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# Fall Homecoming 1996



*Gina Biron, Queen, and Lee McClish, King*



*Jason Bradford and Lindsay Batten*



*Nikki Clore and Derek Jones*



*Zac McClain and Jenny Schemenauer*





*The Court*



*Amy Staples and Calvin Klinger*



*Raina Cook and Chuck Forman*







Lindsay Batten



Melissa Blair



Jason Bradford



Nikki Clore



Raina Cook



Charles Forman



Melinda Fowler



Brenda Geark



Paul Hindle

# Class of 1997

Senior Class Officers. Sitting: Brenda Geark, President; Paul Hindle, Vice President; Amy Staples, Secretary. Standing: Melinda Fowler, Student Senate Rep; Melissa Reed, Treasurer; Melissa Blair, Student Senate Rep.



Nicole Hodges



Brianna Hoover



Derek Jones



Brandi Kirk



Calvin Klinger



**MOST LIKELY TO APPEAR ON A WHEATIES BOX**—LINDSAY, NIKKI H., DEREK, CALVIN, ISRAEL, GARNELL



**CLASS CLOWN**—RAINA, CHUCK, HELEN



**MOST DEPENDABLE**—LINDSAY, ISRAEL, MELISSA R., GINNY, AMY



**BEST SMILE**—LINDSAY, JASON, CALVIN, ELIZABETH, JEANNINE



**MOST MUSICAL**—MELISSA B., BRENDA, NIKKI H., GARNELL, AMY



**MOST LIKELY TO SLEEP THROUGH GRADUATION**—BRANDI, BECKY



**FUTURE PRESIDENT**—RAINA, PAUL, SETH, GINNY



**PEACEMAKER**—RAINA, BRENDA, PAUL, SETH



**QUIETEST**—NIKKI HODGES, CALVIN, ISRAEL, JENNY, JUSTIN



**BEST HAIR**—GINA, RAINA, CALVIN, JENNY, SETH



**MOST LIKELY TO USE SPELL CHECK**—PAUL, LYNN, JEANNINE, HELEN



**MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT**—RAINA, CHUCK, LYNN, GARNELL, AMY



BEST LAUGH—CHUCK, BRANDI, ZAC, GINNY



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED—LINDSAY, ZAC, MELISSA R., GINNY



MOST FORGETTFUL—PAUL, NIKKI H., BRANDI, SETH



BEST DRESSED—LINDSAY, DEREK, CALVIN, JEANNINE



TEACHERS' PETS—LINDSAY, PAUL, GINNY, AMY



CLASS FLIRT—LINDSAY, NIKKI C., DEREK, SETH



EVERYONES' FRIEND—JASON, NIKKI H., JEANNINE, GARNELL



BEST DANCER—NIKKI H., ZAC, GARNELL, HELEN



CLASS COUPLE—GINA AND LEE  
BEST EYES—GINA, RAINA, DEREK, CALVIN



WORST VEHICLES—MELINDA, ZAC, CHRIS, HELEN



Zachary McClain



Gina McClish



Randy McClish



Lynn Moyer



Seth Newbury



Elizabeth Newton



Isreal Noble



Melissa Reed



Jeannine Sanderson





Jennifer Schemenauer



Garnell Scott



Ginny Sedam



Christopher Speelman



Amy Staples



Rebecca Swartzentruber



Helen Varner



Justin Weinberg



# Seniors





# Class of 1998



Class Officers: Tracy Copenhafer, Treasurer, Michelle Klein, Secretary, Christy Stephenson, Class Representative and Adam Bowen, Vice President, Tori Wilds, President. Missing: Janelle Schroeder, Class Rep.



Daniel Adams  
Rusty Alexander  
Carissa Allen  
Shawn Allen



Rusty Allen  
Emily Bainbridge  
Kylene Baker  
Cassandra Bellaire



Adam Bowen  
Marisa Collins  
Tracy Copenhafer  
Kasey Culp



Dustin Capp  
Greg Decker  
Amanda DeHoff  
Dustin Drewer

Jeff Evans  
 Melanie J. Harrison  
 Tasha Jacobs  
 Jillayne Johnson



Amber Jones  
 Christy Kirk  
 Michelle Klein  
 Wes Klein



Craig Kline  
 Jason Lacey  
 Rick Loosier  
 Bill Martin



Samuel Martin  
 Danille Mathews  
 Bradley McKenzie  
 Janice Morland



Tracy Mote  
 Mary Moyer  
 Evan Nemeth  
 Natasha Ronyon



Alison Sabin  
 Theresa Schmitz  
 Kathryn Schrader  
 David Schreck





J. Ryan Schwartz  
Christina Stephenson  
Annie Stevens  
Joseph Taylor



Ryan Thompson  
Heather Tulloch  
Harris Tuttle  
Elyssa Vernon



Julie Walker  
Katie Weinberg  
Jason Whitney  
Katori Wilds



Melissa Wise  
Corina Wurtsbaugh  
Joshua Zinsmeister





## Juniors in action







# Class of 1999

Dana Allen



Kelly Austin  
Abrean Baker  
Sarah Batten  
Christina Beal



Tammy Breece  
Brandi Brown  
Sarah Chobot  
Amanda Cornell



Bryan Crummel  
Michael Dentler  
Angela Dorey  
Matthew Eickhoff



Arthur Fenwick  
Sully Fisher  
Becky Fritz  
Elken Frost



Rusty Gardence  
Warren Geark  
Benjamin Harrison  
Curtis Holman





Heather House  
 Nicholas Kemp  
 Paul Kindig  
 Chryenne King



Andrew Kline  
 Michael Lanting  
 Roxanna Loosier  
 Jennifer Mason



Dr. Ash, Advisor; Tiff Nemire, President; Andy Kline, Treasurer; Lena Rice and Traci Skrzypek, Class Representatives; Mindy Zinsmaster, Secretary; Matt Eickhoff, Vice President.

Brian Mathews  
Jennifer McClish  
Lee Ann Millard  
Chad Miller



Clinton Moyer  
Travis Munn  
Tiffany Nemire  
Mikail O'Connor



Randy Overweg  
Justin Pangle  
Mark Pangle  
Dustin Pressler



Rachel Radtke  
Aaron Reed  
Kelly Rhodes  
Lena Rice



Justin Roe  
Josh Sandford  
Mark Schabes  
Gregory Scofield



Traci Skrzypczak  
Dana Stermer  
Tyler Wilds  
Amanda Zimmaster





Ambrosia Adams  
James Alber  
David Alexander  
Michael Alexander



Trisha Allen  
James Ashbury  
Robyn Berkel  
Paul Biron



Aaron Bohne  
Tennille Breese  
Michelle Broebue  
Veronica Bronstetter



Phillip Bruystens  
Lissa Clore  
Keith Cockrill  
Azriel Cook



William Coomer  
James Dodson  
Jessica Dorey  
Kimberly Drewer



Kevin Eickhoff  
Justin Eminger  
Candyce Fenwick  
Casey Fenwick





Diana Hanfland  
Melissa Harker  
Floyd Harmon  
Danielle Jackson



Katie Jones  
Morgan Jones  
William Jorgenson  
Dana Kline



Lincoln Klinger  
Frank Kruscka  
Adam Larry  
Shannon Lemon



Kareon Liggott  
Curt Martin  
Nichole Mason  
Brian Maxwell



C. McClain  
Nick McClain  
Kimberly Monroe  
Casey Moore



Kenneth Newton  
Jennifer Overweg  
Rachel Patterson  
Logan Paustian

Tonia Pittman

Kelli Ray



Elizabeth Sacksteder

Nichole Schipper

Christel Schwartz

Connie Sheperd



Andrew Smith

Daniel Spielman

Jessica Taylor

Ryan Thompson



Tom Andrew

Jessen Tompkins

William Trenary

Angela Vogler



Casey Walker

Kelly Walker

Jason Wallace

James Webster



Sally Wesberg

Jordan Wenzel

Lettie Wood

Holley Zantjer





# Class of 2000

Class Officers: Rachel Patterson, Katie Jones, Dana Kline, Adam LaRoy, Nick McClain, & Liz Sackstedt



Charles Allen  
Joseph Anglemeyer  
Amanda Baker  
Terri Baldwin  
Jarred Batten  
Krystal Batten



Zachary Crouch  
Ella Doan  
Dustin Douglas  
Katrina Dubbeld  
Kim Dubbeld  
Kristi Dubbeld



Ryan Ford  
Shaniqua Ford  
Shannon Frost  
Rocky Gardner  
Kevin Gookyke  
Amanda Grant



Angela Grant  
Kathrine Hankins



## Class of 2001

8th Grade Class Officers: Brandi Skrzypek, Vice President; Amanda Whitney, Treasurer; Kari McClish, Secretary; Matt Moshler, and Dustin Paustian, Class Representatives. Missing: Mandy Selam, President.





Charles Harris  
Aaron Hatfield  
Joshua Hines  
Andrew Huff  
Lowell Kimble  
Jessica King



Kimberly Koempel  
Aaron Kuiper  
Adam Laretz  
Lena Lemon  
Monique Lemon  
Joseph Mason



Robert Matheson  
Kari McClish  
Casey Miller  
Mathew Mishler  
Shan Nelson  
Heather Pangle



Dustin Paustian  
Alan Prouse  
Chevron Reames  
Steve Rice  
Patrick Robinson  
Ronric Russell



Adam Salinas  
Victoria Schipper  
Amanda Sedam  
Delia Shaw  
Christopher Sheltie  
Tasha Shepherd



Brandi Skrzypek  
Sarah Speelman  
Dawn Stermer  
Deanna Stermer  
David Stump  
Kayla Thompson



Jason Truckey  
Mike Vincent  
Jeremy Vrobel  
William Warwick  
John Webster  
Olley Wise

Far Right: Heather Pangle, Young Miss of Michigan, with Governor John Engler.

8th Grade Cheerleaders: Heather Pangle, DeAnna Stormer, Amanda Whitney, Dawn Stermer.



Class

of

2002



Haley Allen  
Dustin Biron  
Katherine Bohneke  
Delbert Barrau  
Phillip Clapp  
Trenton Crouch



Norman Cupp  
Dustin Davis  
Richie Davis  
Robbie Davis  
Kellie Dentler  
Timothy Doan



Rene'a Edson  
Mathew Even  
Heather Fritz  
Tiffany Fritz  
Keith Garland  
Nick Gerth



Mike Goodman  
Adam Harrison  
Shannon Heath  
David Hilyard  
Lewis Hilyard  
Erika Irwin



7th Grade Class Officer: Joe Sacksteder, President, and Mrs. Trentary, Sponsor.





Buck Jackson  
 Thomas Johnson  
 Mia Jones  
 Tiffany Kemp  
 Laura Kline  
 Nicole Kline



Darlene Lillie  
 Danielle Lobsiger  
 Brian Lowery  
 Lex Manson  
 Jessica McGlothlen  
 Amanda Miller



Joseph Monroe  
 Nakoma Nelson  
 Aaron Noble  
 Joshua Outman  
 Matthew Puzynski  
 Christy Pearson



Jason Pennington  
 Calvin Ray  
 Kyle Ray  
 Lori Ray  
 Koray Roe  
 Matthew Sabin



Joseph Sacksteder  
 Misty Schipper  
 Jennifer Shepherd  
 Whitney Smith  
 Arthur Snyder  
 Destinee Stermer



James Swibert  
 Travis Thompson  
 Petra Tompkins  
 Matthew Tenary  
 Nicholas Wallace  
 Kavonda Warwick



Rob Weaver  
 John Weinberg  
 Eric Whitney  
 Cherylann Williams  
 Stephanie Wyatt

# Class of 2003

The 62 sixth graders have successfully made the transition into the middle school program. Their first year in the middle/high school building has been one of excitement and adjustments. It has been difficult to get used to a bigger building, new schedules, new teachers and new rules. Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Griner, Mrs. Naessens, and Ms. Wilson moved up with the 6th grade and are enjoying working with the middle school team.

The 6th graders enjoyed decorating their hall as "Alaska" during Fall Homecoming. Most of our students participated in dressing up during homecoming which was great fun. Winning the cheering contest at a pep assembly was a highlight. Most of the 6th graders are enjoying having more freedom and lunch seems to be the favorite part of the day.



Class officers: Kelly McClish, Vice President; Liz Robinson, Secretary; Maggie Mitchell, President; Dillon Harrison, Treasurer.

Shayna Alexander  
Ashley Allen  
Kristy Allen  
Samantha Angelmeier  
Katie Austin  
Curtis Babcock



Alicia Baker  
Edward Baker  
Brandy Barnett  
Amber Barnett  
Garrett Batten  
Barbara Bontrager



Sara Bontrager  
Dominick Butcher  
Chelsea Carr  
Jacques Charon  
Josh Cole  
Cheyenne Cook



Amanda Cox  
Bradley Cross  
Rebecca Cupp  
Anthony Davis  
Amy Dodson  
Eric Estinger







Ted Fess  
 Damon Gipple  
 Andrew Grimm  
 Adam Harden  
 Dillon Harrison  
 Dennis Hemple



John Hoskins  
 Cassandra King  
 Matthew Klein  
 Elizabeth Kline  
 Jenna Kline  
 Robert Kucmpel



Orlando Lebron  
 Justin Liggitt  
 Joshua Madden  
 Andrew Mathews  
 Crystal Mathews  
 Cynthia Mathews



Courtney McClish  
 Keli McClish  
 Norman McGinnis  
 Michele Millard  
 Margaret Mitchell  
 Kerry Moore



Dan Mota  
 Katharine Nyenhuis  
 Daniel Prouse  
 Tyson Reames  
 Kyle Rice  
 Elizabeth Robinson



Rudy Salinas  
 Jacob Shaw  
 Andrea Stephenson  
 Scott Stuenburger  
 Ashley Thompson  
 Jacob Tyler



Robert Tyler  
 Alicia Ulrich  
 Rose Weinberg  
 Joshua Whitney  
 Rolando Wyman



# Class of 2003



# CANDIDS



Heitkamp, Keith and Greg Allen Robert Duke, Superintendent



Batten, Jeanne  
Bombrys, Sue  
Wenzel, Thomas



Lutz, Cathy  
Miller, Tracy  
Ad. Robert  
Baker, Ginny  
Schultz, Donna



Cupp, Barb  
Harrison, Patsy  
Kemp, Angie  
Newton, Karla  
Schuring, Shirley





Adams, Angie  
 Armitage, Chris  
 Bombrys, Arthur  
 Cooley, Susan



DeYoung, Leonard  
 Griffith, Leasa  
 Griner, Lynn



Kloosterman, Patricia  
 Lehman, Phyllis  
 Loeffler, Lois  
 Lutz, Calvin



Naesens, Bonnie  
 Newton, Susan  
 Roney, Nicki  
 Rimes, Karen



Samson, Glen  
 Seib, Kay  
 Schwartz, John  
 Sedam, Robert



Taylor, Susan  
 Tremay, Kathy  
 Vedmore, Lisa  
 Wilson, Kristen



# Christmas Assembly





Nikki Hodges & Israel Noble



Ginny Sedam & Paul Hindle



Dan Adams & Amber Jones

Prince & Princess

Lena Rice & Matt Eickhoff



Duke & Dutchess

Kasey Culp & Bill Martin



Danielle Jackson & Lincoln Klinger



LeeAnn Millard & Nick Kemp



Kelly Ray & Jordan Wenzel





Stage and lighting crew: Jason Whitney and Brenda Geark, top  
 Cast: Matt Eickhoff, Paul Hinkle, Ginny Sedam. Front row: Elyssa Vernon, Lena Rice, Kasey Culp, Dan Adams, Tiff Nemire, Justin Pangle.



# GOOD MORNING, MISS VICKERS . . .



# Prom '97 We've Got Tonight





The Junior Class, their sponsor Ms. Leasa Griffith, and her parents, worked very hard cleaning up the courtyard. They planted flowers and strung lights in the trees and bushes. A swing and several benches were added to make it a delightful setting for Prom.



# SENIOR ACTIVITIES

## B

LINDSAY BATTEN—"Linds",  
"Batten"—Basketball 1234  
Volleyball 1234 Softball 1234  
NHS 4 Prom Committee  
Homecoming 34 Who's Who  
Among American Students DAR 4  
All Academic "Remember that  
you can miss a lot of good things  
in life by having the wrong  
attitude."

MELISSA BLAIR—Volleyball 12  
Softball 1 Cheerleading 1 Band  
1234 4-H 1234 Class Secretary 1  
Class Rep. 4 Who's Who Among  
American Students Academic  
Letter 3 Academic Top-Ten

JASON BRADFORD

## C

NIKKI MARIE CLORE—  
Basketball 123 Track 12 Drama  
Club 1 Homecoming Court 14  
Student Senate 123 Class Officer  
123 Band 1234 HOBY  
Ambassador Honor Roll 1234  
High Honor Roll 4 Prom  
Committee Who's Who Among  
American Students Yearbook 4  
Science Olympiad 2 "A wise old  
owl sat on an oak. The more he  
saw the less he spoke. The less he  
spoke the more he heard. Why  
aren't we like that wise old bird?"

RAINA COOK—Basketball  
Cheerleading 1234 Football  
Cheerleading 1234 All-League  
Cheerleader 24 Drama Club 24  
Track 1 Homecoming Court 14  
Class President 13 Prom  
Committee 3 "Pray unto the  
splinters. Pray unto your fear. Pray  
your life was just a dream—the  
cut that never heals."

## F

CHARLES FORMAN—  
"Chuck"—Football 1234  
Basketball 1234 Track 1234  
Baseball 1 FCA 4 All League  
Football '95 and '96 All Area  
Football '96 All State Honorable  
Mention '96 All League Track  
School record shot put 49'8"

MELINDA FOWLER—"Mel",  
"Mom"—Student Senate Class  
Rep 4 Yearbook 4 "Everyone has  
a little 'freak' inside them, some  
people are just better at hiding it."

## G

BRENDA GEARK—"Bren"—  
Cheerleading 12 Student Senate 3  
Band 1234 Proms Committee 3  
Yearbook 3 High Honors 4 Class  
President 4

## H

PAUL HINDLE—"Dough  
Boy"—Basketball 12 Football 4  
Student Senate 234 Homecoming  
Court 24 Drama 24 "I would have  
rather played hockey and lost, then  
figure skated in the Olympics and  
won a gold medal."

NICOLE HODGES—"Hodgie"—  
Basketball 1234 Volleyball 12  
Track 1234 Softball 34  
Homecoming 4 Band 1234 Solo  
Ensemble 4 Arion Band Award 4  
"Life is not a dress rehearsal, live  
it to the extreme and never judge  
the outside of a person until you  
know the inside."

## J

DEREK JONES—"D",  
"Pally"—Basketball 1234  
Baseball 1234 Football 1234 All  
League Football '95 and '96 All  
League Honorable Mention  
Basketball '95-96 All Area MVP  
Basketball '96 & '97 All League  
Honorable Mention Baseball '96  
All District Team Baseball '96  
"Weak men are the slaves of what  
happens. Strong men are 'masters'  
of what happens."

## K

BRANDI KIRK—"Blondie"—  
Basketball 1 Volleyball 12 "Look  
at a man the way he is and he only  
becomes worse, but look at him as  
if he were what he could be and  
then he becomes what he should  
be."

CALVIN WAYNE KLINGER—

"Mitch"—Football 1234  
Basketball 124 Baseball 123 Band  
1 All League 34 Prom King 4  
"There are a lot of ways to  
become a failure, but NEVER  
TAKING A CHANCE is the most  
successful."

## M

ADAM ZACHARY MC  
CLAIN—"Snatch"—Football  
1234 Basketball 24 Track 1234  
Wrestling 3 NHS 34 Co-President  
Homecoming 24 I Dare You 3  
"Your senior year will fly by, if  
you spend most of your time  
sleeping."

GINA BIRON MC CLISH—  
Basketball 34 Softball 3  
Homecoming Court 34 Queen 4  
Desktop Publishing 3 Softball  
Most Valuable Infielder Three-  
academic letters "Don't worry  
what other people think of you."

LEE MC CLISH

LYNN MOYER—"Lynn",  
"Crash"—Cheerleading 1 School  
Paper 34 Yearbook 3 "Life is too  
short to live it cautiously ... So  
live it to the fullest."

## N

SETH NEWBERRY

ELIZABETH NEWTON—"Lil'  
Bit"—"Life is short, so do what  
you can in the time you have."

ISRAEL NOBLE—Football 1234  
All League Football 4 Basketball  
12 Baseball 1234 All League  
Baseball 4 All District Baseball  
Track 234 All League Track 4  
Regional Champion Track 4 All  
State Track 4 School records: 200  
and Long Jump Homecoming  
Court 4 FAC 4 "Do not follow  
where the path may lead ... go  
instead where there is no path and  
leave a trail."

## R

MELISSA REED—"Mel"—Band  
1234 Class Treasurer 1234 Prom  
Committee 3 NHS 34 NHS

Treasurer 4 All Academic 1234  
Science Olympiad 12 "Goin' out  
with a bang." (David Lee  
Murphy)

## S

JEANNINE JUNE  
SANDERSON—Band 123 Prom  
Committee 3 Science Olympiad 2  
NHS 34 Academic Letter 3  
"People can alter their lives by  
altering their attitudes."

JENNY KAY  
SCHEMENAUER—"Red",  
"ZZQ", "Jen-A"—Homecoming  
24 Desk Top Publishing 4 Most  
Improved Student 1 Academic  
Letter 4 "Dear Betty"—"Think  
for yourself and let others enjoy  
the privilege to do the same, too."

GARNELL SCOTT—Football  
1234 Basketball 1 Track 1  
Baseball 2 All Star Team All State  
All League All Area Made Detroit  
Free Press

GINNY SEDAM—Track 1234  
NHS 34 NHS co-president 4  
Winter Homecoming Court 24 1  
I Dare You 3 Drama Club 234  
Prom Queen 4 "Genius is  
patience"

CHRIS SPEELMAN—CTE

AMY STAPLES—"Curly",  
"Ame"—Volleyball 12 Band  
1234 Class Secretary 234 Prom  
Committee Girls State 3 Who's  
Who Among American High  
School Students Fall Homecoming  
Court 4 All Academic 1234 NHS  
Secretary 4 "Floors, not friends,  
are to walk on."

## V

HELEN VARNER—"Helga"—  
Cheerleading 12 Drama 23  
Yearbook 34 Yearbook Editor 4  
Band 4 4H 1234 Academic honors  
1234 Who's Who 23 "Whatever  
makes you happy ... For you I  
will."

## W

JUSTIN WEINBERG—CTE

# SENIORS GO TO LANSING!

Every year Mr. Sedam takes the Government class seniors on a trip to Lansing, the State Capital, to see the government in action.



As the Seniors board the bus, they have no idea where they will end up. Some had some pretty good guesses this year, but Mother Nature fooled them. At the last minute, their visit to Cedar Point was rained out and they ended up at Sea World!







## PROJECT GRADUATION



The John Outman family presented Melissa Reed, the Outman award winner, with a trophy and a scholarship.

Ginny Sodum receiving a Scholarship Award from Mr. Duke.



Israel Noble and Landay Batten receiving the Super Senior awards.

Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. Bombray presenting Art Awards to Mikael O'Connor, Casey Fenwick, Christel Schwartz and Nick McClain.

Ms. Razy presenting Band Awards to Matt Eickhoff and Logan Paustian.





Perfect Attendance Awards. Roxanne Loosier, Jessen Tompkins, Morgan Jones, Logan Paustian, Mikael O'Connor, Justin Pangle, Mike Dender, Ryan Thompson, Aaron Boone, Danny Speelman.

# AWARDS ASSEMBLY



Achievement Boosters Honor Roll Awards.



Senior Sports awards.



Zac McClain and Lindsay Batten received the Scholar Athlete Awards both from the school and from the Military Services.

Some of the recipients of Academic awards.



# Band



# MEMORIAL AWARDS



# ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



ACADEMIC TOP 10 Back: Ginny Sedam, Melissa Reed, Jeannine Sanderson, Lindsay Batten, Helen Varner. Front: Amy Staples, Gina McClish, Zac McClain, Nikki Clore, Melissa Blair.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Back: Jeannine Sanderson, Melissa Reed, Ginny Sedam, Tracy Copenhagen, Amber Jones, Zac McClain, Kasey Culp, Elyssa Vernon, Mr. Sedam, Amy Staples. Front: Michelle Klein, Lindsay Batten, Tracy Motz, Danny Adams, Adam Bowen, Dave Schrock, Craig Kline.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS Ginny Sedam, Co-President; Jeannine Sanderson, Vice President; Melissa Reed, Treasurer; Front: Lindsay Batten, Zac McClain, Co-President; Amy Staples, Secretary.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS









# GRADUATION 1997





# Quiz Bowl

## HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL

		1st	2nd	Total
Centreville	(6th)	118	56	174
Colon	(7th)	116	51	167
Constantine	(2nd)	127	69	196
Howardsville	(4th)	120	64	184
MENDON	(3rd)	127	65	192
Sturgis	(1st)	128	88	216
Three Rivers	(5th)	111	65	176
White Pigeon	(8th)	113	46	159



Quiz Bowl Team: Tracy Motz, Tracy Copenhafer, Matt Trenary, Craig Kline, Ryan Thompson, Matt Eickhoff, David Schrock, and Kasey Culp, missed second place by only one question! Congratulations!



# Freshmen learn C.P.R.





Top (left to right): asst. coach J.J. Wagner, asst. coach Tom Crutch, asst. coach Glen Samson, Israel Noble, Paul Hinfle, Craig Kline, Zac McClain, Garrell Scott, Wes Klein, Derek Jones, Chuck Foreman, coach Mitch Ulrich, coach Bob Critz, head coach John Schwartz. Bottom: Josh Zinnmaster, Harris Tuttle, Bill Martin, Nick Kemp, Travis Mimm, Ryan Schwartz, Shawn Allen, Gus Alexander, Calvin Klinger, Chris Spoelman.

# 1996 Varsity Football



# JV FOOTBALL



Back: Coach Tom Crouch, Coach J.J. Wagner, Ben Harrison, Mike Dentler, Lincoln Klinger, Justin Ettinger, Adam LaRoy, Danny Speelman, Keith Cockrell, Warren Geark, Mark Schabes, Andy Smith, Coach Glen Samson. Front: Art Forswick, Paul Biron, Andy Kline, Kevin Eickhoff, Jordan Wenzel, Josh Sarford, D.J. Alexander, Nick Wallace, Nick McClain, Billy Coomer.







# MIDDLE SCHOOL OLYMPIC DAY







Mendon's Finest Cross Country Sits with their well deserved and \*hard worked for awards\*

Girls Cross Country

Edwardsville Invitational

Centerville Invitational

Olivet Invitational

Union City Invitational

Sophomores

Juniors

Charger Invitational

Bangor Invitational

Niles Brandywine Invitational

SJV League

St. Joe County

Regionals

State

Runner-up

Third Place

Runner-up

Champions

Champions

Runner-up

Champions

Champions

Runner-up

Champions

Runner-up

Champions

Runner-up



# Year-round training pays off



by Lena Rice

Between August 31 and November 2 the Mendon Cross Country teams got to show off what they had trained for from August 20, the first day of official practice. The dedication of this sport requires many athletes to train year round. This must be why the girls team were state runner-up and the boys had so much to show off.

Standing Back Row: Kenny Newton, Brian Harmon, Jim Dodson, Jason Whitney, David Shrock, Kim Drewer, Dusty Drewer, Bill Trenary, Rusty Gardener, Traci Skrzypek, Liz Stacksteder. Kneel In Middle Row: James



Webster, Heather House, Dan Adams, Michelle Klien, Kasey Culp, Tiffany Nemire, Sally Fisher, Dana Kline. Down In Front: Rocky Gardener, Carrie Cardiff, Christy Stephenson, Lena Rice, Mindy Zinsmaster, Lee Ann Millard, Josh Whitney.



Katie Jones, Crissy Allen, Hanna  
Cook, Amy Stevens





## Varsity Football Cheerleaders







# Varsity Girls Basketball



Front Row—L-R: Kylee Baker, Tennille Breece, Christy Stephenson, Tracy Copenhafer, Kasey Culp  
Back Row—L-R: Vic Wilczynski, Assistant Coach; Elyssa Vernon, Michelle Klein, Traci Skrzypek, Sarah Chobot, Nikki Hodges, Lindsay Batten, Leasa Griffith, Coach.



# Junior Varsity Girls Basketball





JV Girls Basketball: Front row: Assistant Coach Leasa Griffith, Mary Moyer, Kristy Kirk, Mindy Zinsmaster, Kim Monroe, Liz Sacksteder, Coach Vic Wilczynski. Front row: Chrystal Schwartz, Morgan Jones, Abby Baker.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Top: Coach Lisa Vedmore, Misty Schipper, Heather Fritz, Jessie McGlothlen, Petrea Tompkins, Tiffany Fritz. Middle: Tiffany Kemp, Lori Ray, Nikki Kline, Kasandra Warwick, Kate Bohnke. Front: Jenny Shepard, Steph Wyatt, Shannon Heath.



Top: Shannon Heath, Lori Ray, Jess McGlothlen, Petrea Tompkins. Middle: Jenny Shepard, Tiffany Fritz, Nikki Kline. 2nd Row: Kate Bohnke, Kasandra Warwick, Tiffany Kemp, Steph Wyatt. Front: Misty Schipper.



Top: Petrea Tompkins, Kasandra Warwick, Nikki Kline. Middle: Tiffany Kemp, Kate Bohnke, Jenny Shepard, Stephanie Wyatt, Shannon Heath, Misty Schipper, Heather Fritz. Front: Tiffany Fritz.



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# BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The varsity boys basketball team enjoyed another great season. They made their second straight appearance in the Regional finals. Once again they were defeated by Wyoming Try-Unity Christian, and finished the season at 14-10. The Hornets only had one all-league 1st team selection in David Schrock. Derek Jones and Rusty Alexander were selected to the Honorable-Mention and Special-Mention teams. David Schrock was also selected to the All-State Honorable Mention team.

With seven seniors returning, the Hornets hope to get back to the regional finals, and hopefully farther. Congratulations on another tremendous season, and good luck next year!



First Row: Chuck Forman, Derek Jones, Rusty Alexander, Zac McClain, Calvin Klinger. Second Row: B.J. McKenzie, Asst. Coach Jeremy Bingaman, Asst. Coach Keith Hotkamp, Coach Richard Victor. Back Row: Wes Klein, Craig Kline, David Schrock.





# JV BOYS BASKETBALL



Back: Travis Munn, Justin Ettinger, Andy Kline, Warren Geark, Ben Harrison, Lincoln Klinger.  
Front: Adam Bowen, Josh Sanford, Coach Chad Crosier, Harris Tuttle, Nick Kemp.





# 9th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL



Back: Ken Newton, Bill Trimary, Ryan Thompson, Brian Maxwell, Kevin Eickhoff, Jason Wallace, Adam LaRoy. Front: Dan Sleeman, Jordan Wenzel, Coach, Keith Cockrell, Nick McClain.



# JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL



8th Grade Team, Back: Chevron Reams, Zac Crouch, Jeremy Vrobel, Dustin Paustian, Jason Truckey, Front: Jarad Batten, Robbie Matheson, Coach Bill Mathews, Chris Shuffie, Steve Rice.



7th Grade Team, Back: Kyle Ray, Mike Goodman, Adam Harrison, Middle: Matt Puzynski, Aaron Noble, Calvin Ray, Joe Sacksteder, John Weinberg Front: T.J. Crouch, Jason Pennington, Coach Vic Hoover, Norm Capp, Matt Trenary



**VARSITY CHEERLEADING** Our one and only varsity cheerleader this year was Senior Raina Cook.



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** Roxanna Loosier, Diana Hanfland, Logan Paustain.



Back: Amber Jones, Tracy Metz, Traci Skrzypek, Kasey Culp, Elyssa Vernon, Coach Kathy Tremery. Middle: manager Brandi Skrzypek, Katie Schrader, Crissy Allen, Kylee Baker, Abby Baker, Mindy Zinsmeister. Front: Lindsay Batten.



# Lady Hornets Volleyball



The 1997 Mendon Varsity Volleyball team had a very successful season finishing 7-0 in the league. This young group of ladies accomplished many victories, including a first place at the Mendon Mini Tournament, a first at the Brandywine Invitational and a first in the silver division at Pennfield. In spite of that, this team had a very tough schedule, participating in many class A and B tournaments.

The team consisted of one senior, Lindsay Batten, 7 juniors, Katie Schrader, Crissy Allen, Kasey Culp, Amber Jones, Elyssa Vernon, Kylee Baker and Tracy Motz, and a trio of sophomores, Abby Baker, Traci Skrzypek, and Mindy Zinsmaster. This fine group of players was the first team in 11 years to gain the Regional title, then moving on to the state quarter finals in Vicksburg. The Lady Hornets were defeated in the state semi finals at Western Michigan University ending the season with a record of 42-13-6. The team was followed by a very enthusiastic crowd and community. Thank you for your support!



# Junior Varsity Volleyball

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team experienced a successful season as they finished with a record of 12-9 and five ties. They worked hard and developed some new skills and techniques. Highlights of the year included a third place at the Howardsville Christian Varsity tournament, 3rd place at the Brimson tournament, and 4th at the White Pigeon tournament. They are to be congratulated on a fine season.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Back row: Mr. Sedam, Coach; Christal Schwartz, Liz Sacksteder, Sarah Batten, Katy Jones, Kelli Ray, Kristina Beal, Lena Rice. Front: Trisha Allen, Nicole Mason, Dana Kline, Tiff Nemire, Eileen Frost, Janice Moreland. Floor: Becky Fritz, Morgan Jones.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL





# WRESTLING



Top: Coach Art Stephenson, Billy Holtbrook, Eric Connelly, Rusty Allen, Aaron Boone, Coach Steve Conroy. Front: Manager Becky Cupp, Brad Gröstick, Aaron Reed, John Coomer, Danny Adams, Manager Calab Stephenson. Absent: C.J. Maher, Justin Osborn, Rick Miller.



# VARSITY SOFTBALL

Top: Christina Beal, Christy Kirk, Mary Mityer.  
Middle: Tracy Coppenhafer, Janice Moteland, Tori Wilds, Melanie Harrison, Danielle Jackson.  
Front: Lindsay Blanton, Nikki Hodges.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK



GIRLS TRACK: Front: Amanda Whitney, Dawn Stermer, Shannon Heath, Stephanie Wyatt, Tiffany Kemp, Victoria Schipper. Back: Jessie McGlothlen, Shannon Frost, Kayla Thompson, Coach Mrs. Crouch, Tiffany Fritz, Lori Ray, Cher Williams.



BOYS TRACK: Front: Jared Batten, Travis Thompson, Joe Sacksteder, Norm Cupp, Matt Trenary. Back: Calvin Ray, Jason Truckey, Mike Goodman, Matt Pazynski, Coach Leasa Griffith, Zac Crouch.

# GIRLS TRACK TAKES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The two-mile relay team, Kasey Culp, Christy Stephenson, Lena Rice and Michelle Klein broke the state record.





Back: Eileen Frost, Kelly Austin, Kelly Walker, Elyssa Vernon, Christel Schwartz, Lissa Clore, Legan Pansian, Amber Jones, Katie Schrader, Roxanna Loosier, Nikki Hodges. Front: Dana Kline, Sally Fisher, Mindy Zimmerman, Christy Stephenson, Kasey Culp, Michelle Klein, Liz Sacksteder, Tiffany Nemire, LecAnn Millard, Lena Rice.



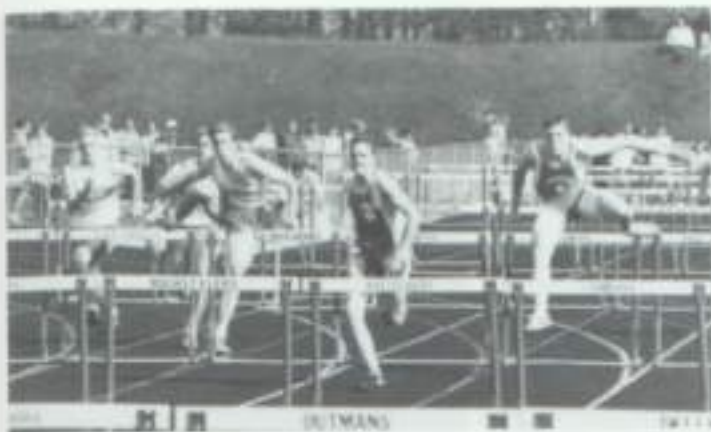
# GIRLS VARSITY TRACK



# BOYS TRACK & FIELD







Back: Justin Panglt, Dave Schrock, Wes Klein, Israel Noble, Craig Kline, Jim Dobson, Dan Sleeman, Mark Schabes, Harris Tuttle. Middle: Ken Newton, Jason Whitney, Andy Kline, Rusty Alexander, Lincoln Klinger, Adam LaRoy, Rick Loosier, Rocky Gardner, Nick Kemp. Front: Jason Wallace, Josh Zimmaster, Travis Munn, Adam Bowen, Brian Maxwell, Will Trenary, Chuck Forman.







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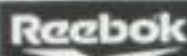
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