



2006 was the start of a major construction project at Williamston High School, The school is going to have many changes; a new Math and Science wing, a new performance gymnas um, and a newly remodeled library will be added to the school. The school that we students have become used to, will be forever changed... for the better.

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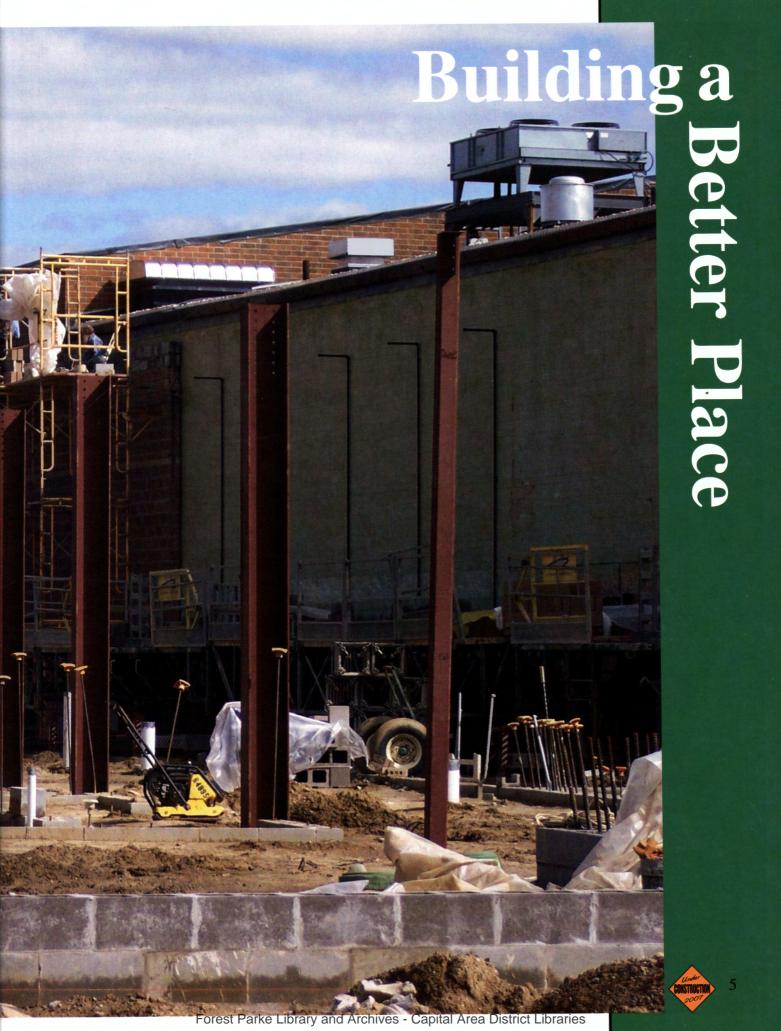
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# Villanston High School

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So Long Sweet Summer...



Summer vacation. That's what every kid looks forward to when the school year comes to an end. During the summer everyone is making plans for fun in the sun, and a lot of us are going to our favorite vacation spot. We go to camps outside of the area, and even on school grounds, where there is construction. Summer is the best time of the year and you never want it to stop, but when it finally does come to an end, it seems like it went by so fast. We just wanna have fun!

#### Alarms...

"Five more minutes mom, please!" You press the snooze button, and fall back asleep, then wake up about a half an hour later to get ready for the first day...





Even though you don't have a lot of work on the first day, your locker starts to get full with your books and everything else that you need for your other classes. All summer long the construction workers have been busily building our new school. They were really noisy putting up walls and making the roof. Sometimes it was hard to hear when you were driving by.





The first day of school is always pretty easy. There isn't much to do, but some of it can be a little hard. It is a good thing that you have friends to rely on.



Summer Camps! In the picture above, Gabby Meijer is picking up the last few tennis balls on the court during a summer tennis camp, called Coacher's Academy.



Running in the summer is always fun. Whether it is around the school, like in the picture above, or just running around your house.

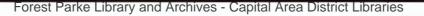
What do you do like to do on your summer vacation?:

I like to hang out with friends, swim, eat ice cream, and sleep in my tent.

-Miranda Vorce, Junior

To me summer means that I get to see friends, go tanning, sleeping in, doing sports and creating memories I'll never forget. -Andrea Cutshaw, Freshman

I like to hang out with my friends, and swim. That is pretty much it. -Brie Gary, Sophomore



#### Where's Your School Spirit?

Right: Senior Brittany Wawiernia shows her decade day school spirit.

Below: Anne Taylor, Lauren LaBerge, Kylie Topliff, Jesseca Taylor, Courtney Robinson, Danny ElHaddad, Sam DeCamp, Nick Graham, and Adam Heins building their own pyramid in the jungle.

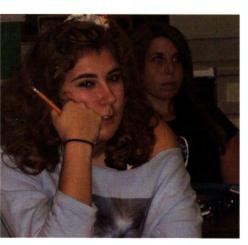


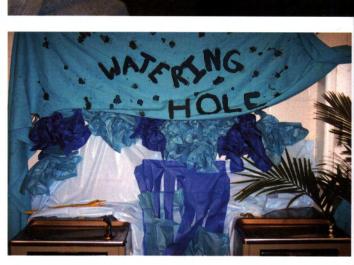




Above: Junior, Mandee Heil does her work while dressed up for 70's day. Right: Emily Forsberg thought that spirit week was supposed to be fun, inside and outside of class.

Far Right: "The Watering Hole" was the water fountains decorated for the winning jungle theme in the senior hallway.





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A yearly tradition ended in 2006. Williamston's beloved floatbuilding was withdrawn from homecoming. A certain senior class celebrated the activities with things that were frowned upon by Williamston High School Administration. Mr. Bowles decided this had to be dealt with, so he and fellow students put their heads together and had the idea to delete floatbuilding for this year. In substitution for floatbuilding it was decided to have hallway decorations. Freshman had the theme of the "Desert", which came in last. Sophomores had "Arctic", in third place. Juniors had "Ocean", coming in second place. Seniors had the winning hallway with the "Jungle" theme.

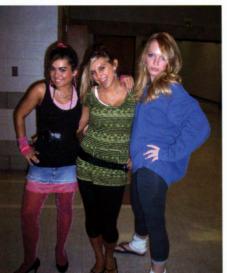
"Maybe if more people showed up to help build the hallways it would have been better "

Freshman, Jaqui Shrote

Most students were torn when they heard of the no floatbuilding news. The Freshmen were the most disappointed because they had always wanted to do this and saw all the floats the years before them, but did not get to participate.

> So, think you're a gangster? Junior Kristin Kotarba was reppin' her class on the first day of Spirit Week. Yup, she's a gangster.





Above: Tim Fryer got all ready for 70's day to represent the Junior class.

Left: Seniors Tessa Michell, Stefanie Maser, and Lauren Sebolt showing people what 80's day is all about.



#### Welcome to the Arctic

Sophomores' third place hallway really made the school a little bit brighter with all of their Christmas lights.



#### Who's the Strongest of them all...

Below: Seniors Austin Richards, and Craig Bellar struggle to win tug of war against the freshmen after the freshmen beat the iunjors Shake what your mamma gave ya! Right: Travis Williams shows the crowd how he gets down.



#### **Homecoming 2006**

The Homecoming game was in Haslett this year because of construction on our home field. We played against Fowlerville but got rained out until the next day, at Dewitt, when we lost by a long shot



#### **Reppin' your class**

Freshmen Reps: Mattie Nelson, Chad Rhiness, Sophomore Reps: Kaily Kraft, Cam Lounsbury, Junior Reps: Igor Zlatoyev, Sarah Traver, Senior Reps: Nick Graham, Courtney Robinson, Shane Larkin, Sara Vogl, Owen Smith, and not pictured Joanna Bloese. All gather around to be cheered for by

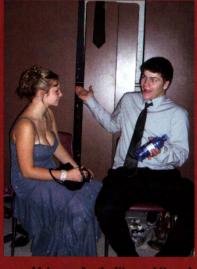
#### Time to Go!

Right: After a long night of dancing Seniors Brooke Alchin, and Taylor Noren get ready to leave, but Taylor doesn't look like he's ready to go yet.

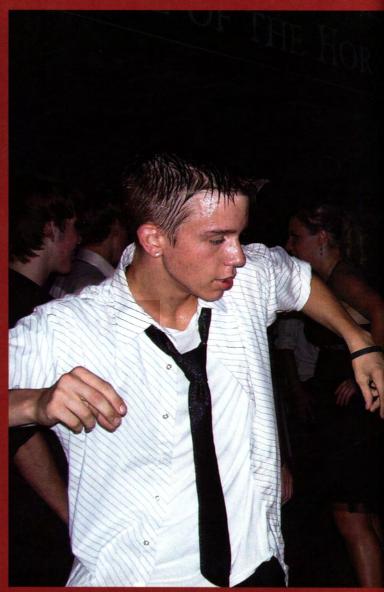


Cheerleaders Jennifer Gregg and Lisa Mikasa pump up the students with their school spirit.





Make way for the King and Queen! Right: Sara Vogl and Nick Graham have big smiles for the camera as they walk off the field after being crowned King and Queen.





"I like Homecoming because I get to dance with all the pretty ladies" Vince Gentilozzi

#### Let's Get Fired Up!

Below: Senior Captain Vinnie Sawaya gets pumped up while getting everyone fired up at the pep rally for the Friday night game.



### Worth Coming Home to Construction...

Homecoming is the best season of the year... or is it?

#### What do you think?

Many people love homecoming week because they get to express themselves during spirit week, and grow together with their own class. Usually, floatbuilding is why everyone loves homecoming so much. So this year, it was a big change. "Floatbuilding is the most fun part of homecoming because you get to hang out with everyone in your grade." -Sophomore Westley Taylor.





Sophomore Reps Kaily Kraft and Cam Lounsbury ride in the parade trying to keep warm.



### **Friday Night Lights**

On Friday evenings around 7:00 p.m. you can most likely find everyone going to watch the Varsity Boys Football team play. The student section starts filling up with the students from the High School. There are people walking around the field as well as some little ones running around. People from the community who have sons on the team, daughters cheering or no kids participating at all are there to support the Williamston team. Kickoff is at 7:30.



This year was a little different since our football field was under construction, We had to have most of our games away. There were few games that the team played on the soccer field. The biggest shock was that our Homecoming game would be played in Haslett. Everyone wanted the field to be done for Homecoming, but we didn't see that happen. Still, the Hornet spirit survived.

Someone could ask why people go to the football games? Well, it's mostly to see their friends, and because its a social event, but also it's fun to go and cheer for our fellow classmates. All of the students sit in the student section and cheer our team on to victory. The Friday Night Lights are a well loved tradition.



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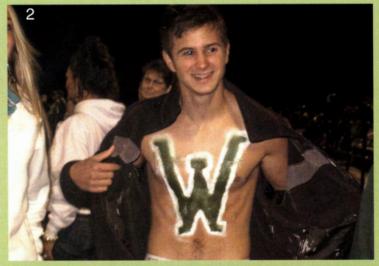


The student section at the football games can get pretty rowdy at times showing their school spirit.

- 1: Stefanie Maser, and Stephanie Taylor get pumped for the first home game.
- 2: Jake McGraw Reppin' the W for our high school at Haslett.
- 3: The football boys on the field playing hard.
- 4: The football team standing on the side watching their teammates play.
- 5: Josh Walters showin' some school spirit for our team.
- 6: The football guys out on the field really know how to play.
- 7: Kendra Barrett, Allyson Nash, Sarah Traver, and Kristy Paruk show how to encourage our players.













### Building Relationships

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Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me, and be my friend -Albert Camus



Trends of '07



### "Fashion can be bought. Style one must possess." ~Edna Woolman Chase

Year to year styles and fashions change like weather. This year labels were big and almost everyone had a label. Big things this year were boots, zip up sweaters, scarves, and huge bags that hold everything and anything. Headbands and brightly colored clips were worn in girls' hair. For the guys the punk rock and prep looks were in. Who knows what next year will bring?

Zip up sweaters keep you warm on cold days



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Big bags that wont break your back.



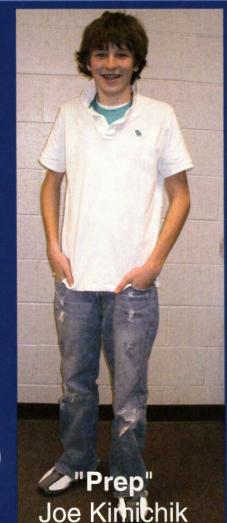
Scarves... even if it's not cold outside.



Faux fur boots are a must for the winter snow.











#### **TAKE THE LABEL QUIZ!**

When at the mall which store do you first go to?

- a. Hot Topic
- b. American Eagle
- c. Hollister/Abercrombie
- d. Steve and Barry's
- e. JC Penney

#### **Mostly A's**

#### **Mostly B's Classy- You wear**

Emo/Punk- You tend to wear things from Hot Topic and you go for the edgier look rather than the cleaner cut.

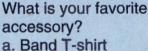




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to wear things that

and orderly. You like



- b. Necklace
- c. Huge bag with label on it
- d. Baseball hat
- e. Nothing

#### **Mostly C's**

Prep- You like to shop at stores like Abercrombie and Hollister, You wear polos and ripped jeans.



What shoes do you prefer to wear?

- a. Chuck Taylors
- b. Closed toe shoes
- c. Flip Flops
- d. Tennis shoes
- e. Slippers

#### **Mostly D's**

wear things from sports teams and dress comfy.

#### **Mostly E's**

Athletic- You like to Laid Back- You tend to wear sweatshirts. t-shirts, and comfy baseball caps. You clothes. You prefer comfort to style.





#### "Punk" **Justin Taulbee**

#### "Laid Back Kait Newcomb

#### "Unique" Courtney Clem

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### Are lockers a thing of the past?

While walking through the halls of Williamston High School you see some students huddled in the dome, while others scramble to their lockers to switch their books and binders in between classes. Each WHS student's daily routine is different from one another. Some go to their locker after every class, after two or three classes, or almost never.

Are students trying to send the message that lockers may be a thing of the past? When interviewed, junior Katelin Shear said, "I never use my locker during the day." On the other hand, freshman Annie McGoff said, "I go to my locker in between every class period."

The choice is yours, are lockers a thing of the past?















"What's the most valuable item in your purse, backpack or locker?" Loren Keeney drank over 110 Pepsis. The proof is in his locker.

"My cell phone." Tom Stewart-1

"My iPod!" Jacquelynn Derrig-9



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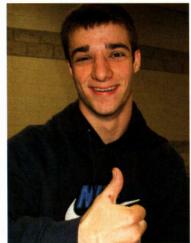
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Age: 17 Location: Williamston, MI

Last Login: 6/8/2007

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#### My Interests:

Basketball, Tennis, Wrestling, Hanging out with friends and going to movies

Music:

I listen to everything from country to rap.

#### **Felevision:**

#### Books

A child called it, Lord of the flies, etc.

[[ BILLTOWN BALLER ]]'s Details Status: Single Here for: Networking Hometown: Williamston Body Type: 5'9" / More to Love Ethnicity: White / caucasion Zodiac Sign: Taurus Smoke / Drink: No / No Children:Some day Education: High school Occupation: Student



How many friends do you have?: a little over

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[[ BILLTOWN BALLER]] Is In Your Extended Network

[[ BILLTOWN BALLER ]]'s Latest Blogs Entry:

The name....Jerry Langhart (view more)

#### [View All Blog Entry's]

#### About Me:

So which do you prefer? MySpace or Facebook? Both internet profiles are very similar and different at the same time. Facebook is more known for being used by college students though high schoolers are breaking into it. MySpace is used by people anywhere from 14 - 99. However, MySpace allows many options of creativity while Facebook is simple and straight forward. Even though MySpace and Facebook are banned from being accessed from school computers, students are active on the web when at home. Although many parents believe these online profiles to be dangerous, they both offer various forms of privacy that one can set and control. Therefore they can only be dangerous if one isn't careful. Other than that main concern, the two are a great way to stay in touch with family, friends and coworkers, so log on!

#### Who I'd like to meet

Jessica Alba, Johnny Depp, Myself in 30 years.

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Are you addicted to MySpace?: unfortunately, yes

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Williamston High School Friends:

84 friends at Williamston High School.



Danny ElHaddad



Nate Olsen



Jensen



David Vargovich



Cam Lounsbury



Brittany Ishman

Groups 13 groups.

Billtown Ballas, The Bob Duffey Society, 07 baby, Billtown Rocks, The Derek Zoolander Center For Kids Who Can't Read Good..., T9 is amazing!!, I LOVE THE TIGERS!, 517, ...cause i'm a SECOND SEMESTER SENIOR that's why!, If you remember this you grew up in the 90's, I survived the bug project, The Dubblyou, I'll Always beee a Hornet.



#### Williamston High School '07 Lansing/East Lansing, MI

Relationship Status: Single Looking For: Friendship Birthday: April 3, 1989 Hometown: Williamston, MI

#### Information

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Personal Info Interests:

Favorite Music: Favorite TV Shows: Favorite Movies:

Favorite Books: Favorite Quotes: football, hanging out with friends, being random.. youuu know the usual :) . I love everything...especially country! Lost, Scrubs, The Office, One Tree Hill. Talladega Nights, Borat, the Notebook, there's way too many to name! uhhh. "lets do this, I'm a Cashew" -Dane Cook

"lets do this, I'm a Cashew" -Dane Cook "BALLLIN!!"

"The good thing about facebook is that it doesn't have the drama of the 'top 8'" -Beckie Knapp

About Me:

I love to laugh <3

The Wall



Mitch Bartrem (Williamston High School) wrote at 9:26am on February 26th, 2007

Any friends you don't know?: A few Do you check it often?: Once a day

Wall-to-Wall - Message - Delete

Trisha Monroe (Williamston High School) wrote at 1:34pm on February 28th, 2007

Any friends you don't know?: A couple Do you check it often?: Everyday Do you take pictures just for this?: No

Wall-to-Wall - Message - Delete

Brad Walters (Williamston High School) wrote at 10:55am on March 1st, 2007

Any Friends you don't know?: No Do you check it often?: Once a week

Wall-to-Wall - Message - Delete



### A Week to Remember...

The week leading up to Follies is a fun filled competition between the classes. Tuesday was character day, Wednesday was nerd day. Thursday was color day; the seniors were blue, juniors red, sophomores highlighter yellow and the freshmen were neon orange. Friday ended the week with the tradition of green and white day. Another event to compete in was class murals: this year the theme was action movies. The results were given at the pep assembly on Friday. Juniors won nerd day and character day and created the winning mural. However, the seniors were triumphant. They won the relay race, tug-o-war, class color day, and green and white day. Their last year in high school seems to have been their best. Although the music had a rocky start, the dance turned out fantastic. Regardless of your style, there was something for everyone. Memories were constructed that will last a lifetime.



Chad Rhiness students at the pep rally with his very "ice dance" as he teases the crowd with his sweet



Michell and Aleks Arakelov the dance



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Mr. Freeman and Mr. Bowles crack down on cell phone use







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#### Lisa Biering

"It's bittersweet. Every major high school event is always 'the last one' we will ever experience, but it will end just as everything does."

#### Sam Stowers

"It's kind of shocking, you know, you spend all 18 years building up to this moment and all of a sudden it's here and you're kind of blown away."

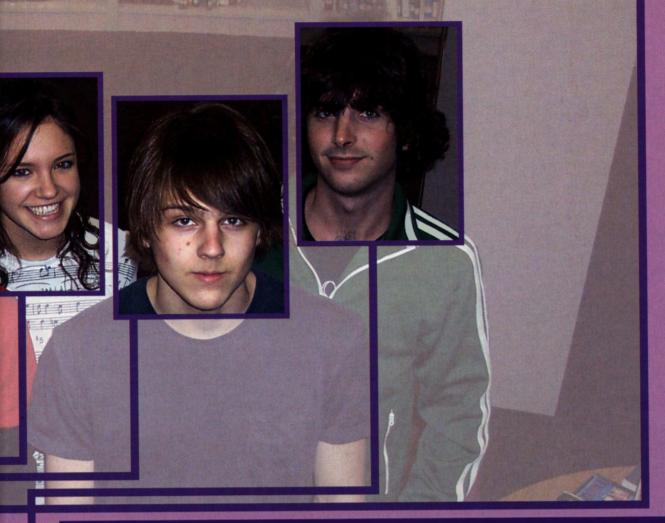
#### Mary Wardell

"I've never been so busy, but I've never been so ready for change. It's been fun."

#### Mike Hardigan

"As fast as it went by, it still didn't go by fast enough."





### My Opinion... ...On My Senior Year

#### Andrew Young

"Senior year has been pretty sweet. I kind of wish every year was like this, you know, with all of the work I've been doing."



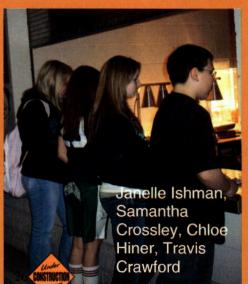
#### **Courtney Robinson**

"Senior year for me was, really a growing year. I think a lot of people found themselves, and

like me, their niche. It was a good time with good memories and I feel it prepared me for next year. Senior year made me grateful for high school; the people, activities and memories."

# your Lunch













Nicole Sebolt, Stefani Pollok









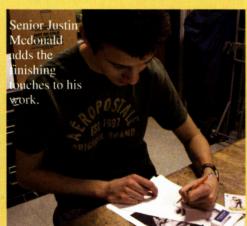
Lunch time at WHS can mean Sandwhich Central (\$2.75) or hot lunch (\$2.25). Both come with salad, fruit and a drink, either milk or juice. Students can also get the soup of the day which is only \$1.85. A favorite from the student body tends to be turkey gravy day. Students can also hop in the a-la-carte line. The food in the a-lacarte line ranges from \$.75 to about \$2.00. Many people go for the curly fries and chicken strips. The price for curly fries is \$1.00 and chicken strips are \$1.90. A new and very popular feature is the slushie machine. Cool drinks in red or blue for just \$1.25.



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Coach Nilsson dressed up to feel the japanese art.

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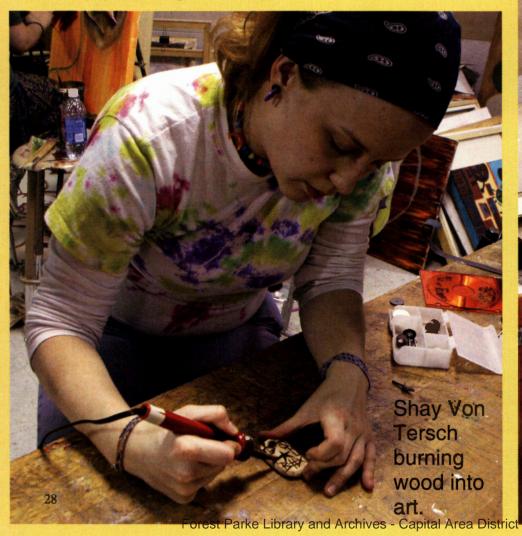
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#### **ART:** It's not a hobby, it's a passion

"Armed with my paint box, one cannot be bored. One cannot be left at loose ends. One cannot have several days on one's hands. There is so much to admire, and so little time to see it "

- Winston Churchill

(quoted by Coach)



### Guess The Artist















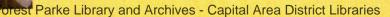


- Artists 1) Justin McDonald 2) Kendra Barrett 3) Penny Retzloff 4) Mandy Heil 5) Pat Janson
- 6) Joanna Bloese

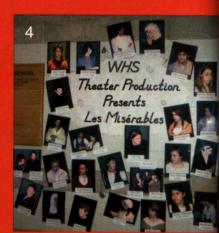
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7) Kate Lynn

A) 6 B) 3 C) 5 D) 1 E) 1 E) 6 4



### Life in The Students in the Drama Department



**Drama Department** showed their versatility this year, by performing in a wide range of plays. From the lighthearted Once Upon a Mattress in the Fall, to the Winter's more serious production of Les Miserables, to Our Town in the Spring, kids have shown theater skills by singing, dancing and acting. The long hours and staying after school until dark just shows the dedication and commitment of the Drama Department. On opening night they never cease to amaze the audience.















#### What was your most embarrassing moment on stage?



Zach Nagy 10th-"My voice cracked during a line."

Misty Potter 12th-"I fell during a sword fight."



Picture 1- Travis Williams ready for action during *Les Miserables.* Picture 2- During *Once Upon a Mattress* Casey Shipman, Kelly Barden, Becca Robinson and Katie Endahl wait for their "knight in shining armor." Picture 3- Leo Mijangos is ready to serve Rhone Eppelheimer and Alex Kalil during *Once Upon a Mattress.* 

Picture 4- The shining stars of *Les Miserables.* Picture 5- Vinnie Sawaya and Sam DeCamp converse during *Les Miserables.* 



### Behind every good car, is a great build

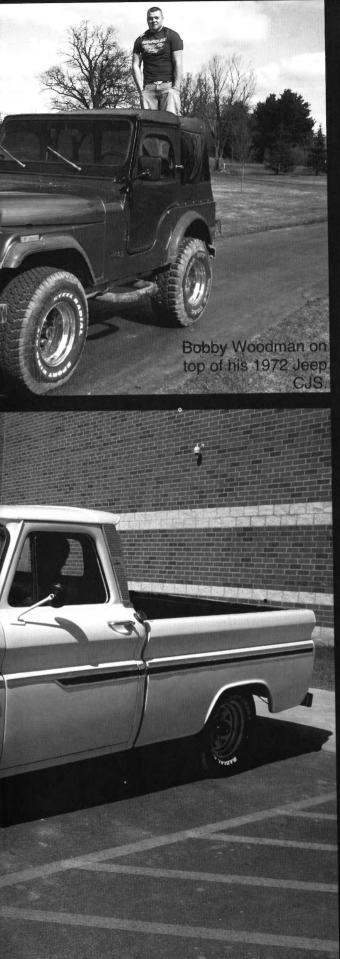


Donny Stiffler shows American pride with his truck.





Jake Kittle's well known 1966 Chevy Pickup shortbox with a 350 V8 Engine with duel cherry bomb exhausts.





Farrin Forsberg rides to school in the newest Hummer H3.

The real story behind the cars belongs to Seniors Jake Kittle, Bobby Woodman, and Jerry Langhart. All three of whom have worked on and around cars their whole lives. They all have bought and kept up their own cars since they turned 16. Bobby attends Capital Area Career Center doing auto body, and Jake works at Hunts Body Shop in Williamston. Jake's dad is also a mechanic. All three boys want careers with cars after they graduate.

## What Have *You* Done For The Community?

#### NHS Pennies for Patients:

Raised money for: Lymphoma and Leukemia patients

The National Honors Society placed donation tins in every classroom and collected money during 3rd hour. They collected money from April 24th through May 4th. The class that earned the most money recieved a free lunch.

#### **Blood Drives:**

#### Collected blood for: Blood bank

Williamston High School holds about three blood drives a year. The Red Cross comes and sets up beds and needles eager to draw students' blood in hopes of saving up to three lives with each student's donation.

#### Winter Food Drive:

#### Collected cans for: Food bank

Started by teacher Mr.Schab, and carried on throughout the school. His class won without effort. (see story)

#### Student / Staff Basketball Game:

#### Raised money for: WHS Prom

The student / staff basketball game was held by student council and was played during the Follies pep rally.

#### PALS Mr. Potato Head Drawing:

#### Raised money for: School in Africa

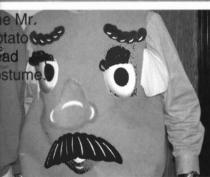
PALS placed buckets in the cafeteria during A & B lunch and students dropped coins and dollars into the container of the teacher they wanted to see wear a Mr. Potato Head suit. Mr. Freeman won by a landslide.

Trevor McKay refereeing the student / staff basketball game. RERCROMAN

Mr. Kersten about to sink a free throw..



Many of us know Mr. Schab as Michigan's Teacher of the Year, but he has proven to be not only a mathmatical wizard in the classroom, but at school too. Mr. Schab has become guite the philantropist within the Williamston Community. Mr. Schab has been working on and been a part of several charity events that give back to not only the student body, but groups in need. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, Mr. Schab thought of a great way to give back. A canned food drive for the Williamston Food Bank caught the attention of Schab and one of his students, Ken Kodet. During the food drive, WHS collected more than 1,200 canned food items. Mr. Schab's class alone collected more than all the other classes combined. Ken Kodet, the student who works very closely with Mr. Schab, then delivered the canned food items himself, on behalf of WHS. In addition to the cans, people could also donate cash. The cash was then counted and taken to Meijer in Okemos to buy even more canned foods items. This was just one of the ways that Mr. Schab, Ken Kodet, and the rest of the WHS Students made a difference in the area.







Ken Kodet worked tirelessly with Mr. Shaub's class to bring in the most canned goods and cash.



To the left: NHS member, Senior Brittany Ishman, collecting donations from Junior Josh Smith.

To the right: Senior Sam DeCamp being prepped to donate a pint of blood.





Above: Senior Vincent Sawaya looks to Alfonso for the go ahead as he walks up to the mic in hopes of winning the contest.

Right: Mexican singer and songwriter Alfonso Maya performs at Williamston High School in front of over 200 high school and middle school Spanish students.

1. Adam Silverthorn, Alex Kalil and Cory Jorgensen are on stage, ready to perform the 'Grito' in hopes of winning a copy of one of Alfonso's CDs.

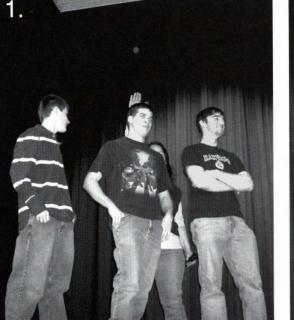
2. Junior Abby Reynolds sings 'Giros y Giros' on stage in a singing competition, also for an Alfonso Maya CD.

3. Brittany Ishman, Robert Gillespie and Jimmy Clark enjoy listening to Alfonso strum the guitar with Spanish III students during 6th hour.

4. (From right to left) Seniors Mitch Bartrem, Katey Ciolek, Lindsey Thornton and Andrea Duffey hold up their cell phones to show the love for Alfonso's music.









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# Spanish Comes ALIVE!

Mexican recording artist Alfonso Maya visited Williamston High School on March 8, 2007. Alfonso's visit to Williamston was sponsored by Señora Ponce's WHS Spanish Club. Alfonso Maya, who came to the United States with nothing more than his guitar and a box of a few dozen CDs, performed for Williamston's spanish students for the third time in four years. Students from both the High School and Middle School attended the event. During Alfonso's visit, he performed his hit singles Giros y Giros and Tu Fantasma. He also invited students on stage for a sing-off competition. The winners of the competition received copies of Alfonso's CDs, Giros y Giros and his latest release, Tarot. Spanish IV students retreated back to Señora Ponce's room for pizza, drinks and dessert. In the good company of his fans, Alfonso played songs for the students and enjoyed lengthy conversations with them; all in Spanish, of course.





# Forming Friends

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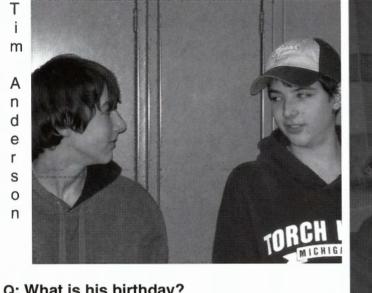
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- Q: What is his birthday?
- A: Kyle: I don't know May 11 Tim: I don't know either May 30
- Q: How long have you been friends?
- A: Since 6th grade
- Q: What is your best memory together?
- A: 8th grade camp
- Q: Did the change from elementary school to middle school affect your friendship?
- A: Yes, we grew closer rather then apart unlike most people, due to the class seperation.
- Q: What is his favorite fast food restaurant?
- A: Kyle: Burger King
- Tim: McDonalds

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- Q: When is her birthday?
- A: Michelle: September 14 Dani: January 21
- Q: How long have you been friends?
- A: 13 years
- Q: What is your best memory together?
- A: When Dani accidently turned off her car in East Lansing and thought it broke down.
- Q: What is your most embarrassing memory together?

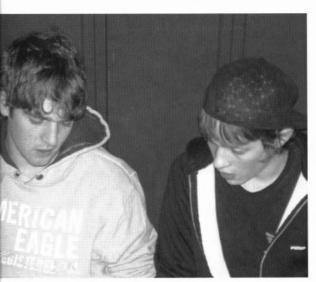
A: When Michelle slipped and fell in Speedway, and when Dani was locked in the car and set off the car alarm trying to get out.

- Q: What is her favorite fast food restaurant?
- A: Michelle: KFC

# Forever



Chad Williams and Kyle Corey



It's your first year in middle school and every 6th grader is scared. There is so much more homework, changing classes, new teachers and getting to class on time. Friends can be the cause of many problems, but they also help get you through. Early in their 6th grade year, Elizabeth Garavito met Jessica Morse. It started with eating lunch together. It was not long before eating lunch became an occasional phone call. The weeks passed by and they began hanging out together outside of school. The weeks turned into months, and the months into years. Now, almost six years later they consider themselves best friends. They talk on the phone and hang out on a weekly basis. The dictionary defines a best friend as the person who is closest to you. Jessica defines a best friend as someome who is nice and caring. Elizabeth thinks that a best friend should be someone who you can talk to anytime, anywhere. They both think that each other fits the mold. Elizabeth and Jessica have had numerous fun times together. One of their most memorable being the American Diabetes Walk in 8th grade. Just like every other friendship, there are the embarrassing times, too. One of their most embarrassing memories is when their parents first met. "They kept sharing embarrassing stories about us and wouldn't stop!" says Elizabeth. Together they have shared many memories and will continue to have many more.

#### Q: What is his birthday?

- A: Kyle: I have no idea June 28 Chad: July 21
  - July 22
- Q: How long have you been friends?
- A: 4 years
- Q: What is your best memory together?
- A: South Haven
- Q: What is your most embarrassing memory together?
- A: Car Accident
- Q: What is his favorite fast food restaurant?
- A: Kyle: Taco Bell Chad: KFC



# Is Young Love, True Love?

Find out how much these cute couples really know about each other.

O. What is Brian's favorite food? A. Taco Bell. O. What is Brian's middle name? A. Micheal. **O**. What is Brian's biggest fear? A. To be separated from God. O. What is the color of Brian's room? A. Brown- Incorrect O. What is Brian's favorite animal? A. Brian's favorite animal is a dog. Correct:4/5

O. What kind of car does Tyler drive? A. Gold Intrepid. O.What are Tyler's parents' names? A. Todd and Kris. **O**. What is Tyler's favorite candy? A. Snickers. Q. Where was your first date? A. Apple Bee's. **O**.What is the name of Tyler's dog? A. Max. Correct:5/5

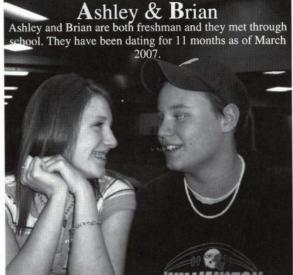
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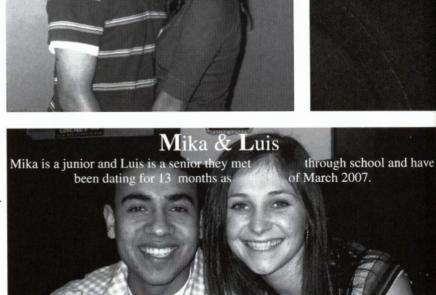
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Q. What is Ashley's favorite food? A. Pasta. **O**. What is Ashley's middle name? A. Nicole. Q. What is Ashley's biggest fear? A. To be separated from God. **O**. What is the color of Ashley's room? A. Green. O. What is Ashley's favorite animal? A. Ashley's favorite animal is a dog. Correct:5/5

O. What kind of car does Jessica drive? A. Red Lumina. O. What are Jessica's parents' names? A. Tim and Shelley. O. What is Jessica's favorite candy? A. Take five. Q. Where was your first date? A. Apple Bee's Q. What is the name of Jessica's dog? A. Daisy. Correct:5/5



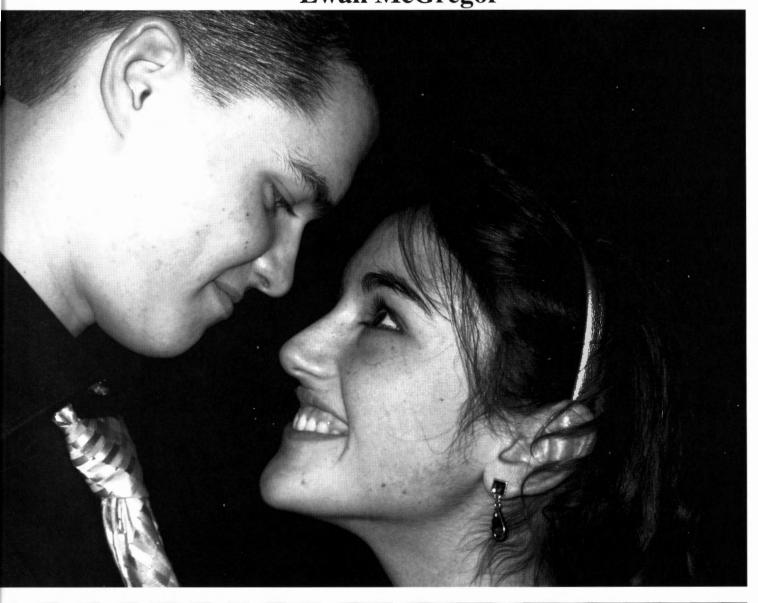
Jessica & Tyler Jessica and Tyler are both juniors, they met in school and have as of March 2007. been dating for 13 months



Q. What is Luis' shoe size? Q. What is Mika's shoe size? A. 9. Q. What is her favorite Q. What is Luis' favorite college sports team? A. North Carolina. **O**. What is Luis' favorite television show? television show? A. He doesn't watch T.V. **Q**. What are the names of television. all of Luis' siblings? A. Aroldo, Moses, Carmen, Victor and Anna. **O**.What is his best subject in school? school? A. Art- Incorrect Correct:4/5 Correct:5/5

college sports team? A. Michigan State University. O. What is Mika's favorite A. She dosen't watch **O**. What are the names of all of Mika's siblings? A. Devin and Ashley **O**. What is her best subject in

### "The greatest thing you will ever learn, is just to love, and be loved in return." -Ewan McGregor



### Adam & Lauren

Adam and Lauren are both seniors this year. They first met in middle school and have been dating for 11 months as of March 2007.

Q.What is the color of Lauren's eyes? Q.What is the color of Adam's eyes? A. Brown. A. Green. **Q**. What is Lauren's birthday? **Q**.What is Adam's birthday? A. January 29, 1989. A. March 5th, 1989. **Q**.What is the date you and Lauren started dating? Q.What is the date you and Adam started dating? A. April 19, 2006. **A**. April 19, 2006. Q.What are Lauren's plans for college/after college? Q. What are Adam's plans for college/after college? A. Lauren wants to be an Elementary school teacher and plans A. Adam wants to be a coach or an accountant and he plans on attending MSU. on attending MSU. Q.What is Lauren's favorite movie? Q.What is Adam's favortie movie? A. Bridget Jones' Diary A. Happy Gilmore. Correct:5/5 Correct:5/5

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## Building Minds

Science is not only a vital activity for the survival and development of humanity. It is also one of the most beautiful productions of human intelligence. But only the acceptance of its limited character, partial and uncertain, can avoid that it transforms itself into a fossilized belief system. -Denyse O'Leary

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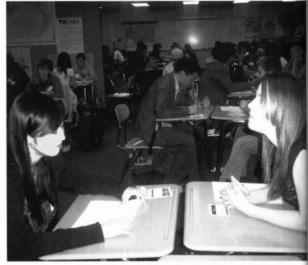
## This Day in History...

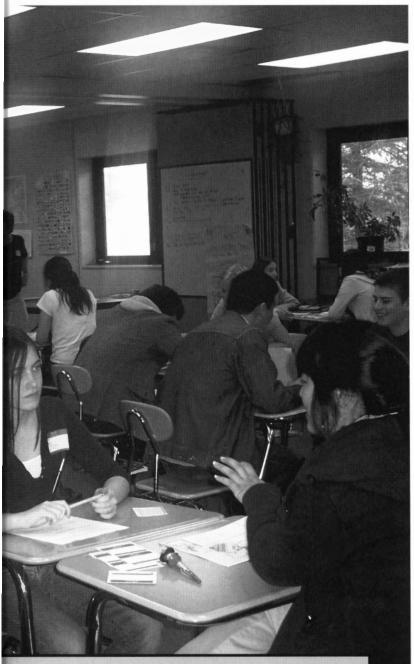
This year the social studies department added a few new staff members. These new teachers are: Mr. Weber, Ms. Potter, and Ms. Herrington. Mr. Weber has taught psychology at the middle school, but then came to the high school to teach Government. Ms. Potter was a substitute then came to teach global studies and sociolgy. Ms. Herrington teaches global studies, US History and Sociolgy. There are many classes here at the high school that the students can take, but there are only certain ones that are required in order to graduate. As a freshman students are required to take global studies, as a sophomore U.S. history, and as a junior government as well as a social studies elective. For seniors, a social studies class is not required. The classes that are offered for advanced students are AP World History, Economics, History Research and Honors Government. Model U.N. is also an option. It is an extra-curricular activity that involves social studies, where you research a topic about history and world events and discuss it.





Left: Anna Theis works on the computer for her U.S. History class Right: Jacquelyrn Derrig Interviews a South Korean student for her Global Studies Project





lian Sweet and Lana Gilmore talk with South brean students to learn more about their culture.



Is. Herrington helps Bryan Powell with questions he as in U.S. History

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## Voices from the Crowd

Junior Spencer Sprague is taking Sociology with Ms. Potter. He says "Sociology is fun."





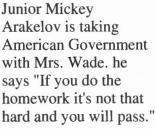
Sophomore Ashley \* Lininger is taking U.S. History with Mr. Bartel. She says "We watch a movie with each chapter and it helps us understand it better."

Freshman Nicole Sebolt is taking Global Studies with Ms. Potter. She says "Ms. Potter has her own way of teaching, I think it's cool, and I understand it too."





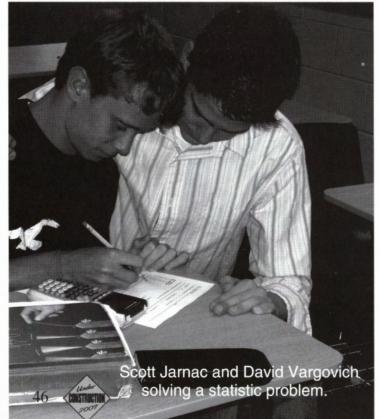
Senior Jeremy McWhorter is taking AP world History with Mrs. Wade. "I plan on working with social problems, cultural things and concentrating on things with world affairs. "



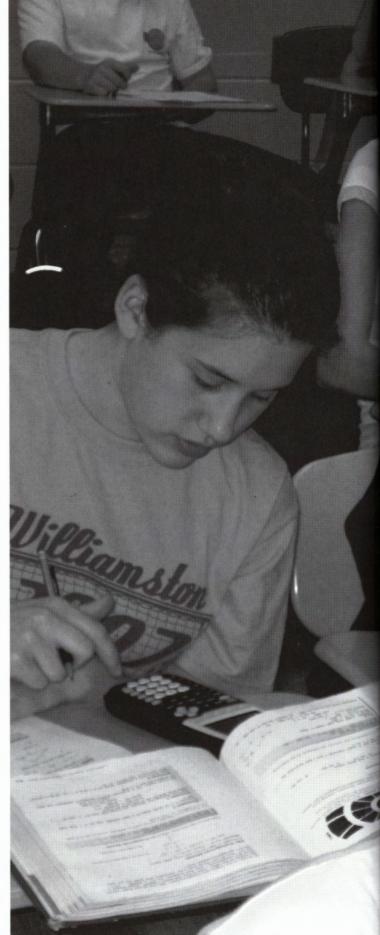


## Adding on the Knowledge

Meredith Achtenberg double checking the answer to be sure it is correct.



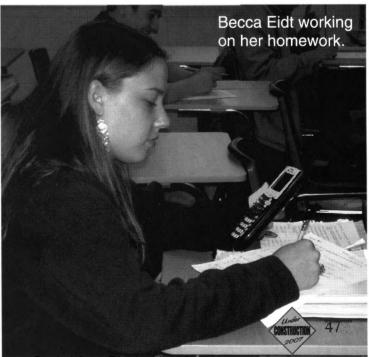
Sara Adelman, Emma Drenth and Anya Nikolai studying hard to meet their math goals.





The math department has undergone several changes this year and more are to follow. This year was the first year that AP Statistics has been offered at Williamston High School. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity as a replacement for Pre-Calculus. This class will continue to be offered in upcoming years. Another change regarding the math department is the amount of math required to graduate. Currently only two years are required for a student to graduate. However, the class of 2011 will not be so lucky. To be eligible for graduation, it will be mandatory to take four years of math. This will only help the students in the future, especially with all of the competitions we have access to. The

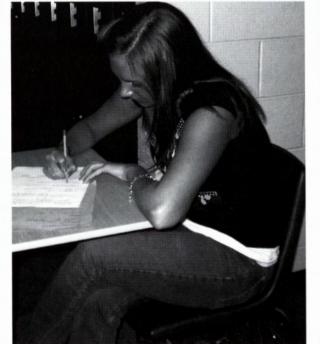
juniors this year entered the Michigan Mathematics Poster Competition. Students could work individually or in a small group. They had to develop a topic and a question then conduct a survey on a topic of their choice. Students then had to make a poster showing their results. The math department offers many opportunities and will continue to grow and change for the better.



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# On the Road to a Successful Career

High school; one would say it is where one finds oneself. High school also builds up to choosing a career. In English classes, the juniors have the opportunity to job shadow any career they choose. Jamie Grant says she would like to go into graphic design and wishes to follow someone in that field. To help her get to her goal of becoming a graphic designer she studies hard and takes a lot of computer classes. Ryan Hoosan, along with Jamie, wishes to go into graphic design. To prepare himself he also takes classes and has software to help him practice designing. Ashlee Bradshaw would like to observe a teacher for a day because of her future teaching career. To prepare herself she will be doing many college visits. Andrea Watts, also a junior, wishes to track behind someone in the medical field. She wishes to have a career in that field in her future. To prepare herself she takes many science classes and studies hard to get into a good college. Rhone Eppelheimer would like to become an engineer and for his job shadow he will be following an environmental engineer. This technique of teaching will help students prepare themselves to decide what their future holds. It will also open the window to many careers that students did not know existed or did not know would be interesting.





Ashlee Bradshaw works hard to become a teacher. Jamie Grant works on the computer to reach her graphic design goal.







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### What Book would you most enjoy?

What book genre do you like to read?

- A. Drama
- B. Romance
- C. Science-Fiction
- D. Adventure
- E. Fiction

What is the best ending?

- A. Conflicts Resolved
- B. Tragedy
- C. Evil Conquers
- D. Rescue
- E. Happily Ever After

**Mostly A's** To Kill a Mockingbird You enjoy drama and making sure all loose ends are tied.

Mostly B's Romeo and Juliet You enjoy reading romance novels and when the ending is a

tragedy.

Mostly C's 1984 You enjoy reading science fiction and love reading about evil villians.

Mostly D's Lord of the Flies

Mostly E's Secret Life of Bees You enjoy reading about adventures and like it when the book ends with a twist.

You enjoy reading about others lives and enjoy it when the book ends on a happy note.



# Building a Better Yearbook

Yearbook this year is all business. We have a new setup that is different from previous years that has made our yearbook better than ever before. We have an awesome staff, complete with sixteen girls and one boy. During the summer of 2006, Sra. Ponce, our fearless leader, took six graduate hours of training at the MSU School of Journalism. Later in the fall. Sra. Ponce took our staff to training classes at the MSU Union. We listened to numerous speakers talk about the different elements and steps of constructing a better yearbook. We even got the opportunity to create our own book cover. Our cover is based on our theme, construction. The goal of our yearbook was to incorporate construction on every page. This year was the building block for many great vearbooks to come!





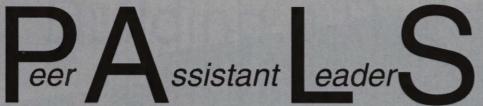








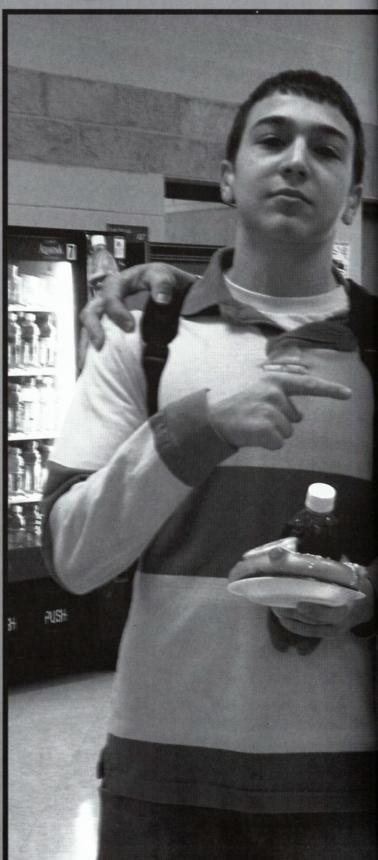
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Everyone perceives 'pal' to mean a good friend. The group PALS defines that perfectly, if not better. PALS, standing for Peer Assistant Leaders, consists of a group of Williamston High School students who go out of their way to help not only fellow classmates, but students from other countries. This year, PALS member, Sam DeCamp thought of the idea to raise money for a school in South Africa. Various PALS members, such as Ruth Douglas and John Frawley, collected money at lunch for the cause. They had 9 different containers, each with a teacher's name on it. The students could put their donations into any container they wanted. The teacher with the most money in their container at the end of the week had to wear a Mr. Potato Head costume for a whole day. Every year PALS chooses to raise money for a great cause. In addition, they're also available to mentor students with problems at home and/or problems at school. PALS are a lot of help to all students in need of mentoring.



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## "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." *Albert Einstein*



Mr. Freeman, being the winner of the fundraiser, had to stroll around school in a Mr. Potato head costume. Students were able to take a picture with him to raise even more money for the South African school.

### Do you know, what PALS stands for?

"Personal Assistant Love Service" -Aleks Arakelov Senior





"Peer Assistant Learners" -Peter Schall Junior

"Personal Academic Leader Student" -Amy Voss Sophomore



"People Active Learner" -Christina Green Freshman

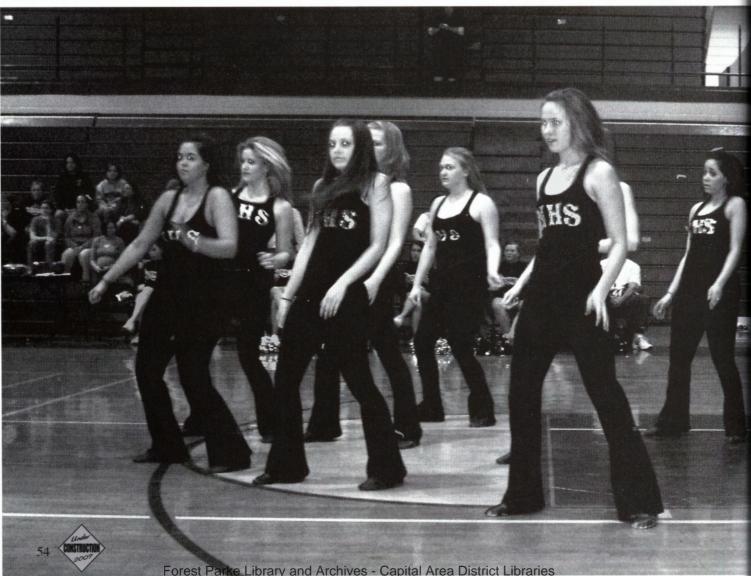


The Williamston Dance Team has made a real impression on the community this year. With more coaches, dancers, new pom-poms and uniforms, this new team is dressed to impress. Senior captains Sara Vogl, Kristy King, Beka Leavey, and Lauren LaBerge have really pushed the team to do their absolute best this year, and they can only get better. Over half of the 26 girls on the team were new freshmen. During the JV follies basketball game, the team performed with a group of elementary girls that became the JV dance team.

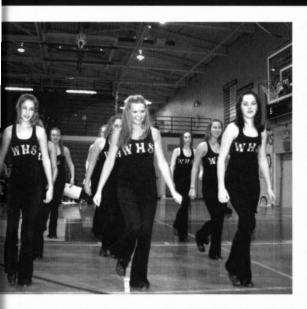
"Dancers aren't made of their technique, but their passion." - Anonymous







# There is no "I" in Team



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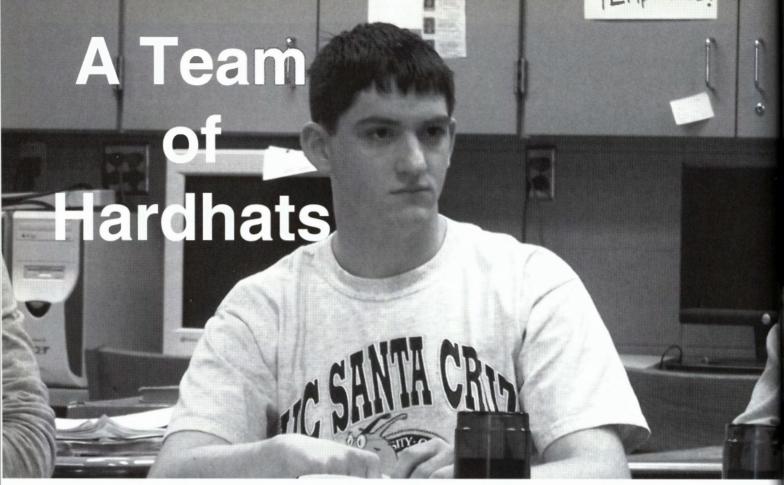
# New additions create success











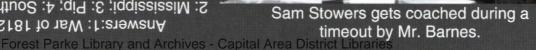
Erin Martin and Owen Smith focus on the next auestion during the varsity Quiz Bowl match against Corunna.

### Could You Be On Quiz Bowl?

1. The treaty of Ghent ended what war? 2.What state forms most of the eastern border of Louisiana? 3.In "Great Expectations," what is the nickname of Philip Pirrip? 4. The Cape of Good Hope is part of what country? 5. In what country is Bastille Day celebrated?

Countless hours of studying, hard work, and devotion are a few of the many parts of being a member of quiz bowl. One must have not only the intellectual ability, but also the ability to remain calm under pressure. From history to literature, and everything in between, the members of guiz bowl challenge their minds constantly.





5: France 2: Mississippi; 3: Pip; 4: South Africa Answers:1: War of 1812;



Breaking

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Issues



A few students meet together to discuss the topic with each other.

Students gather around to listen to the instructions.



world issues, Model UN is an excellent way to interact with others who share the same interest. Students are given a topic that they must research and discuss with others. This way, not only are the students learning about history and world events, but they also get a chance to practice their research and communicating skills. Model UN is a great activity that will benefit these students for years to come.

For students who are interested in



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Sara Vogl delivers her

speech as president of BPA

The state-qualifying members of BPA gather together.

Top students showcase their awards.

# Creating A Better Future

From graphic design to small business management, the members of Business Professionals of America expand their knowledge in a variety of ways. Some people interpret BPA as an activity for those who are going into a business career. However, BPA can be beneficial to almost anyone. Students can gain valuable interview and computer skills and learn about teamwork and other qualities that will help them throughout their lives.



Brandon Heins awaits the final decision.

Members assemble together in the hallway.





# Making A Difference

eter Schall and Anthony Tuttila ecycle for e S.A.V.E. program.



The members of National Honor Society care about more than the well-being of themselves. They have helped the school and the community in more ways than one. While participating in things like recycling and helping out students with school work, members also help to raise money for various organizations. In 2007, Andrea Duffey organized a fundraiser called Pennies for Patients. It was to raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma research and patient services.



National Honor Society has benefited many and will continue to do so for years to come.



Trisha Monroe helps an elementary student with a project.



Winners of the scavenger hunt display their awards.

urtney Robinson and Jesseca Taylor show their support for the school. Forest Parke Library and Archives - Capital Area District Libraries



# The Halls are alive with the Sound of Music

The Choir Classes have really begun to shine this year. In his second year at WHS, Mr. Bragel is expecting much more from the choir program. Casey Shipman, junior, said, "Mr. Bragel has improved the program a lot. He has really modernized coral music. He has made choir in Williamston a desirable thing to be in." The choir program has had four concerts this year. The fall concert was a chance for people to truly shine individually with the opportunity to do solos and small group performances. The holiday concert was full of songs that got the audience ready for the holiday season. Before going to Choral Festival, all the choir members practiced their performances in the festival concert. In the spring, for their last concert, the songs had a jazz theme. In March, the Madrigals and the Concert Choir went to Choral festival. The Concert choir received an over all 2 and the Madrigals received straight 1's. The Bel Canto went to the the Solo Ensemble in February and made it to states. They went to states in April and they received an over all 1 in both sight reading and their singing. There is no doubt, the WIliamston Choir program is very talented. Don't be suprised to see a great deal of new material in the near future.



The Madrigals rehearsing a piece during class.

Gilly Cobb and Karyn Clark hit the high note during rehearsal.



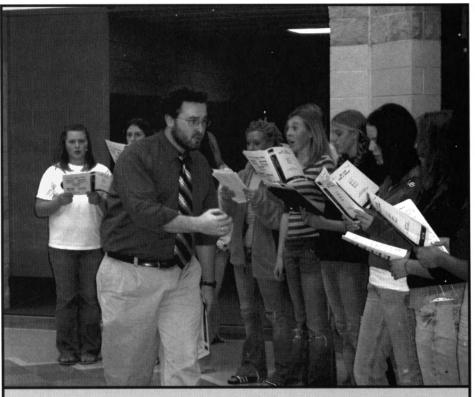


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elby Thelen sings with de during choir class.



Above and below, Mr. Bragel directs his choir with passion.









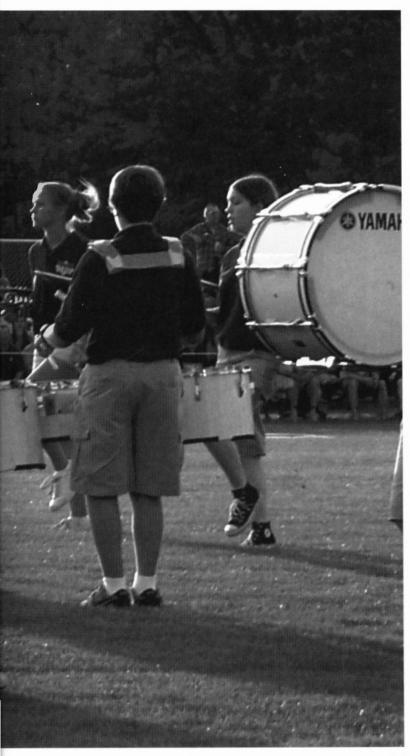












Marching as one Throughout the past couple years the WHS band has gone through several changes that only improved the team. Since we got a new band director three years ago, there have been numerous changes. Miss Kelsey, the new director, has many new and creative ideas. We now have two additional bands, the symphony band and the wind ensemble, giving the students more options. Another change is all the rules. This year band is more open, in the sense of strictness. An example is jazz band; now no auditions are necessary and unlimited members can join. Every two years the band goes on an excursion. Out of those two years, every other is a big Florida trip. Florida is the one that everyone looks forward to the most. On each vacation they have the opportunity to play for an audience, whether it is a competition or recording music for a movie. This time, they got the opportunity to travel backstage at Epcott to record a song in the ending of Little Mermaid. "The director was really good." says senior Carolyn Sienko. It was nice to be able to relate it to something that everyone knows about. They can watch the movie and then compare. The director showed everyone how the show biz portion of music is. They got to see the preparation that takes place in playing for these movies.

"Band is fun, it's like a little family"-Becca Robinson

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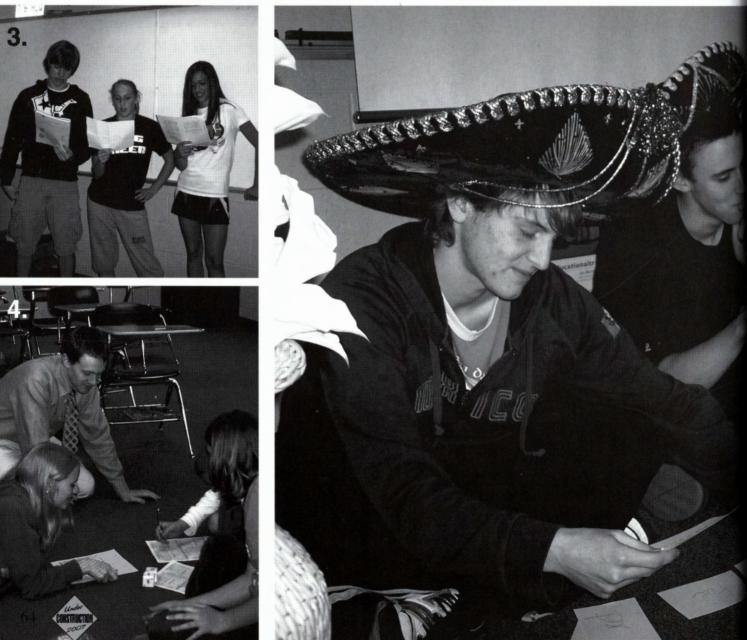
**1.** In Spanish III, Brittany Ishman, Robert Gillespie, and Eric Lopez play their favorite sentence game.

**2.** Kelly Barden, Jesseca Taylor, Kylie Topliff, Andrea Duffey and Anne Taylor are enjoying *café en la clase* in Spanish IV.

**3.** Fynn Durr, Kacie Miller and Kelsey Grace perform a skit in Spanish I.

**4.** Monsieur Greve helps students in French I.





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h foreign culture becoming so portant in the United States, liamston High School is stepping it up he Foreign Languages Department. IS now offers levels I, II, III and IV of Spanish language. Until last year, no er foreign language was offered at liamston. But after much hsideration and a high interest shown students, the school added a French I urse. In the Spanish classes, a normal anish day typically includes listening, ding, speaking and writing since they four of the most essential Spanish Is used in every day communication.

# Español Spanish Français French



## Tradúcelo! Translate it!

La chica va a la tienda. "The girl goes to the mall." -Landon Palmer, 9 Incorrect! The girl goes to the store.



Me gustan manzanas. "I like apples." -Samantha Crossley, 10 **Correct!** 

Mi hermana tiene 18 años. "I am 18 years old." -Michele Uptegraft, 11 Incorrect! My sister is 18 years old.

El corre rápidamente. "He runs quickly." -Rob Wood **Correct!** 

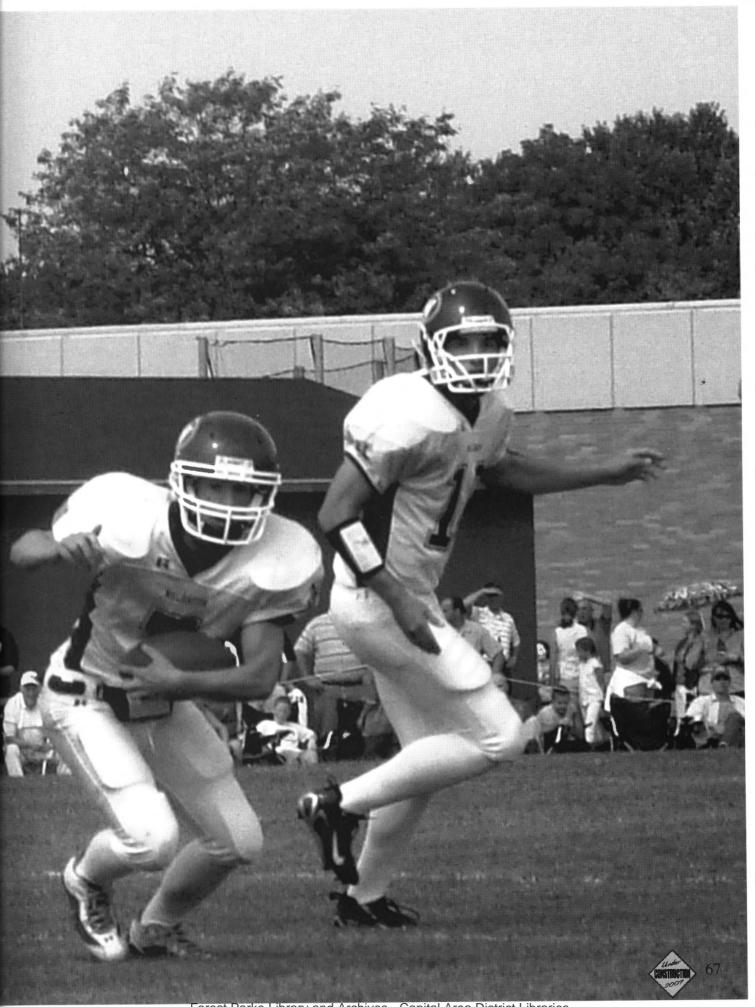


## Building Bodies

"Commitment to the team there is no such thing as in-between, you are either in or out." -Pat Riley

Athletics

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# WHAT IT TAKES TO

In Williamston we are proud of our students and of our athletes. The students that participate on sports teams show extreme dedication, work hard, have an intense competitive drive and love their sport. This year the Hornets were lead by star athletes like freshman Aaron **Risch** who was a state qualifier for the wrestling team and freshman Tiffany Ash who was the number one singles player for the girls' Varsity Tennis team

The Williamston Varsity Chee team also worked hard toward a great accomplishment. For the first time in six years, the team participated in a competitive tournament and took second place. The Williamson sports teams will continue to uphold the reputation we have made. The only difference will be the legacy will be carried on in new and up-to-date building. Along with the new facilities, several of the sports teams an working on building a foundation with new coaching staff.



Q: How did you get the job of being the school mascot? A: "I wanted to be the mascot for our float sophomore year so Emily passed it down to me." Q: Who would you like to see take over your job as the mascot?

A: "Doesnt matter who it is, l just want someone who will get the students fired up."

# BE A HORNET

he spirit of Williamston hletics is in the stands with tradition for students to do acky things in support of heir fellow classmates. In cent years, the Hornets ave started the tradition of neme nights at the asketball games which gets he students excited and the leachers packed. Another adition here is the battle etween the boys cross ountry and the girls tennis eams, the attack is always inticipated and always tense. The traditions are that keep the events exciting and the students coming back.

D: What is the best part
bout being our mascot?
A: "People just wanna ake pictures with me all he time."
D: And the worst?

A:"It's sooo hot."



>>Varsity

The girls get their first look at the district champ trophy.



#### >>Junior Varsity

Freshman Stephanie Bock hits a freethrow while Alexa Haun and Courtney Clem recover for the rebound.

# SWISH. Bringin' it Back

"It's all about the team", said senior Nicole Hosking. Making sure that your team has a good relationship on and off the court is a major role in having a successful season. The Varsity and Freshmen teams ended up having a winning record. "Our season this year was very successful. We defeated LCC for the first time in ten years and beat Haslett once. However, kicking Corunna out of the tournament and winning Districts for the second year in a row was the highlight of the season", said senior Captain Emily Forsberg. The JV team was just cut short of having a winning record, but recovered well after having injuries to three players. Overall all three teams improved greatly from the beggining of the season and always gave it their all on and off the court.



>>Junior Varsity

The JV team battles it out for the rebound.



>>Freshmen

Allie Hoag takes a jump shot as Captains Leah Hosking and Kelsey Grace meet with the referees before the game.



>>Varsity

Captain Emily Forsberg keeps the key safe on defe





>>Varsity

ior Samantha Schultz makes it look impossible to get the ball past her.



>>Freshmen

Coach Goodrich takes a time out to let her Freshmen get a breather.



>>Junior Varsity

Coach Tina Benington call for a timeout to give her JV girls some time to regroup.



>>Varsity

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Freshmen

Shelby Guile shoots freethrows to get warmed up for her game.



Varsity

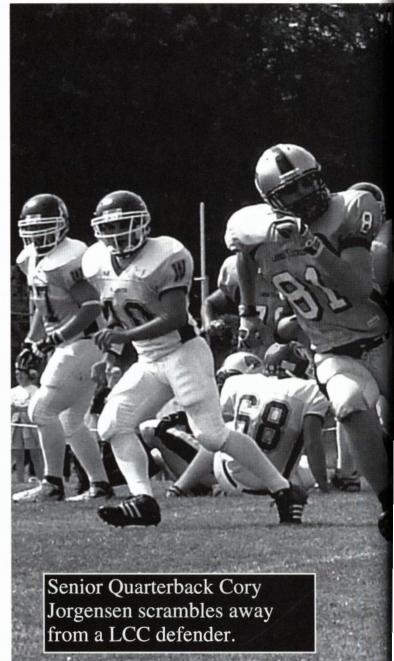
Sophomore Melissa Lynch gets help with her shot from Coach Bennett.

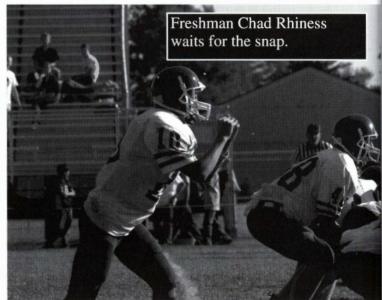


#### We are **ROAD** WARRIORS

The high school wasn't the only thing under construction, the football field was, too. That's why this year all the Williamston football teams took on a new role of "road warriors". Because of the absence of a home field, the teams faced many struggles. They dealt with disadvantages like fewer Williamston fans and playing on unfamiliar territory. Throughout the season, the team endured great challenges and finished the season stronger, braver and proud to be a Hornet.







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These young men made vast improvement over the season, they played tough in every game, they played as a team, and never gave up." Says Coach Weber the Freshman football coach."The most exciting point of our season had to be against Haslett, scoring 48 points and racking up over 500 yards of total offense." Most of the players agreed with Coach. The team worked extra hard that game to show their rivals what they were made of. Even though the team ended with a 3-6 record, they improved greatly both mentally and physically. This season was not easy, nothing was ever handed to them, they had to work for it. The Williamston Freshman football team earned every tackle. touchdown and moment of triumph.



What does it take to be a "good" football player? "The ability to change your teammates' emotions, on and off the field, like after getting tackled for a loss being able to pick 'em back up and make them more determined to gain 10-20 yards the next play." Says Brian Yarmak the only freshman on the JV team.

"Football is a game of intensity. If you don't have it, your are better off going home." -Senior Nick Graham





The JV team had a tough season because they were such a small team. The boys were worn out at the end of every single game which played a big factor in their losses. The team was constructed of talented and determined players, which proved them to be a tough competitor. "We ended the season with a losing record because we didn't have enough people on the team, and we couldn't finish our games." Nick Rainey explains. Whenever they weren't thinking about how cold it was or how tired they were, the boys could shut down almost any team that came their way.



#### LOVE Means Nothing To a Tennis Girl

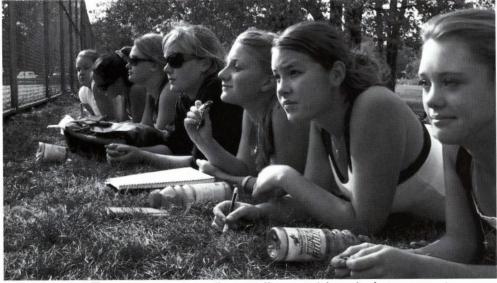
Every year the girls tennis team grows exponentially. A few years ago there were only enough people for one Varsity team. This year the team has gained one extra Varsity team. Now they have Green Varsity and White Varsity as opposed to only one Varsity team. The tennis team also has a Junior Varsity and an expedition team for the people who wouldn't have gotten to play if it were not for the new change. There were too many girls and opponents to have only one varsity team, so the coaches decided to make two teams. Green Varsity plays the teams in our league and White Varsity plays teams that are at the same level as they are but are not included in our league. The Green Varsity went to States this year and placed fourth. Sarah Vogel has been playing tennis for four years. She was on Green Varsity this year and went to States. "The courts were really nice at the stadium, and it was a lot of fun for the team to do so well," Sarah remarks. She says her favorite thing about the team this year was, "We were all really good friends, and it was a lot of fun to hang out with everyone."



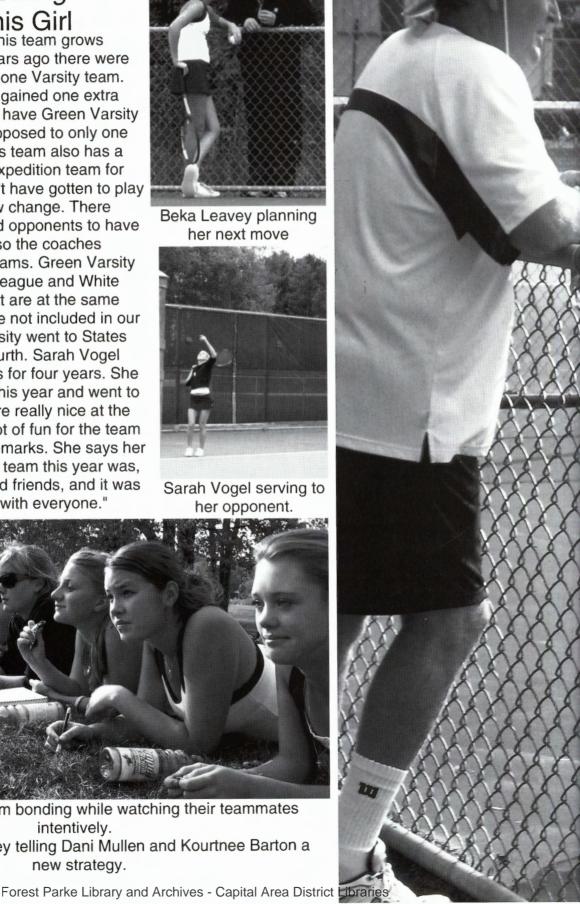
Beka Leavey planning her next move



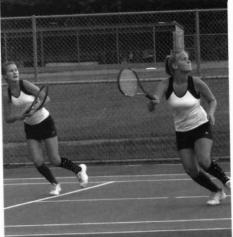
Sarah Vogel serving to her opponent.



ABOVE: Tennis team bonding while watching their teammates intentively. RIGHT: Coach Stanley telling Dani Mullen and Kourtnee Barton a new strategy. 74







Katherine Noren and Sandra Suryak go for an overhead shot.



Cassy Wightman receiving the ball from her opponent.



Jesseca Taylor on her feet ready to hit a forehand.



White Varsity cheers to get the spirit up.

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### Bring On The Water

**Team**: "A group in which members work together intensively to achieve a common group goal". Throughout the Williamston Girls Swim Team season the girls set goals, they were determined to achieve them, and of course in the end were successful. They worked hard at practices all season long. "Every lap counted" says Kelsey Weyhing. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the girls would practice twice a day. Kelly Penn, freshman, quickly realized that being on the team was a large commitment. She said "after four and a half hours of swimming a day it didn't take me long to get used to working hard". The freshmen were not the only new additions to the team, but the program also signed Katrina Kniff as the new head coach. "She's great, everyone likes her and she pushes us to do our best, what more do you need in a coach?"

says freshman Kelsey Weyhing. Coach Kniff taught the girls that team work and team spirit are two very important elements of success. Every time you walked into a meet you could hear, see and feel the spirit that the team generated. Which with skill, helped the team win their meets.

"When we arrived at our league meet we knew we would need to be louder, faster, stronger and more supportive than ever before" says Emily Maier. It was their greatest challenge yet. Throughout the day they focused on their races and cheered each other on, like a true hornet. In the end it all paid off, third place, they were proud. The girls accomplished many goals, they worked hard, played hard, and had a great season. They redefined the word Team as Williamston Girls Swimming.

skill as well as determination to be an accomplished diver. Skill: competent excellence in performance.

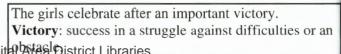
Senior, Anne Taylor shows that it takes













Hannah Merrill demonstrates her devotion to the team. Devotion: great dedication and loyalty. Folest Parke Library and Archives - Capital Steal District Libraries Kirsten Grooms strives to finish with the intensity she needed to win her race. **Intensity:** great energy, strength, and concentration.

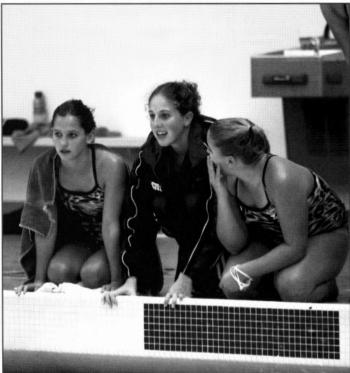




Pride and team spirit, you cannot win without them. **Team Spirit**: the spirit of a group that makes the members want the group to succeed

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Andrea Duffey, Jessica Kildea and Lindsay Hulliberger cheer on the team with the encouragement of true teammates. **Encouragement:** the act of giving hope or support to someone.



## Did You Know?

\*Kangaroos are great swimmers.

\*Plato thought that a man who didn't know how to swim, to be uneducated.

- \*Benjamin Franklin invented swim fins.
- \*Elephants are able to swim 20 miles a day.
- \*It is illegal to swim in Central Park.

\*If you have blonde hair that goes green from chlorine in the pool you should put ketchup on it to balance the pigments.



Senior, Emily Maier, proves that she has true passion for swimming. **Passion:** Intense or overpowering emotion Capital Area District Libraries



## Going the Distance

#### Keeping a tradition strong by building on the foundation

Running over 5 miles a day. Pushing through the pain of a 3 mile race. I mean really, who runs that much for fun? Mostly you run because you become addicted. You want to keep improving your times and striving to become better. The team becomes great friends, who push each other to do better. The construction has impacted the runners a great deal. We no longer have a home course, so all the meets are away. They are also not allowed to run on the grass because it needs to grow first.



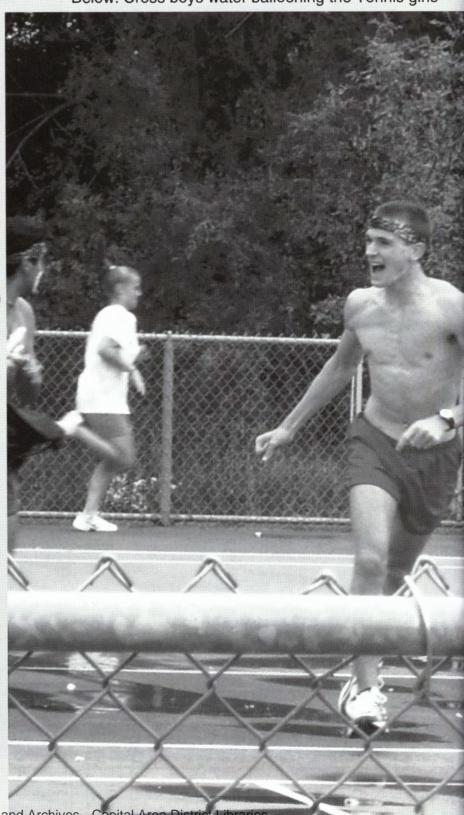
Left: Freshman Sarena Wing, running hard.

Below: Tally pacing herself for the final leg.



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Below: Cross boys water ballooning the Tennis girls





Left: David Ash pacing himself with someone else. Right: Lauren Halm, Freshman, staying ahead.



Right: the crowd cheering Misty on through the end!







Above: Zachary Nagy running away from the tennis girls. Below: Emma Drenth pushing through the pain until the end.





# Tearing up the Turf

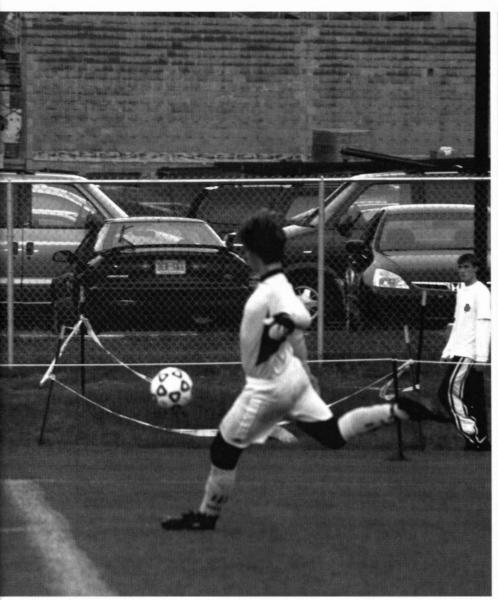
The Williamston soccer teams in the past have helped build a strong foundation. In 2006, the Williamston soccer crew was no different. Although the boys were faced with different hurdles to overcome, they managed to maintain strength until the end. They were forced to stay strong because without a JV, they were the only resource we had. The team was even faced with problems from other sports that had nothing to do with soccer. The team was forced to share their turf with the football team due to the construction on the football field. The team was fine with the compromise because they will be rewarded with an expansion to their complex. The addition will be adding two fields to the complex and more opportunities for the program. The new fields will provide a location to host bigger tournaments and bring in serious competition. The soccer program will continue to host districts but the complex would also provide space to hold state tournaments. This opportunity will hopefully encourage our younger boys to join the crew and help to continue the legacy that this group of boys has helped to build.

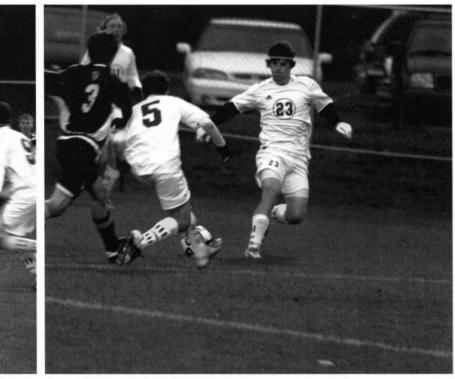




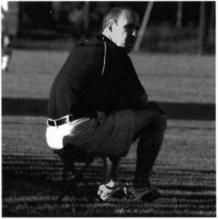


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Top Left: Nick Garza lines up his kick.

Bottom Left: Defender Aroldo Theis slides between the ball and his opponent.

Top Center: Team goalie Jimmy Clark doing his job and clearing the ball.

Bottom Center: Forrest Duvendeck runs along side the opponent to keep them from pushing the ball up the field. Top Right: Alex Punch making a throw in.

Bottom Right: Anthony Sovis and Brad Walters hustling to the ball to keep the opponent from making a clean break. Above: Coach Sorg concentrates on the game.



# Building **Their Way** to the Top

As the Williamston Cheerleading program has grown in numbers over the past year, so has the team's determination. This year, the team had their eves on the prize and Williamston Cheerleaders made their presence known throughout the area. The cheerleading squad is no longer just sitting on the sidelines cheering our football and basketball teams on, they have crossed over to the other side: the competitive side.

The cheerleading team, led by Coach Sara Skerratt, worked harder this year than in any previous year. They had longer and more frequent practices to perfect their cheers and routines. The difference between this year and last year was that they, "had better communication, determination and bonded more like a family," said Junior Jennifer Gregg. For the first time in four years, the cheerleading team traveled to Birch Run where they performed in a competition. They got 2nd place out of 35 teams and had a fun time bonding. Don't be surprised to see the Williamston cheerleading squad going places in the near future with the determination. focus and leadership of this outstanding group of girls!

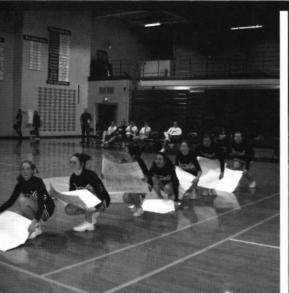




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To the left is the cheerleading team performing with young dancers during one of the boys varsity basketball games. The girls, along with the cheerleaders put on a fun show for the audience at halftime of one of the games during the Christmas season.



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### Swing easy... hit 'em hard...

#### ... construction was no sweat for us!

This season was a constructing year for the Boys Golf Team for two reasons: first, there was a significant addition of new players to the team, and second, the golf team received a golf simulator in the summer. The golf team now has a total of 21 golfers, which is a greater amount than the past years. Many new freshmen came to the golf team hoping to have a great year. The team has made an outstanding improvement with all of the new players. This year the team's M.V.P. was Senior Adam Heins: Adam also made it to the Golf Regionals. This year the team's M.I.P. was Jacob Burkhart. The golf team had a great year because of the new talent that they brought to the game. The team uses the golf simulator for offseason practices and for those rainy and snowy days when the golf course can not be used. The golf simulator is a virtual golf game that tells you how far and exactly where you hit the ball. Team members can play a total of eighteen holes of golf on the simulator. The extra golfers and the addition of the golf simulator have made this year's golf season one of the best seasons ever in Williamston High School.

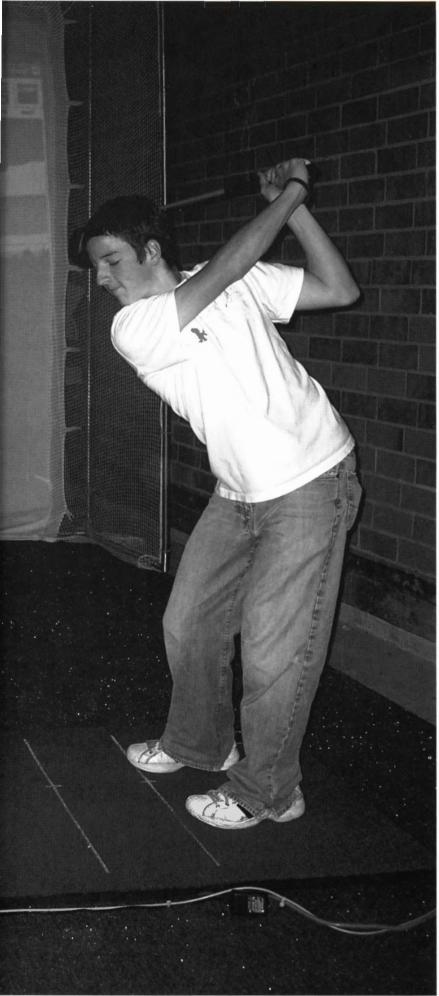




Above: The start and end of a perfect drive from Freshman Fletcher Smith. Left: Freshman **Corey Morales** and Sophomore Jacob Burkhart taking a break in the golf cart. Below: Senior Adam Heins takes a walk down the fairway with his younger brother, Freshman Brandon Heins.







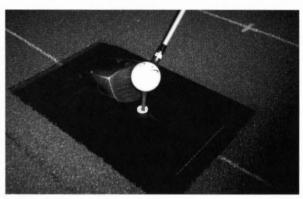
Left: Junior Brent Stanton is seeing how far his virtual golf ball will fly on the teams' new golf simulator.

#### How low do you want to go?

Robert Wood would like his score to be 90 by the end of the season.

Jacob Maran would like his score to be 80 by the end of the season.

Vincent Gentilozzi would like his score to be 67 by the end of the season.



Above: The new golf simulator sets up the shot exactly as you would in a real golf game.

Right: Freshman Joel Kinnell, in the middle of his left handed fairway shot.





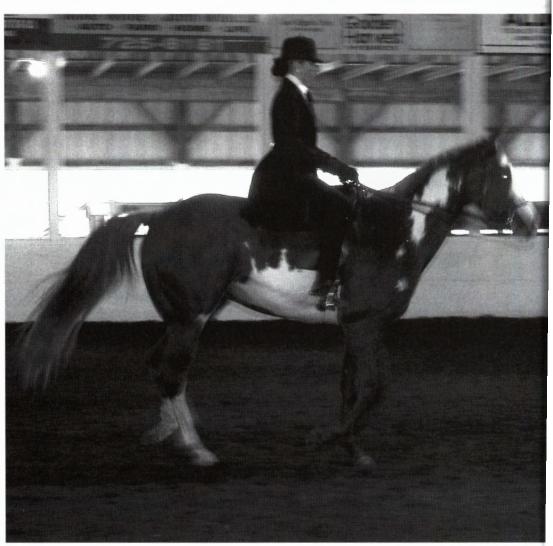
## Saddle Up

While you were on summer vacation the Williamston Equestrian team was working hard in and out of the show ring

You may say to yourself, "How hard could it be to get a horse ready for a horse show?" Well, the truth is it takes a lot of hard work and time. To prepare your horse for a show you must groom, bathe, clip, and braid their manes the day before the show. Trailering and settling your horse in at the showgrounds can also be a long task, depending on how well your horse reacts to the new environment it must now sleep in. You must lay down straw or sawdust as bedding for the horses stalls. Also, you have to haul a bucket of water to place inside the stall for your horse to drink. Show season is during the summer when the temperatures can reach scorching highs. Dehydration is a major issue for horses (and riders) that you must watch out for while showing your horses.

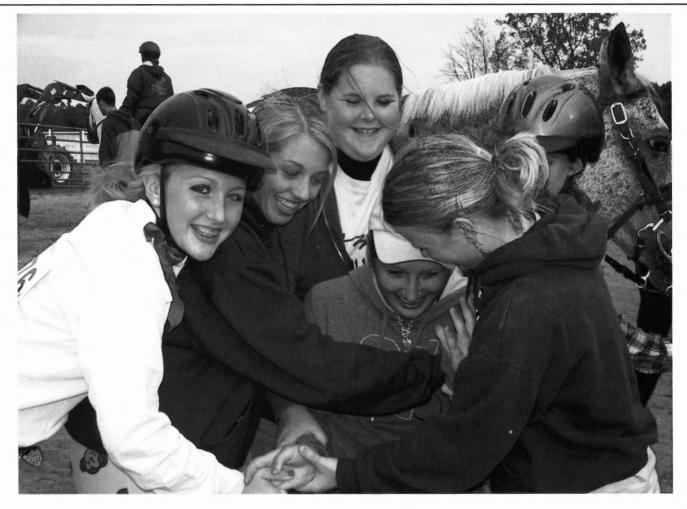


"It always seems like the hottest days are days when we have shows and meets. It's a real pain to have to wear show clothes because they are so hot!" Freshman Shelby Thelen said.





Showing love, support and congratulations is a big job of the girls on the Equestrian team. Encouragement is also a huge help before, during and after you show your horse. It gives you confidence and determination.





Riding horses is not just about riding around in circles at various speeds. It's more about the relationship between the horse and rider. You could trot or cantor your horse around the arena 10 times, but what fun is that? For fun, horse-back riders show in many different kinds of classes. An example is barrel racing (left). Riders must gallop their horses around a set of three barrels and back to the starting line at a timed pace. Other examples consist of show jumping, dressage, flag races, showmanship, poles, and trail.



### **Billtown Ballers**

The boys basketball team started out a season with not only new players but a new coach as well. Coach Rodney Palmer started out the season wanting to change and improve the team. He wanted to make a new name for the boys and give the students of Williamston High School a brand new way of looking at the basketball program. Coach Palmer is working to get his team on their way to better seasons. Although the team is changing for the better, one thing about basketball will always remain the same: the student section. The student section was crazier than ever this season. The nights went from camo to the beach and everything in between, such as white outs and black outs, 'stunna' shades and Christmas. The students had a blast cheering on their schoolmates as they watched them progress and head for better days in the future.



Scotty Bowlin, of the freshman basketball team, said, "The team is pretty good and strong, we have our ups and downs but we managed the season well." He plans on playing next year as well.

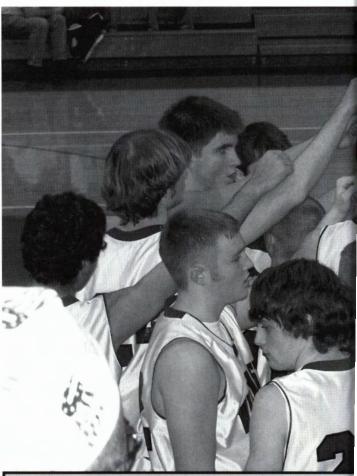




Kyle McIntyre jumping up to steal the ball from his opponent.

The Freshmen Boys watch their teammates play; they take a rest until they have to go in.





The Varstiy team huddles together before some of their players go out on the court.







1: Kevin Donovan gets ready to shoot a free throw.

2: Seniors Nick Capone, Austin Richards, Cory Jorgenson, Stefanie Maser and Tessa Michell show some support for our Varsity players.
3: Bryan Erickson gets around his opponents and goes in for a basket.

4: Mr. Bowles sits and cheers with student section during a Varsity basketball game; the theme was Christmas spirit.

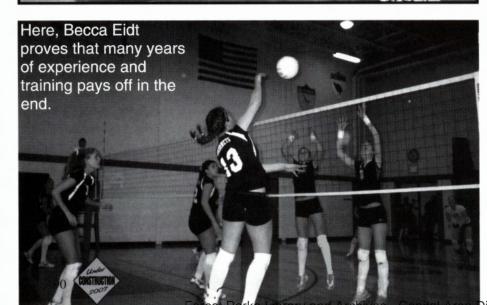


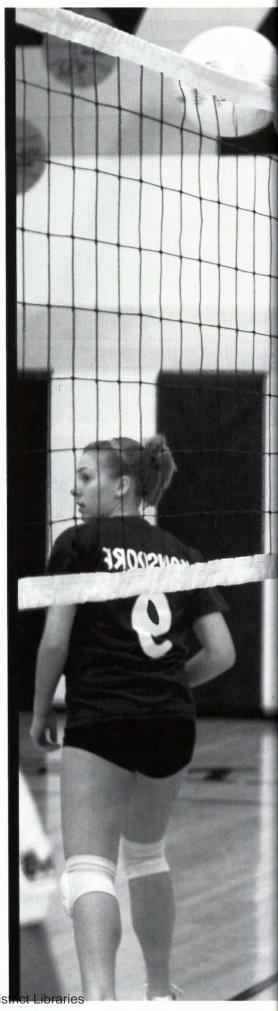
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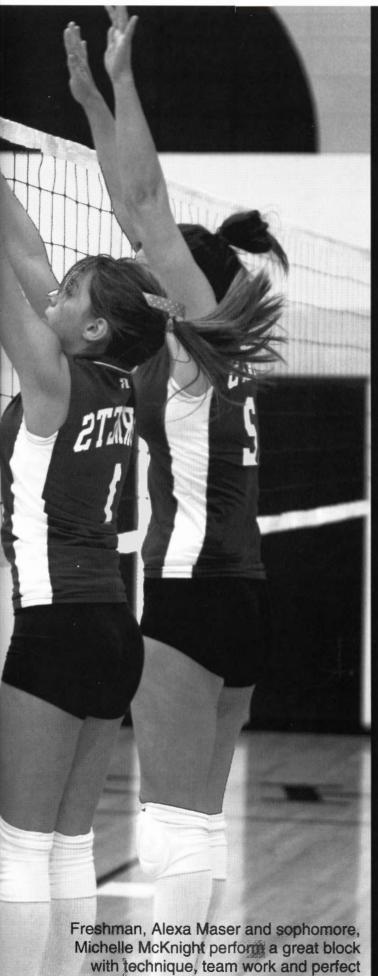
## Can you dig it?

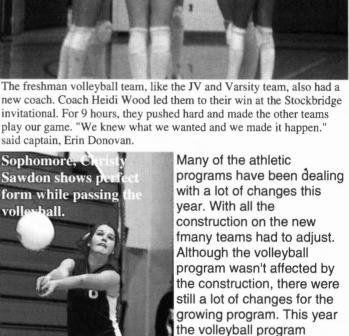
On November 16th, the lady hornets entered the gym, hoping that in two days, once they walked out of that same gym they would be a lady hornet volleyball player. They didn't know what to expect at this years' tryouts. With a new coach and plenty of freshmen anything could happen. There were many surprises: 3 freshmen were moved up to the JV team. One freshman, Hilary Tuttila, was moved up to the varsity team. After two days of intense tryouts the selected girls were eager to start competing. "Our first game was nerve wrecking as it was every other year, but we pulled through and we played really well" says varsity player, Beckie Knapp. Although the girls had a good start the rest of the season was rough. Between the six invitationals and all of the duals or double dual meets it was a hectic season for the varsity volleyball girls. In the end, the girls pulled together and worked hard to prove that the Williamston volleyball lady hornets could adjust and overcome any challenges that stood in their way.

The varsity girls show patriotism by listening attentively while the national anthem is played before every competition.







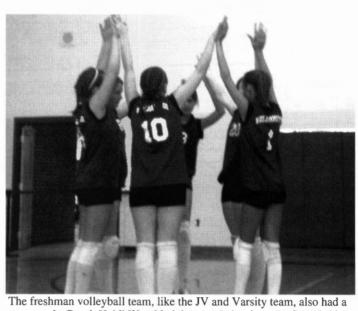


signed three new coaches. Kristi Herrington the varsity coach and program leader came from St.Louis,

Michigan to build a program and change Williamston volleyball from a sport to a tradition. The JV coach was Katy Maiolatesi, an intern for Spanish at Williamston High.

Sophomore, Katie Foster patiently waits for the referee to blow the whistle which permits her to serve.



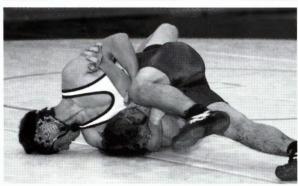


form while passing volleyball.

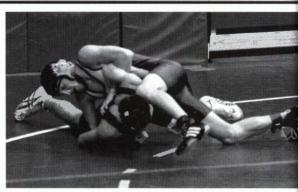
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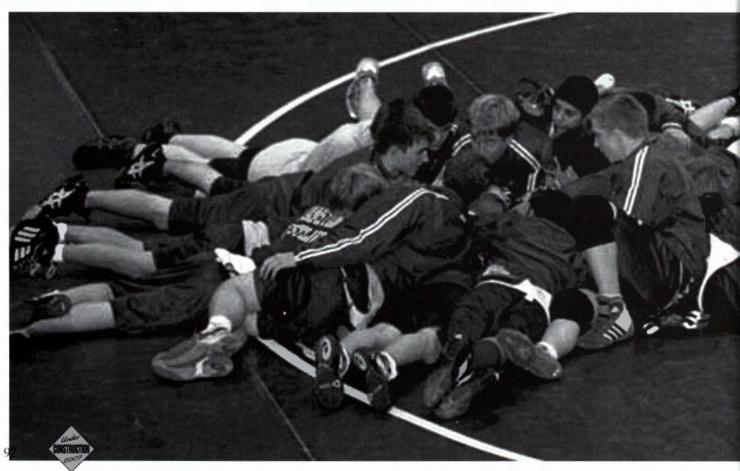
## Take 'Em Down

The 2006-07 wrestling season here at Williamston was a building year where not only the team strengthened, but individuals as well. Many new faces joined the wrestling squad this year, several of them being freshman. Even though the team was younger than previous years, the team never lost focus of their goals. Every member of the team improved their skills this season, and Coach Pat Weber is looking forward to even better things in years to come. Freshman Aaron Risch went to states, where he went 1 and 2 finishing just 1 point shy of placing. "Overall this year he improved and did very well" said Mr. Weber. "It is unique for a Freshman to go to states. He is a very talented young man who works very hard." Junior Glen Sible was the team's Captain. Sible proved to be a good captain as he worked very hard and showed quality leadership skills. "Wrestling is a way of life, you need heart and dedication to succeed" said Sible. Junior Dan Shuck says, "It's 90% mental and 10% physical it's all about being able to out smart your opponent and making them do what you want them to do."

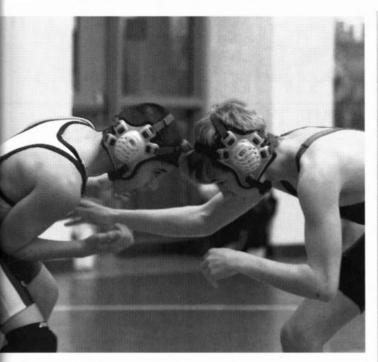


Left: Glen Sible is working toward winning by holding his opponent in an uncomfortable position. Right: Ian Leavey trying to turn his opponent over to pin him.





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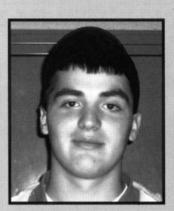
Above: Andy Mesi starting his match, waiting for the right time to go in to take his opponent down.

1: The team huddles together on the mat to talk,...

participating in some team bonding

2: Victor Theis goes sideways to try and take down his ppponent. It looks a little painful, but sometimes that is what you have to do!

3: Aaron Risch holds his opponents arm behind his back in order to pin him and win!



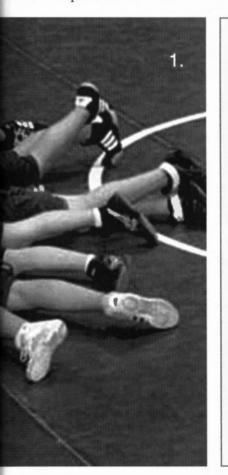
Glen Sible said "Before I get out on the mat I listen to music and warm-up." Glen started wrestling when he had a session on it in gym his 7th grade year. He thought it sounded fun and then decided to try it.

**Glen Sible** 

Dan Shuck said "Before I get out on the mat I listen to music and visualize my match." Dan began wrestling because his friends were involved. Then he liked wrestling so he stuck to it.

**Dan Shuck** 

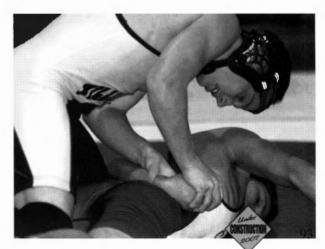




#### Weight classes

- 103 Andrew Mesi
- 112 Ian Ledvey
- 113 Casey Sible
- 125 Ben Wegner
- 130 Victor Theis
- 130 Andrew Langhart
- 130 Justin Johnson
- 135 Glen Sible
- 140 Coleman Bradley
- 140 Isaac McDonald
- 140 Tommy Siefring
- 140/145 Aaron Risch
  - 152 Josh Bucklin
  - 160 Kyle Jean
- 171/189 Dan Shuck 215 Evan Burke





### Step Up Or Step Off WILLIAMSTON BOYS SWIM & DIVE TEAM 2006-2007

Swimming is a sport of determination, cooperation, and dedication. Like all high school sports, it takes a lot of time and effort to be successful. But by the end of the season, between the memories and the new friendships created make it all worthwhile. That is why on 11-20-06, 23 high school boys started the 2006-2007 swim season with hopes of creating those friendships and memories. Some did not know that they would be practicing about 14 hours a week, including morning practices before school. After several weeks of training it all paid off at the Corunna Relays on December 2nd. "We swam hard all day and ended up tied for 2nd place, which meant we would have a swim off" said captain James Slider. Of course the boys were exhausted but they knew they deserved that 2nd place trophy. They thought that it was going to be a close race, but they ended up destroying the Dewitt team by about 4 or 5 seconds. "It was the most intense meet of the season, and we blew 'em out of the water" said junior Rhone Eppleheimer. As for the rest of the season, the boys showed team work, devotion and the spirit of a true hornet. No one said it was going to be easy, but when you're a part of the Williamston boys' swim team, you can either step up, or step off.

#### Adam Wright

Junior, Adam Wright has been diving for 3 years and has become known as one of Williamston's most accomplished swimmers and divers.





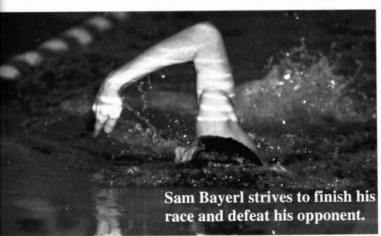
Team spirit is what truly brought the team together when they needed to pull off a win.





#### "Don't wait for your ship to come in swim out to it. "







#### James

Senior James Slider was one of the two elected captains chosen to lead the team. James swam the breast stroke and the individual medley. This team was especially fun to be on because they did so many things out side of practice and school, including breakfast at Sunny side Cafe.



Austin This year was sophomore Austin Donohoe's first year on the swim team. It was very difficult in the beginning, especially the morning during conditioning before school. However, the season got easier for him, he improved greatly and made a lot of new friends.

#### Rhone

Junior, Rhone Eppleheimer placed 28th out of about 60 at the MHSAA boys swimming state competition. " The feeling behind the blocks is truly breathtaking. It felt as if my heart was going to jump out of my chest".



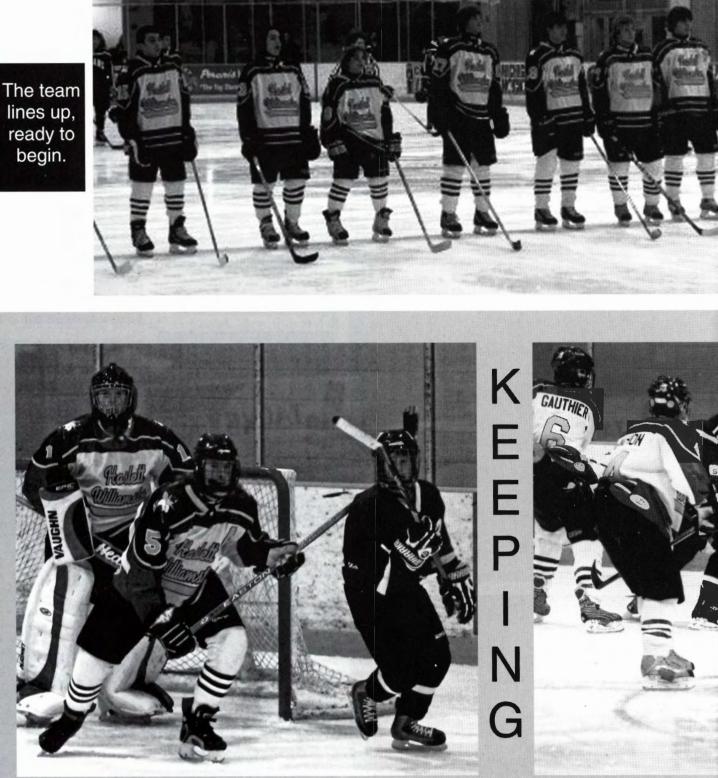
#### Robbie

Freshman, Robbie Coon had an exciting first season. "My favorite part of the season was when we would have team bonding nights. Once we were boxing at Rhone's house and James punched me so hard that my nose bled! It was worth the nose bleed."



# Walking on Water

lines up, ready to



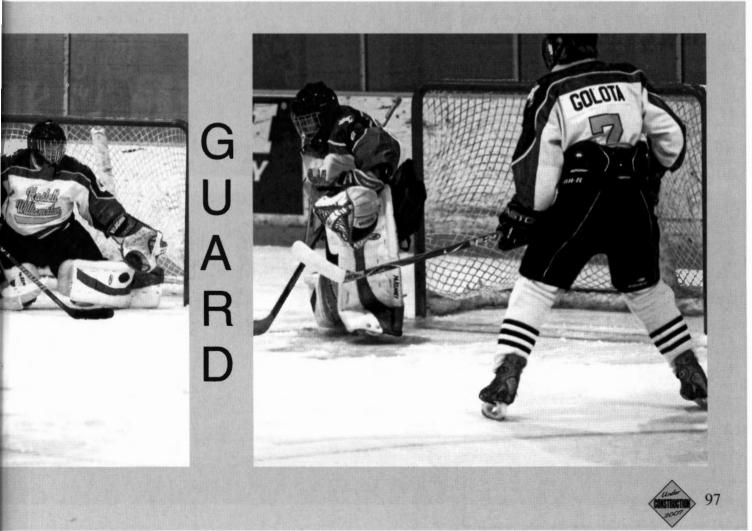
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Vhen two rival schools combine, the common thread sometimes is cometomes hard to find. For two chools, the common interest was lockey. The Haslett/Williamston Team has played hockey together for the past hree years and continues to make great progress. One player, Alan Harrigan, a senior, said when the two schools first combined it was different, but as the season went on it just felt like a normal eam.

The team poses with their well deserved trophy.



Diversity may have even made the team closer and better. This season they won leagues although they were teams that were competitive towards each other in other events. Alan Harrigan comments on how the team wouldn't only practice and play in games together, but once in a while they would have team dinners. Sometimes the best part of being on a eam is the friendships that are made and meeting new people. Members of the team include Mickey Arakelov, Aleks Arakelov, Alan Harrigan, Josh Nikolai and Jeff Robataille. While Haslett and Williamston still are rivals in many sports, such as football and basketball, they combine to make a hard working, well fitted hockey team.

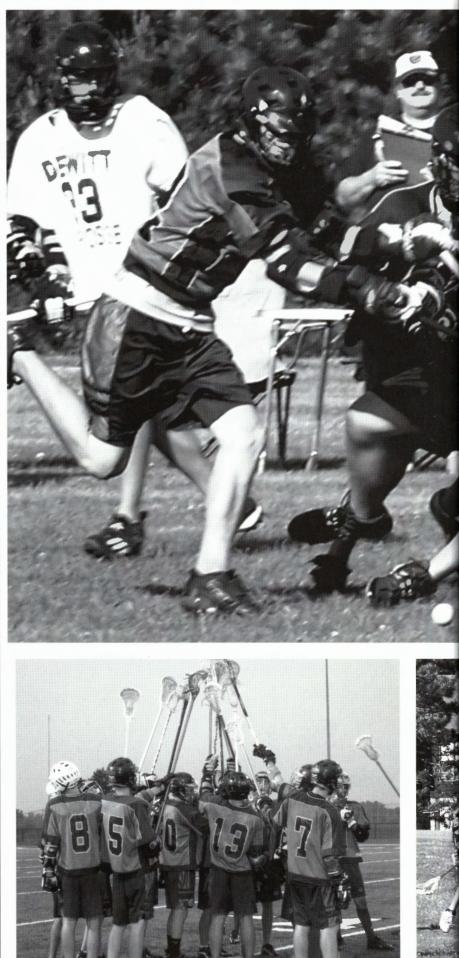


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#### "Crosse"-ing Over

Williamston and Haslett lacrosse started out as a developing program, with only enough players to start a small team who had very little knowledge and experience of the game. Now, Lacrosse has become more popular as the years have gone by. More and more people are becoming part of the team. It took hard work and a lot of practice, but they have grown into a strong team determined to stand above the rest. With 14 Seniors leaving, it will be hard to maintain their record. However, the team has improved greatly this year, and is expected to be just as good next season, if not better. Most boys who played for the first time this year have learned the game quickly, have greatly improved, and are expected to be moved up from Junior Varsity.

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# Headed for Home

The same as any other year, the softball girls worked hard and tried their best to win every game. This year they are a young team, with only six seniors. That leaves a sophomore, Aleksa Sedlak, to be starting pitcher. Another pitcher, Sam Schultz, believes that they

will be able to make it to leagues, just as they did last year, if they put forth the effort. "If we play to our potential, we can pull it off," says Sam. The team is first in their league at 4-0. They had a shaky start, just as any other team, but they pulled through and got their stats up to 11-8, as of mid May. The girls ended up getting second place in the Eaton Rapids tournament. The players

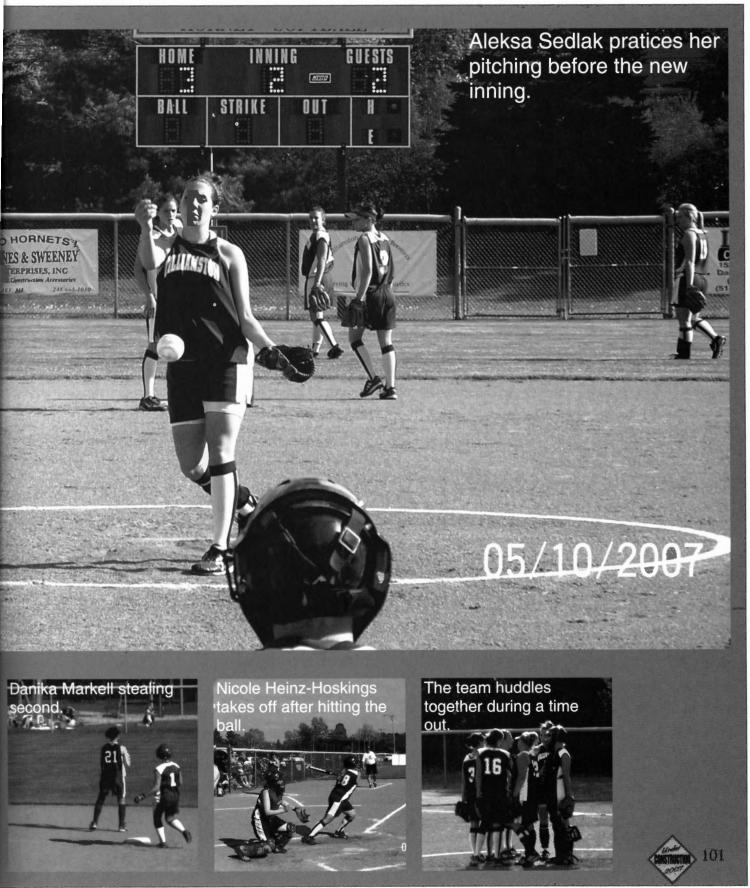
"If we play to our potential, we can pull it off." Sam Schultz

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are in hope of finishing up the season on a good note. Our school cheers on the team as they try to reach their goal of winning leagues.

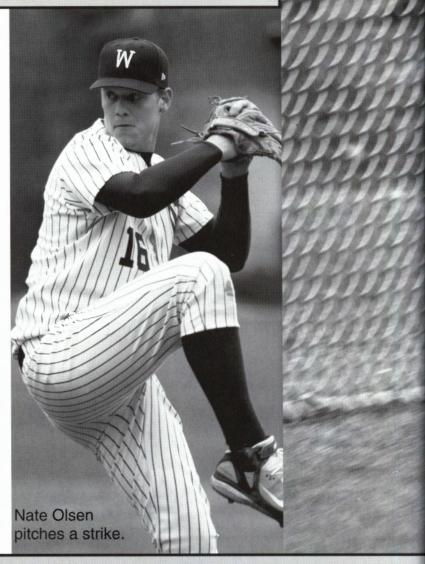


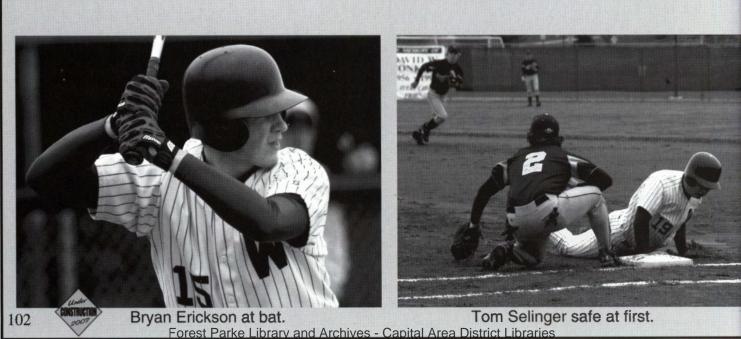
#### "It's not how good you are. It's how bad you want it."

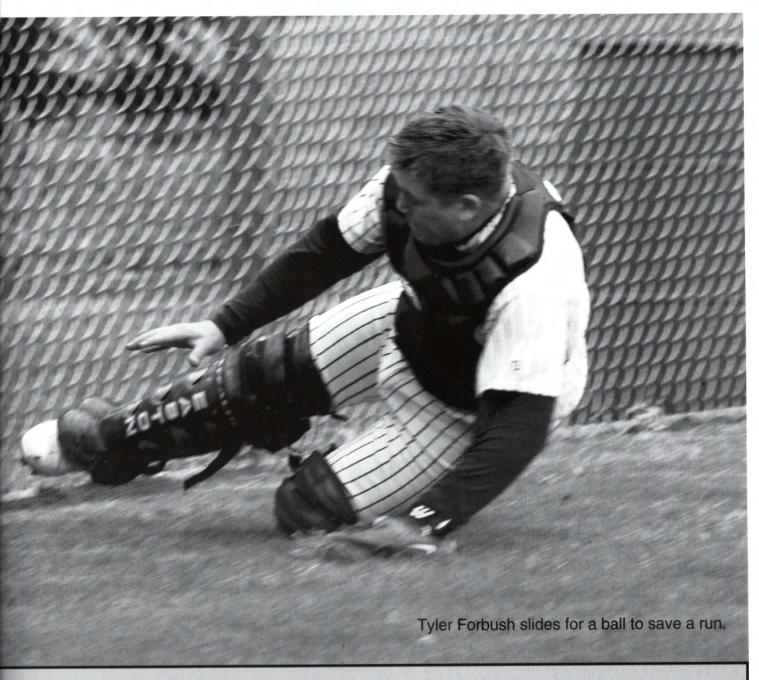


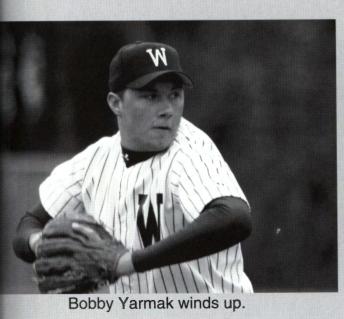
# Get Some Runs!

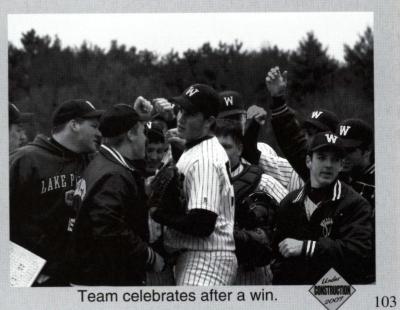
This year, the Boys' Baseball team started out with a new, but familiar face in the dugout, their new head coach, Williamston Alumnus and former player Brad VanSickler. When asked, Brent Stanton said this about his new Coach, "He really brings a lot of experience and passion to the team. He is a former player so he really cares about this program and wants to see us go places". The highlight of the season for the baseball team was winning the Mason Optimist Tournament held in Holt and Mason. The team also came in Second place in the Sanford-Meridian Invitational and finished Third in the Conklin Memorial Tournament that they hosted at their field. The team has a goal of being one of the ten teams accepted into the Lansing-Area **Diamond Classic Tournament** hosted at Oldsmobile Park.









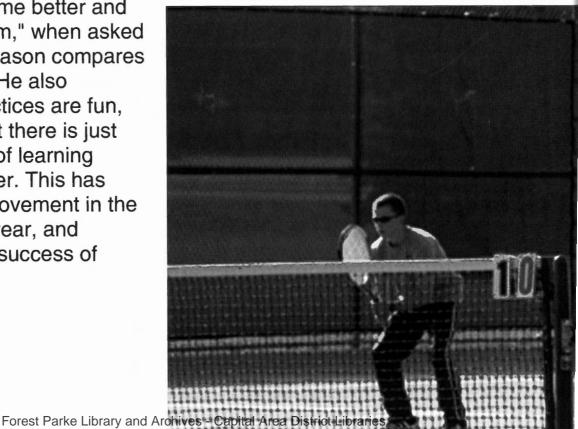


## **Better Played Than Watched**

The expectations of freshman entering a new team frequently are low. One exception, Peter Sienko, ranked second in the state, has gone above and beyond the team's expectations. Playing at number one singles, Peter enjoys practices because they are laid back. When asked if the team does anything outside of practice he says, "we don't do much, but sometimes we go out and get something to eat after a match." He believes that the team will do well at leagues and states. Brad Shuck says, "With more coaching and staff we have been able to utilize the whole season and become better and stronger as a team," when asked about how this season compares to others before. He also believes that practices are fun, not very strict, but there is just the right amount of learning added to get better. This has shown great improvement in the tennis team this year, and foreshadows the success of years to come.



Above: Scott Evans serves, hoping for an ace. Below: Austin Donohoe and Bradley Shuck start the match out ahead by one.





"Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquility."

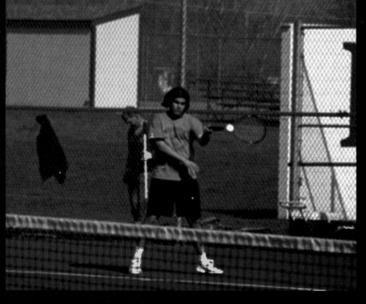




Zach Frenzel and Cam Smith tap rackets, congratulating each other on a well earned point.

Daniel Shuck hitting a forehand volley.





Everett Vanallsburg returns the ball with a groundstroke.





This year, the girls' soccer season has been all about development. There have been a lot of new additions to the team, both Varsity and Junior Varsity. It has been more difficult because most of the team is not yet used to playing together, and although the team has started the season strong, they still have a lot to learn about one another. "You can't compare this season to last season. We have a young team



and we're starting out strong, and carry a lot of leadership and untiy, but this will be a preparation year for next year, and we will be awesome." says captain Sarah Traver, who has been playing on Varsity since her freshman year. The JV team is also adjusting to new changes. There are a lot of talented freshman that have been a part of the team, but there are also a few that have been playing for the first time. The team also has come up shorter this year because most of them are being moved up to Varsity, such as sophomore, Sam Crossley. "It was fun playing for varsity, but I was really nervous. I love my team. There can be conflicts, but by the end of the season we'll be really close." It can be tough and frustrating, but nothing's too much of a challenge for a Hornet. As the season goes on the team will become stronger, and closer.











This year's team has started the season with intensity and determination to defend last year's title. Even the new additions have become committed to showing that they have what it takes. Sophomore, Holly Bengel(1) is seen getting past the keeper for a goal. Freshman, Courtney Clem(2) is about to make a shot on goal. Also pictured is junior, Becky Marton(3) winning the ball against Unity Christian in the soccer tournament, as well as freshman, Jacquelynn Derrig(4) getting past an East Lansing defender.



# **Setting the Standards**





After winning the state championship last year, the boys track team has worked hard to defend that title in 2007. With an exceptional coach to lead them on their path, it seems as though nothing can stop this team. Not only have they been the epitome of a well-rounded track team, but they have gone above and beyond the standards. For example, senior Josh Walters has broken the school pole vaulting record multiple times, now making it over 15 feet. However, it is not only the physical ability of the individual athletes that makes this team so strong, but the cooperation and spirit that this team possesses. Without the support of teammates, the boys would not fulfill the high expectations that they are held to. All in all, the collaboration of these many values and expectations allows for the boys' track team to continuously succeed. The unity carried by the team is what makes Williamston boys' track truly unique and outstanding.







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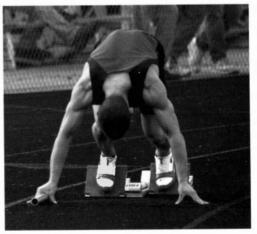
Matt Lutzke is a key distance runner for the track team. He says that, "all of the distance guys are very close, which helps during the meets." Winning the state title in 2006 was his favorite memory from his high school track career. He feels that now the team has to defend the title there is much more pressure, but the team will handle it in stride.

Steffen Carlisle is one of the distance runners for the Williamston track team defending their precious state title and reputation. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Everyone has to contribute and as Steffen says, "Without coach, we would not be where we are today. It sucks at first but in the end it all pays off."



Shane Larkin, a thrower for the boys' track team, says that this season has united the team. The team has more experienced members and that gives them a large advantage over their opponents. "There are a lot of great guys on the team and we all have a good time together," says Shane.

Aaron Seminski, a sprinter for the Williamston boys' track team, says that this year's team is possibly the best this school has ever seen. "There is a unique culmination of athletes and abilities on the team," he says. With constant victories and a stong foundation, he believes that this team will go far.







## "Pain is temporary, pride is **forever**."

In the past few years, the girl's track team has done remarkably well. Last year they made it to MITCA team states and won. This year they plan to do the same. When asked how the competition has been this year, Jessica Hall tells us, the team hasn't had much competition this year, but Albion will be tough to beat at states. She enjoys track because individually you have to compete, but when the whole team comes together there is one final score. Others enjoy track because of the friendships that are made. As a captain she has expectations that her team will be successful and win states. The team has worked hard, running in the off season with winter warriors. The extra practice has shown in the past few years, as they work towards to their goal of winning states once

again.



Above: Farrin Forsberg runs hard in the 4x1 relay. Below: Emily Forsberg gets ready to throw the shot.







ove: Kylie Topliff high nps, barely missing the le.

ft: Misty Pollok pushes rself, hoping to win the ce.

ght: Alexa Maser, Shelby lile and Kate Nelson race DeWitt, taking the lead in e relay.



## Building Memories

"Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose." -The Wonder Years

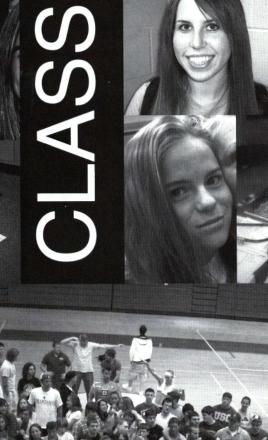


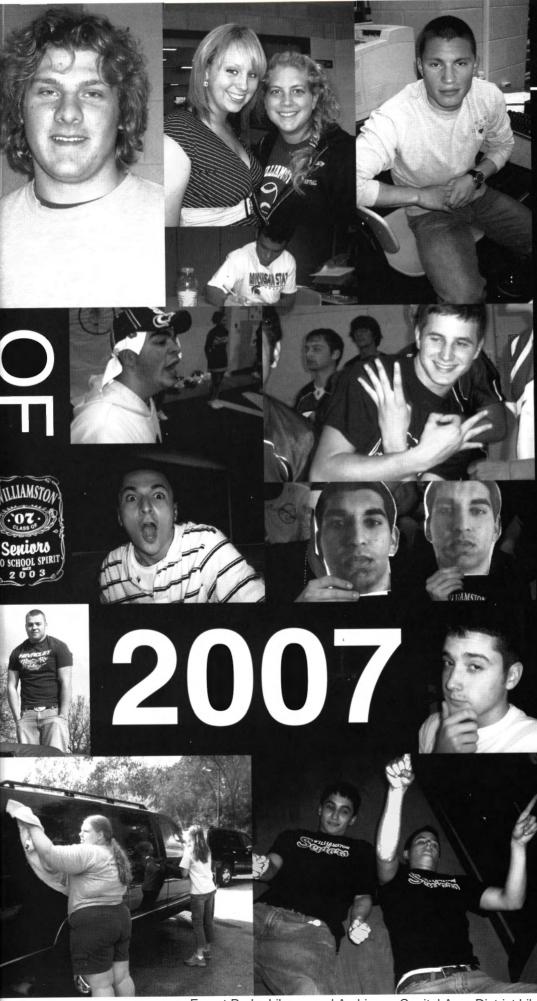
### 50 things you want to do before you graduate:

- go to Cedar Point.
   learn to drive a stick shift.
- 3) take a road trip with friends.
- 4) get lost.
- 5) take an art class.
- 6) learn a new sport.
- 7) win states.
- 8) go to Canada.
- 9) have a first date.
- 10) have a first kiss.
- 11) go to prom with a great date.

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- 12) protest something.
- 13) get pulled over.
- 14) get detention.
- 15) skip class.
- 16) correct a teacher.
- 17) get driver's license.
- 18) get a piercing.
- 19) get a tattoo.
- 20) use seniority.
- 21) push a freshmen into a locker.
- 22) pull a senior prank.
- 23) TP someone.
- 24) sky dive.
- 25) go 2.7 seconds on a bull named fuman-chu.
- 26) go see Alfonso Maya.
- 27) pie a teacher.





#### 50 things you want to do before you graduate:

- 28) learn to play an instrument.
- 29) see an opening movie at midnight.
- 30) skip on senior skip day.
- 31) finish a whole book.
- 32) ride a llama.
- 33) punch a shark.
- 34) swim with dolphins.
- 35) finish a play.
- 36) 4.0 a hard class.
- 37) buy a car.
- 38) pass the BMT.
- 39) ride in a hot air balloon.
- 40) parasail.
- 41) be spontaneous.
- 42) throw Ms. Goodrich a party.
- 43) have off campus lunch.
- 44) have an entire class skip for lunch.
- 45) dive off a cliff.
- 46) go somewhere really cool, like Australia.
- 47) get really good at guitar hero.
- 48) bungee jump.
- 49) mud bog.
- 50) drag race Mr. Bowles.

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## Opinions: Senior Year



"Although I feel like I'm older and have more freedoms, I

also feel like we've gotten shafted from all the construction and events that have gone on throughout the year. It's been rough, but worth it!" Kaitie Sweet



Emmalee Adelman



Brooke Alchin



Heather Allward

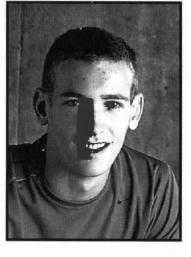


"Senior year has gone well but I feel a little more

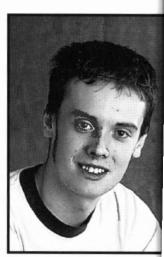
bored this year than other years. It will be weird being on my own next year but I'll get used to it." Kevin Sampson



Aleksandr Arakelov



David Ash



Ronald Baker II



"Senior year has been spectacular just on the

fact that this is our last year. We have gotten screwed on a lot of things, but overall we've made the best of it." Kristy King



Kelly Barden



Kelly Bartlett

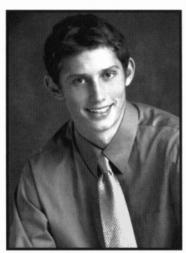








Craig Bellar



Tyler Bengel



Lisa Biering



Joanna Bloese



Nathan Bloomquist



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Laura Bailey Brandon



Andrew Braun



Brittany Burgess



Sadie Burrough

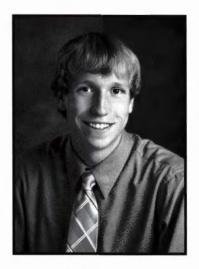


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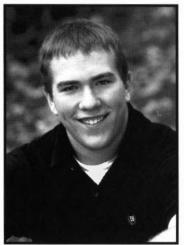


Nicholas Capone





Steffen Carlisle



Brent Carlson



Andraya Castillo



Katelyn Ciolek



Katee Clark



Erin Cook



Dianna Corsi



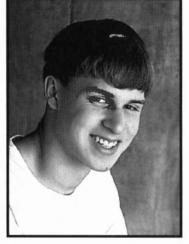
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Megan Curtis



Robert Curtis



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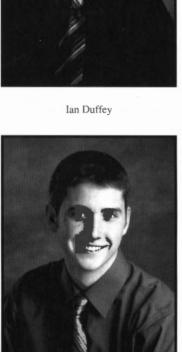




Andrea Duffey



Christian Faber



Chad Fisher



Daniel El-Haddad

## Opinions: After Graduation



"I plan to work all summer and volunteer

at Sparrow Hospital in order to gain experience in medical careers. I will attend U of M on a full tuition scholarship." Andrea Duffey



Kayla Ording and Kelly Bartlett both plan

on attending LCC and getting an apartment together. Kelly will study to become a psychiatric nurse and Kayla will study to become a massage therapist.



"I plan on going to Michigan Tech to study

engineering. This summer I am going to be working to save up for college." Josh Nikolai





Jessica Fritz



Jillian Gatesy

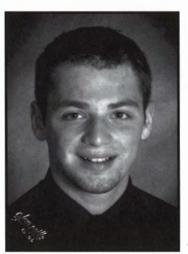


Emily Forsberg

Nicholas Graham



Coralyn Grant



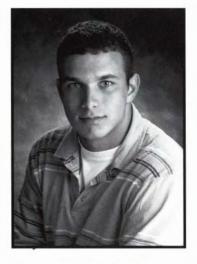
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Lydia Grove



Morgan Hagerty



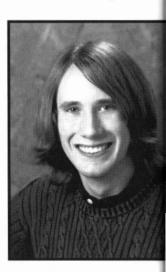
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Jessica Hall



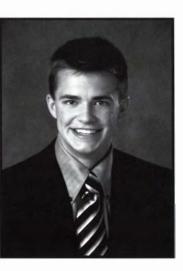
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Alan Harrigan



Jonathan Hayes



Adam Heins



Nicole Heinz-Hosking



Emily Henderson



Kasie Herrmann



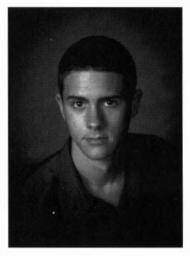
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Andrew Hoeffner



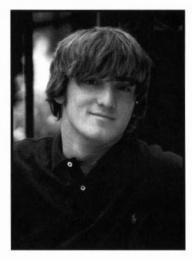
Lindsay Hulliberger



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Cory Jorgensen



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Kristy King



Jacob Kittle



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## Opinions: Construction

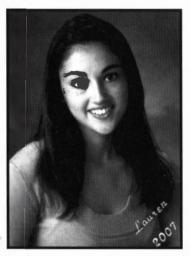


"I can't stand it, they should have

had things more in order at the track and football field." Cam Phelps



Ashley Kring



Lauren LaBerge



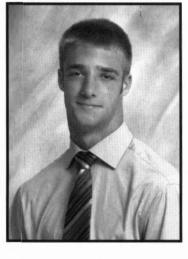
Alexandra LaForge



"I think it is really annoying and takes a lot of

space in the parking lot, but it will be really nice when it is done." Brittany Withey





James Langhart



Shane Larkin



"I'm sure that the new school will be

awesome when it's done, but it's making life stressful especially changing everything around during our senior year. That's not cool." Erin Cook





Rebekah Leavey



Jason Logan



Kate Lynn





Emily Maier



Lillian Marble



Stefanie Maser



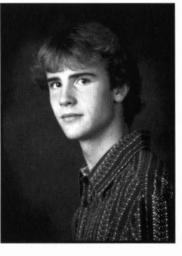
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Jacob McGraw



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Jeremy McWhorter



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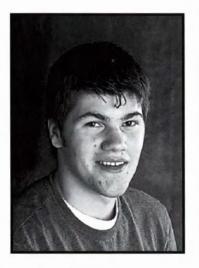


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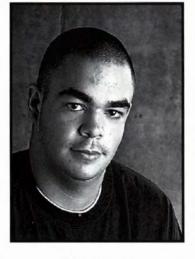


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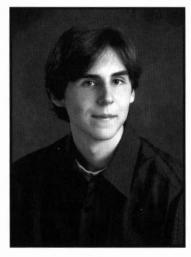
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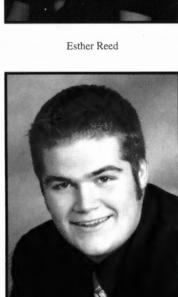




Jon Nathen Ravelo



Adam Rice



Austin Richards



Kevin Reinke



Penny Retzloff



Emily Riley



Courtney Robinson



Emily Romsos



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Amalia Samaraweera



Kevin Sampson



## Opinion: Parking Lot

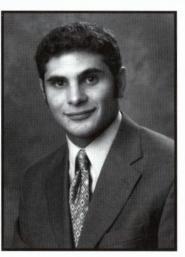


"The parking lot sucks, they didn't

make it big enough, but I always park in front." Chad Fisher



Jarumon Sangipet



Vincent Sawaya



Christian Scott



"They should get a security guard to

bring a halt to the car theft. I think it is okay, if no sophomores park there." Justin McDonald





Aaron Seminski



Alison Sheets



"I don't like it, because sophomores

park there and it is too small. It would be better if the sophomores did not park there." Danielle Jensen



Lindsay Shepard

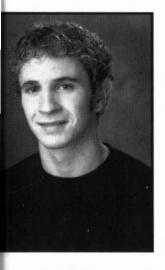


Bradley Shuck



Carolyn Sienko





James Slider



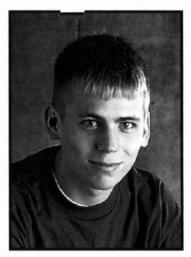
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Alissa St. Amour





Owen Smith



Drake Spalding



Thomas Stewart



Sam Stowers



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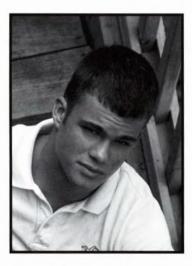
Sara Vogl



Sharyn Von Tersch



Lindsay Walser



Joshua Walters



Mary Wardell



Brittany Wawiernia



Aaron Wesolek







Robert Wood



Bobby Woodman



Brittany Withey

## Opinions: Floatbuilding



"It sucks we didn't get to do it because it is

our senior year but they will bring it back next year when we are not here." Bobby Woodman



"It was stupid they took it away

because of a few people. They should bring it back next year for underclassmen it was a tradition and it was fun." Corey Monroe



Robert Yarmak



William Young



Chelsea Wright

Christina Zuker

"I think it really stunk because float-

building has been a tradition forever and to not have it senior year was kind of a let down." Beka Leavey



# into the Future



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Emily Riley



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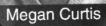


Emily Romsos



Kylie Topliff





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Emmalee Adelman



As a senior I have felt side effects of Senioritis. However, when I attended **Prom** I began to realize my time spent with my classmates is limited. It has always been interesting seeing who slow dances together, since I can remember when boys believed that all girls had cooties. Now the boys no longer stand on the opposite side of the room, but instead write "**Will You Go To Prom With Me?**" on car windows or cakes. After plans are made, the girl promptly makes a hair and nail appointment, buys a **gown** and jewelry. The guy rents his **tux**, finds the perfect tie to match his date's dress, makes dinner reservations and orders **flowers.** When the day of prom arrives, enough **pictures** are taken to make everyone attending prom feel

like a celebrity. Dinner takes place at a fancy restaurant and then finally everyone begins arriving at the dance. This year the theme was Mardi Gras, decorations included festive balloons, giant masks, painted scenery and of course Mardi Gras beads. Regardless of the music selection the dance floor was never empty. As the night came to an end and the clock struck midnight

Prince Charming and Cinderella departed the dance and moved to

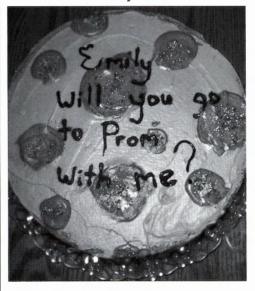
post-prom, which was a

**Rodeo** theme. Activities included: a photobooth, laser tag, paint ball gallery, Halo, mechanical bull, line dancing, door prizes and free food. When the very long day had ended I realized it would be a

night I would never forget.

Danny El-Haddad asked Emily Riley in a creative and eatable way.

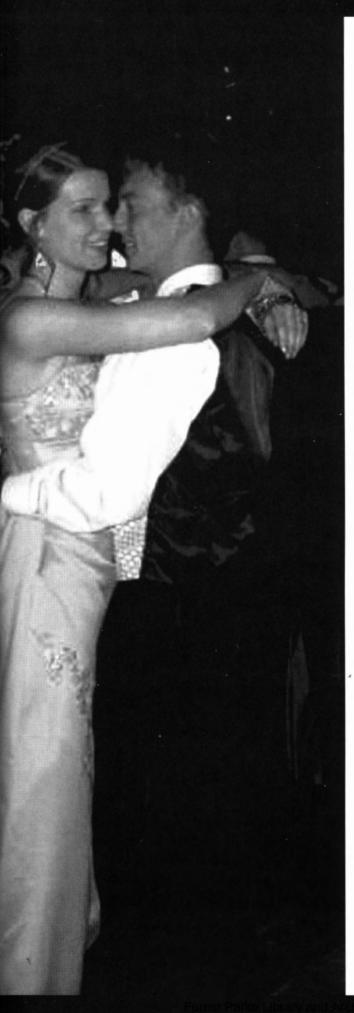






Top: Sam DeCamp and his date, Andrea Duffey, take a break from dancing. Bottom: Our Prom King, Nick Graham and Queen, Katey Ciolek show their excitement,





## Welcome to Mardi Gras

Amazing chaperones helped out: Ms. Goodrich, Mr. Bowles and Sra. Ponce

The decorations were colorful and fun!





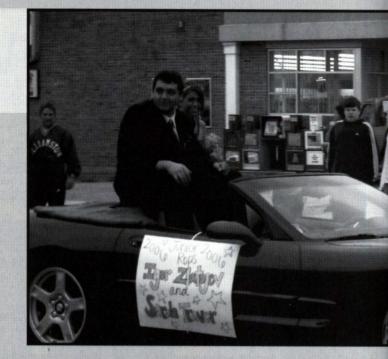


Ben Jensen spins his date Allyson Nash



## Juniors

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.-Lao Tzu





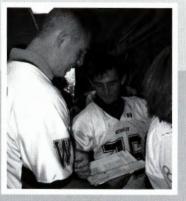


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Donald Stiffler, Alicia D'Haem, and Scott Jarnac, Jr. are listening intentally to what is



Olivia Green is using the laptops that are new to our school.



Joe Bahnweg and Glen Sible are working together to get their answer up on the board.





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Sarah Traver and Igor Zlatoyev represented the Junior class in the Homecoming parade this year and Allyson Nash tagged along to show her love.

The Junior section was loud and proud at the Homecoming pep rally this year.







Spencer Sprague, sitting in the lunch area doing his work.



Mary Blakely and Erica Spear work together on the laptops.



Rebecca Knapp taking a break after working hard on decorating the Junior's hallway for spirit week

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### What color would your hard hat be?



"Pink ... no ... green!" Jason Smith-11



"Pink" Hannah Herbert-11



"Lime green, or electric pink, or Periwinkle." Travis Williams-12

"I guess blue." Gabe McGiveron-11



"Probably blue." Jessica Morse-11



"Blue I guess." Elizibeth Garavito-11



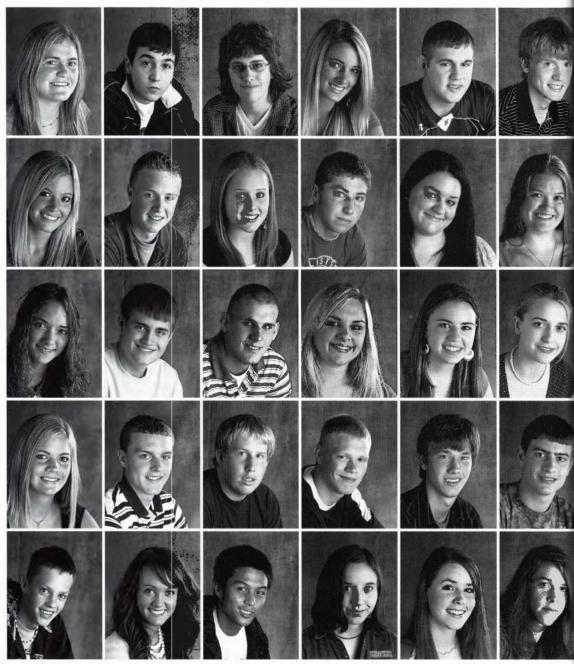
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Ellie Brownridge Zachary Bucklin Evan Burke Benjamin Campbell James Clark Devin Clay

Kyle Corey Alicia D'Haem Julian Delos Reyes Kayle Dembowski Lauren Derrig Matthew Dillon





## If you could go back what memory would you re-model?

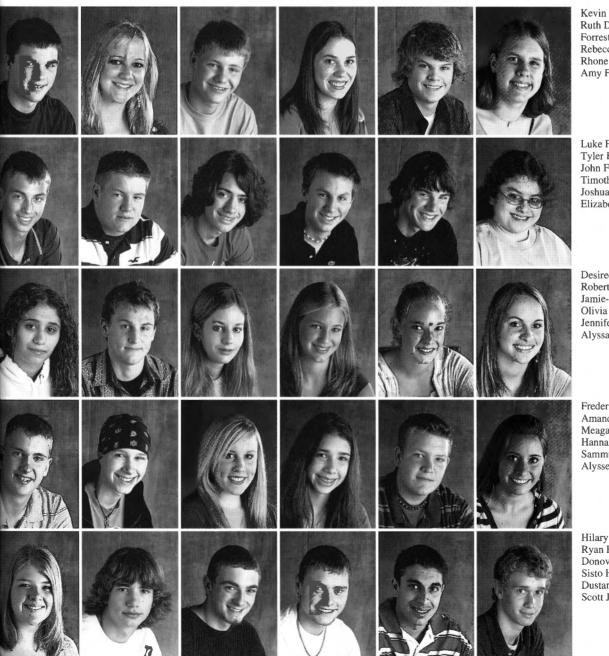


"Take an art class." Ashley McDonald-11 "Tennis tryouts, because I could have done better." Gillian Cobb-9





"I don't have any regrets." Josh Fulton-11



Kevin Donovan Ruth Douglas Forrest Duvendeck Rebecca Eidt Rhone Eppelheimer Amy Fedewa

Luke Feltz Tyler Forbush John Frawley Jr. Timothy Fryer Joshua Fulton Elizabeth Garavito

Desiree Garza Robert Gillespie Jamie-Lynn Grant Olivia Green Jennifer Gregg Alyssa Gruber

Frederick Hahn III Amanda Heil Meagan Henderson Hannah Herbert Sammual Hitchcock Alysse Hoag

Hilary Holland Ryan Hooson Donovan Hudson Sisto Huelga IV Dustan Janetzke Scott Jarnac, Jr.



## If you could reconstruct the student handbook what rule would you demolish?

"Cell phone rule." Cassie Byrd -12





""The dress code." Amanda Poland-12



"The i-pod rule." Kyle Corey-11 "I want off campus lunch." Kristyn Paruk-11



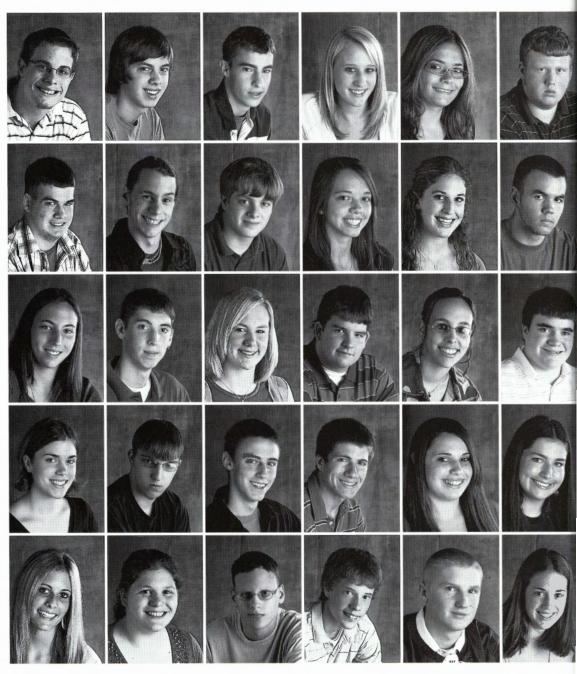
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### What complaint would you like to bring to the foreman?



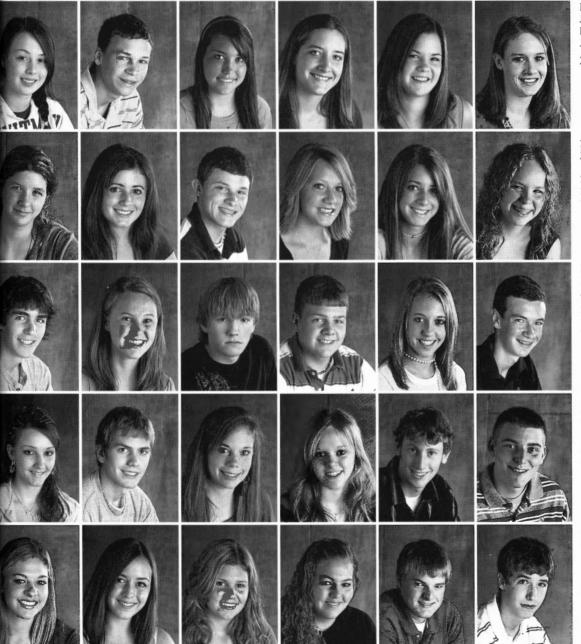
"Getting up in the morning because it's too early." Dan Prevo-10

"It's too early." Brian Yarmak-9





"Probably closed campus. Because then I could go get lunch." Ryan Hoosen-11



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Jessica Morse Danielle Mullen Tristan Musser Allyson Nash Kate Nelson Katelynn Newcomb

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Stefani Pollok Griffin Powe Emily Prevo Kerry Provenzano Alexander Punch Nicholas Randall

Rebecca Rausch Michelle Redmond Abigail Reynolds Rebecca Robinson Jeffrey Robitaille II Brian Sanborn



## What current trend would you like to demolish?



"Emo or guys wearing chick pants." Andraya Castillo-12



"I'd say baggy pants." Cameron Bell-



"When everyone wears the same clothes and styles." Jamie-Lynn Grant-11



"Those leggings." Jayme Monette-11



"Ugg boots, they are so disgusting." Ashley Brooks-11



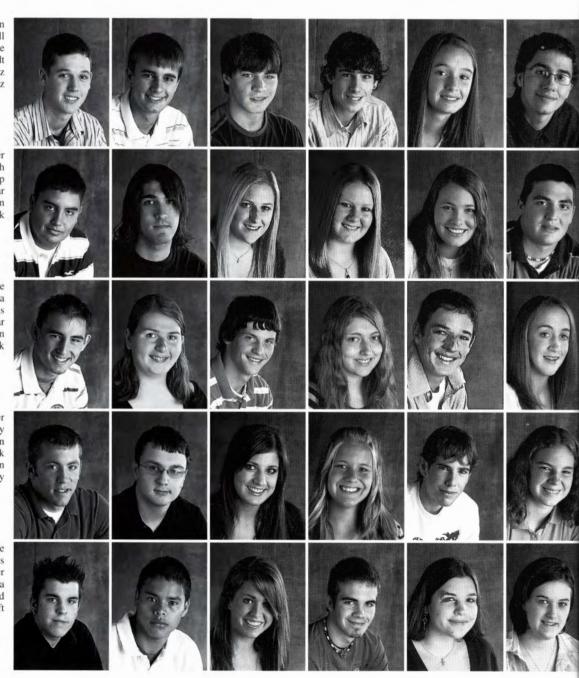
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Donald Stiffler Nathan Story Meghan Sullivan Sandra Suryak Michael Sutton Sara Sweeney

Justin Taulbee Victor Theis Sarah Traver Anthony Tuttila Erin Underwood Michele Uptegraft





### What makes you want to bulldoze someone?



"People who try to run me over." Kayle Dembowski-11



'Cocky people." Ryan Brooks-9



"When I walk behind someone and they slow down, then just stop." Lydia Grove-12



"When you are standing in the hall and someone hits your backpack." Lauren VanSickler-11



"Freshmen messing around in the halls." Austin Donohoe-10



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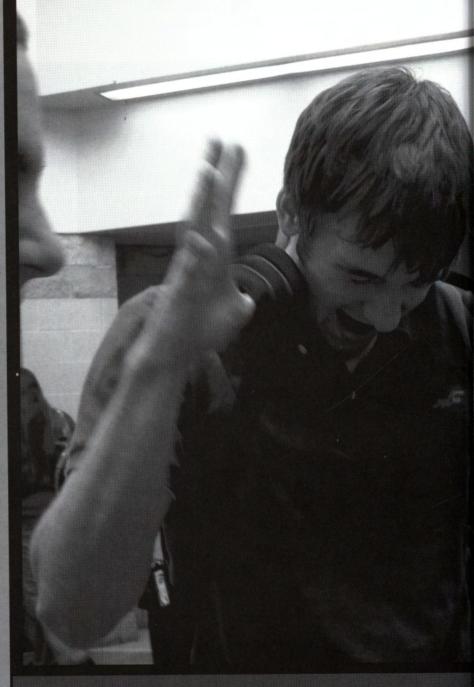
# Caught In The Middle...

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." ~Oliver Wendell Holmes

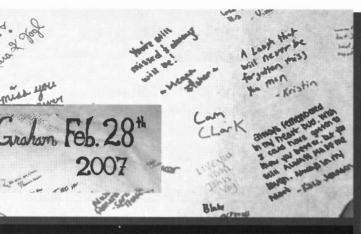
This year was about adjusting to new curriculum, new trends, and new friends. Most sophomores are still getting used to the high school atmosphere. Getting to class on time, and trying to be the first in the lunch line takes time to get used to. Being in 10th grade isn't really a time when students have to worry about what college they're going to, or what they want to become. They also don't have to worry about being picked on by the upperclassmen. However, its not all fun and games. The school year gets tougher and it seems longer. You are halfway through your high school career, and on your way to begin constructing your life.

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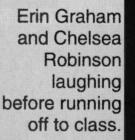
Above: Ethan Wood, and Leah Ciolek goofing off it the dome.



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Margo Sawaya studying hard.







Sam Crossley showing her spirit for "nerd" day.



Dan Dokter helping out Adam Silverthorn in math class.



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### What's the one tool you could not live without?



"The internet." Erin Donovan- 9

"My computer." Landen Palmer- 9



"My ipod." Marcus Sutton-10

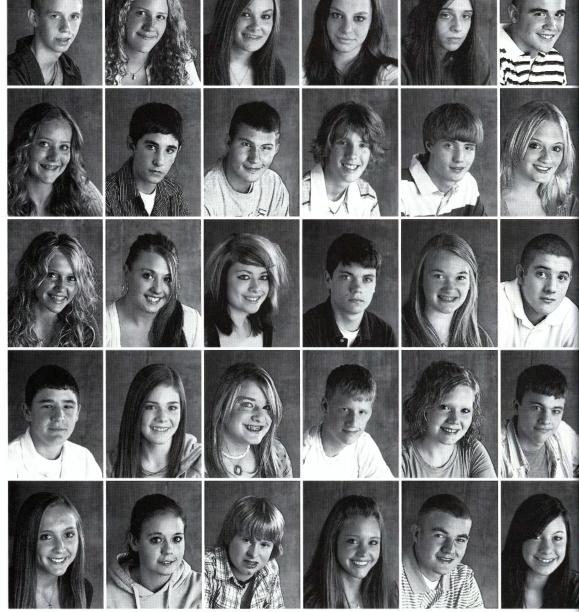
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### What's in your toolbox?

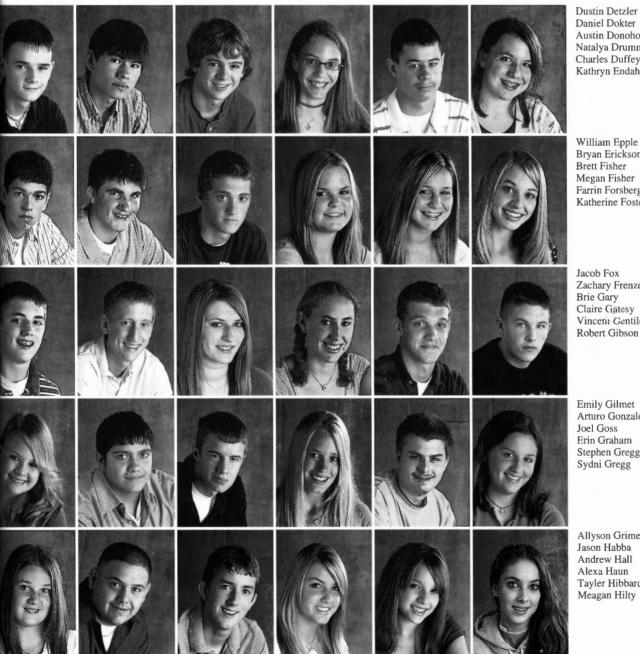


"I have books in my backpack." Spencer Sprague-11

"I keep an ipod in my backpack." Caroline Lupini-9



"I have a lot of cd's in my car." Beckie Knapp-11



Daniel Dokter Austin Donohoe Natalya Drummond Charles Duffey Kathryn Endahl

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Emily Gilmet Arturo Gonzales Erin Graham Stephen Gregg Sydni Gregg

Allyson Grimes Jason Habba Andrew Hall Tayler Hibbard Meagan Hilty



### At which sport do you like to assemble?



"Football because it's fun, everyone's there, and its the big thing of the week." - Brittany VanOstran, 12th grade

"Football because it's fun and the guys are really hot." -Alicia D'Haem, 11th grade



"Basketball, because there's a lot of excitment."- Troy Miller, 9th grade

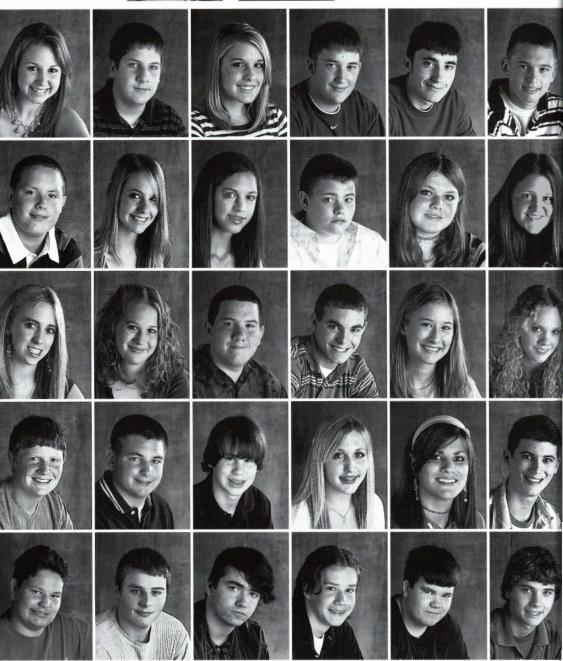
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### What's your favorite body modification?

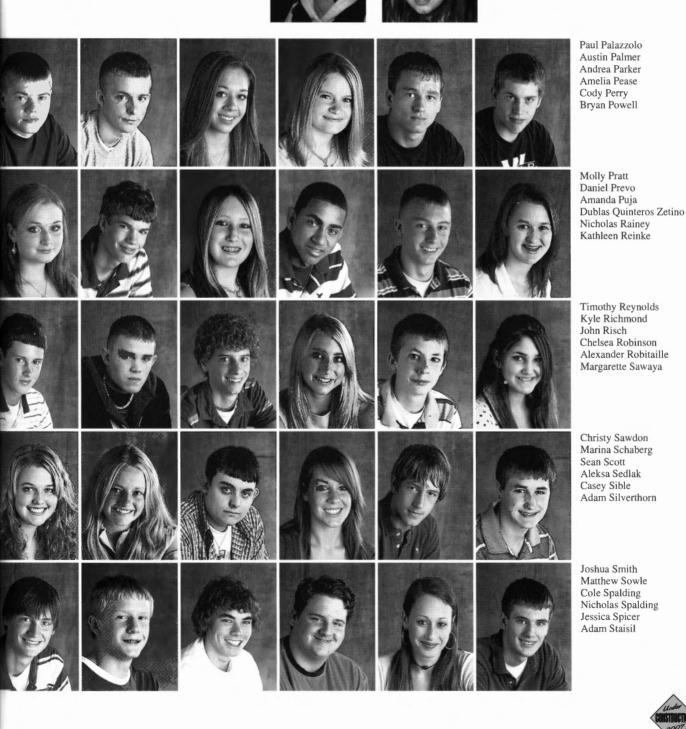
"I would probably get a tattoo on my arm." Kyle Bartrem-10



"I have my belly button pierced." Cassie Byrd- 12

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"Tanning. I like tan." Tia Kolasa- 12



### Do you drive a dump truck?



"Yes. None of my windows work, my front doors don't lock, I have a dent in my driver's side door, plus it is always dirty." - Erin Whitely, 11

"Yes, but it is not a dump truck, it is a dump car." -Nick Graham, 12





" I don't have a car; I have a parking spot. " -Jay Willard, 11

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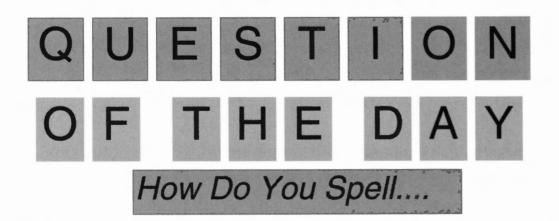
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Here's what our "soffmoores" said:

Margo Sawaya- "S-O-P-H-M-O-R-E?"

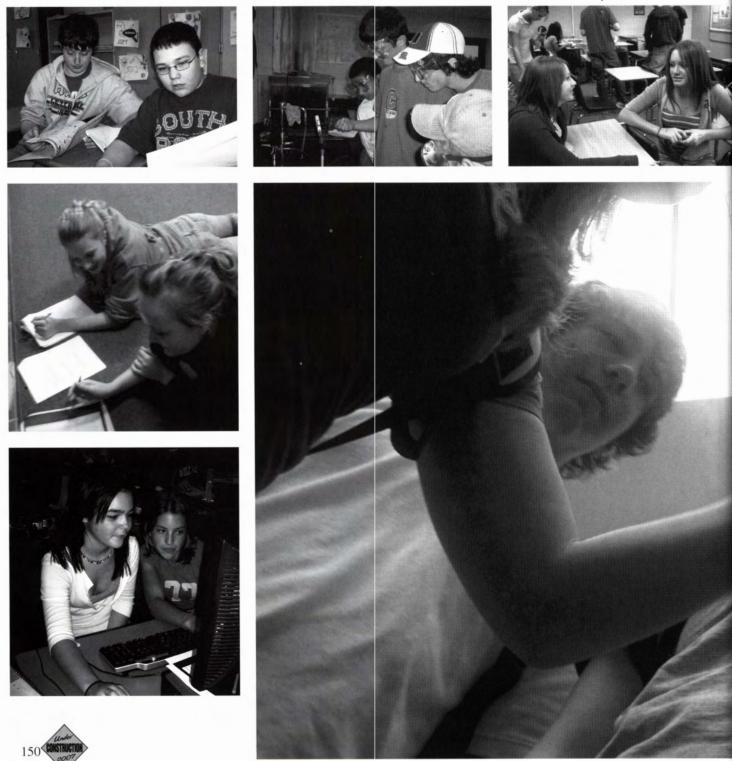
Marina Schaberg- "S-O-P-H-O-M-O-R-E?"

Wes Taylor- "S-O-P-H-M-O-R-E?"

Josh Nizgoski- "S-O-P-H-E-R-M-O-R-E?" "I don't know. That's probably wrong."

# A New Beginning

#### "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." -Lao Tsu



### Zach Dimmer

"High School sports are a lot more competitive than Middle School sports."



### Annie McGoff

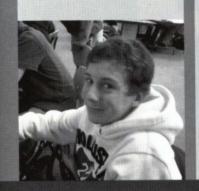
Jack Donneley

"The dances are way more intense in High School."



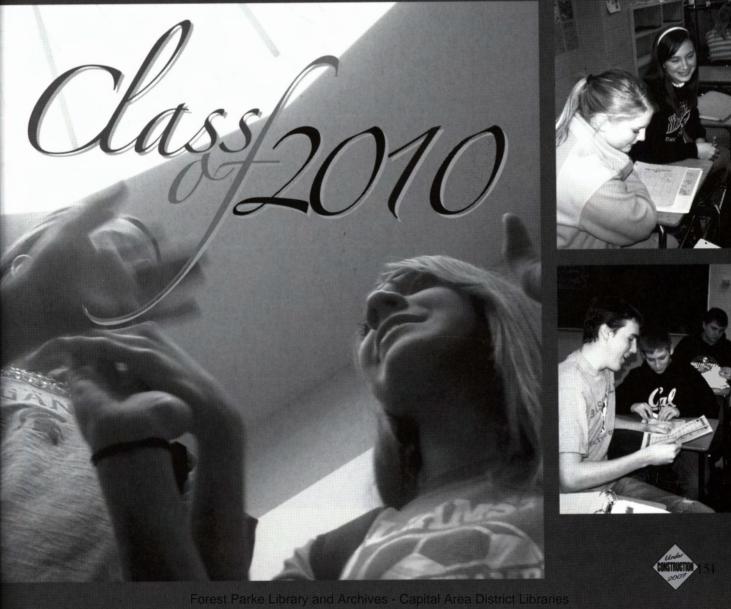
### **Tiffany Ash**

"I like that you get to hang out with different grades and different people."



"Teachers are a lot more lenient about things like turning work in late."





# If you could make an addition to the curriculum, what would it be?



"A class all about football." Kyle Kain- 10



"A class about culinary arts." Bill Epple- 10



"An Italian class. That would be awesome!" Caroline Lupini- 9

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Stephanie Bock Chelsea Bollman Kristina Booth Scott Bowlin Coleman Bradley Elizabeth Brandon

Jenna Brandon Michael Brazil Ryan Brooks Joshua Bucklin Stephen Chappell Shelbi Chase





# What's the biggest obstacle created by construction?



"Getting out of the back parking lot when I'm walking." Chelsea Witgen-10



"The speed bumps." Allyson Nash- 11



"The biggest hassle is that they started too late." Taylor Noren-12



Alysha Choate Courtney Clem Gillian Cobb Adam Collier Abigail Cook Robert Coon

Clifford Cooper II Lauren Cordes Travis Crawford Kelsey Crilly Matthew Cripps Andrea Cutshaw

Jacquelynn Derrig Zachary Dimmer Jackson Donnelly Erin Donovan Emma Drenth Cassandra Dunham

Julie Dunn Fynn Durr Hillary Duvendeck Jason Erickson Scott Evans Megan Falke



### What does the blue-print look like for your life in five years?



"I see myself going to college at M.S.U." Lauren Smith- 9



"Williamston." Travis Crawford- 9



"Going to school at a small college near home, hopefully running track and playing basketball." Dale Williams- 10



"I hopefully see myself going to a good college." Sydni Gregg- 10

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Michael Harbert Gabrielle Hartsaw Margaret Hasemann Brandon Heins Nathan Hicks Stesha Hilty





# What's the most embarrassing thing that you wish you could knock out of your memory?



"I forgot to take the skateguards off of my skates and I went on the ice and fell." Alan Harrigan-12



"I raced Nate Olsen into a brick wall and broke my wrist." Jessica Taylor-12



"I airballed a shot in basketball." Aroldo Theis-10



"I don't have an embarrassing moment because I don't get embarrassed." Cole Spalding-10



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### What brand would your tool belt be?



"Hollister!" Dani Mullen-10



"I like to wear Independent." Ryan Rhodes- 9



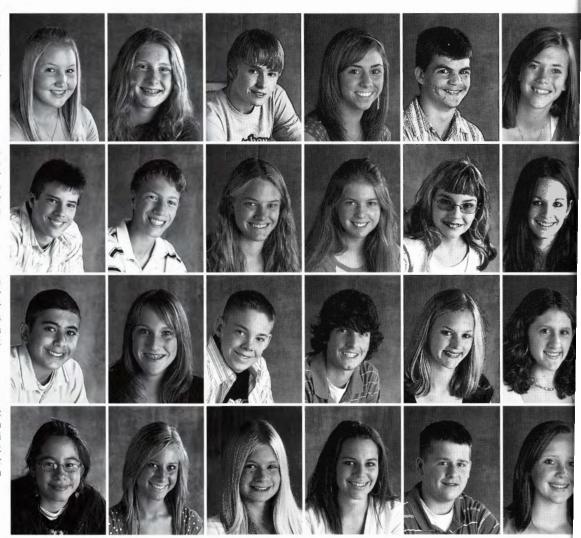
"My favorite stores are more preppy, like Abercrombie and Hollister." Savannah Albin- 9

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Bianca Munoz Mattie Nelson Anya Nikolai Ashley Nowak Landon Palmer Kelly Penn





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### What tunes do you blare over the jack hammer noise?



"I like to listen to AFI and Yellowcard." Jacqui Schrote-9



"Fight Fire with Fire." Mickey Arakelov-11



"I like all kinds of different music." Lily Marble-12



Eric Phelps Kristen Phelps Jennifer Pierce Spencer Pioszak Ryan Piper

Travis Pline Audrey Porter Sara Prang Benno Pueppke Brian Pugh Melinda Rainey

Nicholas Reed **Emily Reinert** Chad Rhiness Ryan Rhodes Aaron Risch Garrett Risdon

Olivia Rivard Kevin Rogers Janna Ruedisale Alyssa Samaraweera Kyle Schittenhelm William Schlenke



### What are your project plans for the New Year?



"My goal this year is to have fun and run fast doing it." Matt Lutzke-11



"I want to get credit for A.P. Calulus and A.P. English." Kevin Reinke-12



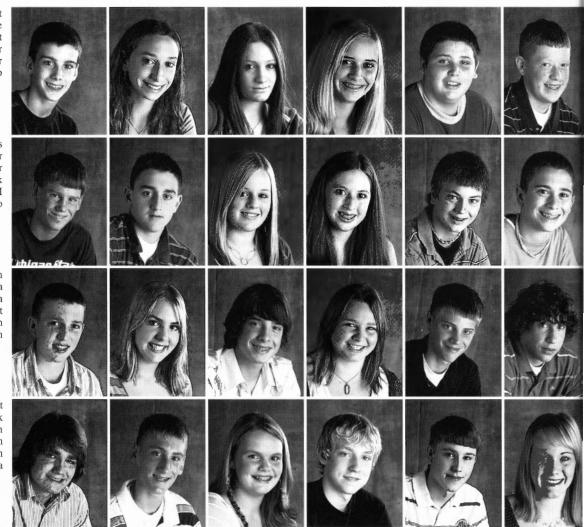
"I'm working towards getting a new horse." Michelle McKnight-10



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### What do you think of the senior crew?



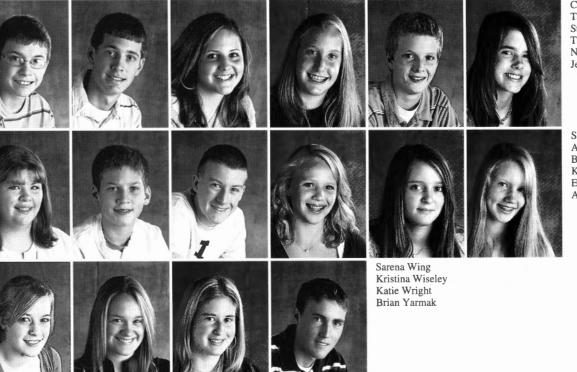
"We stay away from them and they stay away from us." Chad Rhiness- 9



"I like some of them, some are really mean." Brenann Couturier- 10



"I hate that we are classified by a shirt." Ashley Kring- 12



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### What class was your best memory built in?



"Sixth hour Duffey's class, junior year." Josh Walters- 12



"Coach because he really helped me push the mental limits of my creativity." Shay VonTersch- 12



"I don't have any good memories from school." Matt Cripps- 9



"Spending quality time with Goodrich and eatin Boston Market on the last day of school." Mike Hardigan- 12

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Bob Duffey Jean Eddington-Shipman Michelle Ellis Lori Enfield Linda Ereg Sue Fedewa

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### What teacher has helped you self-construct?



"Miss Kelsey because she's fun and serious about getting work done." Hannah Adam-10



"Miss. Shelley because she is a wonderful teacher and pushes me to the limit." Andy Mesi- 9



"Mr. Struck because he makes you do lots of work and then you learn stuff." Adam Rice- 12



"Mrs. Wade because she does model U.N." Abby Cook- 9

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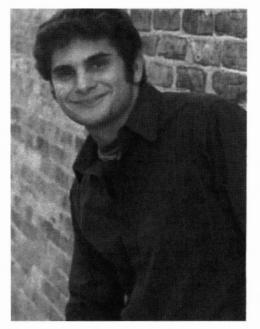
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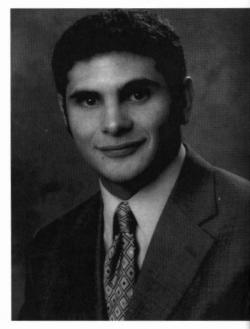
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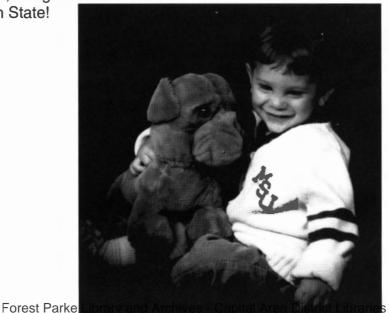


# Vincent Sawaya

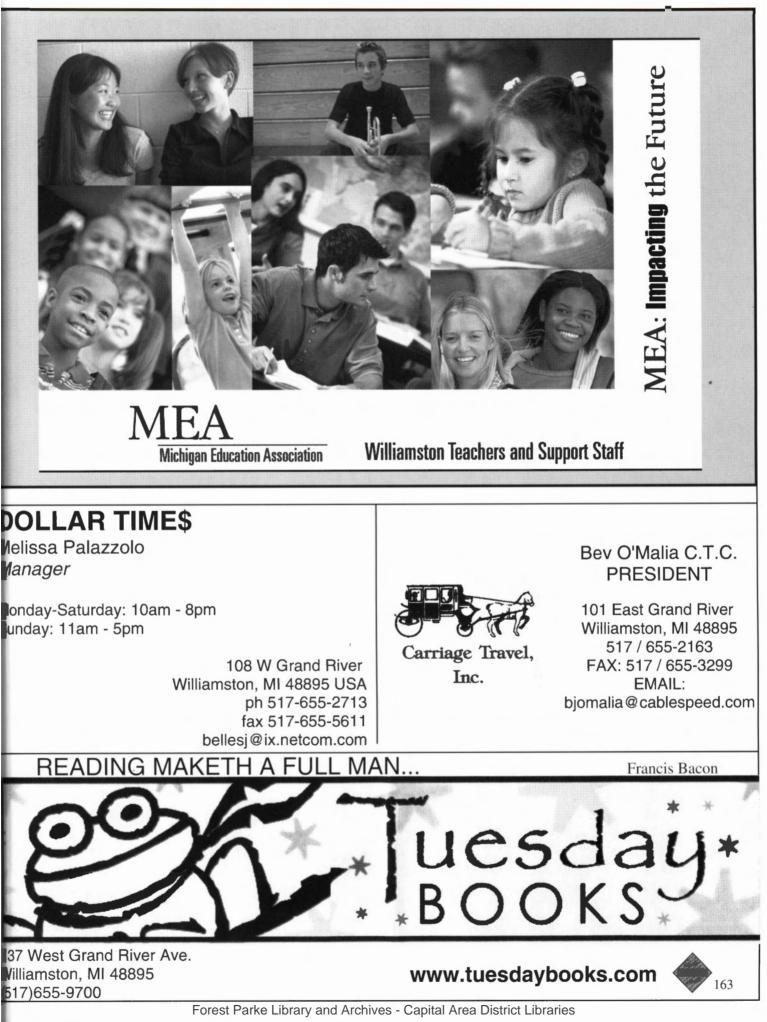


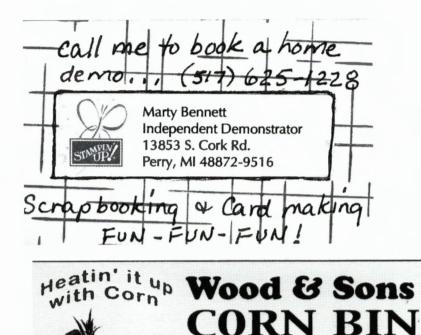
I've never known anyone to put so much heart into everything he does. From the time you were little until now, I've never seen anyone give soo much. At'times, it's been painful to watch others take advantage of your big caring heart or dismiss it or reject it; but you never let disappointment or the fear of embarrassment or hard work keep you from staying involved or living the truth; the truth about what really matters, which is family and community- not individuals. Watching you teach others how to run better or block better or wrestle better even when others just wanted your spot on the team has always been bittersweet for me. How can this son of mine keep giving so much! But the truth is that you never participatied in anything to be the best, though often times you were; you participated to share your gifts and be near people. You truly love all people, and you are simply being the selfless, caring youg man that I raised you to be. Well done Vincent! I may not be ready for you to be grown-up yet, but I do know that wherever you go, it will be a better place with you there. No wonder those coaches want you to play for them in college- they know a selfless player when they see one. When making your decision of where to attend college you chose as you've always done, with your heart, and M.S.U. won. You used to ask me why people weren't as open or giving as we were and I would fumble for an explanation that you would promptly make sence of for the both of us, always slanting it toward forgiveness, as only someone truly blessed can do. Well Vincent, surely the kindness you have shown, and all your hard work will be returned to you in abundance and serve you well. You have brought immense pride and joy to your family. Our hearts are overflowing, Mom, Dad, Dominic, Margo & Paul

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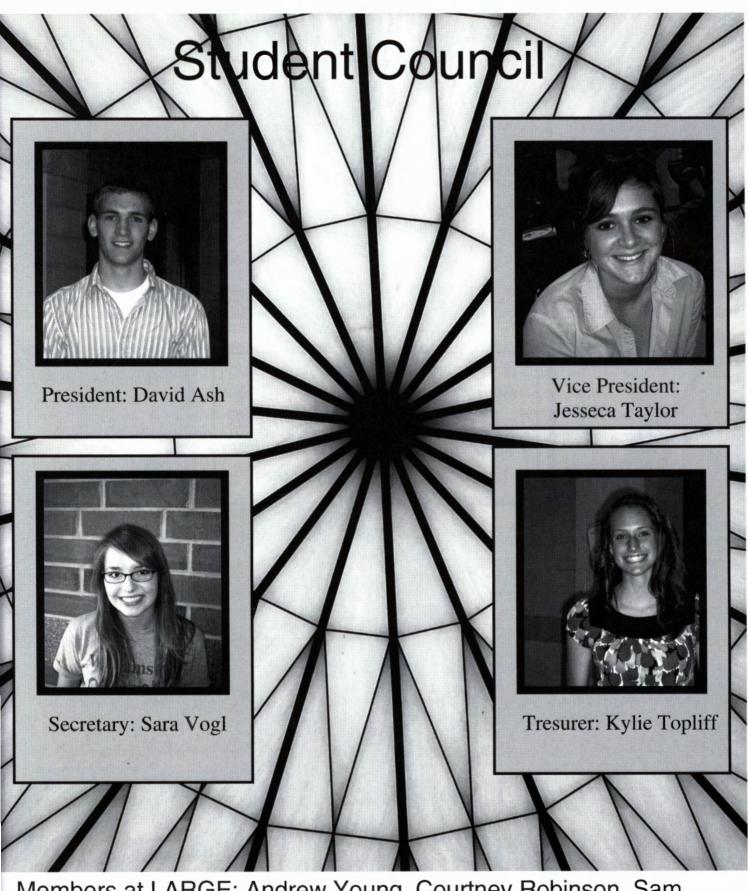
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Memory Keeping at Its Best



Members at LARGE: Andrew Young, Courtney Robinson, Sam Decamp, Andrea Duffey, Danny El-Haddad, Adam Heins, Anne Taylor, Kristy King, Lauren LaBerge and Justin McDonlad

## Lauren LaBerge



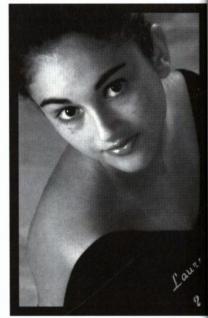


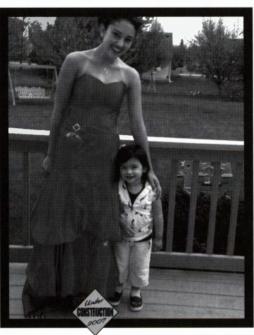




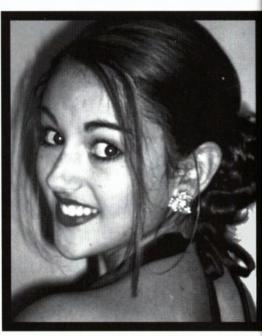


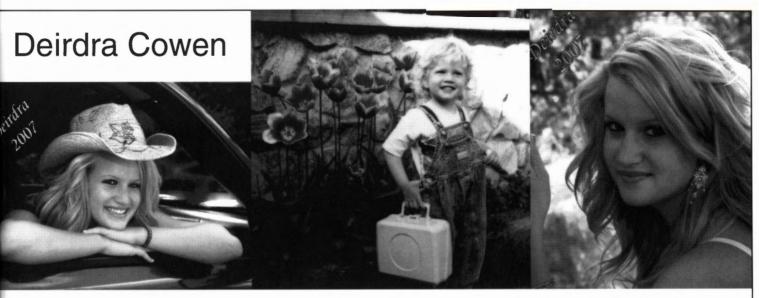
God danced the day you were born and you've been giving us joy, drama, beauty and love ever since. You make us proud everyday! Continue to dance to your dreams and we'll be watching with pride. We love you more, Mom and Dad





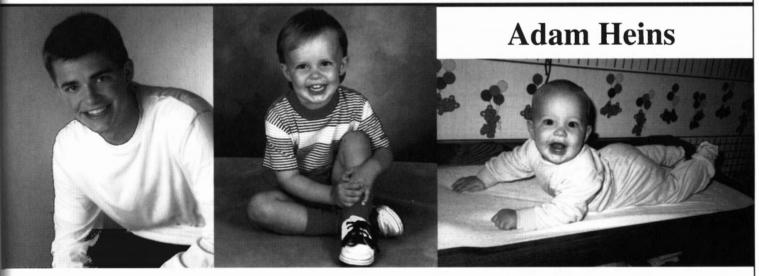






"The best thing for being sad," replied Merlin, "Is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder in your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honor trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then - to learn. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting."

We always knew you would follow your heart. Mom and Dad

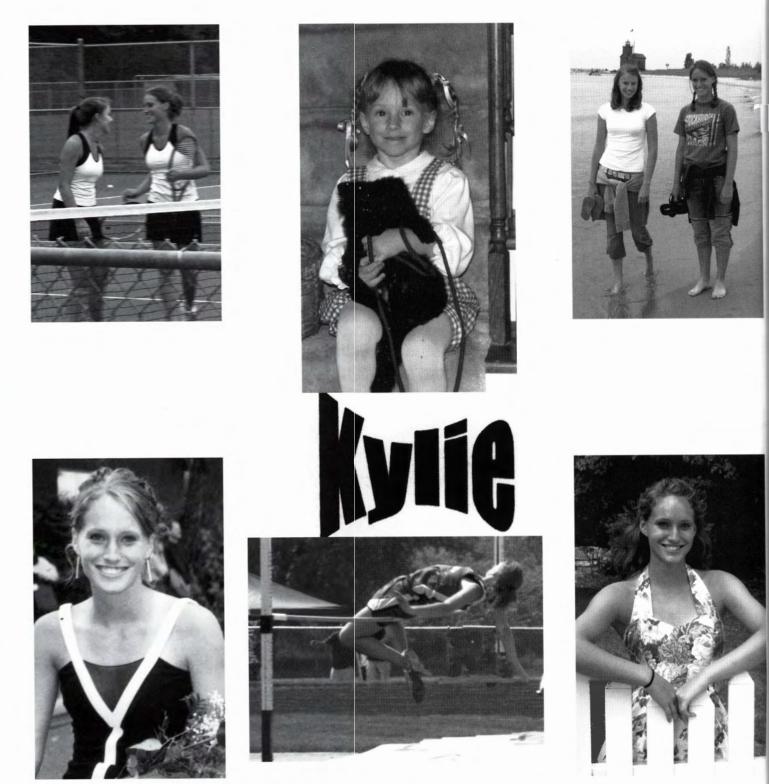


Time has passed so quickly since that wonderful day you made me a mother. I have enjoyed each passing moment and will treasure each precious memory. You are an outgoing, handsome, intelligent, confident, caring young man and are capable of anything you set your mind to. You control your thoughts and your destiny. Believe in yourself and you will do unbelievable things.

I am so proud of you and all you've accomplished! Thank you for all of the sunshine and smiles you've brought to my world!

With my love and wishes for happiness always, Mom





Yours has been a marvelous journey to witness. We thank God for the gift of you. Dad and Mom Continue to run with perseverance the race marked out for you!

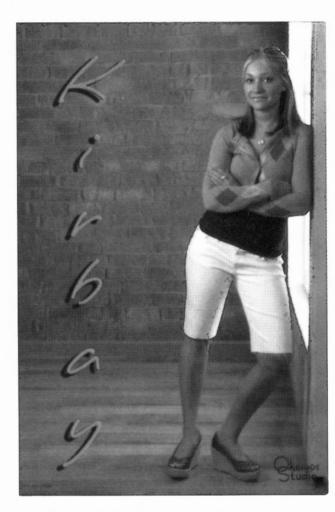


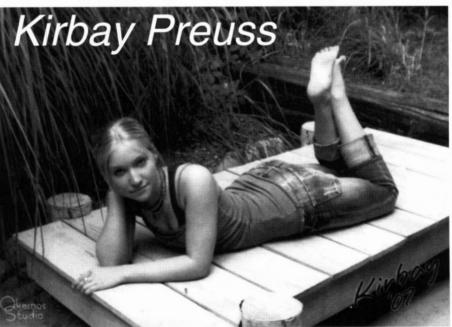












Kirbay's Frequent Saying:"Joy to the World!"





Dear Emily,

You crawled, talked, walked and went off to Kindergarten before I could catch a breath. I salute your life, cherish the memories together, and love you deeply. It has been such an honor and privilege having you as my daughter...! Time is such a precious commodity, and my only regret, is that I couldn't slow its progression. Today you have entered into the midst of a great transition and a new world is being birthed, fundamentally different from the one you have come to know in the past 18 years. As you approach "uncharted territory", may you always remember and honor the heritage of faith handed down to you through the years. Serve with diligence, value your time and talents wisely, and keep your mind and heart on the things that are true and pure. May God's riches blessing upon your life today... and into tomorrow...!

Your Mom

# Katie Sweet

Our wish for you:

That life becomes all that you want it to

Your dreams stay big and your worries stay small

Always forgive and never regret, you will find God's grace in every mistake

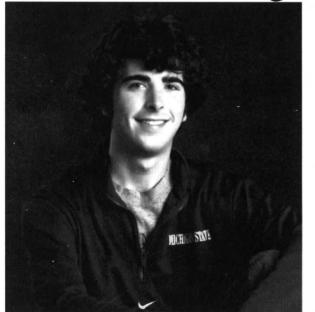
And remember all who love you.

We Love you, Mom, Dad and Kilian

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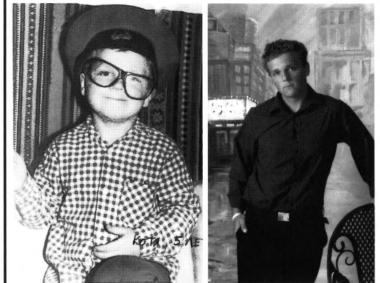


### Andrew Young



Andrew, We are very proud of you. We look forward to seeing all the great things you will do in the future. We love you. God Bless. Mom, Dad, Nicole, Michelle & Becca Go State!

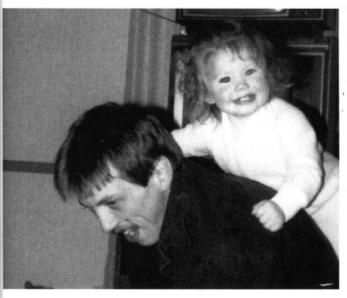
### **Constantine Khodirev**



We always believed in you, in your good spirits, good nature, and good will. What a wonderful man you've become. Take your humor, talents, politeness, and dependability to every road you choose in life (you can take our photos, too). Wherever you are, whatever you do, please remember! We always think of you, we always wait for your calls, your letters, and please come home on Christmas!

Your Mama Ira and Brother Alex, also Grandpa, Grandma,

### Lindsay Walser



We're So Proud of You! We wish you lots of Success in your Future! Love, Your Family

### Lindsay Hulliberger



We have proudly watched as you grew from our sweet baby girl into a truly remarkable young woman. Stay focused, stay happy, stay safe, and may all your dreams come true. Love, Dad and Mom

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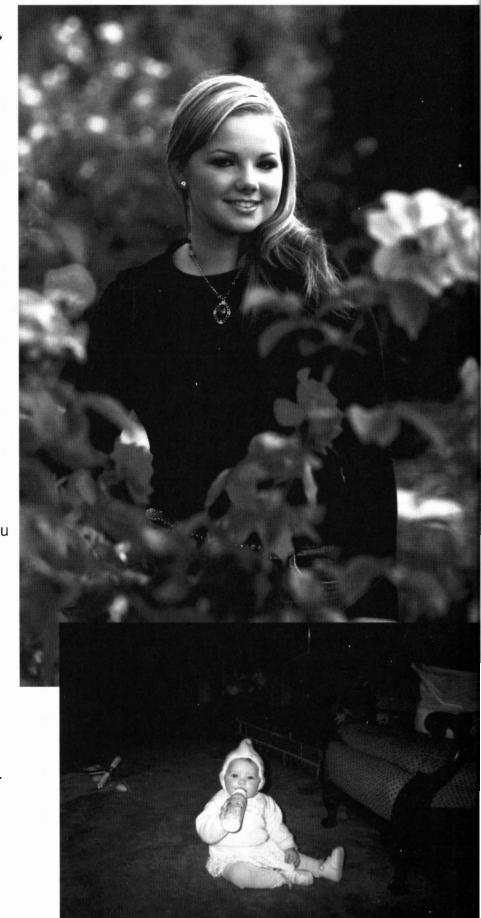
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#### My Wish for you

I hope the days come easy and the moments pass slow and each road leads you where you want to go and if you're faced with the choice and you have to choose I hope you choose the one that means the most to you and if one door opens to another door closed I hope you keep on walkin' 'til you find the window if it's cold outside show the world the warmth of your smile, but more then anything, My wish for you is that this life becomes all that vou want it to your dreams stay big, your worries stay small You never need to carry more than you can hold and while you're out there gettin' where you're gettin' to I hope you know somebody loves you and wants the same things too Yeah, this is my wish I hope you never look back but you never forget all the ones who love you and the place you left I hope you always forgive and you never regret and you help somebody every chance you get Oh, you find God's grace in every mistake and always give more then you take.

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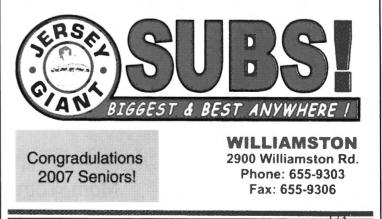
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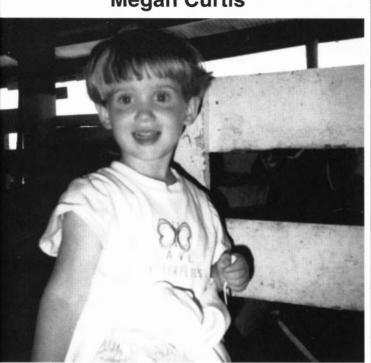
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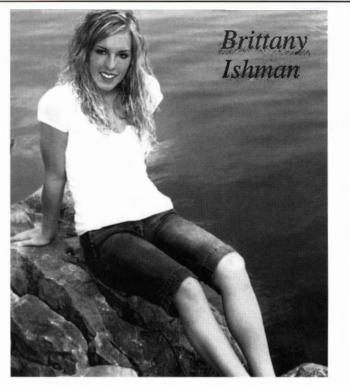


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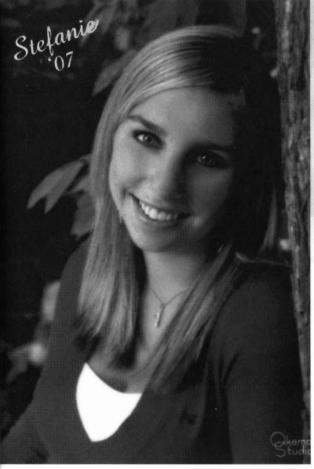


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Love, Mom, Dad and Brad



My wish is that this life becomes all that you want it, To your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small, You never need to carry more then you can hold. I hope you never look back, but ya never forget, All the ones who love you, in the place you left, I hope you always forgive, and you never regret, And you help somebody every chance you get, Oh, you find God's grace, in every mistake, And you always give more then you take.





"My wish for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to, Your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small, You never need to carry more than you can hold, And while you're out there getting where you're going to, I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too, Yeah, this, is my wish." - Rascal Flatts

We love you dearly Sunshine! You continue to make each day shine for us with your smile. We are so proud of you! Congratulations!

Love you! Mom, Dad, and Alexa



### Tessa Michell

You are the last of four wonderful daughters to grace the halls of Williamston High School. It is hard to believe you are graduating! We are proud of you and your persistent spirit. Your love for people and children reveals what is in your heart and your calling. Trust in the Lord with <u>all</u> your heart and you will never be disappointed. THE BEST IS YET AHEAD!





Love, Mom and Dad

### Allissa St. Amour

You are a beautiful young woman inside and out. You can do whatever you set your mind on doing. Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll always be here for you.

From Mom

Dear Josh,

Super Hero qualities: Honesty, intelligence and vision. We are proud of you! Continue to aim high and follow your dreams. Love, Mom and Dad



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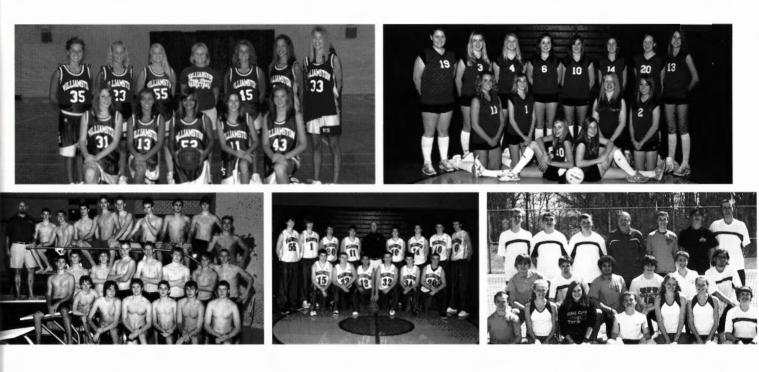
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