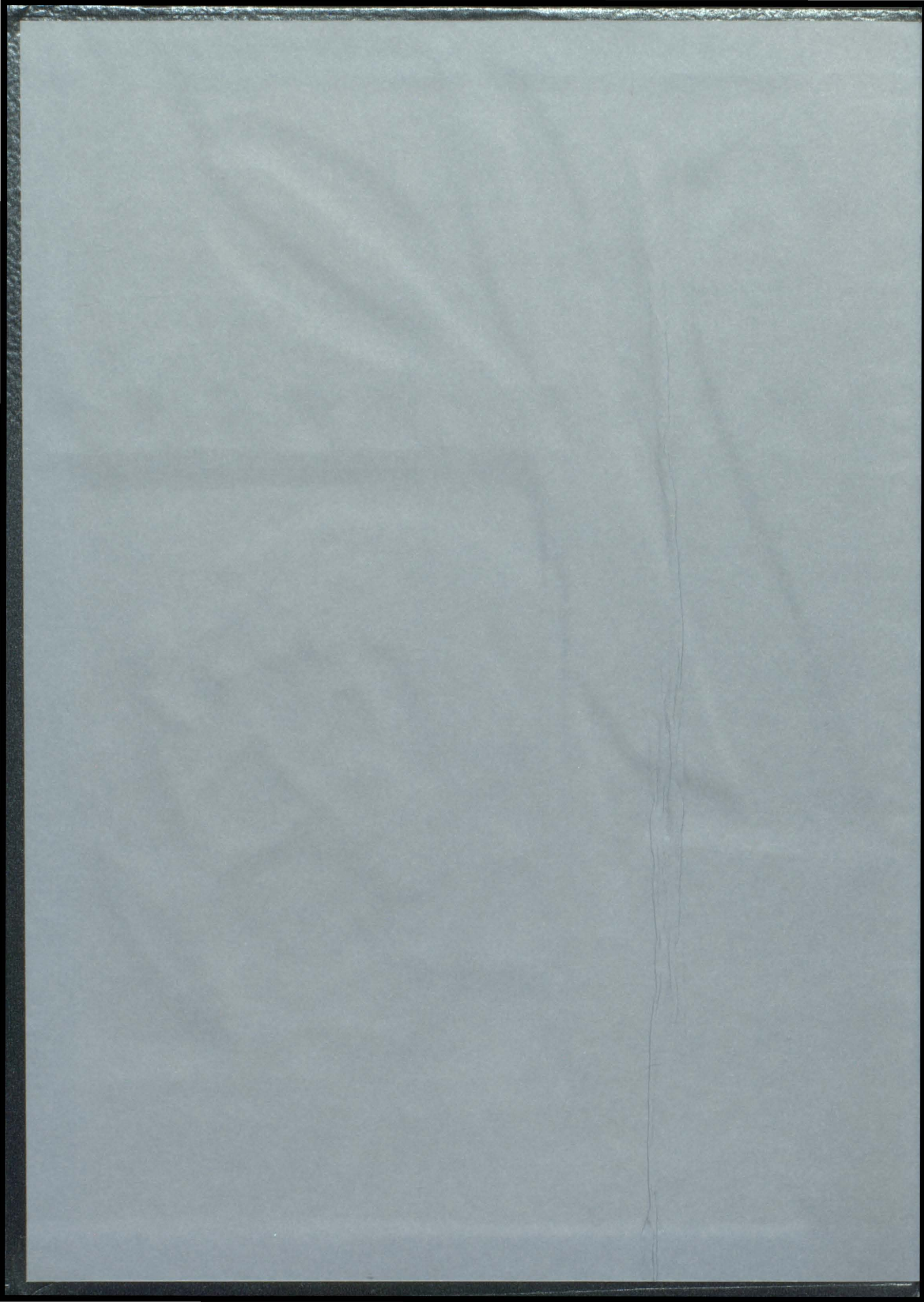
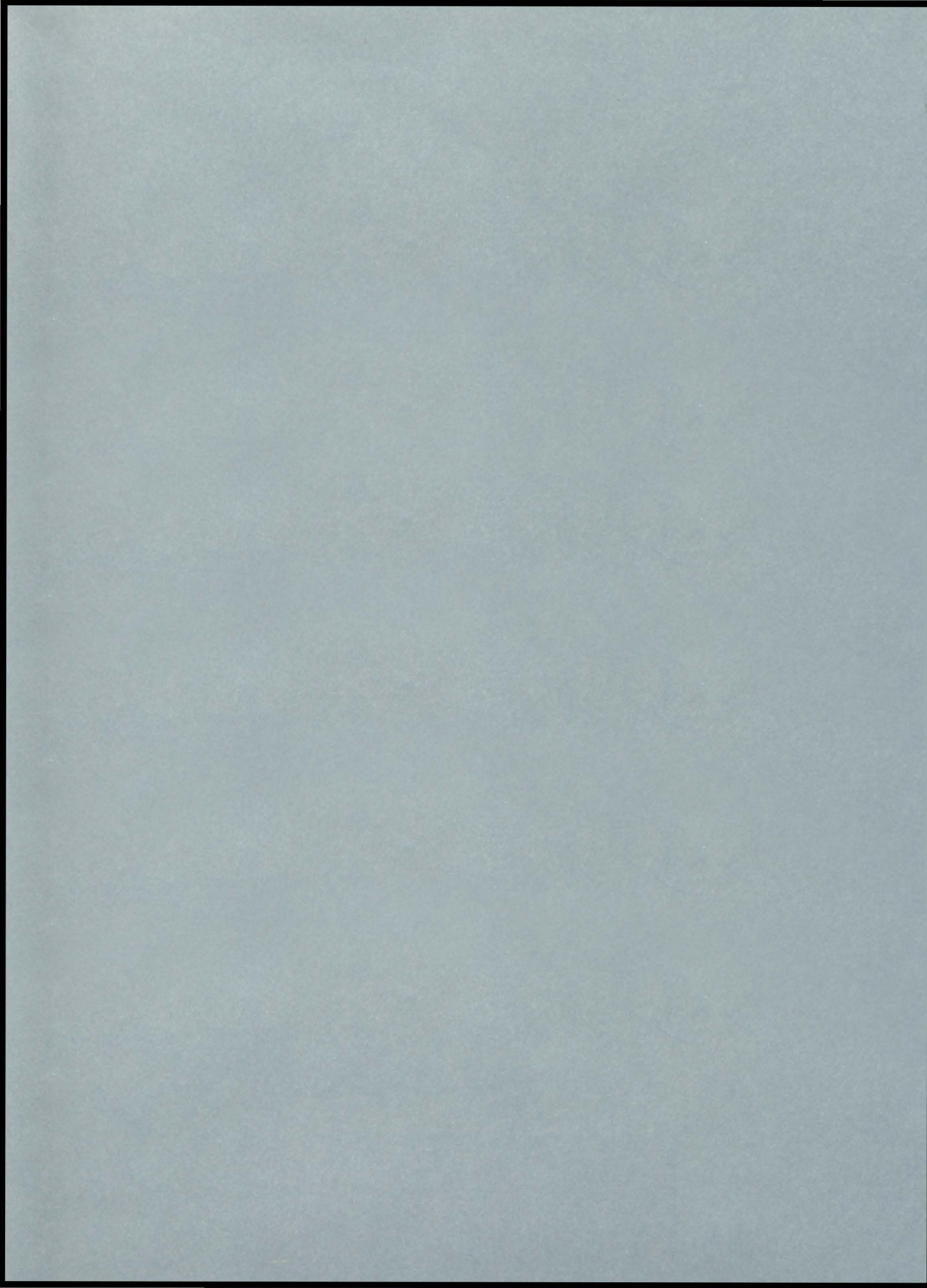


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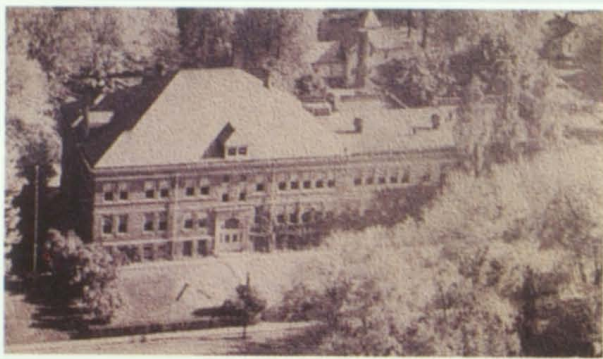
"Millennium Memories"



Blissfield High School
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Blissfield, MI 49228

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Millennium



Learning Across Time and Place

Old and New

Modifications for the Millennium: Blissfield's old high school as it stood at the corner of Jefferson and Lane. The new school which stands on South Lane was built in 1959.



Ringling shrilly, the bell marks the end of the four minute break. Voices trail off as doors shut behind the last minute students. Glancing down this now empty hallway, it's startling to remember how much things have changed. New classrooms have been added with many new teachers at the board. Computers and phone systems have made their way into every room. Science experiments have been made more accurate with special computer programs and sensitive measuring equipment. The computers themselves have been upgraded and improved with the Internet access needed for many of the school reports.

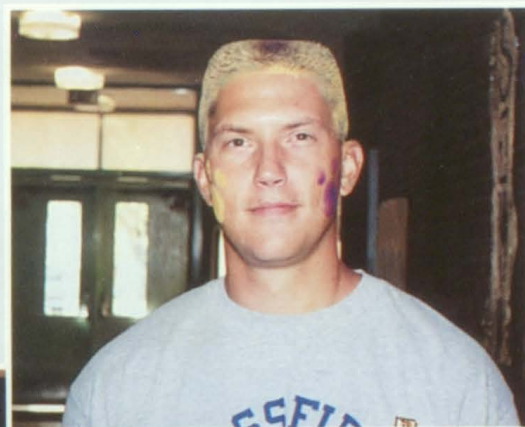
The sports arena has a slightly different look with a new scoreboard for football and entirely new fields for the baseball and softball teams. Old uniforms were finally scratched for the impressive new ones worn by the girls' basketball team and band. The administration has even changed with the new administrative assistant, Gary Sullivan. And of course, the students have changed. The seniors of 1999 have moved on and we have welcomed the seniors of 2003. We have had to say goodbye to some of our friends and have said hello to a few more that we've made. Times have changed and we've had to change with them. As we prepare ourselves and our school to enter a new chapter, we look back at the memories we've made, sure to remember them for the rest of our lives.

Memories



Above: Chelsea Vandebusch and Stephanie Moore celebrate the completion of their feat at the end of a very busy homecoming week. **Read more about Homecoming and student life on page 80.**

Mr. M. Noel goes all out during spirit week. **Student and faculty pictures start on page 7.**



Right: Trisha Warner looks for an opening. **Check out the scores on page 94.**

Caleb Porter and Erik Segur visit the elementary for the FFA. **Clubs and organizations are on pg 64.**



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Modernizing For

Computer Labs

At right is the new computer lab in use. Many students use the lab for research, typing papers, and e-mail. Below are the computers from the old lab now on the north end of the room.



This summer the computer lab was divided into two separate labs. Another set of P.C.'s were added on the south end and all computers were updated. One lab is used for computer class while the other side can be reserved by teachers for use during a class period.



Science Equipment

Mr. Noel is explaining the physics concept of acceleration to Amanda Wittscheck, Leigha Woodward, and Lorelei LaViolette. The science equipment was purchased this year for the science departments to share.



Communications

Mr. Weston displays how not to use the new phone system. Over the summer every teacher had a phone with voice mail installed in his or her room.

The Millennium

Netscape's Site of the Week



Melissa Prielipp has earned many awards, including Netscape's site of the week, for her webpage which utilizes Flash technology.

Blissfield Community Schools



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Middle School
Elementary School
BFEE
Weather/Delays
Home Page Central
The Web Masters
Administration
Help Desk

Web Page Design

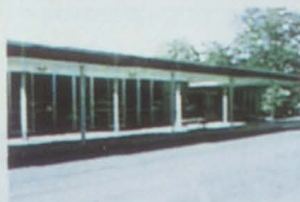
Web class, founded by teacher Craig Emery, was designed to teach students about website creation and to maintain the Blissfield Community Schools Website. They used Frontpage to create the pages and store them on the school server.

Blissfield's District Website

Melissa Prielipp was responsible for creating the district page along with Jason Bourdette and Erin Hufford who worked on the high school page.

Blissfield High School

HOME OF THE BLISSFIELD ROYALS
PRINCIPAL: JERRY JOHNSON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: GARY SULLIVAN



Principal Jerry Johnson and
Administrative Assistant Gary Sullivan



Digital Camera

Media specialist, Mrs. Webb, holds the new digital camera she uses to take pictures for the Blissfield Communicator. The camera was purchased with a grant from BFEE.



Lunch Cards

Steve Tagsold swipes his card as he buys his lunch in the cafeteria. The new lunch cards were implemented to help speed up the lunch line.

Millennium Merchandise

Girls' Varsity Basketball Uniforms



The BHS girls' varsity basketball team was garbed in new uniforms this year. They were chosen by the senior athletes on the team. They sport different necklines and trim than their previous uniforms.

Marching Band Uniforms



Jazz Band Stands

The BHS Jazz Band debuted its new stands at a Rotary meeting on Dec. 5, 1999. The lower, boxy design brings the jazz band into the millennium by offering a colorful front to the saxophone section. Stands were purchased with funds from the Blissfield Band Boosters.

After thirty years of the classic tuxedo jackets, spats, and crossbelts, the BHS marching band hung it up for their new two piece uniform. Much fundraising and a large donation from the Blissfield Rotary made it possible for the uniforms to be purchased this year.



Girls' Softball Field



The girls' softball field was given a much needed facelift this year for the 2000 season. The outfield was re-graded to provide a flatter surface and the dugouts were also re-done.

Students and

Faculty

Looking Back...



Looking back on the students at Blissfield High School: Styles have certainly changed since these two students attended BHS in 1950.

Pictured are: Jane Ann Ingold and Richard Dunbar.



Looking back on the Blissfield High School Faculty
The staff has grown since the eighteen members were pictured here in 1950.

First Row: Mr. Siewert, Mr. Leader, Mr. Strayer, Mr. Williams, Mr. Venema. Second Row: Mr. Blanks, Mr. Morton, Miss Burkhardt, Mr. Peebles, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greene. Third Row: Miss Snyder, Mrs. Culhane, Miss Stafford, Mr. Rodda, Mr. Lew, Mrs. McColl, Mrs. Suydam.

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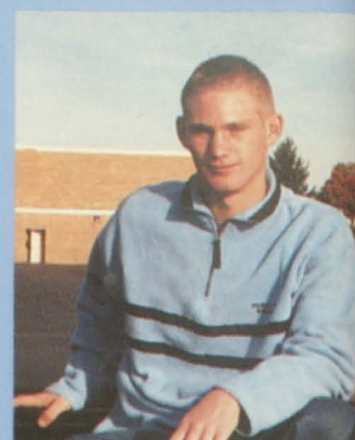
Seniors

Class of 2000

Statistics: 112 Total Students
62 Girls 50 Boys

Jon Mowery stops to donate his change to the Christmas charity drive.

Chad Segur takes a minute to relax with his friends after school.



Senior Class Officers

President : Zac Friess

Vice President: Victoria Sell

Treasurer: Suzanne Ries

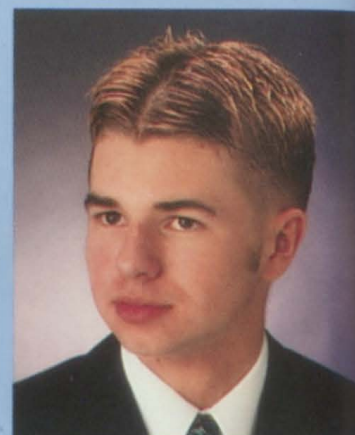
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Representatives: Katie Zimmerman and Sara Retter

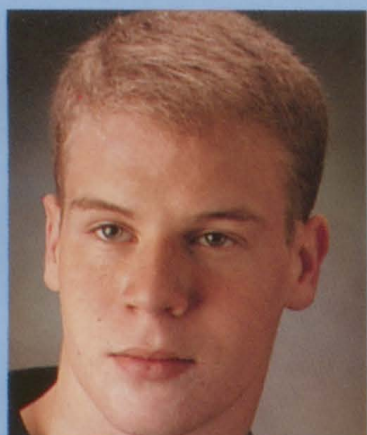
Class Colors: Silver and Blue



Debra Aldrich



Benjamin Allion



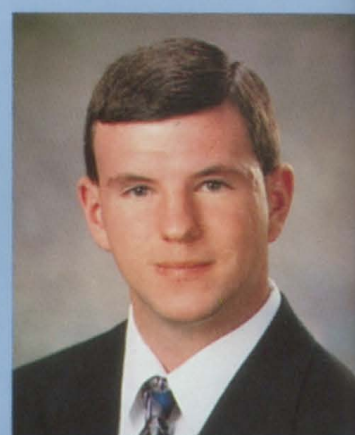
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Julia Barton



Sarah Betz



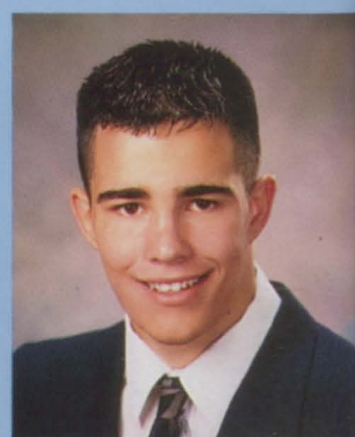
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Anne Bradshaw



Angel Bryan



Steven Clark



Tammy Clement



Carrie Cole



Dawn Cox



Brad DeCatur



Alycia Demey



Rebecca Dennison



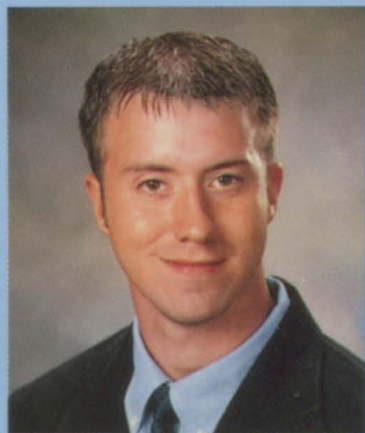
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Miriam Douge



Matthew Dunbar



Brandon Elliott



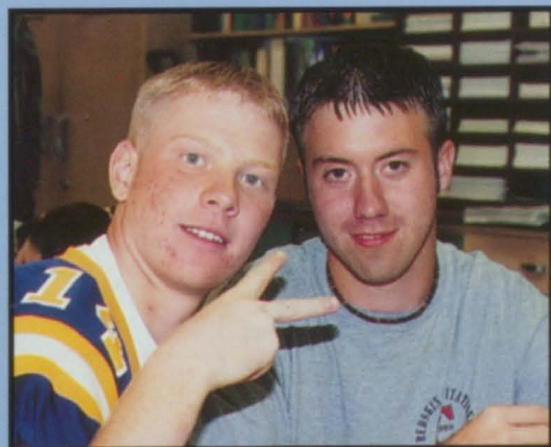
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Ginnie Fleanor



Benjamin Flores



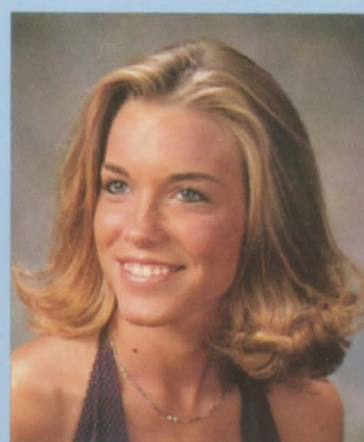
Scott Siefert and Brandon Elliott take a break from their studies during VIP in Mr. Brink's room. Everyone has VIP between third hour and fourth hour. It is a study hall intended for students to catch up on their homework.



Adria Foote



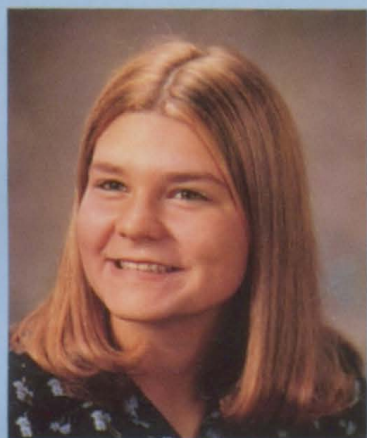
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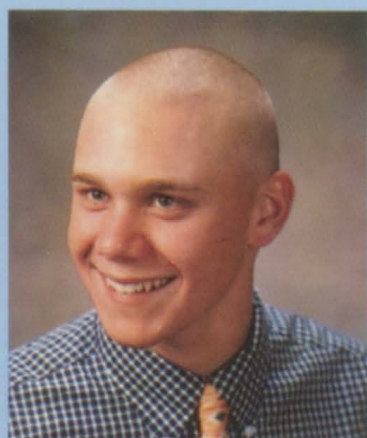
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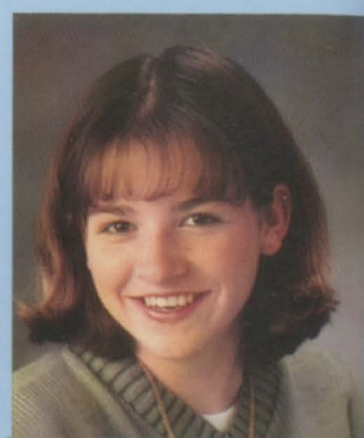
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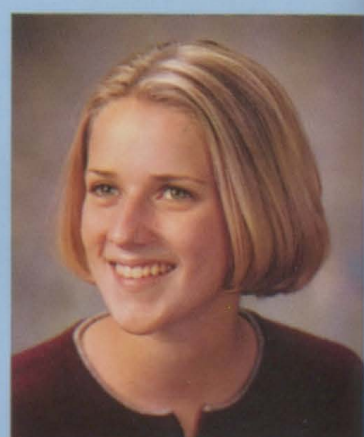
Trisha Goetz



Elizabeth
Gritzmaker



Heather
Hagenbuch



Kari Hallet



Bethany Harpst



Nicole Hoagland



Erin Hufford



Jacob Jensen



Diane Jones



Tomoe Kakegawa



Meik Kebza



Senior Class Council

Pictured with advisor Mr. Coscarelli, the senior class officers have had a busy year. One of their successes was the organization of putting the winning homecoming float together. They dedicated the float to classmate Jake Thompson.

First row: Vice President: Victoria Sell, Representatives: Katie Zimmerman, and Sara Retter. Second row: Advisor: Mr. Coscarelli, Secretary: Renee Walters, President: Zac Friess, and Treasurer: Suzanne Ries.



Ryan Klump



Heather Knight



Kyle Knoblauch



Brandy LaTour



Lorelei LaViolette



Janine LaVoy



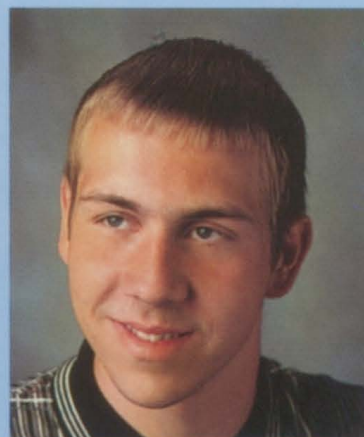
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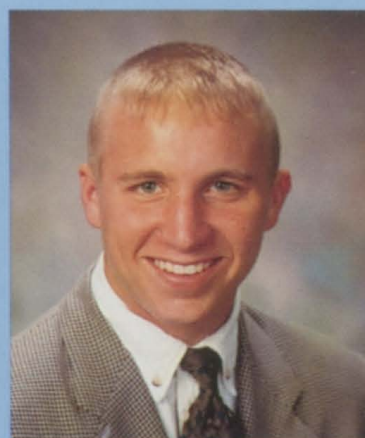
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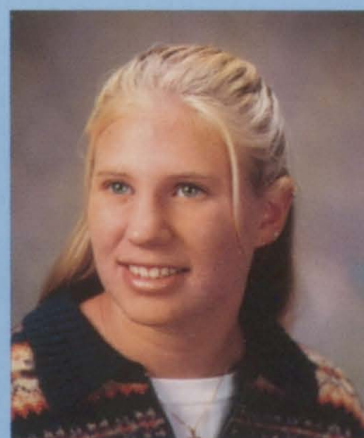
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Jessica Loveland



Gerald Marchal



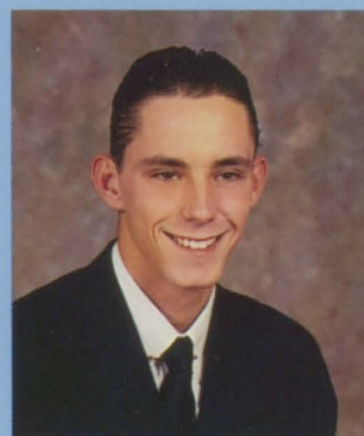
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Janessa Martolock



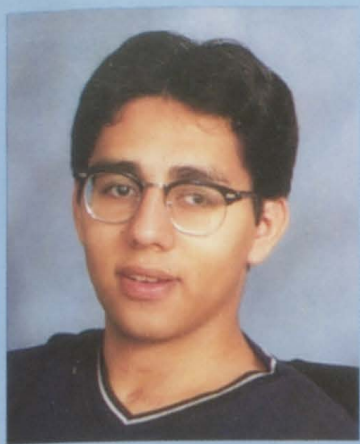
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Jon Mowery



Tracy Munoz



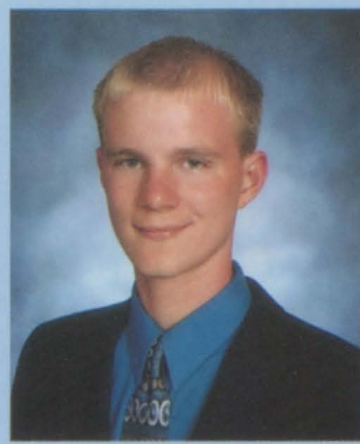
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Angela Nowak



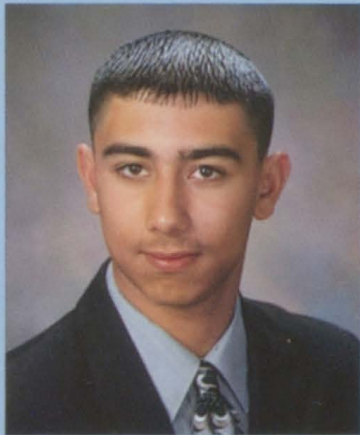
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Kyle Phillips



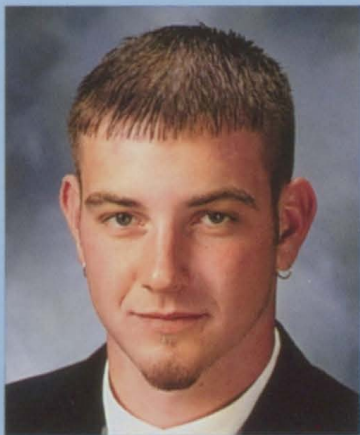
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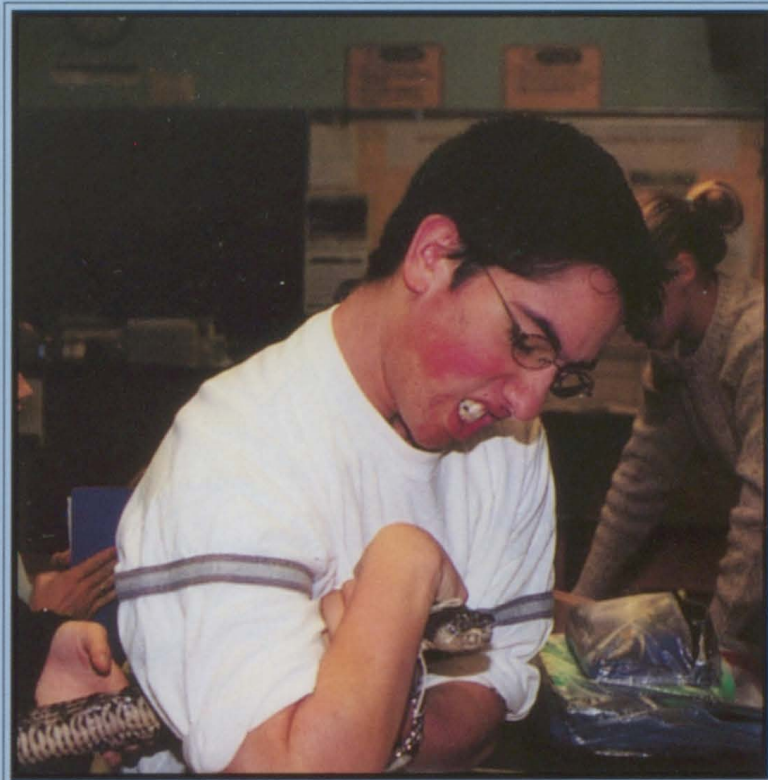
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Sarah Pyle



Jacob Retter



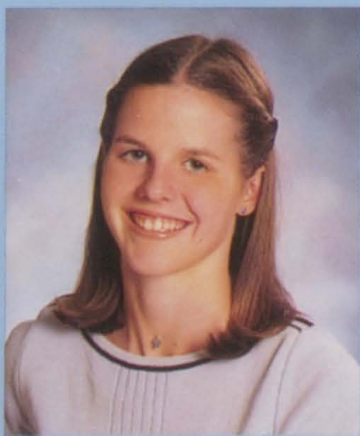
Becoming a bit too involved in the snake dissection in Mr. Coscarelli's Zoology class, Ben Flores grips his snake in a choke-hold. This year the snakes were exceptionally large and one was even brought out of the formalin with a frog still in its mouth.



Sara Retter



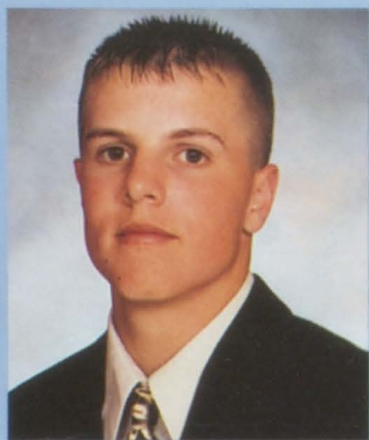
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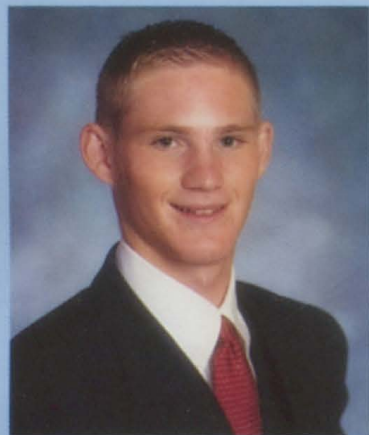
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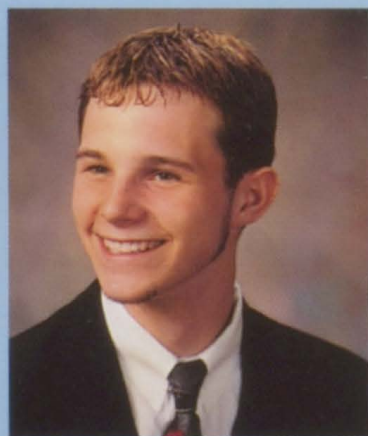
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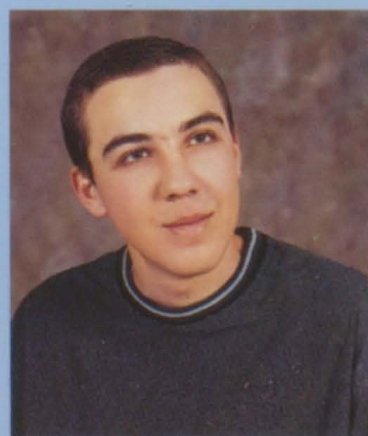
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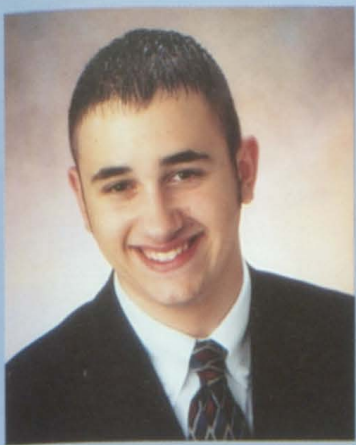
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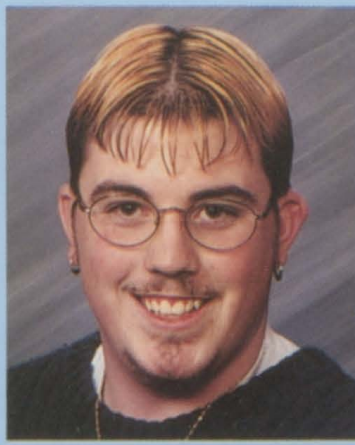
James Thomas



Jacob Visingardi



Amy Volk



Dennis Vore



Kellie Wahl



Rachel Walters



Renee Walters



Miranda Warner



Zebulun Waterbury

In Memory of Jacob Thompson
1982 - 1999



Everyone liked Jake. He was a loyal friend and had a great sense of humor. He could always make people laugh. Golf and basketball were his favorite sports.

He also enjoyed flying and building a plane with his father.

Remember when:

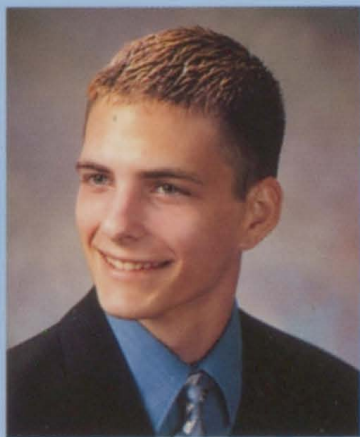
"Jake and his basketball friends used to put dixie cups under each other as pranks."

"When we were on vacation, we always launched water balloons at each other."

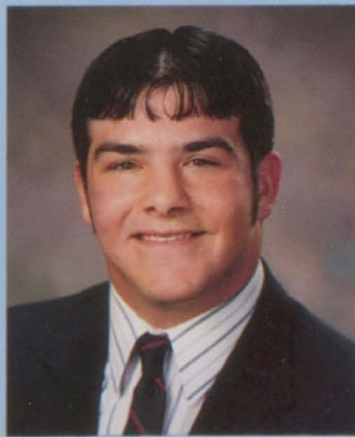
"Whenever I was upset, Jake would crack a joke. Then he would say, 'Is that a smile I see?' It always made me feel better."



Jeffrey Wells



Ken Wells



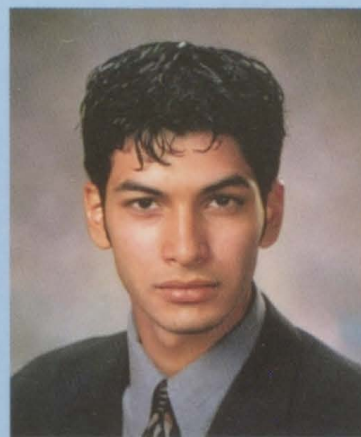
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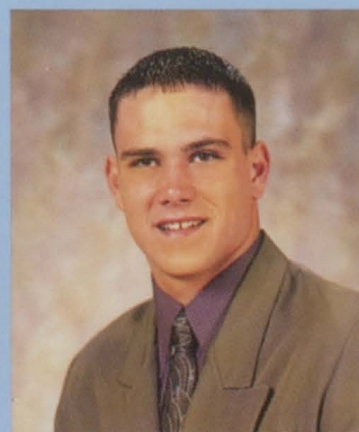
Leigha Woodward

Senior Spirit

Pumped up before the football game, these seniors show their spirit through their purple and gold shirts and leis while riding on the senior float. Pictured from left to right are Ann Fisher, Sarah Retter, Gwynne Mock, Jon Mowery, Brandi Snyder, Ken Wells, Julia Barton, Heather Knight, Nikki Fowler, Heather Francouer, and Leah Stimac. This year the seniors won first place for their float themed "Target"



Karen Yockey



Justin Yovanov



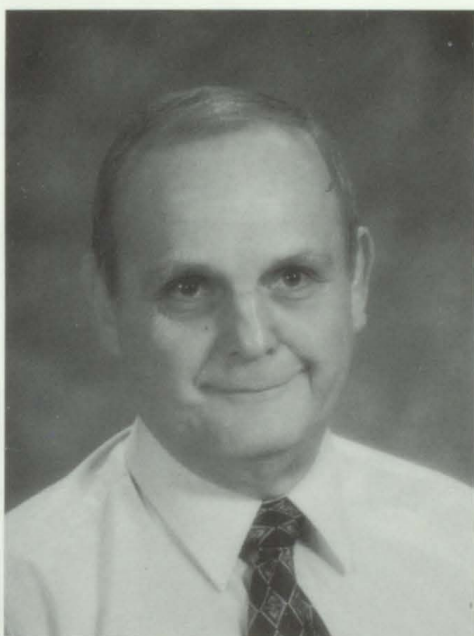
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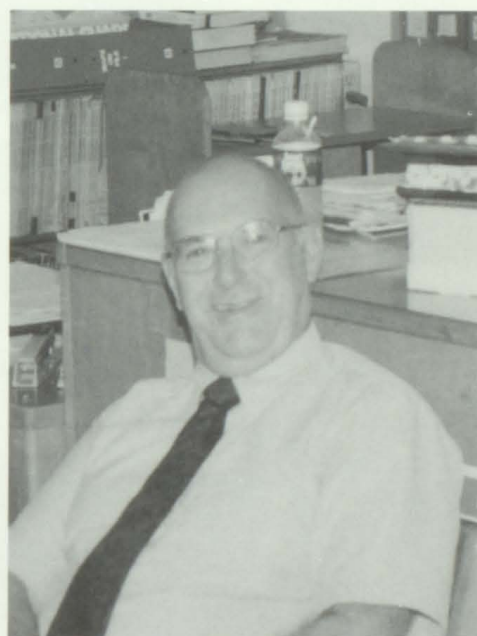
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Superintendent of Schools



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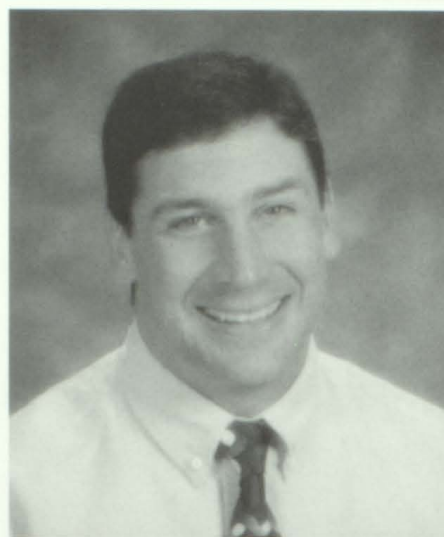
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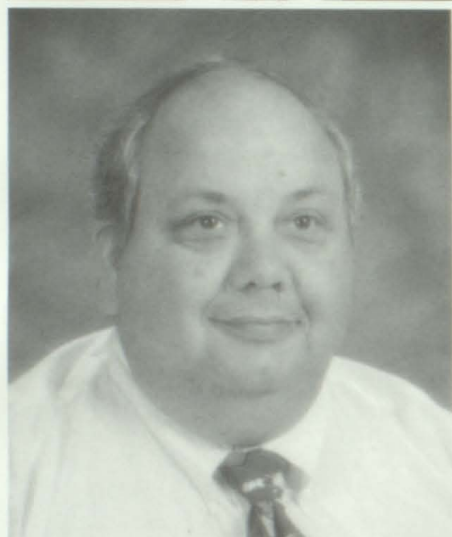
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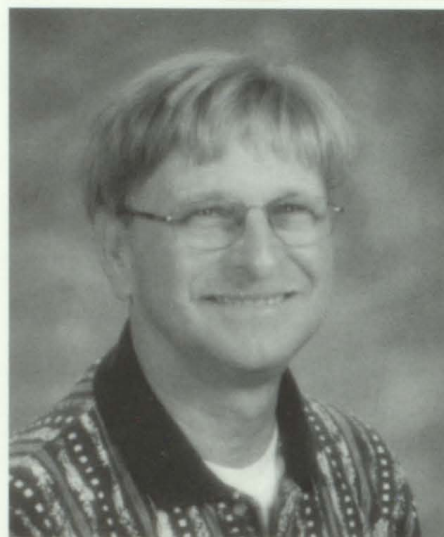
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High
School
Administrative
Assistant



K.C.
Hufford

Technology
Specialist



Larry
Tuttle

High
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Blissfield High Schools'

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Mrs. Judy Beagle
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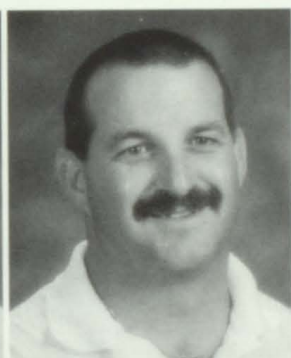


Mr. Sullivan
chows down on
Swiss Cake Rolls
during the annual
Coming Home
Spirit Week.

The 1999-2000 Blissfield High School Faculty



Left: Mr. Mike Kostoff
kicks off a pep assembly.
Bottom Left: Ms. Cindy
Bella, a class advisor,
instructs her students in
the art of float building
Right: Mrs. Maralee
Wright serves up some
punch at a holiday party
in one of her classes.



Mr. Steven Babbitt
Physical Education
Mrs. Cheryl Bausman
Science
Ms. Cindy Bella
Mathematics
Mrs. Nancy Breitner
English



Mr. Gary Brink
Mathematics/Drivers Ed
Mrs. Hazel Brown
*English/Health/
Physical Education*
Mr. Richard Coscarelli
Science
Mrs. Karen Dillie
Business/Computers

The 1999-2000 Blissfield High School Faculty

Mr. Peter Durbin

English

Mr. Ron Estes

Social Studies

Mrs. Irene Hawley

French/English

Mrs. Laurie Isley

Science



Mr. Michael Kostoff

Social Studies

Mr. Stan Masters

Social Studies

Mrs. Judy Mershon

English/Drama

Mrs. Rhea Mills

Counselor



Mr. Phil Nino

Spanish

Mr. Mike Noel

Mathematics

Mr. Sean Phillips

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Mr. John Smith

Mathematics



Mrs. Sandra Sell

Vocal Music

Mr. Greg Tarrant

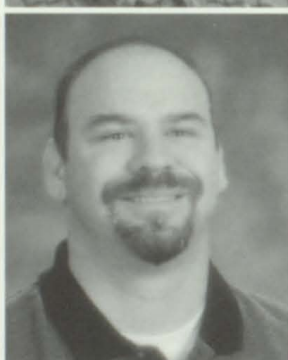
Art

Ms. Heather Walkowe

English/Social Studies

Mrs Elaine Webb

Media Specialist



Mr. David Weston

Computers/Science

Mr. Mark Willson

Counselor

Mr. Robert Wilson

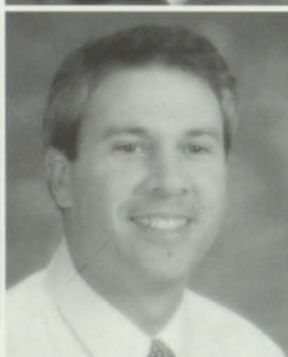
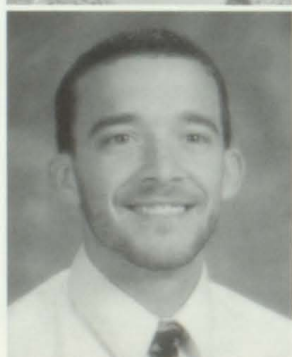
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Education

Mrs. Maralee Wright

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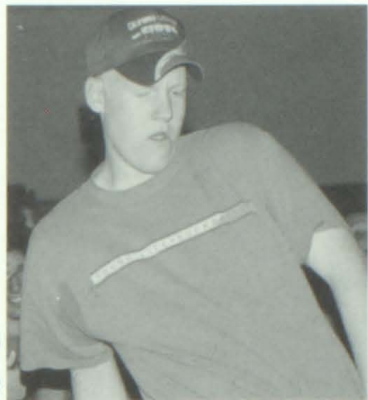
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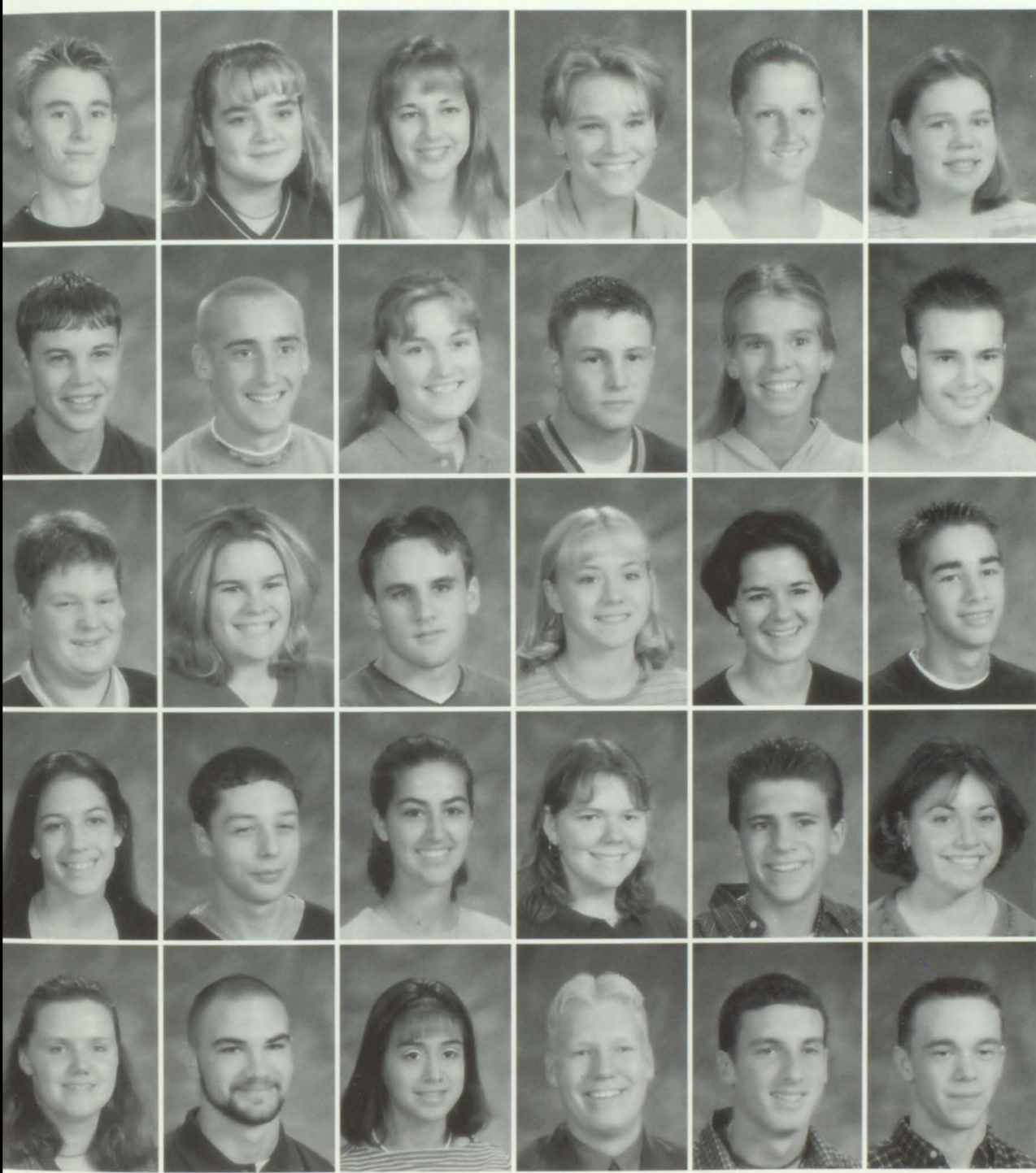
Juniors *Class of 2001*

Statistics: 104 Total Students
 53 Girls 51 Boys



Andrea Coopshaw takes a break from her tedious yearbook duties to smile for the camera in Mr. Durbin's V.I.P.

Pat Fillippi displays his groovy and unique dance moves on the floor at the homecoming dance while his peers watch.



Jay Allen
 Rachael Averill
 Heather Baker
 Robyn Baker
 Stephanie Barron
 Elise Barton

Eli Benko
 Andrew Borchardt
 Kristen Bowman
 Justin Brown
 Kara Brown
 John Burtle

Zachary Byers
 Nikki Casterline
 Kevin Chont
 Jessica Coakley
 Andrea Coopshaw
 Nicholas Coopshaw

Kari Cory
 Tyler Cox
 Maria Crane
 Denise Creamer
 Justin Duckett
 Meghann Eff

Amanda Eisenmann
 Justin Eisenmann
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Melissa Hartzell



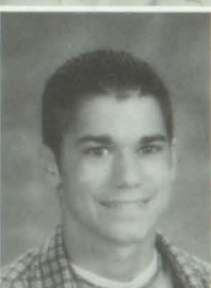
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Katie Hill
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Samantha
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Natalie Jensen



Joshua Johnson
James Jordan
Kandice Katich
David
Kerekgyarto
Jason Kleindienst
Erin Klump



Kathryn Krok
Cheri Kronberg
Corie Loar
Kathryn Love
Stephanie
Macintyre
Jessica Marks



Michelle Martis
Melissa Marx
Joseph McGovern
Daniel Mead
Traver Meinke
Ricardo Mirelez



Karly Moore
Jennie Navarro
Christopher Niles
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Noelanders
Ashely Nowak

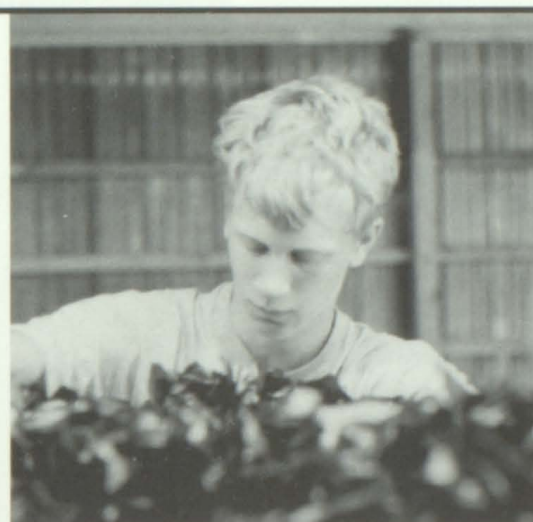




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Melissa Perry
Joshua Pixley
Phillip Pixley
Isaiah Porter
Melissa Prielipp

Becky Ries
Roger Robinson
Nathan Rodesiler
Hillary Sanderson
Aaron Sauter
Neil Sauter

Jay Allen and Tyler Cox are deeply focused on their snake dissections in zoology class. This year the snakes were larger than normal because of Mr. Coscarelli's mistake on the order form.

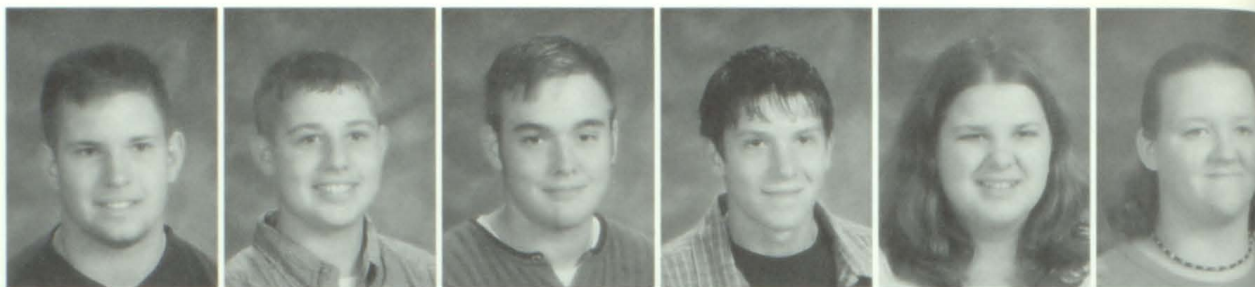


With precision and concentration Seth Heydinger staples colored garbage bags, which are made into flowers for the junior float. Placing second this year, the theme of the float was *Express*.

Holli Staup, Meghan Eff, Erin Klump, Amber Snyder, and Melissa Hartzell invest their school spirit into a fierce tug of war competition held at the homcoming pep rally.



Douglas Saxton
Adam Seeger
Gregory Sell
Kevin Smith
Sarah Smith
Amber Snyder



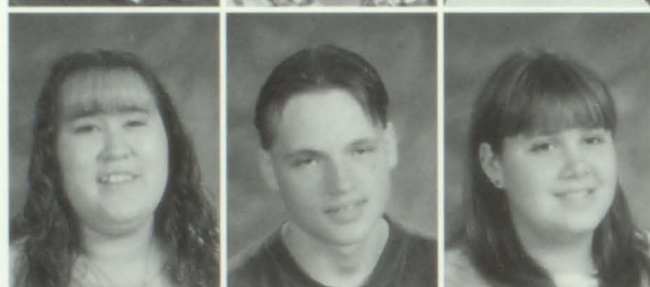
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Daniel Stutzman
Laura Terry



David Thompson
Eric Thompson
Geoffrey
Uyttenhove
Lawreyce Wahl
Tim White
Justin Wotring



Catarina Ybarra
Nathan Yoder
Daniela Yovanov



Not Pictured:
Nathan Meyer

Class Council

The 2001 Junior Class Officers

Class Advisor

Miss Walkowe

Class Officers

Nikki Casterline
Janelle Noelanders
Erin Gilmore
Kara Brown
Laura Terry
Ashley Nowak



The 2001 Junior Class Officers
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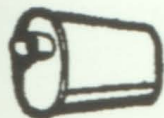
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Class of 2002

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60 Girls 71 Boys



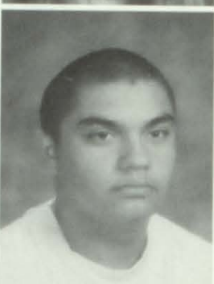
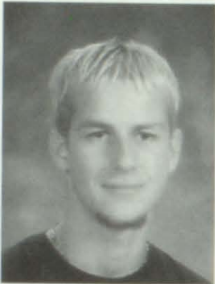
Cynthia Eisenmann and Ashley Schaedler take a second to smile for the camera before they go back to their flower fluffing duty.

Ashley Brenke adorns the sophomore hallway with streamers during spirit week. The sophomores earned third place for their efforts.

Heather Anderson
Kenneth Barnaby
Craig Bettis
Rachel Bradshaw
Ashley Brenke
Vincent Briggs



Lacey Brown
Lukas Bruce
Catherine Burger
Jeffrey Burtle
Eddie Casanova
Rachel Clements



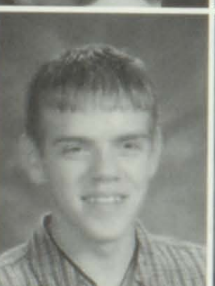
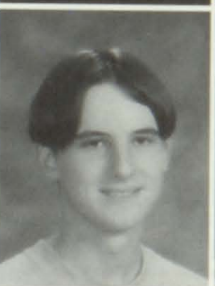
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Loren Conn
Danielle Cox
Joseph Cruz
Katina Dennison
Amanda DeNuddt



Donald Dewey
Julie Dickerson
Kara Dominique
Elizabeth Douge
Randi Driver
Andrew DuMoulin



Jarred Duff
Matthew Ebright
Sarah Ebright
Cyndi Eisenmann
Jennifer Eisenmann
Natalie Eisenmann





Class Council

*The 2002 Sophomore
Class Council*

Class Advisor

Miss Bella

Officers Pictured

Katie Marchal

Cassie Todd

Sophomore Class Council Officers:

Chelsea Vandenbushe (not pictured) - President

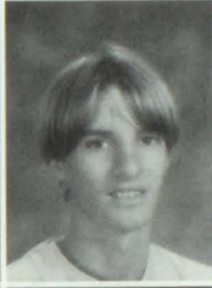
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Jessica Kwiatkowski (not pictured) - Representative



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Derek Feldkamp
Tary Fetzer
Justin Fischer
Lee Flores
Andrew Foote



Benjamin Forche
Michael Francoeur
Nathan Fuller
Diana Garcia
Scott Gardner II
Vernon Gartee



Stephen Goetz
Joshua Goodfriend
Roy Halpain III
Chris Hudson
Amanda Hunt
Alysa Isley



Christina James
Amy Jensen
Michael Johnson
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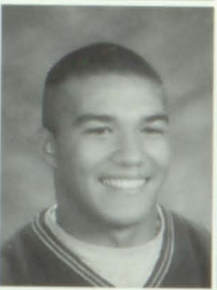
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Chad LaJiness
Scott LaTour



Audra Leader
Evan Loader
Stephanie
Lockwood
Matt Lott
Sarah Love
Heather
Luckhardt



Katie Marchal
Michael Melvin
Nathanael Miles
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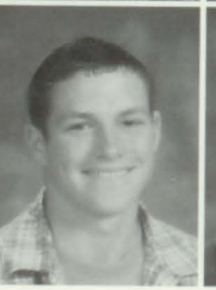
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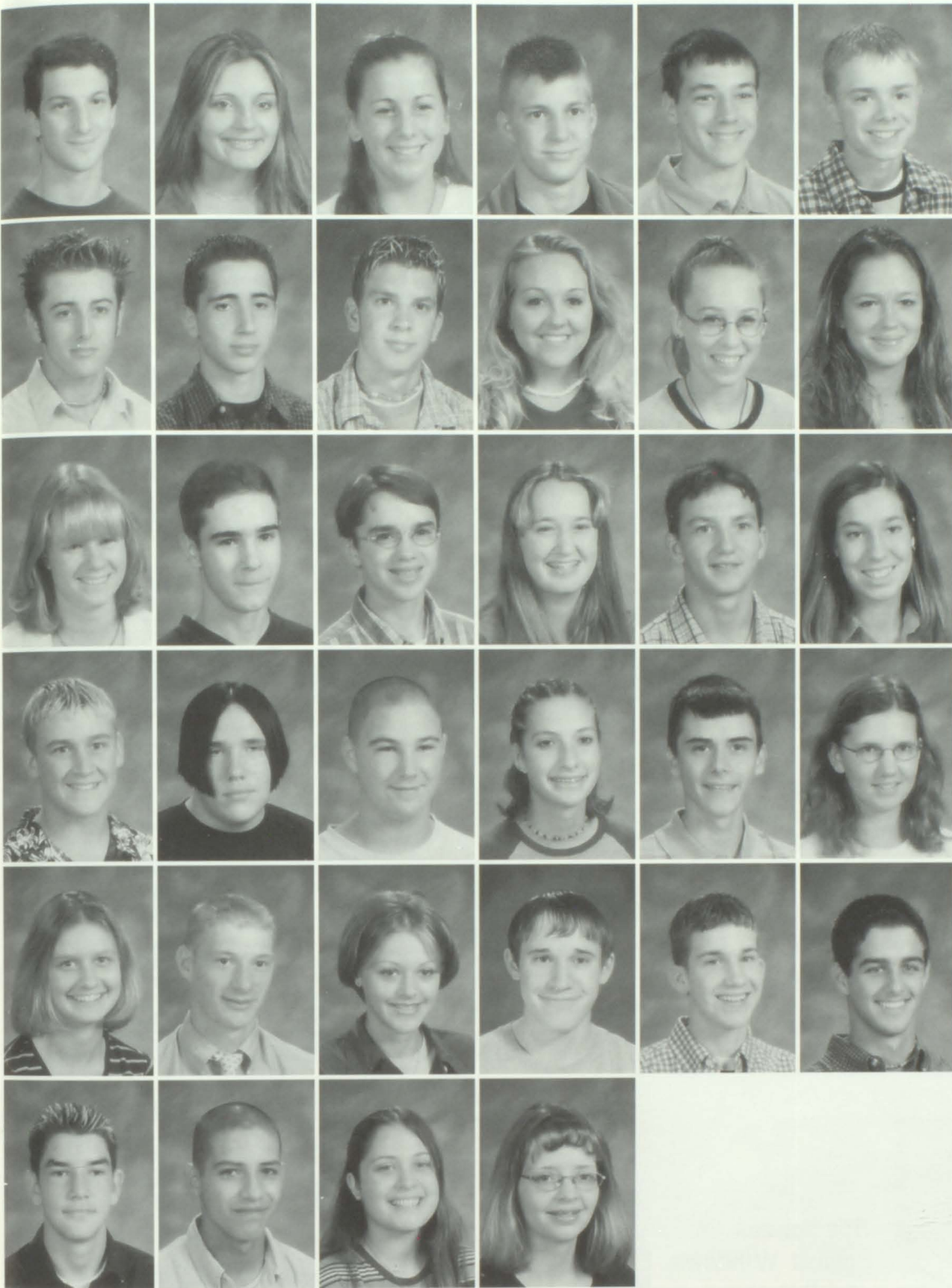


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Paul Phillips
Celia Pixley
Caleb Porter
Daniel Pyle
Michal Quinn



Penny Reaume
Amber Retan
Stephanie
Rice-Rupp
David Rose
James Rose
Jamie Rye





Chris Salerno
 Lisa Sayler
 Ashley Schaedler
 Zachary Schroeder
 Kurt Scobie
 Aaron Seeburger

Kyle Seegert
 Matthew Sell
 Chad Smith
 Jeannette Smith
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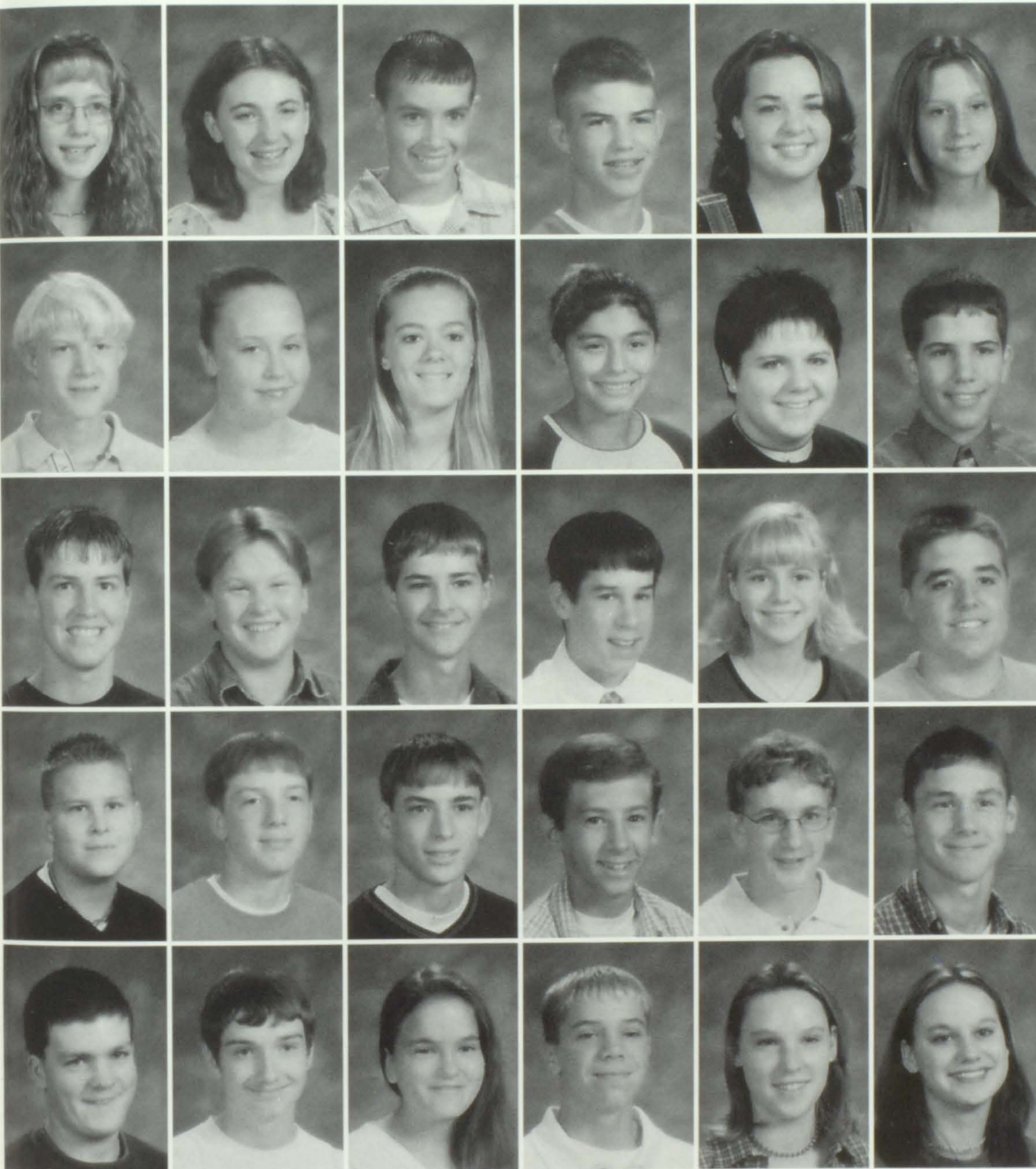
Freshmen

Class of 2003

Statistics: 118 Total Students
45 Girls 73 Boys

Clint Smith and Tom Freudenberg work diligently on the freshman float. Float building was extended again to give students a head start.

Homecoming week draws to a close as Sarah Robertson celebrates at the dance after the football game.



Michelle Ahleman
Brandi Albright
Chris Alcock
Adam Andrews
Jacquelyn Averill
Krysta Barron

Randall Bilby
Amber Bittle
Cassidy Brubaker
Victoria Casanova
Ashley Cavazos
David Clark

Robert Clements
Sheena Coakley
Benjamin Crane
Korey Cranor
Megan Crawford
John Crozier

Michael Davis
Zachary Decatur
Nathan Dettling
Jordan Duckett
Lance Eisenmann
Bradley Emerson

Jason Engel
Eric Fleenor
Melissa Francoeur
Thomas Freudenberg
Nicole Gates
Stacy Goetz

Bryan Hallett
David Handy
Thomas Herman
Anna Heydinger
Russell Holdridge
Kristen Howard



Walter Hufford
Adam Iffland
Travis Iffland
Zachary Jensen
Lindsey Jordan
Donald Judson



Zachary Karl
Billy Kastel
Morgan Killian
Kevin Knoblauch
Kristen Kudlac
Kristy Ladd



Daniel Lake
Gustave Laroy
Heath LaTour
Chris Leking
Jennifer Lemley
Amy Lietzke



Stephanie
Loveland
Tyler Makula
Tracy Marine
Gretchen Marks
Sarah Marks
Julie Martin



Brent Martinez
Charis Mitchell
Eric Mitchell
David Navarro
Jessica Nesbit
Rachel Niles



Jolene Noelanders
Matthew Nowak
Jonathan Orel
Travis Ott
Jeffrey Overhulse
Jamie Patterson





The 2003 Freshman Class Officers:
 Kris Ruhl - President
 Gina Phillips - Vice President
 Michelle Ahleman - Secretary
 Johnny Seiser (not pictured) - Treasurer
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 Neil Rupp - Representative

Class Council

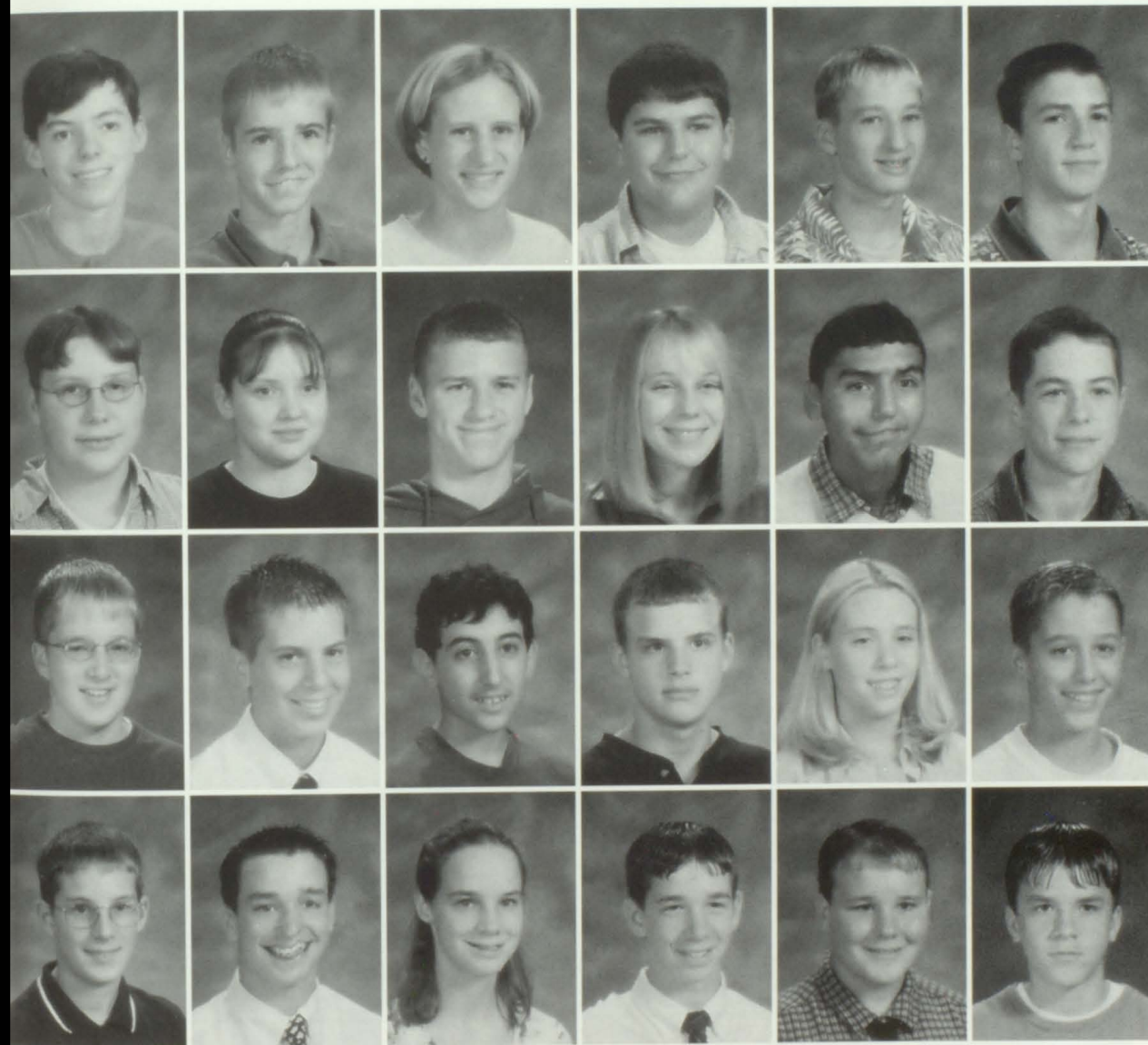
The 2003 Freshman Class Officers

Class Advisors

Mrs. Isley and Mrs. Breitner

Class Officers

Gina Phillips
 Michelle Ahleman
 Kristopher Ruhl
 Neil Rupp
 Abby Waterbury



William Phelps
 Caleb Phillips
 Gina Phillips
 William Pooley
 Aaron Porter
 Joel Porter

Matthew Reineck
 Danielle Retter
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 Eric Rose

Kristopher Ruhl
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Erik Segur
 Johnny Seiser
 Kimberly Sheldon
 Thomas Shrader
 Cody Sieler
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Renee Smith
 Rolland Smith
 Angelica Snyder
 Kurtis Snyder
 Joshua Stevens
 Mark Swartz



Duane Thompson
 Michael Thompson
 Kristopher Todd
 Charity Tripp
 Laura Walters
 Lindsey Warner



Abby Waterbury
 William Westfall
 Matthew Wetzel
 Koda Woodward
 Kimberely Yockey
 Jeremy Young



Keri Young
 Dana Zibbell
 Kristin
 Zimmerman



Friends, Fun, and Floatbuilding!



Celebrating the completion of their float, *Old Navy*, Gina Phillips, Charis Mitchell, Morgan Killian, Kris Todd, Bradley Emerson, Clint Smith, Tom Freudenberg, and Kim Sheldon pose for the camera.

Class Life



Above: Sarah Betz, Becky Dennison, Miriam Douge, and Rachel Walters enjoy some free time at the end of Mr. Kostoff's class.
Below: Senior girls take part in cammo day during spirit week.



Above & Below: Chad Gilliland and Julie Dickerson took part in MEAP testing which lasted two weeks 1st through 3rd hours.



Left: Students in Mrs. Leking's class diligently work on various assignments. Mrs. Leking's room is a place where students can go to work on various subject areas.

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Jesus Cruz

Custodians keep the school running smoothly and orderly during the school day. The cafeteria staff always have warm welcoming faces as they serve us our daily lunches.



John Abbott



Karen Diesing



Pat Cranor



Vivian Warner



Charleen Horky



Barb Eisenmann



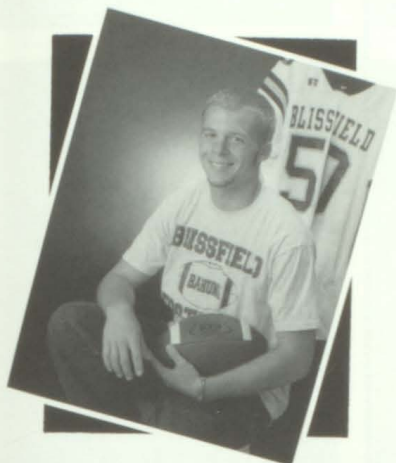
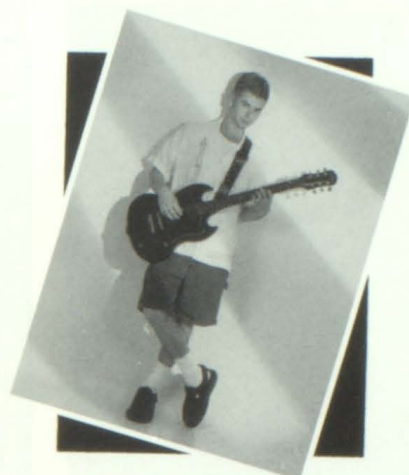
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Senior Tributes

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Dear Suzanne,

You have accomplished so much and are blessed; we are blessed; Always walk in the truth and God's light. You will soar high! God is with you always. We love you. Dad, Mom, Becky, and Adam



Congratulations!

Chad, we are proud of you! May God bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Erik
and Lori



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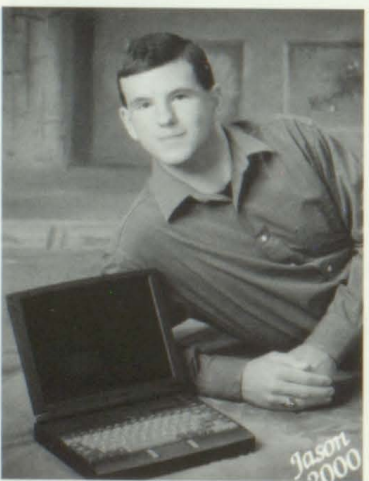
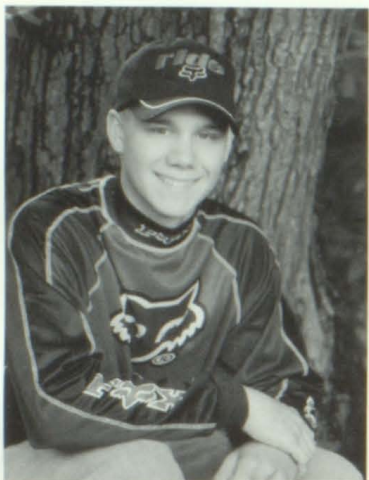
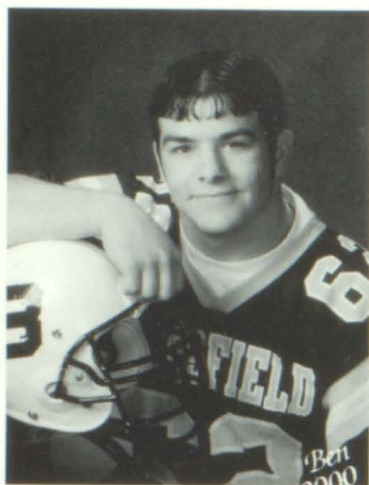
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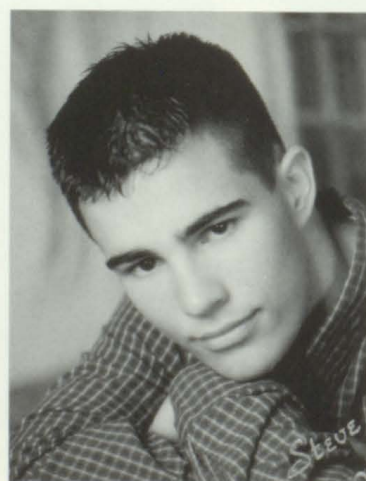
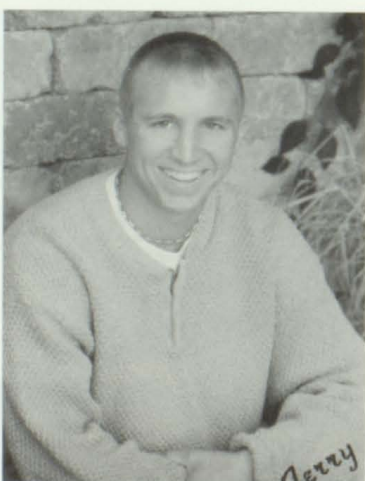
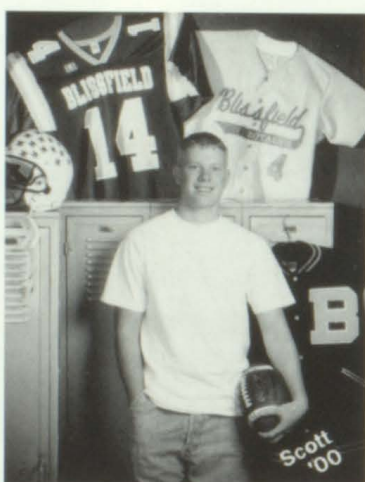
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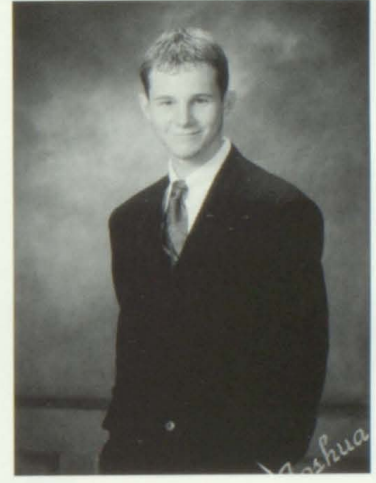
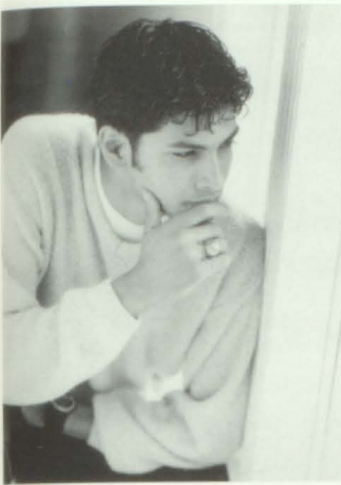


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Brandon,

You have become an admirable young man. May you find as much joy and happiness in your life as you have brought to ours. We are very proud of the person you have become.

Love, Mom and
Dad



Congratulations,
Vicki.

God blessed us
with a talented
and charming
daughter.

We love you.
Dad and Mom



Katie -
How could 18 years go by
so quickly? You have been
truly a blessing from the
Lord!
Remember:
*"Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the de-
sires of your heart."*

Psalms 37:4
Love Mom, Dad, Kris,
and Em.

Rachel & Renee
Yes, there were
two to wash and
two to dry. There
were two to ar-
gue and two to
cry, but there are
two to kiss and
two to hug, and
best of all there
are two to love!

It doesn't seem
possible that
you've grown so fast from the tiny babies at
Toledo Hospital to the tall, beautiful teenagers
you are. So many people prayed for you as you
laid for 9 weeks in your isolettes and our
prayers have been answered. You've turned
out to be strong, healthy, and lovely young
ladies.

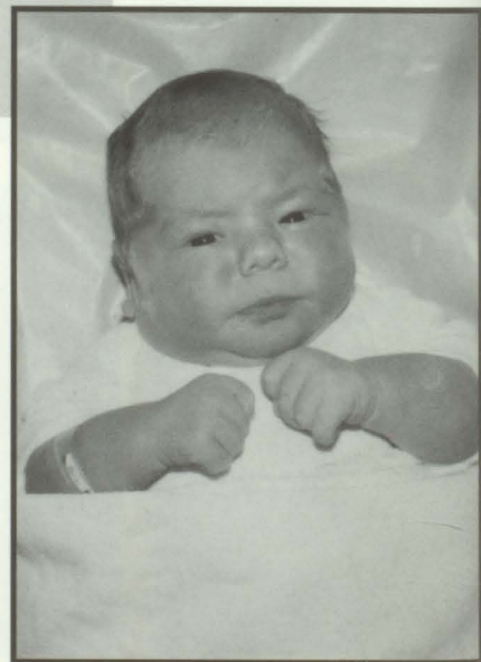
We love you.
Mom and Dad.



Jason,

I am so proud of you! You have been such a
joy to watch growing up. The new millen-
nium will bring many more wonderful
memories. Congratulations!

All my love,
Mom



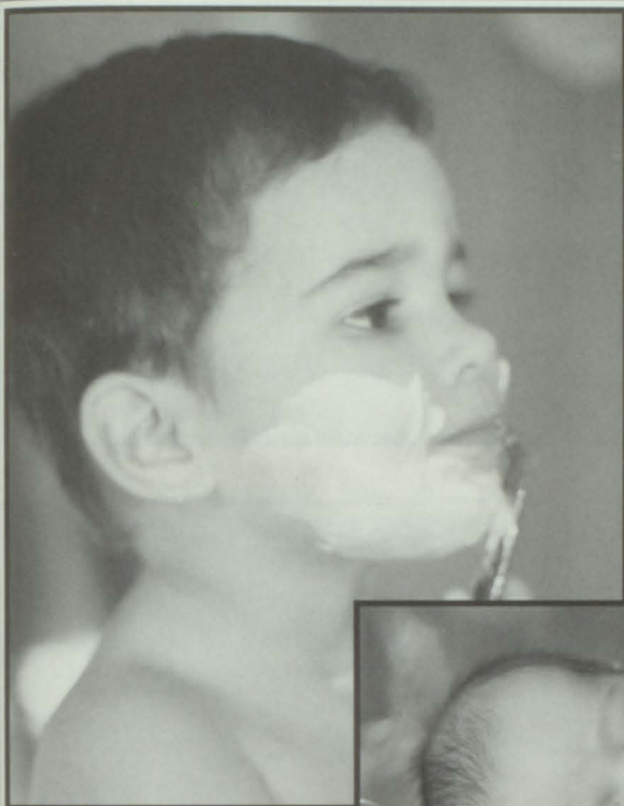
Dear Denise,
My little sweetie.
Congradulations.
You'll make a
great nurse.
We love you.
Mom & dad



Our Sweet Janine,
You are one of the
most beautiful per-
sons in our lives. We
are so proud of your
accomplishments.
We wish you the best
and success in all
you do.

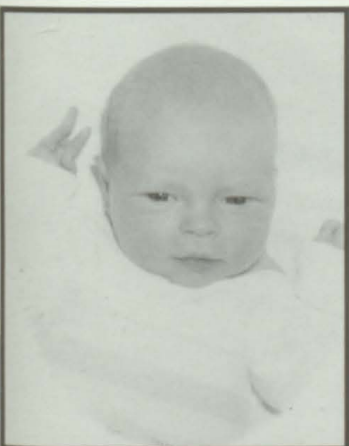
We love you.

Mom and Dad



Steve

Enjoy them now, it won't last long
He always seemed to know his way;
They grow so fast and then are gone
I'd hurry home from work to play...
We finished the window, he rode his bike
Down to the game, he won that night.
Drawing his birthday on Grandpa's arch,
Watching the changing seasons march:
Practicing football on the beach,
Catching what was out of reach'
Diving into the world of math,
Calculating his own path,
Wrestling with the stars above,
Stealing sleep while finding love,
Guiding brothers, helping friends,
Planning trips, making amends...
Looking ahead to college now, with
Many precious memories past,
Paint a new dream to prove the myth
It's hard to believe life goes so fast.



Angela,
You have made
me a very proud
mom. I wish you
much success in all
your accomplish-
ments.

All my love,
Mom

Congradulations Annie

You've made us
very proud of you!
We'll always Love
You no matter what
you choose to do.
Your're very special.
Mom & Dad





Nikki (Skiz)

To us you will always be a rose in the bouquet of life. May you continue to blossom as you have from that tiny bud eighteen years ago.

We are so proud of you.
Grandpa and Grandma
"Hughie" Driggs
Mom, Jeff and Ashley
Uncle Keith and Aunt Sandy

Heather,
Seems like just yesterday you were my beautiful little baby girl. You've become such a beautiful, intelligent and caring young lady. I am so very proud of you sweetheart. It feels real good to know that I have done something right as your mother. Congratulations!
I love you very much!
Love, Mom



Kimberly,
We are so proud of the caring and beautiful young lady you have become. You are a girl from God, and have blessed our lives. You will always be our Kimmy Kae.



Love Dad, Mom, Kyle and Kirk.

Sarah,
Our little girl has grown up to be a bright, sensitive, caring, honest, and dedicated young lady. Where did all the years go? The future is waiting for you...



We are so proud of you honey.

Love you so much!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Brandi,

Brandi
Snyder
R. You finally made it, now on to Baker College.

Brandi
R. Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Ambee

Congratulations, Celeste!



For doing such a great job all these years. Your Dad would be very proud of you if he were still here. Sissy, hope you will still go far in whatever you do in your life ahead.

Love, Mom



Dawn, despite all the hurdles, you have made it over them all. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Deatra

To our favorite daughter.....

It has been at times a struggle, and at times fun. Good luck in the future, you have earned it!

Love, Dad and Mom

Congratulations, Alycia, for all your outstanding achievements. You have made a great impact on our lives and the lives of many others. Continue on with great success. We are very proud of you.



Much love,
Mom & Dad

Marcia,
You are a precious gift from God. And so is the unselfish, unwed mother that gave you up for adoption so that you could make our lives meaningful and complete.



We love you dearly!
Mom and Dad

Karen

May the world know the real treasure you are. Remember 2 Corinthians 4:18.
We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Academics and the Arts



Above: The BHS Band of 1975, led by Mr. McCormick, with 99 members. Right: The 1987 musical at BHS was *The King and I*. Kristen Goetz (Anna) instructs Steve Nichols (the King) in the fine art of dance.



Looking Back...

Below Left: Mr. McCormick leads a brass ensemble in 1975. Below Right: The cornet section of the 1962 marching band: R.Thompson, R.Strayer, D.Roat, C.Nieman, W.Ikle, G.Crane, D.Pooley, D.Clinton, K.Waterbury.

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Left: The BHS Choir of 1973, led by Miss Owen, performed at district festival

Flyin'

1999 All- School Play



Hanging out at the shelter house, Paige Carlson, Nora Delaney, Holden Avery, Mark Parfitt, Andy Duvchek and Juice Jones try to cope with the pressures of life.

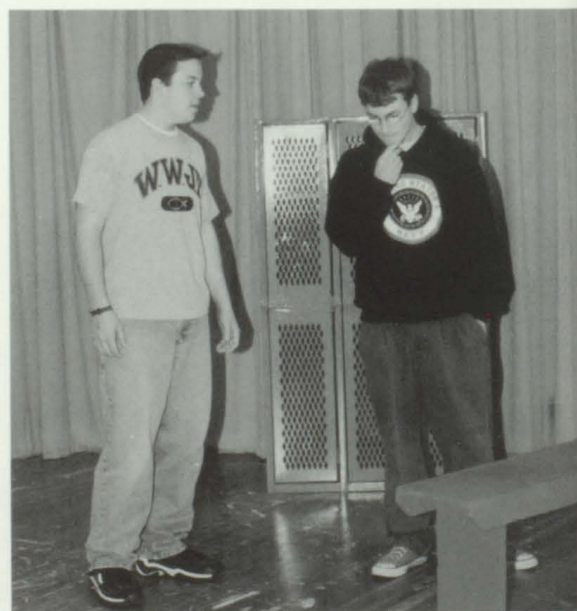


Brett Spencer talks about her dreams for the future.

The 1999 all-school play, *Flyin'*, was a big hit with the Blissfield Community. A high-school student, Brett Spencer, starts a group for those who find senior life a little more than stressing. As the group grows and talks, they find they each have individual problems, but that their goals are the same. From bullies and preps to love and friends, *Flyin'*, by Cynthia Mercati deals with problems high schoolers face today.

Presented on Thursday and Friday, November 18th and 19th, *Flyin'* took off without a hitch. Cast and crew gave the high quality performance expected of Blissfield students. The audience was very impressed and showed their praise through their applause and laughter.

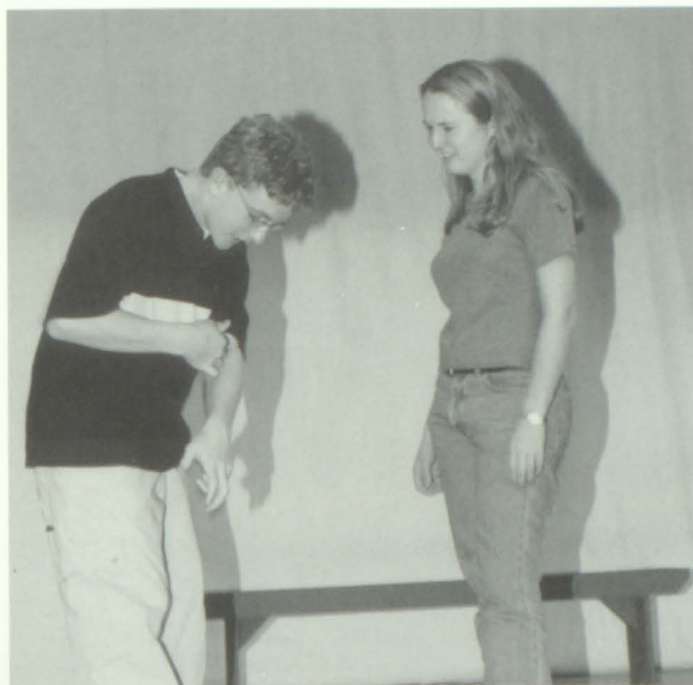
Kelso pressures Danny Cassidy about life.



Male Cast

Holden Avery	Eliot Geib
Danny Cassidy	Nathanael Miles
Graham Clayton	Ben Flores
Mark Parfitt	Lance Eisenmann
Andy Duvchek	Mike Johnson
Max Meyers	Seth Heydinger
Rob Christenson	Kurt Scobie
Kelso	Jeff Burtle
Nate	Lucas Monahan

Mark Parfitt and his odd antics seem to attract Jacey Hayes.



Crew

Director	Judy Mershon
Stage Manager	Ashley Brenke
Assistant Director	Jennifer Eisenmann
Prompter/Understudy	Cynthia Eisenmann
Lights	Ron Roberts
	Seth Heydinger
Spotlight	Justin Wotring
Programs	Michelle Martis
	Jeff Burtle
Costumes	Tracy Northcott
Tickets	Denise Creamer
Properties	Rachel Munoz
Make-up	Angel Bryan
	Michal Quinn
Publicity	Drama Class
Set Painting	Drama Class

Bully Graham pushes around a terrified Mark to sign a petition.



Female Cast

Brett Spencer	Lorelei La Violette
Allie Cavanaugh	Carrie Cole
Paige Carlson	Leigha Woodward
Nora Delaney	Laura Hendricks
Juice Jones	Jenni Cole
Jacey Hayes	Meghan Thompson
Melanie Hunter	Rachel Munoz
Shireen	Kara Dominique
Tammy	Audra Leader
Phyllis Avery	Sydney Thanasiu

The prep group discusses hair and a returning student.





The Stepsisters' Lament

Left: Joy and Portia sing the "Stepsisters' Lament" as they mourn over why Prince Charming did not choose them.

Fairy Godmother

Right: The Fairy Godmother makes Cinderella's dreams of going to the Prince's Ball "Possible".



The Glass Slipper

Right: Prince Charming tells the Herald to find the owner of the glass slipper.



The Prince is Having a Ball!



The Chef and Steward plan the meal for the ball.



Together for the first time at the ball.



Their royal majesties, the king and queen.



The stepmother finds an old beau.

Production Staff

Director/Musical Director/

Set Design: Sandra Sell

Set Construction: Dick Saxton

Scenic Artist: Peg Stevenson

Stage Manager: David Frye

Crew: Craig Bettis, William Pooley, Kyle Sutherland, Steve Tagsold

Orchestra

Maria Crane, Clarinet

Matt Ebright, Bass Clarinet

Amanda Eisenmann, Trumpet

Andy Hufford, Trombone
Erin Hufford, Trumpet, Chimes
Scott Thompson, Bass Guitar
Rob Wilson, Clarinet
Venessa Ybarra, French Horn
Dana Zibbell, Flute

BAND

Directed By Mr. Rob Wilson

The BHS Concert Band earned a *Division I* Rating at the District Band Festival in Hillsdale on March 18, 2000

Marching, Concert and Pep Band



Full Dress Uniform "Quickly and Efficiently"

The 1999-2000 Blissfield High School Marching and Concert Band: Row 1: Mr. Rob Wilson, director; Heather Knight, drum major. Row 2: Michelle Ahleman, Catarina Ybarra, Cynthia Eisenmann, Crystal Sullivan, Becky Ries, Melissa Prielipp, Dana Zibbell, Cassidy Brubaker. Row 3: Matt Ebright, Scott Thompson, Kenny Wells, Steve Tagsold, Josh Stevens, Jordan Duckett. Row 4: Jon Mowery, Randy Bilby, Andy Hufford, Leigha Woodward, Venessa Ybarra, Matt Reineck, Chris Tuchulski. Row 5: Lance Eisenmann, Amanda Eisenmann, Josh Villegas, Sarah Ebright, Chris Salerno, Erin Hufford, William Pooley, Erik Segur. Row 6: Audra Leader, Craig Bettis, Maria Crane, Kurt Scobie, Brandi Albright, Kristen Bowman.

Performance

"Higher, Faster, Louder!"

This year the band performed at many community events and a plethora of parades...Homecoming, Halloween, Christmas, River Raisin Festival, and three ceremonies on Memorial Day.

Pep band broadened their horizons and performed for JV football, volleyball, and boys' and girls' basketball. The marching band marked time at every home football game while grooving to fiery Latin tunes. The concert band put on its winter and spring concerts and also participated in District(1 rating) and State Festival(2 rating). The bands also put on performances for the middle and elementary schools.



Freshmen Santas: William Pooley, Andy Hufford, and Matt Reineck stand at attention before marching in their first holiday parade in Blissfield. The band played as the community Christmas tree was lighted when Santa arrived.



In Step, In Time

The ever familiar notes of the royal fight song echo zealously across the field as Dana Zibbell, Cynthia Eisenmann, and Crystal Sullivan march at the commencement of the homecoming parade. This was the first parade for many of the incoming freshmen. Some of them had participated in the River Raisin Festival Parade in July.

NEW Uniforms



Seniors Leigha Woodward and Heather Knight stand proudly as they prepare to march out and present the new uniforms to the community at homecoming.

District and State Solo and Ensemble

District Solo and Ensemble took place in East Lansing High School on February 19, 2000.

Soloists and their ratings:

William Pooley-I, Erik Segur-II, Andy Hufford-I, Venessa Ybarra-II, Steve Tagsold-II, Erin Hufford-I.

Ensembles and their ratings:

Trumpet Trio-I, Erin Hufford, Amanda Eisenmann, William Pooley.

Brass Quintet-I, Matt Reineck, Leigha Woodward, Venessa Ybarra, Amanda Eisenmann, Erin Hufford.

State Solo and Ensemble took place at Eastern Michigan University on March 25, 2000. William Pooley-II, Andy Hufford-I (Freshman Solos), Erin Hufford-I (Proficiency III Solo), Brass Quintet-I, Trumpet Trio-I (Ensemble Ratings).

For the first time in more than thirty years, the Blissfield High School Band was outfitted in new uniforms that will carry them into the next century. Thanks to the generous contributions from the Board of Education, the Blissfield Rotary, the continuous support of the community, and the hard work of the band members and their parents, this goal became a reality.

The new design was chosen by the band students at the end of the school year from a panel of three styles selected by Mr. Wilson.

It was a relief when the uniforms finally reached the high school band room on the day of the homecoming football game. A special trip was made to Ann Arbor to pick up the uniforms which were in transit for more than three weeks.

The band is very grateful to all those who donated their time and money toward the purchase of these uniforms.



Magnificent Melodies on the edge of a Millennium

The Concert Band performed its annual Winter Concert to a full house. Among other pieces, they played *Sleigh Ride*, a high school tradition, while the audience played sleigh bells (car keys) as an exuberant accompaniment.

Left: Mr. Wilson reads program notes before conducting *Sleigh Ride*. Above: The band plays their finale.

The Original Red Hot Royal Sugarboy Jazz Ensemble

Aftershock - The Mooch - Slowly & Quietly Please - Moondance - Blue Skies - Zoot Suit Riot - Jump Jive n' Wal

The BHS Jazz Band had a very busy year. They performed at a regional jazz workshop, the Blissfield Rotary, the middle school, and the elementary school. In March the band put on a concert, *Live at Reflections*, in which they performed twenty numbers. This year the band also hosted guest artist, Jay Miglia, a saxophone professor at BGSU and UT. Mr. Miglia taught an improv class and performed with the band at the winter concert.

Personnel

Mr. Wilson: Director, Alto Sax, Clarinet.
Heather Knight: Alto Sax, Clarinet. Kristen Bowman: Alto Sax. Steve Tagsold: Tenor Sax, Clarinet. Jordan Duckett: Tenor Sax. Lee Flores: Bari Sax, Soprano Sax. Leigha Woodward: Trombone. Andy Hufford: Trombone. Matt Reineck: Bass Trombone. Amanda Eisenmann: Trumpet. William Pooley: Trumpet. Erin Hufford: Trumpet, Flugelhorn. Erik Segur: Trumpet. Eric Mitchell: Cornet. Kurt Scobie: Piano, Drums. Brandi Albright: Drums, Piano. Scott Thompson: Guitar.



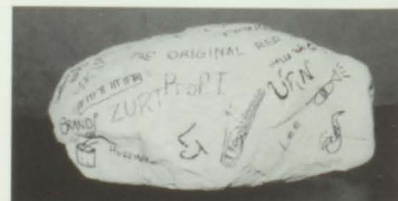
New Stands

Professor Steven Tagsold and Kristen Bowman jazz it up as they play Aftershock off of the new box stands at the Christmas Concert. The stands were purchased by the band boosters.



Jazz Band Rocks!

Pictured here in their second attempt at painting the rock are Erin Hufford, Professor Steve Tagsold, William Pooley, Erik Segur, Kristen Bowman, Amanda Eisenmann, Kurt Scobie. At right is the jazz band rock presented to Mr. Wilson at the Christmas Concert.



BHS Concert Choir

The Concert Choir had a busy concert schedule this year. They performed at their Winter Concert, for the seniors of Blissfield at Christmas, in the musical Cinderella, in District Choir Festival, and at the Spring Arts Festival. Several students also performed in District Solo and Ensemble.

Winter Concert

Solo & Ensemble

The Musical

Spring Concert



Spring Arts Festival

Left: Mrs. Sell plays the piano as the choir sings "Sincerely" by Fuqua and Freed. Above: The choir sings a madrigal, All Ye Who Music Love, by Donato at the Spring Arts Festival. Right: The medley of numbers from the musical "Les Miserables" included Meagan Ricker, Luke Monahan, David Navarro, Matt Nowak, Shaunna Phillips, Gina Phillips, Ben Allion, Ben Flores, Melissa Hartzell, and Charis Mitchell as soloists.



Soprano
 Megan Crawford
 Melissa Hartzell
 Anna Heydinger
 Melissa Perry
 Gina Phillips
 Shaunna Phillips
 Meagan Ricker
 Jennifer Soff
 Kim Sutherland
 Lindsey Warner
 Kim Yockey

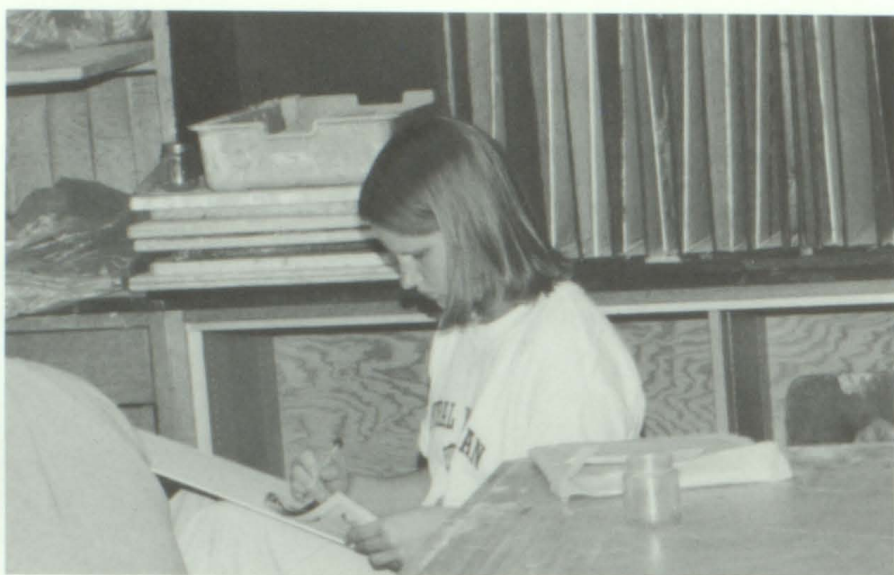
Choir Personnel

Alto
 Tomoe Kakegawa
 Stephanie Loveland
 Charis Mitchell
 Abby Waterbury

Tenor
 Ben Allion
 Ben Flores

Bass
 David Clark
 Andrew Foote
 Lucas Monahan
 David Navarro
 Matt Nowak
 Aaron Sauter

Blissfield



Cheri Kronberg sketches a drawing from a magazine.



Josh Soff mixes his paints for his watercolor he is working on.



Above: Tony Freer diligently works on a piece of jewelry. Left: Kyle Knoblauch carefully paints a mural of an iron works Royal on the weight room wall. Below: Mr. Tarrant mixes some plaster for his students to use for their jewelry.



Art



Above: Joe Cruz rolls out another layer for his pottery project.



Above: Justin Eisenmann, Brad DeCatur, and David Rose contemplate their pottery. Right: Mike Uyttenhove and Nate Yoder are hard at work with their pottery projects.

Vinny Briggs, Brad DeCatur, Jon Salerno, and Jeff Burtle were all accepted into this year's art show held at Adrian College. Jeff Burtle won first prize for his painting.



Forensics: Speech and Debate

Debate



Members of the debate team (from left to right): Kristen Howard, Tim White, Josh Keinath, Laura Terry, Derek Feldkamp, Rachael Averill, Jackie Averill, Jacob Visingardi, James Thomas, Rachel Bradshaw

'That the Federal Government should significantly improve academic achievement in the secondary schools in the United States' was the focus of this year's debate team. There were 3 competitions in which the teams participated.

To prepare, the teams had to research the topic and gather opinions. They presented and supported facts and prepared to respond to the opposition.

Rachel Averill/Danielle Billington defeated a team from Hudson as did the Rachel Bradshaw/Laura Terry team.

Derek Feldkamp/Josh Keinath defeated a team from Tecumseh while Jake Visingardi/ Matt Dunbar and James Thomas/Mike Johnson won against Adrian. Laura, Mike, and Derek all won best speaker awards. Mrs. Mershon was Blissfield's coach.

Rachel Bradshaw and Mike Johnson show off their second place ribbons.



Speech



Julia Barton receives her score sheet for a duo she was in.

This year's speech team participated in the speech workshop, scrimmage and tournament. Not just focusing on reports and presentations, Speech includes areas such as humorous and dramatic duo, storytelling, interpretation, poetry and prose. At the competitions this year, several students brought home ribbons and plaques.

Carrie Cole won first and third place with her informative speech, Ashley Brenke

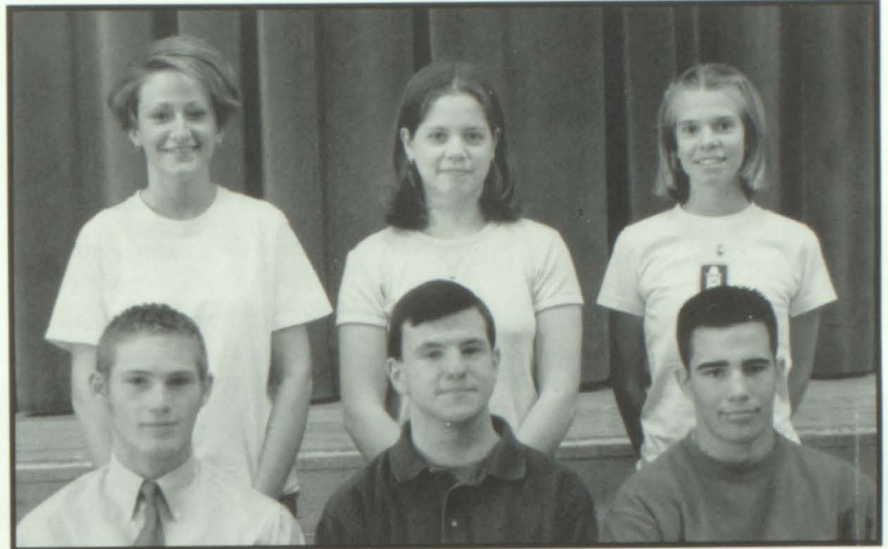
won first in prose twice while Leigha Woodward and Lorelei La Violette placed first two times with their humorous duo. Aaron Sauter also won first in storytelling. The teams did very well at the tournament and the Blissfield team took home 6 plaques.



Members of Speech: (front row) Nicole Hoagland, Aaron Sauter, Simon Moureau, (back) Lindsey Wahl, Ashley Brenke, Katie Katich, Tomoe Kakegawa, Julia Barton, Josh Keinath, Jackie Averill, Laura Terry, Derek Feldkamp, Leigha Woodward, Meik Kebza, Lorelei La Violette, Kyle Seegert, Carrie Cole

Dual Enrollment

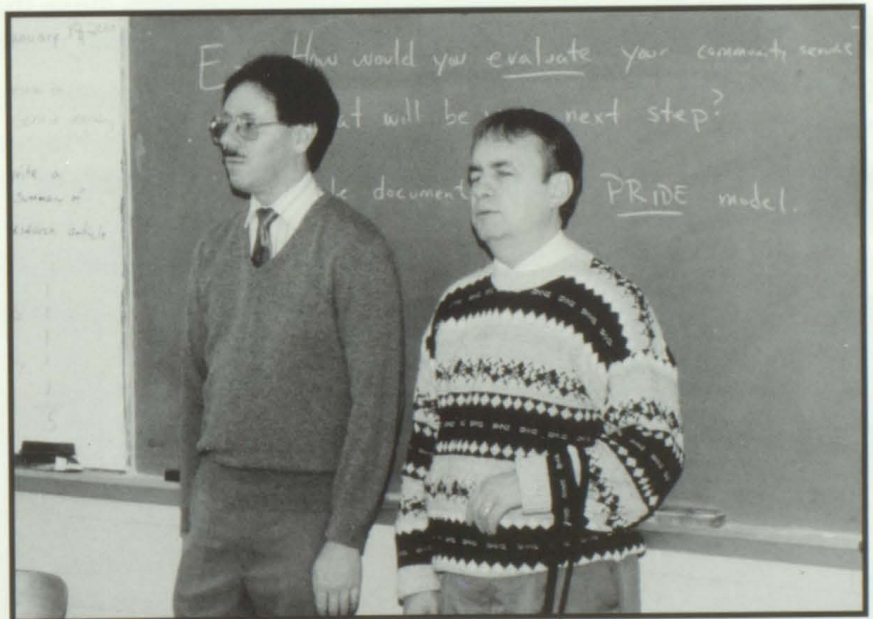
Dual enrollment is a privilege for seniors. These students are allowed to experience learning at a college level during high school.



Chad Segur, Jason Bourdette, and Steve Clark; Back row: Sara Retter, Julia Barton, and Kara Brown, Left: Doug Spade explains to a class about his job as a state representative.



A class listens intently as he answers their questions. He talked about getting bills introduced and passed at the state level.



Doug Spade and his assistant explain how common people get support from the State legislature.

Doug Spade visits our school

Graduation 2000

Friday, June 2, 2000 - 7:00p.m - Blissfield High School Gymnasium.

Class Colors:

Blue and Silver

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Motto:

"Yesterday is a memory;

Today is a reality;

Tomorrow is a dream,

A dream that is ours

for the taking."



Nicole Hoagland and Celeste Dixon with their tassels on the left side after graduation.

Total Graduating: 106

Total Scholarships: 119

Speakers:

Mr. Richard Clark,

retired Blissfield

High School

English Teacher

Mr. Doug Spade,

Representative

The Blissfield High School commencement exercises took place in the high school gymnasium on Friday, June 2, 2000. Family, friends, and faculty crowded into the gym to see the 106 graduating seniors. Zac Friess and Debbie Aldrich opened the ceremony. Music was provided by the band with their farewell to the seniors, "Jesus Christ Superstar". Shaunna Phillips sang "This Day" and the trio of Tammy Clement, Rachel Walters and Renee Walters sang "Pray for Me". Heather Knight, a student council representative delivered her poem "Remember When", Tammy Clement and Heather Hagenbuch presented their poem "Forever Best Friends", and Luke Wold gave his poem "Graduation Day" in dedication to eighth grade English teacher Ylisse Yepez. Jake Visingardi introduced the two speakers, Mr. Richard Clark, and Representative Doug Spade.



Seniors move their tassels to the left side as they stand together as the class of 2000 for the last time at Blissfield High School.



Before and After

Left: Ginnie Fleenor and Dawn Cox hold their white roses as they wait for the rest of the class to march in to the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar. Right: Zeb Waterbury, Scott Siefert, Todd Rupp, Kyle Knoblauch, Ryan Klump, and Matt Swartz celebrate after graduation in their blue caps and gowns.



Graduation 2000

Friday, June 2, 2000 - 7:00p.m - Blissfield High School Gymnasium.



Debbie Aldrich and Zac Friess welcomed students, faculty, family and friends to the ceremony.



Retired Blissfield English teacher Mr. Richard Clark spoke about learning and following goals.



Representative Mr. Doug Spade spoke to the seniors about hard work and perseverance.



Graduating senior Luke Wold delivered a poem "Graduation Day", dedicated to Ylisse Yepez.



Top Left: Adria Foote, Amy Marine, Leigha Woodward, and Amanda Wittscheck begin to march out in front of the crowd.



Bottom Left: Marc Navarro comes down the ramp after receiving his diploma from Mr. Neuroth, president of the school board.

Right: Brad DeCatur, Miriam Douge, Zeb Waterbury, and Sarah Pyle prepare to march out to the recessional, "An Occasional Suite" by Handel.



Left: Miranda Warner, Meagan Ricker, and Erin Hufford smile in between the over-asked questions of, "Where are you going?" and "What are you going to study?"

Right Katie Zimmerman wears her medal from Honor Society as she marches toward her seat. Seniors with a grade point average above a 3.5 were presented with a medal for commencement. Students also wore blue and silver ribbons in memory of Jake Thompson on their robes.



HONOR SOCIETY



Above: Honor Society members take part in the candle lighting ceremony. Below: Proud parent Mr. DeCatur and son Brad await the beginning of the ceremony.



Above: Suzanne Ries and Sarah Betz hand out awards to the sophomores.



Below: Jessica Marks receives her award from senior Vicki Sell. Left: Foreign exchange student Tomoe Kakegawa receives her Honor Society certificate for maintaining a 3.5 or above G.P.A. from Eric Thompson.



Student Life



Above: Frank Briggs receives his report card from homeroom teacher Mrs. Hawley. Below: Mrs. Wright's food for today class prepared Christmas feast for teachers.



Above: FFA members are known to be out of class for conferences, Katie Marchal happens to be one of those members. Left: Kyle Knoblauch and Scott Seifert take a moment out of a pep assembly to show their senior pride. Below: Steven Goetz hard at work on a spreadsheet for Mrs. Dillie.



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& US 223 in Blissfield

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sandwiches, soft drinks,
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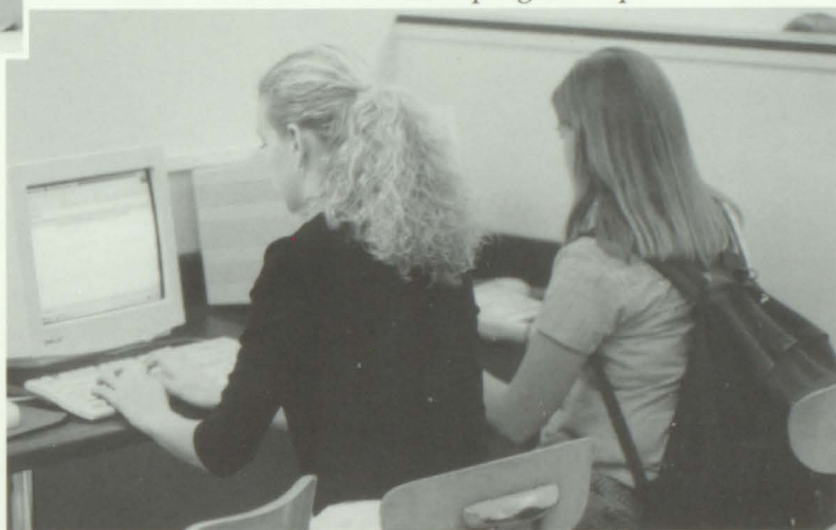


"Home of the Turtle"

Academic Life



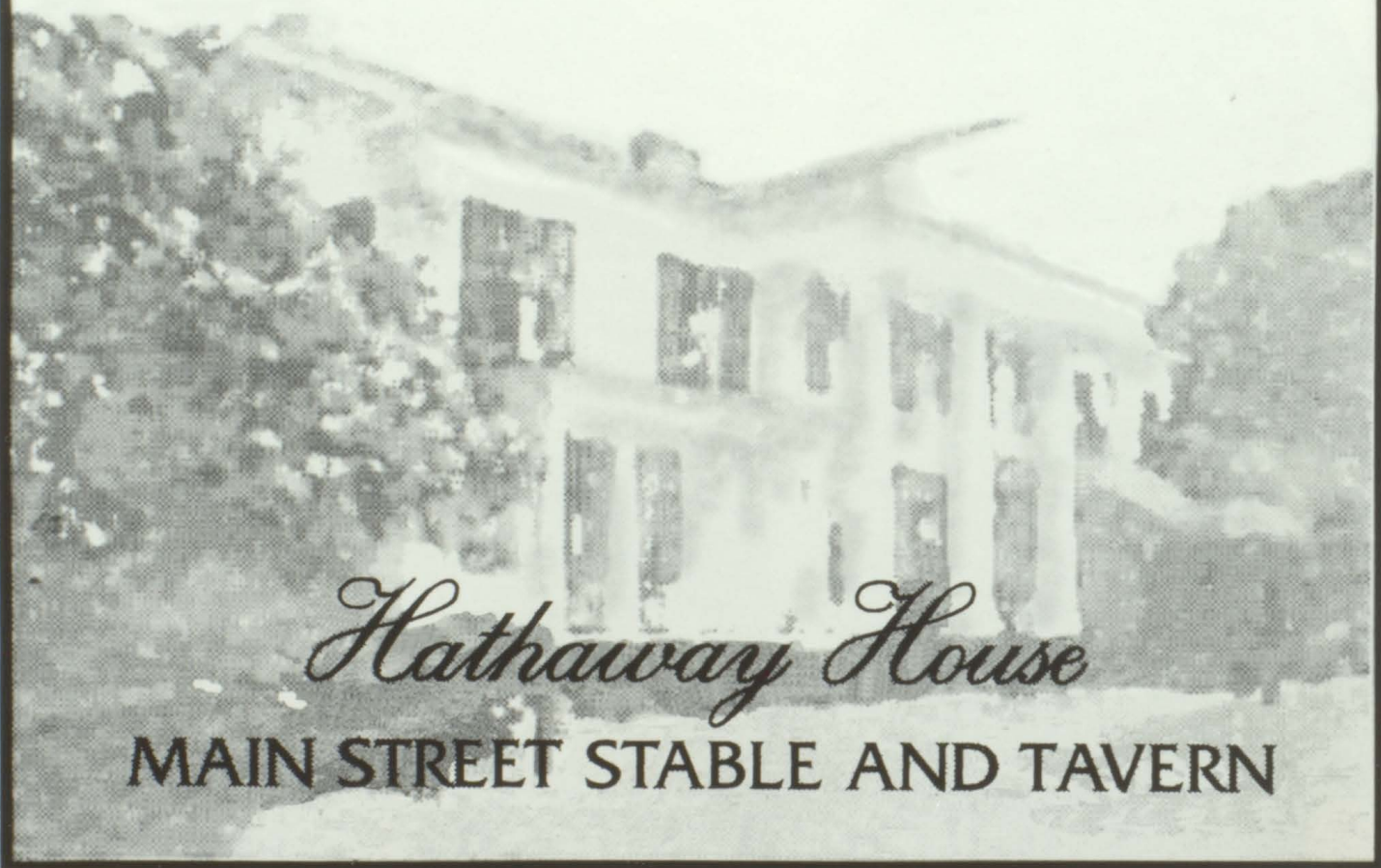
Above: Jake Visingardi, Tammy Clement, Kurt Scobie, and Heather Hagenbuch proudly show off their debit cards which were issued to all students this year. Left: Kris Ruhl and Ashley Scott wait in line to receive their progress reports.



Mid-morning break is the opportunity for many students to check their e-mail. Sarah Pyle, Elizabeth Douge(Above) and Nikki Fowler (Left) use this time to catch up with friends. Below: Katie Love, Bethany Harpst, and Suzanne Ries have a good time while calling numbers for BINGO at a renaissance luncheon.



Best Wishes Class of 2000



Hathaway House

MAIN STREET STABLE AND TAVERN

Clubs and Organizations

Looking Back...



Clubs of 1954. Left to Right: Yearbook photographer, L. Fogel; Future Homemakers Association President Catherine Carpenter; F.F.A. President Leslie Robertson



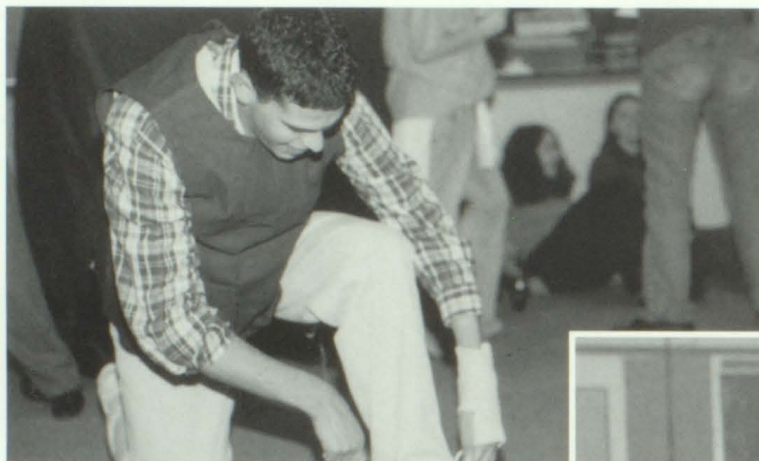
Above: Student Council in 1961 placing a tree they purchased in front of the office. Left: In 1978 Leigh Adrian lights a candle at an Honor Society banquet symbolizing her membership.

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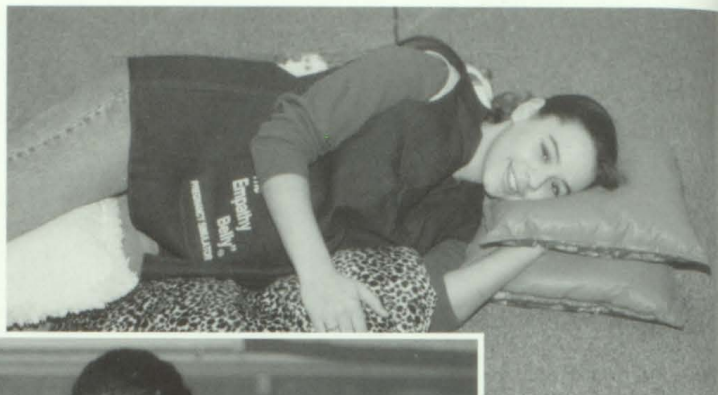
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EMPATHY BELLY



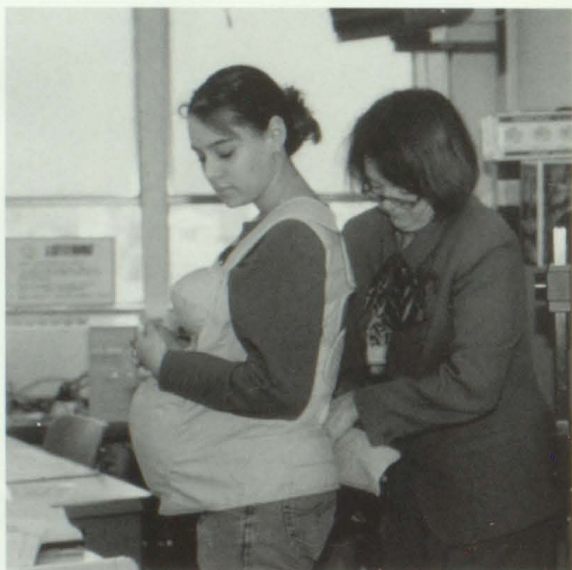
Above: Eric Thompson tries to tie his shoe while wearing the pregnancy vest for a day. Below: Mrs. Wright helps strap the Empathy Belly onto Melissa Marx.



Above: Melissa Marx demonstrates the proper way to sleep when pregnant. Left: Mrs. Wright puts in pound balls which help the real feeling of pregnancy.



Below: As a part of Parent and Child Development Eric Thompson and Melissa Marx take part in the Empathy Belly project to feel what it's like to be pregnant.



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1st row: Alysa Isley, Kyle Sutherland, Daniel Stutzman, Katie Marchal, Kara Dominique, 2nd row: Sarah Ebright, Jeff Overhulse, Joel Porter, Anna Heydinger, Kim Sheldon, Katie Yockey, Ashley Schaedler, Jennifer Lemley, 3rd row: Erik Segur, Aaron Porter, Lisa Sayler, Rolland Smith, Billy Kastel, Eric Fleenor, Zac Karl.



Above: Kara Dominique helps an elementary student with her craft. Below: Kara Dominique and Anna Heydinger look over some papers for their presentation. Below left: Ashley Schaedler congratulates a student on his craft that he made. Left: Daniel Stutzman makes some very interesting points in his presentation.



KEY CLUB



Key Club Members: First row: Karly Moore, Shaunna Phillips, Amanda Wittscheck, Andrea Coopshaw, Dawn Cox, second row: Kara Dominique, Olivia Ott, Meagan Ricker, Leigha Woodward, Lorelei LaViolette, Krystal Hoffman, Cheri Kronberg, Jessica Marks, third row: Kyle Sutherland, Aaron Sauter, Kim Sutherland, Stuart Killian, Chad Segur, Joey McGovern, Laura Terry, Sarah Love, Anna Heydinger, Seth Heydinger.

Key Club is a service organization in association with Kiwanis of Blissfield. Throughout the year Key Club has raised money by selling suckers, donated to the St. Jude's fund, and participated in a down-syndrome Christmas party. The new advisor this year is Mr. Dave Weston.

FRENCH CLUB



Above: Heather Knight tries out her leadership skills as the French club. Below: Chad Segur and Suzanne Ries tentatively listen while Stuart lovingly staring at the camera.

Below: 1st row: Jason Noelanders, Leigha Woodward, Nikki Fowler, Heather Knight, advisor Irene Hawley, 2nd row: Erin Hufford, Sarah Marks, Laura Henricks, Carrie Cole, Meagan Ricker, Anna Heydinger, Jennifer Eisenmann, Janine LaVoy, Leah Stimac, Meghan Thompson, Danielle Miller, 3rd row: Samantha Hoffman, Connie Stein, Heather Luckhardt, Denise Libstaff, Vicki Sell, Shauna Phillips, Kim Sutherland, Amanda Wittscheck, Ashley Brenke, Audra Leader, Tary Fetzer, Kara Dominique, Julie Dickerson, 4th row: Suzanne Ries, Stuart Killian, Natalie Eisenmann, Jessica Kwiatkowski, Chad Segur, Beth Gritzmaker, Heather Franceour, Olivia Ott, Janelle Noelanders, Kara Brown, Natalie Jensen



Below right: Advisor, Irene Hawley, listens in on a presentation being given about the days activities. Below: Nikki Fowler nibbles on her crackers while listening in on the plans about this year's fundraiser.



Girls' Soccer Club



Crystal Hyder strongly kicks the ball away from a defender as she plays as a forward for Blissfield.



Tammy Clement goes out and around her opponent as she gets ready to go in for the goal.



The lady royals line up as they prepare to kick off the game.

Girls' Soccer Club was new this year at Blissfield High School. With soccer becoming a more popular sport in the United States, many schools are supporting clubs just like Blissfield. Though the lady royals didn't win many matches, it was definately a season of fun and learning.

Girls' Soccer, a first for Blissfield High School in the new millennium.



The Team At Attention

Front row: Lindsey Jordan, Ashley Scott, Laura Walters, Jessica Nesbit, Second: Tomoe Kakegawa, Stephanie Powell, Melissa Prielipp, Crystal Hyder, Venessa Ybarra, Alyssa Isley, Coach Mike Kebza, Third Row: Amy Marine, Olivia Ott, Tammy Clement, Rachel Walters, Anna Heydinger, Nicole Phillips. Not Pictured: Heather Hagenbuch, and Maria Crane.



Super Seniors

Tammy Clement, Heather Hagenbuch, and Rachel Walters take a rest as they enjoy one of their games.

Soccer Club

Coach by Jason Brower of Toledo, the soccer club did very well for their first year.



After a hard game the team shakes hands with the opposing team and congratulates the team on their victory.



Nicole Phillips goes after the ricocheted ball. She took control of the ball, and went for a shot at the goal.



Bethany Harpst, and Justin Duckett work together to move the ball toward the goal.

Right: Foreign exchange student, Meik Kebza, works hard on the defense.

Below: Chad Segur outmaneuvers his opponent to get a quick shot at the goal.



Above: Top row: Jo Salerno, Zac Karl, Ben Crane, Jordan Duckett, Bryan Hallett, Matt Wetzell, David Clark. Front row: Ron Roberts, Caleb Phillips, Chad Segur, Stuart Killian, Morgan Killian.

Right: Justin Duckett makes quick moves with his feet to move the ball up the field.



PEER MENTORING



1st row: Adria Foote, Lucas Monahan, 2nd row: Alisha Patterson, Angel Bryan, Melissa Marx.

Peer Mentors at BHS are trained to help fellow students through their problems.

PEER LISTENING

1st row: Kari Hallett, Erin Klump, Melissa Marx, Eliot Geib, Dawn Cox, 2nd row: Melissa Francoeur, Keri Young, Amy Lietzke, Alisha Patterson, Shaunna Phillips, Cheri Kronberg, Laura Henricks, Sarah Smith, Alysa Isley, 3rd row: Deatra Fritz, Adria Foote, Erin Gilmore, Lucas Monahan, Angel Bryan, Ashley Brenke, Samantha Hoffman, Elise Barton.



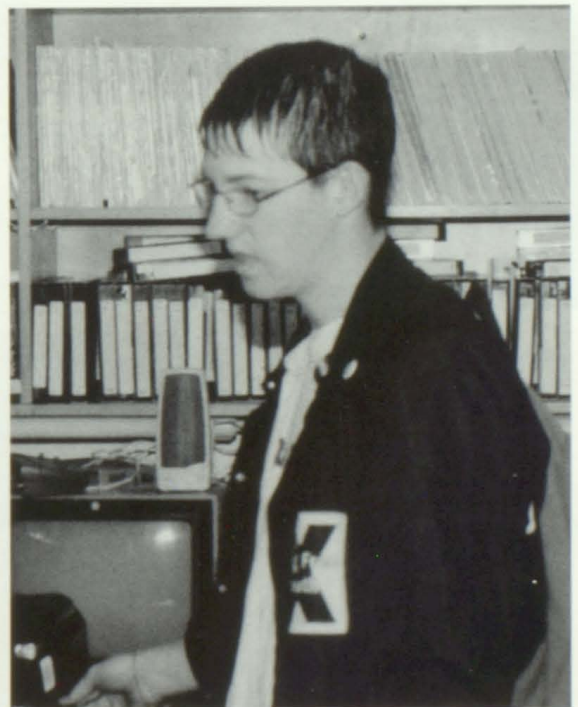
The peer mentors and peer listeners of BHS are very important to the students. They are trained to listen to other students' problems, such as alcohol, abuse, date rape, depression and other problems teenagers deal with. They attended many VIP sessions with Janelle and Barb to discuss these issues.

Morning Announcements



Aaron Sauter, Shaunna Phillips, Eliot Geib, Justin Wotring, Second row: David Overhulse, Lucas Monahan, Ben Flores, David Navarro, Lance Eisenmann, Jayden Allen.

Below: Shaunna Phillips and Justin Wotring start off the day reading the announcements. Right: Aaron Sauter is the camera man for the morning announcements as well as the Friday show.



Friday Show



1st row: Aaron Sauter, Ben Flores, Justin Wotring, Jayden Allen, 2nd row: Jeff Overhulse, David Navarro. The Friday Show crew meets every week to put together a humorous and informational T.V. show for the students. Favorite segments this year have been cooking for Thanksgiving and interviews with road kill. Below: Aaron Sauter and John Burtle dressed in black suits get ready for the homcoming parade. This year the Friday Show barbequed on top of their float while drinking their IBC rootbeer

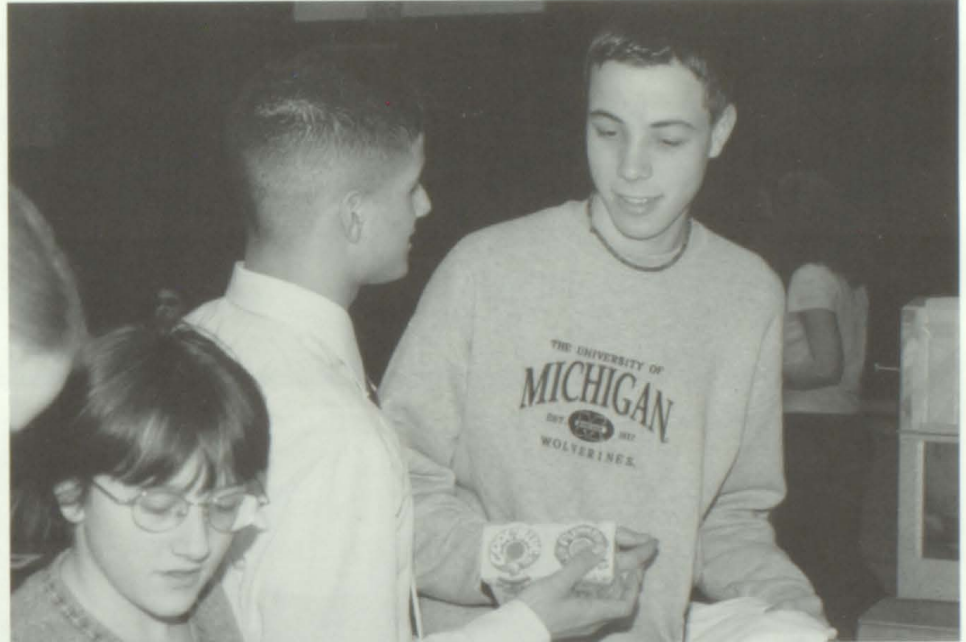
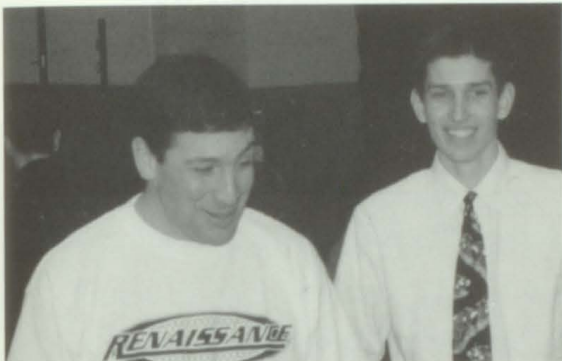


Renaissance

Renaissance is a group of students, teachers, and parents who work to honor students. Once a semester Renaissance holds a lunch for new students, exchange students, or for those who were nominated as a student of the month. The members of Renaissance are:

Members: Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Dillie, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Harpst, Mrs. Heydinger, Kathryn Volk, Suzanne Ries, Bethany Harpst, Michelle Ahleman, Katie Love, Jordan Duckett, Justin Wotring.

Right: Dana Zibbell and Ashley Brenke select prizes after the annual bingo game. The grand prize of the afternoon was a pair of movie tickets.



Above: Exchange student Simon Moreau, Greg Wolvin, and Sarah Marks discuss their winnings after a bingo game. Left: Bethany Harpst, the master of bingo, calls out numbers as Suzanne Ries pulls them out.

Top: Mr. Sullivan sports the Renaissance logo on his t-shirt as Corwin Koppleman looks on. Bottom: Andrea Coopshaw, Missy Perry, and Stephanie Powell smile as they wait for their turn to eat. The course of faire was pizza from Homerun, chips and chocolate chip cookies. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

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1st row: Janelle Noelanders, Erin Klump, Kevin Chont, Josh Keinath, Eric Rose, 2nd row: Tomoe Kakegawa, Vicki Sell, Nikki Fowler, Heather Franceour, Ben Forche, Justin Wotring, Chelsea Goodson, Jennie Navarro, 3rd row: Chris Hudson, Jason Noelanders, Vinny Briggs, Travis Todd, Tyler Wyse, Aaron Sauter, Marcia Winzeler, Ben Flores, Randy Gallup, 4th row: Justin Love, Zac Friess, Andy Warner, Jon Mowery, David Rose.

C l u

This year the Ski Club traveled to Treetops Resort for a weekend. However this was their only trip due to the lack of snow. Gene Winzeler is the advisor of the trips for Ski Club.

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Left: Marcia and Randy pose for the camera on top of the slopes.

TWT

Tomorrow's Writers of Today



Members of TWT include (from left to right): Front Row: Leigha Woodward, Lorelei La Violette, Carrie Cole, Jenni Cole Second Row: Mike Johnson, Ashley Brenke, Heather Knight, Sarah Ebright, Chad Laginess

Officers for TWT are (from left to right): Jenni Cole, Treasurer; Leigha Woodward, Secretary; Carrie Cole, President; and Lorelei La Violette, Vice President.



New horizons were discovered this year when a new club formed. Tomorrow's Writer's of Today is Blissfield's first and only writing group. Run by students, this group strives to have writers helping writers.

While trying to smooth out the first year bugs that every club has, TWT has achieved quite a bit. Their weekly meetings every Thursday after school cover everything from collaborating on piece poems and interactive stories to sharing their own personal work and getting feedback. A key part to TWT are the constructive criticisms given to each writer. The feedback is honest as well as helpful in hopes that the author will be able to improve for next time.

TWT's biggest achievement this year was their first ever open mic night. The idea was based off of the coffee house events where anyone can get up and share their work in front of an audience.

Located at the Stables Bar and Tavern on February 26, 2000, TWT presented many original works from individuals in the group as well as other teens from Tecumseh who came and participated.

Letters were sent to high schools around the area to join in the event which was titled 'Visions of Youth', and Tecumseh quickly joined up. There was also music as Erin Hufford and Kurt Scobie demonstrated their talents on the keyboard. Part of the proceeds from TWT goes to a clinic which helps teen mothers, called CPC Pregnancy Counseling and Services.

Member Ashley Brenke reads one of her pieces during TWT's premier open mic night.

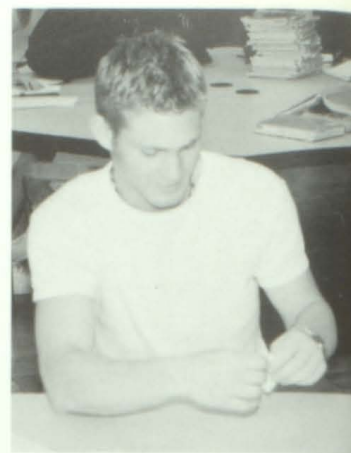




The 2000 Elysium Staff

The yearbook staff is a group of responsible young adults who willingly give up many VIP's to finalize the book. These students must have dedication and good social skills.

Left: Evan Loader listens intently as Andrea Coopshaw tells him a caption for a picture. Right: Chad Seegur hard at work cropping and tagging pictures for shipping.



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Below: Staff members work diligently to finish several pages during VIP.



Above: A good group picture of the staff while not messing around. Right: Loreli LaViolette analyzes the layout of a page.

Above: The Staff at its best! Making a human pyрмаid.



County Congress



Left: 1st row: Julia Barton, Katie Zimmerman, Zeb Waterbury, Heather Knight, Sara Retter, 2nd row: Nicole Hoagland, Denise Libstaff, Dana Zibbel, Maria Crane, Meghan Thompson, Nikki Casterline, 3rd row: Derek Feldkamp, Todd Rupp, Aaron Sauter, Eric Thompson, 4th row: Meghann Eff, Andrea Coopshaw, Kari Cory, Gina Phillips, Erin Gilmore.

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Left: 1st row: Erin Klump, Shaunna Phillips, Charis Mitchell, Melissa Hartzell, 2nd row: Erin Gilmore, Justin Wotring, Aaron Sauter, Ike Porter, Jake Visingardi, Eliot Geib, Luke Monahan.

Teen Court



Left: 1st row: Suzanne Ries, Amy Marine, Shaunna Phillips, Heather Knight, Sara Retter, 2nd row: James Thomas, Katie Zimmerman, Todd Rupp, Zeb Waterbury, Sarah Pyle, Denise Libstaff, Vicki Sell.

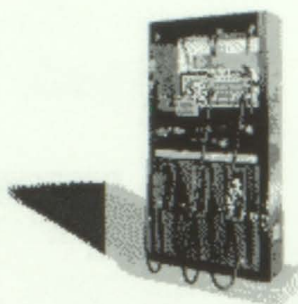
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Student Life

Looking Back...

Below: In 1972, the seniors won the homecoming float competition with their entry entitled "Ironhorse: Railroad the Jets"



Above Left: Transportation in the 1950's. Lorain Bell rides his tractor to school while other students learn to parallel park in a 1951 Driver Training class.



At Right: 1970 homecoming Queen Candidates: junior, L. Uloth; freshman, C. Iffland; sophomore, J. Mitchell, (Queen); senior, P. Navarro



Left: Vernon Luce crowns the Homecoming Queen of 1952. Each class selected a candidate and votes were sold for a penny a piece.

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Student Council



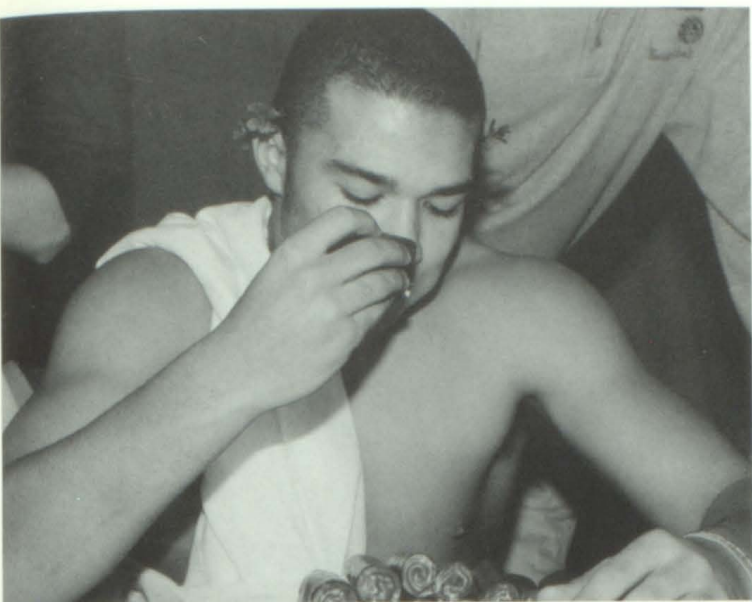
Student Council Members: 1st row: Erin Klump, Zeb Waterbury, Sarah Pyle, Todd Rupp, 2nd row: Alysa Isley, Heather Knight, Katie Zimmerman, Janelle Noelanders, Abbey Waterbury, Meghan Thompson, David Kerekgyarto, Neil Rupp, 3rd row: Shaunna Phillips, Jessica Kwiatkowski, Natalie Eisenmann, Suzanne Ries, Gina Phillips, Zac Schroeder, Vicki Sell, Erin Gilmore, Katie Marchal.

Student Council is a group of school leaders who put together various dances, assemblies, fundraisers, in an effort to keep school spirit high.



Left: Student Council President Zeb Waterbury hoists the spirit stick high in the air after winning the tug-o-war. Above: Student Council Advisor Mike Kostoff gives a play-by-play pep talk as Zeb Waterbury, Ryan Klump, and Kyle Knoblauch participate in the assembly.

Pep Assembly



Above: Mike Melvin sizes up his Ho Ho's.



Above: Jolene Noelanders, Tom Frudenberg, and Aaron Seeger chomp on the ice cream for the freshmen. Below: For the Senior class the tug of war is always a big deal. Scott Seifert, Justin Yovanov, Todd Rupp, and James Thomas give it their all.



Above: Katie Marchal, Charis Mitchell, Jamie Rose, and Steven Tagsold are as wacky as can be for wacky Wednesday. Below: The Senior class shows their enthusiasm at the homecoming assembly.



Below: Suzanne Ries and Sarah Pyle show off their wacky duds.



HomeComing "2000"

Right: Katie Zimmerman gets ready to ride in the parade before homecoming. She was later crowned homecoming Queen. Immediately below: Queen candidates: Tammy Clement, Renee Walters, Katie Zimmerman, Amanda Wittscheck, and Kim Sander. Lower bottom: King candidates: Gary Portillo, Zeb Waterbury, Jake Retter, Todd Rupp, and Ryan Klump. Todd Rupp was crowned homecoming King.



Immediately below: Renee Walters was escorted by Jake Retter and her father. Lower bottom: Amanda Wittscheck was escorted by brother Matt Wittscheck, and by Ryan Klump's younger brother Kevin because of Ryan's involvement in the game.



Right: King and Queen candidates pose while building a pyramid in the gymnasium





Top: David Navarro, Ben Flores, and Jeff Overhulse carry out the tradition of the Friday Show float. Right: Junior and Senior girls ride on the girls basketball float during the parade. Below: The class of '49 participated in the homecoming festivities to show their loyalty to Blissfield High School.

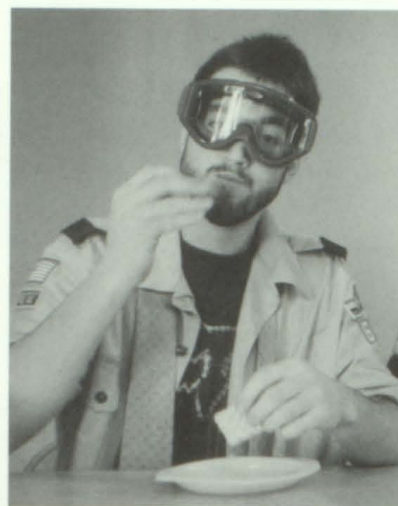


Top 1st: Nicole Hoagland and Kari Hallett ride the winning float entered in the memory of Jake Thompson. Top 2nd: "Ride the Royal Express to Victory" with Nikki Casterline and Phil Pixley was built by the junior class. Top 3rd: sophomores Lisa Saylor and Josh Keinath. Top 4th: Charis Mitchell and Johnny Seiser smile proudly on the freshmen float.

Coming Home



Top: Queen candidates: Kari Hallet, Debbie Aldrich, Vicki Sell, Sarah Pyle, and Rachel Walters dig through a pile of marshmallows to find M&M's. Below: Luke Wold, Scott Seifert, Zeb Waterbury, Ryan Klump, and Kyle Knoblauch were in the running for Coming Home King



Top: Phil Pixley admires a saltine cracker before shoving it into his mouth. Top right: Ricky Mirelez glides across baby oil while trying to scoop up ice cream.



Left: Hot shot seniors, Jerry Marchal and Steve Clark act as Cupid's angels during coming home festivities.



Above: Renee Walters, Heather Hagenbuch, Janine Lavoy and Tammy Clement pose for a quick picture during coming home.

Right: Pat Fillippi and Olivia Ott pass the lifesaver down the line at the coming home assembly.



2000



Above: The senior girls: Nicole, Janine, Heather, Tammy, Denise, and Suzy, are full of Royal Pride. The senior wagon won the float contest, with rider Zac Friess.



Above: Neil Sauter shoves another one in his mouth for the junior class.



Above: Slim Jim Jordan dunks his head into the bowl of cherries during the assembly.



Above: Rachel Walters hugs Marica Winzeler after the election of Queen was announced. Rachel Walters won Coming Home Queen of 2000.



Above: Ryan Klump, Scott Seifert and Mike Melvin wait in the hallway before the king and queen are announced.

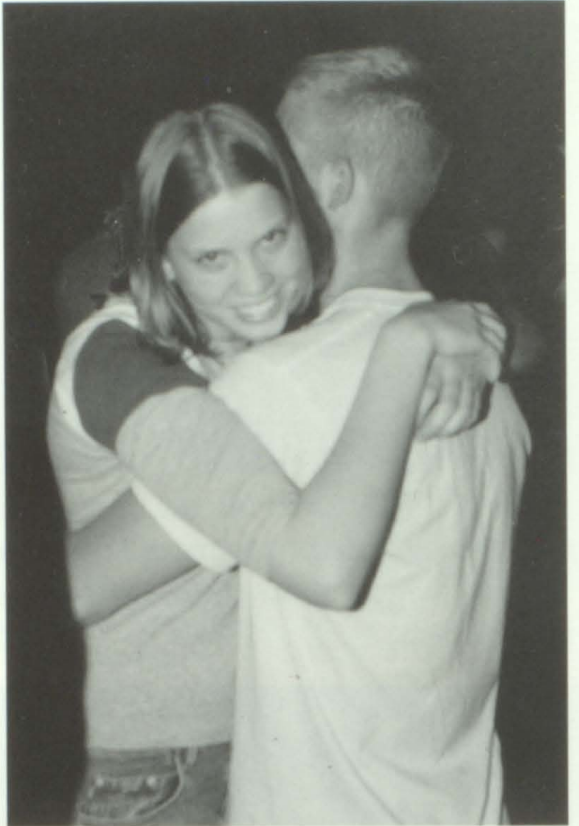
Coming Home was a festive time for all, especially the seniors. Many realized that this was a milestone in the end of their senior year.

Winning the float contest was the Senior class with the motto, "This game is going to be a piece of cake". Scott Seifert and Rachel Walters were crowned Coming Home King and Queen at the Snowball Dance.

HomeComing Dance



Above: homecoming king Todd Rupp and queen Katie Zimmerman smile for the camera.



Above: Becky Dennison and Chad Segur take a breather to slow dance.



Above: Jake Visingardi clucks to the chicken dance. Bottom: Kyle Seegert and Kristi Ladd enjoy the first dance of the year.



Above: Cassie Todd walks off the stage after receiving a gift certificate for a store at the Franklin Park Mall.

The Snow Ball Dance

The Snowball was once again a success for the student council at Blissfield High School. They hosted a record number of students and a good time was had by all.



Above: Debbie Aldrich and Luke Wold stand side by side as they await the crowning of the Coming Home King and Queen



Top: Kyle Sutherland, Kara Dominique, Amanda Neyrinck, and Kat Volk sit around a table before their food is served. Many students arrived early to enjoy both dinner and dancing. Above: Students assemble on the dance floor to get down and have a good time. Left: Jenni Cole and Loren Conn smile for the camera as they take a break from their busy dancing schedule.

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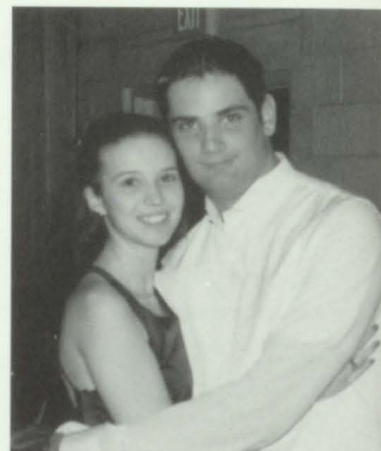
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Prom King Ben Flores and Queen Marcia Winzeler enjoy their dance together.



Left: Senior girls Kim Sutherland, Vicki Sell, Denise Libstaff, Sarah Betz, Suzanne Ries, and Heather Knight enjoy their last prom. Below: Amanda Wittscheck and Joe McGovern take a minute to pose for the camera.



Above: Corwin Koppleman and Maria Crane take a break from dancing. Left: Jake Visingardi and Trisha Goetz enjoy their dance before announcing the King and Queen. Below: Kristin Bowman and Amber Snyder enjoy the grape sparkling juice on the table.





Zac Friess and Heather Hagenbuch embrace during a slow dance. Below: Brad DeCatur and his date show off in front of the camera.



Missy Perry and Melissa Hartzell smile for the camera during a break from dancing.



Stephanie Barron and Adam Seeger show how to get down on the dance floor. Below: Miriam Douge and Stuart Killian make funny faces at the camera.



Right: Erin Hufford and her date are lightly conversing with others at the table.



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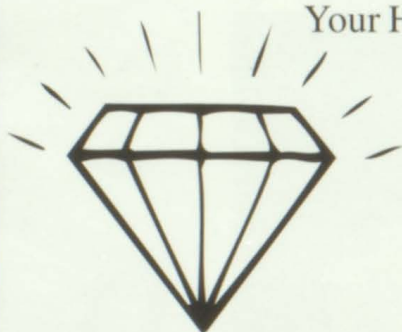
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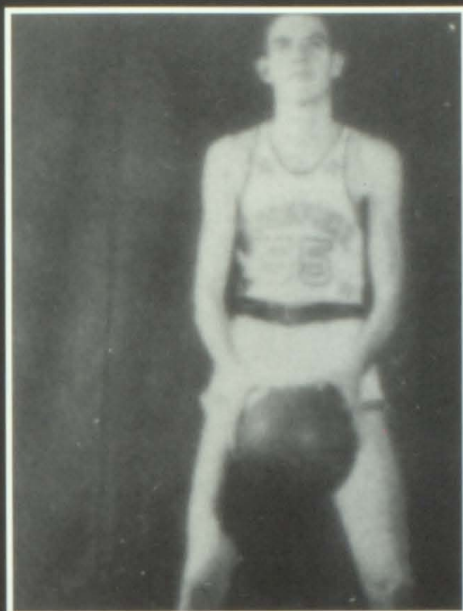
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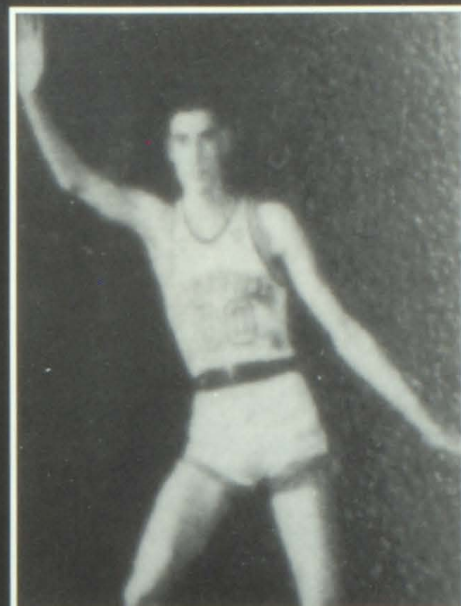




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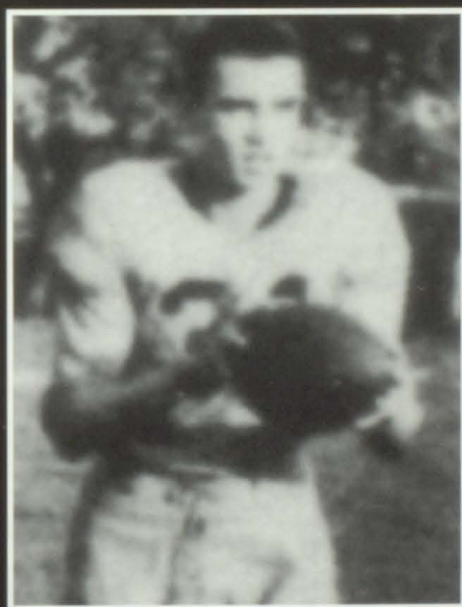


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VARSITY FOOTBALL



Top Left: The team gets psyched up as they run out for the homecoming game. Top Right: Ben Wilson, Justin Yovanov, and Andy Borchardt look on as the defense pounds on the Hudson Tigers. Bottom Right: The defense intimidates the Erie Mason offense. Bottom Left: The team celebrates after a touchdown by Mike Melvin.

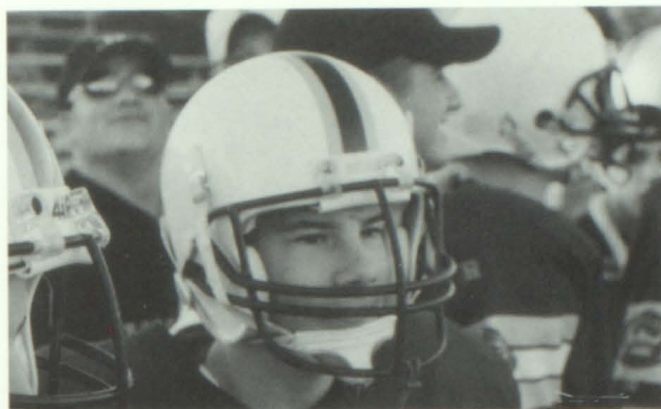
The Blissfield Varsity Football Team: Scott Seifert, Zeb Waterbury, Ryan Klump, Brad DeCatur, James Thomas, Gary Portillo, Todd Rupp, Ben Wilson, Justin Yovanov, Jeff Lietzke, Meik Kebza, Steve Clark, Ricky Mirelez, Roger Robinson, Eric Thompson, David Thompson, Greg Sell, Doug Saxton, Neil Sauter, David Kerekgyarto, Andy Borchardt, Greg Wolvin, Mike Melvin, Tony Ybarra

Final Standings

1. Hudson
2. Onsted
3. Clinton
4. Erie Mason
5. Ida
6. Columbia Central
7. Dundee
8. Blissfield

The Varsity Football season was a tough one. The team went 0-9, but played hard all the way through. Senior James Thomas had another strong year, as well as Sophomore Mike Melvin.

JV FOOTBALL



Top Left: Coach Sean Phillips looks on as his team scores a touchdown, Top Right: Tyler Makula worked hard for the Royals this year, Bottom Left: Tyler Wyse and Tom Pelham work hard to rip the ball from an Ida Blue Streak, Bottom Right: Heath LaTour acted as the intimidator.

Coached by Sean Phillips the Junior Varsity also worked hard but also suffered an 0-9 season. Captains Andy Warner and Kyle Seegert kept the team's spirit high throughout the season despite the hard season.

The Blissfield Junior Varsity Football Team: Andy Warner, Matt Sell, Neil Rupp, Rudy Mirelez, Kyle Seegert, Scott Gardner, Jamie Rye, Josh Keineth, Korey Cranor, Johnny Seiser, Cody Sieler, Dan Lake, Matt Reineck, Mike Thompson, Kurtis Snyder, Russ Holdridge, Tyler Makula, Tyler Wyse, Tom Pelham, Robert Clements, Dustin Sampson, Heath LaTour, Tom Schrader, David Clark, Roland Smith, Kris Ruhl, and Coach Sean Phillips.

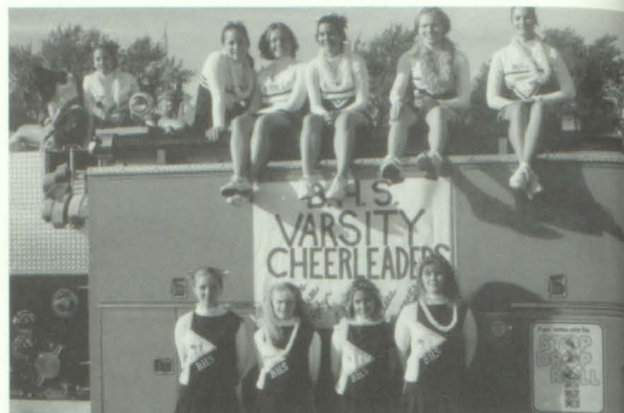


Above: The JV football team races to snatch the ball from the Ida Blue Streak.

Sideline Cheer 1999-2000



Above: Miriam Douge, Robyn Baker, Andrea Coopshaw, Jeannette Smith and Chelsea Vandenbusche take a break from the game to pose for pictures.



Above: It is tradition that the cheerleaders ride on the fire truck during the homecoming parade.

Below: The sideline basketball team leads the school in the VICTORY cheer.



Above Left: Karen Yockey throws mini basketballs to the home crowd during halftime festivities. Left: The Sideline Cheerleaders pose for a silly picture.



Above: Jeannette Smith roots for the Royals during a time out.

Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders:

Celia Pixley, Jessica Loveland, Cassidy Brubaker, Michelle Ahleman, Vicki Casanova, Karen Yockey, Kim Yockey, Jeannette Smith, Coach Wetonia Jackson



Kristin Zimmerman and Chelsea Vandenbusche fly high during the homecoming football game.

Football Cheerleaders:

Robyn Baker, Andrea Coopshaw, Miriam Douge, Ashley Schaedler, Jeannette Smith, Cassie Todd, Chelsea Vandenbusche, Katie Zimmerman, Coach Wetonia Jackson

Junior Varsity: Renee Smith, Abby Waterbury, Jolene Noelanders, Stephanie Loveland, Cassidy Brubaker, Kristin Zimmerman, Coach Wetonia Jackson

Golf

Varsity and JV Teams coached by
Lyle Camron



Varsity

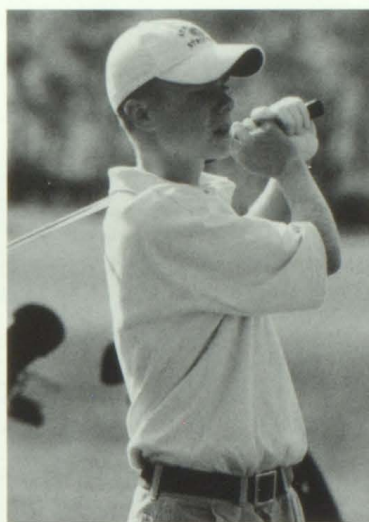
Brandon Elliott
Kevin Knoblauch
Kyle Knoblauch
Don Paxton
Ike Porter
David Rose
Eric Rose
Aaron Seeburger

Junior Varsity

Adam Andrews
Brad Emerson
Derek Feldkamp
Chris Hudson
Adam Iffland
Evan Loader
Nathanael Miles
Caleb Porter
Joel Porter
Scott Thompson

Below: Kyle
Knoblauch led the
team this season as a
four year varsity
golfer.

Above: Brandon
Elliott focuses on
the hole as he putts
from the edge of
the green.



Above: Sophomore
Aaron Seeburger fin-
ishes a drive and wait-
s to see where the ball
lands.



Left: Kevin
Knoblauch watches anx-
iously as his
ball rolls ever
so slowly to-
wards the cup.

Golf *League Standings*

1. Columbia
Central
2. Hudson
3. Erie Mason
4. Blissfield
5. Clinton
6. Dundee
7. Onstead
8. Ida



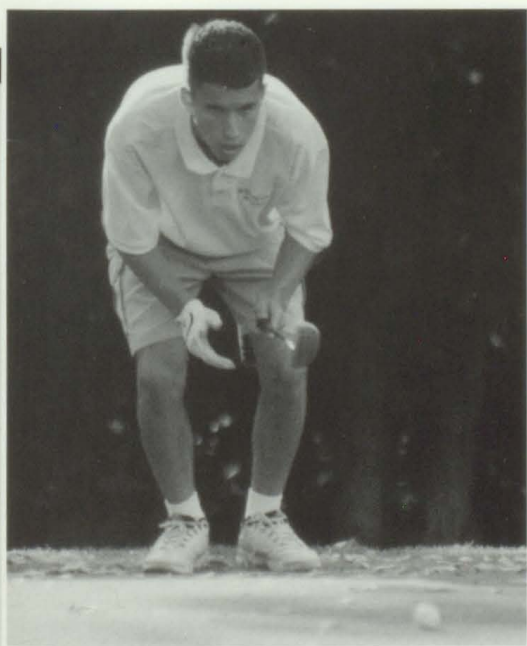
Above: Aaron
Seeburger needs a
closer look to see
where his ball is go-
ing.



Graduating Seniors

Above: Kyle Koblauch
watches as his ball sails
through the air.

Right: Brandon Elliot
tries to stay under par.



Far Right: Dan Stutzman leads the pack for Blissfield at the Hudson LCAA.

Right: foreign exchange student, Simon Moureau listens to coach Navarro give the team encouragement before the meet.

Boys Cross Country



Above: Corwin Koppelman works hard through the last mile of the race.



Above: The team prepares at the starting line. Right: Before the race begins the new coach, Al Navarro, gives the team a pep talk about the upcoming race.



The 1999 CC Team

Lee Flores
Tony Freer
Jim Jordan
Corwin Koppelman
Brent Martinez
Simon Moureau
Kurt Scobie
Dan Stutzman

Boys Cross Country League Standings

1. Ida
2. Onsted
3. Hudson
4. Brooklyn Columbia Central
5. Erie Mason
6. Blissfield
7. Dundee
8. Clinton



Above: Kurt Scobie and Tony Freer work together to push each other to do their best throughout the race.

Girls Cross Country

The 1999 CC Team

Varsity

Kara Brown
Maria Crane
Julie Dickerson
Elizabeth Douge
Elizabeth Gritzmaker
Bethany Harpst
Krystal Hoffman

Stephanie Macintyre

Amy Marine
Tracy Marine
Charis Mitchell
Jennie Navarro
Olivia Ott
Becky Ries
Dana Zibbell

Junior Varsity

Meghann Eff
Erin Klump

Above Left: Tracy Marine, Julie Dickerson and Becky Ries warm their muscles by doing short sprints before the start of the race.



Left: Together sisters Amy and Tracy Marine at the regional meet will set the pace for BHS runners.

Above: Krystal Hoffman and Erin Klump are worn out after their 5k race.



Above: Becky Ries works hard not to lose any ground to the Morenci team.



Above: Senior Bethany Harpst paces herself during a long stretch at the LCAA.

Girls Cross Country League Stadings

1. Blissfield
2. Erie Mason
3. Ida
4. Dundee
5. Hudson
6. Brooklyn Columbia Central
7. Onsted
8. Clinton



Senior Amy Marine takes time to prepare mentally and physically for the LCAA race at Hudson.

Varsity Girls Basketball

1999-2000



Top Left: Coach Brink gives his team a pep talk during a timeout, Top Right: Amber Snyder goes up for a basket, Bottom Right: Natalie Eisenmann puts up a rebound, Bottom Left: Renee Walters works hard to get herself out of the jam.



Junior Kari Cory was 2nd team all league.

League Standings:

1. Ida
2. Mason
3. Hudson
4. Blissfield (9-12)
5. Columbia Central
6. Clinton
7. Onsted
8. Dundee

Varsity Girls Basketball: Debbie Aldrich, Sarah Betz, Sarah Pyle, Suzanne Ries, Vicki Sell, Renee Walters, Kari Cory, Katie Love, Janelle Noelanders, Amber Snyder, Natalie Eisenmann, Katie Marchal, Rachel Walters.

Captains: Vicki Sell and Debbie Aldrich
All-League Sportsmanship: Suzanne Ries
MVP: Vicki Sell

Girls Junior Varsity & Freshmen Basketball



Top Left: Coach Larry Thompson fires up the girls during a timeout, Top Right: Freshmen Kristy Kudlac goes up for a shot, Bottom Left: Trisha Warner looks for an opening, Bottom Right: Freshmen Ashley Scott and Kim Sheldon anticipate the pass.

Junior Varsity:

Laura Walters, Sarah Robertson, Katie Yockey, Jessica Kwiatkowski, Lisa Sayler, Catheine Burger, Stacey Mosley, Trisha Warner, Christi Stoker, Alysa Isley, Sarah Love, Rachel Niles, Coach Larry Thompson

Freshmen:

Gretchen Marks, Nicole Gates, Sarah Marks, Vicki Casanova, Kim Yockey, Anna Heydinger, Kristy Kudlac, Ashley Scott, Kim Sheldon, Kristen Howard, Sheena Coakley, Lindsey Warner, Ashley Cavazos, Coach Jessica Spiegel



Freshmen Kristy Kudlac dribbles up the court for a quick basket during a game.

Varsity Basketball



Top Left: Bottom row: Larry Wahl, Jim Jordan, Caleb Porter, Scott Seifert, Todd Rupp, Rick Mirelez, David Kerekgyarto, Top row: Andy Borchardt, Tony Freer, Chris Niles, Kyle Knoblauch, Eric Thompson, Derek Feldkamp, Coach John Vandecavaye.



Above: Derek Feldkamp goes up for the rebound while Kyle Knoblauch looks on.



Far left: Eric Thompson shoots one up over an opponent for an easy shot.

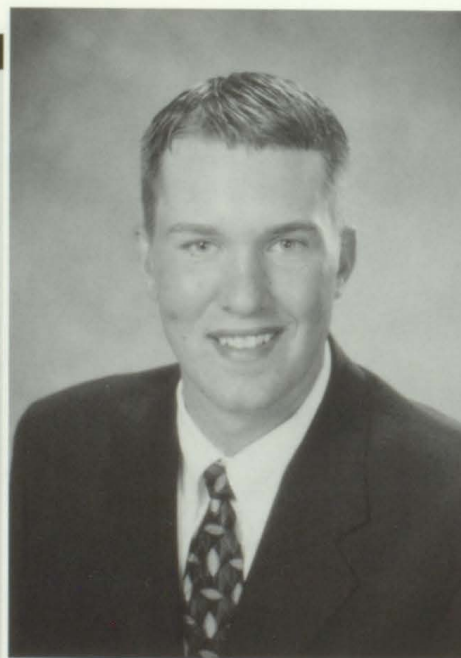


Left: After being fouled Caleb Porter goes for an easy two point shot.

Basketball League Standings

	Win/Loss
1. Ida	14 - 0
2. Blissfield	10 - 4
3. Mason	8 - 6
4. Clinton	7 - 7
5. Onstead	7 - 7
6. Columbia	
Central	5 - 9
7. Hudson	5 - 9
8. Dundee	0 - 14

The Varsity basketball team didn't disappoint any fans this year by making the playoffs again. The basketball program is also beginning to show tradition through the dedication of their sport.



Kyle Knoblauch received all-state honors for his leading roll on the varsity basketball team.

JV Basketball



Freshman

Basketball



Top left: 1st row: David Rose, Don Paxton, Chris Hudson, Tony Ybarra, Paul Phillips, Greg Wolvin, 2nd row: Neil Sauter, Eli Kafer, Nick Van Camp, Tyler Wyse, Corwin Koppelman, Eli Benko, Zac Schroeder, manager Steve Pierkowski. Top right: Mike Melvin and Corwin Koppelman block a shot by the opponent. Bottom left: 1st row: Russ Holdridge, Nathan Dettling, Eric Rose, Chris Leking, Brad Emerson, Kris Todd, 2nd row: Kurtis Snyder, Lupe Rosas, Zach DeCatur, Dan Lake, Adam Andrews, Johnny Seiser, coach Mike Kostoff. Bottom right: Kris Todd dribbles around an opponent in the final minutes.

The JV basketball team ended with a strong season by executing good defense and making those tough foul shots. Zac Schroeder had a strong season.

The freshman received a good foundation about what Blissfield basketball is all about. Eric Rose will be heard about in the future.



Kurtis Snyder keeps his eye on the Adrian team with only 4 minutes and 57 seconds left in the game.

Competitive Cheer



Above: Abby and Danielle are looking proud.

Below: The Sugar Babes end with a strong finish.



Right: The Lady Royals take a break from practicing before an early morning competition in Grosse Ile.

Left: "Any town any gym the Royals are packin' 'em in."



Below: After the LCAA league meet the girls pose with their team mascots.



Left: Seniors Miriam and Katie led the team this year.



Right: Danielle flies high with support from Katie, Tary and Kristin.

Competitive Cheer Standings

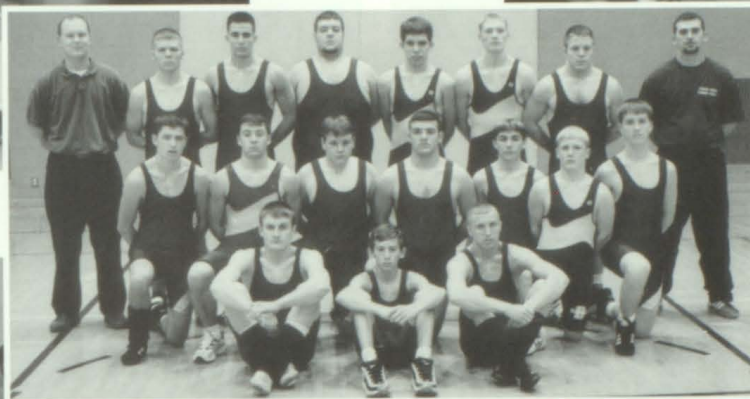
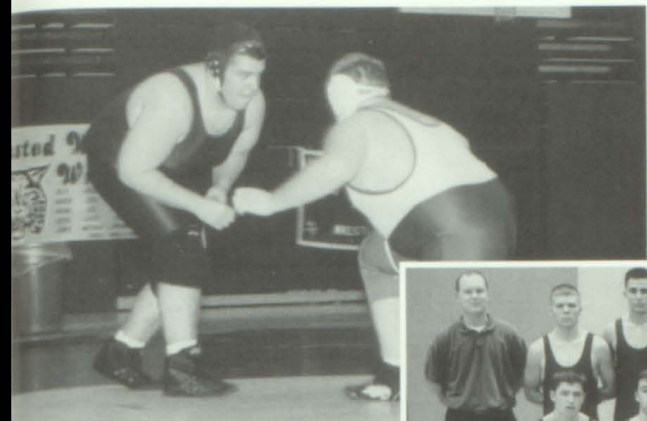
Leslie:

1. East Jackson: 6/7
2. Ida: 4/5
3. Grosse Ile: 3/3
4. Onsted: 4/5
5. Hudson: 3/5
6. Blissfield: 4/5
7. Ida Invite: 3/4
- LCAA: 4/5
- Regionals: 3/6

2000 Competitive Cheer Team:

Katie Zimmerman
Miriam Douge
Andrea Coopshaw
Tary Fetzer
Ashley Schaedler
Danielle Billington
Abby Waterbury
Kristin Zimmerman
Coach Sara Diebel

Wrestling



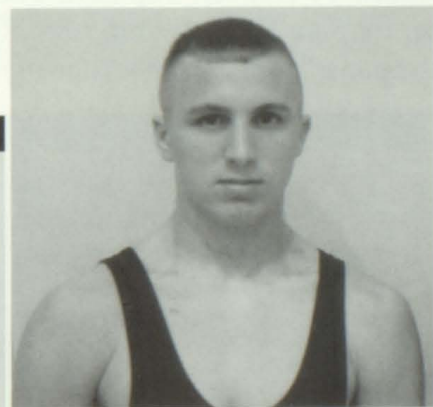
Middle: 1st row: Roger Robinson, Jordan Duckett, Jerry Marchal, 2nd row: Ben Forche, Scott Gardner, Cody Seiler, Ben Wilson, Brent Martinez, Billy Westfall, Robert Clements, 3rd row: Coach Sean Phillips, Brad DeCatur, Steve Clark, Jeff Lietzke, Dave Clark, Andy Warner, James Thomas, Coach Richard Baugh. Top Left: Jeff Lietzke sizes his opponent before taking him down. Top Right: Steve Clark grapples with his opponent. Bottom Left: Steve Clark struggles to take down his opponent. Bottom Right: Brad DeCatur fights hard to get away.

**Captains-Jerry Marchal,
James Thomas, Steve Clark
MVP-Steve Clark**

Wrestling League Standings

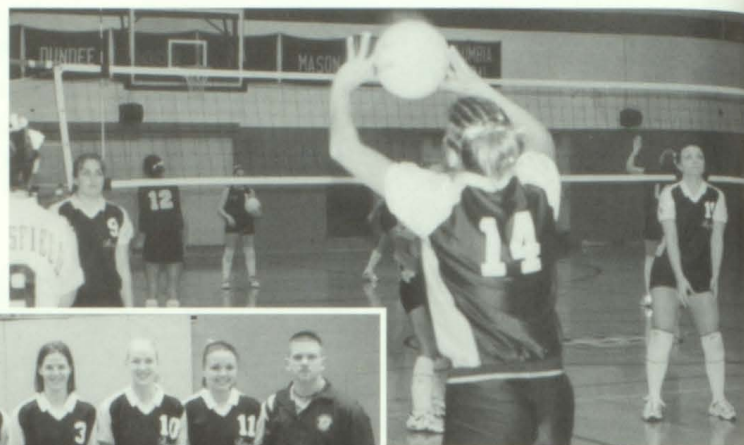
1. Dundee
2. Columbia Central
3. Ida
4. Hudson
5. Clinton
6. Mason
7. Onsted
8. Blissfield

The Royal wrestling team fought hard all year to make up for their many open weight classes. Seniors Jerry Marchal, James Thomas, Steve Clark, and Brad DeCatur all ended their careers with excellent seasons. After a long season at a tough weight class Marchal finished just shy of 100 career wins. Despite a bout with mono early in the season, James Thomas rebounded well. Clark also wrestled strong all year, but was knocked out in the semifinals at the regional tournament. Jordan Duckett turned out an impressive freshman season.



Pictured Above: Jerry Marchal, one of the team captains, poses while the Daily Telegram takes his picture.

Varsity Volleyball



Middle: 1st row: Sara Betz, Erin Klump, Krystal Hoffman, Janelle Noelanders, Kim Sander, Bethany Harpst, 2nd row: Manager Nikki Jensen, Meghann Eff, Tammy Clement, Kandice Katich, Suzanne Ries, Sarah Pyle, Vicki Sell, Coach Ty Hoover. Top Left: The Lady Royals spirit flies high as they huddle up. Top right: Tammy Clement sets it up for Sara Betz. Bottom Left: Krystal, Janelle, Kandice, Meghann, Sara, Kim, and new Coach Joe anxiously watch the game. Bottom right: Bethany Harpst goes up for a spike during warm-ups.

Final Standings

1. Clinton 13-1
2. Mason 11-3
3. Ida 10-4
4. Dundee 7-7
5. Blissfield 7-7
6. Columbia 3-11
7. Hudson 3-11
8. Onsted 3-11



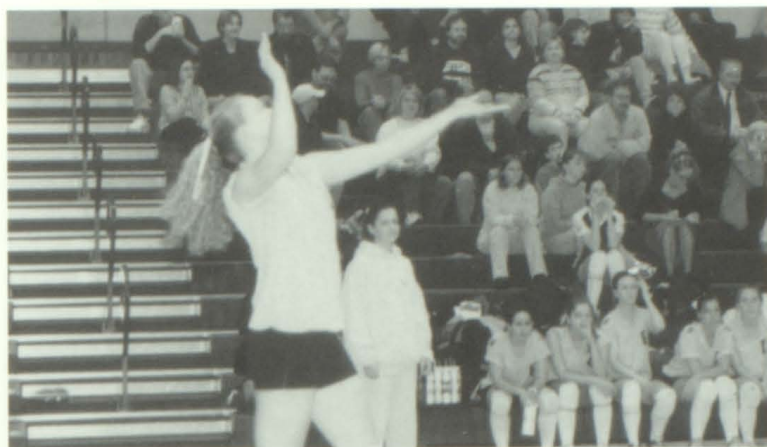
Above: Seniors Sarah Betz and Tammy Clements are preparing for the game.



Above: Vicki Sell glances over at the opposing team.

The Lady Royal season was memorable and the team stuck together to work hard throughout the season.

JV Volleyball



Freshman



Top left: 1st row: Christina James, Stacey Mosley, Charis Mitchell, Stephanie Moore, 2nd row: Catherine Burger, Trisha Warner, Natalie Eisenmann, Cassie Todd, Kristi Kudlac, and Coach Joe Chandler, Not pictured: Katie Marchal and Alysa Isley. Top right: Katie Marchal serves one up for the Lady Royals. Bottom left: Catherine Burger goes up for a serve. Bottom right: 1st row: Sarah Marks, Renee Smith, Gretchen Marks, Lindsey Jordan, Jolene Noelanders, 2nd row: Coach Jenny, Laura Walters, Sarah Robertson, Gina Phillips, Brandi Albright, Stephanie Loveland, Jessica Nesbit.



Pictured above the girls J.V. team huddles up before the big volleyball game.

JV Volleyball

The JV Lady Royals had a strong season and tried to work hard up to Blissfield's high standards in athletics.

Freshman Volleyball

The Freshmen team learned this season that Blissfield High School volleyball is heading towards a lady sports tradition in Blissfield.

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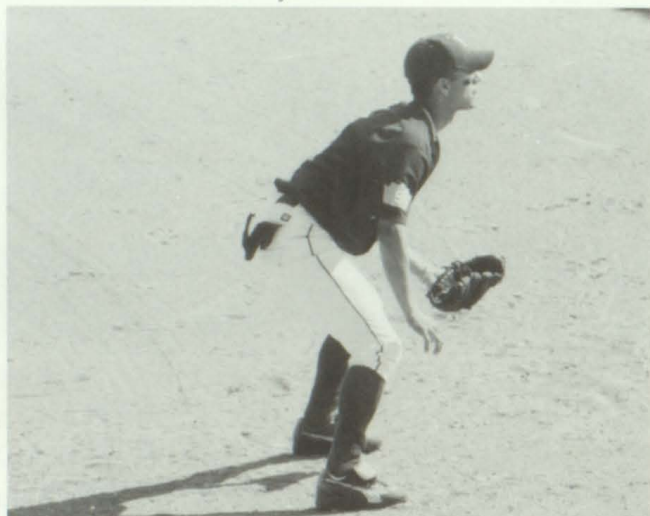
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First row: Justin Duckett, Tony Yabarra, James Jordan, Ricky Mirelez, Rogger Robinson. Second row: Caleb Porter, Greg Wolvin, Ryan Klump, Scott Siefert, Justin Eisenman, Cris Hudson. Third row: Coach Steve Babbit, Coach Dennis Thompson, Mike Melvin, Eric Thompson, Kyle Knoblauch, Derek Feldkamp, Todd Rupp, Coach Steve Marks, Coach Larry Tuttle.



Roger Robinson enjoys watching the winning Royals as he sits an inning out.



Greg Wolvin crouches into position as he waits for the grounder.



Sophomore pitcher Derek Feldkamp lets one fly against an Ida batter.

League Standings

This year Blissfield finished first in the league.

Captains: Kyle Knoblauch,
Scott Siefert

MVP: Kyle Knoblauch

All League Sportsmanship:
Caleb Porter

All League Academic: Eric
Thompson, Caleb Porter



Senior Kyle Knoblauch led the team with his excellent pitching skills.



Caleb Porter slides into second as the call is safe.

JV & Freshmen Baseball

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Freshmen Baseball: Kris Todd, Jordan Duckett, Adam Andrews, David Handy, Erin Seeger, Tom Frudenberg, Second row: Korey Cranor, Nate Dettling, Johnny Seiser, Joel Porter, Robert Clements, Chris Alcock, Third row: Gus LaRoy, Eric Rose, Brad Emerson, Kurtis Snyder, Kevin Knoblauch, Zac DeCatur, Dave Clark, Coach Greg Sieszputowski.

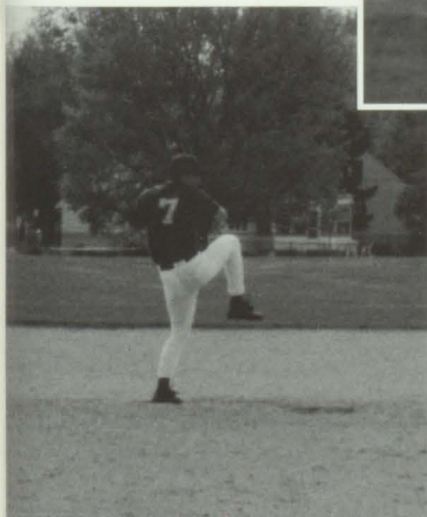
JV Baseball: Paul Phillips, Ike Porter, Josh Goodfriend, Phil Westgate, Josh Villegas, Rudy Mirelez, David Thompson, Second row: Coach Kyle Cheney, Andrew Warner, Kevin Smith, Ben Forche, David Rose, Tyler Wyse, Scott Thompson, Don Paxton, Coach Mike Iffland.



Right: Paul Phillips shows good form as he prepares to deliver the heat. Below: Kevin Knoblauch throws a change up to an Adrian batter.



The Traditional Blissfield Baseball huddle. Below: Johnny Seiser throws the ball back to the mound after a strike.



Left: Ike Porter couches as he waits for a grounder from the plate.



Varsity Softball



Sophomore Christi Stoker patiently awaits for a ball to come her way.



Corie Loar, Christi Stoker, Cheri Kronberg, Kari Cory, Nicole Sauter, Jamie Kinyon, 2nd row: Katie Love, Amanda Eisenmann, Deatra Fritz, Renee Walters, Marcia Winzeler, Alycia Demey, and Coach Jeannie Rainey.



Corie Loar did a great job protecting the plate.



Junior Cheri Kronberg shows good form as the ball comes her way.



The infielders huddle to go over the plan before the inning begins.

Varsity Softball

Captains: Alycia Demey
Deatra Fritz

MVP: Alycia Demey
All League Sportsmanship:
Alycia Demey



Renee Walters casually catches a fly ball from an Ida hitter.



The MVP, Alycia Demey, showed an enormous amount of sportsmanship throughout the year.

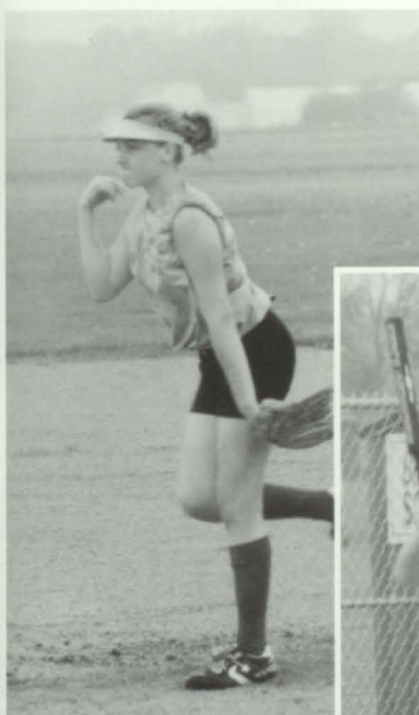
JV & Freshmen Softball



JV Softball: 1st row: Chelsea Vandebusch, Stacey Mosley, Rachel Clements, Ashley Schaedler, Katie Yockey, 2nd row: Daniela Yovanov, Kara Dominique, Lisa Saylor, Ashley Brenke, Sarah Love, Brandi Albright.



Freshmen Softball: 1st row: Sheena Coakley, Kristin Howard, Gretchen Marks, Renee Smith, Stephanie Loveland, 2nd row: Amy Lietzke, Ashley Cavazos, Rachel Niles, Cassidy Brubaker, Coach Jamie Matesic.



Below: Ashley Brenke patiently awaits for the pitch.



Above: Freshmen pitcher Brandi Albright watches as the strike goes over the plate.



Above: Ashley Schaedler is in position for the ball to come her way. Left: Cassidy Brubaker attempts a bunt against an Adrian pitcher.



Guys Track & Field

Running Events

Guys Track & Field League Standings

- 1.) Ida
- 2.) Erie Mason
- 3.) Columbia Central
- 4.) Onsted
- 5.) Hudson
- 6.) Clinton
- 7.) Blissfield

Captains: Zeb Waterbury,
Justin Yovanov, Jon Mowery
MVP: Jon Mowery



Above: David Navarro
pushes himself during
the mile-long relay.
Picture by Liz Kafer.



First row: Neil Rupp, Jeff Overhulse, Zeb Waterbury, Ben Flores, David Kerekgyarto, Brent Martinez second row: Tom Schrader, Dan Stutzman, Lance Eisenmann, Kurt Scobie, Scott Gardner, Kyle Seegert, Neil Sauter, David Navarro, third row: Eli Kafer, Justin Yovanov, Andy Borchardt, Doug Saxton, Zac Jensen, Jamie Rose, Lee Flores, John Mowery, fourth row: Seth Heydinger, Corwin Koppelman, Tony Freer, Chris Niles, Meik Kebza, Matt Ebright, Simon Moureau.



Above: Scott Gardner
sprints to the finish line
during a race. Below: Dan
Stutzman sets a pace for
himself during a distance
run.

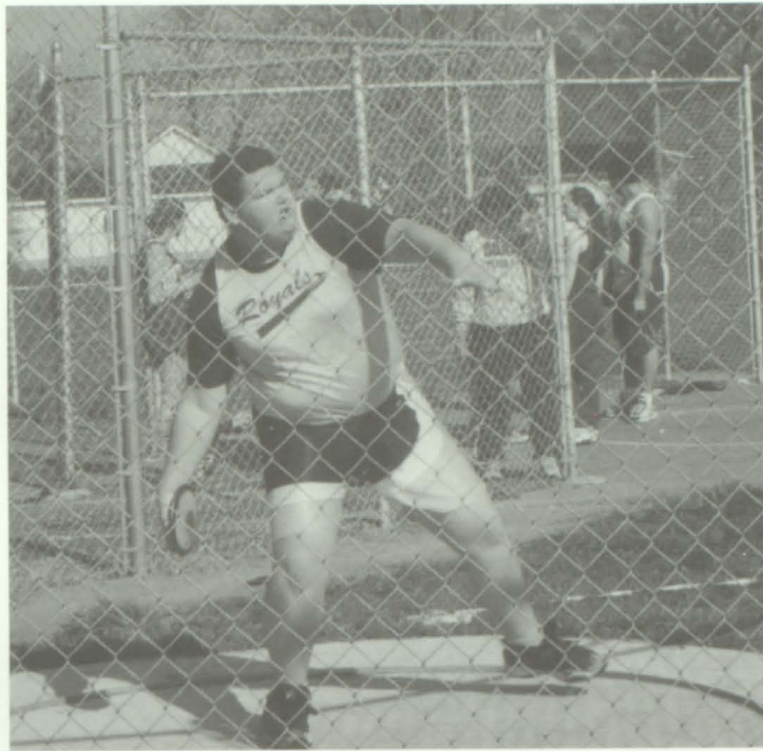


Guys Track & Field

Field Events



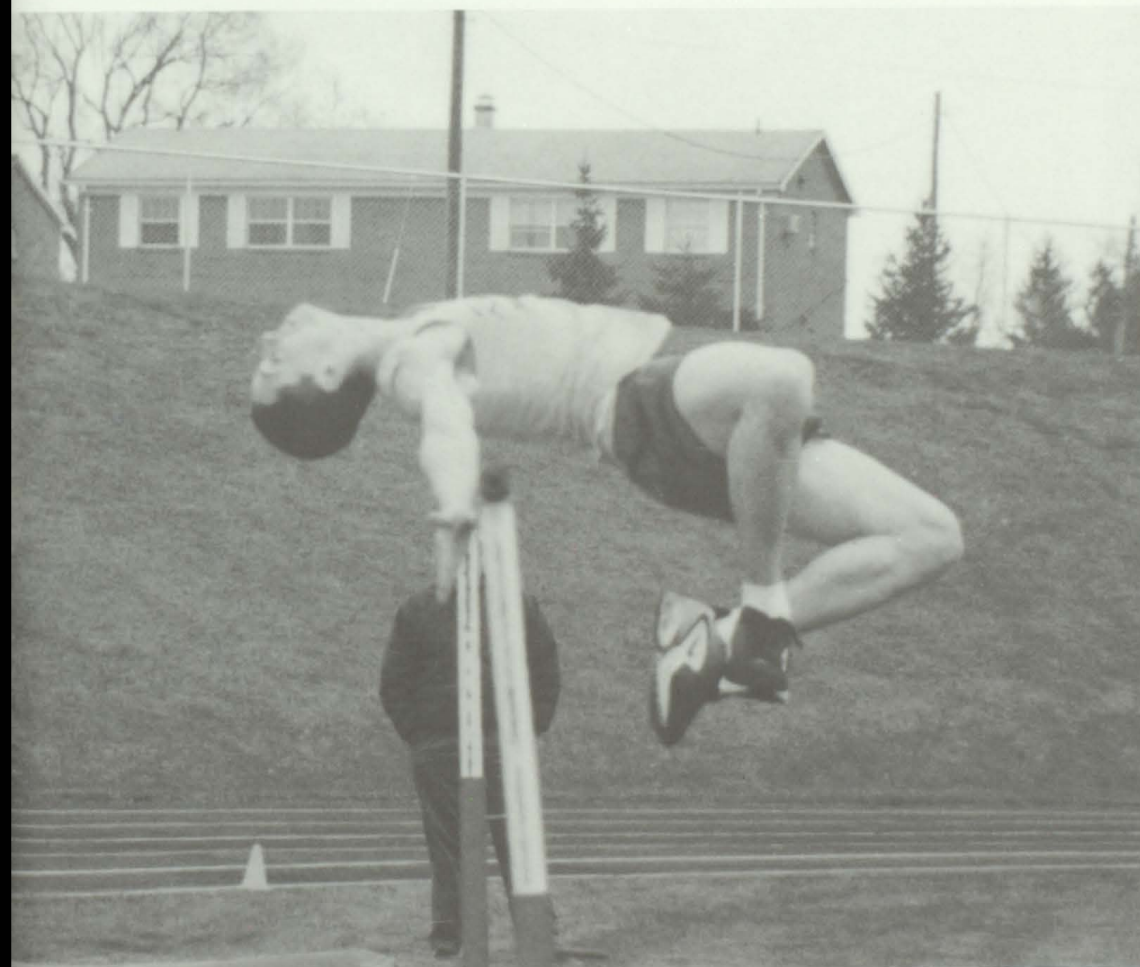
Neil Sauter strides along during a relay. This picture was taken by Liz Kafer.



Meik Kebza prepares to throw the disc during a competition.

Below: Chris Niles watches his disc fly through the air.

Picture by Liz Kafer.



Above: Brent Martinez pushes himself to the finish line.

Picture by Liz Kafer.

Left: John Mowery leaps in the high jump.

Picture by Liz Kafer.

Girls Track & Field

Running Events

Girls League Standings

- 1.) Blissfield
- 2.) Columbia Central
- 3.) Onsted
- 4.) Erie Mason
- 5.) Hudson
- 6.) Dundee
- 7.) Clinton
- 8.) Ida



Above: Charis Mitchell prepares herself for the sprints.
Picture by Liz Kafer.



Far left: Beth Gritzmaker paces herself during the mile-long distance run. Close left: Becky Ries continues on during the race.



Above: Jennie Navarro continues on during a 2 mile relay. Picture by Liz Kafer.

Right: Suzanne Ries, one of the team captians, reaches back for the baton to continue in the relay.



Girls Track & Field

Field Events



Left: Amber Snyder watches as she heaves the shot.
Picture by Liz Kafer.



Becky Ries was a key to long distance.



Jennie Navarro's strength was in the relays.



Adela Escobedo was voted MVP this year.



Memorial

- Steven Piorkowski -



Steve Piorkowski helped coach the boys' and girls' track teams. He offered encouragement along with Coach Navarro and was always there for the students. On June 2, 2000 he sustained fatal injuries in a car accident. He will be sincerely missed by all who knew him.



Above: Erin Gilmore, Jessica Kwiatkowski and Amber Snyder smile for the camera during a track meet. Picture by Liz Kafer.

1st row: Amy Marine, Heather Knight, Bethany Harpst, Beth Gritzmeyer, Sarah Pyle, Suzanne Ries, Kim Sutherland, Denise Libstaff, Heather Franceour, 2nd row: Nikki Casterline, Adela Escobedo, Becky Ries, Chelsea Goodson, Laura Henricks, Melissa Marks, Holly Staup, Jennie Navarro, Erin Gilmore, 3rd row: Kerri Young, Catherine Burger, Julie Dickerson, Kim Sheldon, Sarah Robertson, Dana Zibbel, Charis Mitchell, Tracy Marine, 4th row: Coach Navarro, Olivia Ott, Elise Barton, Stephanie McIntyre, Katie Marchal, Tracy Northcott, Jessica Kwiatkowski, Rachel Bradshaw, Coach Brown.

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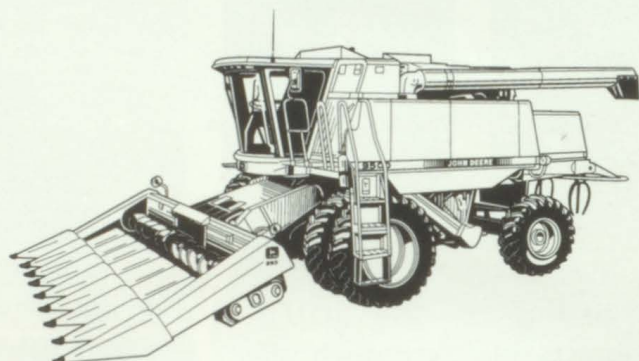
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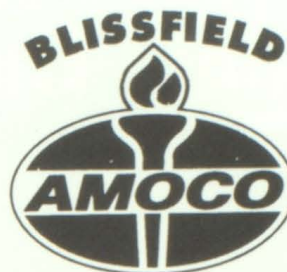




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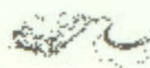
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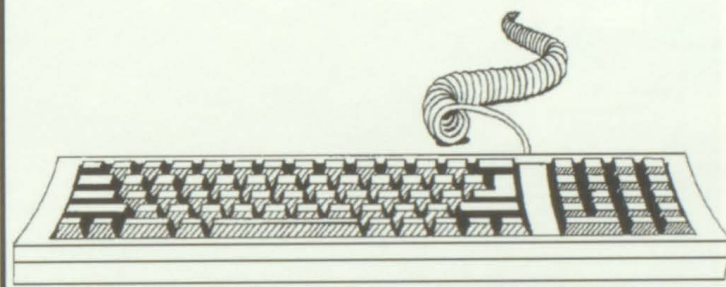
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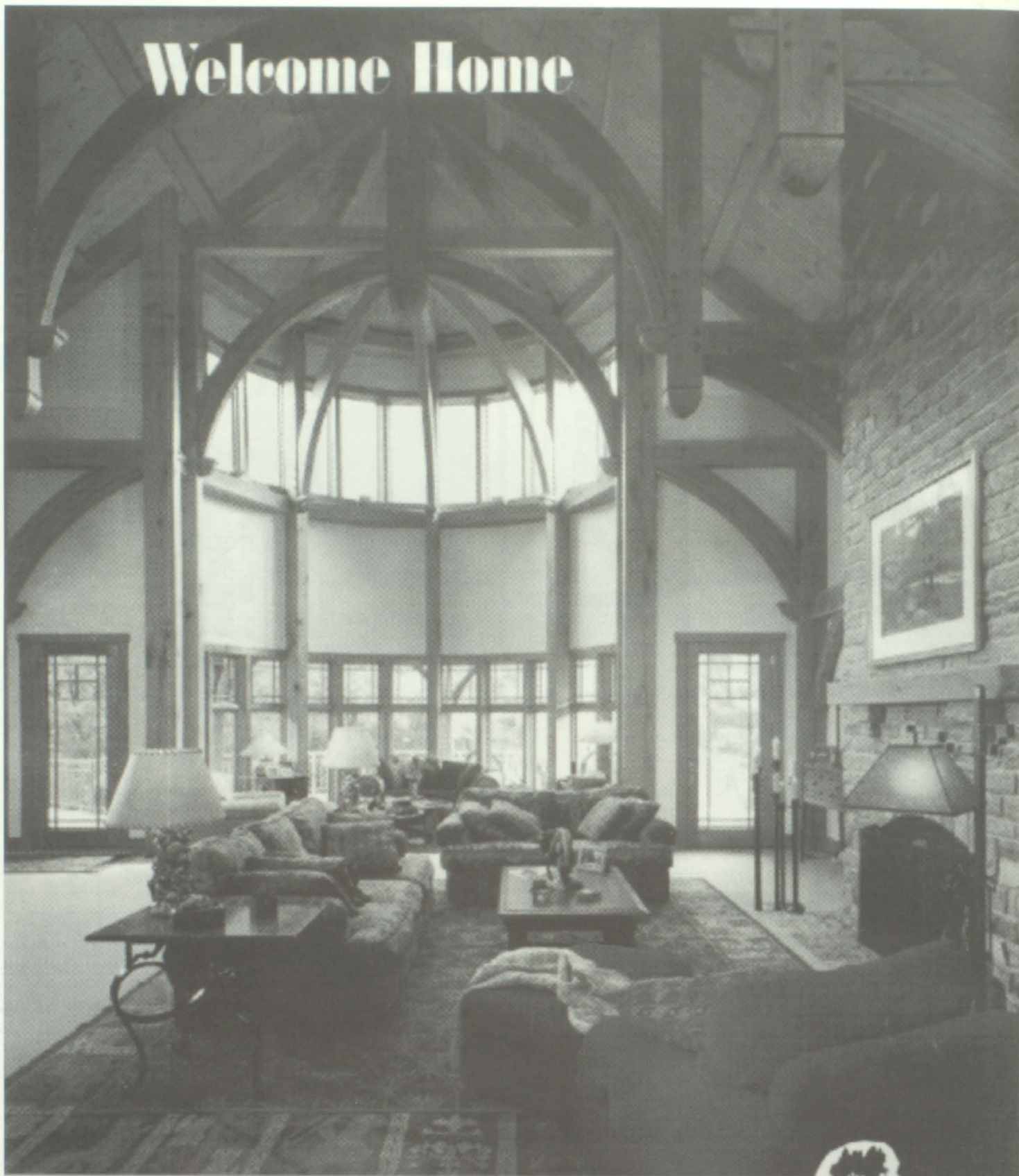
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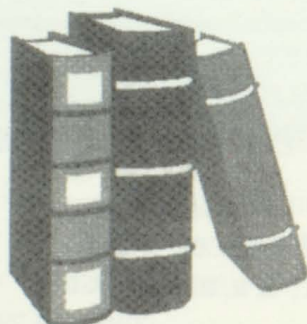
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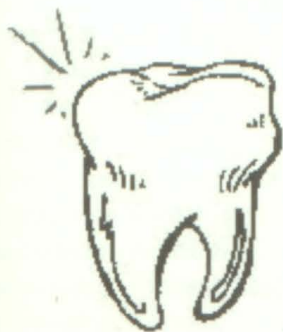
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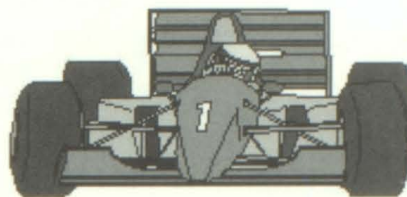
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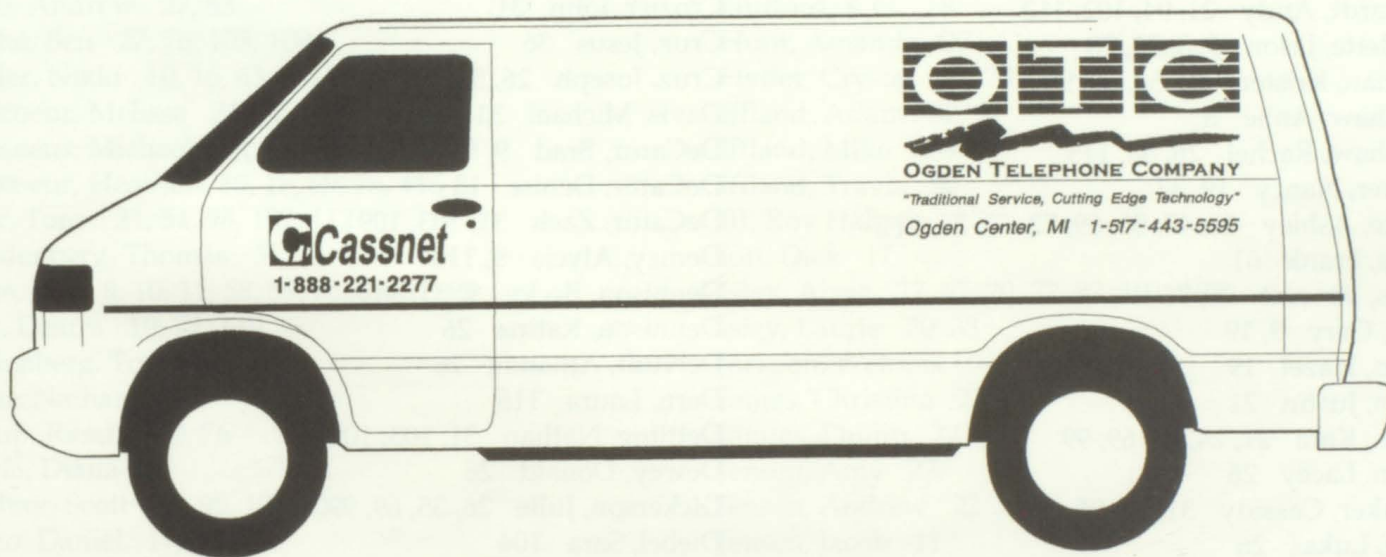
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