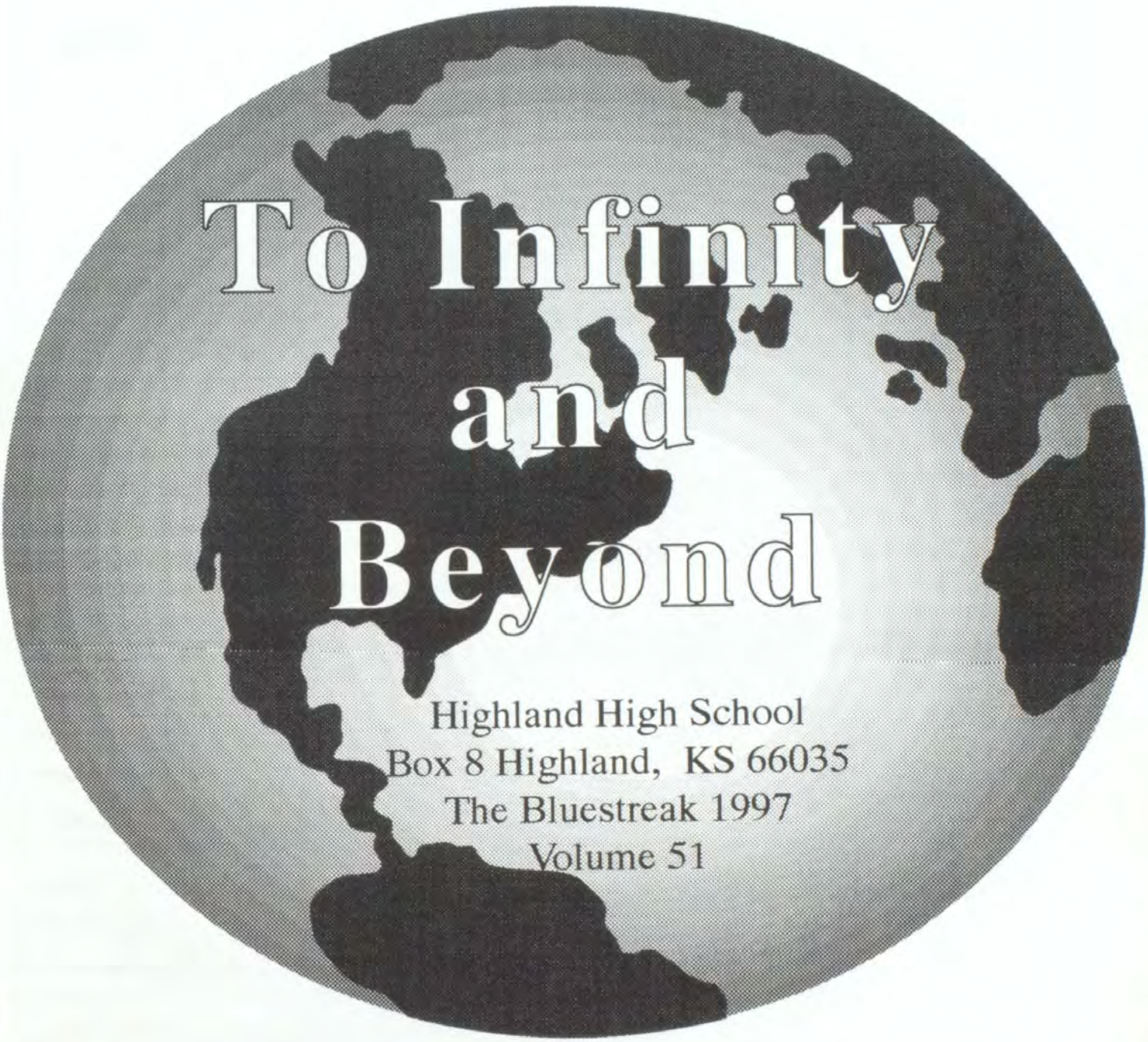
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To Infinity And Beyond



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3-2-1, Blast off! The Highland High School Journalism staff has officially launched a finished product. You are about to enter our version of outer space. Hold on tight for the journey of a lifetime and an atmosphere full of memories.

-Bridget Blevins-



One of the most outstanding events from afar this year, the soaring of comet Hale-Bopp, is pictured above. Reprinted by permission from *Sky and Telescope*. Photo by Chris Schur of Payson, AZ.

The students in the small town of Highland, KS are always ready and waiting for any unusual or exciting events. One of the greatest sights to see on a clear night in space was Hale-Bopp, the visible comet to the north. Not only did scientists explore the comet, but so did the students. There was much talk of the mother ship and followers of Marshall Herff Applewhite.

Many students could not believe the events that were going on around them. Some laughed, joked, and made fun of the followers of Applewhite. "I personally thought they were psycho and that maybe killing themselves was a good idea. It got rid of 39 more crazy people in this world," said Kristi Kelley, senior.

Although the majority of students found it to be some sort of psychotic craze, others thought the whole idea of taking a ride on the mother ship would be kind of fun. "I think what they did was great. I am just waiting for the next joy ride to come my way," said Chris Blevins, senior, with just a hint of sarcasm.

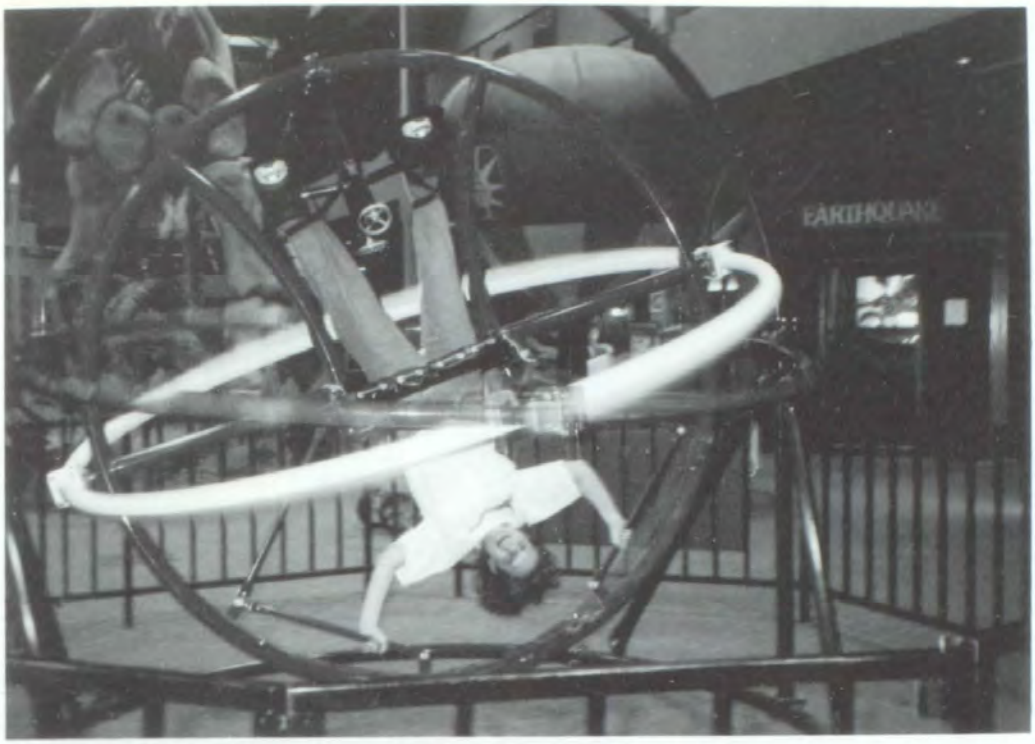
When the yearbook theme was decided, the mass suicide of Applewhite and 38 others was not yet a realistic nightmare of the times.

"To Infinity and Beyond" is a theme that describes the lifestyles of many. With extracurricular activities, academic responsibilities, and other club involvement, the students did nothing less than travel to the ends of the earth in search of fun and educational opportunities.

The thought of jumping on a comet and taking a ride was often considered after riding for many hours on a bus to any and every knowledge-expanding opportunity available. Trips were taken to Manhattan, KS; Omaha, NE; and Osage Beach, MO. Some of the seniors even explored as far south as Texas, where they learned what the outer limits of the galaxy really had in store when they visited the NASA Space Center in Houston.

The grand finale was graduation, in which the 1997 seniors were successfully launched into "infinity and beyond!"

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An upside down Rachael Jeschke tries to keep a smile on her face although the gravity of the earth is making it nearly impossible. Jeschke is getting a feel of what being in space is really like at the Kirkpatrick Center in Oklahoma City, OK. Photo by Mandy Brock.



Ted Hutchcraft, Bob Hopkins, and Jeff Butrick are best of friends, as they experience the infinite scenery at the beach in Galveston, TX. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Both dumbfounded by what they discover about the outer limits of the earth, Kristi Kelley and Bridget Blevins concentrate on what to do next on the moon car at the NASA Space Center in Houston, TX. Photo by Mandy Brock.



Some of the physics students get psyched to learn about what the unknown universe beholds as they wait to enter the NASA Space Center, while Ted Hutchcraft, with sponsors Kirk and Connie Zeit, tries to maintain calmness. Photo by Bridget Blevins.

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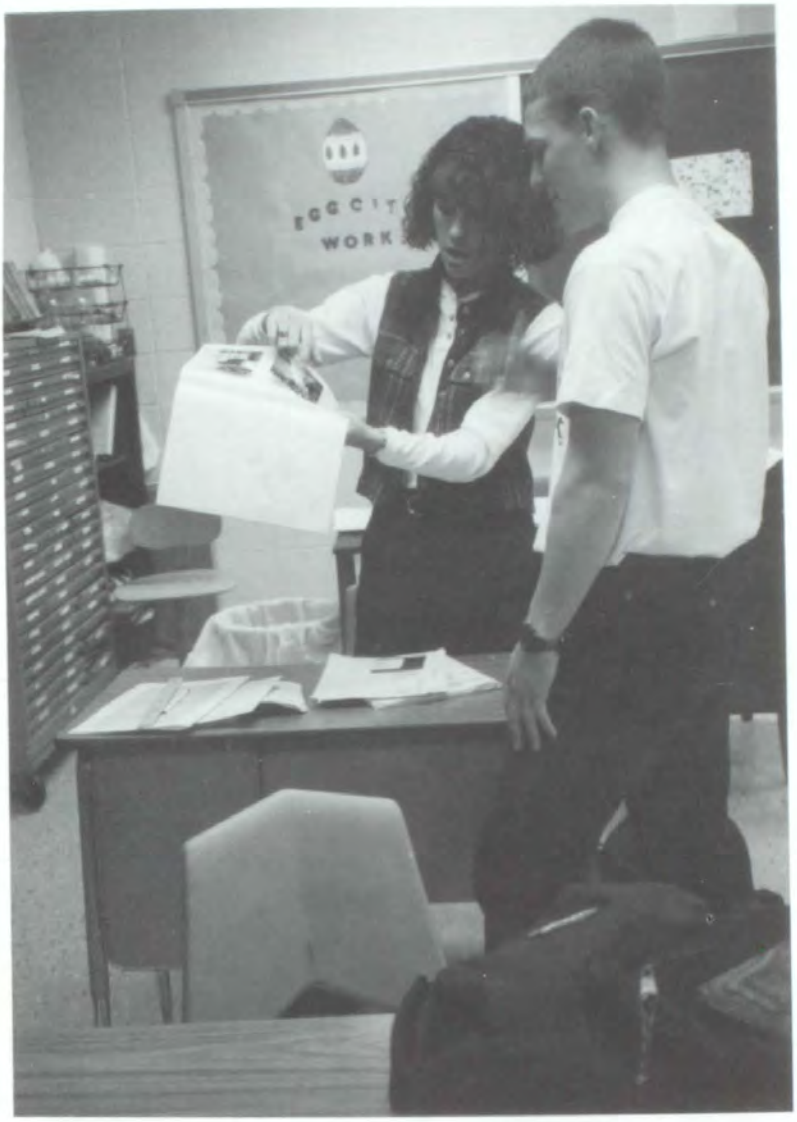
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The faculty and staff along with the entire administration were like huge planets in the solar system. They gave the students the knowledge needed to go on further with their education and even their lives once they have graduated. All the students and the teachers combined to form a large (family-like) galaxy of stars and planets along with a few asteroids and comets that come and go as the year goes by.

All the students and staff came together for an extensive time to add to their knowlege and experience during school activities.



Ted Hutchcraft helps out Marla Olson on a few key points while Natalie Webb waits for some help on her Algerbra I homework. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Mandy Brock and Chris Blevins look over a couple of pictures in college English class for their Senior Project. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Bridget Blevins thoroughly reads through her Senior Project Presentation speech during college English class before presenting it to the judges. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Gary Keehn and Eric Tracy try out their handmade rockets during the freshmen general science class. Photo by Donna Parish.

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STELLAR MODELS

This past year has been a very glorious one for the administration. This year has brought change and improvement to U.S.D. 425. The greatest accomplishment for the administration was the paying off of the school building.

This was followed by a large Open House and Bond Burning ceremony. The event was a total success. Many people attended the event, including many previous teachers, administrators, and school board members. Jan Collins, superintendent, stated, "The Open House was a success because it involved a lot of people. The Open House gave everyone an opportunity to view the past, present, and future of the school district."

Cheryl Rasmussen, principal, stated, "I feel this year has been very succesful because we have had few disciplinary problems, and for the most part, all of our students come here every day to learn."

Another of the new additions to help the students was the incorporating of a Senior Project, and the replacement of parent teacher conference with conferences led by the student. These new conferences were put into effect to help students assess their accomplishments. This new program also helps students to explain what they have, or have not, been doing.

The Senior Project program was installed to help graduating seniors learn how to present a project to a group. The seniors were able to pick their own topics, and developed a project from the beginning to the end. Hopefully these projects will help seniors as they further their education and start a career.



Superintendent Jan Collins prepare for another busy day as an administrator. Photo by Bray's.



The school board is always dedicated to the improvement of our educational system. The school board members are Dan Tilton, Dick Tracy, Mike Blevins, Bill Batchelder, Roger Gormley, Sally Waggoner, and Nancy Batchelder. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Cheryl Rasmussen, principal, makes plans for upcoming events on the calender. Photo by Bray's.



Jan Collins, superintendent, starts the bond burning ceremony at the open house as many other previous board members observe. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Jan Collins, superintendent, prepares to moderate at the DVL Quiz Bowl. The Highland Quiz Bowl team was also playing that round. They were Matt Reiter, Thatcher Reist, Andrea Collins and Kole Meyer. Photo by Donna Parish.



Cheryl Rasmussen, principal; Jamie Baker, music teacher; and Rachael Jeschke, senior, sing the National Anthem at the Open House and Bond Burning event. Photo by Bridget Blevins.

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NASA









Jamie Baker- Band
Brad Bingesser- P.E./ Girls' Basketball Coach
Gary Blanton- Maintenance
Sue Cluck- Cook

Mary Lou Colley- Librarian
Frances Collins- Cook
Sharon Collins- Cook
Angie Eberly- Inter-Related













Dennis Hanlon-Maintenance
Ted Hutchcraft- Math



Linda Joseph- Art



Gary Keehn- Science



In the office, Secretary Ginger Scott answers an in-coming call during her busy schedule . Photo by Bray's.

Toni Larson- Spanish
Jill Liesemeyer- Computers
Angie Neibling- Teachers' Aide
Sallye Marsh- Cook











Marla Olson- Teachers' Aide
Donna Parish- History / English / Journalism
Joyce Rush- English
Elmer Schmitz- Agriculture

Laura Schmitz- Home-Economics / Health
Ron Shelton- Geography / Football / Boys' Basketball Coach
Janice Stonebarger- Cook
Alan Terry - Woods









Dick Tracy- Maintenance
Gerre Walsh- Counselor



Bookkeeper Joann Karn works on one of her many daily jobs in her office. Photo by Bray's.

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White Dwarfs

Miles Alexander
John Amos
Cate Batchelder
Megan Blevins






Becky Cole
Noah Diveley
Dustin Geiger
Holly Gray






Cathleen Hanlon
Natalie Jeschke
Luke Keller
Leslie Korthanke






Sarah Lock
Stacy Neibling
Ryan Nolte
Cassie Nuzum







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Sandy Peters
Zach Powell
Tessa Reist
Matthew Reiter






Eric Tracy
B.J. Twombly
Staci Waggoner
Amanda Williams






Lynn Windmeyer
Brandi Woodruff

Not Pictured:
Michael Ingram
Robin Winder




Memorable Moments

Eric Tracy: "My most memorable moment was when we [the beginning ag. class] got to shave Mr. Schmitz's head because we won at the Greenhand Conference."

Megan Blevins: "My most memorable moment from this year is being named the smoking and fighting class."

Stacy Neibling: "I remember the National FFA Convention the best."

Class Officers
President: Dustin Geiger
Vice-President: Cate Batchelder
Treasurer: Tessa Reist
Secretary: Zach Powell

Sub-Dwarfs

Jerod Blanton
Travis Clary
Andrea Collins
Evan Dillman






Stephanie Fee
Kari Garrett
Jeremiah Gildersleeve
Fred Green






Josh Keebler
Adam Lackey
Molly O'Brien
David Orozco






Misty Popejoy
Nancy Powell
Amanda Romine
T. J. Simpson






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Jon Theobald
Nathan Twombly
Holly Vandall
Natalie Webb



Lisa Westcott
Creighton Fasthorse (not pictured)

Sophomores' Most Memorable Moments...

Natalie Webb: The day Travis Clary had a headache, and Kari Garrett gave him Tylenol, but we told T. J. we gave him Midol, and she believed us because he acted like he was sick the whole day.

Jerod Blanton: At the ole' ski trip some Scottish lady ran over ole' Natalie Webb, and she runs down the hill calling her an " Azweep" !

Evan Dillman:On the ski trip, T.J. Simpson ran into the men's restroom.

Travis Clary & Josh Keebler: It was the year to cause an uproar from animal rights activists. First, there was the chicken on Shelton's jeep, that ended up on Stephen Blevins's blazer; then there was a duck in Jerod's engine; and last a little mouse hung from Jerod's rearview mirror with bailing wire.

Fred Green: Jerod's feet were tired after the ski trip, so we put his shoes and socks on Evan Dillman's nose while he slept, and he never noticed.

Class Officers
President: Josh Keebler
Vice-President: Andrea Collins
Secretary: T. J. Simpson
Treasurer: Natalie Webb

Sub-Giants

Megan Batchelder
Denise Blevins
Stephanie Blevins
Brant Clary





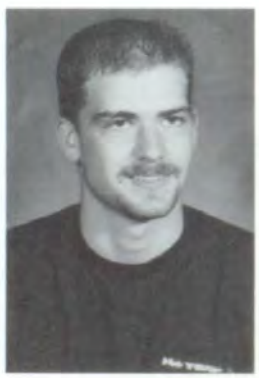

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Chris Collins
Colby Collins
Nolan Cruse






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Brad Elrod
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Rocky Ruhnke
Emily Stevens






Joe Swain
Adam Tyler
Jennifer Yates
Verena Zorn



Sarah Heinen

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Treasurer: Thatcher Reist
Secretary: Emily Jeschke

SENIORS

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The senior class had superb meteors with all of their atoms burning with a magnificent glow.

"I had a lot of fun bonding with friends, and the year went quick," said Mandy Brock. "I'll miss my friends, but I'm prepared for college."

Chris Blevins said, "Feelings of the senior year came in three stages: (1) I can't wait to get out of this joint, (2) School's not all that bad, and (3) Please let me flunk and stay here one more year. I'll miss high school."

Although each of the graduates had differing plans for after high school, all were prepared to blast into the future.



Mandy Brock, (Lady Thiang), explains in a song to Rachael Jeschke, (Anna), that the King is trying his best to be a good ruler.



The seniors show their school spirit by piling their class into their "float" in the football Homecoming parade. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Clint Windmeyer tests conductivity and TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) for his senior project over water testing. Photo by Will Simmons.



Bob Hopkins strenuously prepares for his senior project presentation. His project was over construction of the greenhouse for the agriculture classes. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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Super Giants



Norma Jean Beck



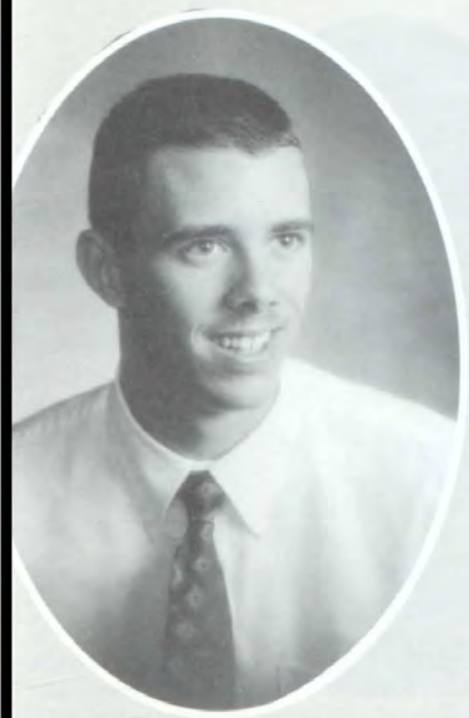
Bridget Ann Blevins



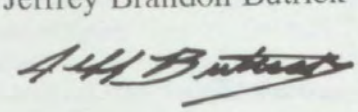
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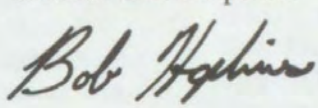


Jeffrey Brandon Butrick



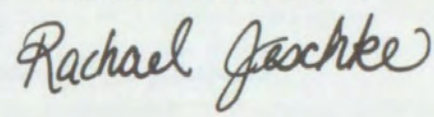


Robert Lee Hopkins



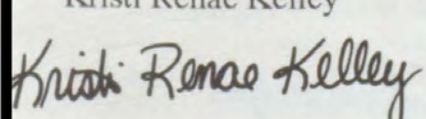


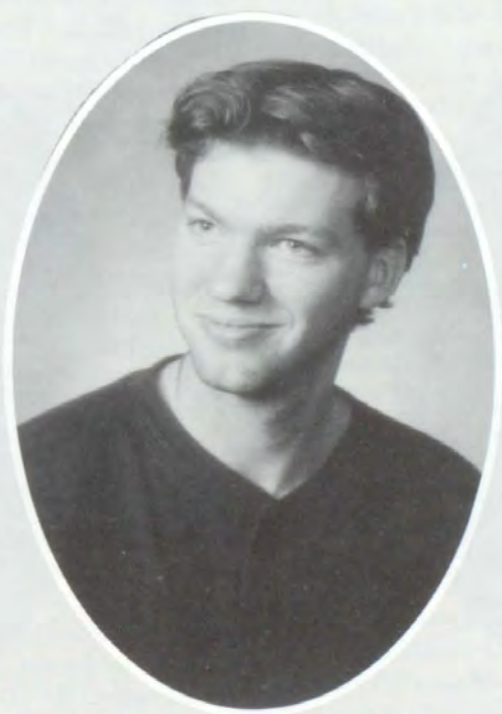
Rachael Dawn Jeschke



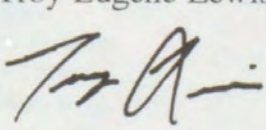


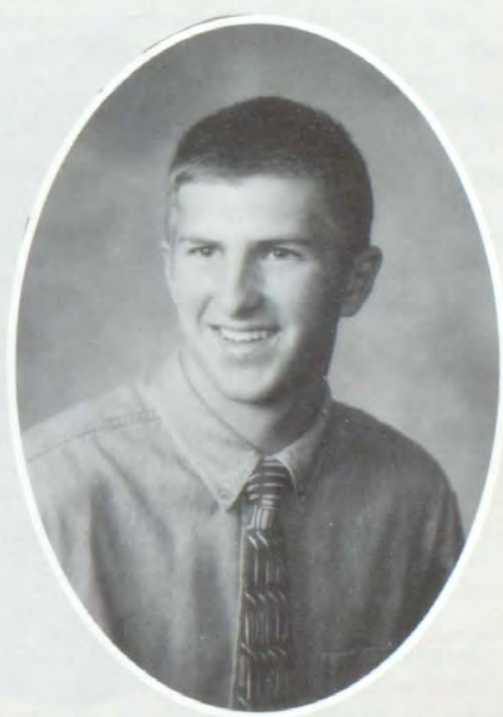
Kristi Renae Kelley



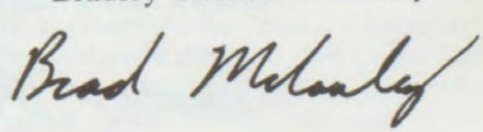


Troy Eugene Lewis





Bradley Charles McCauley



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William Jefferson Simmons

William Simmons



Shane David Smith

Shane Smith



Shawn Paul Franklin Tilton

Shawn Tilton



Clinton Allen Windmeyer

Clinton Windmeyer

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

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Shawn Tilton- FFA 9-12, #1 Fruit Salesman 9-10, FFA Historian, State FFA Ag Mechanics 11, Choir 9, Musical 9, All-School Play 9, Vo-tech High Honor 11-12, 3rd Place Community Service Award 10

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Runaway Stars

On May 18, the seniors took off for their annual Senior Sneak and headed for the beach in the Lake of The Ozarks. The seniors stayed at the Alhoon Resort where they were greeted with a large bowl of spaghetti for dinner. The resort was right on the edge of the lake and offered an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a dry sauna, and two hot tubes for everyone to relax in. Also the Alhoon resort offered a speed boat for skiing and a pontoon for fishing and relaxing in the sun. The seniors had lots of fun in town where they were able to play video games and even hit a few baseballs in the batting cages.

On Monday they made the drive back into town for some shopping at the local shopping center for some souvenirs and other items. Next was an afternoon of fun rides at Big Shots where they could drive go carts, super collider cars and bumper boats; most of the seniors were soaked by the bumper boats. They also had time to stop at another local park for a short game of miniature golf and some more rides on bumper cars. Later on they enjoyed a delightful seafood meal at the Happy Fisherman restaurant and were stuffed by the large deserts offered. That evening they had a group picture taken in western style at the Old Tyme Photo in Bagnell Dam. The seniors also ordered a few T-shirts to be made for the ending of their senior year and the visit to the Lake of The Ozarks.

Tuesday was a day all the seniors will remember when they spent the entire day on the lake for skiing, fishing, jet skiing, swimming and just relaxing in the sun. It was a little cold but not even the weather could stop them from having some fun and getting a few rays of sunshine which burned neck and shoulders. That evening after a good home cooked meal of steaks on the grill, they had the opportunity to enjoy some singing and dancing, along with a little comedy thrown in, at Lee Mace's Ozark Opry.

On Wednesday after a large breakfast of biscuits and gravy, they headed back to Highland.



The seniors sat down to a delicious breakfast of french toast at the Alhoon Resort. The resort catered six of the meals during their stay. Photo by William Simmons.



Chris Blevins, Troy Lewis, Bob Hopkins, Jeff Butrick, and Shane Smith enjoy the games on Senior Sneak. Photo by Will Simmons.

Old Tyme Photo shop in Bagnell Dam provided an opportunity for the senior class to have a near-to-last group photo. All fourteen seniors went on Senior Sneak. Front Row: Brad McCauley, Clint Windmeyer, Troy Lewis, Shane Smith, William Simmons, and Jeff Butrick; Second Row: Chris Blevins, Mandy Brock, Gerre Walsh, sponsor; Bridget Blevins, Norma Beck, and Kristi Kelley; Back Row: Rachael Jeschke, Bob Hopkins, Shawn Tilton, and Jan Collins, superintendent. Photo scanning by Bill Noll, *The Highland Vidette*.



Rachael Jeschke, Kristi Kelley, Bridget Blevins and Chris Blevins enjoy a wet and wild ride during their visit to Big Shots. Photo by William Simmons.

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Shooting stars are the products describing the academic work. At first, the time of studying and learning seemed to be as far away as the sky, but eventually like Hale Bopp, it got closer to the earth and the students' summer break was reachable!

Other than the basic studies, the physics students took a trip to NASA Space Center in Houston, TX. "The control center was really neat to see because that is where all of the missions in space are run from," said Kristi Kelley, senior.

The sophomore biology class went to the Natural History Museum in Lawrence, KS.



Colby Collins is researching for his English III research paper. Photo by Donna Parish.



The junior class is analysing poems out of their textbooks in English III with instructor Joyce Rush. American literature is coordinated with American history. Photo by Donna Parish.



Toni Larson is handing back assignments to her Spanish II class. Photo by Verena Zorn.



While Brad Elrod is checking a specimen, Paul Idol is listening to other groups' results. Photo by Will Simmons.

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PHENOMENON

Gary Keehn taught most of the science classes. General science class introduced the freshmen to the rivers and streams team. They also did an anatomy, recycling and physical science unit.

Holly Gray, freshman, said, "I enjoy hands on activities like going to the river. It is a lot more interesting to test with real river water instead of tap water."

The biology students did more field ID than in year's past, and they were involved in many dissections. This was a comparative anatomy class, as they compare the anatomy of other animals to their own bodies.

Travis Clary, sophomore, said, "Sophomore biology enabled me to learn more about the physical make up of organisms and my own body. The funniest thing we studied this year was the inhabitants of West Texas swamp grass."

Jan Collins, superintendent, helped with chemistry. He did most of the lecturing; Keehn's main focus was the labs. Chris Collins said, "Chemistry was the hardest class I have faced during my young life. I failed miserably. My only disappointment was failing to see Doc Collins' infamous lab coat."

College biology was a dual credit course with Highland Community College. This was a harder biology course that also encompassed leadership activities. "Mr." Bob Hopkins, senior, said, "What is college biology? Oh yeah, it was the most intriguing of anatomy/lower zoology experiences I have ever encountered in my young, male adult life."



Kathleen Nolte, taxidermist, shows Brant Clary a couple of pointers while he is stuffing a racoon during natural resources. Taxidermy was one of the many different activities done by this class. Photo By Will Simmons.



Gary Keehn helps Shane Smith clean all of the excess skin off of a racoon's skull during natural resources. Photo by Will Simmons.



Eric Tracy and Luke Keller wonder if their notebook will stay at rest while they learn the Laws of Inertia. Photo by Donna Parish.



Natalie Jeschke and Staci Waggoner work on Newton's Law of Inertia in general science. Photo by Donna Parish.

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Megan Batchelder assists Emily Jeschke in one of the many lab experiments in chemistry this year. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.

ABSOLUTE MAGNITUDE

The social science, English, and Spanish classes this year did everything from putting Joyce Rush in a mock trial to taking a field trip to Paseo High School in Kansas City.

Learning about leaders and their acts of the past in history, learning grammar and literature in English, and conjugating Spanish verbs were all accomplished this year.

In order to graduate, students must take four units of English, including English I, English II/world literature, EnglishIII/American literature, and English IV or college English.

History requirements include three units of social science, including one unit of American history, world history, and one unit of American government (Constitution).

Spanish and geography aren't required to graduate, but many students took them to help get into their desired college or start planning for their future career.

Some of the teachers tried new things in their classes this year. "I tried new strategies all the time. For instance, I integrated a magazine from Mexico," said Toni Larson, Spanish teacher.

Donna Parish said, "In American history, the state assessment project took so much longer because of the big class that we've had to rush through the 20th century. I hope the class of '98 will know what the Cold War was!"

For next year, Larson said, "I want to find out ahead of time [about] cultural activites which we could attend in this region."

Next year, though, Joyce Rush, English teacher, will be retired. "It will be difficult for me to stay away," she said.



Seniors Will Simmons, Clint Windmeyer, Shane Smith, Kristi Kelley, Bridget Blevins, Bob Hopkins, Mandy Brock, and Jeff Butrick are watching the movie, *Freedom of Expression* in Constitution class. Photo by Donna Parish.



Toni Larson discusses a homework assignment with her Spanish II class: Nathan Twombly, Amanda Romine, Adam Lackey, T. J. Simpson, and Travis Clary. Photo by Donna Parish.



The English I class is reading *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. Lynn Windmeyer, supporting school spirit during Celebrity Day, raises her hand to ask Joyce Rush a question. Cathleen Hanlon and Natalie Jeschke also participate in Spirit Week. Photo by Verena Zorn.



Evan Dillman and Fred Green work on the Kansas Reading Assessment test required for English II students. Photo by Donna Parish.



Kristy Green talks to Ashley Hill about their geography assignment. Also pictured are Nolan Cruse and Eric Cole, listening intently to Ron Shelton, geography instructor. Photo by Donna Parish.



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THE CHALLENGER

Ted Hutchcraft, the crafty veteran, began another year of excitement in the wonderful world of mathematics. Hutchcraft once again has a time consuming schedule as he teaches all offered arithmetic courses. Classes include Algebra I and II, calculus, GTA, and physics. Marla Olson, an aspiring teacher, helps with Algebra II and half of Algebra I.

Hutchcraft became involved in the Northeast Kansas Consortium, a newly devised organization that is attempting to apply various courses to the working world. Hutchcraft was challenged with placing a student in a local business and getting this person to see the importance of math.

Hutchcraft noted that teacher/student relations have become more difficult due to the advancements young persons are accustomed to. "Students are taking courses like Algebra I their freshman year instead of their junior year like their parents may have done," said Mr. Hutchcraft.

The computer department made a giant leap this year under the direction of Jill Liesemeyer, who said, "My second year has actually been harder since I have become more involved." Liesemeyer teaches junior high keyboarding, accounting (new this year), sophomore computers, and newly devised computer productions. Accounting replaced business math to provide a more advanced and computer related finance class.

Computer productions took on the task of making athletic programs, bulletins, and the school newsletter as an attempt to apply computer technology to work related areas. The results have been very positive. The newsletter is organized and much more reader friendly. Rocky Ruhnke, junior, noted, "The newsletter was a rather large hassle. It involved lots of after school hours. The constructive side was that we were graded on effort, not tests." Liesemeyer is also the assistant coach for junior high girls' volleyball and basketball.



Ted Hutchcraft, in his 36th year of teaching, strikes a pose as he enthusiastically explains another fun-filled lesson to the freshmen.



Jill Liesemeyer, in her sophomore year as computer teacher, rolls up her sleeves to keep students in line.



Adam Tyler, Levi Lucas, and Joe Swain (half pictured), front, and Nolan Cruse, back, insert and staple papers for the "Bluestreak Chronicles" as Misty Popejoy rubs her tired eyes after working hard to meet deadlines for the new and improved Highland Jr./Sr. High newsletter.



Colby Collins diligently folds completed papers to keep up with his fellow newsletter business partners. He is working in the reorganized, all IBM,



A relaxed looking Algebra I class takes it all in; several freshmen have a laugh while exploring the lighter side of math.

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COSMIC DUST

Elmer Schmitz, agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, has involved all the agriculture classes in building a greenhouse. The students have helped by digging for the foundation and welding for the frame.

Schmitz said, "The greenhouse is going to give us more opportunity to do more plant and crop science. Students will be able to use the greenhouse as part of their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) for growing plants."

New shop tools, a metal band saw, and a plasma cutter have made working in ag mechanics more efficient.

"The new machinery makes it easier to be more precise in making our ag projects," said Brad McCauley, senior.

Laura Schmitz, the home ecomomics teacher, taught the students to cook, sew, and be a mother. Being a mother was part of a new lesson brought to the home economics department. The experiment is a life size baby that monitors in the interlining. How the mother takes care of it during his or her scheduled time is monitored and graded. The baby comes with a key to shut off the crying.

Schmitz said, "Baby Think It Over has benefited the students because they have realized that taking care of a baby is very demanding. The baby can be very inconvenient, and many students have lost sleep over it."

The woods shop class is taught by Alan Terry. The students worked on various woods projects during the year. "The projects they work on are based on needs and wants of themselves, relatives, or by hire," said Terry. "If they do not have any ideas, I hand them the photo album of projects, and then after they have chosen a project, I give them a catalog or pictures with measurements."



Paul Idol, junior, prepares to weld on a truss of the greenhouse. Many students helped build the greenhouse during their class period. Photo by Chris Blevins.



Elmer Schmitz, agriculture instructor, finishes up telling the beginning ag class about machanic safety. Photo by Chris Blevins.



Brad Elrod, sophomore, is cutting his particle board on the band saw for a taxidermy head mount. Photo by Chris Blevins.

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Ironically, Laura Schmitz, home economics teacher, cleans up a kitchen area. Where are her students? Photo by Donna Parish.



In agriculture class Clint Windmeyer, senior, bangs away on a horse shoe. His fingers made it through the work unsmashed. Photo by Chris Blevins.

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CLUBS

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Bluestreak clubs rocketed community status and showcased the talents of students.

It was another contest filled year for the ever so active FFA. Members put together many hours of community service and participated in a variety of state and regional competitions.

A variety of intellectuals from all classes continued the winning tradition of the quiz bowl team.

The journalism students produced eight great-looking newspapers with riveting stories. They also competed in the yearly contest held at the University of Kansas.

Stuco kept busy creating contests to build school and class pride. A class competition and a match-maker service topped off their year.

National Honor Society welcomed nine inductees to its prestigous ranks.



Chris Blevins called the play-by-play, as FFA Chapter Sweetheart candidates Kelly Merkel and T. J. Simpson stack bales during the obstacle course competition. Photo by Norma Beck.



First day of school festivities put on by the Stuco included this icebreaker in which the amount of claps heard was the number of people in each group. Photo by Will Simmons.



Will Simmons, an experienced journalist, works to evolve a double-page spread design. Thanks to people like Will, this yearbook is possible. Photo by Donna Parish.

These pages designed by Chris Collins.



Varsity quiz bowl members Andrea Collins, Thatcher Reist, Hilary Harness, and Matthew Reiter study the moderator during the Hi-Q meet. Photo by Donna Parish.

Extraterrestrial Intelligence

The National Honor Society and the Quiz Bowl provided academic excellence for the halls of this learning establishment that were stellar in every sense of the word. Both of these organizations stress and strive for new academic standards that are out of this universe. Although the Quiz Bowl and NHS get little attention, both are very important to the school.

The NHS is a group of individuals that have shown academic excellence throughout their high school career. The NHS initiated nine new members into their prestigious league. The founder and sponsor for the NHS chapter is Ted Hutchcraft. The members installed were sophomores Andrea Collins, T. J. Simpson, Adam Lackey, Natalie Webb, Nathan Twombly, Travis Clary, and Evan Dillman. Two juniors, Emily Stevens and Karie Diveley, were also initiated.

Chris Collins, junior, stated, "It is beneficial for college reference, and just to say you are a part of the National Honor Society. "

The Quiz Bowl had an astronomical year, winning the Highland Invitational and placing third at the Horton quiz bowl meet. The Quiz Bowl finished the season with a winning record, being victorious in over half of their matches. Donna Parish sponsored the team once again and led them in vigorous practicing.



The members of NHS are Front Row: Karie Diveley, Bridget Blevins, Stephanie Blevins, Rilie Kafer, Denise Blevins, Rachael Jeschke, Natalie Webb, Stacey Fee, Emily Jeschke; Second Row: Kelly Merkel, Cheyenne Dorrell, Jennifer Yates, Hilary Harness, Heather Hunsaker, Kristy Green, T. J. Simpson, Andrea Collins, Thatcher Reist, Adam Lackey, Nathan Twombly; Back Row: Megan Batchelder, Chris Blevins, Jeff Butrick, Chris Collins, Kristi Kelley, Mandy Brock, Brad McCauley, Travis Clary, Kole Meyer, Adam Tyler, Emily Stevens, Erin Jeschke, Ted Hutchcraft, sponsor. Photo by Bray's.



Donna Parish offers instruction to Matt Reiter and Cate Batchelder before the Highland Invitational Quiz Bowl tournament. Photo by Hilary Harness.



The 1996-97 Quiz Bowl members are Front Row: Holly Vandall, Molly O'Brien, Amanda Williams, Cate Batchelder, Andrea Collins; Second Row: Troy Lewis, Matt Reiter, Joe Swain, Thatcher Reist, Nathan Twombly; Back Row: Levi Lucas, Verena Zorn, Sandy Peters, Sarah Lock, Hilary Harness, Kole Meyer. Photo by Bray's



Rachael Jeschke performs before the invocation of the new NHS members. Photo by Bob Hopkins.



Matt Reiter, Thatcher Reist, Andrea Collins, and Kole Meyer socialize between rounds at the Highland Invitational quiz bowl meet. Photo by Donna Parish.



Rilie Kafer, NHS president, delivers the opening address at the NHS initiation ceremony. Photo by Donna Parish.

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Associations

The FFA Chapter displayed cosmic leadership this year in FFA.

At the district leadership school the chapter team placed third in Parlaw Demonstration, sixth in Ritual Demonstration, and fifth overall. Stephanie Blevins, junior, soared through competition to receive Master Ritual Secretary.

Blevins also shone in her role as the Northeast District Sentinal. Occupying many weekends, Blevins said her experience as a district officer was "a great experience and very memorable."

The FFA also displayed excellence in their newcomers, the Greenhands. The Greenhand team placed first in Parlaw Demonstration, Ritual, FFA Information, and the Overall plaque at leadership school.

Highest honors were presented to seniors at the banquet. Brad McCauley's hard work and dedication earned him district Star Farmer and district Feed Grain Production. Clint Windmeyer won the district Wildlife Management Proficiency Award and the Soil and Water Management Award. State FFA Degree winners were Bob Hopkins, Shawn Tilton, McCauley, and Chris Blevins.

Rachael Jeschke, senior, chose to excel in a different side of FFA. Jeschke displayed her "National Talent" at the National FFA Convention. With a crowd of over thirty thousand people and lasers lighting the stage, Jeschke sang the national anthem to start the ceremonies.

"Through these many wonderful achievements, the FFA displayed outstanding leadership and role models for future participants. They have established a standard for years to come," said Chris Blevins, president.



Front Row: T. J. Simpson, reporter; Stephanie Blevins, secretary; Bob Hopkins, treasurer; Brad McCauley, vice-president; Chris Blevins, president; Josh Keebler, sentinel; Kelly Merkel, vp-chapter development; Rocky Ruhnke, vp student development; Clint Windmeyer, stuco rep; Hilary Harness, vp- student development. Second Row: Elmer Schmitz, advisor; Rachael Jeschke, Natalie Webb, Denise Blevins, Karie Diveley, Stacy Neibling, Cathleen Hanlon, Lynn Windmeyer, Kristy Green, Brandi Woodruff; Third Row: Bridget Blevins, Emily Jeschke, Andrea Collins, Megan Blevins, Erin Jeschke, Cate Batchelder, Becky Cole, Stacey Fee, Cassie Nuzum, Heather Hunsaker, Amanda Romine; Fourth Row: Fred Green, Will Simmons, Brant Clary, Shane Smith, B. J. Twombly, Ryan Nolte, Luke Keller, Dustin Geiger, Brad Elrod, Noah Diveley; Fifth Row: Joe Swain, Shawn Tilton, Jerod Blanton, Jeff Butrick, Levi Lucas, Paul Idol, Travis Clary, Zach Powell, Eric Tracy. not pictured, James Powell. Photo by Bray's.



Chapter Stars- Front Row: Stacy Neibling, Star Production Greenhand; Bob Hopkins, Chapter Star Agribusinessman; Brad McCauley, Chapter Star Farmer; Dustin Geiger, Star Agribusinessman Greenhand. Photo by Verena Zorn.



Greenhands- Front Row: Lynn Windmeyer, Megan Blevins, sentinel; Dustin Geiger, reporter; Noah Diveley, president; Cassie Nuzum. Second Row: Stacy Neibling, vice-president; Cate Batchelder, treasurer; Cathleen Hanlon, Becky Cole, Brandi Woodruff; Third Row: B. J. Twombly, Zach Powell, Ryan Nolte, Eric Tracy, secretary; Luke Keller. Photo by Bray's.



Megan Blevins solemnly shaves Elmer Schmitz's head, as if it is all in a day's work. This happened after the Greenhands won NE District Leadership School and the "deal." The "deal" was if the Greenhands could win leadership school, Schmitz would shave his head. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Cate Batchelder concentrates on identifying the specifics of the chicken at the poultry contest held a Sabetha. Batchelder received 9th at district and participated in the state poultry contest. Photo by Norma Beck.

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Photosphere

The student council did many things to promote school spirit with activities ranging anywhere from sponsoring Homecoming to hosting an Easter egg hunt.

Hilary Harness, student council president, said, "Everyone was very cooperative and enthusiastic. The monthly activities got the whole student body involved. Traditional events like the Easter egg hunt and the dances always go over the best."

The journalism class was busy, as usual, with yearbook, newspaper, and contest deadlines. They attended the KSPA contest on Feb. 14 held at the Kansas University campus. Five students qualified for state with their entries. Stephanie Blevins, junior, placed third in layout and double-page spread, with Emily Stevens, junior, placing second in the same category. Harness, junior, placed third in infographics. Megan Batchelder, junior, placed second in advertising. Erin Jeschke, junior, came home with the gold in news writing.

The Bluestreak Speaks earned many awards. Overall, KSPA gave an award of commendation. The staff also earned its first All-Kansas award in design.

Donna Parish, journalism sponsor, said, "Since it was the first time we'd received an All-Kansas designation in design, I was pleased with and proud of the staff."



Student Council members are Front Row: Jill Leisemeyer, sponsor; Bridget Blevins, Emily Jeschke, secretary; Andrea Collins, treasurer; Cheyenne Dorrell, president-elect; Hilary Harness, president; Rilie Kafer. Second Row: Megan Batchelder, Megan Blevins, Kristi Kelley, Mandy Brock, Stephanie Blevins, Dustin Geiger, Noah Diveley. Third Row: Chris Blevins, Kole Meyer, Brad McCauley, Clint Windmeyer, Levi Lucas, Jerod Blanton, Travis Clary, and Josh Keebler.



Hilary Harness, student council president, welcomes everyone back to school on the first day. This was the first of many activities that the Stuco sponsored. Photo by Clint Windmeyer.



Stephanie Blevins looks through past yearbooks to gain some page layout ideas for her next deadline. Blevins won third place in layout/ double page spread at the regional contest. Photo by Chris Blevins.



The journalism students are Front Row: Emily Stevens, Bridget Blevins, yearbook editor; Stephanie Blevins, Verena Zorn, Hilary Harness. Second Row: Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel, Emily Jeschke, Erin Jeschke, Kristi Kelley, newspaper editor; and Norma Beck. Third Row: Creighton Fasthorse, Chris Blevins, business manager; Bob Hopkins, Chris Collins, Rocky Ruhnke, and Will Simmons.



Bridget Blevins, yearbook editor, uses graphics from the computer to create the page number graphics for the yearbook. Photo by Donna Parish.



Clint Windmeyer tries to scope out some more Easter eggs during the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the student council. Photo by Norma Beck.

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FINE ARTS

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The Fine Arts Program was at warp speed this year in all the departments. The choral department performed the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *The King and I*.

The band worked on songs for the teams and various contest songs. Both choral and instrumental soloists went to State to show their musical talents.

Clay pots, ink pens, and still lifes were the scenes in the art department as well as working on the four flats for the musical. The art department also participated in the Duck Stamp Contest this year.

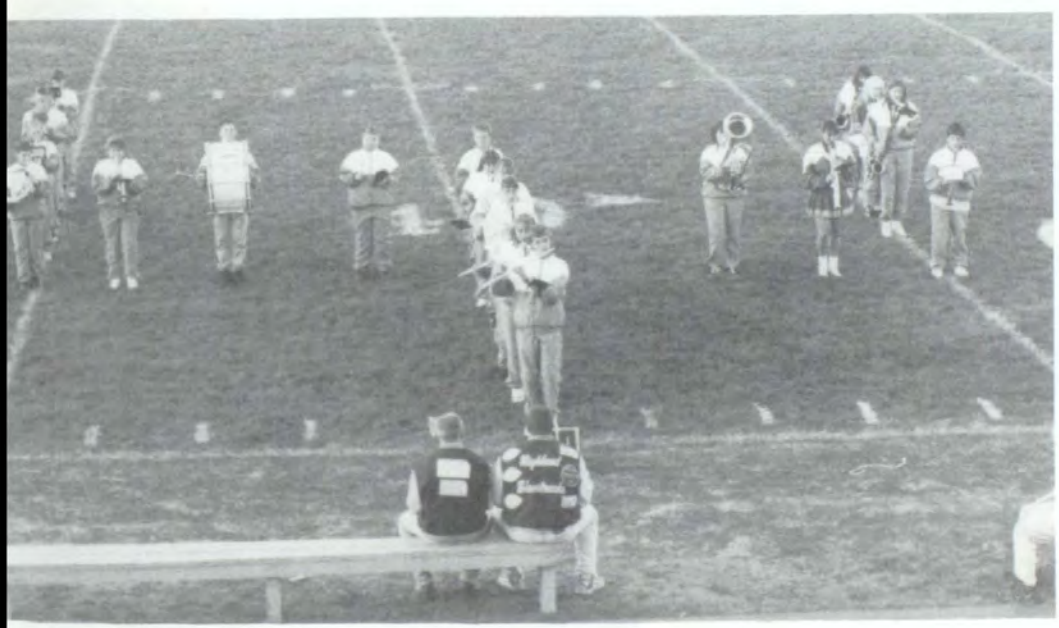
Hilary Harness, junior, said, "I especially liked this project because we got to research any kind of duck we wanted. I researched a green-winged duck; it's the coolest bird alive!"



Erin Jeschke entertains the crowd with her performance as Eliza in their version of Uncle Tom's Cabin to the nobles of England in the musical *The King and I*. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Cassie Nuzum, works on her pen and ink while Fred Green, works on glazing his clay tea pot for DVL art contest in Pleasant Ridge. Photo by Norma Beck.



The band steps in place to form a goal post during halftime of the football game Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Danny Graves, thinks about what to do next for his pen and ink project. Photo by Norma Beck.

These pages designed by Megan Batchelder.

Star Formation



Anna, Rachael Jeschke, helps the King, Brad McCauley, write a letter to President "Leen- Kon." Photo By Kristi Kelley.

The choir performed *The King and I* on Nov. 14 and15 at Highland Community College.

The setting for the fun-filled musical was in Siam. The King, played by Brad McCauley, wants his many children and wives to be educated about the European ways. Anna, played by Rachael Jeschke, and her son Louis, played by Adam Lackey, arrive to help the King. She is promised many things by the King such as a house and a good salary if she educates the children and wives. The King's right hand man was played by Chris Blevins.

Rocky Ruhnke said, "I thought the play was very good. The lead roles did an exceptional job acting and singing."

The humor and light-heartedness of the musical effected everyone from the performers to the audience. A few tears were even shed when the King passed away.

Chris Blevins said, "My favorite character was the King because the girls bowed at his feet, and my favorite scene was the whipping scene because I got to yell at Anna."

One of the most amazing things about the play is that when the King would clap his hands, the chorus would all hit the floor with a simultaneous "thud." Their bruised knees are proof of their practice to achieve that effect.

Throughout the performance both the King and Miss Anna learn many new things. The King learns that his way is not always right. Anna learns that though things may be different, they really are all the same. Lady Thiang, played by Mandy Brock is the Head Wife of the King. She helps Anna and the King learn from one another's actions. The King and Anna don't fall in love with each other, but they do earn each other's respect.



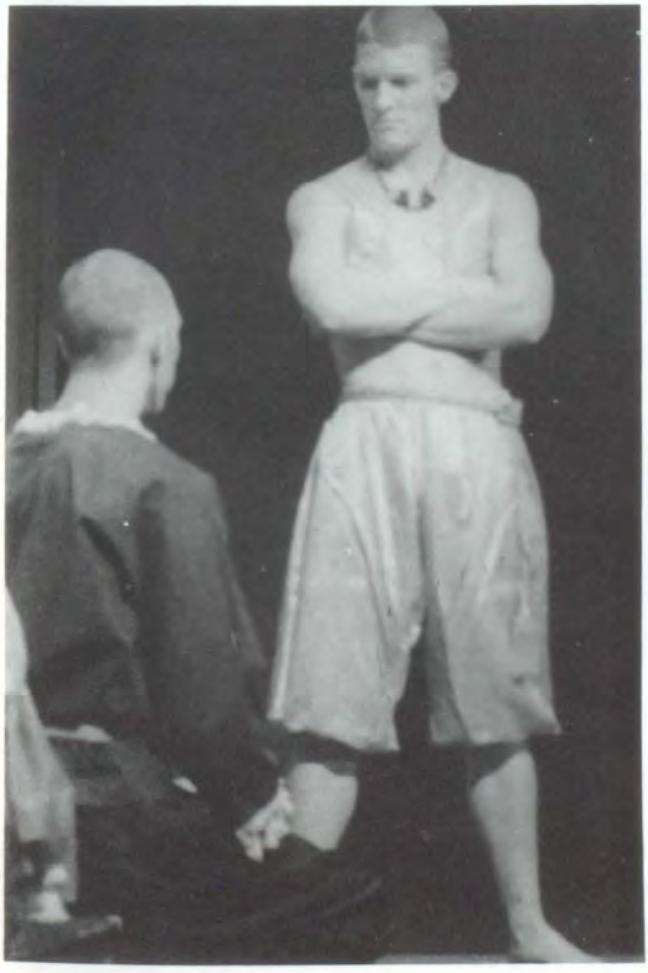
Prince Chululongkorn, Thatcher Reist, and the King, Brad McCauley, discuss what the truth is in life. Photo by Kristi Kelley.



Anna, Rachael Jeschke, remembers her late husband while the King's wives: Mandy Brock, Erin Jeschke, Kristy Green, Denise Blevins, Stephanie Blevins, and Andrea Collins look at his picture. Photo by Kristi Kelley.



Little Topsy, Natalie Webb, acts out what is being said by Tuptum, Cheyenne Dorrell, in the ballet scene. The house of Uncle Thomas was designed by art students Norma Beck and Emily Stevens. Photo by Kristi Kelley.



The interpreter, Levi Lucas, helps the Kralahome, Chris Blevins, understand what is being said. Photo By Bridget Blevins.

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Pulsars

The band and choir had a stellar year. Most of their time was spent preparing for contests, and performing at various events. The choir also spent many hours staging *The King and I* (see pages 44-45).

The marching band under the direction of Andrea Collins, sophomore, drum major, performed many formations at the home football games. The pep band played at most of the home basketball games.

The band, a mixture of high school and junior high musicians, received a I rating at the State competions and a II at the Delaware Valley League Music Festival. The band also played at KU Band Day.

Jamie Baker, band instructor, said, "I was really pleased with the performance of the band. The end product has really improved. They did a great job."

The choir performed at the DVL Music Festival and received a I rating.

Juniors Stephanie Blevins and Cheyenne Dorrell and Senior Rachael Jeschke earned I ratings at State for solos.

Cheryl Rasmussen and Baker team-taught choir. Rasmussen said, "The choir did really well. It is great to have such a large group. They sounded great at contest. This was one of the best choirs we've had for a while."



Band members Front Row: Bryan Rhodd, Chris Mooney, Christina Dickerson, Ma Reiter, Andrew Gilfillan, Jon Edie, Barbara Purvis, Samantha Collins, Jill Merke Lucas Keebler, Rilie Kafer, Cheyenne Dorrell, Kyle Olson; Second Row: Jamie Bake director, Liz Carwell, Jon Theobald, Nick Cluck, Heather Gildersleeve, Tessa Reis Crystal Harness, Leslie Korthanke, Jana Collins, Katie Nuzum, Kristin McCaule Thatcher Reist, Andrea Collins. Photo by Bray's.



Choir students Front Row: Cathleen Hanlon, Rachael Jeschke, Natalie Jeschke, Molly O'Brien, Denise Blevins, Karie Diveley, Emily Jeschke, Nancy Powell, Holly Vandall Natalie Webb, Andrea Collins, Barbara Purvis, Tessa Reist, Leslie Korthanke, Lyn Windmeyer; Second Row: Mandy Brock, Emily Stevens, Cate Batchelder, Eri Jeschke, Cheyenne Dorrell, Kari Garrett, Jennifer Yates, Stephanie Blevins, Kell Merkel, Rilie Kafer, Heather Hunsaker, Kristy Green, Megan Blevins, Sandy Peters Cassie Nuzum, Cheryl Rasmussen, director; Third Row: Holly Gray, Amanda Will iams, Jon Theobald, Zach Powell, Adam Lackey, Noah Diveley, John Amos, Eri Cole, Nathan Twombly, Becky Cole, Stacy Neibling, Sarah Lock, Verena Zorn Fourth Row: Justin O'Bryan, Dustin Geiger, Michael Ingram, Chris Blevins, Tro Lewis, Brad McCauley, Clinton Windmeyer, Jeff Butrick, Chris Collins, Shane Smith Levi Lucas, Adam Tyler, Kole Meyer, Joe Swain, Thatcher Reist, Colby Collins Photo by Bray's.



The pep band energizes the students during a pep rally. Photo by Verena Zorn.



Band soloist Front Row: Rilie Kafer, Leslie Korthanke, Barbara Purvis; Second row: Rachael Jeschke, Andrea Collins.
Most of the soloist participated in the DVL and regional competition. Jeschke received a I rating at DVL and regionals but did not participate at the State level. Collins received a I rating at all competitions. Photo by Bray's.



Barbara Purvis, Leslie Korthanke and Crystal Harness play their clarinets while Natalie Webb and the other cheerleaders perform a pom-pom routine to "Barbara Ann" in the football game against Horton. The cheeleaders performed with the marching band at the Missouri Western State College Tournament of Champions Field Camp for Marching Bands. They received second in the 1-A divsion. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Andrea Collins, drum major, leads the band off the field after the performance at the football game against Horton. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

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Thermodynamics

The Swing Choir performed at many events which showed their rising talents and sound quality. Among the scheduled concerts were Swing Choir Tour: "Rockin' 50s, 60s, and 70s," which took them to JCN, Rainforest Montessori School, in Lawrence, and then back home to strut their stuff in front of the entire student body.

Brad McCauley, senior, had one of the many solos which enchanted the audience with his rendition of "Overnight Male." McCauley said, "I enjoyed myself these past years being able to sing and have fun doing it. The dinner theatre where we saw 'Rumors' was the best part of the tour. Also, seeing the different schools and environments was fun in itself."

The Swing Choir received a I rating at the Delaware Valley Music Festival, Regionals, and State competition. The girls' ensemble also performed and received I ratings with the song "The Time of Singing."

Chris Collins, junior, said, "I thought that the guys' ensemble deserved to go to State due to their warm reception at Regionals."

The Swing Choir graduated six of its members, leaving a big gap to fill. Emily Jeschke, junior, said, "I had a lot of fun during tour and State, and it will be very hard to replace the talent given by the seniors. They will be missed."

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Swing Choir members include Front Row: Chris Blevins, Natalie Webb, Thatcher Reist, Emily Jeschke, Adam Lackey, Andrea Collins, Dustin Geiger, Tessa Reist; Second Row: Levi Lucas, Mandy Brock, Brad McCauley, Rachael Jeschke, Kole Meyer, Stephanie Blevins; Third Row: Chris Collins, Kelly Merkel, Adam Tyler, Erin Jeschke, Clint Windmeyer, Cheyenne Dorrell, Jeff Butrick, Meagan Blevins. Photo by Bray's.



The girls' ensemble earned a I rating at State. These talented girls included Front Row: Natalie Webb, Rachael Jeschke, Andrea Collins, Tessa Reist, Emily Jeschke; Second Row: Mandy Brock, Stephanie Blevins, Cheyenne Dorrell, Meagan Blevins; Third Row: Erin Jeschke, Kelly Merkel. Photo by Bray's.



Partners Brad McCauley and Rachael Jeschke groove together while singing "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." The two were also soloists in the tour. McCauley sung "Overnight Male" and Jeschke performed "God Help The Outcasts" from the movie *The Hunchback of Norte Dame*. Photo by Sarah Heinen



Their crazy side rears it head again as Thacher Reist and Chris Blevins do their impression of "Wild Thing." The two also performed a popular *Blues Brothers* song "Soul Man" during the tour. Photo by Kristy Kelly.





Rachael Jeschke, Erin Jeschke, Tessa Reist, Natalie Webb, and Emily Jeschke jive to "See ya later alligator." Photo by Sarah Heinen.

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The "Grease" medley arose spirits and created happiness to the watching crowd, and even caused the Swing Choir to raise their hands in overwhelming joy. Pictured are Front Row: Rachael Jeschke, Natalie Webb, Erin Jeschke, Emily Jeschke, Tessa Riest; Second Row: Meagan Blevins, Cheyenne Dorrell, Kelly Merkel, Mandy Brock, Andrea Collins, Stephanie Blevins; Third Row: Chris Blevins, Thacher Riest, Levi Lucas, Adam Lackey, Brandon Geiger; Fourth Row: Chris Collins, Jeff Butrick, Clint Windmeyer, Brad MaCauley, Kole Meyer, Adam Tyler. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

Spacecraft

Students have been showing off their artistic fluorescence in many ways this year. At the Federated Women's Club art contest, the artists illuminated the school with six blue ribbons.

Holly Vandall, sophomore, didn't like the Federated Women's Club art contest because she said, "All students should win because they all put their time into it."

At the beginning of the year, the students worked diligently on flats for the musical and painted windows for Fun Pumpkin Day. They also composed paintings to enter in the duck stamp contest. It was the first time they had entered that contest.

Linda Joseph, art teacher, said, "I like starting projects, but I'm also usually ready to finish them! It's always interesting to see original ideas on the assignments. Art is so creative!"

Sandy Peters, freshman, described art as "experimentally stimulating."

Later in the year the artists made tea pots for their clay project, entered the Highland Community College Art Day, and went to the Delaware Valley League competition in Pleasant Ridge. Five students received Honorable Mentions at the Highland Art Day, and three received them at DVL. The art history quiz was won by Norma Beck, senior.

Beck said, "I had studied for the Highland Art Day art history contest, and that just carried over to the DVL quiz."

Next year, Joseph plans to have students make clay cottages and do a project with architecture.

Joseph said, "I like the small art classes this year. And knowing the students very well can be an advantage and a disadvantage."



Matthew Reiter works on his teapot in art. Photo by Norma Beck.



Nathan Twombly sketches his drawing onto one of the flats for the musical. Linda Joseph had the students draw their ideas for the flats and those whose drawings were chosen drew their sketches on the flats. Photo by Donna Parish.



Sandy Peters concentrates on her drawing in art while others take their turn at working on the flats for the musical. Photo by Donna Parish.

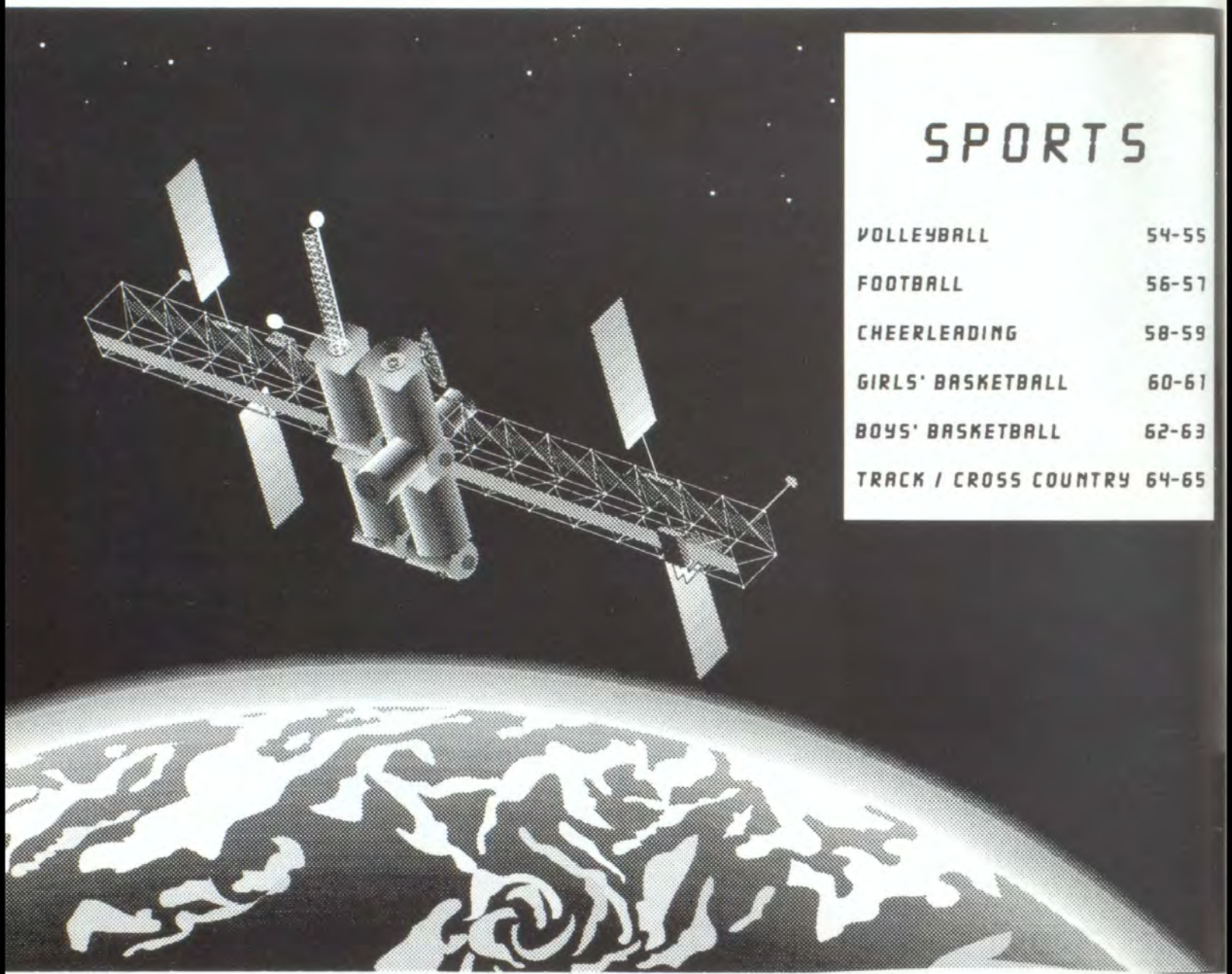


Misty Popejoy watches intently as Linda Joseph demonstrates proper drawing technique. Photo by Norma Beck.



Holly Vandall works on her teapot in art. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

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The sports teams were "out of this world" and brought out special qualities of every athlete.

The girls' basketball team improved their record from last year. Bridget Blevins, solo senior basketball player, said, "Coach Brad Bingesser had a totally different coaching technique. It was one that fit our team's disposition."

Thanks to the cheerleaders' supportive and spirited chants, sports festivites were very enjoyable. "We worked really hard to establish school spirit and to keep the teams going," said Stephanie Blevins, junior cheerleading captain.

"Our somewhat mediocre record did not represent the amount of work and talent that was shown by the squad. Furthermore, I would like to commend both players and coaches for an outstanding year. To make a final point, the athletic program here is of a higher caliber than most. The community should be proud in expressing their support for Highland student athletes," said Bob Hopkins, senior.



Noah Diveley, freshman, paces himself at the Troy Invitational cross country meet. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



The exuberant lady varsity basketball team celebrates a basket during the Pleasant Ridge game. The excitement ended in a score in favor of Pleasant Ridge 32-37. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Chris Blevins, #33, blocks for Will Simmons, #44, on the sweep against Horton Chargers. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Cate Batchelder, Megan Batchelder, Stephanie Blevins, and T. J. Simpson, prepare their defense for Jefferson County North's serve. Photo by Donna Parish.

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Rotation

Even with the devastating let down in Regionals, the Bluestreak Volleyball team had a successful season, ending with a 22-12 overall record and a 5-4 record in league play.

Megan Batchelder, hitter, and Stephanie Blevins, setter, were selected to the Volleyball DVL All- League Team for their 1996 season.

The ladies started out at an even pace at 5-6 coming out of the Highland Invitational after taking third place in their pool when defeating Troy and JCN and losing to Valley Heights and Centralia. Centralia then went on to take first place in the tournament.

The next challenge for the Streaks was the Troy Tournament where the ladies received a second place plaque after defeating Nodaway-Holt, Valley Falls, South Holt, and Wathena. The final game was against the Centralia Panthers where the ladies took a hard loss of 2-15, 4-15.

On Oct. 19, the Lady Streaks went down to Pleasant Ridge for the DVL Tournament where the ladies took second place in the overall tournament. The teams playing were Jackson Heights, McLouth, JCN, Wathena, and Oskaloosa. The ladies defeated all of the DVL competitors once, until the loss to Jackson Heights in the final match in three close games of 6-15, 15-2, 14-16.

The ladies then ended their season in Regional action which was held in Wetmore. The first match was against the Midway Eagles where they took the win with a score of 15-6, 15-3. The ladies then went on to play the Wetmore Cardinals and ended with a loss of 9-15, 5-15.



Natalie Webb (#36) sets the ball up for Megan Batchelder (#5) so she can try for a spike during the Highland Invitational against Royal Valley. Photo by Erin Jeschke.



The 1996 Bluestreak Volleyball team. Front row: Stacy Neibling, Cate Batchelder, Sandy Peters, Lynn Windmeyer, Tessa Reist, and Leslie Korthanke. Second row: Natalie Webb, Amanda Romine, Holly Vandall, Kari Garrett, T.J. Simpson, and Andrea Collins. Third row: Norma Beck, manager; Emily Stevens, manager; Hilary Harness, Verena Zorn, Kelly Merkel, Jennifer Yates, Denise Blevins, Angie Eberly, assistant coach; and Cheryl Rasmussen, head coach. Back row: Megan Batchelder and Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.



The Lady Streaks huddled to get one another fired up with a little excitement before the next match. Photo by Bridget Blevins.

Record: 22-12

	Streaks	Opponent
Midway	3	
Lansing	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	1	1
Valley Falls	2	
Troy	2	1
Oskaloosa	1	1
Jackson Heights	1	2
Atchison	1	1
Horton	1	
JCN	2	1
McLouth	2	
Wathena	2	
Nodaway-Holt	1	
Centralia		2
South Holt	1	
Valley Heights		1
Regionals		
Midway	1	
Wetmore		1



T.J. Simpson (#35) pounds the ball during the JCN game while Stephanie Blevins, Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel, and Cate Batchelder watch the defenders for spike coverage. Photo by Donna Parish.

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The Big Bang Theory

Although the football team was burdened by many injuries and hard falls, they never gave up. The season ended with a record of 4-5.

"We had hoped to finish the season with a better record, but because of injuries that haunted us this season, we fell short of our goal," said Rocky Ruhnke.

Chris Blevins, Jeff Butrick, Clint Windmeyer, and Will Simmons were the team captains. They each contributed individual efforts to provide leadership and experience.

Receiving Delaware Valley League honors for the team were seniors, Clint Windmeyer, Chris Blevins, and Joe Orozco. Windmeyer was named second team all league strong safety. He also led the team as quarterback. Blevins was a strength to the Bluestreaks, receiving DVL all-league second team linebacker. Orozco was selected as second team all-league deep tackle.

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Back Row: Elmer Schmitz, coach; Joe Orozco, Shane Smith, Brad McCauley, Will Simmons, Clint Windmeyer, Jeff Butrick, Chris Collins, Bob Hopkins, Rocky Ruhnke, Brant Clary, Chris Blevins, Ron Shelton, coach; Second Row: Thatcher Reist, David Orozco, Fred Green, Kole Meyer, Levi Lucas, Paul Idol, Jerod Blanton, Josh Keebler, Adam Lackey, EricCole, Brad Elrod; Front Row: Travis Clary, Ryan Nolte, Eric Tracy, Dustin Geiger, Miles Alexander, Zach Powell, B.J. Twombly, Noah Diveley. Photo by Bray's.



Clint Windmeyer (#12) runs a well executed option, assisted by Chris Collins (#24), during the Homecoming game against Oskaloosa. Photo Kelly Merkel .



Will Simmons (#44), after flattening one Pleasant Ridge defender, breaks through another and heads for the end-zone. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

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Highland Football

WINS:4 **LOSSES:5**

	Us	Them
Pleasant Ridge	27	7
Jackson Heights	44	6
Wathena	12	26
Oskaloosa	36	12
McLouth	25	50
Horton	28	14
JCN	22	41
Valley Falls	36	16
Troy	7	41



Brant Clary (#84) graciously maintains his balance as he catches a pass just inches from the sidelines for the two-point conversion during the game against JCN. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Thatcher Reist (#30) anxiously awaits a pitch from Clint Windmeyer (#12), as Jeff Butrick (#3) pushes a Jackson Heights defender out of the way. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

Proper Motion

The cheerleaders were busy doing many activities to enhance the school spirit.

The cheerleaders did a lot more than just cheer at the games. They did several fund raisers and community events like a community pep rally during Homecoming and cake raffles at basketball games. The major fund raisers were a sand volleyball tournament and a car wash. The money they raised went toward camp at Emporia.

Hilary Harness, junior, said, "I had a lot of fun at camp, and we got a lot of new material to use." The junior cheerleaders led the pep squad and the crowd.

Stephanie Blevins, junior and captain, said, "I think the girls did a great job, and I had a lot of fun. I'm definitely looking forward to next year!"

NatalieWebb, sophomore, said, "At first I was worried about flying, but after awhile I learned to trust my bases or holders!"



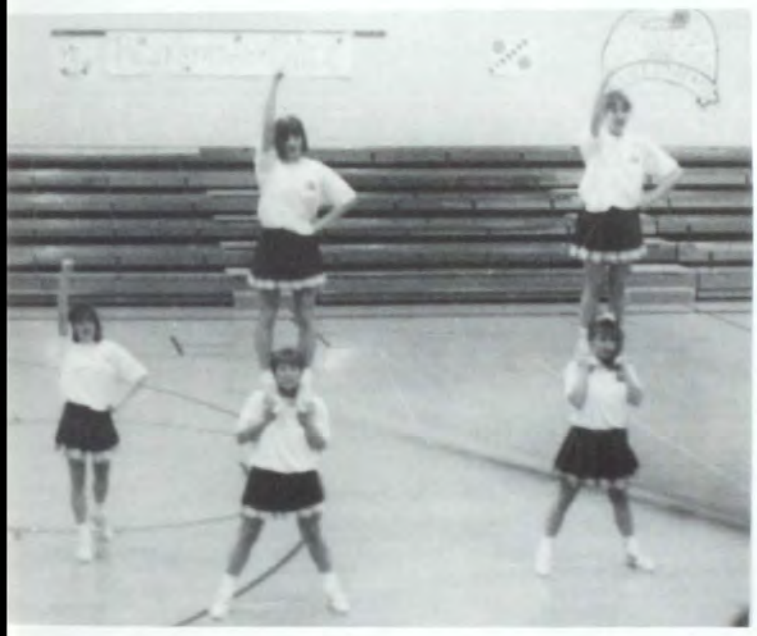
Natalie Webb, Cheyenne Dorrell, Megan Blevins and Heather Hunsaker show the crowd how peppy they really can be while cheering during the Pleasant Ridge basketball game. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Basketball cheerleaders, Top Row: Denise Blevins, T. J. Simspon, Natalie Webb; Middle Row: Stephanie Blevins, Megan Blevins, Emily Jeschke; Bottom Row: Cheyenne Dorrell and Heather Hunsaker. Photo by Bray's.



The football cheerleaders say "Hey!" in their camp T-shirts during one of the warm football games. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



On the ground Natalie Webb, Stephanie Blevins, and Heather Hunsaker base, while Emily Jeschke and Megan Blevins fly high during a basketball pep rally. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Football Cheerleaders, Top Row: Cheyenne Dorrell, Andrea Collins, Cate Batchelder, Denise Blevins, Middle Row: Heather Hunsaker, Hilary Harness, Bottom Row: Emily Jeschke and Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.

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Astronomical Unit

The Lady Bluestreaks started off kind of slow with two back to back losses to Oskaloosa. Then they really came out of their shell by winning seven straight. The ladies ended their season with 11 wins and 9 losses.

The ladies were coached by Brad Bingesser with this being his first year at Highland. He and the team set some high goals.

T.J. Simpson, sophomore, said, "We came very close to reaching our goals and hopefully next year we will be able to reach them."

The only senior player was Bridget Blevins. She received all-league first team and all-county second team. She was the second leading scorer and third leading rebounder on the team. The leading scorer and rebounder was Andrea Collins, sophomore. She also received first team all-league and second team all-county.

There were two freshmen that received valuable playing time for the years to come. These talented young ladies were Megan Blevins and Cate Batchelder. Megan Blevins said, "I thought I received a fair shot at a lot of playing time, even though I was a freshman. Hopefully next year I will have improved enough to help the team even more."

Next year, with 11 returning letter women, the girls' basketball team will have the experience to go a long way.



Back Row: Brad Bingesser, Cate Batchelder, Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel, Sara Heinen, Erin Jeschke, Emily Stevens, manager; Middle Row: Bridget Blevins, Hilar Harness, Jennifer Yates, Heather Hunsaker, Kari Garrett, Cheyenne Dorrell, Andre Collins, T. J. Simpson Front Row: Natalie Webb, Lynn Windmeyer, Emily Jeschk Stephanie Blevins, Denise Blevins, Karie Diveley, Holly Vandall, Megan Blevins.



Bridget Blevins (#22) wrestles for the ball against Midway while Megan Batchelder (44) and T. J. Simpson (#35) trap her in. Bridget received second team all-county and first team all-league honors this year. Photo by Marla Taylor.



Megan Batchelder (#44) and Stephanie Blevins (#40) attempt to rebound a shot taken by Bridget Blevins (#22) against Pleasant Ridge. The Lady Bluestreaks lost by a score of 32 to 37. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Megan Batchelder (#44) pulls down a rebound over two Midway players during one of the three games against Midway. The Lady Streaks beat the Eagles in every game during the regular season and in Regional action. Photo by Marla Taylor.

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Girls' Basketball

Record 11-9

Us		Them
20	Oskie	29
21	Oskie	26
43	McLouth	31
58	Troy	39
43	Midway	32
42	Horton	35
67	V-Falls	29
64	Elwood	14
42	JCN	37
32	P-Ridge	37
JMAC		
25	Wathena	53
23	Jmac	39
49	Midway	29
56	McLouth	41
30	Jackson Hts.	48
61	Hyman	33
42	Wathena	56
42	Troy	61
Regionals		
42	Midway	21
30	Bern	53

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Momentum



Front Row: Josh Keebler, Jerod Blanton, Dustin Geiger, Noah Diveley, Adam Lackey, Paul Idol; Second Row: Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Jon Theobald, Evan Dillman, Travis Clary, Chris Blevins; Third Row: Levi Lucas, Will Simmons, Clint Windmeyer, Jeff Butrick, Brad McCauley, Brant Clary, Chris Collins.

The boys' basketball team ended their season with a final record of 9-11. "My senior year, compared to the other three years of basketball, was more difficult because we were the leaders. We were expected to live up to the good leaders we have had in the past," said Will Simmons.

Receiving honors for the team were seniors, Jeff Butrick and Clint Windmeyer. Windmeyer made DVL honorable mention and second team all-county.

Butrick has received many awards throughout his career, and these only represent an ounce of his talent. Butrick was named all-tournament team in the IMAC and DVL tournaments. He also made the first team DVL and first team all-county. Butrick was later chosen to play in the Northeast Kansas All-Star game where he, among four others, was named all-star of the game. His individual effort led him to reach above 1000 points during his four years in basketball.

"I think we had the potential to do a lot better than we did. The team unity was just not up to par," said Travis Clary, sophomore.

Boys' Basketball

Record: 9-11

Us		Them
60	Oskie	63
56	JCN	66
57	V-Falls	38
37	Wathena	45
49	Troy	66
51	Midway	37
79	Horton	89
62	V-Falls	58
71	Elwood	41
51	JCN	39
62	P-Ridge	64
JMAC:		
54	JMAC	63
65	Maur Hill	67
72	Midway	55
67	McLouth	59
44	Jackson Heights	69
77	Hyman Brand	53
74	Wathena	63
63	Troy	88
Regionals:		
50	Midway	55



Clint Windmeyer (#34) attempts a free throw, while Will Simmons (#44) and Brad McCauley (#32) fight inside for rebounding position in a tough loss to the Midway Eagles. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Kole Meyer (#25) makes a well executed bounce pass into a post player in the game against Jackson Heights. The Cobras beat the Bluestreaks 69-44. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Chris Collins (#45) has a distinct follow through after a free throw in the loss against Pleasant Ridge. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Chris Blevins (#33) is in a text book defensive position as he anticipates his Jackson Heights opponent's next move. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

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Comets

The track team blasted into the year with 29 eager members. The weather at the majority of the eight meets was undesirably cold and rainy.

Throughout the season, the girls' team showed their athletic ability by placing in the top three at numerous meets. The boys also placed remarkably well with their small numbers.

As the season came to an end, the team held a 15 mile relay to get energized about the Regional meet. The relay began and ended at Sparks with record times. Gary Keehn, head coach, ran the entire 15 miles finishing ahead of all three teams. Once the race was over, the participants headed to Kirk and Connie Zeit's for a picnic and awards presentation.

Joe Swain, junior, and T. J. Simpson, sophomore, won the awards for the Most Outstanding Athletes. Juniors Denise Blevins and Thatcher Reist were awarded Most Consistent Athletes. Lynn Windmeyer, freshman, earned the Most Improved Athlete award. Emily Jeschke was named the Team Leader. Gerald and Grace Jeschke were awarded the Outstanding Fan award for the second year running.

All of the hard work and dedication paid off for Swain and Colby Collins, junior, at the Regional meet in Marysville. Swain and Collins placed third in the 1600m and the 3200m, respectively, advancing to State competition.



The members of the track team are Front Row: T. J. Simpson, Norma Beck, Natalie Webb, Emily Jeschke, Tessa Reist, Natalie Jeschke, Becky Cole, Andrea Collins, Cathleen Hanlon, Sandy Peters; Second Row: Adam Lackey, Hilary Harness, Bridget Blevins, Denise Blevins, Megan Blevins, Heather Hunsaker, Verena Zorn, Lynn Windmeyer, Nathan Twombly, Noah Diveley, Angie Eberly (assistant coach); Third Row: Gary Keehn (head coach), Joe Swain, Evan Dillman, Troy Lewis, Thatcher Reist, Kelly Merkel, Megan Batchelder, Rocky Ruhnke, Colby Collins, Cate Batchelder, Erin Jeschke. Not pictured: Stephanie Blevins, Rachael Jeschke, Larry Sandy (assistant coach). Photo by Donna Parish.



Megan Batchelder heaves the shot put at the Midway Invitational track meet, while Coach Sandy, Norma Beck, Becky Cole, Amanda Williams, and Kelly Merkel provide moral support. Photo by Will Simmons.



Lynn Windmeyer and Rachael Jeschke try to keep up with the pace Natalie Webb has set for them in the two-mile run at the Midway Invitational. Photo by Will Simmons.



Erin Jeschke hands the baton to T. J. Simpson in the 4x200m relay at the Midway Invitational. Photo by Cheryl Jeschke.

Relay Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys' Relays			
4x400m			1
4x800m	4	3	
Girls' Relays			
4x100m		3	2
4x200m		3	2
4x400m		3	2
4x800m	4	2	
Weight Women's	1		

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Track Statistics

	1st	2nd	3rd
Joe Swain			
1600m	6	3	
Fourth in State with 4:40 time.			
3200m	4	4	1
Thatcher Reist			
100m		1	1
200m		1	2
400m	2	4	
Colby Collins			
800m			3
3200m		2	1
Evan Dillman			
Javelin	1	1	1
3200m		1	1
Adam Lackey			
Triple Jump		1	
Megan Batchelder			
Discus	1	2	1
High Jump	1	1	2
Kelly Merkel			
Shot Put		2	
Heather Hunsaker			
Long Jump			2
Triple Jump		2	1
Tessa Reist			
400m	3		1
Long Jump		2	1
Emily Jeschke			
1600m	1	1	2
3200m	2	2	
300m Hurdles	1	2	2
Cate Batchelder			
800m			2
Triple Jump			1
Denise Blevins			
800m	1	6	1
Natalie Webb			
3200m		1	2
Bridget Blevins			
Javelin		2	1
Erin Jeschke			
100m			1
200m			3
Lynn Windmeyer			
1600m		1	1
3200m			1
Andrea Collins			
Shot Put	1		3
Discus		2	
T. J. Simpson			
100m		3	1
200m		2	

The Speed Of Light

The Cross Country team had a very good season. They sent three runners to State and did very well in the DVL. Emily Jeschke, Colby Collins, and Joe Swain enjoyed very fine seasons with all three of them going to State.

Collins and Emily Jeschke both received first in the county meets, and Swain placed second, while Evan Dillman finished eighth. Natalie Jeschke finished third, and Rachael Jeschke finished fourth.

At the DVL league meet the girls' team finished fourth overall, and Emily and Rachael Jeschke placed on the all-league team with Emily Jeschke placing 6th which entitled her to a first team all league, and 2nd team runner Rachael Jeschke placed 11th over all. The boys' team placed 4th over all too and had two runners achieve second team all-league with Collins placing tenth and Swain placing 13th.

At the Regional meet Emily Jeschke placed 9th which qualified her to go on to State. Natalie Jeschke finished 13th, and Rachael finished 15th. The boys had two people finish in the top ten with Collins leading the team with an outstanding third place finish, and Swain finished seventh. Dillman came in next from Highland with a 38th place, and Diveley finished 49th.



Joe Swain runs up a steep hill at the Troy meet while it rains down. Swain had an outstanding season and went to State. Photo By Rocky Ruhnke.

At the State meet the Highland runners competed with over a hundred runners on both boys' and girls' teams. Swain had the highest placing from Highland finishing 27th. Emily Jeschke finished with a strong 39th and Collins finished 47th.

Gary Keehn, coach, said, "I was pleased with the team unity both the boys and girls. I felt like we had a very good training year, and I hope that next year it shows up more consistently in meets.

Emily Jeschke said, "It was th most entertaining season I had, and was glad to have teammates at State. Jeschke also said, "I hope that nex year I medal at State.

Swain said, "I felt that the sea son went very well, and I was sur prised I did so well." Swain also sai that next year he wants to improve an take the season more seriously.

Rachael Jeschke, said, "I an sad that this was my last year. It was very challenging sport, but I encour age everyone to try it."

Next year's cross country tean will return all three of their State run ners and should be very exciting t watch.



Colby Collins passes another runner at the Horton meet. Collins medaled in almost every meet and went to State. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Ryan Nolte gives it his all at the Maur Hill Meet. Photo by Donna Parish



Emily Jeschke runs up the hill at the Troy meet while fighting the weather. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Emily Jeschke, State runner, prepares for the Maur Hill meet while Jim Leatherman, Midway Cross Country Coach, keeps track of stats. Photo by Donna Parish.



Joe Swain leads the pack at the Troy meet. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.

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The special events took us to another galaxy where the world looked very small compared to all the excitement going on. Homecoming and King and Queen of Courts were out-of-this-world as the kings and queens were shown to all the viewing earthlings.

The Barnwarming candidates proved that they weren't really aliens, and actually fit in quite well, as they showed their muscles by doing various farm-based work to battle for the title of Sweetheart.

"Carried Away" was the junior's theme for Prom. This pick seemed to be perfect as the shimmering dresses and studs in their tuxes simply took the breath out of the cosmic crowd. Kelly Merkel, junior, said, "I thought everyone looked dazzling in their evening attire, as we usually don't dress up for dances."

The honorable space cadets arrived to pick up all their awards given on Awards Night. The seniors seemed to dominate the ceremony as they walked away with many awards.

The long-awaited arrival finally came, graduation. The seniors left the high school to begin a life of their own. They went out beautifully and left us with many memories, like shooting stars.



Rachael Jeschke receives congratulations after winning the title of Queen of Courts. Jeschke was crowned by King Jeff Butrick. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



The Homecoming attendants and Queen take a breather from all the action and smile generously for their watching fans. The attendants are Norma Beck, Kristi Kelley, Queen Bridget Blevins, Mandy Brock, and Rachael Jeschke. The night proved to be successful as the football players won the game against Valley Falls. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Prom night was celebrated by many as the theme "Carried Away" proved to do just that with the joys and expectations of all who attended. Chris Blevins and Natalie Webb displayed their excitement while dancing the night away. Chris Collins is seen trying to get in on the action. Photo by Bray's.



Mandy Brock contemplates the future after graduation. Photo by Bray's.

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Royal Astronomical Society

Once again the highlight of the fall sport season has shined on the two lucky individuals chosen to be the king and queen of the Homecoming tradition. As the '97 Ford Pickups slowly wheeled around the track carrying the candidates, during half time of the football game, excitement mounted throughout the crowd.

Chris Blevins and Bridget Blevins came away with the King and Queen honors before a large crowd who were on hand to watch the ceremony and support the Bluestreak football squad.

The Blevins duo were among great competition for the crown from the other honorable candidates including Mandy Brock, Kristi Kelley, Rachael Jeschke, Norma Beck, Brad McCauley, Jeff Butrick, Clint Windmeyer, and Will Simmons.

Chris Blevins, king, said, "I felt very honored to be elected Homecoming king."

The night was a total success that included a victory over the

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Homecoming King Chris Blevins and Queen Bridget Blevins. Photo by Bray's.



Queen attendant Norma Beck and King attendant Jeff Butrick. Photo by Bray's.



Queen Bridget Blevins and attendant Jeff Butrick await the announcing of the royalty. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Queen attendant Kristi Kelley and King attendant Clint Windmeyer. Photo by Bray's.



King Chris Blevins congratulates Queen Bridget Blevins in a truly royal manner. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

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Stellar Models

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Oskaloosa Bears 21-7. The game was followed by a dance at the high school. STUCO was the sponser of the dance, providing the D.J. and refreshments.

Not only was Homecoming night full of activities, so was the week building up to it. Activities were planned for every day of the week. These included a bonfire held the night before the game and a parade the day of.

The winners of the float competition were the juniors, closely followed by the sophomores, and freshmen. Coming in dead last were the mighty seniors whose float was a monster truck look alike.

Spirit Week provided laughs and spirit for the Bluestreak supporters. Monday was "Just get out of bed day." Troy Lewis reigned supreme when the winner was chosen. Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel, and Andrea Collins were also champions of Spirit Week craziness.



Newly crowned Homecoming royalty Bridget and Chris Blevins are led off the field by flower girl Kayla Schmitz and crown bearer Brett Dunlap at the Sept. 27, 1996 Homecoming football game against Oskaloosa. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

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Queen attendant Mandy Brock and King attendant Will Simmons. Photo by Bray's.



One of the Homecoming activities was a float competition between classes. Above is the juniors first place float with the theme of "Bash the Bears" seen in the parade. Photo by Donna Parrish.



Queen attendent Rachael Jeschke and King attendant Brad McCauley. Photo by Bray's.



The cheerleaders hurriedly prepare for the football team's entrance to the second half, by preparing the run-through. The cheerleadersmade the run-throughs seen at the home football games. Photo by Megan Batchelder.

Global Warming

Barnwarming was held on Monday, Oct. 7, at 6:00 p.m. Candidates Kelly Merkel, Erin Jeschke, Natalie Webb, T.J. Simpson, Cate Batchelder, and Megan Blevins participated in a night full of interviews, information tests, speeches, and chores. After many fun activities, Merkel was proudly crowned as chapter Sweetheart, and Simpson was runner up.

The judges for the night were Angie Eberly and Michael Springer, State FFA Treasurer. They were busy asking questions during the interview and judging chores.

FFA members and families sponsored a delicious potluck meal which everyone enjoyed. Twenty-three businesses around the area donated to Barnwarming.

After a wonderful meal, everyone gathered in the agriculture building to listen to speeches from the candidates. The topic was "If you were running for president of the United States, what would your platform be for the agricultural community?" Michael Springer was the guest speaker.



Kelly Merkel was selected as 1996-97 FFA Barnwarming Sweetheart. Photo by Bray's.

Next, came the best part of the evening- the chores. They consisted of Pie Eatin', an Obstacle Course, Fresh-Ropin', Bale Slingin', and Livestock judging. Jeschke said, "The funniest part of the chores was when we were splicing the wire on the obstacle course, and Megan Blevins said, 'You're goin' down, Jeschke!'"

The final activity of the night, before the Sweetheart was announced was the infamous work sale. This tradition brought in over $3000. Members are sold for an eight hour work day which includes one meal supplied by the buyer. "The work sale is very beneficial to our chapter. It brings in over half of our money. We appreciate the support of our community," said Chris Blevins, FFA chapter president.



Kelly Merkel patiently waits for her kiss from the FFA President, Chris Blevins. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Natalie Webb meticulously splices her wire during the obstacle course. Photo by Norma Beck.



Natalie Webb affectionately congratulates Kelly Merkel on her victory. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Kelly Merkel, Erin Jeschke, Megan Blevins, and Cate Batchelder applaud as Denise Blevins proceeds to crown Merkel as the 1996-97 FFA Sweetheart. Photo by Bridget Blevins.



Natalie Webb and Kelly Merkel hoist bales of straw in a race for first in one of the obstacle courses. Photo by Norma Beck.

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Celestial Bodies

Rachael Jeschke and Jeff Butrick were crowned King and Queen at half time of the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy on Feb. 13. Attendents were Norma Beck, Bob Hopkins, Mandy Brock, Clint Windmeyer, Kristi Kelley, and Brad McCauley. "It was an honor to be chosen Queen of Courts, but it was funny because Jeff and I haven't always been best friends," said Jeschke.

The freshmen added a new touch to the ceremony. Red, pink and white balloons made two heart-shaped arches over the candidates creating a magical affect. Megan Blevins, freshman, said, "We liked the idea when we saw it. The balloons were an excellent touch to the King and Queen ceremony." Couples took the court to the song "Someday" by All-4-One.

Maggie Gilmore, daughter of Brad and Becky Gilmore, was flower girl. The crown bearer was Dakota Zeit, son of Kirk and Connie Zeit.

The cheerleaders organized Spirit Week, which consisted of Just Get Out of Bed Day, Nerd/Hippie Day, Celebrity Day, Blue and White Day, and Red Heart Day.

The Cheerleaders held an inspirational Pep Rally. Candidates did their own version of a scene from *Romeo and Juliet* which was very entertaining.

The King and Queen of Courts dance was Feb. 14. Butrick said, "The dance was a lot of fun. It was a great time for me to be with my friends."



Queen Rachael Jeschke and King Jeff Butrick were crowned during the half time of the boys' basketball game against Hyman Brand Hebrew. Photo by Bray's.



Jeff Butrick and Rachael Jeschke just after the crowning ceremonies. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Queen attendant Norma Beck and King attendant Bob Hopkins. Photo by Bray's.



Queen attendant Mandy Brock and King attendant Clint Windmeyer. Photo by Bray's.



Queen attendant Kristi Kelley and King attendant Brad McCauley. Photo by Bray's.

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Hale Bopp

The plans were set, the gym was decorated, and all the students were ready to be "Carried Away" on the night of, April 19. All had their own style with cars, trucks, and even a combine that were washed, waxed and ready to be displayed with a cruise up and down Main Street. The school was decorated with the colors of raspberry and gold, and russette flowers and gold roses were placed beautifully around the room.

Stephanie Blevins, junior class president, gave a spiritual speech to spark the evening, and Brad McCauley spoke for the seniors to say thanks. The invocation was given by Kelly Merkel, junior, and everyone sat down and enjoyed a divine meal with the main course of a delicious grilled chicken breast.

Once the meal was over, and the pictures were shot, the students grabbed their dancing shoes along with their partners and began to dance. Kristi Kelley, senior, said, "The decorations were excellent and very impressive." The students danced the night away and even sang a few songs on the karoake machine offered by the DJ, Tracy Waller of St. Joeseph.

After-prom was held at Olympia Lanes for a fun-filled night with lots of laughter, bowling, video games and many great prizes donated by many nearby businesses and families. Some of the items given out included an RCA televison, boom box, two telephones, Royals tickets, Worlds of Fun tickets, T-shirts and many gift certificates. Chris Blevins, senior, walked away with both the television and one of the phones. Chris Blevins said, "I felt that I got my money's worth after coming away with two great prizes."



The seniors Front Row: Rachael Jeschke, Norma Beck, Mandy Brock, Kristi Kelley, and Bridget Blevins; Middle Row: Chris Blevins, Clint Windmeyer, Jeff Butrick, Bobby Hopkins, and William Simmons; Back Row: Troy Lewis, Brad McCauley, Shane Smith, and Shawn Tilton. Photo by Bray's.

As the night came to an end, many of the students as well as the sponsors were all getting very tired, but there were still a few ready to go for another round with or without any rest.



Justin O'Bryan and his date groove to the tunes supplied by the DJ. Photo by Bray's.



Juniors Front Row: Denise Blevins, Kristy Green, Ashley Hill, Stacey Fee, Heather Hunsaker, Cheyenne Dorrell, Karie Diveley, Stephanie Blevins, Emily Jeschke, and Hilary Harness; Middle Row: Adam Tyler, Erin Jeschke, Rilie Kafer, Megan Batchelder, Jennifer Yates, Kelly Merkel, Sarah Heinen, Emily Stevens, and Verena Zorn; Back Row: Kole Meyer, Paul Idol, Brad Elrod, Chris Collins, Rocky Ruhnke, Justin O'Bryan, Thatcher Reist, Colby Collins, Levi Lucas, Eric Cole, and Joe Swain. Photo by Bray's.



The crowd gathered onto the dance floor waiting to be "Carried Away" with the songs played by Tracy Waller. Photo by Bray's.

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Meteor Shower

After listening to the senior class' rendition of their history, many hard-working students made their way to the stage to receive awards.

The May 16 Awards Ceremony had a lot to offer. Among the awards given were recognition of community service, art, music, academic excellence, and perfect attendance.

Scholarships, which could only be won by seniors, were awarded to Chris Blevins, Bridget Blevins, Kristi Kelley, and Brad McCauley.

The Armed Services Scholar Athlete Award was won by Jeff Butrick, senior, and Stephanie Blevins, junior. The NBA Sportsmanship Award was given to Andrea Collins, sophomore, and McCauley.

Evan Dillman, sophomore, received an award for having the most number of community service with 154 hours.

Citizenship awards were awarded to Chris Blevins and Mandy Brock, both seniors. They also received awards for being involved in choir for four years, and were joined by Shane Smith, Clint Windmeyer, Jeff Butrick, Brad McCauley, and Rachael Jeschke, also all seniors.

Quiz Bowl participants received stars to add to their collections. Swing Choir members were also awarded letters for their hard work throughout the year.



Jeff Butrick, senior, receives his Honor Cord from Cheryl Rasmussen. Butrick also earned the honor of class valedictorian. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Chris Blevins waits as Donna Parish brags about his leadership abilities but eventually accuses him of not being a saint. Photo by Megan Batchelder.

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Cheryl Rasmussen awards Bob Hopkins with a Vocational Honor Pin. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Donna Parish awards Bridget Blevins for her work as yearbook editor and Kristi Kelley for her work as newspaper editor. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Gerre Walsh hands Kelly Merkel her Delaware Valley League Top Five Academic Award. Photo by Cheryl Rasmussen.



Brad Bingesser hands a Presidential Physical Fitness Award to Natalie Jeschke with Dustin Geiger looking on. Photo by Megan Batchelder.

Solar Flare

On Sunday, May 25, after four long years of study, homework, and harassing teachers, the class of 1997 made their final memories at Highland High School.

The feelings of the class at this time was best described in the duet *Straight From the Heart* sang by Rachael Jeschke and Mandy Brock. After the applause, a valedictory address was given by Jeff Butrick. He wished his friends luck in whatever they do and said that time was precious.

Roger Hopkins, HHS Alumnus of 1971 and mayor of Highland, told of how he had enjoyed watching this class get older and made several jokes to illustrate his points. He ended his speech by stating that maybe one day one of these students could be the second best mayor Highland has ever had.

While diplomas were being given, the lights decided to go out for a short while several times which stirred some excitement from some and some whooping and hollering from others.

The ceremony was concluded with the Swing Choir singing *Someday*. The teary-eyed classmates then stood at the back of the gymnasium because of the bad weather outside.

All in all, the future does indeed look bright for the class of 1997, and they will take on whatever endeavors may come their way.



The graduates are Front Row: Brad McCauley, Mandy Brock, Rachael Jeschke, Norm Beck, Bridget Blevins, Kristi Kelley, Chris Blevins. Back Row: Jeff Butrick, Shawn Tilton, Troy Lewis, Shane Smith, Bob Hopkins, Will Simmons, Clint Windmeyer. Photo by Bray's.



Troy Lewis receives his diploma while shaking Sally Waggoner's hand. Lewis was one of two graduates who had the pleasure of the lights going off, (because of a thunderstorm), while taking that next step into life. Photo by Bray's.



Jeff Butrick gives his valedictory address. Photo by Bray's.



Norma Beck walks gracefully down the aisle to take on the final part of her high school career. Photo by Bray's.

Commencement

Highland High School
Sunday, May 25, 1997
2:00 p.m.

Pomp & Circumstance	Elgar
Highland Jr/Sr High School Band	
Salutatory Address	Mr. Chris Blevins
Straight From the Heart	Ms. Rachael Jeschke & Mandy Brock Class of '97
Valedictory Address	Mr. Jeff Butrick
You'll Never Walk Alone	Ms. Rachael Jeschke Class of '97
"Be your Best"	Mr. Roger Hopkins HHS Alumnus,1971
Presentation of the Class of 1997	Ms. Cheryl Rasmussen Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Jan Collins, Supt. Ms. Sharon K. Waggoner, BOE Mr. Mike Blevins, BOE Mr. Dan Tilton, BOE
Someday	HHS Swing Choir
Pomp & Circumstance	Elgar
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Roger Hopkins, the speaker of the ceremony, gives a sly grin after telling one of his many subtle jokes. Photo by Bray's.

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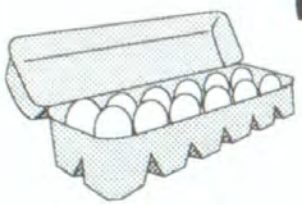
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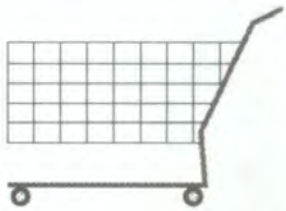
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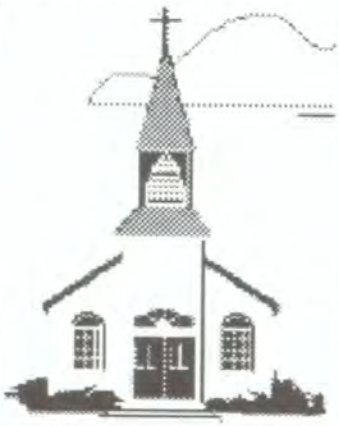
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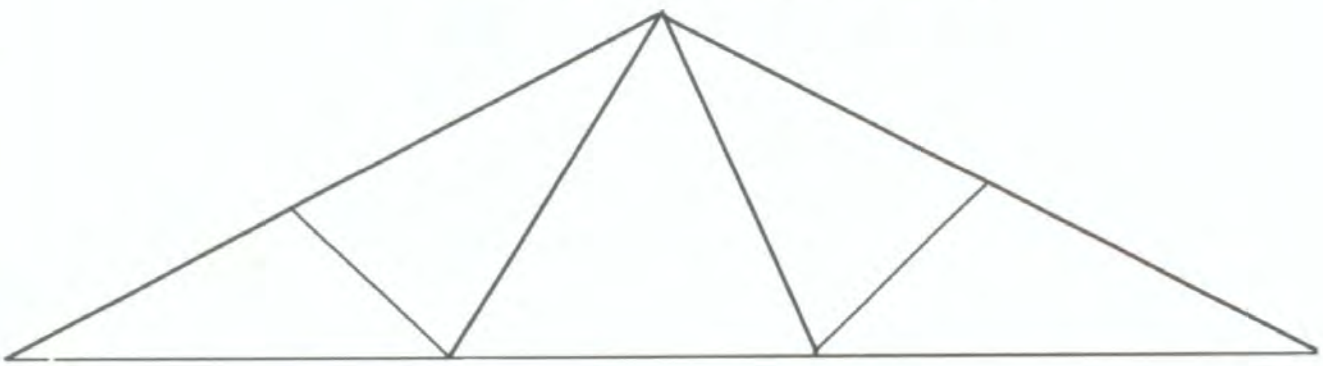
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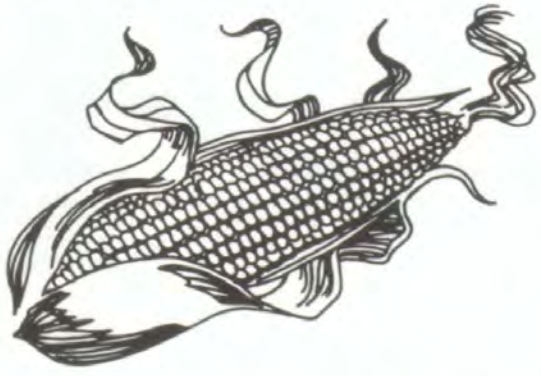
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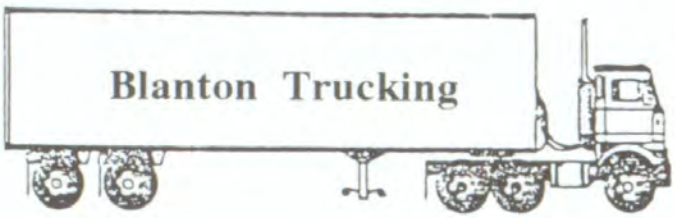
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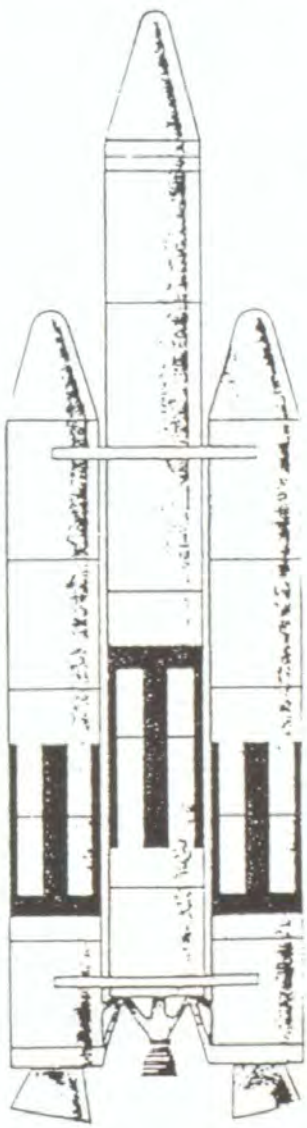
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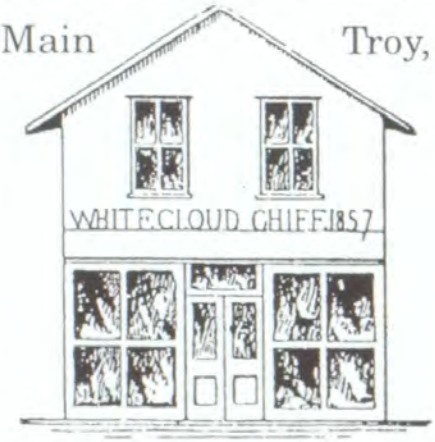


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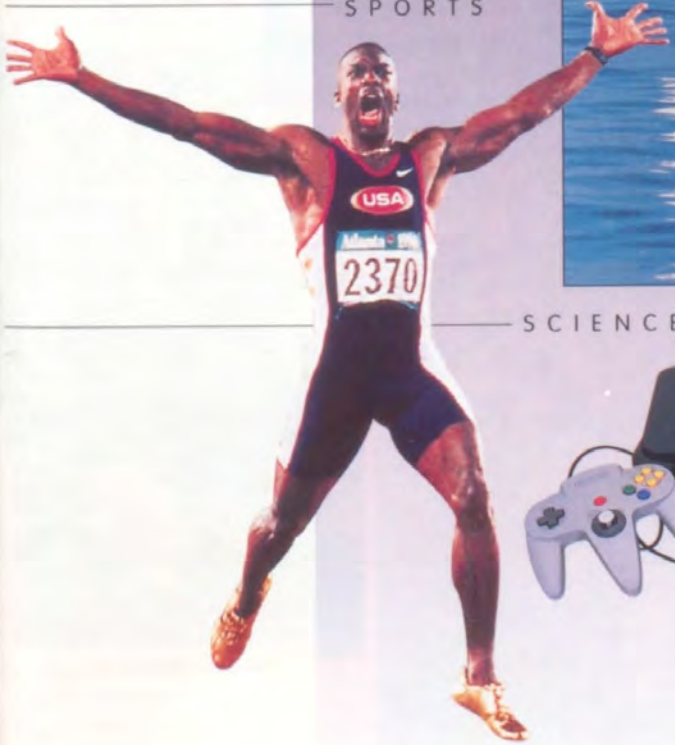






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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.



AP/Wide World

The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



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In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



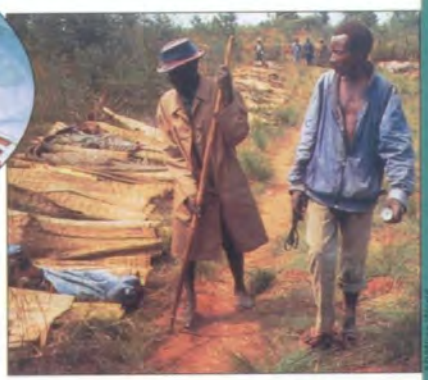
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On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



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NATIONAL

flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

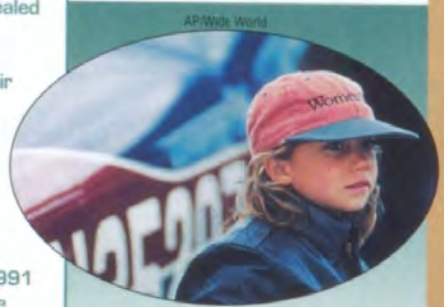
Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



Jonathan Kozol Zoma

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards $8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $12.5 million in punitive damages.



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The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World

Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing $3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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NATIONAL

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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

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An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



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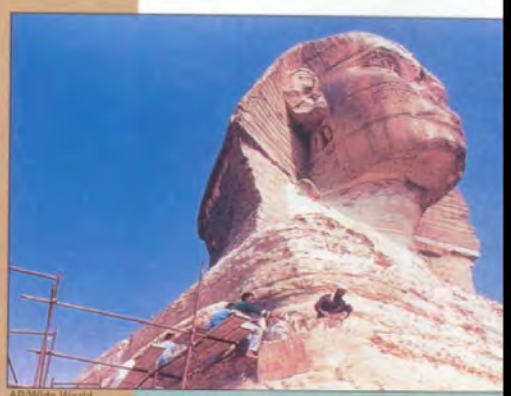
In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



NASA

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

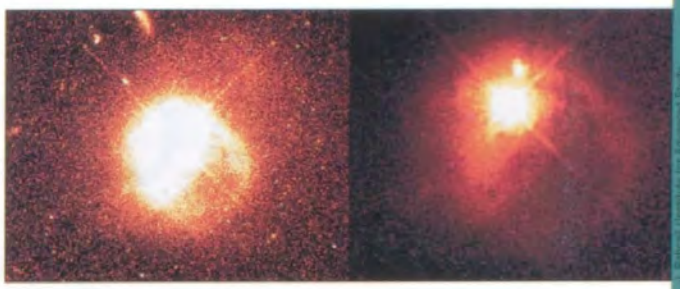


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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium. Photography by Randy Wilder

California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.



Space Telescope Science Institute/Advanced Study

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



O2 Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O_2 Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



UPI/ Corbis-Bettmann

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



AP/Wide World

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Cardillicchio

SCIENCE

FACES

flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.



Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.



AP/Wide World

In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granitz, Retna



AP/Wide World

"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



AP/Wide World



AP/Wide World

Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World



Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at $500 to $700, sell for $211,500, bringing the auction total to $34.5 million.



AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



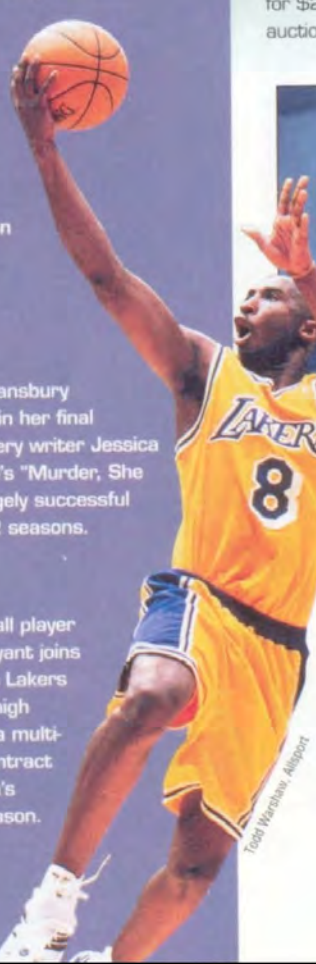
Lee / Archive Photos

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Todd Warshaw, Allsport

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.

FACES

ENTERTAINMENT

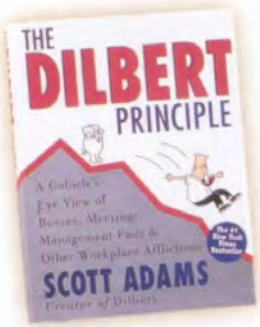
flash

Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.



NBC from Shooting Star

Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Kobi Bresloff from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.



Kipa, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI

Gary Miller/a, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Reuters/Archive Photos

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Neal Preston, Retna



Adele Starr, LGI

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



AP / Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Beck, LGI

SPORTS

flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



Canapress

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



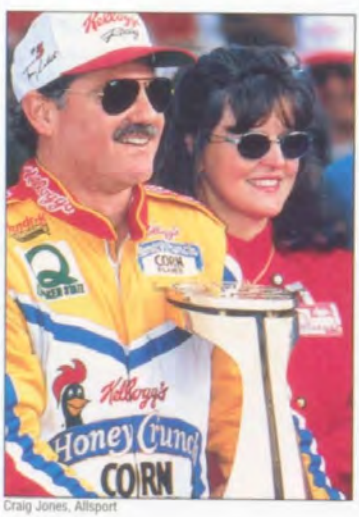
AP/Wide World

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated $40 million.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.



Craig Jones, Allsport

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World

The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



AP/Wide World



Al Bello, Allsport

U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



AP/Wide World

Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



Al Bello, Allsport



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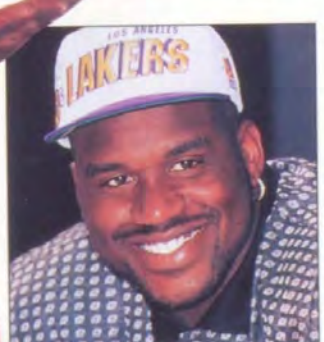
Reuters/Archive Photos

Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



AP/Wide World

U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal $120 million over 7 years.

SPORTS

LIFESTYLE

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.



Monica Almeida, NYT Pictur

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to $4.75 in October, and will increase again to $5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



My Twinn Doll Company

The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.



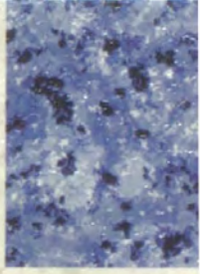
Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

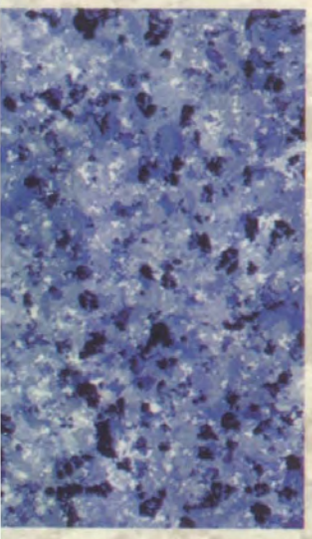


Disney's *101 Dalmatians* inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.

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