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MISSING
Within the last 46 years, 903 ambitious, young men and women have walked into the spotlight to receive diplomas. This year 21 more were added for a grand total of 924. A small number compared even to the graduating class sizes of some schools. This has no effect on diversity though. Midway students are not all one-in-the same; everyone is different and original. There are the funny, the serious, the loud, the quiet, the athletes, the artists, the bookworms, and so on. All are different, but it it takes all kinds to keep things interesting. Two-thousand four is our time, a time to shine—in the spotlight.
Teachers, friends, confidants—whatever you want to call them—they are the reason Midway has been successful the past 46 years. Without all of these people Midway students would not have been able to be as successful as they are. This year, many new faces appeared throughout the school: superintendent, principal, and several teachers. All of them did a great job adjusting and helping Midway's learning environment expand and become better. Although Midway is taking its “Final Bow” this year, it doesn’t mean students have to forget all of the teachers, secretaries, school board members and many others that have helped prepare the students for their bright futures ahead of them.

Midway’s School Board: Miriam Scholz, Mary Becker and Vicki Jones. Back: Doug Johnson, Al Fuhrman, Galen Weiland, Tom Halling.

Midway Schools secretaries: Jan Wohletz, DeeAnna Halling and Wendy Simmons.

Cinda Wright, Tina Helmstetter, and Linda Collins relax after serving students lunch.

Mr. Martin gets ready to play some hoop.

Mr. Larson stops for a picture before heading out.

Mrs. Gayden reads to freshmen English.

Faculty and Staff designed by Shelby Davis
Seniors
designed by Alena Cooney
The seniors of 2004, the last graduating class of Midway-Denton High School all seem to have bright futures in their midst. But this year unlike any other year these seniors are not the only ones leaving behind all of their beloved memories of Midway. The entire student body and faculty will also be saying goodbye. These seniors have the honor and privilege of saying that Midway really did save the best for last. Among these seniors there may be future diesel mechanics, college graduates, doctors, authors, or auto repairmen, and all will always treasure the memories and luxuries of dear old Midway High.

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

"Using animals to help disabled children." Robyn Hamilton

"I will have my own trucking line with my own pulling truck." Rick Hoffman

The seniors show school spirit during Homecoming.
Seniors...

Making our own rules!

Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Motto:

Some people succeed by what they know; some by what they do; and few by what they are.

Seniors designed by Felicia Rush
The juniors used to changes. During sixth grade, the class went from being labeled as elementary to joining the middle school. Next year, as seniors, they will be moving from Midway to a new school in Highland. So what is great about being the last junior class at Midway? "We're finally upperclassmen!" "We have a class cheer that the guys can actually spell!" "We get to go to prom." "We are able to go to Vo-Tech for the education we'll need for our careers." The reasons may vary, but most of them all agree that being a junior is great. They are happy to be caught in the act of enjoying their last year at Midway, but they're also excited about their futures.

**What is great about being a Midway Junior?**

"You know everyone and have lots of friends."

Jimmy Smith

"Since it's a small school, you know everyone and get a lot of one on one time with teachers."

Liz Ingram

The junior class gathers for a picture. Not Pictured: Jimmy Smith, Tiffany Freeman, Andy Purvis.

R.C. Compton and Andrew Massey duel on the Homecoming float.

Adam Herrs plays in the band during a pep rally.

Derek Kuhnert, Andrew Massey, and Stephanie Peters discuss American History.

Garett Miller gets comfy during band.

Andrew Massey, Jessica Johnson and Garett Miller yell the class cheer.

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In conquering yet another year of high school the sophomores left their mark all around the school. Whether it was in sports, band, the classroom, or hallways, they made sure that everything they did was new and unusual. Each one came up with interesting ways of getting into trouble, and sometimes they even got caught. They knew this was the last year they had to do concession stand work (or try to get out of it) and they looked forward to getting their class rings and letter jackets.

"I can't pick just one thing I will miss, because I will miss everything about Midway." 
Kimberly Fuhrman

"The lockers, the food, the rooms, the teachers...but when you put them all together, it's just one big reason why there will never be a better school than Midway." 
Wendy Hamilton

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Go Midway Eagles!
The freshmen ride on their float, driven by Mr. Spangler, in the homecoming parade.
Another year began as another group of unsuspecting freshmen were initiated into the ways of Eagle life. Midway is different from other, bigger schools in the fact that going from junior high to high school consists of leaving one hall and moving into another—you still see the same faces and places. Now, though, it is time to become part of the activities, traditions, and spirit of this wonderful high school that we share. Freshman year is the Opening Act into the years ahead. A time to enjoy all of the new experiences and make memories to last through the senior year. This year, however, marked the beginning of the end of an Eagle future for this group of 2007 graduates.

What is the best & worst thing about being a freshman?

There are no good things about being a freshman: the seniors eat all the food.
Mike Emons

Getting to play sports and the seniors get to dress you up during spirit week.
Jill Peters

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."
—John F. Kennedy
Midway students... are taking it to the limit every day. They just want to have a little fun and freedom. This is really what school is about—socializing, laughing with friends, and just going all out to be goofy and have a good time! Midway students show how they can let loose and be themselves.
In the following pages you will find things that made up our lives in 2003-2004. School took up a good part of it, but what went in other parts of our lives is what spiced things up. What we watched played a big part, maybe larger than all the others. Movies and TV shows added new phrases to our dialogue. Fashions, that we might plead temporary insanity to years from now, were another aspect of our lives. Crazy fads made up big pieces of our thoughts and jokes. All of these and more played roles in our lives so take a look and remember your last days at Midway.
Who's Who
Among Midway Students?

Class Clown
Sophomores
Kamron Winchester
and Eric Walsh
Freshman Alex Autem
Junior Daniel Kuhnert
Senior Aaron Helmstetter

Dare to Be Different
Sophomore Wendy Hamilton
Freshman Alex Autem
Junior Jessica Johnson
Senior Brandi Forney

Biggest Computer Nerd
Sophomore Kamron Winchester
Freshmen Alex Autem
and Terry Crossland
Junior Andrew Massey
Senior David Scholz

Best Hair
Sophomore Kimberly Fuhrman
Freshmen Tiffany McNett
and Camilla Sellers
Junior Brad Clark
Senior Alena Cooney

Student Life
designed by Alena Cooney & Brandi Forney
Freshmen Tiffany McNett and Camille Sellers

Sophomore Kimberly Fuhrman

Junior Melissa Boos

Senior Robyn Hamilton

Sophomore Kimberly Fuhrman

Junior Lisa Handke

Senior Brandi Forney

Freshman Susan Boos

Sophomore Eric Walsh

Junior Garett Miller

Senior Amber Harvey

Freshman Jill Peters

Sophomore John Burke

Junior Andy Purvis

Senior Brandon Boos

Freshman T. J. Siard

Sophomore Kelsey Wohletz

Junior Adam Herrs

Senior Nick Hammersmith

Student Life
designed by Alena Cooney & Brandi Forney
Act Like You Love Each Other

Family Tree
Of the graduates who have passed through Midway since its beginning in 1958, many have decided to raise their own children in Eagle territory.

"My mom graduated from Midway in 1976."
-Andrea Kuhnert, Junior

"My dad graduated in Midway's Class of 1977."
-Garett Miller, Junior

Let's face it, you can't choose your family members, and, like it or not, you're stuck with them. You might be pretty similar to your family, or you might be as different from them as night and day. Whether you can live without them or not, sometimes you just have to act like you love each other.

Having a sibling in the same high school as you can either be really nice or really annoying, and may lead to cases of Sibling Rivalry

Leigh Massey with big brother Andrew.

Robyn Hamilton with little sis Wendy.

Brandi Forney with younger brother Colt.

Sarah Handke with twin sister Lisa.

Shiloh Davis with little sister Shelby.

Eric Walsh with big brother Jacob.

Stephanie Peters with little sister Jill.

Student Life
designed by Sarah Handke

Family Affair
Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you just can't escape family!

Jessica Johnson stands with her mother, Donita Johnson, the school nurse.

Aaron Helmstetter with his mother, Tina Helmstetter, one of the school cooks.

Ryan Halling with his mother, DeAnna Halling, the high school secretary.

Matt Collins with his mother, Linda Collins, one of the school cooks.

Kamron Winchester with his mother, Vicki Winchester, the computers teacher.

Kelsey Wohletz with her mother, Jan Wohletz, the clerk of the school board.
Old yearbooks show that students usually go along with the trends of the time and that’s no different today. Types of clothing they go for hasn’t changed much really—it’s just the style. Jeans are always a favorite. One of the popular name brands of jeans has always been Levis, which has changed from button fly to zipper fly and high waist band to ultra low waist band. The legs have been straight, tapered, bell-bottom, and flared. Popular with today’s students are big & baggy, low rise waistband, wide legs or flares, or tight-fitting Wranglers for some. Some styles are forbidden by the student handbook, but there are always those students who push the limits. Some girls try to get by with the ultra low jeans, shorts, or pants that show off their underwear, and some guys try to get by wearing big baggy jeans that rest on their hips and show off their underwear. Someday, today’s teens may look back and wonder what they were thinking, but for today it’s all in the name of style.

Your purrfect hair style?

Shiloh Davis
Long and straight

Kelsey Wohlertz
Short and flipped up and out

Garret T Miller
Long, curly, and tousled

Alena Cooney
Long and pulled up in a messy ponytail

Rick Hoffman
Short, straight, coubed flat
Midway Students
In Reality

Find a bride. Meet Mr. Right. Form alliances and win a million. Get a modeling contract...all on national TV! Reality shows are taking over the airwaves! Network & Cable Television companies are battling it out to come up with the most outrageous reality shows that turn all ages of viewers into addicts. We asked the Midway Students to choose who they thought would be good candidates for some of the most popular reality shows of 2003-2004.

The Bachelor & The Bachelorette

The Bachelor and The Bachelorette are two series about a single man or woman trying to find the right match. They start off with 25 men or women, and they give a rose to the women or men who they want to stay. The last rose is given to the future husband or wife.

American Idol

Jessica Johnson, Alex Autem, and Kelsey Wohletz

American Idol is a reality show in which people compete to become the next singing sensation. They must first try out and meet the approval of judges Paula Abdul, Randy (Dog) Jackson, and the oh-so-cruel Simon Cowell. The ones that actually make it go to Hollywood and compete for several weeks and only get to stay by getting America's vote.

Survivor

Andrew Massey, Brad Clark, and Jacob Walsh

Survivor has been a hit show since its premier in 2000. Average Americans live together in locations such as Africa, Australia, Thailand, and remote islands without access to pure water, toothpaste, food, soap, and other "necessities." The contestants form two tribes, forge alliances, and compete in games to outwit, outplay, and outlast or be the next one voted off. The last one standing receives a million dollars.

Top Model

Alena Cooney, Cortney Thompson, and Brandi Forney

The famous actress and model Tyra Banks put this show together. She starts with several girls and they model for several different kinds of ads and magazines. Then Tyra, along with a panel of judges, votes them off one by one. The winner receives money and a modeling contract.
What is Terra up to?
a. Doing some Yoga
b. Starting a new dance craze
c. Bumping a loose ball back over the net

answer: c

What is Andrew doing?
a. Doing an Elvis impersonation
b. Burping
c. Saying "Wazza UP"

answer: b

What in the world is Jacob doing?
a. Taking a jumpshot
b. Sticking his tongue out at the competition
c. Starting to lift off and fly away

answer: a

Now what are these two up to?
a. Melissa is trying to choke Daniel
b. The two are just goofing off in some free time
c. Daniel and Melissa are getting ready to dance

answer: b

Breaking News
- Arnold Schwarzenegger wins governor of California
- War is declared on Iraq
  - Saddam Hussien Captured
  - People killed by the flu epidemic
- Martha Stewart on trial for fraud on the Stock Market
  - Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson put on a revealing superbowl show
- Singer Johnny Cash and Actors John Ritter and Bob Hope died
- John Kerry (Dem) ran against George W. Bush (Rep.) for President

Student Life
designed by Jessica Johnson & Shelby Davis
Tattoos & Body Piercings

Jacob Walsh shows off the new tattoo he has on his wrist.

No pain No Gain

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Alena Cooney shows her belly button ring.

Brandon Boos shows off the tattoo of barbed wire around his arm.

Brandi Forney shows her six different piercings in her right ear.

“What are people saying about tattoos and body piercings?”

“People with them have a high pain tolerance! They can be scary when they have scary tattoos all over their body, but a couple of ‘em [that aren’t scary] is cool!”

“They are fine but it’s quite expensive to get one for no reason though.”

Eminem shows off his tattoos regularly by wearing tank tops.

Mike Tyson shows off his tattoo while wrestling with a tiger.

Angieina Jolie shown with the name of her ex-husband Billy Bob tattooed on her left arm.

“Tats are for people to express themselves. More power to ‘em.”

Pictures from tattoo.black.henne.free.fr/english/celebre.html

Don’t have a piercing

50%

Don’t want more than one piercing

34%

Want more than one piercing

46%

Have a Piercing

40%

That’s a HOLE bunch!

Student Life Division
Designed by Felicia Rush
Life in a small school sometimes is centered around athletics, but Midway students also excelled in their group participation. Whether it was in the band, National Honor Society, Publications Class, Student Council, Scholars' Bowl, or Northeast Kansas Technical College the students in those groups were bound and determined to put forth their best project and performance, and to develop other talents. These groups also gave students a chance to spend time with those that were not in their regular friendship circle and to know others. Many of the groups were service-oriented and those were good experiences for all involved.
Mr. Honish tunes the band.


Leigh Massey and Wendy Hamilton play during a pep rally.

Sarah Christopher and Camille Sellers listen to one of Mr. Honish's soap box speeches.

Adam Herrs, Andrew Massey and John Burke play during a pep rally.

The high school band has had a great year of performances: getting the crowd on their feet at the pep rallies, providing music for the games, and putting on concerts in the winter and spring. The last performance for the Midway band was a concert on May 5, which included a wonderful array of concert pieces highlighted by one last rendition of "The Mighty Eagles."

Alumni band members were invited to participate.

Caleb Jeffrey joined the band during the last semester and plays the timpani.

Garett Miller gets his sax reed ready to go at the beginning of class.

David Scholz studies his music intently.
Leading Role Models

National Honor Society members proudly serve their school and their community.

Brandi Forney models the orange vest members must wear during trash clean-ups.

Andrew Massey, Alena Cooney, and David Scholz clean up the side of the road during the fall trash pick up.

Shiloh Davis and Robyn Hamilton search for trash during the fall cleanup.

Back: Robyn Hamilton, Felicia Rush, President Natalie Tharp, Secretary Shiloh Davis, David Scholz, Vice President Alena Cooney, Stacey Halling, Brandi Forney, Front: Sarah Handke, Jessica Johnson, Kimberly Fuhrman, Wendy Hamilton, Leigh Massey, Cortney Thompson, Kamron Winchester, Andrew Massey, Lisa Handke

"I liked being the NHS sponsor because it was nice to work with a group of committed, dedicated students."
-Mrs. Scherer, sponsor

National Honor Society

"It was funny watching the new members try to recite the pledge at the induction ceremony."
- Lisa Handke

What is a memory you have of NHS from 2003-2004?

"It was cool being the President this year, getting to help make important decisions about the group."
-Natalie Tharp

Below: Vice President Alena Cooney speaks to inductees Kimberly Fuhrman, Wendy Hamilton, Leigh Massey, Cortney Thompson, and Kamron Winchester at the induction ceremony.
Mrs. Taylor, the Publications teacher, takes a picture with her new baby, Jaiden who was born on Feb. 10, 2004.

Back: Jessica Johnson. Middle: Amber Harvey, Brandi Forney, Felicia Rush. Front: Sarah Handke, Alena Cooney, Shelby Davis.

Publications

Right center: Jessica Johnson shows the Publications class how she plans to do her page for the yearbook.

Brandi Forney enjoys getting carnations ready to deliver for Valentine’s Day.

Shelby Davis delivers a carnation to her sister, Shiloh Davis, for Valentine’s Day.

The Publications Class of had a lot of expectations placed on them, with this being the last yearbook of Midway High School. They tried to incorporate the history of the school while still covering this school year. Staff worked hard at taking pictures at sporting events, school activities, and writing stories for The Kansas Chief Newspaper.

Sarah Handke works hard at figuring out how she is going to design her page.

Alena Cooney pins up surveys for her Student Life page.

Felicia Rush works on cropping basketball pictures.
STUCO Representatives from each class come together and talk about what the needs and wants are for the student body. Midway's STUCO did a lot of work this past year. They gave faculty and staff gifts for Recognize Faculty and Staff Week. As usual they sponsored the Homecoming dance in October. For something new, members sold Subway stamp cards to help raise money for a dance on April 16. The new sponsor this year was the new principal Deborah Strong.

STUCO Members: Top - Sarah Christopher, Natalie Tharp, Melissa Boos, Alena Cooney; Middle - Brandi Forney, Jill Peters, Camille Sellers, Deborah Strong; Bottom - Daniel Kuhnert and Shelby Davis

The best part about being STUCO
Sponsor is getting to work with Midway High School students.
-Mrs. Strong, sponsor

“Decorating the Christmas tree for the high school hallway!”
-Alena Cooney

What was the best part of being in STUCO?

“I get to give my opinion to help make a difference in our school.”
-Camille Sellers

Sarah Christopher and Shelby Davis plan the spring dance.
Melissa Boos fills the juice machine.
Daniel Kuhnert and Jill Peters restock pop for thirsty kids.

Daniel Kuhnert and Melissa Boos try to figure out the tinsel.

Student Council designed by Shelby Davis
The seniors of Midway's Scholars' Bowl team enjoyed their last season. Natalie Tharp has been heard to say: "Even though we didn't get first place in any of our meets, we did do very well. There were a lot of games that were either won or lost by only one question. Overall it was a fun year!" Shiloh Davis commented, "We did really well this year, even though our team was small. We didn't go as far as we wanted, but we did just fine all the same."

The season would've been a really good one if we had gone farther in the tournaments we participated in.

/~Andrew Massey

Hey, I'm not in this because of my smarts; I'm just here for the sports questions.

/~R.C. Compton

This was my first and last year on the Midway's Scholars' Bowl team! I had some good times while it lasted anyway!

/~Jessica Johnson
Look what we've done!

For students attending Northeast Kansas Technical College, every day is a big responsibility and challenge. They put their newly-learned skills to use by working on vehicles, backhoes, tractors, grain trucks, and semis brought in to the college. They go on the job to wire houses and businesses and even do welding for customers. Daniel Kuhnert is in electrical, Brian Collins, Rick Hoffman, and DJ Becker are in Diesel. Jacob Walsh, Aaron Helmstetter, Matt Collins, and Ryan Halling are in Autobody. Jimmy Smith is in Welding.


"The best part about going to vo-tech is getting to meet a lot of other people and you get to do other things that you don't get to do in high school."

Aaron Helmstetter

"Getting the chance to meet new people and show off my skills."

~DJ Becker

What is the best part of being in Vo-Tech?

"Getting to be out of Midway and meeting new people."

~Ryan Halling
Midway students... proved that no two people are the same. You have the brainiacs, the jocks, the quiet, the loud, the shy, and the outgoing all mixed into one crazy group of students. This has paved the way for loads of laughter and fun. Although our time together is through, we will always remember the things we have experienced, all the amazing friends we have made, and the life lessons we have learned in the spotlight at Midway High School.
Eagle sports had its ups and downs, but the dedication involved remained constant. The tradition of hard work and the “fight to the death” attitude prevailed still. After this year, no longer will news of the Eagles grace the sports page in the paper or be heard over the airwaves of the local radio stations-- a reason to make this the best year yet. The accomplishments of this year and the previous years will be replayed in the minds of those involved in order to keep the Eagle legacy of sports alive for years to come.
The Midway Cross Country team this year was small but mighty. Andrew Massey and Shelby Davis, both juniors were the only two participants out for cross country this year. This year they shared Highland’s coach, Angie Eberly, and participated on Highland’s team at the regular meets. The season was full of afternoon drives to Highland, hard practices, meeting goals in meets and finding self success at the end of the season. Though, the small number of the team didn’t make them have small goals. The runners had some of their best times this year and placed well at all of the races. They also met many individual and team goals.

"Some people run races to see who is the fastest, we run to see who has the most guts."

“I feel this year was successful because we had a good coach who helped develop our running abilities. I’m looking forward to next year’s season.”

Andrew Massey

The cross country team got special permission to take a picture on Superintendent Steve Adams’ Harley Davidson.
Red, White and Blue are not only Midway’s colors, they were the colors that the cheerleaders wore in their uniform to represent and stay “true blue” to their teams. Partway through the season, the cheerleaders had to adjust to a change in squad members, but they were still able to yell for the “red, white and true blue” of our teams. The cheerleaders’ main goal this year was to get student and crowd participation back into pep rallies and cheering at the games. The most popular pep rally game was the partners group activity in which students had to listen to directions to follow with their partner. If you were to ask any of the cheerleaders they would say that they made their goal of more crowd and student participation. By the end of the basketball season everyone was red, white and true blue.

“The best part of cheerleading had to be the rides to and from the games!”
~Freshman Susan Boos

“Cheerleaders preformed their dance to “Wild, Wild West.” for a pep rally.”

Seniors Felicia Rush and Shiloh Davis cheer at a home game.

Cheerleaders stretch before a game.

Juniors Shelby Davis, Sarah Handke, and Melissa Boos get the students cheering at a pep rally.

MHS cheerleaders show off their skills at a pep rally.

Back: Melissa Boos and Susan Boos, Middle: Shiloh Davis and Felicia Rush, Front: Shelby Davis and Sarah Handke.

Cheerleading designed by Shelby Davis
This season, like any season in sports was filled with ups and downs, wins and losses. What makes it stand out from any other is the fact that it was the last time that the Midway Eagles took the court. The Eagles have had a good history of volleyball since it started. They have been substate champions four times, and they placed third in state once. Elden Ninemire introduced volleyball to Midway and he coached for 14 consecutive years, took a two year break, and then coached three more. In between and following Ninemire were four other coaches. After 30 years, it's sad to see a good thing go. Next year will be new coaches and teammates, and well, pretty much new everything. This year was filled with new experiences with old friends, secret sisters, getting hit in the face at practice, joking around together, spitting on the floor, you know, all that good stuff. Sophomore Terra Weiland had an enjoyable season. "When times got tough we all fought through and did our jobs. We all wanted this year to be the best and I think we accomplished our goal." This year's volleyball team was proud to be from Midway as they Spiked it down one last time.

"I really enjoyed volleyball this year. It was a little hard fitting in as a freshman, but it all turned out okay."

Jillian Peters

SHILOH DAVIS
Senior
"I was proud to be a part of the last year of Midway volleyball, and to have such a great team to share it with."

TERRA WEILAND
Sophomore
"No matter what the final outcome of the season, we all played with our hearts and showed our opponents what we were made of."

Volleyball
designed by Jessica Johnson

SARAH HANDKE
Junior
"Since it was the last year for Midway, it's sad that we couldn't go farther. We had some rough spots but I think the season got better as it went on."
The tradition of Midway volleyball has been continued since 1974.

In 1980, the Lady Eagles became volleyball state champs.

The Eagles went back the next year and received third in State.

In 1982, the Eagles once again became state champions.

Elden Ninemire was the first coach for Midway Volleyball.

In 2000, the Eagles were state champs.

Cortney Thompson stuffs the St. Joe Christian spike back at them.

The varsity team gets in block coverage as Kim Fuhrman spikes the ball down.

Alena Cooney sets the ball up for Natalie Tharp.

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Volleyball
designed by Jessica Johnson
Midway High School sported a football team since 1959 and in those 46 seasons they won 9 state championships and still do hold many state records in 8-Man play. In the fall on Friday nights, local fans always looked forward to watching the Eagles take the field. 2003 marked the end of this era. Coach Mark Martin, head coach since 1986, fondly remembers all the good players that came through and all the memories of putting on those Eagle helmets and doing a lot of good things over the years: a state record of 5 consecutive crowns; a state record of 26 consecutive playoff wins (a state record by seven); and 738 total points scored by the 1982 team (another state record).

He was quoted in the *Topeka-Capital Journal* article "Midway-Denton End of an Era" (10/30/03) as saying "We've had quite a run. We've had great athletes...they've been hard-working kids of high character and intelligence." This final season for Eagle football was rough, pulling through with only two wins. Martin said, "The season was bittersweet and the guys always played hard and did their best."

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**Coach Mark Martin**

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**NICK HAMMERSMITH**

Senior

"The season started out okay, but towards the end we improved greatly."

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**MATT COLLINS**

Senior

"The team played well and as a team after we made some adjustments and got things together."

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**BRANDON BOOS**

Senior

"The season didn't turn out as well as we would have hoped but it was fun to play football for Midway one last time."
Matt Collins blocks for Jacob Walsh to carry the ball.

The starting line-up runs back to the sideline to begin the game.


Score Card

US  THEM
N. Andrew 14  62
Dekalb 22  48
Axtell 0  48
St. Marys 6  49
Hanover 18  54
Kickapoo 50  0
Cair Paravel 40  32
Highland 30  34
Bern 6  54

Wins: 2  Losses: 7

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Football designed by Amber Harvey
This Midway Girls’ basketball season was truly one to be remembered. From the wins to the losses, to the singing on the bus, to the friendships formed. But what makes this one more special and memorable than all the rest is that this was the last time these girls put on a Midway Eagles uniform. Throughout the years at Midway, there have been a number of accolades awarded to the Lady Eagles. In 1982 they made their first sub-state appearance and received second place. In 1989 they returned again and received third place and captured the Sportsmanship Award. The next year they returned to become the state champions. Jim Leatherman was the first coach of the Lady Eagles and introduced them to the game in 1974. He coached for 15 years straight then handed the reins over to Gary Smith who led the girls to their state titles. He coached from 1989-1992. Coach Jennifer Bottom took his place and has been coaching here ever since. When asked to comment on her coaching career at Midway she replied, “There’s nothing I would rather be doing than coaching girls basketball at Midway. I feel truly blessed to have had contact with and develop relationships with the number of players over the past thirteen years.”

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Coach Jennifer Bottom

TERRA WEILAND
Sophomore

“This basketball season was by far the most fun for me. We all came together as a team and had a ton of fun. Too bad it had to end.”

SHILOH DAVIS
Senior

“Basketball season was great this year. I enjoyed being a leader on the team, and I will miss it next year.”

JILL PETERS
Freshman

“Basketball was really hard, especially being the only freshman out for it. but it was a lot of fun.”
The tradition of Midway Girls' basketball ball has continued since 1974.

* In 1982, the Lady Eagles received 2nd in Sub-State.
* In 1989 the Lady Eagles got 3rd in Sub-State and also received the Sportsmanship Award.

The Lady Eagles returned the next year and became the State Champions.

* Jim Leatherman was the first coach for Midway Girls' Basketball from 1974-1988.

### Wins: 7

Cair Paravel 33-24
Axtell 25-45
Bern 30-64
Bishop Seabury 38-23
Troy 33-59
DeKalb 45-60
Troy 38-60
Highland 28-43
Elwood 47-35
Polo 37-31
Highland 18-34
Watena 29-45
Elwood 39-23
Kickapoo Forfeiture
Bishop Seabury 57-24
Jackson Heights 27-66
Wetmore 23-50
Elwood (regionals) 33-35

### Losses: 11

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The Senior Squad.
Shiloh Davis, Natalie Tharp, Coach Bottom, Alena Cooney, and Stacey Halling.
This season will be a year to always remember. The varsity team played well at times and then had some bumps in the road and setbacks along the way, as they adjusted to new coaches Mark Carter and Buddy Collins and to different starting lineups. No matter how the season ended, the players were a little sad knowing that it was the end of an era of Midway boys' basketball. "The season went as well as expected. We had some good games; however, by the end of the season talent level was not as good as in the beginning of the season. Overall I was very pleased with the boys and with the season," said Coach Carter. In recent years the team had some exceptional seasons under coach Jim Leatherman during many of them. In 1993 they made the first sub-state appearance for boys' basketball since 1978 and lost to Frankfort in the finals. In 1998 they were once again sub-state runners-up. Then in 1999 the boys were state qualifiers, being the only Midway boys' team to make it to the state tournament. The Eagles also made it to sub-state in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

"The season went well, but it hurt us to have so many different coaches over the years."
Nick Hammersmith, Senior

David Scholz
Senior
"I think we had a great year despite all the distractions we had. We had a pretty good team this year and I will miss not being able to play another year."

Kamron Winchester
Sophomore
"I don't think we had a very good year. I still wish we had coach Hoffman back, because we probably would have gone back to sub-state this year."

Alex Autem
Freshmen
"I think we could have done better, but overall I think we did okay."
Front: T.J. Siard, Andy Purvis, Andrew Massey, John Burke.
Middle: David Scholz, Aaron Helmsstetter, Brandon Boos, Jacob Walsh, Nick Hammersmith.

The boys listen to Coach Carter give a pep talk during a time out in the Troy game.

**Score Card**

- Cair Paravel: Loss
- Axtell: Loss
- Bern: Loss
- Wetmore: Win
- KSD: Win
- Bishop Seabury: Win
- Troy: Loss
- Dekalb: Loss
- Troy: Loss
- St. Joe Christian: Loss
- St. Joe Christian: Win
- Wathena: Win
- Elwood: Loss
- Highland: Win
- Wathena: Loss
- Elwood: Win
- Bishop Seabury: Win
- Jackson Heights: Loss
- St. Mary’s: Loss
- Wetmore (regionals): Loss

**Wins: 8**

**Losses: 12**

**Honor**

- All County: B. Boos 1st team.
- D. Scholz 2nd team.
- All Toum. team at Elwood:
- N. Hammersmith
- D. Scholz
- B. Boos

**Boys’ Basketball**

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**Facts & Trivia**

- The first win for newly formed MHS was 63-50 over Wathena. Home games were still played at Severance until the gym was completed.
- In 1974 Midway defeated Horton to become K36 league champs.
- The only state appearance was in 1999 under coach Jim Leatherman.
- The first win at home in the brand new gym was 101-52 over Elwood.
- Brandon Winchester '03 is the overall leading scorer for boys' BB. Jarred Fuhrman '99 is 2nd.
- When the boys won the FB state championships, they often had 1 practice before the 1st BB game.

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Nick Hammersmith lays the ball into the basket.

The senior boys with assistant coach Buddy Collins.

Jacob Walsh goes up for the jump ball at the start of the Troy game.
This track season was filled with many new experiences: a new coach, new teammates, and new rules to name a few. But the track team worked hard and stuck to this saying printed on the back of their shirts: “We bust ours to kick yours!” “This track season was a new and interesting experience for me,” said Midway’s one and only track coach this season Sabrina Handke, “but it will be one that I will never forget.”

The history of track at Midway includes a variety of regional championships and a few places at state. Some of the current record holders at Midway are parents, aunts, uncles, brothers or sisters of some of the students that attended school here this year. Jim Leatherman coached Midway track for a total of 30 years while Elden Ninemire coached for about 15 years. Schroeder Field is a place where many memories have taken place for many years. But as we draw close to this year we realize that there will be no more Midway track uniform and no more Midway track records to be set. It makes a few sad, but next year we will be “Runnin’ Wild” again and will always keep our Eagle pride in our hearts.

“This track season was a new and interesting experience for me, but it will be one that I will never forget.”

Coach Sabrina Handke

SHELBY DAVIS
Junior
“Track season was a lot of fun. We did well as there were many team and individual goals met.”

JOHN BURKE
Sophomore
“Track season was interesting for only having one coach, but it was very fun and I will miss those times.”

TERRY CROSSLAND
Freshman
“I thought that the track season was good. Everyone did fairly well but more people should have gone out.”
Kim Fuhrman hands off to Alena Cooney in the 4X200 meter relay.

The track team takes a break under the tent from the sun.

Eric Walsh clears the bar during high jump.

Terra Weiland takes some time out at a track meet to play with her little sister Breanna.

Daniel Kuhnert looks to see how far he threw the shot put.

**Facts & Trivia**

- The Midway boys track team won the Regional Champions title a total of seven years.
- In the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 the Midway boys' track team placed at state.
- Jim Leatherman coached track for 30 years at Midway.
- Angela Boos '02 has more track records than any other female record holder with a total of four.
- Tyler Martin '02 and Tyson Rush '02 tied for the most track records held by a male with a total of four records apiece.

**Schedule**

April 2 - Elwood Relays
April 6 - Horton
April 8 - McLouth
April 20 - Highland
April 26 - Holton
April 29 - Dp. Cty. @ Highland
May 6 - Wathena
May 10 - Midway
May 21 - Regionals @ Frankfort
May 28-29 - State @ Wichita

**State Meet Results:**

**Eric Walsh** participated in High Jump and received 4th place - 6'4"
Sports... Taking it to the limit

Midway students... are taking it to the limit every day. They just want to have a little fun and freedom. In sports they show that they can have fun and compete all at the same time. Some show their game faces while others show they know how to have a good time on the field, court, or track no matter what happens.
These are the events which make the memories that we’ll look back on years from now—memories from the last year of Midway High School. Whatever we did this year we were reminded that it would be for the final time for our school. The last basketball season, the final Prom night, until it got down to the last day, May 25th. While these events were the end of this school’s, more memories await at other places, whether that’s college or Doniphan West. These last memories at Midway may not be the best of our lives, but they’re close!!
The 2003 Homecoming week kept many of the old traditions and incorporated some new ideas. Homecoming is all about beating out the other classes in the week-long competition of hall decorations, and class participation in dress-up days and in the newly-added float competition. It is a mile long list of extra-curricular activities like powder-puff football, a bonfire, car stuffing, a float parade, and a dance. That's not including the homework, tests, and jobs to fit in as well. The seniors always seem to make life interesting by picking out some new and exciting dress up days, the juniors are just in there to try and beat out the seniors, the sophomores just want to be recognized, and, well, for the freshmen they're just dreading the day when the seniors dress them up in make-up, dresses, costumes, and all sorts of retro duds. Overall, Homecoming is remembered as a fun, friend-filled week of lifetime memories.

The sophomores show off their school and class spirit at the Homecoming Parade. They chose to ride in the back of a truck instead of make a float.

The junior class pulls their float for the final lap. Their medieval theme featuring a castle and jousting match was "Slay the Wildcats."

The senior float "Roast the Wildcats," which tied the juniors for first place, lead the parade.
"1956 sounds about right!" Cortney Thompson sophomore

What year was the First Midway Homecoming Queen Crowned?
The answer is... 1959

"Um...maybe 1973?" Drew Enochs freshman

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Homecoming designed by Shelby Davis
"Getting to dance with all my friends and getting to have a good time." Susan Boos, freshman

Mrs. Strong and Brandon Boos swing their hips to the Twist.

“The Snowball king and queen crowning and the dance are activities that students look forward to during the long cold winter months to help break up the monotony of life in a small school. Some students look at it as a time to venture out and invite a new date from Midway or another school, while others just like to relax and have a good time with their classmates. This year the night of Snowball included the usual crowning and dance as well as senior and senior parent recognition. During the dance, students enjoyed dancing with friends, trying out the new dance crazes such as the Cha-Cha Slide, getting the chance to show off or try some new moves, and sampling the wonderful cookies that Mrs. Roberts’s FACS classes make. The Snowball tradition will greatly be missed.

Stacey Halling and Aaron Helmstetter wait to hear the king’s name announced.

Brandon Boos and Matt Collins do the Electric slide.
M 1983
for some reason
rings a bell.
Mike Kuemin
Freshman

"In what year was Janet Elliot crowned Snowball queen?"
The answer is... 1984

"Um... I don't know maybe 1970?"
Camille Sellers
Freshman

Queen Alena Cooney
and King Aaron Helmstetter

Shiloh Davis and
Brandon Boos

Nick Hammersmith
and Stacey Halling

Andrea Kuhnert and a friend swing dance.

Alena Cooney and Stacey Halling swing dance.

Jennifer Schneider, Alena Cooney, Brandi Forney and Stacey Halling do the Electric Slide.

Daniel Kuhnert and Amber Harvey dance with a group of friends.

Wendy Hamilton and Leigh Massey get their groove on.

Colt Forney, Terry Crossland, Wendy Hamilton dance to the Cha-Cha Slide.

Stacey Halling, Nick Hammersmith, Queen Alena Cooney, King Aaron Helmstetter, Shiloh Davis, Brandon Boos, crown bearer John Vonderschmidt, flower girl Malia Smith.

Snowball 2004
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This year's play, *Money to Burn*, was about three friends who got caught up in a counterfeiting scandal thanks to one of their clients. On top of that problem, their landlady comes for the rent, they get robbed in their own home, and they meet up with a Better Business Bureau agent. Then some strange lady comes snooping around pretending to be someone she's not. It's a close call, but the girls solve it and catch the counterfeiters in time.

The Cast:
- Gail Webster - Sarah Handke
- Tiger Murray - Melissa Boos
- Nancy Plunkett - Shelby Davis
- Mrs. Gossett - Shiloh Davis
- Fionella Frobisher - Jessica Johnson
- Bebe Williams - Alena Cooney
- Ray Harding - R.C. Compton
- Kathleen Casagrande - Brandi Forney
- Horatio Purdy - David Scholz
- A.B. Barnes/Officer Michaelson - Andrew Massey
- Officer Taggert - John Burke
- Stage Managers - Felicia Rush and Colt Forney
- Director - Pamela Scott

Mrs. Gossett (Shiloh Davis) tries to get the rent from her tenant Gail Webster (Sarah Handke).
"How about 1969."
Andrew Massey
Junior

What year did the Senior Play make $280?
The answer is... 1983
The Play was called "Off The Track"

Sarah Handke (Gail)  "Don't anybody move!"

R. C. Compton (Ray)  "The things I could do with a football!"

Alena Cooney (Bebe)  "How is robbing us going to do any good?"
Finally it was the night that everyone had waited for since the beginning of school. Juniors planned for months and decorated for hours, girls made hair appointments and shopped for the most elegant dress they could find, and the guys searched for that perfect tux and hot ride.

It was prom night and students arrived ready to eat and dance the night away. This year students had the option of having their vehicles valet parked. I wonder, would they normally do that for a tractor or combine? After making a grand entrance, prayers were said and everyone sat down to a meal of salad, ribeye steak, potatoes, green beans, and a roll—all topped off with a slice of Turtle Cheesecake. Senior wills and prophecies were read and then it was time to get on the dance floor! "Timeless Paradise" was timeless and made a great finale for the juniors' and seniors' last year at Midway.
Jennifer Schneider poses with Amber Harvey and her date Joey.

D.J. Becker and Rick Hoffman try to get the dance steps.

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Prom
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The dance is almost over, everyone knows what that means! Time to change into some comfy clothes and return to the school for after prom.

This year after prom began with a scavenger hunt in which students divided into groups and searched the entire school building for adults with puzzle pieces. The first group to get all of their pieces and get the puzzle together won. It's amazing how many unusual places those sneaky parents found to hide—take a trash can for example!

Games of all kinds were going on everywhere. In the big gym there was sumo wrestling and scooter races, while students and their dates could gamble in the cafeteria. Twister and tug-of-war were planned next, but a funny thing happened. The lights went out! Yes, students ate their ice cream, counted their money, and won their prizes by either candlelight or flashlight. Literally, students got a chance to enjoy the night life in a whole new sense. All in all it was an experience to remember.
D.J. Becker and his date Emily pose before playing some games.

David Schulz shows off his much bigger appearance.

Natalie Tharp tries her luck at Plinko.

R.C. Compton gets ready to face his opponent.

Brian Collins watches the poker game.

D.J. Becker and his date Emily pose before playing some games.

Rick Hoffman tries to look intimidating to his opponent.

Many students try their luck so they will have enough money for the auction.

Lena Fandek catches her breath after a crazy scooter ride.
The seniors were excited it was finally time to get away from everyone for three days and just have fun as a class on Senior Trip to the Ozarks and Kalfran Lodge.

The moment that seniors will probably remember the most will be what is now known as the “jet ski incident,” in which three of the rented wave runners came into contact and racked up a $750 charge on a certain credit card, lost Natalie Tharp’s glasses, and hurt Felicia Rush’s hand.

Despite that downer, the seniors knew that it was probably going to be the last time most of them would hang out together, so they made the most of it through all of the fun things they did like going go carting, playing cards, seeing a show, and, of course, who can forget Mrs. Taylor’s outlet mall shopping.

The last Midway senior trip will always be remembered as A Smashing Good Time.
Jennifer Schneider and Robyn Hamilton get ready to have fun in the double go cart at Big Shot.

D.J. Becker shows off his pool shooting moves.

Danielle Blanton chooses the perfect outfit for the old time photo.

Brian Collins—ahead or behind the competition at Big Shot?

Shiloh Davis and Robyn Hamilton in the race track go cart.

Brandi Forney, Robyn Hamilton and Natalie watch the boys shoot pool.

Felicia Rush shows off her wrapped hand that she injured in the jet ski incident the group had earlier that day.

The girls finally have chosen their outfits for the old time photo.

Senior Sneak

-designed by Felicia Rush
Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!

"Being able to say that we are the last graduating class from Midway High School." — Rick Hoffman

What is your best memory of Graduation?

"Having Aaron and Matt with us and being able to decorate our caps. But the best thing is that now we are on to new and better things." — Natalie Tharp

As a member of the last graduating class of Midway High School, I am proud to have spent my time at such a wonderful school. Believe me, that's a lot of time; with all the activities so many of the seniors are involved in we might as well just move in! I can tell you one thing, though—all those early mornings and endless tests were worth it. We survived and now here we are at the end of the only way of life we have ever known. Midway has prepared us to take that last leap into reality, to carry with us all that we have learned and shared throughout the years. Ask us and we might not admit it, but we will miss it.

Knowing Midway's existence will soon be over, the year has been shadowed by an underlying sadness. No longer will news of the Eagles be heard on the radio or read in the paper. No longer will red and blue grace uniforms or sports t-shirts together and no longer will "Midway" be spoken by the students. After this year, yearbooks and the memories of alumni and community members will be the only history of this small-but-mighty school.

Following close behind this sadness is a great pride and the desire to enjoy every minute of the diminishing time. We are sad that it has to go, but this massive change leaves the door open for many new and exciting experiences. So instead of dwelling on the past, look to the future and the endless possibilities it possesses. That's what we as seniors are faced with, and that's what we will take with us as we begin a new chapter in our lives. by Brandi Forney

Brian Collins, Danielle Blanton, and Brandon Boos take a picture before walking out to the gym.

Stacey Halling, Brandi Forney, Shiloh Davis, and Robyn Hamilton happily anticipate receiving their diplomas.

D.J. Becker gives Principal Mrs. Strong a hug after graduation.

Stacey Halling gives her dad, board member Tom Halling a hug after receiving her diploma.

Matt Collins receives his diploma from board member Vicki Jones.

Stephanie Peters, Andrea Kuhnert, and Aaron Helmstetter wait patiently with Mr. Martin before walking to "Pomp and Circumstance."
"Um... I don't know. I would have to say 1955."
Nick Hammersmith
Senior

"Probably somewhere in between the 60's and 70's."
Brian Collins
Senior

In what year was Midway High School opened?
The answer is... 1959

"The answer is... 1959"
Many students work hard to excel all year long in the classroom and extra-curricular activities. Awards Night is an evening when all of their hard work and dedication are recognized. Scholarship winners are named, athletic and academic letters are given, top performers in each academic class are recognized, and the valedictorian and salutatorian are named. This year's scholarships: The HCC Annalene Sheda Memorial Scholarship-Brandi Forney. The HCC Foundation Scholarship-David Scholz and Brandi Forney. The Schroeder Scholarship of $750-Shiloh Davis. Doniphan County Farm Bureau Scholarship-Natalie Tharp. The PTO Scholarships to Stacey Halling, Shiloh Davis, and Natalie Tharp. The $500 Vera Frakes Scholarship-Danielle Blanton. The Booster Club/Baker Memorial Scholarship-Shiloh Davis and David Scholz. The CLASSSI Awards: Citizenship winner-Camille Sellers; finalists-Sarah Handke, Lisa Handke, Tiffany McNett. Leadership winner-Natalie Tharp; finalists-Shiloh Davis, Alena Cooney, Melissa Boos. Attitude winner-Camille Sellers; finalists-Rick Hoffman, Jimmy Smith, Shiloh Davis. Service winner-Melissa Boos; finalists-Andrew Massey, Kamron Winchester. Sportsmanship winner-Alena Cooney; finalists-Melissa Boos, Stacey Halling. School Spirit winner-Shelby Davis; finalists-Melissa Boos, Shiloh Davis, Kamron Winchester. Most Improved winner-Danielle Blanton; finalists-Colt Forney, Matt Simmons.
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The first year that Midway was open, a total of 88 students attended the high school. Now, with 69 students, Midway is closing its curtains. A total of 15 students graduated that first year, 1956. In 2004, 21 graduated. Just as that first graduating class still holds memories of Midway near their hearts, so too will this year’s seniors, as well as the rest of the school. Thanks to all the teachers, faculty, staff, administration, and students. This has been a wonderful performance. But all performances, however great they are, must come to an end, and now the end is here. The lights have been dimmed, the curtain has been drawn, and Midway is ready for its curtain call. No one can know what the future holds, but we can remember the past 46 years and smile. Final bows have now been taken, and Midway has finished its Last Act.

How did Midway’s Fight Song come to be?
In 1988, there was a school-wide contest to come up with a new fight song to revive school spirit and raise morale. A senior of that year, Stacy Lentz, won the contest, coming up with the song “Mighty Eagles” that would do just that. With help from a classmate, Tisha Rush, and a teacher, Mrs. Bottiger, she soon had a school fight song that would be treasured for many years to come.

You are not called to be a canary in a cage. You are called to be an Eagle, and to fly sun to sun, over continents.
-Henry Ward Beecher

The 2003-2004 Publications Class presents volume 45 of The Eagle. The main concept for the cover was designed by Alena Cooney. Jostens Publishing Co., Topeka, published this 72 page book. The 7 3/4” x 10 1/2” volume was printed on Gloss 209 paper. The body copy and captions were done in AYT Corbin. The fonts used on the cover are Big Fiction and Real Virtue. Lifetouch Photography took most of the group and class pictures. The publications class would like to thank Mrs. Taylor for her hard work and dedication to not only this yearbook, but also for that of the past 10 years.