

## WEST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Elizabeth Ackermann



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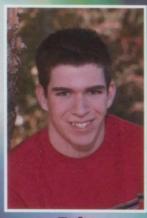
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Joe Foley



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**Ben** Harr



**Tanner Hartman** 



Mike Bradshaw



Theresa Brokaw



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Nick Burg



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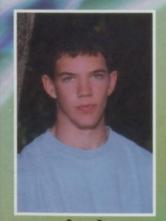
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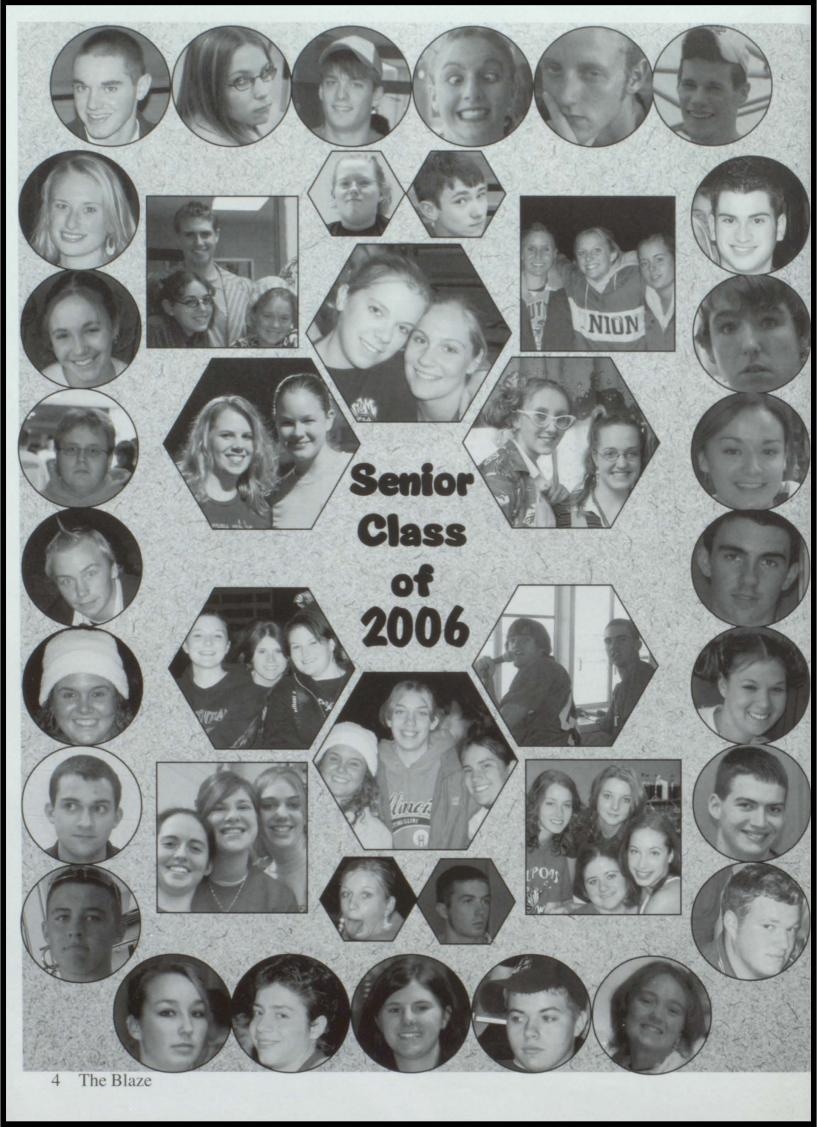
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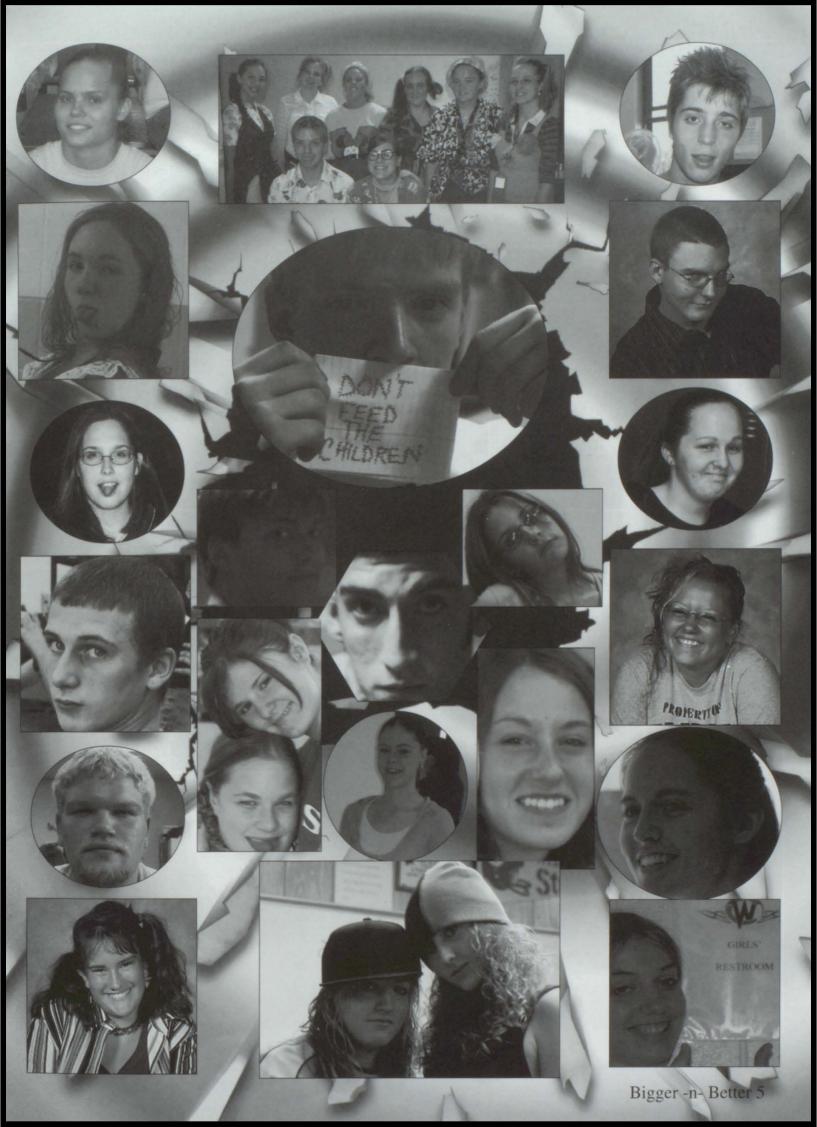


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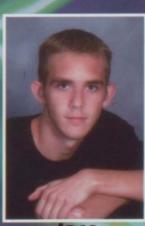
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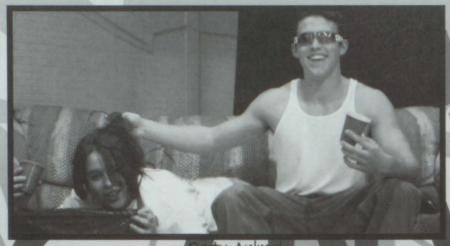
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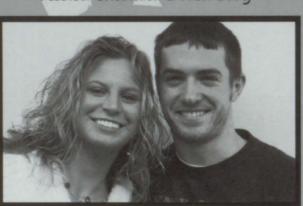




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Best Personality Jessica Chandler & Nick Burg



Best Smlle Erlka Ensminger & Darick Clark



Blggest Mooch Deanna Mlller & Zach Link 8 The Blaze



Best to Take Home to Mom and Dad Laura Hoover & Gerry Roark



Best Dancer Ollvla Crandall & Brock Mlller



Biggest Filrt Symone Robinson & Blake Fox



Class Clowns Amy Hull & B.J. Garlst



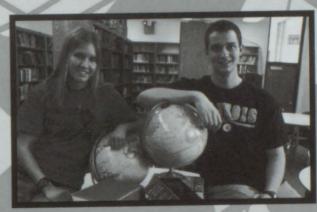
Most Athletic Lene Lox & Adam Corzatt



Most School Spirit Darci Renken & Brenton Collins



Hottest Car Lyndsay Griepentrog & Ryan Miller



Most Likely to Succeed Theresa Brokaw & Blake Byers



Most Unique Allison Peterson & Bob Turner



Most Likely To Leave and Never Return Shanna Avery & Claudlo Lauchll



Cody **Thelemann** 



Geoff **Torrance** 



Robert Turner



Ryan Utter



Megan Wakefield



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James Walters



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Anthony Woodard



Mike **Yeater** 



Damon Acland



Eric Asplund



Claudio Lauchli



**Enrique** Osuna-Ayala











Jessica E. Ireland, TWO! Alice in wonderland, Spanish. Cody P. BIG HUG. Justin A. and Jordan B. good last name for marriage. Miriam R. clarinet skill, never expiring good luck before games. Sarah H. long legged pants. Rachel K. bus talks and lock-in memories. Lindsey D trip to Augustana, good boyfriends. support and friendship. Kayla W. lock-in, P.E. talks, long lasting conversations, and Pilates; Tyler B. "Get outta here!" and good parties; Shannon B., Laura A., Letta B., C.K., and Jenna B. Subway. clogged sink and toilet, screaming baby, plunger, and back pimples. Jordan A. elementary playground. Eric E. my promise and love; everyone remember school's a privilege and have fun! Good Luck!

I, Elizabeth Ackermann, leave

- I, Crystal Alexander, will my pom pon stress to Alex D.; may her stress from it make her to be a leader for her senior year. To Mrs. Simmons I give my strength and calmness when getting stressed, may your years at West Central be unforgettable. To Racheal S., my will to be spunky and outspoken; life is short, don't ever let people walk on you; I will miss you and your energetic attitude. And finally to Ashley H., I will you my brain power, to be confused, and crazy at the same time. Good Luck everyone.
- I, Kristina Anderson, leave Jessica C. a skateboard, airplane, a bike ride and our friendship. To Ashley H., a red M&M, rides to games, a stupid ex-boyfriend, and all our friendship. To Elizabeth A., a high heel, large pepperoni or small sausage, elementary speech, and all our friendship. To Jessica Smith. Fun City, Wendy's, the Big Blue Dipper, and all our friendship. To Zach Link, all my love, You're my best friend. To Darick Clark, study hall, pre-cal assignments, all our memories, a donkey, and all our friendship. To Eric Ebert. Stronghurst park, late walks, study hall and our friendship.
- I, Jessica Beeler, will all the fun times I had with my friends throughout high school. I will the ability to keep having fun in child development to Heather Doty, Rashelle Garner, Tony Woodard, and Jaymee. I will Megan Wakefield the ability to keep her sister from reading all the time. I will my advice to work hard and have fun to the rest of the seniors!
- I, Michael Bradshaw, leave
  Elizabeth Ackermann a trip to Fiji
  and memories of school. To Brad
  Buss I leave a life time supply of
  grapes. To Emily Smith I WIN. To
  Josh Harkness a slow dance with
  Mrs. Ross. To Mrs. Ross I leave
  F&G. To Justin Allaman the ability

- to be outgoing. To Jordan Brueck the ability to fight back. To Bod Day. I leave my watch and the ability to irritate teachers and get away with it. To Mrs. Peterson, I leave the contal. To everyone else, I leave a privilege, silver bullets and good luck!.
- I, Theresa Brokaw, will a year supply of Robert's 2% Chocolate milk to Sami Peters. My ability to get an extra assignment EVERY-DAY to my boyfriend Layton Housman. My ability to BEHAVE and FOCUS at meets and my excellent driving skills to Rachele Jack. To my friend Cody my ability to be GOOD and innocent. To Sarah Heller my courage to want to be on the podium come May.
- I, Blake Byers, leave Jordan the shaggy dog story and a girlfriend. Sams a punching bag, Chase gets Kenny's commandment and nine long years. Seth, a Ford to replace Goldmember and a Daramax to replace the Durge. Jacob gets the tolerance he needed to get a long time ago. Alex, an indestructible Chetmobile; you needed one a long time ago tool Brandie, "there's a chicken." Claudio can have a Steak-n-Shake or two. E.T., a limited edition copy of Boondock Saints. Justin Allamen, a simpler padlock. Ciara, the alias "Pete." Gene Bigger, some candy.
- I, Seth Carlson, do will and bequeath to Blake my organization skills, to Jacob The Greatness, to Chase another Burn on Lorne when he's gone, to Claudio an American accent, to Brandie my good looks, to Micheal the P Car, to Alex a proper burial for the Chetmobile, to Matt CHEESE, to Damon a shower, to Kayla the title "Gothie", to Pylican a cummins, to Kobus you are just awesome, to Hardon a date, to Jayson patience and a coyote, to Jordan the ability to know what's going on, to Stephen a racist joke, to ET, you'll find out.
- I, Jessica Chandler, will Kristina A., skateboarding, sour Kool-Aid, 2nd grade, and treasure island. Brandie L Bobcats, oatmeal cookies, and phone-pranks. Ashley H. rodeo, a bike, Taco Bell at 3-o-clock. Elizabeth A. road-trips to Monmouth, always being late, long talks. Jessica S. Branson, Missouri, and all our great times. Brenton C. all our long talks about Alex. Thanks for always being there for me. Dusty C. I leave all the luck n the world. Olivia C. gummy worms and our night out. Nick B. bowling and lunch. Deanna M. all our rides home. Lene L. our basketball season fun and rough times.
- I, Darick Clark, will Andy Chockley my ability to escape from the

- defense against top-ranked football teams. I will Chuck Yeater my "balla" abilities in basketball and the ability to win 1-on-1 games. I will Dan Crumdiddliumptious my ability to stay up late without having Mocha Lattes.
- I, Kayla Coffey, will my #5 to my sister Ashley and my ability to get an extra assignment in Mrs. Ross' class to Sami, and I will Dalton Dan; just don't get him into too much trouble; and I will Randall my mad dribbling skills during all important basketball games such as Regional, Championship. Finally, I will Jess E. and Hillbill all babysitting privileges over my sister Ashley.
- I, Brenton Collins, leave Jayson S... a Big Fish, Steven L., silly string and to Alicia P. I leave TOO Much Information! To Alicia Y. I leave anything you ever wanted and didn't get! To Brady S. I leave the T.O.D. Awards, and to Courtney F. and Robin G. I leave a giant accident-proof bubble! To Chase G. I leave the Oldsmobuick. To Jacob S. I leave plaster and scissors. To Blake B. I leave a heart. To Ciara R. I leave a notepad. To Darci R. I leave M&M's. To Seth C. I leave an AirForce Belt Buckle. And for everyone else [insert an inspirational message here!]
- I, Olivia Crandall, will the "Big-O" powers to Amy Hull and Lyndsay Griepentrog, May you never forget them. To Lyndsay Dilsaver I will our Pleasure Island time; don't forget our BET Club spotlight appearance! To Rachel Earp I will "Locker Time," and I still call my "digits" for our orange jumpsuit idea! To Halee and Jessica I will some of my dancing skills; you'll get it eventually. To Torri, Laura, Lene, and Jessica I will Wal-Mart hide and seek time; don't get caught! And to Jerry, I will our forever friendship. To everyone else, stay of out trouble!
- I, Rachel Earp, leave Melissa W. hide-n-seek, wandering hallways, and Pizza hut ambulance stops, but I'm keeping your brother. Alicia P. Jenna B. our locker room talks. Meme- my awesome height. Cody P., Rachel S.- Granny's love. C.K .-"Murray". Hailey J .- the ability to speak quietly. Tori G .- "Cupcake". Austin S., Stephen L.- you make me laugh. James T .- "Homeslice". Allie D.- a new ankle. Lyndsay G.a cleaner shortstop. Emily G., Kayla M.- paintballing, Halloween '05, our awsumpawsum times, and all my friendship. Ashley H.- our friendship on and off the field. Blake B .- "Hey". Olivia C. our orange juice. To the Class of 2006- best of luck. I'm outta here!





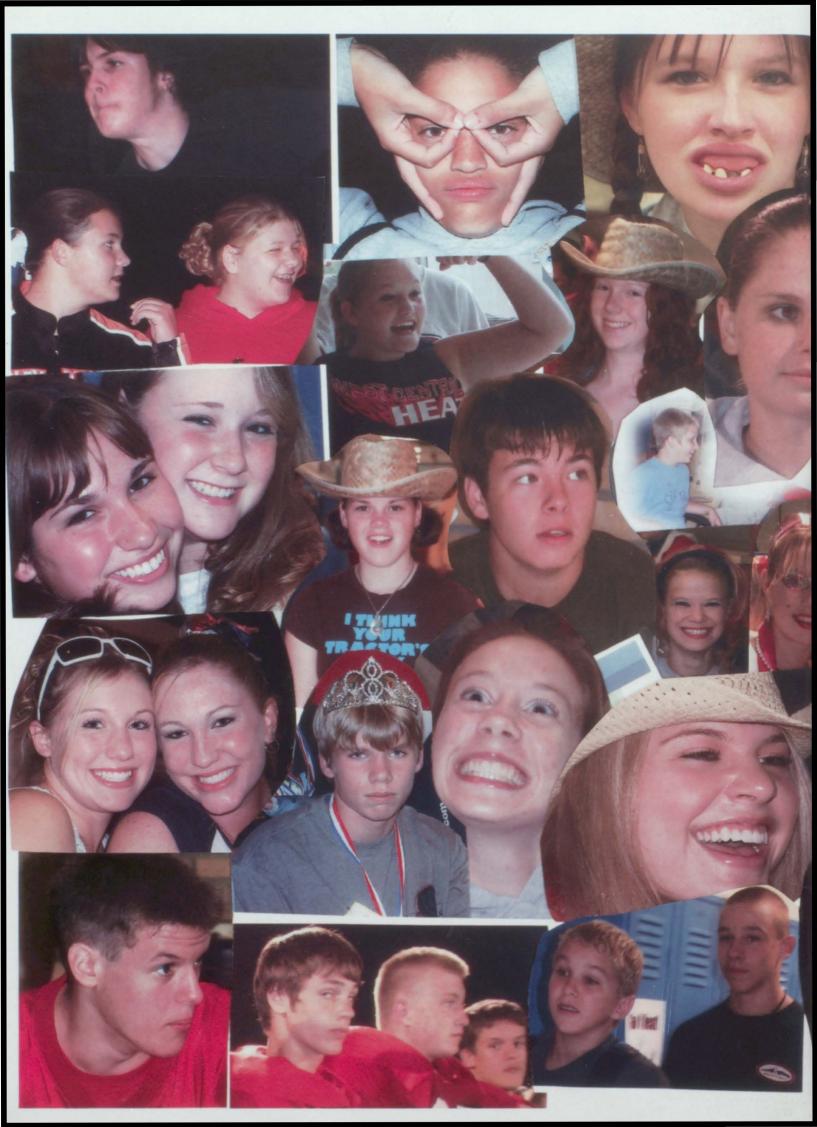
- I. Eric Ebert, will Mike Yeater my ability to dominate in Madden and all the sports games and our trips to Taco Bell early in the morning. I will Chuck Yeater the Egyptian Crab. For Josh Harkness, I will the ability to build a campfire, set up a tent, and to keep up with me without having to quit. And for my girlfriend, Elizabeth Ackermann, I will her the ability to drive my car, an unforgettable shooting star, and our promise for each other.
- I, Erika Ensminger, will my Pamela's to Brittany Fox, and may she put them to good use. To Hillary Brooks, I will my ability to interpret softball signs during past-season games. And to Randi Short, I will the ability to set the dress code. especially those all-important sweat pants days!
- I, Krista Fitch, leave all those GREAT talks of cleavages and snobby people and the trip to Shopko to Kayla Mattson and Deanna Miller. I leave to the underclassmen all the fun I had in my senior year. I leave to Kayla Wakefield my ability to laugh at anything and I do mean anything! And to all my friends that I'm leaving behind, I leave this to you: my undying LOVE and FRIEND-SHIP!
- I, Cassandra Gibb, will the ability to laugh nonstop about absolutely nothing to Alicia Phillips. The stick handling of my limousine goes to baby England. Relax girl; it's okay! To Courtney Fox I will the ability stay calm, absorb the drama, and remain on the cheerleading squad! The ability to be very outgoing in any situation goes to Calvin Covert. For all the underclassmen- good luck and make West Central memorable!
- I, Emily Good, leave to Kayla W. a new speaker phone. Cody P. my acting skills, meow. Derek K. resource management fun and my "love." Bruce N. million hellos and more "love." Torri G. a scuba dictionary for car rides. J. England three glasses of water. Amber B. my photo skills. Lene video games and softball fun. Rachel /grandma you get shoes and tons of memories. To Tina and Amy I leave "da Bears" and the Tower of Terror. To Kaci H. a rubber duck! To Lyndsay all the gum I took from your locker. Mrs. Kendell a great assistant, and thanks to everyone in the class! Boo Ya!
- I, Chase Gray, do hereby bequeath these items to these people: To Seth C. some toilet paper and ammo. To Jacob S. the ability to stand me for four more years. To Blake B. some compassion and sleeping pills. To Alex a tool-kit and ranch pizza. To Matt I

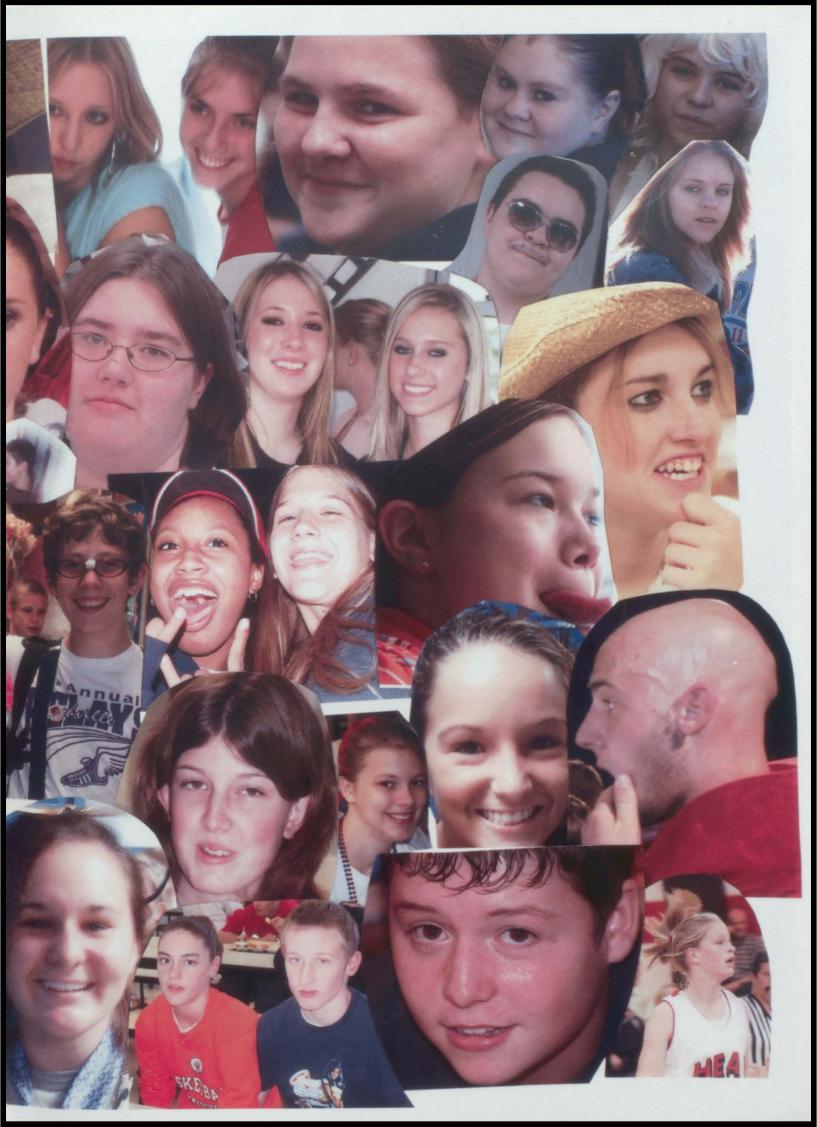
- leave an internet connection and tact. To Brenton C. I leave shaving cream and a parachute. To Jayson S. I leave one half of Satan's snow-globe and a fire extinguisher. To Brandie I leave an ankle wrap and some singing lessons. To Elizabeth A. I leave Florida and some underwear. And to Claudio I leave some cluddle-shake.
- I, Lyndsay Griepentrog, will the title of coolest Griepentrog in the school to my sister Aylssa. I will my piece of trash TV to Robin Guile. My ability to talk and not get caught by Mrs. Ross to Sami Peters. I will my 3-point shooting ability to Randi Short. To Hillary Brooks I suppose you can have my boyfriend Leon. To Jourdan Evans the ability to make the best MP3 player clip ever! And last but definitely not least to Lindsey Dilsaver I leave the title of Lyndsey #1 and all our great memories especially the straw from the movies:)
- I Ross Gullburg, will my ability to party and always have a good time to Andy Chockley, I will my awesome truck to Brice Jack, I also will my ability to take a hit to Justin Bewly!
- I, Ashley Hale leave Kristin P- #23. game rides, and tanning. Lis A .long lasting friendship, memories, "secrets", and my love. "Bob"-"pardon me." Dusty C- your bike. Zeiser my psychology papers, and sociology times. Tiffany- "Fanny." Lindo- kissing cousins, rodeo clowns. Kristina- red M&Ms, idiotic ex, rodeo clowns. Chandler- great friendship, 13th birthdays, rodeo clowns. Earp- softball skills, great friendship, non-nasty smelling batting gloves, summer softball. Karli- better senior year, a great lifetime and anything you could ever want. Kevin- all our trips. March 29, 1st summer together, my spaghetti, all my love! Thanks for always being there for me! xoxoxoxo! To underclassmen, you have a loooong few years ahead!
- I, Alyssa Harkness, will my trunk to "Rachel Smith." I will Pom Captain to Jourdan Evans. Remember to listen to the squad including the underclassmen! I will my great pom pon fighting ability to this year's sophomore's and Sams. I will my ability to control my temper during poms and to steal white paint to Alex Diehl. I will the ability to control chocolate cravings to Miss Gibb. May you always have a brownie just I, Amy Hull, will to Hillary B. the in case. I will my ability to have fun and stay out of trouble to Busser and my brother Josh.
- I, Ben Harr, will the ability to be the oldest senior to Raymond Ware. To Jeff Peterson the ability to be fat. To Jace Taylor, my ability to hold it

- down. To Ryan Utter I will my ability a Bamjo. And finally to Dan and to everything about cars. To Liz Swan, my ability to do no homework and always seem to pass. To Robert Day the rights of the "purple nurple." To all the underclassmen my ability to be on Miss Gibb's good side!
- I, Josh Hawk, will my ability to not do anything until the last minute to all the underclassmen.
- I, Shayna Heap, will my mad defense skills to Randi. My ability to sticks. To Elizabeth A. your "I told be on crutches to Hillary. To Jessica E. my FFA secretary abilities. To Dalton Chandler and Rachele Jack I will my ability to stay out of trouble. To Sarah Heller I will #22; may she never bring dishonor to this number. To Ross Bigger I will my grades. And lastly I will my little brother Brock to Brittany Fox; may she never let him get into trouble.
- I, Karli Hedden, leave Halee S. all my love. I wish you and Matt the best. Remember you always have a good place to go if you ever need it. To Ashley H. I leave you the ability to find a decent man when you're off at college. You deserve one! Thank you so much for all your help and support through everything; you really are a true friend. For everyone else who acted like they cared... Good-bye. For all the underclassmen: good luck; you'll need it.
- I, Holly Hendrickson, will my hardcore room to my cousin Jessica; take good care of it for me. I will my fabulous two-stepping ability to Nathan not that he'll ever use them. I will Alicia Phillips my love of toe socks and my collection of 50 pairs. I will my ability to say "Hey you" when I sneeze to Letta. I will my love of music and Converse All-Stars to my sister Kylee and Jessica; may the music flow and the Chucks never wear!!
- I, Laura Hoover, will to Rachele Jack my memories of cults, Martha leaving us for Lisa, and the long ride in the Christian driver's ed car. To Kayla Whiteman, late night restricted phone calls, and bathroom breaks on back roads. To Sarah Heller our "sleepovers" and my ability to be Trisha. To my brother, Taylor, my ability to do nothing wrong but somehow still get blamed for something, and any of my clothes I leave behind.
- song "Hillbillies Love It In The Hay." To Randi S. the name Randal Kay and the passing of "Techno-Time". To Sarah H. the ability to have long legs. To Jessi D. the name Pony. To Ashley L. "You eat 'em," one game of Tetris and CUSTODIAN. To Dalton C. road fishing. To Halee S.

- Robert "The Fest" '06.
- I, Kaci Hurka, leave ownership of 568 to Erin W. To Kayla M., "Neapolitan", B&B, Davenport and Galesburg. To Mike B. Godfather's decorating and Rob's car door. To Alyssa H. mistletoe. To Alicia P. our bowling talks and experiments! To Ethan T. the tape test. To Holly H. roses and German commercials. To Matt H. my forgiveness and movies. To Brenton C. thanks for the bread you so" expired. To Jessica S. stay away from the squirrels. To everyone else, remember: school is a privilege. I would say it goes by fast, but it doesn't. Free at last, free at last! Always remember Damon from New Zealand!
- I, Travis Inghram, will Justin Manning my ability to run my mouth and get away with it. I will my cousin Nick, who is no long with us, just a little common sense so he hopefully won't receive jail time. I will good health and much wealth to those who stayed down, and for everyone else, what goes around comes around!
- I, Kyle Keever, will my ability to not wreck a car to Jourdan Evans. I will Andy Chockley the ability to party as much as possible and not get caught, (as well as the name "Dixie"!) To Ross Bigger goes my stunning good looks; may he get many fine ladies with them. Last I leave the ability to make plans, get the ladies, party hard, and keep the good times coming for a long time to my best buddy Branden Joe Prozac; may he be the baddest Pimp in the area and never lose touch with the guys.
- I, Kyle Koopmans, leave the twelve bandits a cop car and bail money. To Luke Kane I leave my golfing abilities. To Jourdan Evans I leave my driving abilities. To Joe I leave Pub classes. To Jenna Bailey I leave skipping math class. To Miss Gibb I leave a doughnut. To Kayla M. I leave my "high-falootiness."
- I, Paige Lafary, will my ability to keep my thoughts to myself to Clarissa Torrance. To Jessica England I hand down to you my blonde moments; may you use them to the best of your ability. To Laura Alexander and Alicia Yeakey I will "our" song "Baby Got Back;" keep it going girls. To Robin Guile I so generously hand you my gracefulness; girl, be careful; some of those falls can get you. To Jordan Dillard I give you my ability to just say "no." To the class of 2007: may you all cherish every moment you have :)

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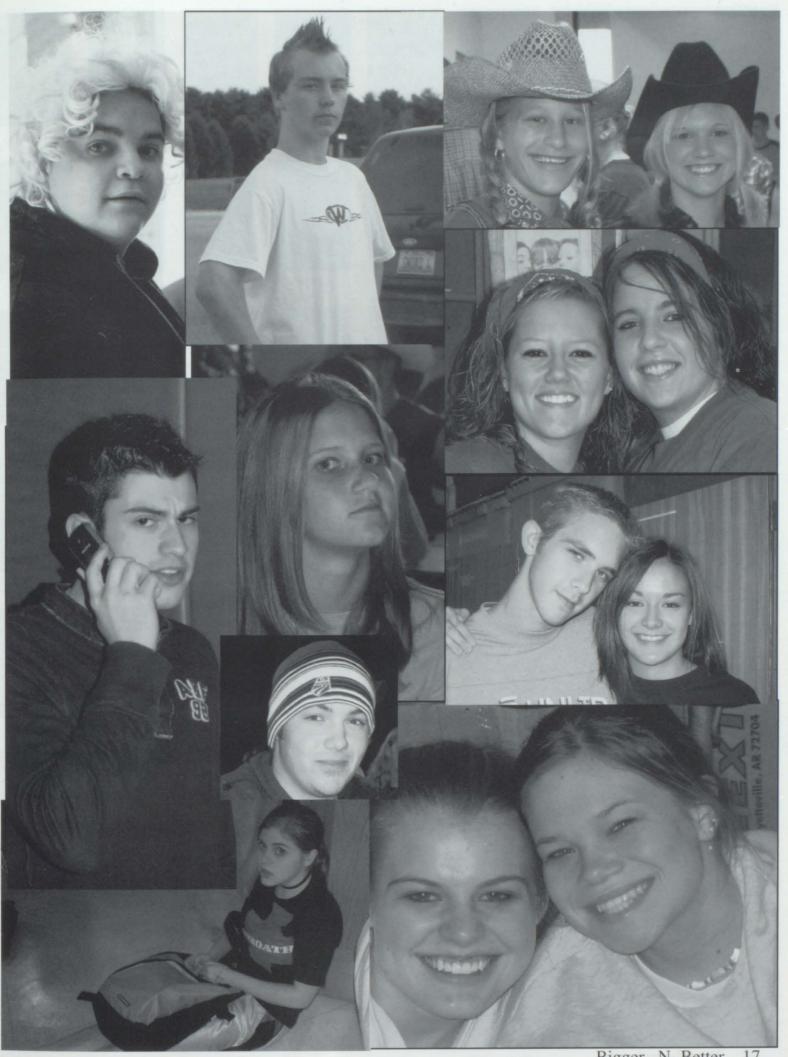


- I, Aaron Landers, leave Bradley Eaton my luck with the ladies. To Dalton Chandler I leave the school and the ability to run it. To Andy Chockley I leave good times on the basketball bus and some silver bullets. I leave to Jessica England all the good times and the ability to put Evan in check. To Lyndsay Dilsaver I leave the traditions of the "Ville." To Josh Russell all our good times in foods and the ability to do whatever you want at school. To Dan Crum my athletic ability. To Luke Kane knowledge to keep your clothes on.
- I, Claudio Lauchli, being of sound resolution and firm mental commitment do hereby leave the following: to Seth Carlson the ability to adopt a charming mid-European accent. To Stephen Lindo my autographed copy of Ann landers "Rules of Etiquette." Jayson Sams will receive four free anger management sessions. Blake Byers coffee, Coke, Mountain Dew, Jault. To Matt Hild, I leave razors and shaving-creme (not for your legs). To Chase Gray I leave you my secret cluddle-shake recipe and four dollars, Torri can have my patience and my room. Jacob Sanning gets nothing! Alex-Pizzas.
- I, Mara Lefler, will my "J" abilities to Sarah and Rachele; may you both keep it alive. I will Rachel the protection over my brother; don't let him go overboard. To Kayla W. I will Taco Bell; you must go there often to fulfill the tradition. To the basketball girls I will the liveliness and the drive/ability to do your best at all times. To the class of 2007, you will be great fun; you savored all the moments of your last years in high school.
- I, Brandie Lindo, leave Jake a lifetime supply of crackers and a garden in case you get lonely. Stephen, a punch to keep you in line and my love. Amy, EVERY-THING! Mocha, candy, and raven dance. Erika and Darci, Fan Van and Tiffany jewelry. Chandler, oatmeal cookies. Hale, a kiss and a clown. Blake, chicken and Dana's love. Seth, my good looks. Chase, music abilities and elchupathingy. Claudio, pink pants. Jayson, anger management classes. Brenton, a new car. Dillhole, good times, hurdles. Liz, trinity Wal-Mart. Bfox, the greatest number ever.
- I, Lene Lox, will Mara L. a lucky quarter and "Bob", Sari our YoCo memories and a cell phone. Spot my awesome shots and some rotten eggs. C.K. T. a game of one-on-one. Snoflake A. my sister, my mad balla skills, and the challenge to beat 30. Laura A. a Happy New Years at TBell. Kyle K. my mom. Jourdan E. the cursed basketball and a dead fish. Gopshik B. my center field skills. Liz A. dodgeball in my hallway. Emily G. an Easter egg, Amy H. Canadian bacon pizza. Randi S. the ability to beat Carthage. Mocha "white girls can do it too!", and to all underclassmen, "STOP DOING DRUGS!!"

- I, Kayla Mattson, leave Kaci H. road trips. the hottest blow-up doll and "neopolitan legacy." Rachel E.: s....muffin, trips to Taco Bell, and all my good shopping skills! Austin A. moolattes, new table, and all my good music taste! Alyssa B. and Liz B. "my larynx". Deanna M. and Krista F. cleavage talks and Shopko and the movies. Alex M. my "mad" driving skills and Thelma and Louise days! Seth C. the name "Frank". Lene L. eggs and TP. To all my friends: my undying friendship. To the underclassmen: my outspoken ways and best of luck through high school... you'll need it! P.S. hahaha - I get to leave.
- I, Deanna Miller, leave Ashley and Jessica sex talks from Mom on the way home from games. To Brandie a lot of muffins. To Jessica, Randi, and Brandie the ride home from UNI. To Kayla a friendship for life and the movies. To Rachel "Con Air." To Amy the ability to stay in touch with her inner child. To Lene all the cheesy bread sticks from Pizza Hut. To Michael the love of your favorite owl. To Jessica, a kitchen sink! To the underclassmen: enjoy what time you have left because before you know it, it's
- I, Allison Peterson, will my innocence to Kayla Burgus; may you use it wisely! To Brittany Grafton- My Driving skills. Remember: cops ARE your friends! Keep your friends close but your enemies closer! Enjoy your freedom. To Boone- the last Peterson: keep the name going since the rest are gone. To Alicia- the night act Brock's; treasure it forever! To Lynn-my common sense and street smarts; you need it for college! To Pence- the white Sable; have fun! And to Liz-our nursing home room and H2; may this one be better in the long run. Remember: com drama!
- I, Kristen Peterson, will my "taunting" ability to all upcoming volleyball players. May you use it wisely! I will my milk challenge attempts to anyone who "thinks" they can drink a gallon of milk in an hour. To anyone who needs it, my ability to say what I think.
- I, Darci Renken, will my defensive driving skills to Hillary B. and Abby C. I will my ability to hit down the line to Abby C. To MeMe I will the best number ever #25, and may she never bring dishonor to it. I will a band-aid and the ability to get out of P.E. too Hillary B. and Randall. To B Fox I will padded, padded blankets. I also will a jar of pickles to Ashley C. Finally, to Crumdidlyumcious I leave a late night cruise in a mossy pond with a Tiki Torch.
- I, Gerry Roark, will my ability to have fun and stay out of trouble to Dan Crum and Dalton Chandler. To Luke Kane, I will my ability to play as a team. To Andy Chockley, I will my ability to do math, and last I will my ability to keep the girls under control at youth coalition to Austin Ray.

- I, Ciara Robinson, will my ability to go four years of school without one detention to Katelyn M. (Try to last at least a week please, Kate!) I will my patience and pep to all the cheerleaders in hopes that they will laugh when they really want to kill each other. For any girl who gets stuck in an all guy tutorial, take my sarcasm and smile; that's the only way you'll survive! Miriam Rutzen gets my title of "bodyguard;" don't back down to anyone. Always protect your girls! Kenny can have my pineapple. Hopefully it brings him better luck!
- I, Symone, will Austin Ray the ability to be cute and the ability to ignore "certain" girls. Dilly my office skills and ability to do nothing senior year, and ability to ditch someone more than once. To Halee, the ability to dress, not participate, and still get an "A." My captain skills and good looks to Miranda! To the three hot juniors: Sam, Jessi, and Randi: the ability to walk down the halls and have all the little boys stare and have all the girls jealous. I will miss you! Love ya!
- I, Jacob Sanning, leave Brandi: Miracle Grow, water, and sunlight, and my support no matter what happens; Chase organization and a ride to school; Jordan half of Satan's snow globe; Seth some wax for the greatness and I set you free; Blake a heart and a shred of humanity; Claudio an English-to-German dictionary; Brenton a pair of scissors; Jayson self-control and some fire; Austin R. a growth spurt; B.S. a nickname and a legacy; ET anti-FrontPage and permanent freshman status; Jessica Chandler luck in the future and help when you need it.
- I, Jessica Smith, would like to dedicate to everyone my ability to get on every teacher's good side. To my brother and cousins I leave the ability to get good grades. To Kateyln Miller I leave the ability to jump so high. To Kristina Anderson and Jessica Chandler I leave many memories and I hope our friendship forever lasts. To a couple of freshman and sophomore boys I leave memories of car rides to Fun City and Wendy's. And to the rest I leave hope and the ability for everyone of you to succeed in life to the best of your ability.
- I, Elizabeth Swan, will my ability to get my way for just about everything to Brittany Grafton; use it wisely! To Justin Manning I will my ability to procrastinate in all my studies till the last minute and still pass. To Tiffany Stewart I will you my ability to always be at school on time. To Heather double B: I will my outgoingness. And to any other person I missed who wanted something, I am sorry I forgot you. I love ya'all. Oh, and to Mary Peterson I will my com abilities; may you take it to the grave!

- I, Bob Turner, as my last act before leaving W.C.H.S. do hereby bequeath to the students of prosperity an open mind to learn all you can. To Lynsay Stevenson I leave the ability to not get in trouble. To Jessica Saldeen I leave my moral cleanliness. To my girlfriend, Jocelyn Waterman, I leave my heart, and to my friends from Mr. Geiser's study hall, I leave the lunch time countdown. Life is like a cherry lozenge... but don't ask me how!
- I, Evan Walters, leave Dan Crum a boat motor, a can of Pringles, and a pop can. I leave Josh Russel fishing fords and 3 baller. I leave a pool table to Tyler. I leave my fishing skills and a Ford truck to Halee. I leave my goose call to Kenny. I leave Dalton Chandler my leg wrestling skills and some hair for that infamous bald spot. To Jessica England I leave a Ford, a hug, and a raccoon hunting trip. To everyone else, sorry I leave nothing.
- I, MiKayla Wakefield, will the girls in the sophomore class the ability to stay out of fights. To Liz the ability to always to be happy and never get mad at a certain teacher. To Marianne & Brittany to make it through high school without getting into trouble in some way. To my sister & friend, for us to be friends forever & never grow far apart. To Krista I will that we will always help each other, no matter how far apart we
- I, Kevin Ward, leave Brock M. the ability to run a mountain and beat everyone that passes you. Dan C. the ability to make it to sectionals in the 3-point shoot-out. Andy C. and Calvin C. a seat cushion for next basketball season. Cody T. a bag of chips and dip. To Ryan M., Jerimy L., Zach L. a tree house. Evan W. some boots to use to get your four-wheeler out of the water. Ashley all of our trips to Michigan, the movies, an eat free lifetime card to Sarducci's, the world's biggest ring so you won't complain anymore, and all my love.



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Laura Alexander



Jordan Allaman



Jenna Bailey



Shannon Bailey



Letta Bass



Amber Bigger



Dan Crum



Jessi Davis



Nick Waterman



Matt

Jourdan Evans



Andrew

Chockley

Courtney Fox



Calvin

Covert

Rashell Garner



Brandon

Crooks

Robin Guile



Janie Gustafson



Cameron Hartman



Casey Loper



Stacy Lumbeck



Justin Manning



Linda McBride



Amanda Norris



Sami Peters



Austin Sharp



Randi Short

Torrance



Halee Simmons



Adam Smith



James Spiker







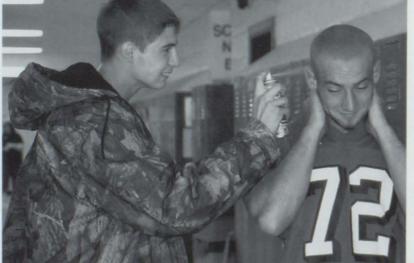
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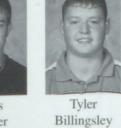
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Ross Bigger





Brittany Boughton



Jordan Brokaw



Hillary Brooks



Jacob Calkins



Jessica England



Alex Diehl



Kylee Hendrickson



Jordan

Dillard

Brice Jack



Lindsey

Tyler Keane



Heather

Doty

Cody Lane



Brad

Eaton

Cameron Lemaster



Stephen



Jayson





Jeff

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Jessica Pullen



Kyle Ruse



Josh

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James Torrance





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Samantha Wright



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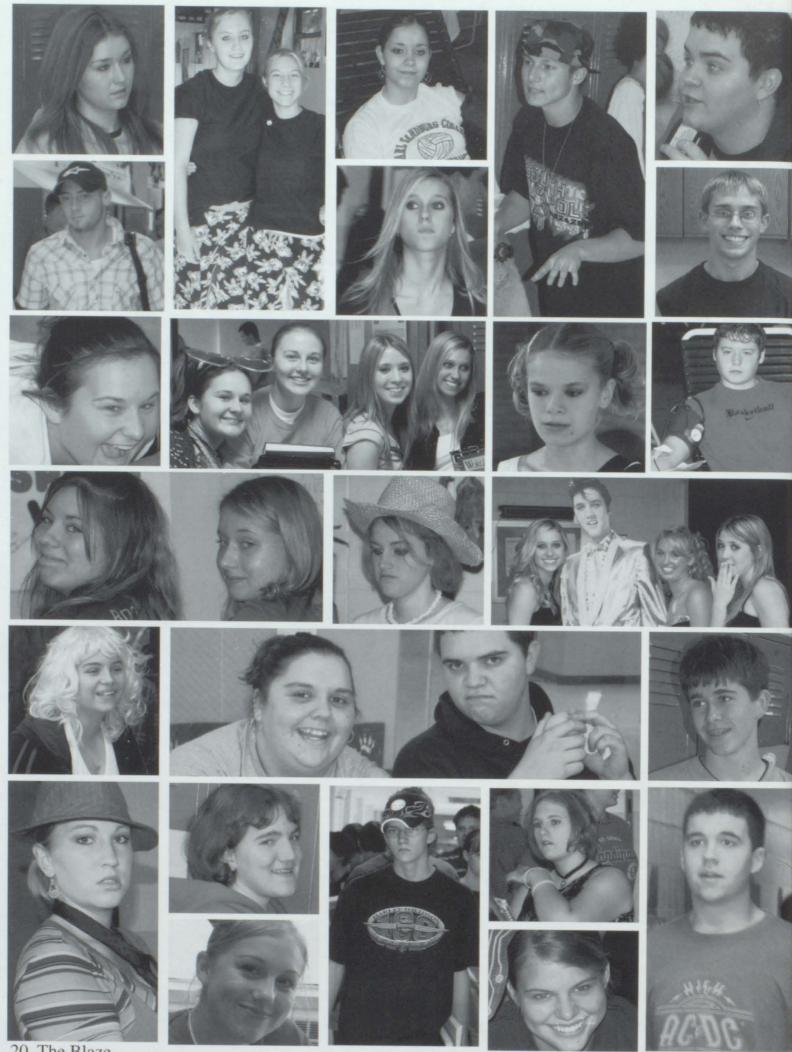
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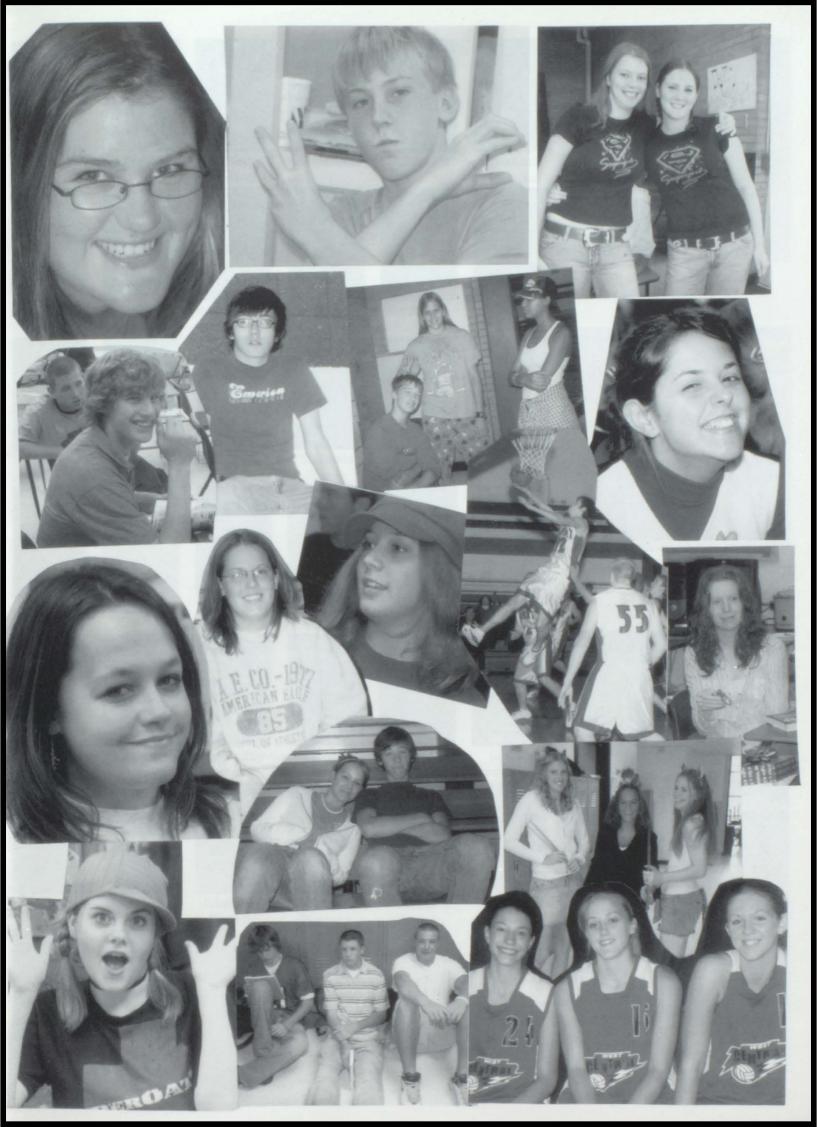
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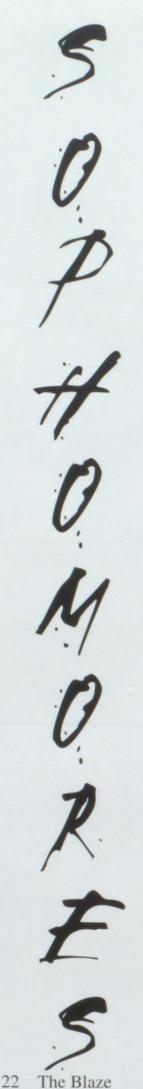


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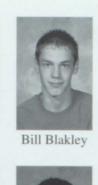




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Ryan Shaner



Joey Colvin



Valerie Corey



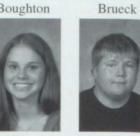










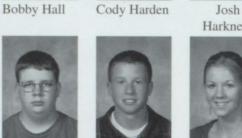


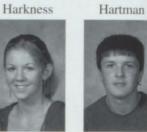






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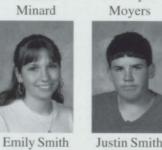


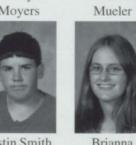
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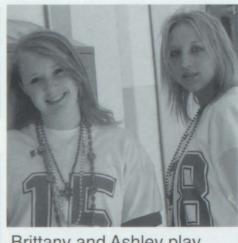
**Brad Buss** 



Dalton



Torri Gray



Brittany and Ashley play around in the halls.



Felisha Fechner



**Brittany Fox** 



Josh Good



Justin Gosse



Jordan Hukill



Ashley Huss



Hannah, Jocelyn, and



Dakota Hartman



Sarah Heller



Kevin Magee



Taylor

Hoover

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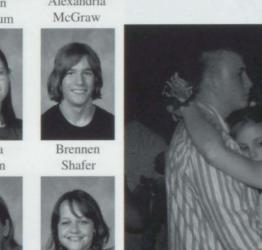


Morgan McCollum





Alexandria



Heather pose pretty...



John

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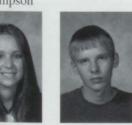




Kerri Wells



Ethan Thompson



Kayla Whiteman



Laura Tucker

Daniel Worley





Waterman



...while Brady and Allie get close.





Eric Adams



Brittany Aden



Hannah Alecock



Justin Allaman



Justin Bewley



Brittany Bielser



Robert Day



Sara Denney



Willian Derby



Cody Druin



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Ashley Dye



Josephine Grant



Benjamin Hawk



Zachary Hill



Bradley Holeman



Layton Housman



Morgan Hubbard



Mariah Krow



Jennifer Lewis



Jordan Link



William Lock



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Andrew Pregel



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Torrance



Spencer Torrance

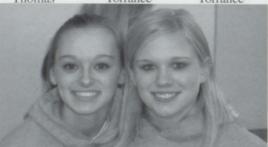


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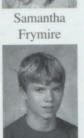
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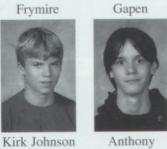
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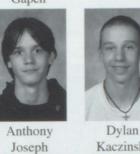
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Brandon

Kayla Burgus





Lauren Gerest

Dusty

Chandler



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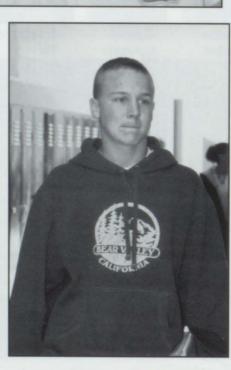




















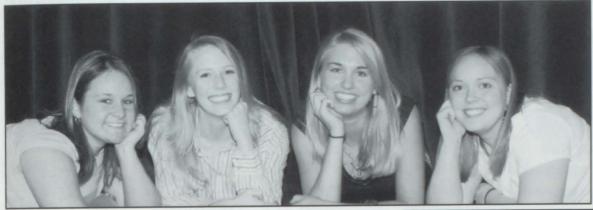
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Left to right: Nick Burg, Theresa Brokaw, Ciara Robinson, and Kyle Keever

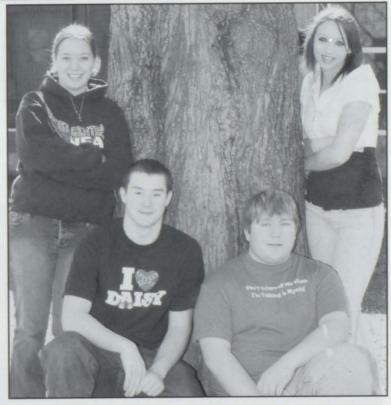


Top left counter-clock wise: Kristin Plath, Brandon Gapen, Lauren Gerst, and Kayla Burgus



Left to right: Hillary Brooks, Jessica England, Jourdan Evans, and Alicia Phillips

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Top left counter-clock wise: Valerie Corey, Brad Buss, Ben Eaton, and Ashley Huss

Faculty

Larry Ives Plans to join the PGA and kick Tiger Woods' student council, and rear end!



Lara Kendell "I Love my students, assistants."



Melinda Frakes Plans to be rich... someday.



Marlo Ross Tells JV cheerleader 1st time father to "pay attention to the game"



**Darrel Gittings** and forty something.



Jerud Van Dyke He's not too dumb, and he doesn't love Hitler. that much.



Tia Walters Cat Rescurer and Collector



Favorite song is "Por que why, Cuando when?"



Secretly lives under her desk...don't tell!



Senora Killey Tanya Morrison Marta Hohenboken Is secretly still a student hoping to graduate



Steve Arnold Has a winning smile and wants to be a Sensitivity Counselor.



Barb Meyer She has a way with A.L.G.E.B.R.A.



Sarah Hall My baby can add Gave up broadway better than you!



John Seibken for this.



Jay Blender A teacher who is fair and cares about all students.



Mary "Petie" Parsons "The kids say I'm a cutie!"



Cherry Simmons Claims Art isn't that hard!



ChrisSingleton Plans to build a time machine.



Judith Wever "That's not a hallway activity; inside voices!"



Robert Franks "I lost my arms in the Favorite Song wood shop. Then crafted new ones."



Nancy Gibb Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville"

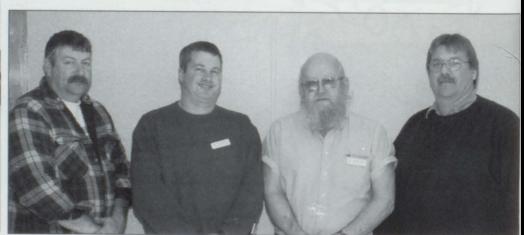


Barb Gray "I'm watching you all!"



Tammy Guile "Handwashing is the key to success."







Ralph Grimm, Superintendent "Are we having fun yet?"



Karen Gall The drink collector "Is that opened?"



Linda McClintic "I Love You, Linda"



Steve Kemp "Give it your all since you can always do better."



"Wait, I'm on the phone."



Lanie Hulgren Alta Mae Brokaw "I've had a great 43 years in education."



Karen Starbuck "Do your scholarship form!"



Penny Van Tine "A smile can go a long way."



Barb Sprietler The search parties haven't found her yet.



Jeanne Seitz "I want to put furniture together at Shopko."



Cindy Smith The resource teacher.



Jane Alexander "Tables are not for sitting on!"



Karen Rima, Principal "I liked you all better when you were in 5th grade! I need a hug."



Barb Scott "I give lots of hugs."



Mike Snowdon He has sat through to graduate from the most detentions...ever!



Phil Geiser Hopes to have his He is the Camera own yogurt stand. Guy, and he plans this place.



Chris Peterson "You must stay together. There's no prize for being to 4 by the end first."



Joanne Hilligoss Hopes to be able to count of the year.



# Student Council



Top Left First Row: Emily Smith, Alyssa Griepentrog, Hannah Alecock, Jennifer Lewis; Second Row: Miranda Clark, Ashley Rice, Julianna Gillam, Torri Gray, Cody Lane, Rachele Jack, Kayla Whiteman; Third Row: Robin Guile, Janie Gustafson, Miriam Rutzen, Shea Icenogle, Rachel Sams, Justin Allaman, Rachel Keane; Fourth Row: Courtney Fox, James Torrance, Gerry Roark, Austin Ray, Michael Bradshaw, Alicia Yeakey, Chase Gray; Fifth Row: Jacob Sanning, Brandie Lindo, Shayna Heap, Elizabeth Ackermann, Darci Renken, Paige Lafary



### Officers

Co-President Brandie Lindo

Co-President Shayna Heap

Vice President Jacob Sanning

Secretary Paige Lafary

Treasurer Darci Renken

Historian Elizabeth Ackermann

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#### SENIOR NHS MEMBERS



Front Row: Eric Ebert, Darci Renken, Olivia Crandall, Ciara Robinson, Jessica Smith, Rachel Earp, Holly Hendrickson, Lynn Buss, Brandie Lindo. 2nd Row: Josh Hawk, Shayna Heap, Paige Lafary, Kyle Keever, Darick Clark, Theresa Brokaw, Nick Burg, Seth Carlson, Deanna Miller. Back Row: Chase Gray, Lyndsay Griepentrog, Lene Lox, Gerry Roark, Erika Ensminger, Mara Lefler, Blake

Byers, Jacob Sanning 2005-2006 Members



Front Row: Jordan Allaman, Halee Simmons, Alicia Phillips, Olivia Crandall, Ciara Robinson, Jessica Smith, Rachel Earp, Holly Hendrickson, Lynn Buss, Brandie Lindo, Laura Alexander. 2nd Row: Jourdan Evans, Janie Gustafson, Darci Renken, Shayna Heap, Paige Lafary, Kyle Keever, Darick Clark, Theresa Brokaw, Nick Burg, Alicia Yeakey, Deanna Miller. Back Row: Chase Gray, Lyndsay Griepentrog, Lene Lox, Gerry Roark, Erika Ensminger, Mara Lefler, Blake Byers, Jacob Sanning



Front Row: Emily Smith, Alyssa Griepentrog, Courtney Fox, Jordan Brueck, Jessica England, Sarah Heller, Abby Corzatt, Kayla Whiteman, Rachele Jack. 2nd Row: Miranda Clark, Valerie Corey, Chianne Hartman, Randi Short, Robin Guile, Ethan Thompson, Seth Carlson. Back Row: Eric Ebert, Josh Hawk, Brad Buss



MRS BROKAW



PRESIDENT Theresa Brokaw



VICE PRESIDENT Lene Lox



TREASURER Rachel Earp



SECRETARY Paige Lafary

#### Yearbook Editors



Jessica Chandler



Deanna Miller

#### '05-'06 Yearbook Staff



Back Row L to R: Ryan Miller, Kyle Koopmans, Evan Walters,
Ben Harr. Middle Row L to R: Joe Foley, Brock Miller, Karli
Hedden, Amanda Knottnerus, Emily Malcom, Deanna Miller,
Jessica Chandler. Front Row L to R: Laura Hoover, Symone
Robinson, Emily Good, Tina Miller, Olivia Crandall, Lyndsay
Griepentrog, Rachel Earp, Kayla Mattson, Alex Polen,
Megan Wakefield, Crystal Alexander.



The first WCHS yearbook staff has had a wonderful year getting to know each new face......





Mr. G. - Our Yearbook Sponsor, poses for our camera practice.

Especially the other staff members!! SMILE!





# West

FFA

# Central

2005-2006













FFA Officers 2005-2006

Front Row: Kelli Titus, Ashley Hale, Jessica England Middle Row: Michael Bradshaw, Kevin Ward, Mara Lefler, Shayna Heap, Theresa Brokaw, Rachele Jack, Rachel Keane Back Row: Seth Carlson, Evan Walters, Brice Jack











# Spanish Club



Front Row: Left to Right- Morgan McCollum, Cody Postle, Erika Ensminger, Paige Lafary, Olivia Crandall, Jessica Chandler, Jessica Smith, Ciara Robinson, Laura Hoover, Symone Robinson, Jessica England, Shanyna Heap, Britteny Grafton, Jessica Hobart, Valerie Corey, Luke Kane, Brent Blender, John Livermore, Jacob Sanning, Chase Gray, Alicia Phillips, Hillary Brooks, Jourdan Evans, Senora Killey, Kayla Burgus, Emily Smith, Alyssa Griepentrog, Brittany Fox, Kayla Whiteman, Alicia Yeakey, Cassandra Gibb, Matt Hild, Lauren Gerst, Julie Stambough, Kyle Keever, Brianna Strack, Jessica Saldeen, Abby Corzatt, Sarah Heller, Mariam Rutzen, Brandie Gobin, Jocelyn Waterman, Robert Turner, Blake Byers, Theresa Browkaw, Alex Miller, Chianney Hartman, Allison Derflinger, Torri Gray, Mara Leftler

### Art Club



Bottom Row: Left to Right- Nicole Bryant-Bey, Amanda Norris, Brittany Boughton, Lauren Gerst, Kate Cole, Josie Grant, Alex Polen, Crystal Alexander, Jessica Saldeen, Shannon Bailey, Mrs. Simmons

## Science Club





Mr. Siebken Club Adviser

Science Club members have had a blast this year with all the fun and new experiences. A thank you goes out to all who participated and to Mr. Siebken.

# Speech Team





Mr. Siebken Club Adviser

Top left to right: Mr. Siebken, Jacob Sanning, Brandie Lindo Bottom left to right: Jessica Saldeen, James Torrance, Robin Guile, Alyssa Griepentrog, Chase Gray

## Math Club



Left to Right: Bottom row: Lyndsay Griepentrog, Kyle Keever, Gerry Roark, Jessica England, Paige Lafary, Rachel Earp, Deanna Miller, and Brandie Lindo. Second row: Ciara Robinson, Alyssa Griepentrog, Miranda Clark, Miriam Rutzen, Kayla Whiteman, Alicia Yeakey, Chase Gray, and Jacob Sanning. Top row: Ethan Thompson, James Torrance, Jessica Saldeen, Blake Byers, and Mrs. Meyer.

### WYSE



Left to Right: Bottom row: Lyndsay Griepentrog, Kyle Keever, Gerry Roark, Deanna Miller, Brandie Lindo. Second row: Ciara Robinson, Alyssa Griepentrog, Miranda Clark, James Torrance, Chase Gray, Jacob Sanning. Top row: Brad Buss, Jessica Saldeen, Blake Byers.





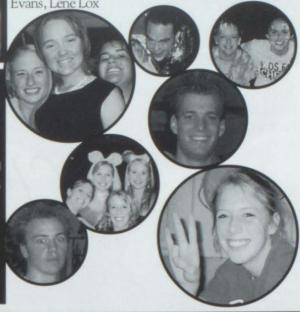


Bottom Row: Kayla Burgus, Cody Postle, Kyle Keever, Lynsday Griepentrog, Jessica England, Amy Hull, Brandie Lindo

Hull, Brandie Lindo
Second Row: Chase Gray, Jordan Allaman, Jessica
Chandler, Tina Miller, Emily Good, Rachel Earp,
Olivia Crandall, Kayla Whiteman, Chianne Hartman
Top Row: Jacob Sanning, Claudio Lauchli, Katie
Cole, Rachel Sams
Not Pictures: Damon Acland, Nick Burg, Jourdan

Evans, Lene Lox







Scholastic Bowl

Bottom Row: Alyssa Griepentrog, Chase Gray Second Row: Ciara Robinson, Nikki Durkee, Courtney Fox, Senora Killey, Michael Bradsaw, Ethan Thompson, Matt Hild Third Row: Lauren Gerst, Justin Allaman, Blake Byers, Jessica Saldeen, Bob Turner Fourth Row: Kyle Keever, Robin Guile, Cody Postle, Erika Ensminger, Claudio Lauchli





# BAND



Top- Band teacher Chris Peterson, Jessica Saldeen, Ethan Thompson, Justin Allaman, Robin Guile, Jessica Hubart, Lauren Ger Holly Hendrickson, Brinanna Strack, Julie Stambaugh, Elizabeth Swan, Lynn Buss, Alyssa Griepentrog, Allison Peterson, Felis Fechner. Botton- Cody Postle, Michael Bradshaw, Jordan Brueck, Elizabeth Ackermann, Valerie Corey, Miriam Rutzen.

# CHORUS



Top row- Jacob Calkins, Samantha Wright, Brandi Goben, Lauren Gerst, Brittany Nichols. Second row- Megan Wakefield, Jessica Saldeen, Kelli Titus, Robert Turner, Robin Guile, Alica Phillips, Heather Minard. Third row- Cody Postle, Jessica Beele Crystal Alexander, Cassandra Gibb, Morgan Hubbard, Morgan McCollum, Ashley Dye, Holly Hendrickson. Bottom row- Chor Teacher Joanne Hilligoss, Mikayla Wakefield, Mariah Krow, Michael Bradshaw, Elizabeth Swan, Lynn Buss, Nicole Bryant-Bey Allison Peterson, Josh Good, Bradley Schisler.

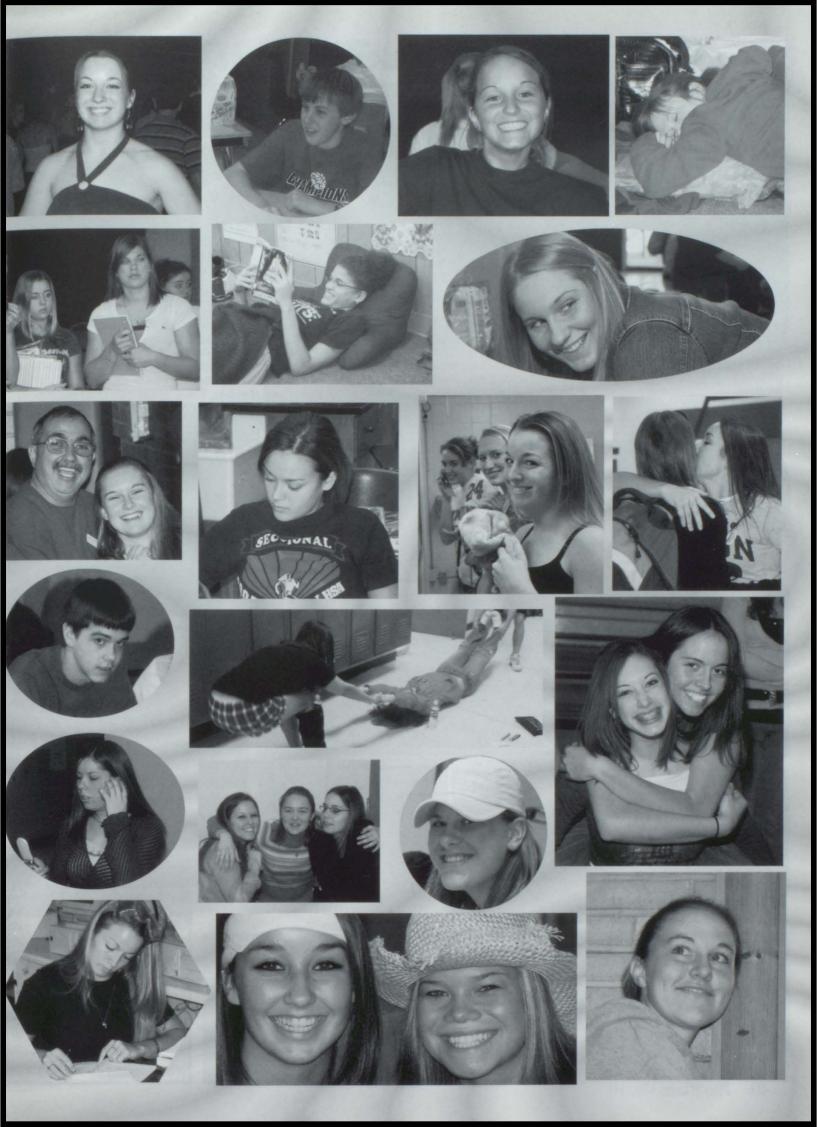








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# West Central Heat Varsity Football



Top Left: Josh Hawk, Dan Crum, Jerry Morris, Ross Bigger, Andy Chockley, Justin Strange, Cody Lane, Ross Gullberg, Brice Jack.

Second Row Left: Mike Yeater, B.J. Garst, Ryan Utter, Jacob Sanning, Damon Acland, Cameron Hartman, Claudio Lauchli, Brad Buss.

Third Row Left: Cameron Wilson, Darick Clark, Adam Corzatt, Tanner Hartman, Jake Calkins, Chase Gray, Abe Chockley.

Bottom Left: Calvin Covert, Aaron Landers, Sean Webb, Jayson Sams, Josh Harkness, James Spiker.

















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1	United	L	40 - 28
1	Galva	W	42 - 6
i	Princeville	L	8 - 36
	Cambridge	L	28 - 47
i	Arcola	W	42 - 12
1	Annawan	W	30 - 12
	Alwood/Rowva	L	6 - 37
1	Stark County	L	24 - 40
1	Wethersfield	W	50 - 36

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## Junior Varsity Football

6 Win	is 4	4 Losses
HEAT	Γ	OPP
8	United	19
30	Galva	6
24	Princeville	6
8	Cambridge	36
44	Burlington	0
8	Annawan	38
38	Alwood/ROWV	A 8
26	Stark County	28
42	Wethersfield	14









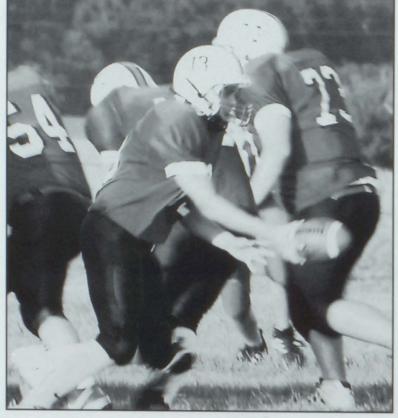
Back Row (left-right) - Jordan Link, Dalton Chandler, John Livermore, Brent Blender, Brady Smith, Bill Blakley, Ben Hawk, Cody Harden

Third Row - Robert Day, Drue Waterman, Layton Housman, Dusty Chandler, Brad Buss, Daniel Louk, Gene Bigger, Josh Harkness

Second Row - Justin Bewley, Paul Loper, Dakota Pullen, Jacob Waterman, Phillip Kline, Heath Bundy, Ryan Shaner

Front Row - Justin Allaman, Chris Yeater, Zack Nelson, Andrew Pregal, Jordan Brueck, Nick Gipe

# reshmen Football Action!!!













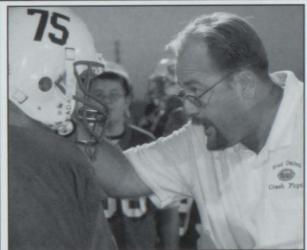


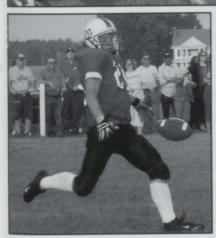
















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## Football Cheerleading





Varsity Football Cheeleaders Back Row L to R: Courtney Fox, Ciara Robinson, Robin Guile, Jessica England. Front Row L to R: Olivia Crandall, Halee Simmons, Symone Robinson.

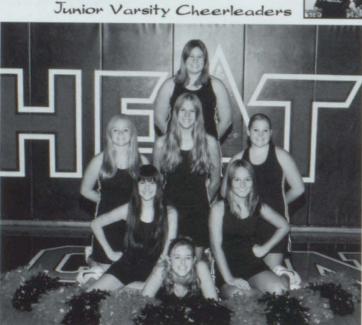




Back Row: Samantha McCraw. Middle Row L to R: Dakotah

Chianne Hartman, Brittany Nichols, Miranda Clark.

Hartman, Hannah Waterman, Lynsay Stevenson. Front Row L to R:



Senior Cheerleaders



L to R:

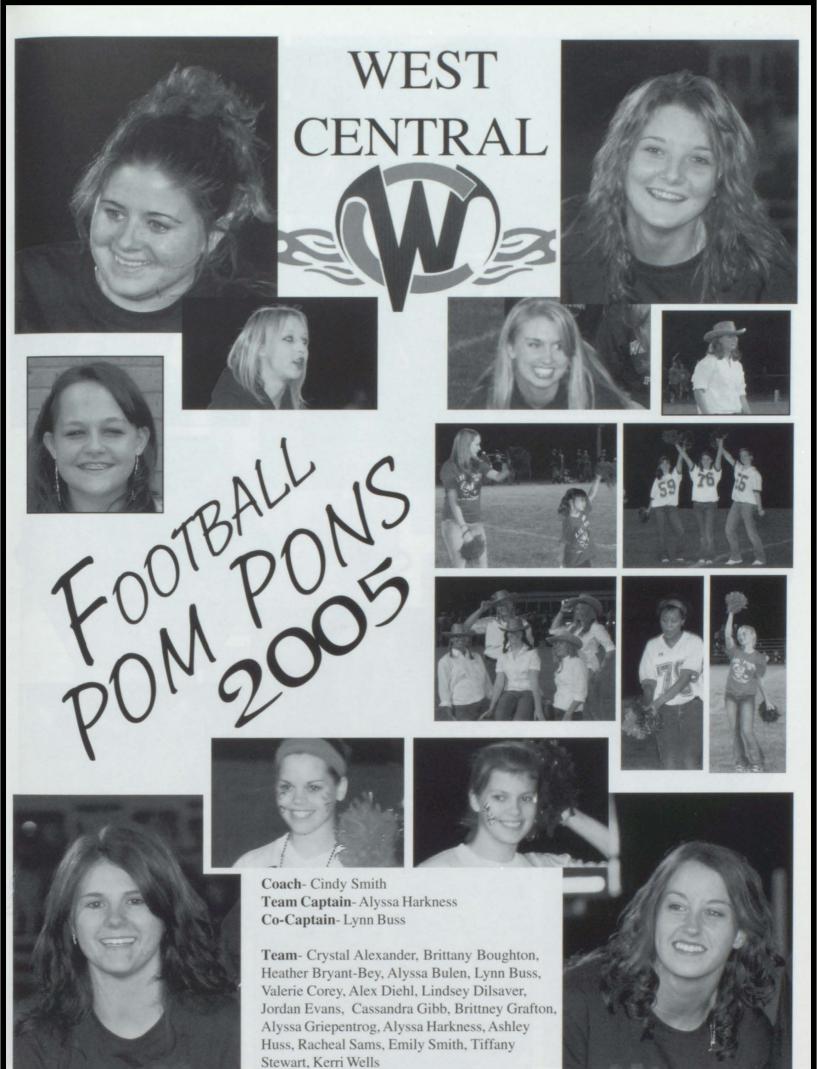
Ciara Robinson,

Olivia Crandall,

Symone Robinson







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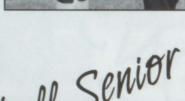








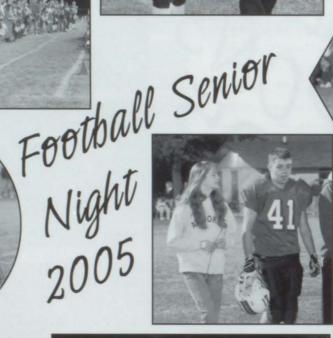




















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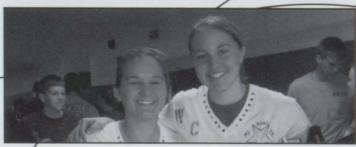


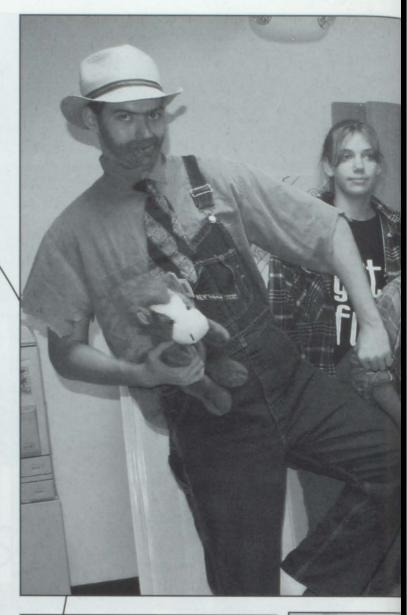












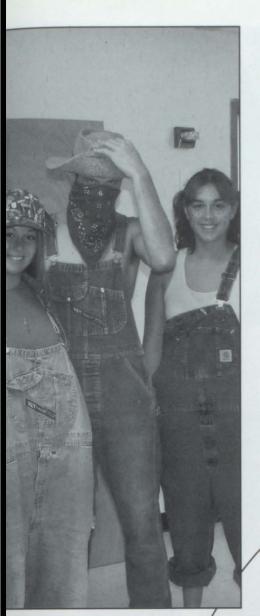








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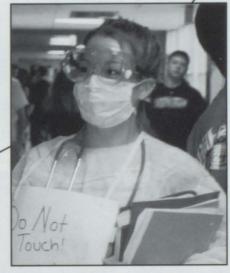
# Homecoming Week

September 26-30 "Hollywood"

Monday was a total fashion disaster when many people dressed in nerd attire. Tuesday we were really seeing double when we saw guys in drag and also some tomboys. Wednesday WCHS had many hicks around, or at least more than normal. Thursday, favorite celebrities walked down the hall. On Friday the halls were filled with red, white, and blue to end the week with spirit day. The assembly was short and exciting, but the Powder Puff football was a blast and perhaps the highlight of the week.











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Left: Brenton Collins showing his WC spirit throughout the day.

Below: Brenton, James Torrance, and Alex Polen support the girls during the Powder Puff football game by cheerleading.

Right: Austin Sharp and all of his shiny red, white, and blue "hair."





# West Central's First...



Above: Alyssa Griepentrog at the Powder Puff game; next to her is Allison Durflinger at the Homecoming game. Left: Tiffany Stewart, Jourdan Evans Lyndsay Griepentrog, Rachel Earp, Lindsey Dilsaver, and Amy Hull were big supporters at the Homecoming game Friday.









Emily Good, Robert Day, and Ben Harr showed their spirit Friday by decking themselves out in red, white, and blue. They weren't the only one's dressed up, but they sure stood out from the crowd.

# SPIRIT DAY 2006



Left: Darci Renken, WC's own Super Woman. Below: the Senior Powder Puff football team poses to snap a picture after playing a well fought game of friendly football against the Juniors. Right: Lene Lox and Laura Alexander juggling during the Homecoming assembly.





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# Homecoming Action Homecoming 5















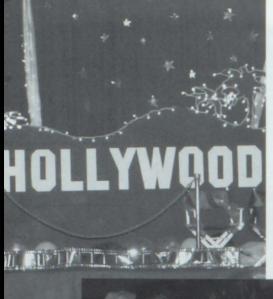








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The Dance was a great time and full of many memories for years to come! Thank you to the student council!!



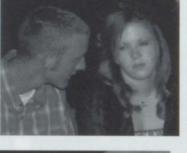




















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Ashley Coffey. The sophomore class was represented by Luke Kane and Kerri Wells, and the junior class was represented by Ross Bigger and Halee Simmons. The senior class court consisted of Nick Burg, Adam Corzatt, Blake Fox, Ciara Robinson, Laura Hoover, and Olivia Crandall. The crown bearers were Owen Miller and Madison Benge. The king and queen were Damon Acland and Brandie Lindo.

# Dance and Court



## **Cross Country**





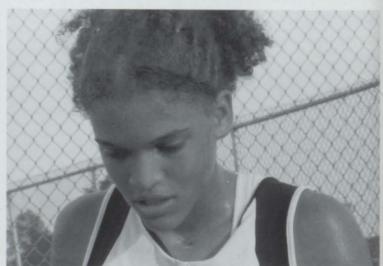
Left to right: Layton Housman, Miriam Rutzen, and

Theresa Brokaw.









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# Senior Cross Country





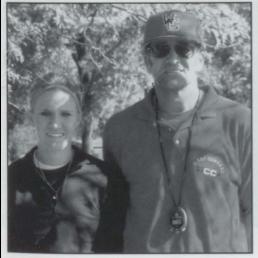














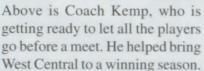
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# 05-06 Golf

Luke Kane posted some good scores this year as the number one man. He got 76 to move on to regionals.







Above right is the West Central varsity (top) and J.V. (bottom). The varsity finished out the year with a 17-2 record.

Right is Bruce teeing off on hole number three as Stephen Lindo looks on. Stephen and Bruce were key players for the J.V. team.





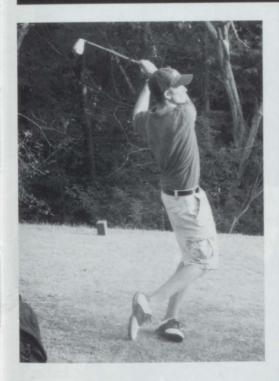


#### Senior Boys Golf

9 Win	ıs	1 Loss
WC		OPP
159	Aledo	173
165	Rockridge	171
163	Burlington	170
162	Williamsfield	172
168	Knoxville	169
164	Kewanee	166
155	Cambridge	176
153	Mon Rose.	148
143	Elm Brim.	163
316	W.C. invite	339
	Elm Brim.	



The West Central High School Senior Golfers played an amazing season this year with a 9 wins and 1 loss throughout the whole season. The West Central Seniors are as follows: Left To Right- Geoff Torrance, Eric Asplund, and Kyle Koopmans.



Top- Kyle's first drive of the day is off to a wonderful start.







Top, middle- Mr. Kemp is taking another look around before he sets off to another Heat victory.

Right- Geoff is walking to the next hole for the next drive.

Bottom-Eric is waiting to head off to the start of a good golfing day!!

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# Who's the Loser?



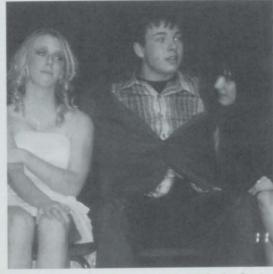














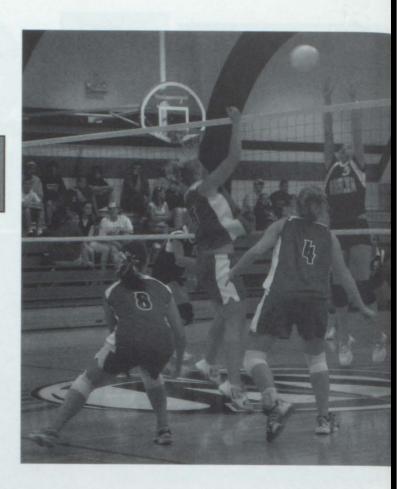
This year the fall play was Who's the Loser? The large cast consisted of Kyle Keever, Olivia Crandall, Emily Good, Michael Bradshaw, Lene Lox, Tina Miller, Elizabeth Ackermann, Damon Acland, Claudio Lauchli, Jourdan Evans, Jacob Sanning, Chase Gray, Jordan Allaman, Cody Postle, Torri Gray, Jessica Chandler, Nick Burg, Kayla Whiteman, Lyndsay Griepentrog, Lindsay Dilsaver, Morgan Hubbard, Rachel Sams, and Kayla Burgus. With this wonderful cast Cathy Good, the director, said her farewells to the stage with Who's the Loser? a play she wrote. Thanks to Cathy for all the years of work she put into the fall plays and the AFS Club!

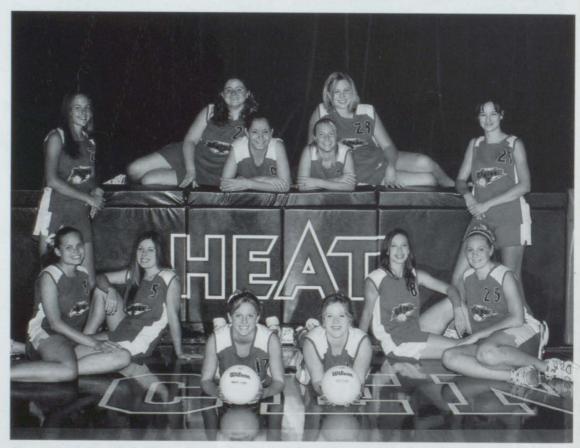


# Varsity

# Volleyball

The Heat had a very good year this time around. After starting with new girls and having to cope with the Union/Southern rivalry, the girls ended up coming out on top with more wins than losses, and they also placed First in the Knoxville Tournament.





Front: Kristen Peterson, Jenna Bailey, Elizabeth Ackermann, Paige Lafary, Brandie Lindo, and Darci Renken

Middle: Abby Corzatt and C.K. Torrance

Back: Alyssa Harkness, Alicia Yeakey, Alex Diehl, and Letta Bass

### SENIOR VOLLEYBALL



Top Row: Darci Rekin, Aylssa Harkness, Paige Lafary, and Kristin Peterson. Bottum Row: Brandi Lindo, and Elizabeth Ackermann.

Elizabeth cops an attitude while on the floor.











Here is Paige Lafary giving everyone a piece of her mind.. Up-top is Brandie Lindo passing the ball to the other teammates..



Here is Kristin Peterson watching her teammate spike the ball across the court.



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West
Central
J.V.
Volleyball
Team



**Top-** Rachele Jack, Sarah Heller, Rachel Keane, Kayla Rothzen, Coach Stacy Boettcher, Ashley Rice, Allison Durflinger, Torri Gray, Julianna Gillam. **Bottom**- Shea Icenogle, Hannah Alecock, Kristin Plath, Morgan Hubbard, Elizabeth Bundy, Ashley Dye

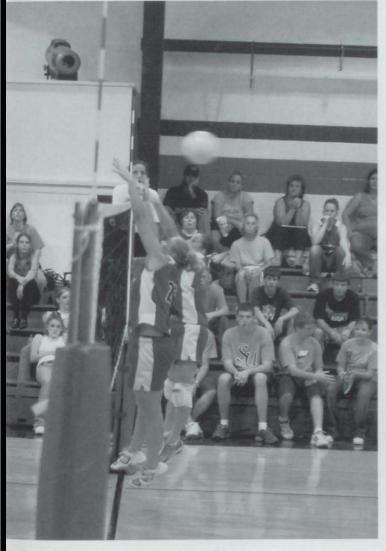
# Action Volleyball



Junior Varsity shows great team work skills.

Kristen Peterson sets up for a Kill!!









Darci Renken tries her best to block the ball.

With the support of her team mates Julianna Gillam gets the ball over

Allie D. serves trying to score for the West Central Junior Varsity.

### Varsity Girls Basketball

The West Central Girls Basketball Program started out on a good note with the 05-06 team. The girls had a great season going 24-5 and 9-1 in the conference. They won their regional championship by beating BPC/A and Havana. Then they went on to sectionals and unfortunately lost to Carthage, but it was fun while it lasted. Nobody will forget Lene running into the ball cart, Hillary and Brandie running out early with Shayna chasing them, and the so highly talked about Techno Time.



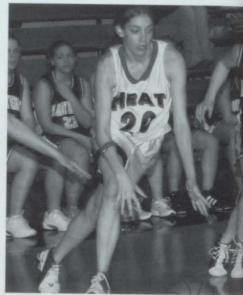
Darci looking for the open girl.



Kayla making a pass.



Randi scoping out the court.



Lene going for a loose ball.



L to R- Miriam Rutzen, Brittany Fox, Randi Short, Darci Renken, Kayla Coffey, Shayna Heap, Coach Cole, Brandie Lindo, Deanna Miller, Lene Lox, Jessica Chandler, CK Torrance, Mara Lefler, and Rachele Jack



Back Row L-R: Brandie Lindo, Jessica Chandler, Lene Lox, Mara Lefler, Deanna Miller, Darci Renken, Amy Hull Front Row L-R: Shayna Heap, Kayla Coffey

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Senior Girls Basketball























# J.V. Girls BASKETBALL

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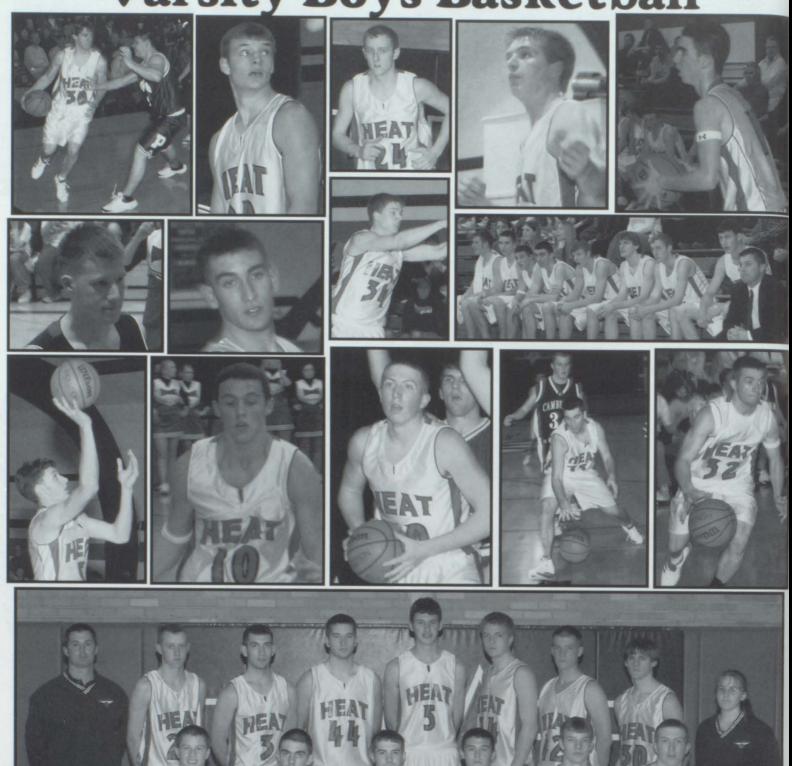






Girls Basketball Action

Varsity Boys Basketball



Back Left: Coach Kemp, Geoff Torrance, Adam Corzatt, Jerry Morris, Calvin Covert, Nick Burg, Kevin Ward, Jacob Sanning, Morgan Hubbard. Front Left: Luke Kane, Gerry Roark, Darick Clark, Aaron Landers, Andy Chockley, Dan Crum. 68 The Blaze

HEAT



Back Left: Adam Corzatt, Gerry Roark, Nick Burg, Jerry Morris, Kevin Ward. Front Left: Darick Clark, Geoff Torrance, Jacob Sanning, Aaron Landers.





# J.V. Boys Basketball



Wins Losses 7 17		
	Yorkwood	L
W	Abingdon	
	West Prarie	L
	BPC	L
	Mon/Rose	L
	South Fulton	L
	Carthage	L
	Rowva	L
	Mon/Rose	L
W	Westmer	
	BPC	L
	Princeville	L
W	Cambridge	
W	Wethersfield	
	Alwood	L
133	Stark County	L
W	Avon	
	Annawan	L
	Galva	L
	United	L
W	United	
1	Aledo	L
W	Avon	





Back Row: Coach VanDyke, Heath Bundy, Dakota Pullen, Brady Smith, Kyle Guegler, Brad Buss, Dusty Chandler, Manager Lynn Buss Front Row: Justin Bewley, Robert Day, John Livermore, Brent Blender, Austin Ray, Drue Waterman









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Front Row (L to R): Ciara Robinson, Symone Robinson, 2nd Row: Paige Lafary, Halee Simmons, Olivia Crandall, Back Row: Cortney Fox, Robin Guile, Jessica England



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Front Row (L to R): Lynsay Stevenson, Dakotah Hartman, 2nd Row: Chianne Hartman, Ashley Dye, Back Row: Allie Durflinger, Brittany Nichols, Ashley Rice, Miranda Clark, Hannah Waterman

Left: Allie has no clue what is going on.
Below Left: The little girls love to mock varsity!



Basketball Cheerleading 2005-2006



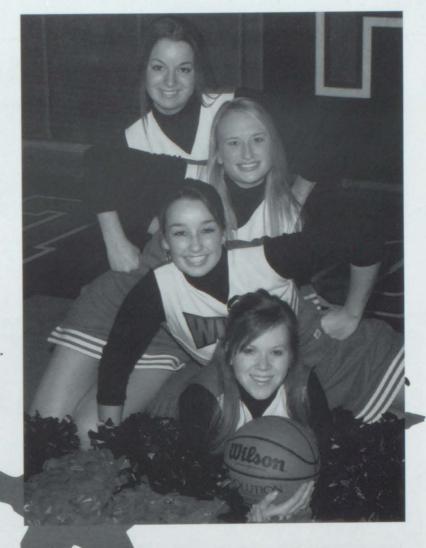
# Senior Cheer Basketball 05-06

Olivia Crandall

Ciara Robinson

Paige Lafary

Symone Robinson













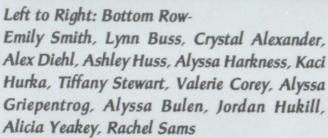


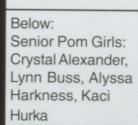
## DANCE













## BASKETBALL Pom Pon

Squad











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## GIRLS BOWLING TEAM



Back, left: Samantha Wright, Kaci Hurka, Alicia Phillips, Kerri Wells. Front: Holly Hendrickson, Kelli Titus, Kayla Rothzen.











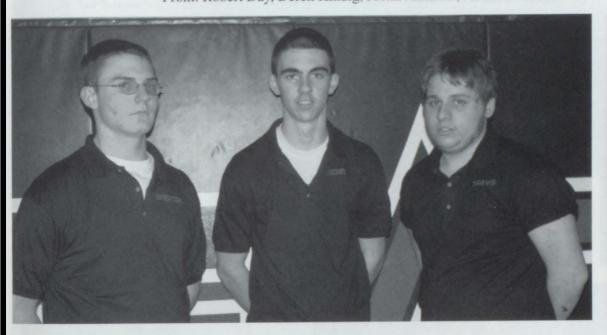


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## BOYS BOWLING TEAM



Back, from left: Dan Koopmans, Gerry Roark, Brenton Collins, Travis Pence. Front: Robert Day, Derek Kindig, Justin Allaman, Jordan Allaman.









### Queen & King

Lene Lox & Nick Burg

Snoball

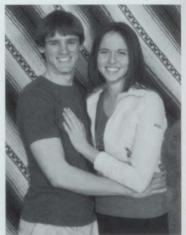


Metican Riesta

Olivia Crandall & Nick Burg



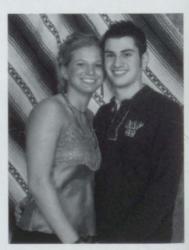
Amy Hull & Jacob Sanning



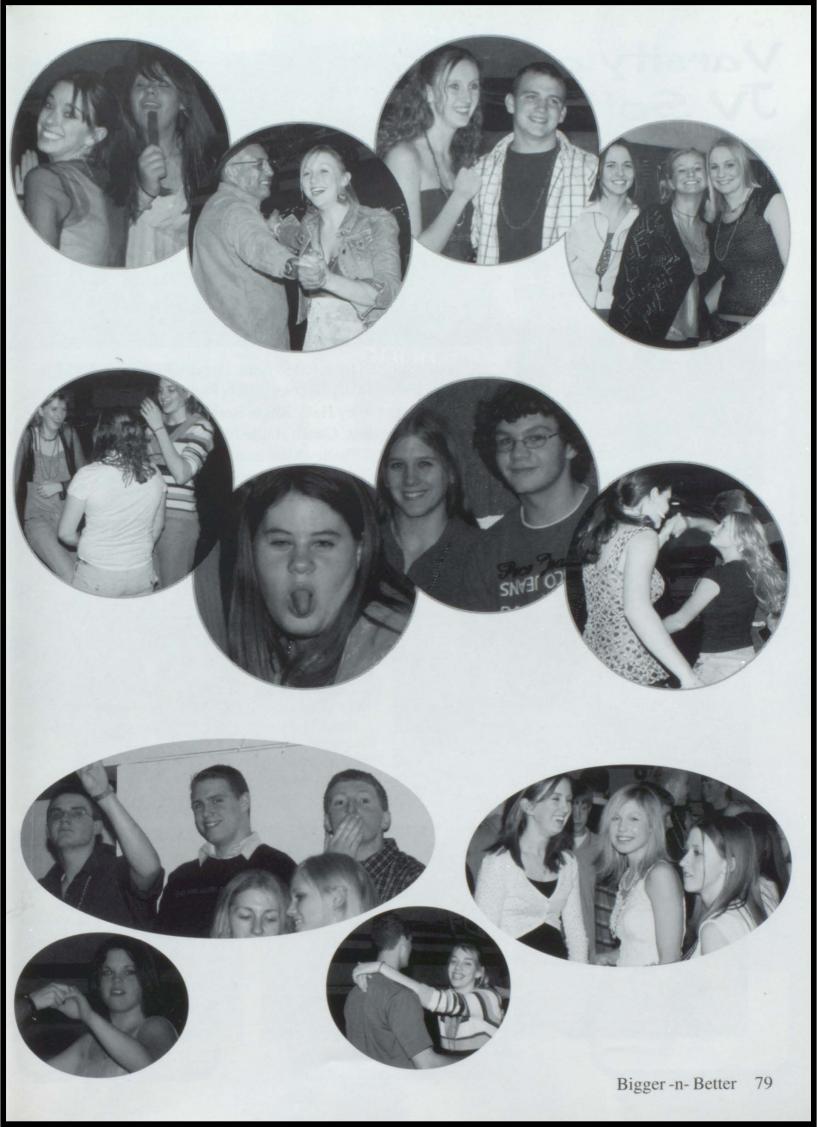
Ciara Robinson & Mike Yeater



Lene Lox & Enrique Osuna-Ayala



Erika Ensminger & Kyle Keever



# Varsity and JV Softball







Varsity Softball from left to right: Bottom Row: Deanna Miller, Rachel Earp, Hillary Brooks, Alicia Phillips. Middle Row: Erika Ensminger, Ashley Hale, Kayla Rothzen, Jessica Chandler. Top Row: Brittany Fox, Coach Hallie Eisnnicher, Jessica Smith, Amy Hull, Coach Shelley Morrison, and Lyndsay Griepentrog

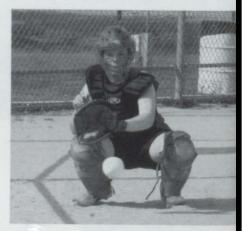


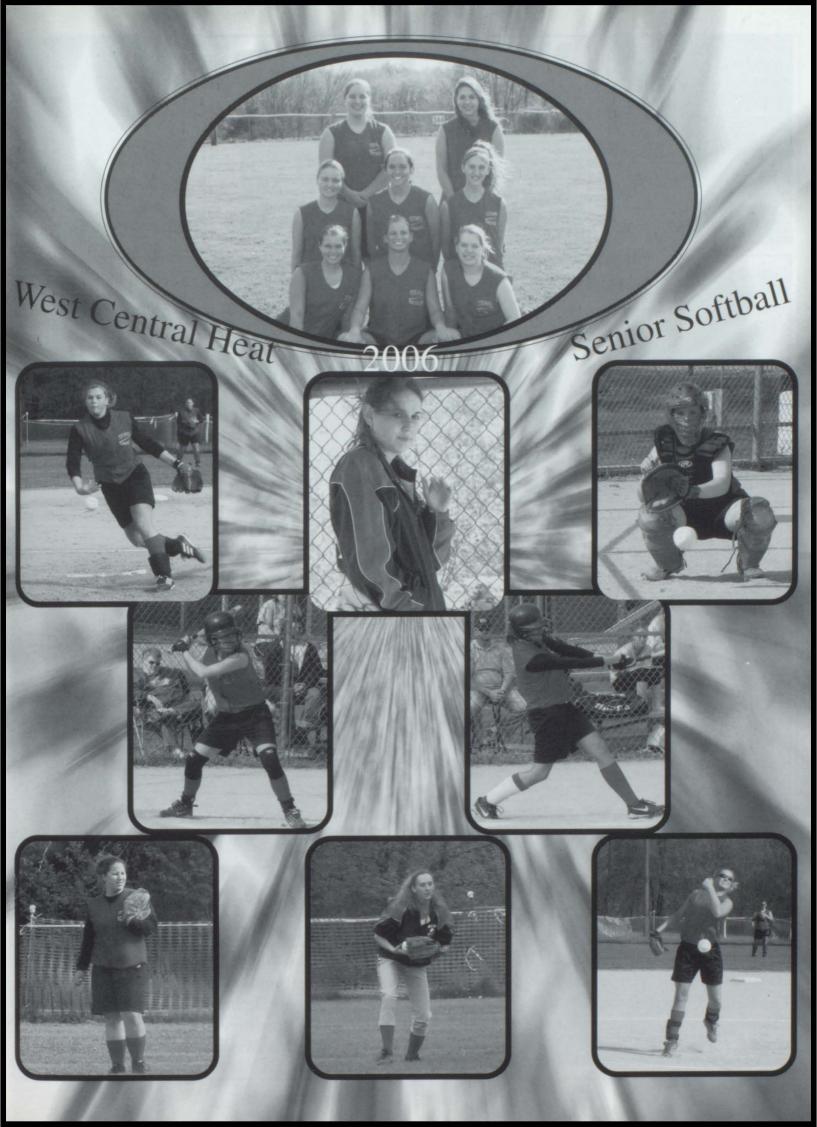
JV Softball from left to right: Bottom Row: Kristen Plath, Kayla Rothzen, Ashley Coffey, Hannah Waterman, Raven Wood. Middle Row: Morgan Hubbard, Allie Durflinger, Ashley Huss, Katelyn Miller, Elizabeth Bundy, Coach Hallie Eischnicher, Coach Shellie Morrison, and Rachel Sams

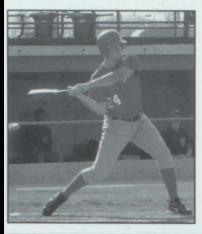












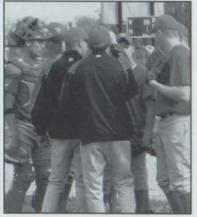
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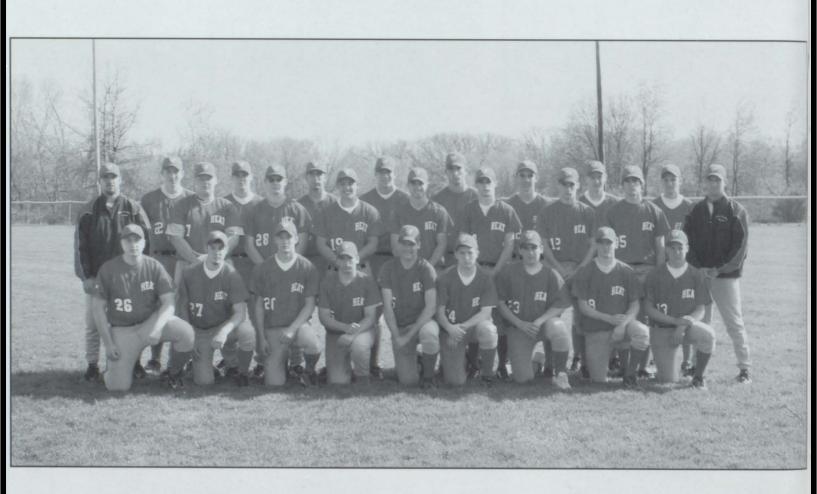












Back Row: Coach Winters, Dan Crum, Andy Gaddis, Ross Gullberg, Brenton Collins, Adam Corzatt, Aaron Landers, Eric Ebert, Darick Clark, Jerry Morris, Zach Link, Gerry Roark, Jerimy Link, Geoff Torrance, Jacob Sannuing, Kyle Koopmans, Coach Burrell Front Row: Brady Smith, Ross Bigger, Andy Chockley, Derick Kindig, Heath Bundy, Bruce Newman, Justin Stewart, Adam Smith, Drue Waterman



Brenton Colkins 10 years



Adam Corzall 14 years



Darick Clark 14 years



Eric Ebert 14 years



Ross Gullburg 8 years



Kyle Koopmans 12 years



Jerimy Link 12 years



ZachLink 12 years



Jerry Morris 14 years



GerryRoark 14 years



9 years



Jacob Sanning Geoff Torrance 4 years



Front Row (L-R): Brenton Collins, Aaron Landers, Darick Clark, Zach Link, Jerimy Link, Jacob Sanning. Back Row (L-R):Ross Gullburg, Adam Corzatt, Eric Ebert, Jerry Morris, Gerry Roark, Geoff Torrance, Kyle Koopmans



# Girls Track



Left to Right: Coach John Siebken, Crystal Alexander, Laura Hoover, Ciara Robinson, Theresa Brokaw, Brandie Lindo, Lindsey Dilsaver, Rachele Jack, Melissa Westfall, Katriel Dean, Katie Cole, Amber Mann, Miriam Rutzen, Shayna Perry



















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## Boys Track

Layton Housman chillin' before one of his track meets. Layton ran in the 1600, 800, 4x8, and the 4x4.





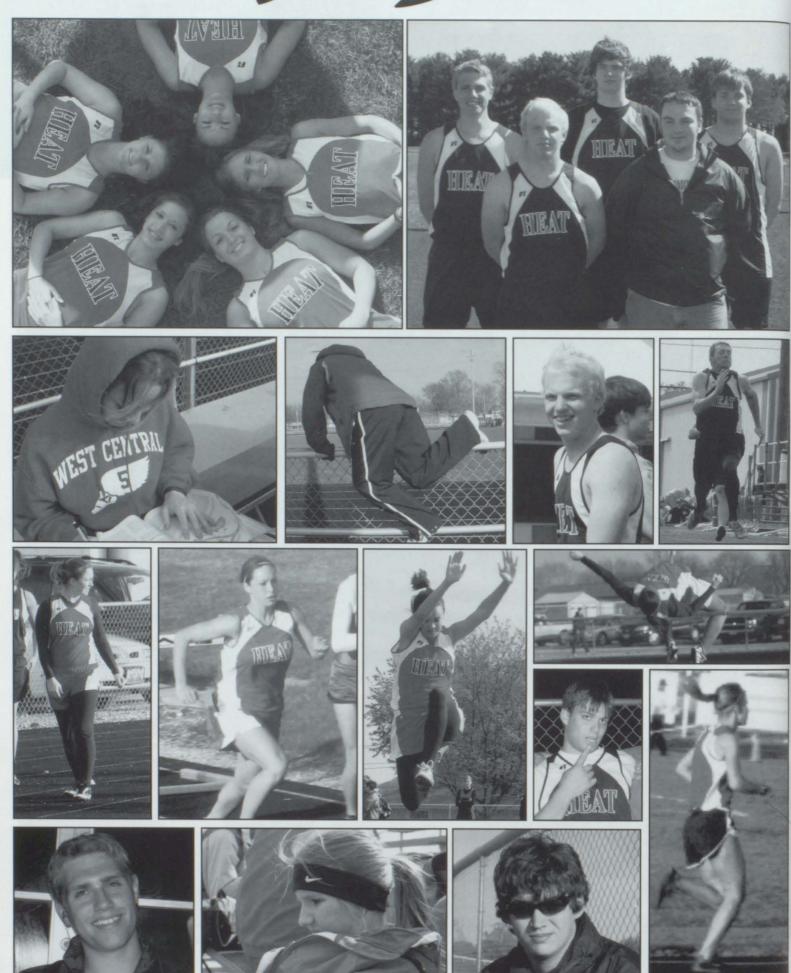


Left: Jason Sams throwing the shot put. Along with shot put, he also threw discuss.

Above: The West Central boys track team. As a whole the team has done very well this year.

Left: James Torrance running out in front of the pack in his heat.

## Track Seniors



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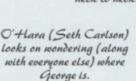




2006 West Central Action Track



Velma (Elizabeth Ackermann) and Mrs. Moontrap (Dessica Saldeen) go at it neck to neck.





Mrs. Smith (Olivia Crandall) tries to get out of her \$5 counterfit charge.



Mr. Siebken, Director



## Spring Play, 2006 709A, 709A, 709A!

Troubled Lady (L) (Emily Smith) takes a bow.



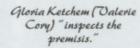
Band members Ethan Thompson (L) and Brenton Collins (R) walk out on stage. Brenton also played Slugger's Kangaroo.



Myrtle (R) (Kristina Anderson) looks repulsed by Mrs. Smith's feet.



Slugger (Jordan Brueck) practices his punch while waiting for a room in the AB House.





Madame Stella (Rachel Sams) defends her honor as a fortune teller of the past.



Murdock Biddlestone (Jacob Sanning) and Murray (Cody Postle) stand and watch Velma and Melissa





Curt (James Torrance) struts his stuff in his pizza box toga.



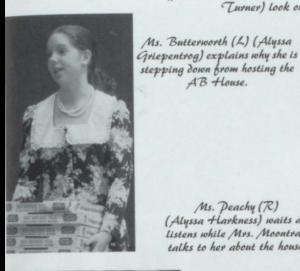
Fred (Chase Gray) kneels and pledges to the AB Fraternity as brothers Alex (Michael Bradshaw) and George (Bob Turner) look on.



Vegetable (Ben Eaton) looks very happy as he walks off with his newly deliverd pizzas.



George (Bob Turner) and Melissa (Brandie Lindo) sit and talk about the upcoming



Ms. Peachy (R) (Alyssa Harkness) waits and listens while Mrs. Moontrap talks to her about the house.

AB House.



toga party.

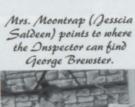


Band members Brad Eaton (L) and Austin Sharp (R) walk out on stage. Austin was the leader of the Rock Band.



Stage Manager and Party Guest Laura Alexander (L) gives a smile at a job well







Nora (Kayla Whiteman) stands looking completly confused. "Like, oh my like, gosh!'



Toga Party Guests Brittany Grafton (L) and















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~Class of 2006~



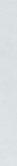






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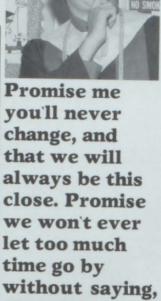
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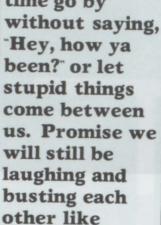
























Class of '06

always. Promise we won't grow old and boring and 50 years from now we'll still be calling each other up to share some insane detail of our day that no one else would appreciate but you and me. Promise we'll stay as tight as just out of the dryer jeans and that we'll always be the best of friends.

**Graduation Speakers** 











The 2006 Valedictorians Left to Right: Erika Ensminger, Jacob Sanning, Lene Lox.

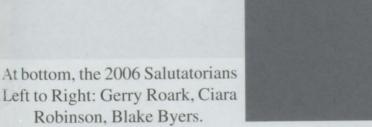
Middle: Our guest speaker, Ms. Gibb.

> Below: 2006 Class President Nick Burg.



At right: Mrs. Karen Rima, Principal.



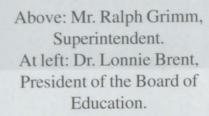






Erika talked of the Class of '06 breaking out of their shells, Jacob thanked the Academy, and Lene reminded everyone that we better be thankful because, "Hey, when you're forty and living in a trailer down by the river," we're really going to miss high school.











CLASS OF 2006



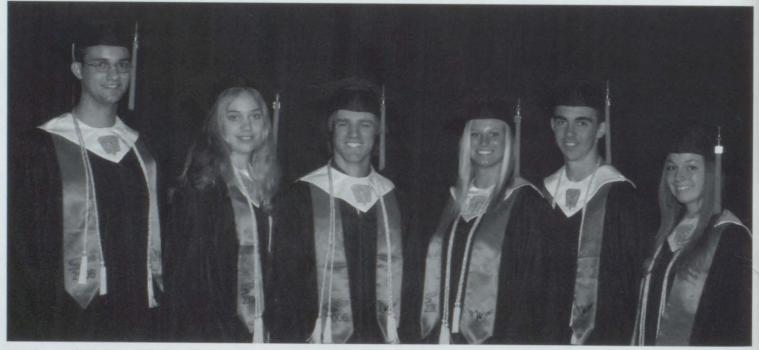
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## Graduating Class of 2006



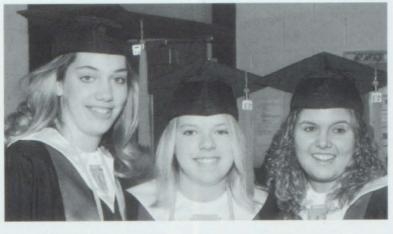
"We came together as strangers, but we are leaving as friends."

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians



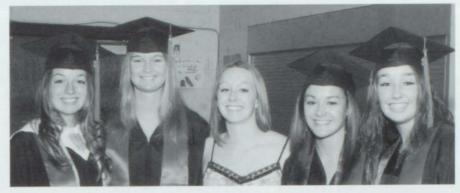
Left to Right: Blake Byers (Salutatorian), Lene Lox (Valedictorian), Jacob Sanning (Valedictorian), Erika Ensminger (Valedictorian), Gerry Roark (Salutatorian), Ciarra Robinson (Salutatorian).













Always Remember and Never Regret!!! First Graduating Class of West Central High School!















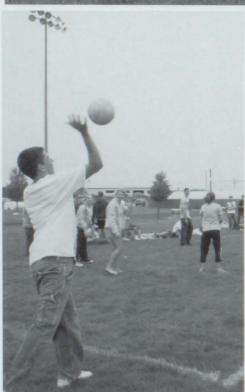




















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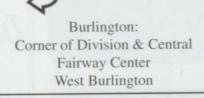


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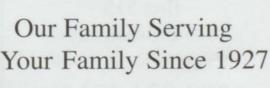
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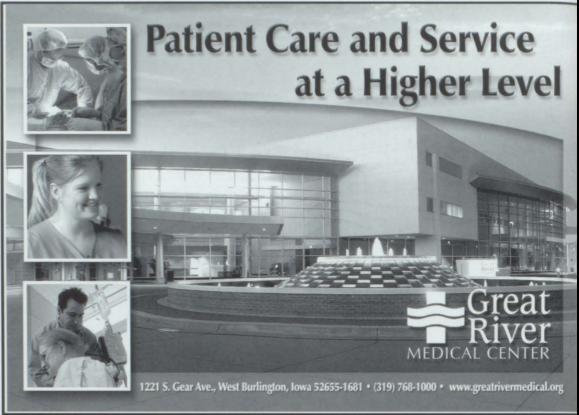








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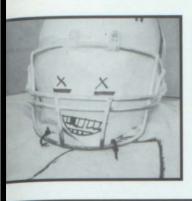
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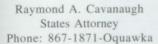






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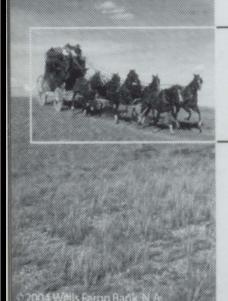
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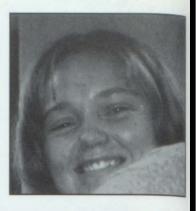


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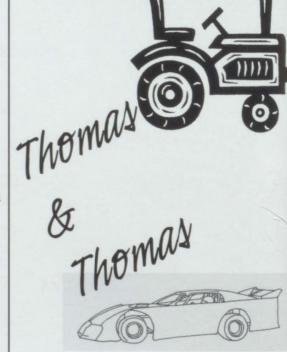
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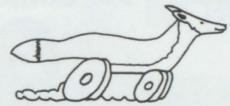
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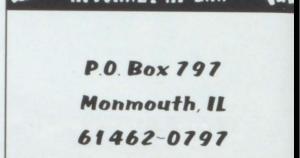


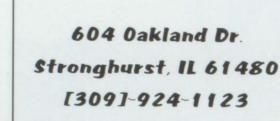












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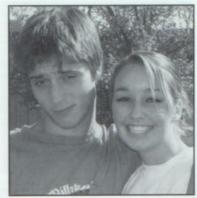




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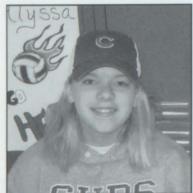
















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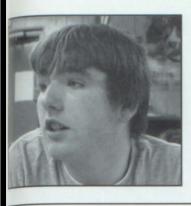


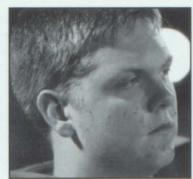
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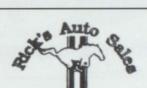
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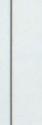






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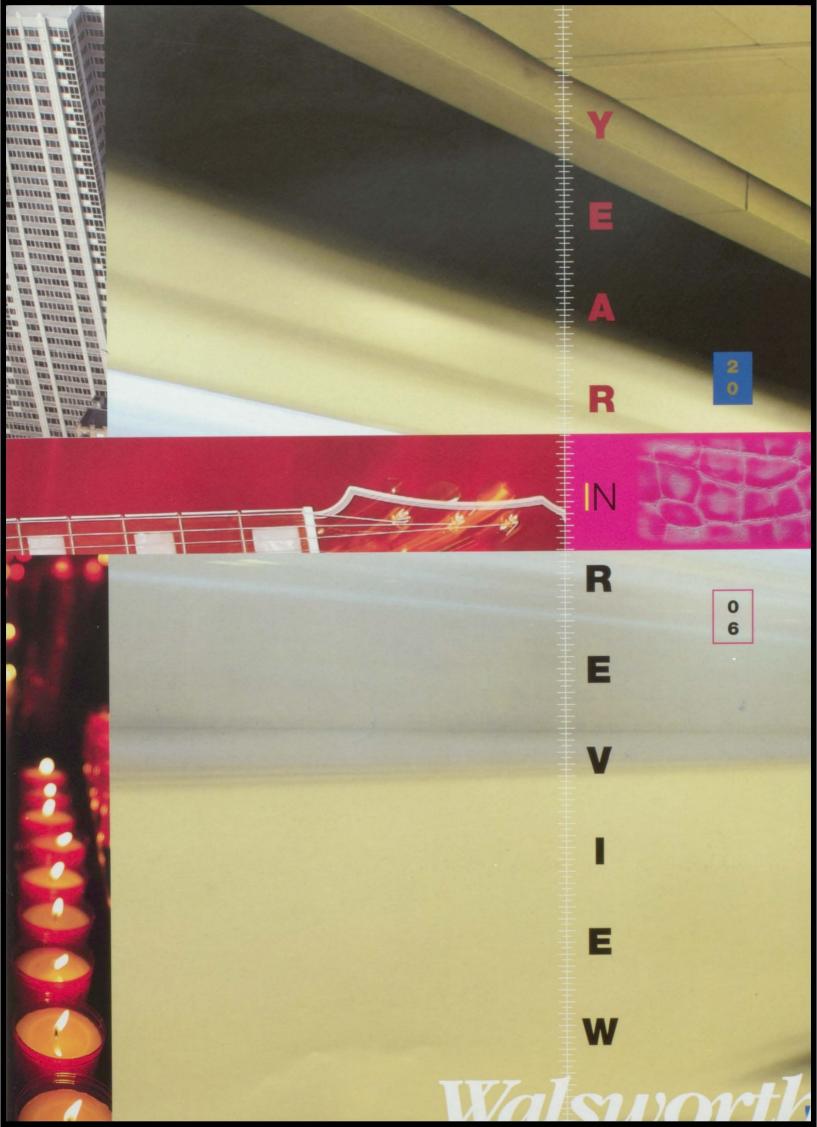
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## national/world news YEAR IN REVIEW 2006



## A-D Storm surge

The 2005 hurricane season led to a record 27 named storms – 14 of them hurricanes – with several of them striking the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Losses were estimated at \$57.6 billion in the U.S. from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, with those first two storms throwing more than 500,000 people out of work. Here's a breakdown of some of the damage:

- Katrina struck the tip of Florida before making a beeline for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Aug. 29, destroying homes and businesses and taking more than 1,200 lives.
- New Orleans flooded after levees broke, leading to many rooftop rescues. More than 25,000 people, including the 23,000 who fled to the New Orleans Superdome, were sent to Houston's Astrodome for temporary shelter.
- The Mississippi coast took a direct hit, with high winds and 20-foot high waves leveling buildings and even moving casinos off their moorings.
- About 372,000 children from all three states started school in different cities or were being home-schooled; and approximately 18,000 college students from Louisiana spent the fall semester at other universities.
- Rita struck three weeks later in Louisiana and Texas. In one of the largest evacuations ever, 2.8 million people in southeast Texas, including Houston and Galveston, struggled to leave.
- Arlene hit Mississippi and Alabama, while Dennis struck Alabama and Florida. Ophelia stayed offshore of the Carolinas and Virginia and pummeled the area with heavy rains.

## E. Hurricane tragedies widespread

Wilma hit Mexico first, stranding tourists and damaging Mexico's resorts and economy.

The tragedy was much greater in Guatemala following heavy rain from Hurricane Stan. More than 650 people died and more than 370 were missing after massive landslides there buried communities. Mexico, El Salvador Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica also reported deaths and damage from Stan.









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rmer Iraqi President Saddar Hussein went on trial for crimes against humanity.



A three-day transit strike in New York City stranded 7 million people before



Angela Merkel became Germany's first woman chancellor.



Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state.

## F. New day in Iraq

Coalition troops, mostly from the U.S., remained in Iraq to put down insurgents as the citizens continued their quest for democracy. Iraqis approved a new constitution in October and their Parliament in December, in an effort to set up their new government.

July 7, killing 56 people and injuring 700. Alarming was the fact that the

thwarted and the suspects were caught. Bali, Indonesia, was the site of a suicide bombing again following one in 2002, and three suicide bombers attacked three hotels in Amman, Jordan.

## H. More of Mother Nature's wrath

A severe drought provided kindling for wildfires that consumed hundreds of thousands of acres and hundreds of homes and businesses in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Colorado.

## I. Palestinians elect change

Members of the Hamas organization, which calls

for the destruction of Israel, won a majority of the seats in the Palestinian Parliament in January. The United States, the European Union and Israel have labeled Hamas a terrorist group, and were carefully watching the change of government.

## J. Top court shuffle

Two vacancies were filled on the U.S. Supreme Court. John G. Roberts became the new chief justice, replacing William Rehnquist after his death. Samuel Alito took the seat of Sandra Day O'Connor, who re-

## K. Matriarchs pass on

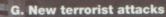
Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, two

leaders of the civil rights movement, died within a few months of each other. Parks was remembered for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. King was the wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and she founded the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta to carry on his work.

## L. Gas, oil prices heat up

High gasoline prices increased even more following hurricanes Katrina and

Rita, which damaged oil refineries in the Gulf region. Prices were up already because of increased summer demand, higher crude prices and less refining capacity worldwide. Winter heating bills also surged as oil companies tried to repair damage and restore production.



London felt the wrath of Islamic extremists when four bombs went off four suicide bombers were Britons. An attempted attack on July 21 was







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## M. Mountain tragedy

A massive earthquake in the mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October killed more than 79,000 people, injured almost as many, and left about 3.3 million homeless as winter approached. Donations were lacking and relief supplies were slow in reaching the needy.

## N. New Pope

Joseph Ratzinger, a 78-year-old German cardinal, was installed as Pope Benedict XVI. Benedict, who now leads the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, worked closely in the Vatican with his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

### O. Flu scare for the birds

Medical officials put the world on notice after a strain of avian flu was detected in some isolated human cases in China and Hong Kong. After more cases popped up elsewhere. the World Health Organization urged countries to prepare for a possible pandemic. There were concerns not only about migratory birds spreading the disease, but commercial fowl shipped for consumption.

### P. Nuclear concerns

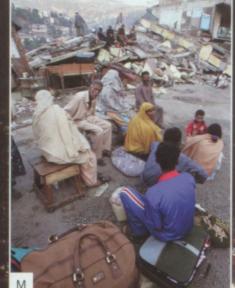
The U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany continued to pressure Iran to reduce its nuclear activities, and wanted the United Nations security council to impose sanctions.

## Q. Should they listen in?

The National Security Agency came under fire for using electronic eavesdropping without warrants. The practice began after the 9/11 attacks to fight terrorism, and while the Bush administration, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defended the practice, others argued it was illegal.

## R. Mining tragedies

Sixteen West Virginia coal miners died in separate accidents in January, as did one miner in Kentucky. In the first accident at the Sago mine in West Virginia, a terrible miscommunication led the families to believe the men were alive after a 41-hour rescue.







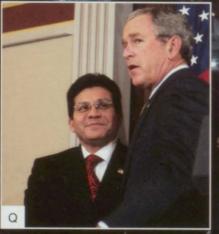
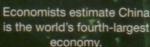


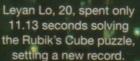


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I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, an aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, was indicted in the investigation into who leaked a CIA officer's name.

The U.N. sought more international aid for Africa. where conflicts and food shortages continued.

YES 74.4%

NO 25.6%



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke three months before March elections. Sharon had formed a new political party, Kadima, and was seeking support at the polls as he attempted to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians.

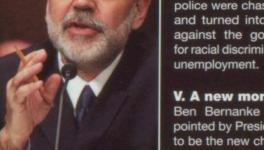


### T. Tsunami recovery

Tourists began returning to areas in Asia where a tsunami swallowed people, towns and livelihoods on Dec. 26, 2004. Aid came from across the globe to the dozen countries that were hit. In the U.S., the relief effort was headed by an unlikely pair former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

### **U. Paris ablaze**

France endured 18 nights of rioting that started in the poor suburbs of Paris. The arsons and other acts of destruction began after the accidental electrocution of two teens who thought police were chasing them, and turned into protests against the government for racial discrimination and



## V. A new money man

Ben Bernanke was appointed by President Bush to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve board, a position that directs monetary policy for the U.S. and

affects your wallet. Bernanke, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, replaced Alan Greenspan, who was the muchwatched Federal Reserve chairman for 18 years.

### W. ARRGG!

An old-fashioned battle of the sea was won with today's technology. Pirates attacked the Seabourn Spirit cruise ship off the coast of Somalia with grenade launchers and machine guns, but never got close enough to board. The cruise ship crew used a sonic device to send an ear-splitting noise toward the pirates, then shifted to high speed and changed course.





More than 1,200 people died when an Egyptian ferry sank in the Red Sea.



Dr. Michelle Bachelet, jailed under a previous dictatorship, was elected president of Chile.



Ted Koppel, who started ABC's Nightline, stepped down after



Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son was killed in Iraq, launched protests near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

## sports YEAR IN REVIEW 2006

### **A-E Games of Turin**

Turin, Italy stepped onto the world stage and played host to the Winter Olympics for two weeks in February. It was the largest Winter Olympics ever, with 2,500 athletes representing 82 countries competing in 84 events.

Long-track speedskating turned into one of the American team's best events. Shani Davis (A) won the Gold medal in the men's 1,000 meters and became the first African-American champion in Winter Olympics history. Former inline skating champion Chad Hedrick became an Olympic speedskating champion in the men's 5,000 meters just three years after taking the ice in the sport for the very first time. They were joined at the top of the podium by teammate Joey Cheek, who sprinted to Gold in the men's 500 meters.

Snowboarding was also ruled by the U.S. Shaun White (B), nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" for his bright red hair and acrobatic moves on the extreme sports circuit, won the Gold medal in the Men's Halfpipe. The 19-year old White showed nervousness when he fell during qualifying, but he recovered to win the Gold with a flourish in the finals. Other American winners included Hannah Teter in

the Women's Halfpipe and Seth Wescott in the Men's Cross.

Ted Ligety (C) gave the U.S. ski team a boost by winning the Alpine Combined. It was the first Olympic appearance for the relatively unknown Ligety. He became only the fourth American male to win an Alpine Olympic Gold medal.



It was not all positive news for the U.S. Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (D) poignantly summed up the highs and lows of the Olympic journey. Jacobellis was easily racing to victory in the finals of the Women's Cross when she threw too much style into an aerial and crashed. Jacobellis was unable to recover in time to keep her lead, and she was forced to settle for the Silver medal.

Figure skater Michelle Kwan (E) was forced to withdraw because of injury. Several other U.S. stars, including skiers Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves and figure skater Johnny Weir turned in disappointing performances. Figure skater Sasha Cohen, a Gold medal favorite for the U.S., stumbled to a Silver medal after falling during the Ladies free skate.

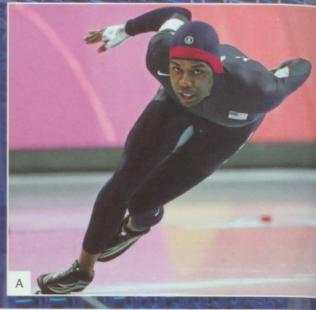






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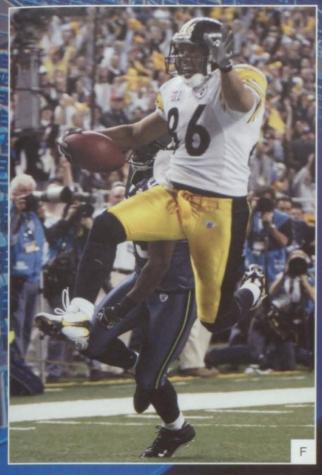
After 36 years on ABC, Monday Night Football left the network and moved to ESPN.



Jimmie Johnson won the 2006 Daytona 500.



Tiger Woods won his 10th major championship, taking the British Open for the second time.



## F. Men of Steel

The Pittsburgh Steelers capped an improbable championship run by defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL, 21-10. Pittsburgh was the last team to qualify for the AFC playoffs, and the Steelers made it to the title game by becoming the first team in NFL history to win three straight playoff games on the road. Wide receiver Hines Ward was chosen Super Bowl MVP after he grabbed five catches for 123 yards, including the game-clinching 43-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

## G. White Sox champs again...finally

The Chicago White Sox eased the pain of long-suffering Windy City baseball fans by winning their first World Series title in 86 years, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. Chicago was dominant in the playoffs with an 11-1 record.

### H. Back on the ice

After losing an entire season to labor strife for the first time in league history, NHL owners and players settled their differences and returned to the rink. The new season arrived with a slew of rule changes as well, designed to speed up the game.

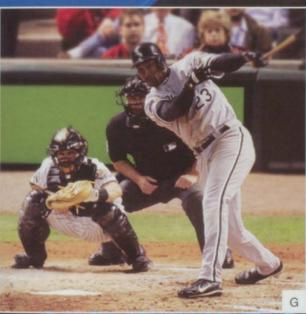




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Annika Sorenstam remained the top female golfer, winning 10 times on the LPGA tour.



The Los Angeles Galaxy won their second MLS Cup title with a 1-0 overtime victory over the New England Revolution.



Legendary sports broadcaster Curt Gowdy died at the age of 86.

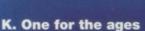
## sports YEAR IN REVIEW 2006

### I. Danica in the driver's seat

Danica Patrick was not the first woman to ever race in the Indy Racing League, but she might have made the biggest splash, qualifying and finishing fourth at the Indy 500, the highest finish ever by a rookie driver. The 23-year-old Patrick went on to win IRL rookie of the year after several top 10 finishes.

## J. A bumpy ride

Cyclist Lance Armstrong pedaled his way through another newsworthy year, winning the Tour de France for a record seventh consecutive time, then retiring from the sport, announcing his engagement and break-up to rock star Sheryl Crow and again being forced to respond to doping allegations from the French media.



USC's Heisman Trophy teammates, running back Reggie

Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, were not quite good enough to win a third straight college football national title, as the Trojans fell to Texas, 41-38, in the dramatic championship game at the Rose Bowl. Texas quarterback Vince Young stole the show, scoring the game-win-

## ning touchdown with 19 seconds left.

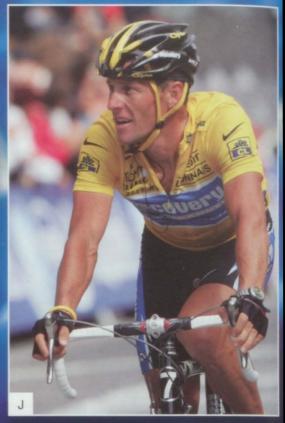
## L. No more T.O.

Just one year after helping the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl, wide receiver Terrell Owens got suspended from the team in midseason, due to his detrimental conduct. The problems started when the outspoken and controversial Owens got upset that the team would not re-negotiate his contract.

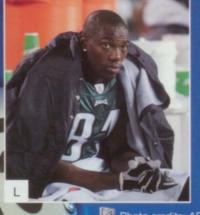
### M. Sensational Stewart

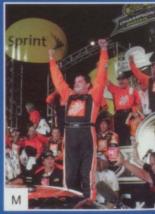
Behind a season that included five wins and 24 top 10 finishes, NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second Nextel Cup championship. Often referred to in the past as the bad boy of racing due to his short temper, Stewart joined Jeff Gordon as the only multiple Cup winner among active drivers.







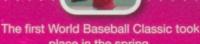




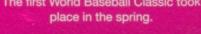




New studies showed that the high school sport with the largest increase in participation was bowling.

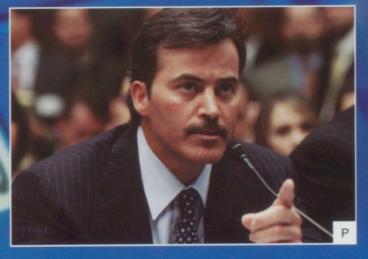


Hurricane Katrina forced many New Orleans sports teams, including the NFL's Saints and NBA's Hornets, into playing long stretches on the road.



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### N. Golden retirement

Considered by many the greatest golfer of his time, Jack Nicklaus decided to retire from competitive golf at the age of 65. Nicklaus won 18 major championships in his career, more than anybody in history. In his final round at the British Open, Nicklaus ended in style by sinking a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

### O. Two of a kind

The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, respective winners of the previous two NBA championships, continued their domination. The two teams met in the 2005 NBA Finals, with the Spurs winning in seven games. Both rolled along during the 2006 season, compiling two of the best records in basketball by the All-Star Break.

## P. Cleaning up the game

Baseball's steroid use scandal continued, with many high-profile players even testifying at Congressional hearings. Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmiero denied use, then tested positive and was suspended during the season. After the 2005 season, Major League Baseball instituted a stricter steroid testing policy.







Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game, the second highest individual total in NBA history.

USC running back Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote.

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer stayed number one in the world by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.

## science/technology | YEAR |N REVIEW 2006

### A. Shuttle back in orbit

Two years after the Columbia tragedy grounded NASA's manned space flight program, space shuttle Discovery returned NASA to outer space with a successful two-week mission. However, anxious moments came after foam insulation knocked loose on takeoff caused a two-day delay in Discovery's return to Earth.

## **B. Science or religion?**

Communities and school districts ferociously debated the merits of Intelligent Design, a concept that asserts certain aspects of the living world seemed to be caused by an intelligent source, rather than a random process such as natural selection. Opponents claimed it was religion masquerading as science, while proponents insisted it should be a respected point of view.



## C. Space tourist

American scientist Gregory Olsen paid \$20 million for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. Olsen, the co-founder and chairman of his own fiber-optics company, made the trip aboard a Russian rocket and became only the third civilian to become a "space tourist."

## D. 360 around the world

Microsoft released its newest gaming system, Xbox 360, just in time for the holidays and prompted shoppers to camp out in lines to

gobble them up. The consoles were also launched with a new expanded service from Microsoft that allowed gamers worldwide to play one another.

## E. Generation MySpace

Teens continued becoming more immersed in the internet. MySpace. com, an online social community geared toward young adults and musicians, became one of the fastest-growing websites on the internet. Just two years old, MySpace's membership approached 50 million users and began getting more hits than Google and AOL. Elsewhere, popular online encyclopedias like Wikipedia started to be viewed as viable reference tools, despite debates regarding its accuracy.













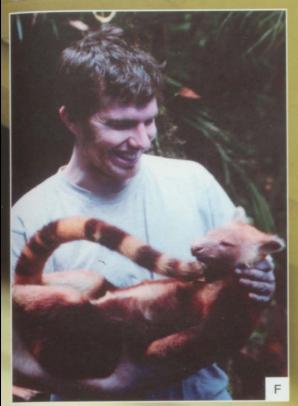
Ocean researchers in Japan captured photos of a giant, 60-foot squid, thought to



Stem cell scientist Woo Suk Hwang was accused of fabricating lab results.



Clark, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, officially changed its name to Dish,



### F. Lost World

Conservation groups on an expedition into the remote tropical jungles of Indonesia discovered dozens of new animal and plant species. The scientists reportedly found up to 20 new types of frogs and a species of tree kangaroo (pictured) that was previously thought to be extinct.

### G. Park for free

Salt Lake City joined a growing list of American cities that began offering free metered downtown parking for more environmentally friendly vehicles. To qualify, cars needed to get at least 50 miles to the gallon or be a hybrid powered by an alternative fuel. Other cities that offered similar programs included Austin, Texas and New Haven, Conn.

## H. Landmark surgery

Doctors in Miami successfully removed a 16-pound tumor from the face of Marlie Casseus, a 14-year-old Haitian girl suffering from a rare genetic disorder. Casseus was



brought to the United States for the procedure after aid workers in Haiti discovered her case. Donations from all over the world helped Casseus' family pay the medical bills.

## I. Monkey business

A group of American scientists announced that they successfully decoded the DNA of the chimpanzee, considered the closest relative to humans in nature. By comparing

the chimp DNA to human DNA, the doctors hoped to discover the roots of various diseases.





What is your favorite website?

Myspace.com 25.7%

Google 11.5%

Xanga.com 5.7% 1111111

survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school tudents across the nation.



NASA launched the New Horizons probe, with a planned trip to explore the planet Pluto expected to take 10 years.



Due to high costs, Sony pulled the plug on Aibo, its robotic dog program.



Australian doctors Barry Marshall and Robin Warren won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for their break-through research on stomach ulcers.

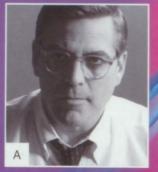
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## A. By George, a great year

Already one of America's most popular movie stars, George Clooney added critical acclaim to his resume by earning two Oscar nominations. Clooney received a Best Supporting Actor nod for his role as a CIA spy in the thriller Syriana, and a Best Director nomination for the Edward R. Murrow biopic Good Night, and Good Luck, which also was nominated for Best Picture.

### B. A slice of real life

The films honored with Best Picture Oscar nominations relied heavily on real events. Munich told the story of fallout from the terrorist attacks and Good Luck focused on 1950s TV journalist Edward R. Murrow, and Capote examined the life of famed writer Truman Capote. Other Best Picture nominees included Brokeback Mountain and Crash.





## C. King of the mountain

An updated version of the classic tale of King Kong made it into theaters around New Year's. The big-budget, special effects blockbuster once again told the story of the giant ape discovered on a mysterious tropical island, who is brought to Depression-era New York as a sideshow act.

## D. May the force be with you...

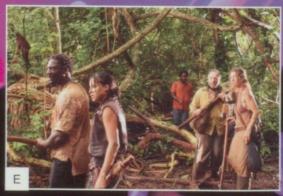
The long-awaited final movie in the Star Wars saga, Revenge of the Sith, dominated the box office and became one of the highest grossing films of alltime, earning nearly \$400 million. Despite the critical and financial success of Sith, series creator George Lucas vowed the Wars movies would be made.



Lost, ABC's adventure series about a group of people stranded on a mysterious island after a plane crash, won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards and continued to attract nearly 20 million viewers each week.









Popular children's tale, Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, was made into a hit movie.

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon both got Oscar nominations for playing Johnny and June Carter Cash in Walk the Line.

Rap/Hip-hop - 27.9%

Rock - 26.5%

Country - 15.8%





F. Back in the spotlight

After her career seemed derailed due to a series of highly publicized emotional troubles, R&B singer Mariah Carey staged a huge comeback when her new album, The Emancipation of Mimi, ended up as the highest seller of the year. The record earned Carey three Grammy awards.

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## G. Can't get enough CSI

TV viewers continued to be infatuated with CBS' batch of crime dramas. CSI was still the most watched show on network TV. CSI: Miami and CSI: New York also drew huge ratings.

## H. 50 Cent worth millions

Rapper 50 Cent put out another hit album, with The Massacre selling more than 5 million copies. He also starred in the hit movie Get Rich or Die Tryin, which was loosely based on his life story.

## I. Potter mania rampant again

Release of the sixth book in the popular Harry Potter series created quite a stir. Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince sold more than 10 million copies, and author J.K. Rowling stunned many readers by killing off one of the story's main characters. The latest Harry Potter movie (based on the fourth book), Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ruled the box office



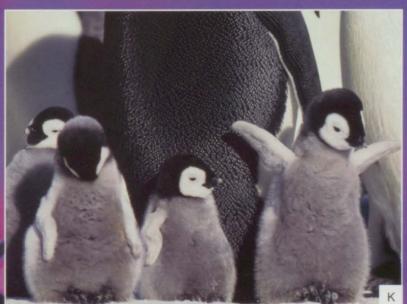


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## J. Familiar faces

Ratings showed that several familiar TV shows continued to be big hits with the young teen audience. Gilmore Girls, The OC, Smallville and Veronica Mars were among those that stayed popular.

## K. Penguins everywhere

Documentary film March of the Penguins drew in nearly \$80 million at the box office, a previously unheard of figure for its genre. Critical praise and positive word of mouth helped mating rituals of penguins at the South Pole.





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## L. Whole new idols

Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of musical reality TV show American Idol. By the spring, 24 new hopefuls were picked as finalists for the fifth season. Meanwhile, past winners Kelly Clarkson and Fantasia became the first Idol alums to earn Grammy nominations.

### M. Womack wins

Straying away from the trend of pop-infused country music, Lee Ann Womack was rewarded with three wins at the CMA Awards. Womack's traditional country record, There's More Where That Came From, won Album of the Year and her ballad "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" won Song of the Year.

## N. The first lady

So when will the U.S. have a female president? In the world of fictional TV, it happened this year. ABC's Commander In Chief cast Geena Davis in the role of the president, and the drama series became the highest-rated new show on the air.

## O. Gone, but not forgotten

Famed American comedian Richard Pryor died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Other noteworthy entertainers to pass away included R&B singer Luther Vandross, actresses Anne Bancroft and Shelley Winters,

and actor Pat Morita, the beloved Mr. Miyagi from The Karate Kid

### P. 8 is enough

On the 20th anniversary of his famous charity concert Live Aid, music producer Bob Geldof reprised the event by staging Live 8, a series of charity concerts that took place in eight countries during the first week of July. Estimates indicated that more than one million people attended and more than 1,000 musicians performed at Live 8.









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Green Day won five honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.



Shock jock Howard Stern jumped to satellite radio, signing a \$500 million deal with Sirius.



## Family Guy 9.5%

Laguna Beach 7.1%

The O.C. 4.7%

## Q. Good works rewarded

U2 lead singer Bono received another prestigious honor, but this one had nothing to do with his music. Bono, along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, were chosen Persons of the Year by Time magazine for their global charitable efforts to fight poverty and disease.

## R. Kanye keeps up

Controversial rapper Kanye West made headlines for his music, with his latest album Late Registration earning eight Grammy nominations, and for his mouth after he criticized President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina.



Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Computers, strengthened his status as a pop culture icon after his Pixar Animation Studios, the creator of popular computer animated movies like The Incredibles and Toy Story, agreed to a merger with longtime partner Walt Disney Pictures. In the process Jobs became the largest shareholder in Disney.

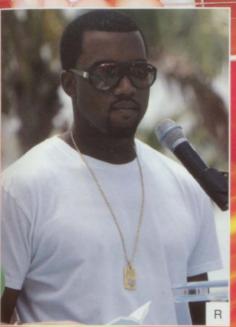
### T. A million questions

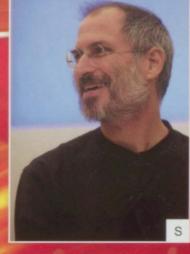
Author James Frey garnered critical acclaim for his bestselling self-help memoir A Million Little Pieces, which told the story of how he overcame a life of crime and drug addiction. However after much public scrutiny, Frey admitted that large portions of the book were exaggerated and embellished.

### U. Back on the air

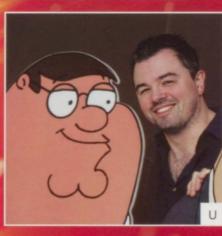
A grassroots fan movement, driven largely by DVD sales, prompted Fox to bring back animated comedy series Family

> Guy. The show, centered on the wild antics of an offthe-wall Rhode Island family, a diabolical one-year old baby and their talking dog, had been cancelled by Fox in 2002.



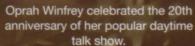


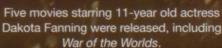


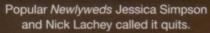














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## A. I want my iPod TV

When Apple Computers developed the latest generation of its popular iPod digital music player, users were thrilled to find they could now download video files. In the first three weeks of the new service, iPod users bought more than one million video podcasts.

### **B.** Movies at home

Box office numbers were down and movie theaters sold fewer tickets, but many industry analysts said the decline was due to the growing number of people with high-tech home theaters simply choosing to wait a few months for films to go to DVD.

## C. A chip in poker craze

While some analysts think poker peaked in popularity, the card game remained a pastime, with some teens holding supervised games at home and watching tournaments on television. Some adults

spoke out against teens playing poker, since it is gambling.

### **D.** Digital revolution

Downloadable digital music continued to drastically alter the recording industry. Studies showed that the sales of CDs and albums were down eight percent over the previous year, while sales of digital singles increased 150 percent.



## E. Play for work

It's not just fun and games. More colleges began offering courses and degrees related to video games as the industry becomes serious business. The colleges are feeding a demand for skilled developers and technicians.

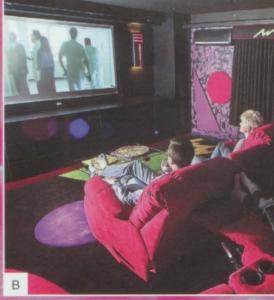
### F. Blog this

A study showed that half of all teens and 57 percent of teens who use the internet have created a blog or website or posted something online. The study by Pew Internet and American Life Project was conducted to look at falling newspaper readership.

## G. Shrug it off

For dressing up this year, shrugs and gauchos were the rage for girls of all ages, while other students who wanted to dress down did not even bother with regular clothes - they just wore their PJs to school.













YES 56.7% NO 43.3%

What was the trendiest new clothing/accessory this

Sequin purses 10.7%

Ripped jeans 9.1%

**Boots/Ugg Boots 6.3%** 

sponses of 2,000 high school students across the nation

