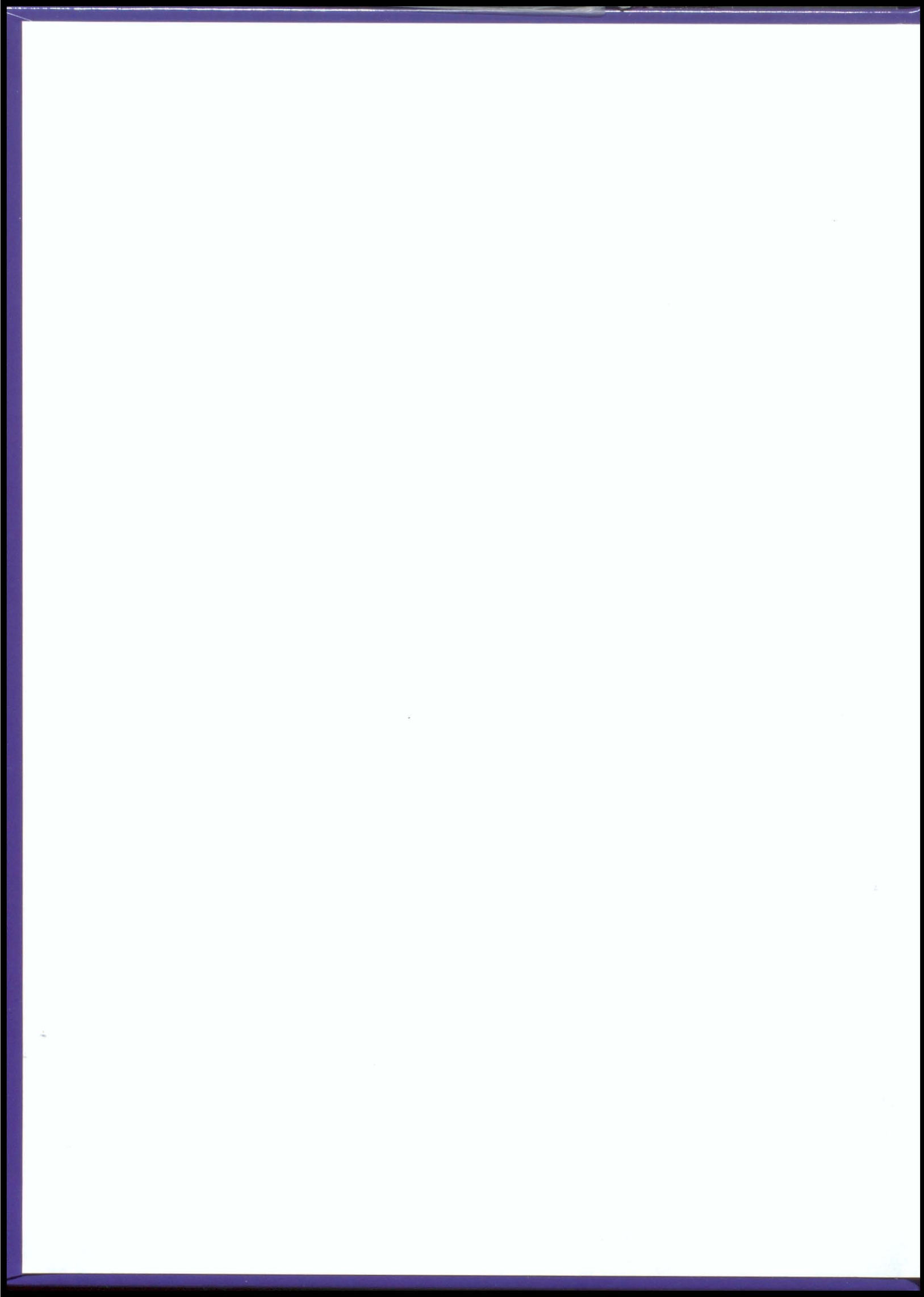
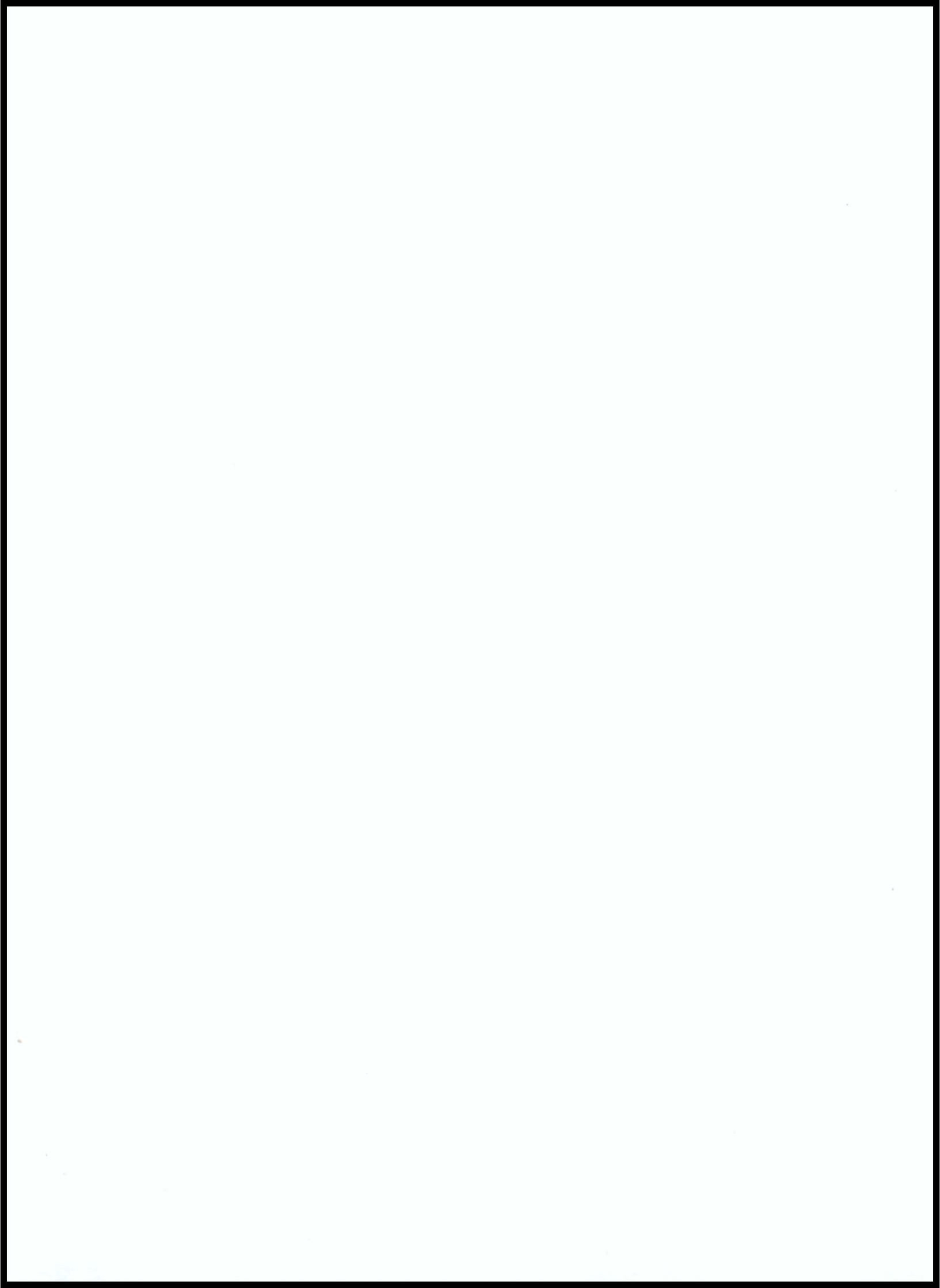
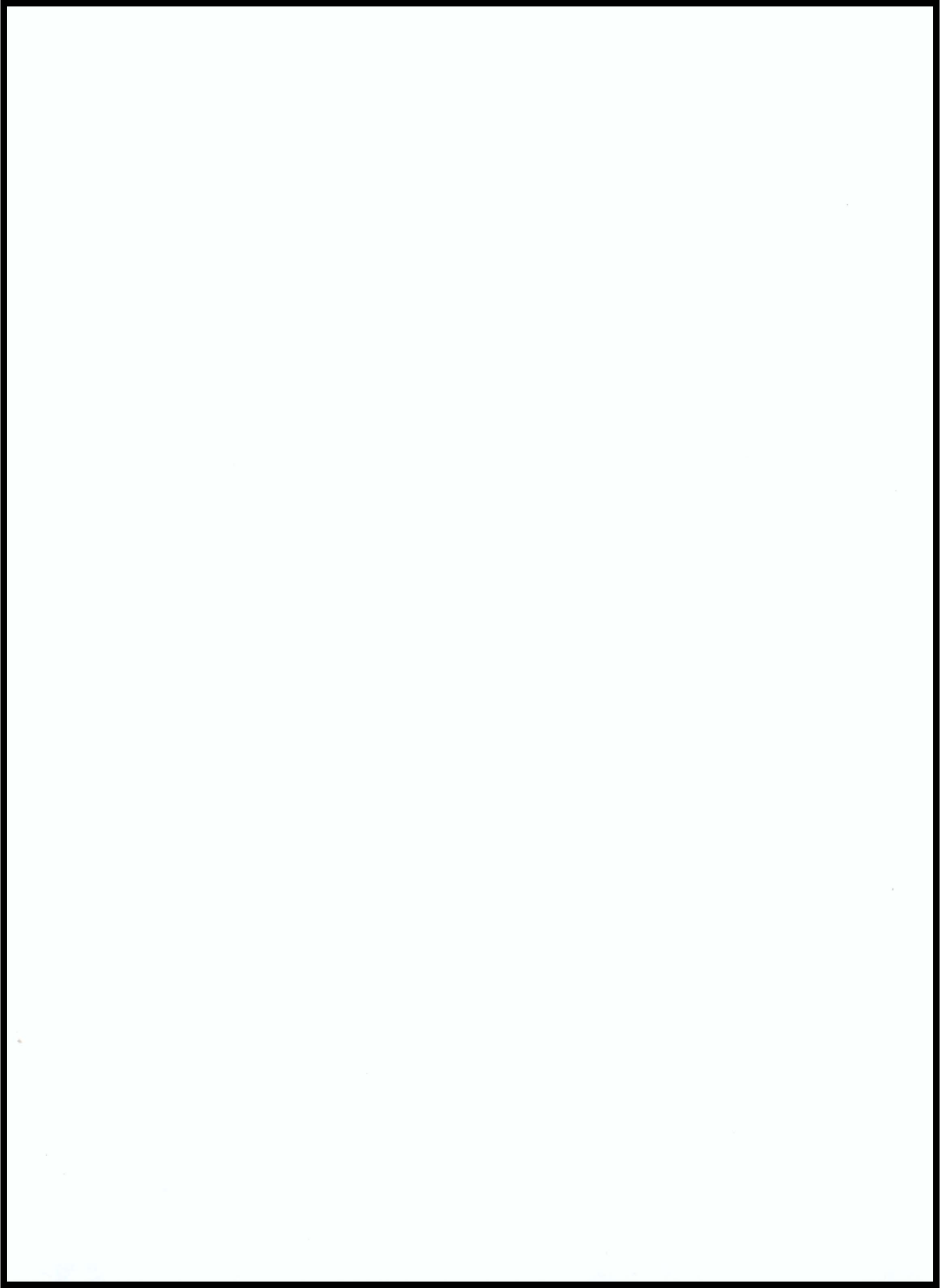


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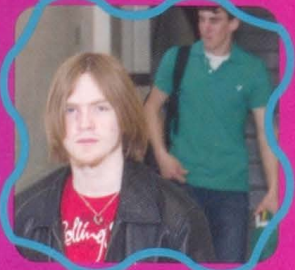
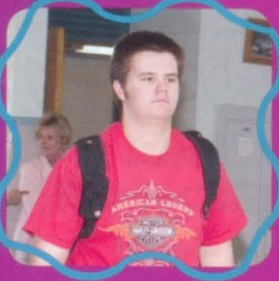
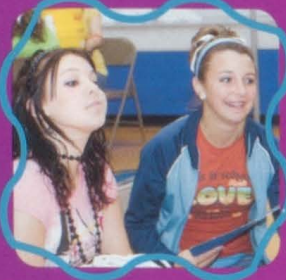
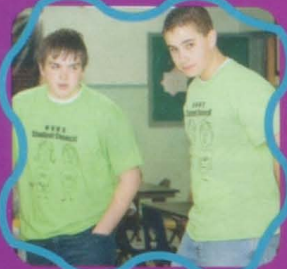
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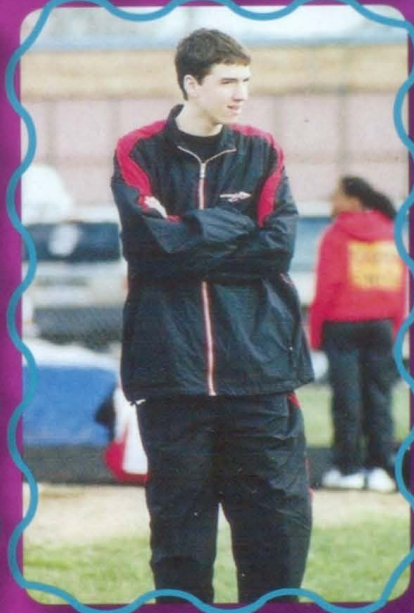
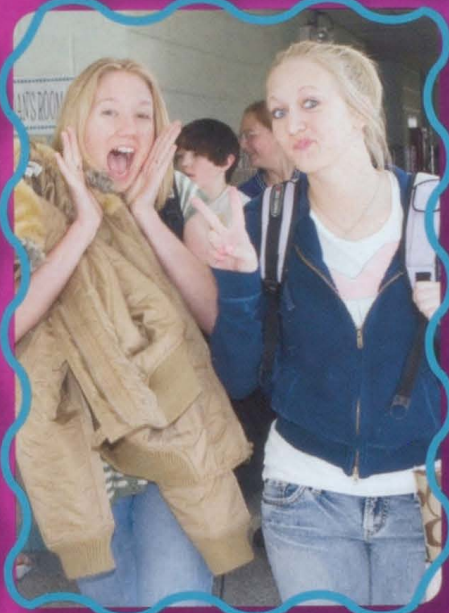
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Personality

BEST PERSONALITY:
WADE BURCH AND STEPHANIE BRANDENBURG



BEST SMILE:
AARON ANSTROM AND SARAH WOOTERS



BIGGEST FLIRT:
JEHAD ABBED AND ABIE DEAN



MOST ATHLETIC:
CLINT SCHLOSSER AND KRISTIN KLUCK



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:
NOLAN WATSON AND BRITTNEY HERZOG



Polls

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME FAMOUS:
WADE BURCH AND TINA PLAMONDON



MOST DARING:
C.J. CRAWLEY AND
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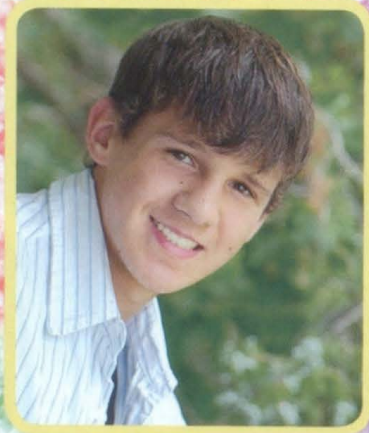


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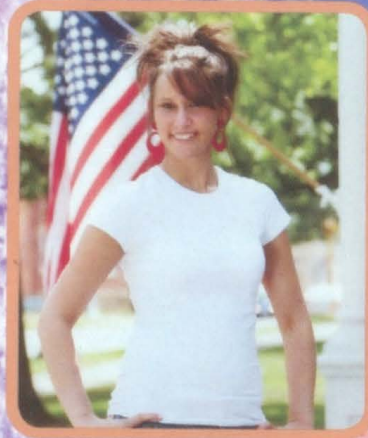
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July 27



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February 12



*Stephanie Lynn
Brandenburg*
April 15



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July 10



Brenda Jean Decker
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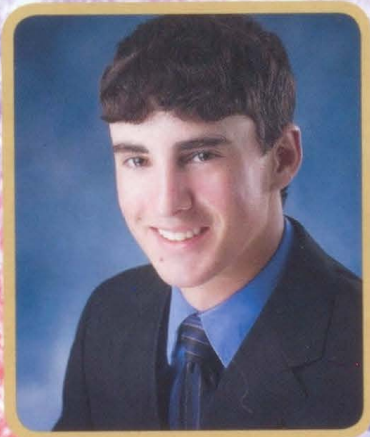
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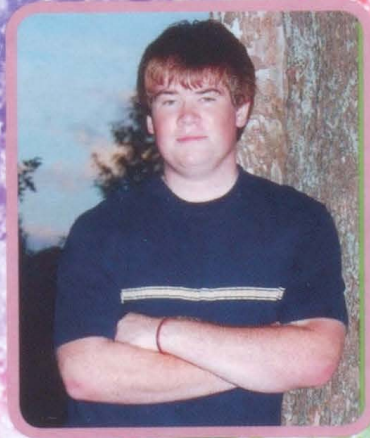
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December 6



Kristin Kelli Kuck
February 3



Douglas Steven Marshall
May 1



Kayla Rene Miller
September 29





SENIOR WILLS

I, Sarah Elizabeth Wooters, will Kelsey Meyer a trip to Honey Nails anytime she wants, and the ability to drink all the blue lemonade in the world. I love you Kelsey June! To my Jr. Boys the ability to "drown" a pet fish.

I, Brittany Herzog, will Dallas Kirkwood aka "Squirrel" to be successful in making new friends since all of his are leaving. Also, I will Kelsie Anstrom more crazy nights taking showers and drinking kool-aid. I will Seth Sweeney the power to keep the British accent going in OVHS.

I, Abie Dean, will Sam Inman a box of zebra cakes, a semi, Matt, purple sports bra, purple underwear, purple hair tie, and a purple headband for every basketball game. Also, I will Ariel Rothrock an "Abie shot" whenever she would like and to Nick Brewer a pen and a fork.

I, Whitney Brewer, will Tina the right to be nude all the time and a SAWEET handshake for Liz.

I, Kristin Kuck, will Abie Dean a friend & red sunglasses, Dallas Kirkwood a carp sandwich, Sam Inman a horse & buggy, and a screwdriver to all the first hour B-day p.e. girls so they can use the outlet.

I, Brenda Jean Decker, will Sosha Kinney the ability to run from every squirrel that looks vicious and mean. And to Gatlin Miller unlimited rolls of duct tape.

I, Alexis Kirkwood, will Kyle Pierce the ability to carry on the tradition of the bird forever. Also my little brother, Dallas, to always have access to a fat one.

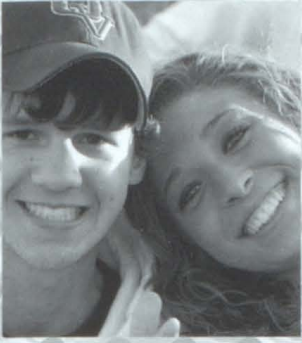
I, Clint Schlosser, will Ethan Foster to represent da 217 and keep it gangsta with Peyton!

I, Mike Jennings, will Nick Brewer to have the ability to get good grades and actually graduate on time and to Mr. Reynolds the ability to not get hit by a deer in the drivers ed car.

I, Jihad Abbed, will Dallas Kirkwood to have dibs on all the steak & potato flavored tator skins in the vending machines.

I, Macy Roxanna, Williams will Ciara Wagoner & Ashley McCausland to express themselves freely in Mrs. Yantis's classes for the rest of HS, also a tube of caulk, a screwdriver, and a measuring tape to disassemble the digital lab printer and keyboards and reassemble for personal reasons. I also will Ciara, Ashley, Raven and Kelsey Meyer Natalia whenever they want her and a traditional drive around the track every November. Dylan I will you all of my love and to live it up in HS.

I, Andrew Yarnell, will Joey Sims to the "door-checker" position in every car he rides in, to carry on the tradition of Tokyo Thursday and continue to have good times in a cavie without me.



I, Brittny Arthur, will the girl's basketball team to Lauren's house, a trip to Casey's and an ankle brace. I also will Kyle Pierce a cradle and hot wings...just kidding. Erik Scott and Seth Sweeney to be nude, Squirrel (Dallas Kirkwood) a math book and the Notebook, and to Derek Machalek Lonnie the Monte's driver's seat for a nap.

I, Doug Marshall, will Kyle Bennett the happiness that Eagle Creek once stole from him.

I, Tyler Smock, will Dylan Jensen a hot cup of java and an apartment that smells of rich mahogany, also a wheel of cheese in his fridge. "He needs his cheese."

I, Nolan Watson, will my sister, Ansley, the perseverance to roll through high school like a TRAIN, and Jasmine a fun trip to the Scovill Zoo to feed the goats in the petting zoo.

I, Aaron Anstrom, will Erik Scott the ability to "stay classy", Seth Sweeney to continue to talk like the "Bloody British", and Kelsie Anstrom "The Taurus."

I, Alex Cuttill, will Marshall Eadie to have the power to be as "buff" as possible. I will Shelby and Jesse the power to dress up in all camo and paintball #523.

I, Ashlee Hope Wooters, will Janie Tippit a bobby pin to forever be able to break into my house, and to be chased by "Augie" after the Walleye Festival.

I, Cassy A. Hodge, will Jackie Crowe to always keep her nickname "Jax," and Chris S. to keep writing new ideas in all of his stories that might make a difference on someone someday.

I, Tina Plamondon, will Seth Sweeney the ability to mack on all the girls he wants, and Kelsie Anstrom the ability to burp as loud as she wants in Mrs. Bruyn's class.

I, Lowell H., will all redneck underclassmen to have the ability to tailgate at the old liquor store.

I, Stephanie Brandenburg, will my brother, Ryan, to never be normal and to just dance, partially clothed and to the FFA members to know as many people as I do.

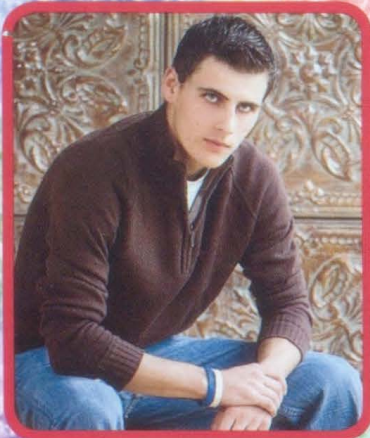
I, Zach Seelow, will Dylan Jensen and Nick Brewer a pass to go to McDonalds, Walmart, and to Rural King and to return to school with a Dickies belt.

I, Wade Burch, will Kyle Pierce to keep the "no-button" tradition on his baseball uniform.

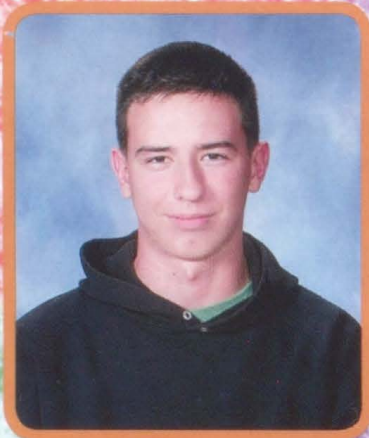
I, Jacob Rentfro, will Ethan Foster and Cole Younger to keep swirly day and continue livin' life on the weekends.

SENIOR WISHES

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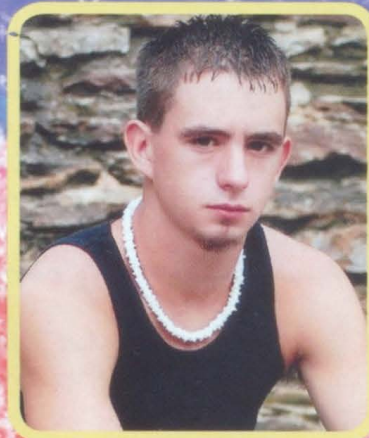
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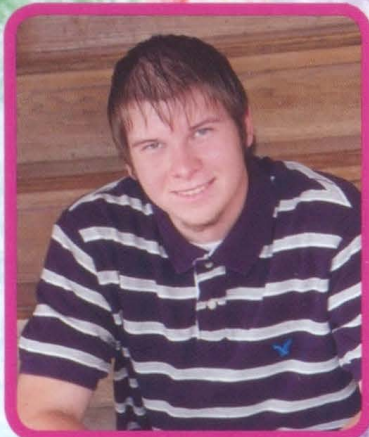
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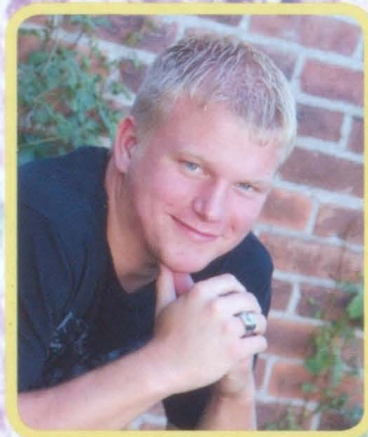
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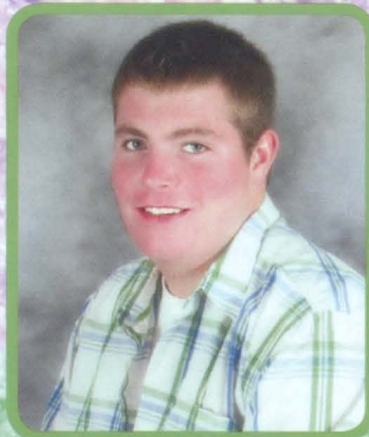
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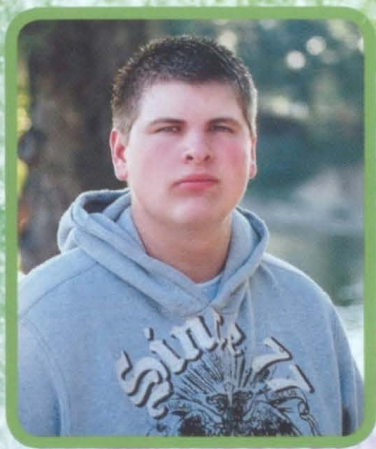
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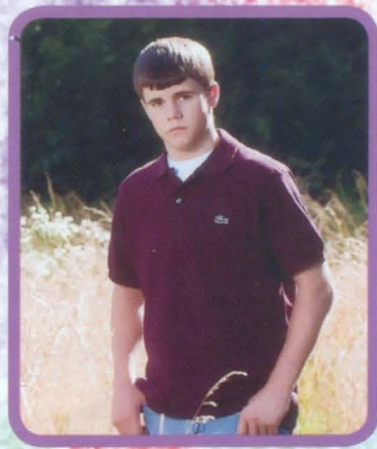
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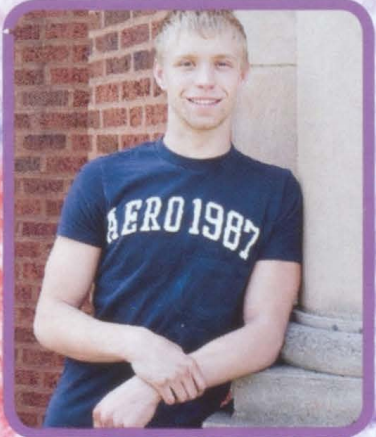
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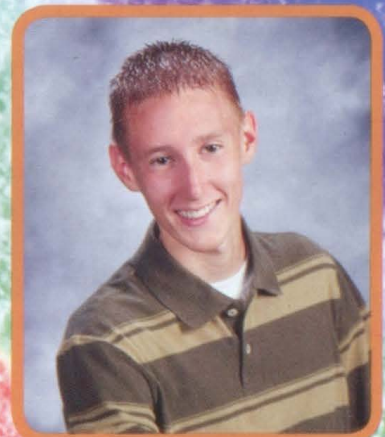
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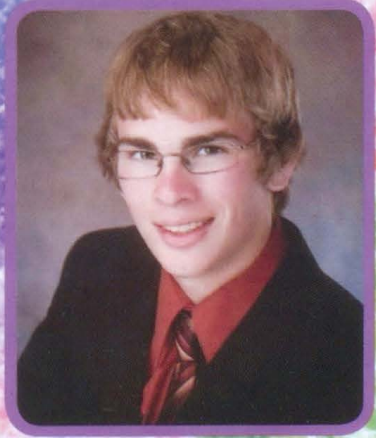
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August 24



Nolan Keal Watson
October 7



Sarah Elisabeth Wooters
March 13



Andrew Ryan Yarnell
December 20



Senior Leaders



FFA President

-Lowell Getz



National Honor Society President

-Brittney Herzog



Softball Captains

-Alex Cuttill, Alexis Kirkwood and Kristin Kuck



Boys Basketball Captains

-Wade Burch and CJ Crawley



Senior Cheerleaders
-Sarah Wooters, Ashlee Wooters, Kayla Miller and Stephanie Brandenburg



Volleyball Captain

-Alex Cuttill

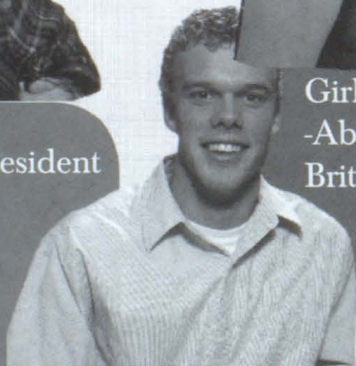


Student Council President

-Stephanie Brandenburg



Girls basketball Seniors
-Abie Dean, Brittney Herzog and Brittny Arthur



Science Club President

-Wade Burch



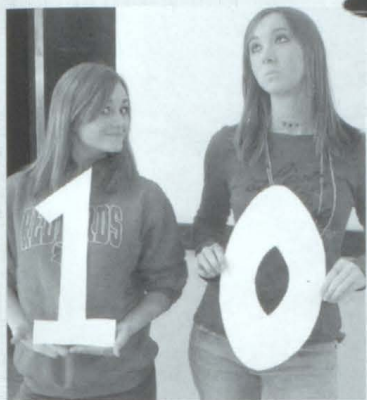
FCCLA President

-Abie Dean



Class President

-Macy Williams



Senior's Top Ten



Reasons why you dont have your homework done.

1. Didn't want to do it
2. Left it at home
3. Didn't understand it
4. I thought it was due next time
5. Left it in my car
6. Came in to get help but you weren't here
7. Power went out
8. Internet was down
9. My brain broke in 2
10. You're making it up - there was no assignment

Favorite place to hang out

1. The Wall
2. The Park
3. The Mall
4. Steak N' Shake
5. Wal-Mart
6. Darthsud's
7. The Liquor Store
8. Cj's House
9. Kirkwoods
10. The Grade School



Best excuses for being out past curfew

1. Helped push a turtle across the road
2. Stopped by a train
3. Lost track of time
4. Stephanie's cows were in the road.
5. Helped an old guy cross the road
6. Deer were out
7. Taking people home
8. Watching a movie that lasted late
9. Car wouldn't start
10. Forgot what time i had to be home

Best thing to do on a Friday night

1. Have a bonfire
2. Go out to eat
3. Hanging out with friends
4. Going to the movies
5. Go to football games
6. Country cruising
7. Go shopping
8. Mudding
9. Playing poker
10. Campouts



Favorite song

1. Hicktown by Jason Aldean
2. Take me there by Rascal Flats
3. Dont Blink by Kenney Chesney
4. Moments by Emerson Drive
5. First Time by Life House
6. Kiss Kiss by Chris Brown
7. How Far We've Come Match Box 20
8. Bubbly by Colbie Caillat
9. Bed by J Holiday
10. Teenagers by My Chemical Romance



Favorite Movie

1. Anchorman
2. The Notebook
3. Knocked up
4. Billy Madison
5. The Exorcist
6. Tommy Boy
7. Walk to Remember
8. You, Me, and Dupree
9. Titanic
10. Step Up

Favorite place to eat

1. International Buffet
2. El Matador
3. Steak N' Shake
4. Arby's
5. Olive Garden
6. McDonalds
7. Texas Road House
8. Ryan's
9. Little Mexico
10. Applebee's

Favorite Candy Bar

1. Snickers
2. Twix
3. Reeses
4. Butterfinger
5. Take Five
6. KitKat
7. Milkyway
8. Reeses crunch
9. Almond Joy
10. Hersey's

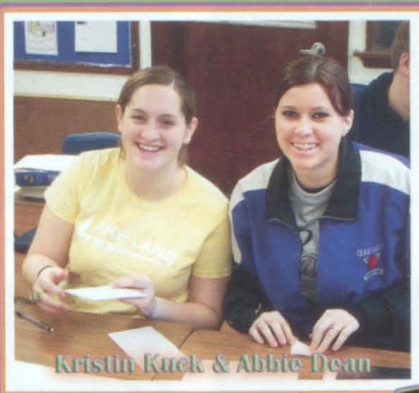




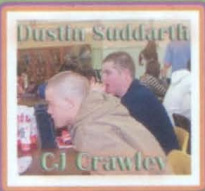
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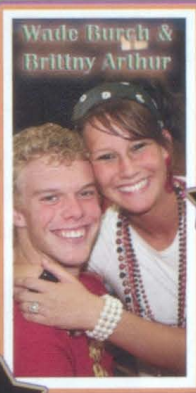
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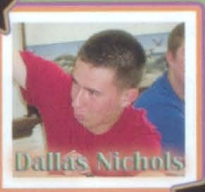
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James Krutslinger



Alexis Kirkwood



Dallas Nichols



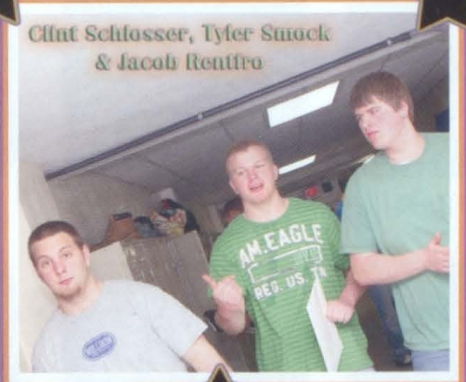
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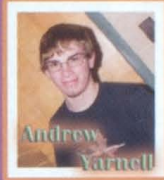
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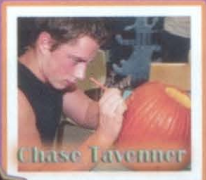
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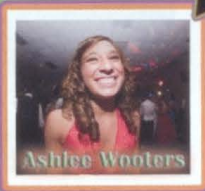
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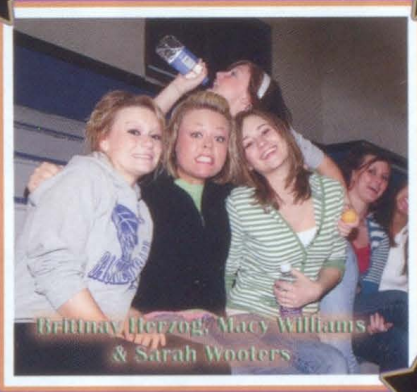
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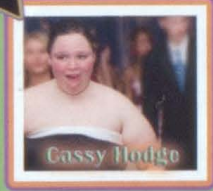
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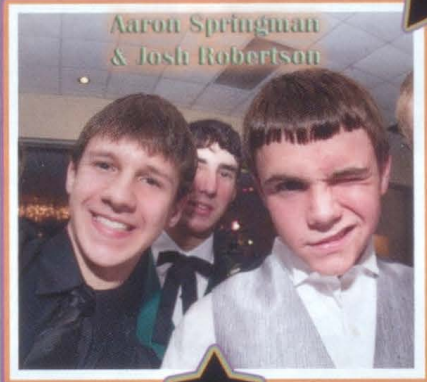
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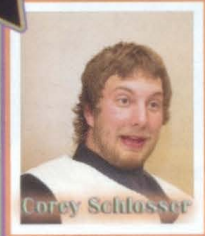
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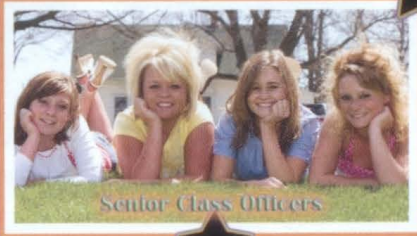
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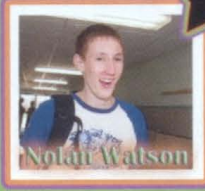
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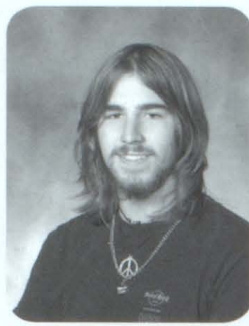
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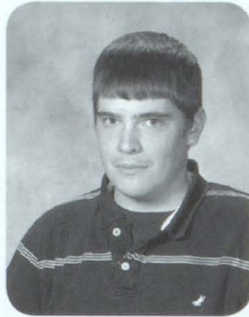
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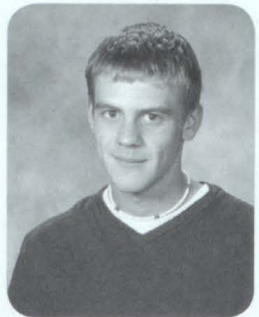
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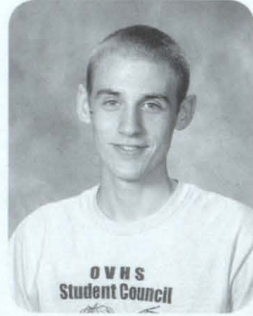
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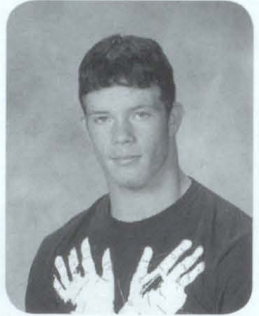
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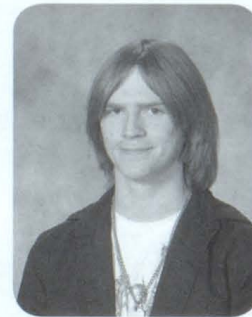
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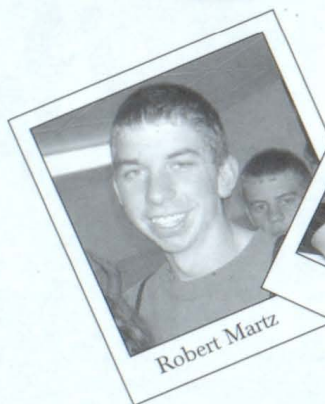
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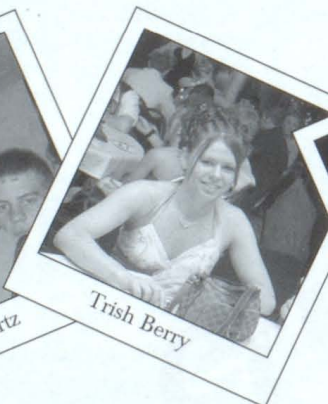
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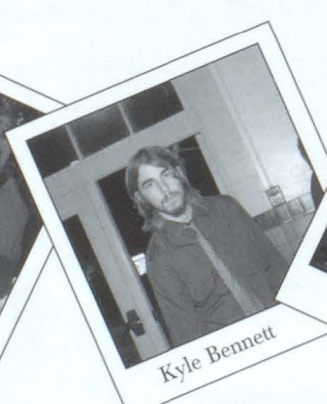
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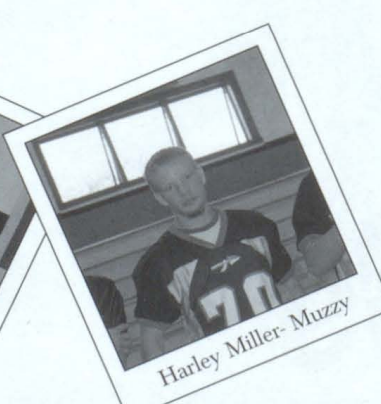
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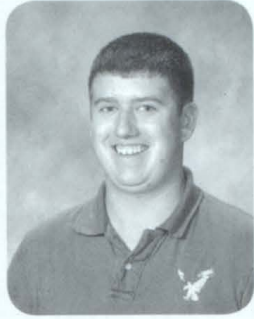
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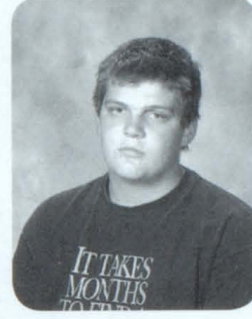
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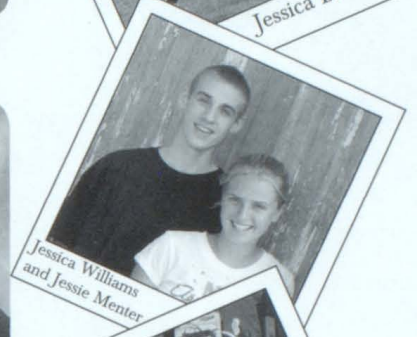
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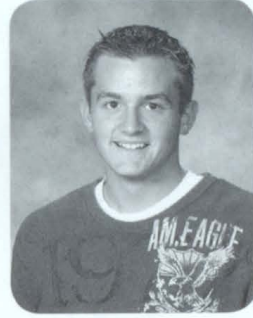
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Jessica Drake



Ryan Plunkett



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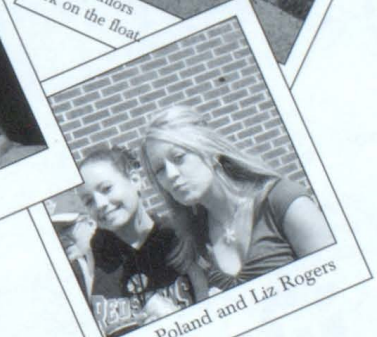
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Several Juniors work on the float



Kalyn Poland and Liz Rogers

Juniors

Juniors



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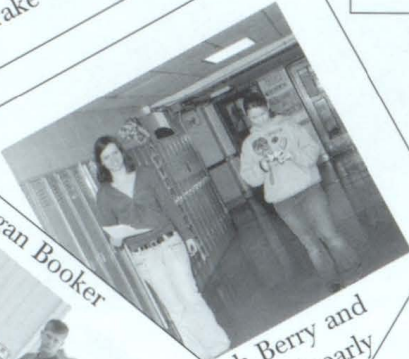
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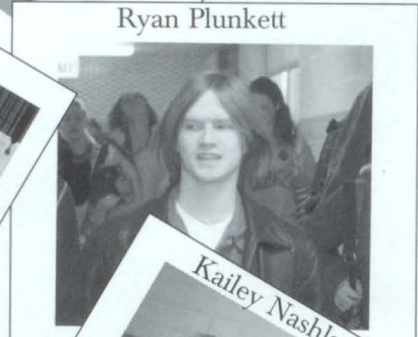
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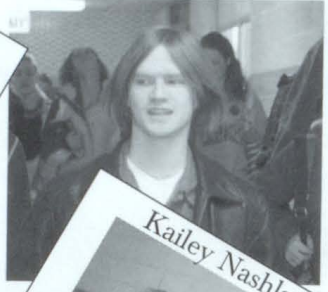


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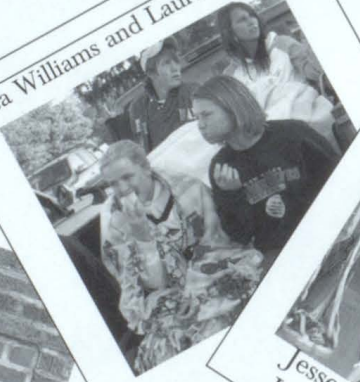


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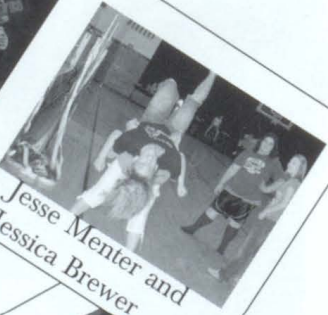


Class Officers: Liz Rogers, Meghan Blakey
Jessica Williams and Shelby Cottrell

Class of 2009



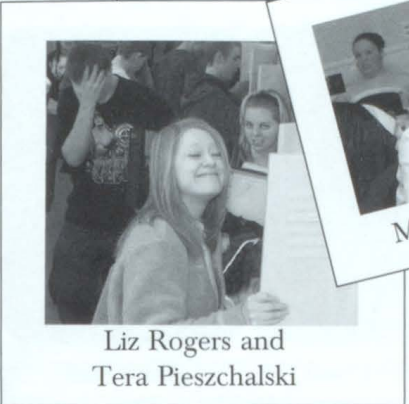
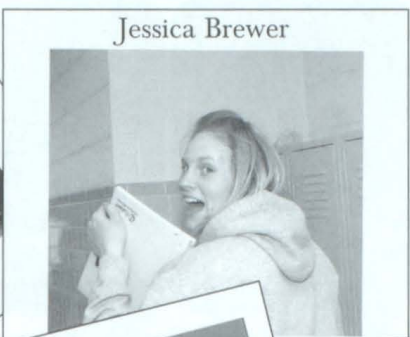
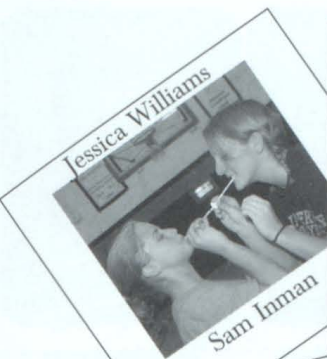
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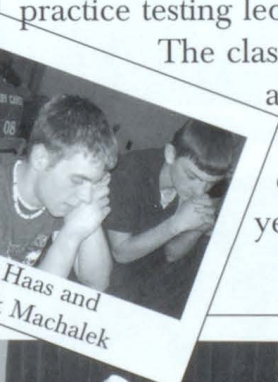
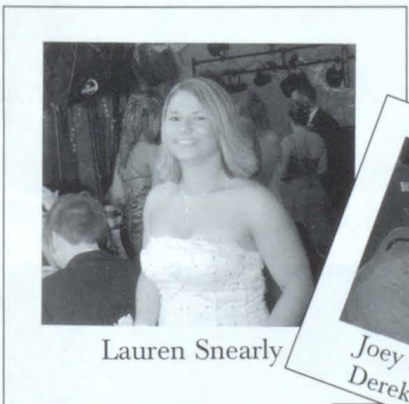
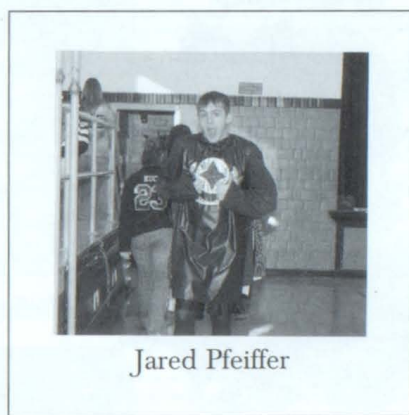
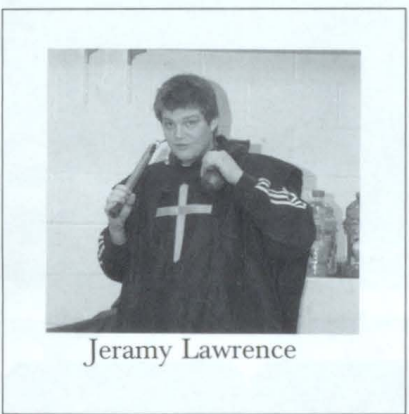
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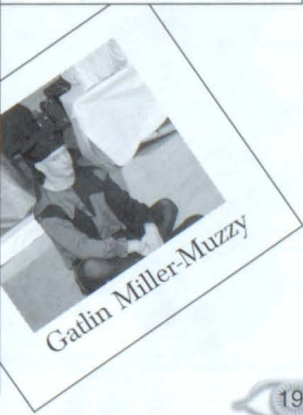
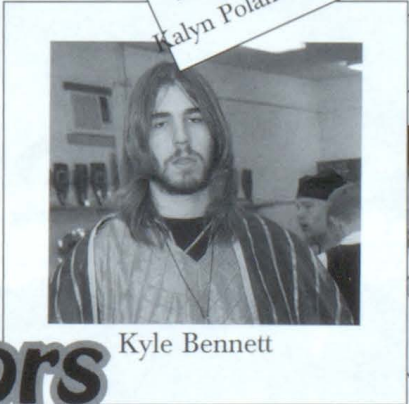
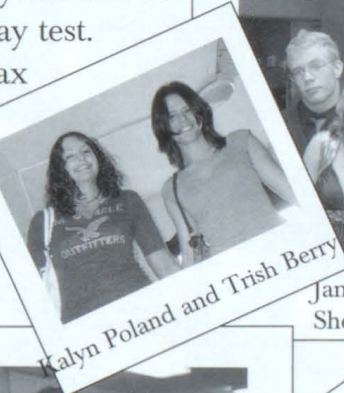
James Holt



The OVHS Junior Class had big plans for the 2007- 2008 school year. They started off the year preparing for homecoming. They elected Jesse Mentor and Jessica Willams as their homecoming attendents. In December, the class started preparing for the Medieval Faire that took place on Jaunary 18th. They made costumes and games and performed a Medieval Wedding Celebration for the student body. After the Faire, the class focused their energies on Prom and sold candy bars to help fund the big event. Prom was held at the Scovill Banquet Hall in Decatur and proved to be one of the best proms in years. The last major task of the year for the Juniors was the the PSAE test held in late April. Many months of practice testing led up to the two day test.



The class could finally relax as they put all the harships of their junior year behind them.



Juniors



Kelsie Anstrom



Alex Bone



Ryan Brandenburg



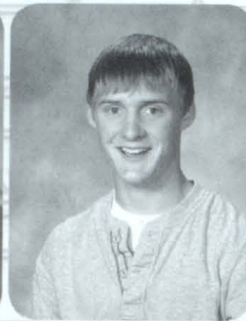
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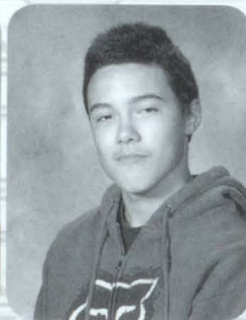
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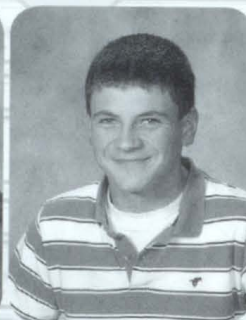
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Wade Miner



Jessie Newton



Ariel Rothrock



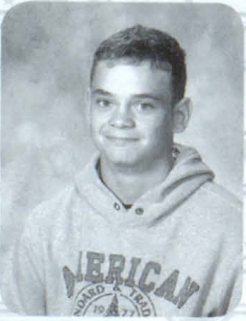
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Raven Schultz



Amanda Seitz



Dalton Wagner



Ciara Wagoner



Brandon Walker



Grace Weber

Class of 2010

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Wayde Coleman



Ethan Foster



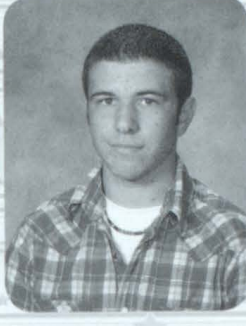
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Sosha Kinney



Cody Lappin-Still



Jared Lawrence



Derek Leatherwood



Rachel Marshall



Leah Oathout



Kyle Pierce



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Joseph Sims



Christopher Skelton



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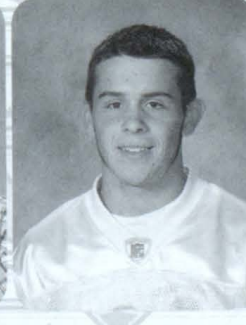
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William Wright



Matthew Yarnell



Cole Younger

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Jesse Gatons

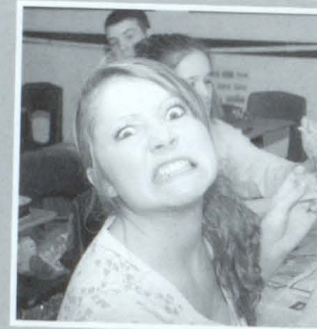
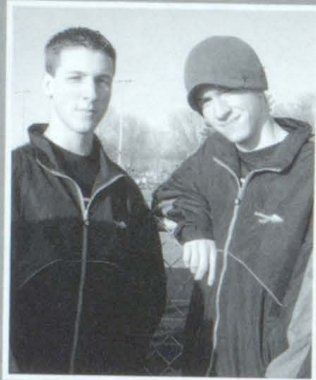


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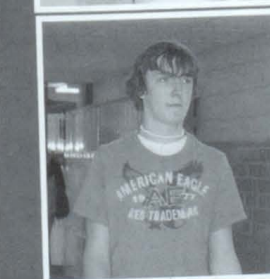
Class of 2010



The Sophomore Class Officers include Colt Rich (back) Raven Schultz, Ariel Rothrock and Rachel Marshall.



The Class of 2010 entered the 2007-2008 with energy and positive attitudes. Most had received their licenses over the summer or were very close to receiving their freedom as the year began. In September, the class selected Joey Sims and Ciara Wagoner as their homecoming attendants. Their efforts in the annual float building contest paid off as they surprised the entire student body with an amazing creation that took first place. The window decorating, however, brought the class back down to earth as their design earned a fourth place finish. Another big event for the class during the school year was ordering their rings from Jostens. Many sophomores spent countless hours studying the design options so they could choose the best one that fit their personality. Their enthusiasm for school, academics and extra-curricular activities kept most members of the class busy the entire school year. They did, however, find time to earn money by working the concession stand at ball games. The Class of 2010 spent their year getting involved in activities and trying to lift the T-Wolve spirit at OVHS.



Class of 2010

Forty Five Freshman walked the halls of OVHS for the first time in the fall of 2007. As one of the largest classes, they made an immediate presence in the classroom and in the overall atmosphere of the school. For their homecoming attendants, the freshmen elected Peyton Smith and Erik Scott. Their first ever homecoming float placed second while their window decoration came in third. The class raised money throughout the year running the concession stand at numerous ball games and they also sold gift merchandise from a gift catalog. As with any large group, the freshman class was comprised of many different personalities with vastly different interests and abilities. Each and everyone left an impact on the school as they ended the first of their four year journey at OVHS.



Freshman class officers include Seth Harshman, Charlie Phillips, Kim Wheeler and Seth Calhoun.



Joshua Betts



Kyle Blakey



Cody Bly



Alicyn Dwyer



Zak England



Marissa Gollus



Cody Hagen



Seth Harshman



Johnathon Herron



Keshia Newton



Kaytie Orris



Charley Phillips



Jasmine Pierce



Taylor Richardson



Taylor Robbins



Sara Sims



Emily Skelton



Peyton Smith



Timothy Suddarth



Seth Sweeney



Whitney Thompson



Class of 2011



Grant Bricker



Seth Calhoun



Kell Carr



Chad Clark



Jackie Crowe



Michael Doty



Joshua Kinney



Jessica Krutsinger



Zach Ledbetter



Dakota Little



Tyler McMahan



Destinee Merriss



Cody Robinson



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Maverick Welton



Kim Wheeler



Corine Wilcox



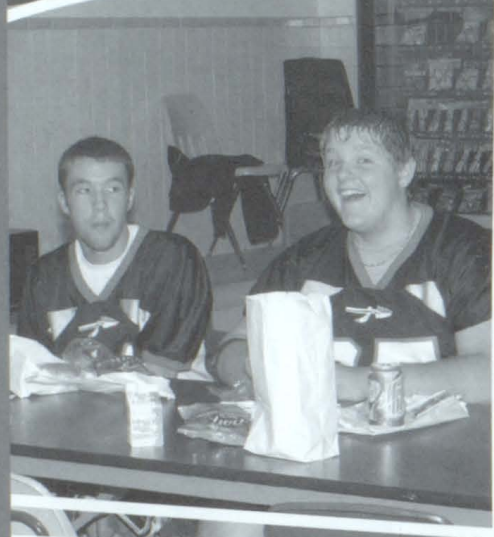
Dylan Williams

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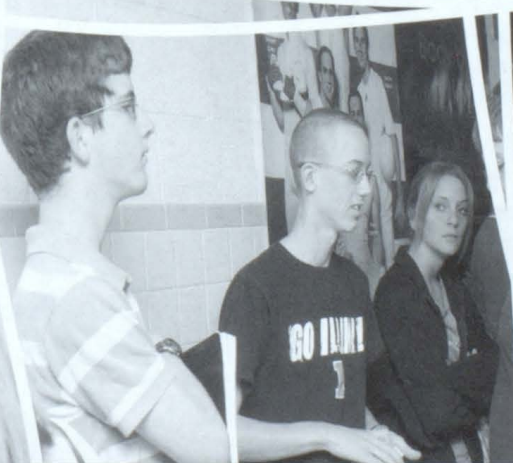
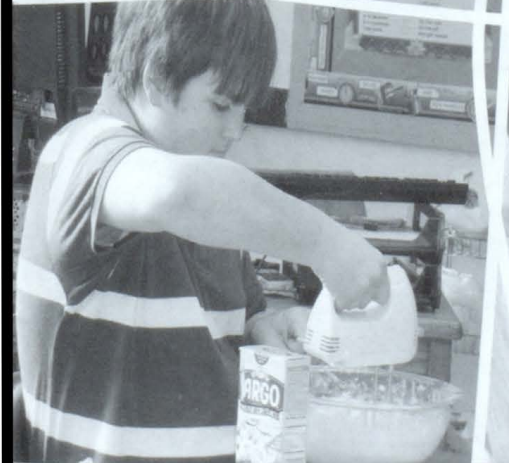
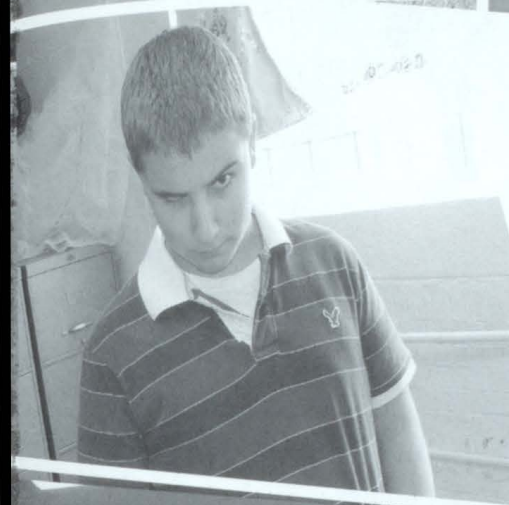
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Mrs. Lisa Agge
Resource



Mrs. Gayle Banning
History



Mrs. Renee Bone
Math



Mr. Eric Bruder
Government



Mrs. Shari Bruyn
Math



Mrs. Maria Camareno
Spanish



Mr. Mark Dempsey
Band/Chorus



Mrs. Arlone Doan
Biological Science



Mrs. Shelli Foster
Library



Mrs. Trudy Horsman
English



Mrs. Sharon Lowry
Library



Mr. Doug McCausland
Technology



Mrs. Jane Messmore
Resource



Mr. Mike Reynolds
PE/Drivers Education



Ms. Cherie Rogier
Ag



Mrs. Bonnie Scott
Family and Consumer Science



Mr. Matt Thomann
Chemical Science



Mr. Jan Thompson
Physical Education



Mrs. Mandy Thompson
Health/Resource



Mr. Mark Tovey
Industrial Arts



Mrs. Donna Wallis
Resource



Mrs. Lin Will
English



Mrs. Ann Wilson
Computers/Business



Mrs. Jeni Yantis
Art



Ms. Katie Shindelar
Science Student Teacher

Faculty



Mr. Chris Limbach
History Student Teacher



Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Thomann



Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Agge



Mrs. Foster



Mrs. Camarero



Mrs. Yantis



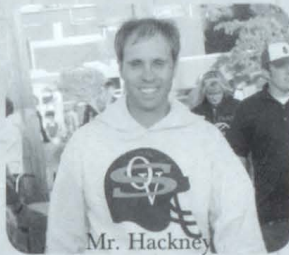
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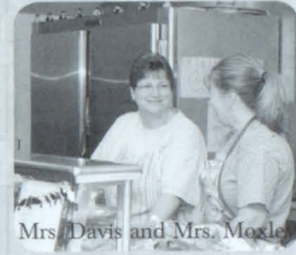
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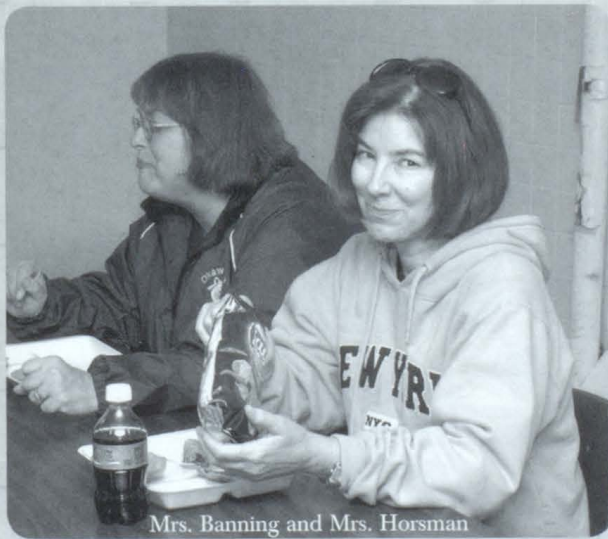
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Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Moxley



Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Doan and Ms. Mandela



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Mrs. Thompson



Mr. Bruder



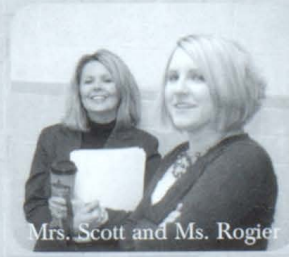
Mrs. Bruyn



Mrs. Will



Mr. Tovey



Mrs. Scott and Ms. Rogier

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Superintendent



Joel Hackney
Assistant
Superintendent



Nicholas Kearfott
Principal
Athletic Director



Ken Reveal
District Guidance
Counselor



Linda Utsler
High School
Secretary



Cindy Hauck
Unit Bookkeeper



Carolyn Lash
Unit Secretary



Hans Fox
Transportation
Director



Jody Davis
Cook



Linda Moxley
Cook



Mike Stroyeck
Custodian



Bill Plank
Maintenance

Members of the Okaw Valley CUSD #302 School Board for the 2007-2008 school year include President Sean Creviston, Vice-President Michelle McClain, Secretary Kari Younger, Doug Miller, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burg and Brooke Bartimous.

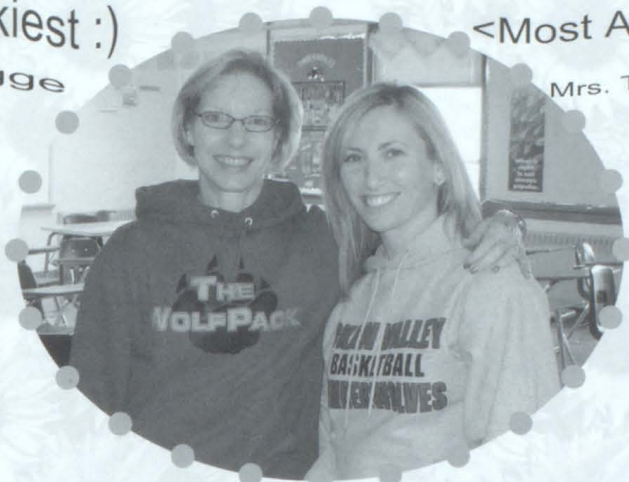
O'VHS Teacher Personality Polls

:) Perkiest :)

Mrs. Agge

<Most Attractive>

Mrs. Thompson



----Most likely to freak out if they saw a dirty kleenex----

!!!!LOUDEST!!!!



Mr. Thompson



Mrs. Will

./Best Smile/.



Mrs. Doan

^Coolest Ride^



Mrs. Scott

~Best Dressed~



Mrs. Wilson

:::Most Helpful:::



Mrs. Bryun



S P O R T S



The 2007 SOV Redskin Football Team began their season with high hopes for a successful year. Even though the

final record of 0-9 was not as planned, their pride never seemed to fade. The team worked together throughout the entire season to make improvements in their game and every advancement was celebrated. Bethany seniors Cory and Clint Schlosser wrapped up their final season with a few words, "Our record didn't show for much but we played well as a team and had alot of fun. We played like warriors on the field, a group of brothers brought together for one mission to win at all cost. It was a great season that taught us much more than football, but a lesson for life." - Cory Schlosser "This football season didn't go as planned but it was still alot of fun. I learned alot from my coaches that I'm going to miss. To the underclassmen, high school goes by fast so appreciate your time out of on the field. Good luck and best wishes for next season." - Clint Schlosser. German Foreign Exchange Student Tilman Goebel commented on his first American Football experince by saying "Why didn't they kick the ball?"

SOV Football



Above: The 2007 SOV Varsity Football Team. First - Clint Schlosser, Ben Wheeler, Roger Punches, Cory Schlosser, Josh Goss, Josh Shindelar, Nathan Harshman and Kyle Harvey. Second - Jacob Thrasher, Harley Miller, Tyler Frarrichs, Clay Winskill, Gatlin Miller, Sam Richardson and Chance Tipper. Third - Dalton Shasteen, Dalton Wagoner, Alan Cuttill, Ryan Devore, Joe Percy and Mead Flannell. Fourth - Cody Bly, Cody Still, Cole Younger, Cody Minor, Zayne Troxell and Jordan Marks. Fifth - Coach Weakly, Coach Rubush, Coach Rodebaugh, Coach Tipper, Coach Elder, Coach White, Coach Bales and Trainer Julie Corwin.

Right: The 2007 SOV JV Football Team. First - Cole Younger, Alan Cuttill, Dalton Wagoner, Cody Still, Ryan Devore, Cody Board, Dylan Williams, Erik Scott and Matt Garrelts. Second - Cody Bly, Cody Minor, Collin Crabtree, Joe Percy, Joe Edler, Chad Frarrichs, Austin Raboin, Dalton W and Cody Robinson. Third - Zach Coburn, Dustin Saunders, Seth Sweeney, Alan Cuttill, Dylan, Jacob Clark, Bryce Root and Zach England. Fourth - Zayne Troxell, Jordan Marks, Seth Calhoun, Kell Carr, and Matt Garholds. Fifth - Coach Rubush, Coach Bales, Coach Edler, Coach White and Trainer Julie Corwin.



SOV Cheerleaders

Below: The 2007 SOV Football Cheerleaders. Front - Stephanie Brandenburg, Kayla Miller and Sarah Wooters. Middle - Macy Williams and Taylor Highland. Back - Melissa Weaver, Kelsey Meyer, Ciara Wagoner, Janie Tippit and Becca Caldwell.



Janie
Tippit



Macy
Williams



Kayla
Miller



Ciara
Wagoner



Stephanie
Brandenburg



Sarah
Wooters



Becca
Caldwell



Melissa
Weaver



Taylor
Highland

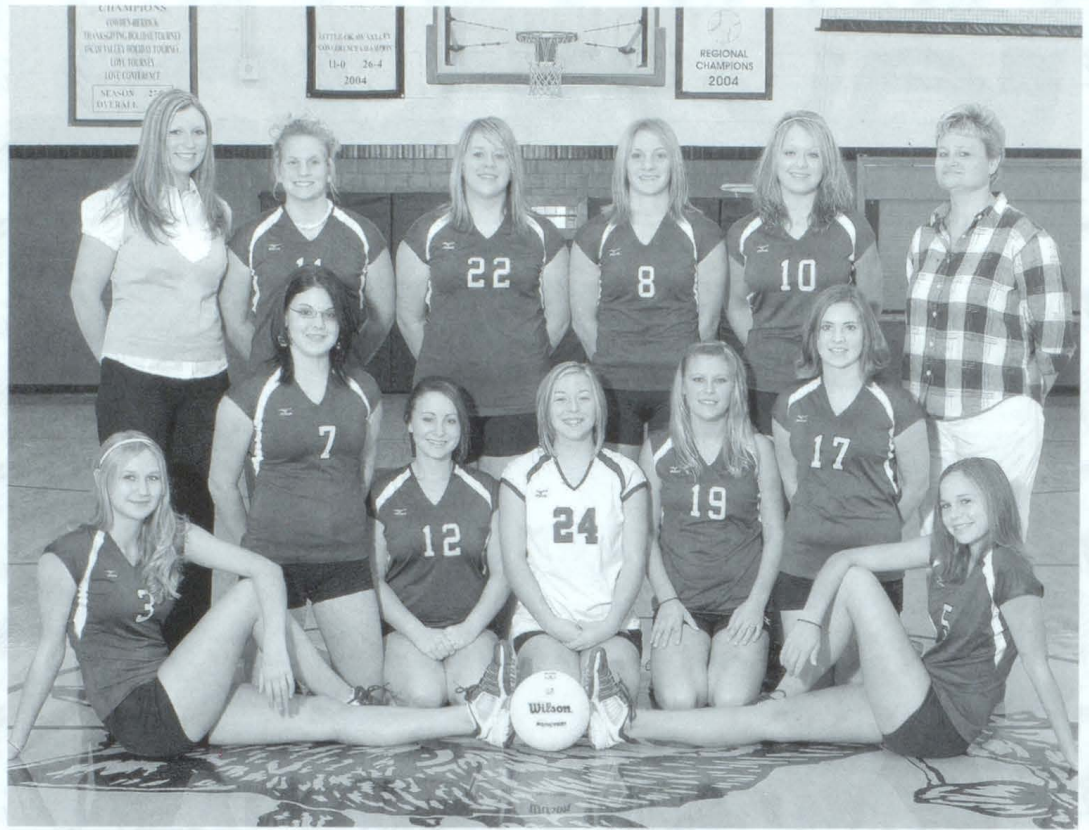


Kelsey
Meyer

Below: The Varsity team prepares for their first match.



Above: Ashley McCausland goes for the dig.



Above: The 2007 Varsity Volleyball Team. Front - Tina Plamondon and Grace Weber. Middle - Jessica Drake, Peyton Smith, Janie Tippit, Keshia Newton and Meghan Blakey. Back - Coach Crowder, Jessica Brewer, Alex Cuttill, Sam Inman, Liz Rogers and Coach Bone.

VOLLEYBALL

Whitney Brewer



Jasmine Pierce



Meghan Blakey



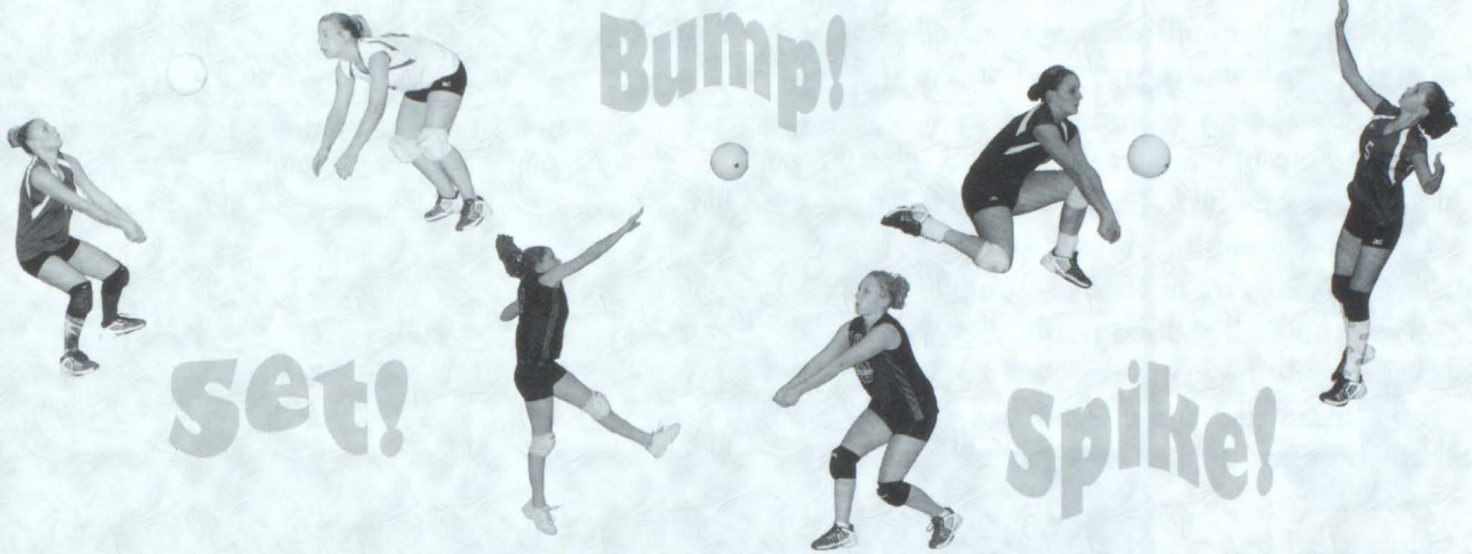
Top left: Peyton Smith sets Jessica Drake up for a kill while Jasmine Pierce prepares to assist.

Top right: Sam Inman, Whitney Brewer, and Jessica Brewer cover the net.

Below left: Meghan Blakey, Alex Cuttill and Grace Weber keep their eyes on the volleyball.

Below right: Peyton Smith, Shelby Cottrell and Ansley Watson keep the volleyball in play.





Right: Shelby Cottrell, Peyton Smith and Ashley McCausland show everyone what teamwork looks like.



Left: Keshia Newton, Peyton Smith, Liz Rogers, Jessica Drake and Tina Plamondon take a break from the action on the court.



Left: The Junior Varsity team put hands-in during a time out.



Right: Sam Inman, Jessica Brewer, Alex Cuttill and Grace Weber prepare to send the volleyball back to the other side.

The 2007 OVHS Volleyball Team had a successful season. With only three returning seniors, the juniors had to step up and help lead the relatively young team. The girls focused on working together as a team as well as strengthening their individual skills. As with any team, the Lady T-Wolve's season wasn't without it's hardships. The girls worked through their issues on and off the court and managed to become a closer team as a result. Their efforts proved to bring exciting volleyball matches to OVHS. The Varsity ended their season with a 14-15 record.

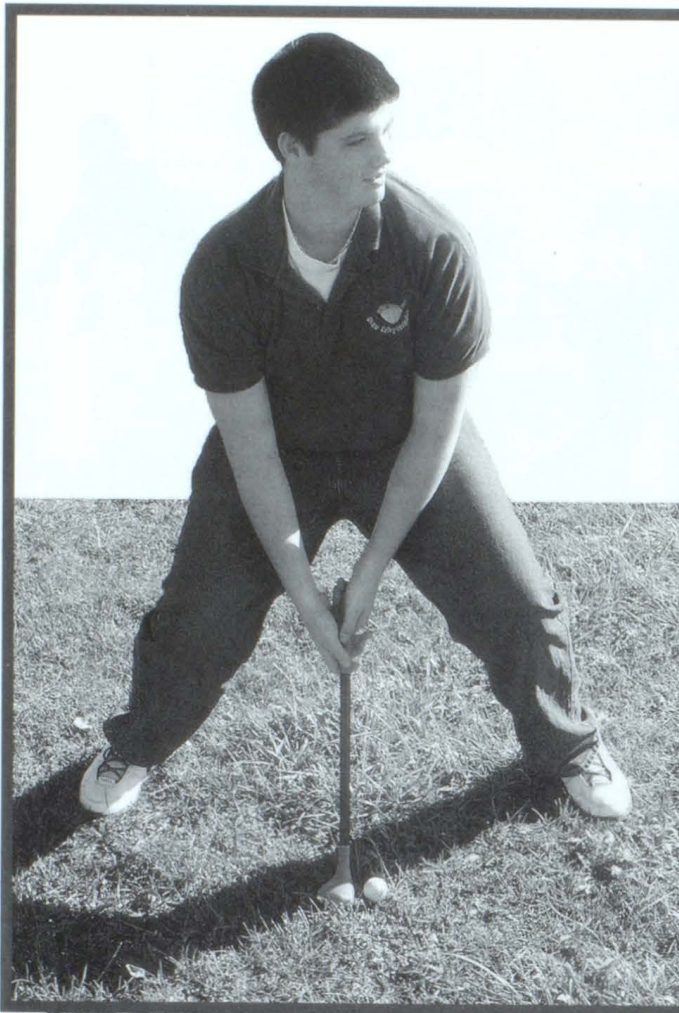


Above: The 2007 Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. Front - Peyton Smith, Corine Wilcox, Keshia Newton, Taylor Richardson and Emily Skelton. Middle - Alicyn Dwyer, Jasmine Pierce, Kaytie Orris, Ansley Watson, Rachel Marshall and Kelsie Anstrom. Back - Coach Crowder, Andrea Diaz, Ashley McCausland, Jessica Krutsinger, Shelby Cottrell, Jessica Drake and Coach Bone.

GOLF

The Okaw Valley - Lovington Golf team ended the 2007 season with eight wins and twenty-three losses. Nicholas Day, Aaron Fruchtl, Cole Hickenbottom, Lucas West, Gage Elder and Josh McLain recieved varsity letters. To get a letter, a player must score in nine matches during the season. Nicholas Day received the Lowest Average Award, Aaron Fruchtl recieved the Runner-Up Lowest Average and Gage Elder recieved the Senior Award.

Right: The 2007 Okaw Valley/Lovington Golf Team. Front - Tyler McManhan, Kyle Blakey, Michael Doty, Alex Rothrock and Nicholas Day. Back - Seth Harshman, Gage Elder, Tyler Pieszchlski, Lucas West, Tim Suddarth, Aaron Fruchtl and Josh McLain. Not Pictured: Cole Hickenbottom, Grant Bricker and Matt Yarnell.



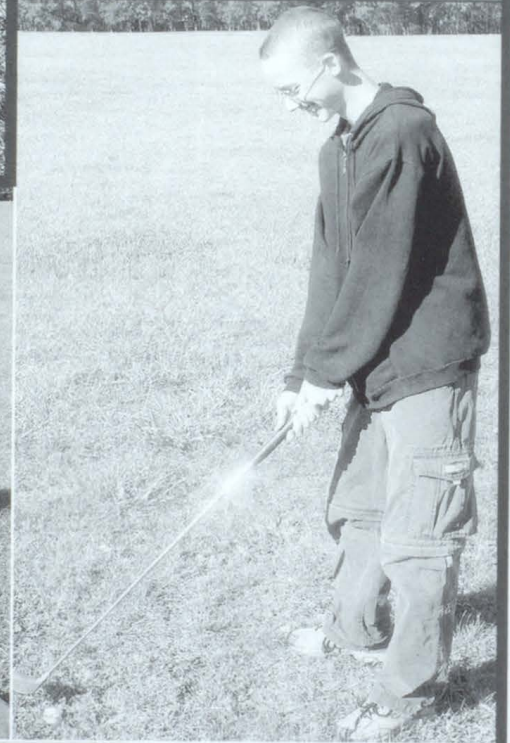
Below: Tyler McMahan gives a thumbs up during practice.



Left: Tim Suddarth prepares to use his new club.

Below left: Alex Rothrock tries out a different kind of tee.

Imm. below: Michale Doty lines up with the ball during practice.





Leah Oathout



Tilman Goebel

Nine Okaw Valley students joined the Sullivan track team for the first year of what proved to be a very successful coop. For a few of the members, it was the first time they had the opportunity to participate in the sport of Track and Field. Sullivan appreciated the new additions to their squad and was able to give the OV athletes many new opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have experienced. Several Okaw Valley members made their mark on the

team by maintaining consistency and by placing at several meets. The overall season was seen as highly successful by both schools and the 2008 team set high standards that will be beneficial for many years to come.



Alex Bone



Above: The OV members of the 2007 Sullivan/Okaw Valley Track Team. Front - Leah Oathout, Will Wright, Bryce Root and Alex Bone. Back - Chris Skelton, Matthew Yarnell, Joey Sims and Tilman Goebel.



Gatlin Miller



Matthew Yarnell

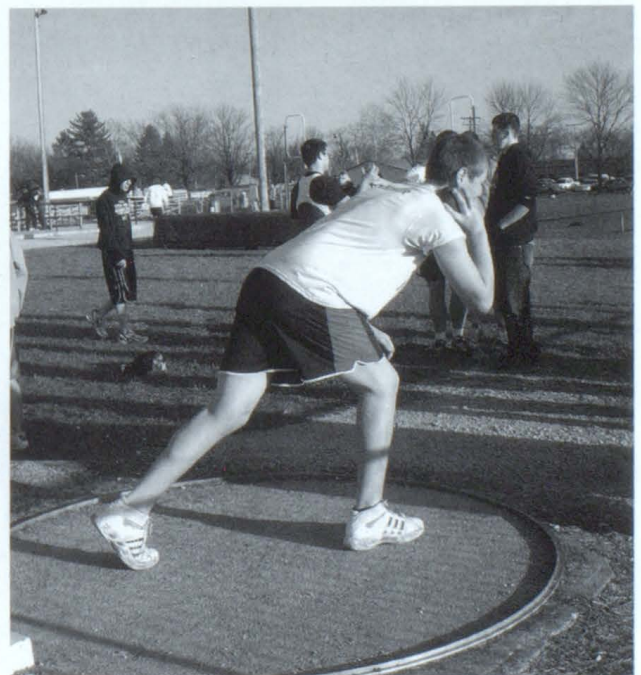
Track



Joey Sims



Will Wright



Bryce Root

"It won't be the same without us!"

- Seniors Brittny Arthur, Abie Dean and Brittnay Herzog



The 2007-2008 Girls Basketball Team experienced a season of ups and downs. Their 5-22 season record represents only numbers and not the effort put forth by the team. The girls worked hard during practice and at games, but just couldn't get the results they desired. Their season was plagued with illness and injuries and with every absense, the small team struggled. The Lady T-Wolves learned to play the game, not for scores, but for themselves. Their efforts landed them in the IHSA record books for the most shots taken in a game and most rebounds in a game.

Girls Basketball



Above: Jessica Brewer posts up on the defense.



Above: Amanda Hyett looks for an open teammate.



Above: Ariel Rothrock passes the basketball.



Above: Rachel Marshall dribbles past the defense.



Above: The Lady T-Wolves fight for the ball.

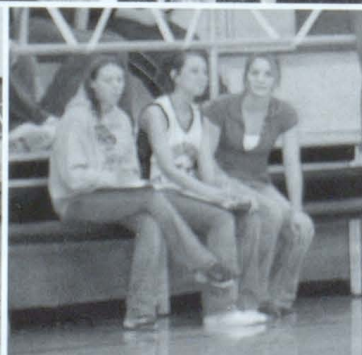
Far left: Brittnay Herzog throws the ball in play.



Above middle: Members of the team pose with Coach Jones.



Below middle: Abie Dean looks for an opening.



Imm. left: Injured and ill players Corine Wilcox, Brittny Arthur and Sam Inman support the team from the bench.

Below: Jasmine Pierce tries to push past the defense.



Below: The T-Wolves huddle before the start of the game.



Below: Jessica Williams shoots from under the basket.



Below: Kishia Newton takes the ball down the court.



Above: The 2007-2008 OVHS Girls Basketball Team. Front - Keshia Newton, Jessica Williams, Lauren Snearly and Ariel Rothrock. Middle - Corine Wilcox, Amanda Hyett, Taylor Richardson, Jasmine Pierce and Brittnay Herzog. Back - Rachel Marshall, Jessica Krutsinger, Abie Dean, Trish Berry, Brittny Arthur and Jessica Brewer.

Left: Lauren Snearley makes a drive for the basket.

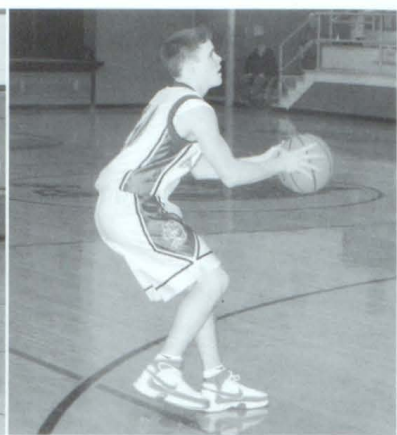
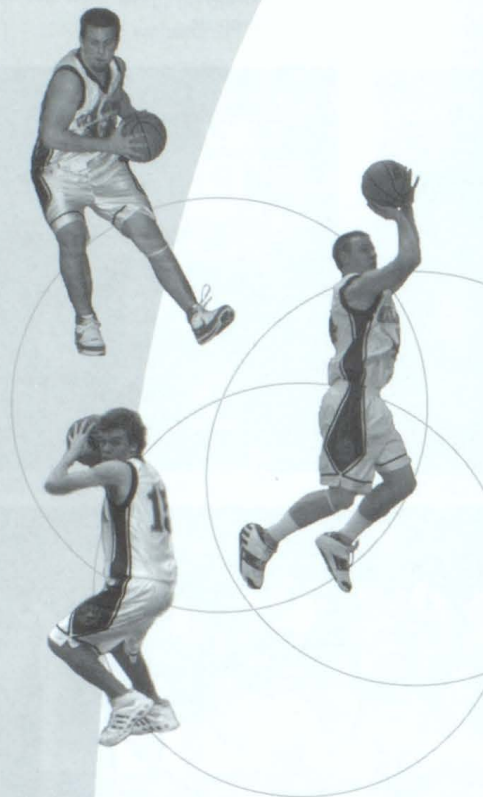


Above: Taylor Richardson looks for an open teammate.



Above: Jessica Krutsinger prepares to shoot.

Above: Jessica Brewer fights for possession of the ball.



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Front - Jessie Newton, Dallas Kirkwood, Ethan Foster, Cole Younger and Seth Sweeney. Back - Coach Thompson, Harley Miller, Alex Bone, Bryce Root, Cody Bly, Kyle Pierce, Darren Swinehart and Coach Thomann.



Above: Seniors Jehad Abbed, Josh Robertson, Clint Schlosser, Jarrod Newton and Cory Schlosser.

Imm. above: Cody Bly looks for an open teammate. Above top: Josh Robertson prepares to shoot for two.



Jarrod Newton



Ethan Foster



Dustin Suddarth



Ryan Brandenburg



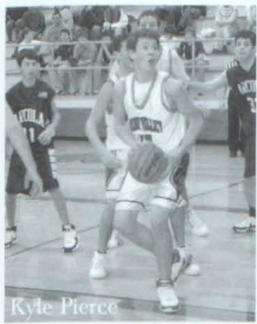
Wade Burch



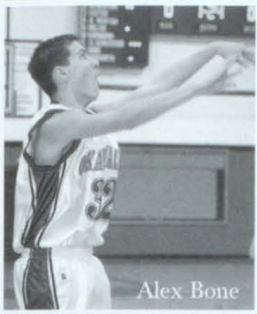
Above: The 2007-2008 OV Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Front - Ryan Brandenburg and Ethan Foster. Middle - Josh Robertson, Jessie Newton, Wade Burch, Jarrod Newton, Dallas Kirkwood and Cole Younger. Back - Coach Thompson, CJ Crawley, Kyle Pierce, Clint Schlosser, Dustin Suddarth, Cory Schlosser, Alex Bone, Harley Miller, Darren Swinehart and Coach Thomann. Not Pictured: Jehad Abbed.

Right: Jehad Abbed shoots from under the basket.

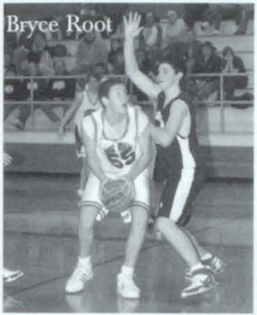




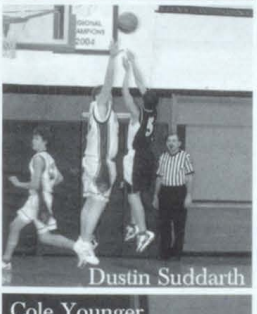
Kyle Pierce



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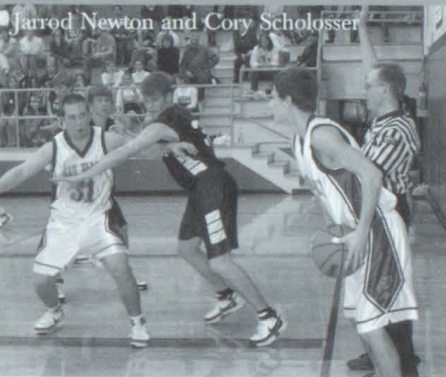


Cole Younger



CJ Crawley

The 2007-2008 OV Boys Basketball Team celebrated a season of victories. They nearly tripled their win total from the previous season and finished out the year with an 8-18 record. The T-Wolves starting lineup included eight very strong and experienced seniors who proved to be strong leaders on and off the court. Even though their season began with some tough loses, the boys fought through adversity and found their game clicking when it came time to conference play. Four of their eight wins came in those conference games. Their biggest victories came in terms of teamwork and spirit. The T-Wolves played hard the entire season and Coach's Thompson and Thomann were instrumental in providing the boys with a very memorable season.



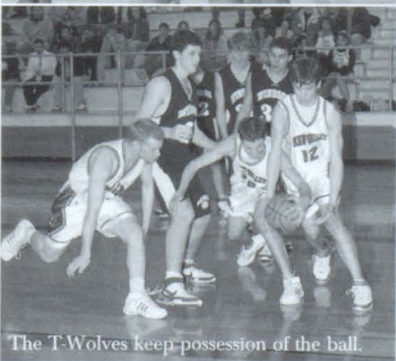
Jarrod Newton and Cory Schollosser



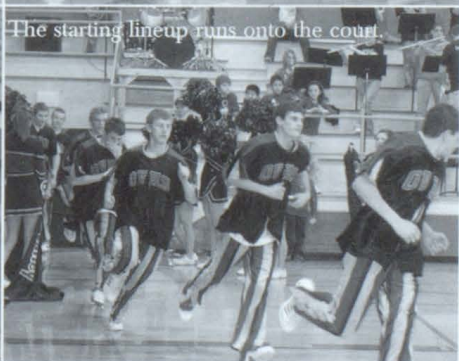
Harley Miller



Ryan Brandenburg



The T-Wolves keep possession of the ball.



The starting lineup runs onto the court.

BASKETBALL BOYS



Ashlee Wooters



Sarah Wooters



Stephanie Brandenburg



Kayla Miller



Ciara Wagoner



Kelsey Meyer



Peyton Smith



Jessica Drake



Sara Sims



Casey Carlson



CHEERLEADING



The 2007-2008 OVHS Cheerleading Squad. Front - Peyton Smith and Sara Sims. Middle - Kayla Miller, Kelsey Meyer and Casey Carlson. Back - Jessica Drake, Stephanie Brandenburg, Ciara Wagoner, Sarah Wooters and Ashlee Wooters.



Above: Stephanie Brandenburg pumps up the crowd.



Above: The cheerleaders end their routine with a stunt.



Above: The squad helps Kayla Miller flip during a dance routine.



Above: Members of the JV squad anticipate the whoosh of a free throw.



Above: The team hits a jump during their halftime show.



Above: Kayla Miller, Ashlee Wooters and Sarah Wooters get the crowd involved in the game.



Above: Sara Sims cheers with the crowd.

The 2007-2008 cheerleading season proved to be a year that squad members will never forget. With two new coaches and several new members, the girls were ready to cheer their hearts out to help raise the spirit of the OVHS student body. They spent many hours before and after school perfecting sideline and floor cheers as well as learning new stunts and a halftime dance routine.



Above: The OV cheerleaders work to perfect a dance routine.



Above: The Senior cheerleaders pose for a picture before their last home game.

“Hard work and sweat was put into everything they did. They trained, they sweat, they ached, they cried and found out they got better each time they tried. They were pushed, yelled at, preached at, too. But the more that this happened, the more that they grew.”

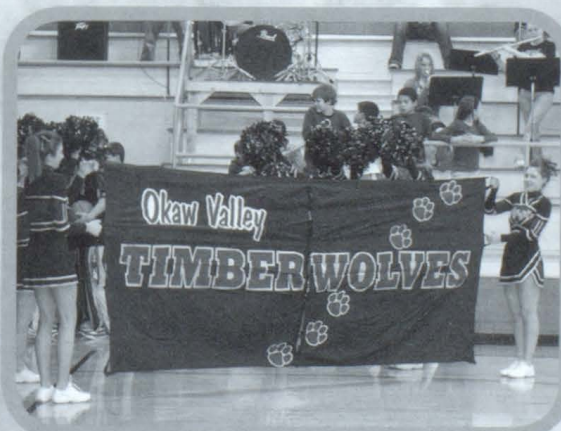
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Above: The cheerleaders wait patiently for starting line up.



Above: The seniors celebrate after a winning game!



Above: The squad waits for the varisty team to run out of the locker room.



Above: Jessica Drake and Kelsey Meyer prepare to congratulate the basketball team.



Above: Charley Phillips crushes the ball.



Above: Catcher Jessica Williams waits for the pitch.



Above: Amanda Hyett prepares to field a ground ball.



Lauren Snearly



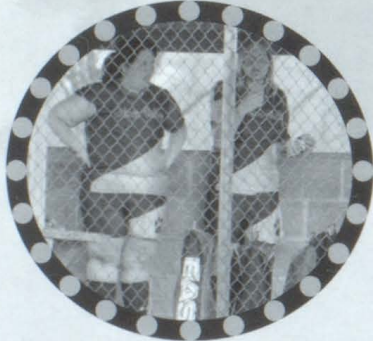
Ariel Rothrock



Kristin Kuck



Holly Gill



Cassy Hodge and Jackie Crowe



Alex Cuttill



Meghan Blakey



Jasmine Pierce

Softball



Above: Rachel Marshall smiles as she's escorted off the field by paramedics.



Above: Alexis Kirkwood patiently anticipates the pitch.

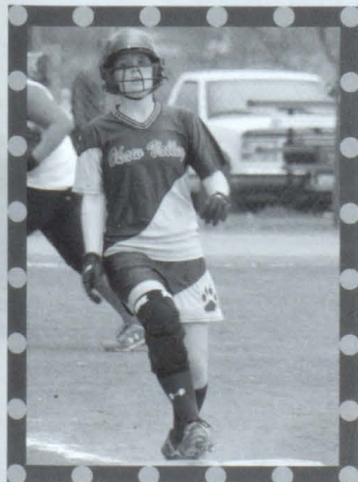
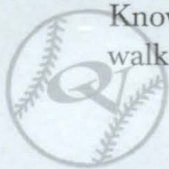
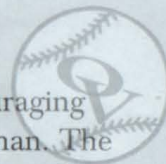


Above: Peyton Smith, Meghan Blakey, Lauren Snearly, Jasmine Pierce and Amanda Hyett cheer on the batter.



Above: The 2008 Timberwolves Softball Team. Front - Ariel Rothrock, Peyton Smith and Jessica Williams. Middle - Cassy Hodge, Holly Gill, Jasmine Pierce, Kristin Kuck and Lauren Snearly. Back - Jackie Crowe, Amanda Hyett, Charley Phillips, Alexis Kirkwood, Jessica Drake, Kaytie Orris, Alex Cuttill and Rachel Marshall.

“Come on girls, just one time!” was a familiar encouraging quote the Lady T-Wolves often heard from Coach Inman. The 2008 season was filled with injuries and other bumps in the road, but the team got through them together. Their final record was 8-14 that included many close heartbreaking losses. Knowing that they did their best, the players and coaches can walk around with their heads held high. This season was truly one that everyone will remember.



Holly Gill



Lauren Snearly



Jasmine Pierce



Meghan Blakey

Baseball

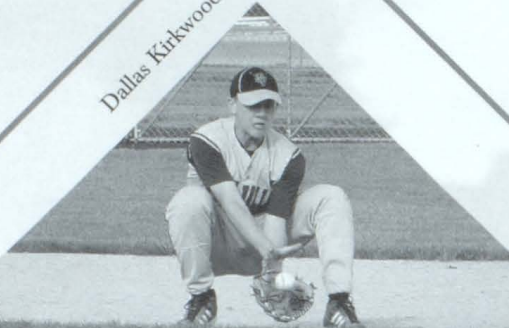
Below: Mike Jennings pops in a few sunflower seeds.



Below: Wade Burch hurries down to first base.



Dallas Kirkwood



Josh McLain



Kyle Pierce

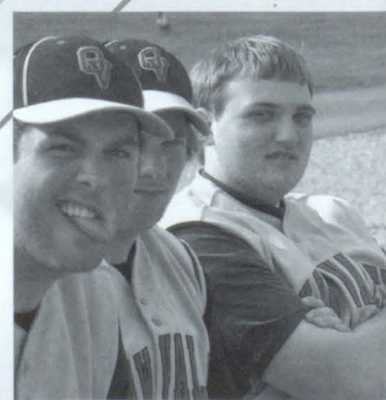


Jarrod Newton

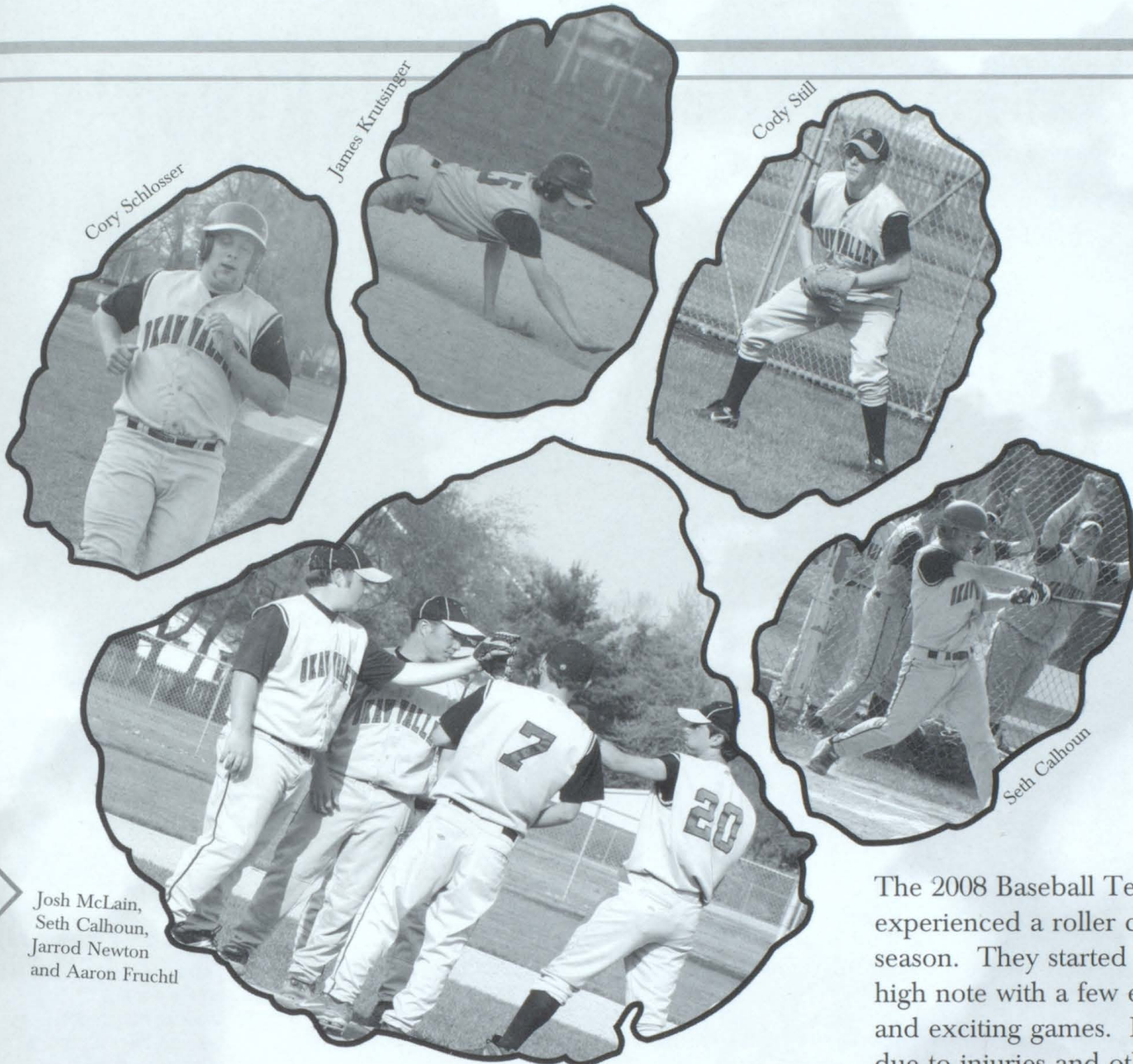


Above: Tyler Smock watches his team from the sidelines.

Dustin Suddarth



Above: Jehad Abbed, Cory Schlosser and James Holt get into the game.



Cory Schlosser

James Krutsinger

Cody Still

Seth Calhoun

Josh McLain,
Seth Calhoun,
Jarrod Newton
and Aaron Fruchtl

The 2008 Baseball Team experienced a roller coaster season. They started out on a high note with a few early wins and exciting games. However, due to injuries and other internal problems, the team's focus was temporarily diverted away from their game. With 23 players, the T-Wolves had a strong support system that essentially what kept them going. By mid season, the team rallied and saw some success. Their efforts earned them second place in the Moultrie County Tournament. Even though their 7-15 record doesn't show it, the team had a lot of heart. They played together well and had a good time throughout the entire season.



Above: The 2008 OV Baseball Team. Front - Alex Rothrock, Taylor Colclasure, Dallas Kirkwood, Wade Burch, Kyle Blakey, Stephon Plummer and Grant Bricker. Middle - Cody Still, James Krutsinger, Seth Calhoun, Josh McLain, Clint Schlosser, Jarrod Newton, Aaron Fruchtl and Mike Jennings. Back - Tyler Smock, Joshua Bear, Dustin Suddarth, Jehad Abbed, Tim Suddarth, Jacob Rentfro, Kyle Pierce and Cory Schlosser.

* * ?? What WeRe They ThInKInG?? * *



- A. Doing the bird.
- B. Coaching the Senior powderpuff football team.
- C. Trying to crank dat soulja boy.



- A. Playing ships and sailors at the pep rally.
- B. Imagining they are trying to escape from Okaw Valley.
- C. Working out their arms for the peomng volleyball game.



- A. Thinking about the turtle race that's going to take place after school.
- B. Looking at an arrangement of flowers.
- C. Daydreaming about Tyler Gravin.



- A. Standing around in the cafeteria after eating lunch.
- B. Acting flattered because somebody is taking his picture.
- C. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance.



- A. Throwing up a disgusting hot dog.
- B. Tailgating at the Homecoming Football game and just being goofy.
- C. Having a hot dog eating contest.



- A. Trying to impress the ladies.
- B. Working the pole.
- C. Being mysterious posing for the yearbook picture.



- A. Sticking out his enormously large toungue.
- B. Eating a Snickers bar.
- C. Trying to master the stink eye.



- A. Fascinated by the little bug on the window.
- B. Checking herself out because there wasn't a mirror to around.
- C. Painting windows for homecoming week.



- A. Was trying to eat his fingers.
- B. Cooking in Spanish for Day of the Dead.
- C. Brittny got mad at him and threw creamcheese on his face.



- A. Being a princess.
- B. Just won the Miss America Pageant.
- C. Getting ready to perform a crazy dance.



- A. Wanted to throw herself away.
- B. Was trying to hide from Mrs. Banning.
- C. Going around the school taking pictures for the yearbook, but got side tracked.

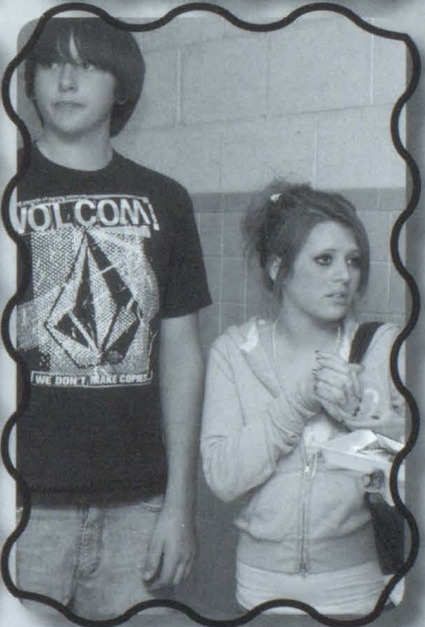
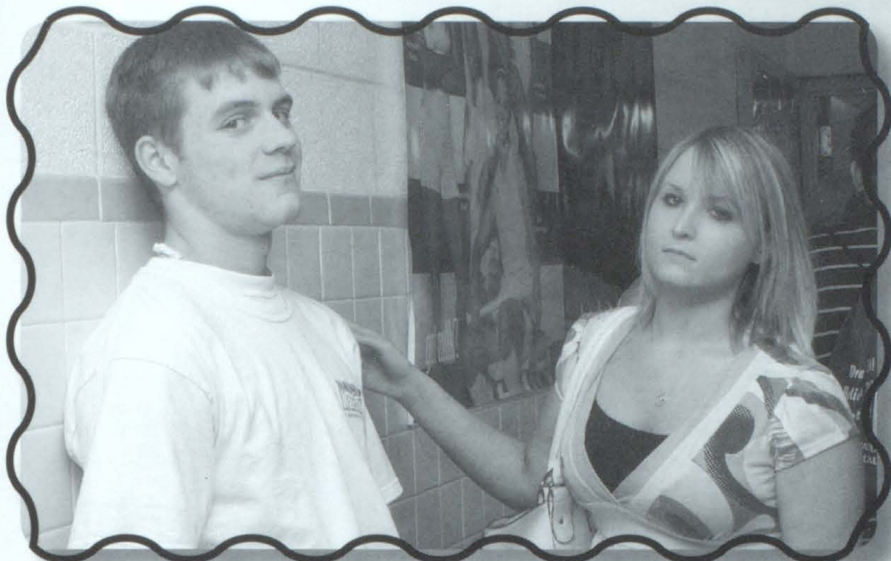


- A. Enjoying a wonderful day at OVHS.
- B. I like butterflies and unicorns!
- C. Thinking about Ridge.

* * Answers * *

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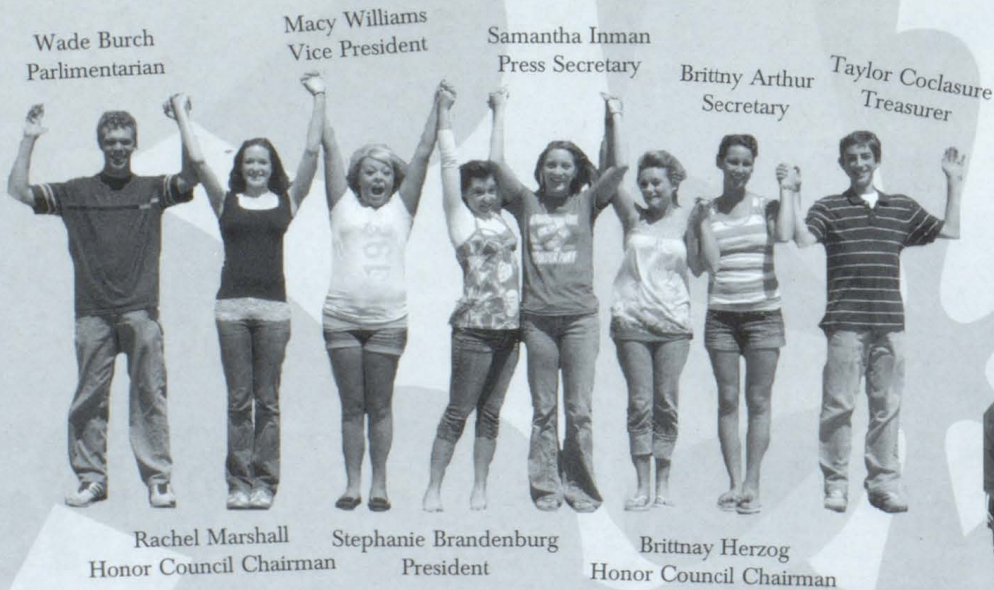
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Student Council



Above: The 2007-2008 OVHS Student Council. First - Brittany Arthur, Brittnay Herzog, Samantha Inman, Stephanie Brandenburg, Macy Williams, Rachel Marshall, Wade Burch and Taylor Colclasure. Second - Lauren Snearly, Ariel Rothrock, Peyton Smith, Jessica Williams, Keshia Newton, Tina Plamondon, Sarah Wooters, Sara Sims, Whitney Brewer and Alex Rothrock. Third - Amanda Seitz, Taylor Richardson, Grace Weber, Jasmine Pierce, Alicyn Dwyer, Erik Scott, Dylan Williams and Seth Harshman. Fourth - Mrs. Doan, Ethan Foster, Amanda Hyett, Whitney Thompson, Cody Robinson, Alexis Kirkwood and Ashlee Wooters. Fifth - Kyle Pierce, Tyler Pieszchalski, Joshua Bear, Ansley Watson, Jessica Krutsiner, Nathan Scott, John Pollock, Abie Dean, Josh McClain and Joey Mentor.



"Doin' It For



Window Painting



Kids Night Out



Homecoming



Senior Citizen Dance



Sweetheart Dance



Window Painting



Powderpuff Football



Blood Drive

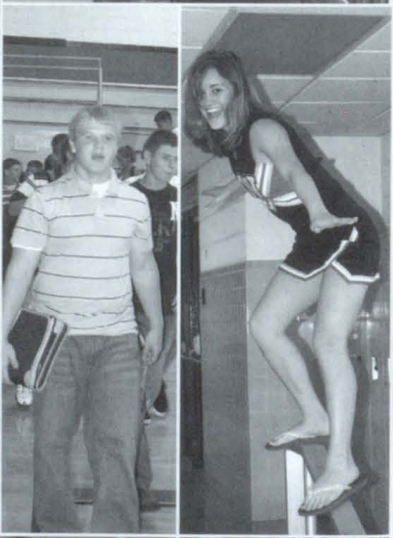
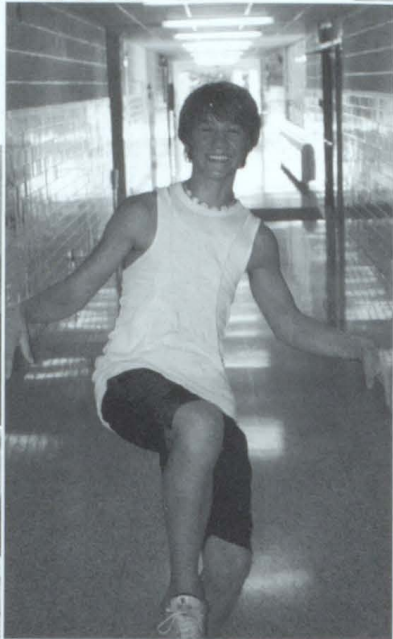
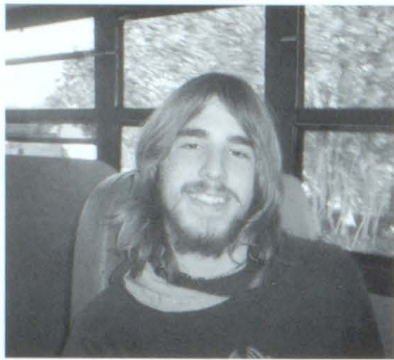


Senior Citizen Dance



With the motto "Doin' it for the Kids", the OVHS Student Council entered 2007-2008 school year with high expectations and goals. Their energies were immediately focused on welcoming the new freshmen and Homecoming Week. Members planned a spirit filled week for Homecoming that included theme days, a powder puff football game, Friday parade and football game and Saturday Homecoming Dance. Other major events the council planned for the year included several service activities, a senior citizens game day and dance, Valentine's spirit week and dance, Kids Night Out, Teacher Appreciation Week and Red Cross Blood Drive. Members also participated in district workshops and several had the opportunity to attend the state convention in May. Through all the event planning and activities, the group never lost their focus and the "Kids" benefited from the council's numerous successes.

The Kids"



Scholastic Bowl



Above: Leah Oathout practices her 'stare-down' techniques.



Above: Seth Harshman and Alex Rothrock hang out before a match.

Above: The 2007-2008 OV Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team. Front - Doug Marshall, Nolan Watson, Wade Burch, Will Wright and Ryan Plunkett. Back - Tilman Goebel, Mrs. Wilson, Leah Oathout and Josh Bear.



Above: Wade Burch exercises his mouth muscles between matches.

The Okaw Valley Scholastic Bowl Team reveled in a terrific 2007-2008 season. The Varsity Team brought home a Second Place Trophy from the Conference Tournament and also advanced to the Regional Quarter Finals. Their record was a spectacular 13 wins and only 4 losses. The JV squad played just as well and posted a 9-2 season record.



Above: Tilman Goebel lightens the mood during a break.



Above: Eric Scott prepares to bring down the competition.



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Junior Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team. Front - Taylor Colclasure, Amanda Seitz, Marisa Gollus and Erik Scott. Back - Mrs. Wilson, Nathan Scott, Seth Harshman, Ben Schoonover, John Pollock, Alex Rothrock and Wesley Seitz.

President Brittnay Herzog



NHS

Vice-President Alexis Kirkwood



Secretary Brittnay Arthur

Treasurer Nolan Watson



NHS



Induction Ceremony



Induction Ceremony



Above: The 2007-2008 OV National Honor Society. Front - Taylor Colclasure, Leah Oathout, Amanda Seitz, Meghan Blakey, Lauren Snearly, Sam Inman, Rachel Marshall and Lowell Getz. Back - Kristin Kuck, Brittnay Arthur, Andrew Yarnell, Will Wright, Kayln Poland, Dallas Kirkwood, Nolan Watson, Alexis Kirkwood and Brittnay Herzog.

The 2007-2008 National Honor Society Inducted eleven new members on October 24, 2007. To maintain NHS status, each member had to work fifteen service hours and hold at least a 3.4 GPA. Some of the activities they participated in during the year included assisting with freshman orientation, holding a kids movie night, trick or treating for can goods, providing a Thanksgiving dinner for the faculty, hosting a Valentine's party for the East View Terrace Senior Citizens and assisting at the OVHS Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. The group's enthusiasm for service provided the perfect example for the new community service program implemented during the school year for all OVHS students.



2007-2008 NHS Members



Lowel Getz entertains the kiddis at Kids Movie Night.



Sam Inman mingles with a group at Kids Movie Night.



Taylor Colclasure passes the time by bushing up on his rock climbing skills.



Will Wright and Amanda Seitz relax after a hard morning of testing.



Ms. Shindelar, Taylor Colclasure and Leah Oathout take a lunch break.

The 2007 Eco Team represented OVHS with pride at the annual Eco Meet in October. The group of four sophomores, lead by Mrs. Doan and Ms. Shindelar, worked hard before and after school studying the various ecological topics they would be tested over at Wolf Creek State Park. The OVHS nature enthusiasts proved they were well prepared on the test day by bringing home an overall Second Place Acorn Plaque. The team also received first place in Bark of Distinction, third in Frog Songs and fourth in Fungi.

Eco TEAM



Above: Members of the 2007 OV Eco Team include Mrs. Doan, Taylor Colclasure, Will Wright, Amanda Seitz, Leah Oathout and Ms. Shindelar.



Leah Oathout takes a walk on the beach to relax after a busy day.



Amanda Seitz, Leah Oathout, Will Wright and Taylor Colclasure hold their hard earned Second Place Acorn Plaque.

The 2007-2008 Science Club had a very productive year. Under the leadership of President Wade Burch, the group performed several community service projects and also managed to have a bit of fun along the way. Members met several times during the year to clean up the stretch of highway the club adopted several years ago. The group also put together numerous educational and fun activities to help the school celebrate Earth Week. Their innovative and creative minds brought a new awareness of the wonderful world of science to the students of OVHS.



Top right: Science Club Officers include Amanda Seitz, Nolan Watson, Sam Inman and Wade Burch.

Imm. right: Josh McLain picks up some trash from around the school.

Far right: Rachel Marshall pulls weeds from around some flowersl.



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Science Club. Front: Jessica Krutsinger, Alicyn Dwyer, Rachel Marshall, Grace Weber, Amanda Hyett, Sam Inman, Amanda Seitz and Leah Oathout. Back - Mrs. Doan, John Pollack, Josh Bear, Josh McLain, Kell Carr, Seth Calhoun, Timothy Suddarth, Will Wright, Nolan Watson, Tyler Piezchoski, Taylor Colclasure and Wade Burch.



Above left: Wade Burch, Nolan Watson and Amanda Seitz paint the science room windows for Earth Week.

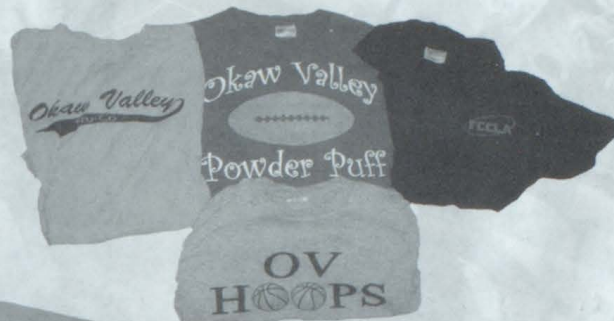
Left: Taylor Colclasure and Grace Weber bond while picking up trash around the school.

Right: Seth Calhoun paints science week slogans on the windows outside Mrs. Doan's room.



SCIENCE CLUB

Prom Dress/Tux- \$100-\$350



Shirts- \$10.00



School Supplies- \$30-\$50+

Pie for π day- \$350



School Projects- \$5 - \$50+



Library Fines- \$.05/day



Athletic Shoes- \$60-\$100



Graduation Expenses- \$150+



School Lunch- \$1.85/day



Yearbook- \$34.00



P.E. Clothes- \$25.00



Animals and Supplies for Biology- \$60.00

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FCCLA Officers Amanda Seitz, Abie Dean, Sarah Wooters and Brittany Arthur.



Above: Raven Shultz, Kelsey Meyer, Sarah Wooters, Ashlee Wooters, Abie Dean, Molly Rhodes and Erik Scott stop for a picture while at the State Convention.



Above: The 2007-2008 OV FCCLA. Front - Erik Scott and Cody Still. Middle - Kelsey Meyer, Kayla Miller, Sarah Wooters, Macy Williams, Raven Schultz and Ciara Wagoner. Back - Brittnay Herzog, Abie Dean, Brittny Arthur, Ashlee Wooters, Molly Rhodes, Jamie Wheeler and Amanda Seitz.

The 2007-2008 FCCLA participated in and sponsored several activities during the year. For their major fundraiser, the group held a spaghetti dinner for the school and community before a boys basketball game. During Valentine's week, members sold carnations to the student body that symbolized love, friendship and secret admirer. As a service project, FCCLA members made blankets for a family who lost all their belongings in a fire. The group's final activity was representing OVHS by attending the State Convention in Springfield.



Above: Ashlee Wooters serves diners at the spaghetti dinner, while Abie Dean, Mrs. Scott and Amanda Seitz monitor the drinks table.



Above: Kelsey Meyer, Raven Shultz, Brittny Arthur, Abie Dean, Ashlee Wooters, Brittnay Herzog and Sarah Wooters hang out in the hotel lobby while at the State Convention in Springfield.



Above: FCCLA members who attended the State Convention include (front) Molly Rhodes, Abie Dean, Sarah Wooters, (back) Erik Scott, Kelsey Meyer, Brittny Arthur, Brittnay Herzog, Ashlee Wooters and Raven Shultz.

Drama Club



Amanda Hyett



Janie Tippit



Grace Weber



Jessica Brewer

The 2007-2008 OV Drama Club focused its energies on the spring play "Steal Magnolias." The original spring show had been a musical, but shortly after auditions the cast felt a play would be a better choice. The all female cast pulled together and performed a wonderfully heart-warming show. The group also had several other events planned for the year, but due to lack of participation had to cancel them.

Top far left: Drama Club officers include Rachel Marshall, Janie Tippit, Grace Weber and Kelsey Meyer.

Far middle: "Steal Magnolia's" cast members pose for a fun picture before the final dress rehearsal.

Below left: The spring play cookie brigade, Kelsie Anstrom, Raven Shultz, Ashley McCausland, Ciara Wagoner and Kelesy Meyer, show off their creative cookie designs.

Imm. left: The 2007-2008 OV Drama Club. Bottom - Charley Phillips, Jessica Brewer, Amanda Hyett, Janie Tippit, Kelsey Anstrom, Ciara Wagoner and Ashley McCausland. Middle - Ariel Rothrock, Rachel Marshall, Raven Shultz, Kelsey Meyer and Jesse Mentor. Top - Grace Weber and Stephanie Brandenburg.



Stephanie Brandenburg



Rachel Marshall



Okaw Valley's music department went through many changes during the 2007-2008 school year. New teacher, Mr. Mark Dempsey was eager to rebuild the program and reintroduced marching band back into the curriculum. The talented musicians brought home a 3rd Place trophy from their first competition. Members spent countless hours rehearsing for pep band, concerts, competitions and solo and ensemble contests. All their efforts and hard work paid off as the school and community cheer them on at games and performances.



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Band. Front - Tara Pieszchalski, Whitney Stinson, Charley Phillips, Kim Wheeler, Sara Sims and Marissa Gollus. Middle - Seth Harshman, Amanda Seitz, Taylor Colclasure, Gatlin Miller, Sam Inman, Jackie Crowe and Johnathan Herion. Back - Alex Bone, Colt Rich, Bryce Root and Mr. Dempsey.



Above: Colt Rich and Bryce Root practice the drums.



Above: Sara Sims and Tera Pieszchalski play during half time at a boys basketball game.



Above: Sam Inman and Alex Bone take a break from rehearsal.

BAND & CHORUS



Above: Chorus members include Sydney Uphoff, Marissa Gollus and (not pictured) Andrea Diaz.



Above: Gatlin Miller rocks out on his guitar during pep band.



Above: Mr. McCausland gives the band a few tips on marching.



Above: Sara Sims plays before a foot ball game.

HOME OF THE TIMBER WOLVES



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Boys Varsity Club. Front - Cory Schlosser and Tyler Smock Middle - Josh McClain, Ryan Brandenburg, Kyle Pierce, Josh Roberston, Jarrod Newton, Cole Younger, Cody Bly and Mike Jennings. Back - Harley Miller, Dallas Kirkwood, Clint Schlosser, Jehad Abbed, Aaron Fruchtl, CJ Crawley, Dustin Suddarth and Wade Burch.

Varsity Clubs



Above: The 2007-2008 OV Girls Varsity Club. First - Janie Tippit, Liz Rogers, Jessica Brewer, Lauren Snearly, Jessica Williams, Sam Inman and Holly Gill. Second - Ciara Wagoner, Kelsey Meyer, Kelsie Anstrom, Keshia Newton, Ariel Rothrock, Rachel Marshall, Grace Weber and Peyton Smith. Third - Kayla Miller, Brittney Arthur, Brittney Herzog, Stephanie Brandenburg, Alexis Kirkwood, and Alex Cuttill. Fourth - Back - Whitney Brewer, Tina Plamondon, Sarah Wooters, Abie Dean, Macy Williams, Ashlee Wooters and Kristin Kuck.

Fancy Footwear Around the School



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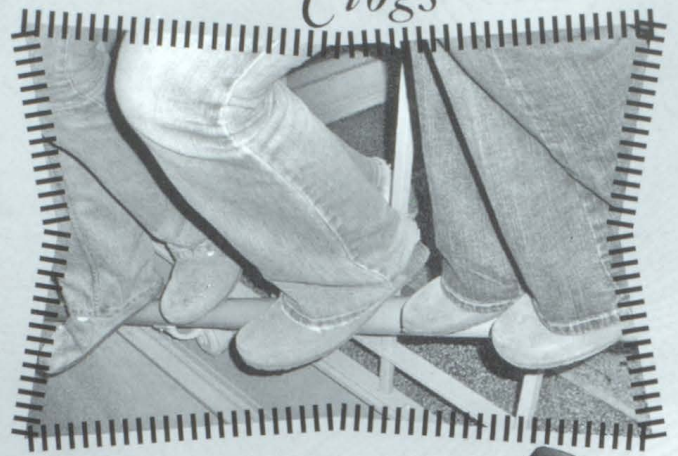
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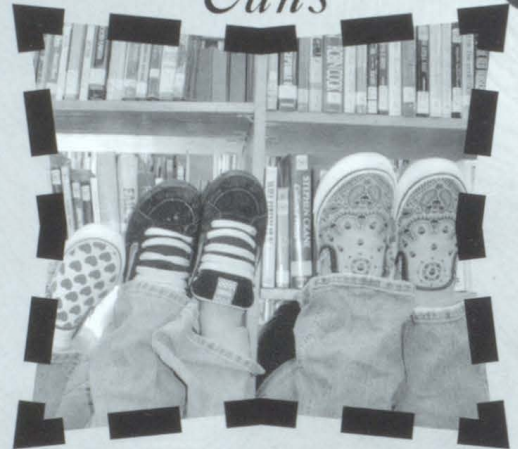
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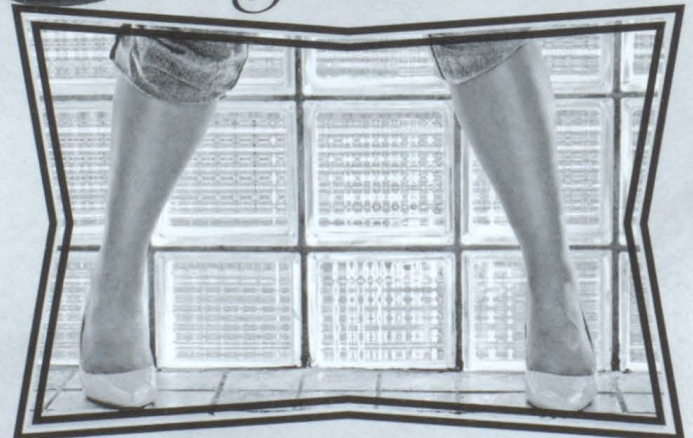
Vans



Converses



Stillettos



FFA

The 2007-2008 FFA Chapter was one of the busiest organizations at Okaw Valley. Members spent the year attending conferences and conventions, participating in livestock judging, speech and parliamentary procedure competitions, planning and hosting local FFA events and raising money for their chapter. The groups two main fund-raisers for the year were popcorn and poinsettia sales and their Annual FFA Banquet and Labor Auction. Members also helped the school celebrate National FFA Week by having dress up days and fun farm related activities and events during homeroom. The group ended the year by attending the FFA Convention in early June.

FFA



Jehad Abbed



Grace Weber



Kyle Blakey



Alex Bone



Ryan Brandenburg

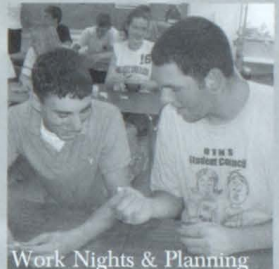


Stephanie Brandenburg



Wade Burch

Imm. below: The 2007-2008 OV FFA Chapter. Front - Ryan Brandenburg, Wade Burch, Lowell Getz, Stephanie Brandenburg, Rachel Marshall, Amanda Hyett and Chase Tevener. Middle - Charlie Phillips, Kaytie Orris, Ansley Watson, Sydney Uphoff, Alicyn Dwyer and Whitney Thompson. Back - Kyle Blakey, Alex Bone, Jesse Newton, John Pollock, Grace Weber and Jehad Abbed.



Ansley Watson



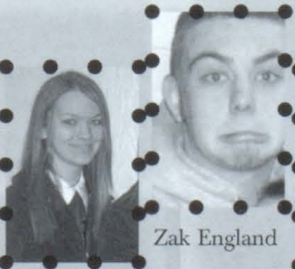
Sydney Uphoff



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Rachel Marshall



Kaytie Orris



John Pollock

Zak England

Amanda Hyett

Jessie Newton

Charlie Phillips

Publications

"Mrs. Yantis can you come here?"

The 2007-2008 Publications classroom echoed with those words all year long. The energetic class learned how to put a yearbook together using two different computer programs. They also sold ads to help pay for the book and walked around with cameras trying to capture the most important moments of the year. Even though they were an easily distracted bunch, each and every member worked their hardest to meet the final deadline in order to create a highly memorable 2008 OVHS Yearbook.



Above: The 2007-2008 Yearbook Staff. Front - Whitney Brewer and Tina Plamondon Middle - Ashlee Wooters, Brittny Arthur, Brittnay Herzog, Sarah Wooters, Abie Dean, Macy Williams, Kristin Kuck, Alex Cuttill and Alexis Kirkwood. Back - Doug Marshall and Jehad Abbed.



Jehad Abbed:
"Be kind,
Rewind!"



Brittnay Herzog and Brittny Arthur take a break from the stress of yearbooking.



Alex Cuttill puts the finishing touches on one of her yearbook pages.



Sarah Wooters and Ashlee Wooters try to get their creative juices flowing.

Alexis Kirkwood:
"It's a laid back community."



Doug Marshall ponders his next masterpiece



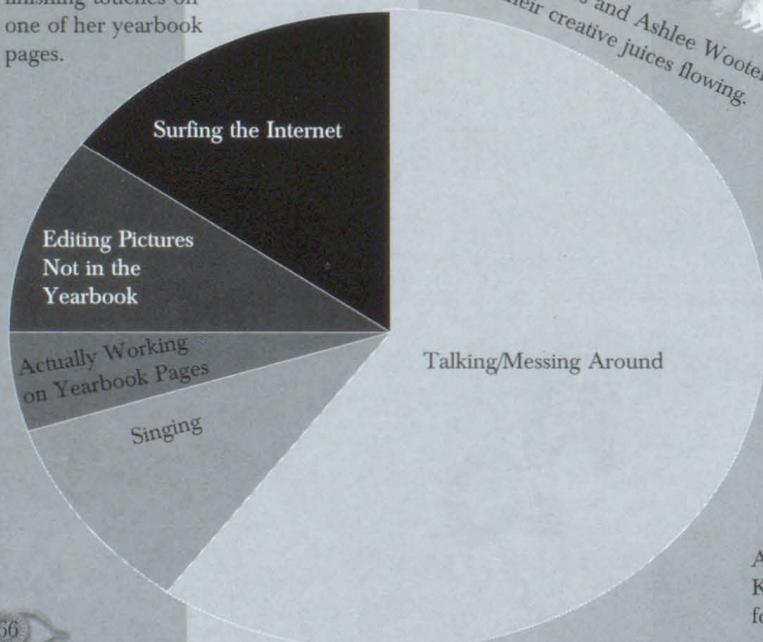
Whitney Brewer and Tina Plamondon race down the stairs.



Abie Dean and Kristin Kuck take a break to pose for the camera.



Macy Williams celebrates after finally finishing a page.



DATA

Below: The 2007-2008 OV DATA Students. Front - Harley Miller, Trent Prah, Molly Rhodes, Lauren Snearly, Logan Booker, Kailey Nashland and Cassy Hodge. Middle - Robert Martz, James Krutsinger, Jared Pfeiffer, Gatlin Miller, Dustin Suddarth and Kyle Bennett. Back - Stephon Plummer, Brett Ellis, Joey Haas, Zach Seelow, Ridge Tippit, Cory Schlosser, CJ Crawley and Josh Bear.



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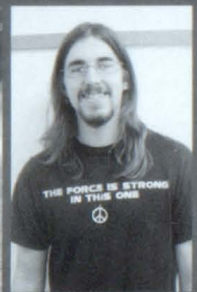
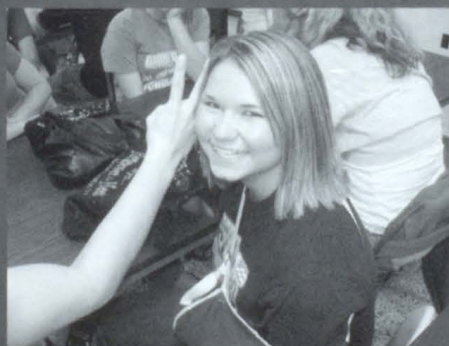
"I don't like it."
Dustin Suddarth



"I don't have to be here for half of the day."
Logan Booker



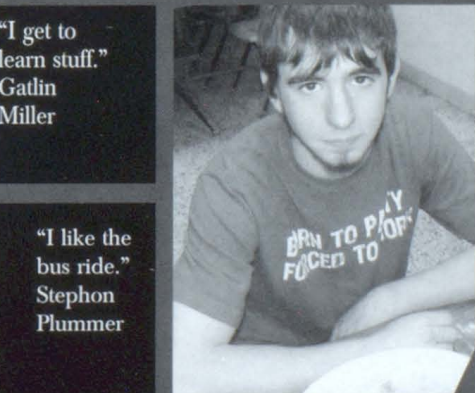
"I like the boys."
Lauren Snearly



"I get to get away from the school for a few hours."
Cassy Hodge



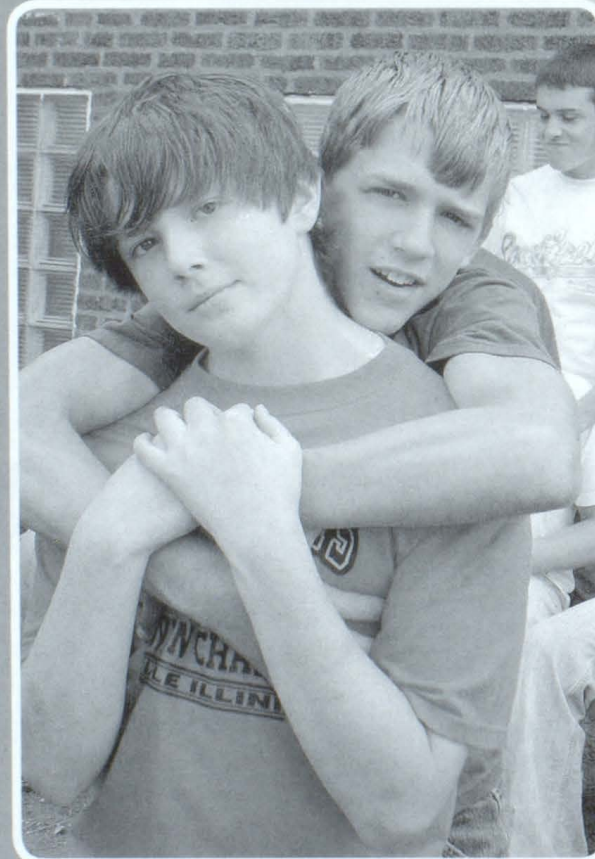
"I get to learn stuff."
Gatlin Miller



"I get to play with computers."
Kyle Bennett

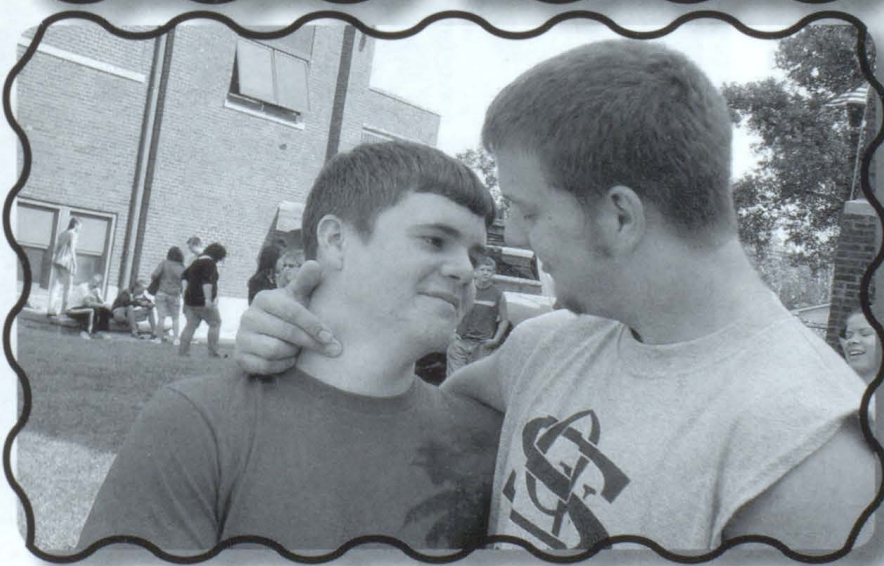
"I like the bus ride."
Stephon Plummer

The Friends Scene



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1st Place: Sophomore Float



2nd Place: Freshman Float



3rd Place: Junior Float



4th Place: Senior Float



1st Place: Senior Window



2nd Place: Junior Window



3rd Place: Freshman Window



4th Place: Sophomore Window

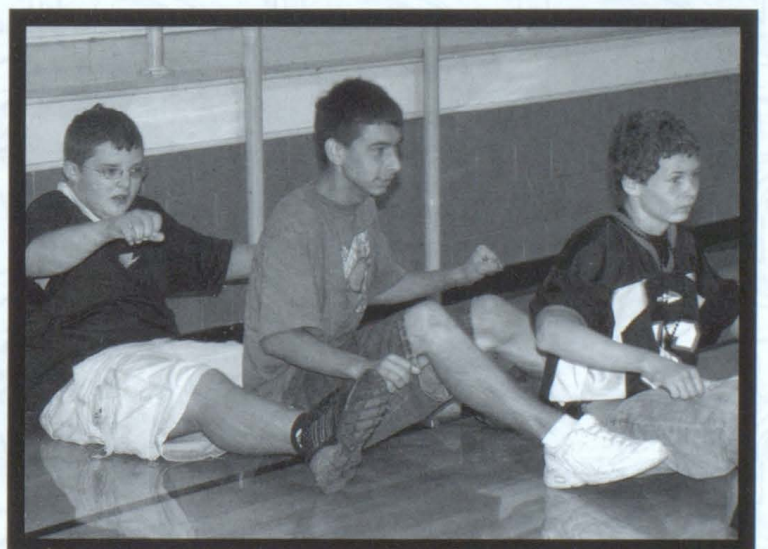
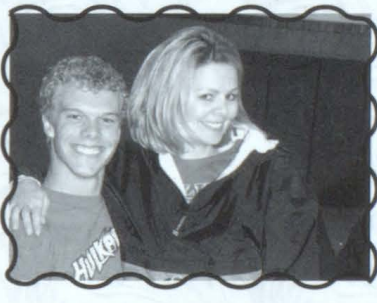
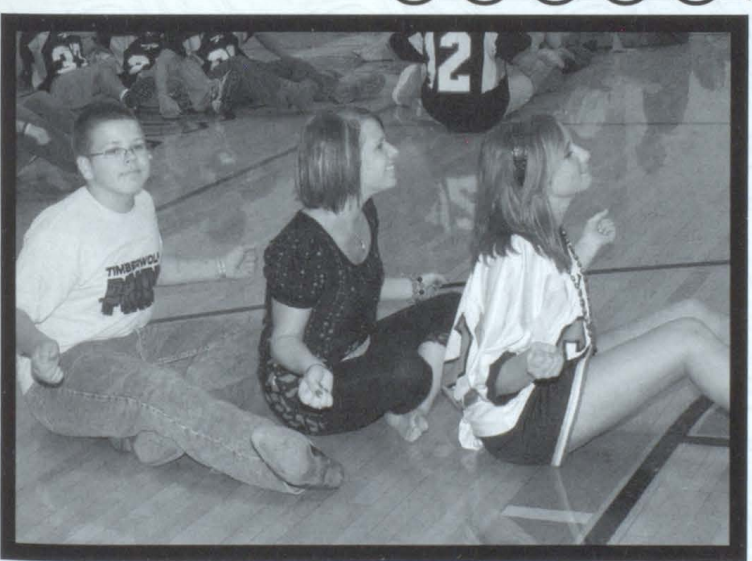
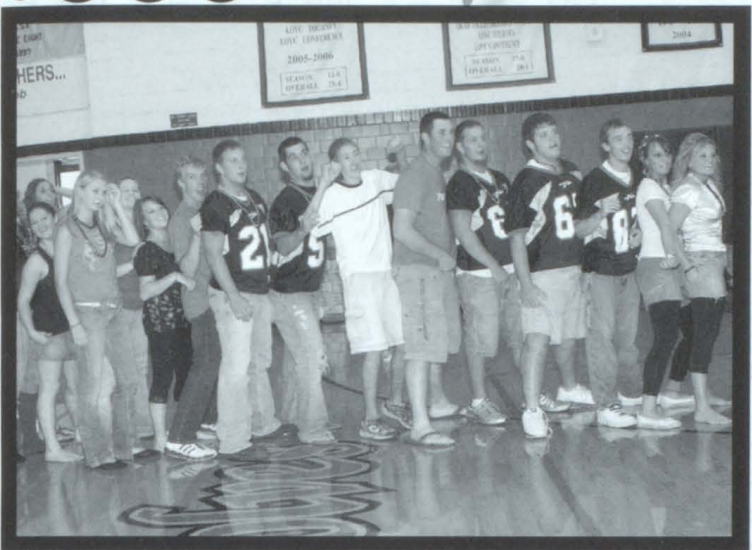
Homecoming Week

The 2007 Okaw Valley Homecoming Week offered something exciting everyday for the students. The week started out with the traditional pajama day on Monday, red, white and blue day on Tuesday, Miss America/Babe Ruth day on Wednesday, Cartoon Day on Thursday and Spirit Day on Friday. Events for the week included float building and window decorations for all the classes all week and the Powderpuff football game and bon fire fell on Wednesday. Friday was busy with the all school pep rally and picnic, after school parade and the big Homecoming game against Central A&M that night. Saturday wrapped up the week with the annual Homecoming Dance and King and Queen Coronation in the evening.





Pep Assembly





1st Place

PowderPuff

September 12, 2007



3rd Place

2nd Place



Juniors
Front - Jessica Drake, Holly Gill, Jessica Williams, Lauren Snearly and Janie Tippit. Back - Coach Wade Burch, Tera Pieszcalski, Kalyne Poland, Meghan Blakey, Coach Jarrod Newton, Jessica Brewer, Coach Dustin Suddarth, Coach Josh Robertson, Amanda Hyett, Sam Inman and Trish Berry.



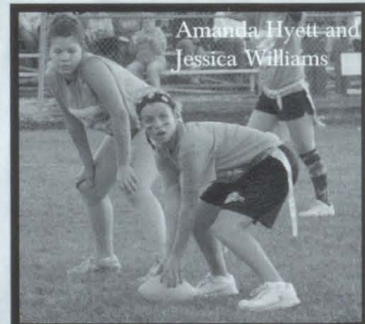
Freshmen
Front - Ansley Watson, Ariel Rothrock, and Rachel Marshall. Middle- Kaytie Orris, Kim Wheeler, Sara Sims and Charley Phillips. Back - Coach Zach Seelow, Taylor Richardson, Alicyn Dwyer, Corine Wilcox, Whitney Thompson, Coach Jehad Abbed, Peyton Smith, Coach Chad Reynolds, Keshia Newton, Sydney Uphoff, Jasmine Pierce, Jessica Krutsinger and Coach Mike Jennings.



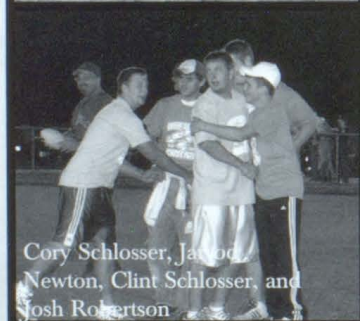
Seniors
Front - Tina Plamondon, Macy Williams, Kelsie Anstrom, Stephanie Brandenburg, Ashlee Wooters, Sarah Wooters and Ashley McCausland. Back - Coach Cory Schlosser, Coach CJ Crawley, Brittnay Herzog, Brittny Arthur, Jamie Wheeler, Whitney Brewer, Kristin Kuck, Coach Clint Schlosser, Alexis Kirkinger and Coach Ridge Tippit.



Jessica Krutsinger and Jasmine Pierce

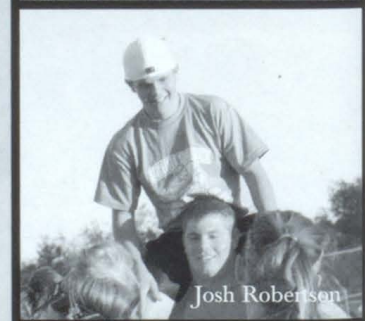


Amanda Hyett and Jessica Williams



Cory Schlosser, Jarrod Newton, Clint Schlosser, and Josh Robertson

Game 1
Freshmen vs. Juniors*
Game 2
Juniors* vs. Seniors
Game 3
Freshmen* vs. Seniors
Game 4
Senior girls vs. Senior boys*



Josh Robertson



Chain Gang



Kelsie Anstrom and Ashley McCausland

Caught In The Act!



As of 9/25 there will be NO GUM in either of Mrs. Scott's classrooms!



5 points



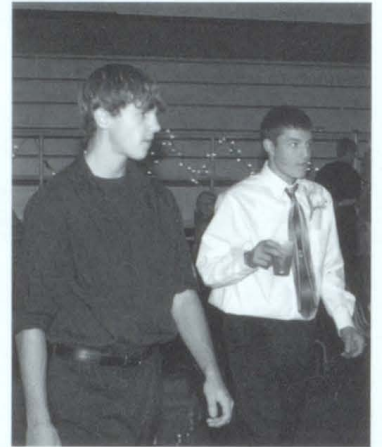
Kalyn Poland, Shelby Cotrell and Janie Tippit



Brittnay Herzog and Jehad Abbed



Andrea Diaz



Aaron Anstrom and Kyle Blakey

Above: The 2007 Homecoming Court. Front - Freshman Peyton Smith and Erik Scott, Sophomores Ciara Wagoner and Joey Sims. Middle - Juniors Jessica Williams and Jesse Menter, Crown Bearer Chloe Wirey, 2007 Queen and King Stephanie Brandenburg and Clint Schlosser, Crown Bearer Braden Primmer Seniors Sarah Wooters and Josh Robertson. Back - Brittnay Herzog and Jehad Abbed, 2006 Queen and King Megan Cotner and Andrew Fultz, Brittny Arthur and Wade Burch.



2007 Queen and King
Stephanie Brandenburg and Clint Schlosser



Tilman Goebel



Chad Reynolds and Kelsie Anstrom



Wade Burch



September 15, 2007

2007 Homecoming Dance

The Roaring 20's



Taylor Richardson and Whitney Brewer



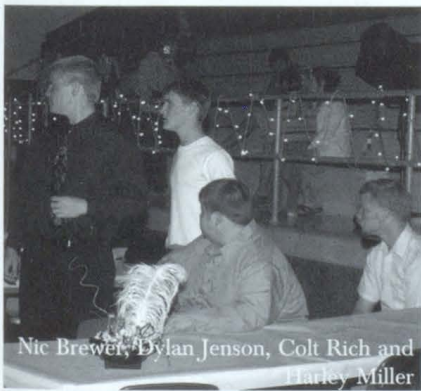
Abie Dean and Molly Rhodes



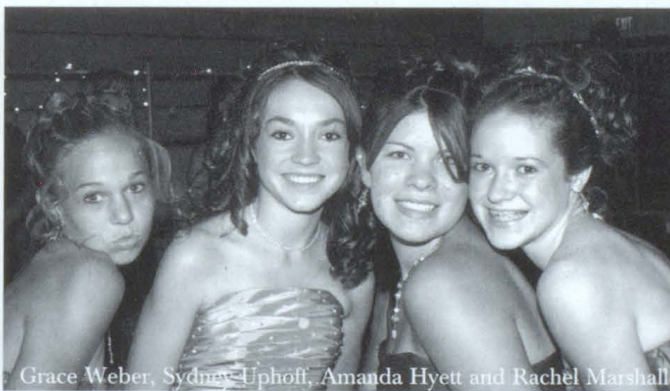
Ethan Foster



Jamie Kidd



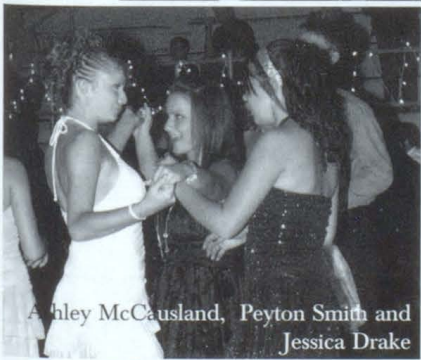
Nic Brewer, Dylan Jenson, Colt Rich and Harley Miller



Grace Weber, Sydney Uphoff, Amanda Hyett and Rachel Marshall



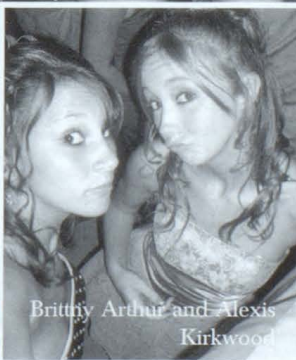
Alex Cutill and Marshal Eadie



Ashley McCausland, Peyton Smith and Jessica Drake



Leah Oathout and Amanda Seitz



Brittney Arthur and Alexis Kirkwood

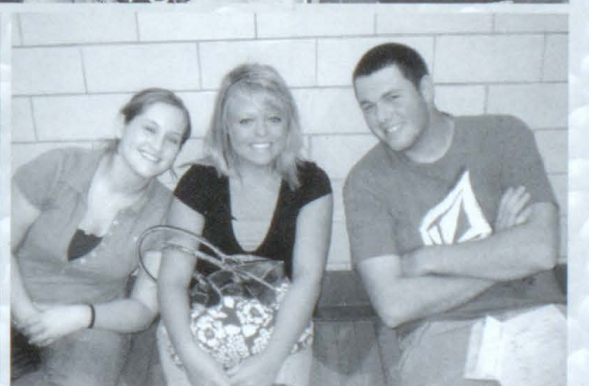
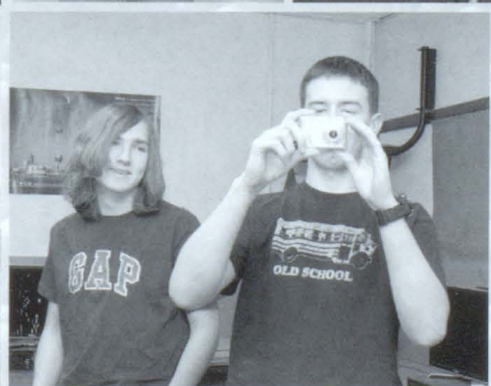
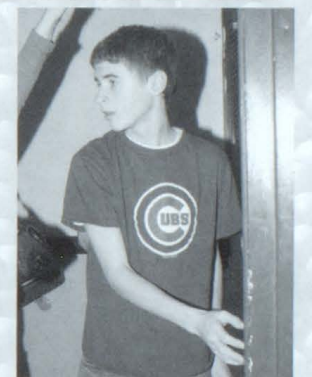




On January 18th Mrs. Will's English III Classes presented a Medieval Faire for the entire school. Class members performed a medieval wedding ceremony that included cakes and juice, a sword fight, dancing and entertainment from the court jesters, an audience participation skit and short lessons about medieval life and terminology. After the performance students were invited to play games have their fortunes read.



Medieval Faire



Faces ~ Faces ~ Faces ~ Faces ~ Faces ~ Faces

Sweetheart Dance

February 16, 2008



Joey Hass & Taylor Robbins



John Pollock & Seth Harshman

Jessica Brewer and Lauren Sneary



Macy Williams, Ashley McCausland,
Raven Schultz & Sarah Wooters



Kayla Miller & Cody Bly



Rachel Marshall & Grace Weber

Front: Peyton Smith & Ethan Foster
Back: Jackie Crowe, Jesse Gatons,
Kyle Pierce, Brittany Arthur, Kayla Miller, Cody Bly



Kayla Poland and James Holt



OV Students get down!

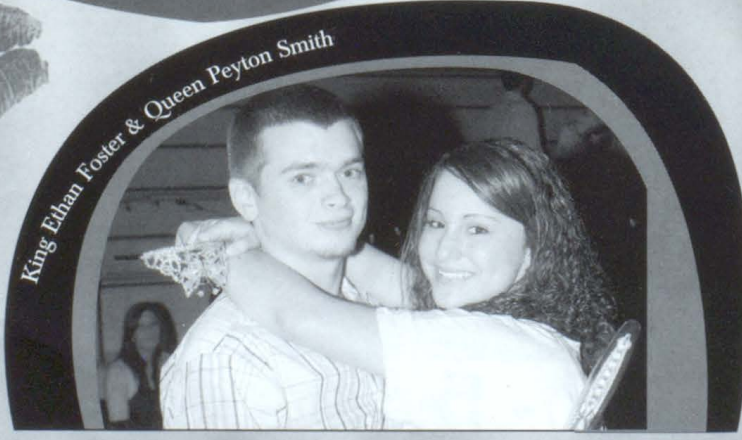


Jessica Drake



Whitney Sunson, Brett Ellis
and Andrew Yarnell

King Ethan Foster & Queen Peyton Smith



...GOSSIP GIRL HERE...



"Did you hear about..."

"OMG, guess what happened to..."



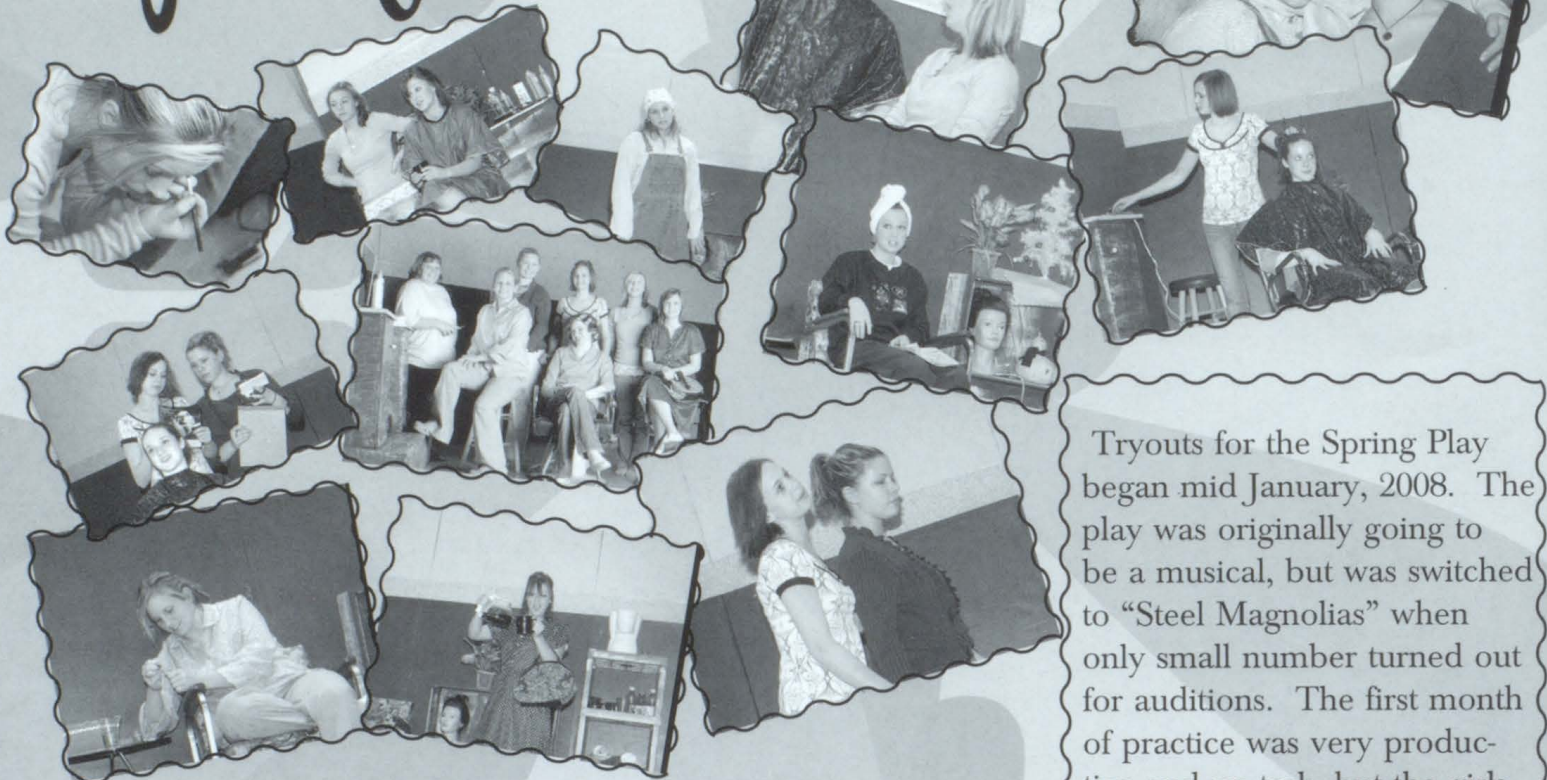
"I can't believe she said..."

"I totally saw everything..."



YOUR SECRET IS OUT!

Steel Magnolias



Tryouts for the Spring Play began mid January, 2008. The play was originally going to be a musical, but was switched to "Steel Magnolias" when only small number turned out for auditions. The first month of practice was very productive and on task, but the girls began to struggle once their scripts were taken away. They did, however, do a good job picking up a southern accent and characterization early on. The final dress rehearsal was on Tuesday, March 25th with the final performance being held on Thursday, March 27th 2008. Line memorization became the biggest obstacle as the girls gave it their all during the one time only performance. Their efforts and hard work paid off in the end and the all female cast gave the audience a truly remarkable show.



The cast of Steel Magnolias includes Amanda Hyett (Clairee), Grace Weber (Truvy), Rachel Marshal (Shelby), Stephanie Brandenburg (M'Lynn), Jessica Brewer (Oueser) and Janie Tippit (Annelle).

Crash Assembly

On April 17th, 2008 the student body was escorted to the football field for a life changing assembly. A true to life reenactment of a drunk driving accident opened the eyes of many students. On the field were two crashed cars with a family of four in one car and four "drunk" students from OVHS in the other. With the help of the Moultrie County police, Bethany and Sullivan fire departments and ambulance services and Moultrie County coroner, the students were able to see what would really happen immediately following a wreck. After the reenactment, several speakers shared their thoughts and wisdom with the student body. Travis Mundy, who was paralyzed after being involved in a drunk driving accident, spoke about his realities and left many in the audience speechless. The thought provoking assembly served as an eye opening wake up call to the student of OVHS.



Prom 2007

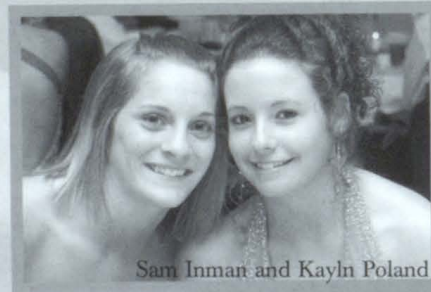
Scovill Banquet Hall - April 19



Above: The 2008 OV Prom Court. Front - Crown Bearer Emily Drake, 2008 Queen Sarah Wooters, 2008 King Nolan Watson and Crown Bearer Ethan Bartimus. Back - Jehad Abbed, Brittany Arthur, 2007 King Josh Rhodes, 2007 Queen Taylor Mose, Wade Burch, Alexis Kirkwood, Josh Roberston and Brittany Herzog.



2008 Prom Queen and King Sarah Wooters and Nolan Watson



Sam Inman and Kayln Poland



Seth Sweeney and Mrs. Scott



A Night Under the Stars



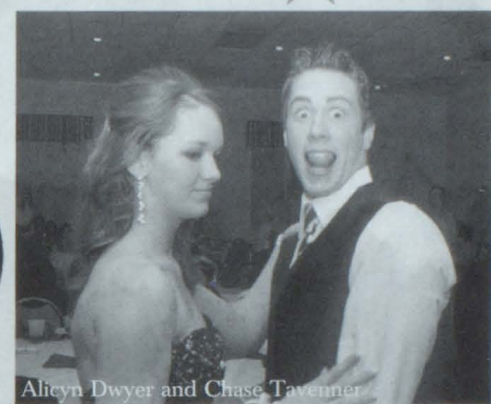
Dustin Suddarth and Mrs. Will



Gatlin Miller and Liz Rogers



Jessica Drake and James Krutsinger



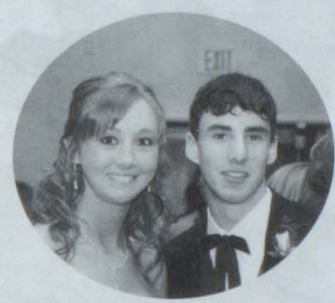
Alicyn Dwyer and Chase Tavener



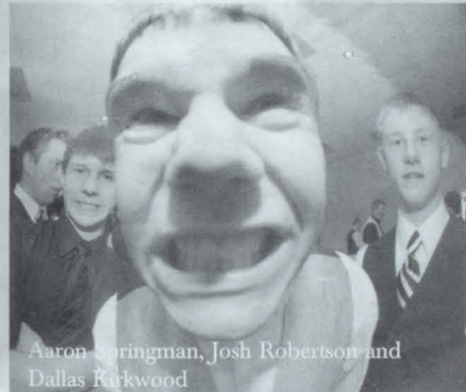
Brenda Decker and Jesse Mentor



Jehad Abbed



Alexis Kirkwood and Lowell Getz



Aaron Springman, Josh Robertson and Dallas Kirkwood



Cory Schlosser and Tyler Smock



Brittney Arthur and Kayla Miller



Janie Tippit, Jessica Williams and Jessica Brewer



Jarrod Newton and Meghan Blakey



Whitney Brewer, Mrs. Yantis and Tina Plamondon



Abie Dean and Ashlee Wooters



Robert Martz and Jared Pfeiffer



Rachel Marshall and Wade Burch



Logan Booker



Molly Rhodes and Trent Prahal



Above: Sarah and Ashlee Wooters battle it gladiator style.



Above: The Seniors show excitement as the parents start handing out prizes.



Above: Macy Williams and Alexis Kirkwood hang out with their dates.



Above: Brittnay Herzog and her date take a moment out from all the fun to pose for a picture.



Above: Kayla Miller & Cody Bly make the most of the evening.



Above: Wade Burch flashes his ever present smile.

POST PROM



Above: Nolan Watson makes the most of his last post prom.



Above: The hypnotist works his magic.



Above: Josh Roberston and Kiesha Newton watch the activities from the sidelines.



Above: Jehad Abbed quenches his thirst with a soda.



Above: Stephanie Brandonburg shows her best moves.



Above: Alex Bone wipes out while playing games.



Above: BFF's Tina Plamondon and Whitney Brewer get creative while posing for the camera.



Above: Lowell Getz bounces around on the giant inflatable slide.

HOROSCOPES

capricorn

[december 22 - january 20]

You will get stuck on your kick scooter on January 9th coming home from school due to a winter blizzard that will cancel school for a week.

pisces

[february 20 - march 20]

You will meet many long lost friends throughout February. Then you will end the month with a spaghetti dinner.

aquarius

[january 21 - february 19]

You will see the ground hog's shadow on February 2nd. Then you will trip over your feet while running in PE on February 12th.

aries

[march 21 - april 20]

Love will find you on April 3rd and you will find \$20 in your left shoe towards the middle of April.

taurus

[april 21 - may 21]

You will learn to speak Portuguese while watching the Disney Channel. Then, during a dream, you will have an encounter with Belle from Beauty and the Beast.

gemini

[may 22 - june 21]

Safety first! The competition in athletics is heating up. Don't forget to wash your hands and feet on June 13th.

cancer

[june 22 - july 22]

You will renew feelings with an old fling from your past. Then, on July 4th, beware of the fireworks.

leo

[july 23 - august 22]

The atmosphere is hot for love, Leo, but be careful who you fall for. Remember, never smell the inside of a hat.

virgo

[august 23 - september 23]

You will have a party! When you hit the pinata, exotic fruit will flourish your surroundings. Don't be greedy or disappointment will come your way towards the end of September.

libra

[september 24 - october 23]

On the trip to a far away place that you take to find your meaning in life, you will make a decision that will affect your future. Use chopsticks to eat your food on the 2nd and good luck will come your way.

scorpio

[october 24 - november 22]

On an Autumn afternoon, you will go on a walk through a field and will be chased by a flock of butterflies and unicorns. Luck will turn your way on November 2nd.

sagittarius

[november 23 - december 21]

During a winter snow, you will be running late for school and walk outside to find your car buried!



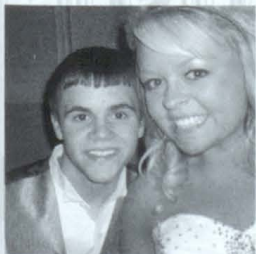
Honors Night



Spanish Pinata's



Homecoming Pep Rally



Prom 2008



Frolicking on the lawn!



Art Pong



Crash Assembly



Medieval Fair



Blood Drive



Cleaning Up!



Prom Set Up



Tailgating Football Games



Pumpkin Carving

Class
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Graduation

May 25, 2008

Class
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2008



Valedictorian
Nolan Watson

The Seventh Commencement Exercise of the Okaw Valley Community School District #302 was held on Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.

Valedictorian.....Nolan Watson
Salutatorian.....Alexis Kirkwood
President.....Macy Williams
Vice President.....Stephanie Brandenburg
Secretary.....Brittney Herzog
Treasurer.....Sarah Wooters
Class Colors.....Dark Purple, Lime Green & Orange
Class Flower.....Gerber Daisy
Class Motto....."You win some...You lose some"
Class Song....."Young" by Kenny Chesney
Class Advisors.....Mrs. Yantis and Mrs. Horsman



Salutatorian
Alexis Kirkwood

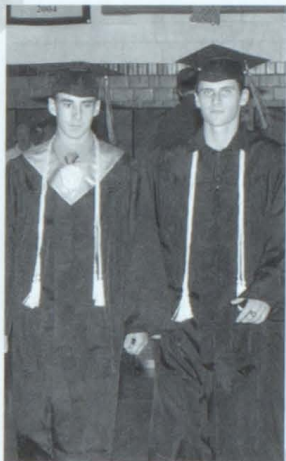
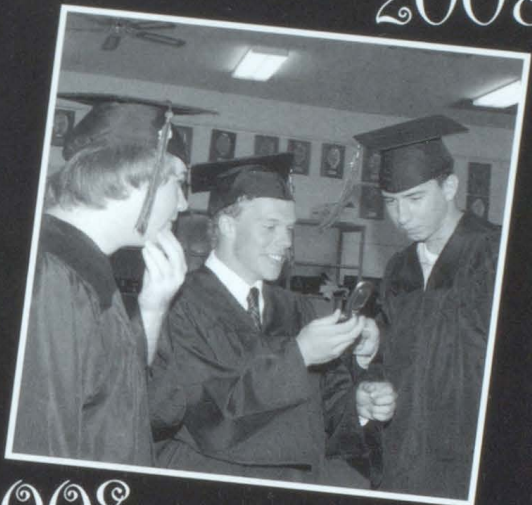


Above: The Okaw Valley High School Graduating Class of 2008. First - Stephanie Lynn Brandenburg, Whitney Michelle Brewer, Tina-Anne Alice Plamondon, Alexis Ann Kirkwood, Brittney Ann Arthur, Kirstin Kelli Kuck, Ashlee Hope Wooters, Alex Whitney Cuttill and Abbigail Jaise Dean. Second - Jamie Lynn Wheeler, Molly Jane Rhodes, Brenda Jean Decker, Kayla Rena Miller, Sarah Elizabeth Wooters, Cassy Ann Hodge, Macy Roxanna Williams and Brittney Jayne Herzog. Third - Andrew Ryan Yarnell, Wade Thomas Burch, Tyler Cloyd Smock, Dallas Spencer Nichols, Dustin Edward Suddarth, Nolan Keal Watson, Jehad Ata Abbed, Jacob Perry Rentfro, Zachary Allen Wilhelm Seelow, Stephon Tyler Plummer and Lowell H Getz. Fourth - Joshua Scott Robertson, Clifford Ervon Crawley, Michael Anthony Jennings, Clinton Marvin Scholsser, Cory Daniel Schlosser, James Alan Krutsinger, Douglas Steven Marshall, Chase Steven Tavenner, Jarrod Scott Newton and Aaron Michael Anstrom. Not Pictured - Ridge Lesly Tippit,

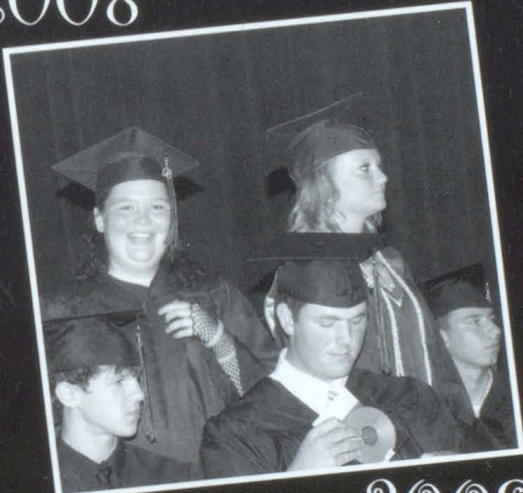
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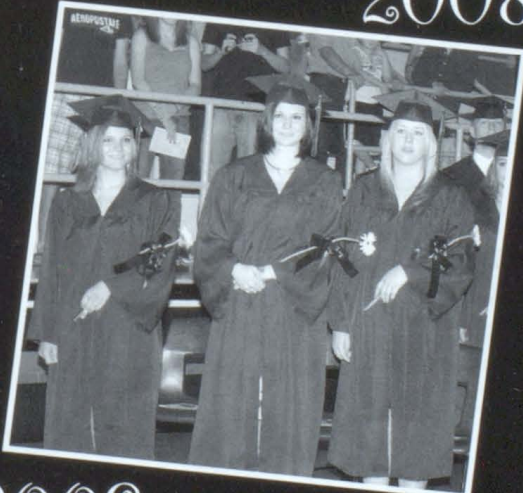
2008



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2008

Andrea Patricia Diaz Baquero



Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Will



Favorite
Food:
S'mores

Favorite
School
Lunch:
Chef Salad

Favorite
Restaurant:
McDonalds



One thing Andrea could not go through the day with out: "A coat, it is so cold"



Andrea is from Bogota, Columbia



ANDREA ENJOYS ROCK AND PUNK MUSIC

"I am good in math, computers and music"

"My favorite thing to do back home is to go to concerts."



"At school, I enjoy seeing Jamie, Stephanie and Macy."



Least Favorite Class: Psychology

"My favorite place to visit in America was Las Vegas"

"My Favorite thing to do is Shopping"



FAVORITE CLASS:
MULTIMEDIA DESIGN

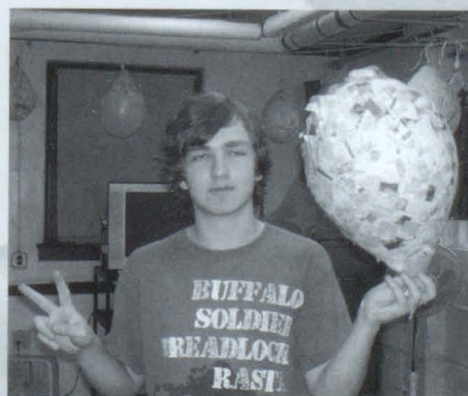
"My first thoughts entering Okaw Valley was that these people are crazy wearing flip-flops in the school."



Tilman Goebel



Tilman Goebel came to Okaw Valley as a foreign exchange student from Bavaria, Germany. He stayed with OV students Gatlin and Harley Miller from August through June and then spent a few weeks traveling before returning home to Germany. Tilman participated in several extra curricular activities including Football, Scholastic Bowl and Track. A great deal of his time in Bethany was spent hanging out with other OV students at the newly opened Youth House. Tilman said his greatest experience in America was discovering God and his worst was experiencing racism. The thing he missed the most while in the States was skiing and his favorite place that he visited was Chicago. Tilman hopes to return to the United States in a year or two.



Class of 2008

From Kindergarten
To 3rd Grade
To Graduation



You Have Come A
Long Way!!!!

Tom & Cindy Burch

Wade,
You are the child that made
us parents. You added fun,
love and meaning to our
lives.



It has been a great trip!!!
We can hardly wait to see
what your future holds.

Love, Mom & Dad

Class of 2008 Baby Ads

Brenda,
Since you were a little girl lying in my
arms, sucking on your fists, I knew
you were destined to do great things.



Through the up and downs
We saw a few clowns.
We have shared a lot of Hugs
and Zoobers.
Seen a lot of fish and loaded
coolers.
It is your time now!
You have bettered me, and for
that I am proud!
You have reached our goal,
being better than Mom.
For that alone, you are the
bomb.



Your future may seem uncertain, but
God has made the way for you. Just
believe in him and let him lead the way.

Your True and Forever Faithful, MOM

Brittnay,
You are a beautiful young
woman inside and out and
we are so proud that you
are our daughter.



Always keep your warm
heart and you will go far in
life. We love you so much!

Love, Mom & Dad

Kayla (Sis) I can't believe this day has arrived! From my baby
girl, to the beautiful young lady that you've become, my best friend, my
miracle from God! As you begin your new journey in life, always keep
your Faith and your eyes focused on Christ and he will lead you down all
the right paths in your life. We are very proud of you and know that you
can and will accomplish the goals that you have set for yourself. Always
remember the song that I have said was from me to you - "I hope you
Dance"!!



We love you
with all our
hearts and I
will always
be here for
you!

Love always
and forever,
Dad, Mom,
Mallori &
Austin (Bub)

Congratulations Kristin!

We are very proud of you!



Love,

Nanny & Papa



Jehad,

You are a wonderful young man who makes us very proud.

We love you,

Mom, Dad & Nidal

Brittny,

I can't believe my little "B" has grown up so fast. There are not enough words to tell you how proud I am of you. As you begin this new journey trust in yourself and in God. Go after those dreams and never give up.

I love you so very much,
Mom



Stephanie,

Congratulations! We are proud of everything you have accomplished. Now is the time for you to take the next step and make your dreams come true! We will always be there for you with our love and support. Always remember: Success requires hard work. We have faith in you. Love, Mom & Dad



Abbigail,

When we look back on your childhood, we find ourselves wondering where the time went. As you move on to the next chapter in your life, we hope you find everything you're looking for. Always remember that we love you and we are so proud of you! We know you will succeed in all that you do!

Love, Dad, Mom and Alexis



Lowell H,

We are proud of all you have accomplished. We know you can excel at any task you set forth to do. Go Mean Green!

Love,

Mom & Dad

Cassy,

Congratulations! It's been a ball watching you go through all the stages of growing up. Blessings on you.

Look out world, here she comes!

Much Love,
Grams & Paw Paw

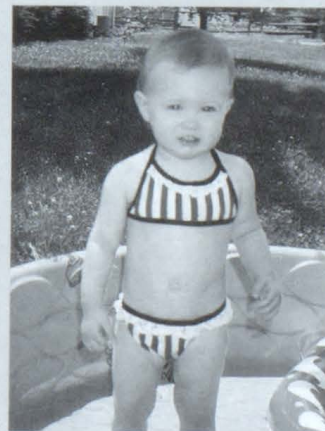


Cassy,

Who knew this baby born 4lbs 2oz would turn out to be this funny, caring loving, curvaceous woman. It's been an adventure.

Love you!!!

Mama Jo ☺
XOXOXOXOXO



Alexis,

Our precious little Girl. WOW! You are so very beautiful and smart. We are so proud of you. There is nothing you can't accomplish! Reach for your dreams and above all, Be Happy! We Love You!

Mom, Dad & Dallas



James,

You're as cute and smart as ever. No Matter what obstacles come your way in life, we know there's nothing too big for you to handle.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Jessica

Kristin,

My baby is not a baby anymore. You've grown up to be a very smart and beautiful young lady. The song "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts sums up everything that I want for you in life. I'm proud of you and love you very much! Love, Mom



Doug,

You are truly a blessing to us. Good luck and let God guide you.

Love,

Mom & Dad



Jarrod,

Words cannot explain how proud we are of you. Never stop reaching for your goals and always believe in yourself! We will always be here if you need us. Best of luck in whatever you choose to do in life.

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Tina-Anne
"My little Princess"



On your Pre School Grad I knew then I would have to stay on my toes and try and keep You going on any path you would like to take. I'm sure Glad you came along with me on my Path of Happiness. So "My little Princess" please stay on your toes and keep on your Path to Happiness.

Love, Mom

Tina-Anne
"My little Princess"

I have known from the first time I saw you, That you would always do your best. I am so proud of you My little Princess.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Molly,

Thanks for always making us laugh with your fun and lovable personality! We are so proud of the young woman you have become (even through all the drama). Enjoy your success and Good-Luck at SIUE!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Mandy & Brandon



Josh,

We can't believe it's time for you to graduate. It has been a great joy and blessing to have you as our son. We are so proud of you. You are such a good boy. Go after your dreams and let the Lord guide your steps through life and you shall prosper. You can accomplish anything. So Sorry Jill didn't get to see this day in your life.

Mom, Dad, Jessica and Courtney

Chase,

Although we fought through the years with threats of grounding and lots of tears, we always knew you could do it and we were behind you to see you through it. With lots of work and mental pain a diploma you have gained.



Love, Mom & Dad



"I think sleep is a tiger that goes up the mountain side and rests in the sun."

by: Nolan Watson/Grade K

Now the tiger prowls in the jungle. Eyes of the canopy follow with intent: He travels on as he was sent.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Barrett, Ansley and Jencie



Jamie,

You stole my heart with your smile then and you still steal my heart with your smile today.

Dad

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You had such a hard time coming into this world at birth, but once you arrived it was full steam ahead. You have grown from a child into a young woman so quick. Where did the years go? You and Natalie are know and loved by all. Everyone knows who that red car belongs to. As you prepare for college and dad learns to let go of you, just remember you will always be Daddy's Little Girl and that Grandpa is smiling down on you.

Love, Dad



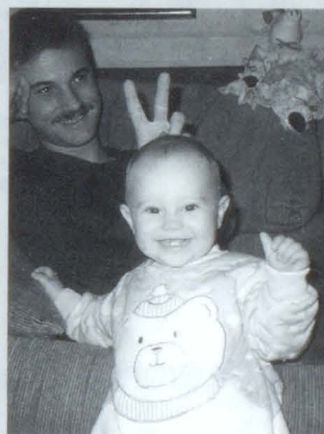
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We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. As you start this next step always keep these things in mind; Follow God; Follow your heart; Follow you dreams. All the rest will fall into place.

We love you VERY MUCH.

XOXOXOXOX

Mom & Dad



Sarah,

I love you and am very proud of you. Always remember to check your oil!

Love, Dad



Andrew,

You have worked hard to reach this special day. We are so proud of you! Believe in yourself, keep up your hard work and have fun! Good luck at SIUE. We love you!

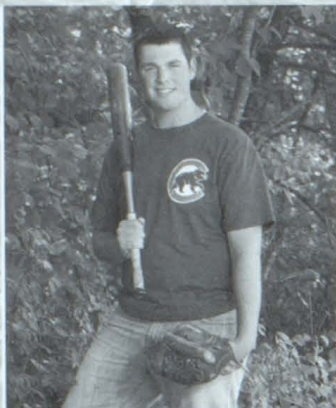
Mom, Dad and Matthew

Kayla,

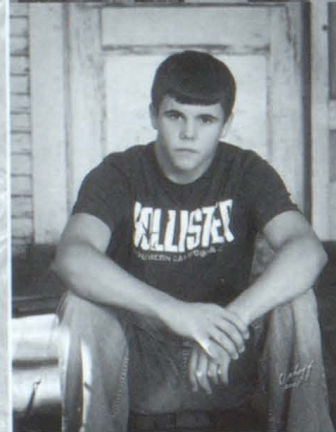
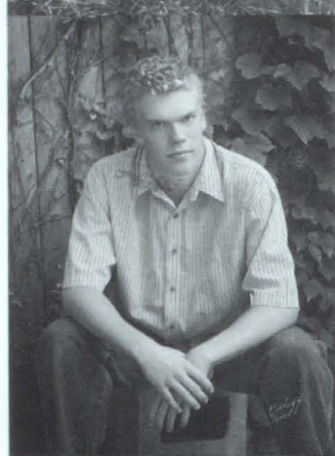
You have grown into a beautiful young woman right before my eyes. It is hard to believe this day has arrived and a new journey is about to begin. Always remember how much I love you and how proud I am of you. May God bless you and keep you safe through life's journey's.

Love Ya Always, Mema

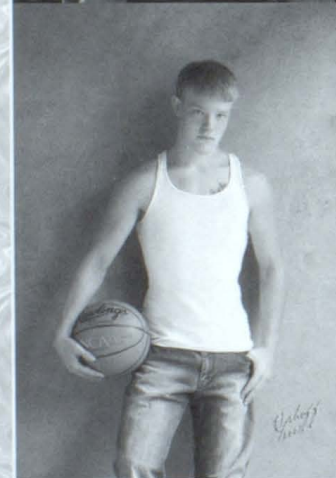
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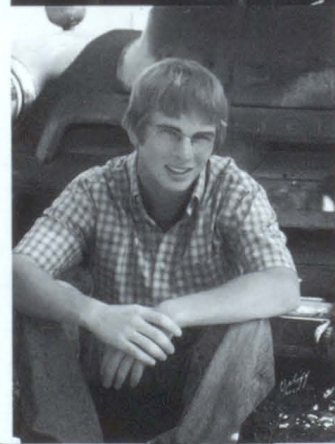


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We'll miss your fine example;
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Our pleasant memories of you
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We wish for your retirement
The best of all your days;
May you discover sweet fulfillment
In new and rewarding ways.

By Joanna Fuchs



After 20 years of service in the Bethany/Okaw Valley School District, Superintendent Marilyn Bayley announced her retirement for the end of the 2008 school year. She served in several areas of the school from teacher, to principal and finally superintendent. Ms. Bayley was a wonderful roll model for the entire school community and her vast wisdom and expertise will be missed in the coming years.

Ms. Bayley was born in 1948. She graduated from East Central High School in Olney and attended Eastern Illinois University where she majored in Elementary Education. Her first few years of teaching were at Ridgefarm Elementary, which is now Georgetown-Ridgefarm. In January of 1987, Ms. Bayley joined the teaching staff at the Bethany Elementary School and three short years later became the principal. In 1994, Ms. Bayley was hired as the Bethany Superintendent and maintained her position when Bethany and Findlay Schools consolidated in 2000.

A strong supporter of the arts, Ms. Bayley always found ways to enhance district's fine arts program. She was also instrumental in advancing the technology within the district and in each classroom. One of her strongest skills was her ability to work a budget. In all her years at Bethany and Okaw Valley, she managed to keep the budget balanced and very healthy. When asked her job preference between building principal or district superintendent, Ms. Bayley said she liked them same and each job had its advantages and disadvantages. And as for retirement, Ms. Bayley has nothing specific in mind. She would eventually like to travel and do all the interesting things that people say they are going to do after they retire.

With pride, we gladly dedicate this Seventh Edition of the Okaw Valley Nexus to Ms. Bayley.

FINALLY, IT'S OVER!!



Congratulations! We all made it! The 2007-2008 school year is finally over! Even though we are all glad it is over, we will always cherish the memories that were made and never forget the good times. The entire publications class worked very hard to put together what we think is an awesome yearbook. As we look on all the activities of the year, we realize just how much fun school really is. Making the yearbook was a blast. At one point in publications we lost all of the 2007-2008 pictures, but luckily somebody had just misplaced the file. So, after all the hard work and fun (sometimes scary) times, we finally came up with the best yearbook we could possibly create! We hope this book helps spark all the wonderful memories you and your friends made throughout year. Enjoy!

Brittnay Herzog & Brittny Arthur

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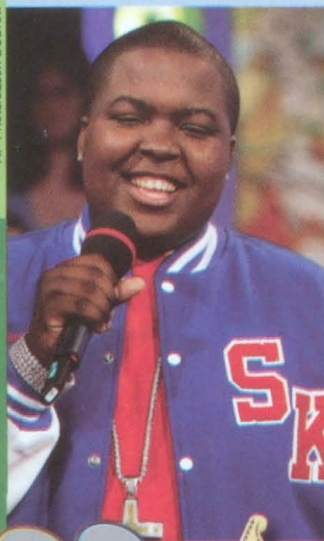
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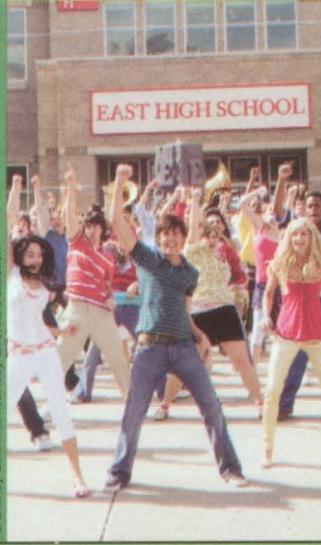
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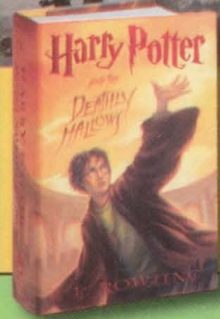
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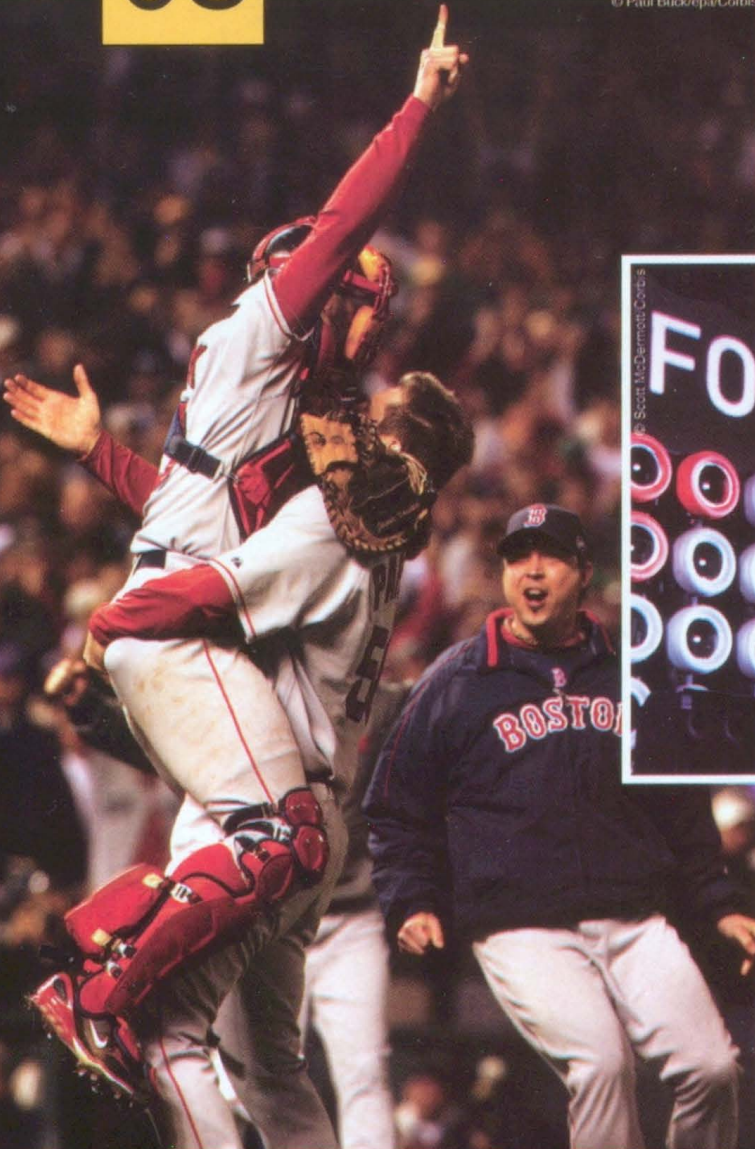


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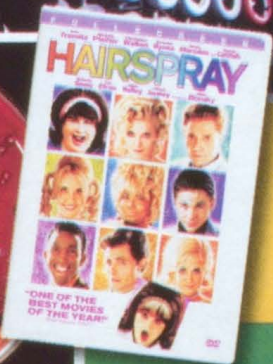
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Front Page Headlines

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▶ As the war in Iraq passes the four-year mark, tours of duty are lengthened and recruitment standards are relaxed.

▼ To ease the mortgage crisis, the U.S. Senate passes legislation allowing homeowners with delinquent sub-prime mortgages to refinance into federally insured loans.

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◀ Several cities in the southeastern U.S. are mere months away from running out of water as drought conditions persist in the region.



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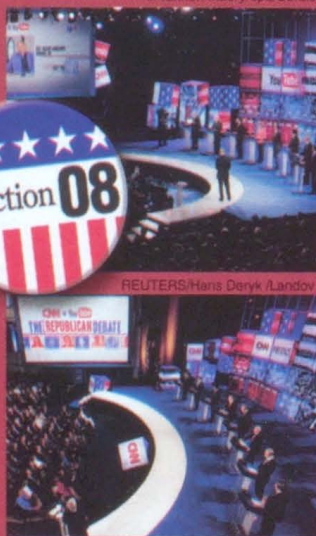
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▼ Six men are trapped when a Utah coal mine collapses on August 6. Ten days later, the mine collapses again, killing three rescue workers. After four weeks the search ends.

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▲ During televised debates, Democratic and Republican presidential candidates answer tough questions submitted by voters via YouTube.

▶ The U.S. Postal Service issues a forever stamp featuring an image of the Liberty Bell. It will always be valid for first class postage on envelopes weighing one ounce or less.

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▲ The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to former Vice President Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, represented by Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, for their efforts to call attention to global warming.

▼ Schools across the nation are thoroughly disinfected—and some are even shut down—to quell outbreaks of staph infections, including antibiotic-resistant strains.



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▲ In late October, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declares a state of emergency due to wildfires that burn more than half a million acres in southern California.

▼ Dozens of tornadoes tear across Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama on February 5, 2008, killing nearly 60 people.



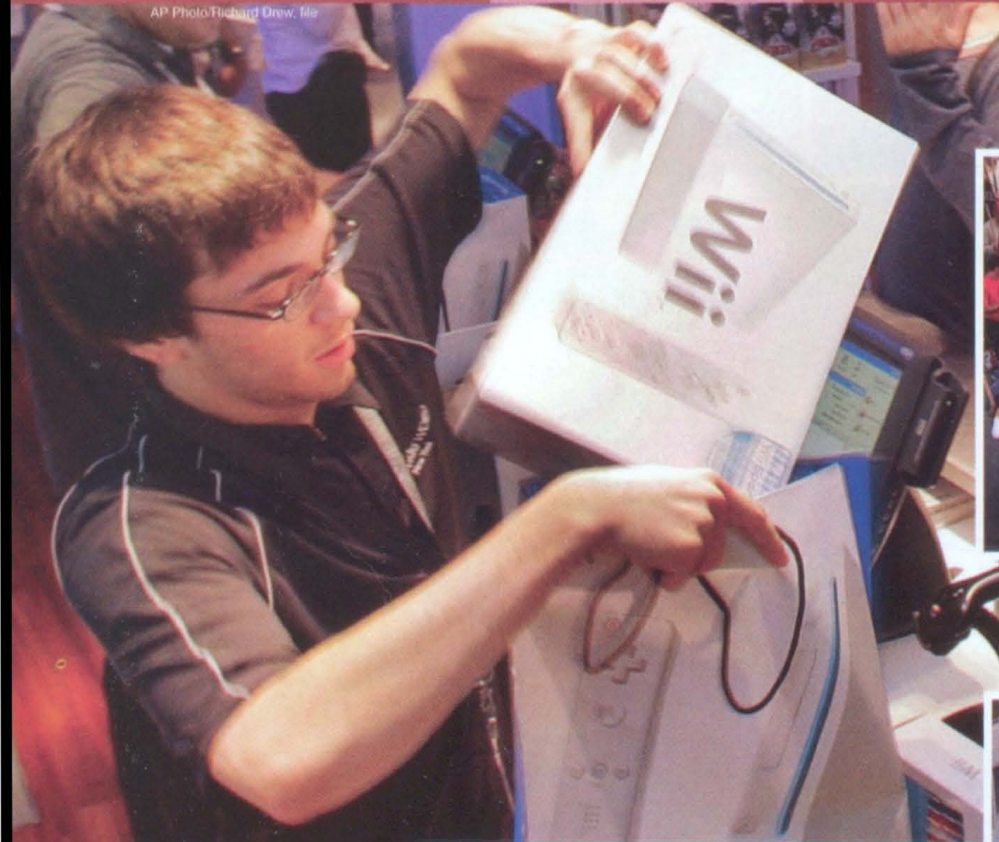
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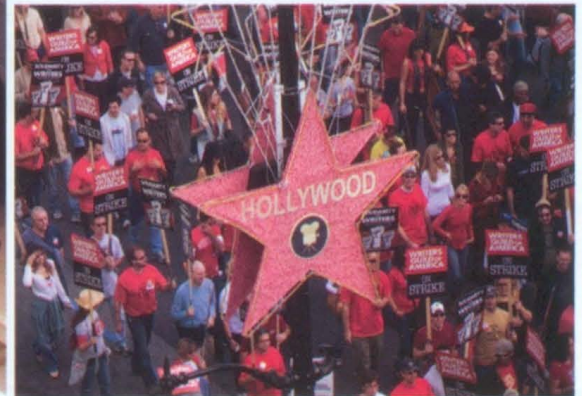
▲ American consumers lose their confidence in China's manufacturers when children's toys tainted with lead trigger widespread recalls.

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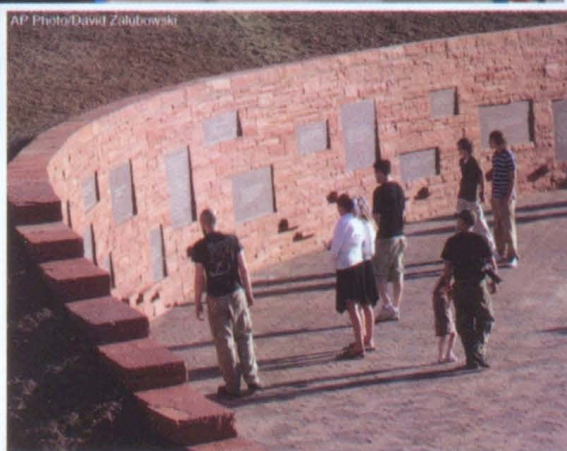
◀ The Nintendo "Wii-nomenon" sweeps the nation as the game console outplays the competition with sales of more than 13 million units.

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▲ Writers hit the picket lines and television production is halted for months when the Writers Guild of America goes on strike to protest compensation policies for new media such as iTunes downloads.

▶ In Littleton, Colorado, construction is completed on the \$1.5 million Columbine Memorial to the 13 victims of the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School.



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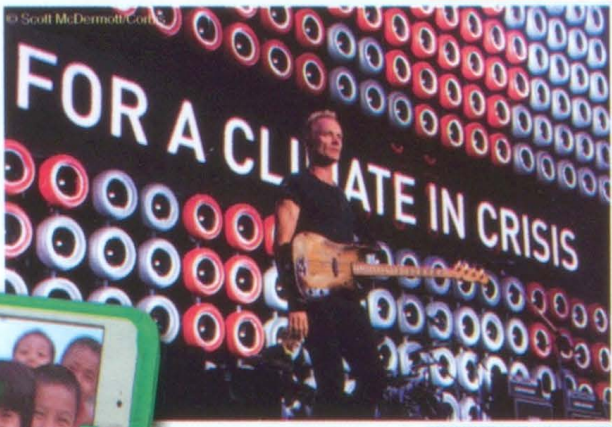
▲ On August 1, a six-lane I-35W bridge stretching across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapses into the river during the height of the afternoon rush hour.

Global

The New Seven Wonders of the World

- ▶ People around the world cast more than 100 million online votes to determine the New Seven Wonders of the World. The winning wonders are announced at a gala in Lisbon.
- ▼ More than 150 of the world's leading music acts perform in concerts staged around the world for Live Earth, a star-studded event to draw attention to the global climate crisis.

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One Laptop Per Child

- ◀ The One Laptop Per Child Foundation launches a limited-time "Give One, Get One" program to spur donations of XO \$100 laptops to children in developing nations.



- ▼ Labour Party leader Gordon Brown succeeds Tony Blair as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.



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- ▲ The melting of the Arctic Sea ice spurs an international network of climate scientists to conclude that global warming is indisputable, and that human activity has been causing temperatures to rise since 1950.

- ▼ In December, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is assassinated following a political rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.



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- ▲ Tropical cyclone Sidr is the deadliest storm to hit Bangladesh in a decade. It destroys thousands of homes, ruins crops and forces more than a million villagers to evacuate.

Sci-Tech

▼ U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson is the first female commander at the International Space Station.



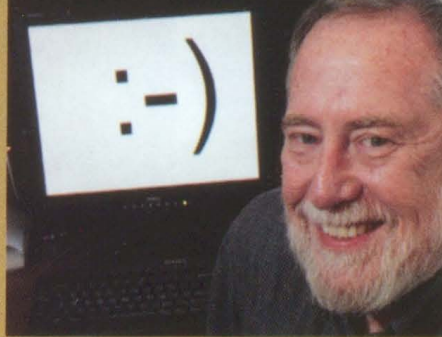
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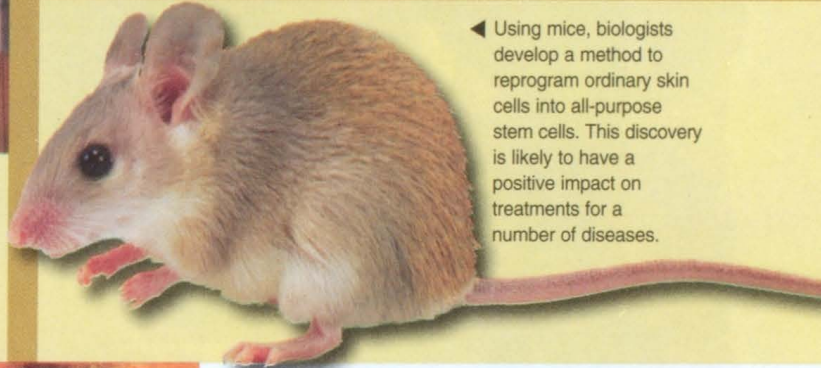
▲ Black bears make headlines in Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico as park rangers and wilderness homeowners report raids on backpacks, tents, trash cans and even kitchens.

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◀ The digital smiley face celebrates its 25th birthday. Its inventor, Carnegie Mellon professor Scott E. Fahlman, first used the icon on an electronic bulletin board in 1982.

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◀ Using mice, biologists develop a method to reprogram ordinary skin cells into all-purpose stem cells. This discovery is likely to have a positive impact on treatments for a number of diseases.

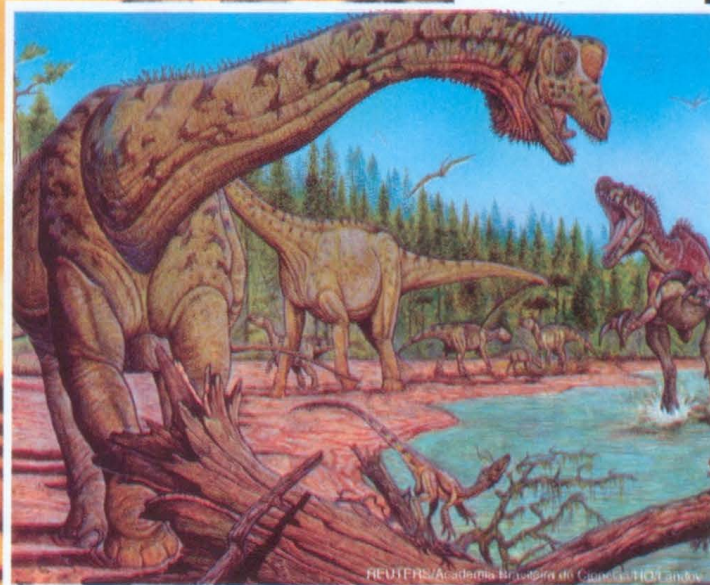
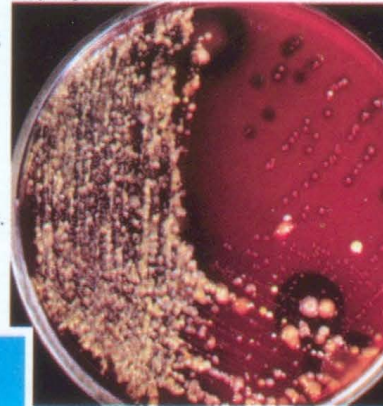


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◀ Crops are threatened when honeybee colonies in the U.S. and Europe suffer from Colony Collapse Disorder, losing up to 70 percent of their bees due to unknown causes.

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▶ In a medical experiment, salmonella germs take a ride on the space shuttle. When they return to Earth, the germs are far more lethal than their earthbound counterparts.



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◀ An excavation site in Argentina yields the fossilized remains of a previously unknown species of dinosaur, the *Futalognkosaurus dukei*, measuring more than 105 feet.

Lifestyle

- ▶ Social networking websites continue to surge in popularity. MySpace and Facebook remain dominant as the sites of choice for young people and inspire a host of innovative imitators.
- ▼ Concerns about overweight dogs and cats hit the headlines. Veterinarians prescribe a regimen of fewer treats, more walks around the neighborhood and no people food.

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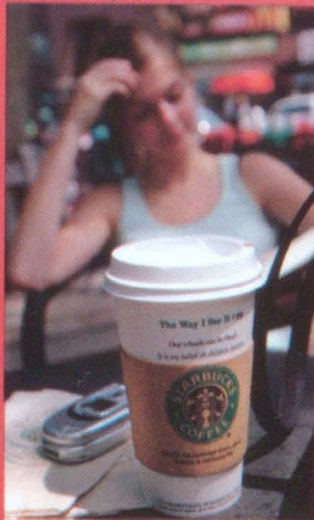
- ◀ The healthy growth trend for vitamin waters and other nutrient-boosted consumables continues with the introduction of specialized formulas for immunity, focus and more.

- ▼ User-generated content grows more popular as network television shows, mainstream musical acts and wannabe media stars join amateur home moviemakers on YouTube. One of the most-watched videos of 2007 features a feline pianist.



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- ▲ Higher prices for coffee beans do not lessen the nation's craving for coffeehouses. Independents and chains alike continue to be popular with younger consumers.

- ▼ Concerns over the environment and increasing energy costs create a growing consumer demand for energy-saving, long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs.



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- ▼ The Apple iPhone, with its revolutionary touch screen, packs mobile phone, camera, iPod, Web browser, email and IM capabilities into a sleek, portable package.

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Trends

▼ Cute and comfy baby doll jumper tops and dresses with button straps start as a summer trend and morph into fall fashion layered over close-fitting sweaters and matching tights.



◀ The A-line silhouette comes to outerwear, as swiny trapeze coats become one of the year's most surprising fashion must-haves.



◀ Under Armor athletic apparel is a popular fashion choice for athletes both on and off the field.

▶ Fashion takes a look back to the 1980s with the return of leg warmers, worn as an accessory with short skirts or skinny jeans and fashionable ballet flats or moccasins.



▶ The ubiquitous, slouchy suede Ugg boot is reinvented with cozy knitted uppers that keep toes toasty and add a soft, tweedy, textured look to fall and winter ensembles.



◀ Quilted Vera Bradley handbags and totes sweep college campuses, sororities and high school hallways from coast to coast.



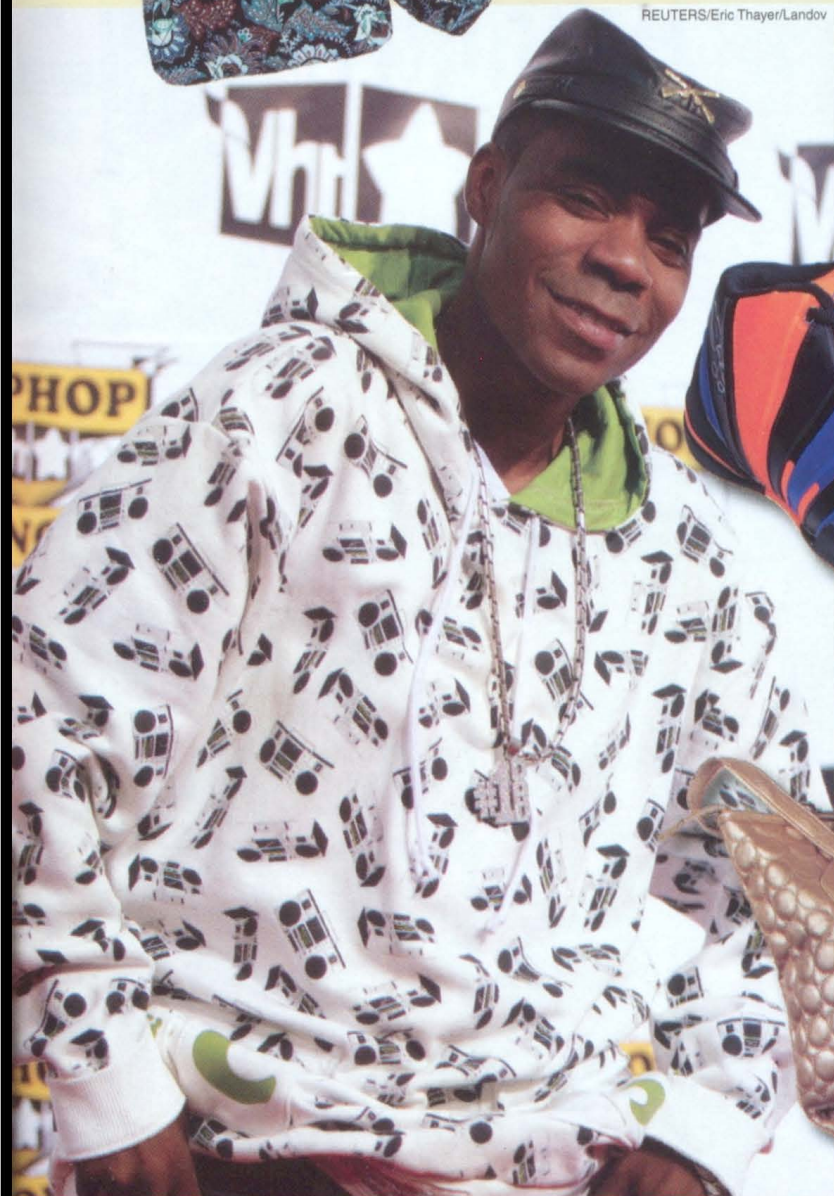
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◀ Guys sport patterned hoodies that are worn alone or layered under jackets and blazers for an edgy, urban look.



▶ Stephon Marbury inspires a host of celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker and Venus Williams, to battle the high-priced fashion industry by creating their own affordable apparel.

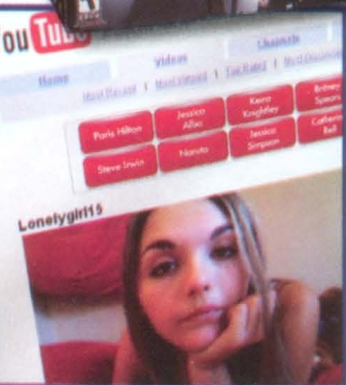
◀ The craze for oversized leather bags—in metallic shades of copper, silver and gold—inspires a trend for matching footwear in daytime and nighttime looks.



Entertainment

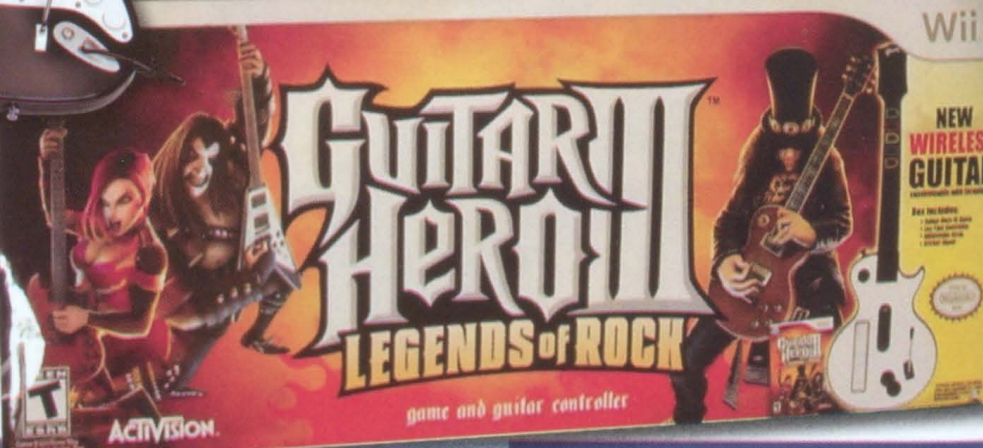
▼ The music video game *Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock* is released with a soundtrack of 71 playable songs. Slash and other real-life guitarists appear as in-game characters.

▼ The music video game *Rock Band* is released for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Players perform together in virtual bands, using peripherals to hit notes as they scroll onscreen.

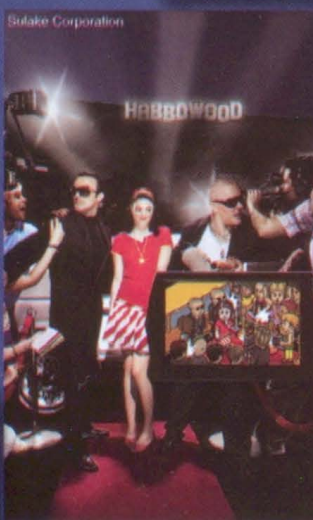
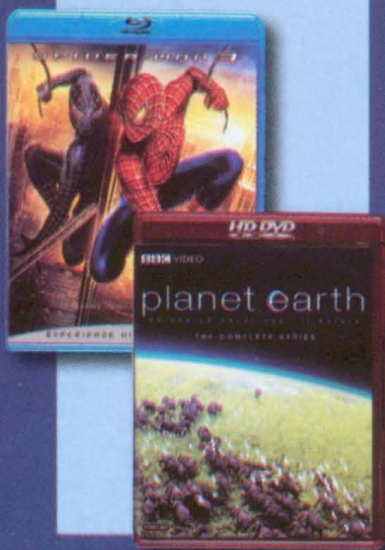


◀ Even after lonelygirl15 is revealed as a fictitious character, her popular storyline continues for a full season as an Internet dramedy series on YouTube and MySpace.

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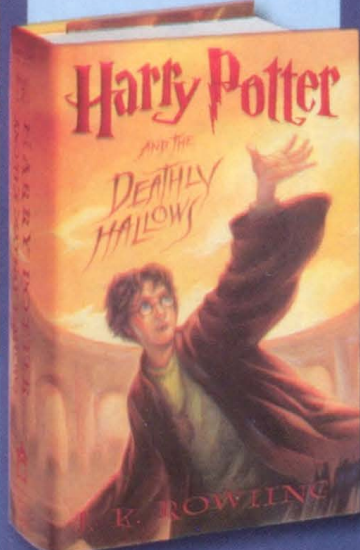


▼ After a two-year format war, Toshiba pulls its HD DVD product out of contention, leaving Sony Blu-ray as the sole next-generation successor to DVD.



▲ Large-scale multiplayer online gaming gives rise to virtual worlds where players interact via avatars and the computer-generated environment is similar to the real world.

▼ *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the enormously popular series, is released. Its first U.S. print run is a record-breaking 12 million copies.



▲ Beading makes a comeback as a way to relax and creatively spend time with friends.

Television

▼ The second season of NBC's *Heroes* continues the adventures of ordinary people with extraordinary powers and reveals more about the shadowy dealings of "The Company."



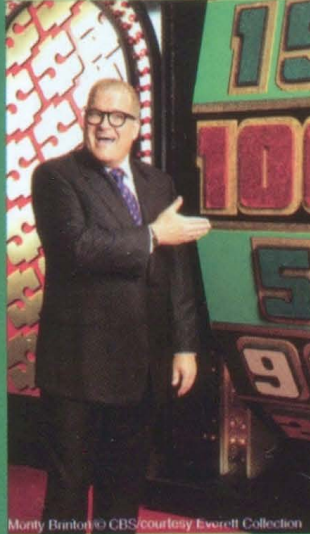
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▲ *High School Musical 2* becomes the highest-rated cable broadcast in the nation's history when 17.2 million U.S. viewers tune in to the Disney Channel for its debut.

▼ In the 36th season of CBS's *The Price Is Right*, host Bob Barker retires and comedian Drew Carey takes over the helm at the world's second-longest-running game show.



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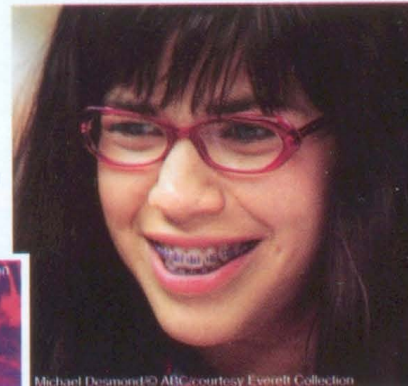


▲ The NBC drama series *Friday Night Lights*, about a fictional high school football team, is taped documentary-style, without rehearsals, to give it a more authentic feeling.

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◀ On The CW, Blake Lively portrays socialite teen Serena van der Woodsen in *Gossip Girl*, a drama series that follows the lives of prep school students from New York's Upper East Side.

▶ America Ferrera, who plays Betty Suarez on the popular ABC comedy-drama *Ugly Betty*, is the first Latina to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series.



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◀ ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* rules the ratings thanks to popular celebrity participants such as Sabrina Bryan of The Cheetah Girls.



Favorite TV Shows:

Movies

▼ A 90-minute episode of *The Simpsons* takes six years to make. *The Simpsons Movie* finally makes its big-screen debut and is a major hit.

▼ Shia LaBeouf portrays a teenager who is plunged into a high-tech battle between good and evil alien robots in *Transformers*, a live action adaptation of the 1980s cartoon series.



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THE SIMPSONS MOVIE



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◀ *Atonement* receives seven Golden Globe nominations, including lead acting nods for Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.



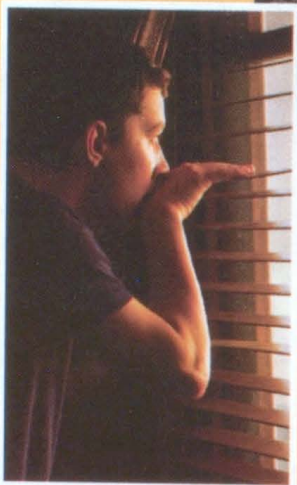
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▶ Disney's *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* nets the third-highest box-office total ever for a Christmas weekend release.



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◀ *Disturbia*, a surprise hit thriller about a bored teenager under house arrest who thinks his next-door neighbor may be a notorious serial killer, spends three weeks at the top of the box office.

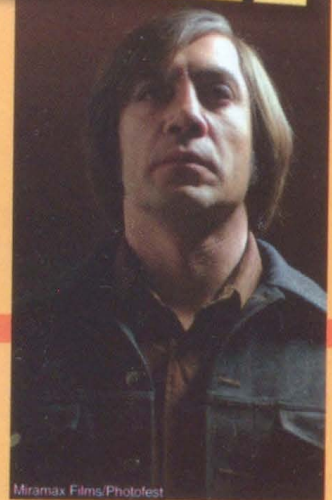


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▼ *The Great Debaters*, based on the real-life victories of a black debate team in the 1930s, receives eight NAACP Image Award nominations.



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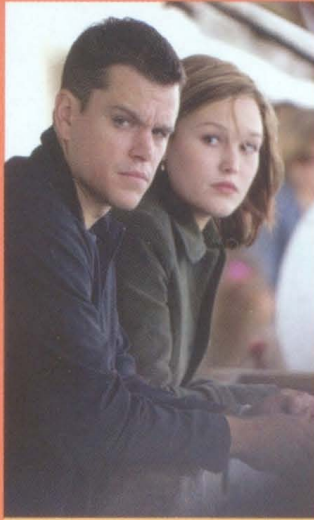
▲ Joel and Ethan Coen write and direct *No Country for Old Men*, a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's bleak, moody modern western novel. The film receives eight Oscar nominations.

▼ In *I Am Legend*, Will Smith is the last man alive in New York, after a man-made virus wipes out most of the world's population and turns the survivors into dangerous mutants.



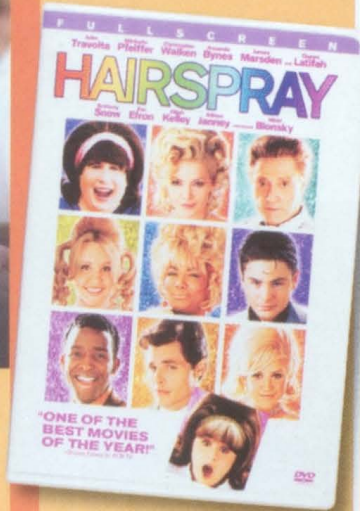
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▲ Matt Damon reprises his role as amnesiac CIA assassin Jason Bourne for *The Bourne Ultimatum*, the third film in the Bourne trilogy based on Robert Ludlum's novels.

▼ Starring Zac Efron, Amanda Bynes and newcomer Nikki Blonsky, *Hairspray* is a zany musical based on the Broadway smash hit.



Best Picture Oscar Nominations

Atonement

Juno

Michael Clayton

No Country for Old Men

There Will Be Blood

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◀ After a 19-year hiatus, Harrison Ford returns as Steven Spielberg's adventurous archaeologist in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

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▲ Tim Burton directs and Johnny Depp stars as the title character in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, an adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.



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▲ Using a combination of live action and animation, *Enchanted* tells the story of Giselle, a fairy-tale character seeking a "happily ever after" ending in modern-day Manhattan.

INDIANA JONES
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Music

▼ Fergie continues to place singles from her triple-platinum solo album, *The Dutchess*, on the *Billboard* charts.

▼ Fall Out Boy headlines the Honda Civic tour, performs at Live Earth concerts and reaches the top of the charts with the release of their album *Infinity on High*.

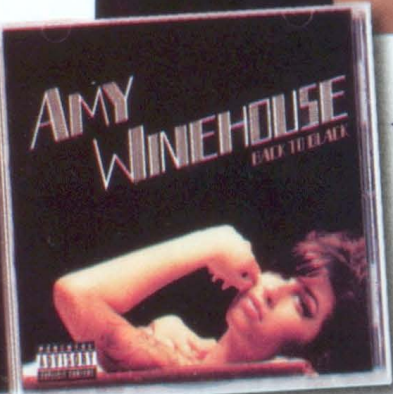
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▼ British singer Amy Winehouse brings back the beehive and wins five Grammy awards for her work on *Back To Black*.



▼ Canadian pop singer Feist enjoys soaring sales for her third solo album, *The Reminder*, after the single "1234" is featured in a commercial for the iPod nano.

Dustin Rubin Photography



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▲ Rihanna records her third album, *Good Girl Gone Bad*, featuring Jay-Z and Ne-Yo. She receives six Grammy nominations.

▼ Newcomer Sean Kingston tops the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 and Pop 100 with "Beautiful Girls," his first single from his self-titled debut album.



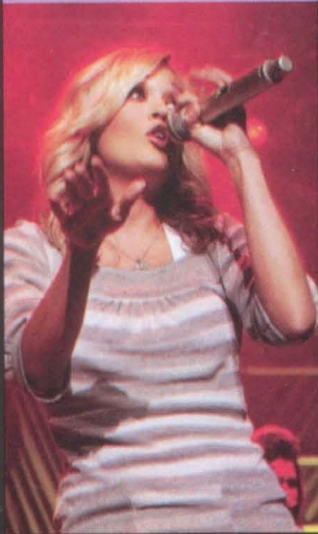
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▲ Malibu singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat rises to stardom from MySpace. Her song "Bubbly" garners more than 31 million plays and her CD goes platinum.

▼ Carrie Underwood releases her double-platinum second album, *Carnival Ride*, and contributes the Oscar-nominated song "Ever Ever After" to the soundtrack for the movie *Enchanted*.



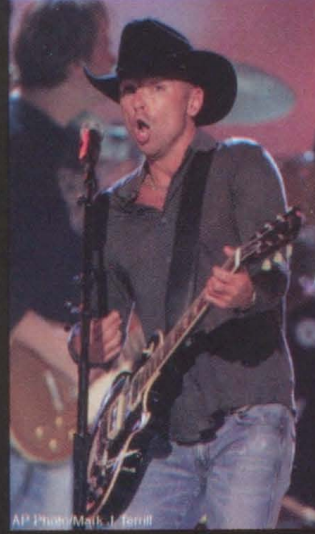
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▲ After facing off at the MTV Music Awards, rapper rivals Kanye West and 50 Cent release albums on September 11 and vie for top sales. Kanye's *Graduation* is the victor.

▼ Country star Kenny Chesney releases his 13th album, *Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates*. His Flip Flop summer tour is the highest-grossing country tour of 2007.



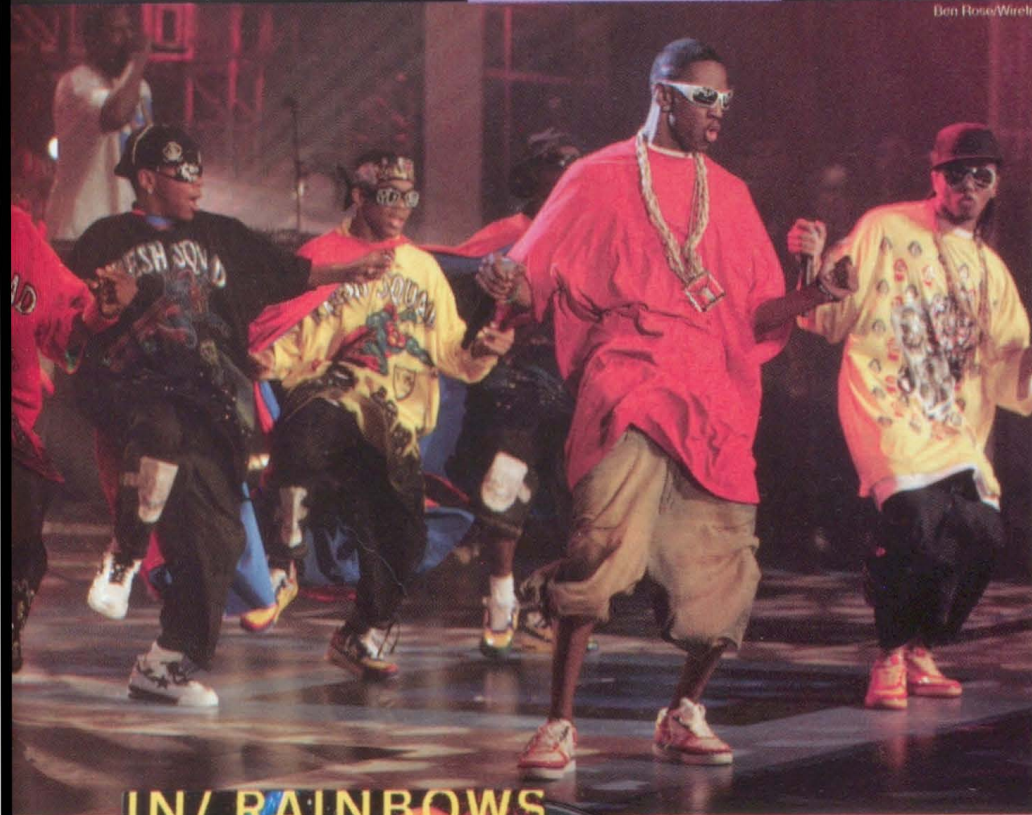
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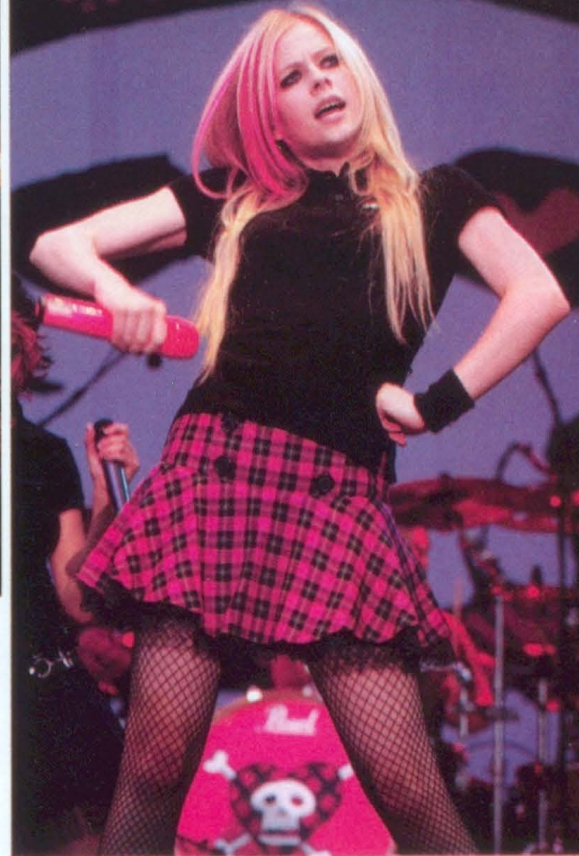
▲ Hip-hop artist T-Pain releases his second album, *Epiphany*. The album receives four 2008 Grammy nominations and the Vibe 2007 Song of the Year Award.

◀ Soulja Boy reaches the top of the *Billboard* Hot 100 with the single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" and his distinctive, loose-limbed dance style becomes a nationwide craze.

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▲ Punk-pop princess Avril Lavigne releases her third album, *The Best Damn Thing*, featuring "Girlfriend," her first No. 1 single on the *Billboard* Top 100.

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◀ Radiohead invites listeners and fans to pay whatever they want for a digital download of their highly acclaimed seventh album, *In Rainbows*. A "disbox" edition, with standard CD and vinyl LP, is released in January 2008.

Sports

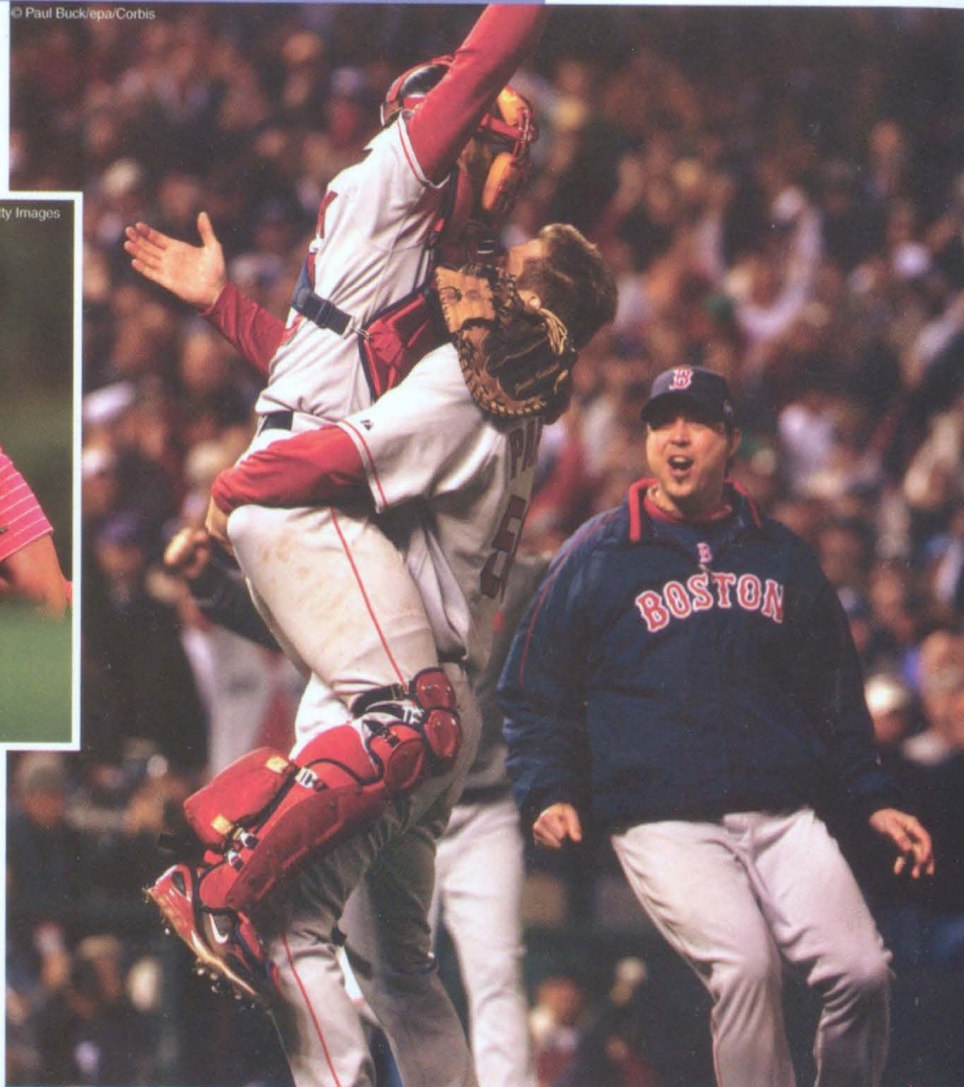
▼ The American League Champion Boston Red Sox defeat the National League Champion Colorado Rockies in a decisive four-game sweep to capture their second World Series title in four years.

▼ Tiger Woods achieves his record 14th World Golf Championships win at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and claims his 60th PGA Tour win at the BMW Championship.

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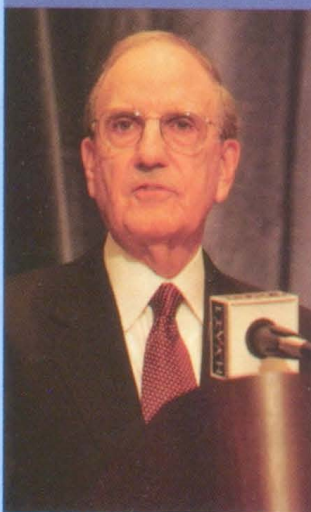
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◀ Norwegian golfer Suzann Pettersen wins five LPGA events including her first major championship in a break out season.

▼ Former Senator George Mitchell releases a list of Major League Baseball players, including seven MVPs and 31 All-Stars, under investigation for illegal use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.



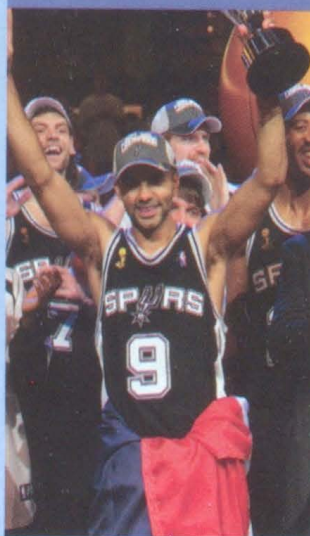
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▲ At X-Games 13, Ricky Carmichael wins the first MotoX Racing Circuit, Simon Tabron does back-to-back 900s in BMX Vert and Jake Brown survives a 40-foot fall.

▼ The veteran San Antonio Spurs, led by Tim Duncan, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers and their young phenom, LeBron James, in a 4-0 sweep to win the 2007 NBA finals.



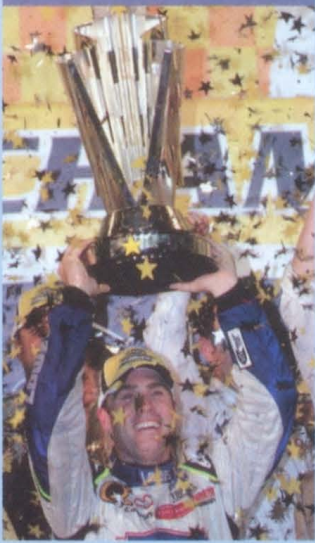
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▲ The LSU Tigers pounce on Ohio State early on their way to a 38-24 victory. LSU is the first two-loss team to compete for and win the BCS National Championship.

▼ California native Jimmie Johnson speeds to victory as the 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion, defeating his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon by 77 points.



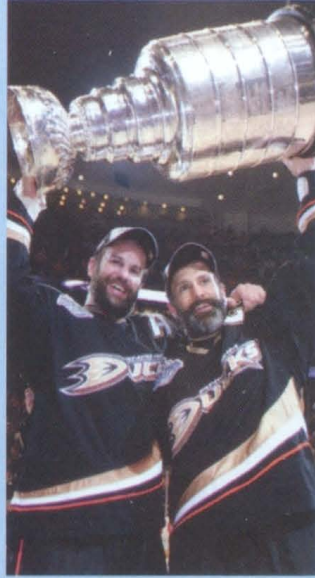
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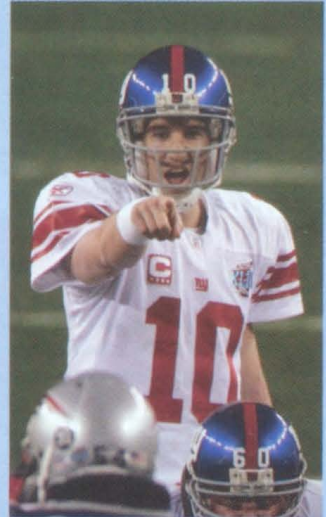
▲ Athletes from around the world train for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing as the city prepares for the arrival of hundreds of competitors and millions of spectators.

▼ The Anaheim Ducks claim their first Stanley Cup, beating the Ottawa Senators in five games for the 2007 NHL championship.



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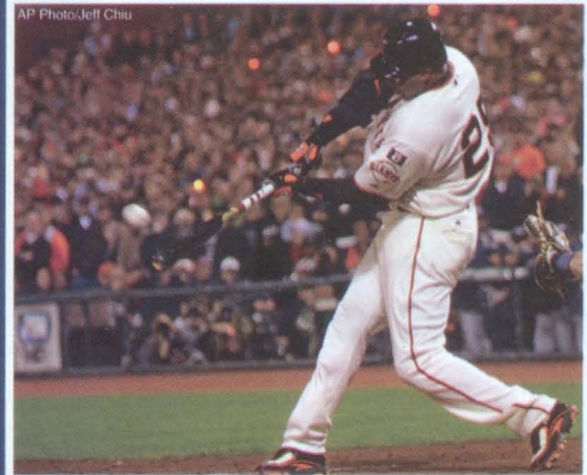
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▲ Super Bowl XLII MVP Eli Manning leads the New York Giants on a last-minute scoring drive to upset the heavily favored New England Patriots 17-14, shattering the Patriots' bid for a perfect 19-0 season.

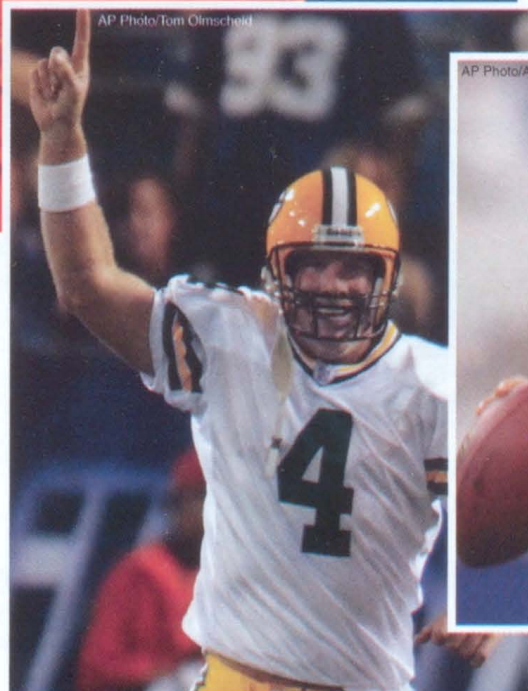
◀ Belgian Justine Henin defeats Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open title in New York.

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▲ Power hitters Barry Bonds, Frank Thomas, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, Craig Biggio and Jim Thome all achieve home run milestones in their Major League Baseball careers.

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► Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers surpasses Dan Marino's touchdown pass record with number 422. 2007 NFL MVP Tom Brady of the New England Patriots sets the single regular-season mark for touchdown passes with 50.

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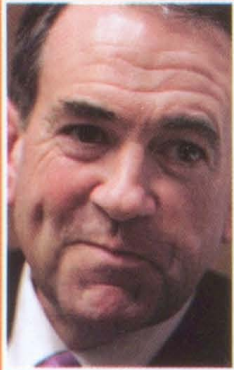
Election '08 Candidates

After Super Tuesday primaries on February 5, 2008, the presidential race heats up among frontrunners Hillary Clinton, Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Barack Obama.



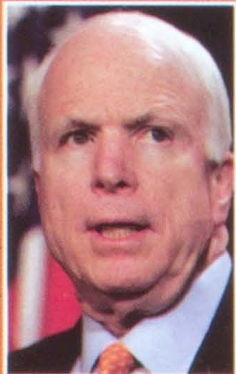
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Mike Huckabee



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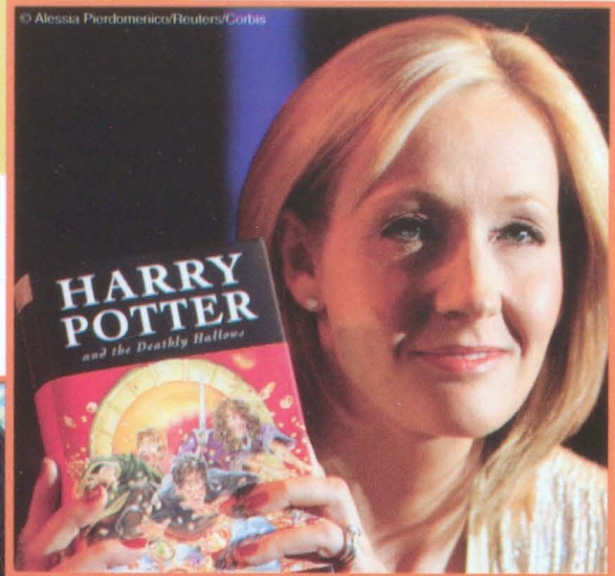
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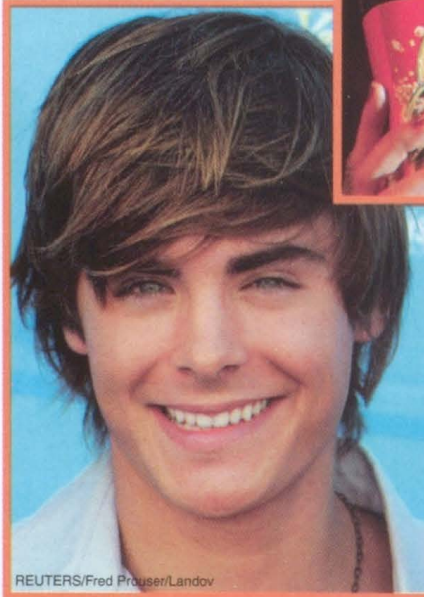
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Barack Obama

► *Entertainment Weekly* names J.K. Rowling—author of the seven-volume, 4,100-page Harry Potter series of best-selling children's books—as its Entertainer of the Year.



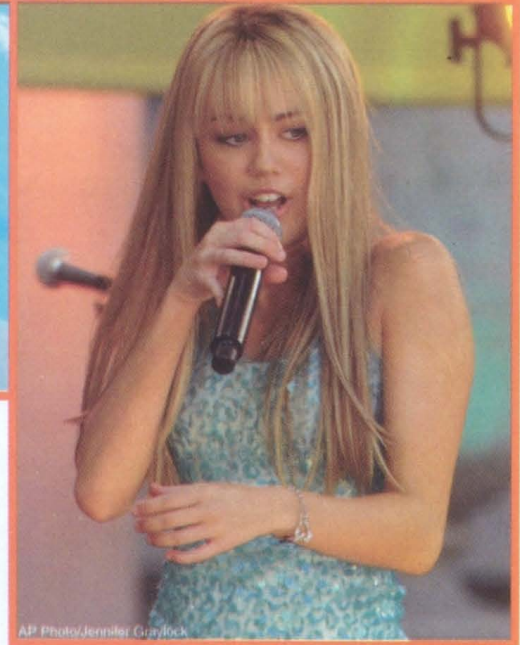
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▲ Heartthrob Zac Efron, who came to fame with his performance in the first *High School Musical*, becomes an even bigger teen star with the release of *High School Musical 2*.

► The Best of Both Worlds tour, starring Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana, sells out in every city, prompting ticket lotteries, heartbroken fans and scalping scandals.



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▼ In January 2008, Academy Award-nominated actor Heath Ledger, 28, is found dead in his Lower Manhattan apartment from an accidental overdose of prescription medication.



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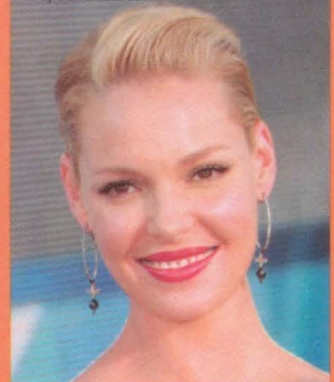
▲ Multi-talented star Queen Latifah becomes the latest spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. Her message isn't about getting skinny, but about losing weight to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes.

▼ At London's Wembley Stadium, Princes William and Harry host the Concert for Diana to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the death of their mother, the Princess of Wales.



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▲ As Izzie Stevens on ABC's *Grey's Anatomy*, Katherine Heigl is a small-screen star. As Anne Fletcher in the comedy *27 Dresses*, she conquers the big screen as well.



