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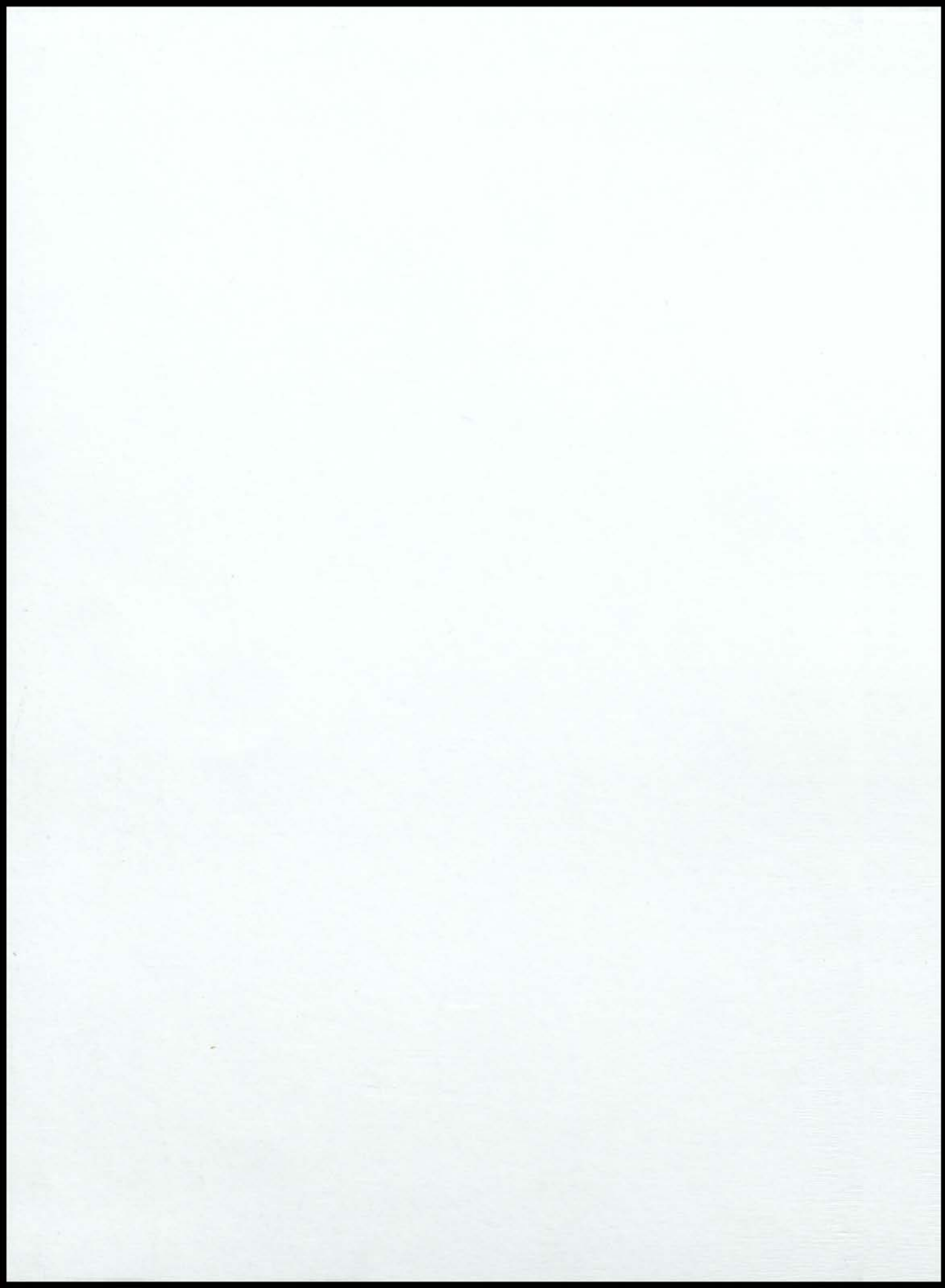
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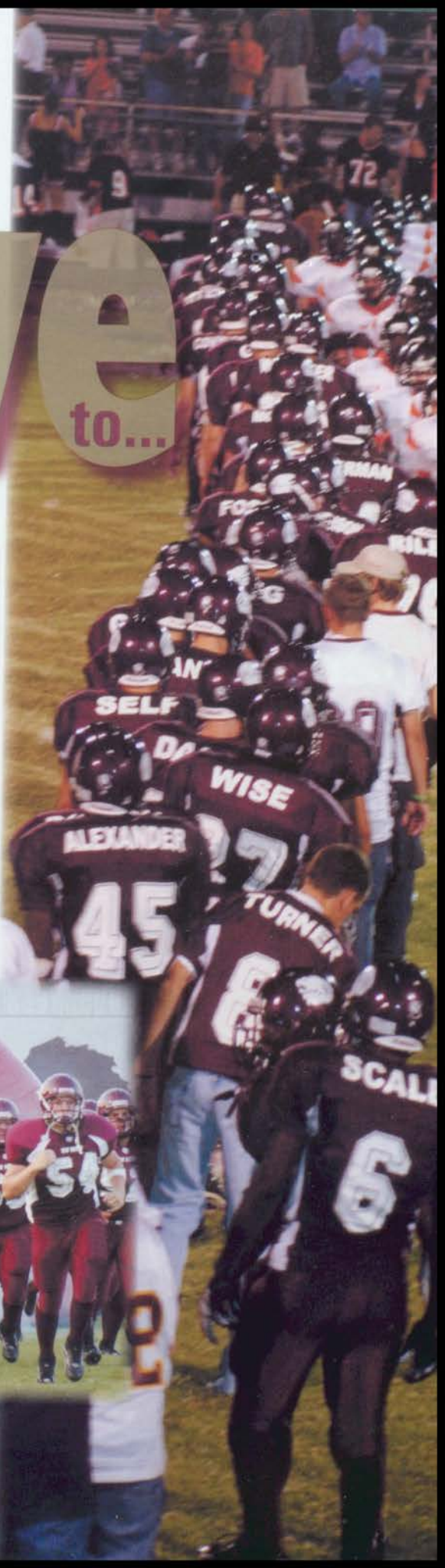
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# A CHANGE OF PACE

## new schedule shakes things up

Take out the school supply stress, fear of new teachers, homework anxiety, sleepiness, the worry about whether or not anyone notices the five extra pounds you gained over the summer, and the regular first day jitters, and starting school again is a breeze, right? Not this year. Mr. Busse decided to try something new. Instead of eight block periods divided into 'A' and 'B' days, the schedule changed to seven, fifty-five minute periods a day.

This campus has been on 90 minute class periods for over ten years, but Mr. Busse decided it was time for a change.

"With block scheduling, I felt that there was a lot of time being wasted in the classroom," principal Roger Busse said. "With more traditional schedule, teachers actually have 25 more minutes per week, on average, than with block."

Teachers and students say the new schedule has been a difficult transition.

"I have gone back to mostly lecture," math teacher Alice Young said. "I don't have time to teach using manipulatives or doing the activities that I have done in the past. Those students that learn best by listening will do fine, but those that need other stimulation will be at a disadvantage."

Having every class every day does not allow students the convenience of preparing for only four classes a day.

"I don't like it because I don't have time to do homework and study for tests," junior Bart Brock said. "Sometimes we have tests in three of four classes a day. I'll be surprised if anyone likes it!"

### how did the first day go for you?

"Half the time I was lost and confused about where I was supposed to be, but other than that, it wasn't a big deal since we didn't have to change to block scheduling."



callie berryhill

"It's my senior year, so the first day of school was exciting, but I was still really dreading it. I didn't want to go back, but at least this time I'll have some seniority."



justin minyard

"Starting school again wasn't a big deal for me. I got to see the friends that I didn't keep in touch with over the summer, but other than that, it was just a matter of getting out of bed."



jessica smith

"The first day of school this year was a lot different for me because I haven't gone to school here forever like most of the other people. I wasn't really used to it, and I didn't like that because it's my senior year."



sarah potter



#### WELCOME BACK

Brad Hanna, Bart Brock, and Brandon Grey march back into school after a long, hard summer. "The first day of school is always the same to me," Brad said. "I am always excited to see my friends and ready to get used to my new classes."

#### STICK TOGETHER

Taking on their freshman year side by side, Ashley Ford, Ashley Burden, Paige McCarter, and Laura Raney proceed through the main doors anxiously.

"I was pretty nervous on the first day of high school," Paige said. "I had it better than most people though because my big sister is a senior."

2 opening  
ashley spradlin





*"Starting school over is always the same, but when I retire at the end of the year, I'll miss the breakfast club meetings."*

**mrs. pyron**



*"I felt suprisingly good about starting this new school year. I knew it would be different, but I was ready to see everyone again."*

**mrs. busse**



*"I knew it would be a little chaotic with the new schedule, so I was dreading it. It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks!"*

**mrs. epps**



*"Starting a new school year was going to be difficult with the TAKS prep, but I say, let's just do the deed!"*

**mr. sturgeon**



*"Starting a new job in a different place with a totally different atmosphere is exciting."*

**ms. stoker**



## first day jitters

### 1. SETTING THE STRATEGY

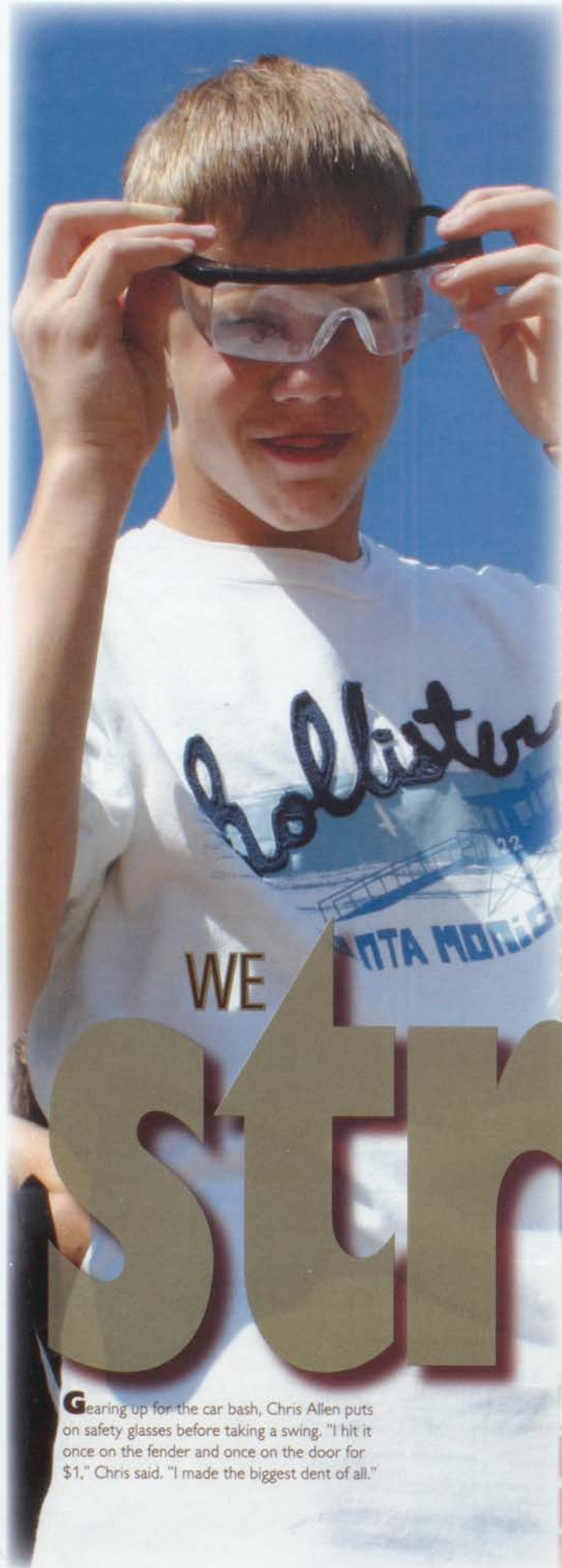
Discussing their schedules, Cory House and Jase Powers plan for their first day as little fish in the big pond of NBHS. "The first day of high school wasn't a big deal to me," Cory said. "It was just another day in another school."

### 2. EASY LISTENING

Dustin Mulkey, Billy Peek, Justin McCarty, and Chad Peavey try to pay attention at orientation during the first week of school. "It gets hard listening to that handbook stuff," Dustin said. "Mr. Busse and Mr. Buchanan say the same thing every year."

### 3. HOW'S MY HAIR?

Looking cute, Jaleesa Riley, Courtney Cope, and Creg Reid make their way first period. "Chillin' with Cope and Reid before classes started helped calm my nerves and enjoy the first day of school," Jaleesa said.



**G**earing up for the car bash, Chris Allen puts on safety glasses before taking a swing. "I hit it once on the fender and once on the door for \$1," Chris said. "I made the biggest dent of all."



**W**hile attending a journalism workshop, Jordan Daley attaches himself to a light pole. "Spiderman was in the bathroom," he said. "Somebody had to protect the class."

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**P**oking his head through the replica of Edward Munch's famous painting, *The Scream*, Cody Adams takes a break from collecting money to have his picture made. The art club plans to use the money they made for a trip in the spring. "I can't wait until the trip to Hot Springs," Cody said. "We have been working very hard to get it planned."

**R**olling down the basketball court, Paula Flournoy attempts to win a game for the sophomore class at the pep rally. "Rolling on the floor was the trickiest part of the whole game," Paula said. "The worst part was doing the sommersaults."

**G**oing to NAMMB, Brett Metcalf makes sure he gets his rest for the competition later that day. "I was taking a nap because I had to be at the school at seven o'clock that morning."

**P**raising the Lord, Kyndel King attends the sing-a-long at FBC in New Boston.

"Singing is only one way to show worship," Kyndel said. "I get really into it, and it makes me happy."

**T**aking a break, Ally Brock decides to put on Mrs. Olson's extra large sunglasses during her study hall. "The fluorescent lighting was burning my eyes, so I had to be super cool and put on super big sunglasses," Ally said. "Thank goodness Mrs. Olson was there for the rescue!"

|| Individuality is the art of thinking independently together. ||  
Anonymous

**T**he first impression is what defines a high school career. It is important to adapt into the new culture of high school without any major mishaps. Like the prospect of starting a new relationship that could end in heartache... accepting the responsibility in the form of car keys... auditioning for one act play with the possibility of not getting the part... eating all hours of the day or night hoping not to get fat... rolling on the gym

floor in front of the entire student body to help your class win spirit points... or giving your testimony at baccalaureate... whatever it is you do to participate in the rat race of this world, do it with the idea that it is okay to be an *individual*.

# individual

# administrators

strive for school excellence



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**Athletic Director**



Frank Buchanan  
**High School Asst. Principal**



Roger Busse  
**High School Principal**



Jerry May  
**Superintendent**



Ron Norman  
**Middle School  
Assistant Principal**



John Barfield  
**Middle School  
Principal**

Anita Clay, Business Manager  
Mary Lovelace, Director of Instruction  
Butch Foster, Director of Technology  
Nancy Leavings, PEIMS/Insurance  
Suzette Tyndell, Bookkeeper



Janet May, Accounts Payable  
Dana Brock, Administrative Assistant  
Thomas Briggs, Dir. of Maintenance  
Rusty Flournoy, Maintenance



Tony Thompson, Maintenance  
Colt Pickett, Maintenance  
Mark Williams, Maintenance  
Clay Carlisle, Maintenance



Not pictured:  
Jason Brown, Technology  
Paulette Taylor, Payroll/Personal



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### May ends 37 year career

After 5 years as Superintendent, Jerry May retired from his duty on Jan. 1, 2006.

May graduated from James Bowie in 1965 and then went on to receive his degree in Biology and Physical Education from Texarkana College and East Texas State University.

Mr. May spent 37 years in education, with 35 of them at New Boston. In 1974, he started teaching Co-Op training. In 1980, May became junior high principal and after twelve years took over as the high school principal. Later in 2001, May took on the role as Superintendent.

With plans to take care of his farm and hopefully do more hunting and fishing in his spare time, May says he'll be "retired but not gone," and will help the district with his knowledge and experience when it is needed. May said he has enjoyed the staff and kids at New Boston all the years he has worked here.

"Education has been a great career for me. I have loved it dearly," May said. "The real satisfaction is seeing your students learn and leave to go out in the world and succeed in life. That's the real payment you get from the job."



**1.** Congratulating Mr. May on his retirement, School Board President Chad Duffer informs him of the scholarship that will be given in his name. **2.** Holding back tears, Business Manager Anita Clay expresses mixed feelings about his leaving. **3.** Having the last laugh, central office employees convince Mr. May he looks good in the Mexican sombrero.

# seniors

"I've been a class officer since our freshman year and I have really enjoyed it. It's been fun being able to help plan events."

-Bonnie England



## college choices

- Texarkana College
- University of Central Arkansas
- Texas A&M at Commerce
- University of North Texas
- University of Louisiana at
- Monroe
- University of Texas
- University of Arkansas
- Southern Arkansas University
- Stephen F. Austin
- Baylor



President: Andre Dorsey, Vice-President: Alex Barfield, Secretary: Courtney Cope, Treasurer: Jessica Higgs, Reporter: Creg Reid, Historian: Bonnie England.

Danniell Alexander  
Doyle Allen  
Matt Allen  
Renee Ashworth



Marven Ayle  
Erika Baker  
Alex Barfield  
Jacob Barfield



Cody Barling  
Stephen Barthel  
Raneisha Betts  
DeAnna Bray





Josh Chappell  
Lauren Cherry  
Casey Coleman  
Shelley Coleman



Stephen Collins  
Courtney Cope  
Carl Covington  
Caleb Cross



Jason Dale  
Andre Dorsey  
Andrea Dorsey  
Crystal Edmond



Rachel Edson  
Bonnie England  
Justin Fellers  
Lindsey Fowler



Blake Gardner  
Brandi Gibson  
Mandi Gibson  
James Gooden



Chasitye Griffin  
Kimberly Hawkins  
Michael Herring  
Jacob Hensley

# high school faculty

strives to prepare students for college, work

## 10 reasons teachers

1. Tardy
2. Class Disruptions
3. No show to d-hall
4. Gum/ Candy
5. Disrespect
6. No book/work
7. Not following directions
8. Cell phone/ CD player
9. Language
10. Sleeping

give d-hall



Frank Buchanan  
Asst. Principal



Roger Busse  
Principal

Pat Abram, Aide  
Karen Barker,  
Secretary  
Mitzi Barrett,  
English  
Tonya Briggs,  
Social Studies  
Vickie Busse,  
Library



Lisa Carver,  
English  
Dianne Collom,  
Social Studies  
Cami Daniels,  
World Geography  
Tim Denton, Athletics  
Amy Doss, Athletics



Franca Drennan, Spanish  
Lynn Duffer, Diagnostician  
Pollianne Echols, Theatre Arts  
Karen Epps, Social Studies  
Melissa Farris, Technology



Treadway



Young



Turner



Johnson

10 people  
channing day



Lajuan Garrett, Science  
 Lonnie Henry, Athletics  
 Neilan Hensley, Science  
 Stephen James, Athletics  
 Kerri Treadway, Math  
 Georgiana Laney, Aide



Richard Lovelace, Band Dir.  
 Peggy Matlock, Special Ed.  
 Terrie Mayo, Secretary  
 Zachary McClung, Band  
 Susan McGee, Spanish  
 Gary Miller, Athletics



Lindy Miller, Math  
 Shannon Norman, Aide  
 Jerry O'Rear, Vocational  
 Kelly Olson, Math  
 Welda Pace, Counselor  
 Brad Peirson, Athletics



Sharon Purtle, Journalism  
 Kay Pyron, English  
 Deedra Smallwood, Vocational  
 Patricia Stevenson, Science  
 Sara Stoker, Science  
 Toni Stringer, Fine Arts



Patricia Tankersley, Special Ed.  
 Paula Turner, Counselor  
 Jennifer Weaver, Aide  
 Michelle Wilson, Special Ed.  
 Anita Woodruff, Aide  
 Alice Young, Math

**Not Pictured:**

Barbara Burnett  
 Mark Haggins  
 Bonita Hanna  
 Alex Harris  
 Michael Hill  
 Sherri Hill  
 Mickey Holt  
 Cody Johnson

Zadie Meadows  
 Bill Melton  
 Dianna Melton  
 Wayne Meredith  
 Ella Neal  
 Craig Norman  
 Susan Patterson  
 Shannon Ray  
 Lee Sturgeon



Stoker



McGee



Neal



Denton, James

Nicole Hensley  
 Jessica Higgs  
 Kyle House  
 Cody Humphrey



Adam Hyatt  
 Tommy King  
 Kyle Klimaszewski  
 Ryan Klimaszewski



Kristy Knight  
 Patty Lavoll  
 Joey Leatherman  
 Malachi Lopez



John Macer  
 Eric May  
 Cade Mayo  
 Magan McCarter



Martin McGee  
 Jenny McKague  
 Amber Meador  
 Justin Minyard



Kolton Mitchell  
 Jerry Moseley  
 Beverly Page  
 Elizabeth Pardue







### 1st period English:

Creg Reid, Josh Chappell, Stephen Collins, Blake Gardner, DeAnna Bray, Jessica Higgs, Jake Barfield, Brittney Parrish, Danielle Randle, Kyle House, Kristy Knight, Shelley Coleman, La'Nika Pugh, Casey Coleman, Kim Hawkins, Chris Saling, Andrea Dorsey, and Chanelle Wade



### 6th period English:

Courtney Cope, Magan McCarter, Amanda Tyson, Rachel Edson, Erika Baker, Ashley Spradlin, Alex Barfield, Samantha Yancy, Justin Fellers, Stephen Barthel, Nicole Hensley, Malachi Lopez, Caleb Cross, Keith Pistolis, Eric May, Amber Meador, Cade Mayo, Elizabeth Pardue, and Josh Turner



### After 2 long weeks

of honoring their ladies, four knights were chosen as the best knight. They are Alex Barfield, Creg Reid, Caleb Cross, and Josh Chappell. Then, getting a chance to thank their knight, four ladies were chosen as the best lady. They are: Jessica Higgs, Amber Meador, Samantha Yancy, and Ashley Spradlin.



## Pros & Cons

dual credit classes in high school...

- gain college hours
- more challenging
- more exciting
- extra credits
- toward graduation
- out of the ordinary activities
- more work
- have to pay money for college credit
- more responsibility



**1.** On the last day of the project, Josh Chappell, Sir Scuba of Aruba, lays out a walkway for his lady, Lady Amanda. **2.** Lord Flip-Flop, Blake Gardner, serenades students on the grounds during lunch. **3.** Showing his lady honor, Malachi Lopez kneels in front of the class and recites Lady Alesh, Amber Meador, a poem he penned for her.

## honor thy lady

While Lady Dee and Sir Alex enjoy a relaxing picnic, Eric May, Sir Not of A lot, plays Lady Dee's favorite song, *Hotel California*. Sir Alex prepared her a picnic with sandwiches, chocolate covered strawberries, and Dr. Pepper in wine glasses. "I really enjoyed having Alex as my knight," Bray said. "He was very thoughtful. I gained a friendship with him and have a better understanding of how girls should be treated."



**6 questions, and they're all about... Senora Drennan**

**How many languages do you know?**

*I can speak four: Italian, French, Spanish, and English.*

**What college did you attend?**

*University of Texas. Hook 'em Horns!*

**How big is your family?**

*My husband - James, one daughter and son-in-law, and two grandsons - Christina, Tim, Tyler and Trent, one son - Jimmy. I also have one brother and a stepfather.*

**How many years have you taught?**

*All together, 18 years. I taught in Venezuela for one year. I decided to become a teacher because one of my favorite people in the world was once a teacher.*

**If you weren't a teacher, then what would you be?**

*I would be translator for the United Nations.*

**If you were an animal what would you be?**

*A cat.*

**Q**

**What is your favorite thing about teaching 10th grade English?**



**A**

I enjoy teaching short stories, novels, and poetry and showing my students how all of these types of writing can apply to their own lives.

**Lisa Carver**



**Solving for X** "When Mrs. Cody left, I was assigned Advanced Algebra II classes. Even though I miss her and wish she were still here, I have to admit that I thoroughly enjoy my new teaching assignment," Lindy Miller said. "These students are definitely the highlight of my day!"

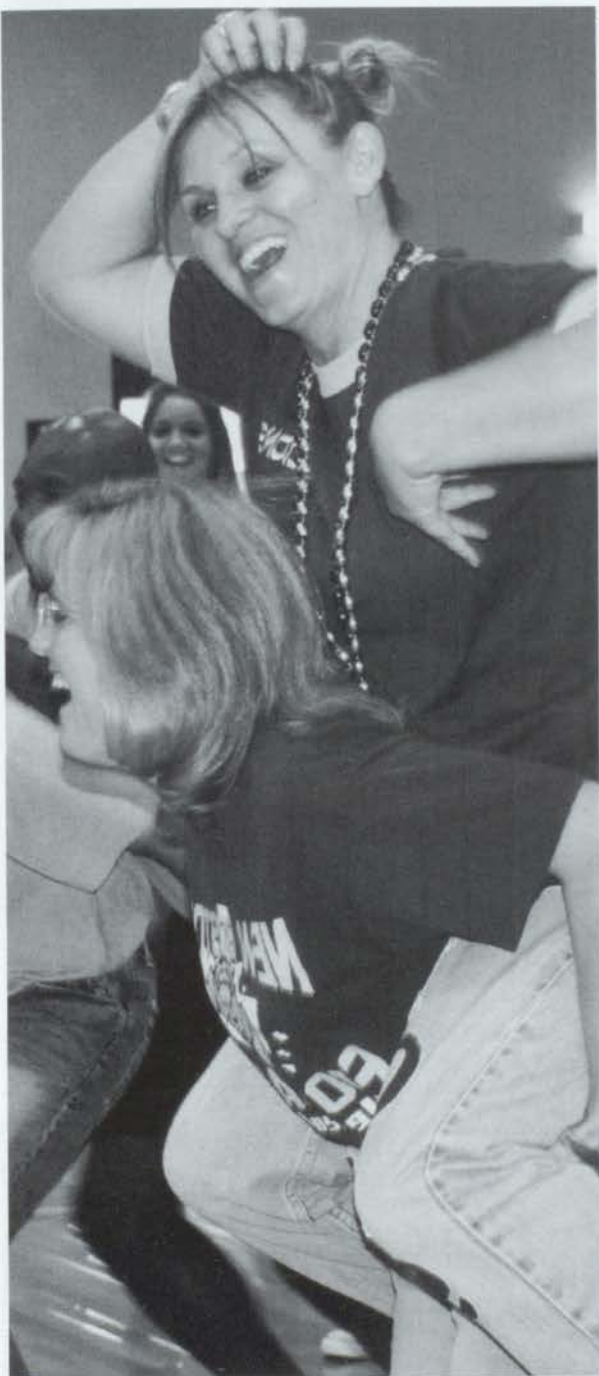


**Using** a visual example Ms. Matlock explains the importance of financial matters and credit card use to sophomore Donna Long in her 2nd period class. "It is getting easier for students to obtain credit cards," Matlock said. "Understanding them is a part of our money management unit."



## a time to learn, a time to play

teachers participate in games at pep rally



Teaming up for the slammin' sophomores, Tonya Briggs and Kelly Olson win the chicken in the hen house competition. "I like participating in the pep rallies to give the students a laugh," Briggs said. "I'm surprised we won because the speakers weren't working, so we cheated and watched what the other teams were doing. We were just quicker I guess!"



### still in shape

**1.** Weighted down, Coach Alex Harris holds Coach Brad Peirson when *monkey on my back* is called. "Coach Harris and I worked very well together. I did the brain work and he did the muscle part," Peirson said.

**2.** Flipping through the air, Coach Amy Doss does cart-wheels at the senior pep rally against Liberty-Eylau. "I have had years and years of practice doing cart-wheels, so I was well prepared!" Coach Doss said. "Would you expect anything else from such a fine tuned athletic machine?"



Stretching with difficulty, Deedra Smallwood does the splits when the teachers re-enacted the *Jazzy Jumpers*. "I haven't done the splits in over 25 years," she said. "I was extremely sore the next day."

Brittney Parrish  
Keith Pistoris  
Sarah Potter  
La'Nika Pugh



Danielle Randle  
Creg Reid  
Brittany Richard  
Billy Riley

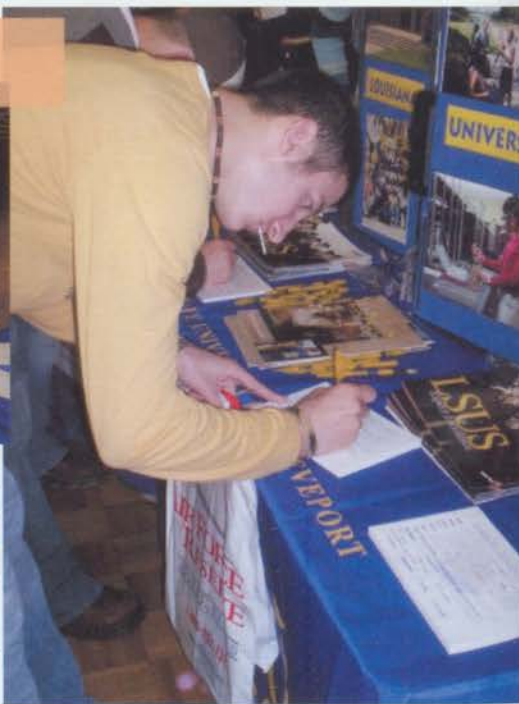


Chris Saling  
Sarah Sargent  
Jonathan Scott  
Keidratt Smith



## career day

Trying to figure out what he wants to do with his future, Rodney Smith talks to a representative from TC. Stopping by one of the college booths, Tommy King fills out an information questionnaire.



Hoping to get the big money, Stephen Barthel spins the wheel offered by Kicker 102.5. Just for spinning the wheel students were given a gift certificate to Sonic.

Looking into Louisiana State University at Shreveport, Ryan Klimaszewski fills out a card requesting more information from the school.



## pathways seniors search for schools, professions



"I really don't know where I want to go to college and Career Day helped me to kind of get an idea of what's out there. Plus, I got a lot of pretty neat pens."

-Shelley Coleman



"I really enjoyed College Day because that was the day I decided to become an RN (registered nurse). I found a lot of great colleges who offered many career choices."

-Danielle Randle



Leroy Smith  
Rodney Smith  
Ashley Spradlin  
Josh Turner



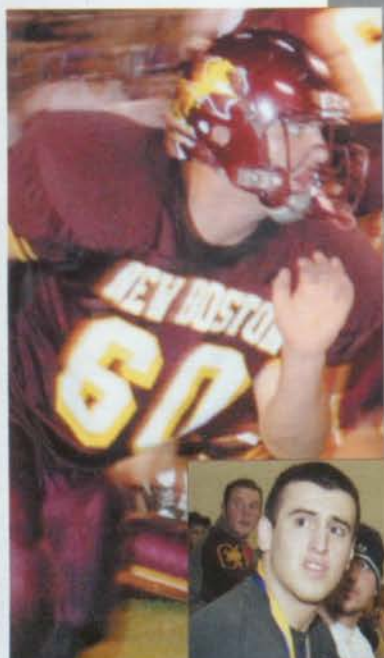
Starlyn Tutt  
Amanda Tyson  
Brady Upson  
Chanelle Wade



Maggie Wahrenbrock  
Quittney Williams  
Samantha Yancy

**Not pictured:**

- Kim Bonham
- Emmett Forte
- Kaylee Harris
- Andrew Provence
- Micheal Rosenbaun



**Wayne Trevino**  
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"One morning, I came to school late because my truck was stuck in the ditch. After school I was trying to get it out, and then here came Wayne with his tractor to help. That was the kind of person Wayne was, always willing to help."  
-Creg Reid



"During powerlifting season, he wore a knee brace and he said that whenever he put his suit on he would pull his leg hairs so he started shaving his legs. He said he was doing it because everyone else was doing it."  
-Johnny Scott



"Wayne was one talented kid, and he always gave 100%. There was a goofy and a serious side to him. Whenever he needed something he would call me. He was like a son to me, and I miss him tremendously."  
-Coach Alex Harris



### You Scared!

Johnny Scott tries to out-cheer Alicia Forbing and Channing Day during the 'Our Side' chant at the pep rally. "The homecoming pep rally was awesome. It's probably the best one we've ever had. That song made it the best," Scott said.



# HOMETOWN PRIDE

spirit fills the air at downtown pep rally



## Turn up the heat ...without a bonfire

It's school tradition to have a bonfire and a pep rally the night before every homecoming game. Due to lack of rain, there was a city burn ban, so the bonfire was cancelled. In a show of true lion pride, a pep rally was still held at the downtown pavillion, even in the absence of a bonfire.

"This would have been my first year to get to cheer at the bonfire, so I was really disappointed I didn't get to," Channing Day said. "Even though we didn't have the fire, it was the best pep rally we've had."

Our fighting lions didn't let the burn ban affect their promises to turn up the heat for the game against the DeKalb Bears.

"Even though we didn't have a fire at the pep rally, we didn't lose our focus," senior Josh Chappell said. "The pep rally kept us crunk and we played a really good game."



"Homecoming was so much fun this year as a freshman. I was so happy when we won that game."

**Erika Shirley**



"Homecoming was really fun because I got to play on varsity."

**Blaine Epperson**



"I was so excited that we beat DeKalb for homecoming. Last year they won, so I was really hoping we would get them back this year."

**Chloe Jones**



"Homecoming as a senior was really great. There is just something about winning the homecoming game. We had a great year."

**Cade Mayo**



"Homecoming was so much fun. The parade is always my favorite part. I loved building and riding on the float."

**T'atra McCoo**

homecoming 19  
**ashley spradlin**

**PUMP UP THE VOLUME**

1. Cheerleaders Emily Galyon, Anna Elkins, and Allison Perry exchange loud shouts with football players Jake Barfield, Josh Chappell, Creg Reid, and Aaron Hixson.

2. "That pep rally was awesome," Reid said. "I wouldn't want my senior homecoming to have been any different."

3. Senior Shelley Coleman gives a shout out to her sister Casey Coleman during her 'words of wisdom' about the volleyball team. "I really did want people to come out and watch us, but I thought it would be a good way to show Casey I was

proud of her for being on the court," Coleman said.

4. Alicia Forbing jumps high to get a rise out of the crowd at the pep rally. "The homecoming pep rally was my favorite pep rally to do," Forbing said. "I was especially proud to be a cheerleader for our team that week."

5. Shelia Carroll and Elizabeth Pardue get fired up at the pep rally listening to the speeches given by classmates about the upcoming game. "The theme of our junior class float was 'Caliente' which means hot in Spanish," Carroll said. "That kind of went along with how hot the pep rally was and how hot I looked in that sombrero."



**lion dancing**



To continue the tradition of learning a dance for the pep rally, the homecoming court worked hard to get down the steps. The court practiced with the cheerleaders during study hall. "I didn't want to dance in front of all those people," Lauren Cherry said. "I was really nervous, but once the dance started I had a lot of fun."





## the court

BONNIE england



LAUREN cherry



ASHLEY spradlin



BRITTANY richard



ANDREA dorsey



CASEY coleman



# homecoming

## Cope gets crowned

Arriving to the field for the pre-game ceremony caused each princess to rush like mad between school, volleyball games, and hair and make-up appointments.

These senior girls quickly learned that homecoming isn't all tiaras and smiles, and not everything goes as planned.

Two minutes until time to take the field, Courtney Cope, Bonnie England, and Andrea Dorsey fumble for their cell phones to call their moms to rush home for the mums they have forgotten!

"We were all supposed to be there at 6:45, and I was already five minutes late," queen Courtney Cope said. "On top of that I completely forgot my mum! I was so unprepared."



**Popping** the trunk to Amber Kestler's Comaro might surprise even the biggest pack rat. She should consider sacking it up and heading to the *Price is Right!* She has toilet paper, a purple fuzzy pillow, a cow girl hat, a curling iron, stuffed animals, blankets, enough clothes to last her for a month, and the most interesting of all... a bathroom scales! "The scales was in my trunk because of a chemistry project that Kristen Ray and I worked on together six months ago," Amber said. "I don't know how this all got in my trunk. I guess over time I just kept adding and adding to it."



# junk in the trunk

## Are guys really messier than girls?



*"My trunk usually doesn't get too dirty. I don't carry as much stuff around as girls do, so I don't have that much to shove anywhere. All that is in my trunk are some football cleats and sweatpants from athletics."*

**Justin Self**



*"I can really say that my sister's trunk is messier than mine. She can never find anything because she is always shoving stuff in there. I have some workout clothes for work, but that's about it."*

**Chris Saling**



*"I can't fit much in my trunk because I have two 12 inch speakers that fill it up and the box they sit in is about 60 inches long. I think girls somehow manage to put their whole room in the trunks over time."*

**Todd Johnson**



Some look like city dumps overflowing with trash, some smell worse than the locker rooms after a Friday night game, and some students could live indefinitely off the junk in their trunks.

"I don't know how half of the stuff in my trunk got there. I know why I can't ever find anything," junior Debreecia Robinson said. "I think I could live for three weeks in my car without needing anything. I have a sleeping bag, left over chocolate chip cookies, and about a dozen half-full cokes."

Most students say that the reason they do not clean their trunks and cars out is because they never have enough time. Going from school to extra curricular activities day to day doesn't leave enough time to get all of their homework done, much less time to clean out the car.

"I don't remember the last time I cleaned my car out," senior DeAnna Bray said. "It sometimes scares me to have to open my trunk at night time because I never know what is going to pop out at me. Last time I cleaned out my car was because there was an awful smell coming from the trunk. It turned out to be a bag of left over fries from McDonalds."

Despite the hours upon hours a week students spend in their cars, they seldom take time to get rid of the trash. Forty-two percent of students say that they are very surprised that they have yet not found something live crawling around in their trunks.



**Amazed** at the trash and treasures, Zach Leathermen stops and thinks for a moment. "I had lost one of my binders for school so I went out to my car during lunch to look for it. I had to dig through all of the stuff in my trunk which consists of speakers, car oil, windshield fluid, old towels I wash my car with, a helmet, and a spare tire. I am shocked I found the binder when I think about all of the junk in the trunk!"



**Playing** a quick game of hide and seek, Chad Peavy and Anthony Page jump in the trunk of a friend's car. "It was so funny because he didn't know that we had his keys so we climbed in the trunk," Chad said. "When he walked by we started beating on the trunk. He freaked out."



**In** a panic, Allison Saling scrambles through her trunk to find her softball uniform. "We were all getting ready to load up the bus, and I was going through my bag to get my uniform," she said. "I realized that it wasn't in there, so I had to hurry and go get in out of my car before the bus left me."

"A few months ago my older sister asked me to put a baby swing in our storage shed for her," Whitney Magdefessel said. "Well three months later it still hadn't been done and it is so hard to get around. I have so much trouble getting my books out every morning for school because of all my boyfriend's books and baseball stuff is in there as well."

## How often do you clean out your trunk?

2% - clean weekly

11% - clean monthly

35% - clean yearly

52% - never clean



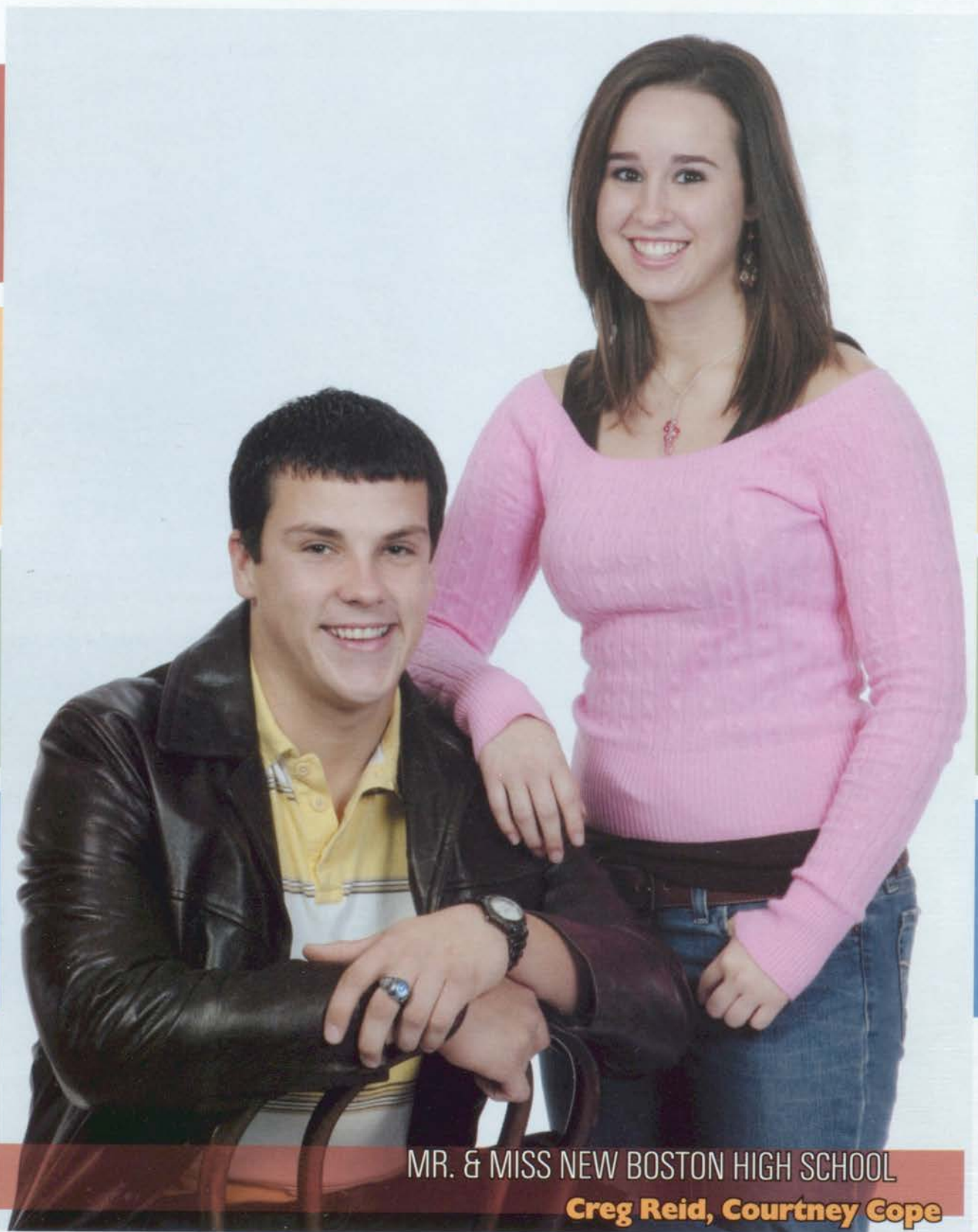
**Lending** a helping hand, Jake Foster digs through Alysha Allen's trunk to find a notebook she needs for school. "I am involved in a lot of church activities and after every meeting we wind up putting everything in my trunk," she said. "It also doesn't help that I have three different purses, shoes, my band uniform, school books, and trash like you've never see before in there as well. So when it comes to finding something I really need, it is impossible. I don't even know how my trunk still shuts."

## What's in there?????

**Scrambling** through her trunk, Tiffany Pardue hurries to get her books before the tardy bell rings. "It was hard to get past all of the trash, shoes, left over food, and my volleyball stuff," she said. "I think I am going to start being more organized. Obviously, this is why I am always rushed when it comes to looking for stuff I need."

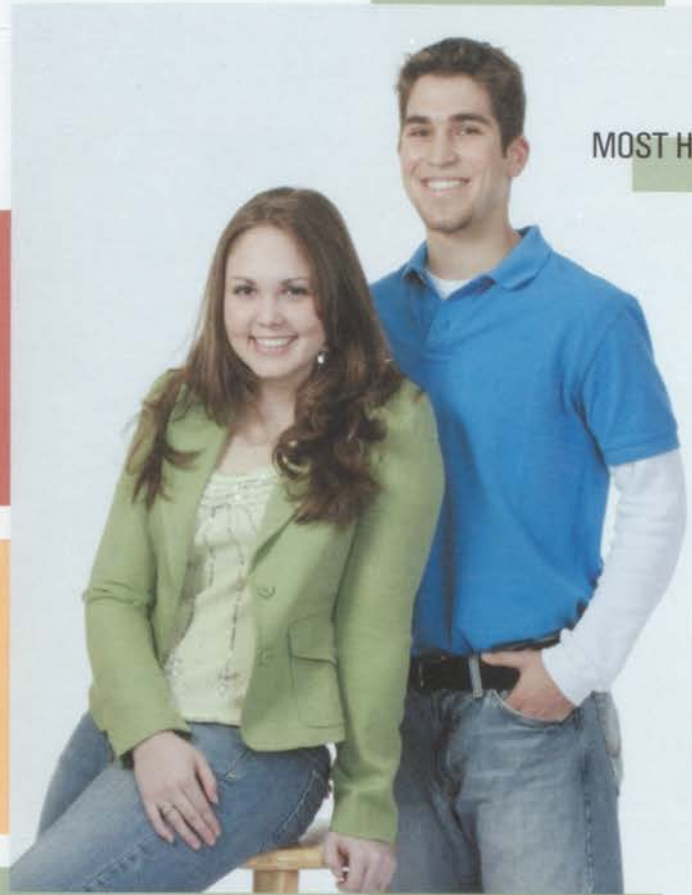


# SENIOR favorites



MR. & MISS NEW BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL

**Creg Reid, Courtney Cope**



**MOST HANDSOME, MOST BEAUTIFUL**  
**ashley spradlin, caleb cross**



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
**elizabeth pardue, eric may**



**FRIENDLINESS**  
**josh turner, jessica higgs**

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Dressing up as a woman, Greg Duits shows his lion pride by participating in spirit week. "None of my friends thought I would go that far for spirit week," Duits said. "But that day was too fun to pass up."



## ON BENDED KNEES

Megan Laney, Courtney and Cayla Montgomery help decorate the freshman class hall in the door decorating competition. "Spirit week is a lot of fun because you get to do things with your classmates," Laney said. "We put 'get 'em done' on Mrs. Garrett's door."



## CREATIVE FORCES

Brett Metcalf and DeAnna Bray add finishing touches to the student council's spirit flag to be put on display at the football games and pep rallies. "We had a hard time getting the paint to stay in the lines instead of going all over the flag, but I think it turned out pretty good and creative in the end," Bray said. "It's a replica of our t-shirt."



## BIG BLING

Todd Johnson struggles to sit up straight with his supersize gangster jewelry around his neck for the bling day of spirit week. "All the kids in the class were like 'Wow! You have an awesome necklace!'" Johnson said. "Antwoine liked it so much he stole it. So, it was a lot of fun."

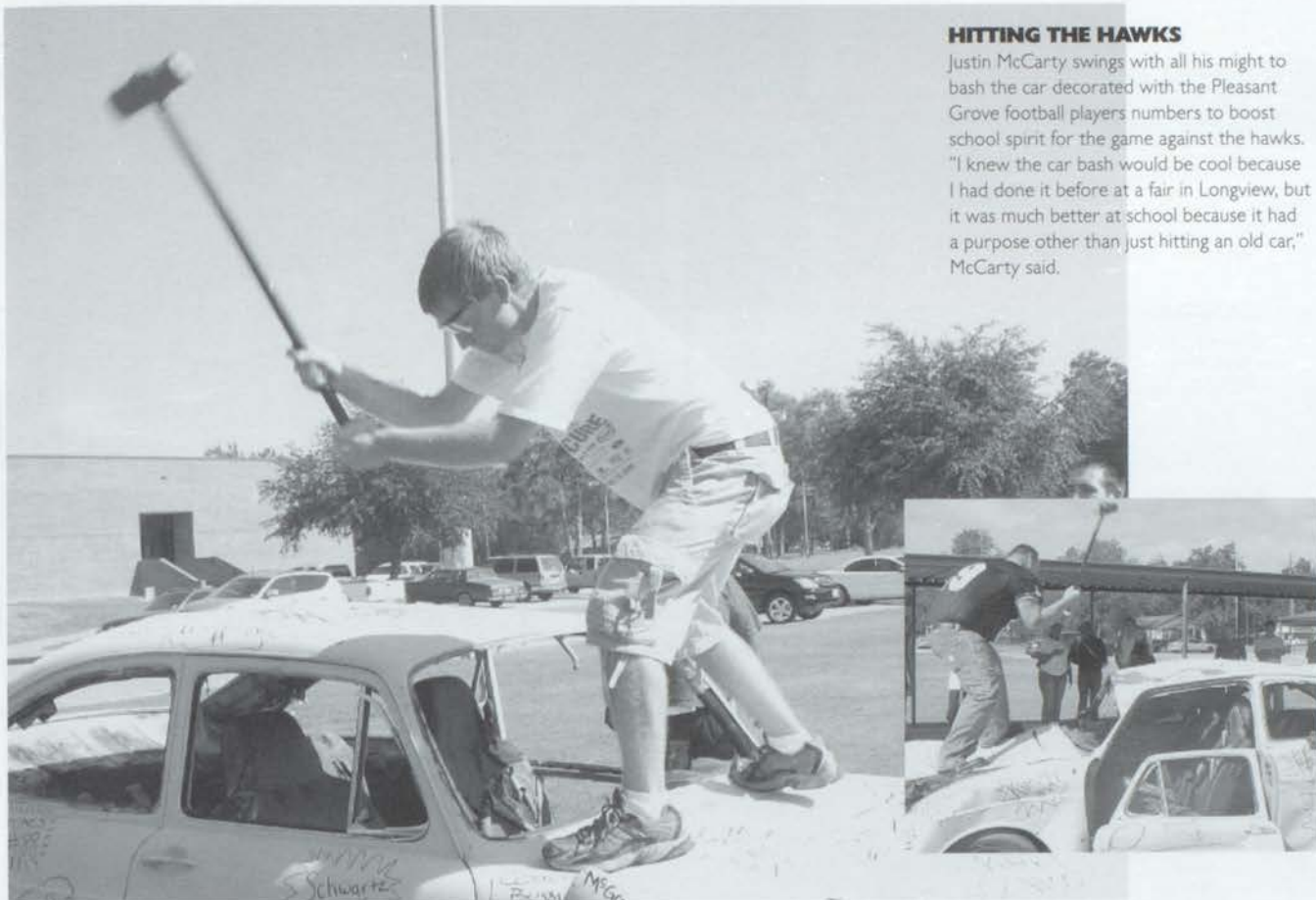


## DOUBLE VISION

Ashley Burden and Ashley Ford confuse the bears by dressing alike during spirit week. "Twinkle day is so fun," Ford said. "Since Ashley and I have the same name, we decided we'd be twinkies."

## HITTING THE HAWKS

Justin McCarty swings with all his might to bash the car decorated with the Pleasant Grove football players numbers to boost school spirit for the game against the hawks. "I knew the car bash would be cool because I had done it before at a fair in Longview, but it was much better at school because it had a purpose other than just hitting an old car," McCarty said.



# THIS ONE'S A HIT

car bash slams campus for new camera



BOOM! Another student takes a whack at the beat up old car in front of the school during lunch. Ms. Purtle's journalism classes held a car bash to raise money for a new camera. The old Volkswagen was painted black and gold with the Pleasant Grove football players' numbers on it, and students paid one dollar to hit the car twice. The car bash succeeded in raising almost two hundred dollars for a new camera to be purchased for the journalism students.

"Ms. Purtle needed a car for the bash, and I had one in my pasture, so my dad and my grandpa helped me get it up here," freshman Ashley White said. "We needed money and the car bash really helped out. I was glad I could contribute."

Not only did the car bash act as a fund raiser, but it also boosted morale for the game against the Pleasant Grove Hawks that Friday night.

"Destroying the car helped the football team because we had lost four games in a row after," senior Carl Covington said. "We were ready to win again, but I think the team was a little stressed out because of the pressure of last year's season. So hitting that car helped us get focused for the game, and we came out fired up."



"Bashing that car was a lot of fun. It really got us pumped up to do the same to the Hawks at Friday's game."

**Casey McCoy**

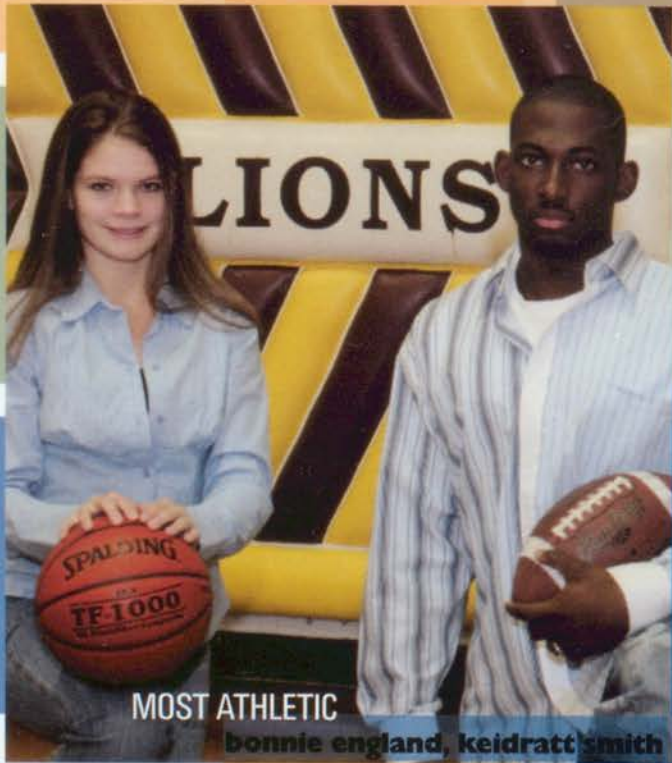
# SENIOR favorites



**WITTIEST**  
• danielle randle, cade mayo



**BIGGEST FLIRT**  
johnny scott, nicole hensley



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
bonnie england, keidratt smith



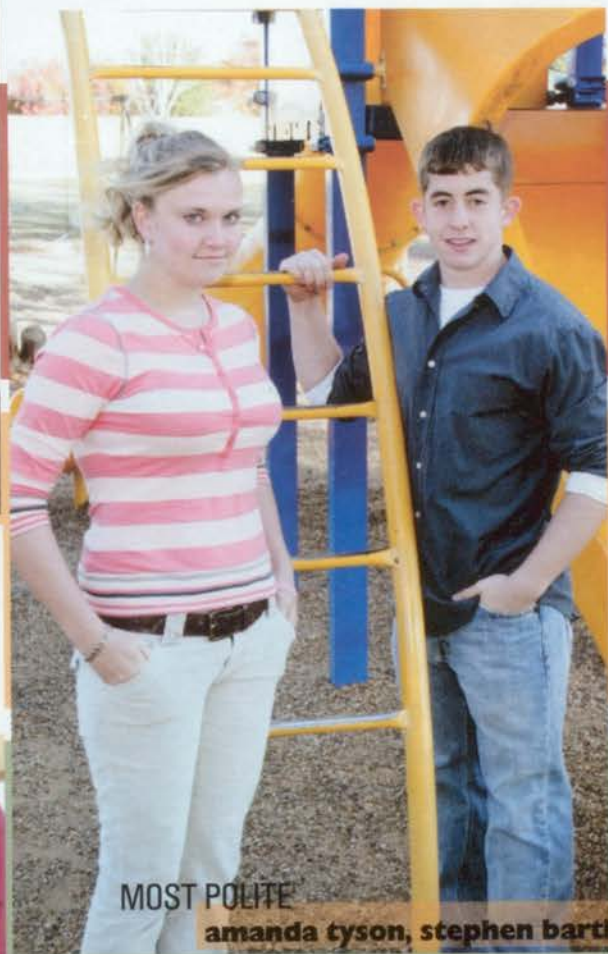
**MOST TALENTED**  
erika baker, blake gardner







**BEST SMILE**  
**andre dorsey, lauren cherry**



**MOST POLITE**  
**amanda tyson, stephen barthel**



**MOST SPIRITED**  
**magan mccarter, alex barfield**



# VETERAN'S DAY

Programs pay tribute to fallen soldiers, black Americans



"I played the *Marines' Hymn* on the piano," Carlandria Talbert said. "I was nervous at first, but I just told myself 'you can do it'. I proved myself right."

A huge wave sweeps through the auditorium as students, parents, teachers, and honored guests stand and place their right hands across their heart and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The program featured many patriotic songs, inspirational dances, and the talent of a few brave students. Speaker Carl Elam reminded students of the sacrifices veterans made for this country.

"I enjoyed the program a lot," junior Alecia Forbing said. "I thought it turned out very respectable and showed great appreciation to our veterans."

The message behind the program was that the people who served their country were to be honored for their courage and heroism.

"I kind of just sat there and felt overwhelmed," senior Rachel Edson said. "I believe I'm blessed that God allowed me to live in this country with all of its freedoms."



Jessica Higgs gently closes the clasp of the pin onto Veteran Nehr Korn's shirt. "Mr. Nehr Korn is a special person in my life," Jessica said. "I was honored to present him with his flower."



Waiting for his cue, Chris Hurd stands ready to ring the hand bells. He participated twice in the program. "I sang 'This Land is Your Land'," Chris said. "I wasn't nervous at all."





Performing a praise dance to the song *Set Me Free* DeAndra Goldsmith and her cousin Jonquelle dance on stage. "It's so much fun to be able a part of the program," Deandra said. "Even though my cousin forgot what to do, I think we got our message across."



Jennifer Durst and Ashlee Phillips sway to beat of the music.



1. Performing with her mom, Erika and Rhonda Baker sing *You Can Tell When You See Him*. 2. Casey Cavin and Reggie Fields clap and dance to voices of the choir. 3. Singing a solo, *I Believe* by Tony Braxton while the choir stands in the background, Rashonda Culberson's voice resonates through the auditorium. 4. Jonathan Johnson proudly recites the poem *Is it in You*. 5. Guest speaker George Moore, Principal of Texas Middle School tells the audience of the many opportunities and how much things have changed for black Americans in his lifetime.

# BLACK HISTORY

After giving everyone in the auditorium a bookmark with the poem that he lives by, *The Man in the Glass*, honored speaker George Moore said he hoped to inspire students to become interested in other cultures.

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what THAT man has to say.  
For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Whose judgement upon you must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.  
Some people might think you're a straight-shootin' chum  
And call you a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum,  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.  
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest  
For he's with you clear to the end  
And you've passed your most dangerous test  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.  
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.*

-Author Unknown



The black history program is organized by Ms. Wilson and Ms. Matlock, but there are also a number of community members that are on call to help these dedicated teachers. "I'm always amazed at how the community comes out and supports this program," Ms. Matlock said. "I was elated to see several retired teachers from Texarkana in our audience."

party pics



# A NIGHT IN PARIS

**Living it up,** Mr. and Mrs. Busse demonstrated how to jitterbug, while everyone gathered around the dance floor and watched. "We've been dancing together for 22 years," Mrs. Busse said. "It's one of my favorite activities." Afterwards, Dawson Carson and Jessica Higgs tried it. "I didn't really know how to swing dance," Dawson said. "So I just grabbed Jessica by the hand and we moved to the beat." Those that tried it found out that there is more to dancing than bump and grind. "I had so much fun dancing that night," Jessica said. "I didn't know that I had it in me."



## 5 DATES TO remember



"We had a lot of fun dancing all night," Zach said. "We took lessons at a church in Texarkana for 3 months before prom and it really paid off."



"I was so glad I got to go to my senior prom with Malachi," Amanda said. "I will always remember how badly he bowled."



"Mal asked me to prom one day during lunch," Brooke said. It wasn't the most romantic way but I will never forget it."



"I will always remember going to prom with Ashley," Brett said. "She was so much fun and loves to dance."



"I will always remember the funny way Carl danced," Jennifer said. "I could not stop laughing at him."



**Lettin' Loose**

**1.** All the guys didn't hit the floor every dance, so Amber Kestler and Dina McCray found a group to dance with. "I had so much fun just being with my friends all night," Amber said. "I wish we had more dances throughout the year."

**2.** Slowing down, Rodney Smith and Elizabeth Pardue dance to Brad Paisley's, 'Little Moments'. "I loved getting to dance with all the hot girls that night," Rodney said. "Everyone looked so beautiful."



**Trying** to figure out how to step in, LJ Noel watches Sharde Mitchell and Debrechia Robinson do the 'heal toe' to the song *Drop it like it's Hot*. "Prom was a lot more fun than I expected it to be," Debrechia said. "I can't wait now until next year."



**The good, the bad and the ugly** dressed up for prom. Ryan Flenniken, Martin McGee, Ryan Klimaszewski, and Cody Barling came stag.



**3.** Dance partners, Alecia Forbing and Nick Pacheco join in to the 'jitter bug'. "This prom was so awesome," Nick said. "I have never had so much fun in one night." **4.** Shelia Carroll and Chasitye Griffin dance along to the 'cha-cha slide'. "My friends and I danced all night long," Shelia said. **5.** Keidrott Smith tries to give Kyle House a lesson on how to dress "cool".

**AFTER PROM**

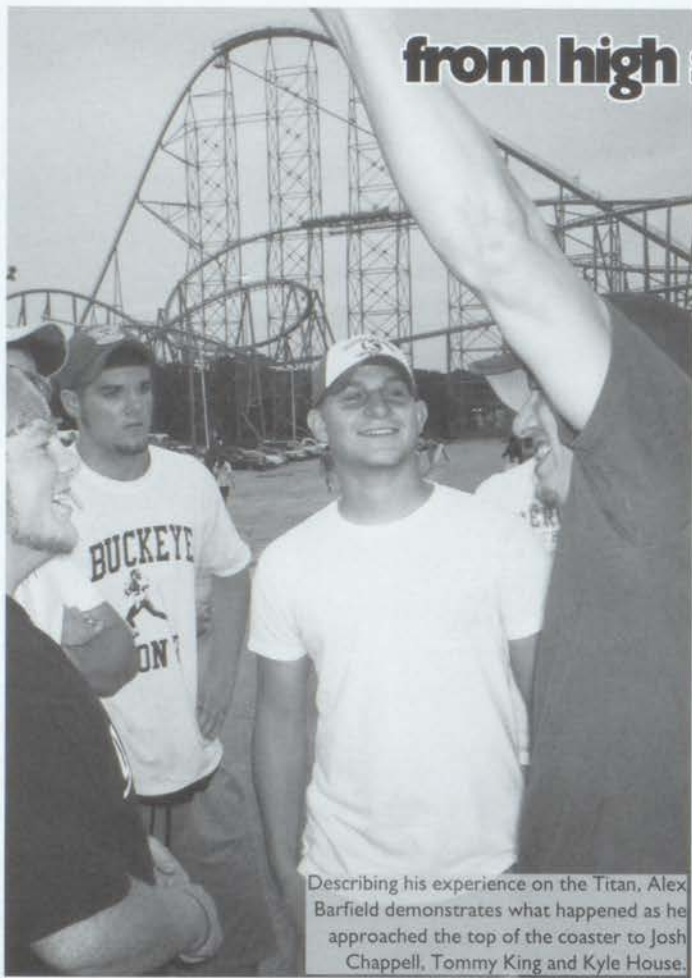
- Rachel Edson looks on as her boyfriend, Dewayne, calls for another card playing blackjack during **CASINO** from 12:00 - 2:30
- Kaitlyn McBroom participates in **BOWLING** from 3:00 - 4:30
- Cody Barling, Clara Cox, Laura Wiedemann and Keith Pistolis enjoy the **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** from 5:00 - 6:30



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# from high school to high coasters

## seniors tackle SIX FLAGS



Describing his experience on the Titan, Alex Barfield demonstrates what happened as he approached the top of the coaster to Josh Chappell, Tommy King and Kyle House.



"The trip to day was fun. Some of the lines were too long, like for the Titan, but it was worth it once the you sat down on the coaster."

**Micheal Herring**



"I was so glad to get out of school for the senior trip. Six Flags isn't always too fun because of the heat, but me and Danielle had a good time."

**LaNika Pugh**



"There were lots of other schools there when we first arrived, so I was worried it wouldn't be fun, but it was a beautiful day and the temperature was real nice. So, other than the crowds, it was a blast."

**Tommy King**



"I hadn't been to Six Flags before, so the senior trip was great for me. I was a little scared at first, but after I got on the first ride, I couldn't stop."

**Carl Covington**

"I saw a lot of hunnies out there from schools around New Boston. I had fun just chillin' and talking to them ladies," Danniell Alexander said.



**1.** Samantha Yancy takes a break from the scary rides and relaxes on the carousel. "I needed to take a rest from the adrenaline of the big rides. That carousel is a tradition for me at Six Flags. I had to ride it!"

**2.** Climbing the hill on The Titan, Keith Pistolis looks back with a little hesitation. "The Titan was scary. I didn't think I'd be scared, but before we went over that first big hill, I got a little nervous," he said. "It was fun though."



**3.** Brittney Parrish, Rachel Edson, and Renee Ashworth wave on their way around the Sombrero. "It kind of made me sick, but it was one of the first rides we saw when we came in, so we jumped on it in excitement," Renee said.



"I thought the carousel would be just a little ride that I could relax on, but since I'm so short, I couldn't get up on that horse for the life of me!" Renee Ashworth said. "I almost busted it!"



1. Soaring through the air, Creg Reid and Josh Chappell cling to each other on the Dive Bomber Swing. "It was so awesome! It cost \$22, but it was worth it," Reid said. "I'll remember that forever!"



2. Johnny Scott waits impatiently to get on Runaway Mountain. "We didn't have a fast pass, so the line for that ride was almost an hour and a half long," Scott said.

3. Tommy King, John Macer, Jake Barfield, Ryan Klimo, Matt Allen, and Kyle Klimo make a pit stop at Burger King. "After we ate, we had to wait to get on the bus because a bunch of girls went to a restaurant across the street and they didn't know we were about to leave," Allen said.



4. Making funny faces, Rachel Edson and DeAnna Bray try to entertain themselves on the way to Arlington. "That bus ride was so long!" DeAnna said. "The only way to entertain yourself was to act stupid!"



5. Channele Wade, Sarah Potter and La'Nika Pugh cheese it up with Tweety Bird. "We were looking fine and ready to go rides some rides and check out the hotties in Six Flags," Sarah said.



“My senior trip was exactly what I hoped it would be since I was a freshman. Spending time with my friends before we all leave for college is just what I wanted!”



**IF I could go anywhere ON MY senior trip...**



I'm going to be a navy seal, so I'd really like to spend some time out on a ship in foreign waters."  
**Jason Dale**



I'd go to America!"  
**Grace Cho**



"I'd go to Mexico... for obvious reasons!"  
**Cody Barling**



**Danniell Alexander** Football 1, 2, 3, 4; First team All-District, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1; Track 1, 2, 3; Psychology Awd. 4

**Doyle Allen** FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Show Team

**Matt Allen** Football 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2; Golf 2; NHS 3, 4; DCP 3; Powerlifting 1, 4, Regional Qualifier 4

**Renee Ashworth** Band 1; Library Aide 4; Art Club 4; Best Soprano in Choir 1, 2

### Marven Ayle

**Erika Baker** Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Officer 1, 4; State 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Region 2, 3, 4; Area 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Officer, 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Aide 4; Science Club 2, 3; Journalism 1; UIL 1, 2, 3; Class Favorite 4

**Alex Barfield** Vice President 2, 3, 4; Historian 1; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country Regionals 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, President 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Adm. 4; Powerlifting 1, 2, 3, 4; State 4; Lion Heart Award 3; First in Region 4; Fifth in Region 3; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Science UIL 2, 3, 4; State 3, Regionals 3, 4; Class Favorite 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4

**Jacob Barfield** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Second team All-District 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish 4; FFA 4; One Act Play 4

**Cody Barling** Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Track 1, 2; DCP 4; Powerlifting 1; FFA 3, 4

**Stephen Barthel** Football 1; Powerlifting 1, 2, 3, 4, Regional qualifier 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3; Cross Country 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 4; TLT 4; TAFE 4; FFA 1; Class Favorite 2, 3, 4

**Raneisha Betts** Basketball 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 4; DCP 3, 4

**Kimberly Bonham** DCP 3, 4; Outstanding Student Award 2; Outstanding Algebra 1 AB Student 1

**Deanna Bray** Class Secretary 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Band Librarian; Majorette 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FCS 1, 2, 3; Class Representative 1; Spirit Club 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, Secretary 3, President 4; UIL Calculator 1, 2; Outstanding Speech Student 2

**Joshua Chappell** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All-District Center 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4, Team MVP; Track 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Office Adm. 4

**Lauren Cherry** DCP 3, 4; Class Favorite 4; Outstanding BCIS Student 2, Outstanding Math Student 3, Homecoming Court 4

**Casey Coleman** Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Jr. Rep., Majorette 2, Asst. Head Maj. 3, Head Maj. 4; FCS 1; Spirit Club 1; TLT 3; Outstanding Spanish 2 Student 3

**Shelley Coleman** Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Softball 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; FCS 1; Spirit Club 1; Class Favorite 3

**Stephen Collins** Band 1, 4, Jazz Band 3; Science Club 2, 3; One Act Play 4; UIL Science 2, 3, 4; Class Favorite 4; Outstanding Algebra 1 Student

**Courtney Cope** Class Officer 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Executive Council 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Secretary 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3; Journalism 3; UIL Editorial, Feature, Headlines, News, District, Regionals, State 3, 4; Class Favorite 1, 2, 3, 4, Miss NBHS; Cheerleader 2; Outstanding Pre AP Biology, Algebra 2, Journalism Student; Homecoming Queen 4, Best All-Around Girl 4

**Carl Covington** Football 1, 2, 3, 4; 3 year letterman, Honorable mention; Track 1, 2, 3; Powerlifting 1, 2, 3, 4, State runner up, 2 year letterman

**Caleb Cross** Class Officer 3; Football 4; Track 2, 3; Cross Country 3, 4, Regional Meet 3, 4; Band 1, 2, State Solo and Ensemble; NHS 3, 4; Spanish 2, 3, 4; FCS 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2; UIL Science 1, 2, 3; Outstanding Advanced Geometry Student 1; Outstanding Chemistry 2 Student; Powerlifting 3, 4, Valedictorian 4

**Jason Dale** Football 4; Spanish Club 4; Spirit Club 4; Office Adm. 4; Science Club 3; FFA 2, 4

**Andre Dorsey** Class President 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2; UIL 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Favorite 4; Powerlifting 4, 2nd in state

**Andrea Dorsey** NHS 3, 4; TLT 2, 3; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4; UIL Art; Outstanding Algebra 1 Student

**Crystal Edmond** Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; FFA 1

**Rachel Edson** Tennis 1, 2, Most improved 2; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Spirit Club 1; Art Club 3, 4; Historian 3; President 4; TAFE 3; Yearbook 2, 3, 4; Journalism 1, 4; Outstanding Yearbook Student 4

**Bonnie England** Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, MVP; Lady Lion Heart; Spanish Club 2; Spirit Club 2; Class Favorite 2, 4; Outstanding Biology Student 2

### Reginold Fields

**Bernard Forte** DCP

**Lindsey Fowler** Spanish Club 3; Spirit Club 3; DCP 3, 4; Cheerleader 1; Outstanding Algebra 2 Student 3

**Blake Gardner** Band 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; UIL Science 1, 2, 3, 4; UIL Persuasive Speaking 4; Class Favorite 4

**Brandi Gibson** Spanish Club 2; DCP 4; Outstanding English 2, Recordkeeping 3, Ag 4 Student

**Mandi Gibson** Spanish Club 2; DCP 3, 4; FFA 2

### Sarha Goode

**James Gooden** Football 1, 2, 3

**Chasitye Griffin** Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention 2, MVP 3, Second Team 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, New Comer of the Year 2, All BCL 2, Blocker of the Year 3, Second Team All-District 4; Track 1, 4

### Mark Haggins

**Kaylee Harris** Spirit Club 1; DCP 4; Art Club 3; Vice President

**Kimberly Hawkins** Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Newcomer of the Year 1, Team All-District 1; 1st Team All Area 2nd Base 1; Defensive MVP 2; 1st Team All-District and All-Area 2nd Base 3; Spanish Club 2; DCP 4

**Michael Herring** Football 3, 4; Track 3, 4

**Jacob Hensley** NHS 4; DCP 4; Outstanding Geometry AB Student Award 2

**Nicole Hensley** Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4, Player of the Year; Band 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4, State Qualifier, Solo and Ensemble; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary; Spirit Club 3, 4; TLT 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; UIL Science 1; One Act Play 4; Class Favorite 2, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2; Outstanding Anatomy and Physiology Student

**Jessica Higgs** Class Officer 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2, Drum Major 4, All-Region Alternate 3, Solo and Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4, State Solo and Ensemble 2, 3, 4, Most Improved Player 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Executive 4; NHS Vice President 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, 4; FCS 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, 3, President 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, Historian 3; Library Aide 4; TLT 1, 2, 3, 4; TAFE 3, 4, President 3, 4; Science Club 2; UIL 5th place Computer Apps. 2, Calculator 1; Class Favorite 4; Outstanding Psychology Student 2; Jazz Band 1, 2, Teacher's Choice Award 4

**Kyle House** Class Officer 1; Football 1, 2, 4, Honorable Mention 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, 2nd Team All-District 3; Track 1; Golf 2; NHS 3, 4; Office Adm. 3; Library Aide 4; DCP 3; Class Favorite 1

**Cody Humphrey** Football 1; DCP 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Ag Mech 2, 3, 4, Show Team 1, 2, 3

### Adam Hyatt

**Trenton King** Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3; Cross Country 2; FCS 1; Office Adm. 4

**Kyle Klimaszewski** Football 1; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; DCP 3, 4; FFA 3, 4



**Ryan Klimaszewski** Football 1; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; FFA 3, 4, Officer 3.

### **Kristy Knight**

**Patty Lavoll** Track 2, 3; Cross Country 2.

**Joey Leatherman** Tennis 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; State Solo and Ensemble 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; UIL Computer Science 4, Current Events 4.

**Malachi Lopez** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention 2, 2nd Team All-District 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Spirit Club 2, 3, 4; UIL Calculator 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Psychology Student 2.

**John Macer** Tennis 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Loading Crew; Spirit Club 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Eric May** Tennis 1, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, Representative 2, Loading Crew Captain; Student Council 1, 2; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Library Aide 3; Spanish Club 1, 2; UIL Number Sense 1, 2, 3, 4, Science 1, 2, One Act Play 1, 2, 3, Accounting Regional Qualifier 4; Class Favorite 4.

**Cade Mayo** Class Officer 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 3; Student Council 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Office Adm. 3, UIL Calculator 3, Current Events 4; Class Favorite 3, 4.

**Magan McCarter** Basketball 2; Track 2; Student Council 1, Exec. Council 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FCS 1, 2, 3, Historian; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, President 4; TAFE 3, Point Secretary 4; TLT 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, Secretary 4; Journalism 1; UIL Computer Apps. 3, 4, 1st District 4, Calculator 1, 2, 3, 4, 4th District 3; Class Favorite 1, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, Co-Captain 3, Captain 4; Outstanding Chemistry Student 3; Woodman of the Year Award 3, Activities Award 4.

**Martin McGee** Band 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Science Club 2; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Show Team 2, 3, 4; Ag Mech 3, 4; Outstanding Ag Metal Student 2, 3.

**Jennifer McKague** NHS 4; Library Aide 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; Outstanding Geometry Student 3; Art Club 3, Vice President 4.

**Amber Meador** Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Senior Representative 4, All-District 1, 2, 3, All-Region 3, 4, Four states Honor Band 4, State Solo and Ensemble 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Class Rep. 3, 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Aide 2; Science Club 2; UIL Social Studies 1, 2, 3, 4, 4th District 2, Current Events 2, 3, Literary Criticism 4, 6th District 4; TLT 3, 4; TAFE 3, 4.

**Justin Minyard** Football 1, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; UIL 4.

### **Kolton Mitchell**

**Don Moseley** Band 1, 2, 3, 4; DCP 4.

### **Beverly Page**

**Elizabeth Pardue** Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, Regional Qualifier 2; Student Council 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, Reporter 4; UIL Number Sense 2, 3, 4, Mathematics 3, Calculator 3, 4, Literary Criticism 4; Class Favorite 2, 3, 4; TLT 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Student Awards: Speech 1, English 1, World Geography, IPC 1, Adv. Algebra 2, Pre AP Biology, World History, Spanish 1, 2, Adv. Chemistry, Precalculus 3; Salutatorian 4.

**Brittney Parrish** Band 1, 2, 3, Vice President 4, Most Improved, Most Distinguished, Outstanding Performance, State Solo and Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; FCS 1; Spirit Club 1, 3; TLT 3; TAFE 3; UIL 1, 2, 3, Accounting and Social Studies, 6th SS; Reg. Qualifier Acctg; Outstanding Housing Student 2.

### **Jeffrey Pierce**

**Keith Pistoris** Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Student Council 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4; UIL 1, 2, 3, 4, Calculator Apps, Science 1st Team District, Computer Apps. Regional Qualifier; Outstanding Ag Mechanics Student 1; Outstanding Student BCIS 3.

**Sarah Potter** Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Band 1, 2; DCP 4; FFA 1; FBLA 2, 3; Flag Line 1, 2.

### **Andrew Provence**

**La'Nika Pugh** Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, Honorable Mention; Track 1; NHS 2, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding History DC Student; TLT 2, 3, 4.

**Danielle Randle** Band 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 2, 3; Science Club 2, 3; Yearbook 4; Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4 UIL Regionals 3, 5th Regionals 4, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th at District; Class Favorite 4; Outstanding Spanish 1 Student, Keyboarding Student.

**Gregory Reid** Class Officer 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All-District Guard and Kicker; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Tennis 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4, President; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Class Representative; Class Favorite 3, Mr. NBHS 4; Outstanding English Student 3, Citizenship Award 4.

**Brittany Richard** Basketball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 3; TLT 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Billy Riley** Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3.

### **Michael Rosenbaum**

**Chris Saling** Band 1, 2; Student Council 2; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 3; Science Club 3; FCCLA President 3, 4; Yearbook 3; UIL Social Studies 1, 2, 3, Current Events 2, 3, 4, Poetry 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, Co-Captain 4; Outstanding Geometry Student 2.

**Sarah Sargent** Outstanding Geometry AB Student 2.

**Jonathan Scott** Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; UIL 4.

**Keidra Smith** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, 2nd Team All-District; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Regional Qualifier 200, 400, and 800 mile relay; Class Favorite 4.

**Leroy Smith** Football 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4.

**Rodney Smith** DCP 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

**Ashley Spradlin** Band 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1, 3, 4, Officer 3; NHS 3, 4, Treasurer; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FCS 1, 2; Yearbook 4; Journalism 2; Class Favorite 4.

**Josh Turner** Football 1, 2, 3, 4, 2006 All-State; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention All-District 10, 1st Team All-District 11, Team MVP 11; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Library Aide 3, 4; Science Club 2; Class Favorite 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Adv English 2 Student, Outstanding Calculus Student 4, Best All Around Boy 4.

**Starlyn Tutt** NHS 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, 4, Showteam; Star Green Hand, Outstanding Student in Ag, Outstanding Algebra Student Award.

**Amanda Tyson** Band 1, 2, 3, 4, All-District 1, 2, 3, ATSSB All-Region Band 2, 3, 4, Outstanding Soloist 2, 3, 4, UIL Flute Trio-class II Division I-1, Class 1 Division 1 - 2, 3; UIL Woodwind Ensemble 4; UIL Flute Solo - Division I - 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Spirit Club 1, 2, 4; Library Aide 4; Science Club 1, 2, 4; UIL Calculator 1, 2, Ready writing 1; Class Favorite 3, 4; TLT 1, 2, 4; TAFE 4; Outstanding Student Award in Health 2, Outstanding Student Adv. English 3.

### **Brady Upson**

**Chanelle Wade** Basketball 2, 3; Volleyball 2, 3; Track 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Spirit Club 2, 3, 4; TLT 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4; VASE 4; UIL Accounting 4.

**Maggie Wahrenbrock** Band 1, 2, 4, Most Improved 1; Class Favorite 2.

**Mallery Ward** Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2; Band 1, 2; Spanish 1, 2; FCS 1, 2; Office Adm. 1; DCP 1, 2; FCCLA 1; Choir 1, 2, 3.

**Quittney Williams** Spanish Club 3; DCP 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Show Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3.

**Samantha Yancy** Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Equipment Manager 4, Most Improved 1, 2; NHS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FCS 3, 4, Vice President 4; Library Aide 3, 4; UIL Social Studies 1, 2, 3, 4, Literary Criticism 4.

# POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE

## CLASS OF '06

### GRADUATES 91



**Planning to attend**  
the University of Arkansas,  
Valedictorian Caleb Cross ends his  
commencement speech with Bill Gates'  
11 Rules of Life.

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it.  
2. The world won't care about your  
self-esteem. The world will expect you to  
accomplish something BEFORE you feel good  
about yourself.

3. You will NOT make \$40,000 a year  
right out of high school. You won't be vice-  
president with a car phone, until you earn  
both. 4. If you think your teacher is tough,  
wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have  
tenure. 5. Flipping burgers is not beneath  
your dignity. Your grandparents had a  
different word for burger flipping; they called  
it opportunity.

6. If you mess up, it's not your parents'  
fault. Don't whine about your mistakes—learn  
from them.

7. Before you were born, your parents  
weren't as boring as they are now. They got  
that way from paying your bills, cleaning your  
clothes and listening to you talk about how  
"cool" you are. So before you save the rain  
forest from the parasites of your parents'  
generation, try "delousing" the closet in your  
own room.

8. Your school may have done away with  
winners and losers, but life has not. In some  
schools they have abolished failing grades;  
they'll give you as many times as you want to  
get the right answer. This doesn't bear the  
slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real  
life. 9. Life is not divided into semesters. You  
don't get summers off and very few employers  
are interested in helping you find yourself. Do  
that on your own time. 10. Television is NOT  
real life. In real life people actually have to  
leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end  
up working for one.



## FACULTY AWARDS



**TEACHER'S CHOICE  
AWARD**  
Jessica Higgs



**CITIZENSHIP  
AWARD**  
Greg Reid



**BEST ALL AROUND  
GIRL**  
Courtney Cope



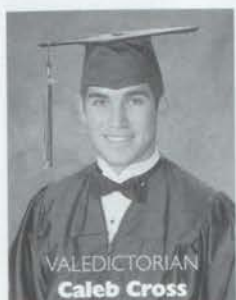
**BEST ALL AROUND  
BOY**  
Josh Turner



**ACTIVITIES  
AWARD**  
Megan McCarter



# TOP 10%



VALEDICTORIAN  
**Caleb Cross**



SALUTATORIAN  
**Elizabeth Pardue**



3. **Eric May**



4. **Amber Meador**



5. **Jessica Higgs**



6. **Blake Gardner**



7. **Josh Turner**



8. **Casey Coleman**



9. **Courtney Cope**



10. **Erika Baker**



**1. Formally addressing** the audience, salutatorian Elizabeth Pardue reminds her classmates, that they are leaving the care and protection of their parents, and it is time to step into the unknown as adults. "Buckle yourself in, it's going to be a bumpy ride," she said. **2. Crossing the stage.** Danniell Alexander shakes hands and receives his diploma from board member Lawrence Sadler. **3. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance,** seniors participate in the Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday evening before graduation. Reverend Kenneth Livingston from Houston delivered the message.



photo courtesy of NB Photography

**Wayne Trevino** did not walk across the stage with his class, but he was remembered. The baccalaureate service was dedicated in his memory and a scholarship was presented by Creg Reid and Bonnie England at the graduation ceremony.



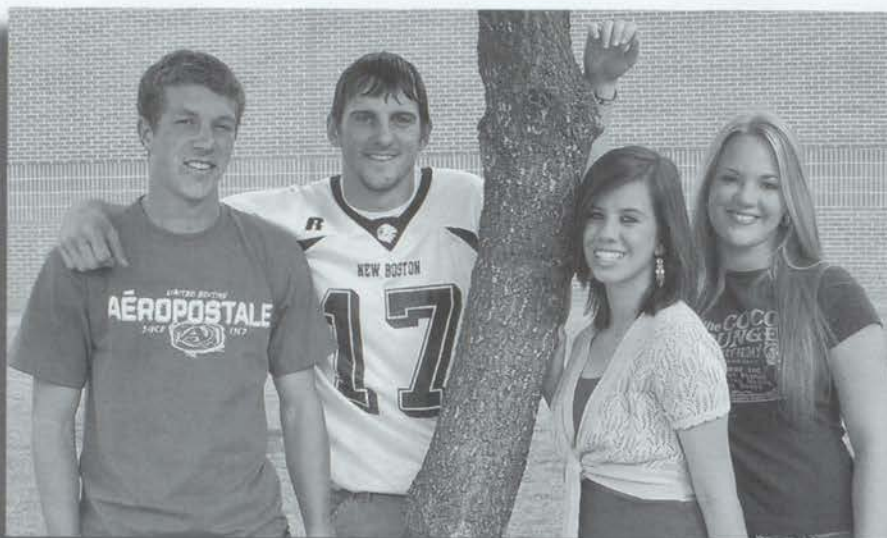
"I ran for president because I wanted to plan for the prom. This year will be our chance to plan it," Metcalf said. "I want to make sure that it will be good."



# junior class

## Officers:

- President:**  
Brett Metcalf
- Vice President:**  
Clara Cox
- Secretary:**  
Alecia Forbing
- Treasurer:**  
Brandon Gray



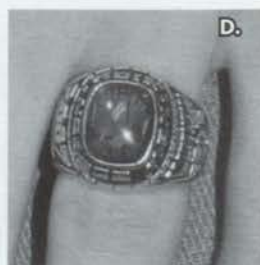
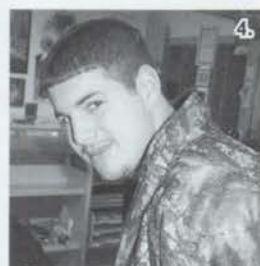
## Favorite

1. McDonalds
2. Sonic
3. Pitt Grill
4. At Home
5. TacoBell/KFC
6. Burger King
7. I Hop
8. Wal Mart
9. Cici's Pizza
10. Jumbo Chinese Restaurant

eating places

## Ring finger

Juniors get senior rings in before Christmas break. Examine the ones below and match the owners in the **test**



Answers: 1. Dustin Mulkey - B 2. Brad Mitchell - D 3. Casey McCoy - A 4. Justin Self - C



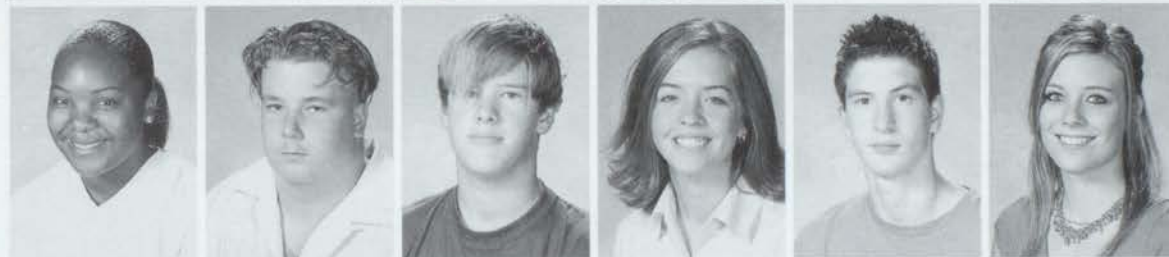
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 Alfred Anderson  
 Casey Arrington  
 Blake Barton  
 Heather Berbig  
 John Bobian



Tiffany Bonham  
 Barton Brock  
 Shelia Carroll  
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 Keri Carson  
 Casey Cavin



Cody Clark  
 Justin Clements  
 Maegan Cokeley  
 Katie Collins  
 Rebecca Collom  
 Clara Cox



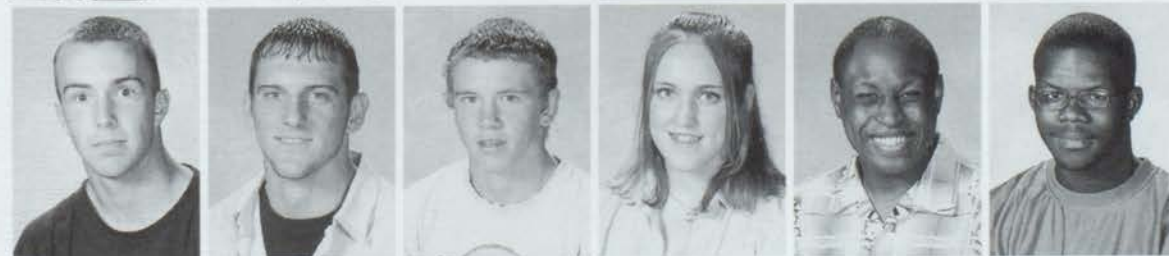
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 Blake Drinkard  
 Meagan Dunbar



Paige Duncan  
 Jennifer Durst  
 Stacy Firth  
 Ryan Flenniken  
 Cameron Fontenot  
 Alecia Forbing



Meagan Ford  
 Jacob Foster  
 Josh French  
 Jasmine Galbert  
 Johnathan Garcia  
 Ashley Gilmore



Sean Goodsell  
 Brandon Gray  
 Wade Gray  
 Ashley Gregory  
 John Gurley  
 Mark Haggins  
 juniors

Charity Hall  
Bradley Hanna  
Akira Hooks  
Christopher Hurd  
Daylan Jackson  
Jeremy Jackson



Gabriele Johnson  
Todd Johnson  
Michael Kennedy  
Amber Kestler  
Brooke Knowles  
Zachary Leatherman



Amanda Lundy  
Whitney Magdesffel  
Sherylain Maidens  
Matthew Martin  
Kaitlyn McBroom  
Justin McCarty



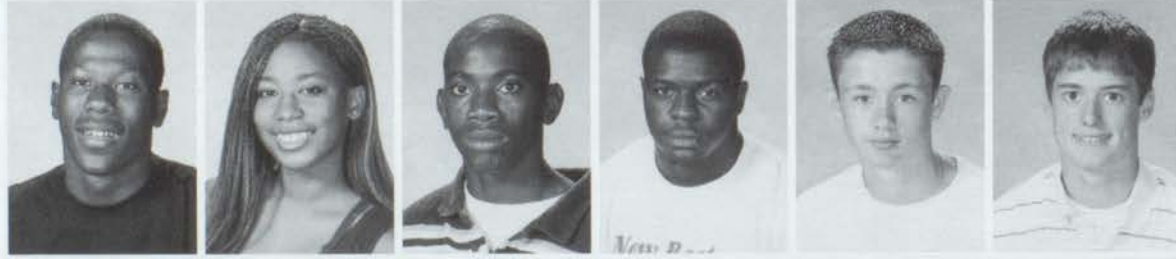
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Casey McCoy  
Dina McCray  
Jaqueline McKague  
Rachel Melton  
Sarah Mendenhall



Brett Metcalf  
Bradley Mitchell  
Karen Mitchell  
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Robert Moilanen  
Dustin Mulkey

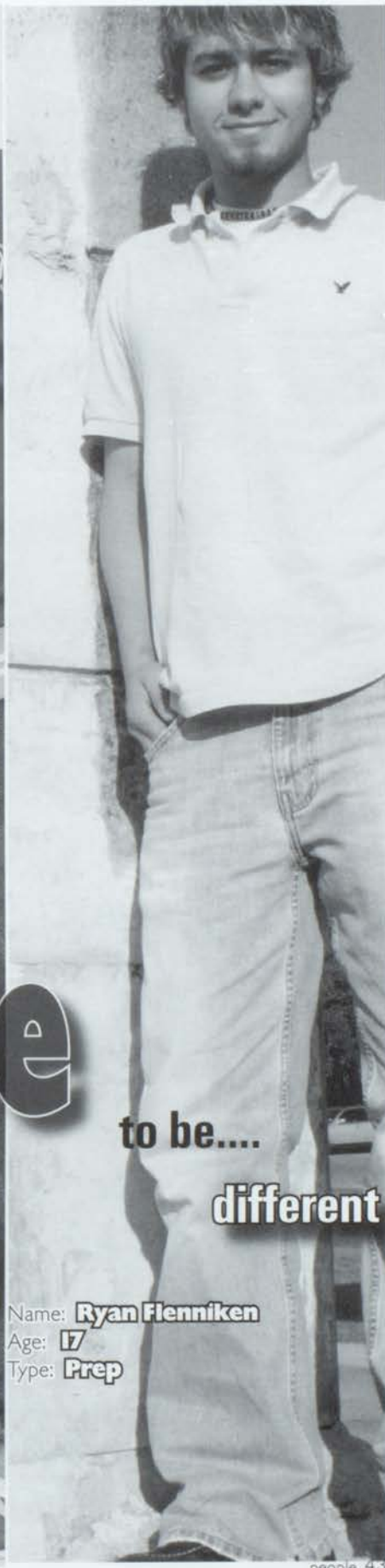


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Charisma Myers  
Larry Noel  
Anthony Page  
Chad Peavey  
Kyle Peavey



Billy Peek  
Jeffrey Pierce  
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Xenia Ragin  
Kristen Ray  
Fields Reggie





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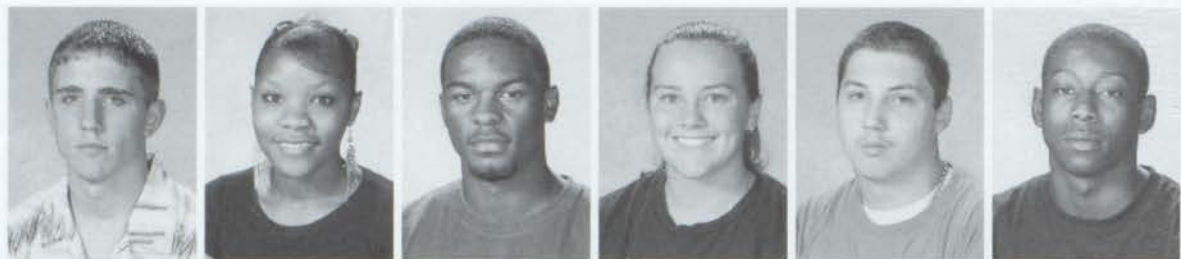
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Name: **Jordan Daley**  
Age: **17**  
Type: **Punk**

Name: **Rashonda Culberson**  
Age: **17**  
Type: **Urban**

Name: **Ryan Flenniken**  
Age: **17**  
Type: **Prep**

Christopher Robinson  
 Debreca Robinson  
 Blake Rowden  
 Allyson Saling  
 Shane Satterfield  
 Jeffery Scales



Savon Scales  
 Justin Self  
 Tyler Shavers  
 Kiara Sherman  
 Bobbie Slater  
 Jessica Smith



Chris Son  
 Thomas Stevens

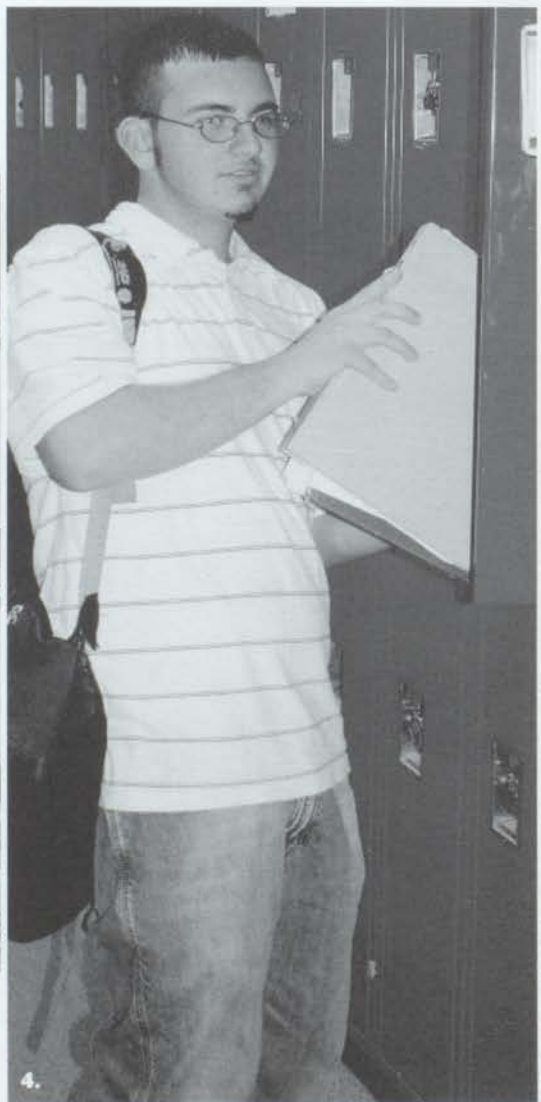


## back to traditional SCHEDULES

Seven periods a day, fifty minutes each....  
 Students struggle to adapt to the new/old or  
 traditional class periods.



1. **Tanner Treadway** "I don't like it at all! The days seem longer and I end up taking naps all the time."
2. **Robbie Moilanen** "I don't like it. It's harder to get all of your homework done and turned in on time."
3. **Cortney Thomas** "It drives me crazy cause I don't have enough time to get my junk done in all my classes."
4. **John Bobian** "You don't get bored as easy, so I guess I like the new schedule okay."







Chester Stuart  
Carlandria Talbert  
Tristen Tefteller  
Jessica Teran  
Cortney Thomas  
Tanner Treadway



Kourtney Walls  
Matthew Waltz  
Richard Whitaker  
Laura Wiedemann  
Julie Williams  
Shaunice Williams



Matthew Wise  
Courtney Wright



## from being a majorette to a cowgirl queen



"It was a good experience to compete in horsemanship, interview, modeling, and speech. I think the speech was the most uncomfortable out of them all. I rode my 26 year old legendary horse, Sandman. We won our sixth saddle together in the Miss Four States Fair and Rodeo Contest. I also won a horse trailer, \$600, a scholarship to TC, and a belt buckle. My job is to go out and represent the sport of rodeo and promote the sponsors."

**Jessica Teran**



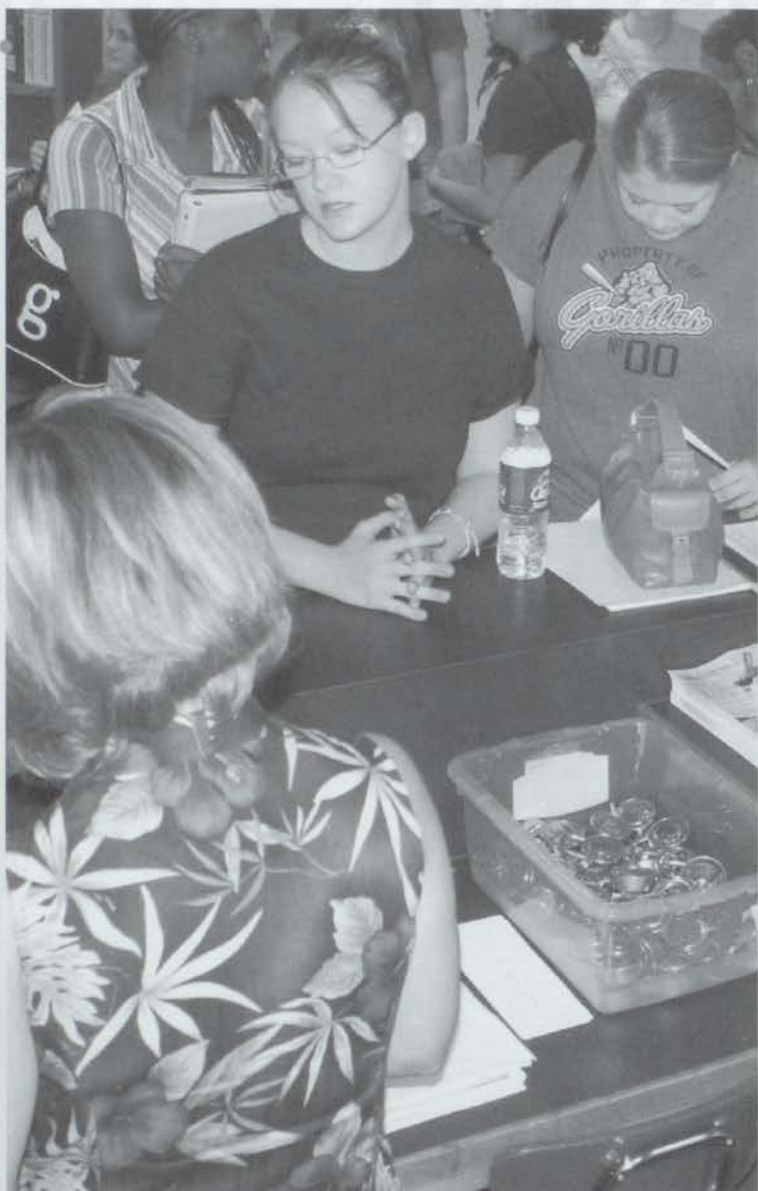
"I brought Sandman to the band carwash because we were challenged to get so much money in donations. I washed him just like I would have a car and then made a donation! My sister (Ms. Stoker) was a previous Miss 4-States Fair and Rodeo Queen," Jessica said. "So, of course, I wanted to be just like her."

Waiting her turn, Tiffany Bonham explains her dilemma to Mrs. Barker during first day chaos in the office. "My lock was messed up," Tiffany said. So I had to go to the office and get a new one."

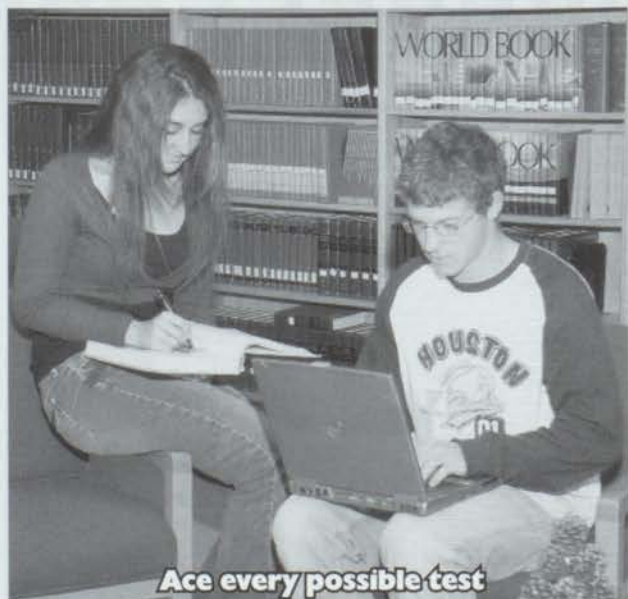
Sitting through the yearly ritual, Kyle and Chad Peavey listen to Mr. Busse go over rules in the handbook. "Well the first day of school was pretty boring," Chad said. "Going to the auditorium for orientation is a nice break though."



Back to school, Brad Hanna, Courtney Thomas, Aaron Hixson, and Justin Self gather before the first bell to discuss their schedules. "The first day of school was pretty typical," Hanna said. "I was glad to see all my friends but school is still boring."



**Score the winning point**  
Blake Rowden, Becca Collom

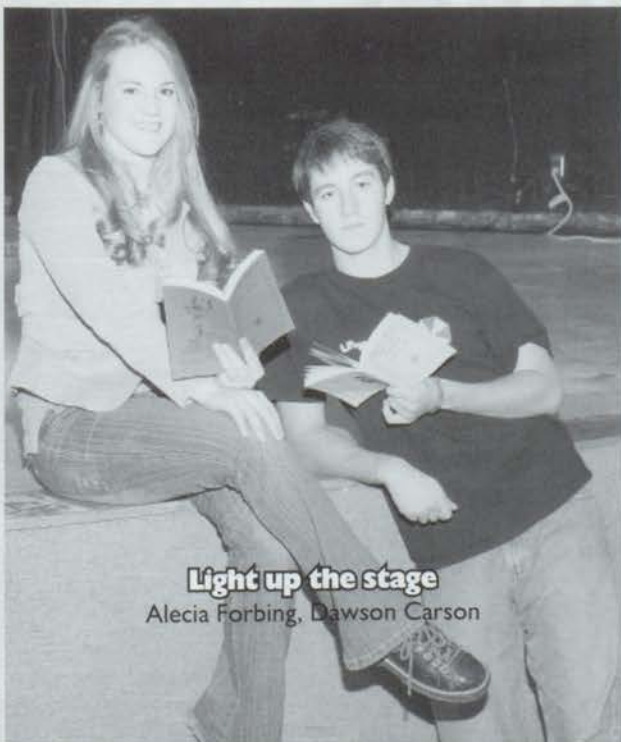


**Ace every possible test**  
Amanda Lundy, Brett Metcalf

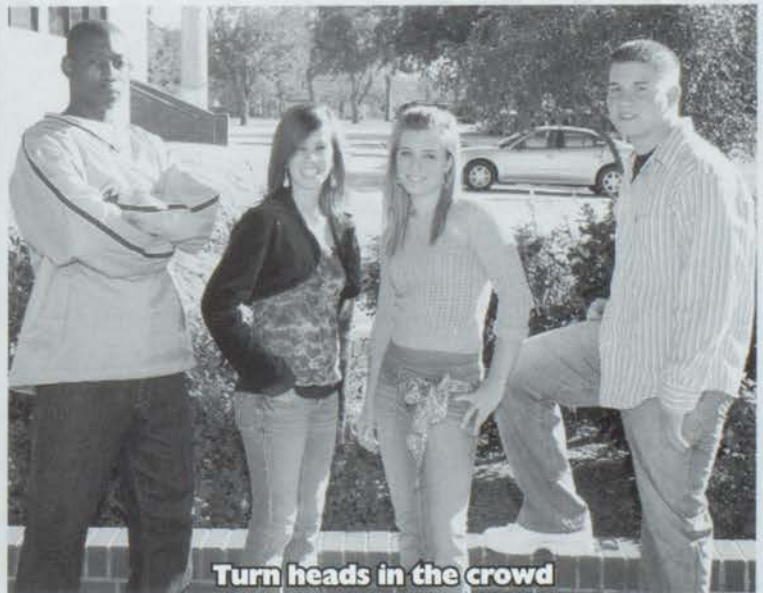
**COUPLES**

**1.** On his knee, Todd Johnson gazes into girlfriend Meagan Cokely's eyes. He said he is attracted to her because they share the same Christian values. "We are both in the band, go to the movies, and like hanging out at her house," he said. "So we get to spend a lot of time together." **2.** Jonathan Johnson wraps his arm around Tyeshia Griffin as they sit together outside at lunch. **3.** "Earlier in the year, she started calling me and we began talking more," Cody Mayo said. "She is nice and she is perfect for me. We ride fourwheelers, go out to eat and go hunting and fishing." **4.** Daylan Jackson and Jasmine Galbert have dated going on a year. **5.** Rachel Melton playfully pushes boyfriend Zachary Leatherman away from her.

# what juniors do



**Light up the stage**  
Alecia Forbing, Dawson Carson



**Turn heads in the crowd**  
Jeffrey Scales, Clara Cox,  
Meagan Dunbar, Brad Hanna

The sophomores pretty much won every spirit competition under Jake Kasitati's leadership. "I am a good leader and can take charge when the time comes. That's why I think I'm a good class president."



# sophomore class

## Officers:

- President:**  
Jake Kasitati
- Vice President:**  
Alexia Hill
- Secretary:**  
Lauren Rawls
- Treasurer:**  
Anna Elkins
- Historian:**  
Paula Flournoy
- Reporter:**  
Savannah Laney

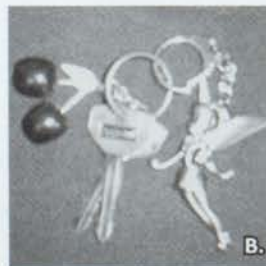


## 10 favorite movies

1. *Get Rich or Die Trying*
2. *Star Wars III*
3. *The Longest Yard*
4. *Saw II*
5. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
6. *Friday Night Lights*
7. *Amityville Horror*
8. *Dukes of Hazzard*
9. *House of Wax*
10. *Sister Hood of the Traveling Pants*

## Keys & gadgets

examine the keychains and match the owners in the **test**



Answers: 1. Ashley Cox C 2. Danielle Sanderford - A 3. Tatra McCo - D 4. Kassie Engelman - B



Cody Adams  
Justin Adams  
Christopher Allen  
Shaquana Banks  
Corey Basham  
William Bracewell



Allyson Brock  
Daviya Brown  
Taylor Calfee  
Christopher Cole  
Kevin Covington  
Ashley Cox



Derrick Dangerfield  
Rishawn Davis  
Channing Day  
Mason Delanghe  
Bryan Delgado  
Andrew Dike



Thomas Doyle  
Bruce Duits  
Gregory Duits  
Anna Elkins  
Kassie Engelman  
Blaine Epperson



Brody Epperson  
Andrew Evans  
Christopher Evans  
Paula Flournoy  
Emily Galyon  
Deandra Goldsmith



Jeffery Gregory  
Tyeshia Griffin  
Jarvis Haggins  
Christopher Henry  
Alexia Teré Hill  
Denairo Hines



Melinda Hoffman  
Andrew Hollgarth  
Robbin Huddleston  
Brandt James  
Kaylee Johnson  
Chloe Jones

Erin Jones  
Jacob Kasitati  
Ty Knowles  
Nicholas Kraft  
Savannah Laney  
Heath Lee



Jeremy Lomax  
Donna Long  
Brittney Lorance  
Heather Lynch  
Matthew May  
Cody Mayo



Tatra McCoo  
Michelle McDuffie  
Mack McGee  
Heath McMillan  
Kinsey Megason  
Angelina Morris



James Nowlin  
Jose Ordonez  
Tiffany Pardue  
Allison Perry  
Allen Phillips  
Alex Provence



Lauren Rawls  
Keith Robinson  
Stacy Rodgers  
Danielle Sanderford  
Nyleenda Scales  
Jonathan Scott



Stephen Sissons  
Charesa Smith  
Jessica Smith  
Mitchell Smith  
Olivia Smith  
Sydney Smith



Tamarae Smith  
Bobby Spencer  
Hope Taylor  
Teric Thompson  
Thomas Trader  
Antwoine Williams





Name: **Brody Epperson**  
Age: **16**  
Type: **Cowboy**



Name: **Andrew Dike**  
Age: **15**  
Type: **Prep**



to be ....  
**different**

Name: **Brent James**  
Age: **16**  
Type: **Urban**

Brandon Williams  
Corey Williams  
Sarah Wise  
Kameron Wisinger  
Adam Woodard



## burning up with SPIRIT FEVER

Winning the spirit week competition by earning the most 'degrees' on the spirit thermometer, the sophomores sold the most spirit links, got the most points in the spirit game and showed the most spirit in the pep rally as well as created an award winning float for the parade. "We have the best class because we are crunk!" Rishawn David said.

Showing his spirit Billy Bracewell dresses up like a girl on opposite gender day. "I wanted to show the girls I could look sexy, so I borrowed my mom's clothes."



The class of 2008 created the "most original" spirit flag after hours of creative work. "Well I took the flag home and stayed with it until 2:00 a.m.," Paula Flournoy said. "I just painted it all! I mean all!"



Teaming up for the soaring sophomores Derrick Daingerfield and Keith Robinson paired up to play ships and sailors. Here they are performing the Titanic scene where Rose is on the front of the ship. "We were instructed to perform on command, and it was hard sometimes because we couldn't hear for everyone yelling and laughing," Keith said. "We came in 2nd to Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Olson."



Filling in the design drawn by brother Greg, Bruce Duit colors in the hanging tiger on Mrs. Epps door. "I worked during study hall the week we played Daingerfield," Bruce said. "The sophomores decorated the last hall."







Ryan Wooldridge  
Yolanda Wright  
Matthew Yancy  
Meagan York  
Travis Young



**Q** What are your thoughts on the Aric Bostic program?



**“**“I think it was a great way to motivate kids and keep them from giving up on themselves, and it was good how he made it fun at the same time,” Stephen said. The funniest thing Aric did was when he ripped open his shirt revealing the super man shirt. “One thing I learned is if you have a dream follow it and never let it go.” **Stephen Sissons**



1. Aric Bostic gives us an energetic speech about always having a positive attitude and staying drug-free. 2. Chris Allen, Blaine Epperson, Mitchell Smith, and Cody Mayo laugh at a joke told during the program.

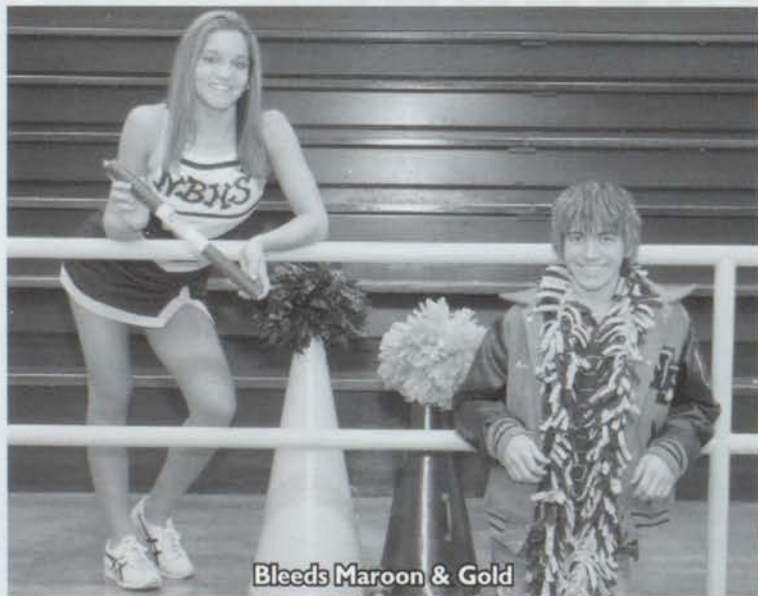
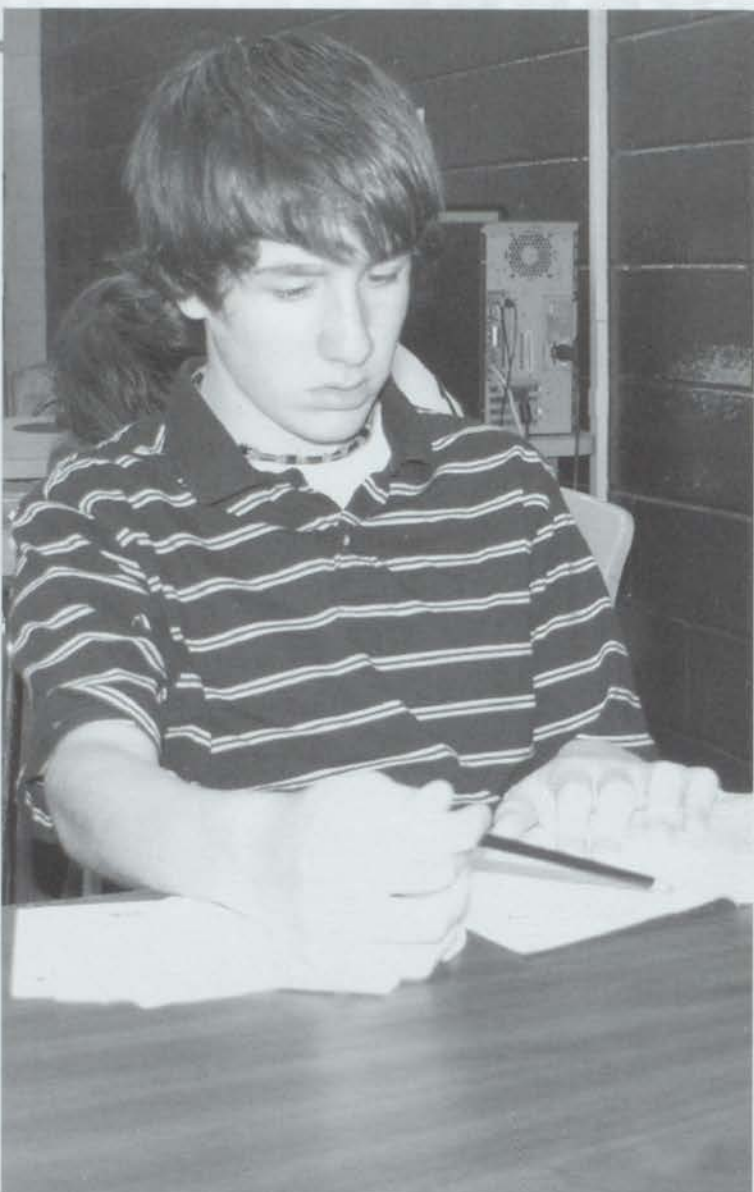
3. Paula Flournoy, Cheyenne Briggs, and Taylor Calfee watch Aric Bostic as he slides across the stage doing his Superman imitation.

**B**efore 6:30 a.m. Greg Duitz looks over the rules in his driving book for Driver's ED. "I learned a lot in this class. It gave me tons of information on how to drive and control the car."

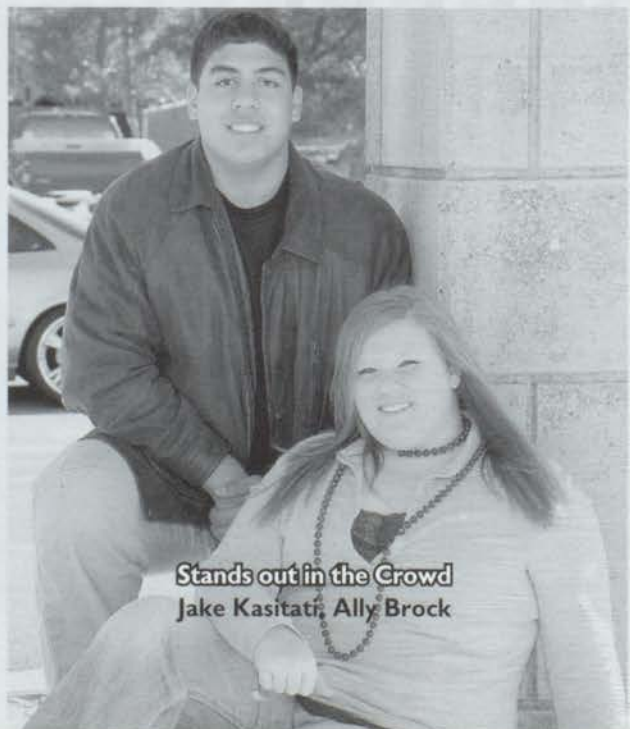
**R**eviewing for a vocabulary test, Chloe Jones take advantage of a free moment before Mrs. Drennan hands out the test. "This is my first year in Spanish. I really enjoy it because I like learning a new language."



**U**sing study hall time wisely sophomore Robin Huddleston looks up words and definitions for her next class. "I was studying for a spelling test I had that day in English."



**Bleeds Maroon & Gold**  
Anna Elkins, Matt May



**Stands out in the Crowd**  
Jake Kasitani, Ally Brock

1. Rishawn Davis awaits the tater tot before it is thrown in his mouth, while Brandon Williams stares it down. 2. Jessica Smith and Shaquana Banks read their magazine at the lunch table. 3. Olivia Smith blocks students from coming through the aisle by showing off her dancing skills. 4. Alex Sandifer laughs as Joe Ordonez tries to hide from the camera by putting his hair in his face. 5. Chris Allen throws away his trash after he's done eating lunch.

# what

## sophomores do at lunch

1.



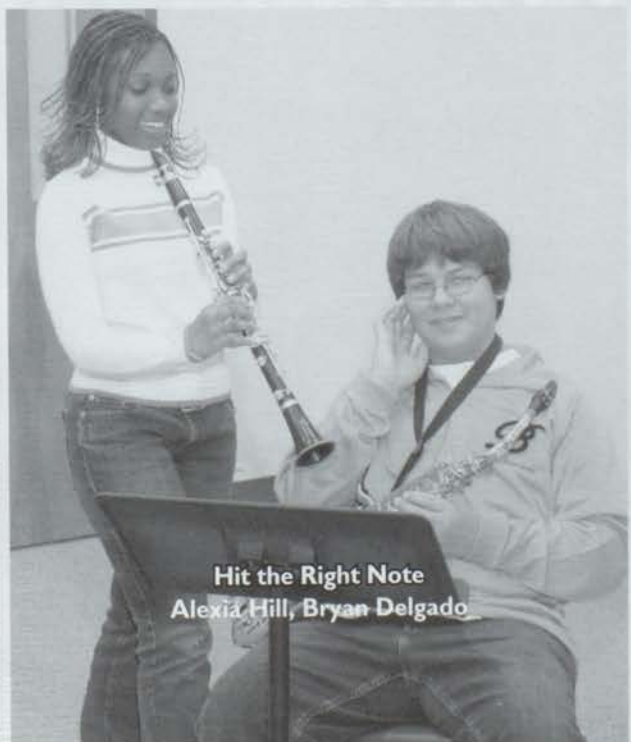
2.



5.



3.



**Hit the Right Note**  
Alexia Hill, Bryan Delgado



**Gets a Million Laughs**  
DeAndra Goldsmith, Brandon Williams

"I like being the president of my class because I feel like a princess."



# freshman class

## Officers:

### President:

Emily Treadway

### Vice President:

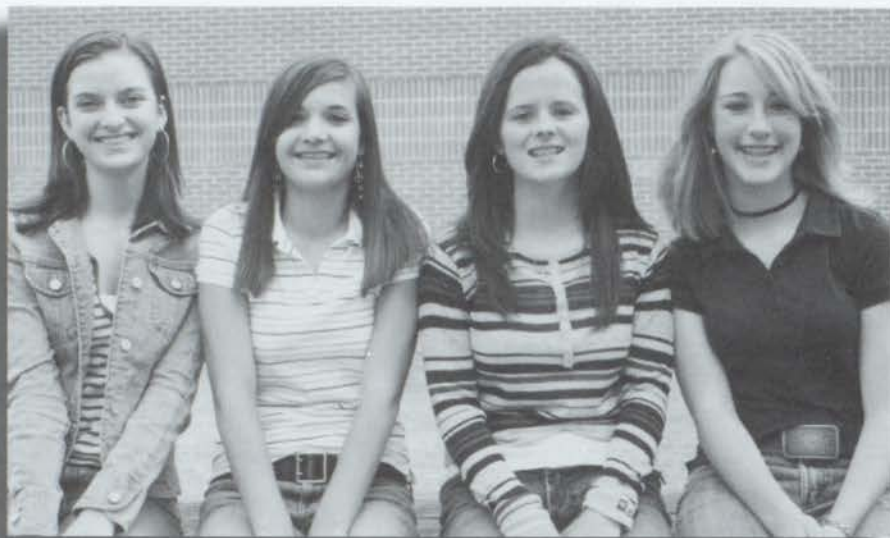
Paige McCarter

### Secretary:

Laney Klimaszewski

### Treasurer:

Kaylee Allen



## favorite toothpaste

1. Crest
2. Colgate
3. AquaFresh
4. Bubble gum
5. Citrus Colgate

# Belts

with a little bling bling

## favorite shampoo

1. Herbal Essence
2. Suave Coconut
3. Tressame
4. Pantene Pro-V
5. Dove

examine the belts and match the owners in the **test**



Answers: 1. Reagan Choate B. 2. Adrea Baugh D. 3. Jace Power A. 4. Megan Laney C.



Kalee Allen  
Mika Allison  
Claudia Ballard  
Erika Barrera-Shirley  
Hailey Barrett  
Janice Bartholomew



Christina Batchlor  
Andrea Baugh  
Kimberly Beck  
Jeffery Beggs  
Samantha Beggs  
Callie Berryhill



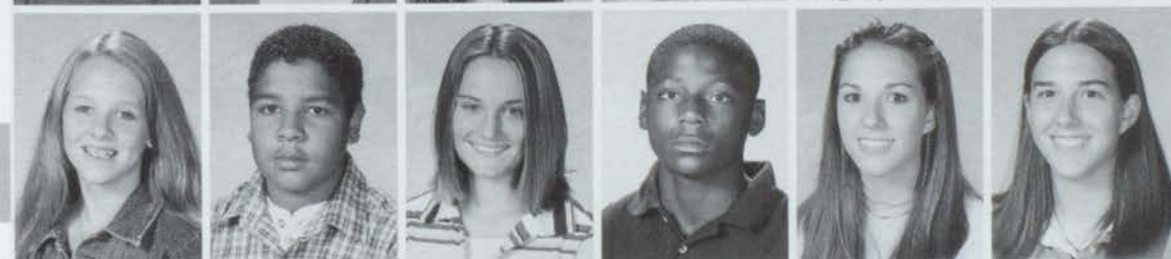
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Whitney Bobo  
April Bowman  
Dawn Bowman



Amber Boyte  
Cheyenne Briggs  
Kaleigh Bulter  
Ashley Burden  
Anthony Burnett  
Cody Burns



Travonta Butler  
Kali Campbell  
Krystal Capps  
Kaitlynn Chadwick  
Nikki Chavers  
Michael Chitwood



Emily Cokeley  
Micah Coleman  
Danielle Myers  
Chris Culberson  
Alicia Daniel  
Ashley Daniel



Dora Doyle  
Ashlee Durst  
Ravin Eastman  
Clarissa Engelman  
Ashley L. Ford  
Chelsey Foster

Adam Garrett  
 Jami Lee Gorrell  
 Audrey Hensley  
 Caleb Hensley  
 Dauntae Hill  
 Olivia Hixson



Cory House  
 Matthew House  
 Aaron Hurd  
 Drew M. Hutchinson  
 Buddy Jackson  
 Levi Johnston



Karlisha Jolly  
 Chelsea Jones  
 Ebony Jones  
 Tiffany Jones  
 Kyndel King  
 Melaney Klimaszewski



Megan Laney  
 Jordan Lawing  
 Tyler Leatherman  
 Heather Leonard  
 Heather Maidens  
 Derrick Martin



Sara Martin  
 Paige McCarter  
 Lancaster Michael  
 Gavin Millsap  
 Georgia Missildine  
 Cayla Montgomery



Courtney Montgomery  
 Roland M. Morpew  
 Leland D. Moseley  
 Samantha Norman  
 Katdie Norton  
 Kristy Pardue



Kristin N. Patrick  
 Ashlee Phillips  
 Bradley Phillips  
 Trenton Phillips  
 Jace Power  
 Laura Raney





WE  
**strive**

**to be different ....**

Name: **Travis Sadler**  
Age: **15**  
Type: **Urban**

Name: **Kayla Williams**  
Age: **14**  
Type: **Punk**

Name: **Jordan Lawing**  
Age: **14**  
Type: **Prep**

Sean Rathburn  
Derrick Ray  
Jaleesa Riley  
April Robinson  
Brittney Rowden  
Jody Saatkamp



Jacob Simmons  
Justin Smith  
Kelli Smith  
Lauren Smith  
Shunquelle Smith  
Michael Smithson



Amanda Spradlin  
Raven Stephens  
Steven Stevenson



## using study hall time to DECORATE DOORS for spirit week

1. **W**ith a chemistry theme in mind, Whitney Bobo and friends came up with the clever slogan...*Throw it atom!* "I helped Jaleesa Riley, Kali Campbell and Katdie Norton work on Ms. Stoker's door."



2. **D**uring spirit week, freshman Krystal Capps helps decorate Coach James' door. "We drew a big heart that had a #60 in the center," she said. "We wanted to remember Wayne."



3. **P**aige McCarter takes great pain to color in the lion on Mrs. Treadway's door. "I wanted to show off my art skills, so I helped decorate the door," she said.

4. **E**mily Cokely carefully colors in the lion's tail on Mrs. Treadway's door. "I wasn't assigned to this door, but I could see that they needed help."







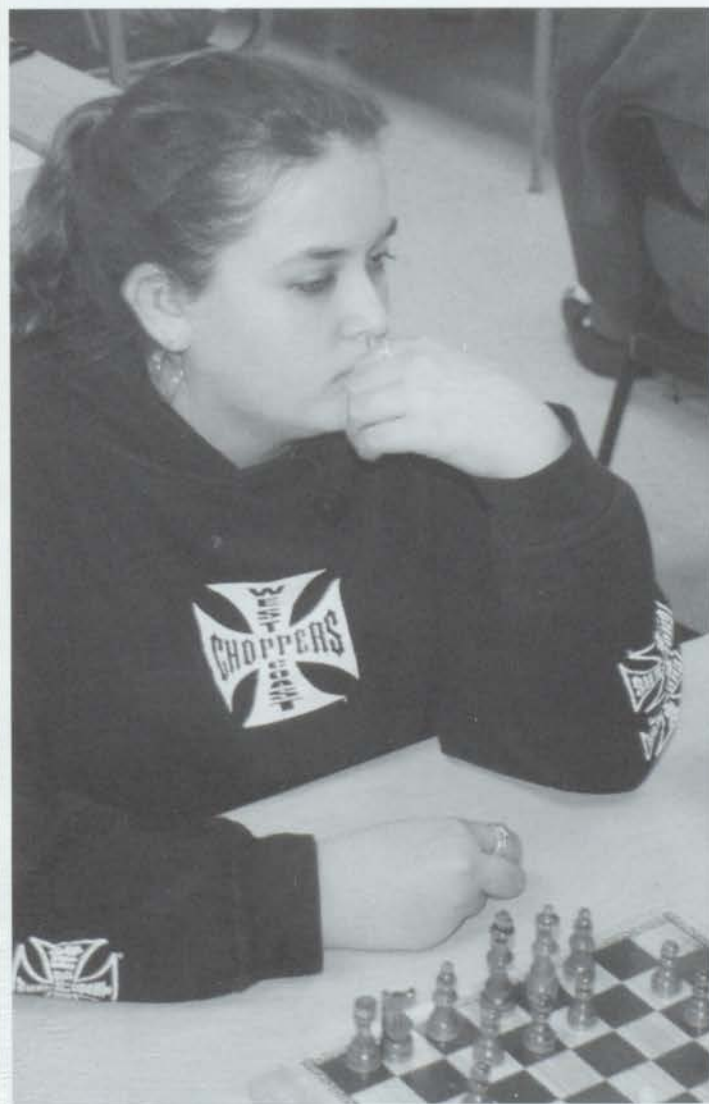
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Jordan Thompson  
Crystal Thrapp  
Emily Treadway



Eliza Tunnell  
Cedric Wade  
Richard Warren  
Timothy Watson  
Ashley White  
Kayla Williams



Vanola Williams  
Catherine Willis  
Lauren Wilson



**Q** How did the Chess club begin?



**“** A few students had been playing chess with each other in the library. The group kept growing, so one day they asked me if I would sponsor a chess club. Now, we have around 40 kids coming to the meetings.  
**-Mrs. Smallwood**



**T**rying to figure out a strategy to win a match, Micah Coleman moves his knight. "I've been playing chess for seven years," he said. "So when I heard about the chess club, I thought it was time to show off my skill."

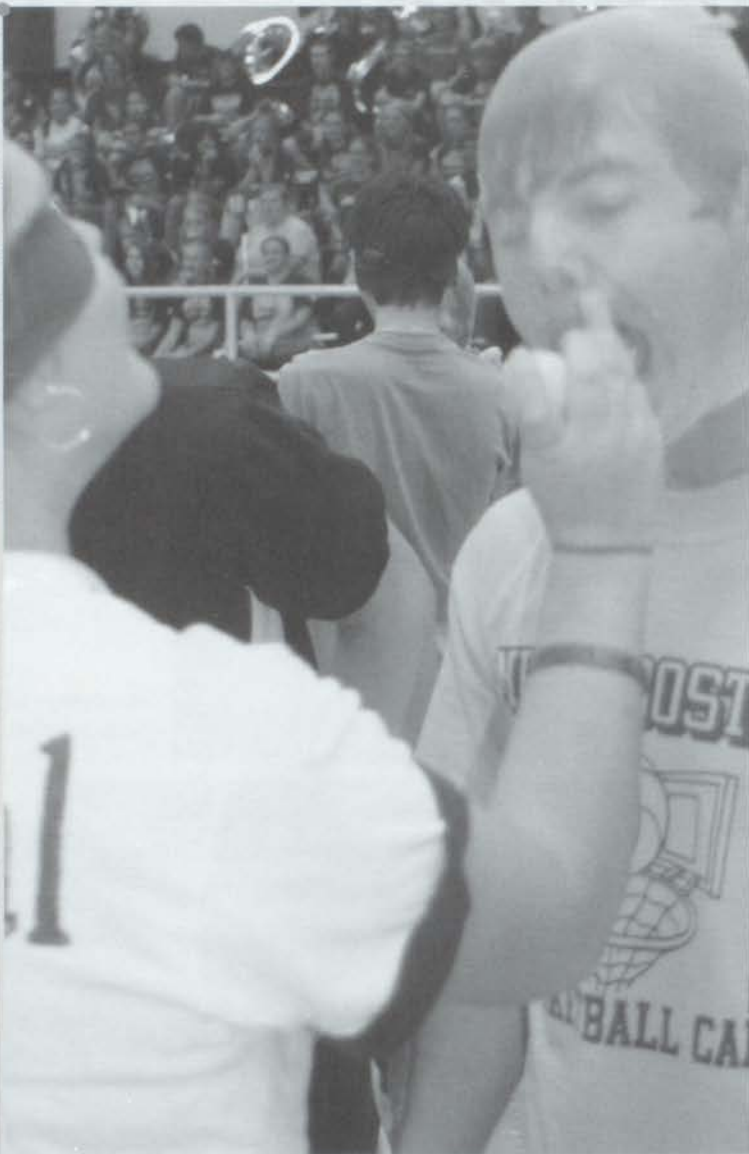
**K**im Beck looks on thoughtfully as she waits to make her move. "I haven't been playing chess long. I just picked up the game because I thought it would be interesting."



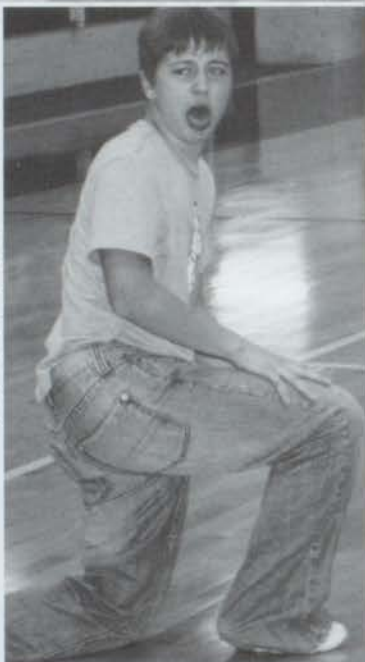
**L**ooking on, Blake House watches his enemy, Jeffery Beggs, make his first move. "Crushing my opponent is the best part of playing chess," Blake said.

All fun and games, Derrick Ray lets Crystal Thrapp try to stuff a banana into his mouth through a nylon stocking. "I liked being able to participate in the pep rally," Derrick said. "But the pantyhose didn't taste too good."

Representing the freshman volleyball team, Laura Raney races other students by rolling up the court to drink a mysterious liquid and then rolled back down. "I'm not sure what it was I drank," she said. "But it tasted like pina colada or coconut. It made me kind of sick when I started rolling back. We didn't even win."



Anthony Burnett applauds the cheerleaders after they perform a spirit dance. "I enjoyed the pep rallies because they made me look forward to the game," he said.



After a big gulp of prune juice during the competition portion of the pep rally, Bradley Phillips stops to express his disgust! "It was horrible," Bradley said. "I had to go home and brush my teeth."



believe it or not  
Hailey Barrett & Bradley Phillips



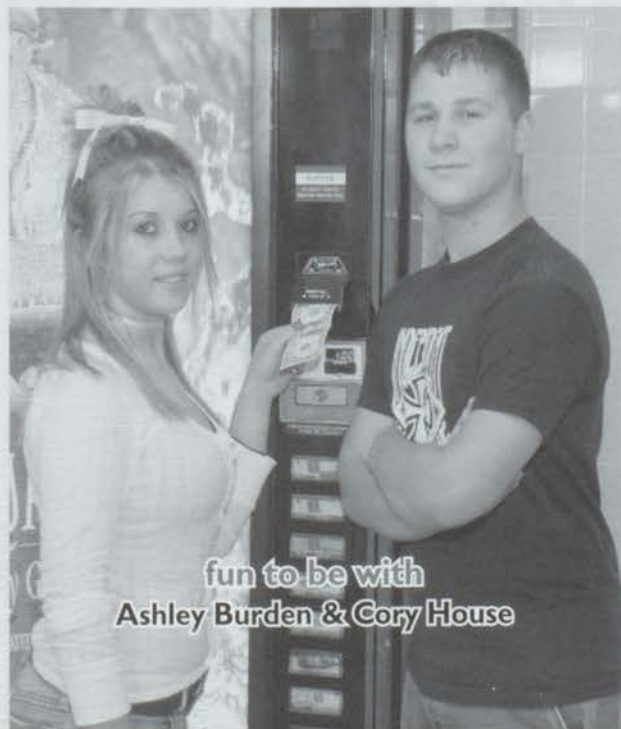
defend the maroon & gold  
Kaitlynn Chadwick & Derrick Ray

Squatting down to a bottom locker, Olivia Hixson and Dora Doyle sit side by side. "We asked the office for locker's next to each other," Olivia said. "We are best friends and like to visit between classes. Most people carry a backpack, but I keep everything in my locker."



# what

freshmen do after school



fun to be with  
Ashley Burden & Cory House



ace every possible test  
Drew Hutchinson & Emily Treadway

# middle school faculty

## new principal sets the pace

Mr. Barfield took the reigns during the summer and says his #1 goal for NBMS is to be "the best middle school that we are capable of being."



### 10 reasons teachers

give d-hall

1. Not following directions
2. Not turning in work
3. Talking
4. No supplies
5. Disrespect
6. Tardy
7. No-show to d-hall
8. Dress code
9. Insubordination
10. Cell Phones

Sandy Allison, Technology  
Heather Batchelor, Aide  
Melinda Carlow, Aide  
Jennifer Cokeley, 7th  
Becky Coleman, 8th



Sheila Collom, Counselor  
John Dempsey, 7th  
Brenda Duncan, 5th  
Kim Epperson, 6th  
Lillian Flournoy, Life Skills



Jill Garrett, 8th  
Mary Beth Houston, Aide  
Brenda Jackson, 5th  
Pam Jackson, 8th  
Sheryl King, 5th





Cindy Labat, Aide  
Amanda Lee, Aide  
Margie Manning, Band  
David May, Coach  
Katressa May, Secretary



Andrew McCarter, 5th  
Christy McCarter, 7th  
Charlie Melton, Band  
Leann Miller, 8th  
Teresa Mills, Secretary  
Mary Moore, 6th



Raelene Norman, 5th  
Donna O'Rear, 6th  
Charles Patton, 8th  
Melissa Raney, Art  
Michael Rhoden, 6th  
Jamie Self, 5th



Jimmie Thomas, Aide  
Renee Wise, Aide  
Paula Woodward, 7th

**not pictured:**

- Debra Denson
- Samuel Flournoy
- Tommie Foster
- Pamela Holland
- Peggy James
- Courtney Johnson
- Lida Jones
- Joseph Laymance

- Gregory Owens
- Joyce Parr
- Barbara Perry
- Tammy Slagle
- Mary Smith
- Robbi Snowden
- Georgia Thompson
- David Whiteman



**T**rying to determine which students will be leaving early that Thursday for the volleyball game, Coach Foster and Mrs. Mills double check the role sheet for the teachers.

**S**taying on schedule, Ms. Labat rounds up the cheerleaders for the school song. "I always have to keep an eye on the clock so that we are able to fit everything in for the pep rally."



**F**ocusing in on the crazy football boys doing a dance, Ms. Allison makes sure every move is captured by the camera. "I try to take pictures at programs and pep rallies so we have them to use for the kids."

**T**rying to beat the six weeks deadline, Mr. Patton enters in a few last minute grades. "I always seem to be behind the rest of the teachers, somehow I always get them submitted on time."

# starting the year off **smoothie**ly

## principal plans fun day for teachers

**B**ecause in-service days can be dull and boring, Mr. Barfield planned a smoothie party where the teachers formed teams and competed for the most exotic smoothie.

"I think the contest lightened up all of the teachers a lot," Mr. Rhoden said. "It gave us all the chance to fool around, have some fun, and get to know each other better."



**Q** How did the smoothie activity benefit the faculty?



**A**

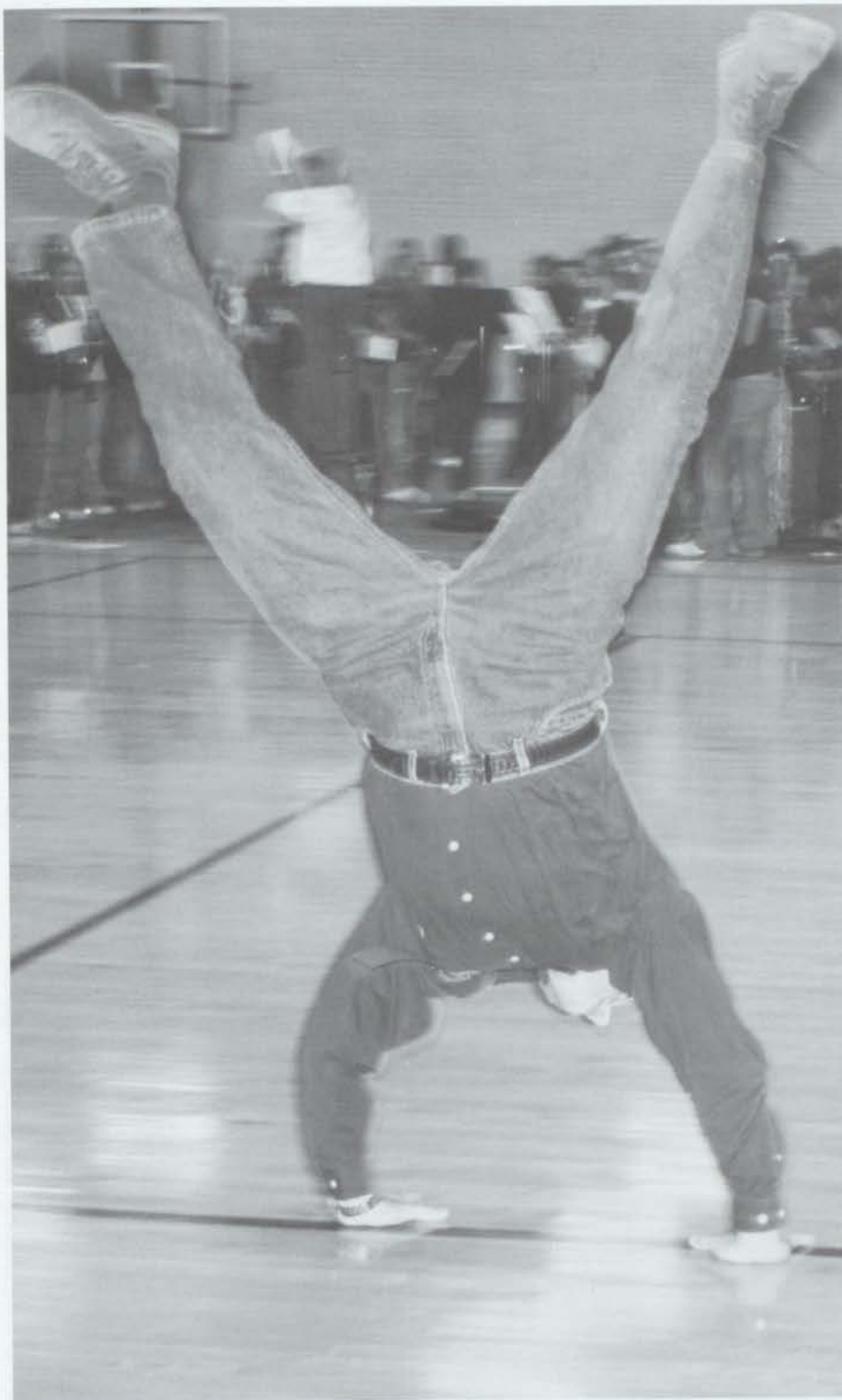
"It was a really good idea," Mrs. Collom said. "It helped us make a "smooth" transition into a new school year."



**J**udging that face, it must be bad! "Things started getting chaotic when they wanted to mix everything together," Mrs. Perry said. "I think that we added to much stuff. Everyone just kept adding and adding."

**O**ops! Where's the mop? Coach May and Mr. McCarter evaluate the mess they've made. "We didn't know what had happend," McCarter said. "But then we realized that the bottom had just fallen out of the blender."





**H**ands down, feet up, Mr. Dempsey shows the students his flexibility during a pep rally. "I had the crazy idea to do a cartwheel and asked Mrs. Cokeley to join me," he said. "It wasn't a contest or anything, I just thought the kids would have a good laugh if they saw us doing cartwheels. Although all I could do was one."

**D**ressing alike on twinkie day, Coach Foster and Coach Johnson both appear pregnant! "I felt sorry for her so I put a basketball pillow in my shirt," Foster said. "On the positive side my baby came a lot easier and faster, due to that fact that it wasn't real!"

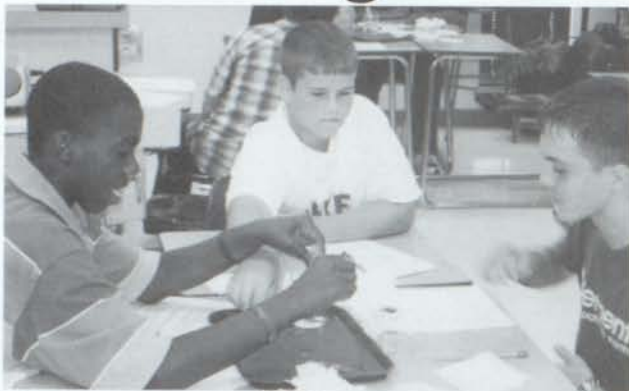


**W**e all had so much fun working together, although we didn't really know what we were doing," Mrs. O'Rear said. "We didn't really have a recipe. Everyone brought ingredients and we just kept adding different things to our smoothies."

**T**he teachers had a contest to see who could make the most exotic smoothie. "We were the winners of the smoothie making contest," Mrs. Coekely said. "For being so successful with the 'Banana Split Extraordinaire' we won a photo album!" The winning team included student teacher Mr. Andrews, Mr. Patton, Mrs. O'Rear, Mrs. Raney, Ms. King, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Cokeley.



# 8th grade



Teaming up for a science class experiment, Clint Yount, Mike Wooldridge and Terrance Rowden figure three heads are better than one. "Going to the lab on a regular basis keeps class interesting," Terrance said.



Releasing extra energy, Chris Buckley plays catch with friends at lunch on the playground. "Football is my favorite sport," he said. "We play just about every day."



Looking for Greek origins to every day words, Kelsey Tate and Ashley Evans work best on the floor. "We were working on Greek mythology for Mrs. Miller's class," Ashley said.



Playing basketball with friends during lunch recess, Justin Zellers dribbles the ball inside trying to move away from defenders.

Micah Anglen  
Rudy Baker  
John Barfield  
Cassandra Belcher  
Sydney Benjamin  
John Berbig



Treyvon Bolden-Stewart  
Cara Brooks  
Lauren Brooks  
Sara Brooks  
Kabbrisha Bryant  
Christopher Buckley



Kursty Burkett  
Zachary Cannon  
Janson Carr  
Drew Carson  
Chelsea Champion  
Shawndre Cheatham







Sha'Londa Clark  
 Lauren Cockerham  
 Ashley Conkleton  
 Kayla Cook  
 Starla Cormier  
 Keundra Cotton



Percy Davis  
 Michael Delgado  
 Mitchell Doan  
 Rayneta Dotson  
 Brooke Duffer  
 Jasmine Eastman



Casey Edwards  
 Darius Ellis  
 Aaron Etue  
 Ashley Evans  
 Rodrick Fields  
 Carly Flenniken



Danielle French  
 Cassandra Gallegos  
 Taylor Granberry  
 Caleb Granbery  
 Eleasah Greene  
 Des'Rae Griffin



John Guilmette  
 Hayden Hall  
 Kristen Hall  
 Jasimine Hankins  
 Andrew Harmon  
 Daniel Harms



Cody Harris  
 Stephen Hartwick  
 Katie Hensley  
 Sebastian Hester  
 Erica Hobbs  
 Brandi Johnson



Chelsey King  
 Kirsti Kingery  
 James Kirk  
 Corey Kirvin  
 Whitney Knowles  
 Jody Liedtke

# this is



It's not good, if it's not Sonic good! Somehow a hotdog, hamburger and grilled cheese sandwich taste better if it comes from Sonic instead of the school cafeteria. Digging into the foot long coney and tater tots her mom brought, Cassie Scott sits between friends Whitney Knowles and Sydney Benjamin during 8th grade lunch. "Strawberry smoothies are a treat compared to milk or water from the cafeteria," Cassie said.



Gary Lorance  
Demarius Mack  
Jamie Malac  
Steven Malone  
Raven Martinez  
Cody May



Jacob McClain  
Bailey McDonald  
Heath Meador  
Morgan Miller  
Danielle Mize  
Caleb Mulkey



James Nelloms  
Brooke Olson  
Jerad Overturf  
Kaylea Owen  
Lauren Parrish  
Brandon Payton





**cassy belcher**

"I got the lunch box for Christmas from my mom. I like that it has dogs on it because it reminds me of mine!"



**caleb mulkey**

A brown paper sack is practical. "For lunch I normally bring a grilled cheese and chips," Caleb said. "I can't keep up with any of my lunch boxes, so I just use a sack."

# us



"My mom got me this lunch box at Wal-Mart. I do eat at the snack bar, but I got tired of stuff in the cafeteria, so sometimes I bring a PB&J sandwich, chips, candy, and a Dr. Pepper."



**brandi johnson**



Economically minded, Clint Vickers said he carries this particular lunch box because "it was the cheapest one."



**clint vickers**

caption copy by Sydney Benjamin



Matthew Peek  
Ryan Powell  
Victor Powell  
Allison Raney  
Brandon Raney  
Darren Ray

Courtney Rodriguez  
Terrance Rowden  
Wesley Saling  
Briana Sanders  
Bryan Sargent  
Patrick Savage

Robert Savage  
Cassie Scott  
Carissa Self  
Joseph Smith  
Timothy Spilman  
Rebecca Stewart

Kelsey Tate  
 Jamie Thompson  
 Phelix Threadgill  
 Micah Tinsley  
 Devin Tremblay  
 Shane Valencia



Clint Vickers  
 Bobby Walker  
 Tyler West  
 Kendrick White  
 Jonathon Williams  
 Ke-Shad Wilson



Seth Wilson  
 Morgan Wisinger  
 Lori Wolfe  
 Michael Wooldridge  
 Michelle Yang  
 Kelly York



Clinton Yount  
 Justin Zellers

## just 'hanging out'

1. **J.R.** Barfield, Whitney Knowles, Kayla Cook, and Bryan Sargent use the picnic tables for sitting rather than eating at lunch. "The quiet learn more than those who run their mouths off," J.R. said.

2. **Erica** Hobbs and Brandi Johnson try out the new swings on campus. "I don't really care for swinging," Erica said. "But there is really nothing else to do."

3. **Having "Breakfast with Mom"** Shawndre and Dayjha Cheatam go through the cafeteria line with their mom, Sandra. 4. **Wearing burnt orange and white**, 8th graders support the college national champions!

5. **Cody** Harris treats his mom to a breakfast danish.

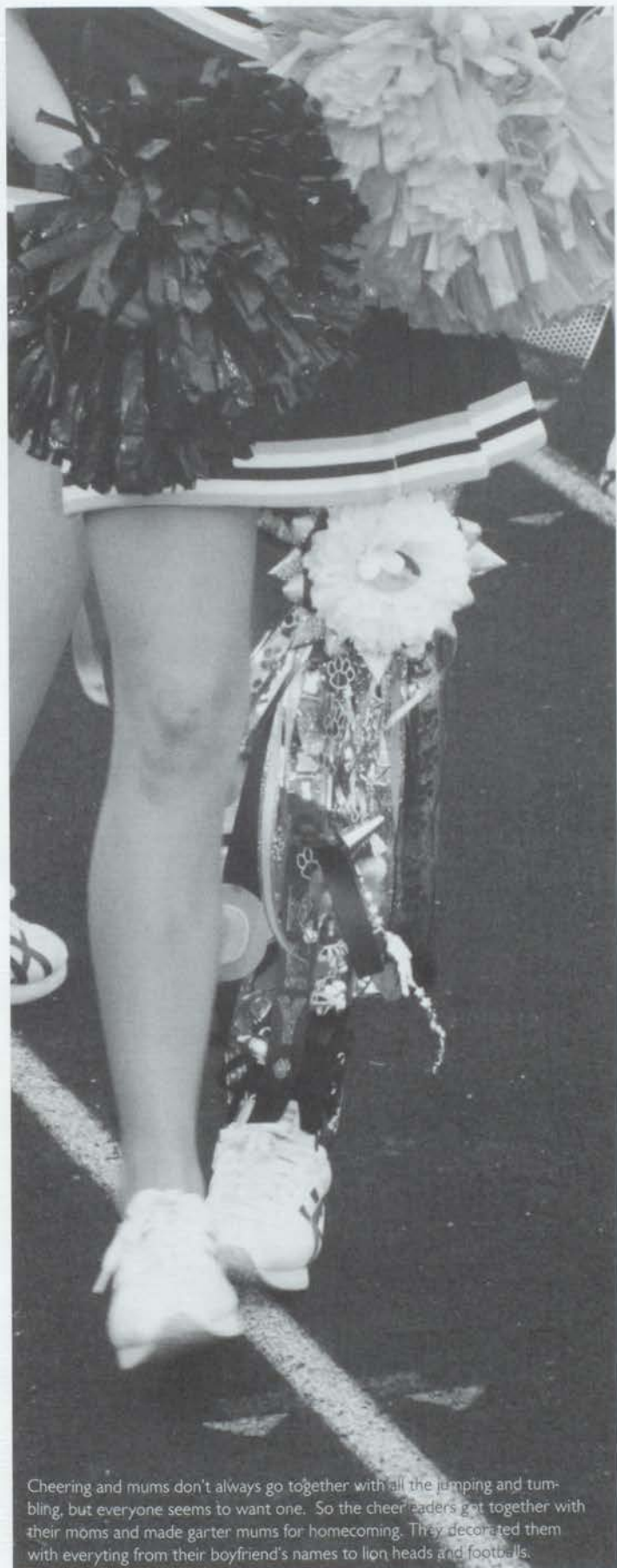


## Hook'EM Horns!



Every rose has its horns! Many Longhorns fans wore their burnt orange Jan. 4, the day Texas beat USC in the Rose Bowl and became the National Champions.





Cheering and mums don't always go together with all the jumping and tumbling, but everyone seems to want one. So the cheerleaders got together with their moms and made garter mums for homecoming. They decorated them with everything from their boyfriend's names to lion heads and footballs.

## mums the word...

“



Oh my goodness! We had so much fun! After everyone was finished making their mums, we all stayed the night at Brooke's cabin, and watched the movie "Man Of The House". Then some of the guys we know came with masks and scared us to death! I was the first one to see them outside the window, I was so scared, but it was really funny!

**Chelsey King**



**1.** Beginning with cardboard, Morgan Miller starts by stapling ribbon to the base. "The Yellow Rose usually makes my mum, but I liked making it myself," she said. "So I can decorate it however I want."

**2.** Carly Flenniken and Brooke Duffer hold up a mum in progress. "It was fun watching everyone try to make their mums," Brooke said. "At first we didn't have a clue, but after while we got the hang of it."



**3.** Budding up with little Grace Duffer, Carissa Self relaxes when her mum is complete. "Usually my mom and I do it, but this time all of us got together," Carissa said. "But, my mom still helped me though."



**4.** Wearing cowgirl hats and leg garters, the cheerleaders show off their new mums.

captions by Brooke Duffer and Morgan Miller

arriving  
in style



# A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

## YMCA

Looking and feeling like movie stars, the girls let their hair down and danced to popular old songs. "I wore some really high heels to the dance because they matched my dress perfectly, but they really hurt my feet," Laruen Brooks said. "I took them off five minutes after I got into the dance, because I could not dance in them."



## 5 STARS ON THE red carpet



"At all of the other school dances I am usually bored because I don't ever get out on the floor, but at this dance I had so much fun. My friends and I danced the whole night."

Whitney Knowles



"The woman that was fixing my hair told me not to wash my hair because it would make it easier for her to fix. Well, I forgot and washed it, but thankfully, she was still able to do it."

Chelsey King



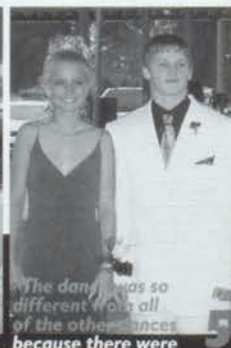
"When we got out of our cars there was a red carpet rolled out and they announced our names. Then they took our picture, and it really made me feel like a movie star."

Cassandra Gallegos



"It was weird to see everyone all dressed up and looking good. You usually don't see your classmates look so amazing. There were some people that I couldn't even recognize."

Rayneta Dotson



"The dance was so different from all of the other dances because there were no younger people. It was just my grade and all the people that I have gone to school with."

Brain Sargent



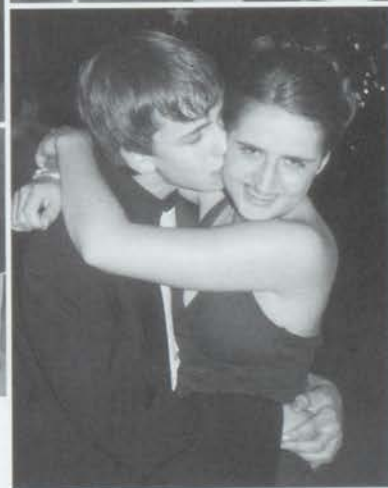
**1.** Moving to the beat, Rudy Baker and Ke-Shad Wilson dance to "Get Low" by Lil' John. "My friends and I had a lot of fun," Rudy said. "We all looked extremely good, acted crazy, danced and had a really great time."  
**2.** Ashley Evans and Sebastian Hester smile as they share a special moment by dancing to a slow song.  
**3.** Slowing it down, Coach May dances with Lori Wolfe during Rascal Flatts "I Melk".



**Swaying** to the music, Allison Raney and Allen McClain share a slow dance as the night comes to an end. "When the last song played, it made me sad because I didn't want the night to be over," Allison said. "I had so much fun. It is something that I won't ever forget."



**As Coach** May holds the door open, Sydney Benjamin and Whitney Knowles step out of the white stretch limo that a group of friends rented. "Before the dance, we stopped to eat at Pizza Hut," Sydney said. "Then on the way to the dance we listened to really loud music, and it was so much fun."



**What** is it with the hand signs? Friends Jonathan Williams, Timothy Spillman, Micah Tinsley, Sebastian Hester, John Guilmette dress up for a little fun. **Blushing** slightly, Drew Harmon plants a kiss on Kelly York's cheek during a slow song. "We were dancing to some song and all of the sudden he kissed me on the cheek," Kelly said. "I was very surprised. I didn't not expect him to do that."

**1.** Every student's name appears on the Hollywood Boulevard cake.

**2.** As cute as can be, the strawberries were dipped in white and dark chocolate and decorated like tuxedos.

**3.** Reaching for a hot wing, Victor Powell carefully chooses one.



**sweet tooth**

# 7<sup>th</sup> grade



Many students prefer the snack bar over the regular lunch line. Carmen Mendez said she likes the snack food better than the hot lunch line.



Finishing up lunch, Taylor Neal downs a bottle of Gatorade before going outside for recess. "I try to drink a lot every day," Taylor said. "I have athletics right after lunch and it helps boost up my energy."

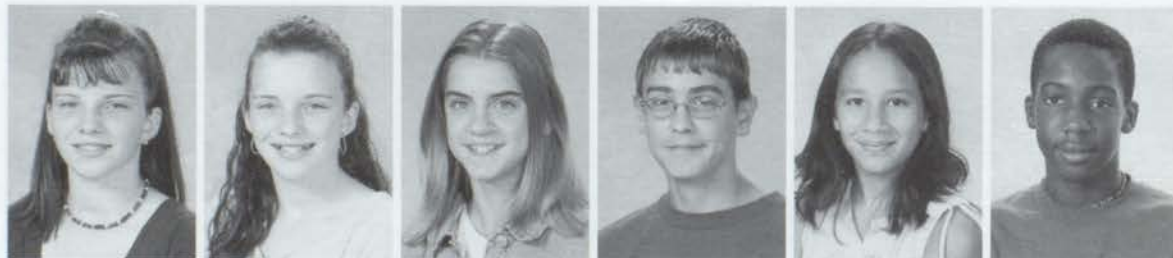


Simply delicious! Samuel Whiseant bites into an apple he brought in his lunch.



Debating the issue, Jamie Fowler argues with Allison Barrett about who had the healthiest lunch. Jamie won out.....having a 3 Musketeers chocolate drink, Baked Cheetoes and Gushers. Mmmmmmm, mmmmm, what a delight!

Brianna Allen  
Deanna Allen  
Candice Arendt  
Christopher Arendt  
Ashley Ayala  
Devonte Ballard



Allison Barrett  
Nicholas Basso  
Zachary Bobo  
Aaron Brooks  
Devante Brown  
Glen Brown



Keyante Brown  
Garrick Bryant  
Jessie Caudle  
Adam Clark  
Chaunceta Clark  
Hillary Clark







Lindsey Clayton  
Trenton Clements  
Christopher Cooksey  
Casey Cox  
Marann Crawford  
Abby Crittenden



Amber Dart  
Caleb Davis  
Nathan Doyle  
Nicholas Dunbar  
Ralisha Ellis  
Alisha Evans



Lee Farris  
Ethan Felker  
Kerri Firth  
Sherri Firth  
Matthew Fletcher  
Keith Flint



Jacob Flurry  
Cody Ford  
Shawna Fulgium  
Jordan Gammons  
Emileigh Garrett  
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Christopher Gilmore  
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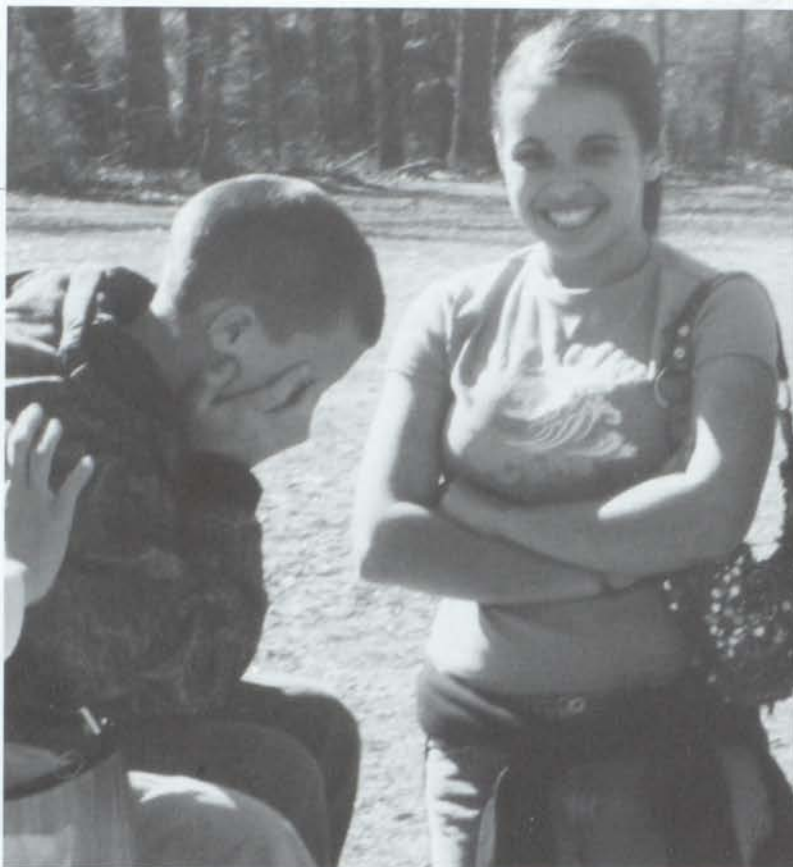
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Zanechia King  
Stephanie Lancaster  
Tyler Latona



Aimee Lee  
Jackson Laundry  
Rorer Mannette  
Aaron Martin  
Daniel May  
Courtney McClain

# this is

**M**aking a fashion statement, Marann Crawford wears trendy clothes. Shiny belts, shoes and purses are "in" with teenagers. Also, popular are t-shirts with a statement. "I normally don't set trends," Marann said. "I usually follow them."



Zohn-Luke McCoy  
Achary McIntyre  
John Merworth  
Kayla Moore  
Ryan Murray  
Taylor Neal



Ryan Nehr Korn  
Dustin Nichols  
Amy Patel  
Carmen Mendez  
Dylan Ray  
Jashun Riley



Kimber Sanders  
Faith Sargent  
Daniel Satterfield  
Trista Sharp  
Dominique Shavers  
Tiffany Shipp



Chloe Simmons  
Tyra Slaughter  
De'Errikk Smith  
Trisha Stayton  
Jamon Stephens  
Tiffanie Stewart





**kateland stewart**  
shows off her zipper purse.  
"I switch purses about every two months," Kateland said, "But the one I carry now, I've had since last March."



**courtney talton**  
carries a maroon and gold purse to let her lion pride shine through. She digs the feather look. "I like this purse because it shows school spirit and my style," she said.

# us



**candice arendt**  
is a simple purse person. "I got this purse from the mall," Candice said. "I like it because I can put all of my stuff inside it."



**allison barrett**  
Having a spontaneous moment, Allison Barrett knows what she likes when she sees it. "I got this purse from B Jaxx's," she said. "It was just pink and really sparkly."



Ronnie Stroman  
Heather Sullivan  
Dakota Sutton  
Courtney Talton  
Harley Thornton  
Valarie Towery



Jonathan Turner  
Ashley Tutt  
Nathan Ulmer  
Rachel Vaccaro  
Darrion Wade  
Tevin Warren



William Warren  
Erin Watson  
Leighann West  
Samuel Wiseant  
Courtney White  
Katlin Wright

**Q** How long does it take you to get ready in the morning?



**“**

I wake up at 6:30, take a shower, brush my teeth, wash my face, and do my hair. So it takes about 5 minutes.” **-Lindsey Clayton**

**P**laying five on five at lunch Darrion Wade moves in for a score while a teammate blocks Blake Smedley.



**P**alling around together at the Christmas dance, Jessica Horridge and Kateland Stewart take a much needed break from dancing. “We had so much fun at the dance,” Stewart said. “I loved dancing with my friends.” **E**verything is A-Okay for Drew Harmon, Kendrick White and friends at the Christmas dance in the cafeteria.



**S**trolling in the volleyball game after football practice, Nick Dunbar snacks on a bag of popcorn before going home to hit the books. “My friends and I always try to stay for the girls games when they are home,” Nick said. “We like to stay to support the girls because they are always there supporting us on the field.”

# what

## 7th graders do

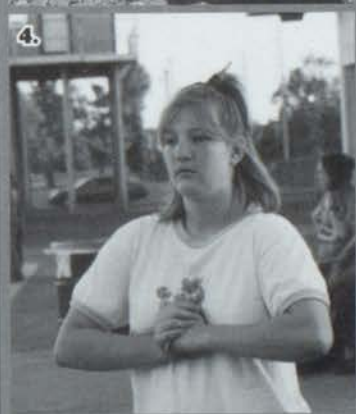


Playing four-square with his friends, William Warren enjoys basketball at recess.

### top 10

things that make you smile

- |                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| friends                    | 1  |
| family                     | 2  |
| funny jokes                | 3  |
| little kids                | 4  |
| playing sports             | 5  |
| eating candy               | 6  |
| when people get in trouble | 7  |
| pets                       | 8  |
| Comedy Central             | 9  |
| Larry the Cable Guy        | 10 |



5. Waiting on the lunch bell, Trista Sharp, Rachel Vaccaro and Valarie Towery hang out together most of the time. "I just like to spend time with my friends whenever I can," Rachel said.

1. - 2. Amber Dart and Jon Turner, enjoy the new swings added to the playground. "It's something else to do during recess," Amber said. 3. Proudly shouting hook'em horns, Ryan Nehrhorn, Matt Fletcher, Jeff Hull, Keith Flint and Chris Arendt formed their own fan club and showed their enthusiasm for the Longhorns when they played in the Rose Bowl for the National Championship.

4. Courtney McClain seems to be on a mission. Wonder what she could be up to this time?

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# 6th grade



**1.** Kicked back in his chair, Michael Brown takes in every word of Ms. Moore's lesson, knowing a worksheet is to follow. "I always enjoy English," he said. "It is one of my favorite classes."



**3.** Kaitlyn Capps makes posters for Spirit Day. "It was fun making the posters, because we got to hold them up and scream at the pep rally."



**4.** In Mrs. O'Rear's mathemematics class, Kharie Campbell wonders, "Why is the sky blue and the grass green?"



**2.** What time is it? Checking her watch, Lakyn Hilton looks to see how much longer it is until the bell. "Middle school classes take forever," she said. "It seems like they never end."

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Carrolynn Adcock  
Rachel Allison  
Dailyah Berry  
Aydria Betts  
Mercedes Betts  
James Binkley



Jonathon Bonilla  
Aaron Boyte  
Patricia Boyte  
Lucy Brassfield  
Scott Brooks  
Ebony Brown



Michael Brown  
Donald Buckley  
Haley Burleson  
Garrett Burnett  
Adrian Campbell  
Khari Campbell





Kaitlyn Capps  
 Larry Carroll  
 Breanna Chitwood  
 Damin Clark  
 Breana Coffey  
 Lauren Cole



Timothy Cole  
 Brandon Contoleon  
 Whitney Copeland  
 Dustyn Cowling  
 Patrick Cowling  
 Cody Crouch



Jessica Davis  
 Thomas Delacerda  
 Gabrielle Dike  
 Cullen Earnest  
 Brianna Elrod  
 Kall Epperson



Joshua Flurry  
 Chyanne Ford  
 Derek Forgione  
 Shimeka Forte  
 Ernest Foster  
 Lexus French



Cody Fulgium  
 Jordan Galbert  
 Kathryn Garner  
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 Savannah Gooden  
 Rodrick Gulley



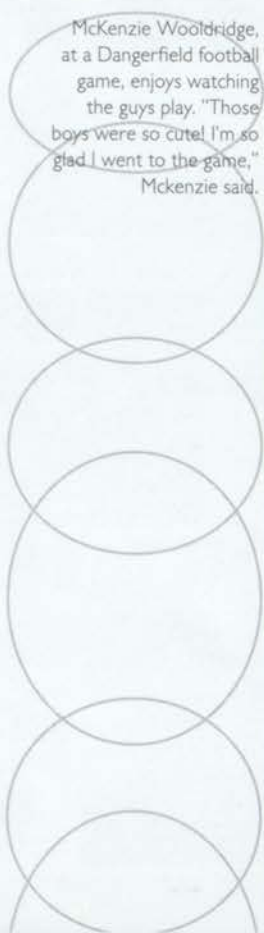
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 Tiffany Hanna  
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 Staten Harmon  
 Colton Hensley



Alexandria Herbert  
 William Hester  
 Laiken Hilton  
 Booker Hooks  
 Christian Hurd  
 Deontrae Jackson

# this is

Mckenzie Wooldridge, at a Dangerfield football game, enjoys watching the guys play. "Those boys were so cute! I'm so glad I went to the game," Mckenzie said.



Kurtien Johnson  
Aaron Jones  
Terynda Keith  
Ashley Kimble  
Matthew Kimble  
Hunter Labat



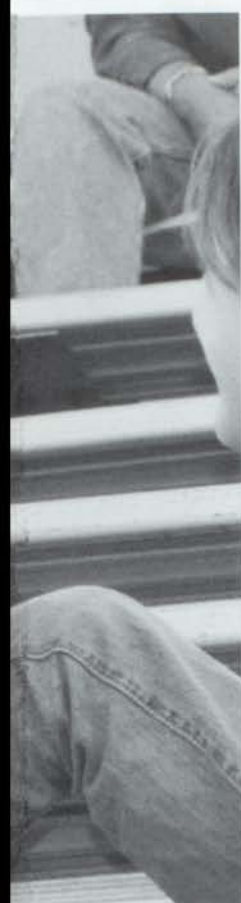
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Emily McBroom  
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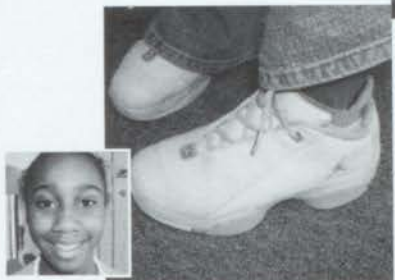


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**ashlyn olson**

"I like my Birkenstocks because they are easy to slip on," Ashlyn said. "They go with everything and you can buy them in the mall."



**shimeka forte**

loves wearing her Michael Jordan sneakers to school. "I got my shoes at the Lady Foot Locker. I really like them because they are pink and Jordans!"

# us



**kim oglesby**

Going for comfort, Kim wears Puma athletic shoes. "I got them from Journey's, and I really like them because they are such a pretty color of brown, don't you think?"



**kali anna epperson**

"I got my Crocs at Payless Shoe Source in the mall. I like them because they are very comfy," Kali said.



David Moore  
Joshua Morphey  
Shirley Morris  
Jaquen Nelloms  
Jerrod Nelloms  
Alexander Norman



Robert Nowlin  
Kimberly Oglesby  
Ashlyn Olson  
Randall Packer  
Kayla Pardue  
Mitchell Patton



Haylea Patton  
Victoria Perez  
Damon Prichard  
Jessica Procella  
Lauren Randle  
Haydon Raney

Madisen Rawls  
Joseph Reed  
Alexander Rice  
Kartlyn Richardson  
Magus Rodeheaver  
Ashton Rolf



Anna Rothwell  
Kelley Scales  
Erik Shirley  
Kristina Shirley  
Devonte' Smith  
Darren Stange



Lucas Stehr  
Steven Taylor  
Jake Teague  
Tony Thompson  
Maranda Trader  
Elise Tremblay



Tyler Vanderlind  
Jessica Vickers  
Lexiana Warren  
Ian Weliever  
Dylan White  
Bryon Williams



Kaitlin Williams  
Keara Williams  
Markevon Williams  
Clay Woodrow  
McKenzie Wooldridge



## spirit week dress up days

**1.** Tiffany Hanna and Breanne Boyte plan to "Hunt the Bears" on camouflage day. "We decided to dress up for camo day because we both had shirts," Breanne said.

**2.** Lexus French and sister Danielle French wore identical t-shirts on Twinkle Day. "We made shirts for Spirit Week to support our big brother, Josh, on the high school football team," Lexus said.

**3.** Waiting for a turn to perform Markevon Williams and Patrick McIver sit on the side before they hit the gym floor with their tumbling passes.



**1.**



**2.**



**3.**



**Staten Harmon** enjoys the concession stand food, while enjoying the middle school football game. "I like football games. The boys are awesome," Staten said.

## Q What is your favorite class?



“

My favorite class is band, because it's most fun. You also get a lot of joy out of it, and it's something you see yourself getting better at. The thing that was hard is now easy, and you get a good feeling because of it."

—Madisen Rawls



**1.** Chowing down on some cheese fries, Anna Rothwell sits in the stands with friends. Middle school and JV games are on Thursday nights. JV played home against Pittsburg. "I went to the game and found Staten, and we had fun."



**2.** Deontrae Jackson gets involved at a middle school pep-rally. "I like to cheer at the pep-rallies, they are always alot of fun."

**3.** Shimeka Forte cradles into the arms of high school cheerleaders. She performed at a junior varsity football game.

**4.** Fifth graders get involved in the pep rally madness. Britney Cormier yells for the Lions in hopes to help her class with the spirit football.



Q

What do you do when you're bored in class?



I write notes to friends about what we will do after school. I also like to draw on paper, and notebooks, and sometimes look at the boy I like."

**Haley Burleson**

Explaining how proportions are important in every day life, Mrs. O'Rear tries to help students apply their knowledge.



A model student, DeAundre McIver works diligently to finish the work in Mrs. O'Rear's math class.



Mr. Melton and Hunter Labat race to see who can drink out of a baby bottle faster. "I should have unscrewed the cap earlier," Hunter said.



Showing his enthusiasm at a pep-rally, Alex Rice gives out a big yell for the Lions!



# what

## 6th graders do



Contributing to the noise, Ian Weliever and Garret Burnett show their enthusiasm at the Atlanta pep rally.

### top 10 favorite TV shows

"Family Guy" **1**

"SpongeBob Square Pants" **2**

"The Suite Life of Zach & Cody" **3**

"Drake and Josh" **4**

"Fairly Odd Parents" **5**

"Zoey 101" **6**

"Degrassi: The Next Generation" **7**

"Smallville" **8**

"That's So Raven" **9**

"Wildfire" **10**



**1.** Lauren Randle, Kaitlyn Richardson, and Kayla Pardue dance to the Y.M.C.A. at the Christmas dance. "I had a fun time dancing and having fun with my friends," Kaitlyn said. **2.** Aydria Betts, Savannah Gooden, and Christina Hurd dance to the Cha Cha Slide and have tons of fun. "We had such a great time dancing it was also very funny," said Christina.

**3.** Kayla Pardue and Kim Oglesby take a break from the dance for a quick shot for the camera before going to dance to the next song.

**4.** Tiffany Hanna and Denzell Mack dance to "Making Memories of Us" by Keith Urban. "I had fun at the dance, because I got to go with my boyfriend," said Tiffany.

**5.** Dylan White, King of the Dance, and Ashton Rolf dance to "How to Deal" by Frankie J. at the Christmas dance. "I can't believe people actually voted for me to be king!" Dylan said.

**6.** McKenzie Wooldridge, Kaitlyn Capps, Breeana Chitwood, Kayla Pardue, and Kaitlyn Richardson pose for a group shot together at the dance.

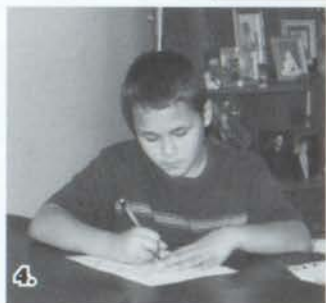
# 5th grade



1. Tina Sampson, Brandon Walker and Haley Ward play a bingo math game in Ms. Norman's class. "Math class was fun that day," Brandon said. "It was cool to go in and play games and not have to do work."



2. Trying to finish in first place, Shawn Ross and Dmitrius Draggoo struggle to multiply their last roll of the dice. "I had a lot of fun playing this math game," Ross said. "We don't get to play many games in class but this was very different and everyone loved it."



4. Focused on winning, Zachary Higginson hurries to complete math problems. "In this game each group had three dice and a worksheet. They were to role all three at the same time and use any math skill to try and get the same number everytime," Mrs. Norman said. "I think they all really enjoyed the game and it helped them a lot."



3. Kyndra Davis and Jessie Ratliff try to better understand basic addition, subtraction, dividing, multiplying skills with Ms. Norman's math game. "That game was very hard because you have to think a lot," Kyndra Davis said. "Although it was a lot better then having to do work."

Edward Anderson  
Tyler Atchley  
Gage Baird  
Kathryn Barfield  
Nathan Bartholomew  
Autumn Batchelor



Meisha Battle  
Brady Blankenship  
Elyssa Blas  
Lindsey Bloyd  
Matthew Brown  
Corbin Bush



Zackery Cain  
Aaron Campbell  
Dayjha-Janae Cheatham  
Brandi Clark  
Tyjae Clark  
Nattalie Copeland





Brittney Cormier  
Savannah Covarrubias  
Andrew Crawford  
Cody Crawford  
Sherman Crittenden  
Kyndra Davis



Matthew Davis  
Bailey Day  
Melissa Day  
Dmitrius Draggoo  
Brittany Edwards  
Elizabeth Emerson



Angela Etue  
Nathan Eubank  
Hayley Fenwick  
Katlin Ford  
Shelby French  
Dustin Garza



Collin Gholston  
Martie Gortney  
Briana Gregory  
Kelsey Griffin  
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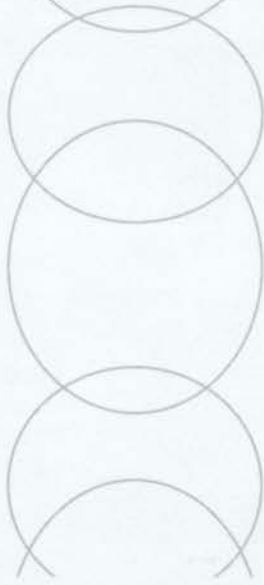
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Lorenzo Martinez  
Daiton McMillan  
Noemi Moya



Jacoby Nelloms  
Troi Nelson  
Paul Owens  
Mallory Ozymy  
Morgan Perry  
Aaron Peterson

# this is

Raising their hands for the Lions, Elyssa Blas and Briana Gregory stand up and yell for the 5th grade during the spirit competition at the pep rally. "Luau day was the most fun spirit day," Briana said. "Our class tried really hard to win the spirit contest at the pep rally, but the 8th graders beat us."



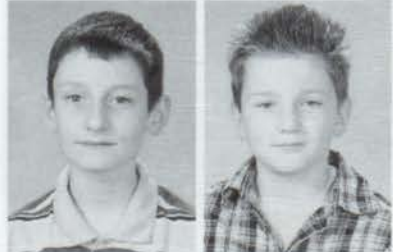
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Desiree Rodriguez  
Shawn Ross



Tina Sampson  
Elyssa Sanders  
Reginald Scales  
Caniqua Shavers



Lucas Smallwood  
James Smith





**message t's**

Dress code restricts what messages on your clothes can say. However, many students wear these tee's as an expression of individuality. Although, some teens may find "message" clothing offensive, maybe they should take the messages for what they are: satirical commentaries on life.



**mallory ozmy**

"I bought this shirt at school," she said. "I wore it, because it shows my school spirit."



**kalisha martin**

"It's my favorite shirt, because pink is my favorite color," she said.

**us**



**reginold scales**

"I bought this shirt at Wal-Mart," Reginold said. "I like it, but it's not one of my favorites."



**kristin tate**

"This is my favorite shirt, because it's red," Kristen said. "It doesn't mean anything; I just wear it."



Kial Surratt  
Kristen Tate  
James Tomlinson  
Dalton Vann  
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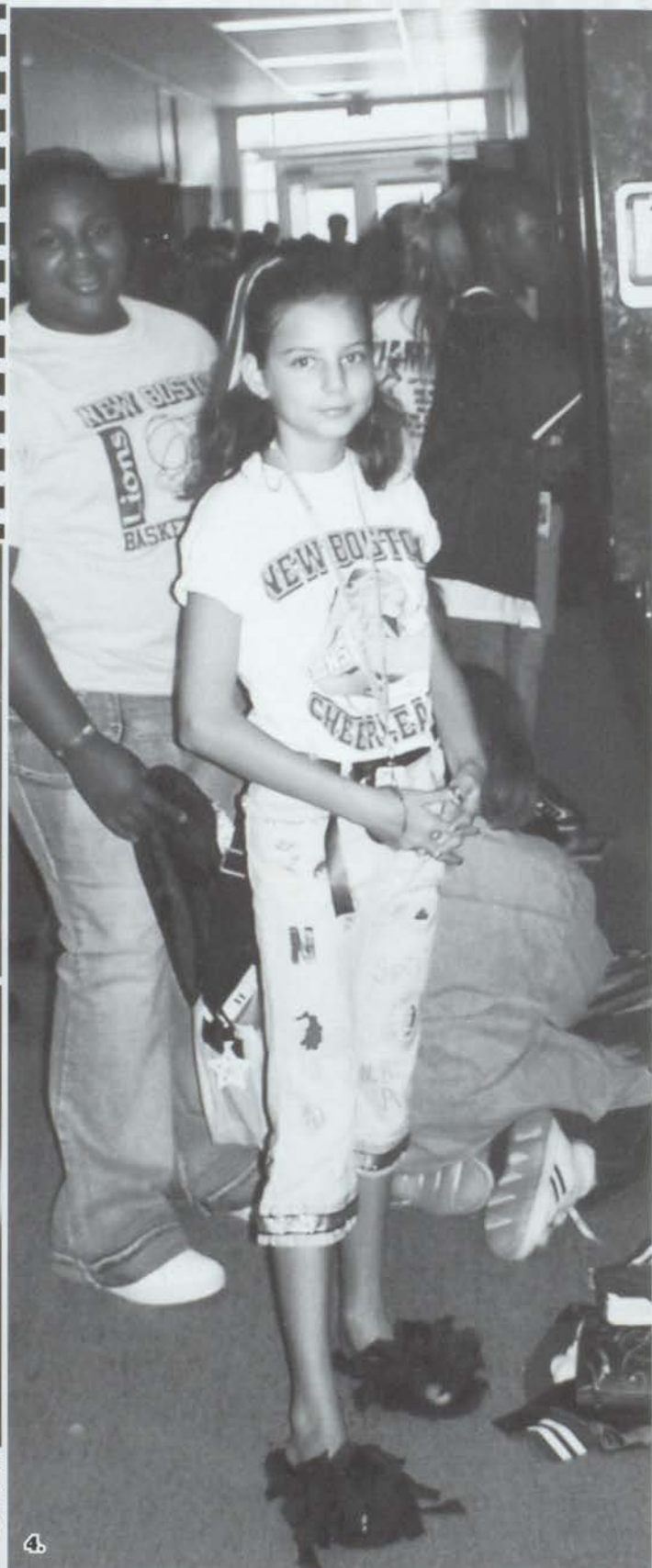
**How is having a locker going for you?**

“



"My locker expresses a lot about my personality. I think it says that I am an outgoing person, and that I'm really organized. Some things that I would change would be to have more space to put everything, and to have more cheetah print for decoration."

**Lindsey Bloyd**



**1.** Totally unorganized, Elyssa Blas stepped back when she opened her locker because everything started flooding out onto the floor.

**2.** Nikki Roberts and Morgan Perry take time to check up on gossip before heading to 6th period class.



**3.** Makannah Laney grabs her books from her locker quickly and heads to class.

"I like my student council sign," she said. "It makes my locker easier to find."

**4.** Desiree Rodriguez stands wondering where all of this stuff came from. "I don't like my locker sometimes," she said. "It doesn't have enough room for everything."

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# what

## 5th graders do



Intensely working, Dalton McMillan hurries to finish a math problem. "I liked this game because it helped with skills I had been having trouble on."

### top 10

#### favorite books

"Harry Potter"

1

"Hank the Cow Dog"

2

"Holes"

3

"The Meanest Doll in the World"

4

"The Doll People"

5

"Buffalo Gal"

6

"Little House on the Prairie"

7

"A Series of Unfortunate Events"

8

"Cheaper by the Dozen"

9

"Because of Winn Dixie"

10



1



2



3



5



4

1. Dustin Garza aims a rubber band for his science experiment. "The experiment we did was fun," Garza said. "We had three rubber bands and we were to test the distance each rubber band flew depending on its width." 2. Phillip Crawford finishes up a multiplication worksheet in Mrs. Norman's class.

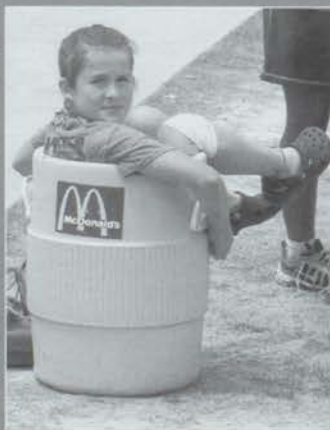
3. Gage Baird gets organized so he stays caught up on his homework. "I was updating my homework organizer in English class," he said. "I do this so I won't forget my homework!" 4. Marty Gortney gathers the science materials needed before she begins her experiment in Mrs. Jackson's class. "I really enjoyed the mass and volume experiment. It will help me on the test!" 5. Before she works on her analogies, Brittney Edwards sharpens her pencil.

# Taking it outside for **FIELD & WATER DAYS**

Anticipating the catch, John and Luke McCoy lean in to catch the eggs from their team partners without breaking them.



**SWEAT REDEMPTION**





**Hung-up** in the hoola hoop, Mrs. Cokeley laughs uncontrollably. Players must move the hoola hoop down the line without unlocking hands. Lee Farris and Nick Dunbar are wondering how long this is going to take.



**Taking** aim, Ryan Nehr Korn makes one of his three frisbee throws to hit the target.



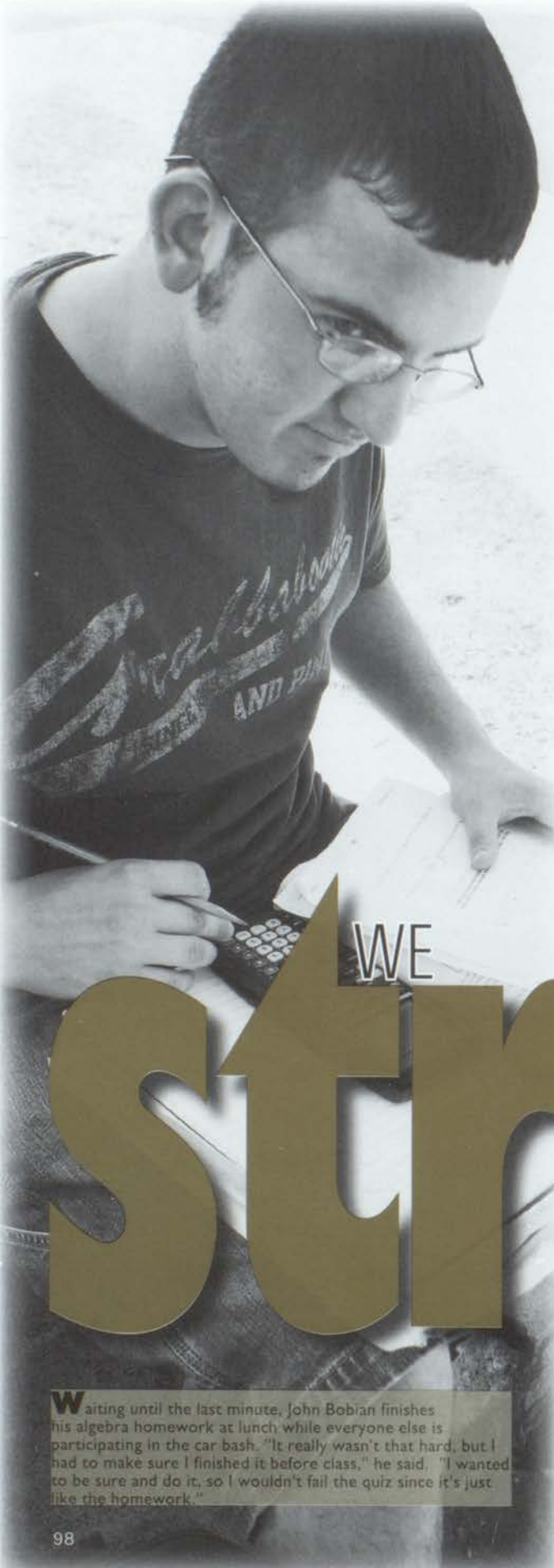
**Tugging** hard to keep from crossing the kiddie pool, D'metrius Draggoo, Markevon Williams, Charles Patton and Ian Weliever dig their heels and pull the opposing team down.



**Getting** soaked, 5th and 6th graders hurry to pass the can back to the end of the line without losing much water.

## FUN & GAMES





Being careful not to splash the chemistry project, Amanda Lundy cautiously stirs to separate the tea from its grains using the filtration method. "It was tedious to divide the two substances," Lundy said. "It really wasn't that hard, but I almost spilled it."

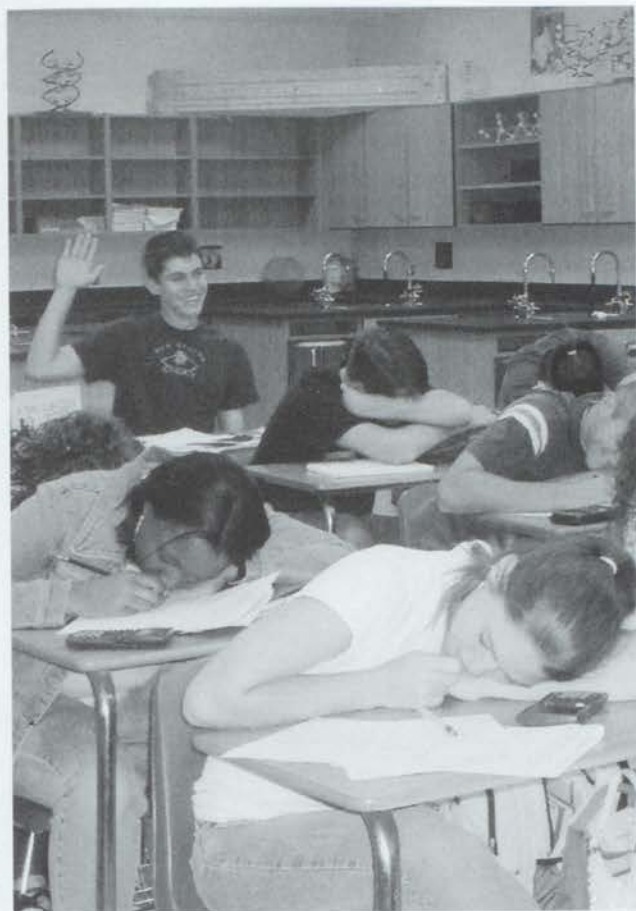


WE

# strive

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Waiting until the last minute, John Bobian finishes his algebra homework at lunch while everyone else is participating in the car bash. "It really wasn't that hard, but I had to make sure I finished it before class," he said. "I wanted to be sure and do it, so I wouldn't fail the quiz since it's just like the homework."



**S**tanding out from the rest, Stephen Sissons jumps at the opportunity to answer a question on the atomic structure in Chemistry class while everyone else sleeps. "You have to pay close attention in chemistry to make good grades," he said.

**M**ore than just buttons with funny letters, calculators are pretty much our personal helpers in graphing and calculating.

**H**aving time to waste, Taylor Calfee finishes her history homework in Spanish class. "I love Spanish, but sometimes I forget to do my history work," she said.

**A**fter finishing his work, Zach Leatherman plays on his calculator to pass time in Algebra class. "I hate Algebra 2," Leatherman said. "It's pretty difficult and it's not fun."

**W**orking on a Spanish word search, Jordan Daley admits he has no problem with Spanish. "I love cultivating myself in a foreign language," he said. "I like the fact that I can learn something and remember it so well."



|| Personally, I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

Winston Churchill



# learn

**W**ith over 43 dynamic teachers demanding our best, we feel the pressure to meet the high standards they place upon us. Like our peers, we complete homework assignments, work to create extensive and detailed projects, spend hours organizing presentations and devote time on our weekends in order to improve our learned skills, yet we remain aware of the tradition of excellence expected of us.

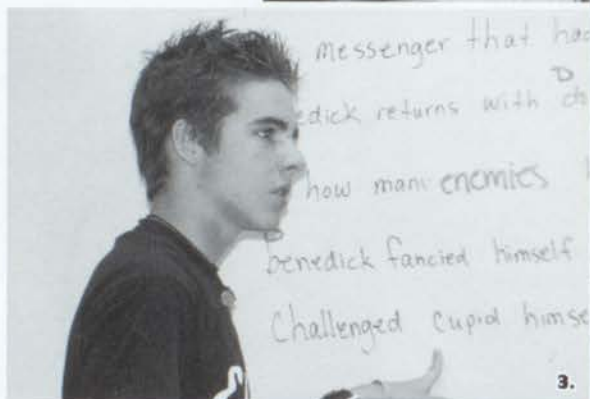
After selecting seven classes from the 12 departments available, little room remains for the fun and freedom often associated with the teenage

years. Despite the ever-growing and difficult demands, we still find ways to bring the joy of youth into the structure of school. The equation for a quadratic formula and the first battle of the Civil War have to share space with the rules of mixing chemicals and learning a foreign language. Still aware of our labors, the stress becomes considerably less as we smile and laugh our way to new learning experiences.

**2.** Making last minute adjustments, Savon Scales finishes his history work before reviewing it in study hall. "I like the fact we have tutorials," Savon said. "The only thing I don't like about it is that it takes time away from things I could do in a regular study hall."



**2.**



**3.**

**3.** Asking for the correct answer, Andrew Dike edits and revises the paragraph during an English lesson. "I'm glad we had the time to practice all the TAKS on the board," Andrew said. "It made that particular part on the test a breeze." **4.** Double checking her spelling, Kyndel King makes an effort to pass the test issued to her in English class. "Spelling tests aren't my favorite," Kyndell said. "But when the TAKS rolls around, I will be better prepared for the revising and editing section."



**4.**



**1.** Working on reading skills during her spare time, Sarah Wise makes notes about what she has read in the last story. "I was working on the stories for English," Sarah said. "They are pretty easy if you read the passage thoroughly."

## put to the test



**Cory House, 9th**

"TAKS is the worst time of the year. I don't like to spend so much time studying and working on it when you have no idea what is going to be on the test itself."



**Brandt James, 10th**

"For me, TAKS is difficult but I don't like stepping down from a challenge. I truly don't like TAKS, but I do whatever I can to pass with a good grade."



**Matthew Yancy, 10th**

"I don't really see the point of TAKS. It does, although, help us learn a great variety of subjects, and give us incentive to listen in class."



**Jessica Smith, 11th**

"TAKS tests are always difficult. That's one of the reasons I am glad we have tutorials because they prepare us for the worst."



# TAKS *put to the test*

Frequent rainshowers and wild flowers in bloom, to most mark the glorious beginnings of spring. Texas high school students, however, know better. No longer are the warm sunny days of April a welcome sign of summer to come. Instead they represent the inevitable arrival of the annual TAKS tests. Many teachers sacrifice their entire second semester to prepare students for the test that will essentially decide their future. Shakespeare and *The Hobbit* take a back seat to TAKS practice tests and 1000 word essays in English classes. Science teachers repeatedly drill equations and formulas into the minds of students, and TAKS tutorial study halls meet daily for in-depth preparation.

As the dreaded week of TAKS testing approaches, it seems all the stops are pulled to accommodate the tests. Teachers uncharacteristically let up on classroom assignments and homework in order to reinforce the importance of the TAKS. Students are allowed to bring food and drinks, and even chew gum in classrooms while taking the tests. The fact that rules are bent to ensure the comfort of students shows how important TAKS success really is to each individual student, not to mention each campus as a whole. After all efforts to convince parents that they feel the flu coming on have been exhausted, students surrender to their beds at an unreasonably early hour the night before the dreaded test. The usual cold pop tart and Dr. Pepper are replaced by a balanced breakfast of eggs, bacon, and toast. Students think to themselves "I could get used to this", but then are reminded of the harsh reality that today is the first of four TAKS testing days.

As the clock creeps to 7:55, weary students file into school and make their way to their designated testing rooms. After the bell rings and students settle into their seats, teachers call roll and distribute TAKS booklets and answer sheets, dictionaries, calculators, and extra #2 pencils. After a marathon of directions, instructions from the intercom tell students to "slide the eraser end of their pencil" through the pages of the booklet to break the seal. This marks the official beginning of four 'fun-filled' days of TAKS testing.



## achieving the best

"TAKS study halls are very important to me. Since this is my last year to take the test, I have to pass in order to graduate. It is good because I need to be drilled to learn, and the study halls focus more on the things I need to practice."

**Allyson Saling**

## RESULTS



**LAURA  
RANEY**

"Working on algebra is hard work. I really need practice to better my scores on the TAKS test. I always try my best and that's all I can hope for."



**SHERELYN  
MAIDENS**

"TAKS tutorials are very helpful. The teachers are given more time with us, so we have more time to comprehend. Personally, I am glad we have them."



**AMBER  
KESTLER**

"TAKS history is very important to me. I really need the practice to make a good test grade. Even though it is boring, it will help me to pass. For that, I am grateful."



**SAM  
ALLISON**

"By the time we got to Social Studies I was worn out and tired of TAKS. I was afraid that I wouldn't pass the test. But all the hard work eventually paid off. It was a lot easier than I thought."

# UIL ACADEMICS

*achieving the best results*

## AKIRA HOOKS

"I enjoy Accounting because it is something that I want to major in during college. UIL gave me the opportunity to experience something new and that was good. I think that I could have applied myself more and gotten a better score at District, but I guess there's always next year!"



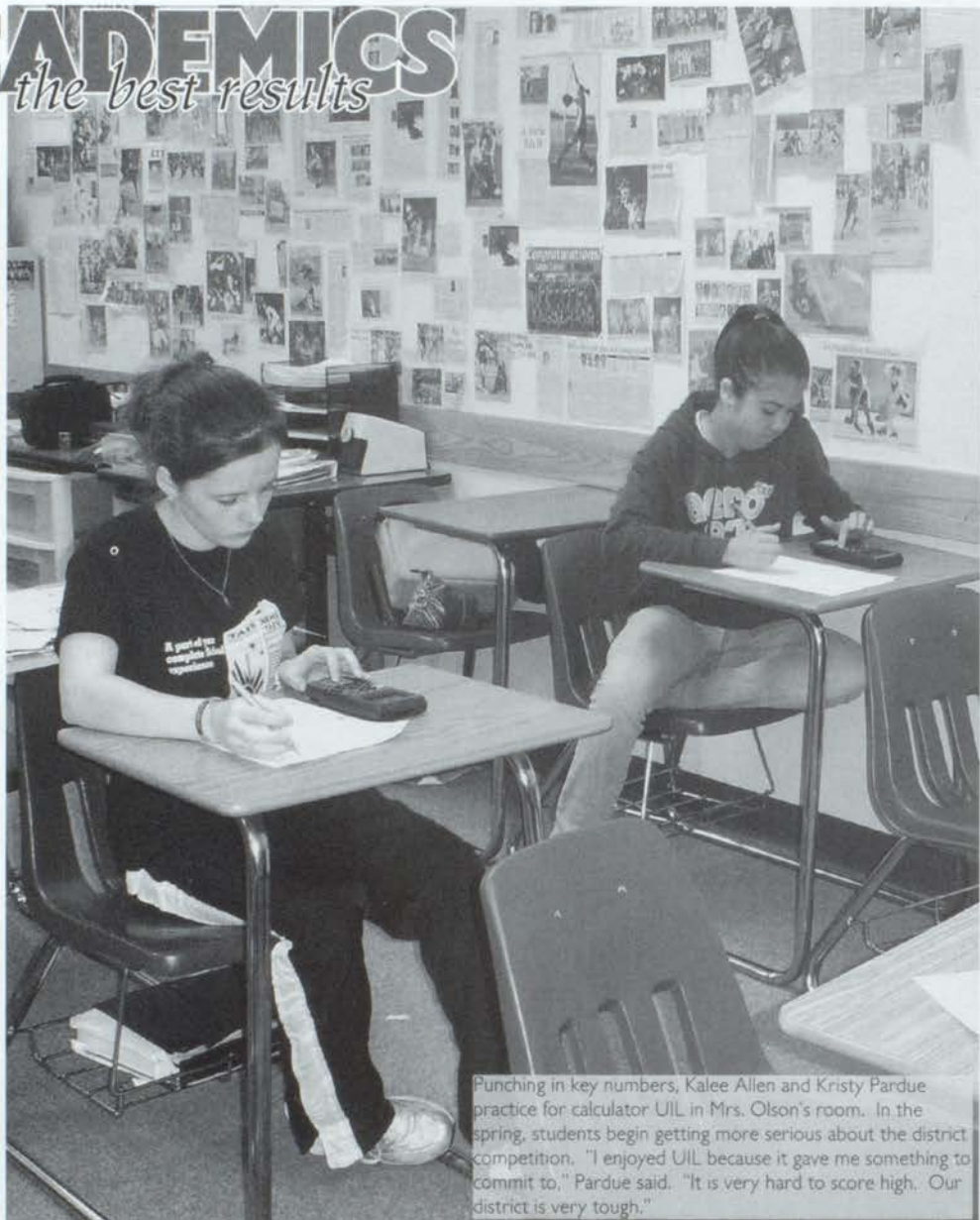
## BILLY BRACEWELL

"I really enjoy participating in UIL because I like to test myself. Unfortunately, I don't think I was prepared for District and so I didn't do too well. My favorite thing about UIL this year was just being able to get out of school and hang out with my friends."



## DANIELLE RANDLE

"I have participated in UIL for three years and I love it because I have a natural gift for writing. My favorite thing this year was placing first in feature, but I wasn't too happy when I didn't get to go State. Overall I'm glad that I got involved with UIL."



Punching in key numbers, Kalee Allen and Kristy Pardue practice for calculator UIL in Mrs. Olson's room. In the spring, students begin getting more serious about the district competition. "I enjoyed UIL because it gave me something to commit to," Pardue said. "It is very hard to score high. Our district is very tough."

# TESTING testing 1, 2, 3



**Relaying** his view on the science competition at district, Alex Barfield tells Mrs. Smallwood how he did. "I love UIL," Barfield said. "It's crazy to take a test with a bunch of nerds and beat them." **Sitting** in the auditorium at UT Thompson Center, Courtney Cope doesn't appear too stressed before the state feature writing contest. Playing solitaire on the computer, Cope and Meagan McCarter wait for the contest to begin. Since Cope was the only student going to state, she was allowed to take a friend with her. "I was glad that Courtney chose me to go," Meagan said. "It was something I wouldn't have gotten to experience otherwise. On the way home from Austin, they dropped us off at Six Flags for the senior trip!"



**journalism**

Courtney Cope, Danielle Randle, Katdie Norton, Kayla Williams, Milka Allison

**speech**

Shelia Carroll, Clara Cox, Katlyn VanDeaver, Alecia Forbing, Deandra Goldsmith, Blake Gardner, Andre Dorsey, Chris Saling, Alex Barfield

**literary criticism,  
ready writing**

Samantha Yancy, Amber Meador, Elizabeth Pardue, Caleb Cross, Emily Galyon, Samantha Norman, Adam Garrett, Alecia Forbing

**spelling**

Bryan Delgado, Alysha Allen, Blake Barton, Tanner Treadway

**social studies,  
current events**

Bryan Delgado, Samantha Yancy, Amber Meador, Kourtney Walls, Tanner Treadway, Savannah Laney, Justin Minyard, Cade Mayo, Jonathan Scott

**calculator, accounting**

Kourtney Walls, Magan McCarter, Keith Pistolis, Tanner Treadway, Alexia Hill, Chanelle Wade, Akira Hooks, Eric May

After placing 3rd in Feature writing, 2nd in Headline, and 1st in Editorial at district and placing 1st in Feature at Regionals, senior Courtney Cope took her second trip to the State UIL competition in Austin on May 4. "Last year was just beginners luck," she said. "I was so excited when I found out I was going to state again."

Unfortunately, Cope was the only student going to state. So, she was allowed to take a friend.

"I wish there had been more of us going because it's always more fun with a big group," she said. "Ms. Purtle and Ms. Miller told me I could invite a girl in UIL, so I chose Magan McCarter. We're good friends and I knew we would have fun together."

The feature contest is different from all the other journalism events at state.

Competitors interview the person being featured in a press conference situation. "It is very stressful because there is so much information to write down and condense into a story," she said. "I was in such a hurry when I finished typing my story I accidentally stapled my pages in the wrong order. Only one judge made remarks on it, and I don't really think he/she even realized what I had done. It was a good story, but stuff happens.

I regret not practicing and preparing as much as I should have for Regionals and State," she said. "I am happy with the way things turned out, but I know I could have done even better if I had practiced like I should have."

# UIL

## DISTRICT RESULTS

**Calculator:** 6th - Keith Pistoris

**Computer Applications:** 1st - Magan McCarter, 2nd - Keith Pistoris, 4th - Amanda Lundy

**Accounting:** 1st - Eric May, 2nd team - Eric, Chanelle Wade, Akira Hooks, and Lexi Hill

**Science:** 1st - Blake Gardner, 3rd - Keith Pistoris, 6th - Alex Barfield, 1st team - Blake, Keith, Alex, and Brett Metcalf

**Computer Science:** 4th - Lauren Day, 5th - Brad Mitchell, 2nd team - Lauren, Brad, and Joey Leatherman

**Mathematics:** 5th - Brett Metcalf, 2nd team - Brett, Matthew Yancy, Jake Kasitati, and Ashley Gilmore

**Literary Criticism:** 6th - Amber Meador

**Poetry:** 1st - Deandra Goldsmith

**Prose:** 2nd - Alecia Forbing

**News Writing:** 1st - Mika Allison, 3rd - Danielle Randle, 6th - Courtney Cope

**Feature Writing:** 1st - Danielle Randle, 2nd - Kayla Williams, 3rd - Courtney Cope

**Editorial Writing:** 1st - Courtney Cope, 4th - Mika Allison

**Headline Writing:** 2nd - Courtney Cope, 3rd - Katie Norton, 6th - Danielle Randle

## REGIONAL RESULTS

**Accounting:** 5th - Eric May

**Computer Applications:** 4th - Keith Pistoris

**Poetry:** 5th - Deandra Goldsmith

**Feature Writing:** 1st - Courtney Cope, 5th - Danielle Randle

### computer applications, computer science

Magan McCarter, Keith Pistoris, Amanda Lundy, Lauren Day, Joey Leatherman, Brad Mitchell



### number sense, math

Emily Treadway, Kyndel King, Elizabeth Pardue, Jake Kasitati, Ashley Gilmore, Eric May, Billy Bracewell, Brett Metcalf, Dawson Carson, Matthew Yancy



### science

Blake Gardner, Alex Barfield, Keith Pistoris, Brett Metcalf, Dawson Carson, James Nowlin



### one act play

Nicole Hensley, Maegan Cokeley, Keri Carson, Clara Cox, Justin McCarty, Tristen Tefteller, Alecia Forbing, Kaitlyn McBroom, Emily Cokeley, Tanner Treadway, Brett Metcalf, Dawson Carson, Brad Mitchell, Andre Dorsey, Sarah Wise, Jake Barfield



### In control

Brad Mitchell, Joey Leatherman, James Nowlin, and Blake Barton take a break between events and play Nintendo at the Mt. Pleasant meet. Knowing there would be downtime, Brad brought his Game Cube, Brett Metcalf brought a portable T.V., and Joey brought a few games. "We set it all up in the back corner," Leatherman said. "Before we knew it, there was a line of people wanting to pay us to let them play. It was great."



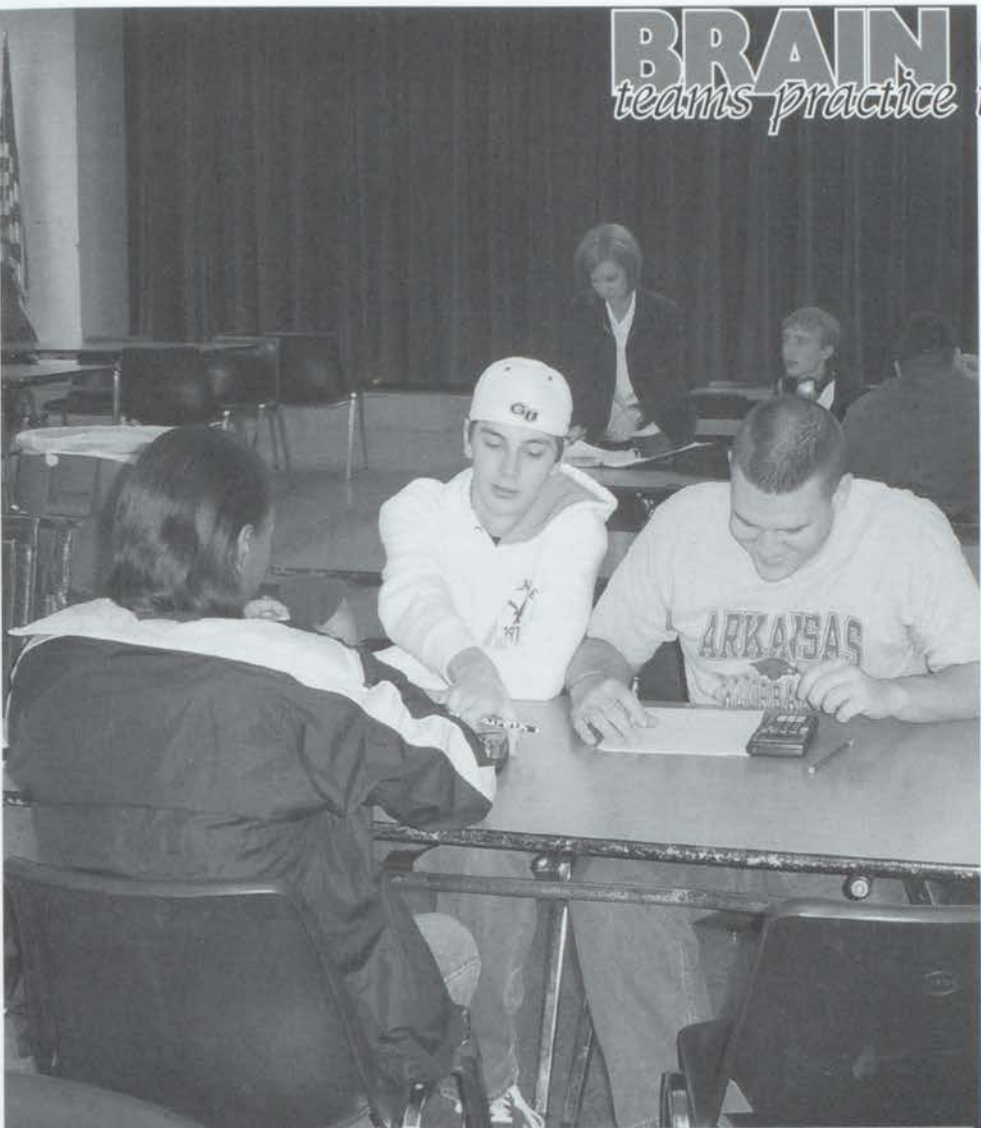
### Being involved

in UIL means waking up earlier than normal on Saturday mornings. Being a victim of this, Matthew Yancy decides to catch up on a few Z's on the way to Pleasant Grove. "I always had to wake up early on Saturday for UIL," he said. "So even if it was just down the road I always slept to make the trip shorter."



# BRAIN GAMES

*teams practice to perfect skills*



Waiting for their event to start, Tanner Treadway, Shelia Carroll, and Malachi Lopez practice calculator techniques right up to the last minute. "I think UIL is one of the smart things I've done in high school," Treadway said. "I want to do it again because of the fun I have, but then again I don't because it takes up quite a bit of time."



**Knowing** that her event starts in just a few minutes, Alysha Allen quickly looks over her spelling words. "Before the test, I take it easy and study a little bit," she said. "I love the challenge of learning really hard words." **On** the day before district, Eric May helps Alexia Hill go over the questions she missed on a practice test. "I really didn't do well," Hill said. "But I did better than I expected."



## AMBER MEADOR

"To get prepared for my tests, I would look over information I thought might be on the test and work through a few practice tests because some of those questions show up on the real test. This was my first year to participate in Lit Crit so I was excited when I placed."



## JOHNNY SCOTT

"I didn't really do much to prepare for my events, I just went in there and hoped that I would do well. I feel that I did awesome and I kind of put everyone in a good mood at District because I brought food and goodie bags to everyone there."



## JACOB KASITATI

"I have three steps to success. They are: step one: listen to music to calm down and relax, step two: go over questions with my teammates, and step three: forget everything, have fun, and go talk to other people."



**EXCELLENT**  
**thinking**

## CHARACTERS

### One Act Play

- Josephine Whitaker: Alecia Forbing
- Bess Whitaker Frye: Kaitlyn McBroom
- Watson Frye: Brett Metcalf
- Connie: Nicloe Hensley
- Anna: Clara Cox
- Evelyn: Tristen Tefteller
- Thayer: Justin McCarty
- Ira Bienstock: Dawson Carson

### AWARDS

- All-Star Cast:  
*Alecia Forbing,*  
*Justin McCarty*
- Area
- District

### BACK STAGE

- Sound: *Brad Mitchell*
- Lights: *Tanner Treadway,*  
*Keri Carson*
- Stage Manager:  
*Meagan Cokeley*

### LOCATIONS PLAYED

- Tyler Jr. College
- Pleasant Grove H.S.
- Texarkana College
- Mt. Vernon H.S.

1. After much deliberation, Anna (Clara Cox) will not agree to sending her grandma away even after Evelyn (Tristen Tefteller) continuously argues with her about it. "It was fun to be apart of such a wonderful play," Clara said. "I loved being a character that stuck up for what she wanted."

2. Comic relief, Thayer, played by Justin McCarty, plays air guitar and pretends to be a rock star. "I liked playing a part I could enjoy," Justin said. "It really came naturally to do Thayer and it was pretty fun."

3. After a wonderful performance, the One Act Play cast takes a final bow to commemorate the end of the play. "Everyone said that the best part was when I quickly said, 'Guess so,' and walked off the stage," Tristen said. "The whole cast and crew made a joke about it. They said it was the best part of the One Act season."



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5. Showing her true character, Nicole Hensley worries about her grandmother's condition. "I practiced these scenes twice a day before the week of the play," Nicole said. "I was so happy that I didn't stutter."



6.



4. Consoling his wife, Watson Frye (Brett Metcalf) tells Bess Frye (Kaitlyn McBroom) that it is best to send their mother away to a more suitable place. "This role was a blast to play," Brett said. "Kaitlyn and I would always joke around off stage about our roles as husband and wife. It always helped us get into character."

6. In check, Mrs. Echols welcomes the audience while the actors are getting ready backstage for the student performance. "I was explaining the background of the play," she said. "It makes it easier for the audience to follow and understand so they can enjoy it more."

playing THE PART

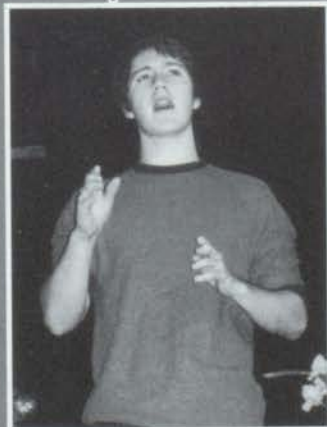
# ONE ACT PLAY

## *Close Ties*



**I'll stay here by myself. That's what I'll do!** Josephine Whitaker, played by Alecia Forbing and Watson Frye, played by Brett Metcalf are arguing whether or not to put Josephine in the nursing home. "Having the chance to be an 84 year old woman is too good to pass up," Forbing said. "I was pretty much chewing him out because my character did not want to go."

## Aspire to Inspire



**Dawson Carson**

"Acting is a way of expressing yourself. It is enjoyable because it allows me to be someone I am not and live in their life for forty minutes. The most difficult part would be the endless criticism that you have to endure. But, I wouldn't change it for anything."



**Alecia Forbing**

"I love every moment that I am acting. I've decided on theatre as a career path. It's fun to be outside of your element and be someone else for a while. The only bad part about it is that you have to learn all the lines."



**Justin McCarty**

"Being in OAP is a lot of fun, and it is a good way to meet people. I have won two all-star cast awards this year, one at district and the other at regionals. The best advice I would give someone new would be not to mumble and to say your words loud and clear."



**Kaidyn McBroom**

"I have been in One Act Play for three years. So if anyone asked for advice, I would tell them to be calm during tryouts and just express everything that you want to come across to the audience."

# CREW *with the news*



**KAYLA WILLIAMS**

"I've always enjoyed writing, so journalism gives me a chance to practice it more. I enjoy writing different kinds of stories, but feature is my favorite because you get to elaborate more and describe the details more in-depth."



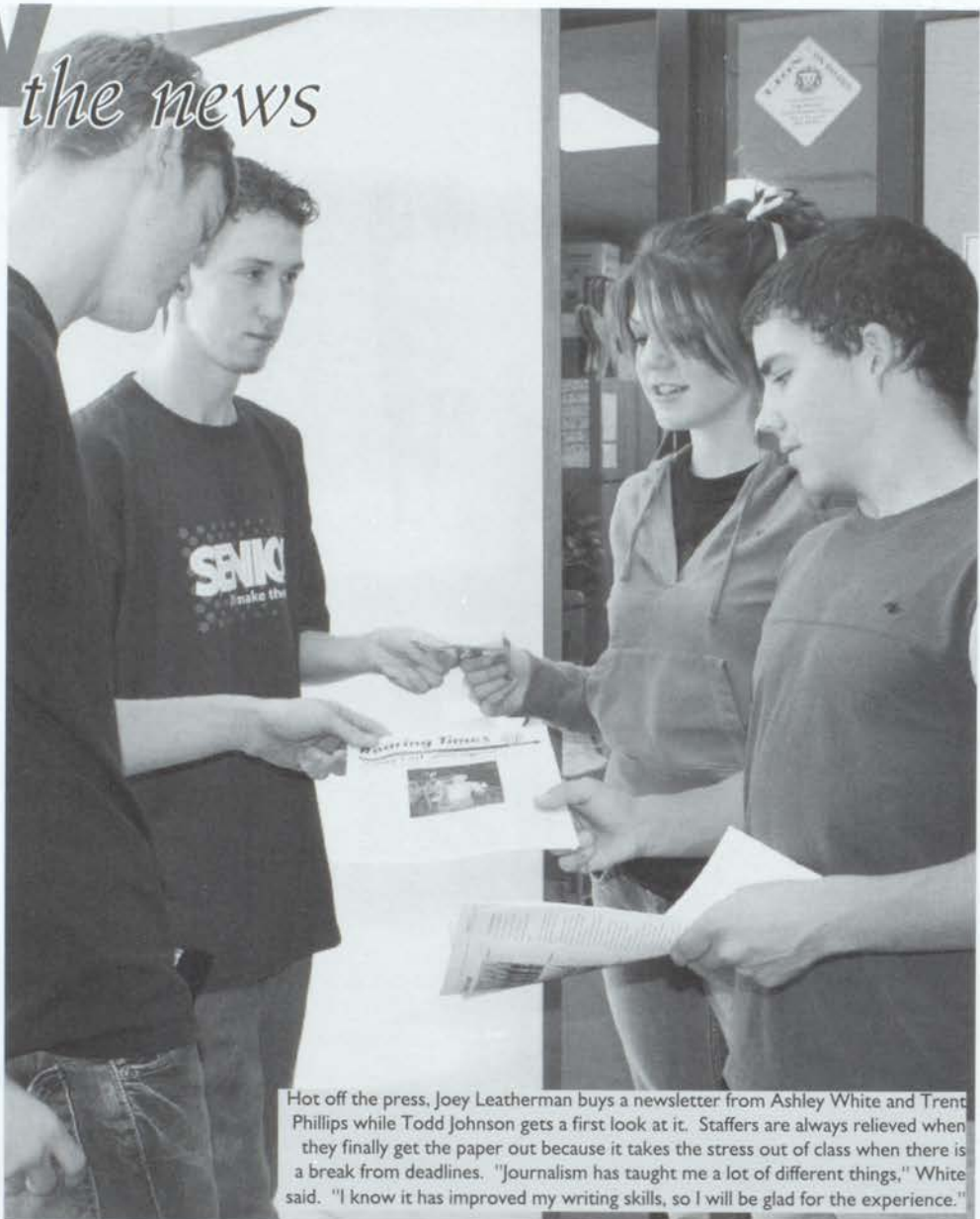
**MIKA ALLISON**

"Journalism has been quite an experience. I really like UIL, except that you have to get up at 6 a.m. on Saturday mornings and write four stories. I get pretty exhausted after writing so much but other than that, it is pretty fun."



**KATIE NORTON**

"I signed up because I enjoy writing and being able to express myself. Since I wrote headlines for UIL, it challenges me to use a broader vocabulary. It has taught me to be more concise."



Hot off the press, Joey Leatherman buys a newsletter from Ashley White and Trent Phillips while Todd Johnson gets a first look at it. Staffers are always relieved when they finally get the paper out because it takes the stress out of class when there is a break from deadlines. "Journalism has taught me a lot of different things," White said. "I know it has improved my writing skills, so I will be glad for the experience."



**4th period:** Rachel Edson, Mika Allison, Katdie Norton, Ashley White, Trent Phillips, Kelli Smith

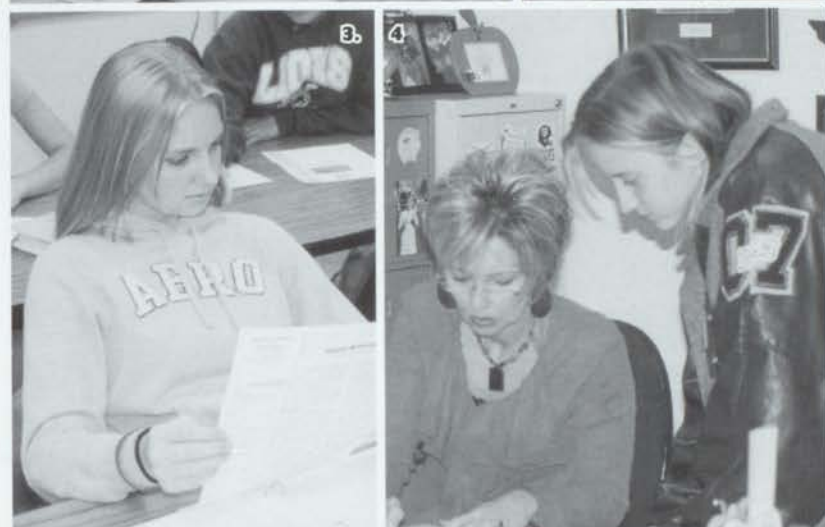
**3rd period:** Laura Raney, Kartlynn Chadwick, Olivia Hixson, Erika Barrera - Shirley, Krystal Capps, Kali Campbell, Samantha Beggs, Kayla Williams, Christina Batchelor, Chloe Jones, Michelle McDuffie  
**not pictured:** Sara Birdwell



**things WE WRITE**



# WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM



**1.** Working together as a team, Christina Batchelor and Chloe Jones brainstorm ideas to write for their editorials. Often times students worked together and helped each other come up with different ideas. "Journalism has helped me become a better writer," Jones said. "Writing just comes easier to me now." **2.** Learning the In-Design program, Kelli Smith practices laying out two pages for the newspaper. She looked at other school newspapers to get ideas on how to design her page. **3.** Hoping that the Scholastic News Service has good ideas, Kali Campbell searches through it for ideas for the upcoming newsletter. **4.** Turning in her story for the final deadline, Olivia Hixson listens to Ms. Purtle's constructive criticism on how to make her story flow better.

Every year students enter into journalism not knowing what to expect. A lot think that it's going to be just about creating a newspaper for the student body to read. What they don't realize is that a lot more comes along with the title of being a journalist.

Before students can begin compiling a newspaper, they must first learn the different types of stories. The three different types are news, feature, and editorial. They spend weeks learning about each type of writing before they move on to the next one. After writing at least one of each kind, students begin to favor one story over the other.

"Writing a feature story was what I looked forward to most," Olivia Hixson said. "It was more interesting than the others."

After gaining experience in writing and interviewing, some students decide to further their practice and join yearbook staff. "I do plan to take my journalism skills and join yearbook staff next year," Christina Batchelor said. "I

think it will be fun and will give me an opportunity to get to know the student body better."

Students learn things that they couldn't in any other class.

"Journalism has really prepared me for later activities in life," Kali Campbell said. "I think it will

benefit me in college because I have a much better understanding about how to get my thoughts down on paper."

## finding an

## ANGLE

Writing has always been my escape from the chaos and stress around me. It puts me into a world of creativity and thought where only I can judge myself. Journalism gives me the confidence to let others read my writing. I really enjoyed column writing because I am able to write about whatever I want, and I'm able



to put my own thoughts and opinions in the story. Journalism taught me that there are other talents out there besides just the ones you see in sports or music. - Sara Birdwell

# MEMORIES in the making



**ASHLEY  
SPRADLIN**

"Being in yearbook is a lot of hard work and takes dedication. Even though it is stressful at times, I really enjoy it. It will be rewarding to see the final product."



**MEAGAN  
DUNBAR**

"This is my second year in yearbook and it's still a hard class. I learn more and more all the time and enjoy all the fun that we have in the class, aside from all the hard work."



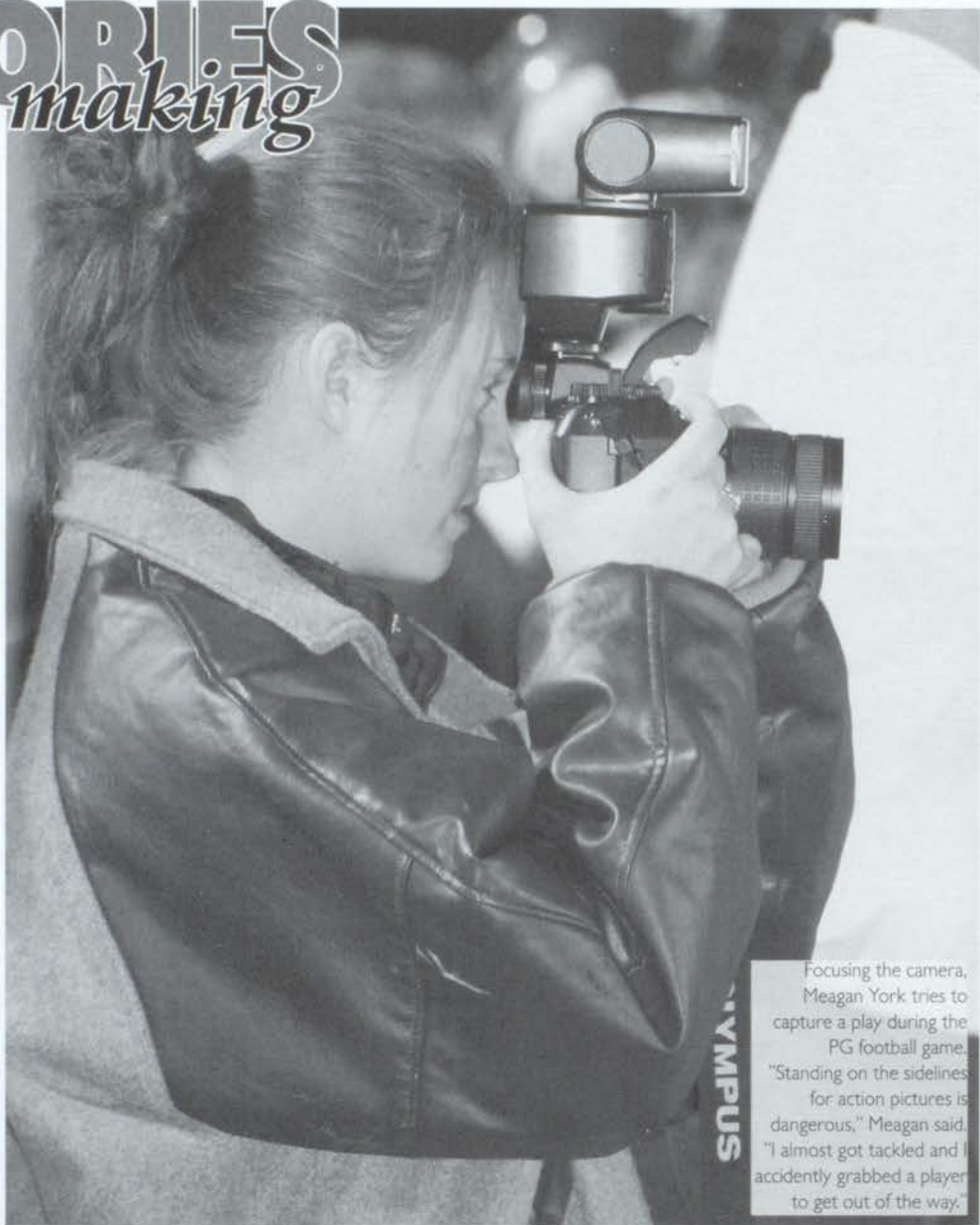
**ANNA  
ELKINS**

"I try really hard to make sure all my pages are complete. When I get my proofs back, it always surprises me to see how many things I missed when I checked my pages."



**MATT  
MAY**

"Working on pages and making deadlines gets so difficult sometimes, so I think it's really good that we get a break occasionally for a birthday to just have some fun."



Focusing the camera, Meagan York tries to capture a play during the PG football game. "Standing on the sidelines for action pictures is dangerous," Meagan said. "I almost got tackled and I accidentally grabbed a player to get out of the way."



**1.** Just sign here. Lauren Rawls gets Hope Taylor to initial for receipt of her yearbook. "The only hard part of handing the yearbooks out is that everyone tries to take theirs at the same time and it gets crazy," Lauren said. "But everyone is thrilled to get them." **2.** Now what else is it I need to do??? Danielle Randle looks over Ms. Purtle's shoulder as she scribbles corrections on the pages. "This was my first year in yearbook and it took me a while to get used to it," she said. "I liked being in the class; it will give me lots of good things to look back on."



**pages**  
IN PRODUCTION

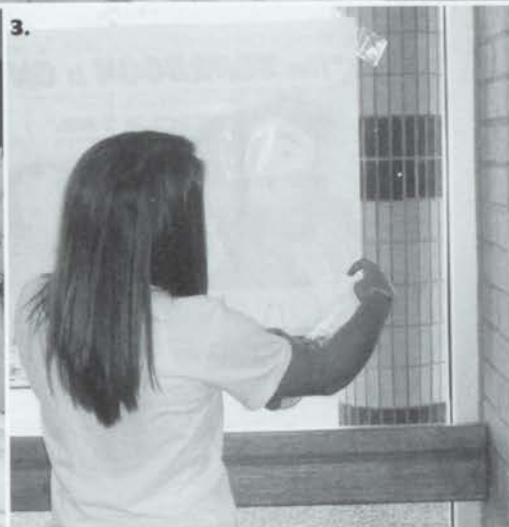
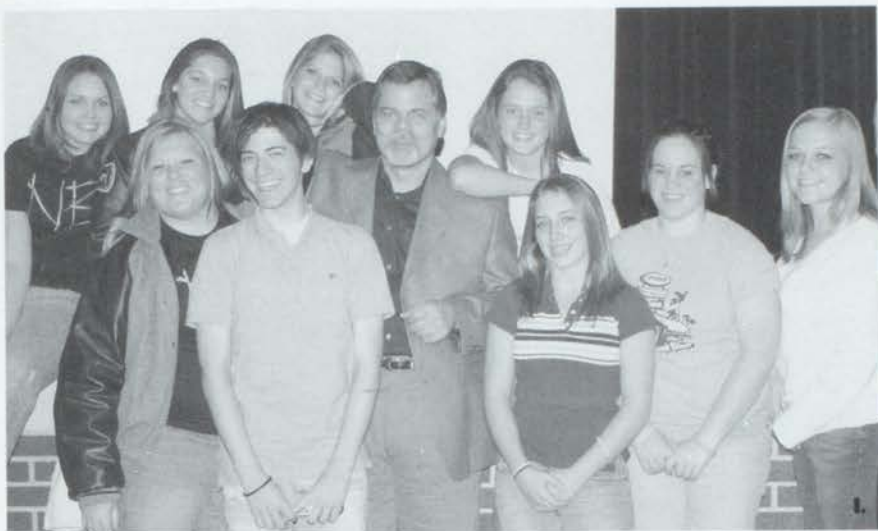
## striving to...

record memories. Sounds easy enough. You get to take fun pictures, decide what the cover of the book is going to look like, decide whose picture will be on the pages, and get some cool t-shirts....wow! That sounds fun. Hold it right there.

It is all of those things, but a whole lot more. If you've never been on staff of a yearbook, it's unbelievable the details that must be addressed. Deciding on theme, a cover, what the layouts will look like, carrying the theme from beginning to end, taking pictures that go with the theme, selling advertisements, learning the In-Design and Photoshop computer programs, spelling every name correctly, covering every sport, club and activity.

The list goes on.

The course of a school year is a long time when you are documenting everything. Most agree it is more like a job than a 'fun' elective class. Staffers find themselves working on yearbook every spare moment. If they are not....they should be. As stressed a times get most agree it is a job worth signing up for because the rewards come when the final product is printed and ready for distribution.



**1.** Yearbook and journalism students pose for a pic with journalism guru Bobby Hawthorne. Hawthorne spoke to area students in the fall at Pleasant Grove High School. **2.** Cutting and pasting a layout at the summer yearbook workshop in Longview, Ally Brock participates in creating an original 2 page layout. The group won gift cards to Starbucks and Target for their work. "I was completely lost," Ally said. "I get very stressed about deadlines, because I'm such a procrastinator." **3.** Showing that not all the work is done on computers, Kaylee Johnson hangs posters at the middle school to encourage yearbook sales. "When Ashley and I went to the middle school, we had a lot of fun hanging up the signs," Kaylee said. "But the tape was really hard to work with, and it kept sticking to everything."

## the face of

## EXPERIENCE

*There is a lot to learn in this class. Every staff needs more than one leader. I've gained a lot of experience over three years. When I first started out I didn't think there was any way I was going to make it. After a lot of hard work and practice, I finally caught on to it all. I'm going to miss seeing the yearbook come together.*



**Rachel Edson**

# READING

*between the lions*



Sitting with Erica Hobbs, Kaylea Owen talks and fold papers. "This is the best part," Kaylea said. "It means the paper is done."



Flipping through the paper, Kristi Kingery looks at the stories. "I like to write," Kristi said. "I don't know if I want to be a journalist, but I believe ROAR will help me make the decision."



Ashley Conkleton sells a paper to Desrae Griffin. "I like to go around and collect the money," Ashley said.



**1.** "It's exciting to be on the newspaper staff," Michelle Yang said. "I don't want to be a journalist, but it's still fun to write stories." **2.** Taylor Granberry sits with Cody May, Chris Buckley, and Caleb Granberry to read the paper. "I like the challenge of ROAR," Taylor said. **3.** Sydney Benjamin and Briana Sanders flip eagerly through the newspaper. "I like to get the news to the students," Sydney said. "Everyone looks forward to seeing themselves in the paper."

**getting**  
**THE SCOOP**

## ROAR STAFF



**1.** Staff Photo. "Designing the logo for the paper is what I enjoy the most," Kelly York said. **2.** Brooke Duffer, Kelly York, Morgan Miller, and Erica Hobbs take time out of their busy schedule to take a fun picture. "Being on the newspaper staff is exciting and I like to know that people enjoy reading what I write." Erica said. **3.** Sydney Benjamin sits and watches Jon Williams type his story. "I can't type fast when people are watching me," Jon said. "But with enough time, I finally got the story printed."

## consider the

## POSSIBILITIES

In addition to writing stories, students on staff get an opportunity to use digital cameras and take photos of students around campus. "It is important to check to see if the pictures turn out well, that way, you can retake them if necessary," Kendric White said. "I was showing Wesley a cool picture I had taken."



As students realize it's the end of a six weeks, the constant chatter and the click, click, clicking of computers becomes furious while ROAR students try to get information turned on time. ROAR is an accelerated reading class which houses GT students and the elite students of the 8th grade. Since ROAR is considered an advanced class, there are three requirements students must meet to be placed in this class.

"If a student isn't classified GT, then they must get commended on their TAKS test, a combined average of a 95 in English and reading, and a teacher recommendation," ROAR teacher Mrs. Miller said.

However, simply getting into ROAR is only the beginning of the challenges. "You have to look at this like a job,"

Mrs. Miller said. "And for some students, it takes a while to figure that out."

The students are given writing assignments at the beginning of the six weeks and their stories are due the last week of the six weeks. Students then go to the computer lab and type the stories that make up the newspaper. Whether it's interviewing the principal, or snapping photos at football games, ROAR students strive for perfection.

# DGP

## getting the job done

High school students are seen working at many local businesses. KFC/Taco Bell, Mark Henry's, Sonic, McDonald's, Pitt Grill, Brookshires, Pizza Hut and Radio Shack are just a few of the businesses that give students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

A lot of the students call it their 'after-school job' and are there when school lets out, but others work during school hours.

Those students are in a unique program called Diversified Career Preparation. They come to school half-a-day and work half-a-day. Most leave before or after the lunch periods, while a few leave later because of schedule requirements.

"If you have DCP early in the morning you can't ever get any more hours at work," senior Kaylee Harris, Subway employee said. "I have it last block, so sometimes I can go to work earlier."

She tries to work a 40-hour week.

"I work because I have my own bills to pay," Harris said. "I have to pay \$200 for my car, \$325 for rent, between \$50 and \$100 for electricity, and that leaves a little for groceries."

Though she got a early start in the 'real world,' Harris said she wouldn't trade it for anything.

"I really do enjoy working and paying for my own stuff," she said. "It just gives me a sense of pride and independence."



**Accepting** the DCP 1 award, Brandi Gibson shakes hands with Mr. O'Rear at the academic banquet. After Brandi accepted her award, her twin sister, Mandi, received the DCP 2 award. "I was very surprised to get the award," Brandi said. "It was pretty cool that Mandi got pretty much the same award as me."



**Doyle Allen**  
D&G Cattle



**Sam Allison**  
Ronnie's Paint & Body



**Cody Barling**  
Oak Grove Golf Course



**Ranisha Betts**  
KFC/Taco Bell



**Kim Bonham**  
Mark Henry's Restaurant



**Lauren Cherry**  
Bowie County Clerk's Office



**Ryan Flenniken**  
C-Stores Enterprises



**Bernard Forte**  
Sonic Drive-In



**Lindsey Fowler**  
Best Western Motel



**Mandi Gibson**  
NB Housing Authority



**Brandi Gibson**  
McDonald's



**Sahra Goode**  
Dairy Queen



**Charity Hall**  
On The Border



**Kaylee Harris**  
Subway



**Kim Hawkins**  
Sonic Drive-In



**Jacob Hensley**  
Rawl's Furniture



**Cody Humphrey**  
Brookshires



**Kyle Klimaszewski**  
Gander Mountain Outfitters

...more DCP



**Ryan Klimaszewski**  
Gander Mountain Outfitters



**Kristy Knight**  
Best Western Motel



**Patty Lavoll**  
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**Kolton Mitchell**  
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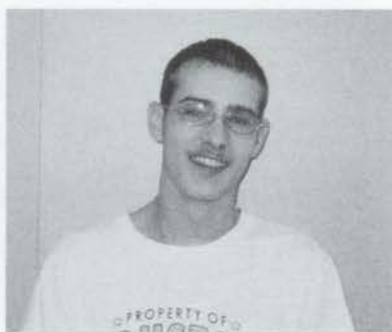
**Sarah Potter**  
Millwood Golf



**Andrew Provence**  
Sonic Drive-In



**Kristen Ray**  
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**Micheal Rosenbaun**  
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**Sarah Sargent**  
Dairy Queen



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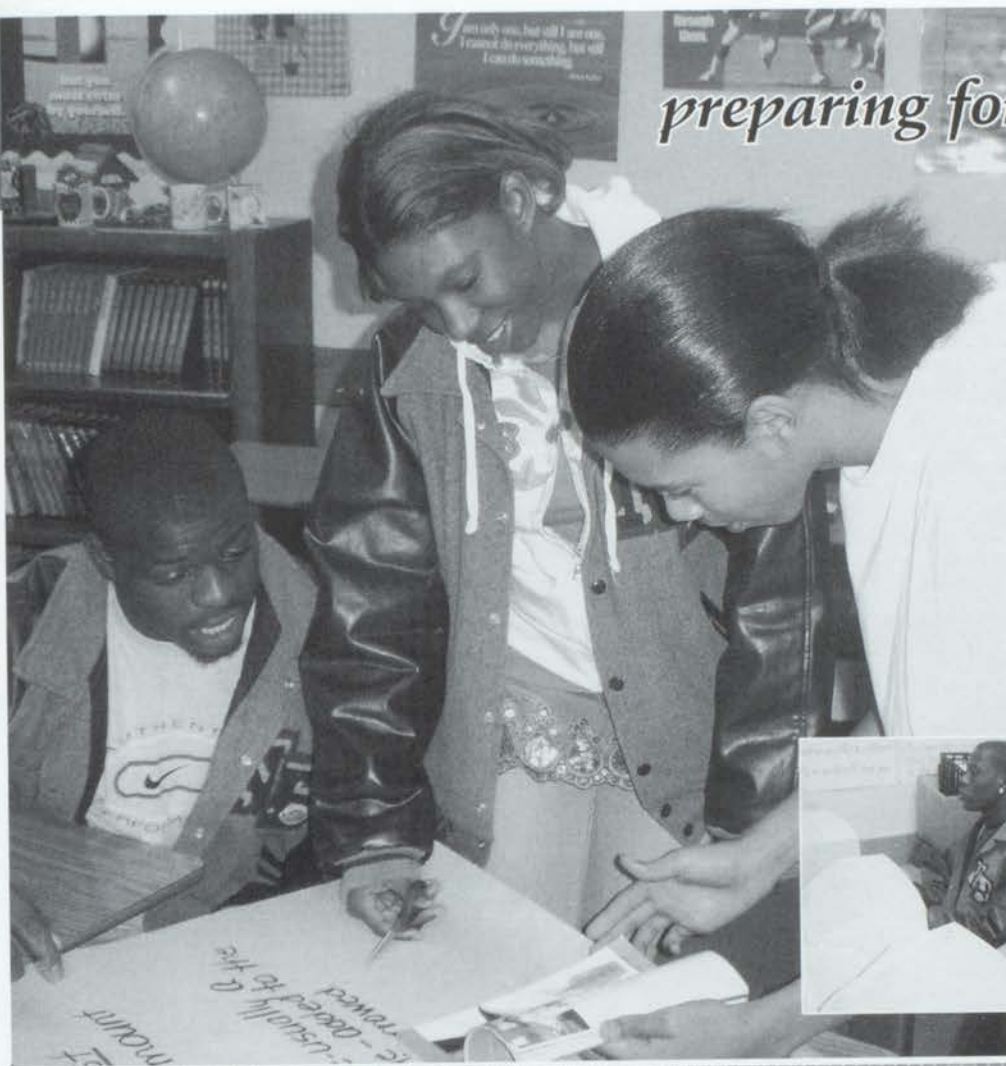


**Quittney Williams**  
Boston Bean Cafe



# VAC

## preparing for the future



**Working** on employment portfolios, Anthony Page, Crystal Edmond, and Daylan Jackson search through magazines for pictures for their portfolio. Students use newspapers, magazines, and drawings to show the value of work. "I've learned a lot in my Vocational Experience class," Crystal said. "I am presently employed and hopefully, I will continue to stay in the workforce."

**Knowing** that their employment notebook is soon due, Antonio Myers, Marvin Ayle, and Amanda Mosely use the Internet to search for jobs. Though students often used newspapers and magazines, the Internet gives them a wider range of possibilities and choices. "I have learned a lot in this class," Marvin said. "I have learned that a job search is one of the most important steps in your career."



**1.** Ms. Matlock discusses with students how reading is a springboard for other skills, both personal and job-related. She lists different ways to use reading skills during a typical day. **2.** VAC members: Julie Williams, Blake Drinkard, Daylan Jackson, Crystal Edmond, Billy Riley, Karen Mitchell, Amanda Mosely, Antonio Myers, Josh French, and Jennifer Durst.



**3.** Practicing skills Ms. Matlock has taught, Julie Williams makes a business phone call. Students demonstrate how to make and receive telephone calls. "I really enjoyed being able to make business calls," Williams said. "It gave me an opportunity to improve my communication skills." **4.** Using a variety of resources, Karen Mitchell finds information on nursing, an area that she is interested in as a career. During the year, students research different jobs and opportunities to try and find one that they would enjoy. "I've never been real sure at what I wanted my career to be," Mitchell said. "VAC gives me an opportunity to research different careers and see what kind of possibilities are out there. I'm still not sure what I want my career to be, but working on trying to figure it out."



# breaking barriers

## life skills students conquer olympic games

Approximately 200 special athletes from the surrounding school districts met at DeKalb High School on April 6 to participate in annual Alford's Athletes Carson's Crossing Bowie County Special Olympics. The events include walks, dashes, runs, relays, wheelchair races, wheelchair obstacle races, softball throws, tennis ball throws, shot put, and the standing and running long jumps. Gold and silver medalists advance to the area meet at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas. Forty of the top athletes from the area advanced to the state meet in Arlington.

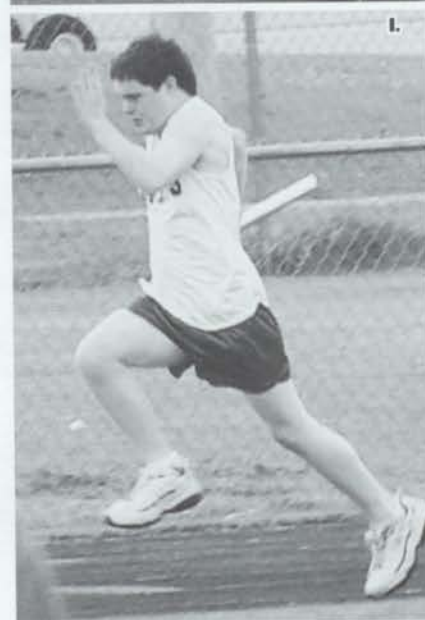
Serving as president of the Special Olympics for Bowie County, Dianna Melton is in charge of advertising and public relations to raise funds for the games. She's very proud of the New Boston team. "This year we had great participation. Our team had fifteen athletes participate," Melton said. "Of the forty athletes from Bowie County that advanced to area, eight of them were from NB."





**Giving** it his all, Chris Hurd speeds it up in the 50 meter walk. "I love the special olympics," Hurd said. "I get excited because it's fun to race and win awards."

**Enjoying** their hard work in the kitchen, Reggie Fields, Chris Hurd, and Chris Son eat a Christmas cookie in Mrs. Smallwood's food science class. The life skills students made and decorated Christmas cookies for all of the teachers.



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**1.** Brady Upson picks up the pace in the 400 meter relay at the Special Olympics. Brady, Jeffery Pierce, Matthew Boyd, and Mark Haggins won first place in the relay. "I was really nervous about passing the baton, but I ran as fast as I could and we won!" Upson said.

**2.** Matthew Bloyd sits on Santa's lap at the life skills Christmas party organized by the student council.



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**3.** Getting ready to deliver Christmas cookies to the teachers, Cassie Ingleman and Casey Cavin decorate with icing and sprinkles.

**4.** At the life skills Christmas party, Student Council member Magan McCarter hands out a stocking full of school supplies to John Gurley.



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**5.** Ringing bells to the song, "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Crystle Burns waits for her cue during the Black History program. "Playing the bells is a lot of fun," Burns said. "I love music."

**6.** The life skills class plays "America the Beautiful" at the Veteran's Day program.

**1.** Yes, I'll take it. Sophomore Stephen Sissons accepts his English award from Mrs. Carver. "I didn't know I was receiving the English award," Stephen said. "But if I could have asked for any award, this would have been the one." **2.** All grins, Derrick Dangerfield gives Mrs. Treadway a hug as he receives the Algebra award. "When they first called my name, I was in the bathroom," Derrick said. "It came as a shock to me when I found out." **3.** Mrs. Young hands over a plaque for Kaitlyn McBroom's good work in Algebra. **4.** Happy as ever, Chris Henry accepts the Geometry award. "It was the first award I have won since middle school," Chris said. "So, of course I was happy. Mrs. Miller asked me if I was surprised and I said no because the substitute had already told me."



**5.** Being ranked in the top 10% of his class and participating in UIL at the same time, earned Blake Gardner the UIL Scholar award. "When I got called for the award, I had no idea it even existed," Blake said. "It was a surprise."

## for the record

### Teric Thompson

"Winning an award for English was really exciting. I never would've expected it. It was nice to see that I was getting an award for a subject that I actually enjoyed."



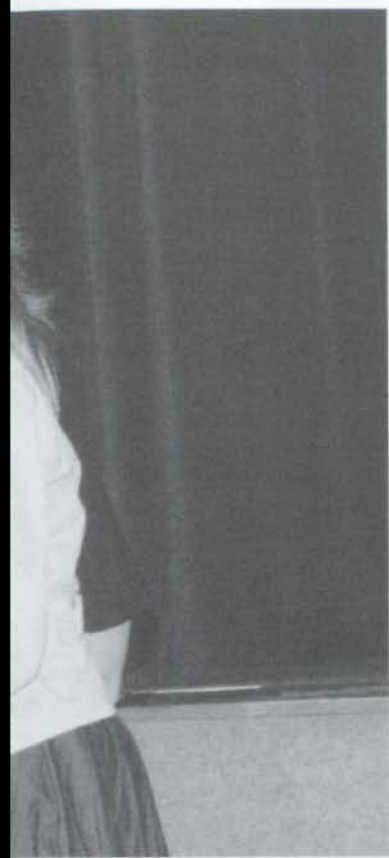
### Mika Allison

"I was so happy when I found out I had won the journalism award. Because it has been an exciting year with Ms. Purdie. I'm thrilled. I will definitely be more serious next year."



# ACADEMIC AWARDS

*students get top honors  
in subject areas, UIL*



## Math

Algebra 1 - Alicia Daniel, Advanced Geometry - Kyndel King, Algebra 2 - Dina McCray, Algebra 2 AB - Kaitlyn McBroom, Geometry AB - Brandon Williams, Algebra 1 AB - Derrick Dangerfield, Geometry AB - Chris Henry, Advanced Algebra 2 - Matthew Yancy, Precalculus - Brett Metcalf, Geometry - Tyler Leatherman, Math - LJ Noel, Algebra 2 AB - Xenia Ragin, Math - Karen Mitchell, AP Calculus - Josh Turner, Algebra 1 - Kane Valenda (not pictured).

## Science/Social Studies

Chemistry - Sherelyn Maidens, Advanced Gov/Eco - Malachi Lopez, Biology - Kevin Covington, Physics - Charity Hall, US History DC - Zach Leatherman, IPC - Vanola Williams, Biology - Adam Woodward, Advanced Chemistry - James Nowlin, Gov/Eco - Lanika Pugh, Biology DC - Dawson Carson, IPC - Kalee Ailen, Pre AP Biology - Bryan Delgado, World History - Tiffany Pardue, World Geography - Sean Rathburn, Biology - Brody Epperson, Anatomy and Physiology - Becca Collom

## Fine Arts

Spanish 3 - Blake Gardner, Spanish 1 - Meagan York, Spanish 2 - Kourtney Walls, Theatre Arts - Maegan Cokerley, Yearbook - Rachel Edson, Speech - Paige McCarter, Speech - Kaleigh Butler, Spanish 1 - Emily Galyon, Art - Andrea Dorsey, Journalism - Mika Allison

## English

English 4 - Jenny McKague, Advanced English 3 - Amanda Lundy, English 2 - Cody Mayo, Psychology - Daniell Alexander, Brandon Williams, English 2 - Teric Thompson, English - Kyle Watson, Psychology DC - Lauren Cherry, Advanced English - Katie Norton, English - Jennifer Durst, Practical Writing - Sarha Goode

## Business/Vocational

Accounting - Eric May, Equine Science - Jenny McKague, DCP 2 - Mandi Gibson, Horticulture - John Mazer, DCP - Brandi Gibson, Ag Metal - Doyle Allen, Ag Electronics - Travis Young, Tech Systems - Jake Kasitati, BCIS - Brad Mitchell, Keyboarding - Michelle McDuffie, Recordkeeping - Bonnie England, BCIS DC - Amanda Lundy, Vocational Experience - Jennifer Durst, Animal Science - Starlyn Tutt

## Health/PE

Health - Samantha Norman, Health - Kalee Allen, PE - Gregory Duits (not pictured)

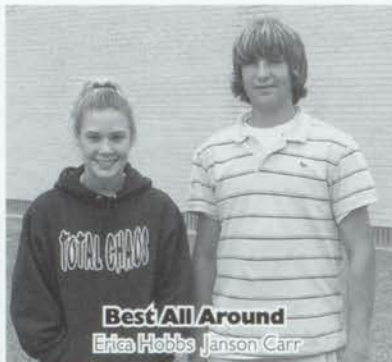
# GRADES, AWARDS

*achieving the best results*

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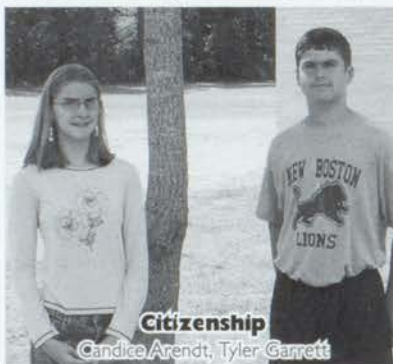


**Citizenship**  
Desrae Griffin and Daniel Harms

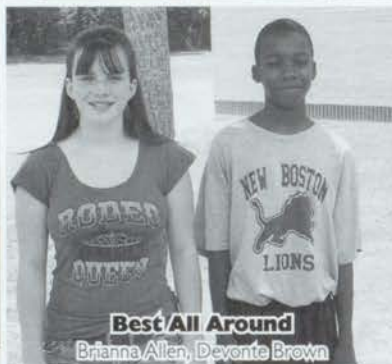


**Best All Around**  
Erica Hobbs, Janson Carr

7th Grade



**Citizenship**  
Candice Arendt, Tyler Garrett



**Best All Around**  
Brianna Allen, Devonte Brown

6th Grade



**Citizenship**  
Jake Teague, Seanne Shirley



**Best All Around**  
Will Buckley, Kall Epperson

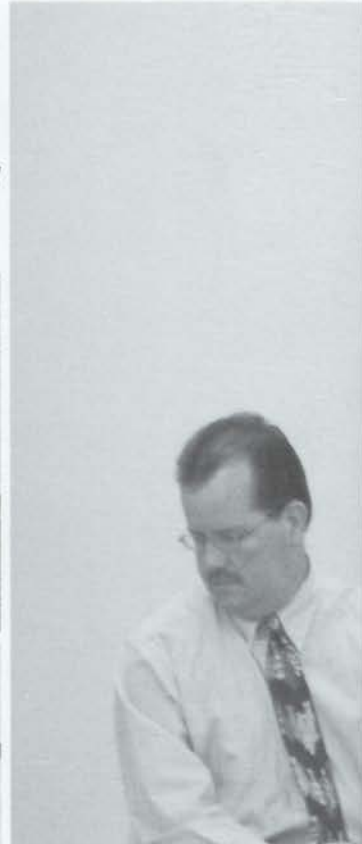
5th Grade



**Citizenship**  
Jessie Ratliff, Marcus Owens



**Best All Around**  
Lucas Smallwood, Lindsey Bloyd



## DUKE SCHOLARS



**TAYLOR NEAL**  
received  
state recognition  
on the ACT through  
Duke University.





### Working hard pays off

1. Nikki Roberts receives the AIM Math plaque for exceptional effort from Mrs. Norman as Ms. Wise looks on. "Nikki worked very hard and passed every 6 weeks," Mrs. Norman said. "She showed enthusiasm about learning, and she also helped other students when needed."
2. Seventh grader Joseph Kasitati receives a certificate from Mr. Barfield.
3. Mrs. O'Rear gives out a plaque to McKenzie Wooldridge for outstanding English student.
4. Coach Foster presents a plaque to Collin Gholston for being an outstanding physical education student.



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**MARANN CRAWFORD**



**CALEB DAVIS**



**KEITH FLINT**



**TRISHA STAYTON**

Students scored in the 95th percentile or higher on a grade level standardized achievement test and were invited to complete the SAT or ACT college entrance exams.



## Outstanding awards

### FIFTH Grade

English - Elissa Sandem, Elizabeth Emerson, Jacoby Nienhuis  
 Math - Delvive Rodriguez, Marta Gortney, Nikki Roberts, Shelby French  
 Reading - Hayley Sawicki, Kristen Tate  
 Science - Gage Baird, Natalie Copeland  
 Social Studies - Kathryn Barfield, Dustin Garza  
 Physical Education - Devha Cheatham, Collin Gholston  
 Art/Music - Kaitlin Ford, Tina Sampson, Nikki Roberts

### SIXTH Grade

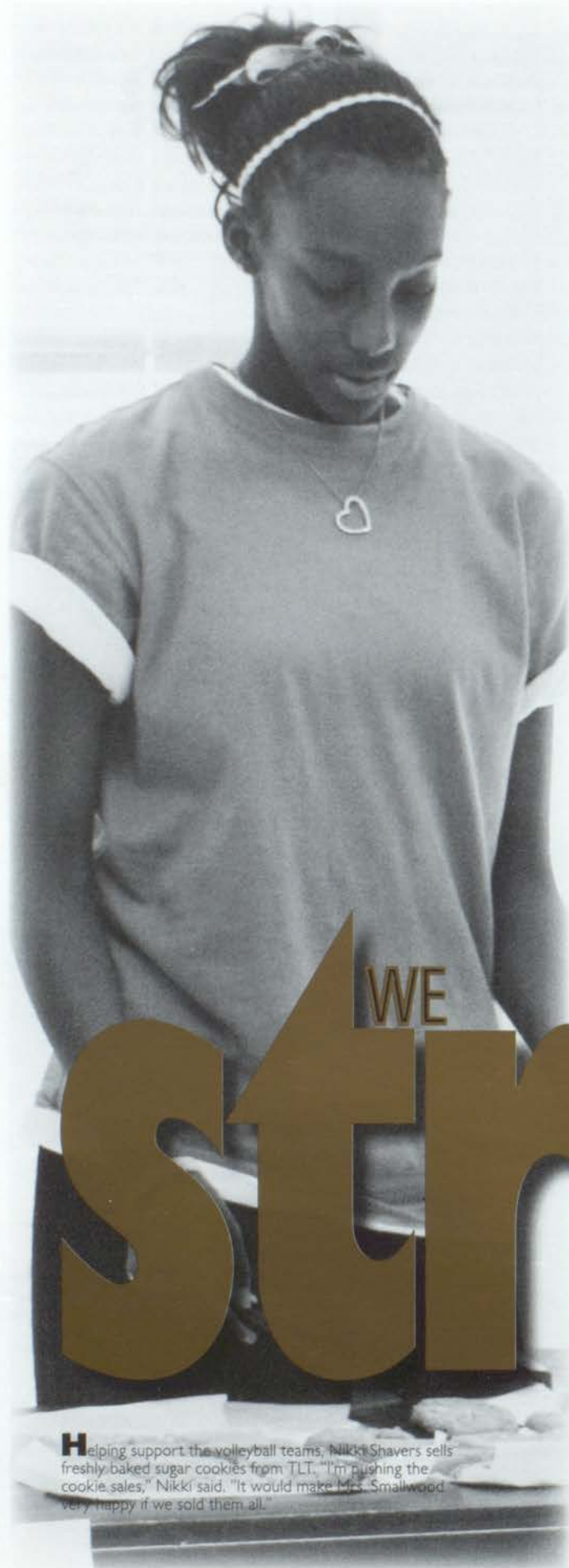
English - McKenzie Wooldridge, Lucy Brassfield, Awesome English Effort - Haydon Roney  
 Math - Scotty Mitchell, Savannah Gooden  
 Awesome Effort Math - Devonte Smith  
 Reading - Colton Hensley, Jessica Procella  
 Science - performance reading - Nekole Martinez  
 Science - Ashton Rolf, Chyanne Ford  
 History - Hunter LaBat, Christian Hurd  
 A.J.M. Math - Lexiana Warren, Booker Hooks  
 Art - Kayla Pardue, Shimeka Forte  
 Physical Education - Breanisa Chitwood, Ty Jones  
 Functional Academic Class Most Improved - Justin Hammonds  
 Functional Academic Class Exceptional Effort - Victoria Perez

### SEVENTH Grade

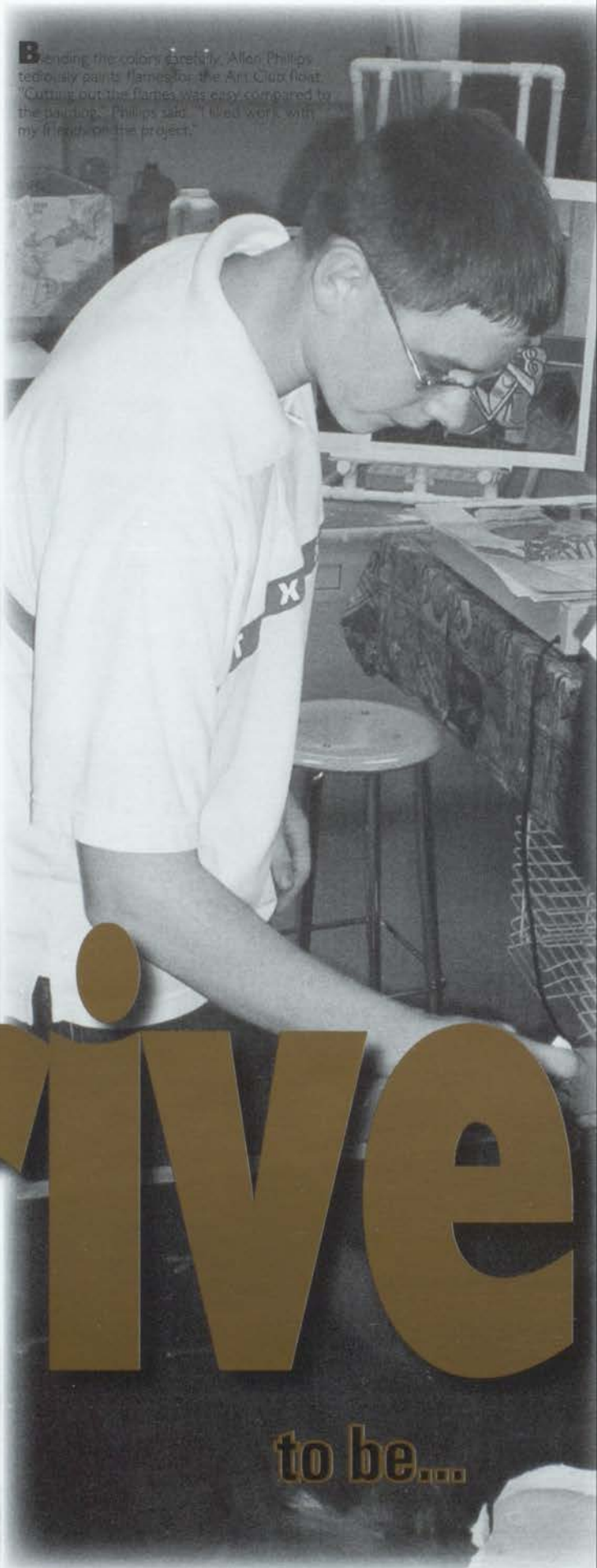
Writing - Cheyenne Stayton  
 Grammar - Nathan Ulmer  
 Awesome Effort English - Heather Sullivan  
 Pre-Algebra - Taylor Neal, Jon Turner  
 Math - Caleb Davis, Jessie Caudle  
 Awesome Effort Math - Kerri Firth, Sherri Firth  
 Reading - Aaron Martin, Ashley Ayala  
 Science - Amber Dart, Carmen Mendez  
 History - Zachary Bobo, Jeffery Hull  
 A.J.M. Math - Keyante Brown, Kaitlin Wright  
 Art 2 - Darrion Wade, Dani Jordan  
 Scholar Athletes - Casey Cox, Courtney White  
 Functional Academic Class Most Improved - Ralisha Ellis

### EIGHTH Grade

English - Wesley Saling, Brooke Duffer, Morgan Miller, Katie Hensley  
 Algebra - Chris Buckley, Carissa Self  
 Math - Carly Flenniken, Phelix Threadgill, Tyler West  
 A.J.M. Math - Eleasah Greene, Ryan Powell  
 Reading - Sydney Benjamin, Devin Tremblay, James Nelloms, Keundra Cotton  
 Science - Drew Carson, Cassandra Gallegos  
 History - J.R. Barfield, Shane Valencia  
 Health - Laruen Cockerham, Courtney Rodriguez  
 Career - Kendrick White, Raynetta Dotson  
 Skills for Living - Michael Delgado, Micah Anglen  
 Scholar Athletes - Cody May, Taylor Granberry



**H**elping support the volleyball teams, Nikki Shavers sells freshly baked sugar cookies from TLT. "I'm pushing the cookie sales," Nikki said. "It would make Mrs. Smallwood very happy if we sold them all."



**B**ending the colors carefully, Allen Phillips tediously paints flames for the Art Club float. "Cutting out the flames was easy compared to the painting," Phillips said. "I liked work with my friends on the project."

# WE strive

to be...





**C**ompeting in the chalk art contest, Andrea and Andre Dorsey team up to win the cash prize. "I wanted the lion's tail to be pink," Andre said. But Andrea had other plans."

**P**ainting memories, Paula Flournoy, Jake Kasitati, Mack McGee, and Michelle McDuffie take advantage of study hall time to work on the sophomore class flag. "That night I took it home and worked on it until 2 a.m.," Flournoy said. "I was really happy with the way it turned out."

**V**isiting with a nursing home resident, Shelia Carroll joined TLT when they took puppies to the nursing home to cheer up the elderly. "Watching the way they appreciated the company and the puppies made me enjoy it even more," Carroll said.

**D**uring a Spirit Club meeting, Christina Batchelor traces letters for the homecoming float. "It was fun to make the signs and see how your work paid off," Christina said. "It was a long effort, but lots of people worked on it."

**S**howing that science isn't all about equations, Billy Bracewell completes his secret message activity to find the message he has written. "I thought it was neat to watch the message appear after being dipped in lemon the juice," Bracewell said.

**W**aking up in a blur, you stumble into the bathroom and see the message you wrote on the mirror, "CALCULUS TEST TODAY!" You immediately freak and rush to get ready so that you can cram in some last minute studying.

Then as soon as you walk in the school you spot the band director and he hollers, "Expect to stay late today for sectionals, we've got some work to do before contest." As

if you are not already overwhelmed by class projects, homework, tests, and after school meetings.

The last bell rings, and the day is finally over... but then you remember you are scheduled to work at the basketball game for Tomorrow Leader's Today and you have an essay due tomorrow. You just get it done.

Whether it is before, after or during school, everyone strives to be *involved.*

**||** I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.

Abraham Lincoln

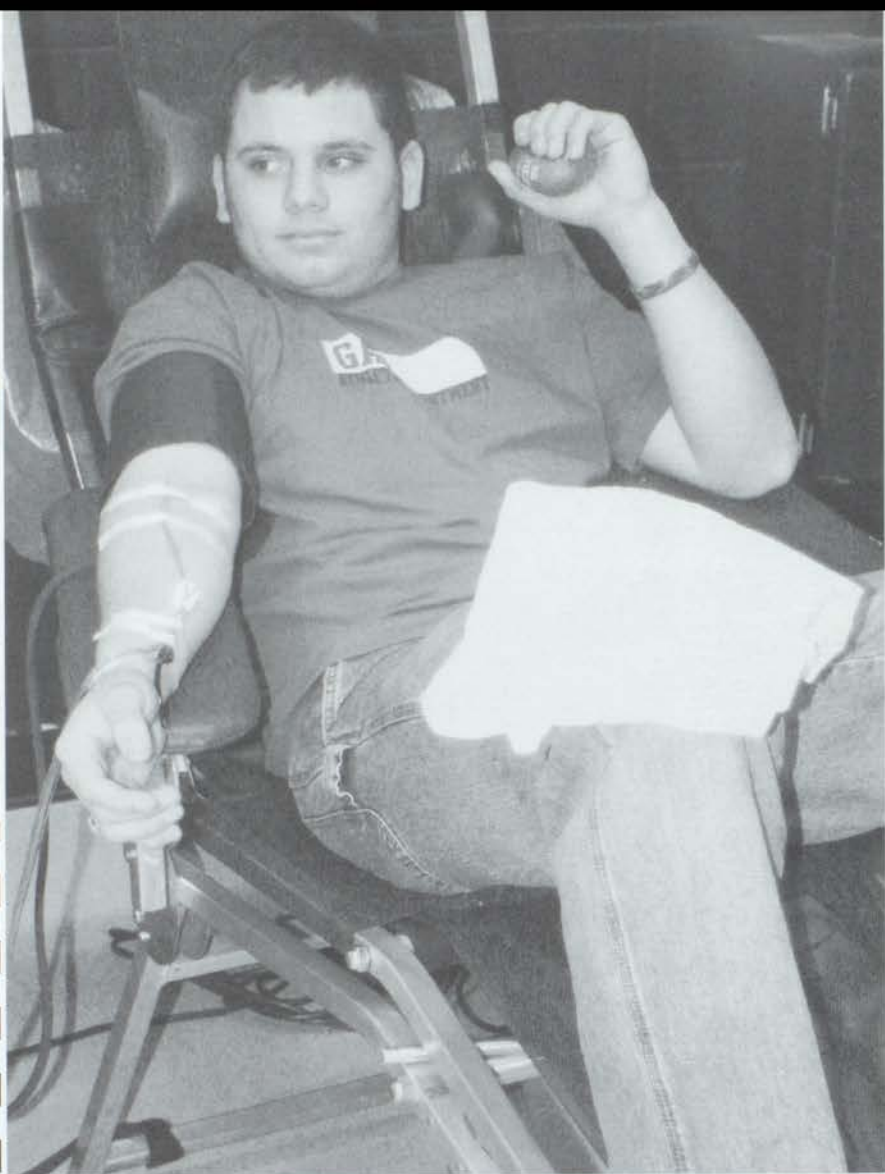


**involved**

club division 125  
lauren rawls

**Sharing** his blood senior Rodney Smith relaxes as he squeezes the pressure ball. "I didn't think giving blood was that bad," he said. "I was just told to sit back and think happy thoughts."

**Grimacing** Billy Riley tenses up the tech inserts the needle. "I was ready to get up, but Mrs. Young walked over and told me it was almost over. I felt good about helping others, but I was really happy when it was over."



## 4 reasons to give blood



**1. It's safe, simple and saves lives.** "I had to raise my arm to slow the bleeding," senior Martin McGee said. "Not only did I get to donate, I got to exercise too."

**2. It fulfills your desire to give back to the community.**

Senior Don Mosely presses a gauze against his vein to get his blood to clot. "It was not bad giving blood. Just don't look when they stick you with the needle."



**3. There is no substitute for human blood.**

Instead of taking a serious approach, junior Jake Foster decides that being funny works better than crying. "I didn't want anyone to know how bad it hurt, so I just played it off."

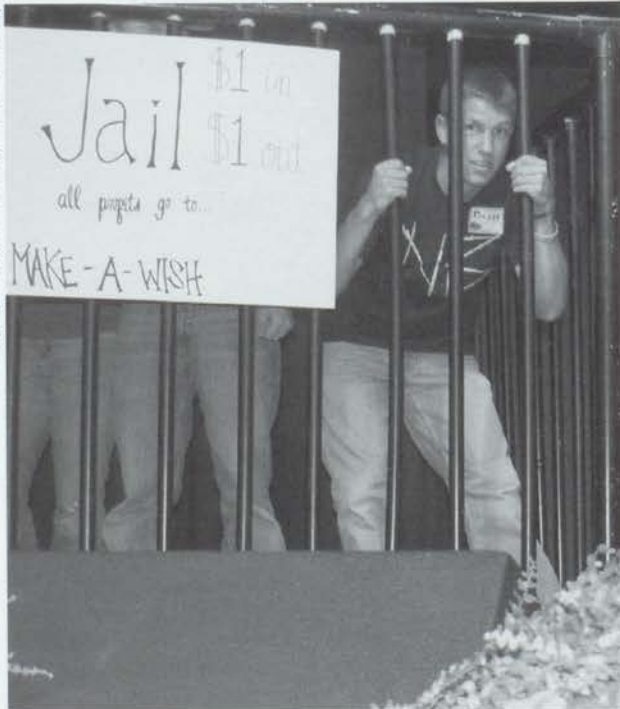


**4. You will learn your blood type.**

After she finished donating, senior Mallory Ward gives a sigh of relief. "I had never given blood before because I was scared. I will for sure give again because I can help save a life and it's not that bad."



**Caged** in, Brett Metcalf looks to his peers to raise enough money to get him out of jail at the Fall Forum. All the money raised was donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation. The Fall Forum gave student council new ideas how to raise money and spirit. "We didn't raise much money," Metcalf said. "I still had fun and I would definitely do it again."





# Student Council goes the distance

From day one, StuCo stayed busy with school and community projects that included building a unique float for homecoming, attending the fall forum and the red ribbon rally, sponsoring a food drive, a blood drive and assisting with Special Olympics.

minute by **minute**



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**Student Council Officers:** President- Clara Cox, Vice-President: Alex Barfield, Secretary: Brett Metcalf, Reporter: DeAndra Goldsmith. Executive members: Erika Baker, Courtney Cope, Jessica Higgs, Jacob Kasitati, Tiffany Pardue, Chanelle Wade, Becca Collom, Meagan Dunbar, Kaylee Johnson, Magan McCarter, and Tristen Tefsteller

1 Identifying themselves with leis and badges that read "Need Help, ask me!" student council members were available to answer questions for new students and freshmen on the first day of school. Jake Kasitati approaches the camera with a friendly face.

2 Adding finishing touches, junior Xenia Ragin covers the wheels of a trailer with a StuCo sign. For about three days club members worked on the float. "I only got to work one night because I was so busy with other floats," she said. "When I got there it was pretty much done."

3 **Freshman reps** Kalee Allen, Drew Hutchinson, Laney Klimaszewski, Paige McCarter, and Emily Treadway; **Sophomore reps** Ally Brock, Bryan Delgado, Allison Perry, Brandon Williams, Matthew Yancy, and Travis Young

4 **Junior reps** Lauren Day, Brandon Gray, Zach Leatherman, Xenia Ragin, Carlandria Talbert, and Laura Wiedemann; **Senior reps** DeAnna Bray, Cade Mayo, Elizabeth Pardue, Keith Pistolis, Ashley Sprandlin

### TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

New inductee, Alysha Allen, gets pinned with the NHS ribbon as part of the induction ceremony by member, DeAnna Bray. "I was pretty nervous being up there," Allen said. "I am really glad to be a part of it though."

### SNEAKING SOME SHUT EYE

Stephen Barthel catches a few minutes of sleep at the induction ceremony practice. "I'd been through the practice before, so it wasn't anything new to me," Barthel said. "I already knew what I had to do, so I took a nap."



Hand on her heart, Nicole Hensley sings the *National Anthem* at the NHS induction ceremony.

On stage at the elementary school, Ashley Spradlin uses a dry erase board to discuss *the right thing to do* in different situations. "I didn't think I would get to do much as treasurer, but Mrs. Barrett gave us freedom to come up with ideas," Ashley said. "We went to Crestview one day and just kind of had a talk with the third and fourth graders about respect. We did a skit, and they really enjoyed it. I think they might have learned something."





# national honor society

## ● making school count

Scholarship, service, leadership, and character are the four traits sought in a member of the National Honor Society. A love for learning, a willingness to work, an initiative to take charge, and a distinguishing force make a hard-working student a member of the NHS.

above and **beyond**



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**New Inductees:** (back) Jake Foster, Brad Hanna, Joey Garcia, Ashley Gilmore, Sarah Mendenhall, Meagan Dunbar, Cody Clark, Xenia Ragin, Sheila Carroll, Jennifer McKague, Alicia Forbing, Kaitlyn McBroom, Jacob Hensley (middle) Brandon Grey, Charity Hall, Alysha Allen, Matt Martin, Kourtney Walls, Maegan Cokeley, Zach Leatherman, Laura Weidemann, Brett Metcalf (front) Amanda Lundy, Lauren Day, Clara Cox, Whitney Magdafessel, Becca Collom, Tristen Tefteller, Dawson Carson

1 Lighting the candle that symbolizes character, Jessica Higgs serves as Vice President. "As an officer of NHS, I was glad to be a part of such an important ceremony," Jessica said. "I was a little nervous I'd knock over a candle or something."

2 Senior Members

3 Junior Members

4 NHS Officers are: President- Creg Reid; Vice President- Jessica Higgs; Secretary- Courtney Cope; Treasurer- Ashley Spradlin

**1. Shimeka Forte** helps unload canned food perishable items donated to the shelter by the Student Council and Mrs. Flourney's class. "Donating all of that food to the shelter was a really good idea," Forte said. "It was lots of fun getting to go and help out."

**2. To help** the less fortunate, Makennah Laney and Lindsey Boyd put together trick-or-treat bags filled with food items for the Randy Sams' Shelter on Halloween. "My family and I usually make some donations to places through the holiday months," Boyd said. "This wasn't my first time to donate, but it was the most fun."



**Student Council** and members of Mrs. Flourney's class delivered 714 food items collected in the annual food drive and trick-or-treat campaign to the Randy Sams' Shelter in Texarkana. While at the shelter, the group took a tour and had the opportunity to see what a typical day is like running the shelter. "It was a really neat experience," Nick Dunbar said. "I really liked getting to help other people out."



## good DEEDS



**Kali** Epperson, Lucas Smallwood, and Ashton Rolf write letters to the school board during school board appreciation month. "We had a meeting for us to write them letters as a thank you for everything they have done for us," Kali said. "Everyone wrote a personal note to each board member."



It only takes a few minutes to write a note. Carly Flenniken expresses her appreciation to board members for all they do for the campuses. "We each wrote a card to every board member to thank them for making our schools a better place to learn," Carly said. "I went to the meeting, and they were all really surprised and appreciative because we were the only group to recognize them for National School Board Month."

### Student Council

(front) Natalie Copeland, Morgan Perry, Shimeka Forte, Makennah Laney, Desiree' Rodriguez, Lindsey Boyd (middle) Lee William Farris, Nick Dunbar, Nick Basso, Michael Brown, Ashton Rolf, Kali Epperson, Morgan Miller, Courtney White(back) Casey Cox, Chelsey King, Taylor Granberry, Brooke Duffer, Carly Flenniken, Tony Thompson



# middle school student council



# national junior honor society ● leads the way

To be a part of the National Junior Honor Society, students must meet demanding criteria. A student must have a 93 overall average from the previous school year, a faculty evaluation, and then fill out a student activity form or application. After a committee of teachers reviews the applicants, the final selection of hard working students is made.

following **tradition**



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**New Inductees:** (back) Courtney Talton, Courtney White, Caleb Davis, Lee Farris, Nick Basso, Dustin Nichols, Nathan Ulmer, Ryan Nehrkorn, (front) Lindsey Clayton, Stephen Hartwick, Emileigh Garrett, Allison Barrett, Casey Cox, Taylor Neal, and Jon Turner

1 Sydney Benjamin shares few words of appreciation before the induction ceremony begins. "I gave the opening prayer over giving thanks and being grateful for an opportunity like the National Junior Honor Society."

2 **NJHS officers** - Caleb Granbery, Kaylea Owen, Chris Buckley, Janson Carr, Brooke Duffer, Taylor Granbery

3 **NJHS members**- (back) Wesley Saling, Carly Flenniken, Morgan Miller, Justin Zellers, Erica Hobbs, Sydney Benjamin, Micah Tinsley, Brandon Payton, Ashley Conkleton, (front) Cody May, Christopher Buckley, Caleb Granbery, Janson Carr, Taylor Granbery, Kaylea Owen, Chelsea Champion, Brooke Duffer, Lauren Parrish, Briana Sanders, Michelle Yang, Kendrick White

4 Making sure everything is in order Chelsea Champion, Michelle Yang, Sydney Benjamin, and Christopher Buckley review the program before the ceremony. "We were looking over all the programs and seeing what came next in the ceremony," Chelsea said. "I didn't want to go to the podium when it wasn't my turn!"

middle school, 131

**ashley spradlin**



**FCCLA club members** Back: Blake Barton, Zach Leatherman, Chris Saling, Paula Flournoy, Nikki Shavers, Front: Audrey Hensley, Rachel Melton, Alisha Allen, Cody Adams, Sarah Wise

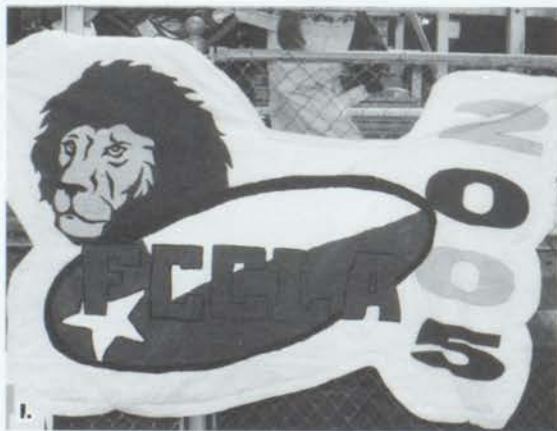
**Officers** Chris Saling, Rachel Melton, Audrey Hensley, Nikki Shavers



In a hurry, Chris Saling tries to finish the club T-Shirts for their upcoming trip to San Antonio, which was later canceled. "I've really liked being in FCCLA for the past 2 years, and being president as a senior wasn't too bad either," Chris said. "I've gottent to know people I didn't already know by being in the club."

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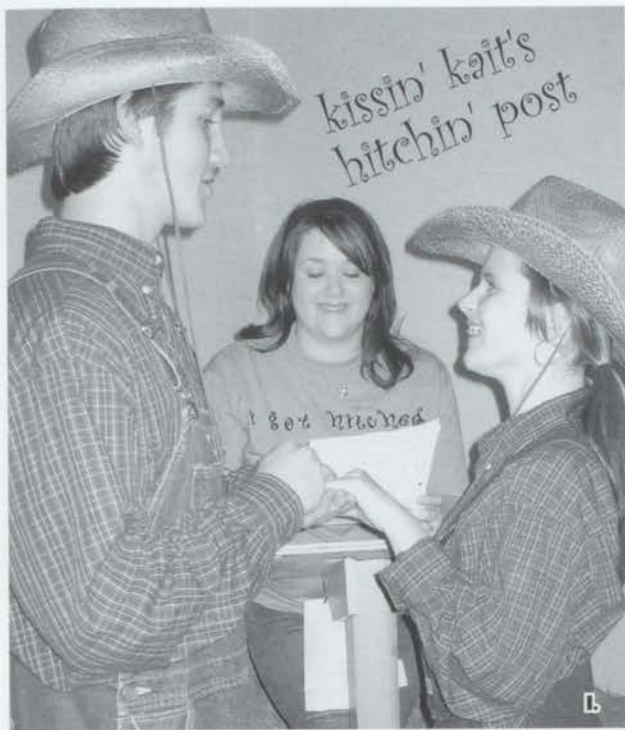
## fccla designing a future



**1.** Club members designed the flag for spirit week. **2.** Cautiously, Lakyn Harris begins to sew the FCCLA Club Flag. "Being in FCCLA, and helping with the flag, has definitely been one of the highlights of my year," Lakyn said. **3.** Taking advantage of the perks, Cody Adams, Nikki Shavers, and Paula Flournoy enjoy making their own tortillas for lunch. "We have so much fun in club meetings," Cody said. "I'm really glad I joined this year."







# girls invite boys to **sadie**



**1.** Standing in Kissin' Kait's booth at Sadie Hawkins, Dawson Carson and Kalee Allen "get hitched." "I loved exchanging vows with Dawson. Neither one of us are country kids, but it was a sweet experience," Kalee said. "We're still together, and I'm still wearing the ring." **2.** Brett Metcalf plants a big kiss on girlfriend Jessica Teran after they got married at the hitchin' post. "I had a great time at the dance with Jessica, but I didn't like the hay everywhere," Brett said.

## science club in **motion**



**Science club officers** Deanna Bray, Brett Metcalf, Magan McCarter, Becca Collom, Elizabeth Pardue



Junior and senior members



Freshman and sophomore members



**1** Leaving science club business to other members, Becca Collom, Sheila Carroll, and Dawson Carson play around during the meeting. "We were being Science Superheroes," Becca said. "We thought we were cool."



**2** Meagan York listens carefully in a morning meeting. "Our meetings are so early I could barely keep my head up," she said.



**3** Making plans for Sady Hawkins dance, Deanna Bray and Magan McCarter help Ms. Stoker finalize ideas for decorations.

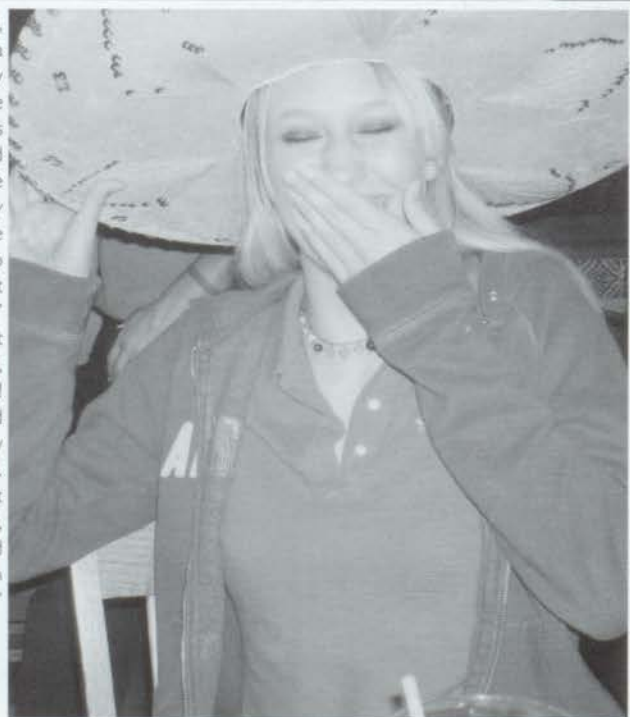
**Entertaining** the crowd, juniors Shelia Carroll and Brandon Gray sing a Mexican duet while riding on the Spanish Club float. "We were living the Vida Loca," Brandon said.

**Juniors** Alysha Allen and Alecia Forbing chow down on quesadillas at one of the Spanish Club meetings. "Me and Alysha decided to sit by ourselves because there were so many people there," Forbing said. "Plus we didn't want anyone to watch us stuff our faces with those amazing quesadillas."



**After** making tortillas, Chanelle Wade enjoys a plate of food the class made from scratch. "Mrs. McGee took us to the food science lab so we could tryout a few Mexican recipes. There was a lot of good food there," she said. The queso was the best."

**Laughing** out loud, Jessica Teran, gets a kick out of her birthday surprise. "I told everyone not to tell the waiters it was my birthday. I knew I would get embarrassed because of them singing while all my classmates surrounded me but, someone ended up telling, so they all came out clapping and singing to me," Jessica said. "Then they put a sombrero on my head. I was so embarrassed! Everyone was gathered around me laughing. I knew my face had to be red. After it was over I didn't think it was too awful, but I guess it was a good way to celebrate my 17th birthday."





Waiting for their dinner, seniors Danielle Randle and Erika Baker enjoy appetizers and conversation with other Spanish Club members. *On the Border* has the best quesadillas, so I was excited to know we were going to eat there," Danielle said.

# We're here for the **'comida'**

In most clubs, you are asked to miss lunch in order to plan activities for the club. For Spanish Club, however, eating is the activity.

Throughout the year, students who crave Spanish culture (or maybe just the food) join sponsors Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Drennan for fine Mexican dining at various restaurants, including *On The Border* and *TaMolly's*.

Unlike other clubs, which may require community service or selling cookie dough, the Spanish Club demands only one thing: an appetite.

"I love the meetings," junior Brooke Knowles said. "They're always fun, and nothing is better than eating out with a bunch of friends!"

## many voices **one language**



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1 Sophomore Members

2 Junior Members

3 Senior Members

### 4 Spanish Club Officers

Meagan Dunbar - Treasurer, Nicole Hensley - Secretary, Erika Baker - Reporter, Jessica Higgs - Vice President, Alex Barfield - President

**1.** Walking the streets in Hot Springs, Brittney Lorance, Kassie Engelman, Jenny McKague, and Lauren Rawls stop in an accessory store on their way to The Blue Moon Gallery and model colorful wigs, flashy boas, retro sunglasses, and funny hats. "I had a blast!" Jenny said. "We had been walking around for a while and ran into Cody and Kassie and decided to join them."



**2.** Undercover, Deanna Bray makes an effort to to keep her drawing assignment dry on the trip to Hot Springs. "Luckily, it only rained during the morning. I absolutely loved the Gardens," Deanna said. "It would have been so much better, though if we didn't have to worry about the rain the whole time."

**3.** Strolling through Garven Gardens, the art club observes the flowers and the scenery while being cautious of straying from the path. "This was the best time to go, because all of the flowers were in bloom," Andrea Doresey said. "Painters from all over had come to demonstrate their work, but they had to set up under canopys because the weather was so yucky."



On the way to Dallas to visit art museums, Ashley Gregory colors in her activity coloring book and listens to music to pass time. "Even though the traveling was about three hours, it didn't seem that long," Ashley said. "It was all worth it though, because the Dallas Museum of Art was really good and very pretty."



## drawing you into art

After two months of molding, sculpting, firing and painting, senior Chanelle Wade completed a work of art she calls *The Sun Catchers*. Inspired by a class assignment based on Australian Aboriginal culture, the piece features a girl becoming a goddess as her family lifts her to the sun. "It's like a ceremony," Chanelle said. The clay sculpture earned her a superior rating at the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event which showcases works of students across Texas.

## color by color



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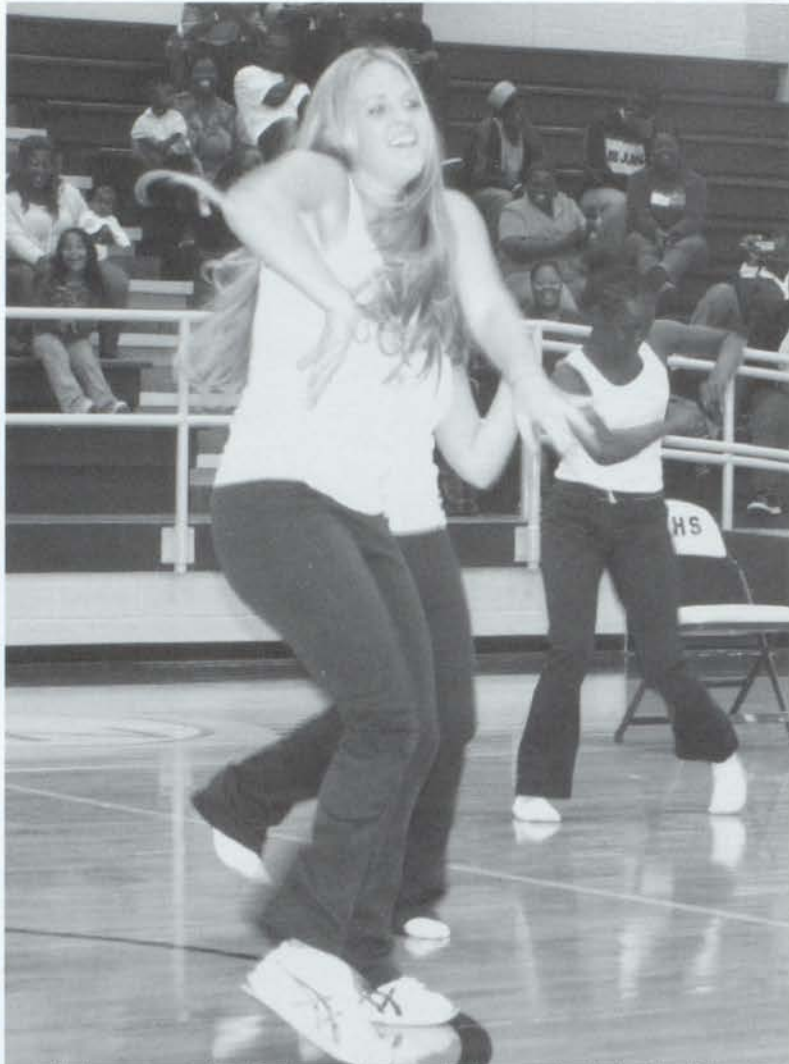
**Club Members:** Andrea Dorsey, Carlndria Talbert, Brittany Lorange, Lauren Rawls, Casey Arrington, Renee' Ashworth, Ashley Gregory, Kassie Engleman, Chanelle Wade, Allen Phillips, Stephen Barthel, Rachel Edson, Jonathan Scott, Deanna Bray, Cody Adams

Working on his cross-hatching, Stephen Barthel attempts to draw a tree for his project in Art. "It was hard as crap!" Stephen said. "I was concentrating so hard to get it right but it never came out how I intended it to."

Unwinding the cords, Tatra McCoo and Renee Ashworth get ready to string the lights for the homecoming float. "It was fun to decorate the float," Renee said. "We had to do it all last minute but it turned out great."

**Officers:** President - Rachel Edson, Vice-President - Jenny McKague, Secretary - Lauren Rawls, Historian - Brittany Lorange, Reporter - Cody Adams

**D**ancing at the pep rally sophomore DeDe Goldsmith spins around as she goes into her next move. "My shoe slipped off my heel while I was tumbling," she said. "So I was like dancing the whole time with my shoe half on."



She's got moves! Alecia Forbing gets into it as she dances to the *Chicken Head*. The dance team performed two times; at Pioneer Days and at the Daingerfield pep rally. This was the first year to have a Dance Team.



Keri Carson, Samantha Beggs, Olivia Smith, Tristen Tefteller, Anna Elkins, Allison Perry, DeDe Goldsmith, Tiffany Pardue, Alecia Forbing, Christina Bachelor, Rachel Melton, and Chelsey Foster introduce themselves before performing at the district pep rally.

**Freshman.** Chelsey Foster kicks up her heel as she dances to *These Boots are Made for Walking*.

"I did okay on the dance except for we didn't have a cut CD so we had to make up parts on our own to do," Chelsey said. "No one knew what we were going to do next."



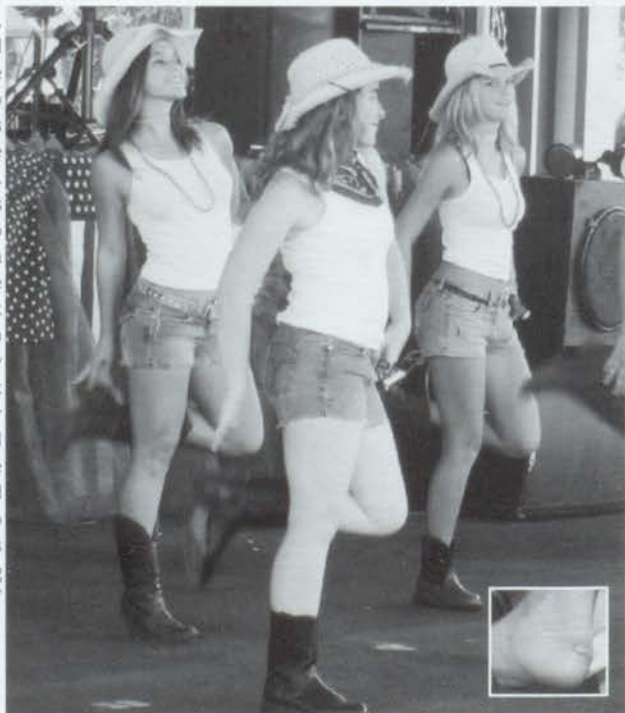
**After** the Pioneer Day parade the dance team performed under the pavilion downtown. Anna Elkins catches Tiffany Pardue when she falls back in one of her dance moves. "It was a blast dancing!" Tiffany said. "I'm glad my family was there to support me."



**While** dancing under the pavilion Keri Carson makes a roping motion as she does her next move. "I felt like I did a pretty good job on the dance," she said. "Most likley because I was extremely excited yet a little nervous."



Tristen Tefteller, Rachel Melton, and Allison Perry dance at Pioneer Days to Jessica Simpson's *"These Boots are Made for Walkin"*. "I didn't wear socks with my boots so the next day I had a huge ugly blister (see inset) on the back of my foot," Allison said. "I could barely walk! My Mom took me to the doctor and it was infected. I had to take medicine for a few days and wasn't allowed to participate in sports or cheerleading because of it."





Working on a sign for the homecoming float, Matt May and Tatra McCoo paint the letters for their theme *Grill the Bears*. "Tatra and I spent a lot of time working on the sign," Matt said. That's why it turned out so good."

# Steppin' out with **spirit**

Crushing ice for snowcones, baking cookies at basketball games, and painting signs after school gives spirit club members an opportunity to show sports and band students they care about the countless hours of work they put in preparing for games and competitions.

"I was on the giving and receiving end of the goody bags," sophomore Chris Allen said. "They gave us goody bags after we (JV) won the district championship in football. It may not seem like much, but it did make us feel good!"

## igniting the **maroon & gold**



**1** Spirit Club Officers – Magan McCarter, Clara Cox, Courtney Cope, Whitney Magdefessel, Emily Treadway, Dawson Carson

**2** Freshmen/Sophomore Spirit Club members

**3** Junior/Senior Spirit Club members.

**4** **A.** Sheryl Mardens and Kourtney Walls make cookies at one of the High School basketball games. **B.** Kristy Pardue, Kyndel King, Laney Klimaszewski, and Emily Treadway receives money from Nick Pacheo for the Prettiest Legs contest. **C.** Coach Denton, Coach Henry, and Chris Allen make snowcones Spirit Club provided during 2 A-days.

**Taking** advantage of their time, Rodney Smith, Stephen Barthel, and Samantha Yancy, join together in prayer. "See you at the pole is a great place to worship God, and pray with friends," Yancy said.



**FCS members:**

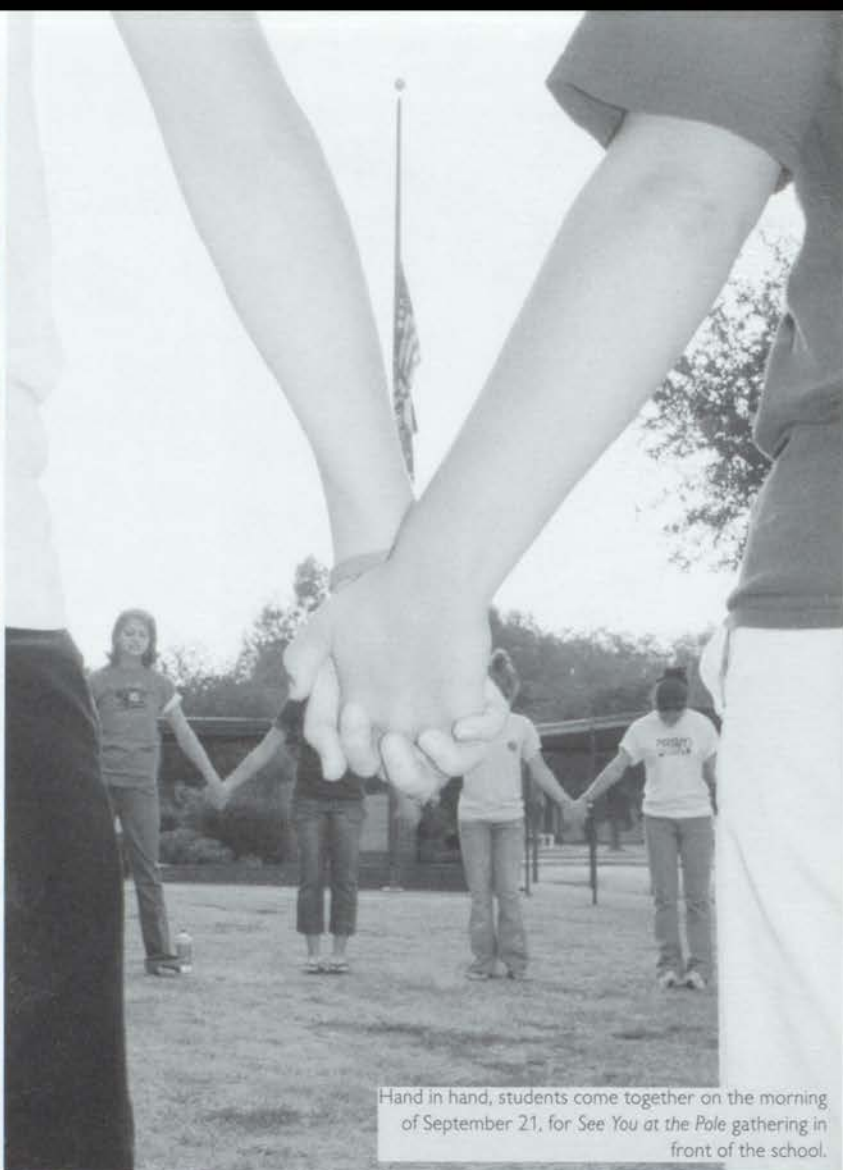
Hailey Barrett, Mika Allison, Cody Adams, Carlandria Talbert, Jenica Taylor, Samantha Yancy, Kyndel King, Jessica Higgs, Ashley White, Savannah Laney



**Tomorrow's Leaders Today**

*Helping the community one purpose at a time*

**1.** Waiting to leave the pound, freshman TLT members Laney Klimaszewski and Emily Treadway play with the puppies before taking them to visit the nursing home. "It was exciting to see the reactions on the old people's faces. They loved them," Klimaszewski said. **2.** In true holiday spirit, Tanner Treadway, helps the nursing home prepare for the Christmas season by decorating the railing with garland. "Christmas is one of the best times of the year," Treadway said. "The people at the nursing home deserve to enjoy it too." **3.** Taking a break, TLT members make a breakfast stop at McDonalds before Racing for the Cure.



Hand in hand, students come together on the morning of September 21, for See You at the Pole gathering in front of the school.

**Junior, senior TLT members:**

Brooke Knowles, Allyson Saling, Alecia Forbing, Courtney Walls, Amanda Lundy, Justin McCarty, Sarah Mendenhall, Casey Arrington, Sharolyn Maidens, Shelia Carroll, Dina McCray, Xenia Reagan, Charisma Myers, Sharde Mitchell, Tyler Shavers, Amber Kestler



**Freshman, sophomore TLT members:**

Kaleigh Butler, Kali Campbell, Kyndel King, Ally Brock, Samantha Norman, Ashley White, Laney Klimaszewski, Emily Treadway





# faces of the future ● tafe



Handing out secret pal gifts, junior Brandon Gray makes a stop by Ms. Meadow's room to give her a surprise. "It's fun to pass out the gifts," Brandon said. "Because the teachers get so excited. She was not my secret pal; Ms. Purtle was and she was very surprised!"

Geared towards preparing students for a career in education, Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) is an organization that honors and acknowledges campus teachers and faculty. Membership is open to all students who aspire to be educators.

Throughout the year, students perform acts of appreciation for teachers, including surprise breakfasts and lunches. Also, at the beginning of the year, members draw the name of a teacher or faculty member, who will be his or her secret pal. Once each six weeks, TAFE members surprise their secret pals with a small gift they have bought or made themselves.

"I happen to know my secret pal really well, so it's never a problem choosing what to get them," Courtney Cope said.

But for others, buying a gift for their secret pal is a shot in the dark. "My secret pal was kind of hard to buy for," said sophomore Taylor Calfee. "The best gift I got them was a box of candy and golf balls."

Teachers say that TAFE is by-far their favorite club.

## learning to **serve**



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**TAFE officers** Courtney Cope - Project Coordinator, Magan McCarter - Corresponding Secretary, Josh Turner - Vice President, Jessica Higgs - President, Brandon Gray - Parliamentarian, Whitney Magdefessel - Recording Secretary, Laura Wiedemann - Project Coordinator, Lauren Day - Historian

**2 Freshman and Sophomores**

**3 Juniors and Seniors**

**A.** Fixing her candy filled basketball basket, junior Lauren Day turns in her secret pal gift at the last minute. "I'm a procrastinator, so I always turn in my gift at the cut off point," Lauren said. **B.** With her list in hand, Mrs. Carver checks off senior, Jessica Higgs' name after she scrambles to turn in her gift at deadline. **C.** Before the first bell rings, sophomore Ally Brock delivers her secret pal gift to Mrs. Carver in the nick of time. "I always get my gift the night before it's due," she said. "I never remember otherwise."



Registering people and their dogs at the rabies clinic on April 8, Martin McGee and Savannah Laney kept everything organized. FFA sponsors the annual rabies clinic for the public free of charge. The clinic was held outside of the gym on Saturday morning. "It is a good community service project," ag teacher Cody Johnson said. "We probably had around 80 customers."

Students learn valuable trades while building trailers and projects for sale in at the ag auction every year. Cody Humphrey uses a cutting torch and performs welds on the trailer they took to Houston for competition. "I had to cut out braces for a gooseneck trailer and it took forever," Cody said. "I love working on stuff to get ready for the auction. It is the best part of the year."



**Yeah, we built it!** Brody Epperson, Martin McGee, and Cody Mayo stand next to their newly constructed saddle rack for the ag auction. They said it took them about 3 weeks to build it in class.

**Freshmen** Whitney Bobo, Callie Berryhill, and Amanda Spradlin received t-shirt for participating in the 4-state calf scramble. "We had to run in the arena, catch a calf with a halter, and drag it to the center of the arena," Amanda said. "If you were one of the first eight you won a prize of \$500 toward a calf of your choice."



Poking her finger in the dirt, Katelyn VanDeaver checks to see if plants in the green house are moist. "We have to water the plants everyday when we are in class," Heather Berbig said. "I don't know what they would do without us girls around. This year we sold the most plants we have in a while, we had a really good year."





# more than just cows and goats

## ● FFA



**FFA Sweetheart**  
**STARLYN TUTT**

### day by **day**



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Dressed for the district FFA convention Starlyn Tutt, Katelyn VanDeaver, Savannah Laney, Martin McGee, Justin Adams, and John Macer attend the meeting in New Diana. "We didn't have anyone participate in this year's talent contest," Starlyn said. "We still had a lot of fun though and got to vote on the next year's FFA officers." Katelyn VanDeaver competed in the district speech contest in Ore City. Her topic was soil conservation with a focus on water wise. She placed first in district, first in area and will compete at state in July.

**1** Trying to meet the deadline, Martin McGee works on a pair of spurs for the Ag Mechanics Show in Houston.

**2** Building projects start in early fall. Shane Satterfield and Cody Vickers work on a deer stand during ag metal class. "It was the perfect time to build a deer stand because it was during hunting season," Satterfield said.

**3** Veteran ag metal student Doyle Allen shows new students tricks of the trade demonstrating how to cut angle iron. "We didn't waste any time this year in class," Allen said. "They had us doing work within the first week of school."

**4** Mack McGee and Kameron Wisinger hold up hand-made horseshoe projects at the ag auction in May at Crestview.



**Ag. Electronics 1st period**



**Horticulture 1st period**



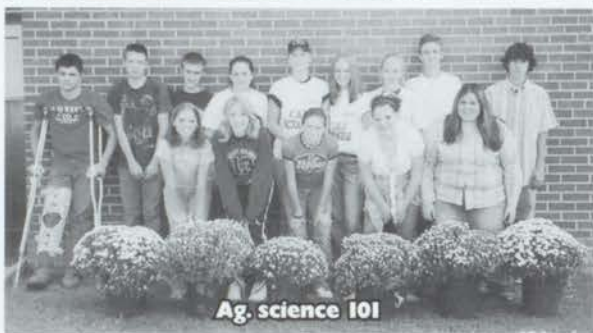
**Ag. Metal 4th period**



**Horticulture 2nd period**



**Ag. Mechanics 2nd & 3rd period**



**Ag. science 101**



**Intro. to Ag. Mechanics 7th period**



**Animal science 4th period**



**Wildlife & Recreation 7th period**



**Animal science 5th period**

## scholarship/award winners



**1. Goat Production Award Winners:**

Martin McGee, Mack McGee, Whitney Bobo, Starlyn Tutt, Micha Newton, Doyle Allen

**2. Star Greenhand Award Winner:**

Whitney Bobo

**3. Beef Award Winners:**

Heather Berbig, John Berbig, Starlyn Tutt, Whitney Bobo, Amanda Spradlin, and Callie Berryhill

**4. Swine Production Winners:**

Whitney Bobo, Callie Berryhill



**5. Outstanding Ag. Mechanic Winner:**

John Macer

**6. Ag. Booster Scholarship Winners**

**Dogwood Garden Club Scholarship Winners:**

John Macer, Starlyn Tutt, Martin McGee



**7. Jennifer & Sarah Harbison Memorial Scholarship Winner**

**Star Chapter Farmer Award:**

Starlyn Tutt

**8. Rabbit Production Winners:**

John Macer, Savannah Laney, Martin McGee, Mack McGee



**9. Ag. Mechanics Awards:**

Cody Humphrey, Billy Peek, Starlyn Tutt, John Macer, Martin McGee

**Blinded** by the sun, junior Jordan Daley strives to complete the Ponderosa Fanfare. "It's always hard to finish the drill on a good note, but I was glad when it was over," Daley said.

**Preparing** for the contest, freshman band members, Ashley White, Catie Willis, and Kayla Williams put finishing touches on their uniform. "Everyone thought I was crazy for wanting to shine their brass," White said.



**After** placing third at NAMMB, Mr. Lovelace gives a congratulatory speech to the band. "I think we did pretty good at the contest," Mack McGee said. "But, there is always room for improvement."

**Warming** up just minutes before the march at NAMMB, the percussion section listens to last minute directions from Mr. Lovelace. "I was thinking, oh my gosh, I hope we can pull ourselves through for this thing," Carson said. "I was extremely nervous."





# jumping on the band wagon

Drawing hundreds of military marching bands from all over the state, Lufkin hosted the annual NAMMB contest. Eighty-eight members of the LionBand went in hopes of bringing back their second consecutive first-place trophy. Falling short of last year's victory, they did place third overall and received an outstanding performance award.

"I was a little disappointed after placing 1st last year," senior DeAnna Bray said. "But we did perform well and achieved a lot of goals this year."

the beat goes on



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**Four States:** Erika Baker, Matt Martin, Bryan Delgado, Amanda Tyson, Casey Coleman, Amber Meador tried out at Texas High School the first weekend in January. After being selected, they performed a concert for the public at the Perot Theater.

1 With a little help from John Macer, Todd Johnson repaints his scuffed shoes to complete his band uniform. "The white leather was coming off, so we spray painted over them to cover it up," Johnson said.

**2 Drum Majors:** Justin Fellers, Jessica Higgs

**3 All Region:** Amanda Tyson, Mika Allison, Erika Baker, Kyndel King, Bryan Delgado, Matt Martin, Alysha Allen, Amber Meador, Katdie Norton, James Nowlin, Carlandria Talbert, Maegan Cokeley, Martin McGee, John Macer

**4 All Area:** Erika Baker, Matt Martin, Bryan Delgado, Kyndel King, Mika Allison, Amanda Tyson.

# fund raising

## band earns big money with annual carwash

Taking a break from all the scrubbing, freshman Kalee Allen and Olivia Hixson stand on the curbs trying to hail down customers. "I liked holding the posters better than washing the cars, because all you had to do is hold the sign and reel people in," Hixson said.



Squirting and scrubbing one of the cars, freshman Paige Smith and junior Paige Duncan work hard to finish. "I got to spray the water hose this year, they usually don't let middle school students use the hose," Paige said. "So this was the first car wash I got to spray without getting in trouble."



The more the merrier... Brooke Olson, Trista Sharp, and Jenica Taylor work together trying to push the car through the assembly line of workers. "We tried to make sure the car was spotless," Olson said.



Washing windows, Amanda Tyson inspects the Monterro closely. "Well, considering that's Mrs. Manning's car, we spent a good extra 10 seconds on it," Tyson said. "We've got to keep our band directors happy."







**Rubbing** a hard to remove spot, seventh grader Allison Barrett does more than just play in the soapy water during her shift at Brookshires. "My favorite part of the car wash was when Lindsey Clayton and I had a bubble fight," she said.

## work hard, play hard

Work does the body good. Band students are given an opportunity to practice this theory throughout the year. Fund raising is an important part of the club's responsibility. It takes lots of money to support a program consisting of over 200 students.

The LionBand hosts an annual carwash. Sites from Wal-Mart, Brookshires, FBC, Roll'n Rock, Buddy's, and NBHS gym bring hundreds of dirty vehicles to be sudsed up and dried clean.

"It's worth the hard work put into the car wash," sophomore Paula Flournoy said. "Being with all your friends on the trips is a great reward."

Using the money to pay for trips, contests, meals, gas, charter buses, uniforms, and instruments the band must replenish its funds each year.

Every fourth year the band takes a vacation to the destination of their choice. "My freshman year we went to Gatlinburg, Tennessee," junior Laura Wiedemann said. "I had tons of fun, and it was great reward being able to take a break from our normal band schedule."

The LionBand has a history of success in every contest, and has managed to hold onto the tradition of scoring all ones at both marching and concert season UIL contests since 1989, as well as receiving 83 solo and ensemble medals and 73 qualifications to state.



**Working** in pairs, Whitney Magdefessel and Ally Brock work their way from the back to the front of Mrs. Daniels' Ford truck. "The tires were really dirty, so I figured I would wash them since no one else was," Magdefessel said.

**Pay** back time! Erin Watson reaches to squish a few suds on Justin Zellers instead of working on the church bus they are supposed to be washing. "I threw water on her first," Zellers said. "But she got me back, we were just playing around."

## Q What happened?



**A** Lukas and I were having a "sponge war" and he got the best of me by pouring a bucket of sudsy water over my head. So, I guess I lost! — Ian Weliever

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**Flutes:** Vanola Williams, Sara Martin, Rachel Melton, Amber Kestler, Ally Brock, Alicia Daniel, Casey Arrington, Kali Campbell, Paige McCarter, Alysha Allen, Casey Coleman, Amanda Tyson



**Clarinets:** Brooke Knowles, Erika Baker, Megan Laney, Whitney Magdefessel, Meagan Cokeley, Audrey Hensley, Alexia Hill, Catie Willis, Ashley Daniel, Heather Maidens, Amber Meador, Kayla Williams, Kalee Allen



**Percussion:** Caleb Hensley, John Macer, Heath Lee, Billy Bracewell, Adam Garrett, Sarah Mendenhall, Todd Johnson, Keri Carson, John Bobian



**Double and Low Reeds:** Kyndel King, Mika Allison, Maggie Wahrenbrock, Laney Klimaszewski, Samantha Yancy, Paula Flournoy, Dina McCray, Courtney Walls, Amanda Lundy



**Saxophones:** Ashley White, Kaitlyn McBroom, Brittney Parrish, Jessica Higgs, Martin McGee, Blake Barton, Kaleigh Butler, Bryan Delgado, Jessica Teran, Laura Wiedemann, Hope Taylor, Olivia Hixson, Jenica Taylor



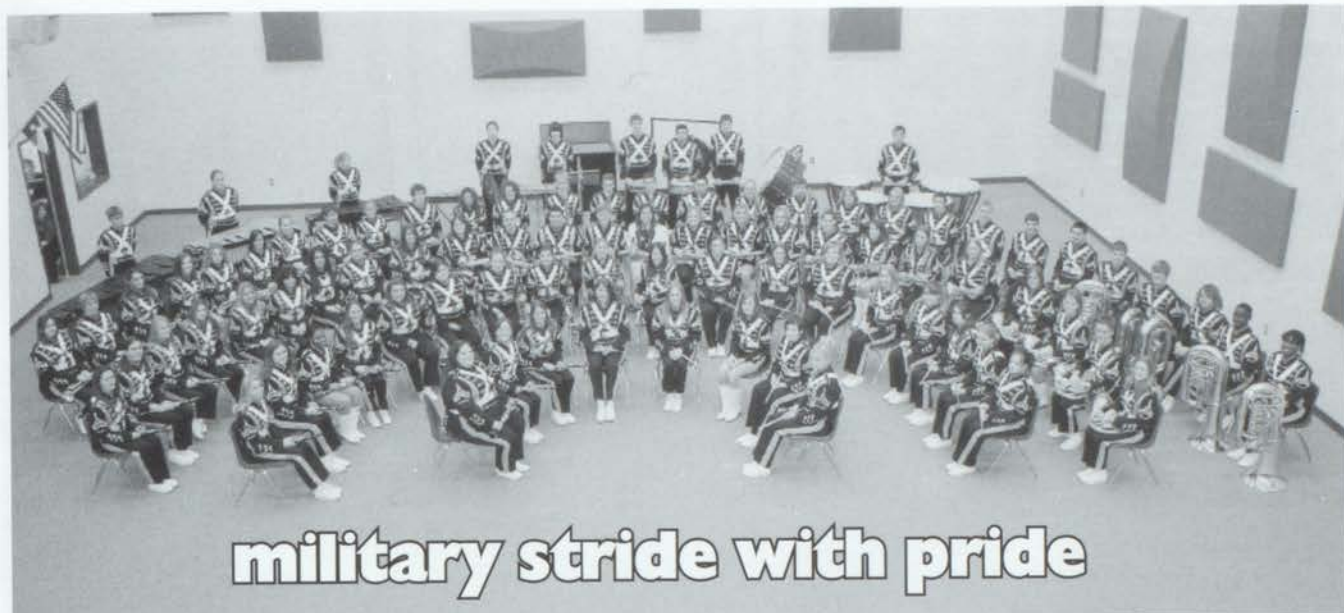
**Tubas and Baritones:** Eric Powell, Shereyn Maidens, Kyndel King, Mika Allison, Brad Mitchell, Mack McGee, Matt Yancy, Sean Rathburn, Jordan Daley, Stephen Collins, Jarvis Haggins, Carlandria Talbert, Tanner Treadway



**Trombones and French Horns:** Tommy Trader, Joey Leatherman, Tyler Leatherman, Callie Berryhill, James Nowlin, Paige Duncan, Deanna Bray, Matt Martin, Zachary Leatherman, Katdie Norton



**Trumpets:** Emily Cokeley, Dawson Carson, Alecia Forbing, Savannah Laney, Brett Metcalf, Cody Adams, Kaitlyn Vandever, Clara Cox, Nicole Hensley, Hailey Barrett, Lauren Day, Samantha Norman



**military stride with pride**



**jazz band**



**Band Officers:** Paula Flournoy, Samantha Yancy, Kaitlyn McBroom, Jessica Higgs, Brittany Parrish, Erika Baker, John Macer, Amber Meador, Sarah Mendenhall, Savannah Laney, Kalee Allen, Casey Arrington, Meagan Cokerley, Deanna Bray, Nicole Hensley, Rachel Melton.



**State:** Erika Baker, Bryan Delgado

**Jazz Band:** Katdie Norton, Nicole Hensley, Brett Metcalf, Dawson Carson, Matt Martin, Callie Berryhill, Tyler Leatherman, Joey Leatherman, James Nowlin, Carlandria Talbert, Keri Carson, Todd Johnson, Jordan Daley, Tanner Treadway, Heath Lee, Ashley White, Brittney Parrish, Bryan Delgado, Kaitlyn McBroom



- Sr. Casey Coleman
- 3rd yr. majorette
- Favorite move "splits/ending pose"



- Sr. Deanna Bray
- 3rd yr. majorette
- Favorite move "Jazz Square"



- Jr. Jessica Teran
- 2nd yr. majorette
- Favorite move "Toss Turn around"



- Jr. Clara Cox
- 1st yr. majorette
- Favorite move "The Boogie"



- Jr. Laura Wiedemann
- 1st yr. majorette
- Favorite move "The Boogie"



- Jr. Lauren Day
- 2nd yr. majorette
- Favorite move "Little Joe Flips"



- Soph. Hope Taylor
- 1st yr. majorette
- Favorite move "The Boogie"



- Soph. Alexia Hill
- 1st yr. majorette
- Favorite move "The Boogie"

Head majorette Casey Coleman and assistant head majorette Jessica Teran lead the line in a ripple click. "It's not my favorite move", Coleman said. "But it looks good from the stands, so it's always in at least one of our routines."

Working the crowd, sophomore Alexia Hill shakes her hips to the beat of *Hold on I'm Coming*. "I liked that routine, but it didn't have as much movement as some of the others, so it wasn't my favorite."



With a smile of relief, juniors Clara Cox and Lauren Day end their performance on their knees. "I'm happy when the ending pose is finally here," Day said. "It's a good feeling to know that you've finished successfully while everyone is cheering for you."

In unison, seniors Casey Coleman and DeAnna Bray stay with the beat of the tune *Think*. "I like the neck wrap, because it's easy to do and it's a cute move," Bray said.

## TWIRL HARD OR GO HOME



**2005-2006 Majorettes:** Alexia Hill, Laura Wiedemann, DeAnna Bray, Casey Coleman, Jessica Teran, Lauren Day, Hope Taylor, Clara Cox

## 2005-2006 senior band members



**Martin McGee**

Jazz Band, State Solo & Ensemble, All-Region Band



**Jessica Higgs**

Drum Major  
State Solo & Ensemble



**Brittney Parrish**

Jazz Band, Region Band,  
State Solo & Ensemble



**Joey Leatherman**

Trombone



**Nicole Hensley**

Jazz Band  
State Solo and Ensemble



**DeAnna Bray**

State Solo and Ensemble



**Samantha Yancy**

State Solo and Ensemble



**Amber Meador**

Four States, All Region  
State Solo and Ensemble



**Amanda Tyson**

Four States, All Area, All Region,  
State Solo and Ensemble



**Blake Gardener**

Trumpet



**Erika Baker**

All-Region, All-Area, All-State,  
State Solo and Ensemble



**Margaret Wahrenbrock**

Bass Clarinet



**Casey Coleman**

Four-States  
State Solo and Ensemble



**John Macer**

All-Region



Before half-time at the last home game against LE, senior band members get together for another Kodak moment. "Next year I'm going to miss playing at football games and having fun with my friends, senior Samantha Yancy said." But it's good to look back and see that I've made it this far."

# middle school band takes the stands to perform

Seventh grade band members rejoice at the opportunity to put their musical talents to the test after spending their entire sixth grade year learning the basics and fundamentals.

Eighth graders, now the leaders of the middle school band, take the new members under their wing and show them the ropes to performing. Middle school band is the first step to the big time: high school band.

However, unlike high school, practicing as a complete band poses a bit of a problem for seventh and eighth graders. Each band class meets during different class periods, making rehearsals nearly impossible during the school day. Each grade must learn the same music, and later come together to perfect each song.

Middle school band members get a taste of the spotlight by playing at pep rallies and home football games. Also, at the end of each semester, the band performs a Christmas and Spring concert for family members and friends. Most students compete in solo and ensemble, and many try out for the elite Jazz Band. Twenty-five students were selected to play in the All-Region Band.



rhythm and **harmony**



**1** Paying close attention to the director, percussionists Drew Carson and Casey Cox work together to keep a steady rhythm. "By playing at the football games it finally gives us a chance to show off," Carson said. "I love it."

**2** Following along on their music, Michelle Yang, Rebecca Stewart, and Whitney Knowles play while the majorettes perform. "I liked playing the Hey Song the best," Yang said. "That is when we get to yell and scream."

**3** Harmonizing with the saxophones, clarinet player Erin Watson joins in playing to the fight song with Caleb Davis, R.J. Stroman, Keith Flint, and Lauren Parrish.



**Middle School All-Region Band** Flutes - Briana Sanders, Lauren Brooks, Whitney Knowles, Karissa Self; Trombones - Caleb Granbery, Amber Dart, Drew Harmon; Trumpets - Chris Buckley, Taylor Granbery, Bailey McDonald; Clarinets - Morgan Miller, Rebecca Stewart, Erin Watson, Kimber Sanders, Chelsea Champion; Horns - Brooke Olson, Cheyanne Stayton; Tenor Sax - Phelix Threadgill; Bassoon - Jon Turner; Baritone - Cara Brooks; Tuba - Kendrick White; Percussion - Casey Cox; Alto Sax - Lauren Parrish, Erica Hobbs, Kaylea Owen



**Holding** his music, tuba player Kendrick White stands as he performs the school song. "We like playing at the football games for the people and the team," White said. "It's more fun than rehearsing."

**Performing** at a pep-rally, brass players Cheyanne Stayton, Hanna Grayson, Sherri Firth, and Kerri Firth get the crowd pumped up before the game, by playing the fight song.



**A quick lesson...** Ms. Manning shows 7th grade percussionist, Matt Fletcher a simple tuning trick before performing. "On rare occasions we try to actually make these things sound like real snare drums," Ms. Manning said.



**Playing** solo, trombone player Adam Clark warms up before entering the stands.

**Before** the middle school game kicks off, Chelsea Champion tries to talk Bailey McDonald into letting her play her trumpet. "It's fun playing at the football games and supporting the middle school football teams," Chelsea said.



**Tossing** her baton up, Erica Hobbs shows off her twirling skills. "My favorite routine was the two baton dance to 'Money, Money', because it was harder and it made me better on both hands," Hobbs said.



**Working** the crowd, Courtney Talton flashes her baton during a performance. "My favorite move is a toss turn around," Talton said, "because it's challenging and will prepare me for high school majorette."



**Moving** with the rhythm, Brooke Olson performs at a Thursday night game. "I like being able to entertain people with our performances," Olson said. "It is really cool having a lot of people cheer and clap for you."



**Directing** the band, Charlie Melton sings along while the band plays, in the stands at the middle school home football games.



**8th grade band**



**7th grade band**



**6th grade band**



Courtney Talton ●  
Brooke Olson ●  
Erica Hobbs ●

**middle school majorettes**





**Harmonizing**, trombone player Amber Dart and bassoonist Jon Turner follow along to a Christmas tune. "I like playing concerts because I'm the only bassoon player," Turner said. "It's fun to show everybody what I can play."

**All eyes on Mr. Melton**, flutists Emileigh Garrett and Marann Crawford wait for their cue to begin playing.

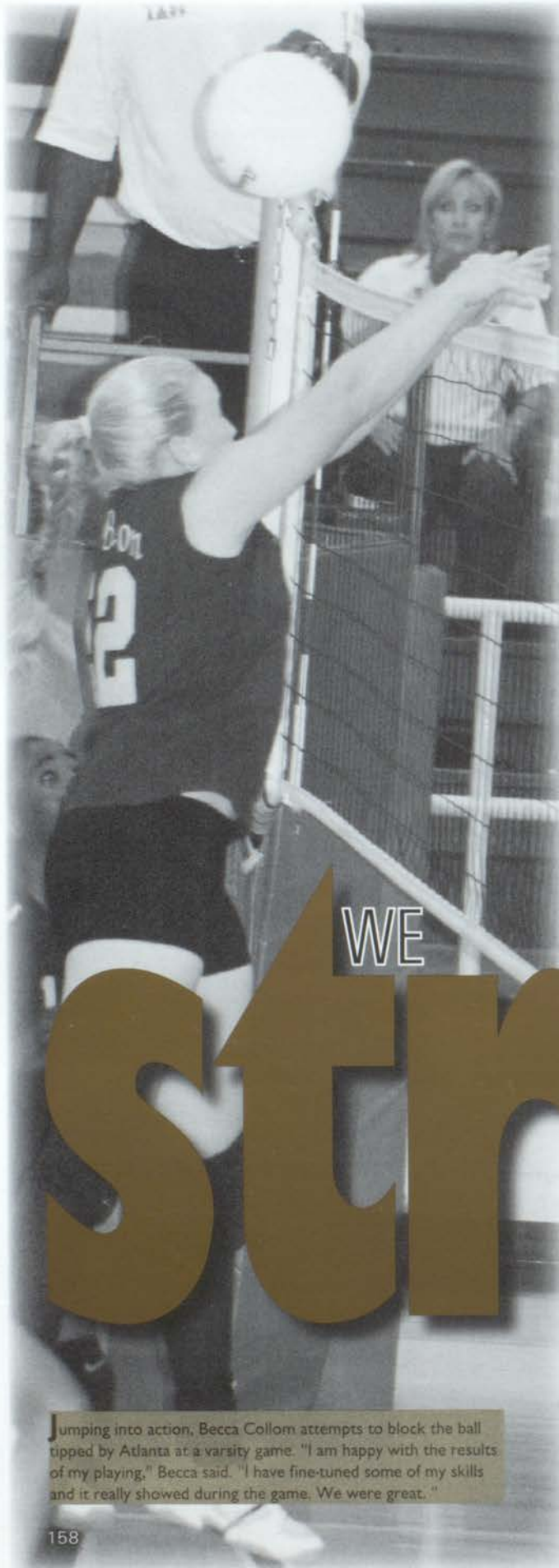


**Playing** a variety of Christmas selections, clarinet players Michelle Yang and Rebecca Stewart pull together for a steady performance.

"The theme to *Polar Express* was my favorite song that we played," Stewart said. "It has a really good beat and it was fun to play."



**Making** a joyful noise, the French horn section Ian Weliever, James Stephens, Lucas Stehr, and Chyanne Ford harmonize during the Christmas concert. "My favorite song was *Frosty the Snowman* because it's a fun holiday song and everybody knows it," Chyanne said.

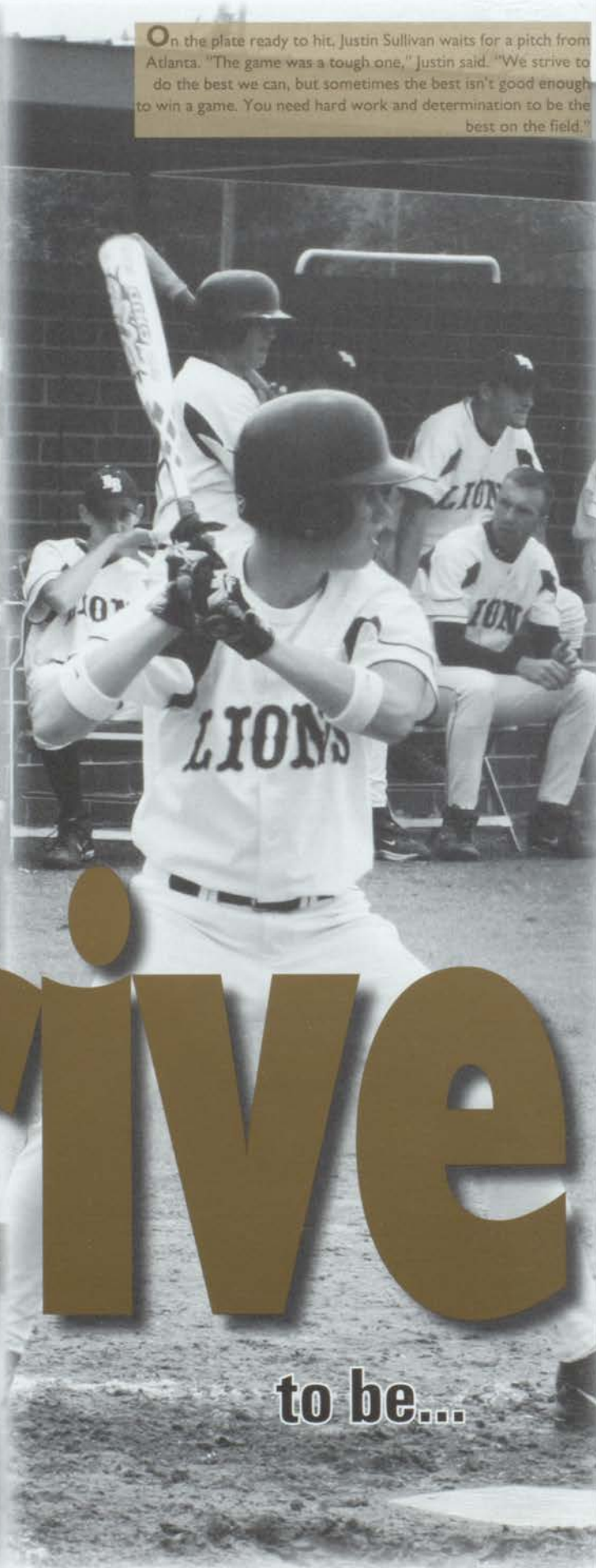


On the plate ready to hit, Justin Sullivan waits for a pitch from Atlanta. "The game was a tough one," Justin said. "We strive to do the best we can, but sometimes the best isn't good enough to win a game. You need hard work and determination to be the best on the field."

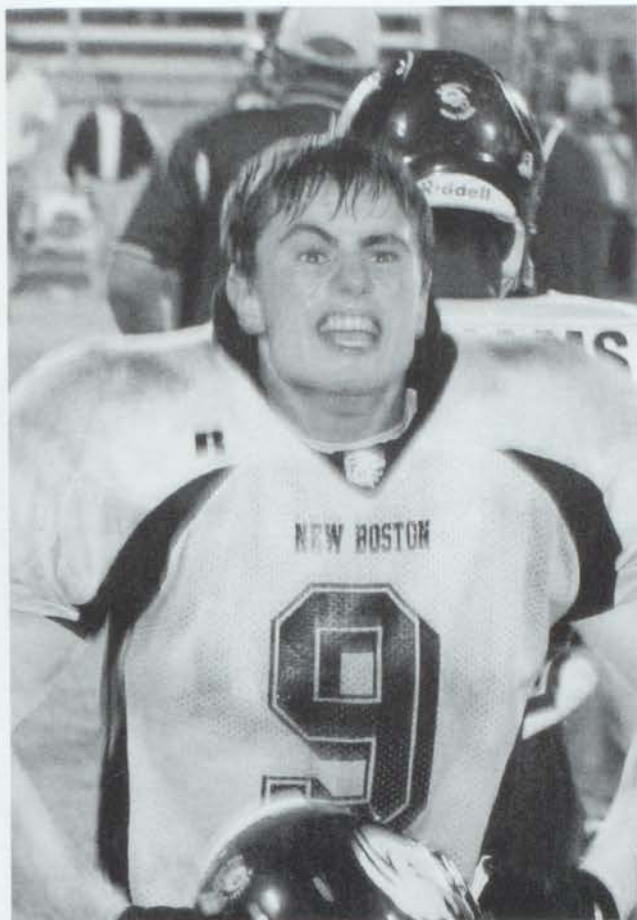
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# Strive

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Jumping into action, Becca Collom attempts to block the ball tipped by Atlanta at a varsity game. "I am happy with the results of my playing," Becca said. "I have fine-tuned some of my skills and it really showed during the game. We were great."



**M**aking a scene, Mitchell Smith pitches a fit because of a bad call for holding during the Atlanta game. "I was going crazy," Mitchell said. "The game was krunk and I'm glad I got to contribute. It was the last game of the season and we won."

**U**p to the plate, Allyson Saling hits a line drive against Jefferson. "I got a double," Allyson said. "It's all about getting on base; then you can score."

**I**n the 7th inning stretch, Josh Turner encourages the infield by holding up two fingers that there are two outs against Ashdown. "Even though we lost the game, this has been a fun season."

Turner said. **R**eturning a serve, Nicole Hensley plays a doubles match against DeKalb. "I do my best all of the time," Nicole said. "If I do well in minor plays, most I can make it happen when it really counts."

**I**nbounding the ball, Brandt James makes eye contact with a teammate down court. "I was hoping for an open person," Brandt said. "Since we had the ball, I needed to make a successful pass so we could get a score."



||| A champion is someone who gets up, even when they can't. |||  
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**T**rain hard, win big, and never give up. That is the motto for the athletics department of New Boston High School.

Athletes give up valuable spare time and energy to play sports and represent their school in amazing ways. While others are watching 'MTV' or getting a head start on their homework, dedicated athletes practice countless hours each week to prepare for their next game or match. Devoted students that take on the heavy burden of school work and athletics strive to make their school a force to be reckoned with, both in the classroom and on the football field.

So, whether it's sprinting to the finish line, breaking tackles for a first down, or sinking the winning 3-point shot, student-athletes strive to obtain honor and glory for our school. Lions **strive** for success.

**fierce**

**W**ith a new coach and a new workout schedule, the boys' cross country endured the heat, a young team and a new coach. "This was only my second year in cross country," junior Brett Metcalf said. "I haven't really had much of a chance to get used to any certain coach, but Coach Denton was very involved with the program."

Experienced members helped motivate more people to join the team to make it bigger and better. Even with the lack of experience, they placed third in district.

Coach Denton arranged to have practices early in the mornings, so that the boys wouldn't have to run in the afternoon heat. Although they didn't look forward to the practices and preferred just going to the meets, the practice did paid off.

"I liked meets more than practices," Justin McCarty said. "I got to run against tons of people and there was a lot more competition."

The team reached its goal by sending six of members to the regional meet in Arlington.

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Before a meet I like to listen to music and joke around with the other guys to get my mind off the fact that I am about to run 3 miles."

**Stephen Barthel- 12**

**Striding in easily.**

Justin McCarty crosses the finish line not even short of breath. The guys team finished 3rd in this meet and advanced to Regionals. "Running does not bother me all that much," Justin said. "I try to take my mind off everything and just run."

# life in the fast LANE

Cross country team attains goal  
advancing to regional meet in Arlington



## running wild

**1.** Pushing for a better time, Josh Turner focuses on a point ahead. "I participated in cross country, because it helped me to stay in shape for other sports," Josh said.

**2.** Caleb Cross strives for the finish line at the regional meet in Arlington. His time was 23:09.11 "Cross Country is a good experience, because it conditions the runner mentally and physically," Caleb said. "After a runner completes cross country, he gets a feeling of real accomplishment."



**3.** Cody Clark finishes up the 5K race in a little over 21 minutes. "Having a new coach for the second year in a row was really different," Cody said. "We had to adjust to new rules and workouts."

**4.** Alex Barfield and Cody Clark shake off yet another competitor as they pace each other at the district meet. "It feels great when you pass someone," Alex said. "It makes you feel a lot better about your time."

**5.** Visioning the finish line, Stephen Barthel keeps the pace as the race comes to an end. His time was 24:02.05.

**6.** Nerves running high! The guys cross country team stands at the starting line waiting for the gun to sound the start of the race.



### Varsity **TIMES**

#### Regionals

89 Justin McCarty 19:56.70

114 Cody Clark 21:02.43

124 Alex Barfield 21:22.76

146 Caleb Cross 23:09.11

147 Josh Turner 23:09.63

152 Stephen Barthel 24:02.05



Cody Clark, Justin McCarty, Josh Turner, Alex Barfield, Caleb Cross, and Stephen Barthel; Not Pictured: Brett Metcalf and Dawson Carson



Coach **Denton**

# we **strive** to **SHOW SPIRIT**

"Despite all of the drama and hard times we went through together, we managed to put it all behind us and perform well."

- Alecia Forbing



After losing the Mt. Vernon game, Emily gives boyfriend Jake Foster, a comforting hug. "He looked upset," Emily said. "I thought it might get him out of his mood."

“ How has cheering influenced your high school career? ”

## seniors sum it up!



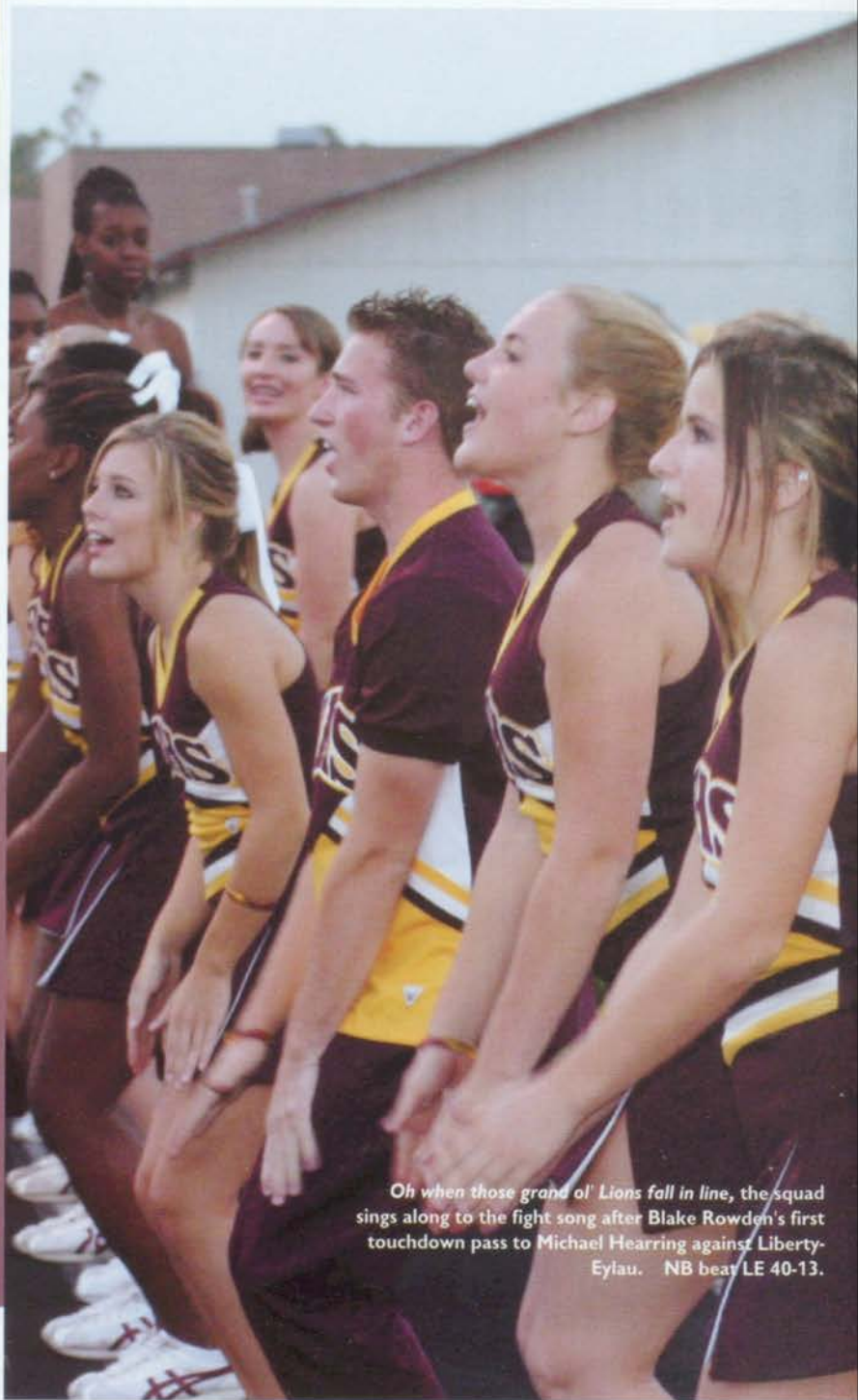
megan **MCCARTER**  
"I have learned to handle people's reactions. Cheerleading gave me the chance to be in a leadership position which will help me later in life."



chris **SALING**  
"It made me stand up and be a leader in the school. Before I became a cheerleader I didn't participate in much. Now I fit as much into my schedule as possible."



alex **BARFIELD**  
"It has enriched it greatly. It has given me a perspective I would have otherwise missed. It's taught me perseverance, determination, and patience. I'm glad to have had the experience."



Oh when those grand ol' Lions fall in line, the squad sings along to the fight song after Blake Rowden's first touchdown pass to Michael Herring against Liberty-Eylau. NB beat LE 40-13.

we've got the

# INSIDE view

## he can do it all

From cross country to powerlifting to football to cheerleading, Alex Barfield does it all. Giving up football, Alex decided to lift weights and girls instead of make contact on the field. Though Alex arrived at the first day of cheerleading practice not even able to touch his toes, months of hard work and constant practice transformed him into an excellent cheerleader, agile tumbler, and impressive stunter.

"I have really surprised myself," he said. "I never thought I would have come this far."

New athletic director, Coach Rick Barker, was impressed with Alex's build and asked him if he would be interested in rejoining the football team. Alex considered returning to the field, but was convinced to remain on the sidelines by his fellow cheerleaders.

"The girls would not stop begging me to try out," he said. "For months, every time we all ran into each other all I got was, 'Please Alex,' finally I gave in."

In addition to being a remarkable cheerleader, Alex is a force to be reckoned with at power lifting meets. He can bench 325 lbs.

"I am still involved in powerlifting and I love it, it will only make me better in everything that I do." Alex hopes to make it as a college cheerleader at Stephen F. Austin.



### boosting up spirit

**1.** During the Mt. Vernon game, Akira Hooks chants toward the fans to keep them involved. **2.** Meagan Dunbar flies high in a basket toss. "The basket tosses were unreal. I love having guys on the squad when it comes to stunts," Dunbar said.

**3.** Showing her spirit Anna Elkins dances to a drum chant performed by the band. "One of my favorite parts of the football games are the drum chants, it lets us act crazy and have a lot of fun," Elkins said. **4.** Before the Jefferson game, the cheerleaders gather around the new run through.



### scream & shout!

**1.** During the L-E game, Kaitlynn Chadwick boosts up the excitement of the crowd. "Stunting with guys is a lot different than what I was use to in jr. high," Chadwick said.

**2.** At the rival game, Danielle and Allison get off their feet when the guys scored the winning touch down. **3.** "Cheering is crazy, I love getting out there and just being myself," Goldsmith said. **4.** Having fun during half time, Channing Day plays around with Lark.



Front: DeAndra Goldsmith, Allison Perry, Tristen Tefteller, Channing Day; Middle: Anna Elkins, Akira Hooks, Danielle Sanderford, Meagan Dunbar - Co-captain, Alecia Forbing, Magan McCarter - Captain, Emily Galyon; Back: Alex Barfield, Kaitlynn Chadwick, Chris Saling - Co-captain

**S**ore and bruised, the junior varsity finished the season undefeated. They did not attribute their success and record to any incredible talent on the team, but to determination.

"As a team we worked hard and got better as a whole each game," freshman Caleb Hensley said.

The unity proved to be an enormous stepping stone in the success of the junior varsity.

"We got along pretty well," Derrick Ray said. "We argued some, but it was basically intended to be encouraging."

Many of the JV players are looking forward to making a step up next year.

"I would like to make varsity, be first in district, and go far in the playoffs," sophomore Ryan Wooldridge said. "I'm confident that we can do it."



## NB vs:

Linden 12-0  
Daingerfield 19-8

Pittsburg 8-6  
Jefferson 46-6

- 1.** Throwing the ball, quarterback Drew Hutchinson #10, passes to Heath McMillan for a touchdown. "It was the first passing touchdown of the season," Hutchinson said. "The JV really clicked this year."
- 2.** Trying to get away from the tackle, LJ Noel passes and gains many yards. "It felt good," Noel said. "I succeeded in something I really wanted."
- 3.** Going for the block, Jake Kasitati, #77, hammers into the Tiger's lineman. "While I was blocking one of the players bit me," Kasitati said. "I was surprised and in a lot of pain at the same time."





# fighting TO BE CHAMPIONS

JV goes undefeated, again

Trying to get around the offensive line, running-back Cedric Wade pushes through to get a touchdown, while Mason Delanghe helps clear the way. "I didn't make a touchdown," Wade said. "But I did make it to the first-down mark."

Reaching for the pass, Ryan Wooldridge awaits the ball. "I felt anxious waiting for the ball," he said. "But once I caught it I just started running."



DeKalb 43-0  
Pleasant Grove 20-20

Tatum 22-15  
Liberty-Eylau 14-12

Mt. Vernon 30-16  
Atlanta 21-12



**Back:** Tommy Doyle, Sean Rathburn, Micheal Morpew, Stephen Sissons, L.J. Noel, Trey Butler, Bobby Spencer, Jacob Simmons, Ryan Wooldridge

**3rd:** Caleb Hensley, Jordan Lawing, Chris Allen, Jody Saatkamp, Daunta Hill, Cody Mayo, Casey McCoy, Jacob Kasatati **2nd:** Derrick Martin, Kion Stewart, J.J. Beggs, Kevin Covington, Brandon Williams, Jeremy Lomax, Jordan Thompson, Heath McMillan, Steven Stephenson **Front:** Derrick Ray, Cedric Wade, Chris Culberson, Mason Delanghe, Drew Hutchinson, Keith Robinson, Bray Chitwood, Justin Smith, Timothy Watson, Drew Evans



"It was one of the best feelings in my life going undefeated this year. I can't wait until next year when I can hit someone really hard again."

**Kevin Covington**



"I won't ever forget when we won the championship game against Atlanta. It felt so good knowing that no one could beat us."

**Kion Stewart**



"Going undefeated felt like we were the biggest and toughest team around. We definitely had the determination to win."

**Casey McCoy**



"Everybody got along great this year. I will never forget the coaches and how much fun it was going undefeated."

**Wade Gray**



"I was not surprised we went undefeated. We lost a lot of guys to the varsity team, but we still played hard and kept pushing for each win."

**Coach Harris**



Opening the season blindfolded, the Lions didn't really know what to expect from a different group of coaches. Bringing several new faces to the gridiron, Rick Barker came from Pleasant Grove to fill the role of head football coach and athletic director.

"I really enjoyed my first year, and hope to continue to improve this athletic program," Barker said. "We improved every week and continued to get better as individuals and teammates."

The team adapted to Coach Barker's technique very well.

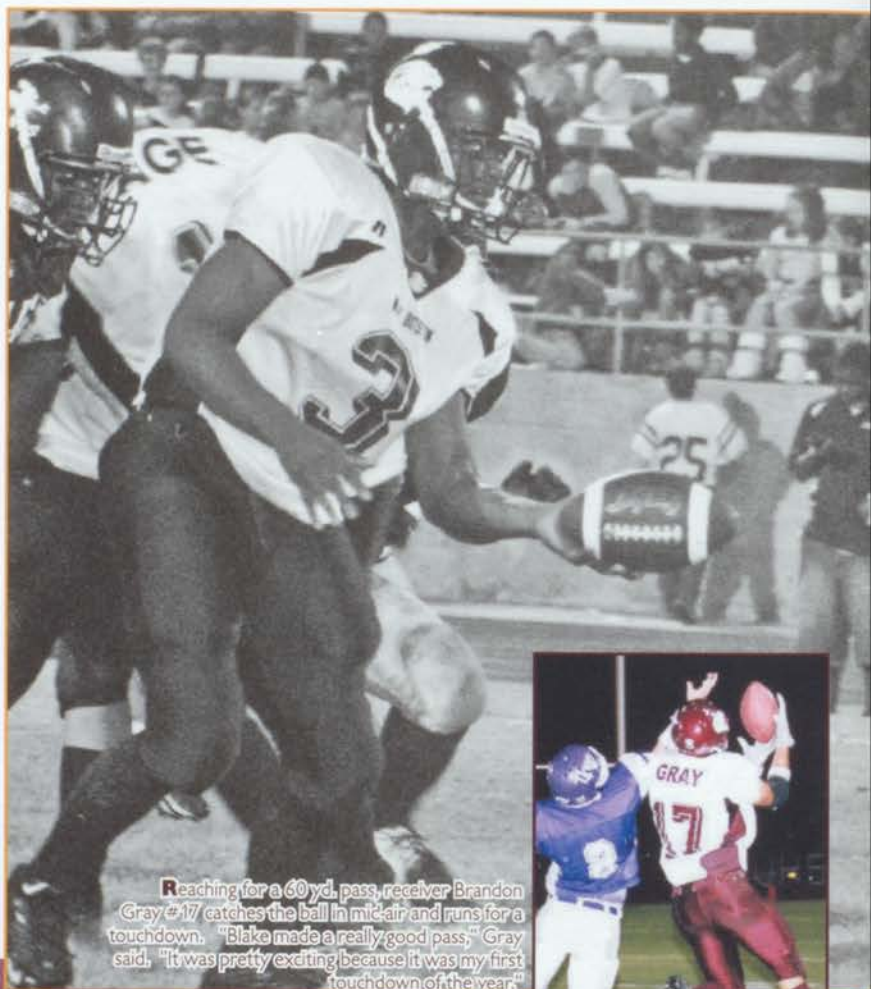
"Coach is about having fun and winning, he's one of the best coaches I've had," senior Michael Herring said.

Ending the season 6-4, the returning players have something to look forward to.

"I wish we could have gone to the playoffs, but there's always next year," junior Aaron Hixson said. "We'll all be bigger and better."

# striking BACK

Lions surprise district opponents



Reaching for a 60 yd. pass, receiver Brandon Gray #17 catches the ball in mid-air and runs for a touchdown. "Blake made a really good pass," Gray said, "It was pretty exciting because it was my first touchdown of the year."



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"It felt good winning. It seemed like we knew more this year and a lot of other teams were behind us."

**Jake Barfield-12**

Pushing back LE, senior Kyle House defends the Lions end zone. "I was pushing back Michael Reed in backfield," House said. "I feel like we did everything right on defense."



## bound **and determined**

**1.** Defenders swarm #16 from Atlanta, while #40 Keith Pistolis makes contact first. "Beating Atlanta for the first time in who knows how long was an awesome feeling," Pistolis said. "It was a bitter-sweet ending to the year since we didn't make the playoffs."  
**2.** All district field goal kicker, Creg Reid #54 saw a lot of action playing kicker and offensive guard. "I had a good year," Creg said. "I was 1 for 1 in field goals and 25-26 in extra points."  
**3.** Pushing back Jefferson's defensive end #84, Cade Mayo #77 makes way for teammate Josh French to gain yardage. **4.** After receiving the ball, Michael Hearing looks for a hole in the line. "In football you use a lot of your head not just muscles," he said. "You have to be aware of what's coming."



Breaking through Atlanta's defense, junior Blake Rowden hands off to junior Josh French in the attempt to make a touchdown. "I remember thinking to myself that Josh better get the ball and take it to the house (end zone) and he did," Rowden said.



## Varsity **SCORES**

Linden 28-14  
 Pittsburg 14-7  
 Dekalb 35-14  
 Tatum 0-35  
 Mt. Vernon 14-30  
 Dainjerfield 14-21  
 Jefferson 17-21  
 Pleasant Grove 43-20  
 Liberty Eylan 40-13  
 Atlanta 21-12



Coach **Barker**



Back: Blake Rowden, Kiara Sherman, Tommy King, Cade Mayo, Joey Garcia, Sean Goodsell, Malachi Lopez, Brad Hanna, Brandon Gray 4th: Coach Laymance, Coach Peirson, Coach Hill, Jake Barfield, Creg Reid, Antonio Myers, Carl Covington, Jeffrey Scales, Danniell Alexander, Brody Epperson, Coach Henry, Coach Denton, Coach James. 3rd: Coach Miller, Coach May, Jason Dale, Josh Turner, Justin Minyard, Matthew Wise, Billy Riley, Keith Pistolis, Matt Waltz, Robert Molanen, Coach Barker. 2nd: Keidratt Smith, Blaine Epperson, Anthony Page, Johnny Scott, Mitchell Smith, Kyle Peavy, Matt Allen, Caleb Cross, Coach Harris. Front: Andre Dorsey, James Gooden, Josh French, Aaron Hixon, Josh Chappell, Jake Foster, Justin Self, Bart Brock



**1.** Pushing the ball to the net, Kinsey Megason flattens her platform to ensure that the pass gets to her setter. "The seniors really made this year unforgettable for me. They helped me to improve on my game and they all kept it interesting."

**2.** Preparing for a pass, Allison Perry bends her knees and watches the ball come to her. "Next year I plan to work on my attitude problem a little more, because it got me into so much trouble this year."

**3.** Erin Jones extends her arms for a block on a ball hit from a Carthage player. "This was my best year so far. Chasitye and Monique Carroll really helped me this year with my hitting and hitting."



## NB

JV vs:

Atlanta 8-25, 25-19, 15-25

Jefferson 25-17, 25-22

9th vs:

Atlanta 21-25, 17-25

Jefferson 25-19, 25-11

**1.** Cheering on teammates, ninth graders support each other from the side. "The girls have learned a lot," Coach Doss said. "I am looking forward to see who is going to play on varsity next year."

**2.** Emily Treadway smiles after winning the coin toss before the game to determine who will serve and who will receive. "Until volleyball season next year, I am going to be working on my setting skills. I would like to be good enough to set on varsity full time."

**3.** Cayla Montgomery jumps to spike the ball as two Queen City defenders go up for a block. "I really look up to the hitters on varsity. They have a great ability to hit the ball, and that is something that I want to be able to do."





# battling ON THE COURT

9th, JV girls face  
competitive teams in district

Ashley Gilmore spreads her fingers as she pushes the ball over the net after Anna Elkins set her up. "I really look up to Coach Doss because she is really encouraging and she makes you want to give it all you have," Ashley said.

Celebrating a point Channing Day, Emily Galyon, and Anna Elkins slap hands during the NB vs Carthage game. "All the girls on the team got along pretty well during the season," Emily said. "We did have some drama, but that is expected with a bunch of girls."



Liberty Eylau 24-26, 16-25

Pleasant Grove 17-25, 26-24, 25-18

Daingerfield 25-22, 10-25, 7-15

Liberty Eylau 25-11, 7-25, 17-25

Pleasant Grove 25-13, 25-17

Daingerfield 25-8, 19-25, 25-22



### Junior Varsity

Back: Chloe Jones, Ashley Gilmore, Shaunice Williams, Erin Jones, Kinsey Megason  
Middle: Danielle Sanderford, Emily Galyon, Anna Elkins  
Front: Tristen Tefteller, Debreacia Robinson, Allison Perry  
Not Pictured: Channing Day  
Coach: Courtney Johnson



### 9th grade

Back: Ashley Ford, Dora Doyle, Nikki Chavers, Amanda Spradlin, Lindsey Davis, Kaitlynn Chadwick  
Front: Christina Batchelor, Cayla Montgomery, Jaleesa Riley, Kristy Pardue, Courtney Montgomery, Amber Boyte



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All the girls on JV made this year really fun. They helped me improve on my serves and to just play the game and not worry about it.

- Chloe Jones 10

**S**tanding on the floor at the Daingerfield gymnasium, the Lady Lions realized they had just won their very last game of the season. The win was not enough to get them into a playoff position leaving them 4th in district.

"When I found out that we would not be going to the playoffs, I was disappointed," senior Elizabeth Pardue said. "But we had nobody to blame but ourselves."

Encouraging the girls from day one, Coach Doss stressed the motto 'don't let anything, including yourself, get in the way of winning.' With this in mind, the girls worked hard. They hustled in practices and took every pre-district game as a chance to improve. Coach Doss also did her part in helping the girls reach their goal.

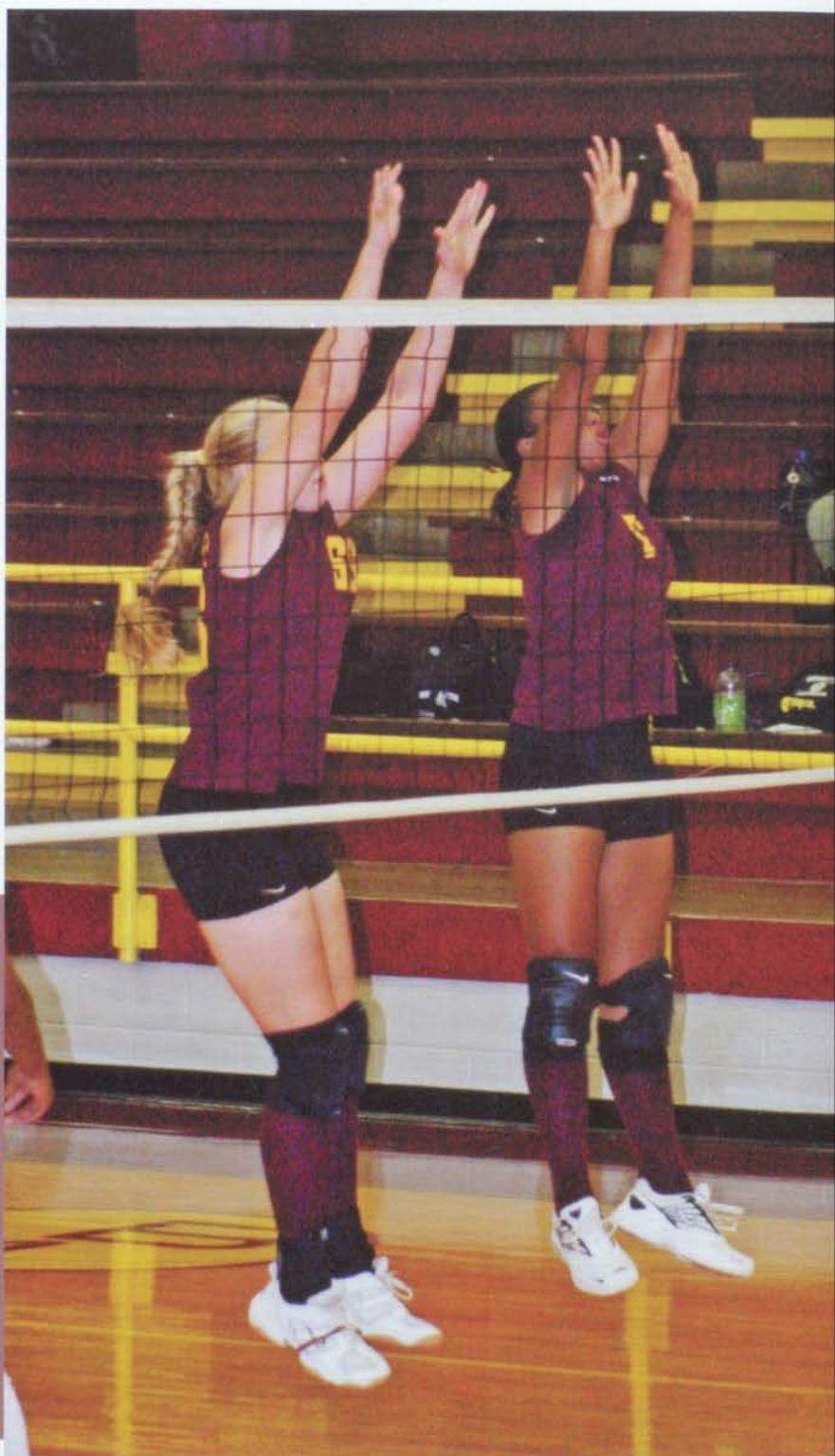
"I tried to keep all the girls on the same page," Doss said. "If there was a problem, I did my best to fix it as soon as possible."

Despite missing the playoffs, they went 5-5 in district, beating Liberty-Eylau for the first time in Coach Doss' career, and were the first team to beat LE at their new gym.

Over all, the Lady Lions had a productive season and look forward to a more experienced team next year. Becca Collom received 1st team all district and most valuable server, while Chasitye Griffen made 2nd team all district.

# striving TO DOMINATE

Lady Lions finish season with 5-5 record



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*I won't ever forget when we beat LE at their brand new gym. We were the first team to beat them there.*

**Chasitye Griffen- 12**

### Up and over!

Focused on the ball, juniors Shelia Carroll and Becca Collom reach high to get a block on a hit by Atlanta. "Coach always made me do my best," Shelia said. "She would tell me to do as she says and not as she does." They fell to the Rabbits in four games.



## powerful players

**1.** Setting the standard. Kaylee Johnson (10) sets the ball for one of the hitters to smash. It was Johnson's beginning year as the varsity setter. "I always tried to set the ball to Chasitye or Becca," Kaylee said. "Everyone in our district knows that they are two of the best middles in this area." **2.** Focused on the play on the other side of the net, Shelly Coleman, Meagan York and Bonnie England get down and ready to pick up anything that comes over the net. "I won't ever forget senior night, when my parents and sister walked me across the gym floor," Shelley said. "My parents gave me a card that made me cry." **3.** Concentrating, Laura Raney focuses on the ball before she jumps up to hit the set by Shelley Coleman. "I will always remember being on the court with the older girls and what I got out of it," Laura said. "I enjoyed getting to know them and it is something that I will never forget." **4.** Gathering around Coach Doss during a time out, the team looks over their strategy for the next match. Doss used this time to tell the hitters which places are open on the opposite side, and also where the defensive players needed to be when the opposing team was hitting. "When I called a time out I made sure that all the girls were in the game," Doss said. "I tried to get the girls refocused and concentrated on the task in front of them."



### Varsity SCORES

Atlanta 12-25, 20-25, 27-25, 15-25  
 Jefferson 25-18, 25-23, 25-21  
 Liberty Eylau 22-25, 25-13, 26-24, 25-22  
 Pleasant Grove 10-25, 16-25, 12-25  
 Daingerfield 25-22, 25-18, 30-32, 25-15  
 Atlanta 25-23, 18-25, 14-25, 25-23,  
 11-15  
 Jefferson 25-18, 25-13, 25-18  
 Liberty Eylau 21-25, 23-25, 20-25  
 Daingerfield 25-21, 22-25, 25-23, 25-19



Coach **Doss**



Back: Shelia Carroll, Becca Collom, Chasitye Griffin, Laura Raney, Sharde Mitchell Middle: Deandra Goldsmith, Emily Treadway, Tyeshia Griffin Front: Shelley Coleman, Meagan York, Kaylee Johnson, Elizabeth Pardue Coach: Amy Doss

It's only minutes before tip-off and the bleachers are relatively empty. . .until the varsity basketball game that is. Many times, fans don't start filing into the gym until the JV game is well under way, and then it's only to insure decent seats for the varsity contests.

The junior varsity team often goes overlooked. Most spectators prefer the intensity and importance of the varsity games. However, as in all sports, the underclassmen that make up the JV team are an essential element of the basketball program.

For almost four months, junior varsity practices and trains alongside the varsity, yet do not enjoy the glory and recognition varsity players receive. Even though, under the coaching of Tim Denton and Brad Peirson, the team overcame several obstacles. Despite losing players to injuries and promotions to varsity, the JV crew managed to find success on and off the court. Even after facing this year's tough season, many players plan to return next year to pursue a position on the varsity team.

"This year was a building year," Johnathan Johnson said.

"We had so many young guys on varsity that it took away from the JV, but we did the best we could with what we had."

Players look forward to the future with optimism.

"I plan to keep playing basketball," sophomore Antwoine Williams said. "I want to play all through high school at least. I'm hoping to earn a spot on varsity next year."



## NB VS: Daingerfield **38-31**    Liberty Eylau **38-28**    Jefferson **46-51**

**1.** After stealing the ball from the Pleasant Grove point guard, Cedric Wade presses down the court. "I really thought that we would go undefeated this year and win district," Cedric said. "We just didn't do everything we could to achieve that."

**2.** Stretching for the basket, Derrick Ray goes in for a lay-up against Pleasant Grove. The JV went on to win the game 51-39. "Most of the time I play point guard," Derrick said. "I really like that position, but it is a lot of pressure." **3.** The JV team, along with the cheerleaders, show support for the girls Varsity team by making a tunnel for them to run through.







# the long **road** to **VICTORY**

JV boys earn fans attention  
beating tough competition

**Dribbling** down the court, Corey Williams plans for a pass to Antwoine Williams as he crosses over to run a play. "In basketball I play point guard," Corey said. "I really like it because I get to run plays and be in control of the ball."

**Spreading** his arms, LJ Noel defends a Daingerfield player. "This year I knew we would do good because we had disciplined players," LJ said. "We were all willing to work hard all the time."



Daingerfield **35-34**

Pleasant Grove **39-51**

Liberty-Eylau **28-53**

Atlanta **forfeit**



## Junior Varsity Boys

**Back:** Roland Morpew, Johnathan Johnson, Sean Rathburn, LJ Noel, Antwoine Williams

**Front:** Keith Robinson, Derrick Ray, Jordan Thompson, Drew Hutchinson, Cedric Wade, Travis Sadler, Coach Tim Denton



"The JV dominated almost all of the games and we should have won district, but we didn't do all the little things right.

**Keith Robinson**



"I thought we were going to do a lot better than we did because we had all of the tools. We just didn't use them correctly.

**Drew Hutchinson**



"To get ready for this season I practiced really hard and I just had to stay focused. There were hard times, but I stuck with it.

**Jordan Thompson**



"Even though we didn't do as good as we would have liked, we did okay considering all of the sophomores that were on varsity.

**Sean Rathburn**



"I was really proud of the guys. They played together well as a team and they worked hard all the time.

**Coach Denton**

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**D**edication, skill, determination, and, most of all, heart: the boys varsity basketball team had the makings of a successful season. However, there was one essential element missing: experience. Despite the addition of new players who brought both needed height and speed, the boys varsity basketball struggled to rebuild a team with only three seniors.

"At the beginning of the season I knew we would struggle," Coach Hill said. "We had a lot of new guys that didn't have varsity experience and only one returning starter."

Though the team had trouble finding an offense that worked, defense was never a problem. No matter if faced with strong outside shooting or powerful post players, Coach Hill's defensive team was a force to be reckoned with.

"One thing that really stands out to me from this year is how the guys went out there and got after everyone on defense," Coach Hill said. "We weren't afraid to get in their face."

As the end of the season drew near, the team sought to redeem themselves against Atlanta in the final game of the season, which also happened to be Senior Night. The three seniors hoped to end their season with a win, but Atlanta was forced to forfeit because they had played too many pre-district games.

"I was very upset when I heard that Atlanta had forfeited the game," Keidratt Smith said. "It was my senior year and I didn't get a real senior night."



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*We didn't do as good as we could have, because everyone was so individual. It all started to work out in the end, but the season ended before we knew it and it was just too late.*

**Leroy Smith- 12**

Going for a shot against Pleasant Grove at a home game, Jeffery Scales pushes the ball up and over the defender's hand. "When I was going up for this shot all I was thinking about was getting the points," Jeffery said. "I knew we had to win." The Lions went on to top the Hawks with a final score of 63-47.

# getting a **jump** START

Intensity, pride in a true athlete's eyes shows passion, dedication for sport





## hoop dreams

**1.** Jeremy Jackson takes control of the ball after successfully getting a rebound. "Getting to know all the guys on varsity and knowing what kind of talent we had makes losing a lot harder," Jeremy said. "We should have went a lot further because we did have a good team." **2.** Derrick Daingerfield looks down the court toward his goal after getting a rebound off a missed shot. "This year we had a young but talented team," Derrick said. "We should have won district, but we didn't earn it." **3.** Shooting for three points against two Jefferson defenders on his home court, Josh Turner jumps over their hands for a better shot. "When I found out that Atlanta forfeited out last game it made me so mad," Josh said, "I didn't get to play my last game of my senior year." **4.** Gathered around Coach



Hill, the team listens closely to strategies before the final buzzer. "This year the guys had a lot to learn," Coach Hill said. "We really didn't have the varsity experience that the other teams had."



### Varsity SCORES

Daingerfield 40-46  
 Jefferson 59-47  
 Pleasant Grove 60-62  
 Liberty Eylau 39-49  
 Atlanta 37-56  
 Daingerfield 37-46  
 Jefferson 49-40  
 Pleasant Grove 63-47  
 Liberty Eylau 45-56  
 Atlanta forfeited.



Coach Michael Hill



**Back:** Brandt James, Keidratt Smith, Leroy Smith, Josh Turner, Jeremy Jackson  
**Front:** Jeffery Scales, Corey Williams, Brandon Williams, Derrick Daingerfield, Teric Thompson

**W**ith a final record of 12-5, most would think the junior varsity girls basketball team's season was smooth sailing; but appearances can be deceiving. No doubt the team found success on the court, but tension among teammates and division of the squad led to obstacles that went beyond competition with opponents. For most of the season, the team's toughest adversary was themselves.

The team's greatest setback was clashes among teammates. Separation of "first five" from "second five" led to mounting resentment, which kept the team from reaching its full potential.

"There was pretty much a set of five that started and a set of five that played in the second group," Allison Perry said. "We just all couldn't get along."

However, no amount of bickering would stand in the way of the team's success. Armed with a disciplined defense and an unstoppable fast-break, the JV squad made their presence known in district competition.

"Yeah, it's a group of girls, we were bound to have a few problems," Emily Galyon said. "But we ended up finding what worked for us and doing great."

With a chance of a district title well within reach, the JV squad set aside their bickering. Though falling to Liberty-Eylau for the district title, the team and Coach Amy Doss were satisfied with the progression made throughout the season and the well-earned 2nd place in district.

"We should have finished with only two losses, but the girls did really well," Doss said. "I expect a lot out of them in the years to come."



## NB VS.

Liberty Eylau **35-47**

Atlanta **39-16**

**1.** Dribbling down the court to the basket Courtney Montgomery sprints. "I got caught in a half court trap," Courtney said. "My teammates helped me out though."

**2.** Throwing the ball back in, Emily Treadway looks for Courtney to be open. "I was shooting guard," Emily said. "It's my job to be smart about passing the ball."

**3.** Playing defense against PG, Nikki Chavers stays strong and guards the goal. Basketball can be very physical," Nikki said. "I was trying really hard not to let PG score."



# playing **just like** a GIRL

JV basketball  
overcomes team struggles

**Coming** down the court for a fastbreak, sophomore Tiffany Pardue looks for someone open. "Being point guard along with Courtney Montgomery was fun," Tiffany said. "We played great when the girls really wanted to be out there."

**Taking** a quick time out, Coach Doss talks to the girls about what plays to run when the game continues.



Daingerfield **37-27**

Pleasant Grove **40-31**

Atlanta **27-13**

Jefferson **27-25**



## Junior Varsity Girls

**Back:** Allison Perry, Olivia Smith, Kayla Sullivan, Raven Stephens, Shaunice Williams, Nikki Chavers, Courtney Montgomery

**Front:** Emily Treadway, Laura Raney, Anna Elkins, Amber Boyte, Emily Galyon, Tiffany Pardue, Kristy Pardue



"For the most part we got along together and even though there were some problems we got through them."

**Kristy Pardue**



"Everybody did what we needed to do in order to win each game. We had so much fun getting first at the Daingerfield tournament."

**Amber Boyte**



"I played wing during the first of the year and point during the end. I love both positions because it's where I played best and felt I was helping my team the most."

**Laura Raney**



"I liked that we had a group that went in first and then another group second, because I would get really tired playing all the time."

**Anna Elkins**



"We had a really good year. I believe that anyone has a good chance of making varsity if they work hard."

**Coach Doss**

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The game of basketball itself is not for the faint of heart, but playing for three different coaches in only four years makes the sport all the more challenging, which is an experience well-known by this year's four senior varsity players.

Spending most practice time in the early season learning new plays, defenses, and presses initially delayed the team's success, and becoming accustomed to new head coach Brent Mills was a challenge for some members of the team.

However, the team quickly caught on to his strategies and philosophies, and soon found victory on the court.

"It's never easy coming into a new season with a new coach and learning which buttons not to push," senior Courtney Cope said. "But after a few weeks, we all began to click as a team. From the very beginning, Coach Mills set our goal on the playoffs, which inspired us to improve every week to meet that goal."

In the beginning of the season, the varsity squad, which consisted of four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman, faced tension due to wide age ranges and personality clashes. Though the team often put aside their differences to find success, the strain of disagreements and hostility hindered their chances at a district title and a position in the playoffs.

"The girls played well together at times, and when they did, they were successful," Coach Mills said. "But it is one of the aspects we still need to improve on to ensure success in the future."

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*We made a lot of improvement this year, I hope to keep succeeding and reach playoffs next year.*

**Coach Mills**

Going up for the goal, freshman Cayla Montgomery jumps high for a lay up while sister Courtney is ready to defend the rebound. "I remember telling myself I was going to make it" Cayla said. "We were not going to lose to Daingerfield." NB won 61-46.

# reaching for the TOP

Lady Lions exceed coach's expectations with aggressive attitudes, hard work ethic





## outstanding **players**

**1.** Going up for a lay up, sophomore DeAndra Goldsmith throws the ball up. "I made the first point of the night," DeAndra said. "It just got me more pumped up for the rest of the game."

**2.** Defending the ball against the PG players, junior Becca Collom looks around for a teammate. "I remember thinking Holy Crap, Where's Cayla?" Becca said. "I was happy once I found her."

**3.** Making her way up the court, junior Shelia Carroll fakes out the Daingerfield defense. "I was calling out plays to the offense" Carroll said. "Being fast thinking and on my feet are great traits I have."

**4.** During a time out, Coach Mills talks to the girls about the next quarter, trying to keep them focused. "Coach Mills never let us get down on ourselves or hang our heads," Courtney Cope said. "He always told us he was proud of us every day, and always found the positive in even the worst situations. I couldn't have asked for a better coach my senior year."



### Varsity **SCORES**

Liberty Eylau 38-82  
 Atlanta 42-51  
 Daingerfield 51-27  
 Jefferson 53-47  
 Pleasant Grove 54-48  
 Liberty Eylau 44-62  
 Atlanta 42-47  
 Daingerfield 61-46  
 Jefferson 44-40  
 Pleasant Grove 39-52



Courtney **Cope**



**Back:** Elizabeth Pardue, Erin Jones, Becca Collom, Chasitye Griffin, DeAndra Goldsmith,  
**Front:** Tyeshia Griffin, Courtney Cope, Courtney Montgomery, Cayla Montgomery, Bonnie England, Shelia Carroll; Coach Brett Mills

While football, basketball, and baseball teams strived to earn a playoff position, there was one team that not only exceeded all expectations, they shattered record after record as they advanced to the State meet in Houston, only to come one point shy of the State title.

Alex Barfield, Andre Dorsey, Carl Covington, and Jeremy Lomax were four of the unstoppable powerlifting team that qualified for the State meet.

"I am extremely proud of the entire team and the effort they put forth," coach Alex Harris said. "Not only at the state meet, but the whole season."

While the powerlifting team was led by talented and experienced upperclassmen, including regional qualifiers Malachi Lopez and Stephen Barthel, many members of the team were newcomers to the sport, such as Casey McCoy, Matt Allen, Justin Self, and Aaron Hixson, but found success almost as quickly as they gained strength.

With a number of experienced returning powerlifters, and a talented JV team, Coach Harris is optimistic of the future for New Boston powerlifting.

"I really look forward to watching my younger boys get out there and get after it next year," Harris said. "I know that they are going to do great."

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Coach Harris kept insisting that I powerlift but I really did not want to. Finally I gave in, and I can see that it is really going to pay off. I am going to college to play football and the strength I gained is going to help a lot.

**Andre Dorsey - 12**

**Straining** Jeremy Lomax dead lifts 345 lbs. During a squat, he busted a blood vessel in his eye leaving this painful looking sight for about 3 or 4 weeks. "I have been taught how to breathe when I am lifting, but that time I didn't do it right," Jeremy said. "The good thing was that I didn't even feel it. It just looked really bad!"



# pumping up THE IRON

Powerlifting team goes to state  
with experience, strength, unity







**the fantastic four**

**1.** Preparing to squat, Carl Covington braces himself for the weight. "Going to state was a big realization for me," Carl said. "I knew that it was going to be the last time I would go to state in anything for the rest of my life." **2.** Grimacing, Stephen Barthel presses the bar off his chest. "Last year Stephen injured his back during a dead lift and it put him out for the rest of the season," Harris said. "It was still bugging him this year and it was a real shame to see him not be able to do his best." **3.** Straining to get the bar up, Alex Barfield flexes his muscles using all of his strength. "At the beginning of the season I wanted to powerlift to see if I would get any stronger and how far I could go with it," Alex said. "I was extremely proud to make it to state and to get second was even better." **4.** Qualifying, Andre Dorsey, Alex Barfield, Jeremy Lomax, and Carl Covington traveled to Houston for state competition, but came home as runners-up losing to Royce City by only one point. "I simply cannot say enough about the guys," Alex Harris said. "They were only one point away from the state title, but in my eyes the season was a total success. They are all unbelievable athletes."



State **QUALIFIERS**

**Alex Barfield** squat 560 lbs. bench 300 lbs. deadlift 460 lbs.

**Andre Dorsey** squat 480 lbs. bench 270 lbs. deadlift 530

**Carl Covington** squat 550 lbs. bench 300 lbs. deadlift 560 lbs.

**Jeremy Lomax** squat 700 lbs. bench 305 lbs. deadlift 575 lbs



JUSTIN SELF



Malachi Lopez, Casey McCoy, Matt Allen, Alex Barfield, Carl Covington, Justin Self, Andre Dorsey, Stephen Barthel, Aaron Hixson, Jeremy Lomax Coach Alex Harris

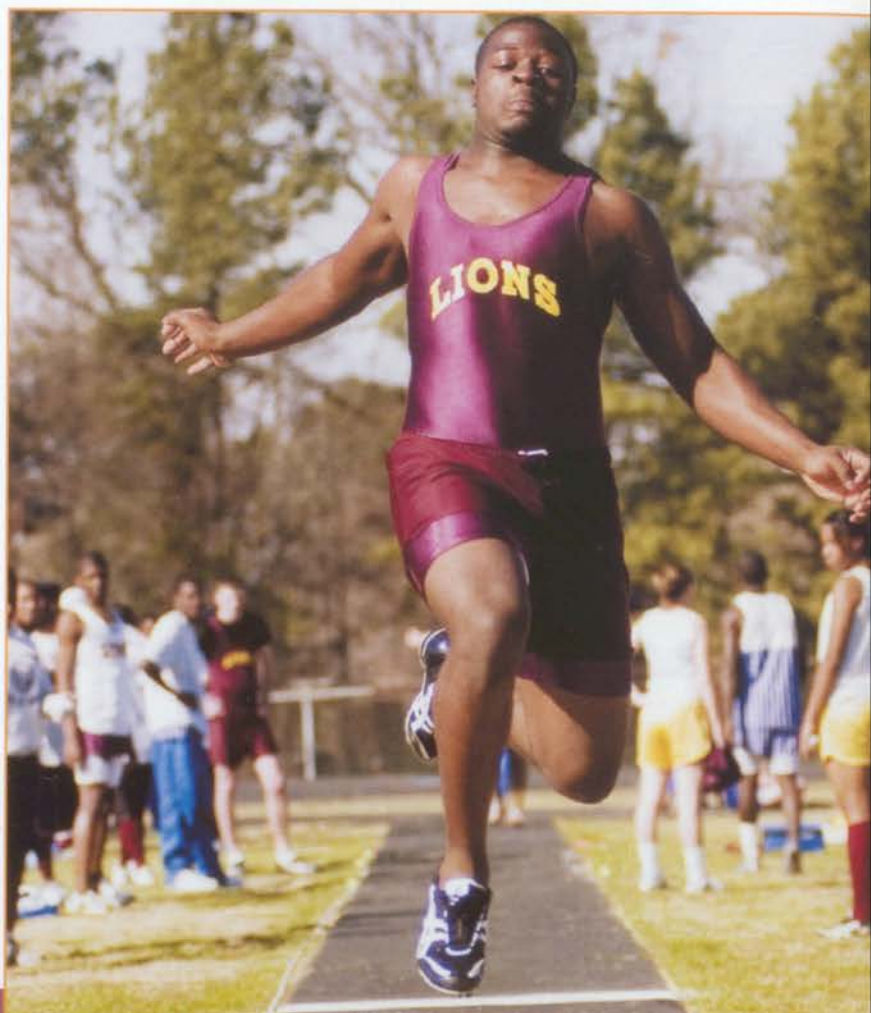
**RUN:** An act or the action of

running. Sounds simple enough right?

No physical contact involved with anybody but yourself, and no worrying about getting sacked by the other team or double dribbling; just good clean running, jumping, and throwing. It wasn't just about strapping on a pair of Nikes and running in circles around the track. Participants in each event worked together as well as separately. "We would all stretch together," Meagan York said. "Then we would break off into different events and practice on specific things." Although, it has always been a struggle at the district track meet at Atlanta with the Rabbits taking first place for many years, the Lions did take first place at the Pinkham Relays in DeKalb and advanced 14 to the regional meet in Greenville.

# from **start** to **FINISH**

relay teams place first at district, regionals



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*I improved my running time this year by 3 seconds in the mile. My best time is a 5:30.00*

**Steven Stevenson**



Regional Qualifiers



**While** jumping the hurdles, Olivia Smith strives to get first in her event. "Jumping hurdles is a challenge," Smith said. "Because even if you mess up on one you must get back up and finish the race."

**Leaping** high, Anthony Page prepares to land in the long jump pit. "That meet I did really good," Page said. "I jumped 19 ft. 7.5" and I placed third."

photo by Evan Lewis



## staggering strides

1. Taking it to the tape, Chasitye Griffin runs to the finish line. "It was really hot and I was having a bad day, the 200 can be really hard," Griffin said. "But I still finished in the top three."
2. Racing to regionals, Brett Metcalf dashes to take first place in the 300 hurdles at district. "While jumping, I worry about reaching the next hurdle," Metcalf said. "I have to jump on the right foot or I might mess up."
3. Running the 300 hurdles, Bonnie England focuses on her rhythm. "My steps have to be perfect," England said. "So that I will make a clean jump."
4. Landing deep in the sand, Kiedratt Smith participates in long jump at district. "I had to jump on JV this year after I got hurt," Smith said. "But I still worked hard to jump the best."

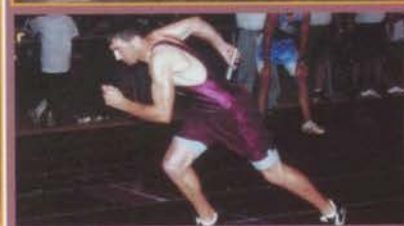


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**Boys track:** Brandt James, Josh Turner, Rishawn Davis, Brett Metcalf, Jacob Simmons, Anthony Page, Brandon Gray, Jonathon Johnson, Andre Dorsey, Kiedratt Smith, Josh French, Justin McCarty, Brandon Williams, Derrick Ray, Michael Hearing

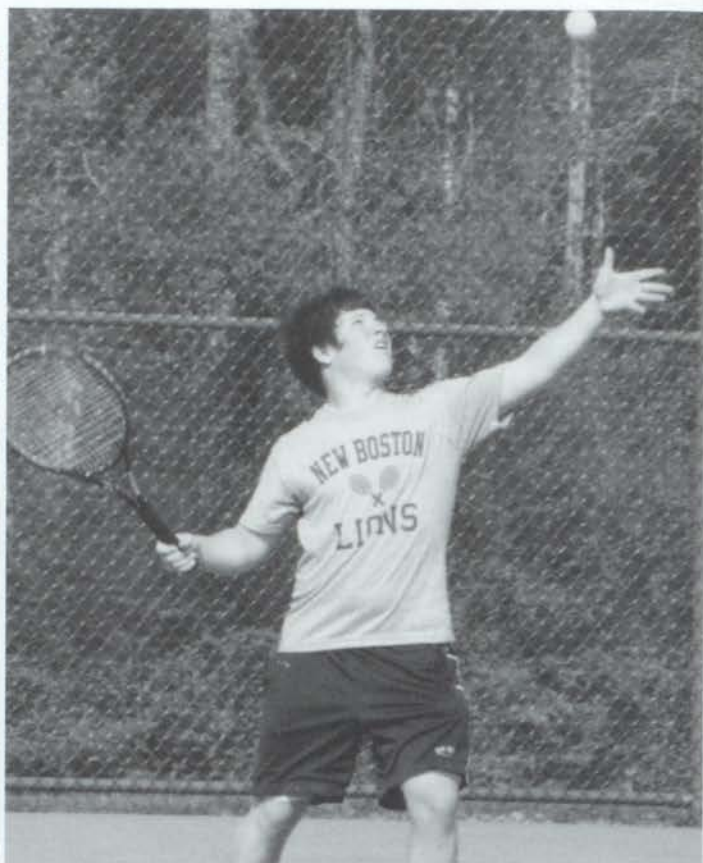


**Girls track:** Emily Galyon, Tyeshia Griffin, Ashley Gilmore, Chasitye Griffin, Nikki Chavers, Chelsey Foster, Heather Maidens, Cayla Montgomery, Olivia Smith, Bonnie England, Meagan York, Allison Perry, Courtney Montgomery, Jennifer Durst, Christina Batchelor, Amber Boyte, Charesa Smith, Stacy Firth, Stacy Rogers, Tonya Woodrow

upperclassmen teach newcomers the basics **putting**  
a SPIN ON IT

**First** come first serve, Bart Brock tosses up the first serve in a doubles match against Atlanta. "I enjoy playing with Aaron," Bart said. "We work together, but it's not any easier than singles."

**Holding** court, Josh Chappell moves up to cover the net. "It was frustrating at times being one of the only seniors on the team," Josh said. "I felt like I had to be a good role model and I always tried to give the underclassmen pointers."



**Junior Varsity team** Heath Lee, Jarvis Haggins, Brandon Williams, Mack McGee, Amber Boyte, Kalee Allen, Coach Amy Doss



**Varsity team** Justin Minyard, Eric May, Liz Pardue, Shelley Coleman, Greg Reid, Dawson Carson, Josh Chappell, Aaron Hixson, Bart Brock, Nicole Hensley, Meagan York, Kaylee Johnson, Coach Doss



**1.** Swinging for the ball, Shelley Coleman strives to return the serve across the net. "I like playing singles," Coleman said. "I'm completely in control of the game and don't have to worry about the other person making mistakes." **2.** Stretching for the ball, Dawson Carson reaches so the racquet and ball will make contact. "I told myself to just get it back over," Carson said. "I like playing singles because I prefer going solo." **3.** During a doubles match, Elizabeth Pardue defends the net while Justin Minyard covers the back court. "Doubles can be hard," Pardue said. "Both my partner and I work hard to win."



# rounding

the BASES JV baseball/softball  
build foundation

**Playing** hardball, Jake Kasitati hurls a fastball across the plate. "I really enjoy being the pitcher because I have control of the game," Jake said. "It also helps knowing that my teammates have my back."

**Barely** missing the out, Taylor Calfee stops a low toss to first base. "We didn't do as well as we wanted to," Calfee said. "But we went out on the field and did our best."



**JV Baseball** Drew Hutchinson, Chris Allen, Steven Sissons, Jake Kasitati, Heath McMillian, Justin Adams, Wade Gray, Bray Chitwood, Chris Culberson, Coach Brett Mills



**JV Softball** Taylor Calfee, Emily Treadway, Chloe Jones, Dora Doyle, Sara Birdwell, Erica Shirley, Danielle Myers, Danielle Sanderford, Christian Batchelor, Coach Gary Miller



**Aiming** for a strike in a home game against Pleasant Grove, Dora Doyle releases the pitch for a full count. "I enjoy pitching," Doyle said. "I have worked really hard this year to get better."

**Rounding** the bases, Heath McMillian slides into the bag. "I had just gotten a really good hit to the outfield," Heath said. "I slowed down at first base, which was a mistake, and I got tagged out on second. I did knock in Wade for a run, so that made up for it."

coaches search  
lineup for player  
on the mound

# looking for a PITCHER

It takes nine players to field a team, and every team needs a pitcher. However, just putting a pitcher on the mound won't win games, finding one that consistently throws strikes will.

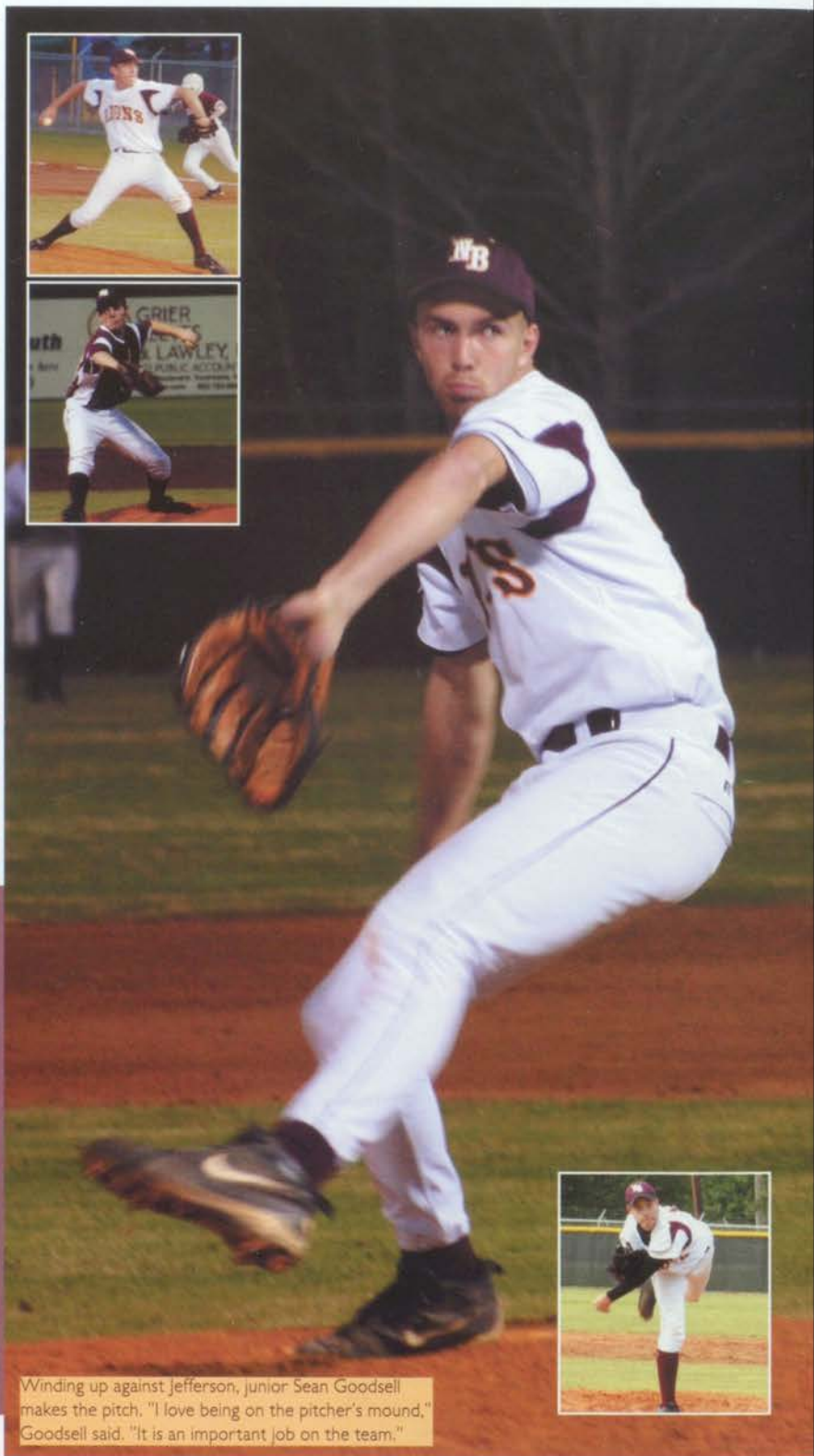
For most, a new head coach, only three senior players, and a brand-new field seems challenging enough, but the Lions Varsity Baseball team had bigger fish to fry...finding someone to consistently throw strikes. Though equipped with plenty of talented players, first-time head coach Lonnie Henry had trouble finding a steady pitcher, which proved to put a damper on the Lions' season.

Throughout the season, the Lions were led by a number of pitchers, including seniors Josh Turner and Jake Barfield, juniors Sean Goodsell and Jake Foster, and freshmen Caleb Hensley and Derrick Ray. Though all prospective pitchers brought the heat, they all struggled to throw consistently. Despite the many trials and tribulations faced by the Lions, the 2006 season proved to be a memorable one, more for rebuilding and growing experience rather than flashy wins.

"We were a young team, but the younger boys gained experience and got a feel for playing varsity baseball; they worked very hard in practice," Coach Henry said.

With this season behind them, the varsity baseball team looks to the future seasons with hope and optimism as young players return to the field.

story copy by Courtney Cope



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*Coach Henry really worked us on the fundamentals. We should be better competition next year.*

**Bart Brock- 11**

Covering 3rd base, Josh Turner bends down to pick up a line drive. "Even though we didn't have many wins this year," Turner said. "I still feel like we improved a lot as a team."



Winding up against Jefferson, junior Sean Goodsell makes the pitch. "I love being on the pitcher's mound," Goodsell said. "It is an important job on the team."





## playing **hardball**

**1.** Getting a secondary lead, Aaron Hixon bounces off base while the Atlanta first base looks for a play. **2.** Working his way around to third base, senior Kyle House readjusts his helmet after sliding into third. "When I'm running, I don't want to get in a bad situation," House said. "I just worry about scoring." **3.** Stirring up the dirt, Derrick Ray slides to second. "I'm a lot better at base running this year," Ray said. "I've learned to make sure how to get out of any situation." **4.** Looking at the coach while catching, Cody Mayo watches for little signals. "I love everything about catching," Mayo said. "I have many responsibilities and work hard to be the best I can for my team." **5.** During a home game Justin, Matt and Cody meet Coach Henry on the mound to discuss the game. "The team improved a great deal," Justin Sullivan said. "Coach Henry helped us in many ways and we respect him a lot."



## Varsity **SCORES**

Dangerfield 2-16  
 Jefferson 3-9  
 Pleasant Grove 2-12  
 Liberty-Eylau 2-17  
 Atlanta 1-9  
 Dangerfield 2-9  
 Jefferson 4-19  
 Pleasant Grove 3-9  
 Liberty-Eylau 0-1  
 Atlanta 7-3



Kyle **House**



**Back:** Ryan Wooldridge, Brad Hanna, Jacob Simmons, Sean Goodsell, Josh Turner, Brandon Gray **Middle:** Coach Lonnie Henry, Matt Waltz, Caleb Hensley, Jordan Lawing, Cody Mayo, Coach Scotty Lomance **Front:** Derrick Ray, Jake Foster, Justin Sullivan, Bart Brock, Kyle House, Aaron Hixon

Booster club provides Mexican dinner for athletes

# ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

As the school year comes to an end, coaches, athletes, and parents gather to honor each sport, its participants, and new members of the New Boston Athletic Hall of Fame.

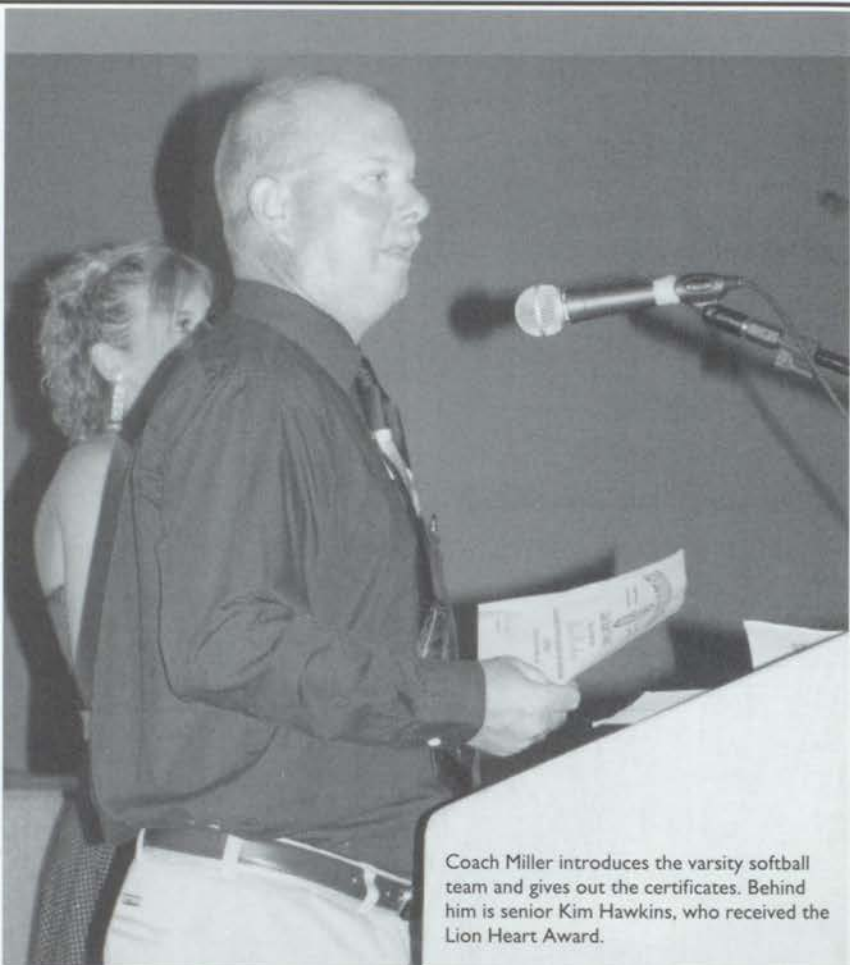
This year's athletic banquet brought about a first-ever occurrence . . . the induction of two female athletes into the Hall of Fame,

Kristen Drake, basketball star from the class of 1993, and Monica Collom Minter, a 5-sport letterman of the class of 1994. Dennis England, an all-around athlete from the class of 1982, was also inducted for his outstanding performance in football, basketball, and track.

Following the Hall of Fame inductions came the overview of each sport's season, the public humiliation of a few unsuspecting athletes, and the awarding of the traditional "Lion Heart Awards". In most cases, this award went not to the most talented athlete on the team, but to the student who worked the hardest every day at practice and left everything they had on the field or court during each game.

As the banquet drew to a close, coaches and school board members awarded scholarships to outstanding seniors. Josh Turner and Elizabeth Pardue received the Weldon McCord and Hubert Simpson Awards for the athletes with the highest GPA. The Lindy Raney Award was presented to Josh Turner and Chasitye Griffin, which named them most outstanding athletes. The Booster Club awarded its \$500 scholarship to three athletes, Malachi Lopez, Keidratt Smith, and Courtney Cope. Finally, Josh Turner and Elizabeth Pardue also received the coveted Harold K. May Scholarship.

The 2006 athletic banquet honored past stellar athletes, current hardworking students, and graduating seniors with well-deserved awards and recognition for the efforts put forth toward academics as well as athletics.



Coach Miller introduces the varsity softball team and gives out the certificates. Behind him is senior Kim Hawkins, who received the Lion Heart Award.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Monica Collom**

- Lettered in basketball, cross-country, track, tennis, and softball
- Ranked third in district basketball in scoring
- Made honorable mention All-District junior year in volleyball
- Placed third in cross-country at the district meet, sophomore year
- Won several awards senior year as a softball player
- Graduated top 10 of class with a 3.8 GPA



**Dennis England**

- All-around athlete who participated in football, baseball and track
- Set records in football, senior year team was district co-champions
- Suffered knee injury senior year during a two-a-day workout, which cost the chance at a football scholarship
- Received 1st Team All-District in baseball as a sophomore
- Ran the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash, high jump, 440 relay team



**Kristin Drake**

- Lettered in basketball, volleyball and track
- Freshman year, received the Newcomer of the Year Award in Basketball
- Sophomore year - selected as team MVP, and First Team All-District
- First Team All-District volleyball, junior year
- Qualified for regionals in track
- Received full scholarship to the University of Texas in Arlington





While handing out football certificates, Coach Hill shakes hands with Malachi Lopez. "Mrs. Collom dared Malachi to kiss me on the cheek," Coach Hill said. "So, he did! I was surprised and speechless."

## LEADING BY EXAMPLE



### Lion Heart

Football  
*Carl Covington*  
 Cross Country  
*Cody Clark*  
 Basketball  
*Keidratt Smith, Josh Turner,  
 Leray Smith*  
 Track  
*Anthony Page*  
 Baseball  
*Kyle House, Josh Turner*  
 Tennis  
*Josh Chappell, Justin Minyard*



### Lady Lion Heart

Volleyball  
*Becca Collom, Kaylee Johnson*  
 Basketball  
*Courtney Cope*  
 Track  
*Bonnie England, Shelia Carrol*  
 Softball  
*Kim Hawkins*  
 Tennis  
*Elizabeth Pardue*



### Scholarships

*Weldon McCord Award*  
 Highest Male GPA  
*Josh Turner*  
*Hubert Simpson Award*  
 Highest Female GPA  
*Elizabeth Pardue*  
*Lindy Raney Award*  
 Outstanding Athletes  
*Josh Turner, Chasitye Griffin*  
*Harold K. May Scholarship*  
*Josh Turner, Elizabeth Pardue*  
 Booster Club Scholarship  
*Malachi Lopez*  
*Keidratt Smith*  
*Courtney Cope*



Shaking hands with Kevin Covington, Coach Harris expresses his appreciation for Kevin's participation on the JV powerlifting team. "Powerlifting was a lot of work," Covington said. "It feels good to be recognized for everything you did."

Posing for a shot, Keith Robinson, LJ Nole, and Jonathon Johnson proudly display their certificates. "It was cool to get noticed for being on the track team," Robinson said. "When we all stood up everybody was yelling."



Looking over her certificate, Jennifer Durst points out a mistake she found to Stacy, Christina and Amber. "I said something about it, and we all laughed," Durst said. "We became good friends throughout the season."

Stepping onto the field on January 23 for the first day of practice, Coach Gary Miller laid out a plan for a young team. With only four returning starters, the team was depending on young junior varsity players and freshmen.

"When everyone gets through with basketball, we could be looking at five freshmen starting," Miller said at the beginning of the season. He knew the situation all too well, and he could only hope for the same results as before. Four years ago, Miller was presented with a very talented freshmen class and used it to his benefit, earning a playoff position each year.

This season after their graduation, Miller found himself in the same predicament. With only one senior and three juniors, Miller was left with inexperienced, yet talented, underclassmen to fill the empty playing field.

Though change was the name of the game for the 2006 season, there was one thing that remained as it had for the past four years: a pitcher by the name of 'Collom'. Becca took over cousin Claire Collom's starting position as pitcher, leading her team to 9 district wins and a district title.

As the lights go out on this year's Cinderella season, coaches, players, and fans are optimistic for a successful future for the talented, vibrant, and young Lady Lions softball team.

# pitching with AUTHORITY

Collom leads team to playoffs  
with expert ability



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I figured we would make the playoffs, but I hadn't really considered getting a first-round bye. I am really proud of how the girls handled themselves on the field and how far they went.

-Coach Miller

**Swinging** with authority, Samantha Norman meets the ball as it comes across the plate. "This was such a surprise year," Samantha said. "We played as one team and showed everyone that we can do anything that we want to do. No one expected us to go as far as we did because we were so young and inexperienced."



## bangin' **batters**

**1.** Winding up to pitch, Becca Collom prepares to deliver a fastball right down the middle. Collom took over the starting pitching position after her cousin, Claire graduated last year. Becca was voted district MVP. "I love pitching," Becca said. "I love the fact that I have control of the game and it depends on me." **2.** Covering third base Laura Raney moves toward the ball as it goes into play. "This year the team is really young, but I liked it," Laura said. "We will be playing with each other for the next three or four years, and the longer we play together the better we will get." **3.** Jumping to snag a throw down, Krystal Capps reaches up as a Pleasant Grove runner slides into second base under her feet. "This year we all had to learn something new because we didn't have a lot of experienced varsity players," Krystal said. "But we had a lot of fun and we did a lot better than everyone expected." **4.** Planning to smash the ball, Kim Hawkins swings through sending the ball sailing through the air. "Being the only senior on the team was a real challenge," Kim said. "I felt like I had to be a role model and lead the team."



### Varsity **SCORES**

Dangerfield **10-0**

Atlanta **1-3**

Jefferson **15-0**

Pleasant Grove **12-3**

Liberty Eylau **1-0**

Atlanta **6-5**

Dangerfield **10-0**

Jefferson **7-1**

Pleasant Grove **5-1**

Liberty Eylau **4-0**

Lindale (play-offs) **0-7, 1-7**



**4th row:** Coach Brad Peirson, Erin Jones, Becca Collom, Laura Raney **3rd row:** Emily Galyon, Kim Hawkins, Kaleigh Butler, Shelia Carroll, Coach Gary Miller **2nd row:** Allyson Saling, Krystal Capps, Kaitlynn Chadwick, Kinsey Megason, Audrey Hensley **1st row:** Samantha Norman, Cayla Montgomery, Courtney Montgomery, Channing Day



**ERIN JONES**



# cheerleaders

## raise spirit fingers

### Middle School Cheerleaders

Determined to go above and beyond, the girls spent many hours working to achieve their goals. New coach, Cindy Labat, stepped in during the summer without a clue how to coach cheerleading. "I was not used to all the girls and 'cat fights'; it was hard not knowing what to do or how to plan anything," Labat said. "I learned a lot from these girls; this is a very strong group. I am also very proud to say that I had the chance to coach them, they taught me alot."



Raising her spirit fingers, Morgan Miller leads a cheer in the air during the Dangerfield game. "I love to stunt," Miller said. "Flying is the best part of cheerleading and basket tosses are my favorite."



"Simply the best, is our favorite cheer, so we finished the first pep rally with it," Chelsey King said. "We were all so nervous and just ready for it to all be over with."

Moving to the beat, Courtney White dances to *Rubber Band Man* while the band plays the chant. "I love to dance," she said. "It is one of my favorite parts of being a cheerleader."





Fun on the sideline, Brooke Duffer and Carly Flenniken play around during half-time.

Cute as can be, the cheerleaders goof around before the last game of the season. "We love getting together and having fun, there is never a dull moment," Barrett said.



Flyin' high, Roary goes up in pyramid. "I didn't really know what to do but it was a lot of fun," Kaylea Owen said. "After the first time, I did it more and more."

Trying to keep from smiling, the girls perform 'we are the cheerleaders' skit during the last pep-rally. "The skit involved us keeping a straight face," Rachel Vaccaro said. "It was really hard for some of us to do so because we were having so much fun."

## cheer by **cheer**



**1.** Dancing to the beat, Taylor Granberry enjoys cheering on the field during half time of the 8th grade game. "It was the first time we ever got to cheer on the field," Granberry said. "It was very exciting and fun."



**2.** Wearing Hawaiian leis for spirit week, Rachel and DeAnna finish a spirit dance they did with some of the football players. "The guys were so clueless on what to do," DeAnna said. "It was so funny and everyone enjoyed it."



**3.** Caught in mid air, Carissa Self hits a toe touch in the middle of a cheer performed before half time of the Atlanta game. "This is my second year to cheer and love doing it," Self said. "I am getting better every practice."



Back: Kayla Cook, Brooke Duffer, Chelsey King, Allison Barrett, Taylor Granberry- Captain, Rachel Vaccaro, Carly Flenniken, Emileigh Garrett, Deanna Allen; Front: Morgan Miller - Co-captain, Courtney White, Carissa Self, and Mascot- Kaylea Owen



Spirit in the air, Emileigh Garrett encourages the fans to cheer along during the fourth quarter. "This was my first year to fly," Garrett said. "I was scared at first but then I got use to it."



# volleyball

*girls set standard, win district*

## 7th and 8th grade volleyball

Learning the fundamentals was their mission, improving throughout the year was their challenge, earning the district title was their goal: all of the above was achieved by the 8th grade volleyball team who ended their season as district champions.

The 7th grade girls found similar success in their first-ever volleyball season, finishing 3rd in district play, fine-tuning their basic fundamentals, and laying the foundation for a successful future in high school volleyball.

"I really enjoy coaching the middle school girls and watching them improve," Coach Foster said. "I am looking forward to seeing the girls play in years to come."

**Reaching**  
for the block,  
Kaylea Owen  
(14) tries to  
get a touch  
on the ball as  
PG returns a  
serve.



**After** setting the ball,  
Chelsey King watches as it  
makes it to  
the hitter.

**Preparing** for a pass setup,  
Carly Flenniken waits for the ball.  
"Sometimes it seems like the ball  
takes forever to come down."



**Back** to ya, Taylor Granberry returns a hit  
to Atlanta. NB won all three matches.





After the whistle, 8th grader, Abby Crittenden bends her arm to serve the ball to the Pleasant Grove.



1. **Time** for a pep talk, Coach Mills speaks a few encouraging words to the 7th grade volleyball team. 2. **Focused** on the ball, Rachel Vaccaro takes a knee to assure a good pass to her setter. 3. **Waiting** for the whistle, Emileigh Garrett prepares to serve the ball for the 7th grade Lady Lions.



Back: Courtney McClain, Ashley Tutt, Allison Barrett, Dominique Shavers, Sherri Firth 3rd row: Coach Mills, Amber Dart, Dani Jordan, Kerri Firth, Emileigh Garrett, Coach Foster 2nd row: Brianna Allen, Courtney White, Abby Crittenden, Lindsey Clayton, Rachel Vancaro Front: Jesse Caudle, Valerie Towery, Deanna Allen, Marann Crawford, Aimee Lee



Back: Chelsea Champion, Whitney Knowles, Bailey McDonald, Taylor Granberry, Kaylea Owen, Carly Flenniken, Brooke Duffer 3rd row: Coach Mills, Erica Hobbs, Ashley Conkleton, Chelsey King, Kayla Cook, Lauren Cockerham, Keuandra Cotton 2nd row: Allison Raney, Carissa Self, Rayneta Dotson, Kelly York, Kristen Hall, Kursty Burkett, Eleasha Greene 1st row: Brandi Johnson, Cara Brooks, Courtney Rodriguez, Cassie Scott, Brooke Olson, Morgan Miller

## 7th grade

Jefferson 25-9, 18-25, 15-6  
 Pleasant Grove 10-25, 21-25  
 Atlanta 9-25, 18-25  
 Liberty Eylau 25-15, 25-22  
 Daingerfield 16-25, 25-22, 10-15  
 Jefferson 14-25, 21-25  
 Pleasant Grove 15-25, 27-25, 15-25  
 Atlanta 17-25, 17-25  
 Liberty Eylau 26-24, 25-17  
 Daingerfield 17-25, 25-22, 25-22

## 8th grade

Jefferson 25-14, 25-14  
 Pleasant Grove 25-20, 25-17  
 Atlanta 25-18, 17-25, 10-15  
 Liberty Eylau 24-26, 25-17, 25-22  
 Daingerfield 25-19, 25-13  
 Jefferson 25-27, 25-21  
 Pleasant Grove 23-25, 25-13, 25-13  
 Atlanta 24-26, 25-16, 25-20  
 Liberty Eylau 25-17, 25-18  
 Daingerfield 25-15, 25-19

# football

## middle school attacks district foes

### 7th and 8th grade football

Holding their first five opponents to scoreless games, the seventh grade team ended its season undefeated winning the district title. "We didn't know what to expect coming into the year," Coach David May said. "We did know, however, that they were good in peewees. They played hard each week and always did what was asked of them."

A disappointing loss to Atlanta in the final game of the season caused the 8th grade to finish #2 in district. "It was disappointing to finish as runner-up in the district for the second year in a row," Coach May said. "They are a good bunch of kids. They should go a long way."

**P**assing the competition Seventh grader, Darrion Wade tries to push off one of the Jefferson players in the attempt to score.



**S**printing to the end zone, seventh grader Jamon Stephens runs toward the goal line.

**R**unning the ball down the field, De'errikk Smith fends off PG defense and makes a touchdown.



**P**ushing through seventh grader, Chris Cooksey #33 makes his way down the field for a first down.

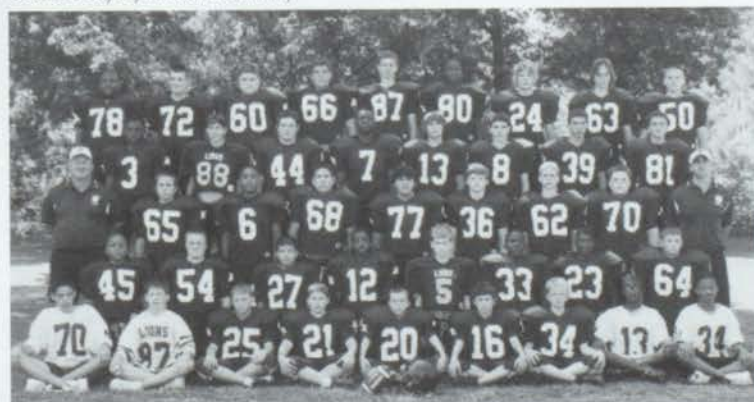




1. Gripping the ball tightly, running back Rudy Baker strides towards the goal line holding the ball. 2. Owning the end zone, eighth grader Trey Stewart tightly grips the ball pushing through the Jefferson line. 3. Reaching for the pass, Janson Carr stretches for the catch. 4. Down and ready center Cody May prepares for the hike while the line braces for the next play against DeKalb.



No order: Keyante Brown, J.C. Evans, Darrion Wade, Jacob Flurry, Ty Nicholes, Nick Dunbar, Ryan Nehrkorn, Deerrick Smith, Casey Cox, Taylor Neal, Chris Cooksey, Nathan Doyle, Jamon Stephens, Cody Ford, Bryan Henry, Tyler Garrett, Dylan Ray, Harley Thornton, John Merworth, Jackson Lundry, Trenton Clements, Jeffery Hull, Joseph Kasitati, Roger Mannette, Zach McIntyre, Tevin Warren, Lee Farris, Ethan Felker, Zohn McCoy. Coaches: Scotty Layman&and David May



No order: Terrance Rowden, Jonathan Williams, Brandon Rayton, Rudy Baker, Caleb Granbery, James Kirk, Janson Carr, Justin Zellers, Clint Vickers, Trey Stewart, Brandon Raney, Darren Ray, Patrick Savage, Victor Powell, Micah Anglen, Bryan Sargent, Stephen Hartwick, Gary Lorange, Cody May, Morgan Wisinger, Joseph Smith, Clint Yount, Jerad Overaturf, Aaron Etue, Hunter Cannon, Hayden Hall, Michael Delgado, Keshad Wilson, Michael Woodridge, J.R. Barfield, Sebastian Hester. Coaches: David May and Scotty Layman

## 7th grade

DeKalb 30-0  
 Tatum 22-0  
 Mt. Vernon 8-0  
 Daingerfield 30-0  
 Jefferson 24-20  
 PG 14-8  
 LE 24-14  
 Atlanta 16-8

## 8th grade

DeKalb 30-0  
 Tatum 22-0  
 Mt. Vernon 20-0  
 Daingerfield 14-6  
 Jefferson 6-20  
 PG 14-6  
 LE 12-0  
 Atlanta 20-28

# basketball

*boys capture district title*



**1.** Chasing after a loose ball, Courtney White gets to the ball before a Lady Hawk defender has a chance. **2.** Followed by fellow teammates, Chelsey King cruises down the court with a mean dribble. **3.** Battling for the ball, Emileigh Garrett jumps high at the tip off of the Pleasant Grove game.

## 7th grade girls

Daingerfield 11-28  
 Jefferson 30-28  
 Pleasant Grove 6-29  
 Liberty Eylau 10-34  
 Atlanta 21-14  
 Daingerfield 11-6  
 Atlanta 32-30  
 Pleasant Grove 18-26  
 Liberty Eylau 19-40



**3rd row:** Amber Dart, Ashley Tutt, Allison Barrett, Courtney McClain, Sherri Firth **2nd row:** Brianna Allen, Rachel Vaccaro, Emileigh Garrett, Kerri Firth, Dani Jordan, Coach Foster **1st row:** Lindsey Clayton, Deanna Allen, Courtney White, Aimee Lee, Jessie Caudle

## 8th grade girls

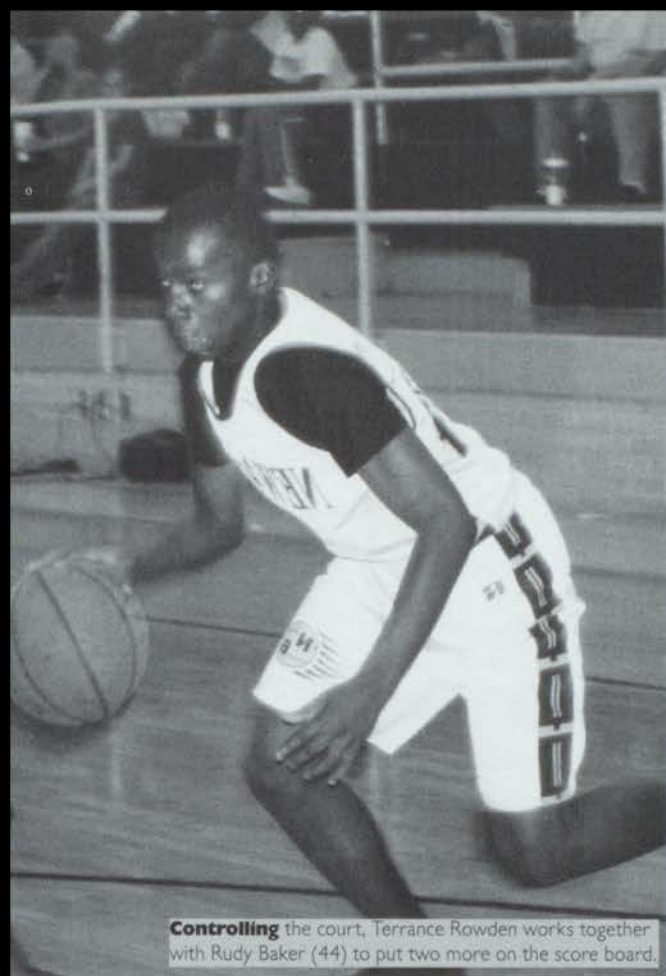
Daingerfield 45-19  
 Jefferson 35-12  
 Pleasant Grove 29-25  
 Liberty Eylau 25-30  
 Atlanta 38-31  
 Daingerfield 35-16  
 Atlanta 34-30  
 Pleasant Grove 27-17  
 Liberty Eylau 13-29  
 Jefferson 35-4



**4th row:** Bailey McDonald, Kaylea Owen, Taylor Granberry, Carly Flenniken, Brooke Duffer, Chelsea Champion **3rd row:** Morgan Miller, Courtney Rodriguez, Carissa Self, Chelsey King, Ashley Conkelton, Cassie Scott, Coach Foster **2nd row:** Keundia Cotton, Whitney Knowles, Danielle French, Kayla Cook, Lauren Cockerham, Jasmine Hankins **1st row:** Des'rae Griffin, Kursty Burkett, Bleasah Greene, Kristen Hall, Cara Brooks, Rayneta Dotson, Brandi Johnson



Taylor Granberry pushes her way to the basket as a Liberty Eylau defender stands in her way.



**Controlling** the court, Terrance Rowden works together with Rudy Baker (44) to put two more on the score board.



1. **Running** right past the defender, Devonte Brown breaks away with the ball. 2. **Trying** to get a good pass, Tyler Garrett pushes against a defender as he looks for a teammate who would have a better shot. 3. **Attempting** to put some points on the board, Tevin Warren dribbles the ball down the court to the goal.



**4th row:** Jacob Flurry, De'errick Smith, Trenton Clements, Joseph Kasitati, Tyler Garrett **3rd row:** Taylor Neal, Garrick Bryant, Tevin Warren, Coach Laymance **2nd row:** Casey Cox, Darrion Wade, Jack Lundry, Blake Smedley, Lee William Farris **1st row:** Aaron Martin, Ryan Nehrkorn, Zohn McCoy, Devante Brown



**4th row:** Steven Malone, Rudy Baker, J.R. Barfield, Ke-shad Willson, Brandon Raney **3rd row:** Coach May, Victor Powell, Shawndre Cheatam, Brandon Payton, Darius Ellis **2nd row:** Katrell Davis, Caleb Granbery, Janson Carr, Terrance Rowden, James Kirk **1st row:** Trey Stewart, Justin Zellers, Micah Anglen, Darren Ray

## 7th grade boys

Daingerfield 39-20  
 Jefferson 53-33  
 Pleasant Grove 46-35  
 Liberty Eylau 42-27  
 Atlanta 37-12  
 Daingerfield 38-28  
 Jefferson 33-28  
 Pleasant Grove 41-31  
 Liberty Eylau 44-56  
 Atlanta 34-41

## 8th grade boys

Daingerfield 37-25  
 Jefferson 32-22  
 Pleasant Grove 48-53  
 Liberty Eylau 41-29  
 Atlanta 37-38  
 Daingerfield 36-25  
 Jefferson 41-24  
 Pleasant Grove 40-33  
 Liberty Eylau 45-36  
 Atlanta 44-38  
*District Champions*

# track

## takin' it to the tape

**Determined** to win, Rachel Vaccaro, Deanna Allen, and Ashley Tutt concentrate on the task in front of them.



**Jumping** the obstacle, Courtney Rodriguez leaps over the last hurdle in the 100 hurdles at Pleasant Grove.



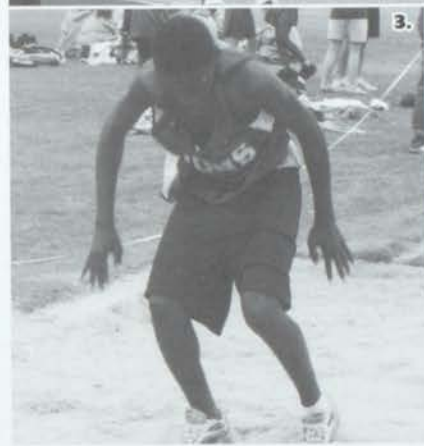
**Leaping** in the air, Courtney White clears another hurdle in the 100 meter. "I got first in every meet except the district meet," Courtney said. "I tripped on one of the hurdles and I ended up falling and not placing."



**Keeping** stats, Coach Foster writes down the times for each race at the district meet.



**Striding** to the finish line, Lindsay Clayton steps ahead of a Redwater competitor in the 400 meter run.



**1.** Bending down to gather power, Daniel Satterfield squats to insure a long throw. **2.** Battling for the 1st place spot, Cody Ford passes Jacob Flurry at the end of the 2400 meter run. They came in 1st and 2nd in the district meet at Pleasant Grove. **3.** Landing a jump, Terrance Lomax leaps out trying to 'out do' the other competitors. **4.** On the final stretch, Ethan Felker leads the pack in the 800 meter run.



### Boys Track

Aaron Etue, Brandon Raney, Steven Malone, Cody May, Coach May, Caleb Granbery, Janson Carr, Terrance Rowden, Rudy Baker, Gary Lorange, Stephen Hartwick, Robert Savage, Brandon Payton, Shawndre Cheatham, Demarius Mack, Mike Wooldridge, James Kirk, Justin Zellers



### 7th Grade Girls Track

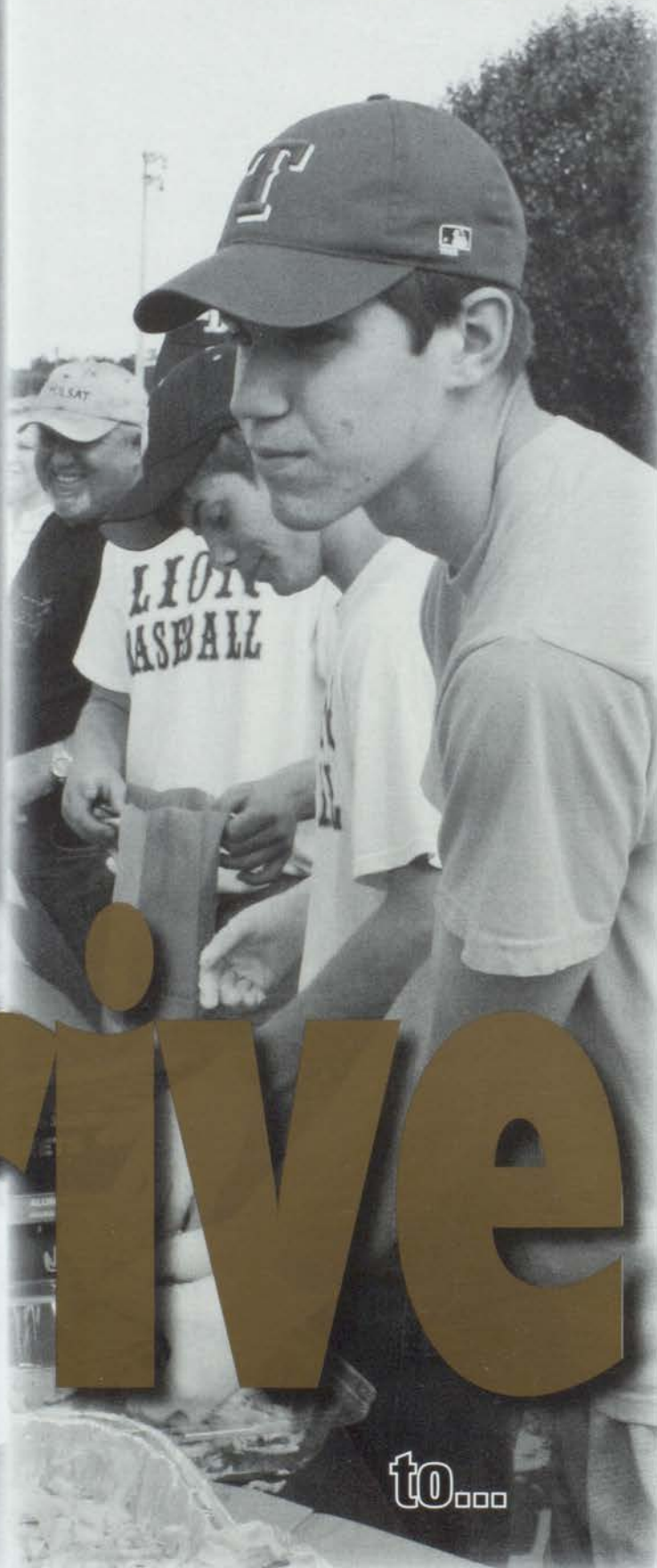
Coach Foster, Allison Barrett, Ashley Tutt, Amber Dart, Lindsey Clayton, Rachel Vaccaro, Emily Garrett, Abby Crittenden, Courtney White, Vallery Towery, Deanna Allen, Brianna Allen, Ashley Ayala



### 8th Grade Girls Track

Coach Foster, Kayla Cook, Carly Flenniken, Kaylea Owen, Taylor Granberry, Bailey McDonald, Whitney Knowles, Chelsea Champion, Jazmine Hudson, Erica Hobbs, Brooke Duffer, Sha'Londa Clark, Sara Brooks, Kursty Burkett, Carissa Self, Chelsey King, Kelly York, Ashley Evans, Courtney Rodriguez, Ashley Conkleton, Des'Rae Griffin, Cassie Scott, Allison Raney

Putting it together, sophomore Stephen Sissons works a hamburger assembly line prior to the field dedication ceremony. "The booster club encouraged us to sell tickets for a hamburger supper. They needed volunteers to work," Stephen said. "It was pretty cool, but the gloves were a nuisance. They made my hands smell."



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Final inspection, Jenay McKague looks over graduation invitations and thank you cards when they come in from Jostens. "Graduating from New Boston is going to be so much fun," Jenay said. "Coming here from Germany was a big change, but it was worth it."

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**I**n step, Stephen Barthel carries the Special Olympics flag during the opening ceremony followed closely by Casey Cavin. "It was a real honor to carry the flag," Stephen said. "It made me feel good to be a part of something so special."

**C**ooking hamburgers, Brad Hannah and his dad, Mac, help support and raise money for the athletic booster club before the last home baseball game.

**M**aking a difference, Kelly York helps sort the necessities given to the evacuee's after the hurricane. "I worked at Tapp UMC when all the evacuee's arrived on the bus," Kelly said. We sorted through mounds of clothes and toiletries. It was an awesome experience."

**A**ctively involved, Laura Wiedemann escorts a special athlete to her next event. "Helping with the Special Olympics has taught me lots of things," Laura said. "The little girl I was with couldn't have made it easier to learn."

**B**agging it up, Miika Allison makes personal goodie bags for each hurricane victim. "It was great to help. Those people came here with nothing," Miika said. "It made me realize how lucky I am to be where I am and to live where I live."



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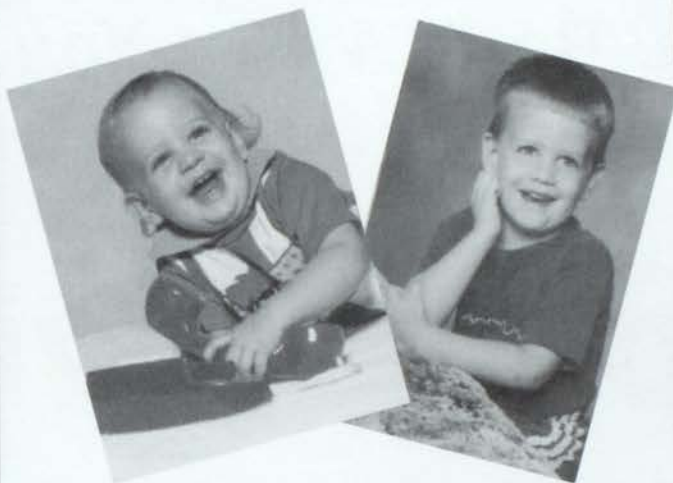
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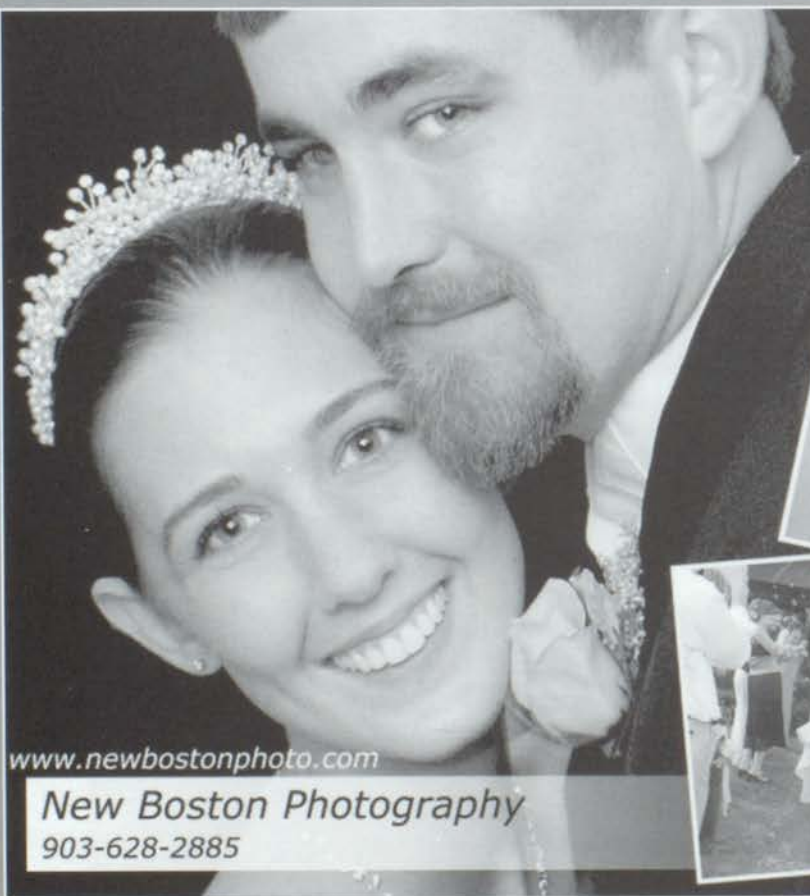


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Love always,  
Dad, Mom, & Caleb

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acknowledge Him, and He  
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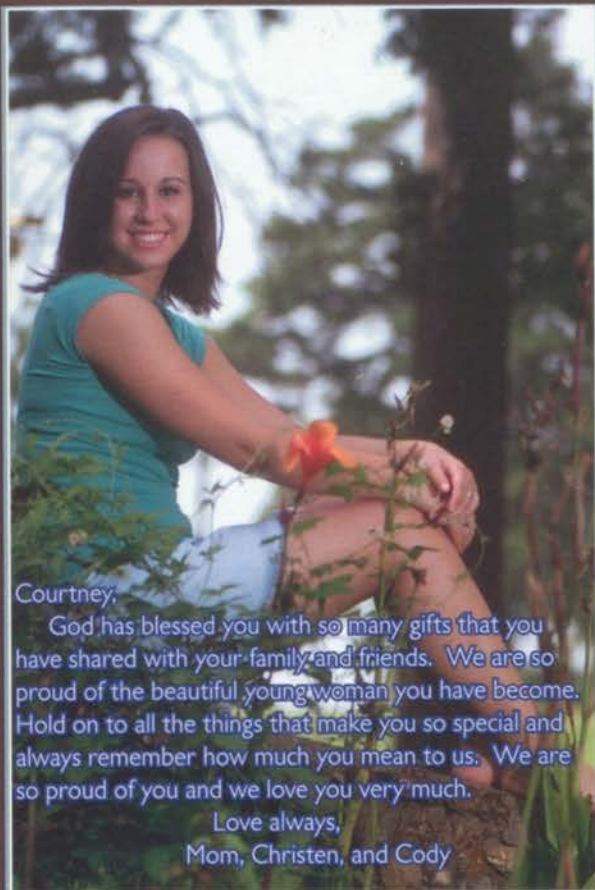
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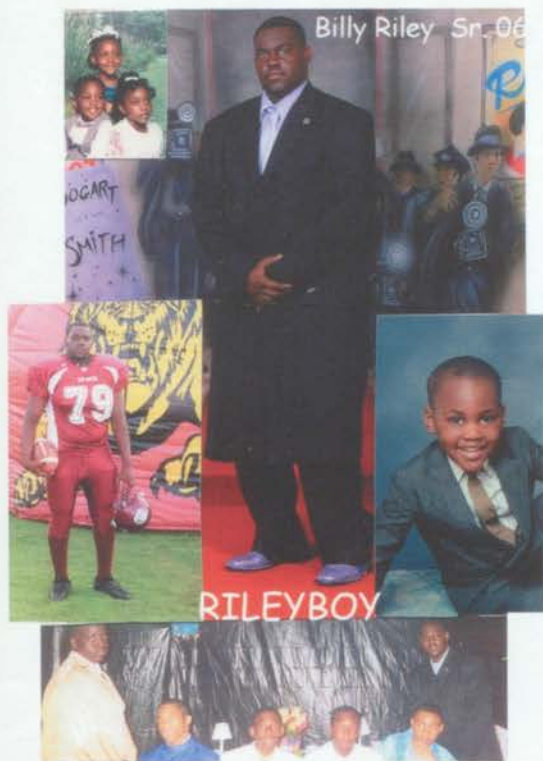
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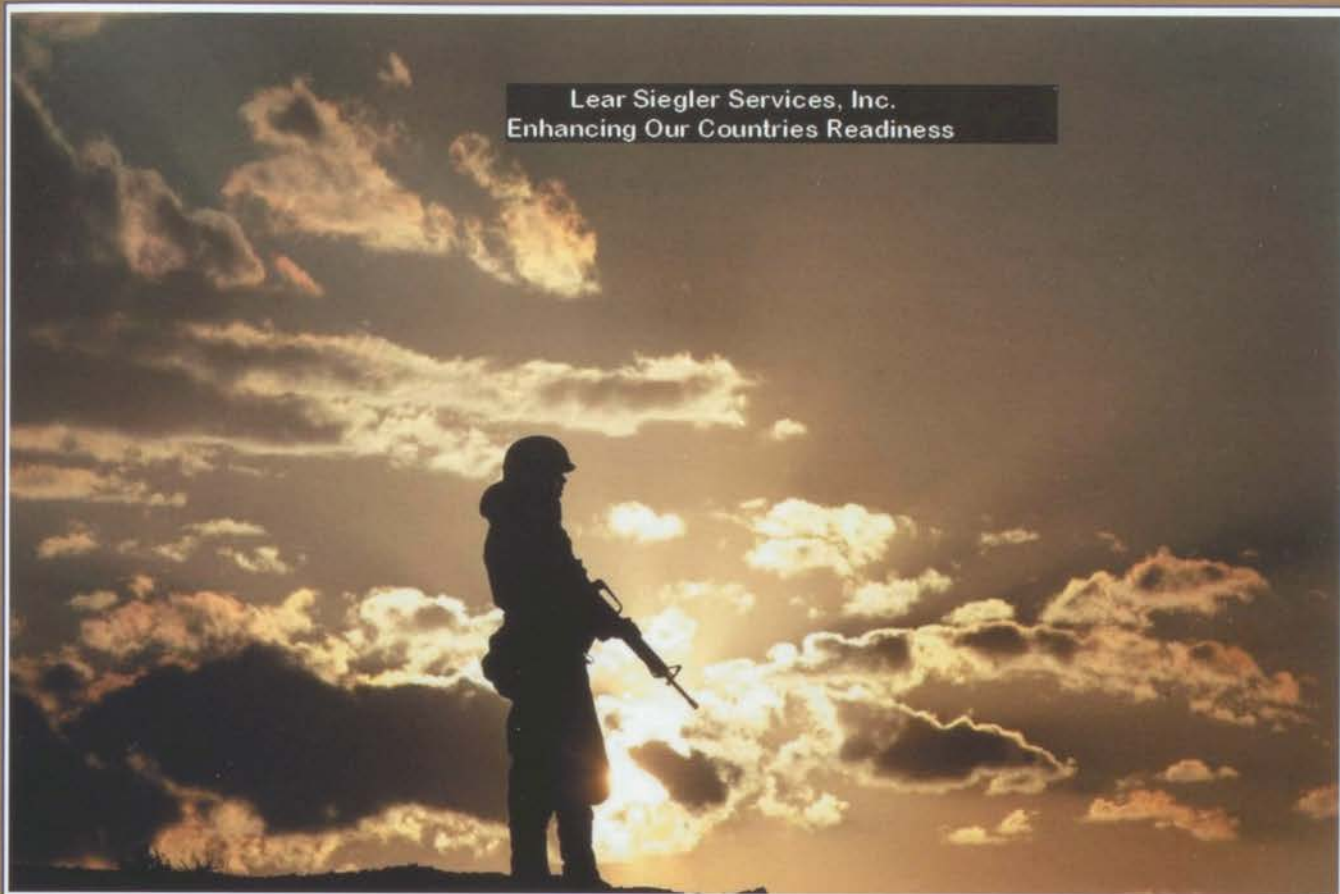
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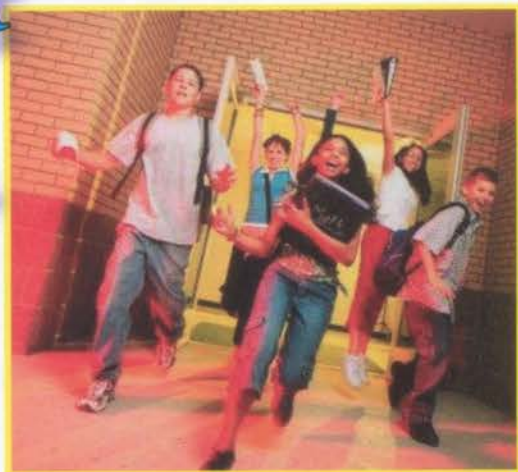
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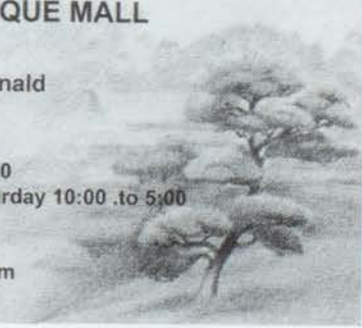
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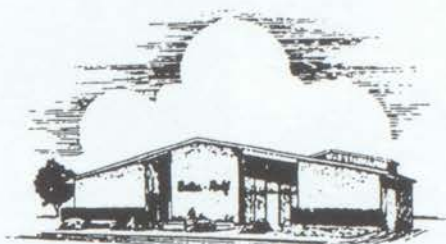
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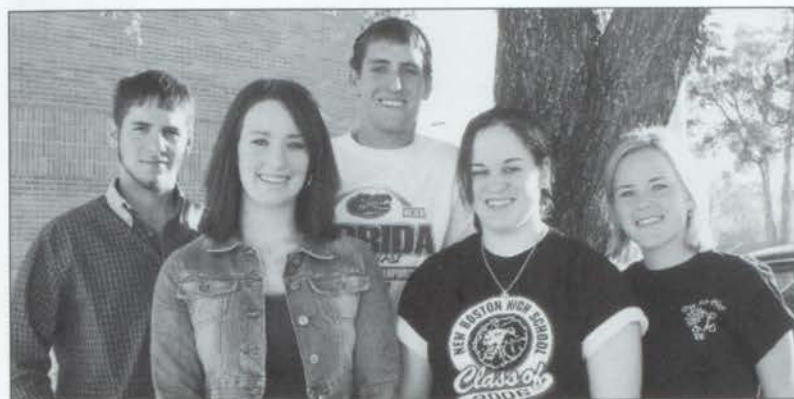
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DANIELLE **Randle**, senior 2006

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*All our love,  
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Morgan, Jordan, and all your Grandparents*





We are very proud of all of your accomplishments so far. You have enormous potential, so don't let anything prevent you from reaching your goals. May God bless you and keep you safe.

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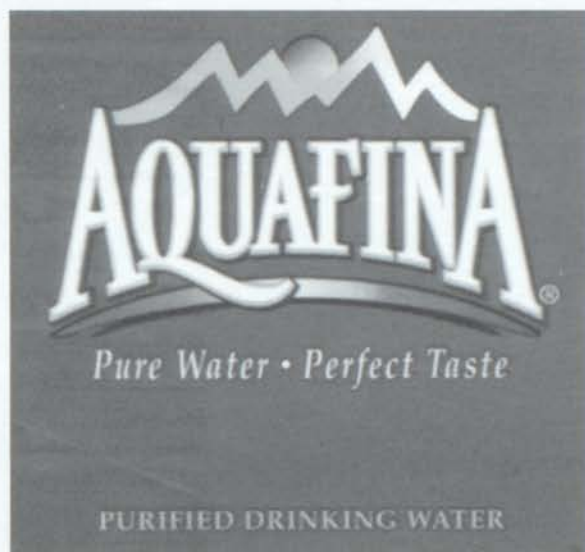
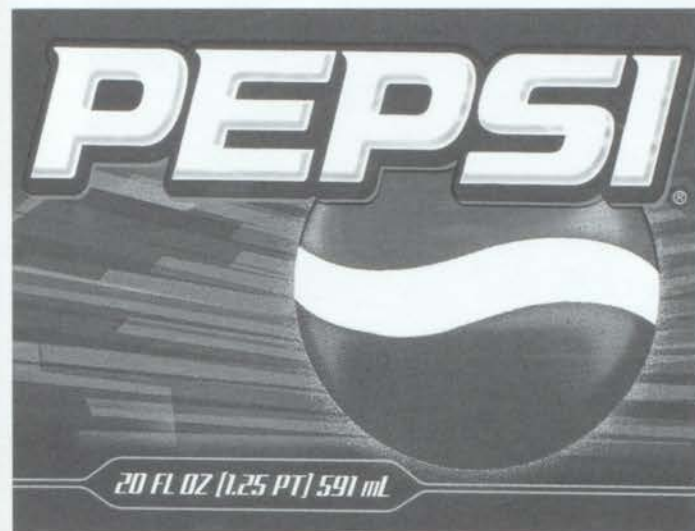
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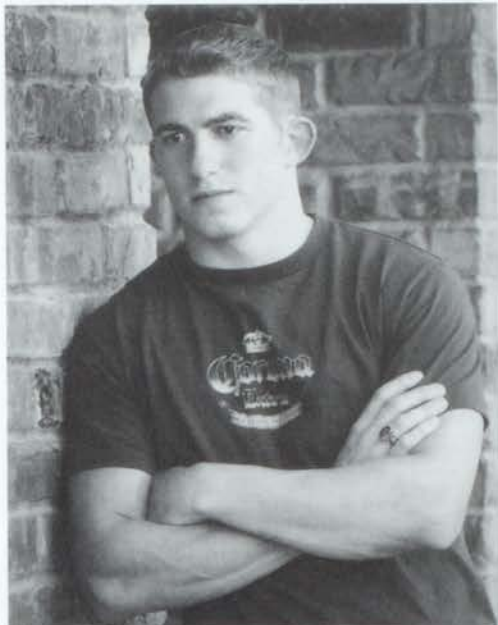
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Alex,

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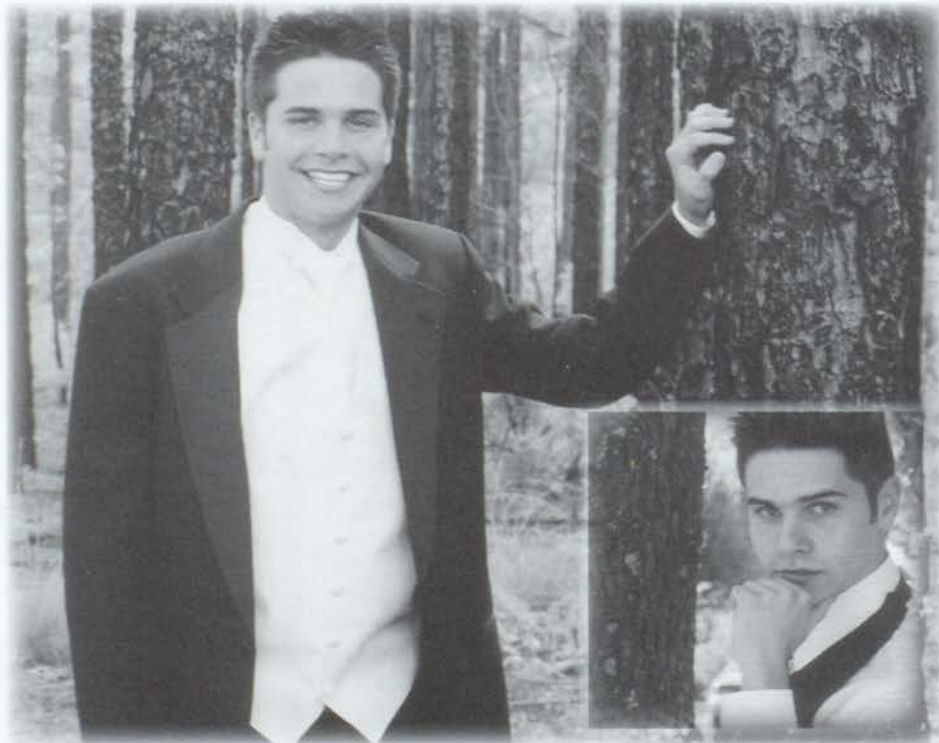
## Sandcastles

Every day, in a figurative sense, I am making sandcastles with those I love. I have only a short time in which to make them, and time is the most essential ingredient in making a sandcastle. I regret all those missed opportunities when I should have made a sandcastle, but instead nestled my feet comfortably in the sand.



I'm given only so much time to make sandcastles with those I love, creating memories and sharing moments of togetherness before the tide comes in. The waves of time allow me only a moment here and a moment there, and then all is washed away. Each day is a new opportunity to make a sandcastle with those I love, but I must make it soon, before the opportunity is lost.

Dan Schaeffer, *MOODY MAGAZINE*



We are so proud of the man you have become. You have been a blessing in our lives. We wish you all the best and much happiness. Thanks for being you!

We love you,  
Dad, Mom & Jake



2006

# LIONS' DEN colophon

The 53rd edition of the *Lions' Den* was designed and produced by the yearbook staff of New Boston High School, #1 Lion Drive, New Boston, Texas 75570. The book was printed by Herff-Jones Publishing Company at the Montgomery, Alabama plant with a pressrun of 375 copies. The publisher's representative was Ben Carter and in-plant consultant was Gwyneth Winston. Volume 53 of the book sold to students for \$35.

Extra copies will be sold for \$40 on a first come basis.

All 264 pages of the *Lions' Den* were prepared in room 114 on 6 personal computers using InDesign CS software. This year's theme **we STRIVE** was selected and developed by staff members. The cover is a chrome-coate litho with gloss lamination with cord overgraining.

The yearbook is divided into five sections, each having an individual theme spinoff. Student Life - *Individual*, Academics - *Learn*, Clubs - *Involved*, Sports - *Fierce*, Advertisements - *Invest*. Fonts used in this book include AHJ Chantilly, AHJ Chantilly Light and Bold, AHJ Unitus Condensed and AHJ Mistral.

Photographs were taken by the *Lions' Den* adviser or staff members with the exception of senior portraits, underclass individual portraits, high school favorites and group athletic and band pictures, which were taken by Ray Kumpe of New Boston Photography. All photos were taken digitally or scanned. The school used an Olympus E-20N digital camera and a Canon EOS Digital Rebel.

We would like to thank the school principals, Mr. Busse, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Barfield; the secretaries for all the reports and information we needed to locate students; and the teachers for their patience in providing time to take photographs and for understanding when we had to be out of class or interrupt class.

The *Lions' Den* is a result of hard work by staff members Rachel Edson, Ashley Spradlin, Lauren Rawls, Danielle Randle, Anna Elkins, Matt May, Ally Brock, Kaylee Johnson, Meagan York, Meagan Dunbar and adviser Sharon Purtle.

Rachel Edson explains to Lauren Rawls how to locate and attach missing links and pictures. "It is time for someone to learn how to do the detail work," Rachel said. "Lauren will step up and take over next year."



Meagan York, Anna Elkins, Allison Perry, Kaylee Johnson, and Chloe Jones lean over the wall and process what they have learned at the Bobby Hawthorne workshop at Pleasant Grove High School in the fall.



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