiences in mission work.
By: Chelsea M. Reynolds

By assisting the community, the Academic Team, Student Council, and Pioneer Ambassadors are contributing to a brighter future for everyone, one step at a time.

The MHS Student Council was hard at work performing activities like the blood drive, which happened twice every year. Some of the other kindly acts the student council did consisted of: collecting cans for the canned food drive, planting trees in front of the school, collecting toys for Riley children, making signs for soldiers overseas to set out in front of the school, and putting on the Homecoming float parade, dance, queen, king, prince, and princess elections.

"Student Council is a great way for the students to get their voice heard and to help make a difference around our school and community," said former Student Body President Dana Holsapple.

The MHS Math Academic Team finished second in the Greenwood Invitational. Junior captain Gareth Shields and competitors, juniors Brian Acker, Dennis Wilde, and Jessica Rominger, and freshman Ashley Romans left Coach Kathy Bothwell in awe.

"I was very excited because we had a hard-working group and I am looking forward to a better season next year."

Freshman Ryan Lybarger with his mother Beth Lybarger works for the Pioneer Ambassadors.

Junior Ben Thomas and senior Dana Holsapple participate in the eighth grade Orientation.
In what way has your club helped our school?

"We make the school look better to people coming in," said senior Yates Hull, Pioneer Ambassadors.

"We beautified the MHS campus by planting trees," said senior Alex Ruoff, Student Council.

"It was really cool how we were able to get involved," said junior Jennifer Henderson, Academic Team.

Juniors Ryan Gregory and Ben Thomas, along with seniors Alex Ruoff and Matt Allard, helped to plant trees in front of the school for Student Council.

CLOSE UP

Giving Life

The 2003 Student Council Blood Drive was a hit with the MHS student body. Juniors Nikki Blevins, Audra Prosser, senior Charlie Macey, and administrator Bruce Peters take it easy while donating blood for The Central Indiana Regional Blood Center.

"I decided to give blood because I thought it would be a big help due to our country's current status," said senior Betsy Norton.
Drawing, painting, and sculpting aren't the only skills of the MHS Art Club. In front of their decorated sign, sophomores Sarah Beck and Samantha Phelps, eighth-grader Kelly Daffron, sophomore Heather Graves, and sophomore Jessica Daffron pose for a photo. Sophomore Thomas Bothwell makes t-shirts, while juniors Jessica Purdue and Karla De Juan Romero practice the art of pumpkin carving for a contest in late October. Senior Sarah Flewelling and sophomore Rebecca Greathouse eat at Zydeco's.

Waiting patiently for the Prom Steering Committee's Fashion Show, juniors Natasha Goodman, Stacy Powell, and Alicia Overton wear prom dresses.

Juniors Jamie Parvis, Tony Gerals, and Inga Goodwin represent the MHS Stage Crew at the eighth grade orientation.
Getting to work with a lot of different people," said senior Aaron Nauert.

"I get to hang out with friends and watch the performances for free, which is cool," said junior Jamie Parvis.

"Being able to go to all the performances and being able to be a part of everything even though people can't see you," said junior Inga Goodwin.

"I am looking forward to building up the club," said Mrs. Melanie Kassen.

I am looking forward to next year and building up the club," Kassen said.

Drama club member, sophomore Katie Richardson agreed. "I think we will grow a lot next year because there will be more activities and more dedicated people," said Richardson.

"Make way for the MHS Drama Club! Led by Mrs. Melanie Kassen, drama, Drama Club was full of students that were either interested in performing or having a first-hand opportunity for backstage experience.

Students involved in Drama Club participated in the Spring Play, called "Fools" by Neil Simon. The students also helped put together the Christmas Plays, "Adams Family Christmas" and "Bewitching Christmas," which were both written by students.

Along with plays, the Drama Club participated in the Halloween Hike at the Mooresville Pioneer Park, an Arbor Day skit put on for the elementary kids, and the Homecoming Parade.

What is the best part about being a part of Stage Crew?

"I am looking forward to building up the club," said Mrs. Melanie Kassen.

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Speak your piece
French Club


Spanish Club


German Club

Ecology/Recycle Club

Front Row: Ashley Harpe, Rachel Freeman, Valerie Young, Darcia Ikard, Molly Hunterman, Meg Addair, Lesley Young. Back Row: Justin Harpe, Randy Parmelee, Josh Chrenko, Joey Smith, Josh Sturm, Thomas Bothwell, Justis Gipson.

FFA


FCA

Front Row: Katie Tutterrow, Ashley Wilson, Whitney Cooper, Megan Shimonek, Mary Myers. Back Row: Jacqueline Blessing, James Howard, Scott Klinger, Jessie Manges.


Won by One


Pioneer Ambassadors


Drama Club

Art Club


Auditorium Crew


History Club

Front Row: Joshua Koffman, Danielle Shrake, Mrs. Tricia Ferguson, social studies. Lance Newton.
Class I Web Design


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Finesse

Front row: Mary Myers, Nikole Mundy, Olivia Painter, Trista Schrougham, Teresa Hoots, Marie King, Stephanie Swinney, Kathryn Rains, Megan Allison, Courtney Hubbard, Christin Enochs, Aimee Richards, Katie Tutterrow. Second row: Nicole Riley, Heather Huffman, Alicia Overton, Katy Sears, Megan Shimonek, Ashley Wilson, Audrey Farrand, Allison Lundy, Michelle Sepulveda, Sarah Morris, Kasey Fancher, Allison Stultz, Elizabeth Lester, Sadee Rozzel. Back row: Stephanie Dildine, Ashley Miles, Theresa Light, Brooke Burns, Julie Bullard, Samantha Phelps, April Shover, Devin Black, Sarah Harper, Katie Brant, Kelsie Wys, Kristina Armitage, Sheri Krueger, Erin Moser, Nicole Shanklin.

Millennium

Madrigals


Genesis 2


Sensations

Student Council


Student Advisory


National Honor Society

Fall Academic Team

Front Row: Molly Huntman, Josh Sturm, Matthew McCoy, Kate Korn.

Pulse

Front Row: Megan Allison, Molly Huntman, Kathryn Rains, Melissa Bishop. 
Back Row: Heather Huffman, Mandy Hudgins, Sara Walton, Valerie Young, Jessie Manges.

Speech Team

Front Row: Katie Richardson, Heather Bartram, Mandi Hillman, Mrs. Melanie Kassen.

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Symphonic Band


Jazz Ensemble


Not Pictured: Jared Smith, Amanda Purvis, Tony Gerardis, Matt Keen, Ronnie McGuire, Kyle Box, Ryan Queen.

Percussion


Not Pictured: Katie Corbin.
Technology Club


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Spring Academic Team


Advanced Orchestra


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Genesis 1


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Caiti Corbin
violin

Donna Stephany
cello

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viola

Liz Atkinson
violin

Kristin Mertens
viola

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violin
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Fourth at State

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Freshman Rich Bach gets his hair done by freshman Kelsey Box.

Freshman Adam Lawson sings a strong solo during Millennium's performance at Wagon Trails Revue.

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Senior Cadie Crawley sings at the Wagon Trails Revue.
Mr. Wes Neese, English, smiles after being hit in the face with several pies.

Mr. Bob Hamm, science, demonstrates to students how to use a microscope.
Mr. Chuck Muston examines the collage of 9/11 posters on the wall.
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Freshman Jerrod Taylor goofs off after finals on the last day of school.

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Sophomores Ashley Wilson,
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Junior Amanda Purvis works on a crossword puzzle in class.

Juniors Maranda McGuire and Andrew Prather cuddle at Prom.
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Senior Misty Grace accepts the Burger King scholarship from Mr. Chuck Muston and Mrs. Beth Henry.

Seniors Ali Schubert, Ashley Gunter, and Yates Hull enjoy themselves at Awards Day.

2003 Colophon

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"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood...and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference," said the poet Robert Frost in his poem "The Road Not Taken." Throughout 2003, students were given the opportunity to travel many roads. Some roads were popular, like the lunch boycott, while other roads were less traveled, like the use of pin numbers in the lunch line.

Some popular teachers chose the road to retirement, like Karen Yeager, English, and Judy Wade, business. The administrators paved several roads of the future when they considered making policy changes for paddles, backpacks, six-week grading periods, the boys basketball team coach, and students who wanted to change class schedules after the end of the year.

The world saw the road to Iraq traveled and conquered. Yet, the economy and area job losses continued down a dark path. No matter what road was traveled, Robert Frost reminded us that the choices we made changed our futures.

The top twenty seniors pose for a Pulse picture. The valedictorian was Molly Hunteman and the salutatorian was David Yaraschefski.

Sophomore Heather Brock waves good-bye to friends in the parking lot on the last day of school.
Seniors Ryan Stewart and Christina Smock celebrate their upcoming graduation at the senior picnic held on the last Wednesday of school.
Senior Matt Allen and librarian Barb Goddard say their good-byes at the senior picnic.
Upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, NASA's space shuttle Columbia loses contact with Mission Control in Houston and breaks apart in the skies over Texas. A crew of seven astronauts, including the first Israeli in space, perished.

**WORLD EVENTS**

- Bahamian oil tanker "Prestige," carrying 20 million gallons of oil, sinks off the coast of Spain. Nearly 2.6 million gallons of oil polluted the coast.
- Because of improper accounting and a debt load of $41 billion, WorldCom files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the largest in U.S. history.
- Police Chief Charles Moose arrests two snipers that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area.
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman party leader in the House or Senate.
- FBI agent Robert Hanssen receives life without parole for selling secrets to Russia.
- Minnesota's Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone is killed in a plane crash.
- An earthquake measuring 7.8 magnitude rocks Colima, Mexico. Iran and Italy experienced major quakes measuring 6.3 and 5.9.
A $4 billion annual loss causes US Airways to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Hewlett-Packard and Compaq merge to create an $87 billion global technology company.

AOL Time Warner's $54.2 billion quarterly loss is the largest in U.S. history.

Rilya Wilson is missing for 13 months before Florida's child welfare realizes it.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

Luke John Helder is arrested for planting 18 pipe bombs in mailboxes.

U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin sign an historic arms treaty calling for a two-thirds reduction of nuclear warheads.

Nine miners are rescued from a flooded Pennsylvania coal mine after being trapped for more than three days. The entrapment occurred after the miners accidentally broke through to an adjacent, abandoned mine containing more than 50 million gallons of water.

Torrential rainfalls cause major flooding in Prague, Beijing and Lucknow, India.

UCLA doctors separate Guatemalan conjoined twins in a landmark surgery that lasts more than 24 hours. The twins returned home after a five-month recovery.
Chechen rebels hold 800 people hostage in a Moscow theater. More than 100 died after inhaling gas used to end the siege.

The new architectural design for the World Trade Center site features a memorial to the Sept. 11 victims and a 1,776 foot tower, making it the world's tallest building.

Athina Onassis Roussel inherits $1 billion on her 18th birthday. Actor Robert Blake is arrested for the murder of his wife. Elizabeth Smart is nabbed at gunpoint from her Salt Lake City home. Bill Gates testifies for the first time in Microsoft's four-year antitrust trial. The remains of intern Chandra Levy are found in a Washington, D.C. park.
McDonald's posts the first-ever quarterly loss in its 47-year history.

Germany's unemployment rate rises to a five-year high of 4.623 million.

A four-winged Microraptor fossil is found in China.

England celebrates Queen Elizabeth's 50 year reign with an unprecedented Golden Jubilee. The month-long festivities included parades, parties, concerts, exhibits and more.

More than 120 people perish in a South Korean subway fire.

The credibility of the Catholic Church is severely threatened by allegations that church officials covered up molestations by current and former priests.

Other News

• FBI Lawyer Coleen Rowley disclosed to Congress that the FBI disregarded information that could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

• A Chicago nightclub stampede left 21 people dead.

• A piece of the World Trade Center was buried at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, in honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary.

• Fifty-six beached pilot whales died at Chapin Beach, MA.

• Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel was convicted of the 1975 murder of Martha Moxley.

• A band's pyrotechnics ignited a Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed more than 90 people.

• R.J. Reynolds was fined $20 million for targeting cigarette ads at teens.

• U.S. wildfires burned more than 1.5 million acres in 2002.

• Former Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted of the 1963 Alabama church bombing that killed four girls.

• Florida's Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School was the only middle school in the world to have an experiment aboard Shuttle Columbia.
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Over the course of the year, the world’s attention focused on a chain of tumultuous terrorist events. In Afghanistan, the Taliban regime fell from power as U.S. troops crippled the al-Qaeda network and cleared caves in search of Osama bin Laden. World-wide, civilians and military personnel fell victim to terrorist bombs and acts of hatred. On the home front, “bioterrorism” became a common term after it was revealed that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was producing biological weapons. Hussein’s defiance of United Nation’s imposed sanctions prompted the United States to seek world support of military action against Iraq. Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization wrestled over conflicting opinions on the issue, while North Korean leader Kim Jong II threatened to deploy nuclear weapons if Iraq was attacked. As tensions rose among political leaders, the world watched and waited to see what the next chapter in “The War on Terrorism” would bring.

Hundreds of suspected and known terrorists are arrested worldwide. The Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Station in Cuba held more than 500 al-Qaeda and Taliban prisoners. The Transportation Security Administration coordinates airport security measures including checked baggage screening, strict security checkpoints and random searches.
One million emergency and military personnel receive Smallpox vaccinations.

World-wide, terrorist linked bank accounts are frozen indefinitely.

In Afghanistan, troops overtake the Taliban regime and dismantle the al-Qaeda network. More than 156,000 U.S. troops are deployed to Kuwait in case of a war with Iraq.

World economies cringe as oil prices rise because of threats of war.

Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden evades U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Iraq’s Saddam Hussein is uncooperative with U.N. weapons inspectors.

In response to a barrage of suicide bombings, Israeli troops invade Palestinian Yasser Arafat’s Ramallah compound. Arafat is thought to have supported terrorist groups.

North Korea’s Kim Jong II threatens deployment of Korea’s nuclear weapons.

Anti-war marches across America and around the world are attended by thousands hoping for peace.


OTHER EVENTS

- Top al-Qaeda operative Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi was killed during a U.S. missile strike in Yemen.

- Al-Qaeda military leader and alleged Sept. 11 mastermind, Khalil Shaikh Mohammed, was arrested in Pakistan.

- Richard Reid pled guilty to charges that accused him of trying to smuggle explosives concealed in his shoes aboard an airplane.

- "Dirty Bomber" Abdullah al Muhajir was detained after evidence indicated he was plotting to detonate a radiological weapon.

- Malaysia, Kenya and the Philippines were hit by terrorist bombs.

**TV & MOVIES**

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" earns more than $240 million.

Leonardo DiCaprio shines in "Gangs of New York" and "Catch Me if You Can."

Actor Tom Hanks receives the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Golden Globe Awards.

George Lucas's "Star Wars: Episode Two - Attack of the Clones" earns $310 million, making it 2002's No. 2 box office hit.

"Friends" wins its first Emmy for Best Comedy Series. Star Jennifer Aniston collects Golden Globe, Emmy and People’s Choice awards for her role as Rachel.

Reality shows such as "The Bachelorette," "The Bachelor," "Joe Millionaire," "Survivor" and "Fear Factor" sweep the nation.

Kelly Clarkson beats out Justin Guarini to win her own record deal and become the first "American Idol."
Creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," Fred Rogers, dies at 74.

"The Bernie Mac Show" is one of Fox's new critically acclaimed comedies.

TV's "The Simpsons" airs its 300th episode during its fourteenth season.

"The Osbournes" are America's favorite heavy metal family.

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History was made in 2002 when box office totals exceeded $9 billion and more tickets were sold than in any year since the 1950s.

Oprah Winfrey received the first-ever Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

Musical hit "Chicago" was nominated for 13 Academy Awards.


Entertainers Milton Berle, James Coburn, Richard Harris, Dudley Moore and Richard Crenna died this year.
The Dixie Chicks win Favorite Album and Favorite Band, Group or Duo, Country, at the American Music Awards. They also won three Grammys including Best Country Album for "Home."

No Doubt wins the MTV Best Pop Video Award for "Hey Baby" and a Grammy for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. They also performed at the Superbowl XXXVII halftime show.

Michelle Branch records "The Spirit Room" featuring "Everywhere." She also won a Grammy for "The Game of Love" with Carlos Santana.


Run DMC's "Jam Master Jay" dies after being gunned down in October.

Creed wins Favorite Band, Pop/Rock and Favorite Artist, Alternative at the American Music Awards. Their album "Weathered" went platinum six times and featured "My Sacrifice."
Trey Anastasio reunites with Phish after an extended hiatus.

Avril Lavigne debuts "Let Go" featuring "Sk8er Boi" and "Complicated."

Eminem stars in "8 Mile" and releases a new album "The Eminem Show."

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, member of R&B trio TLC, dies in a car accident.

Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band tour the United States and Europe following the release of their album "The Rising" which wins Best Rock Album at the Grammys.

Norah Jones is Best New Artist and wins two Grammys for her album "Come Away With Me." She also took home two Grammys for the song "Don't Know Why."

John Mayer wins the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Grammy for "Your Body Is A Wonderland."

OTHER NEWS in MUSIC

- Sheryl Crow released her new record "C'mon C'mon" and won a Grammy for "Steve McQueen." She also teamed up with Kid Rock for the single "Picture."

- Justin Timberlake launched his solo career with the album "Justified."

- "Spider-man" won Favorite Soundtrack at the American Music Awards.

- Rosemary Clooney died at 74 of cancer.

- Britney Spears won Best Pop Vocal Album at the American Music Awards for her self-titled album.

- Other names in music this year include Tim McGraw, Usher, Pink, Vanessa Carlton, Eve, Shania Twain and J.Lo.
Honda designs a four-foot robot, Asimo, that knows how to walk, climb stairs, recognize voices and understand human gestures and movement. The robot operated within the human living environment, connected to the internet and provided news and weather updates.

Honda and Toyota introduce hybrid cars. Gas engines and electric motors powered these environmentally advanced and fuel-efficient vehicles.

Pepsi Twist, Vanilla Coke, Jakada Coffee Latte and Red Bull are trendy drinks.

European-style sneakers and shoes are a popular look this year.

Cell phones connect to the internet, send e-mails and take pictures.

Digital camcorders, DVDs and digital media receivers are hot buys.

The technology industry introduces the handheld computer.

Yoga is a popular exercise for the mind, body and soul.
Nokia introduces "N-Gage," a video game console combined with a mobile phone. N-Gage played MP3 files, had multiplayer capabilities and could send e-mail and text messages.

Credit cards take on a new look with the Discover 2GO Card.

GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite-aided tracking system.

Actors from the film "L.A. D.J." model fashion fads. Low-rise jeans, tank tops, wide belts, cargo pants, rugby shirts, 70's style clothing and terry cloth sweat suits were also popular.

Kelly Rowland is stylin' with extreme color highlights in her hair.

Advancements in laser technology give surgeons the ability to reshape the eye to reduce or eliminate the need for contact lenses and glasses.

OTHER NEWS in TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

• TiVo, a digital video recorder, allowed viewers to record their favorite shows without tapes or timers. It also had the ability to pause, rewind or replay live TV.

• The price of a 42-inch plasma television dropped to $6,000. The gas-based displays were as thin as four inches.

• Nintendo released the limited edition Platinum Game Boy Advance priced at $79.95. They also unveiled a new video game console, GameCube, which sold for $199.95.

• Scientists turned to desktop printers in an effort to produce three-dimensional tubes of living tissue. Many laboratories were printing arrays of DNA, proteins and cells.

• Segway introduced the first "Human Transporter." The upright, personal transportation device was designed to operate in any pedestrian environment and retailed at $4,950.

• The Packbot was recruited by the U.S. Army to help fight the war against terrorism. The robot transmitted images from inside caves, letting troops know if it was safe to proceed.
The Anaheim Angels celebrate their first World Series championship. They beat the San Francisco Giants in a seven-game series.

Andre Agassi wins his fourth Australian Open.

Michael Waltrip takes the flag at a rain-shortened Daytona 500. This was his second Daytona victory.

The University of Maryland claims the 2002 NCAA College Basketball Championship.

Brazil defeats Germany 2-0 in the first FIFA World Cup to be held in Asia.
Serena Williams becomes the fifth woman in history to hold all four Grand Slam tennis titles at once.

Lance Armstrong is the first American to win four consecutive Tour de France titles.

The University of Connecticut wins its 39th consecutive game and the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by defeating Duke.

The PGA's money leaders for 2002 are Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh.

Boston Red Sox baseball legend Ted Williams dies at 83.

Baltimore Colts football great Johnny Unitas dies at 69.

Ohio State stunned Miami in double overtime to win college football's national championship.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers claim their first Super Bowl Championship with a 48-21 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

The Detroit Red Wings capture the Stanley Cup by defeating the Carolina Hurricanes.
War Emblem races to victory at the Kentucky Derby.

Tasha Schwikert wins the 2002 International Women's All-Around Gymnastics Championship.

Winter X Gamers Shaun White and Gretchen Bleiler claim the gold in the Men's and Women's Superpipe.

Gary Kasparov beats a super computer after a four-hour chess match.

Michael Jordan announces his retirement at the NBA All Star game.

Annika Sorenstam is the first woman to play on the PGA tour in 58 years.

Patrick Tillman leaves his $3.6 million NFL contract to enlist in the Army.

Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the L.A. Lakers defeat the New Jersey Nets in a 4-0 sweep of the 2002 NBA Championship series. The win was the Lakers' third consecutive title.

OTHER NEWS in SPORTS

- The University of Texas men and Auburn University women won the 2002 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

- Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett was named the NBA All Star MVP. Garnett led the West to victory in double overtime.


- The University of Texas defeated the University of South Carolina to win the College World Series.