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Tyler Billingsley


Brandon Crooks


Misty Flake


Jacob Allaman


Brittany Boughton


Dan Crum


Courtney Fox


Jordan Allaman


Jordan Brokaw


Jessica Davis


Robin Guile


Jenna Bailey


Hillary Brooks


Alexandria Diehl


Janic Gustafson



Cody Lane


Jeffery Peterson


Halee Simmons


Zach Torrance


Raymond Ware


Cameron Lemaster


Sami Peters


Adam Smith


Nick Waterman


Stephen Lindo


Alicia Phillips


James Spiker


Sean Webb

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Casey Loper


Jessica Pullen


Tiffany Stewart


Melissa Westfall


Stacy Lumbeck


Josh Russell


Kelli Titus


Sam Wright


Justin Manning


Jayson Sams


CK Torrance


Alicia Yeakey


Linda McBride


Austin Sharp


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Tanya Morrison


Karen Gall


Larry Ives


Jane Alexander


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Steve Kemp


Patty Wood, Joni Alecock, and Diana Johnson


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Best Car
Cody Lane \& Jessi Davis


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Hillary Brooks a Brice Jack

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Best Dressed Jourdan Evans s Adam Smith


Biggest Party Animal Sean Webb \& Tiffany Stewart


Biggest Clutz Janie Gustafson s Calvin Covert


Most Alhletic Randi Short s Andy Choekloy


Matt Castro \& Amber Bigger


Josh Russell 8 Stacy Lumbeck






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## Homecoming Week



Sweet Hair.... Hat Day....


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## Homecoming Candidates



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## Homecoming 2006



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## Class Officers



Seniors: Alicia Phillips. Hillary Brooks, Matt Castro, Cameron Hartman


Juniors: Sarah Heller, Brittany Nichols, Valerie Corey, Kayla Whiteman

Freshman: Koleece Gaskill, Michelle Gyovai, Jessee Payne, Samantha Arnold




## Student Council



Brad Buss, Cody Lane, James Torrance, Alyssa Griepentrog, Janie Gustafson, Torri Gray, Justin Allaman, Jesse Sams, Ben Eaton Emily Smith, Miranda Clark, Halee Simmons, Laura Alexander, Robin Guile, Erin Bavery, Jordan Brueck. Courtney Fox, Morgan Hubbard, Shelby Crawford, Cody Postle, Ashley Rice, Austin Ray. Alicia Yeakey, Julianna Gilliam, Miriam Rutzen.

## NHS



Julianna Gillam, Elizabeth Bundy, Ashley Coffey, Rachele Jack, Sara Heller, Rachel Keane, Abby Corzatt, Kayla Whiteman, Brad Bus Ashley Dye, Cody Postle, Torri Gray, Laura Alexander, Alyssa Bulen, Jordan Brueck, Justin Allaman, Emily Smith Jordan Allaman, Mariam Rutzen, Jourdan Evans, Robin Guile, Randi Short, Alicia Yeakey, Janie Gustafson, Alyssa Griepentrog Miranda Clark, Chianne Hartman, Halee Simmons, Jessica England, Courtney Fox, Brittany Nichols, Valerie Corey, Ethan Thompsot

## Scholastic Bowl



## Science Club



Miriam Rutzen, Jayson Sams, Alyssa Griepentrog, Stephen Lindo Ethan Thompoon, Cody Postle, Jessica Hobart, Cameron Lemaster, Jessica Saldeen, Sid Thomas

## Speech Team



Second Row: Logan Brueck, Josie Grant, Jessica Saldeen; Front Row: Alyssa Griepentrog, Alicia Yeakey, Jesse Sams, Ben Eaton.

## Spanish Club



Fifth Row: Jonathan Stokes, Andrew Postle, Jessee Payne, Drew Schmiers; Fourth Row: Rebecca Frymire, Chelsea Carnes, Valerie Corey, Alyssa Griepentrog, Jesse Beery, Brandon Gapen, Mike Lewis, Tyler Link, Justine Dillard; Third Row: Morgan Vallee, Koleece Gaskill, Shelby Crawford Jessica Saldeen, Elizabeth Bundy, Shayna Perry, Cody Postle, Miriam Rutzen, Austin Sharp, James Jacob; Second Row: Kayla Hinshaw, Josie Grant. Erin Bavery, Hillary Brooks, Ashley Coffey, Abby Corzatt, Brittany Fox, Sarah Heller, Rachele Jack, Kristin Plath, Kayla Burgus; Front Row: Meriela Masson, Laura Alexander, Jessica England, Jourdan Evans, Senora Killey, Courtney Fox, Morgan Hubbard, Wade O’Neal.

## Chorus



Back Row: Brad Schisler, Josh Good, James Jacob, Wade O'Neal, Koleece Gaskill, Sebeth Magner,Jacob Louck;Second Row: Heather McBride, Morgan McCollum, Britney Nichols, Valerie Corey, Cody Postle, Lynsey Stevenson, Ashley Dye, Jessica Saldeen; Front Row: Tomomi Minagawa, Meriela Masson, Nattarat Aroonmaharat, Alicia Philips, Robin Guile, Kalya Whiteman

## Band



Back Row: Janelle Turner, Jessica Saldeen, Ethan Thompson, Shelby Crawford; Third Row: Cody Postle, Jordan Brueck, Justin Allaman, Mike Lewis, Logan Brueck; Second Row: Miriam Rutzen, Valerie Corey, Brianna Strack, James Jacobs; Front Row: Jessica Hobart, Erin Bavery, Wade O'Neal, Felicia Fechner, Mrs.Peterson


## Golf



Back: Jordan Allaman, Danny Koopmans, Justin Stewart, Bruce Newman, Ben Eaton, Austin Sharp.Front: Taylor Smith, Dalton Johnson, Kellen Fryrear, Brandon Gapen, Austin Grafton, Chuck Yeater.

Austin Sharp


Janie Gustfson


## Art Club



Back: Jennifer Lewis, Amanda Norris, Josie Grant, Jessica Saldeen, Sam Ford, Katie Cole, Janie Gustfson. Front, Hannah Alecock, Cherry Simmons, Courtney Chenoweth.

## West Central Heat Football



Back Row: Zach Torrance, Nick Waterman, Sean Webb, Ross Bigger, James Torrance, Cody Lane, Jimmy Spiker, Calvin Covert, Dan Crum, Cameron Hartman, Jayson Sams, Andy Chockley, Adam Smith.
Middle Row: Jordan Brueck, Brad Buss, Josh Harkness, Ryan Shaner, Derick Kindig, Heath Bundy, Brent Blender, John Livermore, Brady Smith, Dalton Chandler, Andy Gaddis, Bill Blakley.
Front Row: Paul Loper, Dakotah Pullen, Ben Hawk, Dusty Chandler, Jacob Waterman, Gene Bigger, Drue Waterman, Chris Yeater, Spencer Torrance.


Back Row: Spencer Torrance, Paul Loper, Chris Yeater, Dakotah Pullen, Dusty Chandler, Jordan Link, Justin Bewely, Robert Day, Gene Bigger, Zach Nelson
Middle Row: Nick Leazer, Jesse Sams, Jacob Shaner, Jordan Jones, Austin Hartman, Tyler Link, Cody Arthur, Myles Lefler Front Row: Drew Postle, Colton Smith, Ryan Mowder, Logan Brueck, John Torrance, Mike Lewis , Mark Mynatt


Ashli Burg
CK Torrance
Shannon Bailey
Letta Bass
Alicia Yeakey Abby Corzatt Miriam Rutzen Alex Diehl Justine Dillard Laura Alexander Allison Durflinger Kayla Rothzen Alicia Phillips Jenna Bailey Coaches:
Nancy Gibb

# West Central Heat 

## Volleyball

## Junior Varsity

 Kayla Burgus Ashley Rice Sam McCraw Erin Bavery Kristen Plath Morgan Hubbard Elizabeth Bundy Shea Icenogle Jacinda Reighard Ashley Dye Alisa Johnson Hannah Alecock Justine Dillard Shelby Crawford Amie Luetger

## Boys Basketball



Back Row L to R: Morgan Hubbard, Brady Smith, Kyle Gugeler, Calvin Covert, Dalton Chandler, Dan Crum, Coach Kemp. Front Row L to R: Brent Blender, Austin Ray, Andy Chockley, John Livermore, Brad Buss


Back Row L to R: Morgan Hubbard, Tyler Link, Jesse Beery, Jordan Jones, Dakota Pullen, Jake Siverly, Drue Waterman, Coach Blender. Front Row L to R: Drew Postle, Zach Hill, Justin Bewley, Layton Housman, Rober Day, Dalton Johnson.

## Ginls Basketball



Back Row L to R: Randi Short, Ashley Coffey, Jocelyn Waterman, Abby Corzatt, Coach Jackson, Miriam Rutzen, Rachel Keane, Brittany Fox, Luci Lox, Ashli Burg. Front Row L to R: Kayla Rothzen, CK Torrance, Rachele Jack, Sarah Heller, Julianna Gilliam


Back Row: Coach Morrison. Front Row L to R: Julianna Gilliam, Liz Bundy, Erin Bavery, Justine Dillard, Katelyn Miller, Jacinda Reighard, Mariah Brooks, Samantha Arnold, Ashli Burg, Luci Lox

## Heat Softball • 07 Varsity



Back Row: Brittany Fox, Hannah Waterman, Hillary Brooks. Middle Row: Katelyn Miller, Kayla Rothzen, Raven Wood, Justine Dillard, Liz Bundy. Front Row: Tanna Gilbert, Kristin Plath, Ashley Coffey, Mariah Brooks, Alicia Phillips, Jacinda Reighard, Nattarat Aroonmaharat.

## J.V.



Back Row: Nattarat Aroonmaharat, Amie Luetger , Alyssa Johnson, Janelle Turner, Mariah Brooks. Middle Row: Cassie Mallory, Paige Spiker, Shelby Crawford. Front Row: Liz Bundy, Morgan Hubbard, Justine Dillard, Erin Bavery.

## Heat Baseball '07 Varsity



Back Row: Coach Jeremy Burrell, Cameron Hartman, Kyle Guegler, Calvin Covert, Brady Smith, Coach Eric Vancil. Middle Row: Andy Chockley, Justin Stewart, Ross Bigger, Tyler Billingsley, Andy Gaddi, Coach Chris Winters. Front Row: Heath Bundy, Bruce Newman, Derek Kindig, Tyler Link, Drue Waterman, Adam Smith.

## J.V.



Left to Right: Tyler Link, Dillan Vancil, Coach Winters, Dusty Chandler, Coach Burrell, Drue Waterman, Coach Vancil, Zach Hill, Colton Smith. Bottom Row: Austin Grafton.

## Girls Track Team



From left to right: Coach Mr. Seibken, Katie Cole, Mariam Rutzen, Rachel Jack. Middle: Ashley Burg, Malarie Nelson, Luci Lox. Front: Heather Shrock, Alex Steele, Sam Arnold, and Amber Mann.

Boys Track Team


From left to right: Jesse Sams, Jordan Jones, Sid Thompson, Jacob Waterman, Danny Koopmans, Josh Harkness, Ricky Spiker. Front: Dalton Johnson, Layton Housman, Jayson Sams, Michael Lewis, James Torrance, and Cody Postle. Very Top: Mary "Petie" Parsons.
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## Girls Bowling Team



From left to right: Elizabeth Bundy, Alicia Phillips, Samantha Wright, Kayla Rothzen, Kelli Titus, Shelby Crawford, and Aylssa Johnson.

## Boys Bowling Team



From left to right: Jordan Allaman, Nathan Harden, Danny Koopmans, Waylon Link, Jacob Allaman, Taylor Smith, Cody Arhur, Justin Stewart, Heath Bundy. Front: Mike McVey, Donny Murphy, Derek Kendig, and Dillon Vancil.

## Cheerleading



Ashley Rice, Amber Mann Ashley Dye, Kristen Plath, Raven Wood

Allison Durflinger, Hannah Waterman, Chianne Hartman Dakota Hartman, Miranda Clark Jessica England, Robin Guile, Halee Simmons
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Marilyn Moyers, Alisa Johnson, Mallory Nelson
Emily Smoth, Valerie Corey, Shelby Crawford Alyssa Bulen, Meriela Masson, Rachel Sams, Brittney Grafton, Nat Aroonmaharat, Jourdan Evans

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# West Central Heat Football 





## West Central Heat Football



## West Central Heat Football Seniors



Back Row: Dan Crum \#74, Calvin Covert \#85, Cameron Hartman \#27, Jimmy Spiker \#70 Middle Row: Andy Chockley \#20, Ross Bigger \#39, Cody Lane \#32, Sean Webb \#22, Jayson Sams \#75 Front Row: Nick Waterman \#4, Adam Smith \#8, James Torrance \#11, Zach Torrance \#10


## Volleyball Action



## Volleyball Seniors




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## West Central Heat Basketball Seniors





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## 2007

## West Central Senior Track Members



Alex Diehl

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## Senior Bowling

From left to right: Samantha Wright, Jacob Allaman, Kelli Titus, Jordan Allaman, and Alicia Phillips



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Scholastic Bowl




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## Spring Blood Drive

The Spring Blood Drive took place on March 23, 2007. West Central High School in the H.S. gym. Many students participated and gave blood,along with some of the H.S. teachers. It was a very successful day at West Central and for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood center .


Kylee Hendrickson is ready to give blood.

Jacob Waterman giving a thumbs up while giving blood.


Austin Sharp is having his blood pressure checked.
Alyssa Bulen is having her blood pressure checked and is ready to give blood.


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## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

 A WEST CENTRAL PRODUCTION


Jessica Hobart "Alice"


Jessica England "Mrs. Kirby"
"Mrs. Kirby"

Director: Mr. John Siebken Stage manager: Laura Alexander Curtain Puller: Jayson Sams

Siebkenator on the play:


Rachel Sams "Henderson" "This is a play that every actor or actress should be in at some point in their career...oh yeah and uh itsa niice!"


Alyssa Griepentrog "Penelope Sycamore"


Luci Lox "Essie"



James Torrance
"Tony Kirby"


Jesse Sams
"Government agent 2 "


Ben Eaton
"Boris Kolenkhov"


Mike Lewis
"Government agent 3"


Josie Grant "Rheba"


Austin Sharp
"Mr. DePinna"


Flint Kage
"Donald"


Katy Cole
"Gay Wellington"


Jessica Saldeen
"Grand Duchess"


Cameron Lemaster "Paul Sycamore"

## Spring Play



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## Spring Concent




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Dreaming of You.
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I, Laura Alexander, leave all my blonde moments, midnight Taco Bell runs. Ethal, falling of trees, the Piranha in the fishpond, Star's Cave, to my other half, Torrt Gray. To Jessica Hobart, New Year's. Kum \& Qo gas station;) Ok, ok, ok, and veggle subs. Meriela. Nat. \& Tomo 999. ashitaroo, and the cup game. Kayla Whiteman- Macomb, St. Patty's Day. sconvos. Coach GIbb- COFFEEll Kayla R.- a fish. And my 2 BFFs, CK and Jesslca, thirteen years of great memorles together, and more to come 1
I. Jordan Allaman, will half of Satan's snow globe and ma'am to Ethan Thompson. Also I leave a deck of cards and my shooting abilitles to Justin Allaman. To Jesse Sams, I will a cheese head and Packers Jersey. And to Jules, I leave my headset, a seal, sweatpants, movies. my pool playing abilities, and lots of fun times.
I. Jenna Balley, will to Alex McCraw a milk and some donut, the flood of ' 05 , and all the good times. To Meme, 1 leave French-bralded hair and sweetness. Kristen P. some more makeup. Brady Smith. a friendship. To Dalton Johnson, a spud. Justine D. and Ashil B. a volleyball and a bracelet. Erlc $A$., unlqueness. Glbby, an unforgettable volleyball season. Kayla R., a blg sign. To all the people I forgot. I hope you get past the drama.

I, Shannon Balley, leave the following to the underclassmen: the ability to get out of a tanning bed. To Kayla R. I leave a can of spray paint. To Josle, 1 leave you the ability to blend in. To Katie $C$.. I leave chicken ple. To Justin A., Lauren G.. and Jordan B., I leave Spanish with Senora. To Abby C., my starting position. To Tomo, all the cookles. To the rest: snowballs, lunchroom drama, and respect.

I, Letta Bass, will Brady Smith a smile. I will Tommy Lock 'Stairway to Heaven and a stralghtener. I leave a Mocha Moolatte to Courtney Chenoweth. To losie Grant I leave "Queen" and the ability to make people feel uncomfortable. To Ashil Burg. I leave the ability to be the raddest freshmen ever. I leave Alex McCraw "Brokeback Mountain." I leave Kristen P , the abilty to blend in. Everyone else- posing gets you nowhere.

1. Amber Blgger, leave Jesslca Hobart a blg sweater and yogurtcovered pretzel. Josle, the doodles drawn on my arm. Katle Cole, the quote "nillce". Nattarat, our weightiffing moments. Tomo, an Eimo cookle. Brittany Qrafton, my cooking skills. Torri Gray, my face and a huge plate of rice. Chuck. my Spanish knowledge. Courtney Chenoweth. my amazing speech abliftes.
t. Tyler Billingsley, will Austin Ray the ability to run the school. To Colton Smith I leave my skllls at baseball, the luck with the ladies. To Scott Henshaw I leave my truck, and to Rachele Jack, basketball skill.
I. Hillary Brooks. will Justy my "game" since he has none. To Layton. I leave the difflcult duty of keeping the boys off Mariahi Brittany. I leave you my ability to stand up agalnst Shell's evill starel I will Sarah a bottle of glue for the broken chair and my babysitting rights of Ashley Cl And finally, to my sister, the $\mathbf{1 1}$ and my ability to stay out of trouble and learn from MY mistakes. NOT YOURSI
I. Jacob Calkins, first and foremost, will the legacy of the Jeep to my brother, Christopher; "BIz", some anger management; L.Q.. all the "rellglous talks;" and Chuck some dellclous chicken quesadillas. I hereby will Sarah some "Green", Ben E., a Snlckers and some "Sunshine on a cloudy day". And to Philly Bob, I leave ability to tell the truth. I. last but not least, leave E.T. the ability to Imitate Harry Caray.
I. Matt Castro, leave Ben Eaton an open door. To Jessica Hobart, a barrel full of laughs and a steak. To Mrs. Meyer, a new stapler. to Josle Grant, a hug. To Zach HIII, a friendly pat on the back followed by a hand shake. To Chuck Yeater, a book on how to succeed in life. And to the rest of the school, the ability to be more like me: one model American.

I, Andy Chockley, will A. Ray my temper. "It was at least 8." Use it wisely. I will D-Chan my ability to be good and to not get caught when I'm not good. I will running back abilittes to John Livermore.

May he have a 1,000 yard season. And I will the number 20 to Tyler LInk.
I. Brandon Crooks, leave Ben Eaton the Snickers theme song. Phil, the ability to tell the truth. Paul Loper, a blgger truck. My brother, Justli the ability to be quiet. My cousin, Dakota, a Indestructible vehicle. Dustin Johnson and Scotty Hinshaw, the ability to avold the cops. My cousins, Michael and Brandl Pullen, the best of luck in their last three years.
I. Dan Crum, will Brady S. a video camera. Jordan L., I leave a pack o light bulbs. John L., a bent up Nissan. Ashley Coffey, a map of IIllinols
I. Jessica Davis, leave Kenny Mckee my determination, bedroom window, and most Importantly, my love. Halley Jones, I leave patlence, Justin Stewart, a bike. Andy Qaddis, a stuffed monkey. Courtney Chenoweth, I leave our hot Tal-bo Instructor, Bllly Banks. Austin Ray, you get my ability to get things done. Sarah H., I leave my friendship. Alex McCraw, our crazy relatives. Layton, I leave Hillary. Robert Day. I leave camp fires. The rest of you. I leave luckl I. Alexandria Dlehl, will my other half, Sam A. my discus. Ashil B, and Jordan J., a box of Band-Alds. Heather S.. my ditzy blonde moments, Rachele J., the color "green". Meme, the ability to take a deep breath and laugh, Justine D., the ability to say how you feel. Finally, Halley J., I leave you the ability to shut the door.
t, Brad Eaton, will Nelly and Alex new Dodge trucks. I leave my morning chair to Filint and my terrible attitude to Ben. I leave Hipple a hair cut. The skater boys some normal pants and tled shoes. I put my morning table under the direction of Justin, and Phil gets a lie detector. I leave Jadee the very conservative school at West Centrol, and I wish my graduating class great success. See ya'll later.

I, Jessica England, will Sarah H. the abllity to call your mom Tamra, fun times at the Heller house, and the name SASSYI Rachele J., our cheer/dance song, Better Cheddars, St. Patty's Day, sheep washing, the gavel, and J. RIzzle. Kayla W.. Fertlle Myrtle, road trips, volcemalls, restricted calls, Carlos $O^{\prime}$ Kelly's, many talks, and a hug. Miranda, Dakotah. Chianne, Hannah \& Alle, the ablilty not to take cheerleading drama, \& an awesome last yearl Meme, a box of Trefolls. Ashll \& Palge, a new P.E. partner. Last but not least, to my Best Buds I leave pletures, memories, \& lots of lovel
I. Jourdan Evans, will Sarah Heller the following: marshmallow cream and window paint lyou know what to do with them). control of youth coalition, and lots of UV Rays. To Rachele Jack- responsibility of Sarah and Angus's bouncing ball. To Justy- my outstanding ability to drive a stick shift. Robert and Drueby- the ability to eat lunch clutllyi to Layton- the right to hit the coyote- not missi And finally, Bulen- the title of captain.
I. Courtney Fox, leave Saralynn my mad Taco Bell skllisi to Phillip. my ability to never be at school and still keep A'si To Bubbles, I leave you my stunning good looks and ability to get what I wantI to Bradley D., the rights to Bradley's Stupld Quotesi To Harky, I leave you my Corner; may you work It with pridel To Mellssa and Kelli, my ability to talk to the Hottles without skipping a beati To Whiz Master: I leave you the Candy Shop and a plzza pant to Cameron \& Jm. I leave you the ability to smile like a donuti To Tomo. I leave you the ability to look innocent and get away with anything. my mouth plece. my Ghetto (that you seem to be so fond of), and my autographed pleture of Elmol To the underclassmen, the knowledge that ' 07 wIII forever be unsurpassedl
I. Robin Qulle, will my love for cheerleading to MIranda. Chlanne, Dakatotah. Alle, and Hannah. I hope you girls enjoy your sentor year as much as I did. To Alle D.. I leave my wrist problems and my willingness to belleve anything anyone may tell you. To my chorus buddles, Kayla W. and Cody P., I will you my love of music and the funny stories you told me. To my senlor class, I will miss you alwoys.

Brice Jack, will my ability to never quit to Ben Hawk. To Gene higger, I will my ablilty to have fun and party but not Into trouble from the lady frlend. I will my abllity to make any girl laugh and talk 10 me to Colton Smith. To Rachele Jack. I will my truck and the Jack attitude. Let It keep coming out at people and Inanimate objects.

Cody Lane, will my ablilty to stand up for myself to MIranda. My upper body strength to Josh Harkness, the ablilty to control myself of partles to Colton Smith, and the knowledge that Firebirds will alvays be faster than IIttle Mustangs to Ellsha Ator.
( Cameron Lemaster, leave Filnt dial-up Internet for Ife. I leave Ben gaton Brad Eaton's position in IIfe. I will Ethan the ability to stand ip to Alyssa. I will Justin Allaman the ablilty to make fun of the Hlamans. Everyone else gets laser eyes. I leave Jessica Saldeen my lelght, a Blble, and a plckle. Eric Adams gets myspace.com. I wish my qraduating class success, but not more success than me.

Winda McBride, leave Heather my Happy Tree. Ashley, a totally hot suy with a big truck. Sam and Kelli, all my friendship. Stacy gets Frult Loops. Fellsha gets happiness. To Brad and Andy, I glve you potience. To all my friends. I glve you love, wish you luck, and I will nlss you very much.

Amanda Norrls, leave my bellef In Qod to Kayla Whiteman. My ablilty to go down a slide at the Monmouth Park goes to Mrs. Simmons. My artistic ability will be left to Lauren Gerst, and most of all I leave my wisdom In dally life to Brad Davis.
(Alicla Philifps, leave many Jars of peanut butter to Derrick. Brltany. Katelyn, and Ashley. May you all use them wiselyl To Meme, vill my mad Jumping skills and all our Junlor high memories. Never lorget theml I will our fun bus ride chats to Raven. To Allie D., I will rolleyball Injuries and all our blonde moments. To the class of 2008: Enjoy your last year and keep smilingi
W. Lessica Pullen, leave my knowledge and my good grades to my brother, Michael. I leave my kind heart and best of luck to Lauren $Q$. lleave my locker to Branle P. and my parking space to Dakota P. To Uls. Alexander, the fondest memories of her as a teacher for four pears. I'll miss her very much. To all the underclassmen, make your pears the best cause they go by fast. Good luckl

1, losh Russell, will my abllty to do whatever I want to Robert Day. to Kody McKee, I leave my driving abilitles. To Mark Mynatt and ishley Coffey, I leave the number 20 and a Gary Russell T-shlrt. To Arnle. I leave a brand new Chevy truck. To Drue Waterman. I leave a Monster. To Ben Hawk, I leave a bottle and a can. To Qene Bigger, a Power Ranger. To Brandon. my good grades.
(, Jayson Sams, will Jesse Sams half of the snow globe. To my IIttle sis, my driving skills. To Jordan H., the ability to ride horses better than me and also my driving skills. To Lane, all the bonflires and qreat times. To Cameron H., the ablilty to not yell In my basement at 2 am. To Andy C., a game of Madden '07. To Steve-0, a tent, beating ftick, and a flask. To Harky, my football skills. Party it up everyonel
(Austin Sharp, render my Quitar Hero abliltles to Ben $E$. and the Sshara to Alyssa B., the ablilty to tell the truth to Phll K. Justin A., the ablilty to not like dragons like Jacob and Jordan, and a HI-FIVE, Et.. you have the ability to get XM radlo. Filint K., you are
Spartacus. Derek K., ml espalda. Cody H., butter cups.
(Randl Short, wIII Abby C. and RK T.O.Q.B.U., Triple S, the J5, and the ability to stick basketball out one more yeari To Meme, I leave a bag of Sklttles and a lost button. To Amber Mann, I leave all the good Himes in P.E. and a palr of yellow shorts. To Sarah Heller, I leave the ablilty to call your mom Tamra, all the good times at your house, and ny momi

I, Halee Simmons, leave Austin Ray my ablilty to get to student councll meetings on time and my work ethic. To MIranda. Dakotah. Chlanne, and Hannah my captain skills and my abllity to stand up to people. Dakotah. I know you can already do thati to my mom I leave all my love; I will miss you next year, but don't worry l'll be back to visit. To everyone else, good luck in the future.
I. Adam Smith, will my awesome baseball abilities to Andy Gaddis. To Bob Day, I leave the ability to "get away" and never get caught. To Dalton Chandler, my tackling skills and school-night trips to Qalesburg and to do whatever in Doc Frank's class and not get in trouble. To Mrs. Baker, I leave my "afro" pleture. To Nancy and Tanya. I leave the teacher's lounge bathroom and a tornado warningi

I, James Splker, will Ryan Shaner my ability to laugh. To Josh Harkness, I leave the title of "Hoss." To Kyle Bundy. I leave my ability to show people up, and to all underclassmen I leave a "see ya" because I'm done with high school.

I, Tiffany Stewart, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath my personal belongings to the following Individuals. To Mrs. Quile, I leave the ability to do GREAT halr. Ellsha Ator, I leave you as the blggest party animal of your class, so have fun with It. Halley Jones. the ability to do things without getting caught. My blonde moments go to MIranda Clark; be careful: they always get you, but I love you.

I, Kelll Titus, leave Fellsha F. a volleyball, Don't hit anyone in the butt with Iti Ashley Huss gets a hole punch. Courtney F. gets my pool playing skills; Just don't use 'em too often! Sam. I leave you my ability to stay outta ditchesi dessica $E$. gets a sticky trap and many other FFA memories. Abby C.. I leave you my sweet FFA secretary abilitles, and Mr. Gittings a new ag, assistant. To Danny K., as the next oldest person in youth group. I leave you the responsibility of maintaining control over the little heathens. To the underclassmen, live up your last years of high school but stay outta troublel To the Class of 2007- BEST WISHESI

I, CK Torrance, will to Meme Modern Problems, my alarm clock, and Skittles. To Ben Hawk, my pitch skllls; to Myles, fun times In P.E.; to Coach Glbby, a drama-free season; to Mr. Slebken, new "kIds"; to Kayla Whiteman. Coconuts, hottubbing, and rain boots; to Ral, a desk In Spanish; and to Laura and Jessica, more good times than I can possibly count and many more to comel

I, Nick Waterman, leave to Jessica Saldeen Cameron Lemaster. Kyle Bundy can have my ability to bench a loti Jeff Deterson gets the abillty to be greati Nick Leazer can have my guns. Courtney Chenoweth, the ability to make sweet looking pottery. Last but not least, Neave Ben Eaton. AKA Element, the ablilty to still say P-Unit when I leave.

I, Mellssa Westfall, leave Sarah W. my ability to slack off and still get an $A$ and roaming hallways and never getting caught. Laura A.. "sledding" at my house, P.E. talks, and New SkIn. Austln Sharp, the name Chives. Courtney F., Taco Bell and my ablilty to find a way out of a bad situation. Mrs. Alexander, an assistant half as good as me. To all underclassmen: high school flles by fast, so have fun. To The Class of 2007, BEST OF WISHESI
I. Alicia Yeakey, will Jesse Sams the ablilty to stay sllent before 7 am . To Jullanna. my ability to speak up and tell everyone who did it. To Erin Bavery goes my ablilty to belleve everything anyone tells you. To all my volleyball girls, make it better than it was last year. Just keep It funl Stand up for the TRUTHI Always be honest to the coach. the girls, and the gamel

I, Jessica Zaiser, leave to Ashley Lewls my ATtitudei to Sarah Heller Rachel Keane, and Alex MIller my weedwacker and the abllity to stay out of trouble with it especially on rainy daysi Lastly. I will to all underclassmen the ability to Just have fun and make lots of memories because your last years go by way too fasti


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A. The fury within

Violence by insurgents and sects increased in Iraq despite efforts by Iraqi police and troops from the U.S. and other countries. More than 3,000 U.S. troops died in Iraq since March 2003. Iraqi authorities reported almost 17,000 of their countrymen died in that period, although estimates varied greatly. The U.N. estimated more than 1 million Iraqis fled their homes.
B. Iraq War reexamined

The Bush administration revised its Iraq strategy after a spike in sectarian violence, the results of the November elections and the Iraq Study Group report. Donald Rumsfeld stepped down as defense secretary a day after the elections; Robert Gates, a former CIA chief, stepped into the position. And President George W. Bush proposed an increase of more than 20,000 U.S. troops in lraq.
C. Rising again

Rebuilding along the Gulf Coast continued following the fall 2005 hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In New Orleans, 74 percent of all schools, and 49 percent of public schools, were open as of December, reported The Brookings Institution, a private research group. Another such group, Rand Corp., predicted the city's population by September 2008 would be 56 percent of the pre-Katrina total.


The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the country grew to 300 million people in October.
D. Earth burns, quakes

Mother Nature stayed active in the fall, with an earthquake in Hawaii, record-setting rains and floods in the northwest U.S., and a record early October snowstorm in Buffalo, N.Y.. Five firefighters were killed in a wildfire in southern California that authorities determined was arson.
E. Winter puts life on hold

Holiday blizzards dumped as much as four feet of snow in parts of Colorado and Kansas. Then record warmth in the northern and eastern U.S. stalled skiing, ice fishing and ice hockey, but brought out golfers and flowers, before a massive ice storm and freezing temperatures gripped Texas northward to Maine. And more than 100 inches of snow fell in upstate New York.
F. Food safety
E. coli bacteria appeared in produce shipped to several states, raising safety concerns. At least 175 people became ill after eating fresh spinach, and two people died. Lettuce was deemed the culprit when people in the Northeast U.S. became ill after eating at Taco Bell.


Katie Courio became anchor of the CBS Evening News.


Billionaire Warren Buffet pianned to give 85\% of his Berkshire Hathaway fortune to philanthropic foundations.


Freezing temperatures in January destroyed $75 \%$ of California's citrus crop.


K. Communities shattered

Three school shootings in one week in the fall took the lives of nine people. Charles C. Robert IV entered the one-room West Nickel Mines Amish School in Pennsylvania and shot 10 girls, ages 6 to 13, and then himself. Five girls and Roberts died. In Wisconsin, a 15-year-old student at Weston School shot his principal, and in Bailey, Colo., a man shot a 16 -year-old girl and himself after a standoff.
L. Ailing leader

Cuban officials claimed President Fidel Castro was slowly recovering from major surgery, and planned to return to power when he was well. Although Castro issued a message on New Year's Day, the 48th anniversary of his revolution, the fact that he had not been seen and few photos were released fueled speculation about the true condition of his health.
M. Ethics charge

Durham County, N.C., prosecutor Michael Nifong was charged with ethics violations in the case of three Duke University lacrosse teammates accused of sexual assault. The North Carolina bar filed the charges against Nifong, claiming he made inappropriate statements to the media about the suspects and DNA evidence.


Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, famous for a 1988 Democratic convention speech, died in Austin.


New York City could have an all-day rush hour by 2030, city planners and other experts said.

N . Continent in turmoil
Armed conflict and starvation continued across Africa. Somalia, with the help of Ethiopia, fought to quell Islamic militants. The U.S. made airstrikes against militants thought to be hiding al Qaeda suspects in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. In Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nations sought help for starving refugees amid fighting between rebels and government militia.
O. They come; should they go?

Congress, the president and American citizens grappled with the emotional and economic issue of illegal immigration. The debate ranged from sending home all people in the U.S. illegally and fining employers who hire them to amnesty and a guest worker program. President George W. Bush signed a bill to build 700 miles of new fencing along the U.S.-Mexican border.

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P. Game of the year

Small school Boise State went $12-0$ during the college football season, and then became the subject of debate by being included in the BCS. The team provided quite a response, knocking off Oklahoma in an overtime thriller in the Fiesta Bowl, both sending the game into OT and ax then winning the game on trick plays.
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Q. The next great one?

Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins became the youngest player in NHL history to score 100 points in a season during his rookie year in 2006. In 2007, the 19-year old became the youngest player ever voted in as a starter for the NHL All-Star Game.

What is your favorite sport to watch on TV?
Football: 45\%
Basketball: 16\%
Soccer: 8\%
Baseball: $8 \%$


Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells retired after 20 years as a head coach in the NFL.

San Diego running back Ladainian Tomlinson broke the NFL single-season touchdown record.

The NBA changed its ball for the first time in 23 years, from leather to a new synthetic material, then changed back.


## A. YouTube goes Google

The wildly popular website YouTube, which allows users to ge video clips, was purchased $\$ 1.65$ billion. The deal got mixed reviews. YouTube benefited from Google's global reach, but users complained when hundreds of copyrighted clips were removed from the site.

## B. The latest gadget

Technology innovator Apple jumped into the wireless phone business with its latest product, iPhone, Designed to combine a digital camera, PDA, media player and wireless phone in one device . with a touchipad screen, the iPhone cost between $\$ 500-600$.

## C. A reason to hope

Forthe second straight year, cancer deaths in the U.S. dropped. The totals decreased by 3,014 deaths. Doctors attributed the suecess to declines in smoking, as well as earlier and more effective treatment of tumors. -

## D. Game of choice

Sony fired the latest salvo in the video game wars by releasing the PlayStation 3 device to compete with Microsoft's Xbox 360. With models featuring 20GB and 60GB of memory for media storage, Sony plugged the PS3 as much more than just a video game console.

## E. Save the seafood

A group of ecologists published a study indicating that if current trends of overfishing and pollution continued, then the seafood industry faced a possible collapse by 2048.

## F. A new treatment

The FDA approved a new drug called Gardasil, which claimed
to be a vaccine to treat the virus that can cause cervical cancer. Guidelines called for the drug to be administered to girls as young as 11 or 12 before they become sexually active. Some conservative religious groups immediately voiced concern that doing so would promote promiscuity.

Divers studied wreckage in North Carolina believed to be the ship of the famous pirate Blackbeard.

Studies indicated humpback whales have a brain cell type seen only in humans, apes and dolphins.

Due to new standards, astronomers said Pluto was no longer considered a planet.

G. Lady first

Anousheh Ansari, the co-founder of her own technology company, became the first female space tourist. Ansari accompanied U.S. astronauts and Russian cosmonauts on an eight-day mission to the International Space Station and became the first person to publish a blog from space.
H. Race to the moon and beyond

The U.S., Japan, Russia and China all continued renewed efforts to send manned missions back to the moon for the first time in more than 30 years, and started plotting manned missions to Mars. Scientists guessed that by 2020, both goals might be reached.
I. Future fuels

BMW became the first auto manufacturer to take a hydrogen-powered car into mass production by producing 100 models of the Hydrogen 7, a car powered by pumping hydrogen into a combustion engine and igniting it. Meanwhile, more ethanol fuel refineries continued to open across the country.

J. Think it, move it


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Advances in medicine allowed doctors to hone and improve artificial limbs, including "bionic" arms that can be controlled by impulses from the brain. The U.S. military began projects to research the thought-controlled arms for use by wounded soldiers returning home.


What is your favorite website?
MySpace: 33\%
Google: 9\%
YouTube: 7\%
Facebook: 6\%


It wasn't quite Harry Potter, but scientists claimed to be closer to creating an invisibility cloak.


Animal hospitals began using alternative treatments like acupuncture and aromatherapy in treating pet injuries.


## A. A shocking end

Steve Irwin, the Australian nature adventurer known worldwide as the "Crocodile Hunter," was tragically killed while shooting underwater footage for one of his popular wildlife shows. Irwin died when a stingray stung him, and the barb pierced his heart.

## B. Top of the list

In an annual survey of the highest-paid actresses in Hollywood, Nicole
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Kidman landed on top for the first time by earning an average of $\$ 17$ million per movie. Kidman also became one-half of another highprofile entertainment couple, marrying country star and fellow Aussie Keith Urban.

## C. Almost a dream

Dreamgirls, a musical loosely based on the rise to fame of Motown legends The Supremes, actually led all films with eight Oscar nominations. Surprisingly, the movie did not get a nod for Best - Picture. However, the music and the individual performances of stars - Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson were honored.

## D. Ahoy, matey!

The Pirates of the Caribbean movie saga continued, and ruled the box office. The second movie in the series, Dead Man's Chest, was easily the highest grossing movie of 2006, earning more than $\$ 420$ million. The third, and final, installment was scheduled for release in the summer of 2007.

## E. Grammy haul

The Dixie Chicks were big winners at the Grammy Awards/ taking home five honors, including Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Record of the Year. It was an unexpected haul for the country trio, after the group drew years of criticism for its stance against? the Iraq War.

## F. Night switch

ABC moved medical drama Grey's Anatomy from Sunday night -
to Thursday to go head-to-head against highly rated crime show 4 CSI. Both shows continued to do well. Combined, the two shows $2 \pi$ attracted more than 40 million viewers on Thursdays.


The Price is Right host Bob Barker retired after 35 years on the show.

Movie critic Roger Ebert took an extended leave due to a battle with cancer.

Daniel Craig was a hit as the new James Bond in the remake of Casino Royale.




## P. A first for everything

Fox's real-time thriller 24 was the big winner at the Emmy Awards. 24 was named Outstanding Drama Series, and Keifer Sutherland won for Lead Actor in a Drama Series. Both honors were a first for a Fox TV show. NBC's The Office also won Outstanding Comedy

## Q. Good-bye to the Godfather

Known for his distinctive voice and dance moves, the "Godfather of soul" James Brown died at the age of 73. Other entertainers to pass away included Joseph Barbera, the animator who helped create Fred Flintstone and Scooby-Doo, R\&B singer Gerald Levert, Oscar-winning movie director Robert Altman and Oscar-winning actor Jack Palance.

## R. Finally...the end

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## A. Perk up

More teens became caffeine consumers. Simmons Research said $31 \%$ of U.S. teens, or 7.6 million, drank energy drinks. The energy drink industry grew $80 \%$ last year, and mainly targeted males in their teens and 20 s with their caffeine and sugar concoctions.

## B. Cursive writing outdated

The number of students using cursive handwriting declined. Fewer elementary schools are teaching it, and more students are printing. Eighty-five percent of students who took the 2006 SAT test for college printed their essay answers.

## C. The '80s are back

Long sweaters, leggings, tall boots, wide belts, big black sunglasses and big jewelry - designers took 1980 s fashions for women and gave them a twist for the new century. Untucked button shirts over tees, Polo shirts and cargo pants were still mainstays for the guys. And fashion went beyond clothes, with cell phone bling in the form of stickers, faceplates, charms and holders

## D. Feed me

Lunch lines moved faster thanks to technology that let parents keep funds in an account that the student can access. Children at some schools used an account number, while other students used fingerprints to make their purchases. Parents also saw what their children were buying.

## E. Get the message

SUP? Text messaging, that's what. Texting via cell phone was cheaper than talking, and was used by students to check in with friends or remind parents to pick them up.


## What is the worst problem at your school?

## Too many rules: $24 \%$

Bad student behavior that interferes with learning: 16\%

## Bad food: 16\%

The school is so small, everyone knows everyone's business: $12^{\circ}$ No problems, my school is cool: 12\%
Survey results compiled from reponses of 1,600 high school and midde school students across the nation.

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Studies showed that talking on a hands-free cell phone while driving is equivalent to driving legally drunk, Time magazine reported.

Teen pregnancies fell to their lowest level in 65 years, the Centers for Disease Control reported.



[^0]:    Ross Bigger \& Halee Simmons

[^1]:    Daniel Hander, author of the popular Lemony Snicket children's 1) books, finished the 13 th and final novel in the series, appropriately -- titled The End. All told, the tales of the orphaned Baudelaire children sold more than 50 million copies during their run.

