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AMY ALBERS 1
Midway-Denton, it is... a school, a meeting place between four small towns, where everyone has a different opinion, and everyone knows each other... a place where kids have fun, and parents are proud of them... a school system in which students get a good education, and know that they will get a one-on-one chance with each teacher if needed. With these unique qualities combined, Midway represents a world of our own!
Upper Left: Jodi Knudson, senior, Amy Albers, Patricia Clark, and Stephanie Bottiger, juniors, and Brandee Peuker, senior, watch the football team move towards a victory.

Upper Right: Luke Helmstetter, freshman, takes a bite of stuffing during the Modern Foods class’ Thanksgiving Dinner.

Middle Left: Anne Simpson, Amanda Bevis, Heather Owens, and Amber Kuhnert, sophomores, sit in Mrs. Taylor’s basement for a volleyball team Halloween costume party.

Middle Right: Stephanie Bottiger, junior, and Sarah Perdue, senior, practice their method of Osmosis to cram for their next hour tests.

Left: Crystal Becker and Kylee Schuetz, sophomores, and Jennifer Walsh, freshman, huddle together to stay warm at the Homecoming game.
Your friends are probably some of the most important people in your life during high school and throughout your entire life. Friends are the people who know you better than you know yourself, understand you, and are always there for you.

Friends seem to be a popular theme in music, TV, and movies for 1996-97. The music group the Rembrandt's hit song "I'll Be There for You" is the theme song for the sitcom "Friends". The characters in the show, Ross, Rachel, Monica, Chandler, Joey, and Phoebe, are always there for each other. The movie Wayne's World, a popular movie among teens in recent years, is about two friends, Wayne and Garth, who stick by each other through the good and bad times.

Friends at Midway enjoy doing many things together. Some favorites at Midway are shopping, going out, hunting, cruising, and playing sports together. Friends around here have fun just sitting around talking.

Since there are many groups of friends at Midway we couldn't put them all in the yearbook on this page.

Seniors Jodi Knudson and Heather Smith are friends because they value the same qualities in each other.

Junior Angie Wright, senior Sarah Perdue, and junior Patricia Clark have been friends for three years.

Cousins Jeremy Blanton, junior, and Jordan Clary, sophomore, are friends.

Juniors Amy Albers and Erica Scholz enjoy spending their time with the same people.
Midway's "Friends" look-a-likes are seniors Jaclyn Chapman as Monica and David Roberts as Ross, juniors Stephanie Bottiger as Rachael and Aaron Albers as Chandler, freshman Luke Helmstetter as Joey, and junior Amy Albers as Phoebe. These friends recreated the cover of the sitcom's soundtrack.

Sophomore friends Heather Owens, Mindy Pauly, Amber Kuhnert, Crystal Becker, and Tricia Boos are all members of the basketball team.

Above: Sophomores Tricia Boos, Mya McNett, Kylee Schuetz, Anne Simpson, and Megan Bingham enjoy hanging out and shopping together.

Above left: Sophomores Justin Dunning and Jarred Fuhrman, senior Joe Keys, and freshman Luke Helmstetter call themselves the Big Bad Band Boys.
When I was your age...

...There were 14 in my graduating class. There were no girls' sports and no weight lifting programs. I played trumpet in my school band. Our senior trip was to Colorado Springs. We made our own decorations for Jr/Sr Prom. Our class made money by having car washes, selling concessions and fireworks, and putting on plays. KOMA was the radio station to listen to. "Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels" was the popular group to listen to. My favorite song was "Magic Carpet Ride" by Steppenwolf. The popular dress was rolled pant legs, white socks, and black loafers. All the girls wore the flip hairstyle. My friends and I liked to hang out at Norm's Pool Hall and the Suzy-Q. My father was a teacher and a farmer and I helped farm.

Jim Leatherman
Senior, 1967 Wakefield HS

...There were 43 in my graduating class. Basketball was not as physical. Our senior class trip was to Kirkwood Lodge. We made most of our decorations for prom. Our class made money by selling magazines and Tom Watt Kits. KIOA and WHB were the radio stations to listen to. Three Dog Night was the popular teenage band. Long hair and bell-bottoms were the rage. I liked to hang out at the Pizza Shack and at my friends' house.

Mark Martin
Senior, 1975 Lamoni HS

...There were 28 in my graduating class. We had more student fan support in sports. I played clarinet in my high school band. Our senior trip was to California, where we visited Disneyland, Newport Beach, and Universal Studios. Rock and Roll was the popular music. I listened to AC/DC, ZZ Top, Steve Miller, Meatloaf, and Van Halen. We wore sweaters, peg-rolled jeans, and had bobbed hair. We never wore T-Shirts to school and everyone had a nickname. Cruising town and hanging out at the "Hill Top" were the cool things to do.

Marla Taylor
Senior, 1988 Highland HS
Left: The school board members of 1996-1997 are David Schmitt, Doug Johnson, Ron Albers, Greg Miller, Al Fuhrman. Not pictured: David Halling and Dave Boos.

Below: The school secretaries are Bonnie Winchester, Carol Brown and Jan Wohletz.

Left: Rick Crossland is the school’s maintenance supervisor.

Left: Chris Gibson is the school’s transportation director, a bus driver and mechanic.

Left: June Roberts loads up one of “DeKalb’s players” in the Homecoming skit.

Middle: Mark Juhl and Mark Martin (Danyell and Yoseph) act out a skit for the Homecoming faculty skit.

Right: Eiden Ninemire is dressed like a DeKalb girl in the Homecoming skit.

Above: Tina Helmsetter, Linda Collins and Nancy Helmsetter provide the students with lunch and breakfast throughout the school year.
Katie Jo Daughtery
Jennifer Lynn Frump
Rochelle Lynn Jones

No Picture Available:
Bobby Lee Owens

April Dawn Kuhnert
Jennifer Ann McNatt

David Paul Roberts
Heather Lynn Smith
Matthew Perrin Symms

Jodi Knudson 9
If you had 3 wishes what would you wish for?

I'd wish for all the money I could ever need, every day to be Friday, and nothing bad to happen to any of my friends.

Amy Albers

I would own a Pizza Hut and hire Aaron, have a gazillion dollars, and my final wish is to be Queen of the World!!

Patricia Clark

My first wish is that I would have all the money that I would need for the rest of my life, my second wish is to see my dad one more time, and my third wish would be to have three more wishes!!

Joey McConnaughey

If I had three wishes they would be to have a vehicular object of some kind that doesn't break down, unlimited money supply and to be Vice-Queen of the World!!

Angie Wright
Above: Nick Peuker, Jason Bennett, and Jeremy Blanton tried to out pull the seniors in a game of tug-of-war during Spirit Week!

Right: Jerry Pauly helps build lockers for Stuco.

Left: Some junior friends hang out at break.
Below: Patricia Clark and Amy Albers look for yearbook ideas.
How would you describe yourself using slang words?

Curtis Albers: “Radical”
Crystal Becker: “Beasty”
Amanda Bevis: “Loco”
Megan Bingham: “Tubular”
Jordan Clary: “Studly”
Josh Falk: “Kickin’”
Jarred Fuhrman: “Groovy”
Brian McNett: “Camo”
Mindy Pauly: “Dynamite”
Douglas Roberts: “Manly”
Tim Schmitt: “Gnarly”
Eve Wayman: “Witchy”
Ashley Stevens: “Chawin’”
Sophomores Tricia Boos, Nickie Carpenter, Crystal Becker, Mya McNett, and Celesta Monshow work on a chapter review in business technology.

Sophomore Anne Simpson, freshman Lisa Collins, and sophomores Kylee Schuett and Crystal Becker kill time talking before a volleyball game.

The sophomore class is decked out in tie-dye and beads for Hippie/1980's day. Pictured are Eve Wayman, Mindy Pauly, Megan Bingham, Amber Kuhnert, Nickie Carpenter, Mya McNett, Anne Simpson, Jarred Fuhrman, Crystal Becker, Amanda Bevis, and Joe Hoffman.

Doug Roberts, sophomore, shows off his Popeye costume, which was worn for Spirit Week's Celebrity day.

JASON BENNETT 13
Each of these words has a real definition. What do you think they mean? Some responses given are below. The answers are on page 67. The words are:
1. pangram
2. upanga
3. idolalla
4. flitterbick
5. liripoop

Here are some of the answers we received:
1. A very light pan, a little pan
2. A panda bear, Gilligan’s Island
3. A yodeler, a town in Idaho
4. A bird, a bug that lights up
5. A scary person, a sucker
Above: Jennifer Walsh picks up boards and trash for a Biology 1 stream clean-up project near Leona.

Above left: Becky Martin works on her Biology 1 drawing of a cell.

Left: Melissa Helmstetter and Heather Frump, freshmen, work on a lab experiment in General Science.

Left: Freshmen Becky Martin, Amy Halling, Luke Helmstetter, and Jennifer Walsh talk, read, and do homework during homeroom.


Above: Jeff Falk waits for class to start in Freshman P.E./Health.

JASON BENNETT 15
Left to right, top to bottom: David Roberts; Brandee Peuker; Rochelle Jones, April Kuhnert and Jennifer Frump; Katy Daugherty; Matt Symns and Sarah Perdue; Heather Smith and Jodi Knudson; Keith Peuker; Joe Keys, Jaclyn Chapman and Mark Albers; Bobby Owens; Jennifer McNett; and Nathan Arnold

16 KATY DAUGHERTY
Top left: Juniors Staci Wohletz, Amy Albers, and Patricia Clark enjoy dancing at the Halloween party for the volleyball team in Mrs. Marla Taylor’s basement.

Top right: Sophomores Anne Simpson, Mya McNett, and Kylee Schuetz browse a yearbook during a basketball game.

Left: Seniors Jennifer Frump and Jaclyn Chapman, freshman Melissa Helmstetter, junior Stephanie Bottiger, and senior Katy Daugherty wait for the running events to begin at the Doniphan County track meet.

Above: Sophomore Curtis Albers, junior Staci Wohletz, and sophomore Douglas Roberts take a break from the rain that delayed the Midway Invitational track meet.
FAVORITE SONGS
STRAWBERRY WINE- DEANA CARTER
WE DANCED ANYWAY- DEANA CARTER
HERE'S YOUR SIGN- TRAVIS TRITT AND BILL ENGVALL
WANNABE- SPICE GIRLS
TWISTED- KEITH SWEAT

Restaurants
Ryan's Steakhouse
McDonald's
Applebee's
La Mesa
Hoof and Horn
Some others that were also listed were Pizza Hut, Chui's and Taco Bell

SNACKS
Pop
Cookies
Chips
M&M's
Candy Bars

TV SHOWS
HOME IMPROVEMENT
Beverly Hills 90210
SIMPSONS
PARTY OF FIVE
ER

SOME OTHERS THAT WERE ALSO LISTED WERE KING OF THE HILL, FRIENDS AND SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

"Movie Quotes"
"Show me the money!" - Jerry Maguire
"The price is wrong.....!" - Happy Gilmore
"What'd you do!?" - Tommy Boy
"All righty then!" - Ace Ventura
"Give me back my son!" - Ransom

Memorable Commercials
Budweiser- Favorites- Frogs, Chicken crossing the road, Cavemen
Nissan- Favorites- Barbie and Ken, Birds
Pepsi- Favorites- Singing Bears, Baby and models, baby sucks himself into the Pepsi bottle
Miller Lite- Favorites- Brought to you by Dick
Green M&M's
### What we buy $$

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**Shoes**

- Casual (Eastland): $30.00 - $70.00
- Cowboy Boots: $70.00 - $130.00
- Athletic: $50.00 - $150.00

### Dates

**Cheap Date**
- McDonald's for 2-$6.00-$10.00 and a movie at the Trail Theatre- $1.25 each

**Nice Date**
- Dinner at a nice restaurant- $30.00-$40.00 and a movie at Plaza 8- $5.50 each

### What would you do to change the world?

- **"I would make all countries mind their own business."** - Junior Aaron Albers
- **"I'd buy everyone a puppy so they can feel the happiness I feel right now."** - Senior Sarah Perdue
- **"I'd clone a whole bunch of Luke Helmstetters to make the world much sexier."** - Freshman Luke Helmstetter
- **"I would make the justice system better and make life harder for criminals."** - Sophomore Eve Wayman

- **"World democracy, where everyone has a house and food."** - Junior Jerry Pauly
- **"I'd hope to be a good influence and be a better role model than I was before."** - Sophomore Jordan Clary
- **"Provide food for all the poor people."** - Freshman Jenny Boos
- **"I would make it so everyone realized that our class was the best."** - Junior Angie Wright
Many memorable things happened in the world during 96-97. This page contains news that made world and national headlines while the other page is devoted to what made the headlines at Midway.

Sports Shorts

KU has a record of 34-2 for the year and makes it to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, but loses to Arizona.

Chicago Bull’s player Dennis Rodman kicks a camera man for getting in his way during a game.

Amateur golfer Tiger Woods (21) turns pro and is a spokesman for Nike.

The U.S. Women’s gymnastics team takes the gold medal in team competition for the first time in history at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Yankees win the World Series for the first time in 18 years.

K-State loses to Brigham Young University in the Cotton Bowl.


Baseball player Roberto Alomar spits on an umpire during a game with the Toronto Blue Jays and the umpires threaten to strike.

The Kansas City Chiefs finally sign quarterback Elvis Grbac to replace Steve Bono.

Faces of Our World

Rosie O’Donnell is daytime’s “Queen of Nice.”

Carolyn Bessette Kennedy is the lucky lady who finally got JFK Jr to settle down.

Dennis Rodman keeps his face in the news by hurting people at his games.

George Clooney is the next Batman in the new movie Batman and Robin.

MTV’s Jenny McCarthy leaves the popular dating show Single Out for her own variety show.

Gwyneth Paltrow has a stable acting career and an engagement ring from Brad Pitt.

Tom Cruise’s Mission Impossible was to keep Jerry Maguire from being a flop. He got a Golden Globe for best actor for his role.

Alternative singer Alanis Morissette continues to be a favorite, selling a record 14 million copies of her debut album Jagged Little Pill.

Madonna changes her image by having a baby and starring in the movie Evita.

Bob Dole may have lost the election, but he could still crack jokes with David Letterman a few days later.

Top News Stories

John F. Kennedy Jr. gets married to Carolyn Bessett.
Michael Jackson marries his nurse and has a child named Michael Jackson Jr.

Madonna and her former trainer, Carlos Leon, have a daughter named Lourdes Marie.

Six-year old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found murdered in her basement.

Bill Cosby’s son, Ennis, was murdered while trying to change a tire on his car.

TWA flight 800 to Paris crashes in the Atlantic Ocean near New York. There were no survivors.

Bill Clinton was re-elected president in Nov. 1996.

O.J. Simpson was found liable for the death of Ron Goldman.


Theodore Kaczynski, suspected Unabomber, is arrested in Montana.

Entertainment

Saturday Night Live makes a comeback with the rejected Spartan cheerleaders.

Wes Craven’s hit thriller Scream made Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox scream.

The Star Wars Trilogy returns to the big screen with new footage for its 20th anniversary.

World of Science

In August of 1996 NASA announced that they had discovered life on Mars.

Scottish scientist, Dr. Ian Wilmut, successfully clones a sheep named Dolly.
Below: Seniors Sarah Perdue and Matt Symns act like The Nanny and Mr. Sheffield. Sarah played Millie in William Inge’s play “Picnic” in February at Theatre Atchison.

Below: Delbert Larson is the new Calculus, Physics, and Chemistry teacher.

Below: Senior Mark Albers had surgery done on a torn ligament in his knee due to a football injury. Mark’s injury put him out of sports for his senior year.

Above: David Wehrle is the new school counselor this year.

Above: Sophomore Jarred Fuhrman was MVP of the Elwood tournament, while freshman Jeff Falk had a record seven 3-point goals in the JV basketball game against Jackson Heights.

Above: Juniors Amy Albers and Erica Scholz, senior Joe Keys, and Mr. Ninemire look at names on the Vietnam moving wall memorial on a junior–senior class trip.
As the World Turns

Try to rewind your mind and remember what it was like when you, as a high schooler, were young. We always think of our parents as old, and the things that were cool when they were young are so “way out of this world,” but have you really thought about what has changed from when you were young? When we were children, the cartoons that were never missed were Strawberry Shortcake, the Carebears, My Little Pony, and the Smurfs. Today it is not strange to see Mighty Morphin Power Rangers or The Tick flashing on the television. The fun toys to play with were Cabbage Patch Kids, Pound Puppies, My Buddy and My Sisters, Garbage Kid Cards, Transformers, Tonka Trucks, Micro Machines, and Sand boxes. In these days we can buy dolls that wet their pants and action figure toys with little bitty parts.

When we started to grow up things changed dramatically. In these days we have all grown out of buying toys and watching cartoons, well most of us anyways. The toys don’t seem to be as fun to have and even coloring books have transformed from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to the Biker Mice from Mars theme.

Are these changes good for children or do they promote violence and hatred? Every Saturday morning there seems to be a new violent cartoon on the tube, with the hero trying to conquer the villain or trying to save the world. How do we get back to how the programs used to be on tv, or is it just a lost cause?

Senior Heather Smith, in 1985, age 6, rides her first horse, Poco. Heather went on to ride in 4-H events through junior high and high school.

Senior Brandee Peuker, age 3, talks on the telephone at her house in the year of 1981.

Birth Order

Have you ever wondered why your younger sisters and brothers always get on your nerves? The reason is not only do you see each other almost twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week, but you all may have clashing personalities. In most cases the birth order of siblings can make a huge difference on how you behave, organize, or even handle relationships.

First Born

The typical first borns are often serious. Life is real and life is earnest for the individual. He or she isn’t much for surprises and they prefer to know what’s happening and when. They thrive on being in control, on time and organized. Normally they grow up to become very conservative.
Our Favorite
Games  From the Past

Monopoly          Kick Ball
Hide & Go Seek    Candyland
Chutes and Ladders Freeze Tag

Changes in Time

☆ When we were younger there was not a computer in each room, or a room completely full of computers!

☆ When we were in grade school the high school kids always seemed so big. Now some of the junior high kids are bigger than the seniors!

☆ There are more young people involved in sports. Now there is nothing strange about seeing a third grader shooting three pointers!

☆ It seems that our little sisters and brothers get to go out and do things on the town before we even thought about getting to do it. You know it is pretty bad when you go to a Saturday night movie and everyone around you is five years younger!

There is no significant birth order at Midway High School. There are actually many large families and very few only children in a family. Many would think that because of the rural community that we live in, the “Old Folks” still believe in producing large families to help run the family farm.

The Middle Child

The middle child is most directly influenced by the first born. As the second born, this child enters the family with this life-style determined by his perception. He or she might be a pleaser or an antagonist. Or they might become a victim or a martyr. They also might become a manipulator or a controller.

Youngest Child

The youngest child in the family is typically the outgoing charmer, and the personable manipulator. They are also affectionate, uncompliable and sometimes a little absent-minded. Their approach to life gets laughs, smiles and acceptance. Without doubt they are different from their siblings.

JODI KNUDSON 23
Upper Left: Senior Jodi Knudson and junior Aaron Albers hang out at the science room door during homeroom.

Upper Right: Seniors Rochelle Jones, Brandee Peuker, Heather Smith, Jennifer Frump and Jennifer McNett sit in the gym before a basketball game.

Middle Left: Juniors Erica Scholz and Amy Albers wait to dress out for a basketball game.

Middle Right: Seniors Brandee Peuker and Jaclyn Chapman sign senior pictures.

Upper Left: **Jodi Knudson**, senior, looks over junior **Amy Albers'** layout she has drawn at a workshop that the Publications class attended in the month of September.

Upper Right: Junior **Patricia Clark**, senior **Sarah Perdue**, senior **Matthew Symns**, and junior **Jerry Pauly** are in awe over a tough scholar's bowl question at McLouth.

Middle Left: In April the National Honor Society held a community service project at the Colonial Manor in Wathena cleaning and landscaping the grounds. Sophomores **Crystal Becker** and **Amber Kuhnet** paint a flower barrel in front of the building.

Middle Right: Senior **Rochelle Jones** and junior **Melissa Thompson** play a pep band tune in Band class, taught by **Mrs. Cindy Graham**.

Left: Senior **Matthew Symns**, and STUCO vice-president, junior **Staci Wohletz** try to figure out the next step of putting together the new lockers for the high school locker rooms.
The National Honor Society Chapter at Midway continues to grow in membership and in ambition with the help of new sponsor, Mr. David Wehrle.

The induction ceremony for new members was on April 3. Current members were in charge of the ceremony. Inductees recited the pledge and signed their name into the NHS membership book. The induction was concluded with a reception of punch and cookies.

Spring flower planting was the topic of this year’s service project. On April 19, 13 of 17 members went to Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Wathena where they landscaped and planted flowers. With the help of Kathy Albers, the group worked extremely hard and the finished project was a big improvement. President Mark Albers thought the project was a good idea “I think it is really nice that all the kids got together and worked hard for a good cause.”
A band competition in Colorado was the goal for the band this year but even with many fund raisers they weren’t able to raise enough money to go.

But that didn’t stop the band from competing. This year they played in parades, a baseball game at Maur Hill, two programs, Regional and State competition, Worlds of Fun Band Day and Pep Band for most home football and basketball games.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Cindy Graham the band has improved from previous years. "They have learned to listen and play as a group, they listen for musical phrases and work together as a team," said Graham.

Choir, however, hasn’t been as fortunate. Due to scheduling problems, choir has struggled to be available. Choir members, also under the direction of Graham, are seniors David Roberts, Nathan Arnold, Sarah Perdue, Rochelle Jones and sophomores Anne Simpson, Megan Bingham and Celesta Monshower. They did get the chance to participate in two programs and Regional competition. Graham said that this year the class learned to sight read and how to sing parts and blend together.

Seniors Rochelle Jones, Sarah Perdue and sophomore Anne Simpson practice a song for competition.
The Midway Scholar’s Bowl team captured their first ever state medal by winning second place at this year’s State Championship on March 22, 1997, in Stafford, Kansas. The top sixteen teams out of the 96 class 1A schools in the state competed at the state tournament.

The Midway team placed second in regionals at Centralia on March 10, with B&B High School being the only team to beat Midway. All of the rounds in the State meet were close, with two wins decided by tiebreaker questions. Midway was defeated at State only by Bennington, who won the tournament. Bennington had a perfect season, losing only two rounds all year. Midway came within two questions of beating Bennington in the Championship round.

Together, the varsity and junior varsity teams competed in 20 tournaments, with the junior varsity winning a first and a third place finish, and the varsity team earning two first place medals, four second place medals, and two third place medals. Varsity team members included seniors Matthew Symns and Sarah Perdue, and juniors Jerry Pauly, Jason Bennett, and Patricia Clark.

The junior varsity team consisted of junior Angie Wright, sophomores Mindy Pauly, Tim Schmitt, Eve Wayman, Amanda Bevis, and Amy Halling. Midway’s team was once again coached by Mrs. Shirley Symns, who took the team to State two years previously. A dedicated coach, Symns was a driving force behind this year’s victories. Clark said her favorite meet was the Regionals, because “even though it was really strict competition, everyone helped each other out. We helped Highland, and Baileyville cheered us on.”
The Publications class kept very busy this year writing newspaper articles and creating this yearbook. Seniors Jodi Knudson and Katy Daugherty, and juniors Amy Albers, Jason Bennett, and Patricia Clark were the five students enrolled in the class.

Publications is taught by Mrs. Marla Taylor, who is also the junior/senior English teacher.

The Publications class reports on events of local interest, such as the results of games and meets, and field trips. They also write about special projects the elementary classes might be doing. Several stories this year have also come from the high school science classes, where the biology students have been cleaning up rivers and streams, and testing samples of water for pollution.

Clark said that she likes the class because “It gives you work experience, because you have to be disciplined, and get things done on time. You have to keep on task.”

Daugherty said she liked learning how a yearbook was made and how to put it together.

One of the best things this year was the new software, Pagemaker 6.0, that allowed the class to create the yearbook on the computer, and print out the pages as they actually would appear in the yearbook.

The class also went to St. Joe to a yearbook workshop. The class enjoyed the lecture because it gave them many pointers to consider when designing their yearbook pages. A professional artist present also helped to design the yearbook’s cover. The students were able to use the skills they learned to make this yearbook one of the best ever, and one of which to be proud.

Juniors Amy Albers and Patricia Clark work on the computer creating banners advertising the yearbook, and reminding students to get their orders in.
The Student Council plays an active role in students' lives at school. It organizes the Homecoming and Snowball dances, provide activities during Spirit Week, and gives the students of Midway a voice about what they want.

The officers for the Student Council this year were junior Jerry Pauly, president; junior Staci Wohletz, vice president; senior Sarah Perdue, secretary/treasurer. "Our major goal this year was to raise money for the Student Council," said Pauly. "The volleyball tournament was a big help."

Each year the Student Council undertakes a school improvement project. This year, with the help of some seniors, they put new lockers in the boys' and girls' locker rooms. "It was a necessary project. The girls needed more lockers, but the boys' [lockers] really stunk," said Perdue.

The Student Council also sponsored a community volleyball tournament that was held in November. "The volleyball tournament was a big success. It raised a lot of money for the Student Council," said Wohletz.

The Student Council sponsored a food drive in December. They asked teachers, students, and the community to donate food to help people in need in the community. In cooperation with the National Honor Society, the Student Council delivered the food on the last day of school before Christmas break. They also delivered fruit baskets to the retired teachers of Midway Schools.

Student Council Vice President Staci Wohletz busily works on the new lockers that the Student Council, with some help from the seniors, put up in the boys' and girls' locker rooms.
Top left: Senior Heather Smith gets ready to shoot the ball in a varsity basketball game against Dekalb.

Middle left: Sophomore Kylee Schuetz makes a move to pass a Jackson Heights runner at a cross country meet.

Bottom left: Sophomore Jarred Fuhrman takes time for a drink between quarters of the Bern football game.

Top right: Coach Jim Leatherman checks out his substitutes during a regionals basketball game against Highland.

Middle right: Freshman Jeff Falk and sophomore Doug Roberts share a snack before their next event.
Although the volleyball team wasn’t as successful as they had hoped, they managed to stick together to the end. The players have all had their good moments and good plays, and even though the scores were low, their spirits were high. The team might have learned that losing hurts but they have also discovered there is more to volleyball and winning isn’t everything.

• "This year in volleyball I learned how to play as a team," Katy Daughtery, senior. • "My most memorable moment was when the ball bounced off my head and went over," Erica Scholz, junior. • "My most memorable game was against Centralia. Our team was really pumped up against them," Amy Albers, junior. • "My most memorable moment was beating Dekalb at our (J.V) first game. I also improved my court smartness skills," Patricia Clark, junior. • "I had a lot of fun playing varsity and working together," Crystal Becker, sophomore. • "I felt that we played as a team and we got along pretty well. We also had a lot of fun," Jennifer Walsh, freshman.
Staci Wohletz, junior, Mindy Pauly and Heather Owens, sophomores, celebrate a victory after winning the first game of a match over the Troy Trojans.

Even though we didn’t win any games, we played well and stayed together. The team made it a great senior year for me.

Heather Smith, senior

Schedule

Dekalb
Midway Tri.
(Lansing, Highland)
Midway Tri.
(Maranatha, Troy)
Basehor Quad.
(IMAC, Basehor, Atchison)
Bern Tourn.
(Axtell, Dawson-Verdon, Bern)
Horton Tri.
(Marysville, Horton)
Highland Quad.
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Although the provisions of a winning team were low, the Eagle Football team went great distances with the help of determination and enthusiasm.

With a record of 5-4 the team was brought to a halt when they went head to head with two new teams in our district, Blue Valley and Lynn. Making too many mistakes held the Eagles back from having a chance in the State Playoffs.

"It was really hard losing to both Blue Valley and Lynn. We should have won both games if we were playing up to our potential. Everyone gave great effort, but our offense just didn’t click well enough. I can’t wait for a rematch next year," stated Jason Bennett, junior.

Coach Mark Martin stated, "We had a real good season this year. We saw improvement in every aspect of the field throughout the year. We also had a great group of kids, not only on the field, but in the halls and classroom as well."
The Eagle team congratulates David Roberts, senior, who plays half back and defensive back, after a touchdown rush. Roberts had a total of 219 receiving yards, 213 rushing yards, 315 yards for runbacks, and nine touchdowns.

Keith Peuker
Year: Senior
Number: 86
Position: Offensive End
Defensive End

After losing our starting quarterback to a knee injury, the remaining six seniors gave us strong leadership throughout the season. This was a fun and exciting year for the whole team.

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Record 5-4
The girls’ basketball team put forth a great effort which helped them improve from last year, but it wasn’t enough to end the season with a winning record. The girls were excited to have coach Jennifer Bottom, who returned after a year leave of absence, and new assistant coach Shelly Cluck.

The team’s ending record was 6-14, but Bottom said the final record is a bit deceiving. It doesn’t tell the story behind the games, like the effort given, early practices, competitiveness and closeness of games. “Throughout there was a lot of improvement individually and as a team, but we never put it together in a complete game,” Bottom stated.

Senior Heather Smith led the varsity team in scoring with 195 points for the season. Senior Jaclyn Chapman and freshman Becky Martin were leading rebounders with 114 rebounds each. The junior varsity top scorer was sophomore Mindy Pauly with 53 points for the season. Sophomore Heather Owens led the junior varsity in rebounding with 52.

Junior Erica Scholz was chosen to be a member of the all tournament team at the Bern Tournament. Martin was chosen to be on the Elwood Tournament all tournament team. Both players received medals for their performance. This season’s All-County team representatives were Smith and Martin.

Bottom feels confident for next year. “The seniors will be missed, but a lot of people returning have experience. Our future looks pretty bright, we’ll capitalize on learning from this year.”
Freshman Heather Frump, guard, jumps stops during a junior varsity game against Highland.

Jaclyn Chapman
Year: Senior
Position: Forward
Number: 22

The last three years of basketball were a lot of fun but my senior year everyone worked very hard together and was very dedicated to the team.

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Third row: Assistant Coach Shelly Cluck, Crystal Becker, Mindy Pauly, Tricia Boos, Heather Owens, Amber Kuhnert, manager Amanda Bevis, Coach Jennifer Bottom
Second row: Manager Jennifer McNett, Amy Albers, Brandee Peuker, Jaclyn Chapman, Heather Smith, Erica Scholz, manager Rochelle Jones
First row: Jennifer Walsh, Heather Frump, Jennifer Boos, Becky Martin
The Midway Eagle boy’s varsity basketball team finished the season with a 10-12 record, and the junior varsity squad played well, finishing with a 8-3 mark.

During the course of the season, the varsity team played very well, but had a lot of trouble handling pressure and didn’t always play with the intensity necessary for them to be successful. However, by the season’s end, the team was able to knock off the Highland Bluestreaks in the first round of the Regional games. They then traveled to Centralia, only to experience a very close, hard-fought defeat against the Panthers.

Coach Jim Leatherman said, “As a team, I think we improved significantly in different areas, including handling pressure. We ended the season playing our best.”

The players also felt like they improved throughout the season. Junior Aaron Albers said, “We had our ups and downs and we played the best at the end. It was a good learning experience for next year.”

Two players were named to the All-County Team. The first-team pick was sophomore Jarred Fuhrman, and senior David Roberts was named to the second team.
Senior David Roberts follows through on a free throw shot after being fouled by Highland.

Joseph Keys
Year: Senior
Number: 22
Position: Guard

I thought it was great to finally beat Highland in our third confrontation against them.

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Record: 10-12


Second Row: Manager Patricia Clark, Jason Bennett, Aaron Albers, David Roberts, Joseph Keys, Joey McConnaughey, and manager Matthew Symns.

First Row: Manager Jennifer Frump, Nathan Arnold, Jeffrey Falk, Justin Dunning, and Joe Hoffman.
The Midway boys and girls track teams competed this year in eight meets, placing in all of them. The year also produced more track members than in previous years, with 12 boys and 12 girls participating. The boys were once again coached by Mr. Jim Leatherman and the girls by Mr. Elden Ninemire. All of the members on the team showed improvement, with many personal records being broken and set at each meet.

Several of Midway’s athletes also competed in the Regional track meet to try to qualify for the State competition at Wichita. Although none qualified for state, some did place at Regionals. Doug Roberts, sophomore, placed fifth in the 400m dash and David Roberts, senior, placed fifth in the 800m run. The 1600m relay team consisting of David Roberts, Doug Roberts, and sophomore Josh Falk and senior Joe Keys placed sixth. Sophomore Amber Kuhnert also competed in the 800m run and freshman Becky Martin participated in both the 100m high hurdles and the 300m low hurdles. The Regional meet was on Friday, May 23, at Marysville.

Mr. Jim Leatherman gives out the next day’s track meet assignments as sophomore Amber Kuhnert, freshman Becky Martin, junior Jerry Pauly, sophomores Josh Falk and Jarred Fuhrman, and junior Aaron Albers gather around.

Becky Martin, freshman, clears one of the last hurdles in the 300m lows. Martin placed third in the event at this meet.

Joe Keys, senior, clears the bar in the high jump. Keys placed fifth in the event.
First Row: **Amanda Bevis, Katy Daugherty, and Heather Owens.** Second Row: **Coach Elden Ninemire, Jennifer Walsh, Becky Martin, Heather Frump, Lisa Collins, Tricia Boos, and managers Stephanie Bottiger and Jennifer Frump.** Third Row: **Melissa Helmstetter, Amber Kuhnert, Megan Bingham, and Anne Simpson.**

**Schedule 1996-97**

- Elwood Panther Relays
- Highland Quad.
- Wakefield Invitational
- Mid-Buchanan
- Doniphan County Meet (here)
- Centralia Invitational
- Midway Invitational
- Regionals at Marysville
- State Track Meet at Wichita

First Row: Manager **Mindy Pauly, Curtis Albers, Jarred Fuhrman, Joe Keys, Aaron Albers, David Roberts, and manager Jenny Boos.** Second Row: **Coach Jim Leatherman, Jeff Falk, Jason Bennett, Josh Falk, Ron Miner, Jerry Pauly, Ashley Stevens, Doug Roberts, and manager Tim Schmitt.**
Many students shy away from going out for cross country because they think it is all running. Senior David Roberts, Brandee Peuker, Katya Daugherty, sophomores Kylee Schuetz, Amber Kuhnert, and freshman Jeff Falk all thought differently.

The team had a lot of fun this year. Their favorite times were candy bar runs at practice and going out to dinner and shopping after the regional meet.

They did a lot of running though. They ran timed miles, ran down dirt roads, over bridges, through fields and cemeteries, and on the track. The team ran in the mornings and if not in the morning they ran after school.

Even the simplest things like crossing the finish line and finding out you beat your goal, said Schuetz, was a favorite part of the year. Even though they admit it was hard work, they still managed to laugh and have fun.

Left: Senior Brandee Peuker and sophomore Kylee Schuetz make a run for the finish line at the Troy cross country meet.
Cheerleaders do a lot more than just show up at a game and cheer; they have a lot of preparing to do first. They work hard to bring up the crowd and come up with new routines. Every year the cheerleaders go to camps to learn new cheers, routines, and make new friends. The cheerleaders, senior Sarah Perdue, junior Angie Wright, sophomore Nickie Carpenter, Mindy Pauly, and Amber Kuhnert, and freshman Melissa Helmstetter, also became closer as a team.

Before games the cheerleaders have pep rallies, which involve skits, routines, and sometimes the band plays. At the games they sometimes have a hard time getting the crowd peppe up. They usually try to use simple cheers that everyone in the crowd knows. Before the cheerleaders can pep up the crowd or do their cheers, they work hard to perfect these cheers in practice. They practice once a week with an aerobic warm up then practice new cheers, routines, and stunts. Even though cheering is hard work they enjoyed working together as a team.

The best part about being a cheerleader is being able to come together as a squad and work together as a team.

Sarah Perdue, senior
WORLD-CLASS TRAINING

We all love to watch games and see Midway athletes in top condition play their best, but rarely do we see how these athletes became the best around. Midway’s athletes were asked about their grueling practices, so we can see just how hard they work to be the best. We also had a little fun, and asked which drills they hate the most. Do you know how long one practices in a season compared to games? Read on, and find out!

David Roberts, senior, shoots the lay-up at the end of a three-man weave as junior Jeremy Blanton and sophomore Joe Hoffman run back to play defense.

Basketball

Boys’ Coach: Jim Leatherman
Hours practiced: 92 hours
Game time: 20 games of 32 min.
The basketball team sweat 8.6 hours in practice for every hour of game-time.

Girls’ Coach: Jennifer Bottom
Hours practiced: 80.5
Game time: 20 games of 32 min.
The girls ran through 7.6 hours of practice for every hour of game-time.

Cross Country

Coach: Jim Leatherman
Hours practiced: 48 hours
Competition time: 14 hours
The cross country team ran for over 3.4 hours for every hour they spent at a cross country meet.

Football

Coach: Mark Martin
Hours practiced: 126 hours
Game time: 9 games of 1 hour each
Football players tackled 14 hours of rain, snow, and Mr. Martin for each hour on the game field.

Volleyball

Coach: Marla Taylor
Hours practiced: 85.5
Game time: 38 games of 1 hour each
Volleyball players dug and spiked through 2.25 hours of practice for each hour playing.

Track

Coaches: Ninemire and Leatherman
Hours practiced: 58.5 hours
Competition time: 40 hours
The track team ran, jumped, and threw for 1.5 hours of practice for every hour they spent at a track meet.

Most Hated Exercises and Conditioning Drills

Football
1. 8-6-4-2’s (ten votes)
2. Up-downs (eight votes)
3. Roundabouts (three votes)

Volleyball
1. Power Drills (sixteen votes)
2. Stations (five votes)

Boy’s Basketball
1. Stations (eight votes)
2. ICE (seven votes)

Girl’s Basketball
1. Circuit Drills (six votes)
2. Timed sprints (five votes)
3. Yo-yo’s (four votes)

Boy’s Track
1. Bursts (five votes)
2. Timed 800’s (three votes)

Girl’s Track
1. Hills (seven votes)
2. Indian runs (two votes)

Cross Country
1. Cutdowns and 800’s

Aaron Albers, junior, sprints the third leg of the boys’ 4 x 100m relay. The other team members on the relay were Joe Keys, Josh Falk, and Doug Roberts.

Assistant coach Shelly Cluck watches from the background as Jaclyn Chapman, senior, takes a jump shot in the lane. Freshman Jennifer Walsh, sophomore Amber Kuhnert, and senior Brandee Petker look for a rebound.
Upper Left: Senior April Kuhnert reads to the elementary kids in her Parenting and Teaching Young Children class. The class, taught by Mrs. Roberts, read to children of various ages throughout the year.

Upper Right: Josh Folk, sophomore, writes a Spanish 1 geography paper during homeroom.

Middle Left: Amy Albers, Joe Keys, and Jennifer Walsh prepare for Mr. Ninemire’s Current Events class.

Middle Right: Ashley Stevens, sophomore, writes a report on the country of Columbia for Mr. Jones, the English/Spanish teacher.

Left: Junior Jerry Pauly looks at the bulletin board in Mr. Jim Leatherman’s room. Mr. Leatherman put up various brain-teasers throughout the year on the board for the students to figure out.

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MATHEMATICS

Math is an important part of any school's curriculum, but when you combine several great teachers with willing students, it can be fun and educational at the same time.

Mr. Jim Leatherman teaches Algebra I, Algebra II, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, and Geometry.

Mr. Delbert Larson, a first year teacher at Midway, teaches the Calculus class. Mr. Larson taught at Hiawatha High School before retiring and teaching part-time at Midway.

Jason Bennett, junior said, "Trigonometry is hard, but I like the challenge."

SCIENCE

Midway students have many science options.

Chemistry and Physics are taught by Mr. Delbert Larson, who came to Midway this year after teaching at Hiawatha.

Senior Heather Smith said "I like chemistry because it will help me get into nursing."

Mrs. Deanna Scherer teaches Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy and General Science.

Again this year, the Rivers and Streams team went to the Jordan Creek to clean and test the waters, and they also cleaned another dump site.

Sarah Perdue, senior, who takes Anatomy, said "It's very interesting to learn about the human body and I like the challenge."

COMPUTERS/BUSINESS

The computer classes are using some new software this year such as Windows 95, Southwestern Keyboarding, and a new accounting program, which enable the students and teachers to do a lot more on the computers.


Ms. Jennifer Bottom teaches Programming.

Junior Staci Wohletz, who is taking several of Mrs. Winchester's classes, said, "The new software we have this year is more advanced than in the past and it makes our jobs a lot easier and we have a lot more options to choose from."
The school's library is now hooked up to the Internet, and the French and Spanish classes took advantage of it, researching for various projects.

Mr. George Jones, Spanish I and II teacher, said that the internet has pros and cons. "I don't like it when you have to search through so much information, but when you do find it, you can bookmark it and talk to anyone around the world."

The classes also celebrated foreign language week, watching movies, making cookies and other foreign foods, and making piñatas.

The Spanish classes also periodically cook and make posters and maps.

French is taught by Ms. Cyndi Geisen.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Juniors Jerry Pauly and Melissa Thompson apply their Spanish skills by playing Scrabble with Mr. Jones.

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**LANGUAGE ARTS**

This year the freshman class read "Romeo and Juliet" and built a small replica of the Globe Theatre to get a real picture of how plays were put on back in Shakespeare's time. Mr. David Spangler taught the freshman.

Mr. George Jones teaches English II and Mrs. Marla Taylor teaches English III, IV, College English and Publications.

Jaclyn Chapman, senior, "I like taking College English because I'm getting my college credits over with while I'm in high school."

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

The social science classes keep busy researching, taking notes, and learning about things such as the world--past and present, the United States, and current events.


This year the American Government and Business Law classes took a trip to the Troy Courthouse to watch a trial and learn how they proceed. The seniors also participated in government day.

The juniors participated in social science state assessment tests, and other social science students performed community service, attended school board or other community board meetings, put lockers together, and painted the school's bleachers.
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Mrs. June Roberts is the teacher for the Family and Consumer Sciences. Students in Food Science study carbohydrates, proteins, and fats, and then do a food lab over the topics they are studying.

Junior Staci Wohletz said, "We study how substituting ingredients in a food can make it taste better and cook better."

In Parenting and Young Children, students learn how to become responsible parents. They make Play-Doh and kids toys, read books to the elementary classes, and care for a life-like baby. Senior Brandee Peuker said, "It is a good class, it helps you learn how to understand and care for children."

The other classes Mrs. Roberts teaches are Modern Foods, Clothing and Textiles, and Balancing Family and Work.

In Modern Foods, students learn to prepare a variety of dishes, including ones that are nutritious, yet easy to make. The Clothing and Textiles class make various articles of clothing throughout the year, with the students choosing what special projects to make.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/
HEALTH

Mr. Mark Martin teaches Advanced P.E., and Freshman P.E./Health.

In Advanced P.E., a class of four, the students play volleyball, basketball, ping-pong, and a multitude of other sports. They also lift weights, and play golf at a local golf course, and play racquetball at the YMCA in Atchison.

In Freshman P.E./Health, the students do much of the same activities and sports as the Advanced P.E. class does, but they also have a required semester of classroom work, where they study how the body works, the dangers of smoking, alcohol, and other drugs, and sex education.

Advanced P.E. student Katy Daugherty, senior, said, "I like getting to play all of the different kinds of sports."

Heather Smith, senior, who is also in Advanced P.E., said, "I like to play basketball. I also like to play against the guys, because Katy and I always win."

Daugherty also said, "It was great when we beat the guys in basketball and football."

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Mr. Mark Juhl is the Industrial Arts teacher at Midway. He teaches a variety of classes, like Home Maintenance, Mechanical and Architectural Drawing, Woods Technology, Welding, and Electronic Robotics and Power Mechanics.

Junior Chad Matthias said, "I like welding because any farm equipment or miscellaneous items that need welded together, you can just bring in. We also have projects that we work on."

The Electronics class made miniature bridges to compete in the Kansas Society of Engineers competition in Kansas City, and tested them by hanging weights from them.

The Home Maintenance class does many projects to help the school while learning at the same time. While completing a unit on heat efficiency, the class sealed and duct taped the classrooms' air conditioners, and they have also fixed locker room benches, and welded equipment for the weight room.

Sophomore Curtis Albers said, "You get more experience when you work with your hands."

Crystal Becker, sophomore, works diligently sewing in Clothing and Textiles.

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Events

Top left: Juniors Aaron Albers, Stephanie Bottiger, Patricia Clark and seniors Joe Keys and Mark Albers hung out in their 60's attire during Spirit Week.

Top right: Seniors Sarah Perdue and Jocelyn Chapman receive PTO Scholarships from Jane Walsh on Awards Night.

Left: Senior Bobby Owens anxiously waits to receive his diploma.

Above: Juniors Angie Wright, Aaron Albers and senior Jodi Knudson act out their parts in the school play, "Money to Burn."
I thought the guys had a little too much fun dressing like women and I thought that it was really funny when Jeff Falk and Jenny Boos traded dresses in the middle of math class.

- Amber Kuhnert

Left: Sophomore Jarred Fuhrman shows his Forrest Gump style on Dress like your Favorite Celebrity Day.

Below: Juniors Amy Albers and Erica Scholz and senior Jodi Knudson expose their 1980's fashion sense with big hair, pink and blue make-up, and big earrings on Hippie/1980's Day.

Above: Homecoming candidates Brandee Peuker, Joe Keys, Queen Sarah Perdue, King David Roberts, Heather Smith, and Mark Albers. The crown bearer was Paul Becker and the flower girl was Danielle Rush.
Juniors Break Senior's Winning Streak

Spirit week was a lot of fun this year because the seniors chose great dress up days such as Hippie/1980s day, Toga day, Dress like a Teacher Day, and Dress like your Favorite Celebrity Day for the upperclassmen. The Freshmen dress up days were Seniors Dress Freshmen Day, Freshmen Servant Day, Baby Day, and Dress like Batman or Pippi Longstocking. Both the upperclassmen and the freshmen dressed in red, white, and blue to show their school spirit on Friday.

During Spirit Week the student body participated in different activities to show school spirit. Some of the activities were decorating the hall and playing games after lunch. The junior class won the hall decorations with their theme "Little Barber Shop of Horrors." Junior Staci Wohletz said, "I can’t believe how well our class worked together on the decorations and how we finished with a totally different idea than what we started with."

The Homecoming football game put the Eagles battling the Bern Indians in which the Eagles won with a score of 30–8. The Homecoming crowning took place during half time of the game. The candidates were escorted onto the track by their parents. Seniors David Roberts and Sarah Perdue were crowned King and Queen.

A dance sponsored by the student council followed the game. The d.j. for the dance was once again Night Magic.

Above: Sophomores Amanda Bevis, Anne Simpson, and Mindy Pauly, and junior Patricia Clark dance to the tunes played by Night Magic.
After the crowning, the candidates were seated on the stage which was decorated with burgundy balloons and glittery banners by the cheerleaders.

Last year's queen Rochelle Jones crowned this year’s king, Mark Albers. The crown bearer was Christopher Dunning and the flower girl was Bethani Zeit.
The reason we now have junior and senior candidates instead of a representative from each class is because a lot of people felt the honor should be to the juniors and seniors and it also eliminated eligible freshman and sophomores for when they became a junior or senior.

- Elden Ninemire, student council advisor
Sophomore Eve Wayman calls the security guard to have him catch the thief, as junior Staci Wohletz and senior Jodi Knudson try to cover their lie about not having their rent money.

This year's play, "Money to Burn," came together a lot faster this year than in the past. We enjoyed rehearsals more and I think the audience enjoyed the plot and the humor involved.

-Staci Wohletz, Nancy Plunkett, junior

Top Right: "You've got to hide me," says junior Angie Wright, as she tries to wiggle out of the grasps of senior Jodi Knudson and junior Staci Wohletz, so she can hide from the unknown alleged killer.

Lower Right: Sophomore Anne Simpson measures the length of a piece of wallpaper for the set.
"Money to Burn", directed by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Graham was the play performed this year.

The setting was an apartment rented by three 20-year-old women from a batty old woman Mrs. Gosset played by sophomore Eve Wayman. When the three women are hard up for rent money, they go to any extent to make a few dollars. Anything from a horoscope service to a set up robbery to keep their funds in tact.

Then a mysterious woman slips them some bogus money and the plot unravels from there. They run into a nasty counterfeiter and a cabbage-head delicatessen owner. In the end they pay their rent but manage to get shut down by the Better Business Bureau.

Senior Sarah Perdue said, "I think that the crowd enjoyed the mystery of the plot and how well it was performed."

The cast consisted of senior Jodi Knudson as Gail Webster, senior Sarah Perdue as Tiger Murray, junior Staci Wohletz as Nancy Plunket, junior Angie Wright as Mrs. Frobisher, junior Jerry Pauly as Ray Harding, sophomore Eve Wayman as Mrs. Gosset, sophomore Anne Simpson as Mrs. Cassagrande, junior Aaron Albers as Horatio Purdy, senior David Roberts as the mysterious man and Officer Tagert, and senior Matthew Symns as Sergeant Michaelson, aka A.B. Barnes.

Top Left: Junior Jerry Pauly romantically proposes to senior Jodi Knudson. Her excuse not to marry him was that she had a pot roast in the oven.

Top Right: "Just get her in my strike zone!" Senior Sarah Perdue gives suggestions on how to get back at Mrs. Frobisher, junior Angie Wright, while junior Staci Wohletz asks if she could be the umpire.

Lower Right: Senior Jodi Knudson and junior Stephanie Bottiger try to resist the urge of a paint fight while painting part of the set.

"Nice Touch," says senior Sarah Perdue as the group is held at gun point by the unknown thief played by senior David Roberts.
My best times at Prom were reading the prophecies and listening to the wills because they were really funny and the dance was fun also because the d.j. got into it with us.

- Amy Albers
Juniors and Seniors escape for an evening

The junior class pulled together to make an extravagant “Private Escape” for the class of 1997.

The juniors started working on Prom in January of 1997 by choosing the theme “Private Escape.” The decorations consisted of a waterfall, a gazebo, and several trees. The class also created a gossamer stream which started at the waterfall and flowed throughout the tables. A decorative bridge crossed the stream as did two stone paths which allowed the attendees to cross without getting their feet wet.

The filet mignon for the meal was prepared by Steve Davis, while the tossed salad, twice baked potato, green beans, croissant rolls, and cheesecake were prepared by the junior class sponsors and parents.

The servers for the meal were sophomores Curtis Albers, Mindy Pauly, Josh Falk, Nickie Carpenter, Heather Owens, and Jarred Fuhrman.

The junior class took a risk this year by hiring a new d.j. for the dance. The d.j., Cain, from FX Unlimited and his assistant got the attendees involved in the dance by teaching a line dance and leading the students in the chicken dance and the hokey-pokey. The dance ended at midnight.

After the prom dinner and dance the juniors, seniors, and their dates went to the Atchison YMCA to have their after prom party. The party started at 1 a.m. with a scavenger hunt. The first five teams that completed the puzzle in the scavenger hunt received prizes. Junior Jason Bennett enjoyed the hunt because, "We used teamwork to look for the puzzle pieces and we got cool gummy worm watches."

After the scavenger hunt everyone ate pizza, and each person received $500 in fake money to gamble with.

After eating pizza everyone journeyed downstairs to gamble with their money on ring toss, five-card draw, mice races, craps, black jack, roulette and guts. At about 3:30 a.m. everyone would use what money they won or lost to buy items in an auction.

At the end of the night there was a hat drawing and the juniors and seniors received gifts. The senior names were drawn first and they chose from a wide variety of gifts. Some of the larger gifts were microwaves, televisions, VCRs, a small refrigerator, portable CD players, gift certificates and money.

Senior Jennifer Frump takes off with her Sanyo television that she won for a prize in the hat drawing.
The seniors chose to take an old-time picture, which is a tradition with many schools. They found this out when two other schools showed up ready to take theirs. The studio was crowded as the seniors tried to find their outfits and accessories.

Sneak is a great way to end your high school career as a senior. It gives each of us a time to relax after the long tiring school year and a nice reward for the many years we have put in here. I, along with many of the other seniors, really had a great time and will cherish all of the fond memories we made together on our senior trip, 1997.

-Jodi Knudson

Joseph Keys and Keith Peuker get ready for take-off in the rip cord sling-shot ride, which is located in Dogpatch and just one of the fun activities to do while on vacation.
Sneak Highlights

* Departure 6 a.m. May 15, and arrival at Kalfman Lodge, Osage Beach, Ozarks approximately 11 a.m.

* In the afternoon, the class rented a ski boat and a pontoon boat to go out on the lake. In the afternoon, David Roberts and Joe Keys played catch with a football and ended up breaking out a window. That evening the seniors went miniature golfing and go-kart riding.

* On May 16, the class had their old time picture taken and shopped. In the afternoon, six of the students rented wave runners. That evening the class went to see a music show and rode go-carts again.

* On Saturday, the class went shopping at the outlet mall and in the afternoon swam and sat around at the lodge. A group of the seniors rented ski boats and took them out to meet the rest of the vacationers at the Ozarks. That evening the seniors split, some went to a movie, others went to a strip called the Dogpatch to shop and the rest stayed at the lodge playing card games.

* On Sunday, May 18 the seniors and their sponsors, Jim Leatherman, Marla Taylor and Mark Martin, departed Osage Beach at 9 a.m. and returned home at approximately 2 p.m.

Left: Nathan Arnold tries to put on chaps at the old time photo shop. The class decided to go with the theme of cowboys and barmaids.

Right: Heather Smith shows off her brassiere which she will attempt to keep on during the duration of the picture.

Above: Sarah Perdue and sponsor Mark Martin get ready for the big race at the go-kart race track.

Left: Jaclyn Chapman and Jennifer McNett get ready to head out into the big waters of Ozark Lake on wave runners which were rented.
May 19, 1997

GRADUATION

"Have pride in how far you have come; have faith in how far you can go."


Sarah Perdue and Nathan Arnold sing a special musical selection, "I Will Always Love You", by Dolly Parton, for their families and classmates.

Top: Mark Albers and David Roberts open gifts from classmates before graduation. Bottom: Katy Daugherty marches in to "Pomp and Circumstance."
The senior class celebrates their graduation by moving their tassels.

I hope the seniors continue with all the plans they’ve made for furthering their education and finding employment. All of them have great potential.
Senior Sponsor, Marla Taylor

Top left: Salutatorian David Roberts tells about his memories during his speech.

Top right: Matt Symns and Heather Smith are wished good luck by juniors Amy Albers, Jerry Pauly, Erica Scholz and Stephanie Bottiger.

Bottom left: Mr. Leatherman congratulates Jennifer McNett on a job well done.

Left: Mr. McAfee and Ms. Watts shake hands with Nathan Arnold and Mark Albers in the receiving line.
AWARDS NIGHT

CLASSIAwardWinners:

Citizenship - Mindy Pauly
Leadership - Jerry Pauly
Attitude - David Roberts
Service - Heather Smith
Sportsmanship - Becky Martin
School Spirit - Nickie Carpenter
Most Improved - Jodi Knudson

SCHOLARSHIP Winners:

P.T.O. - Sarah Perdue
          Jaclyn Chapman

Jerry Baker - Rochelle Jones
            Mark Albers

Dp. Co. Chamber of Commerce -
            Mark Albers

Schroeder - David Roberts

Left: Most Improved finalist senior Katy Daugherty and winner Jodi Knudson congratulate each other. Senior Keith Peuker was also a finalist.

Below: Junior Joey McConaughey, senior Rochelle Jones, and juniors Jeremy Blanton and Melissa Thompson enjoy cookies and punch after the ceremony.

Above: CLASSI Award winners senior David Roberts, junior Jerry Pauly, senior Heather Smith, freshman Becky Martin, senior Jodi Knudson, and sophomores Nickie Carpenter and Mindy Pauly.
Santa visited school and handed out candy canes to these good girls.
Jaclyn,
I will always cherish your little girl years,
when we cuddled and played and shared many tears.
Some times weren’t perfect, and those I regret.
Please try to forgive me and try to forget.
All in all, we have shared a memorable past,
And to me that precious time went far too fast.
Our relationship has changed, but I can see how
you were my little girl then,
but my daughter now.
Love, Mom

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Here are the definitions of the words which are found on page 14.

1. a sentence containing all 26 letters of the alphabet
2. a small flute played with the nose
3. a crazy condition in which the victim makes up his own language
4. a mythical flying squirrel that flies so fast that no one has ever seen it
5. the tassle on a mortar board or graduate’s cap
David Roberts-
Congratulations for working so hard
these last 13 years.
We are so proud of you!
As you consider
the challenges of the future,
may Proverbs 3:5-6 be your guide.

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You've worked so hard to get
where you are today.
You're the best sister,
daughter, and friend
anyone could ever hope for.
We love you.
Good Luck!

Mom and Jennifer
The 1996-97 school year has definitely proved that Midway is In a World of Our Own. The busy year left behind many memories of Prom, football and basketball games and fun times with friends. Even though we are closing this year there are to be many more happy times spent at Midway-Denton. Good luck to everyone who has left our world and good luck to those who have yet to experience the great times...In a World of Our Own!