





West Central High School









Jacob Allaman



Jordan Allaman



Jenna Bailey



Tyler Billingsley



Brittany Boughton



Jordan Brokaw



Hillary Brooks



Brandon Crooks



Dan Crum



Jessica Davis



Alexandria Diehl



Misty Flake



Courtney Fox



Robin Guile



Janie Gustafson



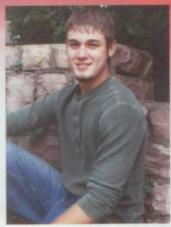
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Amber Bigger



Ross Bigger



Jacob Calkins



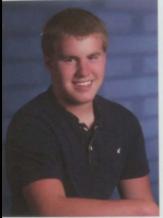
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Calvin Covert



Jordan Dillard



Bradley Eaton



Jessica England



Jourdan Evans



Cameron Hartman



Kylee Hendrickson



Brice Jack



Tyler Keane





Cody Lane



Cameron Lemaster









Amanda Norris

Jeffery Peterson

Sami Peters

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Randi Short

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James Spiker





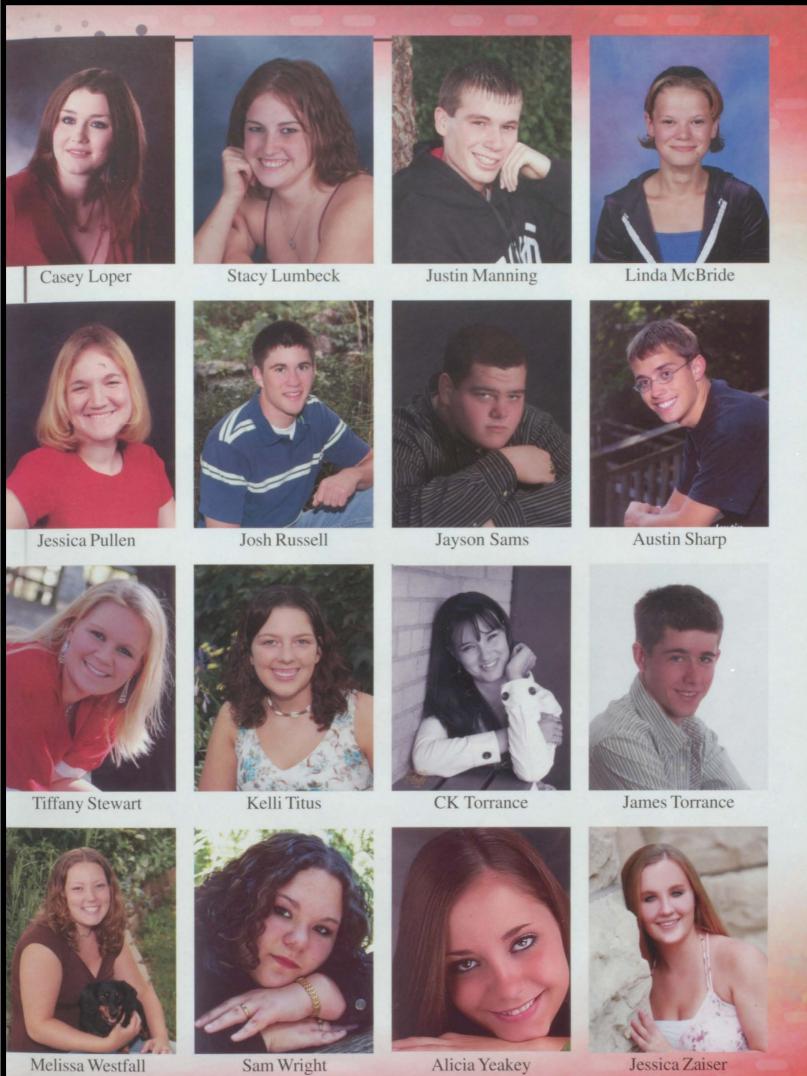




Zach Torrance

Nick Waterman

Sean Webb



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-Juniors-









Kyle Bundy















Kristanna Gilbert















Jordan Hukill





Rachele Jack







Kevin Magee





Brittany McBride Morgan McCollum Alex McGraw





Kenny McKee



Alex Miller



Kayla Rothzen









Brennen Shafer



Ryan Shaner



Brady Smith





Jaymee VanSkike Hannah Waterman Jocelyn Waterman





Kerri Wells



Sarah Westfall



Kayla Whiteman Nat Aroonmahar





Austin Alsager Jonathan Arnold





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Brent Blender





Marianne Bothwell Larry Boughton









Heather Doty



Allison Durflinger



Ben Eaton



Justin Engle





Alyssa Griepentrog Kyle Gugeler





Cody Harden





Chianne Hartman Dakotah Hartman







Rachel Keane





Derek Kindig Danny Koopmans John Livermore





Jacob Lofthus









Marilyn Moyers Charlene Mueller Bruce Newman Brittany Nichols



Alex Potter



Sarah Ramos Austin Ray











Brianna Strack



Adam Thomatos Ethan Thompson









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Eric Adams





Justin Allaman



Justin Bewley









Cody Druin



Ashley Dye



Samantha Ford



Samantha Frymire



Brandon Gapen



Bradley Holeman



Layton Housman



Morgan Hubbard





Dylan Kaczinski



John Kendell





Jennifer McCarty-Lewis Samantha McGraw





Kody McKee





Zach Nelson



Dakota Pullen



Ashley Rice



Miriam Rutzen



Rachel Sams





Jessica Spiker



Drew Waterman



Jacob Waterman



Raven Wood



Chuck Yeater





Dusty Chandler



Courtney Chenoweth





Katie Cole







Lauren Gerst







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Phillip Kline



Mariah Krow



Jordan Link



Tommy Lock



Paul Loper



Jessica Luckenbihl







Boone Peterson



Kristin Plath



Cody Postle



Andrew Pregel





Marshall Thomas



Dennis Torrance



Spencer Torrance

ophomorës







Billy Allen Samantha Arnold Cody Arthur





















Kellen Fryrear









Coco Ingraham

















Jacob Louck





Amie Luetger



Bobbie Mabe



Donald Murphy



Mark Mynatt



Mallory Nelson





Jessee Payne



Andrew Postle



Brandie Pullen



Jacob Shaner



Nicole Skinner







Ryan Smith



Taylor Smith



Paige Spiker



Dillan Vancil





Mariah Brooks



Logan Brueck



Emili Buffum



Ashli Burg



Chelsey Carnes





Justin Crooks









Michelle Gyovai



Nathan Harden



Austin Hartman



Kayla Hinshaw





Kendra Kelly



Ariel Kendall



Savanna Kendall Dustin Lawrence





Nicklas Leazer











Sebeth Magner Cassie Mallory Heather McBride Curtis McCollum Jessica McGraw Michael McVey







Ryan Mowder



Michael Pullen



Jacinda Reighard Jesse Sams





Codie Sawyer





Drew Schmiers Heather Shrock





Richard Spiker



Jonathon Stokes





Sidney Thomas Randy Thomatos





Janelle Turner



Morgan Valee

Freshmen





Ralph Grimm

Karen Rima

Jay Blender









Alta Mae Brokaw

Ron Ferrill

Patricia Foxall

Melinda Frakes











Barb Gray

Tammy Guile

Joanne Hilligoss

Marta Hohenboken











Barb Meyer

Linda Michael

Mary Parsons

Chris Peterson

Jeanne Seitz











Chris Singleton Cindy Smith

Karen Starbuck

Penny VanTine





John Siebken





Cherry Simmons Patty Wood, Joni Alecock, and Diana Johnson



Judy Weyer

Right: Jeff Lox, Jim McClintic, Ty Bailey, and John Wetterling.



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Senior Polls



Best Car Cody Lane & Jessi Davis



Worst Car Jake Calkins & Amanda Norris



Most Unique

Kylee Hendrickson s

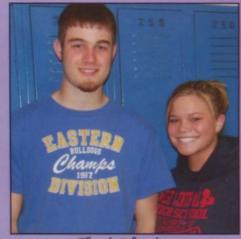
Cameron Lemaster



Most Likely to Succeed

Jordan Allaman &

Laura Alexander



Best Smile
Ross Bigger & Halee Simmons



Class Flirt
Hillary Brooks & Brice Jack

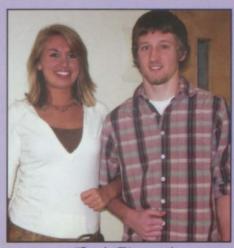
Senior Polls



Best Eyes

Casey Loper & Dan Crum

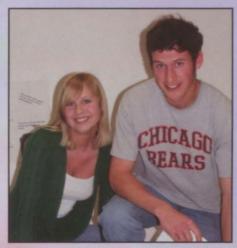
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Best Dressed
Jourdan Evans & Adam Smith



Biggesl Parly Animal
Sean Webb & Tiffany Stewart



Biggest Clutz
Janie Gustafson 8
Calvin Covert

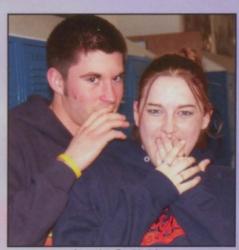


Most Alhletic
Randi Short & Andy Chockley



Class Clown

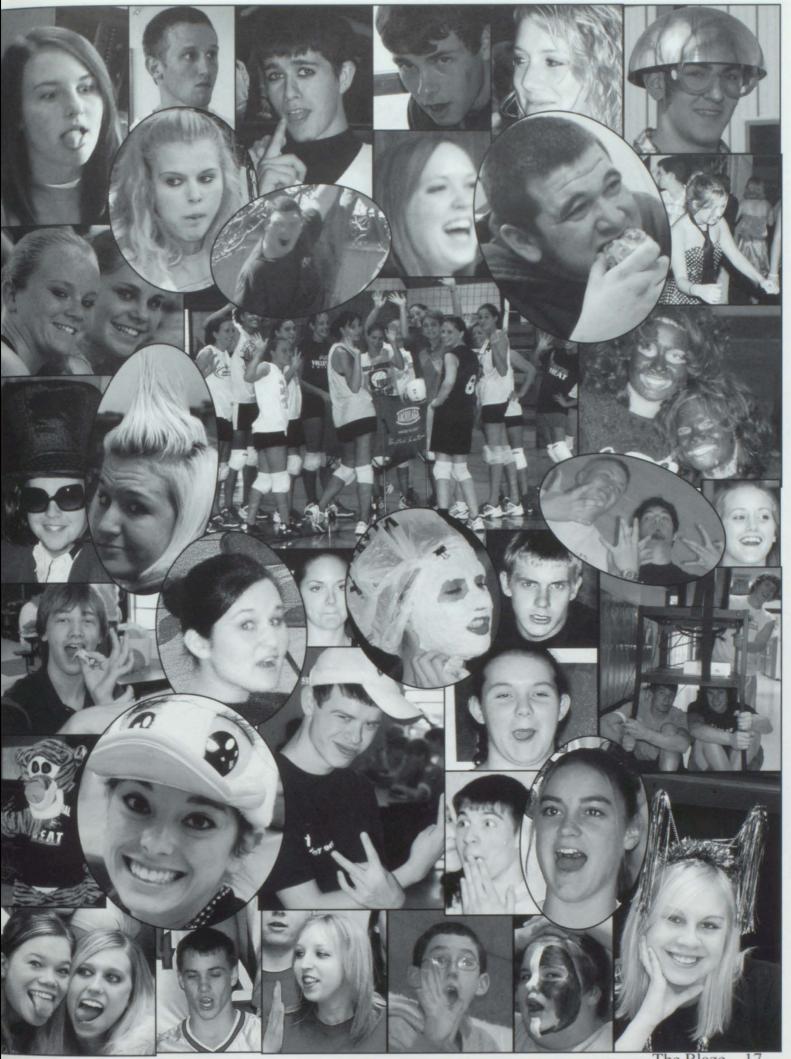
Matt Castro & Amber Bigger



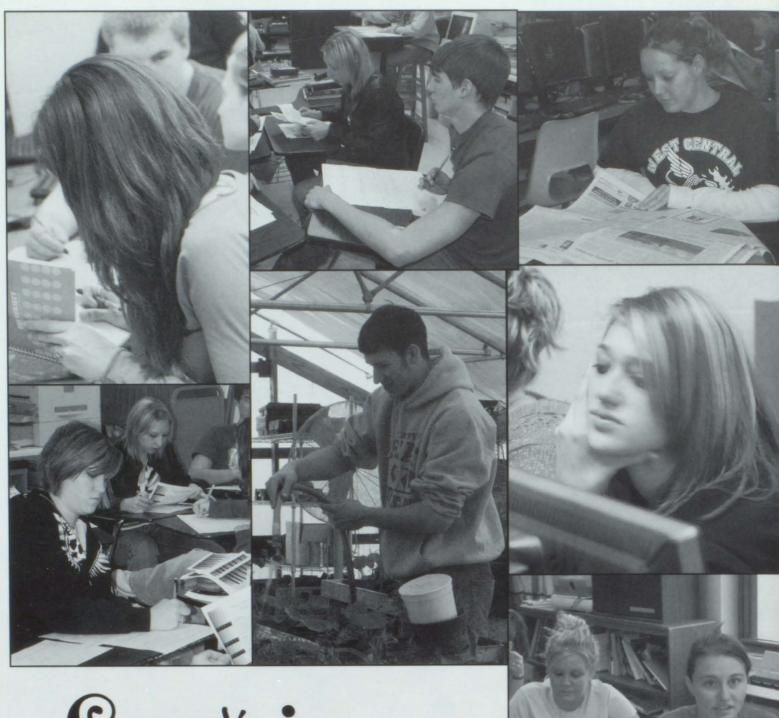
Most Gullible

Josh Russell & Stacy Lumbeck



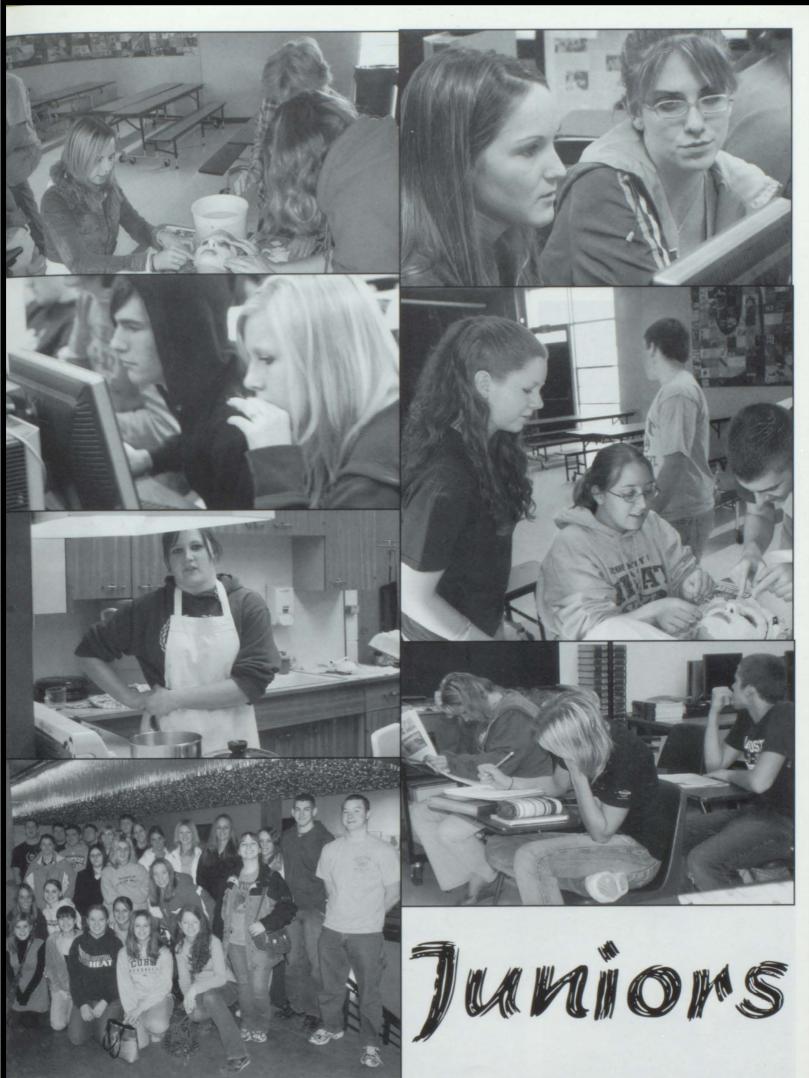


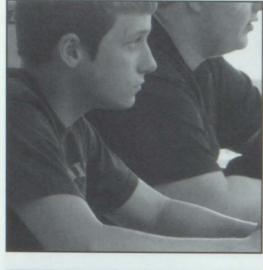
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Seniors

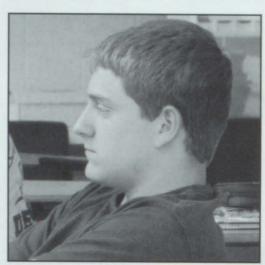








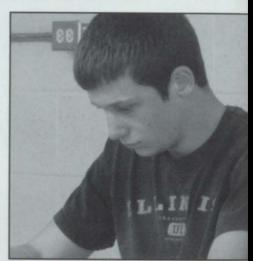




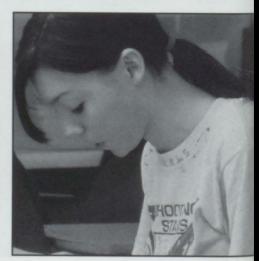




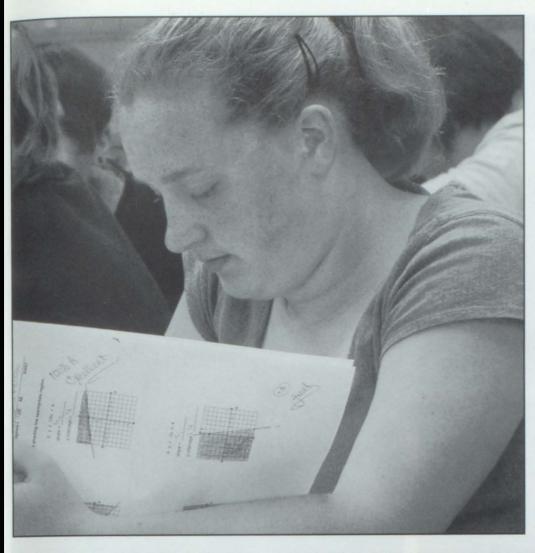








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Homecoming Week













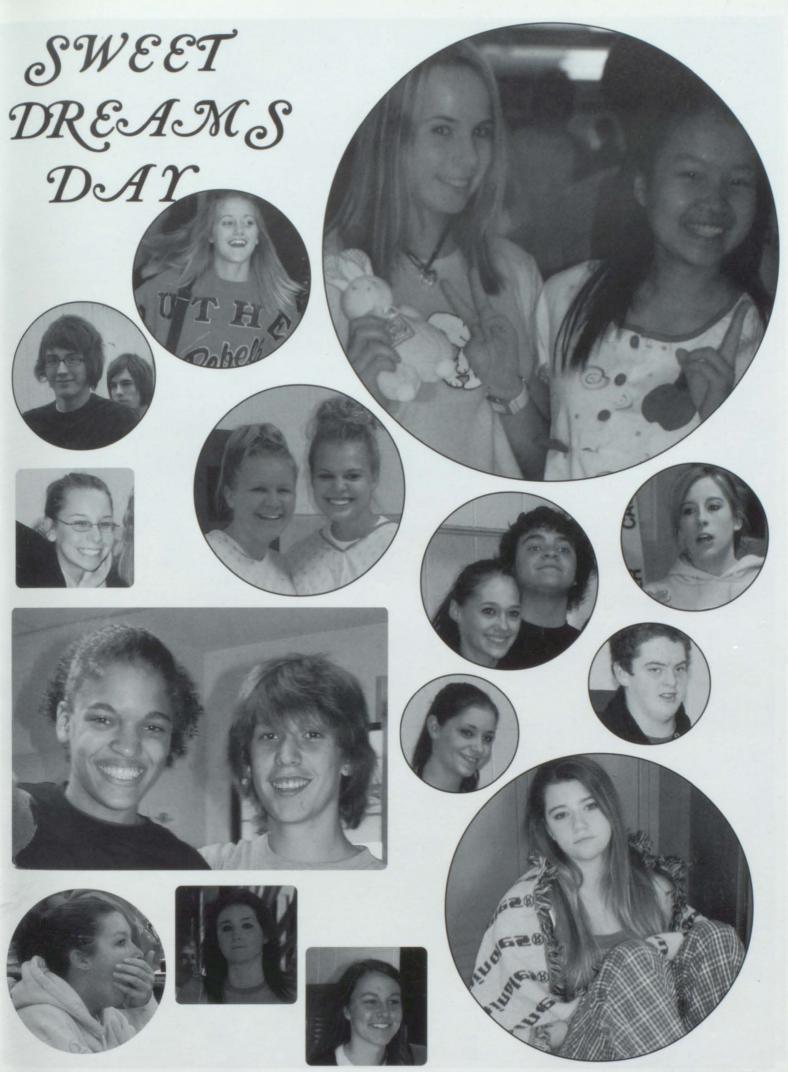


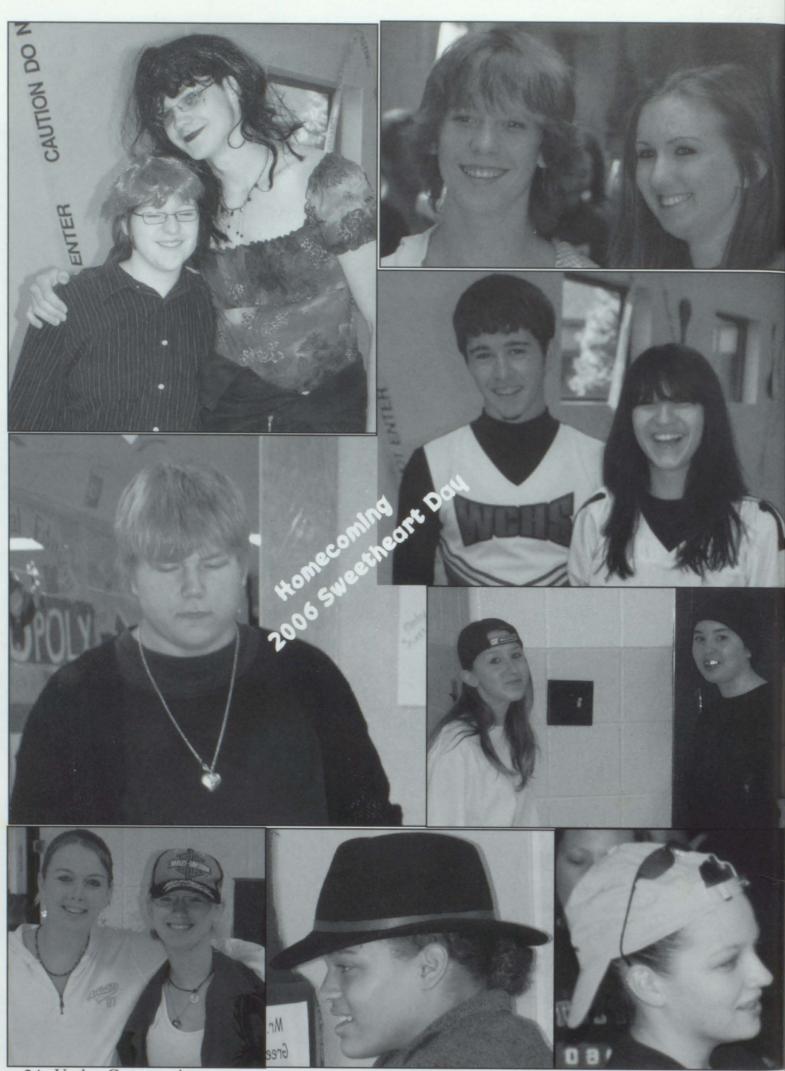
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Hat Day....



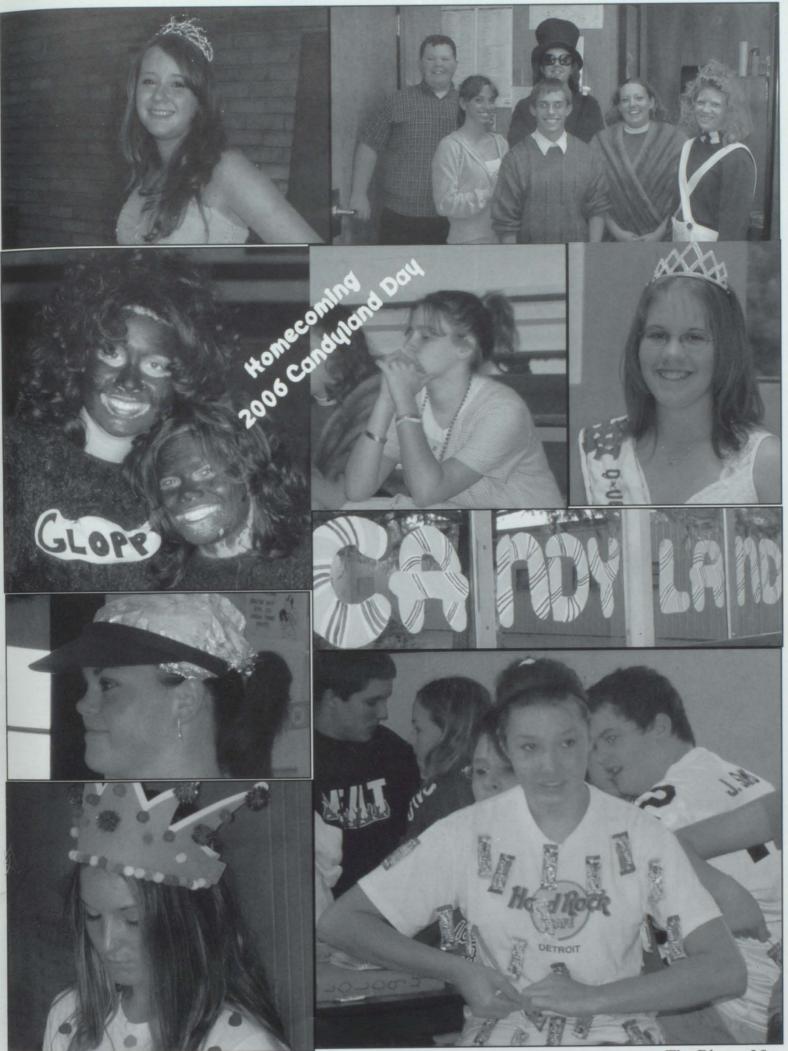








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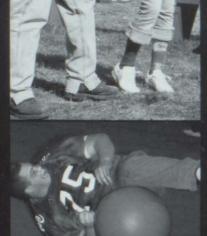
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omecoming Candidates



Above: Freshman Shelby Crawford & Jesse Sams

Below: Juniors Bruce Newman & Brittany Nichols



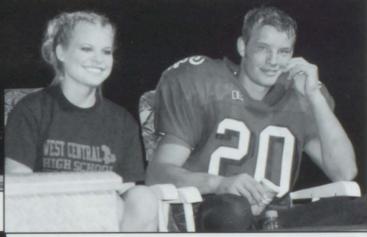
Above: Sophomores Raven Wood & Jacob Waterman

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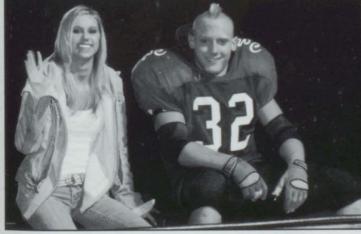


Above: Laura Alexander & Matt Castro





Below: Halee Simmons & Jayson Sams



Above: Sami Peters & Cody Lane



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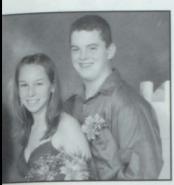




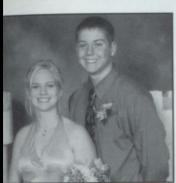
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2006 Homecoming Court

















Class Officers



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



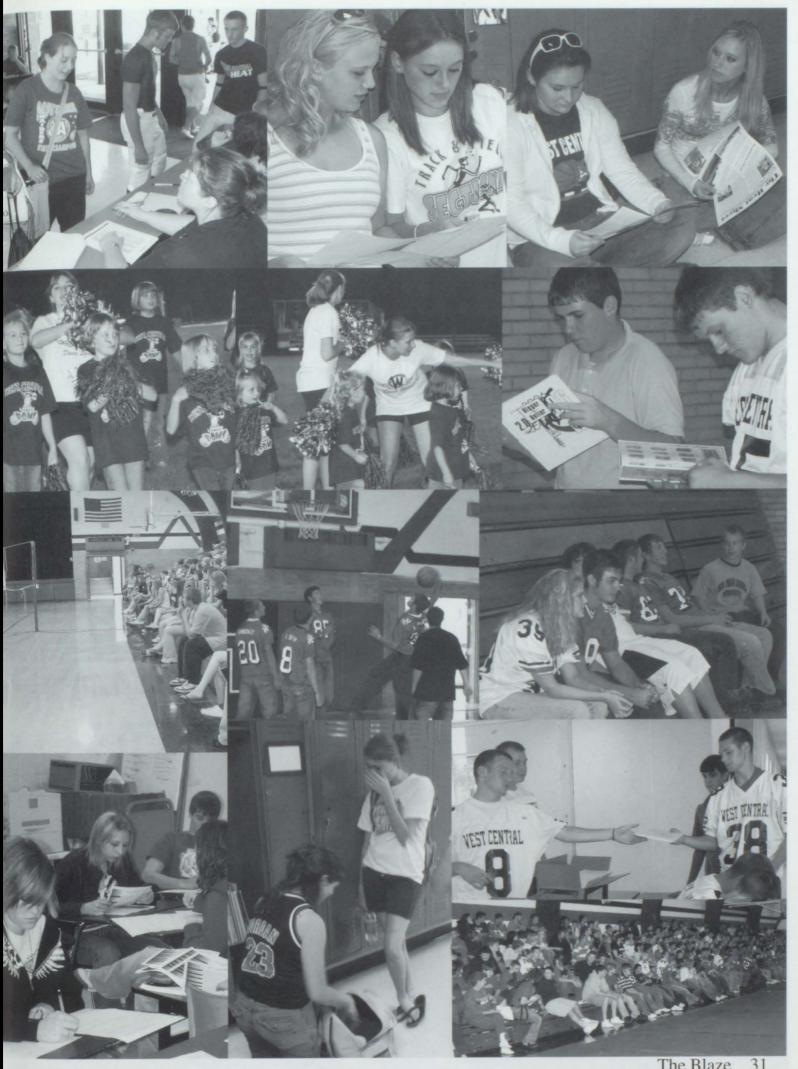
Juniors: Sarah Heller, Brittany Nichols, Valerie Corey, Kayla Whiteman

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

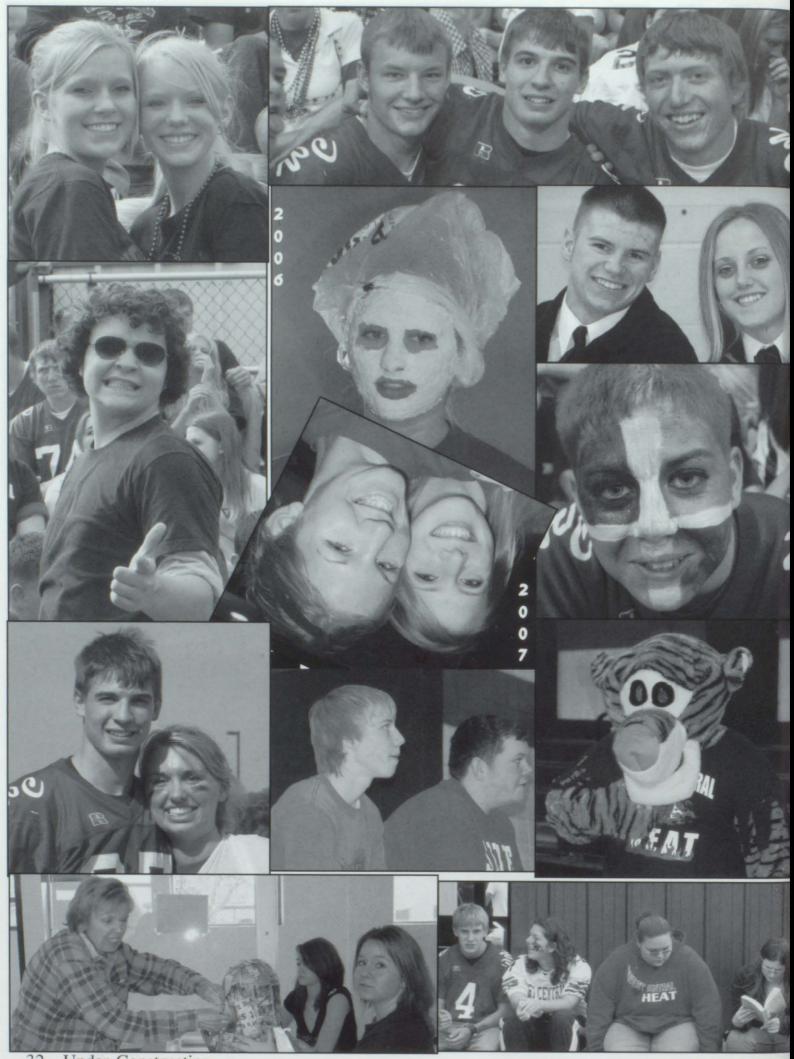


Sophmores: Jacob Waterman, Brandon Gapen, Kayla Burgus, Kristin Plath





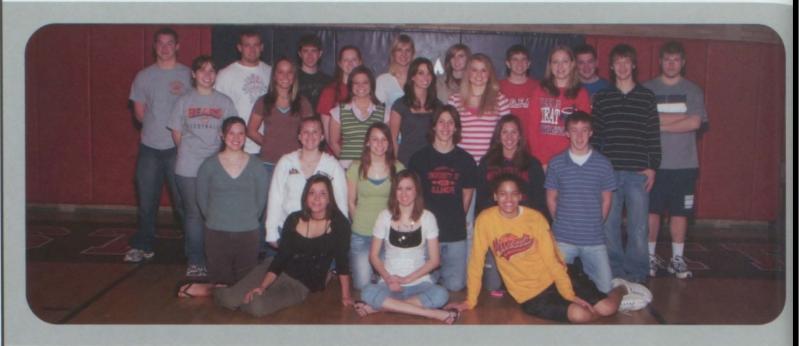
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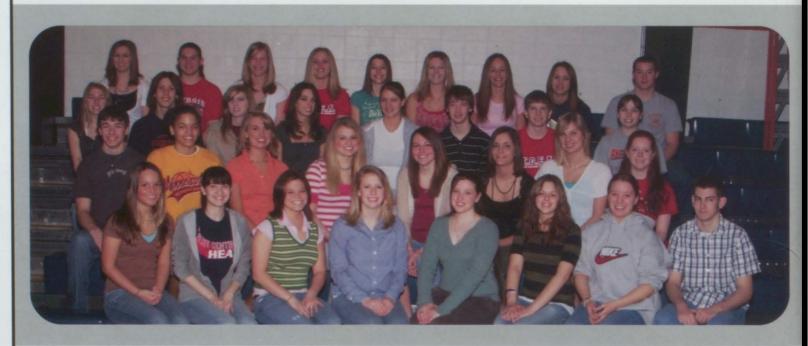


Brad Buss, Cody Lane, James Torrance, Alyssa Griepentrog, Janie Gustafson, Torri Gray, Justin Allaman, Jesse Sams, Ben Eaton Emily Smith, Miranda Clark, Halee Simmons, Laura Alexander, Robin Guile, Erin Bavery, Jordan Brueck.

Courtney Fox, Morgan Hubbard, Shelby Crawford, Cody Postle, Ashley Rice, Austin Ray.

Alicia Yeakey, Julianna Gilliam, Miriam Rutzen.

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Julianna Gillam, Elizabeth Bundy, Ashley Coffey, Rachele Jack, Sara Heller, Rachel Keane, Abby Corzatt, Kayla Whiteman, Brad Buss 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 Thompson

Scholastic Bowl



Orew Postle, Jesse Sams, Justin Allaman, Jessee Payne, Mike Lewis Erin Bavery, Mrs.Killey, Michelle Gyovai



Mrs. Killey Cameron Lemaster, Jessica Saldeen, Alyssa Griepentrog, Ethan Thompson, Stephen Lindo, Phillip Kline

Science Club



Miriam Rutzen, Jayson Sams, Alyssa Griepentrog, Stephen Lindo Ethan Thompson, 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

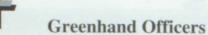
Band



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







President:Jacob Shaner Vice President: Samantha Arnold Secretary: Dillan Vancil Treasurer: Myles Lefler Reporter: Kendra Kelly Sentinel: Nathan Harden Chaplain: Colton Smith























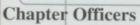












President: Jessica England Vice President: Rachele Jack 2nd V. P.: Brice Jack 3rd V.P.: Jonathon Arnold Secretary: Kelli Titus Treasurer: Rachel Keane Reporter: Ashley Huss Sentinel: Jessica Pullen Historian: Abby Corzatt Chaplain: Ben Hawk Parliamentarian: Justin Allaman

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.

Seniors



Jordan Allaman



Austin Sharp

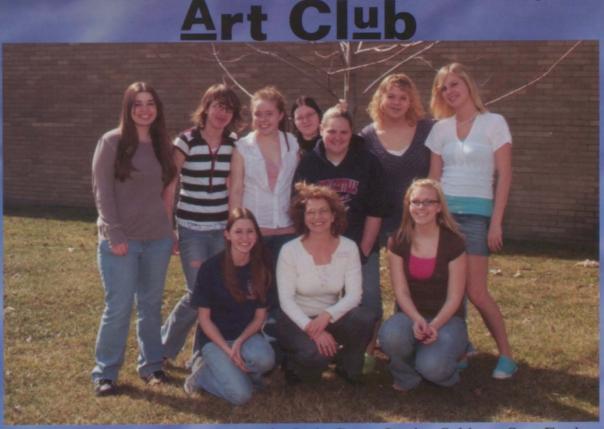
Seniors



Janie Gustfson



Amanda Norris



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

Coaches: Will Bavery, Floyd Bavery, Steve Arnold, Jay Blender, Tab Easley, Paul Loper



Varsity

Julianna Gillam 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 Debbie Gillam

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, Robert Day, Dalton Johnson.

Girls 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.





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.

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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

poms



Marilyn Moyers, Alisa Johnson, Mallory Nelson Emily Smoth, Valerie Corey, Shelby Crawford Alyssa Bulen, Meriela Masson, Rachel Sams, Brittney Grafton, Nat Aroonmaharat, Jourdan Evans

West Central Heat Football















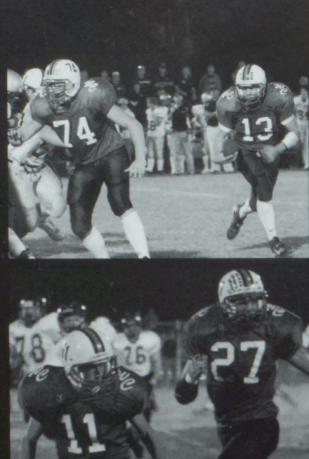








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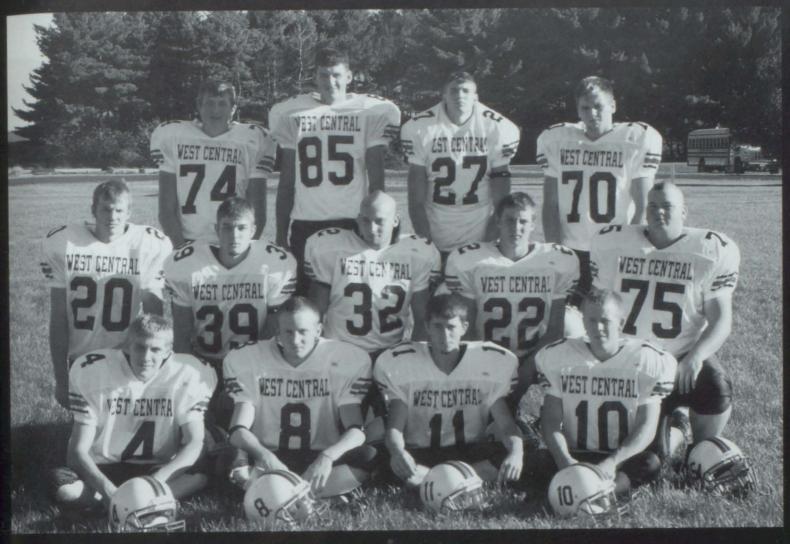








West Central Heat Football Seniors



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



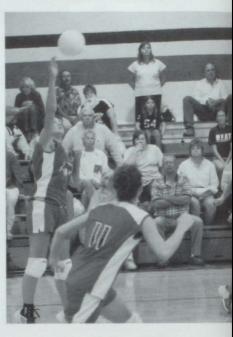
Volleyball Action















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Volleyball Seniors







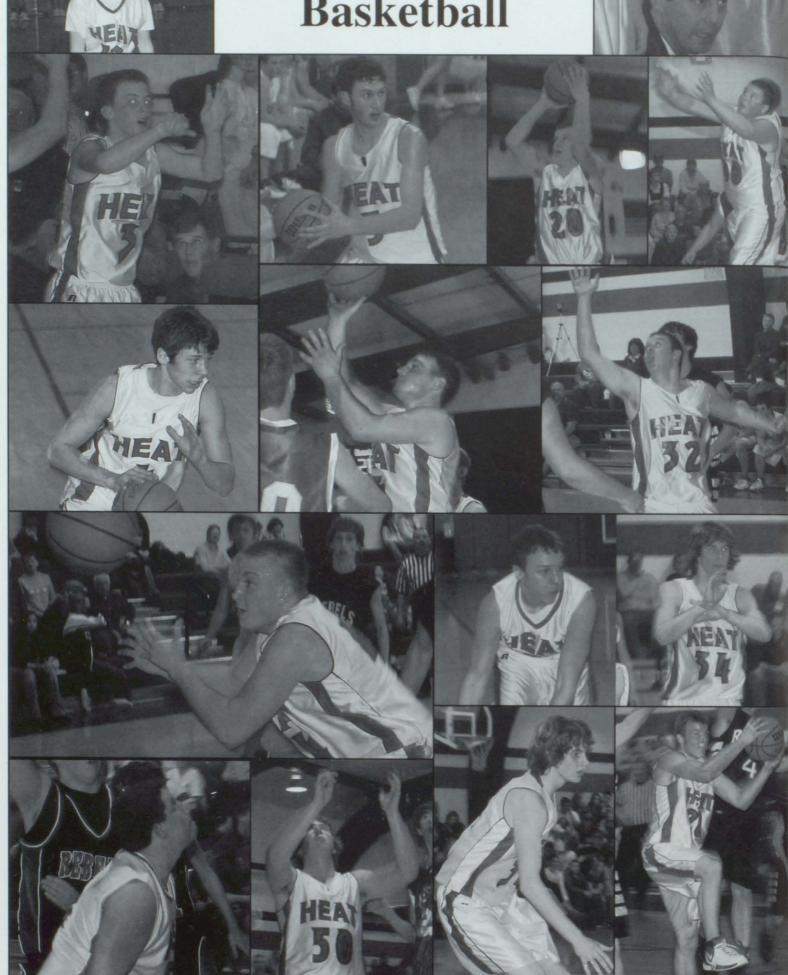




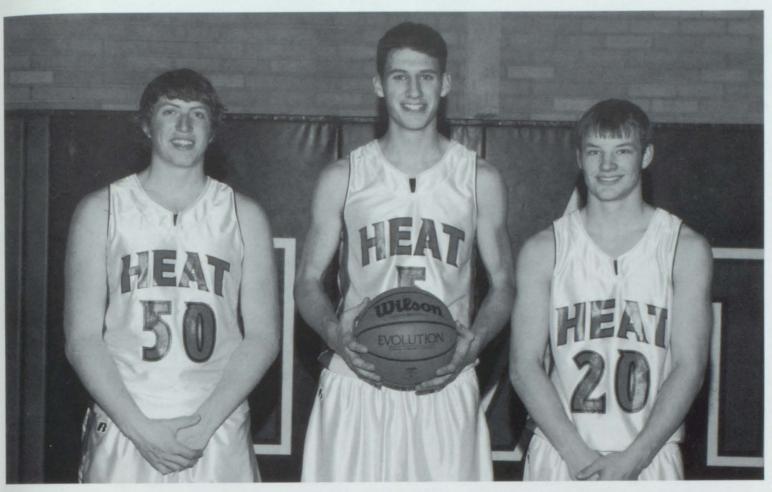


West Central Heat Basketball





West Central Heat Basketball Seniors

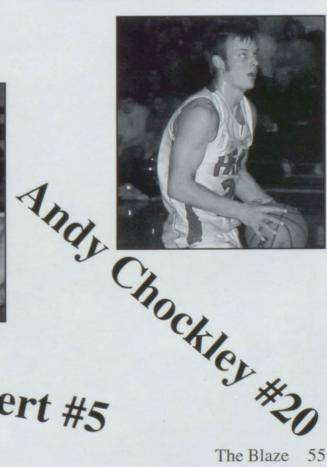


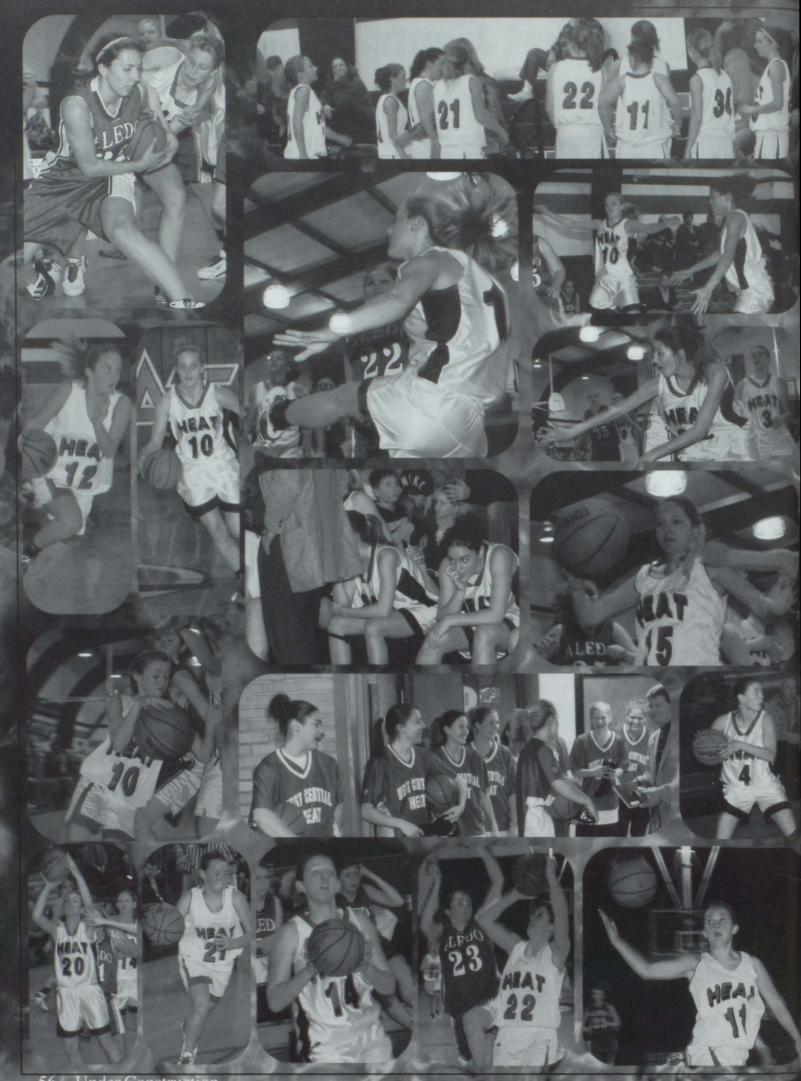
Dan Crum #50



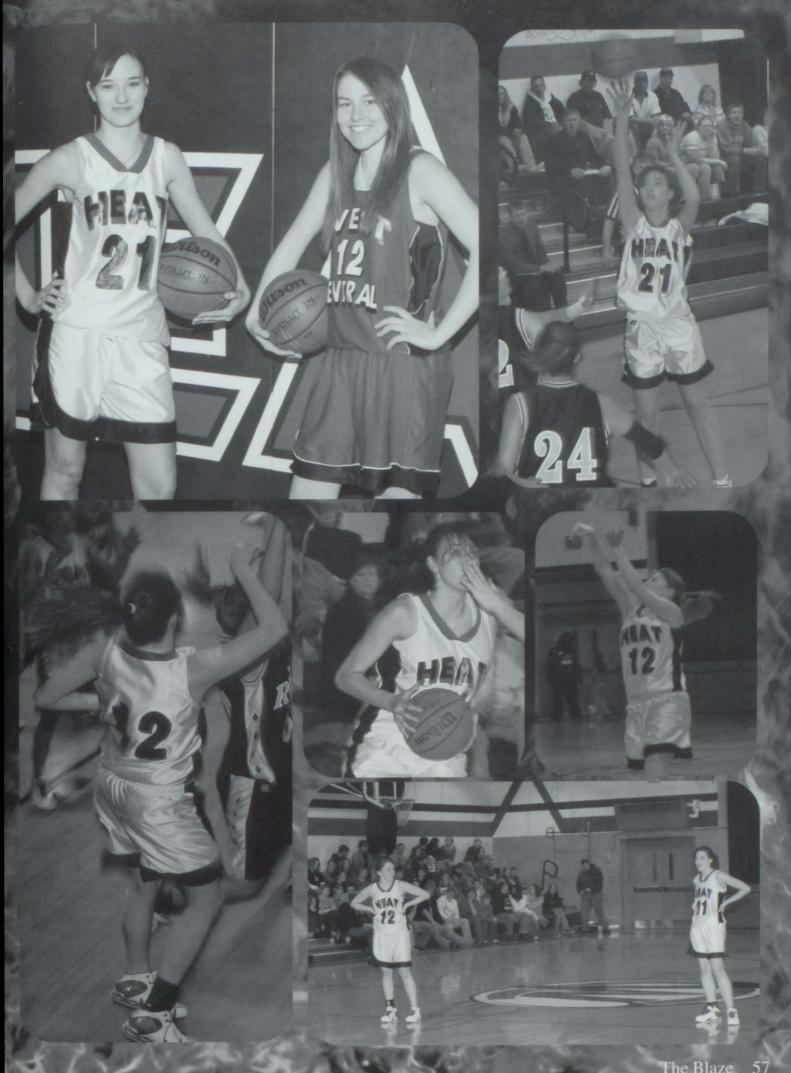


Calvin Covert #5





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Baseball Action



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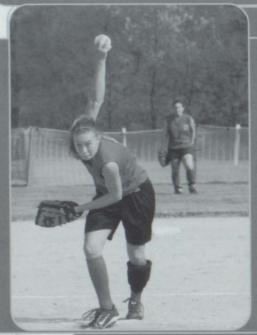
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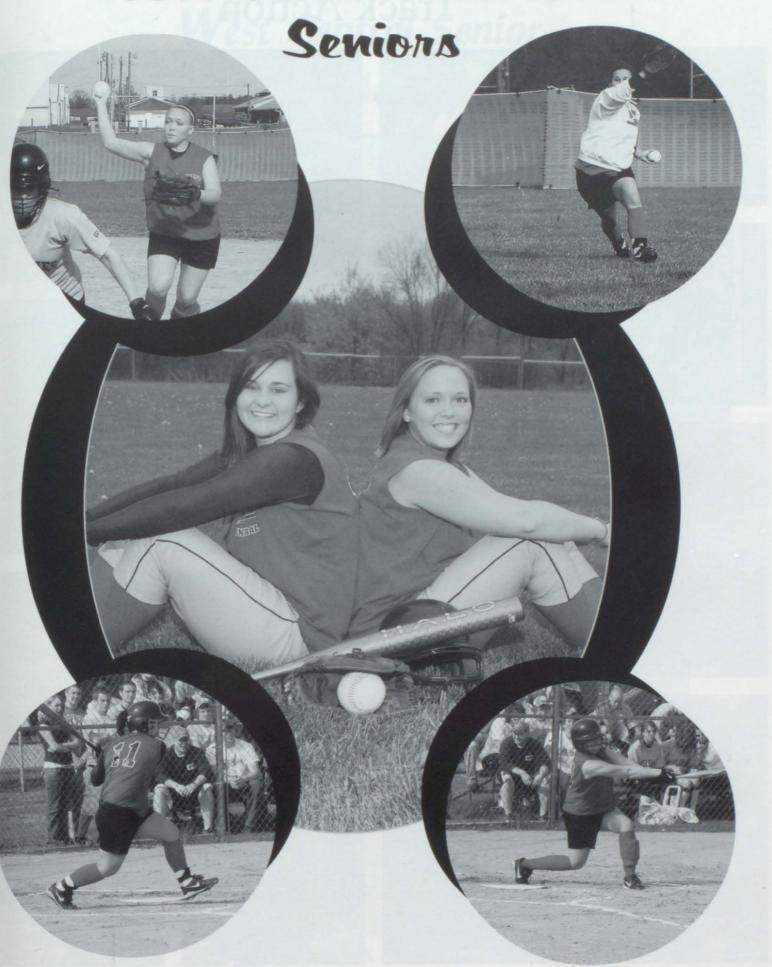








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2007 Track Action























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2007 West Central Senior Track Members



Jayson Sams

James Thorance



Alex Diehl

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Senior Bowling



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











Cheer Action



















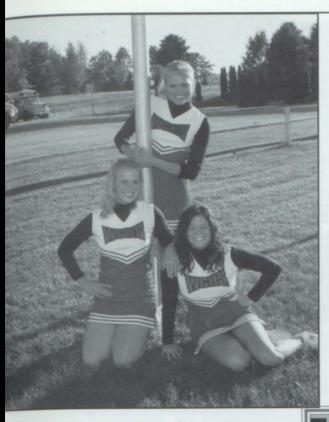




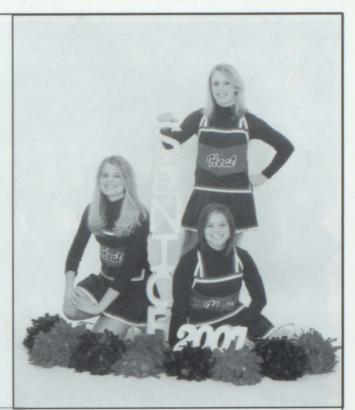






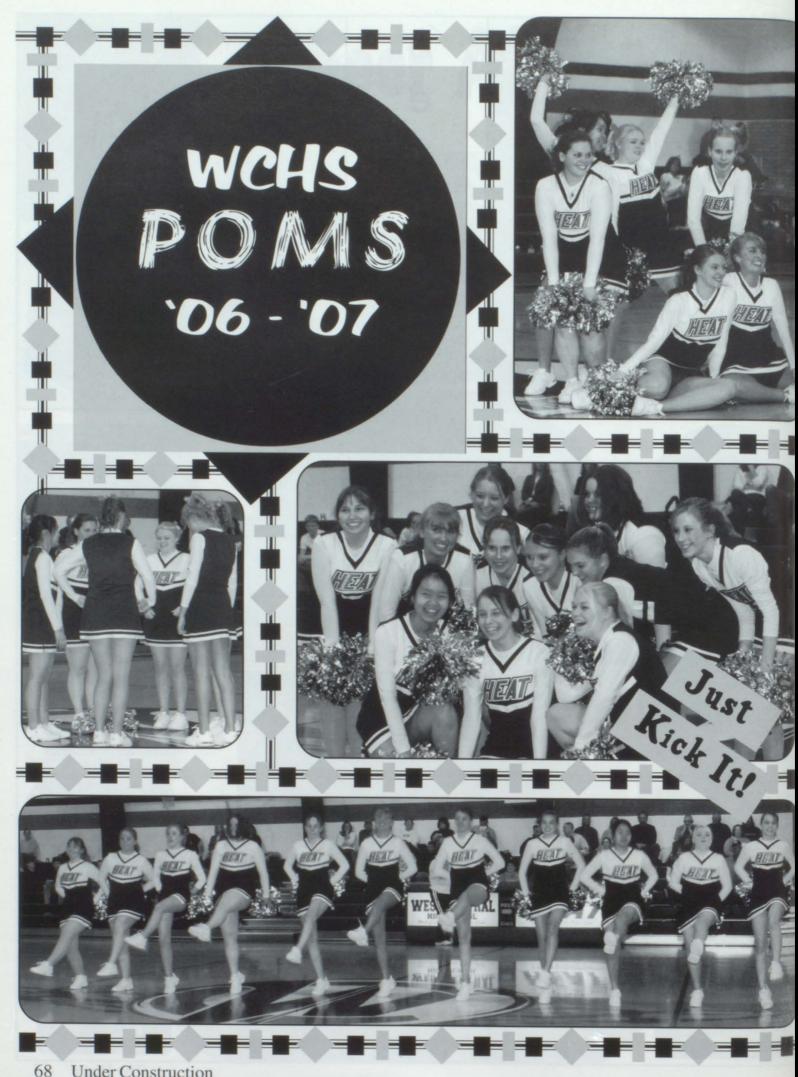


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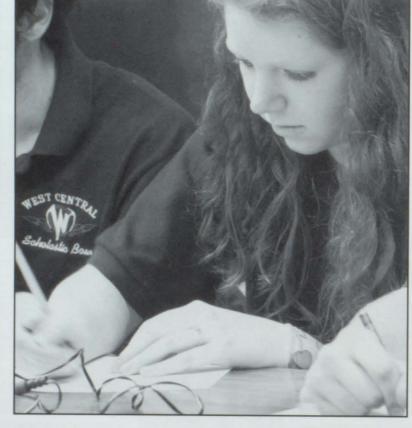




Scholastic Bowl



















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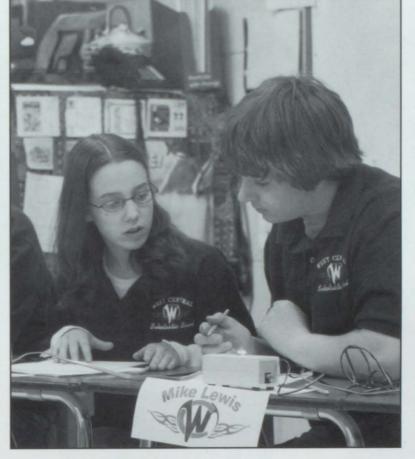






























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Fall Blood Drive



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.

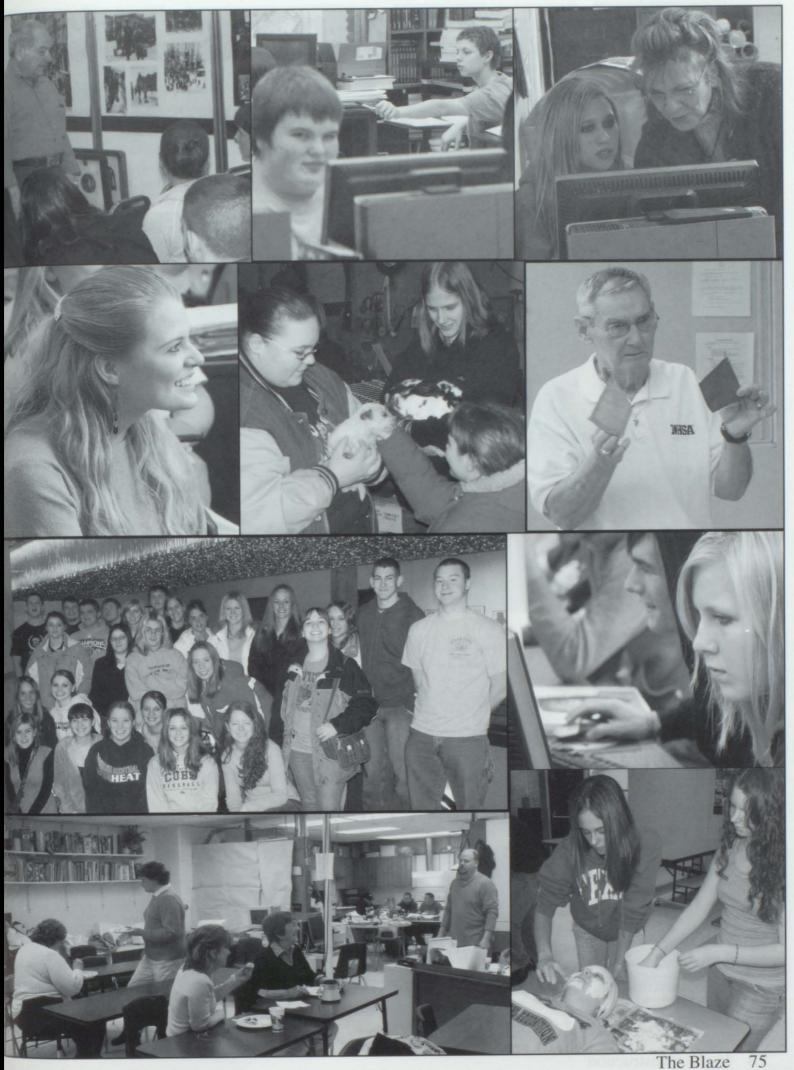


Austin Sharp is having his blood pressure checked.

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



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Jessica Hobart "Alice"



Jessica England "Mrs. Kirby"

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

Siebkenator on the play:
"This is a play that every
actor or actress should be
in at some point in their
career...oh yeah and uh
itsa niice!"



Rachel Sams "Henderson"



Eric Adams
"Government agent!



Alyssa Griepentrog
"Penelope Sycamore"



Luci Lox "Essie"



Josie Grant "Rheba"



Cameron Lemaster "Paul Sycamore"



Austin Sharp "Mr. DePinna"



Cody Postle "Ed"



Flint Kage "Donald"



Matt Castro "Grandpa"



James Torrance "Tony Kirby"



Ben Eaton
"Boris Kolenkhov"



Katy Cole "Gay Wellington"



Stephen Lindo "Mr. Kirby"



Jesse Sams
"Government agent 2"



Mike Lewis "Government agent 3"



Jessica Saldeen
"Grand Duchess"



Mr. Siebken "Director"

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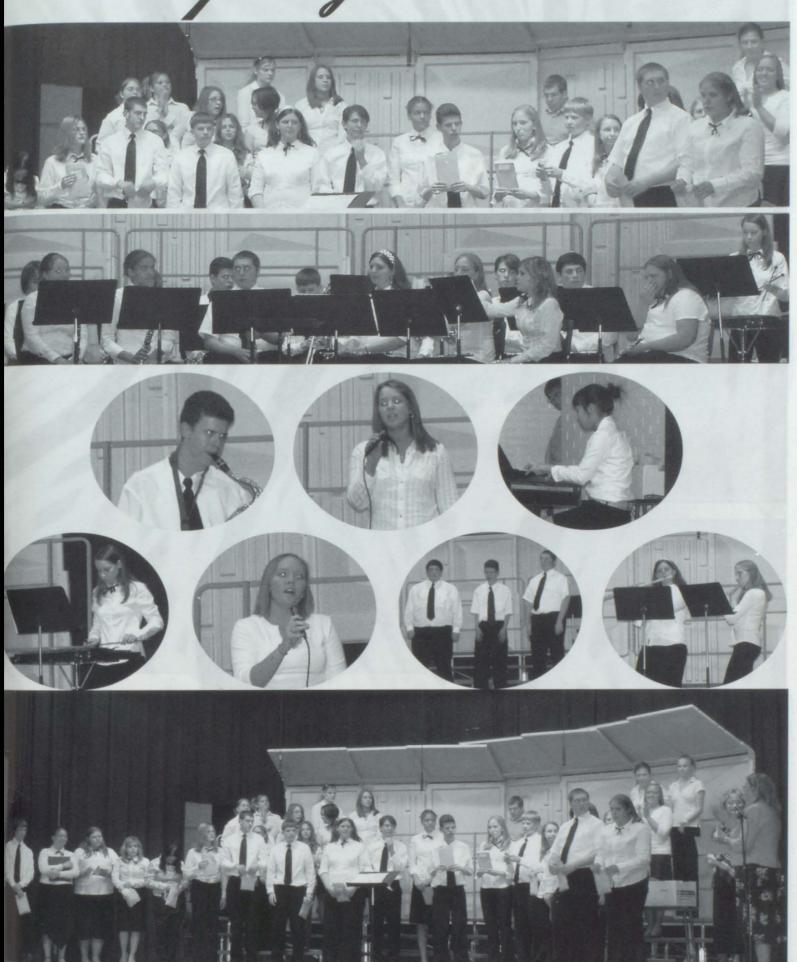








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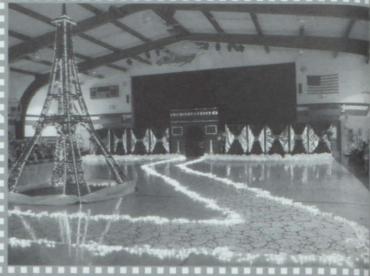


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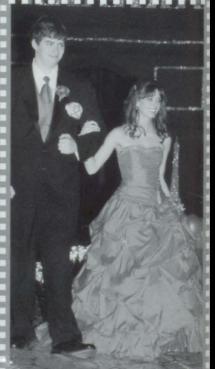














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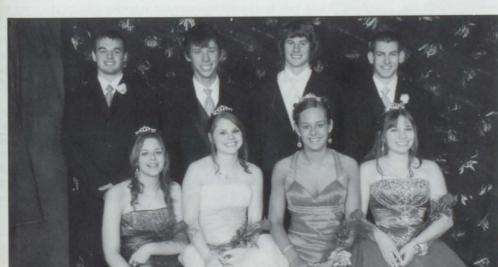


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- I, Laura Alexander, leave all my blonde moments, midnight Taco Bell runs. Ethal, falling of trees, the Piranha in the fishpond, Star's Cave, to my other half. Torri Gray. To Jessica Hobart, New Year's, Kum & Go gas station;) Ok, ok, ok, and veggle subs. Meriela, Nat, & Tomo 999, ashitaroo, and the cup game. Kayla Whiteman-Macomb, St. Patty's Day, sconvos. Coach Gibb- COFFEEII Kayla R.- a fish. And my 2 BFFs, CK and Jessica, thirteen years of great memories together, and more to come i
- 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 abilities 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, I leave French-braided hair and sweetness. Kristen P. some more makeup. Brady Smith, a friendship. To Dalton Johnson, a spud, Justine D. and Ashii B. a volleyball and a bracelet. Eric A., uniqueness. Qibby, an unforgettable volleyball season. Kayla R., a big 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 Josie, I leave you the ability to blend in. To Katle C., I leave chicken pie. To Justin A., Lauren Q., 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 straightener. I leave a Mocha Moolatte to Courtney Chenoweth. To Josle Grant I leave "Queen" and the ability to make people feel uncomfortable. To Ashli Burg, I leave the ability to be the raddest freshmen ever. I leave Alex McCraw "Brokeback Mountain." I leave Kristen P, the ability to blend in. Everyone else- posing gets you nowhere.
- I, Amber Bigger, leave Jessica Hobart a big sweater and yogurt-covered pretzel. Josie, the doodles drawn on my arm. Katle Cole, the quote "nilice". Nattarat, our weightlifting moments. Tomo, an Elmo cookle. Brittany Grafton, my cooking skills. Torri Gray, my face and a huge plate of rice. Chuck, my Spanish knowledge. Courtney Chenoweth, my amazing speech abilities.
- I, Tyler Billingsley, will Austin Ray the ability to run the school. To Colton Smith I leave my skills 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 difficult duty of keeping the boys off Mariahi Brittany. I leave you my ability to stand up against Shell's evil stare! I will Sarah a bottle of glue for the broken chair and my babysitting rights of Ashley Ci And finally, to my sister, the \$11 and my ability to stay out of trouble and learn from MY mistakes, NOT YOURS!
- I, Jacob Calkins, first and foremost, will the legacy of The Jeep to my brother, Christopher; "Biz", some anger management; L.G., all the "religious talks;" and Chuck some delicious chicken quesadilias. I hereby will Sarah some "Green", Ben E., a Snickers and some "Sunshine on a cloudy day". And to Philiy 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 Josie Grant, a hug. To Zach Hill, 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 abilities 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 bigger truck. My brother, Justin, the ability to be quiet. My cousin, Dakota, a indestructible vehicle. Dustin Johnson and Scotty Hinshaw, the ability to avoid the cops. My cousins, Michael and Brandi 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 of light bulbs. John L., a bent up Nissan. Ashley Coffey, a map of Illinois.
- i, Jessica Davis, leave Kenny McKee my determination, bedroom window, and most importantly, my love. Halley Jones, I leave patience. Justin Stewart, a bike. Andy Qaddis, a stuffed monkey, Courtney Chenoweth, I leave our hot Tai-bo instructor, Billy 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 lyckly
- I. Alexandria Diehi, will my other half. Sam A., my discus. Ashii B. and Jordan J., a box of Band-Aids, 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.
- I, Brad Eaton, will Nelly and Alex new Dodge trucks. I leave my morning chair to Flint and my terrible attitude to Ben. I leave Hippie a hair cut. The skater boys some normal pants and tied 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 Central, and I wish my graduating class great success. See ya'll later.
- I, Jessica England, will Sarah H. the ability 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., Fertile Myrtle, road trips, voicemails, restricted calls, Carlos O' Kelly's, many talks, and a hug. Miranda, Dakotah, Chianne, Hannah & Allie, the ability not to take cheerleading drama, & an awesome last year! Meme, a box of Trefoils. Ashil & Paige, a new P.E. partner. Last but not least, to my Best Buds! leave pictures, memories, & lots of love!
- I, Jourdan Evans, will Sarah Heller the following: marshmallow cream, and window paint (you 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 civilly! To Layton- the right to hit the coyote- not miss! And finally, Bulen- the title of captain.
- I. Courtney Fox, leave SaraLynn my mad Taco Bell skills! To Phillip, my ability to never be at school and still keep A's! To Bybbles, I leave you my stunning good looks and ability to get what I want! To Bradley D., the rights to Bradley's Stupid Quotes! To Harky, I leave you my Corner; may you work it with pride! To Mellssa and Kelli, my ability to talk to the Hottles without skipping a beat! To Whiz Master, I leave you the Candy Shop and a pizza pan! To Cameron & Jim, I leave you the ability to smile like a donut! To Tomo, I leave you the ability to look innocent and get away with anything, my mouth piece, my Ghetto (that you seem to be so fond of), and my autographed picture of Elmo! To the underclassmen, the knowledge that '07 will forever be unsurpassed!
- I. Robin Quile, will my love for cheerleading to Miranda, Chianne, Dakatotah, Alile, and Hannah. I hope you girls enjoy your senior year as much as I did. To Alile D., I leave my wrist problems and my willingness to believe 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 senior class, I will miss you always.

Brice Jack, will my ability to never guit to Ben Hawk. To Gene sigger. I will my ability to have fun and party but not into trouble from the lady friend. I will my ability to make any girl laugh and talk to 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 ability to stand up for myself to Miranda. My upper body strength to Josh Harkness, the ability to control myself parties to Colton Smith, and the knowledge that Firebirds will always be faster than little Mustangs to Elisha Ator.

Cameron Lemaster, leave Filnt dial-up internet for life. I leave Ben saton Brad Eaton's position in life. I will Ethan the ability to stand to Alyssa. I will Justin Allaman the ability to make fun of the Mamans. Everyone else gets laser eyes. I leave Jessica Saldeen my height, a Bible, and a pickle. Eric Adams gets myspace.com. I wish my graduating class success, but not more success than me.

Linda McBride, leave Heather my Happy Tree. Ashley, a totally hot and with a big truck. Sam and Kelli, all my friendship. Stacy gets Fruit Loops. Felisha gets happiness. To Brad and Andy, I give you patience. To all my friends, I give you love, wish you luck, and I will miss you very much.

Amanda Norris, leave my belief in God to Kayla Whiteman. My ability 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 daily life to Brad Davis.

Alicia Phillips, leave many jars of peanut butter to Derrick. Brittany, Katelyn, and Ashley. May you all use them wisely! To Meme, will my mad jumping skills and all our junior high memories. Never lorget them! I will our fun bus ride chats to Raven. To Allie D., I will olleyball injuries and all our blonde moments. To the class of 2008: Enjoy your last year and keep smiling!

lessica Pullen, leave my knowledge and my good grades to my prother, Michael. I leave my kind heart and best of luck to Lauren G. leave my locker to Branie P. and my parking space to Dakota P. To Hrs. Alexander, the fondest memories of her as a teacher for four lears. I'll miss her very much. To all the underclassmen, make your years the best 'cause they go by fast. Good luck!

Josh Russell, will my ability to do whatever I want to Robert Day. to Kody McKee, I leave my driving abilities. To Mark Mynatt and Ashley Coffey, I leave the number 20 and a Gary Russell T-shirt. To Arnie, 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 Gene Bigger, a Power Ranger. To Brandon, my good grades.

layson Sams, will Jesse Sams half of the snow globe. To my little sis, my driving skills. To Jordan H., the ability to ride horses better than me and also my driving skills. To Lane, all the bonfires and great times. To Cameron H., the ability to not yell in my basement at am. To Andy C., a game of Madden '07. To Steve-o, a tent, beating stick, and a flask. To Harky, my football skills. Party it up everyonel

Austin Sharp, render my Guitar Hero abilities to Ben E. and the Sphara to Alyssa B., the ability to tell the truth to Phil K. Justin A., the ability to not like dragons like Jacob and Jordan, and a HI-FIVE. I. you have the ability to get XM radio. Flint K., you are Spartacus. Derek K., ml espalda. Cody H., butter cups.

Randi Short, will Abby C. and RK T.O.Q.B.U., Triple S, the JS, and the thility to stick basketball out one more year! To Meme, I leave a bag Skittles and a lost button. To Amber Mann, I leave all the good ines in P.E. and a pair of yellow shorts. To Sarah Heller, I leave the ibility to call your mom Tamra, all the good times at your house, and my mom!

I, Halee Simmons, leave Austin Ray my ability to get to student council meetings on time and my work ethic. To Miranda, Dakotah, Chianne, and Hannah my captain skills and my ability to stand up to people. Dakotah, I know you can already do that! To my mom I leave all my love; I will miss you next year, but don't worry I'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 Galesburg and to do whatever in Doc Frank's class and not get in trouble. To Mrs. Baker, I leave my "afro" picture. To Nancy and Tanya, I leave the teacher's lounge bathroom and a tornado warning!

I, James Spiker, 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 hair. Elisha Ator, I leave you as the biggest 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, Kelli Titus, leave Felisha F. a volleyball. Don't hit anyone in the butt with it! 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 Jessica E. gets a sticky trap and many other FFA memories. Abby C., I leave you my sweet FFA secretary abilities, 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 trouble! 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 skills; 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 Rai, a desk In Spanish; and to Laura and Jessica, more good times than I can possibly count and many more to come!

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

I, Melissa 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. Austin Sharp, the name Chives. Courtney F., Taco Bell and my ability to find a way out of a bad situation. Mrs. Alexander, an assistant half as good as me. To all underclassmen: high school files by fast, so have fun. To The Class of 2007, BEST OF WISHESI

I. Alicia Yeakey, will Jesse Sams the ability to stay slient before 7am. To Julianna, my ability to speak up and tell everyone who did it. To Erin Bavery goes my ability to believe everything anyone tells you. To all my volleyball girls, make it better than it was last year. Just keep it fun! Stand up for the TRUTH! Always be honest to the coach. the girls, and the game!

I, Jessica Zaiser, leave to Ashley Lewis my ATTITUDEL To Sarah Heller . Rachel Keane, and Alex Miller my weedwacker and the ability to stay out of trouble with it especially on rainy days! 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 fast!

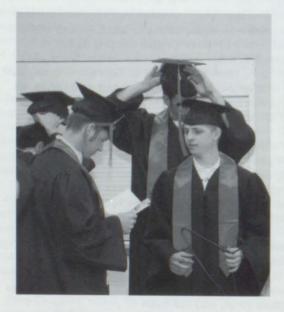






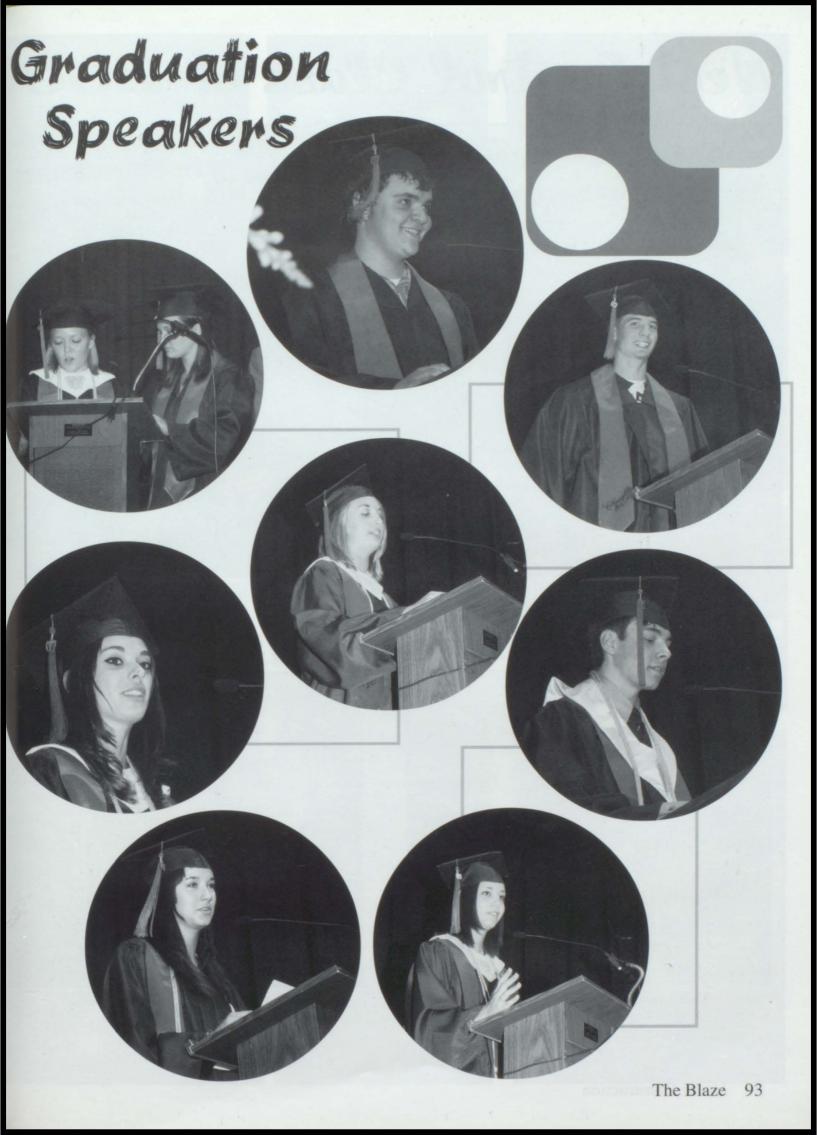




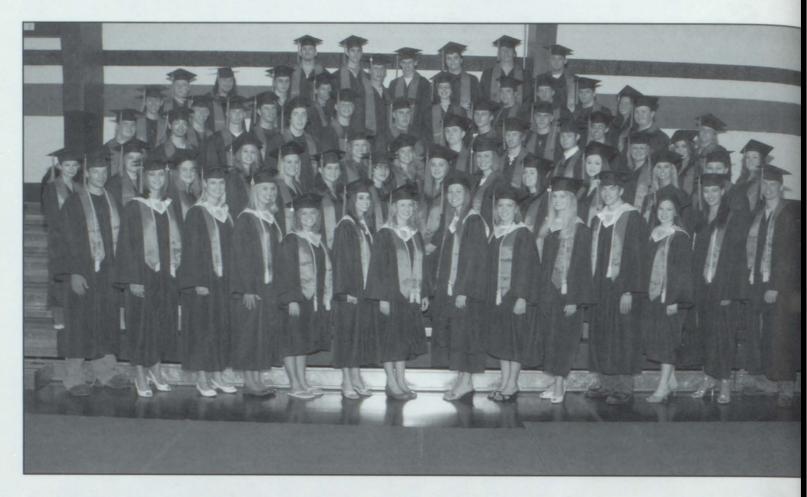




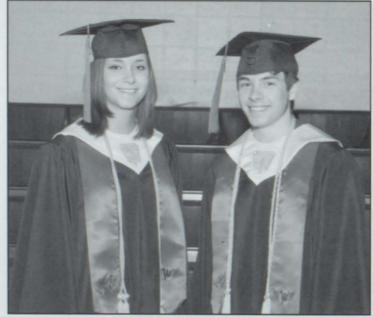




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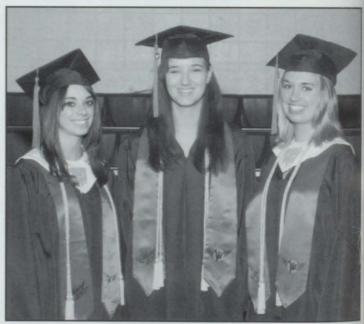


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Laura Alexander, C.K. Torrance, and Jourdan Evans

























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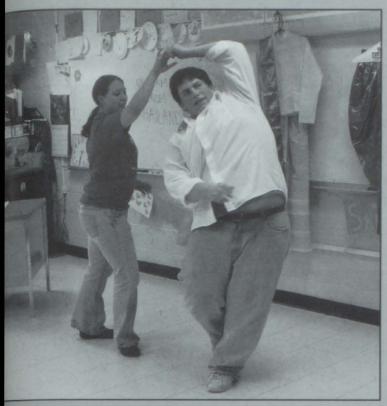








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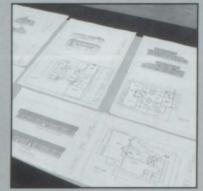










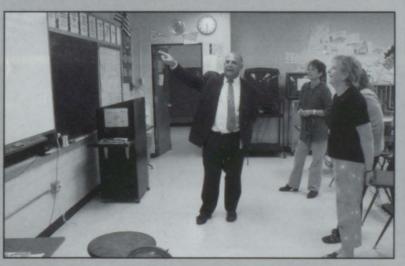






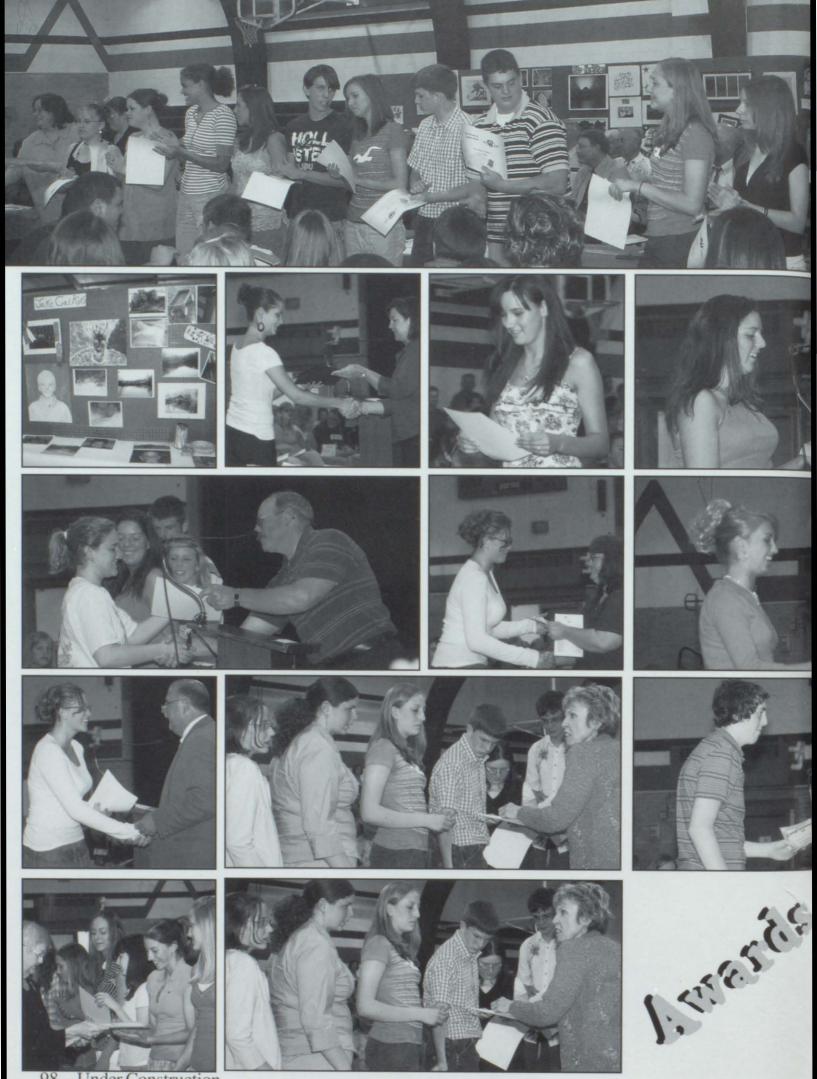




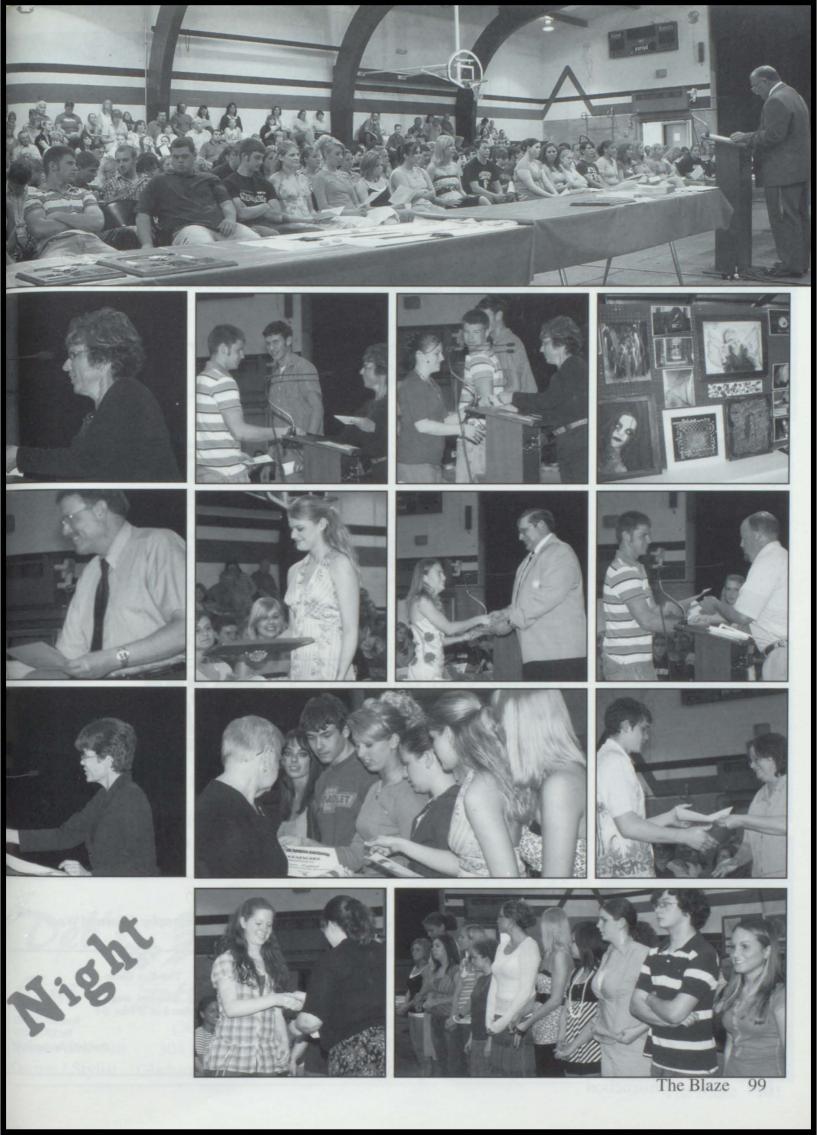




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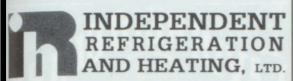
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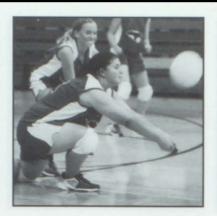


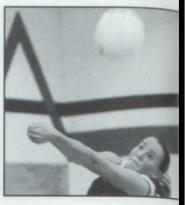


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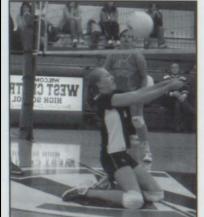
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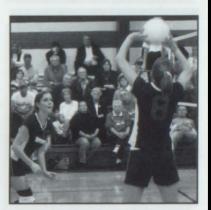
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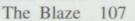


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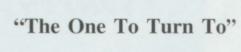






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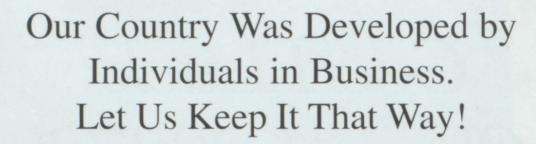


















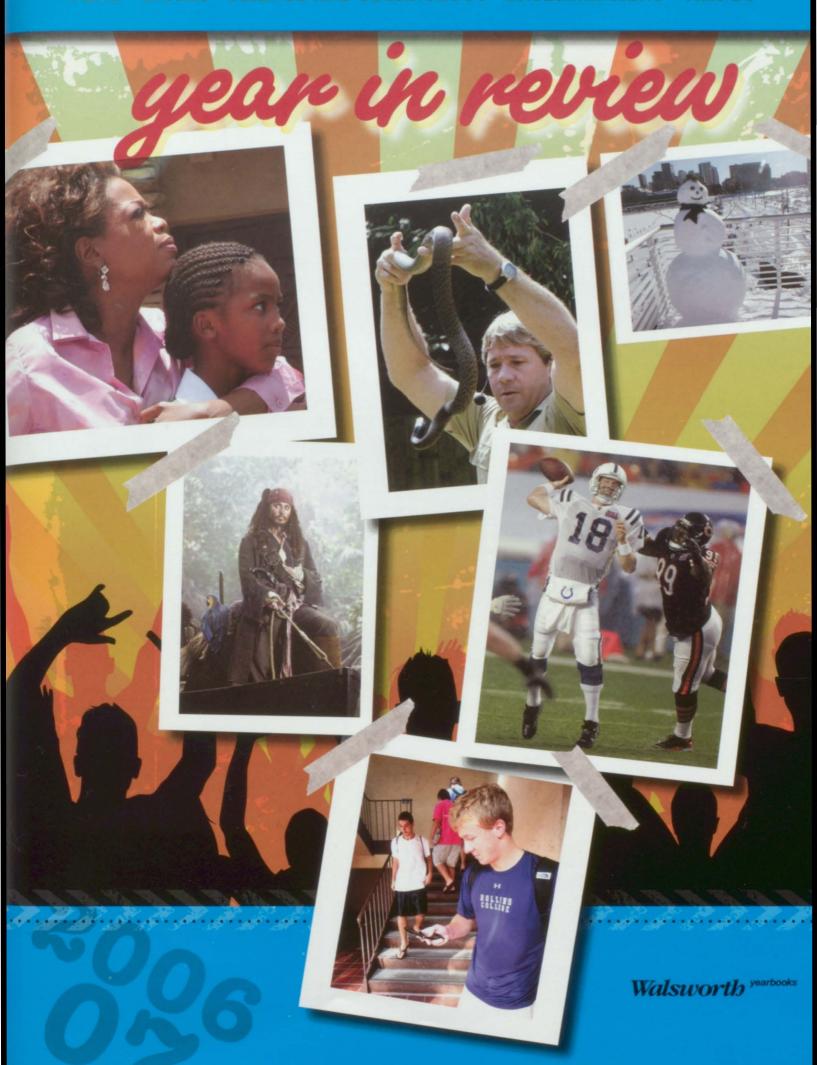
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A. The fury within

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 Iraq.

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.

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The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the country grew to 300 million people in October.



Katie Couric became anchor of the CBS Evening News.

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.



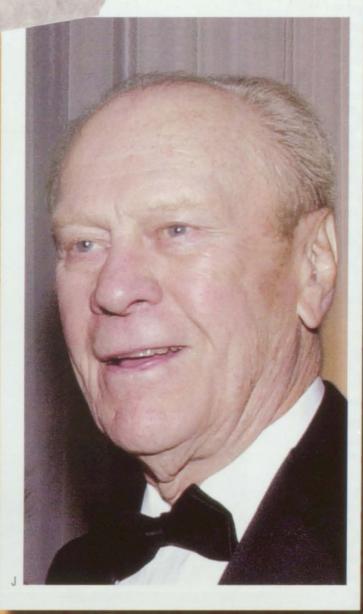




Freezing temperatures in January destroyed 75% of California's citrus crop.







G. Hussein gone

Former Iraq president Saddam Hussein and other officials of his regime were executed for crimes against humanity after being found guilty in the deaths of 143 people from the town of Dujail in 1982. He was hanged in a chamber where his regime carried out death sentence orders.

H. 9/11 five years later

Ceremonies marked the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack. Tributes took place at Ground Zero, where the World Trade Center towers once stood in New York, at the Pentagon and at Shanksville, Pa. Meanwhile, work continued on Freedom Tower, the skyscraper that will replace the World Trade Center towers.

I. A new Congress

Voters in the November midterm elections gave the Democrats a majority in Congress for the first time in a decade. With the victory, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became the first female speaker of the House. The majority in the Senate was in jeopardy for a time because Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., underwent brain surgery for intracerebral bleeding in December.

J. President Ford dies

Gerald R. Ford Jr., 93, the 38th president, died at home in California in December. Ford was the only president and vice president never to be elected to those offices. He was appointed vice president by President Richard Nixon, and he assumed the presidency when Nixon resigned amid the Watergate scandal in the 1970s. Ford is remembered for pardoning Nixon.

Which story had the greatest impact on Americans this year?

Iraq war: 44%

High gasoline prices: 42%

Immigration: 6%

2006 Elections : 6%

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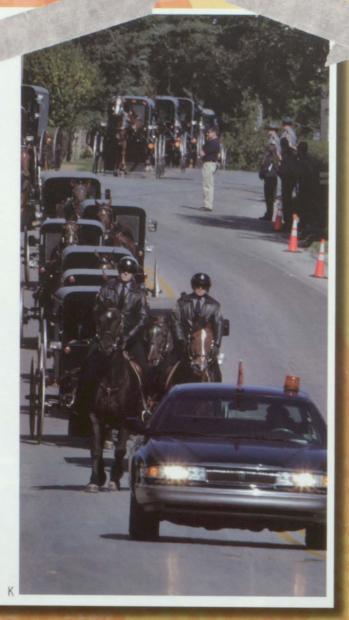


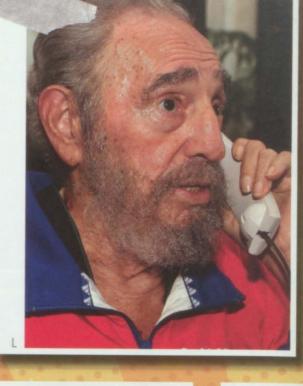
Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist who defined free-market economic theory, died at 94.



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Pope Benedict XVI visited Istanbul's Blue Mosque, only the second papal visit ever to a Muslim place of worship.









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.

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.









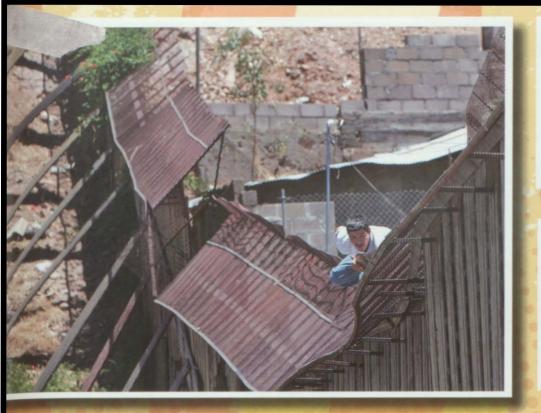






Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, famous for a 1988 Democratic convention speech, died in Austin. New York City could have an all-day rush hour by 2030, city planners and other experts said.

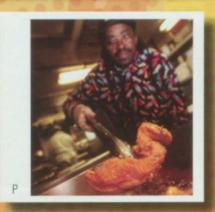
Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., resigned after inappropriate emails to Congressional pages were brought to light. Cartoon characters appeared on fruits and vegetables to promote healthier eating.















P. Removing trans fats

Use of trans fats was stopped in some high-profile settings. New York City's health board banned them in restaurants, as did Universal Parks and Resorts and Walt Disney Resorts at their U.S. parks. Trans fats are less expensive to use, but increase bad cholesterol levels, a factor in heart disease.

Q. Helping hand

Oprah Winfrey opened a school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa, named the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy. Winfrey spent more than \$40 million to build and supply the academy and helped to interview and select the first 152 girls to admit. The school will eventually have 450 girls. Winfrey plans to build a second school for boys and girls in South Africa.

R. Spy thriller

Interpol joined the investigation of the death of former Russian KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, who died from ingesting radioactive polonium-210, but not before claiming Russian President Vladimir Putin was behind his poisoning. The Kremlin denied the accusation. The investigation strained the relationship between the Russian and British governments

S. U.S. pressures Iran

The United States continued to seek ways to pressure Iran to stop its nuclear program. The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution imposing sanctions on Iran to stop uranium enrichment, which Iran claimed was for electricity generation and not weapons. The

U.S. also announced sanctions against Bank Sepah, which provides international banking services in the Middle East.

T. Ask for it by name

Pseudoephedrine is a great decongestant when you have a cold. Unfortunately, it is also used to make methamphetamine, so the government made pharmacies take products such as Sudafed and Drixoral off the shelves. Now adults who want the medicine, must ask for it, show photo identification and sign a logbook.







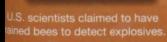








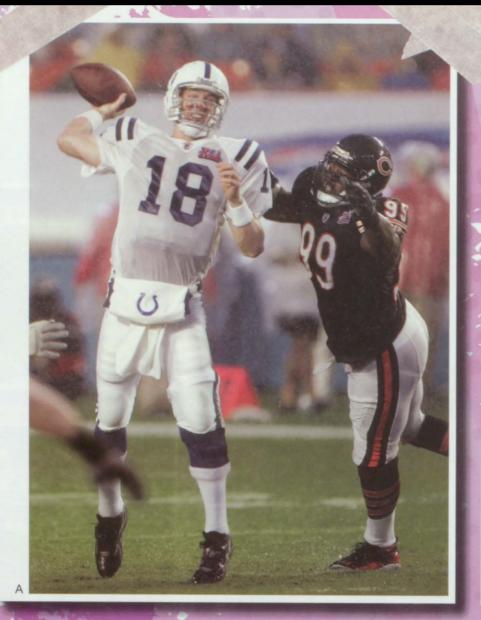




became the new United Nations secretary-general Jan. 1

a Malawian boy angered child welfare groups but focused attention on the 900,000 orphans in Malawi.

Wash., stopped shaving Sept. 11, 2001, and will shave only after Osama bin Laden has been caught or killed.







A. Indy does it

Playing in a soggy downpour in Miami, the Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI by defeating the Chicago Bears, 29-17. Though the game was plagued by both teams fumbling in the rain, Indy quarterback Peyton Manning was chosen the game's MVP after leading the team to almost 500 yards of offense. It was the first championship for Manning and coach Tony Dungy, both long considered two of the best in the game.

B. Italian delight

Italy won the fourth World Cup title in the nation's history, winning a 5-3 shootout over France in the final match, after the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw in regulation time. The championship game was marred when French star Zinedline Zidane was ejected for a vicious head butt.

C. Gator bait

The Florida Gators champed on Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game, routing the Buckeyes 41-14. Florida quarterback Chris Leak easily outplayed his Heisman Trophy counterpart, Ohio State's Troy Smith, and Florida became the first school to win a college football and college basketball national title in a 12-month span.

D. Good-bye, Andre

Tennis star Andre Agassi brought his competitive career to an end, retiring after 20 years as a pro because of various back injuries. Considered one of the all-time greats, Agassi was one of only five players in history to win all four Grand Slam titles.

E. Fast friends

Golfer Tiger Woods and tennis star Roger Federer, possibly the two most dominant individual athletes in sports, amused the media by striking up a public friendship. The buddies each had a great year. Federer broke the record for most consecutive weeks ranked number one in the world, and Woods won six tournaments in a row, including the British Open and the PGA Championship.

F. It's in the Cards

After sneaking into the playoffs with only 83 wins, the St. Louis Cardinals stunned the baseball world by advancing to the World Series, and then promptly knocked off the Detroit Tigers in five games. Scrappy shortstop David Eckstein was the unlikely MVP for the unlikely champs.









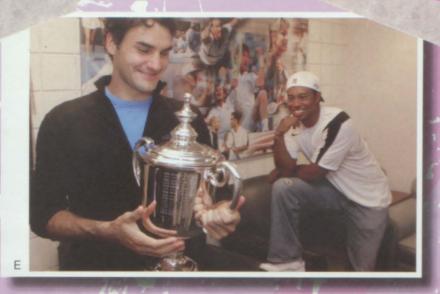




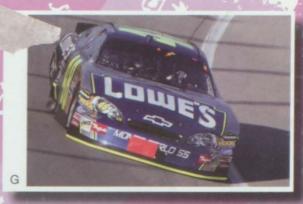
The U.S. men's basketball team struggled, losing to Greece at the World Championships.

Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight got his 880th win, a new record for college basketball.

Sports Illustrated named Miami Heat guard Dwayne Wade the Sportsman of the Year.









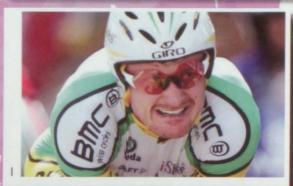


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G. Quite a year

After finishing second in 2003 and 2004, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson finally broke through and won his first Nextel Cup championship. Johnson became the first driver to win the Daytona 500, the Brickyard 400 and the Nextel Cup all in the same season.

H. Call it a comeback

Coming off a year where she was plagued by a chronic knee injury and her world ranking plummeted, Serena Williams kicked off 2007 in fine comeback style by winning the Australian Open, knocking off topranked Maria Sharapova in the process.

I. Testing troubles

Two high-profile American athletes dealt with the fallout from failed performance-enhancing drug tests. Cyclist Floyd Landis won the Tour de France, but was then stripped of the title. Sprinter Justin Gatlin, an Olympic Gold medalist and world record holder in the 100 meters, was banned from competition for eight years.

what you think!

Who is the most dominant athlete in American sports right now?

Peyton Manning: 23%

LeBron James: 23%

Tiger Woods: 18%

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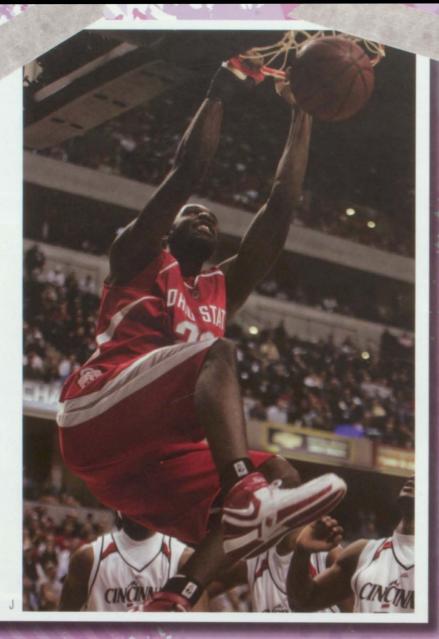






Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith won the Heisman Trophy.

In its first year since relocating from San Jose, the Houston Dynamo won the MLS championship. Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr., were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in their first try on the ballot.







J. Back to school

New rules dictated that basketball players could not enter the NBA draft until they were at least one year removed from high school. As a result, several highly touted players, such as Ohio State's Greg Oden, planned on spending at least one year playing college basketball before turning pro.

K. A terrible accident

Just days after his team was eliminated from the playoffs, New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle was killed when the small plane he was co-piloting accidentally crashed into a New York City apartment building. The crash also killed flight instructor Tyler Strange.

L. What a flip

Motorsports athlete Travis Pastrana stole the show at the X Games by becoming the first competitor to ever land a double backflip during a motorcross competition. Even though the move won him the Freestyle MX gold medal, Pastrana said he had no plans to ever try the stunt again.

M. Coming to America

British soccer star David Beckham surprised many by signing a deal to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS. Essentially a household name in England and throughout Europe, Beckham immediately provided some credibility for the American league, typically considered a notch below the European leagues.

N. A lady tiger

Mexican golfer Lorena Ochoa was named the AP Female Athlete of the Year after a season in which she won six tournaments on the LPGA tour and earned more than \$2.5 million in winnings.

O. Ouch!

Serious youth sports injuries continued to become more common, especially with the continued proliferation of extreme sports like snowboarding and skateboarding. Doctors were concerned that teens who suffered knee ligament tears were becoming more susceptible to early arthritis.







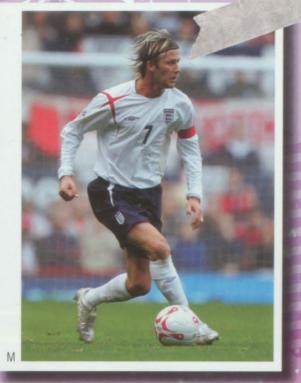








Kentucky Derby winning horse Barbaro was put to sleep after an 8-month ordeal from a broken leg. Legendary Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach, who led the team to nine titles, died at age 89. The Detroit Shock won their second WNBA title in four years.



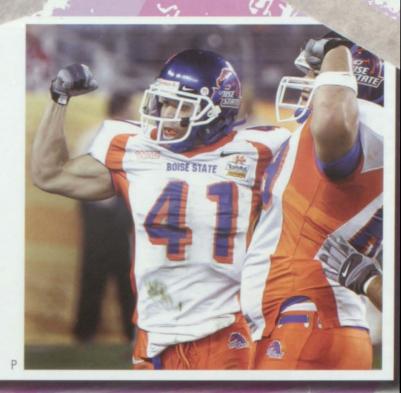








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P. Game of the year

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 then winning the game on trick plays.

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 you think!

What is your favorite sport to watch on TV?

Football: 45%

Basketball: 16%

Soccer: 8%

Baseball: 8%

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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 exchange video clips, was purchased by internet portal Google for \$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 touchpad screen, the iPhone cost between \$500-600.

C. A reason to hope

For the second straight year, cancer deaths in the U.S. dropped. The totals decreased by 3,014 deaths. Doctors attributed the success 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

















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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

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.

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What is your favorite website?

MySpace: 33%

Google: 9%

YouTube: 7%

Facebook: 6%

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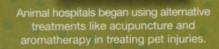


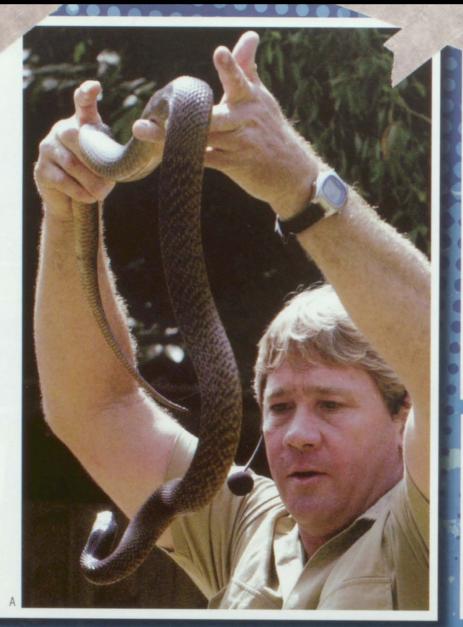






It wasn't quite Harry Potter, but scientists claimed to be closer to creating an invisibility cloak.









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 Kidman landed on top for the first time by earning an average of \$17 million per movie. Kidman also became one-half of another high-profile 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 *CSI*. Both shows continued to do well. Combined, the two shows 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.











G. Better together

Struggling TV networks WB and UPN merged to form a new channel called The CW. The fledgling new network was filled with several popular shows geared toward the teen audience, such as *The Gilmore Girls, Smallville, Veronica Mars* and *One Tree Hill.*

H. Borat in America

No movie made bigger waves than *Borat*, a comedy about the antics of a politically incorrect journalist from Kazakhstan who visits America. Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen created and played the fictitious title character, and received both praise for his creativity and scorn for his controversial material.

I. Interesting mix

The Academy Awards produced a unique set of Best Picture nominees. The Departed, the winner, was about police corruption; and Letters From Iwo Jima was a World War II movie told from the Japanese perspective. Babel told the story of an American couple encountering tragedy while vacationing in Morocco. The other nominees were the child beauty pageant comedy Little Miss Sunshine and The Queen, a biopic on England's Queen Elizabeth II.

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What was your favorite movie this year?

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest: 9%

Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby: 6%

Borat: 5%

Step Up: 5%

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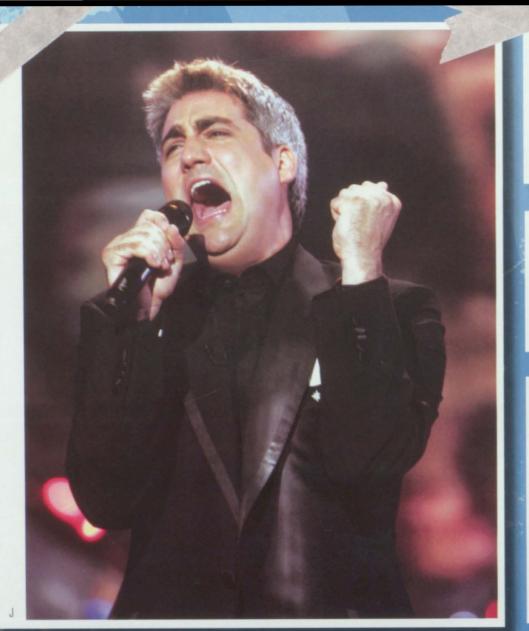




Van Halen and REM were elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Pop star Britney Spears split from husband Kevin Federline.

Just two years after retiring, rapper Jay-Z made a comeback with the album Kingdom Come.









J. More popular than ever

Southern soul crooner Taylor Hicks won the fifth season of American Idol, as the show's popularity continued to climb and attract more viewers. The sixth season premiere in January drew in 37.3 million people.

K. Not so crazy

Gnarls Barkley, a due combining rapper Cee-Lo and D.J. Danger Mouse, released their first album, *St. Elsewhere*, and it quickly became a hit. Known for a unique sound and tendency to perform in wild costumes, Gnarls Barkley's first single, "Crazy," became the most purchased song of the year.

L. All grown up

Former boy band star Justin Timberlake continued his maturation by releasing his second solo album, which sold nearly 700,000 copies in the first week. The album also broke the iTunes records for pre-orders and first week sales.

M. Surprising success

Former vice president Al Gore stepped back into the spotlight. To the surprise of many, Gore's documentary about the environment, An Inconvenient Truth, actually sold tickets to the tune of almost \$40 million. Gore's book of the same name also stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for several weeks.

N. King of comedy

Funny man Will Ferrell cemented his growing reputation as a box office star with the hit *Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby.* Ferrell played the lead title role in the fictional biopic of a racecar driver that spoofed the world of NASCAR.

O. Instant hit

Disney's made-for-TV movie *High School Musical* sold more than one million copies in the first six days it was released on DVD. The film was popular enough that it was made into a stage show, and filming began on the sequal.







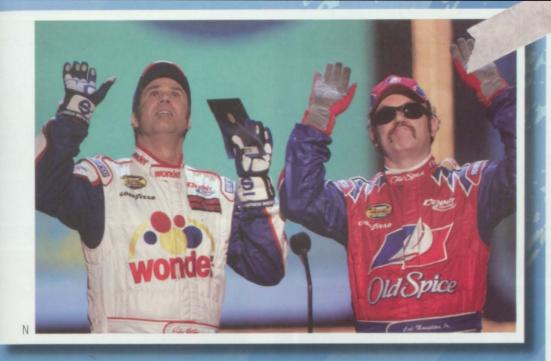




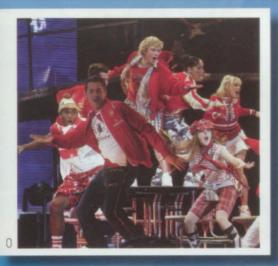


Popular new TV shows included Heroes and Ugly Betty. Panic! At the Disco won Video of the Year at the MTV Video Music Awards for "I Write Sins Not Tragedies."

Hollywood couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes got married.









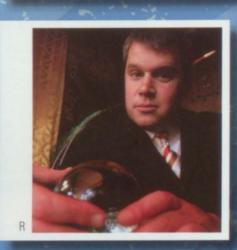


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P. A first for everything

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 Series for the first time.

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

Daniel Handler, author of the popular Lemony Snicket children's books, finished the 13th 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.

What is your favorite type of music?

Rock: 34%

Rap/Hip-hop: 29%

Country: 17%

Alternative: 12%

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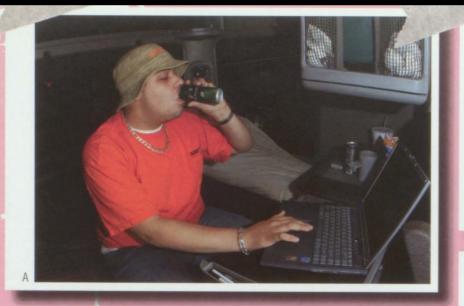




For the 13th time in their career, Brooks & Dunn was named Vocal Duo of the Year at the Country Music Awards.

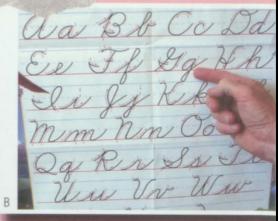
The O.C. was cancelled at the end of the show's fourth season.

Red Hot Chili Peppers was named Best Band at the American Music Awards.









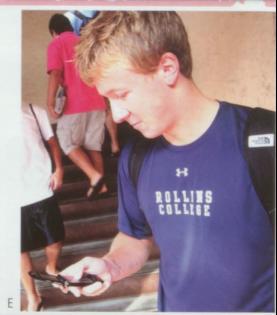


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A. Perk up

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 20s 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 1980s 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 you think!

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°

No problems, my school is cool: 12%

Survey results compiled from reponses of 1,600 high school and middle 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.

