You are about to begin a race through the 1998-1999 school year at Highland High School. You will see the year from start to finish in chronological order. Drivers, start your engines. on your mark...get set...GO!!
Ladies and Gentlemen, the annual race to summer is about to start. Every year students come to Highland High and before you know it the year is over. But school just isn't about making it to the finish line, but is also about the four year journey through HHS. Now let's take a look at...

A Day in the Life of a high school student.

Putting on the make-up.

Lifting weights at track practice.

Walking in the door at 7:40 a.m.

Taking notes in college biology.

Working on Senior Showcase portfolio.

Leaving the school after track practice.

And now on to the rest of the Year...

Photos of T. J. Simpson, senior, by Natalie Webb.
The school board is always concerned with making USD #425 a better place for learning. The school board consists of Dan Tilton, Mike Blevins, Sally Waggoner, Paul Tyler, Dick Tracy, and Bill Batchelder. Not pictured is Nancy Batchelder. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

Elementary Principal Conrad Clary looks off of Dan Tilton's agenda as Paul Tyler chuckles to himself about an inside joke. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.

Principal Cheryl Rasmussen fills the school year calendar with the upcoming monthly events. Photo by Bray's.

Superintendent Jan Collins is in charge of the district's business needs and is also president-elect of the United School Administrators. Photo by Bray's.
Amy Allen: Inter-Related
Brad Bingesser: PE, Girls' Basketball
Gary Blanton: Maintenance
Sue Cluck: Cook

Mary Lou Colley: Librarian
Linda Collins: Freshmen Computers
Francis Collins: Cook
Sharon Collins: Cook
Yvette Cook: Vocal Music/Band

Angie Eberly: Inter-Related, Track
Jill Evans: Computers
Joan Gaither: Bus Driver
Esther Gormley: English/QPA
Dennis Hanlon: Maintenance

Ginger Scott, Secretary, is taking one of her 100 plus calls a day. Photo by Bray's.

When the journalism class realized that the mailing labels for 400 newspapers was gone from the computer. - Mrs. Parish

Watching the entire football team (including Coach Smith) having fun playing in the waterway after a hard rain. - Ron Shelton

Seeing Stacy get crowned Barnwarming Sweetheart. I found out afterwards that I sprang my arms into the air and yelled out irrationally. - Angie Neibling
Ted Hutchcraft: Math
Linda Joseph: Art
Joann Karn: Clerk
Kertis Keehn: Science
Toni Larson: Spanish

Sallye Marsh: Cook
Gerre Martin: Counselor
Joy Meyer: Freshmen English
Angie Neibling: Teacher's Aide
Marla Olson: Teacher's Aide, Basketball, Volleyball

Donna Parish: English, History
Larry Sandy: Basketball, Cross Country
Elmer Schmitz: Agriculture
Laura Schmitz: Home Economics
Ron Shelton: Football, Basketball, Geography

Justin Smith: Math, Football, Track
Janice Stonebarger: Cook
Alan Terry: Woods
Deb Terry: Inter-Related
George Twombly: Bus Driver

- Watching Travis, Jerod, Ryan and Josh trying to pull Miranda out of the mud during natural resources.
  - Kertis Keehn

- Teaching in-service and showing "The Joy of Stress" - Esther Gormley

- On the seniors' last game, with a minute left, they came to the bench and cheered for the other girls on the court.
  - Brad Bingesser
Above: Derek Summerford and Deven Yurth patiently learn the basics of Microsoft. Photo by Donna Parish.

Left: Callee Simpson, Shannon Davis, and DeAnn McCauley hang out at the Homecoming dance while Ashley Beaman and Lucas Keebler look on. Photo by Matt Reiter.

Left: The freshman girls nervously await telling the student body their summer endeavours on the first day of school. Photo by Donna Parish.

Class Info
President: Christina Dickerson
Vice-President: Callee Simpson
Secretary/Treasurer: Crystal Harness
Representatives: Deven Yurth and Heather Gildersleeve

When Mr. Keehn started skinning a beaver right in the middle of class. It was nasty!  
-Shannon Davis

When Angela Henry bumped the emergency eye wash and water spewed everywhere!  
-Deven Yurth
When Travis Clary knocked Mr. Smith on his rear during football practice.

-Lucas Keebler

When the bus left Lucas at McDonald's after the JV Horton football game!

-Brooks Rawles
Sophomores Jennifer Davis and Erinn Groeltz use the Internet in the library to research for their world history project. Photo by Andrea Collins.

The most memorable moment of the year was when Chad Simpson shot himself in the face with Easy Cheese on the ski trip.-Ashley Webb

One of the most memorable moments of the year was when Nick Cluck depantsed Andrew Gilfillan after lunch.-Chad Simpson

My favorite class this year has been home-economics because we learn things that we will need for the real world.-Liz Carwell
My favorite class this year has been math because I've gotten the best grade in that class. - Jon Edie

I will always remember how Chad Simpson would always take off his shirt in English to show off his big arms. - Jason Nolte

My most memorable moment of the year was when Jill Merkel, Juli Blevins, and I took off our skis and slid down the hill on our butts at Snow Creek. - Kristin McCauley
Juniors show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally before the football game against the Pleasant Ridge Rams. The Bluestreaks lost that game. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.

Dustin Geiger, B. J. Twombly and Matt Reiter at a basketball game in order to raise money for Prom which will cost $2000 to $2500. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Class Info
President- Cate Batchelder
Vice President- Stacy Neibling
Secretary- Sandy Peters
Treasurer- Tessa Reist
Stuco Reps.- Megan Blevins and Dustin Geiger

Megan Blevins- When we had to play at Elwood and several of us not knowing the difference between a girls' bathroom and getting kicked while using the restroom.

B. J. Twombly- The best moment this year was seeing Zach wearing his basketball uniform with his ropers while he was waiting for the JV Midway game to start.

Eric Tracy - The most memorable moment for this year was when Dustin and I got kicked out of the Hiawatha Tournament for having a lazer pointer.
Zach Powell - My most memorable moment was when Lynn and I kept busy by trying to keep Eric and Dustin awake during American history.

Cathleen Hanlon - My most memorable moment was when I locked my keys in the house and had to call the cops for help. All the cops did was laugh at me.

Matt Reiter - My most memorable moment was when the Quiz Bowl team was returning from State and Mr. Keehn got pulled over by a cop.

Holly Gray
Cathleen Hanlon
Natalie Jeschke
Luke Keller
Alex Moore

Stacy Neibling
Ryan Nolte
Sandy Peters
Zach Powell
Tessa Reist
Matt Reiter
Eric Tracy

B. J. Twombly
Staci Waggoner
Amanda Williams
Lynn Windmeyer
Brandi Woodruff

By Molly O'Brien
SENIORS
FINALLY FINISHED

President: Andrea Collins
Class Colors: Navy & Silver

Vice President: Natalie Webb
Class Flower: White Rose with Navy & Silver Ribbons

Treasurer: Nathan Twombly
Secretary: T.J. Simpson

Jerod Dale Blanton
Miranda Katherine Boos
Travis William Clary
Andrea Dawn Collins
Evan L.W. Dillman
Kari Kaye Garrett

Frederick K. Green

Joshua Keith Keebler

Molly Bea O'Brien

Amanda Lynn Romine

Class Motto: "Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid only of standing still."

Holly Vandall
Representatives: Travis Clary
Jerod Blanton

Adam Matthew Lackey
Fond Memories

"I remember getting confused on one-way streets in St. Joe. All my 'friends' laughed at me."

Nathan Twombly

"My most memorable moment was when Mrs. Gormley gave Travis, Evan, Josh, and Jerod the four-corners treatment for talking to each other."

Andrea Collins
The art classes have been working on many different projects with their teacher Linda Joseph.

Each student had to pick an artist and do two projects related to that artist. Some of their choices are as follows.

Bryan Rhodd, freshman, picked the artist Claes Oldenburg. Rhodd's two projects were a clay stack of pennies and a drawing of a dollar bill. Becky Cole, junior picked the artist Chuck Close. Cole's two projects were a clay mold of her face and a drawing of Jan Collins, superintendent. Jon Edie, sophomore, picked the artist Frank Lloyd Wright. Edie's two projects were a prairie style clay cottage and a stained glass window made with tissue paper.

John Jenkins, sophomore, picked the artist Henry Moore. Jenkins's two projects were a reclining figure made with zonealight of Jerod Blanton, senior, and a 2D drawing of several reclining figures.

Adam Lackey, senior, with a pen and ink drawing, won a medal at DVL, got artistic excellence at HCC Art Day, and honorable mention at Albrecht Kemper.

Jason Nolte, sophomore, with a metal sculpture, won a medal at DVL and received honorable mention at HCC Art Day.

Edie received a blue ribbon and B.J. Twombly, junior, received a red ribbon at DVL.

Cole received honorable mention on her clay project at HCC Art Day.

At the Federated Women's Club Contest, Rhodd, Lackey, Matt Reiter, junior, and Mike Jones, sophomore, received blue ribbons. Nathan Woodruff, freshman, Crystal Harness, freshman, Chad Simpson, sophomore, Shannon Davis, freshman, Lucas Keebler, freshman, Jon Edie, B.J. Twombly, and Aaron Twombly, sophomore, received red ribbons.

Linda Joseph, art teacher, and Becky Cole work on Becky's plaster mold of her face. Cole received an Honorable Mention at Highland Community College Art Day for her mold. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.

Bryan Rhodd works on his drawing of the dollar bill picturing Jan Collins in the center. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.
John Jenkins works on his reclining figure of Jerod Blanton. Jon Edie works on his prairie style clay cottage. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.

Mike Jones, Ashley Webb, and Kyle Dillman work on the flats for the musical Cinderella. Photo by Donna Parish.

Kyle Dillman and Andrew Gilfillan stir up paint to paint the flats for the musical Cinderella. Photo by Donna Parish.
"The year went pretty smooth for the most part, but there have been rough times. Getting used to the block schedule was tough," said Kertis Keehn, about his first year teaching at HHS. Keehn also taught at Newtown-Harris, Missouri, for five years.

In general science the freshmen learned about light and its characteristics. "Mr. Keehn makes learning fun because we don't work out of the book as much as other classes. We do more hands-on activities," said Bryan Rhodd, freshmen.

The students in biology learned about genetics and dissection. "It's fun because Mr. Keehn has good spirit, and he's a good teacher," said Liz Carwell, sophomore. The chemistry class learned about electron configuration, partial wave, and electron wave.

Amanda Willaims, junior said, "Chemistry is a very complicated class, and Mr. Keehn did a very good job of teaching."

Jill Evans taught sophomore computers, where students learned about Desktop Publishing, Telecommunications, and Powerpoint presentations.

Computer Productions was busy putting newsletters together and making programs. Evans also teaches seventh and eighth grade keyboarding.

Justin Smith was the new math teacher, who said, "It went fine. The year went quick. There were no major problems," about his first year teaching. Smith previously taught at Clifton Clyde and Washburn Rural. Smith teaches Algebra I, Algebra II, applied math, geometry, calculus, and physics.
Jerod Blanton and Travis Clary meticulously pick apart the regurgitated remains of a mouse in natural resources. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Justin Smith, math teacher, helps Natalie Webb with her calculus homework. Photo by Donna Parish.

Crystal Harness works out of the Microsoft Office book during freshmen computers. Photo by Donna Parish.

Linda Collins, freshmen computer teacher, plans next week's lesson. Photo by Donna Parish.
The volleyball team kept up their reputation as being very tough competitors. The girls were coached by Cheryl Rasmussen and Angie Eberly, both experienced in coaching. Rasmussen, head coach, had high expectations for the year. She was pleased with the work the girls put out. The strenuous efforts put out this season paid off in the end as the team was selected Delaware Valley League Champions for the second year in a row. Everyone was pleased to see the girls come out of the season with this award.

Throughout the season the girls went through a hard workout during practice that built on talent as well as character. "We had awesome teamwork since we all got along so well," said Andrea Collins.

Although the girls did not do as well in the regional tournament as they hoped, they all learned valuable lessons to improve their game. They came out of the tournament receiving third place.

The girls were overall pleased with their season. They all had fun and learned to work as a team.

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Front Row: Holly Vandall, Andrea Collins, Miranda Boos, T.J. Simpson, Natalie Webb, Amanda Romine; Middle Row: Juliann Blevins, Ashley Beam, Angela Henry, DeAnn McCauley, Jana Collins, Megan Blevins, Christina Dickerson; Back Row: Angie Eberly, assistant coach; Natalie Jeschke, manager; Heather Gildersleeve, Samantha Collins, Cate Batchelder, Jill Merkel, Kristin McCauley, Ashley Webb, Cheryl Rasmussen, head coach; Lucinda Keebler, manager. Photo by Bray's.
Natalie Webb, the always reliable setter, sets up one of her teammates at the DVL tournament.

Andrea Collins and Jill Merkel team up for a block against Midway.

Jana Collins, Cate Batchelder, and T.J. Simpson listen intently to Coach Rasmussen.

Jana Collins and T.J. Simpson attempt a block against Lansing while Natalie Webb prepares herself for the return.

All photos by Esther Gormley.
Football struggled this year, as they tackled many competitive opponents. Despite a 2-6 record, they gave strong effort, from start to finish.

The team dashed off to a 1-0 start with a season opening victory against Horton. Halfway through the season, the Streaks posted a 2-2 record, including a 14-0 win against Valley Falls. The straightaway was rough and rocky, but the Streaks finished with flying colors and positive attitudes.

Jerod Blanton, senior, said, "We had a fun and high-spirited season, and if given the chance, I'd do it again."

Blanton, Travis Clary, Adam Lackey, Fred Green, Josh Keebler, and Evan Dillman, all seniors, led the team, along with coaches Ron Shelton and Justin Smith.

Statistic leaders are as follows: receiving: Clary (16 for 478 yds), Lackey (7 for 96 yds); rushing: Lackey (84 for 640 yds), Clary (98 for 883 yds); passing: Dustin Geiger (25 for 540 yds), Chad Simpson (11 for 187 yds).

Travis Clary, said, "As a captain, I'd like to send out thanks to our team for all the good memories."
Jasvn Nolte (22), Eric Tracy (75), and Dustin Geiger (bottom of pile) take down a Horton ball carrier as other teammates come to help. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Adam Lackey (27) runs the ball at a Horton defender as Dustin Geiger (12) and Aaron Dillman (30) watch with anticipation. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Travis Clary (1) and Daren Stewart (32) take out Trojan blockers while Eric Tracy (75) and Josh Keebler fight through the line. Clary and Keebler led the team in tackles for the year. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Josh Keebler (66) and Adam Lackey (27) plow through the offensive line as they prepare to tackle a Pleasant Ridge running back. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

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Homecoming
Keebler, Webb voted Majesty of '98

Josh Keebler and Natalie Webb captured the light of a dismal, wet Friday night football game by being crowned 1998 Homecoming King and Queen.

Other candidates up for the crowning, Andrea Collins, Jerod Blanton, T.J. Simpson, and Travis Clary, all dressed in traditional gear. The boys were in muddy football uniforms, and the girls were decked out in their formal evening get-ups; pantsuits were popular this year.

To get pumped up for the game vs. the Pleasant Ridge Rams on Oct. 2, Spirit Week days were as follows: Beauty and the Beast, Famous Couples or Groups, Just get out of Bed, and Backwards/Inside-out/Clash Day.

A bonfire and the juniors' winning Homecoming parade float's theme, "Jam the Rams," proved to be unsuccessful as the Bluestreaks lost.

Natalie Webb said, "I was really surprised and honored that everyone chose me as Queen."

Although receiving consolation gifts, Jerod Blanton and Andrea Collins show good Highland sportsmanship. Photo by Molly O'Brien.
Andrea Collins and Jerod Blanton are attendents of Homecoming. Photo by Bray's.

Even though the Queen was not announced yet, Natalie Webb somehow had a suspicion of her future as she sports her tiara for Beauty and the Beast Day of Spirit Week. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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Raggedy Ann and Andy-- formerly Adam Lackey and Nick Cluck-- show their school spirit for Pair Day. Photo by Andrea Collins.

Attendants T.J. Simpson and Travis Clary are up for Homecoming. Photo by Bray's.
The journalism class kept busy this year with putting out the school newspaper and yearbook. The class was instructed by Donna Parish, now in her 17th year of teaching journalism.

Students placed in 13 contests at Regionals. Cate Batchelder, junior, received first in Newspaper Design. Matt Reiter, junior, placed second in Editing. Lynn Windmeyer, junior, placed third in Newspaper Photography. Andrea Collin, senior, placed third in News-writing and third in Headline Writing. Amanda Williams, junior, received honorable mention in Headline Writing. T.J. Simpson and Nathan Twombly, seniors, worked together in Yearbook Theme Development and received honorable mention. Simpson also received third in Yearbook Sportswriting. Aaron Twombly, sophomore, finished third in Infographics. Dustin Geiger, junior, received honorable mention in Newspaper Sportswriting. Stacy Neibling, junior, received honorable mention in Advertising. Staci Waggoner, junior, took honorable mention in Yearbook Copy Writing.

Stuco stayed very busy this year. The most important issue involved preparing dances for the students. The biggest part of Stuco involved a successful fight for the salad bar.

Stuco is an organization to help the students get what they want. From filling the pop machines to preparing for a dance, Stuco helps the students find the fun part of learning. The students have found that if they have a problem, they can express their feelings to the Stuco representative in their class.

Throughout the school year, the students in Stuco have learned how to deal with people and their many, many problems.
The journalism students are Front Row: Molly O'Brien, Natalie Webb, Sandy Peters, Staci Waggoner; Middle Row: Lynn Windmeyer, Brandi Woodruff, Andrea Collins, Stacy Neibling, Cate Batchelder, Amanda Williams; Back Row: Matt Reiter, Zach Powell, Evan Dillman, T.J. Simpson, Nathan Twombly, Dustin Geiger. Photo by Brays.

Several students take part in the first day of school activities planned by Stuco. Photo by Donna Parish.

The Stuco representatives are Front Row: Jill Evans, sponsor, Noah Diveley, Adam Lackey, Ashley Webb, Molly O'Brien, Tessa Reist, Christina Dickerson; Middle Row: Andrew Gilfillan, Deven Yurth, Andrea Collins, T.J. Simpson, Natalie Webb, Heather Gildersleeve; Back Row: Chad Simpson, Dustin Geiger, Travis Clary, Jerod Blanton, Megan Blevins, Jana Collins, Cate Batchelder. Photo by Brays.
The Cross Country team has had a very successful season this year. The team won many awards, and the girls went to State. With this being coach Larry Sandy’s first year to coach Highland Cross Country, he said, “The season went better than expected. I was pleasantly surprised.”

Along with getting a first place trophy at the McClouth meet, the girls placed third at Regionals, which allowed them to go to State. With over one hundred girls running, Tessa Reist placed seventeenth and received a medal. Overall, the girls placed tenth.

Reist, Lynn Windmeyer, and Callee Simpson placed first team at County. Reist placed first league, and Simpson and Windmeyer placed second league. For the boys, Noah Diveley got first place at County and first team All County.

“Overall, I think we had a good season. Everyone worked hard, and it paid off because we went to State,” said Erinn Groeltz.

### Regional Results

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Girls’ Team placed 3rd

### Awards

All County - 1st Team
- Noah Diveley
- Callee Simpson
- Tessa Reist
- Lynn Windmeyer

State
- Girls’ team took tenth
- Tessa Reist place 17th

Callee Simpson, Kyle Olson, Lynn Windmeyer, Tessa Reist, Noah Diveley, Erinn Groeltz, and Amy Keller smile proudly at the trophy the girls won at McLouth. Photo by Bray’s.
Teammates Callee Simpson, Tessa Reist, and Lynn Windmeyer show their team strategy of running and winning together. Photo by Marla Taylor.

Noah Diveley intensely tries to get a better time. Photo by Nathan Twombly.

The team huddles together to keep warm on a miserable day at State. Photo by Donna Parish.

Tessa Reist keeps a steady pace at Regionals. Photo by T.J. Simpson.

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The agricultural, woods and home-economics classes kept busy with many hands-on projects.

The Ag mechanics class was busy with different shop project including sandblasting a truck frame, redoing a little trailer, building cattle panels, and making work benches. The beginning ag students learned proper shop safety and the usage of equipment. They learned how to use the arc welder, wire welder, torch, plasma cutter, cut off saw, and the grinders. Some of the students worked in the greenhouse during the year. The ag-science class mainly concentrated on the entomology, dairy products, and crops contests.

The woods classes were involved in both hands-on and classroom skills.

The first year students started out with drawing projects. After they finished the drawings, they were allowed to work in the shop. These students were assigned a wall shelf and a footstool before they were allowed to pick a project of their own.

The advanced woods students worked on an entertainment center, gun cabinet, coat/hat racks, linen closet, fishing rod holder and much more.

The home-economics students have been working on both kitchen safety and sewing lessons. They learned to use the different kitchen utensils and follow recipes. They made many different foods.

The rest of the year was spent on sewing. All students went through different levels of sewing.

Their own projects included pillows, quilts, pajamas, and more.
Brandi Woodruff works on her home-ec project. Photo by Donna Parish.

Michael Stonebarger and Eric Tracy sand their projects during advanced woods. Photo by Donna Parish.

Nick Cluck works on his record book in agriculture. Record books in FFA lead to state and district degrees. Photo by Zach Powell

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Brandi Woodruff works on her home-ec project. Photo by Donna Parish.
Drum roll, please—And the winner of the Barnwarming Sweetheart is—Stacy Neibling.

The candidates were juniors Stacy Neibling and Brandi Woodruff, sophomores Julianne Blevins and Kristin McCauley, and freshmen Callee Simpson and DeAnn McCauley.

Attending Barnwarming were Kansas FFA President Leslie Small, Reporter Jill Casten, and Secretary Matt Wolters.

Cock-a-doodle-doo! The first event was Rise and Shine. Each candidate ran an obstacle course filled with hay and water.

Heave, ho! In Power Lifting, the candidates tossed a hay bale over a bar.

The candidates tested their driving ability by parking a riding lawn-mower between two hay bales in Driver's Ed.

In Funny "Seitz," each Sweetheart received three pieces of bologna, which were tossed onto a pen held in the mouths of freshmen guys.

The last event was Calf Judging. Four high schoolers were used as calves for this event.

After the competitions came the labor sale. Senior Josh Keebler earned the most money. Overall, the labor sale earned $2,380.

Sweetheart Stacy Neibling was crowned at Barnwarming by Vice-President Josh Keebler.

Photo by Bray's.

Callee Simpson flexes her muscles by tossing the hay bale over the bar in Power Lifting. Photo by Holly Vandall, compliments of the FFA.
Kristin McCauley roars to a halt in her lawnmower in Driver's Ed. Photo by Holly Vandall, compliments of the FFA.

Sweetheart candidates Brandi Woodruff, Callee Simpson, Julianne Blevins, DeAnn McCauley, Kristin McCauley, and Stacy Neibling prepare to hurl balogna at the freshmen guys in Funny "Seitz." Photo by Holly Vandall, compliments of the FFA.

Julianne Blevins prepares for Driver's Ed. Sponsor Elmer Schmitz watches in the background. Photo by Holly Vandall, compliments of the FFA.
From the first day of school to opening night Nov. 12, hours upon hours were spent by the choir class to produce Cinderella. And their efforts surpassed many of the expectations of new music teacher, Yvette Cook.

The major elements applauded by the audience were the choreographed ballroom scenes. Somehow, Cook managed to get some twenty odd townspeople to dance in sync. Intricate costuming by Vanetta Geiger added to the effect of the ballroom performances.

Cinderella would not have been a musical without the contributions from sophomore lead Jana Collins, Cinderella, and junior Dustin Geiger, the Prince. Joining them was the happy family of stepsister Heather Gildersleeve, freshman and Tessa Reist, junior, and Andrea Collins, senior, as the stepsisters with Sandy Peters, junior as the Fairy Godmother.

Geiger reflects, "The most memorable moment for me was at the end of the last show when I realized that all of the hard work and time put into the play was worth it."

After the last performance when the applauding had died down, Jana Collins said on stage, "It's a big relief to have this done. [To Dustin] It's been a pleasure working with you, and when I look back, in the end, it all came together."
Heather Gildersleeve, Stepmother, and Jana Collins, Cinderella, perform to the choreographed song "A Lovely Night." Photo by Molly O'Brien.

Sandy Peters sings her heart out to the song "Impossible." Photo by Matt Reiter.

Jon Theobald explains that a ball is in order if the Prince is to marry (note: Jon is not in his normal physique). Photo by Molly O'Brien.

Heather Gildersleeve, Andrea Collins, and Tessa Reist make fun of Cindella in "When You're Driving Through the Moonlight." Photo by Matt Reiter.
Esther Gormley, Joy Meyer, and Donna Parish are all the teachers that are prepared to teach English to the students. Gormley teaches the juniors and seniors while Parish handles the sophomores. Meyer gets the opportunity to handle the upcoming freshmen.

In Gormley's class students are prepared to learn the same rubric as the previous years, but in different manners.

Teaching the material has not changed and will continue to be fun while promoting good work habits. One new thing that Gormley is offering to students is Careers 2000 which will take place in Salina, Kansas, on April 21. Careers 2000 gives students the opportunity to display their talents in many different fields of study and interest.

Larson, who teaches Spanish class, took the students to "El Barbero de Servilla." It is a play that is bilingual, and all high school Spanish classes attended. The Spanish II class was involved in making board games for reviewing. The Spanish I class was involved making video commercials. Larson's classes will be taking more trips and having other small projects throughout the year.

Parish is in charge of teaching all the history classes. She teaches the sophomores world history, the juniors American history, and senior class Constitution. Parish tries to integrate all her class with other teachings. Parish has tried to include material from her experience at a China Institute last summer.

Geography is taught to the juniors by Ron Shelton. Each individual must research a country and write a letter to the UN for the aid that is needed to make the country prosperous.

Adam Lackey works on his Senior Showcase research at Missouri Western. The senior class went to MW for a tour of the library so that they could use the resources that are available there on their Showcase topics. Photo by Esther Gormley.

Toni Larson, the Spanish teacher, is advising her students Aaron Twombly, Mike Jones, Andrew Gillfillian, and Nick Cluck while they work on homework. Photo by Donna Parish.
Andrew Gilfillan is demonstrating his skills when it comes to throwing the atlatl while Adam Lackey looks on. Donna Parish was teaching the sophomores how prehistoric people hunted by using a atlatl, and she asked Adam to demonstrate it for the sophomores. Most anthropologists believe that the atlatl was not used in Doniphan County to hunt mammoths since the Mississippian Native Americans were probably too late for mammoths. Photo by Donna Parish.

Adam Lackey is here trying to help teach Mike Stonebarger how to throw the atlatl. This was taking place on the practice field behind the school. Photo by Donna Parish.

Kyle Dillman and Jason Nolte are packing up and going inside after being taught a history lesson. Photo by Donna Parish.
Cheerleading

Chicks on the sideline

One, two, three, four, show that team just who we're for! And that is just what the cheerleaders did this year. Led by seniors T.J. Simpson and Natalie Webb, this year's squad kept busy trying to boost school and community spirit at various athletic and public events.

Cheerleading is most certainly a full time job, as the work carries on into the summer months. The squad sponsored a car wash and a 4th of July volleyball tournament in order to raise money for the upcoming year. They also sponsored a Spirit Spreader for other squads to attend and learn new cheers, routines, and stunts.

"I really enjoyed cheering for the Bluestreaks for the past four years. I especially enjoyed my senior year because I was able to cheer with my sister, Callee, and my fellow classmate and good friend, Natalie Webb."


Left: The cheerleaders await the arrival of the football team so that the players may destroy their "Bash the Bears" run-through. Photo by Natalie Webb.
Heather Gildersleeve, freshman, and Natalie Webb, senior, perform a cheer while trying to motivate the crowd during a time-out of the girls' Oskaloosa game. Webb and T.J. Simpson, senior, cheered all four years of their high school careers. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Jill Merkel, sophomore, exhibits her enthusiastic Bluestreak basketball spirit by performing a kick during a time-out of the men's varsity game. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Positive attitudes lead and pave the way to success for the Lady Streaks.

The Lady Streaks started the season off with an undisputed win over the Oskaloosa Bears. They improved as the season went on but were cut short in the end with a record of 12-10.

Brad Bingessor was the head coach assisted by Marla Olson.

This season the Lady Streaks had a lot of experience and talent. The leadership from the three seniors, Miranda Boos, Andrea Collins, and T. J. Simpson, was great, and their great positive attitudes made this a successful season.

Leading rebounder and scorer for the Lady Streaks was Andrea Collins, senior. She ended the season with ten double-doubles and averaged 18 points and 9 rebounds a game.

Jana Collins was second in both categories, rebounding and scoring. She finished the season averaging 15 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 2.5 steals per game, while shooting 54% from the field.

T. J. Simpson was a big key when it came to rebounding, averaging 5 per game.

Miranda Boos distributed the ball and averaged a little over three assists a game.

Calle Simpson, freshman point guard, stepped her play up to the varsity level where she earned valuable playing time.

Coach Bingessor said, "I was pleased to see the senior leadership throughout the year."

The Lady Streaks left many memorable highlights throughout the season.

- Andrea Collins made seven three-pointers against Troy.
- Jana Collins was one rebound away from a triple-double, 9 rebounds, 12 steals, and 25 points.
- 80 point 2-game sweep over Oskaloosa.

The Girls' Basketball Team hung laminated jerseys on the wall as a place to put the stickers that they received after every game. Some of the stickers were rewards for good defense, hustle or assists, just to name a few. Top Row: Julanne Blevins, Kristin McCauley, Jana Collins, Samantha Collins, Jill Merkel, Ashley Webb; Second Row: Head Coach Brad Bingesser, Heather Gildersleeve, Shannon Davis, Callee Simpson, Christina Dickerson, Assistant Coach Marla Olson; Front Row: Manager Cathleen Hanlon, Lynn Windmeyer, Andrea Collins, Miranda Boos, T.J. Simpson, Megan Blevins, Molly O'Brien, manager. Photo by Brays.

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**Record Wins: 12  Losses: 10**

### Awards

**Andrea Collins**
- DVL Spec. Team
- Hiawatha Tournament Team
- Player of week Topeka Capital Journal (twice)
- 1st team DVL
- 1st team county
- Honorable Mention - Wichita Eagle
- Honorable Mention - Topeka Capital Journal
- Honorable Mention St. Joe News Press
- NE Kansas All-Star Game

**Jana Collins**
- 2nd Team All-County
- DVL Spec. Team
- Hiawatha Tournament
- 1st Team DVL

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As T.J. Simpson releases one out of two shots from the free throw line, Megan Blevins waits patiently for her second. Photo by Sandy Peters.

Being announced, Andrea Collins slaps the hands of her teammates as they prepare for the game. In the background the bench gets the crowd moving and clapping as the players are being announced. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

While on defense Andrea Collins attempts to redirect the shot while one of the Horton players attempts a lay up. Photo by Sandy Peters.
Boys' Basketball

Boys started slow, but progressed as season continued

The boys' basketball team finished the season with a 2-17 win-loss record. The top scorers for the year were seniors: Evan Dillman, Travis Clary and Jerod Blanton.

Dillman raised the roof by shooting three's and playing tough defense. Clary had a little trouble recovering from the flu, but he was still on fire. During the Midway game, Clary held their leading scorer to four points. Against the McLouth Bulldogs, he scored 28 points. During that game, he held 20 points to Jeff Schwinn's eight. Clary made 11 out of 18 shots from the field during the Wathena game and kept their leading scorer below his average.

Blanton has had an incredible year by racking up the blocks against some of the toughest teams like Pleasant Ridge, Centralia and Jackson Heights. Blanton shut down the leading scorer from Jackson Heights by blocking 10 shots.

As a whole, the team had trouble with fouls and lasting through the entire game. It was not until the Jackson Heights game that senior Adam Lackey and junior Noah Diveley energized the team by playing tough defense. At the beginning of the season, several of the players fouled out before the end of the game. This problem, however, improved as the season progressed.

Jerod Blanton uses his 6'3 frame to easily lay the ball into the basket with several teammates ready to rebound against the Horton Chargers at Highland. Photo by Nathan Twombly.

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### Awards

Travis Clary
- 1st Team DVL
- 1st Team All County
- Topeka Capital All State 1A
- Wichita Eagle All State 1A
- Northeast Kansas All Star

Jerod Blanton
- 1st Team All County
- DVL All Tournament Team
- Wichita Eagle All State 1A
Travis Clary soars above the Oskaloosa defenders to score two points for the Streaks as Dustin Geiger and Chad Simpson wait for the rebound. Photo by Andrea Collins.

Travis Clary stands on the free throw line and just lets the ball sail into the basket. All of the players are waiting for a rebound, but the ball goes in and puts the Bluestreaks ahead by one. Photo by Nathan Twombly.

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With each successive year, Highland High School crowns new rulers of the court. By tradition, on Feb. 16, 1999's King was Jerod Blanton. His partner in majesty, the queen, was Andrea Collins.

Attendants joining the royalty were T.J. Simpson with Fred Green and Miranda Boos with Evan Dillman.

Flower girl for the night was Lacie Diveley and the crownbearer was Luke Twombly.

Also jammed into the night were basketball games vs. the Wathena Wildcats. Although the Bluestreaks suffered a few losses, the games were competitive and great community fun.

The Booster Club sponsored Senior Parents' Night. All seniors gave their loved ones a rose and an affectionate hug.

Jerod Blanton said, "The characteristics that helped me become king were my sense of humor and my ability to get along with everyone."

King and Queen for the night, Andrea Collins and Jerod Blanton, happily enjoy their reign as majesty. Photo by Bray's.
Queen of Courts, Andrea Collins, sits on her royal throne between attendants T.J. Simpson and Miranda Boos. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

(Pictured below) Queen of Courts, Andrea Collins, sits on her royal throne between attendants T.J. Simpson and Miranda Boos. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Up for King and Queen of Courts 1999, T.J. Simpson and Fred Green respectfully walk away with runner-up prizes. The flower girl this year was Lacie Diveley, daughter of Larry and Karla Diveley; the crownbearer was Luke Twombly, son of Scott and Leigh Ann Twombly. Photo by Bray's.

Court attendants Miranda Boos and Evan Dillman walk away with consolation titles. Both Boos and Dillman played basketball that night vs. the Wathena Wildcats. Photo by Bray's.
Quiz Bowl and National Honor Society took their own charge this year with their new sophomore members. Knowledge was flowing strong with the new members at the NHS annual installation on Oct. 27.

The new sophomore inductees were Julianne Blevins, Jana Collins, Samantha Collins, Jennifer Davis, Andrew Gilfillan, Erinn Groeltz, Kristin McCauley, Jill Merkel, Aaron Twombly, and Ashley Webb. The requirement for NHS is to maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. through the whole year.

Quiz Bowl had an outstanding year with their varsity team placing third in the Highland Invitational. The group also did a terrific job at Highland Community College where they placed fourth. The winning group went on to take first at Delaware Valley League meet. They then went to Regionals where they finished second to qualify for State.

"When on the bus ready to leave from Regionals, the Assistant Tournament Director told us that there was a three way tie for second and that we had to run back inside. Then we won and received the plaque for second place," said Matt Reiter, junior.

The team finished the year off by traveling to Ranson for the State Quiz Bowl meet.

The varsity members that brought this winning streak were Andrea Collins, Nathan Twombly, seniors; Stacy Neibling, Matt Reiter, Cate Batchelder, juniors.

The members of NHS are Front Row: Lynn Windmeyer, Ashley Webb, Andrea Collins, Jennifer Davis, Kristin McCauley; Second Row: Ted Hutchcraft, sponsor; Andrew Gilfillan, Erinn Groeltz, Sandy Peters, Megan Blevins, Jana Collins, Tessa Reist, T.J. Simpson, Natalie Webb, Julianne Blevins, Jill Merkel, Stacy Neibling, Amanda Williams, Noah Diveley; Back Row: Dustin Geiger, Travis Clary, Cate Batchelder, Samantha Collins, Matt Reiter, Aaron Twombly, Nathan Twombly, Adam Lackey. Photo by Bray's.
The 1998-99 Quiz Bowl members are Front Row: Molly O'Brien, Christina Dickerson; Second Row: Stacy Neibling, Matt Reiter; Third Row: Andrea Collins, Cate Batchelder, Mike Jones; Back Row: Nathan Twombly, Andrew Gilfillan, Heather Gildersleeve, Crystal Harness, Holly Vandall, Deven Yurth. Photo by Bray's.

New member Jana Collins signs the National Honor Society book, while Natalie Webb waits to give Jana, her NHS pen. Waiting at the end of the line is Ted Hutchcraft, sponsor, to hand Jana her lighted candle. Photo by Donna Parish.

Matt Reiter, Stacy Neibling, Cate Batchelder, and Nathan Twombly use their spare time to do their home work at the State Quiz Bowl meet in Ranson. All three juniors work on their chemisrty while Nathan Twombly works on his physics. Photo by Kertis Keehn.
The harmonies of voices and instruments frequently floated up from the basement. No, the building wasn't haunted. It was the band and choir directed by Yvette Cook.

After endless rehearsals, the choir presented the musical Cinderella (see pages 34-35). Then they performed a holiday concert. Contests and the spring concert were the concerns for second semester.

"I think doing solos is a good opportunity. Mrs. Cook really helps us perfect our singing techniques," commented Amanda Williams, junior.

Cook seemed very pleased: "The basketball pep band was peppy, and I was pleased with their performances."

Heather Gilder-
Band members: Front Row: Sierra Covert, Christina Dickerson, Heather Terry, Jon Edie; Second Row: Matt Reiter, Crystal Harness, Cassie Collins, Morgan Peters; Third Row: Cody Peters, Matt Cluck, Angela Henry, Tommy Moran, Brian Reiter, Tessa Reist, Kaleb Caudle; Fourth Row: Brandon Geiger, Christopher Sullivan, Yvette Cook, director, Emily Tharp; Fifth Row: Albert Edie, Kyle Olson, Heather Gildersleeve, and Steven Holt. Photo by Bray's.

Band soloists: Christina Dickerson, Crystal Harness, and Heather Gildersleeve. Gildersleeve received a I rating at League for her performance on the baritone and a I rating at Regionals for her performance on the trumpet. Dickerson on the flute and Harness on the bass clarinet also received I ratings at Regionals. Dickerson and Harness went to State. Photo by Bray's.

Vocal soloists and accompanists: Front Row: Mike Jones, Kyle Olson, Andrea Collins, Adam Lackey; Second Row: Heather Gildersleeve, Ashley Beaman, Jana Collins, Tessa Reist, Sandy Peters, and Amanda Williams. Lackey and Peters received I ratings at League. Reist and J. Collins received I ratings at League and Regionals and went to State. Photo by Bray's.
Season Highlights

This year the track team really followed through on its ambitions. The girls' 4x200m relay team tied the school record of 152.5 seconds which was set back in 1975 by Anita Collins, Carol Cole, Yvette Cruise, and Sally Ukena. The team went on to break it at Regionals with a time of 151.5 seconds, which also qualified them for State competition. At State, they placed eighth.

Tessa Reist, junior, and Jana Collins, sophomore, both qualified individually. Collins placed third in the 200m at Regionals and sixth at State with a time of 27.4; Reist placed fourth in the 400m at Regionals and eighth at State with a time of 61.4.

The members of the track team are Front Row: Callee Simpson, Christina Dickerson, Natalie Webb, T.J. Simpson, Andrea Collins, Ashley Webb, Tessa Reist, DeAnn McCauley; Second Row: Andrew Gilfillan, Noah Diveley, Adam Lackey, Aaron Dillman, Liz Carwell, Jana Collins, Juli Blevins, Erinn Groeitz, Becky Cole, Stacy Neibling; Third Row: Crystal Harness (manager), Matt Reiter, Kyle Olson, Eric Tracy, Daren Stewart, Mike Jones, Dustin Geiger, Angie Eberly (head women's coach), Justin Smith (head men's coach). Photo by Donna Parish.

Memorable Moments

"My most memorable moment was when the shotput ring was full of water and Eric pushed Andrew in the water. Then he felt bad so he jumped in himself." Stacy Neibling

"My most memorable moment was beating Bern in the 4x400m relay at Midway." Jana Collins
Andrea Collins shows a sign of relief on her face as she releases the shotput at the Regionals track meet. Photo by Donna Parish.

Tessa "Speed Demon" Reist leaves her opponents in her dust...again. Tessa placed first in the 400m run at the Jackson Heights meet and went on to compete at State in the 200m, the girls' 4x400m relay, and the girls' 4x200m relay. Photo by Donna Parish.

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Memories made together to last a lifetime

The class of '99 played sports together, planned a Prom together, survived Senior Showcase together, and, most recently, took a group trip to Galveston, TX.

The class has 17 graduating members and here are some of their memories.

"My most memorable moment was when I skipped school to go shopping for the Homecoming dance. We decided to get ice cream at Baskin Robbins and Mr. Collins and Samantha walked in. We nonchalantly got up, piled into the car and left."

-Kari Garrett

"My memorable moment of high school is the infamous days of 'Lunch Time Ball.' In the beginning it started out as Brad McCauley, Jerod Blanton, and I versus Brant Clary, Josh Keebler, and Bobby Hopkins. It then progressed into Brant and Josh versus Jerod and me. As of late, it is Josh and I versus Jerod and Evan Dillman. Many of these games resulted in running off at the mouth and light shoving, but boy were they fun and very much anticipated."

- Travis Clary

"My most memorable moment was when my car caught on fire on the way to school during my freshman year."

-Holly Vandall

While in Galveston, the seniors traveled to the Gulf of Mexico for a day of sun and fun. Lisa Westcott plays in the Gulf and gets some rays. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Front row: Evan Dillman, Andrea Collins, T.J. Simpson, Nathan Twombly, Adam Lackey; Back row: Amanda Romine, Kari Garrett, Molly O'Brien, Holly Vandall, Lisa Westcott, Miranda Boos, Natalie Webb, Jerod Blanton, Josh Keebler, Travis Clary, and Fred Green take a break from their packed day to pose for a group picture, taken in rainforests in the Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. The gardens were filled with tropical plants and butterflies. Before the garden tour, the group was allowed to view and pet a few rare animals. Photo by Natalie Webb.
Holly Vandall blows on her sunburn after returning from a day of deep sea fishing. The group traveled 60 miles into the Gulf of Mexico before they stopped to start their fishing expedition. Molly O'Brien said, "We caught about 50 pounds of Red Snapper, and we are planning to have a fish fry sometime." Photo by Natalie Webb.

While in Galveston, Travis Clary celebrated his 18th birthday at Joe's Crab Shack. The employees dressed him up in a grass skirt and coconut bra to help with the festivities. By Natalie Webb.

Jerod Blanton and Evan Dillman enjoy some seafood at Joe's Crab Shack in Galveston. This was a favorite spot of this year's seniors and seniors from years back. The workers at Joe's are known to drop what they are doing and start dancing. Photo by Natalie Webb.
The most active club was busy showing what they have learned about all things related to agriculture. Attending over ten contests in the last year, FFA members were able to pick up many awards in topics varying from public speaking to poultry judging.

The loyal FFA members began their work in the fall when all students began learning about their topics through books and hands-on activities.

Led by their sponsor, Elmer Schmitz, the club received excellent ratings at trips to Manhattan, Sabetha, and other places across Kansas.

At district competition, Ag business placed third while landscaping placed second.

Awards Banquet celebrated the achievements of the local chapter near the end of the year. Leading the group in awards was Josh Keebler, winner of the State Wildlife Proficiency Award and nearly eight others.

Josh Keebler is handed his state award from sponsor Elmer Schmitz and President T. J. Simpson. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.

Shannon Davis, Ashley Webb, and Lucinda Keebler eat at the awards banquet. Photo by Cathleen Hanlon.

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Entomology members learn all about insects in the Ag Science class. The entomology team took first at district and ninth at state by classifying bugs and how they affect farming. Bottom Row: Josh Keebler, Travis Clary, Kari Garrett, and Holly Vandall; Top Row: Evan Dillman, Fred Green, Ryan Nolte, and Luke Keller. Photo by Bray's.

The greenhands received a first place award in district leadership this year. Front Row: Lucinda Keebler, Callee Simpson, DeAnn McCauley, Shannon Davis; Middle Row: Brooks Rawles, Lucas Keebler, Chris Mooney; Top Row: Daren Stewart, Bryan Rhodd, Nathan Woodruff. Photo by Bray's.

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"Savage Garden" was the theme for the junior/senior Prom. Exotic animals, palm trees, and green plants filled the gym on the exciting night. A giraffe, alligator, hippopotamus, and a zebra (all homemade) were the hit of the year. The decorations were simply outstanding. The night began with pictures followed by an elegant steak dinner by candlelight.

"I thought the dance was different because of the exotic decorations. The little bird in the pictures was a nice touch," said Holly Vandall, senior. Green slush punch and animal crackers soon became a hit after the dancing started.

After-Prom consisted of cosmic bowling and games at Olympia Lanes in St. Joseph, MO. Kertis Keehn, science teacher, said, "I loved After-Prom. I thought it was very beneficial because it gave them a safe place to go." Cash prizes and other smaller prizes were given away all night. The lucky winners came home with many memories that will last a lifetime.

Adam Lackey and Casey Vaught get into the swing of things. Photo by Bray's.

Fred Green and Kristin McCauley have a great time dancing to the tunes of the D.J., "Complete Music." Photo by Bray's.

Lynn Windmeyer and date, Tyler Pyle, take a break from all the action. Photo by Bray's.
The Swing Choir followed the words of Mariah Carey's song "Butterfly" by letting their personalities shine through as they performed at area churches, contests, and especially during tour.

The Swing Choir had a very busy year. They participated in the Delaware Valley Music Festival, where they earned an I rating. At the Regional Music Festival they received a II rating. The highlight of their year was tour.

The '99 tour took the 20 Swing Choir members and their director, Cheryl Rasmussen, on the road to Midway High School, Rising Star Elementary, McLouth High School, and Jefferson County North (JCN) High School. Their final performance was in front of their hometown crowd.

"The highlight of the tour was performing for the Rising Star Elementary because they were very energetic, and the performance was more relaxed," said Samantha Collins, sophomore.

This year's tour was a mixture of themes that included a little bit of country, pop, disco, and jungle.

The Swing Choir had a very successful year. Their dedication, hard work, and talent could be seen by all of their great accomplishments. Memories of the Swing Choir will always remain in their hearts. And for the seniors they are now ready to begin a new race in "the real world."

"Swing Choir has been one of the most memorable activities that I have participated in throughout high school. I would like to thank Ms. Rasmussen and the rest of the Swing Choir members for making the past four years enjoyable," said Andrea Collins, senior.

The songs they sang included "My Best Friend's Wedding Medley," "Down At the Twist and Shout," "George of the Jungle," "I Will Survive," and "Butterfly."

"Tour was really fun. The choreography and the costumes were the best, thanks to the girls in the group that did the choreography and the costumes," said Rasmussen.
Mike Jones lets out his call to the wild as he plays George while the group sings "George of the Jungle." Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Jana Collins and Juli Blevins smile from ear to ear as they serenade Eric Nolte during "The Way You Look Tonight." The girls' selections included "My Best Friend's Wedding Medley" and "I Will Survive." Andrea Collins and Tessa Reist did most of the accompanying through out the year. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Natalie Webb places the wedding veil on Megan Blevins during "My Best Friend's Wedding Medley." Andrea Collins choreographed and put together the props for this selection. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

During the men's selection, "The Gambler," Dustin Geiger and Adam Lackey smoke their cigars (pretzel rods). The pretzel rods were an added prop for the Highland crowd only. Photo by Cate Batchelder.

Group picture (pg. 58) Front Row: Aaron Dillman, Juli Blevins, Ashley Webb, Jana Collins, and Daren Stewart; Middle Row: Lucas Keebler, Heather Gildersleeve, Dustin Geiger, Samantha Collins, Sandy Peters, and Michael Stonebarger; Back Row: Brooks Rawles, Tessa Reist, Kyle Olson, Andrea Collins, Megan Blevins, Travis Clary, Natalie Webb and Adam Lackey, not pictured Mike Jones. Photo by Donna Parish.
On May 20, Awards Night was held to help recognize students for their hard work. Awards were given to participants in art, choir, journalism, and to students for their academic excellence, community service, and perfect attendance.

The All Around Student is Andrea Collins.

The Armed Services Scholar Athletic award was awarded to Travis Clary and T.J. Simpson, both seniors. Juniors Dustin Gieger and Cate Batchelder won the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The Citizenship awards were won by seniors Nathan Twombly and Simpson. The I DARE YOU award was given to juniors Ryan Nolte and Stacy Neibling.

The night ended with a video of the seniors in plays and music programs.

Molly O'Brien receives a Quiz Bowl pin from Teresa Witt. Photo by Sandy Peters.

Adam Lackey gives Cheryl Rasmussen a bouquet of flowers from the Swing Choir. Photo by Sandy Peters.
Gerre Martin hands T.J. Simpson her JoAnn Hallauer Scholarship award. Photo by Sandy Peters

Cheryl Rasmussen gives an honor cord to Travis Clary. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer

Jana Collins leaves the stage after receiving the best supporting actress award for her performance in Cinderella. Photo by Sandy Peters.

Lisa Westcott receives the Extra-ordinary Effort award from Jill Evans. Photo by Lynn Windmeyer.
On Sunday, May 23, after four long years of study, homework, and good times, the Class of 1999 received their diplomas.

After the class marched in to "Pomp & Circumstance," Travis Clary gave his Salutatory Address. He represented the Class of '99 by saying thank you to the faculty, staff, parents, and God for helping them to be the best that they could be. Then the choir sang "Goodbye, My Friend."

Next, Andrea Collins gave her Valedictory Address by sharing some of the most important lessons the class has learned. Ending her address, Collins said to her fellow classmates, "I will remember you" and sang "I Will Remember You" while playing the piano. After the applause, the Swing Choir sang "Butterfly."

Natalie Webb gave her Valedictory Address; halfway through Natalie read a poem entitled "Rainbow." Natalie closed off her address saying to the seniors, "I hope the path you choose leads you to happiness and may God bless each and every one of you throughout your journey in life." Then the seniors presented roses to their parents as tokens of appreciation for all of the love and support given to them throughout their lives.

Conrad Clary, HHS Alumnus of 1954 and a 23 year veteran administrator of the Highland District, addressed the audience with his "Pass The Sugar" speech. Clary expressed that he hopes the graduates keep in touch with each other in the future. He handed out cards with a picture of Highland High School on them; on the back, he put all of the sugar words that he shared with everyone that day. Clary ended his speech by saying that Highland High School is ready to "Pass the Sugar."

Jon Theobald, Nathan Twombly, Josh Keebler, and Fred Green wait anxiously to try out the traditional hesitation step. Photo by Bray's.
Andrea Collins, Miranda Boos, and Molly O'Brien chat while getting ready for group pictures before the ceremony. Photo by Bray's.

Travis Clary gives his Salutatory Address directly after the procession. Photo by Bray's.

Jon Theobald and T.J. Simpson march in to "Pomp & Circumstance" by Elgar. T.J.'s proud mother tries to capture the moment. Photo by Bray's.
Eric Tracy, Deven Yurth, Mike Jones, and Amanda Williams "wrap up" their summers at a first day of school event sponsored by Stuco. Photo by Donna Parish.

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The Bluestreak offensive gets ready to rumble into the Oskaloosa Bears and the school year. Photo by Natalie Webb.

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Collins, Sharon-4
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Davis, Shannon-6,7,16,40,48,54,55
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Diveley, Noah-11,27,28,29,42,43,46,50,51,54,57
Diveley, Lacie-44,45
Junior Lynn Windmeyer runs uphill in the Troy Cross Country meet. After a summer of rest and relaxation, all of the students were similarly running uphill against the tides of homework and reports. Photo by Nathan Twombly.

The school year is in full swing with the musical Cinderella. Sophomore Mike Jones announces a year filled with many exciting events. Photo by Molly O’Brien.

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Crystal Harness offers advice to fellow junior varsity Quiz Bowlers Molly O'Brien, Christina Dickerson, Mike Jones, and Andrew Gilfillan during the Highland meet. Both the Quiz Bowl and the student body are looking forward to Christmas Break. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Senior Adam Lackey runs the 110 meter high hurdles at Regionals. Lackey and the rest of the seniors are heading full steam toward graduation. Lackey finished the year in style by running his personal best. Photo by Donna Parish.
After a long, hard year, senior Jon Theobald and Hiawatha freshman Telissa Collins wind down with a slow dance at Prom. Photo by Bray's.

Graduating seniors Holly Vandall, Nathan Twombly, Kari Garrett, Jerod Blanton, Josh Keebler, and Lisa Westcott await onstage for their names to be called. The perfect end to a long and fun-filled year. Photo by Bray's.
A look at students who hit the door running

The checkered flag is waving, and the year is about to end. But before we say goodbye, we present you with a look at what our students choose to do when the final bell rings. From jobs to hobbies, students have a wide variety of pastimes. In addition to schoolwork, students pack in many different activities to fill their already full schedules. These pictures show only a small portion of their different interests.

Nick Cluck climbs aboard his combine to begin his daily routine. Cluck works for Cluck Custom Harvesting; he puts in many hours during the school year. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Megan Blevins checks out a customer at the Highland Market. Her friendly smile is a welcoming sign at the local grocery store. Photo by Natalie Webb.
Erinn Groeltz practices a Sagittarius dance for her upcoming performance. Groeltz takes dance 3-4 times a week at Missouri Western State College with nine other dancers. Photo by Sandy Groeltz.

Sandy Peters checks out movies to the people of Hiawatha. Peters works at Total Entertainment Center in Hiawatha, KS. Photo by Natalie Webb.

The student body of Highland High School stands around their second home. USD #425 seems to be the field trip capital of the world. On the average, a typical student spends approximately 70 hours a year on a school bus. The more active students clock up to 120+ hours on the big yellow busses. Photo by Donna Parish.
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A total collapse of the Russian rouble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.

In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.

After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated $1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.

A discotheque fire in Göteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.

A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.

On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.

In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.
On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.

The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.

The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.

NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station Alpha. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.

President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.

Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a $1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

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The U.S. Treasury unveils a new $20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.

Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.
Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.

Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of $338 million.

A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.

Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy SEAL, pro wrestler and action movie actor.

In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over $131 million in aid.

In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blaisdell, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.

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Apple’s translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn’t come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.

The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won’t reappear for another 32 years.

A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.

Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.

A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.
The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.

Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of “killer bees.” This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.

The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John’s Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.

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Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors “Interactive Chemistry,” a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

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Alabama hairdresser Philip McCoy discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America’s Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.
A USA Today investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.

Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The $165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.

Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.

Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.
As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.

Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.

For $20 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, feed and pamper pets in their care.

Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.

Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool $600.

Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check — even for someone without a bank account. The machine "memorizes" facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user's identity.

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.
Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."

NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.


Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.

Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

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Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.

In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy.*

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. *Magazine covers by TV Guide, Seventeen and Interview* fuel the craze.

The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include:  *Citizen Kane*, 1941
*Casablanca*, 1942
*The Godfather*, 1972
*Gone With the Wind*, 1939
*Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962
*The Wizard of Oz*, 1939
*The Graduate*, 1967
*On the Waterfront*, 1954
*Schindler's List*, 1993
*Singin' in the Rain*, 1952

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.
Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.

Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.

Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.

Alanis Morissette's new album, Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 463,000 copies in the first week.

In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

The Dixie Chicks' Wide Open Spaces is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.

Nineteen-year-old Usher is named Billboard Music Awards Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.
Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.

Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.

Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, Left of the Middle, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include Titanic and Return to Titanic, City of Angels, Armageddon, Hope Floats, Dr. Doolittle and The Wedding Singer.

In November, Garth Brooks' new album Double Live enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.
Ski boards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.

Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.

In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, ESPN The Magazine, to compete with Sports Illustrated.

On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.

ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.

Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.

Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

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In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.

Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

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The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.

In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Elysées and injures 60 people.

Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.

The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.

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After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garaside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.

Hirofumi “The Tokyo Terror” Nakajima (right), reigning world hot dog eating champion, eats 19 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to win the annual Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.

Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chaffield Senior High School’s Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.

NBC’s “News Radio” star and former “Saturday Night Live” cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinlick “advertises” for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.
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