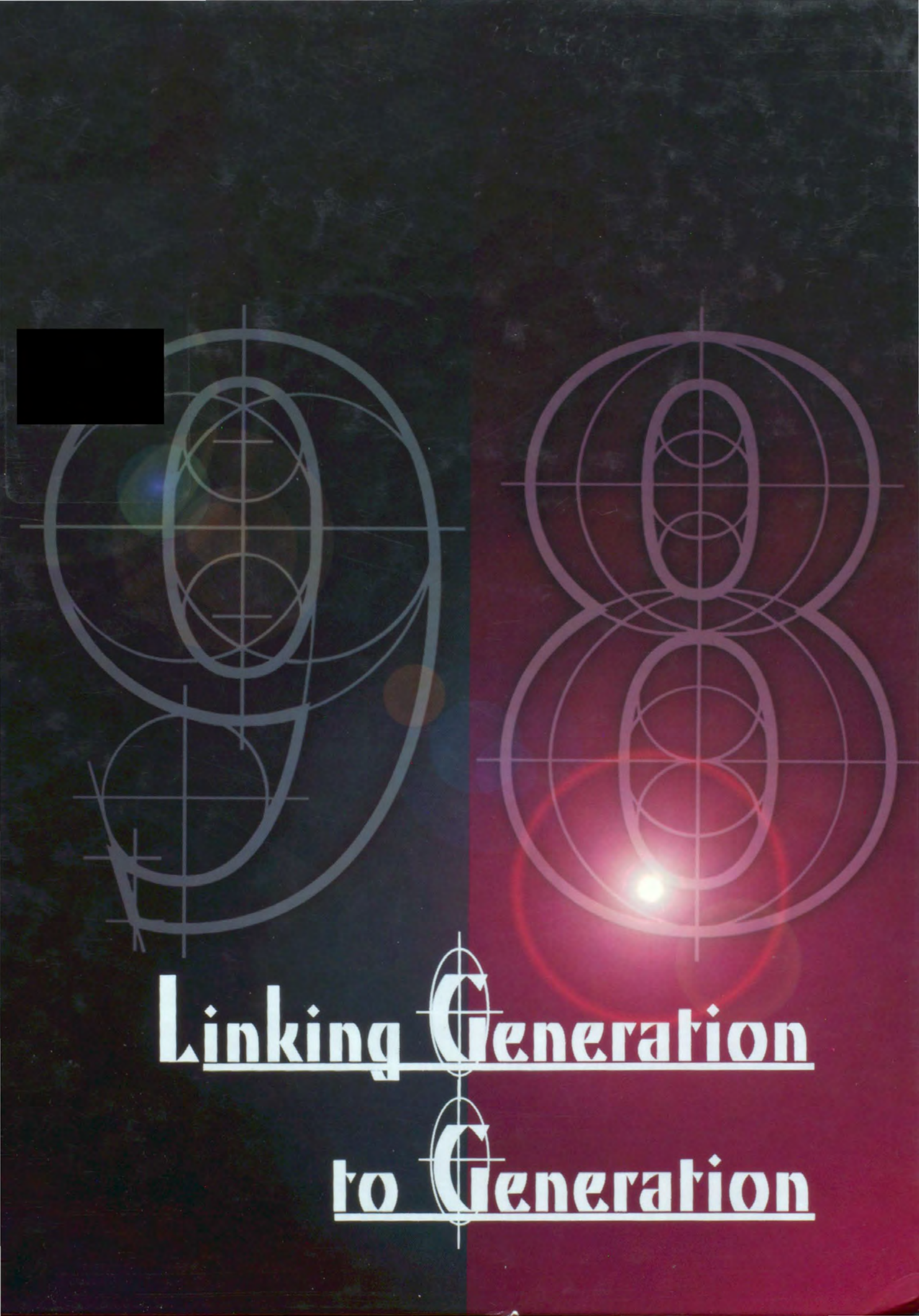
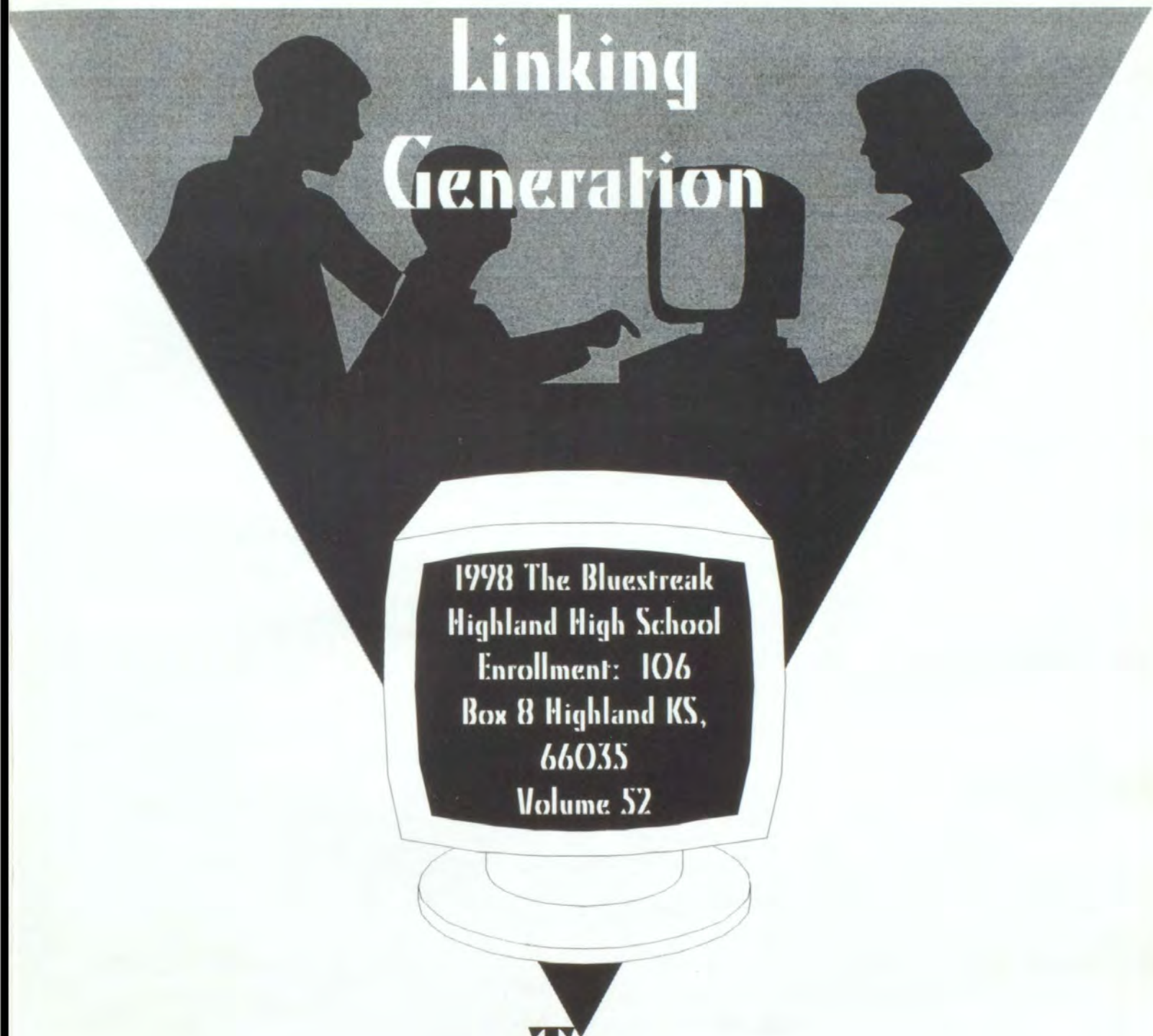

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Class of 1998

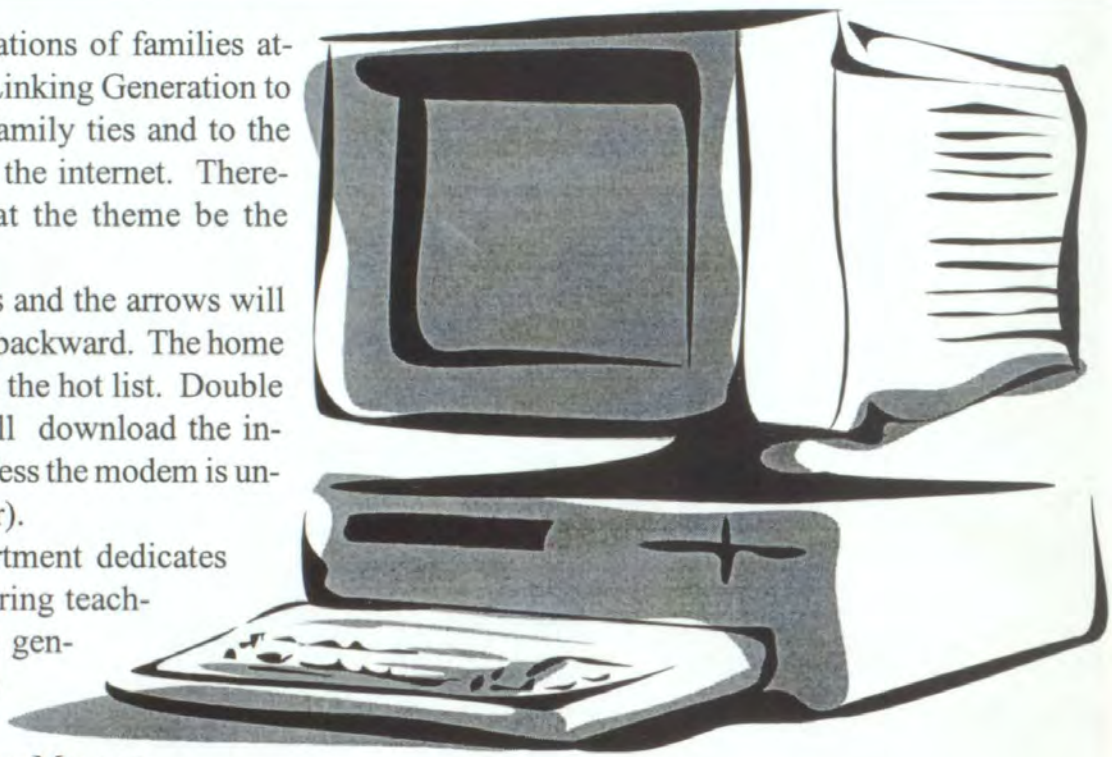


To Generation

nother year of memories has been finished. The 101st year of memories to come out of Highland High chool to be exact. The boxes along the bottom of the pages represent 101 things needed to survive here. The econd century of this school has begun, and with this beginning, we are entering the computer age. We have ried to *Link Generation To Generation* by dedicating this yearbook to the end of three fabulous teaching areers: Ted Hutchcraft, Donna (Davis) Manyon, and Beryl Blevins. Their combined years of experience in USD 425 total 91.5 years, just nine and a half years short of how long the high school has been in existence. The staff hopes that this yearbook will be enjoyed and will bring back fond memories for the years to come.

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Program Manager



With so many gernerations of families attending the same school, "Linking Generation to Generation" refers to the family ties and to the links that can be found on the internet. Therefore, it seemed fitting that the theme be the internet.

The internet addresses and the arrows will lead the readers forward or backward. The home page of each section shows the hot list. Double clicking on the buttons will download the information immediately (unless the modem is unable to link up to the server).

The journalism department dedicates this year book to three retiring teachers who have linked three generations to the outside world.

Ted Hutchcraft, Donna Manyon, and Berl Blevins have helped link the generations of students at Highland for 91.5 years. Hutchcraft's wit and humor brightened his math room daily. Often, he could be found telling stories about the parents of a student.

Donna Manyon's soft voice was heard above the talk of excited kindergarten students for 33 years. Manyon taught colors, letters, social skills, and introduced students into the wonderful world of formal education.

Berl Blevins did everything from filling in for absent teachers to monitoring the halls and lunch room at the grade school.

All three teachers helped form the baby boomers, Generation X and more recently helped the students in the "net" generation.



Emily Jeschke and Kelly Merkel type laboriously on their senior showcase papers late one night. The computer room stayed open longer for the procrastinating seniors. Photo by Esther Gormley.

1. This is the 101st year of education at Highland High School.



Donna Manyon has taught kindergarten for the last 33 years. Manyon keeps her students busy with a wide variety of activities such as the colors of the day, song time, and play stations. Every year the kindergarten takes many field trips to places like a farm, the fire station, and the Topeka Zoo. Photo by Bray's.



Ted Hutchcraft has dedicated 37 years to the Highland school system. During this time he has served in many positions: mathematics teacher, basketball, cross country, and knowledge bowl coach, principal/dean of students, and even counselor. Photo by Bray's.



Ruth Twombly, technology aid at USD 425 , takes apart a computer for further inspection. Keeping the computers in good working condition requires continual maintenance. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Berl Blevins has served USD 425 for 28.5 years. Blevins has taught the third and fifth grades, monitored the lunch room and halls, graded papers and done virtually anything else the teachers have asked of her. Photo by Bray's.

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2. Spell checkers (on computers) are a lifesaver for those born without the spelling gene.

Faculty & Students

Today's students and faculty face many different challenges as they enter the computer age. For one thing, they have to adjust to the new computers and learning how to use the internet. Even the teachers have to learn how to use new programs such as Pro-star, which is a grading program.

This year the High School went to all IBM compatibles which was a major change from the Macintosh computers from a year before. Everyone adjusted well to these changes.

When the high school started 101 years ago, the students and teacher (one teacher) had no idea of the technology that this high school would have in the future.

As this school progresses into the next 100 years, students will be using technology that will be hard for us to imagine and should help them progress into everyday life.



Laura Schmitz helps Megan Blevins fix the bobbin on the sewing machine. Blevins is making a pillow quilt. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Elmer Schmitz, Ron Shelton, and Gary Keehn talk about their plans for the day. Shelton suggested that they take over the world as they try to do everyday. Keehn and Schmitz are psyched about the possiblities. Photo by Donna Parish.

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3. Only two catsup packets and no honey. Put the bones in the box!



Paul Idol holds the beak of a great blue heron while Gary Keehn takes out its insides. The Natural Resource class does this project as part of their taxidermy unit. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Alan Terry tries to keep warm as he enters grades on Prostar, the new grading system. Photo by Donna Parish.



Angie Neibling and Lisa Westcott laugh about their horoscopes for the day. Photo by Donna Parish.



Jan Collins contimplates the information being presented at a monthly board meeting. Photo by Megan Batchelder.

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Rocky Ruhnke and Hilary Harness.

The school board and administration worked hard to keep the school in top condition and in running order all year.

The school board met at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. They had to keep up on what was happening with the undeveloped area and make sure the construction workers cleaned up their messes (like the holes in the classroom floors upstairs). Remodeling of the basement started in December and lasted the rest of the school year. The junior high students will then be able to enjoy their own commons area and two new classrooms. A new weight room was also part of the developing area.

Seniors have the privilege of being able to witness a board meeting because one requirement for Constitution class is to attend a school board or city council meeting. Attending a board or city council meeting is also a requirement of all journalism students.

The school board allowed the students to enjoy an Educational Extravaganza trip this year and even helped with some of the costs involved. The students involved with Educational Extravaganza had to help raise the rest of the trip's cost by helping with fund raisers and paying a fee. Also, all of the seniors, instead of just those enrolled in physics, had the opportunity to enjoy the "physics" trip to Houston, instead of the Extravaganza to the YMCA camp in Potosi, MO.

Senior Showcase presented a challenge for the administration for the second year at HHS. They had to make sure the seniors completed the necessary requirements for the project. Most of the seniors had some difficulty with Senior Showcase, but the main purpose was to be a "learning stretch" for them. Senior Showcase was constantly deciding the requirements for the following years' projects.

Cheryl Rasmussen, principal, said, "I do enjoy being an administrator, but it is challenging, and there's something different every day."



Denise Blevins, Karie Diveley, Jennifer Yates, Paul Idol, Brant Clary, and Emily Jeschke (behind) take notes at a school board meeting. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Cheryl Rasmussen reviews material for another meeting. Photo by Bray's.



During a regional basketball game, Cheryl Rasmussen cringes in hope that the Bluestreaks will come through and win. Photo by Donna Parish.

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5. Attend a board meeting in the fall. Get it over with.

Managers http://hhs.schoolboard/administration



The school board consisted of Dan Tilton, Nancy Batchelder, Dick Tracy, Sally Waggoner, Bill Batchelder, Mike Blevins, and Paul Tyler (not pictured). They had a lot to deal with this year, especially because of the work in the undeveloped area. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Jan Collins prepares for an administrative day. Photo by Bray's.



Jan Collins keeps the board informed on the school's needs and improvements during a board meeting. Photo by Megan Batchelder.

Memorable Moments of 1998

Dick Tracy "My most memorable moment is graduation and seeing kids getting a good education."

Jan Collins "My most memorable moment was dealing with the undeveloped area."

Kelly Merkel "My most memorable moment from a board meeting was when the board recognized Brant Clary for his conservation award."

Erin Jeschke "My most memorable moment from a board meeting was the great brownies afterward."

Cheyenne Dorrell "My most memorable moment was when Erin (Jeschke) would quote the board members."

6. When "God" (Mr. Collins) speaks over the intercom, everyone listens.

Ionica Bachmann: Vocal Music
Robert Brainerd: Band (Not Pictured)
Brad Bingesser: J.V./Girls' Basketball
Gary Blanton: Maintenance
Mary Lou Colley: Librarian







Sue Cluck: Cook
Frances Collins: Cook
Sharon Collins: Cook
Angie Eberly: Inter-Related
Jill Evans: Computers
Esther Gormley: English/QPA







Dennis Hanlon: Maintenance
Ted Hutchcraft: Math
Linda Joseph: Art
Gary Keehn: Science
Toni Larson: Spanish
Gerre Martin: Counselor







Angie Neibling: Teachers' Aide
Marla Olson: Teachers' Aide
Donna Parish: History/English
Larry Sandy: Assistant Football/ Basketball/Track
Elmer Schmitz: Agriculture
Laura Schmitz: Home Economics







Ron Shelton: History/Football/ Boys' Basketball
Randy Snyder: Maintenance
Alan Terry: Woods
Dick Tracy: Maintenance
George Twombly: Bus Driver
Theresa Witt: Quiz Bowl







7. These people set examples. Monkey see, monkey do.

Webmasters http://hhs.faculty/problemsolvers











Secretary Ginger Scott keeps track of attendance, organization money, and answers the phone. Photo by Bray's



Bookkeeper Joann Karn files and reviews documents for the district. Photo by Bray's

Memorable Moments of 1998

Jill Evans: "My most memorable moment was when Eric tried to pull me off my donkey during donkey basketball."

Ron Shelton: "I will always remember the time Josh thought he saw his dogs on the field during the Wathena football game."

Esther Gormley: "I will never forget the look on the girls' faces when bits of the floor started flying up beside them during class."

Mary Lou Colley: "My memories will be of the construction noises that went from lasting days to weeks."

Donna Parish: "I loved the ideas and costumes that people had for Super Hero day during Spirit Week."

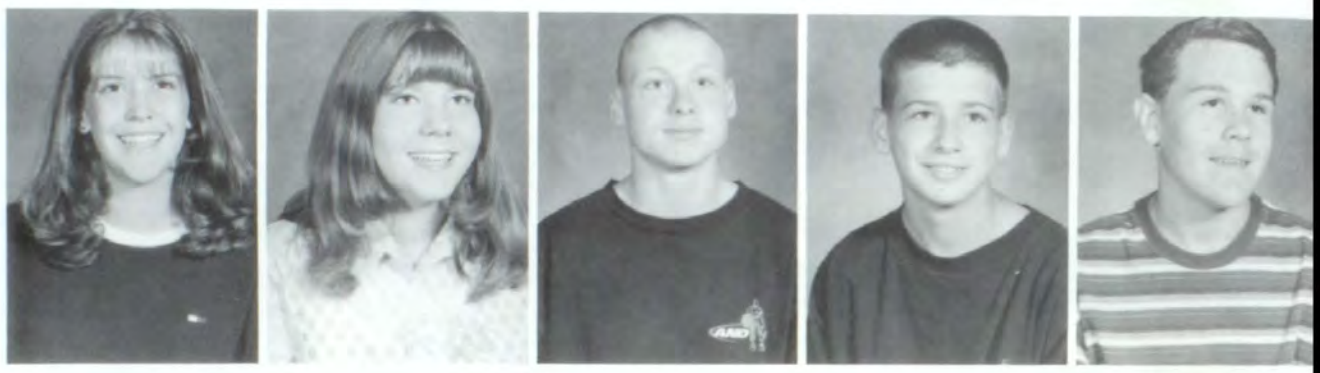
8. If a teacher leaves the room, that is an open invitation to visit.

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Julianne Blevins
Jolene Cadue
Liz Carwell
Nick Cluck
Jana Collins



Samantha Collins
Jennifer Davis
Aaron Dillman
Kyle Dillman
Jonathan Edie



Elsie Garvin
Andrew Gilfillan
Erinn Groeltz
John Jenkins
Mike Jones



Amy Keller
Kristin McCauley
Alana Mendenhall
Jill Merkel
Treke Moehle



Jesse Mason
Jason Nolte
Kyle Olson
Chad Simpson
Michael Stonebarger



9. Always lock your locker, especially freshmen.

Browsers http://hhs.freshmen/followingexamples



Aaron Twombly
Casey Vaught
Ashley Webb



Kyle Olson is participating in a cross country meet which was held at Jackson Heights.

Freshmen Class Officers

President: Ashley Webb
Co-Vice Presidents: Kyle Olson and Jill Merkel
Secretary: Kristin McCauley
Treasurer: Jana Collins

Memorable Moments of 1998

Mike Jones: "Watching Jennifer [Davis] bowl granny style at Cosmic Bowling for FFA."

Ashley Webb: "My most memorable moment was when we went to the FFA dairy judging contest, and we stopped at Pizza Hut first. Everyone sent Kristin up to the buffet about twelve times in a row, and the whole place was laughing at her."

Esther Gormley: "My most memorable moment about the freshmen was when we were illustrating poetry and Mike Stonebarger was showing us his impression of a horse lost in the snow. That will probably stick in all his class members' minds from here on out."

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Cate Batchelder
Megan Blevins
Becky Cole
Noah Diveley
Dustin Geiger







Jeremiah Gildersleeve
Holly Gray
Cathleen Hanlon
Natalie Jeschke
Luke Keller







Alex Moore
Mitch Mason
Stacy Neibling
Ryan Nolte
Sandy Peters







Zach Powell
Tessa Reist
Matt Reiter
Eric Tracy
B.J. Twombly







Staci Waggoner
Amanda Williams
Lynn Windmeyer
Brandi Woodruff






11. Ma Parish isn't one to be messed with unless you are called Mr.

Hackers http://hhs.sophomores/classrings



Luke Keller is busy sorting fruit while Cathleen Hanlon is trying to figure out an order. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Matt Reiter, Nathan Twombly and Dustin Geiger are patiently sitting before NHS initiation. Photo by Donna Parish.

Megan Blevins builds opponent pizza for a football pep rally organized by Esther Gormley. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Sophomore Class Officers

President: Dustin Geiger
Vice President: Cate Batchelder
Secretary: Sandy Peters
Treasurer: Noah Diveley

Memorable Moments of 1998

Becky Cole: "The most memorable moment was when I was dared by Alex Moore to go down the biggest hill on our ski trip. Of course I fell five or six times coming down, but I proved to myself that I could do it."

Noah Diveley: "My most memorable moment was in Ag Class. B.J. was holding the spark plugs when Brad Elrod pulled the fly wheel. I guess a little shock never hurt anyone."

Cate Batchelder: "My greatest achievement was getting second team All-State in volleyball."

Zach Powell: "The funnest time I had was playing football with the senior guys."

Cathleen Hanlon: "The scariest thing was slipping into the ditch with the big brown truck."

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Jerod Blanton
Miranda Boos
Travis Clary
Andrea Collins
Evan Dillman



Stephanie Fee
Kari Garrett
Fred Green
Josh Keebler
Adam Lackey



Molly O'Brien
Misty Popejoy
Nancy Powell
Amanda Romine
T. J. Simpson



Jon Theobald
Nathan Twombly
Holly Vandall
Natalie Webb
Lisa Westcott



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Explorers http://hhs.juniors/prom



Miranda Boos, Josh Keebler, Evan Dillman, Fred Green, Travis Clary, and Natalie Webb work on a Revolutionary War assignment in Ron Shelton's history class. Photo by Donna Parish.



Josh Keebler is hard at work during the FFA fruit sales. Photo by Becky Cole.

Class Officers

President: Andrea Collins
Vice President: Natalie Webb
Secretary: T.J. Simpson
Treasurer: Travis Clary
STUCO: Holly Vandall and T.J Simpson

Memorable Moments of 1998

Josh Keebler: "My most memorable moment was being grounded for a month from Amy's house."

Travis Clary: "My most memorable moment was when Brant, Jerod, Nathan, and I shaved 66 in Josh's chest hair before the McLouth game and outlined it in blue marker."

Jerod Blanton: "I remember when a suspect put a skinned coyote in Dorrell's truck, and we drove by. She yelled at Travis and me and told us we needed to take it out. **Sorry Cheyenne, it wasn't Travis and I."**

Andrea Collins: "I will always remember during Barnwarming when I was kicked by a dairy cow."

Natalie Webb: "The best part so far has been winning the DVL in volleyball and singing Tubthumping."

S e n i o r s

The class of 1998 has gone through a lot of trials and tribulations in the four years that they have been in high school. Most of the students have been together since kindergarten.

At one time, the class had 38 members, and there were not enough seats in Donna Parish's room for world history and English II.

The senior class is the biggest graduating class since 1982 which had 33. The senior class was blessed with a lot of new books because the school never had enough from previous classes.

Trips to Houston and to Branson were highlights of 1998. The seniors also did senior showcase which is only the second year the school has done this.

As these members of the net generation take the next step, they have a chance at becoming navigators. --Rocky Ruhnke



Thatcher Reist and Stephanie Blevins practice their lead roles in the play Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Through the leadership skill of the seniors, the play was quite a success. Photo by Donna Parish.



Emily Jeschke, a salutatorian, delivers her commencement address. Photo by Bray's.

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15. We will always be Bluestreaks--"a cut above the rest."



The senior girls decide on which nursery rhyme to act out on the first day of school for STUCO activities. Senior bonding was continued during senior showcase late nighters, the Houston trip and Sneak. Photo by Donna Parish.



Rocky Ruhnke and Nathan Keebler participate in Homecoming Spirit Week as it is Just Get Out of Bed Day. Photo by Donna Parish.



Jennifer Yates, Levi Lucas, Kelly Merkel, Stephanie Blevins, and Justin O' Bryan enjoy some spare time on the Educational Extravaganza to Houston. After riding in a bus for eight straight hours, the seniors still wanted to lie down and relax from the tiring day. Photo by Ashley Hill.



Adam Tyler and Eric Cole man their booth at the carnival to raise money for the Extravaganza trip. Photo by Donna Parish.

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Navigators http://hhs.seniors/settingexamples



Megan Elizabeth Batchelder



Denise Michelle Blevins



Stephanie Gayle Blevins



Brant Ray Clary



Eric Joseph Cole



Christopher Robert Collins

17. Senioritis. A disease of the mind, distinguishable by severe procrastination.

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Colby Dwayne Collins



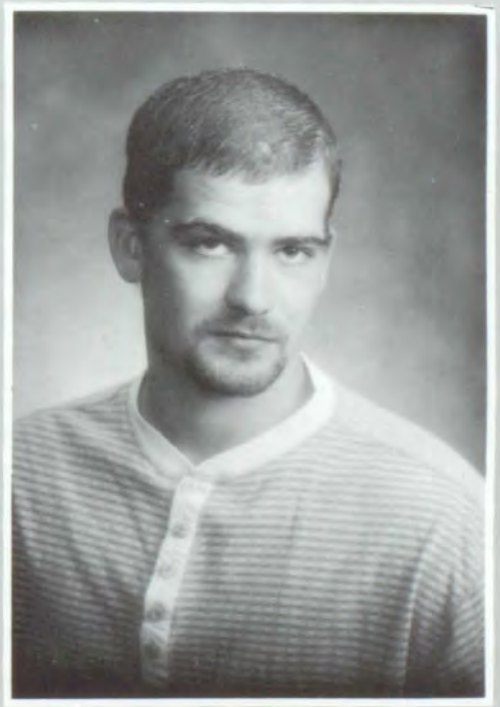
Nolan Leon Cruse Jr.



Karie Jeanne Diveley



Cheyenne Marie Dorrell



Bradley Scott Elrod



Stacey Marie Fee

Class Motto: Don't dream your life, live your dream.
Class Colors: Gold and Raspberry
Class Flower: Shades of Autumn Russet Rose

18. Almost 60% of this class has been here since Kindergarten

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Kristy Louise Green



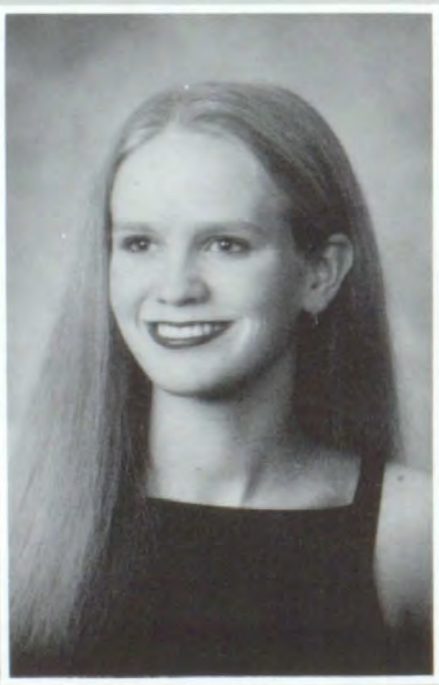
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Sarah Marie Heinen



Emily Jo Jeschke



Erin Marie Jeschke



Rilie Kay Kafer

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Ashley Lynn Hill



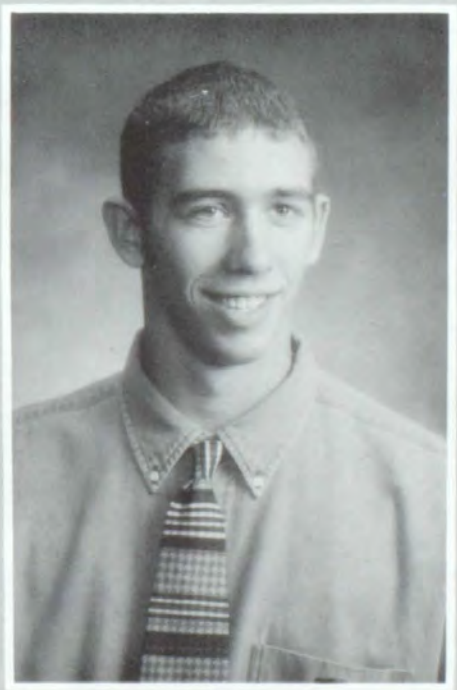
Heather Lynn Hunsaker



Donald Paul Idol



Nathan William Keebler



Levi Evan Lucas



Kelly Ann Merkel

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Kole Patrick Meyer



Justin Loid O'Bryan



James Aaron Powell

MemorableMoments

"I will always remember watching Ashley Hill walk back into the school for the first time after her accident. I will also remember listening to Kole Meyer say that he was going to flunk a test and he would always get an A."
Rocky Ruhnke



Emily Susan Stevens

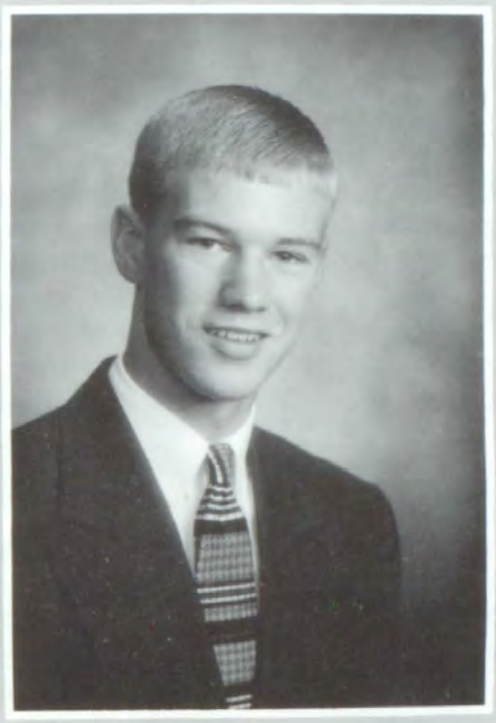


Joseph Milford Swain

21.We always will be the class of procrastinators.



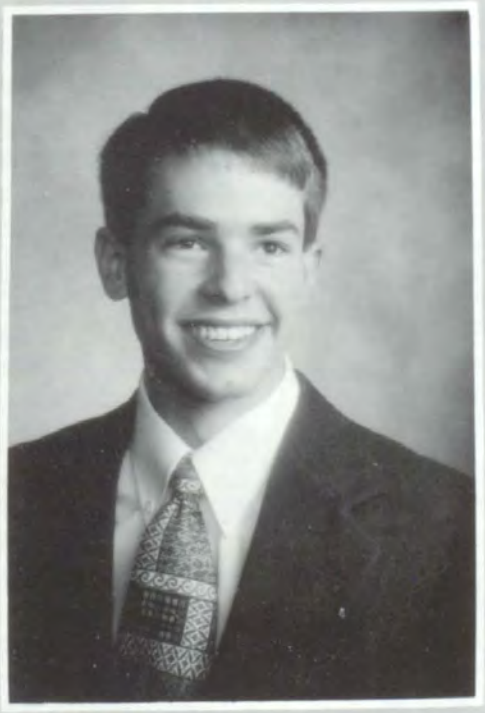
Barbara Louise Purvis



Thatcher David Reist



Rocky James Ruhnke



Adam Neibling Tyler



Jennifer Lee Yates

Memorable Moments

"When Mrs. Evans first came, we were in sophomore computers. A bunch of us decided to "test her humor" by all having "seizures" at the same time. Some people didn't hold up their end of the bargain so only a few of us were flopping uncontrollably on the floor. She instantly began giving us all detentions. She later told us (while we were serving our detentions early in the morning) that she was so surprised that she didn't really know what to do, and giving us detentions was the first thing that popped into her mind." Stephanie Blevins

Credits http://seniors/activities.awards.accomplishments

Megan Batchelder-Armed Services Scholar Athlete, Class Representative 11, Journalism 11-12, Regional 2nd Advertising 11, Regional Infographics Top Ten 11, Honorable Mention State Infographics 12, Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-12, All League 11, 2nd Team 12, Track 9-11, Choir 9-10, Musical 9-10, NHS 10-12, Cheerleading 9, SOS 9-12, STUCO 11-12, STUCO Treasurer 12, Art 11-12, Honorable Mention Printmaking 12

Denise Blevins-Honor Student, Sportsmanship Award, Class Treasurer 12, Football Manager 12, Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-11, Track 9-12, Most Consistent Athlete 11, FFA 9-12, FFA Sweetheart 10, FFA Treasurer 12, FFA Chapter Degree 10, FFA Greenhand Degree 9, Cross Country 12, Cross Country All-County team 12, Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12, NHS Reporter 12, Homecoming Attendant 12, King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12, Cheerleading 9-12, Cheerleading Co-Captain 10, STUCO 10-11

Stephanie Blevins-Salutatorian, Honor Student, All Around Student, FFA Northeast District President 12, FFA Chapter President 12, STUCO Representative 10, Class President 11, Journalism 11-12, 3rd DPS 11, Basketball 9-12, Co-Captain 12, Volleyball 9-12, 1st team DVL setter 9-12, Doniphan County 1st team 12, Team Captain 11, Co-Captain 12, Track 9-12, Most Consistent Athlete 10, FFA 9-12, Greenhand Reporter 9, Greenhand Degree 9, Greenhand Master Ritual Reporter 9, District Ag Sales 1st in Interview 10, Chapter Reporter 10, Chapter Degree 10, Master Ritual Reporter 10, Northeast District Sentinel 11, Chapter Secretary 11, Master Ritual secretary 11, State Par Law Team 12, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Choir I rating 10, Girls Emsemble I rating state 11, Swing Choir I rating 11-12, State solo I rating 11-12, Choir I rating 11, Musical 9-12, Best Actress 12, Best Supporting Actress 10, Musical Lead 12, NHS 9-12, Homecoming and Queen and King of Courts Candidate 12, Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 11, SOS 9-12, STUCO 9-12

Brant Clary-Vocational Honor Student, Armed Services Scholar Athlete, Sportsmanship Award, Football 9-12, 2nd team All-League Punter 12, Honorable Mention Linebacker 12, Basketball 9-12, FFA 9-12, Homecoming Candidate 12, King and Queen of Courts Candidate 12, Art 9-10, SOS 9-12

Eric Cole-Star Chapter Farmer, 1st place fruit sales 12, FFA 9-12, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Choir 9,11; Musical 9,11; Northeast Kansas Area Technical School 12

Chris Collins-Honor Student, Vice-President 9, Vice-President 10, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Journalism 11-12, State Newswriting 12, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Swing Choir I rating at State 11-12, mens ensemble II rating at state 11, NHS 10-12, NHS Parliamentarian 12, Musical 9-12, SOS 9-12, Quiz Bowl 9

Colby Collins-Football 9-10, Basketball Manager (G.&B.) 11, Track 9-12, DVL 2nd Team Track 11, 12th at State 11, Cross Country 11-12, DVL 2nd Team Cross Country 11, 1st Team All County 11-12, 1st Team All League Cross Country 12, 49th at State 11, 34th at State 12, Choir 10-12, Musical 10-12

Nolan Cruse-worked at Air Dry Systems 12

Karie Diveley-Honor Student, Basketball 9-11, FFA 10-12, Choir 9-12, Band 9-10, Musical 9-12, NHS 11-12

Cheyenne Dorrell-Honor Student, STUCO President 12, Class STUCO Representative 10, Basketball 9-11, Cross Country manager 11, State I rating ensemble, girls ensemble,and solo 11, Swing Choir state I rating group and solo 12, Band 9-12, I rating at State 11, Musical 9-12, Best Supporting Actress 11, NHS 10-12, Cheerleading 9-12, STUCO Representative 11, STUCO 10-12, STUCO Vice-President 11

Brad Elrod-Wrestling 9-10, Football 9-10, High School Rodeo top 20 9-10, Transfer Student from Oak Grove MO, FFA 10-12, Football 11, Drel Team 12

Stacey Fee-FFA 9-12, NHS 10-12, Art 9-10

Kristy Green-Basketball 9, FFA 9-12, Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12, Cheerleading 9

Hilary Harness-Honor Student, Citizenship Award, Journalism 11-12, 3rd place in Infographics 11, Yearbook Co-editor 12, Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-12, Volleyball Co-captian 12, Track 9-12, team captain 12, FFA 9-12, Greenhand Sentinel 9, Vice President of Student Development 11, Chapter Sentinal 12, State Par-law Team 12, NHS 10-12, Cheerleading 9-11, Cheerleading Co-captain 11, Art 9-12, Art History Team 9-12, STUCO 9-12, STUCO President 11, Quiz Bowl 9-12

Sarah Heinen-Journalism 10-12, State Yearbook Photography 12, State Yearbook Copy Writing 12, Choir 11, Football manager 12, Basketball 11, Transfer student from Horton, KS, Basketball 9-10, Volleyball 9, Track 9, Choir 10, Musical 10, Cheerleading 9-10, Athletic director's aide 10-11, Newspaper Editor 11, Graphics Manager 11, Editor of Semester In Review 11, Peer Mediation 10-11, SADD 9-10, FHA 10-11, FHA President 11, FHA Vice-President 10, Prom Server 10, CYO 9-12, Church Lector 8-12

Ashley Hill-Choir 9-10, Homecoming Queen 12, Musical 9-10, STUCO representative 9

Heather Hunsaker-Basketball 9-11, Volleyball 9-10, Track 9-12, FFA 9-12, Choir 9-12, NHS 10-12, Cheerleading 9-12, Head Basketball Cheerleader 12, Musical 9-12, Swing Choir

Technician 9-12

Paul Idol-State FFA Degree 12, Homecoming King 12, Class Representative 9, Vice-President 11, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, FFA 9-12, Choir 12, Swing Choir 12, Musical 12, Swing Choir group I rating at state 12, Art 9-10, STUCO 9

Emily Jeschke-Salutatorian, Honor Student, Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence & Distinguished Athlete, Class Secretary 9-12, Journalism 11-12, Basketball 9-12, DVL All-Tournament Team 12, Volleyball 9-10, Track 9-12, Outstanding Athlete 12, FFA 9-12, FFA Barnwarming Sweetheart 9, Cross Country 9-12, State Cross Country 9-12, Choir 9-12, State Vocal Solo I rating State 9, Musical 9-12, Best Supporting Actress 12, NHS 10-12, NHS Secretary 11-12, Cheerleading 9-12, STUCO 11-12, STUCO Secretary 11-12, Queen of Courts 12, participated in HCC Northeast Kansas All-Star Basketball game 12, Girls Ensemble I rating at State 11, Swing Choir I rating at State 11-12, Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship State Winner 12

Erin Jeschke-Journalism 9-12, 1st in KSPA newswriting at regionals 11, placed in top ten at KSPA regionals in Headline Writing 12, Newswriting 12, Yearbook Copy Writing 12, Basketball 9-12, Track 9-12, FFA 9-12, 7th place in Entomaology 9, Barnwarming Candidate 11, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, I ratings at State 11-12, I rating Girls Ensemble 11, Musical 9-12, Musical Accompanist 9-12, NHS 10-11

Rilie Kafer-Valedictorian, Honor Student, Class President 10, STUCO Representative 11-12, Choir, 9-12, Band 10-12, I rating at State 11, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12, NHS President 11, SOS 9-12, STUCO 10-12, Quiz Bowl 12

Nathan Keebler- Journalism 12, Football 12, Weight training 12, Transfer Student from Marceline, MO, Football 11, Choir 11, Wrestling 9-11, FTA 11, Cadet Teacher 9-10, FLC 11, SADD 11, Weightlifting 9-11

Levi Lucas-Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Track 9-10, FFA 9-12, Choir 10-12, Swing Choir 10-12, Musical 10-12, NHS 10, Band 11, I rating at State 11-12, State Entomology team 11, Swing Choir I rating at State 10-11, SOS 9-12, Basketball Co-Captain 12, Quiz Bowl 9-12, STUCO Art Representative 11

Kelly Merkel-Valedictorian, Honor Student, Senior Class President, Journalism 11-12, Business Manager 12, Quill & Scroll 11-12, Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 9-12, Co-captain, 2nd team All-County, Track 9-11, FFA 9-12, 1st place Greenhands Conference 9, Master Ritual Treasurer 9, Greenhand Treasurer 9, Greenhand Degree 9, Secretary 10, Chapter Degree 10, Silver Division State Dairy Foods 10, Chapter vice-president 11, Scholarship Achievement 11, Diversified Livestock Production 11, Chapter vice-president 12, Master Ritual Vice-President 12, State Par Law 12, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Swing Choir & choir I ratings 9-11, Girls' Emsemble I rating at State 11, Swing Choir I rating at State 11-12, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12, SOS 9-12, STUCO 12, Quiz Bowl 9-10, Perfect Attendance 9&11

Kole Meyer-Valedictorain, Honor Student, Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence & Distinguished Athlete, Class Treasurer 9, Class Representative 12, Football 9-12, Co-captian 12, Basketball 9-12, Choir 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Swing Choir I rating at State 11-12, Musical 9-12, Best Supporting Actor 12, NHS 10-12, NHS Vice-President 12, King and Queen of Courts Attendant 12, SOS 9-12, STUCO 11-12, Quiz Bowl 9-12, Kansas Honors Scholar, Kansas Governor's Scholar

Justin O'Bryan-Perfect Attendence all four years, Track 9, Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, worked at Air Dry Systems 12

James Powell-FFA 9, Choir 9, Musical 9

Barbara Purvis-Extra-Ordinary Effort Award, Band Ensemble I rating 11, Band 9-12, Band solo II rating 11, Art 9-10,12, STUCO 10

Thatcher Reist-Valedictorian, Honor Student, Class President 9, Outstanding Musician 12, Class Treasurer 11, Class Vice President 12, Football 9-12, KS Sport Magazine Honorable Mention All-State Defensive Back 10, 2nd team All-League Conerback 12, Basketball 9-12, Captain 12, Track 10-12, Outstanding Athlete 12, Choir 9-12, Band 9-12, Musical 9-12, Best Actor 12, NHS 10-12, NHS Parlimentarian 11, NHS Treasurer 12, Homecoming Candidate 12, King of Courts 12, STUCO 9,12; Quiz Bowl 9-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Sunflower Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete, Kansas Honors Scholar, Kansas Governor's Scholar, Topeka Capital Journal Academic All-State Honorable Mention Team, Academic All-State Basketball

Rocky Ruhnke-Vocational Honor Student, Journalism 11-12, Yearbook Editor 12, Football 9-12, DVL Honorable mention OL 12, Football captain 12, Track 9,11, FFA 9-12, Star Greenhand 9, Choir 9, Musical 10, STUCO 10

Emily Stevens-Honor Student, Perfect Attendence 12, Journalism 11-12, 2nd place DPS Design 11, Newspaper Editor 12, Basketball Manager 10-11, Volleyball Manager 10-12, Choir 11-12, Musical 11-12, NHS 11-12, Transfer student from Sheridan, WY, Band 9-10, Art 9-10, 1 blue ribbon, SADD member 9, ECO(Environmental Conservation Organization) member 9

Joe Swain-Football 9, Football Manager 10, Basketball 9-10, Track 9-12, 4th at State 11, FFA 9-12, Cross Country 10-12, 1st team All-County 10-12, 2nd team All League 11, 7th at Regionals, Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, Quiz Bowl 9-11

Adam Tyler-Honor Student, Choir 9-12, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12, Swing Choir 9-12, Swing Choir I rating at State 11-12

Jennifer Yates-Honor Student, Basketball 9,11, Volleyball 9-11, Choir 9-12, Band 11-12, Musical 9-12, NHS 10-12

Seniors http://sneak/history.memories.bonding

The class of '98 went to Branson, MO, for their last trip together. They spent three nights and four days at Stillwater Resort by Table Rock Lake.

While in Branson, the seniors saw three shows; Music of the Night, Yakov Smirnoff and Dixie Stampede. Megan Batchelder's favorite show was the Dixie Stampede. It seemed to be the favorite among everyone. At the Dixie Stampede the group ate and watched games. They got their pictures taken, and there was a competition between the north side of the building and the south side. Games and relays were done to determine the winner. Lambert's Cafe was also a favorite of the seniors. The waiters threw rolls to the customers whenever they asked for one.

One entire day was spent on the lake. After eight full hours on the water, many came back with some serious sunburns. They rented ski boats, jet skis and two pontoon boats. The jet skis were the favorite of Cheyenne Dorrell. "Everytime we tried to leave the dock, it kept flipping over," said Dorrell.

The night came alive in Branson when the seniors went shopping and go karting. They also rode bumper cars and went miniature golfing. The Stop Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, MO., was the favorite of the guys. Brant Clary was reported walking around the store saying, "This is heaven!"

The seniors returned home with many new memories and new stories to tell.



Cheryl Rasmusssen and Justin O'Bryan take it easy swinging by Table Rock Lake. Photo by Hilary Harness.



The seniors hang out by the pool after a long, tiring day. Photo by Hilary Harness.

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Class History - 1998

August of 1985, 28 kindergarteners entered the kindergarten trailer, and 23 liked Highland well enough to stay through the 12th grade. In kindergarten there were many firsts. The first time to get ones name on the board, first scolding from a teacher that often resulted in tears, first time to be away from home, first school field trips, and the first time to ride on a school bus.

In the first grade, The Class of '98 was divided between Ms. Lambert and Mrs. Schwegler most of the time. First year teacher, Mrs. Schwegler is infamous for tap dancing around the room and hosting shaving cream parties on the desks, while Ms. Lambert is remembered for giving Brant an extra sticker for grab bag because he didn't gross out when Adam puked on his desk, which was to the envy of the rest of the students. Also during this time, a favorite student, Chuck Huff, often failed to lose control of his bodily functions, and Joe aquired a taste for Elmer's glue.

Mrs. Jeffers taught second grade and amazed everyone by letting them actually pick their own grab bag gifts. This year Brandon Weiderholt joined the class, sporting his white Hawaiian shirt and red slacks and kept this style through the sixth grade.

Gene Gauding joined only through the second grade and was dubbed "Diabetic Boy," out of shear jealousy that he got to eat orange crackers and no one else did. Also, Erin broke her ankle, by falling down a dirt pile outside of her house, and the start of relationships were kicked off with Kole and Julie Pottorf.

The move upstairs occured in the third grade and lasted two years. Ms. Lil Twombly wasthe teacher, and she introduced many animals to the classroom. Denise and Paul began their six year on and off romance. Cheyenne and possibly the Molers joined the class, but no one is for sure because they came and left so many times.

In the fourth grade, Mrs. Schwegler came back to teach us again and brought her spunk with her. She demonstrated this by making Mark Moler stand on his desk and cluck like a chicken. The love triangles continued with Adam sending Erin a love note with a neon green bracelet and hot pink star earrings, and Kole and Steph starting to go out. Kelly joined the class this year, and Brandon left his mark by puking on the stairs.

In the fifth grade, the class moved downstairs to the big kid section with Mrs. Barb Collins in charge. Bathroom times became stressful with Joe and Eric fighting daily. Kristy and Levi, and Rocky and Nora connected to keep the love alive. Also, during the fifth grade, band began, and the class was forced to switch playgrounds which caused a serious withdrawal from lack of playground equipment. Barbara came this year and had the same first name as Mrs. Collins, as well as, the same birthday!

With sixth grade, came Emily, Colby, Nolan, and Josh Dodds to the class and the departure of Brandon. Mrs. Meyer was the teacher and quickly put a stop to eraser fights when she gave Kole a detention. This year the girls tried their luck on the basketball court, everyone experienced the ski slopes at Snow Creek, and the band class made it a daily ritual to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Barbara. This year the group continued to annoy subs, but stepped it up a notchby switching from our assigned seats and calculating precise moments to click pens and cough. The Class of '98 will always be known for using their talents well!! The Jr. High days began and so did the monotony of athletics and the introduction to Mrs. Whitacre. She provided many laughs from pulling a dryer sheet out of her pants to drinking someone's contacts to pushing her cart from room to room with WIDE LOAD signs on it. With reading class came nap time and hide and go seek. James began sleeping in the coats and bags at the back of the room, and Joe would hide in the storage closet.

In the eighth grade, The Class of '98 finally made it to the top of the food chain and it is still believed that they are Mr. Clary's favorite class by being a cut above the rest (including the other classes). This year Chris, Levi, and Josh received a scolding during track for depantsing Joe, and they visited Washington, D.C. Study Halls became interesting, but horrible for Mrs. Blevins, who endured daily spit wad fights and rubber bouncy balls, and Mr. Andrews would lose control with erasers and chalk during health class. Josh also moved on this year.

The high school career began by gaining Ashley and Stacey. This year Erin and Heather started their careers in Ag and quickly moved to "favorite student" status, and Kristy was urged to 'Just Say Yes'. Julie Pottorf departed at the end of this year. During the sophomore year, many girls had seizures during computer class to welcome Ms. Evans, the infamous homecoming activities that led to a following week of torture happened, and the class spent the night in the Omaha Zoo. The event all will most remember is that of the accident involving Ashley,Paul, and Heather. As a result of the accident, Ashley will never be the same, but everyone has created so many memories helping Ashley do everything she would have done anyway. Mr. Keehn's nephew, Matt Richenson, briefly joined the class this year, and Emily Stevens and Brad Brod came to stay for good. The junior year was very hectic with chemistry class, working at the concession stand, and Prom, besides all of the usual activities and sports. Also, an added bonus was the foreign exchange student, Verena Zorn. She added much humor to the class this year and taught many new words and activities. Overall, prom was the main focus of this year and caused a lot of stress and man disagreements, but Rocky made it unique by driving a combine. The class began to grow closer, but larger as Sarah Heinen came second semester.

With the final year, came the final year of memories, and Nathan Keebler arrived. Also there were many changes that we were so lucky to enjoy. For example, the mandatory agendas/hall passes, a later lunch hour, girls' basketball benchwarming, and it was the second year for the dreaded senior showcase.

But the biggest highlight has been the Educational Extravaganza trip to Galveston and Oklahoma City. There Ashley willingly played in the waves of the ocean, Kristy was busted molestering Levi, and we learned more than ever dreamt possible about each other during the 34 hour round trip bus ride.

Through 13 years many people have come and left The Class of '98, but each left an unforgettable impact. All will always remember their years together and hope that they have left their mark on the Highland school system.

24. History, History.Glad we don't have to take any more Parish history classes.HA HA Mrs. Parish!

Academics

Though 101 years have passed, the focus has never changed when it comes to academics. In conjunction with the usual textbook work and lectures, the students took part in many eductational field trips and hands-on activities.

For example, the physics class disassembled old televisions, the computer production class produced the monthly school newsletter, almost all of the science classes visited area rivers to perform water quality tests, and the English III class toured the Truman Library.

Senior Barbara Purvis, said, "I understand what I am learning a lot better when I can visually see it or perform the task."



Evan Dillman works assiduously on Accounting I. The students were often allowed to work in the commons or the library because of the intense heat in the computer room. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Erinn Groeltz gives her speech on communications, such as eye contact, with Jana Collins. The freshmen did several speeches this year in English I. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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25. Study hard for exams. If not, just rely on revising.



Kole Meyer does his senior showcase presentation to the College English I class. Meyer's presentation was about "Storm Chasing." The class of '98 was allowed to practice their presentations to their English class before the big day in front of the judges. Senior showcase caused stress among students and teachers alike. However, most students agree that the research paper and project will be helpful in the long run. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Rilie Kafer, Robert Brainerd, director; Barbara Purvis, and Heather Terry play for the Mighty Bluestreaks. The band performed at all home football and basketball games. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Lynn Windmeyer, Amanda Williams, and Megan Blevins work on their Spanish commercial about Taco Bell. Spanish II did a small skit in Spanish of a dating game which they presented to the entire high school. Photo by Esther Gormley.

History /English /Spanish

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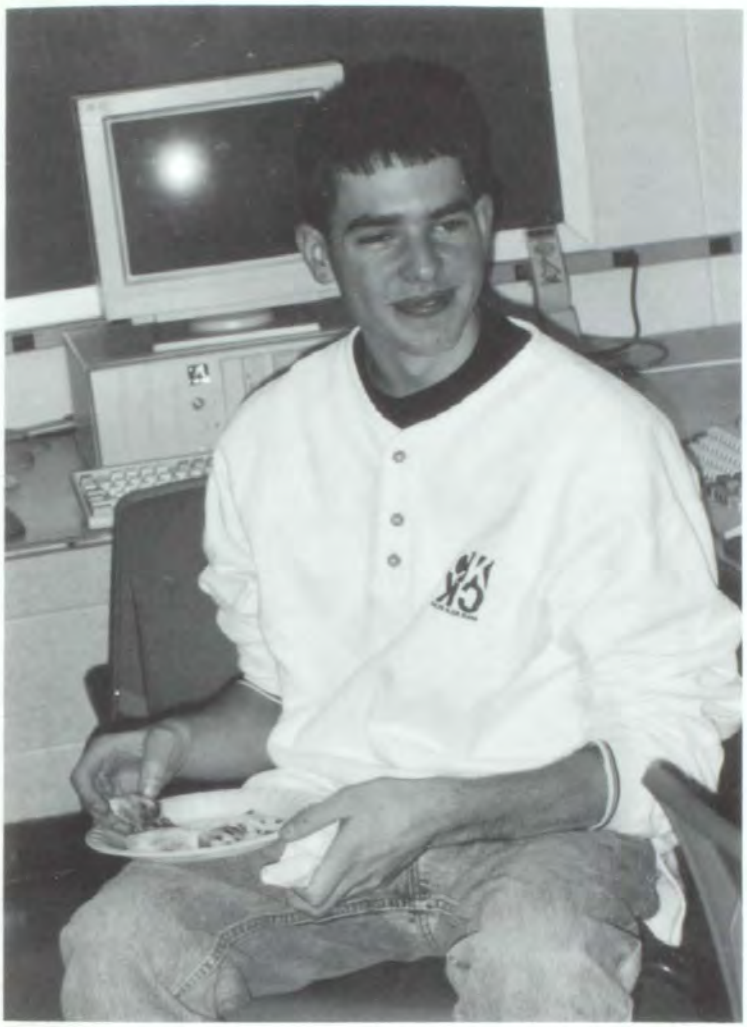
History/English/Spanish Chat Room

Megara18>> *singing* La La La La La La La Bomba heska la ya jose la quatro la beana
Sn_Larson>>Whoa, Whoa, you're absolutely butchering that song.
Megara18>>Sorry, I didn't know anyone was listening.¿Que pasa Senora Larson? (What's happening?)
Sn_Larson>>Muy macho!! The Spanish classes did a lot this year. The Spanish I students learned new words and the concept of verb agreement. The Spanish II students did more verb agreement and Spanish skits. The Spanish III class did an assortment of activities with the second graders. They built a pinata for a Spanish Christmas and made tons of food and sang Christmas songs.
Megara18>>Icaramba, that sounds great!
Comma_chic>>I did a lot this year too.
Megara18>>Oh sorry, I didn't know you were there.What did you do this year in English?
Comma_chic>>Well, the freshmen had a semester of speech, while the juniors integrated their learning with the life history of President Harry Truman.
Civil_spice>>History, what I heard the word the history. History, is my department.
Megara18>>Okay, Civil_spice let's hear your spiel.
Civil_spice>>Well, the sophomores saw the rise and fall of Rome...
Megara18>>Whoa, I didn't even know the Romans were in trouble. (Just kidding.)
Civil_spice>>Uh...and then, the seniors found out what they could do and not do in Constitution class.
Comma_chic>>Seniors -huh. Oh yeah, how could I forget about the seniors. The seniors completed their Senior Showcases. I was so impressed with their projects that I could hardly contain myself.
Ron_D.C.>>*singing* Jose can you seeee! By the dawn's early light.
Megara18>>And you thought I was butchering the song!! Well, Ron_D.C. what's shakin in your direction.
Ron_D.C.>>All I can say is Juniors, Juniors, Juniors with American history, geography and being their class sponspor. All I see are juniors.
Megara18>>Wowizer, it sounds like a lot of brain cells expanded this year.--Megan Batchelder



Elsie Garvin, giving her speech in freshmen English, demonstrates how to handle the snake "Stimpy." Though Garvin was experienced in handling snakes, Stimpy made a few surprise moves by twisting himself around Elsie's neck. Elsie said that she ignored it at first, but when Stimpy adjusted his body to a tighter pressure, she had to call on another classmate to her rescue. Garvin's speech fell during Spirit Week, which explains her sporty t-shirt signing attire. Photo by Esther Gormley.

27. Never talk back to teachers.



Spending a little extra time in the computer lab after school hours, Adam Tyler, like many other seniors, was rushing to complete the senior showcase 2500 word paper deadline at the end of the week. Cheryl Rasmussen, principal, ordered pizza for the stressed group of seniors who were putting in late hours that night in the computer lab. Photo by Esther Gormley.



!Feliz Navidad! Stephanie Fee shows her enthusiasm during the Spanish III's Christmas pinata party preparation for the second graders. Fee, along with many other classmates, is using her class time to place pasted newspaper strips around inflated balloons; which later dries and forms a hard shell over the balloon to create a pinata. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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Adam Lackey diligently works on his Truman Library research paper during the Junior Class's visit to the Truman Library. Each student was able to choose his/her topic over the Truman Presidency (around 50 topics were laid out). Five pages of text set the only guideline for the research paper, but for many students, it was the longest research paper they had ever attempted. Photo by Esther Gormley.

Science http://hhs.keehn/cleanthatstream

Science Room Chat

Megara18>>So, Enviroman what's going on in the science department?
Enviroman>>I love the kids this year. They are great.
Megara18>>What did the freshmen do this year in general science?
Enviroman>>Oh my, they did a lot! They started with river and streams monitoring and then finished up with pre-physics like the simple machines.
Megara18>>That's cool! How about the sophomores?
Enviroman>>Golly, they had a wide range of subjects from river and stream testing to genetics.
Megara18>>*laughing* I guess they will know who to mate with and who not to mate with!! What were the juniors up to in chemistry this year?
Enviroman>>Well, the juniors started the year off with balancing equations and went out with a bang with acid/base chemistry.
Megara18>>Neato!! How about those cool cats in college biology? What did they do this year?
Enviroman>>What didn't they do! They had Ecology Day with the third graders at Brown County State Lake, and then they did some dissections on the different kingdoms.
Megara18>>How about the natural resources class, what were they up to?
Enviroman>>They were super busy this year. They adopted the Roadside Park, as well as the Mission Trail. This year we also got be part of The Missouri Stream Team 1000. In this program the natural resource class gets to study in the Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge.
Megara18>>Wow, it sounds like you had a really great year. Way to go Mr. Keehn and kids!!!



Enviroman (Gary Keehn) explains to the natural resources how to handle the third graders and their wild questions. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Josh Keebler explains to Charles Kent, third grader, that owl pellets are bones that owls regurgitate. Photo by Natalie Webb.

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29. Vote for Keehn in Turkey for a Teacher. He always wins.



Miranda Boos shows Albert Mitchell and Julianne Gross , third graders, owl pellets in natural resources, while Kari Garrett tries to focus in for some raw footage. Photo by Natalie Webb.



Emily Stevens and Barbara Purvis scatter the plastic bones during college biology and wonder, "Is that what we look like under our skins?" Photo by Hilary Harness.



Levi Lucas lays out a skeleton in college biology. But wait! Where's the other arm? Photo by Hilary Harness.

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Math / Computers

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Math and Computer Room Chat

Megara18>>Hey Xman a.k.a Hometown hero! What's jivin?
Xman>>Order of operation and the Algebra I kids! Oh yeah and Algebra II kids and their wacked quadatric equations. They are really applying their skills.
Megara18>>Great. What's going down with the juniors and geometry. You know you always have to "try" when dealing with triangles.
Xman>>There is definitely "proof" of that. Yuk, Yuk, Yuk.
IBM_babe>>Hey, Hey what about me? I did a lot this year too.
Megara18>>Okay, okay, let's hear it.
IBM_babe>>Well, the freshmen learned about spreadsheets and databases while the sophomores learned about powerpoint and telecommunication.
Megara18>>Rockin! How about accounting and computer productions?
IBM_babe>>"Appreciation and depreciation" and how to work together. Working together is an important skill for everyday life.
Megara18>>Well, well, it sounds like everyone was busy. Way to go guys and keep up the good work!--Megan Batchelder

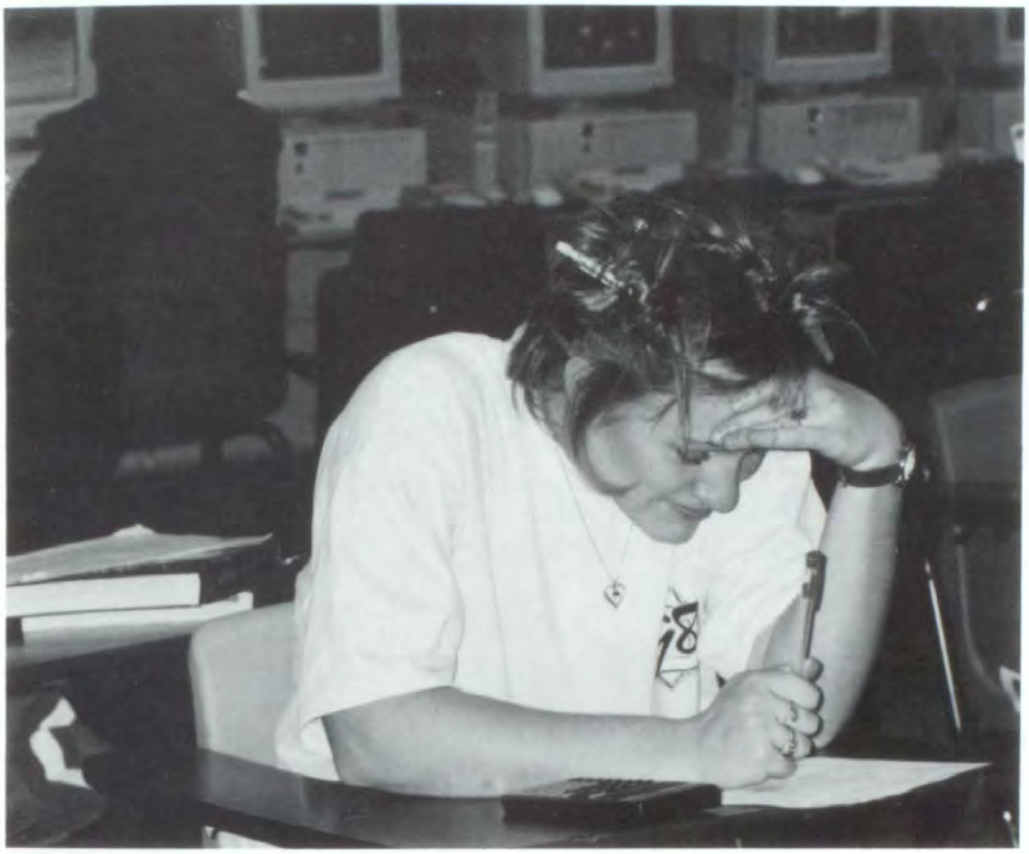


Math teacher Ted Hutchcraft (Xman) adds grades to the computer as his students work their assignments. Hutchcraft was nominated as a KQ2 Hometown Hero this year. Photo by Donna Parish.



Amanda Romine of Accounting I is lectured by Jill Evans (IBM_babe) while the Accounting II class works in their journals. Photo by Donna Parish.

31. Never eat Hutchcraft's chili. That stuff just isn't edible.



A frustrated Denise Blevins stares at her accounting test. Denise put up her hair with pins to relieve the stress of high school test taking. Photo by Donna Parish.



Natalie Jeschke and Jeremiah Gildersleeve of the Algebra II class study out of their new problem solving books. Photo by Erin Jeschke.



Computer teacher Jill Evans (IBM_babe) assists Ashley Hill and Kole Meyer with their difficult accounting problems. Photo by Donna Parish.

Home Economics/Ag/Woods

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Home Ec., Ag., Woods Chat Room

Megara18<<Hey,toolman_terry, flour_power, and power_ag. What's up? And don't even say the sky!
toolman_terry>>Hum? Let me think. Oh yeah, projects, projects and more projects. The woods students made an assortment of objects, from gun racks to helping out the science department with equipment.
flour_power>>I've been doing projects too!! The home ec students have been making pajamas, organizing meals, and designing their weddings.
Megara18>>Awesome! Maybe the students will think twice before they make the plunge towards couplehood.
flour_power>>That was the plan. This project was designed to help the students find out what they want in a relationship.
power_ag>>Hey, what about me? My students did projects too!! The students continued to work in the greenhouse. The students planted more than 4,000 plants. Some worked assembling small engines, while the younger students worked on FFA contest and other Greenhand stuff.
Megara18>>I'm sure these projects are a nice way to get away from the hum drum of lecture, notes and homework.
ALL>>Yeah, if you could get them to work and not chit chat all the time!!!--Megan Batchelder

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Jerod Blanton is mixing paint that will be used for his dog box. Photo by Evan Dillman.



Paul Idol is working on planing boards that will be put together for his gun case. Photo by Evan Dillman.



Rocky Ruhnke works on the measurements for the top of his gun cabinet. It is a very popular project among students. Photo by Evan Dillman.



Kristy Green works on her pajamas in home economics. The class has also planned a wedding for themselves. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Cate Batchelder cuts out the patterns for her pajamas. Besides making pajamas, she has also designed a pillow. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.

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Megara18>>*painting* Oh yes, happy little tree here, happy little tree there.
Josephangelo>>You do know that there is more to art than just happy little trees.
Megara18>>Not for my artistic ability. But you've got my interest. What did you do this year?
Josephangelo>>Oh my, we did a lot this year, and boy were my classes full. We made clay cottages for one thing.
Megara18>>Clay cottages!!! What are they?
Josephangelo>>Exactly what they sound like. During that lesson we studied the different types of architecture, such as the simplicity of Greek Revival and Queen Anne's prestigious decor.
Megara18>>Then what?
Josephangelo>>Well, then we glazed them and started into our abstract painting of architecturally motivated houses. Oh yeah, we also did various lessons on water color. The students did a Walter Yost inspired painting while using different water techniques such as wet on wet, wet on dry, dry on dry, and dry on wet.
Megara18>>Cool! Well, it sounds like the students did a lot this year, but did anyone see their works of art?
Josephangelo>>Oh sure! The students were involved in the Federated Women's Club Contest, Highland Community College Art Day, and the DVL Art Day in Oskaloosa.
Megara18>>Wait, Wait! I thought I heard something about a show in the Albrecht Kemper that displayed high school students' works of art.
Josephangelo>>Oh yeah, that was an exciting event.
Megara18>>Wowizers! It sounds like you and your students had one awesome year.--Megan Batchelder



(top) Megan Batchelder creates an artistic effect on her painting with a sponge.

(bottom) Aaron Dillman wets his brush and prepares to add more paint to his work of art. Both photos by Rocky Ruhnke.

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35. Remember art gallery conduct. Do not put your feet on the wall.



Linda Joseph (Josephangelo) helps Aaron Twombly decide what to paint next. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Chad Simpson hurries the drying of his painting so he can add another layer. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Mitch Mason wets his brush before adding more strokes of paint to his masterpiece. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.

Choir/Band

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Band and Choir Chat Room

Megara18>> *singing* Do, Ra, Me, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do

Bach_woman>> Boy, I can tell you aren't a part of 67 students that took choir this year.

Megara18>>You are exactly right!

Bach_woman>> Actually, your voice has a nice sound to it. I am sure I could turn you into world renowned opera singer.

Megara18>> That would be great, but my true love is to be concert cellist.

Opus_boy>> That's my girl! Whata say, we talk band.

Megara18>> Okay well, what did you do this year in band?

Opus_boy>> Well, in the beginning of the year, the high school band students got used to the new junior high band students.

Megara18>> Gosh, I bet it was hard to get a good sound with new students.

Opus_boy>> Yeah at first, but then as the year rolled on with more tunes and with more time; the band came together. And just in time for the DVL contest.

Megara18>> Oh yeah, I was meaning to ask you guys about the DVL contest.

Bach_woman>> We were great!! We got two II's with a jazz ballad and a Renaissance piece.

Opus_boy>> Oh yeah, well we did great too with an ol' western piece and contemporary piece in which we did very nice job. Well, at least I thought so!

Megara18>> Excellent! Say, how did the musical go this year? What was it "Seven Match-makers for Seven Kings." Oh wait, I'm getting all the musicals mixed up. Now, I remember it was "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

Bach_woman>> The show was a success!

Megara18>> I can see someone had a good year. Actually both of you had a good year. I guess all I can say now is to keep up the Good Work!—Megan Batchelder



Choir Members Front Row: Elsie Garvin, Emily Jeschke, Stephanie Blevins, Natalie Webb, Jennifer Davis, Lynn Windmeyer, Karie Diveley, Tessa Reist, Julianne Blevins, Ashley Webb, Erinn Groeltz, Jill Merkel, Kristin McCauley, Treka Moehle, Amy Keller, Holly Vandall, Jolene Cadue; Second Row: Liz Carwell, Andrew Gillfilan, Justin O'Bryan, Jason Nolte, Jana Collins, Andrea Collins, Nick Cluck, Denise Blevins, Heather Hunsaker, Amanda Williams, Staci Waggoner, Natalie Jeschke, Sandy Peters, Casey Vaught, Samantha Collins, Holly Gray, Alana Mendenhall; Third Row: Erin Jeschke, Emily Stevens, Kelly Merkel, Cheyenne Dorrell, Megan Blevins, Kristy Green, Rilie Kafer, Jennifer Yates, Kari Garrett, Miranda Boos, Adam Lackey, Mike Jones, Kyle Dillman; Fourth Row: Chad Simpson, Paul Idol, Joe Swain, Adam Tyler, Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Levi Lucas, Travis Clary, Chris Collins, Jerod Blanton, Jonathon Theobald, Fred Green, Colby Collins, Michael Stonebarger, Dustin Geiger, Nathan Twombly. Photo by Bray's.



Band Members Front Row: Kimberly McCauley, Angela Henry, Sierra Covert,Christina Dickerson, Caicey Jones, Heather Terry, Brian Reiter, Kaleb Caudle;Second Row: Rilie Kafer, Andrew Gilfillan, Matthew Cluck, Kody Peters, Bryan Rhodd, Chris Mooney, Christopher Sullivan, Brandon Geiger, Heather Gildersleeve, Barbara Purvis, Crystal Harness; Fourth Row: Thatcher Reist, Cheyenne Dorrell, Jennifer Yates, Matt Reiter, Kyle Olson, Jana Collins, Tessa Reist, Andrea Collins, Jon Edie, Jonathan Theobald, Liz Carwell, Robert Brainerd, director. Photo by Bray's.



Choir soloists Front Row: Erin Jeschke; Second Row: Kyle Olson, Mike Jones, Sandy Peters, Kelly Merkel, Jana Collins, Cheyenne Dorrell , Emily Jeschke, Andrea Collins, Adam Lackey. Erin Jeschke received a II rating at State, Cheyenne Dorrell received a I rating at State, Stephanie Blevins (Not Pictured) received a I rating at State. Photo by Bray's.



Piano soloists: Erin Jeschke, Jana Collins, Andrea Collins, Tessa Reist, Thatcher Reist. Tessa Reist and Thatcher Reist both received I ratings at State. Erin Jeschke received a II rating at State. Photo by Bray's.



The Halloween Parade held on Main Street in Highland brought many faces, the band was among them. "Burning Heart" was one of the many songs that the band played. Photo by Erin Jeschke.

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Organizations

With several clubs and 105 students, activities dominate the lives of almost everyone.

Computers are being used in every club in various ways. Journalism uses computers to put together the newspaper and yearbook while FFA types state and national degree applications on the computer.

All of the clubs are very busy throughout the year. Contests and ceremonies are held to test the students' knowledge and reward them for a job well done.

Years ago there were fewer clubs. As the school progresses towards the next 100 years, clubs will come and go. Hopefully, the students will always have the same enthusiasm about each organization.



Julianne Blevins thinks hurriedly before anwering the strange question Hilary Harness asked. The questions were an activity for the FFA sweetheart candidates during Barnwarming. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Zach Powell, Luke Keller, Ryan Nolte, and Eric Tracy talk among themselves as they plan the choreography to go along with a nursery rhyme. The skit was a Stuco icebreaker activity on the first day of school. Photo by Donna Parish.

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These pages designed by Hilary Harness and Rocky Ruhnke.

39. Be involved. Everybody else does it, so you should too.



Noah Diveley signs his name to the membership roll during the NHS initiation as Ted Hutchcraft, Cheyenne Dorrell, and Andrea Collins, NHS president, look on. Hutchcraft is retiring after sponsoring for 18 years, since the club began. Photo by Donna Parish.



Hilary Harness, Andrea Collins, Thatcher Reist, and Matt Reiter smile as they wait for the start of the regional quiz bowl meet held at White City. The team won Regional and went on to compete at the state level. Photo by Donna Parish.

FFA http://schmitz/conventions.contest.leadership

Activities

Leadership school
Oct. 14
Barnwarming
(Pg 68-69)
Oct.28
National Convention
Nov. 13
Awards banquet
Apr.16
State Contests
Apr. 20-21
District banquet
Apr. 27

SponsorComments

Elmer Schmitz, sponsor, said, "I think we had a very successful year. The members that I have are extremely talented, and it makes it easier to work with members like that."

MemorableMoments

Hilary Harness, senior, said, "Kelly Merkel, fellow officer, would call random people and say, 'This is Hilary Harness, would you like to buy some fruit?' while doing her best imitation of Harness's voice."



Some FFA members are proudly standing with their newest awards. Front Row: Amanda Romine, Holly Vandall, T. J. Simpson, Nick Cluck, Paul Idol, Stacy Neibling; Second Row: Kelly Merkel, Andrea Collins, Julianne Blevins, Jill Merkel; Third Row: Josh Keebler, Travis Clary, Ryan Nolte, Brant Clary, Eric Cole, Cathleen Hanlon. Photo by Donna Parish.

The FFA Chapter received two stars at the National Convention held in November. The two stars place Highland within the top 5% of all of the FFA chapters in the nation.

The FFA did very well at the Leadership School. The B team placed first overall while the A team got second. The chapter team received third place overall. However the chapter team placed second in Parliamentary Procedure which qualified them for State Convention.

Stephanie Blevins, senior, was very busy this year being district president.

Blevins said, "It was a great honor to be a part of the greatest youth organization in our nation."

Brant Clary received the Northeast District Proficiency Award for Environmental Science. Paul Idol earned his State FFA degree. Eric Cole received Star Farmer, Feed and Grain Production, Oil Crop Production and Diversified Crop Production.

Nick Cluck, freshman, was the Star Greenhand for Agribusiness. Jill Merkel and Kristin McCauley, freshmen, won the Star Greenhands Production award.

These pages designed by Molly O'Brien.

41. Entomology team almost always wins at contest.



The FFA members all decked out in their official dress are Front Row: Holly Vandall, Becky Cole, Hilary Harness, T. J. Simpson, Kelly Merkel, Stacy Neibling, Denise Blevins, Kristin McCauley, Erinn Groeltz, Jennifer Davis, Elsie Garvin, Treka Moehle, Amy Keller; Second Row: Emily Jeschke, Karie Diveley, Natalie Webb, Megan Blevins, Kristy Green, Amanda Romine, Cathleen Hanlon, Lynn Windmeyer, Julianne Blevins, Ashley Webb, Alex Moore, Jason Nolte, Noah Diveley, Nick Cluck, Brandi Woodruff; Third Row: Brad Elrod, Fred Green, Heather Hunsaker, Erin Jeschke, Cate Batchelder, Stacey Fee, Lisa Westcott, Jana Collins, Jill Merkel, Andrea Collins, Dustin Geiger, Jeremiah Gildersleeve, Jesse Mason; Fourth Row: Elmer Schmitz,sponsor; Joe Swain, Paul Idol, Brant Clary, Jerod Blanton, Rocky Ruhnke, Travis Clary, Levi Lucas, Eric Cole, Zach Powell, Luke Keller, Ryan Nolte, Mike Jones and B. J. Twombly. Photo by Bray's.



Nick Cluck accepts his award from T. J. Simpson for Star Greenhand Agribusiness during the FFA banquet. Photo by Donna Parish.



Eric Cole receives his plaque for Star Chapter Farmer during the FFA banquet. Photo by Donna Parish.



The Greenhands are Front Row: Jennifer Davis, Ashley Webb, Erinn Groeltz, Elsie Garvin, Treka Moehle; Second Row: Kristin McCauley, Julianne Blevins, Jana Collins, Jill Merkel, Amy Keller; Third Row: Mike Jones, Alex Moore, Nick Cluck, Jason Nolte. Photo by Bray's.

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Quiz Bowl / National Honor Society

http://hhs.witt.hutchcraft/buzzersmarts

Activities

NHS

Initiation	10/7

QuizBowl Meets

Horton Inv.	11/8
Highland Inv.	11/24
High-Q	12/6
DVL Meet	1/10
Hiawatha JV	2/7
Midway Varsity	2/12
Scottie Inv.	2/21
Regionals	3/9
State	3/21

SponsorComments

Ted Hutchcraft said, "This year's group put on one of the better initiations."

Theresa Witt said, "This has been a great year, and definately the high point was getting to compete at the State meet."

MemorableMoments

Cate Batchelder, said, "I will always remember when my biography was read twice at initiation, and everyone got to know me really well."



The 1997-98 Quiz Bowl members are Front Row: Andrew Gilfillan, Sandy Peters, Stacy Neibling, Mike Jones; Second Row: Matt Reiter, Cate Batchelder, Andrea Collins, Nathan Twombly; Back Row: Theresa Witt, sponsor, Hilary Harness, Kole Meyer, Thatcher Reist, and Levi Lucas. Photo by Bray's.

Quiz Bowl and National Honor Society required their own server to download all of the academic knowledge that they acquired during the year. NHS held their annual installation on Tuesday, Oct. 7, inducting 10 new members. The new sophomore inductees were Cate Batchelder, Megan Blevins, Noah Diveley, Dustin Geiger, Stacy Neibling, Sandy Peters, Tessa Reist, Matt Reiter, Amanda Williams, and Lynn Windmeyer. NHS members are required to maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. throughout the years.

This year's quiz bowl team started a new web page by winning the Horton Invitational meet, placing 3rd out of the 1-A schools at High-Q, earning a regional championship, and thus receiving a berth to the Class 1-A State Quiz Bowl Meet. This year's varsity members were Hilary Harness and Thatcher Reist, seniors; Andrea Collins, junior; and Matt Reiter, sophomore, and it was the first time for any of these members to compete at the State meet. Harness said, "It was unbelievable how well we did this year, and we had a lot of fun competing and traveling together."

43. Smack that buzzer, even if you don't know the answer.



The members of NHS are Front Row: Ted Hutchcraft, sponsor; Emily Jeschke, Rilie Kafer, Stephanie Blevins, Karie Diveley, Tessa Reist, Lynn Windmeyer, Natalie Webb, Noah Diveley; Second Row: Hilary Harness, Cheyenne Dorrell, Jennifer Yates, Sandy Peters, Amanda Williams, Stacy Neibling, Dustin Geiger, Adam Lackey; Third Row: Kelly Merkel, Heather Hunsaker, Denise Blevins, Megan Blevins, Stacey Fee, Kristy Green, Andrea Collins, T.J. Simpson; Back Row: Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Adam Tyler, Emily Stevens, Chris Collins, Megan Batchelder, Cate Batchelder, Matt Reiter, Nathan Twombly, and Travis Clary. Photo by Bray's.



The newly installed NHS members admire their certificates, while trying to keep their candles burning. Photo by Donna Parish.



Matt Reiter, Thatcher Reist, Hilary Harness, and Andrea Collins, varsity quiz bowl team, discuss the previous round, one of their seven wins of the day which earned them a regional championship. This team also aquired one other championship and several other top three placings during the rest of their season. Photo by Donna Parish.

These pages designed by Kelly Merkel.

Journalism/Stuco

http://hhs.parish.evans/pasteup.egghunt

Activities

Journalism

KSPA Regionals	2/19
KSPA State Contest	4/19

Stuco

Ice Breaker Dance	8/22
Spirit Week	9/29-10/3
Homecoming Dance	10/3
Heart to Heart	2/18
Easter Egg Hunt	4/9
Luau Dance	5/15

SponsorComments

Donna Parish, journalism sponsor, said, "For the students and their sponsor, journalism is a love/hate relationship. Some days we all love journalism, some days we hate it.

Jill Evans, Stuco sponsor, said, "The Heart to Heart matches seem to be the most exciting time of the year with students who are willing to do almost anything to find out their love match."

MemorableMoments

"'B day' class discussions about prom are definitely the most memorable moments in journalism," said Emily Jeschke.

"Heart to Heart was really fun, and I *REALLY* liked some of my matches," said Ashley Hill.

Denise Blevins said, "I was glad to finally find my true love through Heart to Heart."



1997-98 journalism students are Front Row: Natalie Webb; Molly O'Brien; T.J. Simpson; Hilary Harness, yearbook editor. Second Row: Emily Jeschke; Holly Vandall; Sarah Heinen; Megan Batchelder; Kelly Merkel, business manager; Emily Stevens, newspaper editor. Back Row: Nathan Twombly; Evan Dillman; Chris Collins; Rocky Ruhnke, yearbook editor; Erin Jeschke; Nathan Keebler. Not pictured: Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.

The journalism staff kept the community and students on line with current news and happenings within the school district; which is no minor task. Not only did the staff put out eight newspapers and a yearbook, they also participated in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA) Regional and State contests. The Regional contest was held at Kansas State University and advanced fifteen participants on to State. The State contest was held at Kansas University where Megan Batchelder earned an honorable mention in info-graphics, Emily Jeschke and Nathan Twombly, as a team, won an honorable mention in yearbook theme development, and Emily Stevens earned an honorable mention in double page spread.

Stuco has had a busy year planning dances and fun activities that students will always remember. The Icebreaker dance was first to get everyone re-acquainted with each other and to welcome the freshmen to high school. Homecoming Spirit Week inspired students to take part and show their school spirit. They also went to the top dog, Mr. Collins, to get rock for the parking lot which was greatly appreciated by the students. Cheyenne Dorrell, Stuco president, said, "I think Stuco is important because it gives to the students a chance to organize activities that they think will be fun."

Kansas is one of the few states not to have high school censorship laws. Remember that!



1997-97 Student Council members are Front Row: Jill Evans, sponsor; Megan Batchelder, treasurer; Cheyenne Dorrell, president; Andrea Collins, president-elect; Emily Jeschke, secretary; Tessa Reist; Holly Vandall; Julianne Blevins; Ashley Webb. Second Row: Hilary Harness, Megan Blevins, T.J. Simpson, Stephanie Blevins, Rilie Kafer, Stacy Neibling, Jana Collins. Back Row: Kelly Merkel, Kole Meyer, Travis Clary, Chris Collins (non-Stuco member), Thatcher Reist, Jon Theobald, Dustin Geiger. Photo by Bray's.



Emily Stevens works diligently to meet the newpaper deadlines, while Chris Collins tries to think of a catchy headline for her story. Photo by Rocky Ruhnke.



Jay Gormley (class of '96) gets ready to shake his leg while Liz Carwell looks on with admiration. Erin Jeschke and Denise Blevins get down to the funky techno beat at the Ice Breaker Dance. Photo by Natalie Webb.



Denise Blevins, Stephanie Blevins, and Ashley Hill joke while waiting in anticipation for the Homecoming crowning ceremonies. Photo by Natalie Webb.

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Athletics

1998 was a very exciting year for athletics. Athletics have been at Highland almost since the school was started in 1897.

Throughout all of the sports teams this year, there was one thing in common: that was the support from the crowd. The cheerleaders had a major part in helping the crowd get into the game.

As this school moves into the future and grows, it is hard to say what changes there might be in athletics. Soccer, baseball, softball, wrestling, weightlifting might be added. Who knows, they might even offer physical education in the future to upper classmen.

These Pages Designed by Rocky Ruhnke and Hilary Harness.



Football cheerleaders Back Row: Cheyenne Dorrell, T.J. Simpson, Andrea Collins, Julianne Blevins, Middle Row: Jill Merkel, Ashley Webb, Front Row; Stephanie Blevins, Emily Jeschke. Photo by Bray's.



Cheyenne Dorrell and Ashley Webb watch the Pleasant Ridge football game intensely as they think about their next cheer. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

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47. Athletics: a great way to burn off break-time calories.



Andrea Collins cheers at the Pleasant Ridge football game. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



The football cheerleaders hold up a run through during the Wathena football game. The cheerleaders were involved in many different activities such as camp, car washes, and several raffles at basketball games. Photo by Natalie Webb.



Jill Merkel, Heather Hunsaker, and Cheyenne Dorrell, cheer at girls' basketball game. The three of them and Holly Gray led the crowd at all girls' basketball games. Photo by Sarah Heinen



Basketball cheerleaders: Back Row: Jill Merkel, Holly Gray, Middle Row: Emily Jeschke, Denise Blevins, Natalie Webb, Front Row: Cheyenne Dorrell, Heather Hunsaker, Stephanie Blevins (not pictured). Photo by Bray's.

Volleyball http://hhs.rasmussen/killthatball

Box Scores

30-4 season	Streaks	Opp.
Lansing	1	0
Atchison	1	0
Midway	2	0
Jackson Heights	2	1
Horton	1	0
JCN	2	0
Wathena	3	0
Royal Valley	1	0
St. Joe Christian	1	0
Baileyville	1	0
Centralia	0	2
Hiawatha	1	0
McLouth	2	0
Pleasant Ridge	2	0
Oskaloosa	3	0
KC Maranatha	1	0
Troy	2	0
South Holt	1	0
Valley Falls	2	0
Regionals		
Midway	1	0
Wetmore	0	1

Season Highlights

DVL Champions

DVL Tournament Champions

Undefeated in the DVL

All-League: Cate Batchelder, Stephanie Blevins, Andrea Collins, Megan Batchelder

All-County: Cate Batchelder, Stephanie Blevins, Andrea Collins, Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel



Cate Batchelder, sophomore, routinely spikes the volleyball after a strategic set by Andrea Collins, junior, during the regional Wetmore game. Batchelder completed over 500 hits throughout the season. Photo by Emily Jeschke.

A charismatic volleyball season and team dominated the Delaware Valley League (DVL). The outstanding season record earned two championship titles and one runner-up trophy. Unfortunately, the journey to Hays for State was out-of-reach, but the team's goals and aspirations achieved during the overall season were tremendous.

Co-captains Kelly Merkel, Megan Batchelder, Stephanie Blevins, and Hilary Harness provided consistent senior leadership. Blevins led the setters with a 98 percent "good set" rate (those sets hit by spikers).

Cate Batchelder, sophomore, was the lead hitter with a 96.3 percent rate for spikes successfully completed.

The team participated in a timed mile run before beginning each practice on the gym floor. "I wouldn't say that I enjoyed the mile run, but I knew it was something our team needed to stay in shape," said Blevins.

Natalie Webb, junior, "thought we had strong senior leaders who kept us going when times were tough." Simpson said their post season team motto "I get knocked down, but I get up again" (lyrics to the popular song "Tub Thumping" by Chumbawamba) also kept the team going during game clenching situatutions.

Regionals were held at Highland but brought along tough game situatutions--Wetmore. Merkel said, "We had a lot of momentum going into regional action, but after the first game loss against Wetmore, it was hard to regain game winning composure."

49. Bonding parties are fun!!! Have them often.



Cate Batchelder, sophomore, and Jana Collins, freshman, attempt to slow down one of the many hard hits that Wetmore fired over the net. Batchelder and Collins quickly recovered for offensive play. Batchelder was the team's second leading blocker with 42 season blocks. Kelly Merkel (not pictured) led the team's defensive net play with 73 effective blocks and a 71.4 percent blocking rate. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Stephanie Blevins, senior co-captain, custom sets Megan Batchelder, senior co-captain, during the Jackson Heights game. Batchelder was the team's second leading hitter with a total of 274 spikes for the season. Jackson Heights and Highland were consistently battling for the DVL title and tournament championship. Highland prevailed over Jackson Heights for both league titles by capturing two out of three game match-ups. Photo by Emily Jeschke.

These pages designed by Emily Jeschke.



Front Row: Hilary Harness, Stephanie Blevins, Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel; Second Row: Tessa Reist, Julianne Blevins, Holly Vandall, Kari Garrett, Natalie Webb, T. J. Simpson, Andrea Collins, Amanda Romine, Ashley Webb; Back Row: Angie Eberly, assistant coach; Miranda Boos, manager; Jana Collins, Sandy Peters, Cate Batchelder, Samantha Collins, Jill Merkel, Kristen McCauley, Amanda Williams, manager; Emily Stevens, manager; Cheryl Rasmussen, head coach. Photo by Bray's Photography.

Football http://hhs.shelton/highland football rules

Box Scores:

Season Record: 1-8

Us	Opponent	Them
7	Pleasant Ridge	27
0	Jackson Heights	14
9	Wathena	49
0	Oskaloosa	12
18	McLouth	24
20	Horton	28
0	JCN	24
64	Valley Falls	7
8	Troy	64

Season Highlights:

Highland's score of 64-7 over Valley Falls was the most points scored by a Highland team this decade.

Second team all DVL winners were Brant Clary, Thatcher Reist, Fred Green, and Josh Keebler.

Honorable mention went to Brant Clary and Rocky Ruhnke.



First row: Levi Lucas, Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Brant Clary, Nathan Keebler, Rocky Ruhnke, Paul Idol, Chris Collins, Eric Cole; Second row: Adam Lackey, Josh Keebler, Aaron Dillman, Chad Simpson, Andrew Gilfillan, Nick Cluck, Jason Nolte, Dustin Geiger, Mike Jones; Third row: Zach Powell, Eric Tracy, Fred Green, Evan Dillman, Jerod Blanton, Travis Clary, Michael Stonebarger, B.J. Twombly, John Jenkins. Photo by Bray's.



The offensive line prepares for the next play as the Bluestreaks battle against Jackson Heights on Sept. 12. This was the first home game of the season. The Cobras won 14-0. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Paul Idol, facing camera, is congratualated by teammates Thatcher Reist (#30) and Brant Clary (#32) after catching a 21 yard pass for a touchdown. This was the first touchdown of the year which occured in the Pleasant Ridge game on Sept. 5. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

51. Freshman football players: Voluntarily do it or else.



Travis Clary (#1) runs through the open hole created by Dustin Geiger (#10) and Brant Clary (#32). This was one of many touchdowns in the 20-28 Horton game Oct. 10. Travis Clary was third on the team in total rushing for the season. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Jerod Blanton (#56), Travis Clary (#1), Nathan Keebler (#52), Brant Clary (#32), Eric Cole (#61), Thatcher Reist (#30), and Chris Collins (#13) prepare to run an offensive play against Horton. The Bluestreaks fell to the Chargers on Oct. 10, 20-28. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

The football team just couldn't get on line as they played many tough games that ended in a 1-8 losing record.

Ron Shelton coached the Bluestreaks for the sixth straight year. He was assisted by two new faces this year, Phil Roberts and Jay Gormley, '96.

The team was led by returning lettermen seniors: Chris Collins, Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Brant Clary, Levi Lucas, Paul Idol, Eric Cole, Nathan Keebler, and Rocky Ruhnke.

Collins, Meyer, Idol, and Ruhnke served as team captains.

Reist led in rushing yards with a total of 69 carries for 565 yards. Clary followed closely with 68 carries for 531 yards.

Lucas received 4 passes for a total of 116 yards to become the leading receiver. Meyer and Idol proceeded with 5 for 93 and 4 for 57 yards.

Meyer said, "Although our record didn't show it, I felt that we played hard the whole year and had fun as a team. It has been a lot of fun playing with the team, and I will have many lasting memories; I just wish I could have played in the last few games."

The first touchdown of the year was made by Idol in the Pleasant Ridge game. Idol ended the season with 2 touchdowns; the second touchdown occured in the Valley Falls game.

Reist made 10 touchdowns and had 38 tackles.

Brant Clary led in unassisted and assisted tackles with 45 and 40, respectively.

Collins followed with 31 unassisted tackles and 36 assisted.

Collins said, "Despite a losing season, I had a lot of fun. It was hard to play so many close games that ended just out of reach. I think that we had one of the most skilled teams in the league, but we lacked in size."

"A lot of emotions came out in the last game that I didn't know I had. It has been great playing with the juniors and seniors for the past 6 years," said Idol.

Cross Country http://hhs.keehn/desirevstalent

- **Box Scores**
  Girls: Six team finishes in the top five.

  Boys: Five team finishes in the top five against 3A and 4A schools

- **Season Highlights**

  Colby Collins goes to State: With a time of 18:30 and places 34th.

  Girls: fourth place team finish at Regionals.

  Joe Swain's first place finish at the Troy meet.

  Boys second place team finish at the Troy meet.

  Boys and Girls winning the county meet.

  Three girls and two boys make All-County team.

Long, long ago, before the internet came about, people ran to get where they wanted to go(and escape predators). Today people run for fun and competition.

"Between desire and talent, desire comes first" was the slogan for Gary Keehn's leadership as he coached the cross country team for the fourth year in a row. Keehn also ran in the New York City Marathon last fall, placing in the top 10 percent.

This year's cross country team enjoyed a very successful season. Colby Collins, senior, went on to State and others did very well at meets. Collins, Joe Swain, Emily Jeschke, and Denise Blevins were the seniors who led the team in points at every meet.

Jeschke said, "It was a fun season overall because we all relaxed more than in the past. We also had the best weather overall for races."

Collins said, "State didn't feel as good this year as what it did last year because Coach Keehn was not there (he was in New York at the Marathon). This year went by really fast, before I knew it I was at State again."



Collins was the only Cross Country runner to go to State this year. Here Collins runs at Maur Hill. Photo by Stacy Neibling.

These pages were designed by Nathan Keebler and Rocky Ruhnke.

53. Don't be afraid to sweat; it will happen after five miles.



Noah Diveley has a good lead on his opponents at the Jackson Heights meet. Photo by Sandy Groeltz.



Front Row: Natalie Jeschke, Erinn Groeltz, Lynn Windmeyer, Tessa Reist, Emily Jeschke, Denise Blevins; Back Row: Stacy Neibling, manager, Becky Cole, manager, Noah Diveley, Kyle Dillman, Joe Swain, Colby Collins, Gary Keehn, head coach. Photo by Bray's.



Joe Swain outruns an opponent at the Troy meet to win first place. Photo by Donna Parish.



Emily Jeschke and Denise Blevins relax before the Maur Hill meet. Photo by Stacy Neibling.

Girls' Basketball hhs.bingesser/hardwork.fastbreaks

Box Scores

Us		Them
33	Oskaloosa	38
31	Troy	43
46	Valley Falls	39
43	Oskaloosa	33
34	Midway	39
40	Horton	43
52	Valley Falls	37
59	Elwood	41
56	JCN	50
59	P. Ridge	43
34	Troy	40
38	Centralia	63
54	Midway	50
31	McLouth	28
32	Jackson Hts.	47
51	Hyman Brand	7
44	Wathena	57
50	Troy	44
28	Wetmore	45

Season Highlights

Emily Jeschke, senior, was honored All-DVL honorable mention and was selected to play in the Northeast Kansas All-Star game at Highland Community College on April 4.

Also awarded was Andrea Collins, junior, for first team All-county and first team All-DVL.

Memorable Moment

"When Megan Batchelder, Erin Jeschke, and I got to play the point guard position as well as the wing positions during the Hyman Brand game on Feb. 14," said Kelly Merkel.



First row: Erin Jeschke, Denise Blevins, Emily Jeschke, Hilary Harness, Megan Batchelder, Kelly Merkel; Second row: Holly Vandall, Megan Blevins, Natalie Webb, Ashley Webb, Lynn Windmeyer, Jana Collins, Julianne Blevins; Third row: Marla Olson, assistant coach, Elsie Garvin, manager, Kristin McCauley, Cate Batchelder, Samantha Collins, Andrea Collins, Miranda Boos, T.J. Simpson, Jill Merkel, Cathleen Hanlon, manager, Brad Bingesser, coach. Not pictured Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.

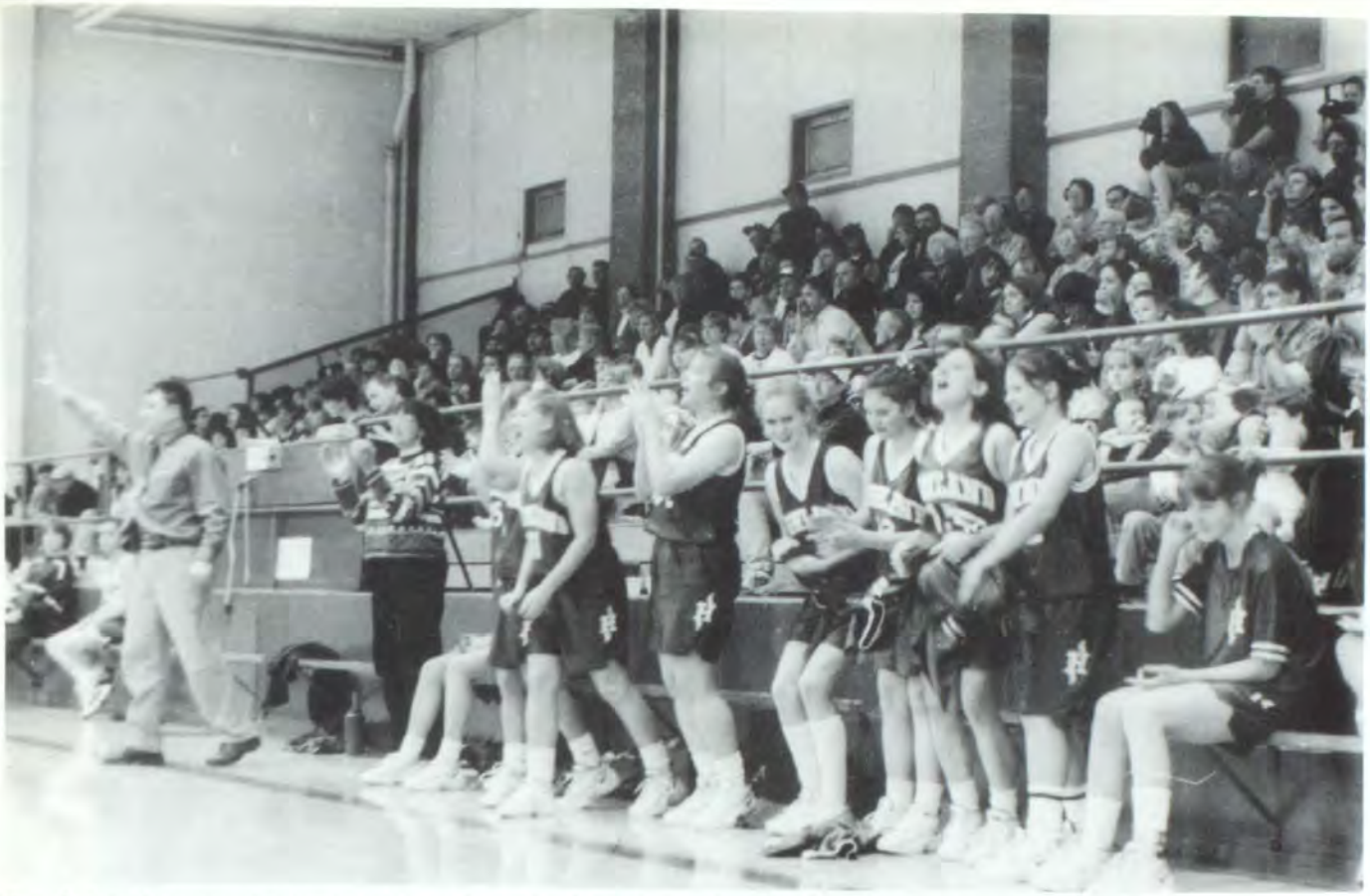


Left: T.J. Simpson jumps high to get the ball to one of her teammates as Stephanie Blevins prepares to take off towards the basket. The Bluestreaks played hard to defeat the McLouth Bulldogs 31-28 to help celebrate King and Queen of Courts. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

Below: Andrea Collins and Denise Blevins get down in their defensive stances to play hard against Wetmore. This was the first round of regional action. Wetmore went on to win the game 45-28. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



53. Basketball is life. The rest is just details.



Coach Brad Bingesser instructs the girls on the floor to run the #5 play after the team tied the score against the Midway Eagles. Cheering on the team after the big play are Assistant Coach Marla Olson, Emily Jeschke, T.J. Simpson, Denise Blevins, Kelly Merkel, Erin Jeschke, Hilary Harness, Natalie Webb, Julianne Blevins, and Cate Batchelder. The Bluestreaks went on to beat the Eagles 54-50 on their home floor on Feb. 3. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

This year's girls' basketball team didn't get many visits on their web site and ended the season with a record of 10-9.

The team was led by seven seniors, Emily Jeschke, Erin Jeschke, Megan Batchelder, Stephanie Blevins, Hilary Harness, Kelly Merkel, and Denise Blevins, and junior Andrea Collins.

Collins led the team with 244 points and 137 rebounds.

The season started out at the annual Delaware Valley League Tournament that was held at the Benedictine College in Atchison.

In the first round the Bluestreaks took on the Trojans from Troy. Unfortunately, the Bluestreaks fell 31-43.

After winning the next two rounds in the tournament against Valley Falls and Oskaloosa, the team placed 5th.

The last game of the year was against Wetmore in the first round of Regionals at Highland. This was a memorable moment for the seniors as it was the last game of their high school career.

"I was disappointed that we had to end the season on such a rough game. Overall, we had a winning season," said senior Emily Jeschke.

Emily Jeschke led the team in assists and was the second highest leader in steals and points with 144. She averaged 7.5 points per game.

Batchelder was second highest in rebounds with 99, and she had 71 points for the season.

Juniors T.J. Simpson and Miranda Boos aided the team. Simpson, who scored 62 points, also had 52 rebounds. Boos had 24 rebounds and scored 14 points.

Simpson said, "I will miss the seniors next year; I only wish that I could have played with them more this year. I am looking forward to next year."

Brad Bingesser and Marla Olson coached the teams.

Bingesser said,"The contribution of the senior class will be missed next year. The underclassmen are greatful for the positives the seniors gave to the team. After two straight winning seasons, we will have some fine players returning, and we will look forward to another winning season."

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Boys' Basketball http://hhs.shelton.oneteamonedirection

Box Scores

- 5-15 season

	Us Them
Oskaloosa	41-70
Midway	51-54
DVL Tournament	
McLouth	57-56
Troy	44-71
Wathena	50-63
Horton	65-78
Valley Falls	62-56
Elwood	73-48
JCN	43-60
Pleasant Ridge	65-73
Centralia	60-69
Troy	60-78
Midway	35-59
McLouth	78-73
Jackson Heights	50-56
Hyman Brand	48-66
Wathena	49-73
Troy	47-63
Regional Tournament	
KSD	77-56
Midway	51-64

Season Highlights

Fourth in DelawareValley League Tournament

Brant Clary: St. Joseph News Press Honor Roll Scorer; 1st Team All County; 1st Team All League; All-Star Team

Thatcher Reist: All-Star Team



1997-98 Boys' Basketball team: Front Row: Mike Jones, Kyle Olson, Jason Nolte, Aaron Dillman, Chad Simpson, Noah Diveley, Adam Lackey. Second Row: Kole Meyer, Josh Keebler, Jon Theobald, Travis Clary, Thatcher Reist, Paul Idol, Evan Dillman, Dustin Geiger. Back Row: Fred Green, manager; Michael Stonebarger, Brant Clary, Jerod Blanton, Chris Collins, Levi Lucas, Ryan Nolte, Zach Powell, manager. Photo by Bray's.

The boys' basketball season ended with a disappointing record of 5 wins and 15 losses as several of the players felt the level of their talent was never achieved. Ron Shelton was head coach again this year and was assisted by Larry Sandy.

Shelton said, "This year I felt that we competed well with a lot of teams, but we always came up short in the end."

The seniors on this year's team were Paul Idol, Thatcher Reist, Kole Meyer, Chris Collins, Brant Clary, and Levi Lucas.

Brant Clary was the leading scorer and rebounder with 15 points per game and 10 rebounds per game. His younger brother, Travis Clary, was second leading scorer and rebounder with 11 points and seven rebounds per game. Lucas was third in scoring with seven points a game, and Meyer led the team in assists with 60 for the year.

Travis Clary said, "It was not a Cinderella season, but that did not stop the memories."

Lucas said, "I would like to extend thanks to my fellow seniors for the memorable years." -- Rocky Ruhnke

57. "One more play" at the end of practice usually means there are fifteen left.



Thatcher Reist #35, elevates to hit the two-point shot while Kole Meyer #25, and Paul Idol #21, help to clear the lane of the Centralia Panthers. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Travis Clary #15 skies to try to get the jump ball from the Midway Eagle while Kole Meyer #25 waits to receive the rock in the opening seconds of the game. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Brant Clary #42 shows off his wing span in an attempt to block a Midway Eagle shot in the first quarter. Kole Meyer and Travis Clary close in on the defensive play to hassle the shooter. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

These pages designed by Erin Jeschke.

Track htt://hhs.keehn/meets.eberly/sandy

Season Highlights

Thatcher Reist, senior, competed in State where he received ninth place in the 400.

Joe Swain, senior, competed in State in the 3200.

Memorable Moments

Jana Collins said,"In Regionals we exceled higher than our goal."

Julianne Blevins, said,"We over-achieved our goal, and even though we didn't qualify, I believe that we did exceptionally well."

Thatcher Reist said, "Qualifying for State was my best memorable moment. I was really excited when I found out."



The members of the track team are Front Row: Lynn Windmeyer, Erin Groeltz, Elsie Garvin, Stephanie Blevins, Hilary Harness, Denise Blevins, Joe Swain, Colby Collins, Thatcher Reist, Heather Hunsaker, Cheyenne Dorrell; Second Row: Stacy Neibling, Sandy Peters, Adam Lackey, Aaron Dillman, Andrew Gillfillan, Noah Diveley, Emily Jeschke, Tessa Reist, Liz Carwell, Ashley Webb, Julianne Blevins, Natalie Webb, T.J. Simpson, Andrea Collins, Cathleen Hanlon (manager); Third Row: Gary Keehn (Head Coach), Angie Eberly(assistant coach), Becky Cole, Rocky Ruhnke, Nathan Twombly, Fred Green, Mike Jones, Eric Tracy, Cate Batchelder, Jana Collins, Jill Merkel, Amy Keller, Erin Jeschke, Treka Moehle, Kristin McCauley (manager), Holly Gray(manager).



Tessa Reist leaps through the air and makes a spectacular jump while Coach Eberly looks in amazement at Highland Quad. Photo by Levi Lucas.



Thatcher Reist strides his way towards the finish line. He took a second place in the 400 at Regionals. Photo by Levi Lucas.



Joe Swain rounding the corner is hoping to end the race with a strong finish. Swain took second in the 3200 at Regionals. Photo by Levi Lucas.

Relay Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Boy's Relays			
4x800		3	
4x100	1		1
Girls' Relays			
4x400	1	3	1
4x100			1
4x800		2	3
4x200		3	3

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60. Keep a positive mental image at all times.

Box Scores

	1st	2nd	3rd
Colby Collins			
1600m			1
3200m	1		1
800m			1
Noah Diveley-1600m			1
Adam Lackey			
110m High Hurdles		1	3
300m High Hurdles			1
Thatcher Reist			
100m	2	3	1
200m	2	3	2
400m	4	4	
Long Jump	1	1	
Joe Swain			
1600m	3	4	
3200m	2	1	1
Cate Batchlder			
1600m			1
800m		1	1
Triple Jump			1
Denise Blevins			
1600m			1
800m	1		1
Julianne Blevins			
Triple Jump		5	3
100m Hurdles	1		1
300m Hurdles	2		
Andrea Collins			
Discus	1	3	2
Shotput	5	1	1
Jana Collins			
200m	1	2	
400m	1	3	
Long Jump		1	1
100m			1
Erin Groeltz			
1600m		3	
3200m		1	
Hilary Harness-Javelin			1
Heather Hunsaker-Triple Jump			1
Emily Jeschke			
300m Hurdles		1	1
3200m	2		
800m	1		
Jill Merkel-Shot Put			1
Stacy Neibling-Discus			2
Sandy Peters-Shot Put		1	
Tessa Reist			
400m	3	2	
Long Jump	2	1	2
200m		1	
T.J. Simpson			
100m		2	1
High Jump		1	1
Natalie Webb-3200m	1		3
Lynn Windmeyer-1600m			1

Student Life

The life of the high school student has changed dramatically since this high school was formed in 1897. These changes include air conditioning, computers, running water, and the waxer that is used in journalism. The waxer has failed to be mentioned in the yearbook before, and without it this yearbook would not be possible.

Students today enjoy a variety of extra-curricular activities that were not available to the students of yesterday's generation. Tomorrow's student will have an even broader spectrum of extra-curricular activities such as baseball, and with the aid of computers, there might even be a possibility of students going to school at home.

Aaron Dillman, freshman, said, "There are days when I dislike this school, and there are days when I like this school. Overall I can't think of a better place to go to school."



Rocky Ruhnke, Nathan Keebler, and Nick Cluck cheer for the mighty Bluestreak boys against the Troy Trojans. The trio were often heard at basketball games. Photo by Kim Ruhnke.



Dustin Geiger climbs to the top of Alpine Tower at the YMCA camp in St. Louis. This was one of the many activities that the freshmen, sophomores and juniors enjoyed while at the camp. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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During basketball Spirit Week Ashley Hill, dressed in her beach clothes, patiently waits for psychology class to begin. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Paul Idol, Evan Dillman, Fred Green, Jason Nolte, Stephanie Blevins, Megan Blevins, and Ashley Webb draw a mascot pizza during the faculty pep rally. Photo by Donna Parish.



Ashley Webb lifts a bucket of water over a gate while Travis Clary holds the gate and laughs. This was one of many chores that the Sweetheart candidates performed during Barnwarming. Photo by Esther Gormley.



Kyle Olson attempts (key word attempts) to rebound a basketball during donkey basketball. Donkey basketball was one of the many fund-raisers that helped the students go on Educational Extravaganza. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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Homecoming Queen Ashley Hill and King Paul Idol. Photo by Bray's.

During half time of the football game against the McLouth Bulldogs, Ashley Hill and Paul Idol were crowned Homecoming queen and king.

The crowd was "logged in" on Oct. 3, and while LeAnne Rimes' "Unchained Melody" played, the candidates walked gracefully onto the field in suspense. The attendants were Stephanie Blevins, Denise Blevins, Brant Clary and Thatcher Reist.

After the touching ceremony, Hill was swept off her feet by her king, Idol. It was a sentimental moment for everyone.

Hill stated, "I was honored to be crowned Homecoming queen. It was very special because Paul and I have been good friends for so long."

The dance following the game was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the music by Tracy Waller Entertainment.

Although the Bluestreaks didn't come out with a victory, the crowd enjoyed watching Thatcher Reist run the ball towards Bulldog territory.

63. Shake a leg. Even if you can't dance, cut a rug.



Queen attendant Stephanie Blevins and King attendant Brant Clary. Photo by Bray's.

homecoming

the game

homecoming

the crowning

homecoming

the dance

homecoming

"I was very honored because Brant and Thatcher are two very good guys. I was proud to be Ashley's king for the night."

--Paul Idol--



Queen attendant Denise Blevins and King attendant Thatcher Reist. Photo by Bray's.



Megan Batchelder, Hilary Harness, Stacey Fee, Adam Tyler and Kristy Green anxiously await the half time festivities. Photo by Natalie Webb.

These pages designed by Natalie"Webb-site."

Barnwarming http://hhs.ffa/collinswinscrown

The chat lines were buzzing Oct. 28 about Andrea Collins, junior, winning the chapter Sweetheart title. The other participants were freshmen: Ashley Webb and Julianne Blevins; sophomores: Megan Blevins and Lynn Windmeyer; and junior: Lisa Westcott.

The judges were Bill Noll, the elder; Kathleen Twombly and Kerry Priest, State Sentinel. The participants were graded on speeches, interviews and chores. The chores were rise and shine, bet the farm, powerlifting, Mama's home cooking and "udder fun."

Megan Blevins said, "I thought the events were all fun except the mysterious pie contest when I swallowed a sardine."

Collins said, "I had a lot of fun, but the events did get a bit dirty. It was definitely a night to remember, especially getting booted by the cow."

The speech topic was "The role FFA has played in your life and how it will help in the future."

The FFA earned $3035 for the work sales with Rocky Ruhnke, senior, at the top of the list. Barnwarming was all possible because of the families and businesses in the area that donated money.



Andrea Collins is the Barnwarming Sweetheart.
Photo by Bray's.

These pages were designed by Molly O'Brien.

65. Watch out for kicking cows. Those things can really hurt.



Kelly Merkel goes wild as the officers realize that the contestants: Andrea Collins, Lynn Windmeyer, Lisa Westcott, Megan Blevins and Julianne Blevins ate the surprises--sardines and shrimp--in the middle of the pie. Photo by Natalie Webb.

Barnwarming

the speeches

Barnwarming

the auction

Barnwarming

the chores

Barnwarming

Andrea Collins was crowned Sweetheart in front of all of the FFA members and community. Collins said, "I thought it was an exciting evening, and I will always remember it well."



Ashley Webb gives her all as she tries to heave the bale of straw over the bar for the powerlifting event as the crowd is cheering her on. Webb placed sixth while Andrea Collins took first place. Photo by Megan Batchelder.



Megan Blevins bashfully covers her face when asked by Hilary Harness to "bet the farm." The questions are common sense, but are tricky for the participants. For example what do a banana tree and a dog have in common? (Answer: They both have pups.) Photo by Sarah Heinen.

Musical http://hhs.choir/sevenbridessevenbrothers



Milly, Stephanie Blevins, listens intently as Adam Pontipee, Thatcher Reist, introduces her to one of his six brothers, Caleb, Levi Lucas. The Pontipee brothers' cabin was mainly designed by Megan Batchelder. Other flats were designed by B. J. Twombly, Stacy Neibling, and Mitch Mason. Photo by Molly O'Brien.

Message 3/9 Designed by T. J. Simpson
Subject: Musical
To: hhs.choir/sevenbridessevenbrothers
Date: November 13 & 14, 1997

Once again the choir amazed the community and their peers with their production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.* Over half of the student body participated in this light hearted and humorous musical as a cast or crew member.

"Because the musical was funny, there wasn't a lot of pressure on us if we messed up," said Stephanie Blevins, senior.

Thatcher Reist, senior, played the male lead as Adam Pontipee. Stephanie Blevins played the female lead as Milly.

Milly fell in love and into marriage instantly with Adam. Unbeknownst to Milly, Adam is one of seven brothers.

Milly is given the daunting task of civilizing the rugged brothers played by Colby Collins, Levi Lucas, Kole Meyer, seniors; Adam Lackey, junior; Kyle Dillman, and Jason Nolte, freshmen.

The "sobin'" women that soon became summer brides were played by Denise Blevins, Emily Jeschke, Erin Jeschke, Kelly Merkel, Cheyenne Dorrell, seniors; and Andrea Collins, junior.

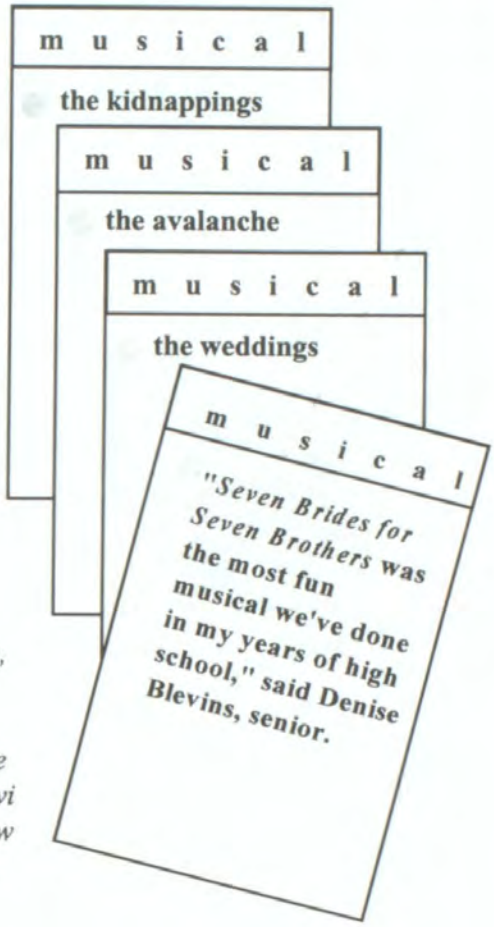
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers captured the hearts of the audience with Reist's male chauvinist role and Blevins' bound and determined attitude.

"It was a very enjoyable experience. And it was a lot of fun for everyone," said Reist.

67. Never miss practice.



Alice, Cheyenne Dorrell; Dorcas, Emily Jeschke;and Sarah, Denise Blevins, dream of their future husbands while listening to Milly sing. Photo by Nathan Keebler.





The Pontipee brothers, Benjamin, Adam Lackey; Frank, Kyle Dillman; Gideon, Kole Meyer; and Caleb, Levi Lucas inspect their new sister-in-law, Milly,as they are being introduced by Adam, Thatcher Reist. Photo by Molly O'Brien.

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Dorcus, Emily Jeschke, gladly takes the pie from Benjamin Pontipee, Adam Lackey, at the town social while Denise Blevins, Kelly Merkel, and Cheyenne Dorrell choose which Pontipee brother they want. Photo by Nathan Keebler.



Adam Pontipee, Thatcher Reist, and his brother Gideon, Kole Meyer, disagree about a woman's love. Photo by T. J. Simpson.

King and Queen of Courts

http://hhs.freshmen/jeschke&reist.royalty



King of Courts Thatcher Reist and Queen Emily Jeschke stole the show during the McLouth basketball game. Reist and Jeschke were rewarded for their academic and extracurricular efforts with cheers and memorabilia. Photo by Bray's.

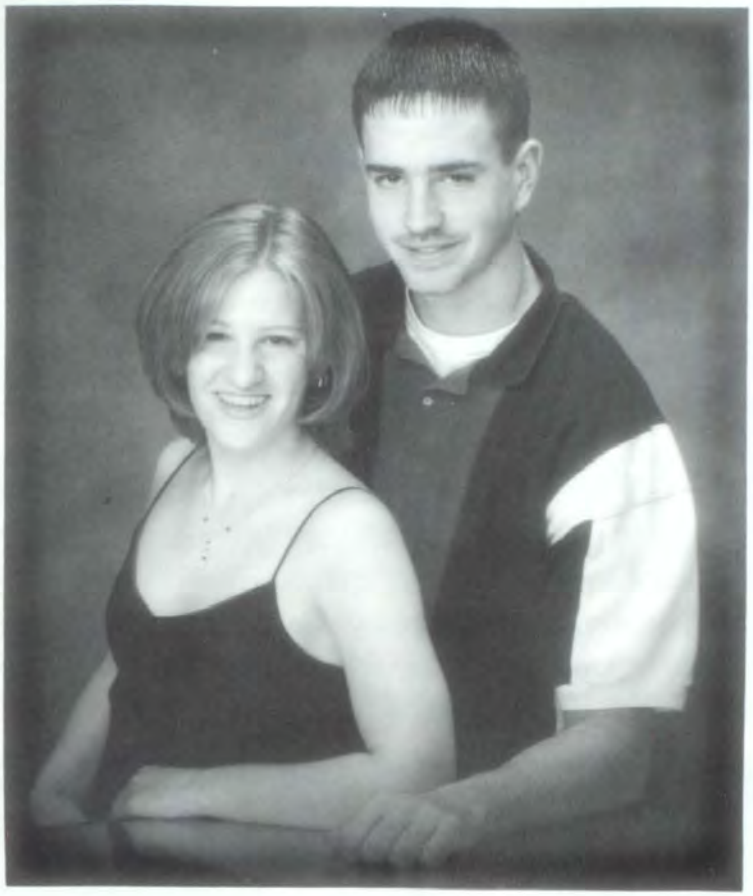
On Friday, Feb. 6, in front of an electric crowd, Thatcher Reist and Emily Jeschke assumed the throne as the King and Queen of Courts. Reist and Jeschke stood at midcourt accompanied by attendant couples Kole Meyer and Stephanie Blevins, and Brant Clary and Denise Blevins.

The candidates took the floor quickly following the blare of the half time buzzer. Romance and awe filled the gymnasium as Celine Dione's song "My heart will go on," from the motion picture *Titanic*, engrossed all other sounds. Then Kristen McCauley, freshman, began the introductions of a high school lifetime. The final church, hobby, and extra-curricular was stated, and the crowd hushed. Jordan Cluck and Kassidy Blevins, the flower girl and crown bearer, stepped forward. Suddenly an ovation leaped from the stands and awarded the new king and queen. The participants assumed their positions on the floor. A steady roar of cheers rained down to reward all of the candidates for achieving such elegance, character, and social acceptance. Then Reist gracefully attached the crown atop the head of his queen, and the moment took its place in history and in the hearts of onlookers.

The royal couple posed for a few snap shots, then hurried back to the stands allowing the excitement to continue.

The Bluestreaks returned to the court swelled with pride and ambition, and defeated the McLouth Bulldogs by 1!

Kiss the Queen after she wins. Smooch her good!



Winter Royalty attendants Brant Clary and Denise Blevins. Photo by Bray's.

WinterRoyalty

the ceremony

WinterRoyalty

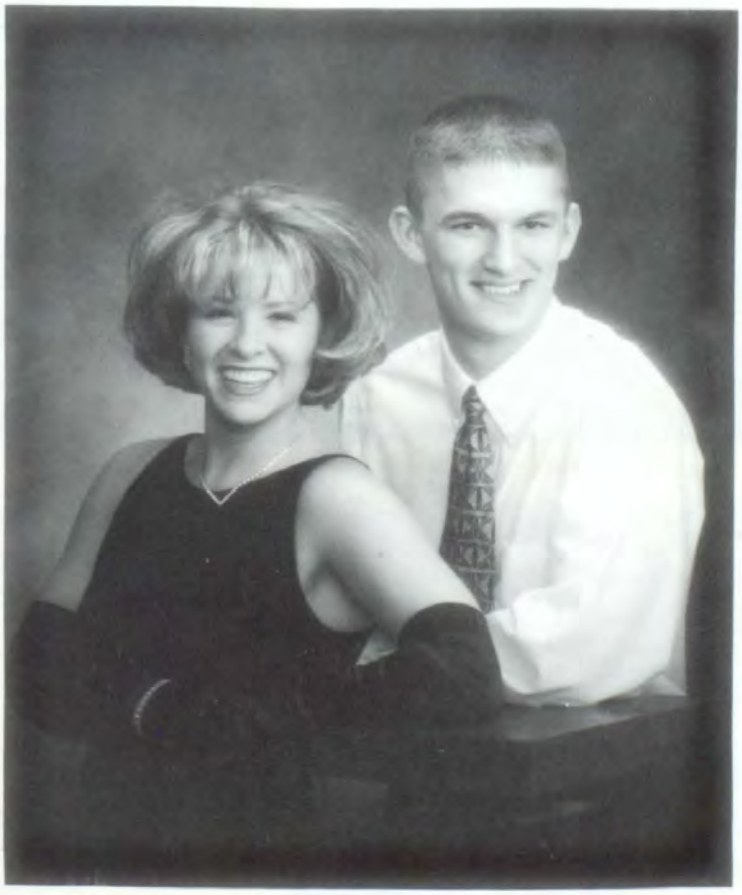
the ovation

WinterRoyalty

the game

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Thatcher Reist, King of Courts, said,"I was both honored and pleased to find myself standing beside Emily at center court with crown in hand. Beating McLouth by 1 topped it off."



Winter Royalty attendants Kole Meyer and Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.



Queen candidates Denise Blevins, Emily Jeschke, and Stephanie Blevins await the half time ceremony. Freshmen decor punctuates the event and allows the winners to become the King and Queen of hearts and the court. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

Alumni are welcome. YMCA on the stage is Awesome!!!

Educational Extravaganza

http://hhs.st.louis.houston/camping.condos

Community involvement and hard work made Educational Extravaganza possible. Fund raisers for the trips included donkey basketball, a winter carnival, a dinner, cleaning Arrowhead stadium,

Students not choosing to go on Educational Extravaganza learned about economics and had several fun activities to spice up the days.

Fifty juniors, sophomores, and freshmen attended YMCA Camp Lakewood near St. Louis, MO to build problem solving, team, and leadership skills. The Alpine Tower, a fifty foot high structure designed for climbing, took skills and concentration. A high ropes course was suspended thirty feet above the ground. The juniors explored a mud cave, while the freshmen and sophomores worked on team building and a ropes course. The students also participated in community service such as de-rocking a stream, putting up a teepee, and cleaning horse saddles.

Twenty-seven seniors and four sponsors partied it up at Galveston Island, Texas. The trek began on March 28 at noon. The first night was spent at Oklahoma City. The students bought groceries from Wal-Mart for the next couple of days. They also visited the Moody Rain Forest. They viewed a 3-D IMAX film there before returning to their beach front condos. Ocean fun was next on the agenda. Body surfing, wave jumping, and tanning were several highlights of the ocean. The students visited the Johnson Space Center at NASA in Houston the following day. Mission control, rockets, and hands-on activities left an impact and wider knowledge of space and how it is explored.

Hard Rock Cafe in Houston gave everyone a chance to relax before exploring the Kirkpatrick Center in Oklahoma City. Physics students saw what they had learned in school in action. Many hands-on activities provided hours interest and learning. The Oklahoma City bombing site was visited also. Tears were provoked by the poems, stuffed animals, bracelets, and pictures left by victims' friends and families and those who only wished to show their compassion.



Several freshmen and sophomores get friendly while seeing how many people can fit on one tree stump in a disorganized group hug. This was one of many team building activities which encouraged everyone to work together to achieve a common goal. Photo by Extravaganza Students

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71. Fund raisers fetor. (Look it up.)



Seniors Megan Batchelder, Denise Blevins, Erin Jeschke, Emily Jeschke, Cheyenne Dorrell, and Hilary Harness jam in a karaoke booth at the Kirkpatrick Center. Photo by Kelly Merkel.

Extravaganza

the waves

Extravaganza

the Alpine Tower

Extravaganza

the bonding bus rides

Extravaganza

Kristin McCauley said, "The harnesses for the Alpine Tower were very uncomfortable in more ways than one."



Treka Moehle gathers what's left of her strength before reaching the top of the Alpine Tower. Photo by Extravaganza students.



The seniors talk amongst themselves while waiting for their dinner at Joe's Crab Shack on Galveston Island. Photo by Kelly Merkel.



Donna Parish grimaces while waiting for the soggy sponge to broadside her face thrown by a vengeful student at the winter carnival. Several teachers took shifts as targets for the night at the popular booth. Photo by Esther Gormley.

72. Tossing sponges at teachers was fun. We should do that every day. ← 75→

Prom http://hhs.juniors/friends.bowling=rock&roll.

The cars were waxed, the hair-do's were done, and boutonierres were firmly fastened, and it was off to the Junior/Senior Prom to be greeted by all their "Friends."

After the processional down the sidewalk, the couples proceeded into the gym to have happy hour cocktail and hors 'd oevour. Pictures by Bray's and parents were next, and then it was off into the other part of the gym to dine.

Andrea Collins, junior class president, gave a warm welcome, and Kelly Merkel, senior class president, spoke for the seniors to thank them for all the wonderful decorations and memories. Jon Theobald, junior, gave the invocation, and everyone sat down to enjoy their delicious filet mignon and red velvet cake.

Molly O'Brien, junior, said, "Originally we had a *Casper* song theme, but Travis Clary thought "Friends" was a better theme for the senior class, so we went with it."

Once the meal was over, the group headed to the gym to enjoy the sounds of No Limits from Hiawatha. With worn down shoes and visions of bowling pins, the revelers were off to St. Joseph to score the big one at Olympia Lanes.

Hilary Harness, senior, said, "Ohmigosh, I got thirty-five dollars, and some kickin' new Mary Kay make-up!"



Juniors Front Row: Molly O'Brien, Natalie Webb, and Holly Vandall; Second Row: Amanda Romine, Lisa Wescott, T.J. Simspon, and Karie Garrett; Third Row: Fred Green, Andrea Collins, Miranda Boos, and Adam Lackey; Fourth Row: Jon Theobald, Evan Dillman, Josh Keebler, Travis Clary, Jerod Blanton, and Nathan Twombly. Photo by Bray's.



Evan Dillman, Heather Winters, Molly O'Brien, and Micah Campbell get close during one of many slow dances at the prom. Photo Bray's.

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73. Get all gussied up and spend as much money as possible juniors.



Seniors Front Row: Kristy Green, Denise Blevins, Emily Jeschke, Karie Diveley, Ashley Hill, and Stephanie Blevins; Second Row: Paul Idol, Rilie Kafer, Jennifer Yates, Cheyenne Dorrell, Stacey Fee, Hilary Harness, Barbara Purvis, Justin O'Bryan, and Nolan Cruse; Third Row: Colby Collins, Emily Stevens, Erin Jeschke, Kelly Merkel, Megan Batchelder, Sarah Heinen, Heather Hunsaker, Levi Lucas, and Brant Clary; Fourth Row: Nathan Keebler, Brad Elrod, Rocky Ruhnke, Chris Collins, Adam Tyler, Thatcher Reist, Eric Cole, Kole Meyer. Photo by Bray's.

P r o m

"Friends"

P r o m

banquet/dance

P r o m

after-prom

P r o m

Jon Theobald said, "The best part about prom is seeing everyone dressed up, dancing and having a good time with their classmates and dates."





Megan Batchelder and Rocky Ruhnke get "jiggy with it" on the dance floor. Later the two and their dates would pair off for a heated game of bowling. Photo by Bray's.

Travis Clary and Ashley Hill dance the night away and hope that they can be friends forever. Photo by Bray's.

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74. Keep a quarter in your shoe in case you get parted from your date.

Swing Choir http://hhs.rasmussen/tour.bern/dekalb

"Stop! In the name of love, before you break my heart." This is the thought that is going through the minds and hearts of the eleven graduating seniors along with their director Cheryl Rasmussen and the remaining Swing Choir members.

Just speaking of the eleven seniors leaving brings a tear to Rasmussen's eye.

"The seniors have provided us with tremendous leadership the past four years, and we will miss them," said Rasmussen.

The Swing Choir has had a busy year. They received a I rating at the Delaware Valley League Music Festival, Regionals, and State.

Of their performance at State, Jana Collins, freshman, said, "I thought the choir sounded very balanced, and that we sang up to our potential."

Tour was the highlight of the Swing Choir's year. It took them to Bern High School, DeKalb High School, and back to Highland High School. Some of their tour songs included "Seize The Day," "That Thing You Do," and "Feels Like Home."

"Tour was a lot of fun. Of the schools we toured, the Highland crowd was by far the best," said Kole Meyer, senior.

The Swing Choir had a successful year. Receiving a I rating at State shows that they were rewarded for their hardwork, dedication, and talent. Memories of the 1997-98 Swing Choir will always remain in their hearts.

"The seniors have provided us with leadership and talent. We have had a lot of fun, and we will miss them all very much," said Andrea Collins, junior.



1997-98 Swing Choir Front Row: Kyle Olson, Tessa Reist, Mike Jones, Jana Collins, Dustin Geiger, Julianne Blevins, Adam Lackey; Second Row: Andrea Collins, Travis Clary, Samantha Collins, Michael Stonebarger, Thatcher Reist, Emily Jeschke, Paul Idol, Megan Blevins; Third Row: Chris Collins, Kelly Merkel, Adam Tyler, Erin Jeschke, Cheyenne Dorrell, Levi Lucas, Natalie Webb, Kole Meyer. Not pictured Stephanie Blevins. Photo by Bray's.



Kelly Merkel and Julianne Blevins sing to Josh Keebler as they tell him to "think it over" before he breaks their hearts. Photo by Sarah Heinen.

These pages designed by T. J. Simpson.

75. Go shopping to pick out the outfits if you want a groovy one.



The Swing Choir "seizes the day" while on tour. Some of their tour songs were "Seize The Day," "That Thing you Do," and "Feels Like Home." Photo by Sarah Heinen.

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The tour was the highlight of the Swing Choir's year. It allowed them to link with other schools.



The guys have fun with the choreography in "Seize The Day." Stephanie Blevins and Kelly Merkel choreographed this song for tour. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Shoowap! Shoowap! Chris Collins, Travis Clary, and Thatcher Reist sing the bass part in the "Still Of The Night" while performing in front of the Highland crowd on their tour. Photo by Sarah Heinen.



Samantha Collins, Jana Collins, Natalie Webb, and Emily Jeschke beg the crowd not to break their hearts in "Stop! In THe Name Of Love." Photo by Sarah Heinen.

76. Don't even attempt to skip practice, no matter how hoarse you are.

Awards Night http://hhs.faculty.seniorrecognition/

Awards night was held May 15 to recognize students for their hard work and effort throughout the school year. Senior class president Kelly Merkel gave the seniors' class history compressed into 10 minutes of humorous highlights.

Next the awards presentation launched with the All School Awards. The Armed Service Scholar Athlete Awards were won by seniors Megan Batchelder and Brant Clary. Hilary Harness, senior, was recognized by a Citizenship Award, and juniors T.J. Simpson and Adam Lackey were given the I DARE YOU Award for their responsibility. Juniors Andrea Collins and Travis Clary were awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman for excellence in academics, athletics and community work.

Seniors Heather Hunsaker, Thatcher Reist, and Kelly Merkel all received scholarships from local businesses and organizations. Other scholarships and college plans were announced by counselor Gerre Martin.

Students in clubs like art, Quiz Bowl, and music were recognized for their participation and any awards they picked up through the year.

The final awards came with the announcement of Emily Jeschke and Stephanie Blevins as salutatorians and four valedictorians: Rilie Kafer, Kelly Merkel, Kole Meyer, and Thatcher Reist.

The evening's events signed off with a video history of the class of '98 that featured them singing, playing, and just having fun. The video brought back many memories for the honored seniors.



Two All Around Students, Stephanie Blevins and Andrea Collins, stand as Donna Parish sings their praises. Both were in FFA and Swing Choir as well as many other school activities. Photo by Natalie Webb.

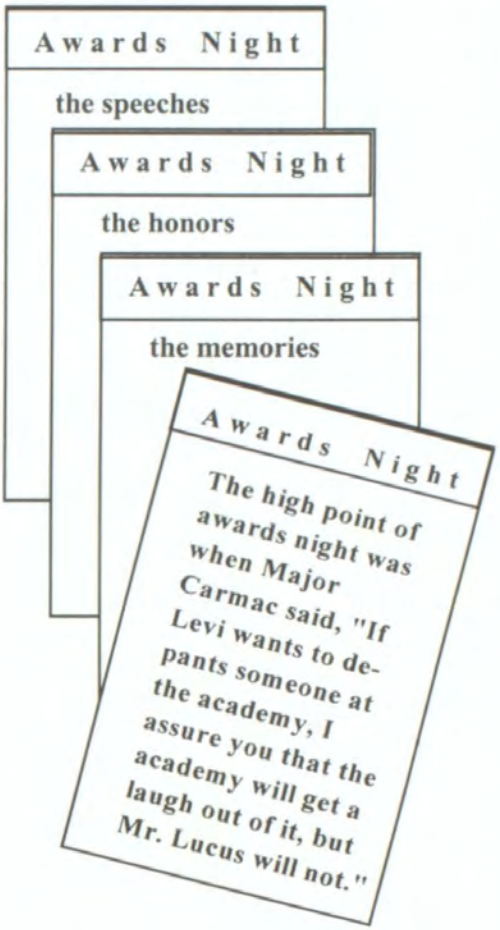


Jan Collins gives Kelly Merkel the Wilde Tool Scholarship to go towards her education in business or industry. Photo by Natalie Webb.

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Jennifer Yates receives the highest community service award from Laura Schmitz. Yates documented 100 hours of service over the last year. Photo by Natalie Webb.





Justin O'Bryan gets a special award from Ginger Scott for having perfect attendance all four years of high school. Photo by Natalie Webb.



Cadet Levi Lucas stands at attention as Major Carmac tells of his future at the Wentworth Military Academy. Lucas will graduate as a Second Lieutenant with a degree as long as he doesn't de-pants anyone. Photo by Natalie Webb.

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Graduation http;//hhs.valedictorianssalutatorians/navigators

The Bluestreaks were blessed with a large class of navigators to help lead them across the net.

The seniors' graduation took place Sunday, May 24, at Highland High School's gymnasium.

The commencement began with Tessa Reist playing the piano, followed by Andrea Collins playing, "Pomp and Circumstance," by Elgar.

As the ceremony went on, the honor students spoke to those in attendance.

All spoke on a topic which really affected them the most through high school. They addressed such subjects as family, community, faculty and administration, organizations, leadership opportunities, and friends.

After many put four hard worked years into high school, many will leave as outstanding scholars and role models for the classes that will follow.



The graduating seniors are Front Row: Emily Jeschke, Barbara Purvis, Karie Diveley, Jennifer Yates, Denise Blevins, Stephanie Blevins, Rilie Kafer, Kristy Green, Ashley Hill, Stacey Fee, Hilary Harness; Second Row: Cheyenne Dorrell, Erin Jeschke, Heather Hunsaker, Sarah Heinen, Emily Stevens, Thatcher Reist, Colby Collins, Brad Elrod, Nathan Keebler, Kelly Merkel, Justin O'Bryan; Third Row: Eric Cole, Joe Swain, Adam Tyler, Levi Lucas, Chris Collins, Rocky Ruhnke, Paul Idol, Kole Meyer, Megan Batchelder, Brant Clary, James Powell. Not pictured Nolan Cruse. Photo by Bray's.

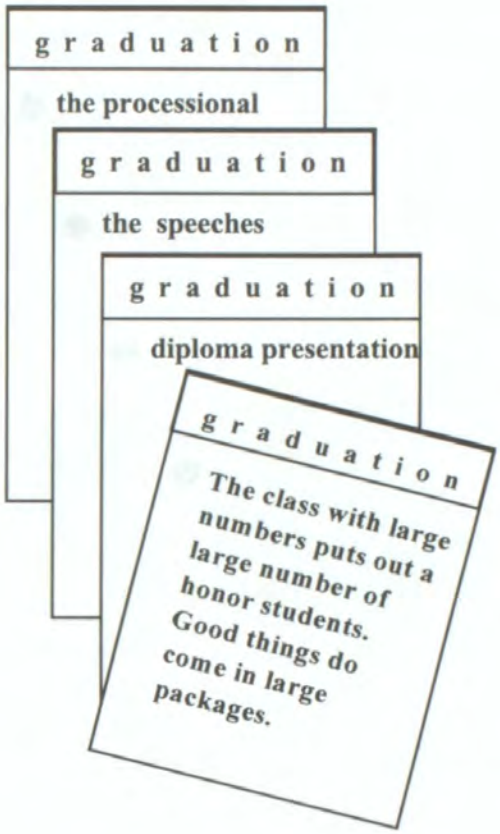


Denise Blevins, Adam Tyler, Hilary Harness, and Brad Elrod are glad they made it up the aisle and stairs without losing step to "Pomp and Circumstance." Photo by Bray's.

79. Immediately check for signatures on your diploma.



Rilie Kafer, a valedictorian, gives her speech on community. She gave thanks to all the people who had an effect on her life in some way or another, and quoted from Hillary Clinton with, "It takes a village to raise a child." Photo by Bray's.





Levi Lucas gladly accepts his diploma from Mike Blevins, a member of the Board of Education. Photo by Bray's.



Stephanie Blevins, a salutatorian, gives her speech on how organizations will help students through high school. Photo by Bray's.

These pages designed by Evan Dillman.

Fads & Fashions

http://hhs.movies.music/weekend.madness



Journalism students mock the year's most anticipated series of advertisements in nationwide magazines . These MILK advertisements not only display a universal product, but also manage to have the top celebrities in America pose as the spokespeople. The celebrities range anywhere from female country singer LeAnn Rimes to famous magician David Copperfield. The journalsim students above are Front Row: Kelly Merkel, Nathan Twombly, Emily Jeschke, Sarah Heinen, Erin Jeschke; Second Row: Molly O'Brien, Emily Stevens, newspaper editor; Hilary Harness, yearbook co-editor; Donna Parish, advisor; Rocky Ruhnke, yearbook co-editor; Nathan Keebler, Chris Collins; Back Row: Natalie Webb, T. J. Simpson, Stephanie Blevins, Megan Batchelder, Holly Vandall, Evan Dillman. Photo by Cheryl Rasmussen..

The net generation invented many new fads and fashions which were displayed throughout the school, internet, shopping malls, and weekend hang-outs. Body glitter sparkled on the faces of cheerleaders, guys turned to braided hair, and for girls, short hair began to make a comeback; not to mention the art of body piercing and of body branding has left an everlasting impression on the "student body."

Many new faces became fashion icons and the objects of every girls' affection, such as Loenardo Dicaprio (*Titanic*) and Prince William (England's Prince of Wales). Some of the new faces included pop rock groups such as the Spice Girls and Hanson brothers--wow.

Once everyone was sparkled pierced, branded, braided, and ready to go with the hot tunes of Spice Girls' "Wannabe" and Hanson's "Mmm Bop!" students hit the local Dairy Queen and Sonic hang-outs for blizzards and lemon berry slushes. After the music ended, it was time to make the connection back to the home page.

81. Hanson rocks HHS! "Where's the love?"

These pages designed by Emily Jeschke.



T. J. Simpson, junior, models the 'Tommy Girl' fad lingering in shopping malls everywhere. Photo by Emily Jeschke.

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Wide-leg jeans and layered clothes highlighted the year's clothing styles, while Alternative and Pop Rock music dominated the air waves. Leonardo Dicaprio was the star hunk in the hit movie *Titanic*.





Kristy Green and Amy Keller relax during the fall musical practice in the commons. Green, senior, became very accustomed to the sit still and stay quiet routine with her participation in four musicals. Picture by Esther Gormley.

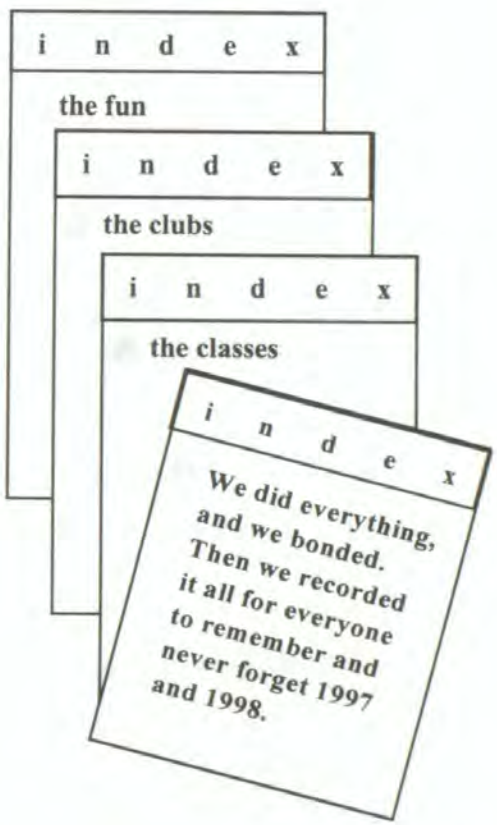
Cheyenne Dorrell shows her enthusiasm during Spirit Week as she participates in opposite gender day with a flannel shirt and a fisherman's cap. Many students choose to carry around a JanSport backpacks similar to Dorrell's. Photo by Esther Gormley.

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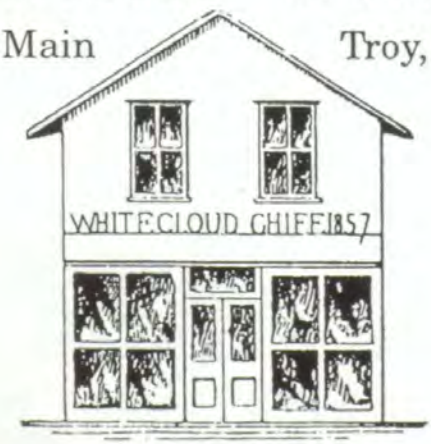
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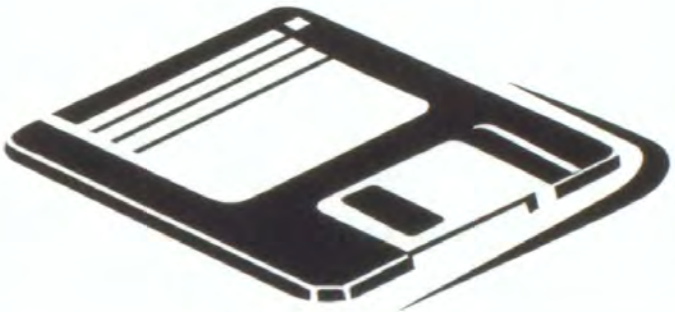
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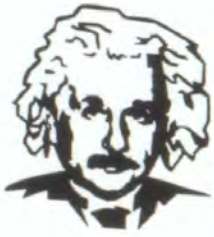
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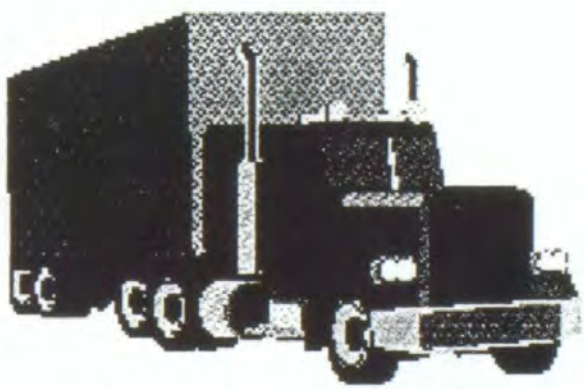
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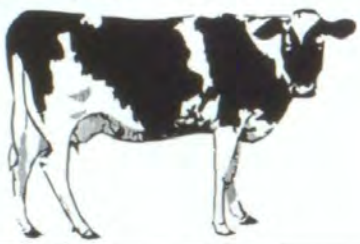
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--Rocky Ruhnke

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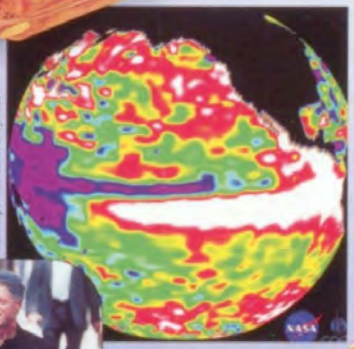
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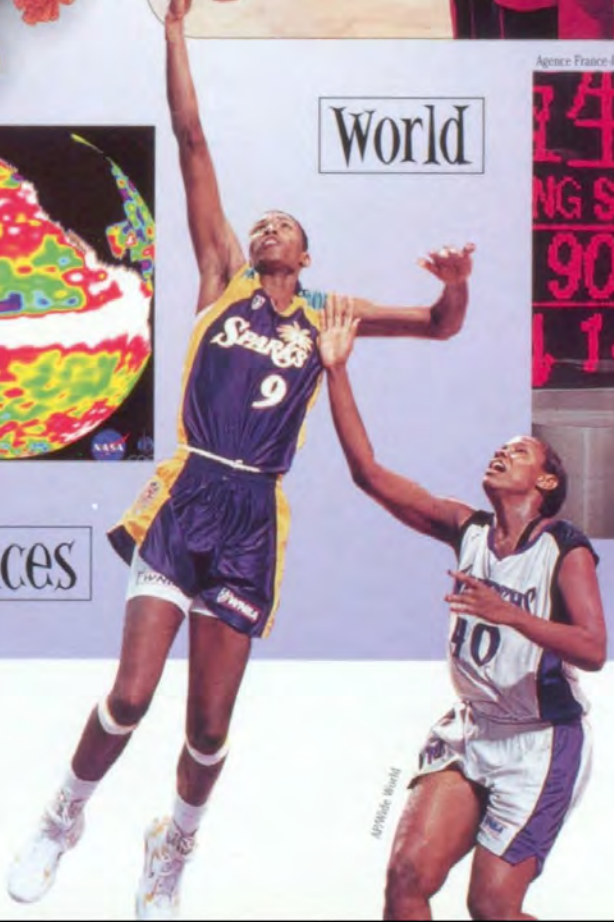
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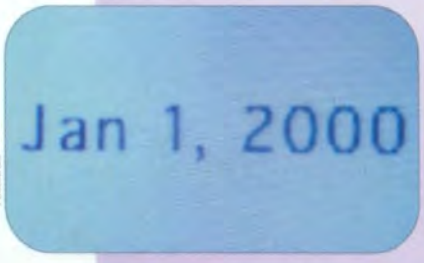
Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



Reuters/Archive Photos

A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.



PhotoDisc

Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



Savino, Sipa

Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.



AP/Wide World

Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



Archive Photos

The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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Tim Graham, Sygma

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



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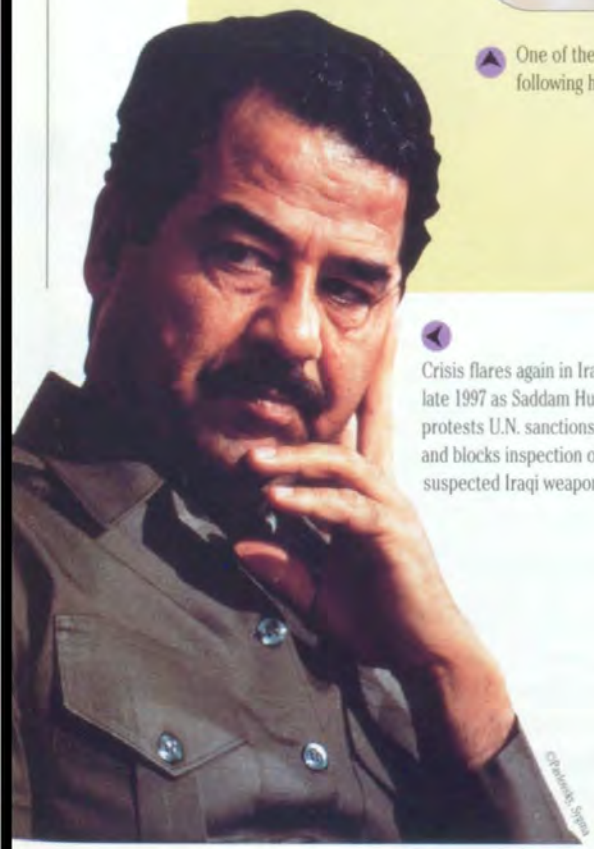
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At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.



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Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



AP/Wide World

In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises $3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: $222,500.

National News



Reuters/Archive Photos

On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Brooks Kraft, Sygma



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



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Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a $150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.



AP/Wide World

Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

flash

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.



Patrick Hagerty, Sygma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



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Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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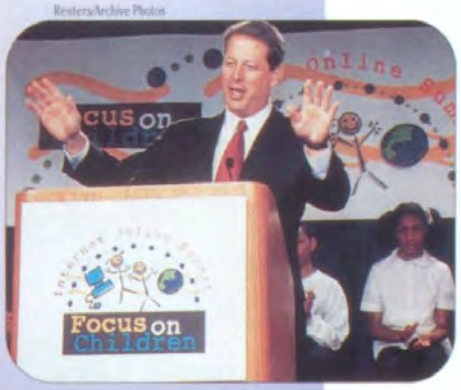
Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.



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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.

UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.

AP/Wide World





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Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



AP/Wide World

On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

Science news



NASA

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.

AP/Wide World



For $8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



NASA

Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.



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Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.



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In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

flash

Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



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Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Meadows

The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



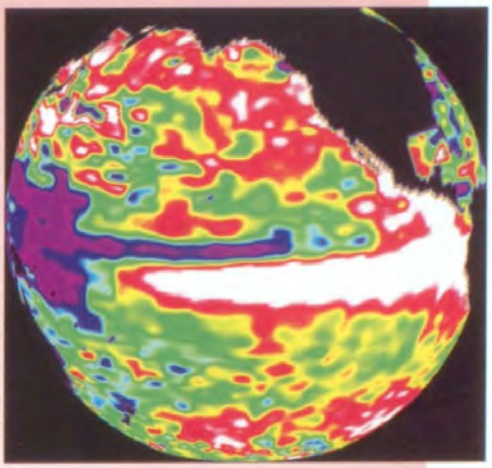
Don F. Figer (UCLA), and NASA

Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

AP/Wide World





Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.

El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



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In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.



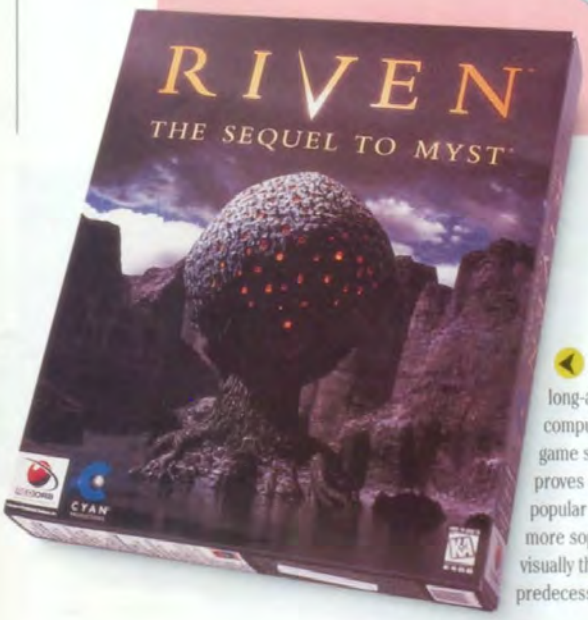
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Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



Premier Laser Systems, Inc.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.



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French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

Lifestyle News





Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



AP/Wide World

Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



Christian Dior

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.



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Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors





After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



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Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.

A new $50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



Karl Steinbrenner

Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Entertainment news



ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns $229 million in the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandalay from the Kobal Collection



Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Gaan Milford, Shooting Star

Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox From Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



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Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this $200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned $308 million.



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Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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Columbia Tristar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than $500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

flash

The Wonderful World of Disney **presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.**

Tomorrow Never Dies **, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.**



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Music news



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Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



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Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



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Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.



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Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.



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With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

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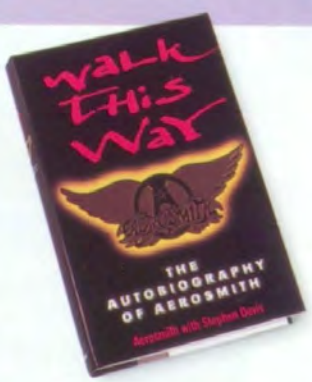
Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



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Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.



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Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ron Davis, Shooting Star

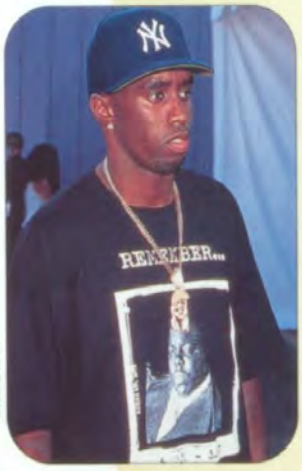


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Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.

Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.



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The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.

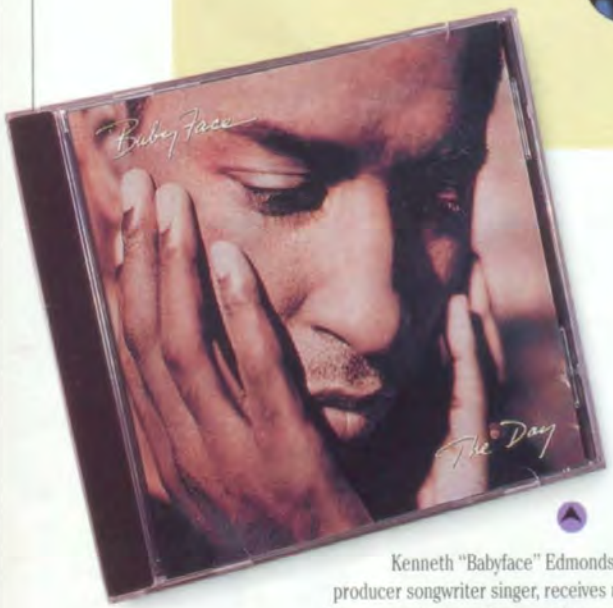


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At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

flash

Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Sports FAWS



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The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.



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In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.



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Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly $3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



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Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of $2.1 million for the season.

flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record $1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.



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Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

flash

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



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Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

Faces news



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Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

Shooting Star



Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



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Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns $1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges $1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.



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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.

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