

What did you do this year? What did your friends and classmates do? Did you win any awards? Score any goals? Join any clubs? Did you make friends or learn something new? Whatever it was that happened this year, it's all inside your yearbook! You've already got it, now look inside! Go ahead! What are you waiting for? Remember all the fun you had together at school? It is all inside! Read on to find out more.

2012

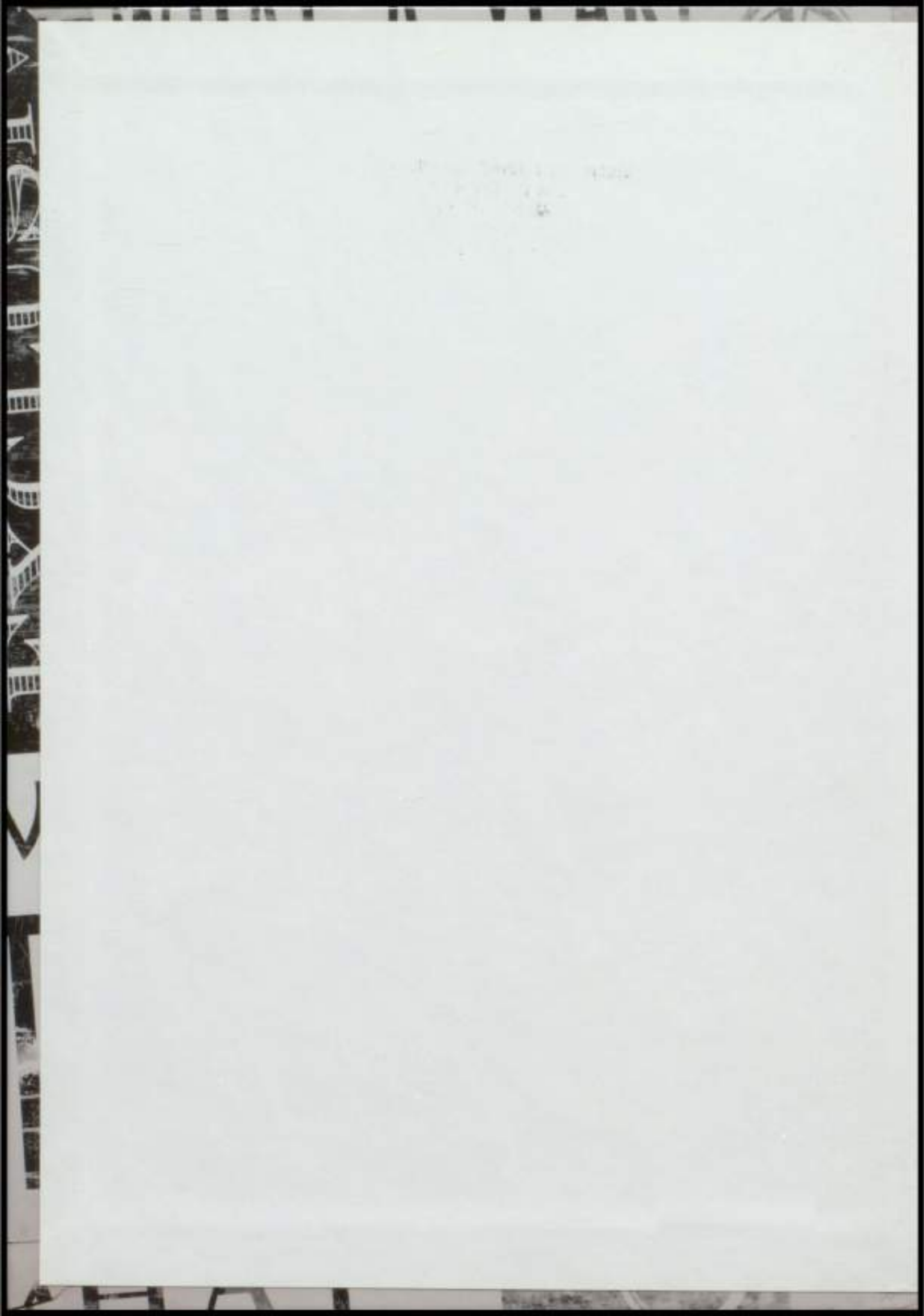
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Seniors

Stay Classy



Blase C. Arriola

Blessica, Blasey Bear

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Track 9
Homecoming Court 9
Softball 11,12
NHS 11,12
Prom Committee 11
Student Senate 11
Class Secretary 12

"No matter where life takes me, find me with a smile."
-Mac Miller



David A. Balasa

Balasa Raptor

Basketball 9,10,11
Track 9,10,11,12
Science Fair (International) 9
Quiz Bowl 9,12
Academic Top Ten 12
Academic All League Captain 12
NHS 11,12 (Pres. 12)
Business Professionals of America
Boys' State Delegate

"The impossible is simply something I have not attempted yet."



Taylor G. Batten

Tay, T.B.

Manager J.V. Basketball
9,10,11
Manager J.V. Volleyball
9,10,11
NHS 12

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do."
- John Wooden



Tiffany L. Bennett

Special Olympics

Basketball
9,10,11,12
Bowling
9,10,11,12

"Life is good."



Cody A. Buzanar

Bing

Football 9,10,11,12
Baseball 9,10,11,12
NHS 12

"I want to be remembered as the guy who gave his all whenever he was on the field."
- Walter Payton



Sarah M. Bowler

Sissy, Sarie, Sar-bear

Student Senate 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11
FCA 9,10,11
Homecoming Duchess 10
Prom Committee 11
NHS 11,12 (V.P. 12)
Drama Club 12
Homecoming Court 12
Elementary Tutor 12

"Most of the time the greatest rewards come from doing the things that scare you the most. Maybe you'll get everything you wished for, or maybe you'll get more than you could have ever imagined."
- Whitney Durham (One Tree Hill)

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Class of 2012

Mendon



Tyler J. Britton

Britten, Squeak, Lil B, Mighty Mouse
Football 9,10,11,12
Wrestling 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Yearbook 11,12

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."
- Confucius



Derek D. Brueck

Brue, Derk, D-Bag, Bruecksy
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Football 10,11,12
NHS 11,12
Student Senate 10,11,12
Prom Committee 11
Homecoming Float Committee 10,11,12

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."



Carrie M. Canavan
C.C., C Squared

Softball 9
Band 9
MCIS 11

"Friends may be there in High School, but don't always count on them in college."



Marc J. D. Charon
Eeyore

Prom King 12

"We are leaving school as a big fish in a small pond. We are entering the rest of the world as a tiny fish in a massive pond and only through our own self-determination, struggles, and success may we grow and prosper in this massive pond."



Amber L. Coniglio
Berr, Ambular, Rob, SissyBug

Blurrey Boo Face
Marching Band 9,10,11,12
Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Drama Club 9,11,12
J.V. Volleyball 9,10
Jazz Band 12
NHS 12
J.V. Basketball 9,10
Quiz Bowl 12

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."
- Mae West



Tanner J. Cook

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
Homecoming King 11

"Sometimes the best plan is to not have a plan at all."



Jessica A. Dexter
Blessica, Jess, Little Foot

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12
Student Senate 10, 11, 12
Yearbook 11
Prom Committee 11

"True freedom comes with great responsibility."



Adam D. Eiling
Cookie, Carebear,
Badman, That One Guy!

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 12
Yearbook 12

"It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

-Abraham Lincoln



Jacob B. Fassett

Basketball 9, 10
Student Senate 9, 10, 11, 12
Prom Committee 11
Yearbook 12

"Everyday do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow- Go with God and be a man of integrity."



Lance M. Faulk

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling 9

"It's been a long road and I finally made it through."



Justin S. Franks

"Winners never quit."



Chelsea D. Gallard
Paige, Pogge, Paigets, Paige
Pooh, Oompa, Loompa

Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12
4H 9, 10, 11, 12

"Life's a pitch and I catch it."



Robert L. Genser

Wrestling 10
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12



Mariah A. Grinn
Mary

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 12

"Let go of the past and go for the future. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined."

Great Catch!



Jennifer B. Homendy
Jenny

Homecoming Court 12

"I would've gotten away with it, too, if it weren't for you meddling kids."



Cody M. Henschel
Hank

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling 9
Basketball 12



Taylor A. Heydenreich
Boo

"Life is one big road with lots of signs. So when you're riding through the ruts don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief, and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts; put your vision to reality! Wake up and live!"
-Bob Marley



Kaleb M. Jones
Kal

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling 10
Track 10

"Show me the money!"
-Jerry Maguire



Hogan J. Jaskolski
Hog

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Cross Country 11, 12
Track 11, 12

(Insert clever/comical expression here.)



Christina M. Johnson
Stina, Nina, Chrissy

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."



Mikal R. Jones
Mika, Mike Jones, Mika-Coconut

Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"Once more into the fray
Into the last fight I'll
ever know
Live and die on this day
Live and die on this day"
-Joe Carnahan



William S. Jones
DJ Will, Big Will

Football 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, 25, 2011
Cheerleading 10, 11
Band 9, 10, 11

"If the world was perfect, it wouldn't be."
-Yogi Berra



Cullan M. Koenig

Cross Country 10, 11
Wrestling 9, 10, 11

"Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon."



Zachary E. Loudenslager

Snowball, Zach Attack, Z-rizzle
Baseball 9, 10, 11
Basketball 10, 11
Football 9, 10, 11
Student Council 9, 10, 11
Class President 11, 12
NHS 12
Prom Committee 11

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."



Trey R. Mathews

Baseball 9
Cross Country 11
Football 9, 10
Track 10, 11
Wrestling 9, 10, 11

"If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough."



Amber L. McClain

Bam, Hammy

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 11
Volleyball 10

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do."



Austin K. McClish
Auzz

Cross Country 9, 10
Track 9, 10
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

"If I would sink to the bottom I would drink my way up."



Amanda R. Mohnney

Mandy Roo, Manda, Mandy, Mohnney, Ramanda

Basketball 9, 10
Track 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Elementary Helper 12
Homecoming 9, 12
Paper Committee 11
Student Senate 11, 12
Yearbook Editor 12

"Take what you want and leave the rest."



Chance D. Nightingale

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12

"The lows are disappointing but that makes the highs much sweeter. That's what drives you to compete."
-Tim Tebow



Taylor M. Norris

Tay, Nayner

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11
Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"School is a lot like toilet paper, you only miss it when it is gone."

Heading to state



Cody J. Ross
Boss, Hoss, Roale

Baseball 9
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12

"All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was a vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible."



Christian A. Russell
Chris-joe, Debbie

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 10
Science Olympiad
S, 10, 11, 12
NHS 11, 12

"The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education."
-Albert Einstein



John C. Sears
John Boy

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 12

"If today I had a young mind to direct, to start on the journey of life, and I was faced with the duty of choosing between the natural way of my forefathers and that of the present way of civilization, I would, for its welfare, unhesitatingly set that child's feet in the path of my forefathers. I would raise him to be an Indian!"
-Jack de la Roche (FIATM)



Kylie R. Southworth
Shandy, Kyle, Bobby, Dolly, Fuzz

Cross Country 10
Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Drama 9, 11, 12
Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society 12
Quiz Bowl 12

"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius, and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."
-Marilyn Monroe



Destini M. Voorde
Bonez

Drama 10, 11

"For some- it's harder to listen; for some- it's harder to talk; but to get to our perfect destination, we must learn to do both."



Katelynn A. Frobel
Katie, Kate, Katie-Lynn

Cheerleading 9, 11, 12

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."



Carrie S. Wright
Carrie-Lynn, Crackle, Granny

Softball 10, 12
4-H 9

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."
-Will Rogers



Heather J. Wright
Heath, Nugz, Mel

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS 12
Class Officer 10, 11, 12

"Laugh your heart out, dance in the rain, cherish the moment, ignore the pain. Live, laugh, love, forgive and forget. Life's too short to be living with regrets."



Above: Cody Bingaman, Chance Nightingale, Jessica Doster, Cody Ross, and Tyler Britten prepare to start their college careers at Olivet in the fall.



Above: David Balasa will be heading to Texas to attend Le Tourneau University to major in engineering.



Women's Club

The Women's Club is a group of students who are interested in fashion and beauty. They meet regularly to discuss the latest trends and share their own ideas.

Left: Taylor Norris and Amanda Mohnrey will both be attending Beauty School to obtain their degrees in Cosmetology.

Below: Amanda contemplating experiencing other





Above: Taylor Batten, Katelynn Vrobel, Mary Grimm, Mykel Jones, Christina Johnson, Paige Gabbard, Carrie Wright, and Carrie Canavan plan on continuing their education at Glen Oaks Community College after graduation.

Left: Derek Brueck, John Sears, and Zach Loudenslager are excited and ready to start college at Central Michigan University.



Above: Destini Voorde, Cullan Koenig, Taylor Heydenburk, Christian Russell, Amber McClain, Heather Wright, and Blaac Arevalo are making their way to Kalamazoo Valley Community College to start their degrees.

Mohney and Jessica Doster are attending Central Michigan after colleges.







Mendon

Mr. Alva
Mrs. Batten
Mrs. Blippus
Ms. Borkholder
Mrs. Cooley
Mr. Cosby



Mr. Dague
Mrs. Oesterle
Mr. Gaertner
Ms. Griffith
Mrs. Heddle-Key
Mrs. Heppeard



Mrs. Jergens
Mrs. Kemp



Independent



Faculty



Ms. Knapp
Mr. Kramer
Mr. Kretschman
Mr. Kuiper
Mrs. Link
Mrs. Lowery

Mr. McCaw
Mr. Samson
Mrs. Schrader
Ms. Shimer
Ms. Vedmore
Mr. Wickey

Mr. Wierenga
Mr. Widzynski

Study



Many independent study students learned some of skills from different professions. From learning computer & technology maintenance to athletic event setup and management to education and tutoring to office and clerical skills.

Juniors

Ammon, Courtney
 Arnott, Rodney
 Bohm, Tyler
 Boseman, Roemello
 Brueck, Andrew
 Clark, Brittany



DeMink, Kylie
 Eberstein, Nicholas
 Ellard, Kayla
 Fess, Jessica
 Green, Britney
 Grimes, Erin



Grimes, Harley
 Hageman, Jacob
 Haines, Kelcee
 Harris, Tyler
 Harrison, Shelby
 Higgins, Mackenzie



Hines, Aaron
 Hodges, Jalen
 Howe, Chelsea
 Hufstедler, Zachary
 Hunter, Abby



Class of 2013



Huxford, Garrett
 Irmon, Carly
 Kauffman, Kara
 Keith, Kirstin
 Kitchen, Sarah
 Koetja, Calvin

Kuhlman, Kevin
 Lagoni, Rachel
 Leitch, Lucielle
 Lovell, Amanda
 Mathews, Kody
 McClimans, Samantha

Mudget, Angelique
 Owens, Bryin
 Pinkster, Ryan
 Roop, Kristopher
 Russell, Skye
 Samson, Jesse

Scheffler, Jessica
 Shaw, Starla
 Soye, Hailey
 Staecker, Tamara
 Steinberger, James



Class of 2013

Stevens, Dacotah
Stevens, Sebastian
Szymanski, Hayden
Talbot, Danielle
Terry, Adam
Yaw, Tyler



Kizatin Keith working with Mrs. Gooley on her clay project.



Adam Terry taking a break after a long class period of studying.



Galvin Koetje Working hard on his computer project in Mr. Dague's Class.



Starting from the left Abby Hunter, Chelsea Howe, Rachel Eagoni, Harley Grimes, and Kylie DeMink working uptown for there government class.

Sophomores



Ahrens, Carson
Allison, Chelsea
Allison, Johnathan
Baker, Dillon
Batten, Erik
Baughman, Loryn



Bingaman, Sydnee
Born, Colleen
Breseman, Torrie
Campbell, Michael
Cleveland, Daniel
Colley, Ashley



Coniglio, Aaron
Craig, Marcus
Darmofal, Zachary
Deleeuw, Tanner
DeMink, Tamoryn
Deryke, Jeri



Farmer, Lucas
Foghino, Angelina
Franks, Stephanie
Furlong, Cierra
Gales, Joseph
Gifford, Thomas



Goodman, Joshua
Griffith, Jennifer
Griffith, Samantha
Grimm, Sarah



Erik Batten posing a thumbs up with classmates from the left Grace Leighton smiling away with Loryn Baughman acting serious.



Aaron Coniglio dressed up for camp day with his hat smiling away.



Garrett Schaefer all dressed for success.

Class of 2014

Hines, Erica
Hodges, Olivia
Howard, Brooke
Huston, Miranda
Jones, Zachary
Kitchen, Donald



Lamb, Mikayla
Leighton, Grace
Mathews, Taylor
McIntyre, Samantha
Melbow, Cody
Miller, Jessica



Mohney, James
Nightingale, Cheyenne
Owens, Sarah
Parsons, Danielle
Pattameak, Sutasinee
Pierce, Jamie



Poff, Alexander
Ray, Abby
Rice, John
Riley, Robert
Russell, Alexis



Brooke Howard (left) and Grace Leighton (right) are concentrating hard on their school work!



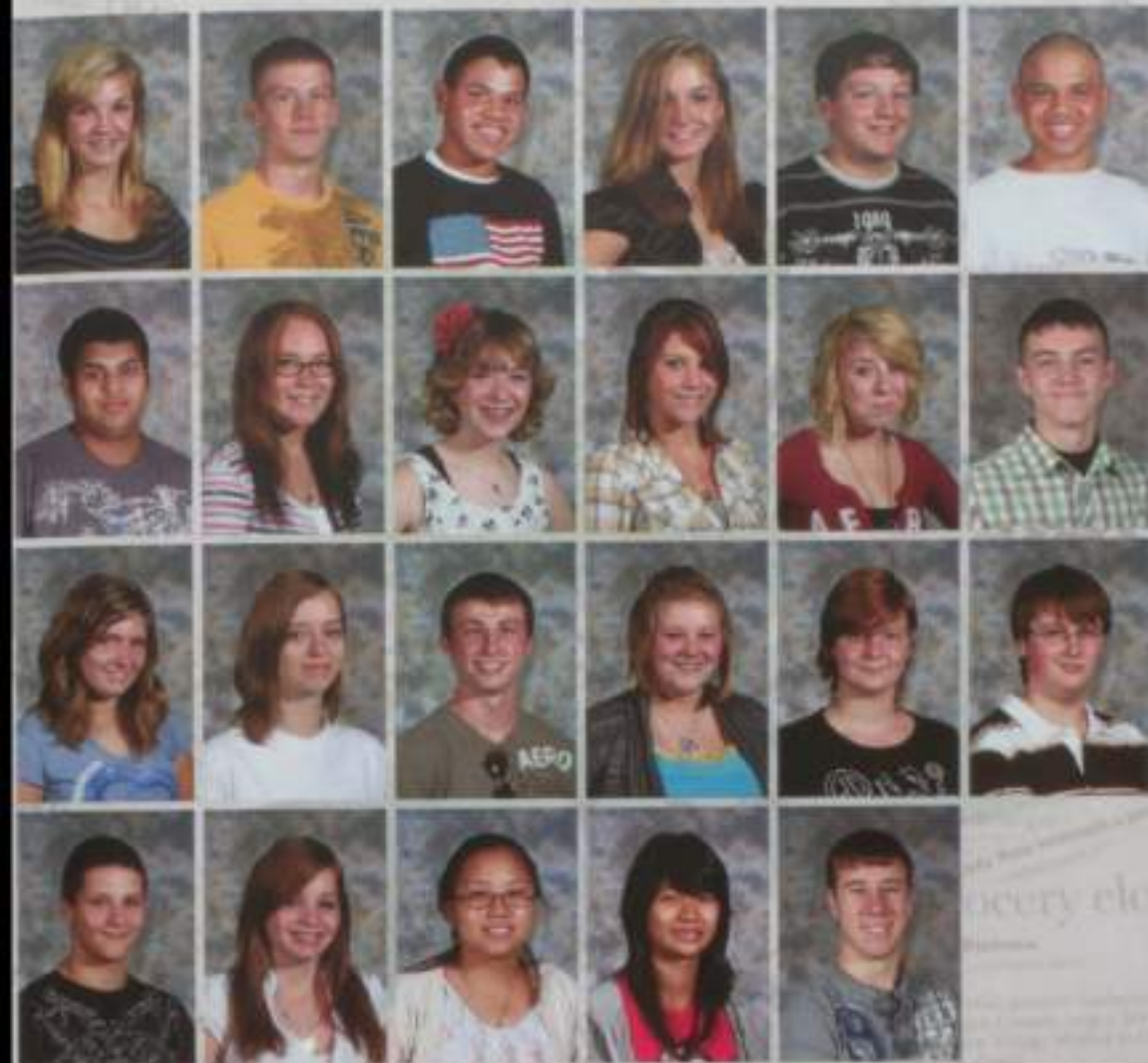
Left: Marcus Craft and Zach Darmofal are always excited to support the girls basketball teams!

Right: From left, Cheyenne Nightingale, Tamoryn DeMink, Sarah Owens, Rachel Frisbe, Erik Williams, Zachary Jones, and Sam Griffith on Favorite Sports Team Day.



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Sophomores



Samson, Lauren
Schaefer, Garrett
Schwartz, Robert
Sears, Tianna
Shapley, Kristopher
Short, Marcus

Singh, Rajinder
Smith, Randee
Spence, Emily
Staecker, Alyssa
Stewart, Billie
Stienbarger, Hunter

Stover, Erica
Svendsen, Marianne
Turner, Timothy
Wilkins, Tiffany
Williams, Devon
Williams, Erik

Wiswell, Kyle
Wright, Lori
Yang, Soreung
Yonijorhor, Jinnapat
Zagon, Derek



Right: Tianna Sears and Billie Stewart dancing at prom. Left: Sarah Grimm was also invited to go to prom by Christian Russell.



Left: Sarah Grimm and Samantha Griffith are very proud of their outfits on Roll Out of Bed Day!
Right: A group of Sophomores represent on Class City Day. They had Hollywood.



Freshmen

Adams, Christian
Avery, Jordan
Batten, Tanner
Buehlman, Kyle
Clark, Dylan
Clementz, Casey



Cute, Zackery
Coler, Mitchell
Colon, Ashlynn
Cupp, Parker
Drewer, Anthony
Duchene, Gracie



Duke, Jordan
Eling, Mackenzie
Farmer, Jacob
Farmer, Ronald
Foghino, Beverly
Franks, Brittany



Friel, Jacqueline
Frisbie, Matthew
Frisbie, Rachel
Frisbie, Tyler
Gard, Kolten



Mackenzie Eling:
Q: What class have you been enjoying the most?
A: Spanish with Mr. Cosby because he is a fun teacher.



Left to right:
Brittany Franks,
Tyelar Nelson,
Ashlynn Colon,
Mackenzie Eling.

Jacque Friel:
Q: What are your favorite sports and why?
A: Volleyball and basketball because she enjoys her teammates.



Jacque Friel and Hailey McClimans hanging out.

Below: Matt Frisbie and Tyler Shultz doing homework.



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Class of 2015



Green, Jeren
Harris, Travis
Harrison, Cole
Hatrige, Patrick
Hawkins, Joshua
Henckel, Caleb

Higgins, Zachary
Klepper, Elijah
Kline, Cody
Lamb, Caleb
Larsen, Colt
Leo, Alexander

Mathews, Logan
McClimans, Hailey
Medich, Jordan
Nelson, Tyeiar
Noel, Kyle
Oke, Calvin

Shaw, Caleb
Shingledecker, Brenden
Shultz, Tyler
Slaughter, Logan
Springer, Dakota

Left to right: Ronald Farmer, Tyler Shultz and Cody Kline smiling for the camera.



Left to right:
Beverly Foghino,
Stephanie
Thomson, and
Caleb Lamb.

Beverly Foghino:
Q: What is one
thing you enjoy
about school?
A: My friends
because they are
fun to hang out
with and they are
there for me!



Freshmen

Stewart, Michael
Sweet, Abbigail
Thompson, Stephanie
VanOstran, Samantha
Vroman, Chance



Below: (Top Row) Ronald Farmer, Tyler Shultz, Cody Kline, and Jacob Farmer (Middle Row) Brittany Franks and Ashlynn Colon. (Bottom Row) Mackerzie Eling and Tyelar Nelson all hanging out at lunch.



Above: Logan Slaughter and Rachel Frisbie were two of the four chosen to represent the class of 2015 on homecoming court.

Below: Dakota Springer talks in front of the class.

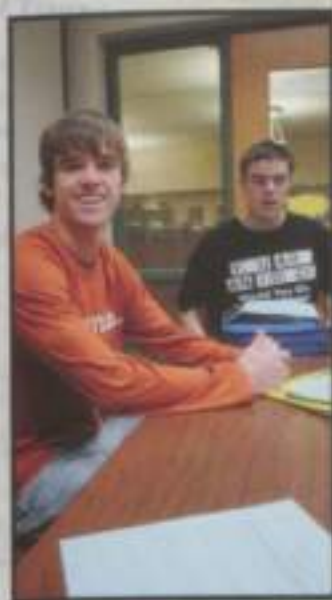


Above: Brittany Franks and Gracie Duchene dance together at the homecoming dance.



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ENGLISH



Left: Cody Henckel and Justin Franks prepare for a debate in English IV class.
Right: Rajinder Singh is working on an English paper in Ms. Borkholder's class.



Left: Erik Williams and Chelsea Allison are working on sophomore portfolios.

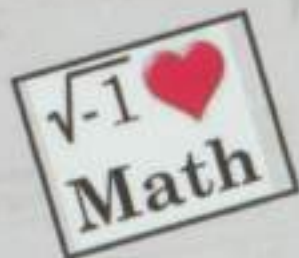


Left: Mr. Wickey and some of his students watch other classmates present their slideshow's.
Right: Cheyenne Nightingale is working on an English paper.



Below: (left to right,) Katelynn Vrobel, Paige Gabbert, Amanda Mohny, and Jennifer Hemenway debate about the death penalty.





MATHEMATICS



Above Left: Paige Gabbard shows off her calculator.



Above Right: Jake Mohnney helps out Erica Hines.



Above: Carrie Wright and Kaleb Irons "working" on their assignment in Mr. Kuiper's Class.



Above: A group of Sophomores do work in math class.



Below Left: Robert Riley poses for a picture while asking Mrs. G for help.



Below Right: Adam Terry takes a break in Ms. Vedmore's class.

Right: A class of Juniors and Seniors finishing up an assignment in Mrs. G's classroom.



Science



Left: David Balasa, John Sears, William Jones and Tyler Britten, waiting their turn to test their bridges.



Right: Thumbs up for Lucy Leitch, experimenting in Chemistry.



Right: Cody Bingaman, Zach Loundenslager, and Cody Ross test the strength of a bridge in physics.



Above: Kody Mathews and Andy Brueck making gold pennies in Chemistry.

Below: Mackenzie Higgins and Skye Russell also making gold pennies.



Below: A group of physics students build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape.

WORLD HISTORY

Below: The World History Class shows off their Greek temples in Mr. McCaw's class.



The Social Studies class requirements are Freshman World History, taught by Mr. McCaw, Sophomore American History, taught by Mr. Samson, and Junior Government, taught by Mr. McCaw. Some of Social Study electives include American Problems, taught by Mr. McCaw, World Cultures, taught by Mr. Samson, and Current Events, taught by Mr. Wilczynski.

GOVERNMENT

To the right: Kevin Kuhlman, Sarah Kitchen, Kirstin Keith, and Zach Hufstedler work hard on their book work in Government Class.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Heading to state

ELECTIVES

To the right: Erica Stover presents a model of the coral reef from the great barrier reef in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.



WORLD CULTURES

To the right: Trey Mathews, Heather Wright, and Christina Johnson are making pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, and French Toast for their breakfast food lab in foods class.



PARENTING / FOODS



Above: Tyler Harris rests between squat reps during Mr. Wilczynski's strength and conditioning class.

To the right: Tamoryn DeMink, and foreign exchange student Jinnapat Yonjorhor show off their model of the Auckland Harbour Bridge in, Auckland, New Zealand during World Cultures.



Academic



Left: Tamoryn Demink and Jinnapat Yonijorhor show off their model bridge in world cultures.



Above: Tanner Cook, Nick Eberstein, and Cody Henckel showing of their skills in Introduction to Business.

Below: Erik Batten gives two thumbs up in spanish, while Grace Leighton and Loryn Baughman show great enthusiasm.



Electives



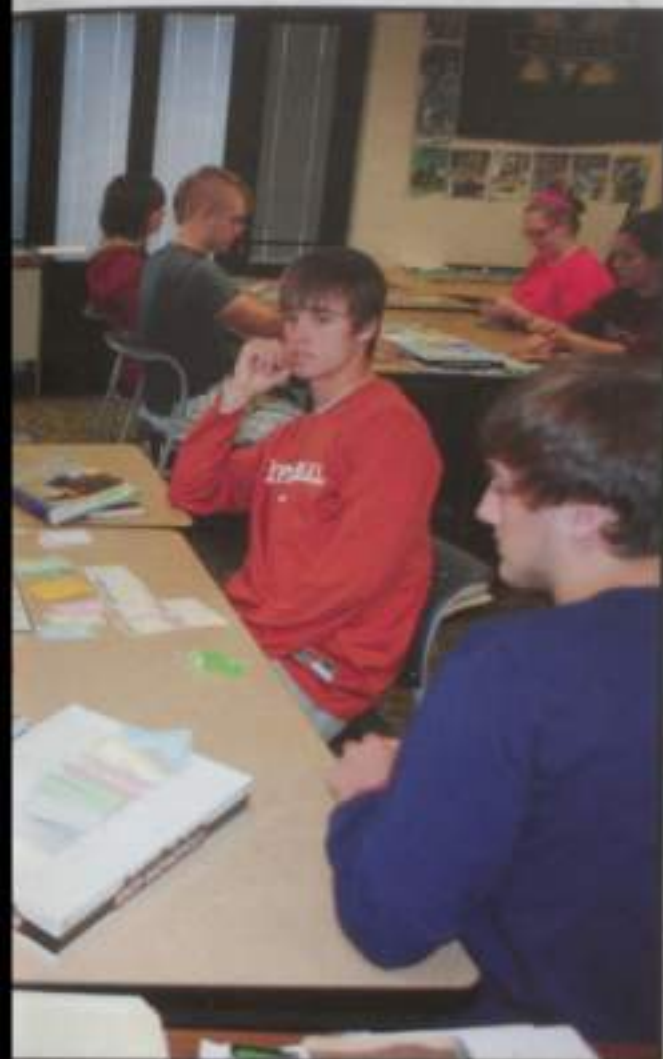
Left: Kaleb Irons getting loose before Gym class. While James Steinberger follows suit.



Right: Kylie Southworth winds up to let loose her rubber band car in Physics.



Left: Marc Charon gets ready for a major debate in English.



Above: James Mohnney, Katelynn Vrobel, Cody Henckel, and Tanner Cook enjoy a game of Anti-Monopoly. They are learning how to manage money in a unique and fun way through the game.



Left: Erica Stover shows Tim Turner what's up in her presentation for World Cultures.

Right: Robby Gonser getting ready to run in Gym.



Left: Zach Loudenslager gets ready to let his car fly in physics.

FALL HOMECOMING.....

MENDON ROYALTY

Proudly Presenting our Homecoming King Cody Henckle who enjoys: kayaking, hanging out with friends, and football and our Homecoming Queen Amanda Mohney who enjoys: anything outdoors, learning to play the ukulele and sudoku puzzles. They were crowned during half-time in the freezing rain on football Friday night!

Below is the fall homecoming court posing for a picture together.

Gentleman: Caleb Irons, Cody Henckel and Derek Brueck, John Sears*, Austin McClish*, Adam Eling*

Ladies: Jenny Homenway Heather Wright, Mary Grimm, Amber McClain, Amanda Mohney and Sarah Bowen]

* not pictured



The King



The Queen



The Court

JUST DANCE



Students rockin' it out at the fall HoeDown. In the middle is homecoming Queen: Amanda Mohney



Posing for a picture at the hoe-down, is (left) Cierra Furlon and (right) Harley Grimes.

LET'S GET CREATIVE!



In the photo to the left is the Junior float for the homecoming parade. They received first place in the final Judging! The class of 2013 really got together this year and did a great job pulling off the "hillbilly hoedown" theme with the tractor and plow.

Below are the Seniors who received second place in the final judging! They did a fantastic job with the covered wagon float.



WE GOT SPIRIT! HOW ABOUT YOU?!



THE PEOPLE SAY...

During a cheerful Friday Pep assembly, Kevin Kuhlman, Kody Mathews, and Jesse Samson spread the Hornet Spirit as they clap along to the school song! These students are very active participants in our student sections!

IN IT.....



The Seniors unleashed the beast and literally pulled the win away during the Tug-Of-War contest! Look at the determination on those boys faces.

TO WIN IT!

The Senior homecoming candidates battle it out with a pie eating contest. As you can see this pie was no challenge for Derek Brueck and Amanda Mohnney, way to go!



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Favorite Sports Team Day
Mackenzie Higgins and
Jessica Scheffler



Camouflage Day
Loryn Baughman,
Brooke Howard and Grace
Leighton



Music Genre Day
Heather Wright and
Jessica Doster



Cowboys And Indians Day
Sarah Bowen and
Amanda Mohnney



Spirit Day!
Abby Hunter and
Kylie Demink



Left: Erica Stover wants to go to a 4 year university in Florida to become a marine biologist.



Top Right: John Rice said if he had 100 dollars he would use it on gas to go places.



Right: Johnathon Allison just wants to graduate, then figure out his next move.

Left: Sarah Kitchen just started color guard and she enjoys it.

Below: Lucy Litch does a lot of volunteer work at soup kitchens, a hospital and blood drives.



Top Right: Sarah Owens was nervous when taking the MEAP.

Bottom Right: Erik Williams loves making movies he thinks it is fun and wants to major in cinematography.

Left: Caleb Lamb enjoys shooting guns with his Dad.



STUDENT LIFE



Right: Kris Roop won't forget doing Seussical the Musical because he made new friends.



Far Right: Carly Irmen loves meeting people from other schools and the competitors.



Left: Calvin Koetje wants to work on airplanes for the private sector after high school.

Right: Aaron Hines biggest pet peeve is people tapping pencils.



Left: Derek Zagon thinks pajama day is by far the best dress up day because its so easy to do and he was really comfortable.



Bottom Left Corner: Angelique Mudget doesn't like sports much because she is not sporty.

Bottom Center: Tyler Nelson wants to go to Michigan State and become an ultrasound technician.

Below: Hayden Szymanski enjoys playing his guitar, he started last year and thought it would be a fun experience.



2011



SJV DISTRICT REGIONAL AND STATE CHAMPS!!!

Photo courtesy of Majestic Portraits

The Mendon Hornets had a great season. At the beginning of the year the team wasn't too sure on how good they would be but after three years of Regional disappointment the team had one goal in mind. It was the seniors last year and they hadn't yet made the trip to Ford Field. The seniors knew if they didn't make it this year they would be the first group of seniors to not make that trip and none of them wanted to be known for that. The team opened the season with an unknown opponent, the Deckerville Eagles with a 46-0 shutout. Next were LMC and a 52-0 shutout. The team had a 2-0 record facing a good Edgerton, Ohio team that beat Mendon 48-27 last season. Mendon made a statement during the 52-13 crushing win improving to 3-0. Mendon had a running clock on the next five teams boosting their record to 8-0. Week nine was a big test for the Hornets from 7-1 Berrien Springs.

The Hornets held their own and put them away on a 48-20 victory. With this advanced to 9-0 and earning a #1 State Ranking and home field advantage. The first play-off game was against week two opponent, LMC, but Mendon and shut them out again. The District Final game Mendon ranked team MCC. Everyone knew that this was going to be the biggest game of the year and the senior's career. MCC scored on the first possession but then Mendon answered and scored in just two plays setting the stage for a great game and it remained that way ending with Mendon up by 14 late in the game. MCC an onside kick making the game come down to the very last hold MCC off and win the district title 28-21. The regional Climax was a close game the first half but making a statement coming out strong in the second half and not allowing 35-10 victory. The semi-final game was against undefeated Now one game away from Ford Field Mendon would be tested once again. The game was tied 13 all until a great fourth quarter where Mendon scored 21 unanswered points for a 34-13 victory. The undefeated Hornets finally got where they wanted facing the 11-2 Fowler Eagles. Mendon shut them out winning 33-0 and the 11th state title in school history. WAY TO GO HORNETS!!



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The Mendon football team had five people involved with All State honors. Top: Cody Ross, Cody Bingaman, Chance Nightingale Bottom: Tyler Harris and Nick Eberstein.



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Nick Eberstien making a spectacular catch after burning the defender.



Chance Nightingale getting ready to snap the ball to Nick for the extra point.

Below: a group of Mendon boys trying to bring down the Climax ball carrier.



Below: The four senior captains standing on the Lion's logo waiting for the coin toss.



Teammates Cody Henckel and John Sears bringing down the quarterback for a sack.



Mendon's own number 32 Tanner Cook bringing in the touchdown with a nice catch.



Robby Gonser and Tyler Britten Both warming up in pre-game before the state game.



Cody Ross "Boss" leading the way for running back Tyler Harris.

Volleyball

Seniors



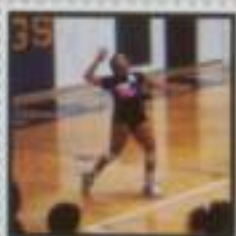
Amanda Mohney: Setter



Heather Wright: Middle



Jessica Doster: Middle



Blacc Arevalo: Libero



This year, the varsity volleyball team had a very exciting season going 40-9-5. Of the 9 losses they had, 4 of them were to Bronson, 3 to Delton Kellogg and 2 to Coldwater, which all those teams made it to regional finals or further. They started off their success winning the County Tournament hosted at Centreville, then the following Friday winning the Schoolcraft Tournament, they also won the Three Rivers Quad and then Towards the end of the season the team won the Pennfield tournament, beating Pennfield in the finals for an exciting win.

At the beginning of the season, every one of the girls had the goal to win state, which showed that they were determined to work hard. Even though that dream didn't happen, the Lady Hornets are now back to back District champs after killing White Pigeon in the District finals to take the title. They then made it to regional finals after shutting down Gobles in the regional semi's, and then losing to Delton Kellogg in the regional finals.

There were some individual accomplishments as well team ones. Receiving all league honors were Amanda Mohney, Blacc Arevalo, and Amanda Lovell, and Heather Wright received honorable mention. Also, Amanda Lovell was named on third team all-state, and Heather Wright with honorable mention.

The team also had some new additions during the year with Jackie Friel being moved up in the middle of the season, and Danielle Parsons being moved up for districts.

GO TEAM GO!
-Brooke Howard



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4: The Lady Hornets all lined up for the national anthem, before their big game against Bronson.

5: Jessica Doster up and ready for a kill to sweep past White Pigeon.

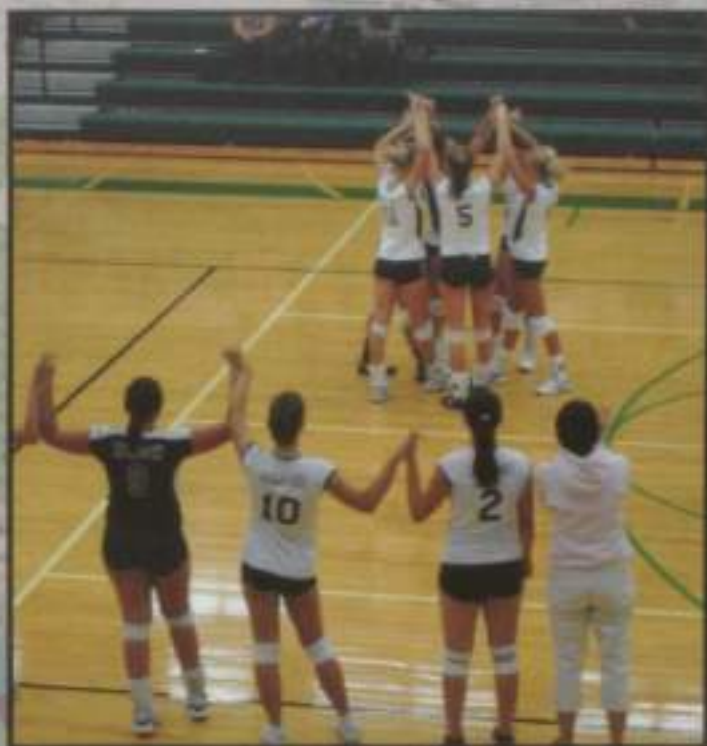
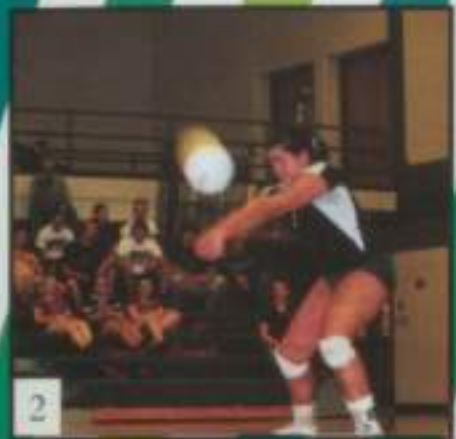
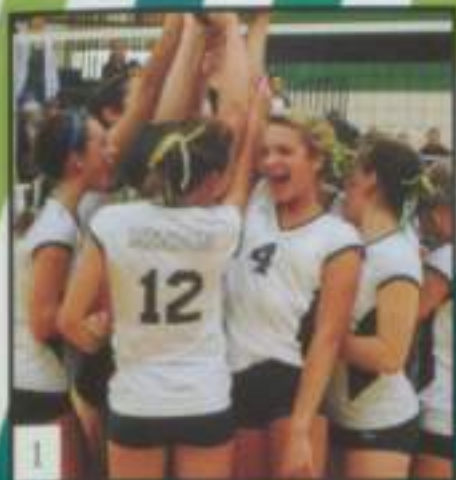
Heading to state

Great Catch!

1: The girls celebrating after their district win against White Pigeon, showing Amanda Lovell on the left, Loryn Baughman in the middle (#12), Brooke Howard on the right (#4), and Jackie Friel on the far right.

2: Blaec Arevalo adding another perfect pass to the stats during a White Pigeon game.

3: #5, Jessica Doster and #11, Alexis Russell, shutting down White Pigeon with a perfect block.



The girls getting focused on the court before a game against Centreville. In the huddle, Alexis Russell #11, Jessica Doster #5. At the sideline, Blaec Arevalo #9, and Harley Grimes #10.



Left: Brooke Howard fights for a kill during the District Finals game against White Pigeon.

Being a young team, through out the season the JV girls had a lot of improvement. Whether it was learning the basic techniques of the game, working better as a team, or just having more communication, they did a good job of picking it all up and working hard, through win or loss.

JV Volleyball



Above: Lauren Samson is up for the block against White Pigeon. Left: the Lady Hornets getting a game plan during a time out against Centreville.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Coach Art Stephenson and the rest of his hard running boys. They all had a fantastic season, with the varsity qualifying for state for the 8th time in a row. It was a hard working season working on hills and extreme distance. With fun on their team dinners and running together, all getting more and more heart to run learning how to operate as a team, and figuring out their strides and steps on the track. The boys team finished 3rd at regionals qualifying them for state. Starting from the left in the back- Coach Stephenson, Christian Russell, Lucas Farmer, Alex Puff, Hogan Jaskolski, Adam Eling, James Mohny, Michael Campbell. Front- Chance Vroman, Zach Hufstedler, Tyler Frisbie, John Rice, Taylor Matthews.



Above: Tyler Frisbie working his arms to finish his race.



Above: Mendon boys cross country team competing against the Bronson team with strong starts getting ahead of them all.

"TRAMPLE THE WEAK HURDLE THE DEAD"

Quote by Cross Country Team

Left: Christian Russell posting a thumbs up. Christian was able to finish up his cross country season being one of the seven state runners.



Bottom: Zach Hufstедler finishing his race with strong strides. Zach individually qualified for state at regionals.



Top: Three of the boys being leaders on their team running their final year as seniors. Starting from the left Christian Russell, Adam Eling, Michael Campbell, and Hogan Jaskolski. Michael being a future leader of the team.



Above: Andrew Brueck working together with Alex Puff to complete another hard running race.



the marching band for football games through November. (Left: All the boys formed a line to start another race with the varsity boys on the front line.



The girls cross country team stopped and posed for a team photo before their meet. Listed left to right Coach Art Stephenson, Sarah Grimm, Emily Spence, Shelby Harrison, Lauren Samson, Grace Leighton, and Jenna Griffith. Coach Art told the girls at their team banquet, "I see high hopes for this team next year."



Emily Spence dashes toward the finish line at their only home meet. Emily during the season progressed well. Emily summed up cross country in one word, "Fabulicious!"



After coming off a knee injury last year, Sarah Grimm pushed through it and did good this year. She said her goal is already in place for next year, "State, baby! State!"

Girls Cross Country

- 1- Shelby Harrison, the only upper classmen, ran toward the finish line.
- 2- The girls are off to a good start.



Striving Forward

With three new additions to cross country it helped make a girls cross team. These new runners were Jenna Griffith, Emily Spence, and Shelby Harrison. The girls struggled with many injuries, but they continued to *strive forward*. Most people did not predict that the girls team would do very well. They proved them wrong by losing by only a slim ten points at the regional meet. Emily, Jenna and Sarah Grimm all did their very best they could at regionals, but fell short of going to state. Shelby had surgery which made her not qualified to run at regionals. They had only two girls qualify for the state meet at MIS, Grace Leighton and Lauren Samson. Lauren placed 87th at state with a time of 21:21.1 (her personal best) and Grace placed 125th with a time of 22:04.2. All the girls will be back again next year and are looking to improve their times and go to state as a team.



All the girls at the Bangor Invitational, which they won 2nd place as a team.



Sarah Grimm and Jenna Griffith smile big for the camera before the SJV league meet.

“What was your favorite part about cross country and why?”

The team dinners because it is like one big happy family.

– Emily Spence



This was the first year, Jenna Griffith ran cross country. She did splendid!



Grace Leighton (left) and Lauren Samson (right) who qualified for the Division 4 state meet at MIS. When Lauren was asked about her good luck charms she said, "I have five. I dress from the left, wear the same: socks, headband, shoes and I wear my old state tags."



Fall Ch



Pictured above are Cheyenne Nightingale, Tianna Sears, and Kylie DeMink, cheering on the Hornets as they take on Fowler in the Division 8 State Finals.



Samantha McClimans, Mary Grimm, Kylie DeMink, Cheyenne Nightingale, and Chelsea Howe are shown pumping up the crowd at Ford Field. The girls cheered their hearts out until the clock ran out and the Hornets defeated Fowler 33-0, becoming the 2011 Division 8 Football State Champions.



Kylie DeMink(Left) and Cheyenne Nightingale(Right) Muskegon Catholic Central in the District Finals game Stewart, Abby Hunter, holding the "H," and Chelsea leaving the Hornets 2011 District Champions.

At the top right of the page are Christina Johnson, during the Edergton game. Below the three girls are Howe cheering at the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart game.

The bottom right two pictures are of the Junior Varsity Allison. Hailey McClimans, Billie Stewart, and Tyele Billie Stewart in an elevator based by Tamoryn DeMink helped cheer on the Hornets to a victory over Howe.

Heading to state

cheerleading



are up in stunts as they cheer for the Hornets as they take on
On the ground from left to right holding the signs, are Billie
Howe with the "S." The girls cheered until the Hornet victory,

Samantha McClimans, and Katelynn Vrobel posing for a picture
a picture of Kylie DeMink, Cheyenne Nightingale, and Chelsea

Cheerleaders at the Mendon vs. Howe Military game. Chelsea
Nelson are shown in the third picture. The bottom picture is of
and Chelsea Allison, with back spot Mackenzie Eling. The girls



WINTER HOMECOMING

MONDAY: NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: ROLL OUT OF BED

WEDNESDAY: MHS (MAKE-UP, HAT, AND SWEATER)

THURSDAY: CITIES AROUND THE WORLD

FRIDAY: SPIRIT DAY



Heading to state

CITIES AROUND THE WORLD!!!

Freshmen: Venice, Italy
Sophomores: Hollywood
Juniors: Ancient Greece
Seniors: Las Vegas

Seniors showed off their art skills, when decorating the halls, and WON!!



CHRISTIAN RUSSEL & AMANDA LOVELL!

Why did you vote for the king and queen?



"I voted for Amanda and Christian because they both deserved it."

-Tamoryn Demirk

STUDENT LIFE STORY

Daniel "DT" Turner graduated in spirit with the class of 2012. His welcoming of all the new students at Mendon Community Schools and his smile is greatly missed and will not be forgotten.



Kody Matthews is a Junior, he doesn't enjoy homework and would rather just hang out with friends. His best memory so far of high school was his Spring Break to Gulf Shores. He has noticed that in the past three years his outlook on life and as been maturing more by learning from his mistakes.

Daniel P. Turner



MENDON — Daniel Patrick "DT" Turner, age 14, of Mendon, Mich., died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo from injuries received in a car-pedestrian accident on Sunday.

He was born in Austell, Ga., on May 16, 1993, a son of Loren M. Turner Sr. and Tashia Lynn Gill, and has resided in Michigan the past nine years.

Daniel attended Nottawa Elementary School, and was currently an eighth grader at the Mendon Middle School. He was a member of the Mendon Wrestling Team, and the Three Rivers Free Church. Daniel enjoyed all outdoor activities, and had an appreciation of nature. He enjoyed music, working on bikes, and spending time with children and his family.

Daniel is survived by his mother, Tashia Gill and her companion, Robert Willis; his father, Loren Turner Sr. and his wife, Tabitha; 10 siblings, Timothy Turner, Jodi Reeves, Jason Reeves, Robert Turner, Brian Turner, Loren Turner, Jr., Heaven Turner, Sienna Turner, Maria Turner, and Leanna Willis; maternal grandfather, John P. Boyle; paternal grandfather, Hugh H. Turner; maternal great-grandmother, Ellen Jean Kammer; paternal great-grandmother, Clara Bramlett; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Keith Gill and Laura Boyle; and paternal grandmother, Linda Turner.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Eickhoff Funeral Home in Mendon. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mendon United Methodist Church with Pastor Rick Leland of the Three Rivers Free Church officiating.

Memorials will be directed to the family. Online register and condolences may be left at www.eickhofffuneralhome.com.



Above: David Balasa is a Senior and plans to go to a college to become a minister. His most memorable time of high school was when he first moved here and got academic all league. He is a member of the varsity track team. He hopes to attend state for discus and shot-put.

Heading to state WHAT ARE STUDENTS LIKE IN HIGH SCHOOL?



Above: Kris Roop is a Junior and is in many different activities outside of school some of the activities are youth group and his church Awana Group. Kris is apart of the school band. If he could make a club or an organization he would make a Glee Club where they would play and sing music to encourage other students to show their talents, other than being in a play.



Above: Tiffany Bennet and her escort Tyler before attending prom in Centreville.



Left: Tanner Batten is a freshman, he is apart of the school band. If he could play any instrument in the world he would play the cello because it sounds cool. To him the band is like a second family. The one thing he dislikes about band is the music they get. He has enjoyed his first year in high school but doesn't like all the stress that comes with it.



Left: Tiffany Bennet showing off her Special Olympic ribbons for track and field day. Tiffany also part Bowling and Basketball.



THE MENDON BUZZ

WINTER 2011

Wrestling



Top Left: Freshman Tyler Schultz hold his strength to not get took down by his Bronson opponent.

Middle Left: Freshman Cole Harrison, who wrestled at 171, gets awarded his pin.

Top Middle: Freshman Kyle Noel gets a win against Loy Norrix.

Middle Right: Sophomore Josh Goodman wrestled at 215 gets his first win.



Coach Stephenson is pleased with his wrestlers.

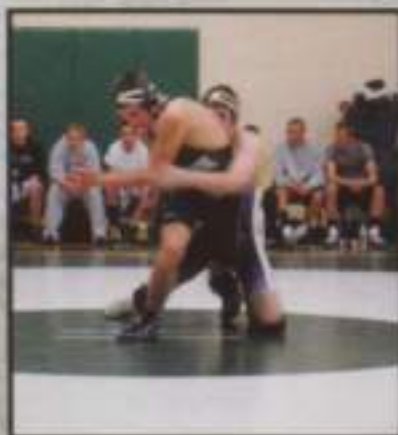
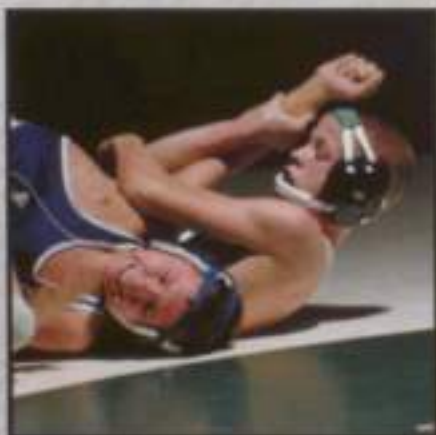


Above: Michael Stewart, uses his chin to try and get his opponent down.

This year's wrestling team was young, but never gave up. The team consisted of mainly freshman with only two seniors, three juniors, and four sophomores.

Caleb Henckel, one of the many freshman, had an outstanding season. Wrestling in the 103 weight class, he fell one win short at regionals to qualify for state. Coach Stephenson has high expectations for Caleb in years to come.

Cole Harrison was also one the outstanding freshman on the team. Both Cole and Caleb received an award which granted them \$100 toward any summer wrestling camp they choose. The two are attending the University of Michigan Camp in July 2012.



Left: Freshman Caleb Henckel goes for his win against Loy Norrix.

Right: Freshman Cole Harrison starts his escape.



MHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sophomore: Garrett Schaefer gets ready to wrestle.



Senior: Tyler Britten, wrestling at 130 at the state championship.



Seniors: Austin McClish, and Tyler Britten line up to walk in grand march.



Senior: Austin McClish, wrestling at 119 at the State Championship which took place at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Sophomore: Daniel Cleveland is in his ready stance.

Junior: Ryan Pinkster waits patiently for the whistle to blow.



Senior: Austin McClish attends senior night.



Senior: Tyler Britten walks through homecoming for senior night.



Senior: Austin McClish sprawls out to avoid take down.



Junior: Jesse Samson stands awake and aware for the take down.



Junior: Bryn Owens waits patiently in his ready stance.



Above: Both Austin McClish (119) and Tyler Britten (130) qualified for state. They both had a fantastic weekend. The two also received their 100th career win during their senior season as well.

Varsity



The girls varsity basketball team this year consisted of three seniors; Blaece Arevalo, Jessica Doster, and Heather Wright, one junior; Shelby Harrison, and three sophomores; Brooke Howard, Grace Leighton, and Jenna Griffith. The girls had a very successful season with 22 wins and only 3 losses. This is the best record for a girls basketball team in the school's history. With only seven players on the team the girls had to be very dedicated and well conditioned. The team was already used to each other with six of the seven girls returning players from last year. The girls made it to the regional final game against Niles Brandywine. It was a hard fought game and unfortunately the Lady Hornets didn't come out on top, with a final score of 39-46. On the bright side they had many reasons to hold their heads high! It was the first time in ten years that a girls basketball team from Mendon had made it to the regional finals. Brooke Howard finished the season with an All-State Honorable mention, All-League, and was one of the top 15 scorers in the region. Heather Wright was also among one of the top 15 scorers and Jess Doster was All-League. Jenna Griffith had honorable mention All-League and Blaece Arevalo received special mention All-League.



Left: The girls gather around Ms. Griffith during a timeout in the homecoming game against White Pigeon. They won the game 61 to 27.

Right: Seniors Blaece Arevalo and Jess Doster team up to guard a White Pigeon player.



Heading to state

Great Coach

Robbie Taylor

we pull a great

one of the best

Diagram

Junior Varsity



Right: the JV girls line up for the National Anthem before one of their games.

Left: Alexis Russell and Samantha Griffith are always pumped to play basketball! Squares below from left to right: Danielle Parsons, Rachel Frisbee and Alexis, Cierra Furlong, and Lauren Samson.



The JV team had an outstanding season! They finished with 16 wins and only 2 losses; they struggled a little after losing a big part of their team: Alexis Russell. She was moved up to varsity for the last two weeks of the season. Even with some challenges they came together as a team and pulled off a great season.



STARRING !

How do you handle the pressure of basketball?



"I honestly can't hear anything when I'm playing, just Miss G yelling. It helps me to keep my head in the game!"

-Blaec Arevalo

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team had a stellar season finishing 9-13 overall on the season. The team had to overcome many odds this year just to get to nine wins. Cody Henckel, a senior on the team came into the season with a torn MCL, and had to fight to find some playing time, and find some he did. The boys all agreed that the season didn't end the way that they planned, but with a victory in the first district game against the No. 9 seed White Pigeon they were able to take a small victory from the year.



Top Left: John Sears, Cody Henckel, and Hogan Jaskolski loosen up before the game.

Middle Left: The fans cheer on the boys homecoming game.

Middle Right: John Sears comes to the bench for some rest.

Bottom Left: Derek Brueck gives the ball up to Tanner Cook while John Sears looks on.

Heading to state

Great
Catch!



Top Right: Andy plays tenacious defense.
 Left: John Sears wins the tip off in their final game.
 Middle Left: Kevin Kuhlman sits back on the helpside.
 Middle: Derek Brueck makes a sweet dime to a wide open Chance Nightingale.
 Middle Right: Tanner Cook call for the ball.



The JV boys had a great season! Their record was 19-1, and their only loss came to Athens. It was a heart-wrenching game only losing by three points. They did however win the Centreville tournament. They have accomplished this feat four years running.

Above: Andy goes up for a board in warmups.
 Right: Hogan Jaskolski sets his man up for the pick as he takes it to the rack.



Above: Zach Darmofal shoots his free throws while Erik Batten watches.

WIN CHEER



Above: Chelsea Allison and Hailey McClimans cheer with the crowd during a time out to show their spirit!



The cheerleaders performed in January. They received a most toys at 137. Located at the girls are two Marine Corps this special event.



Left: Katelynn Vrobel (Post), Cheyenne Nightingale (Flyer), and Kylie DeMink (Base) perform a stunt called a chair.



Left: The Varsity and JV cheerleaders pump the crowd up before a girls basketball game with a couple of cheers and also joining in the school song with the band.

TER LEADING



Above: (Left to right) Tamoryn Demink, Hailey McClimans and Chelsea Allison. The JV girls had a great season cheering and they did wonderful with only having three of them for the most part.

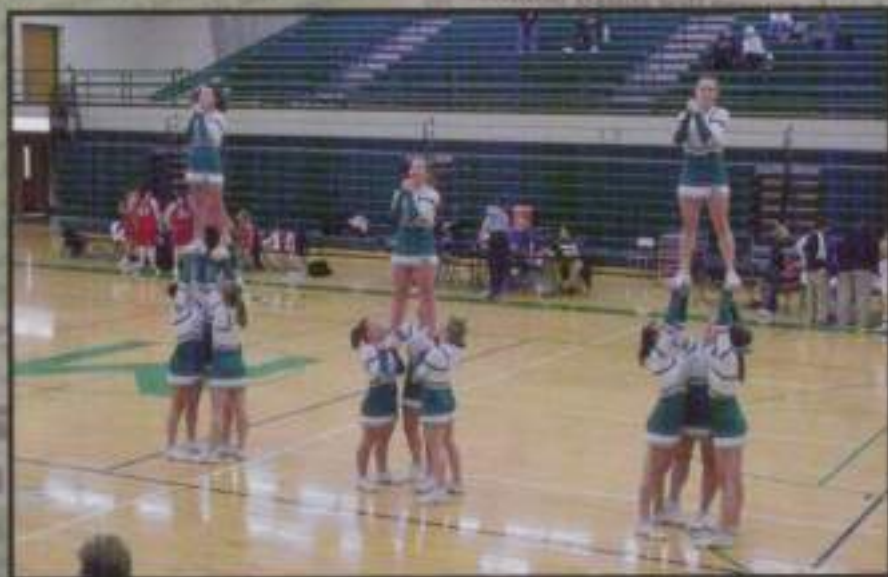


Right: Mary Grimm, Tianna Sears, Kylie DeMink, Cheyenne Nightingale and Sam McClimans yell "Mendon Hornets" with the crowd.



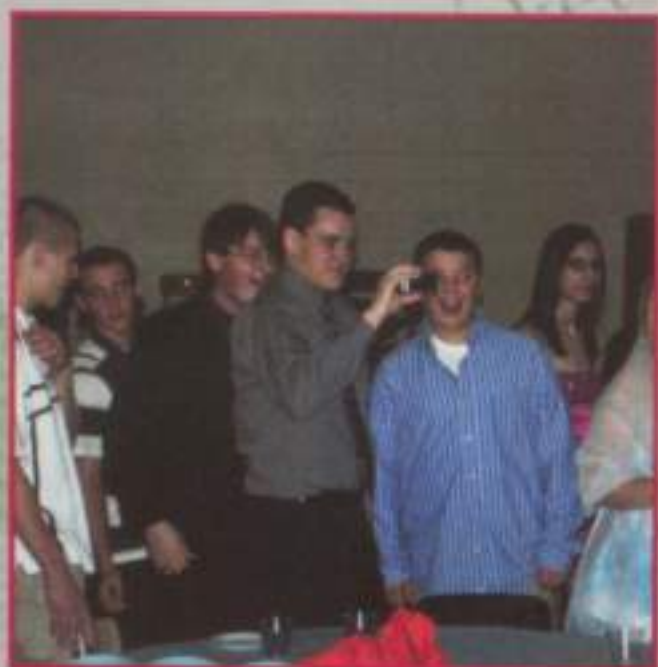
at the Toys for Tots in trophy for brining in the on the left side and right side that also took part in

Right: The cheerleaders perform their stunts with two extensions on the outside and an elevator in the middle during a quarter to pump the crowd up and support the girls VA basketball team.



SNOW

Sophomore: Carson Ahrens snaps a picture of some funny dancers at the snow ball.



Junior: Kylie DeMink chats to her friends at the dance.



Senior: Sarah Bower laughs it up at the snowball.

BALL



Putchka heads up... As Brooke Howard gets the girls dancing.



Dance Off... A bunch of students grouped together to show off their moves.



Sophomore Donny Kitchen is busting a move at the Snow Ball that took place after the basketball game.

Prom



Left: After a long and anxious wait, this year's Prom King and Queen were Marc Charon and Heather Wright both crowned later in the night at the Air Zoo, this year's prom location.

Left Top: Brooke Howard and Loryn Baughman, who was also the Hostess, took a ride on the air balloons and were having a very fun time indeed.

Left Bottom: Abby Hunter, Taylor Nordin and Paige Gabbard pose for a picture after getting into the space virtual tour.



Above: Amanda Mooney and Jessica Doster both seniors, laughing and having a great time at what might be their last prom.



Robby Gonser and Nichoilet having a great time at prom.

Left: Blaac Arevalo and Tanner Cook, posing for a picture while waiting in the ticket line.



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Above: Amber Coniglio, Kylie Southworth, and Jenny Hemenway dancing the night away with friends, and most of all making memories.

1. Left-Right: Marc Charon, Tanner Cook, Zach Loudenslager, and Kevie Kuhlman right before stepping on a space adventure at the Air Zoo.

2. Left-Right: Rodney Arnott, Antanda Lovell, Kylie DeMink and Adam Terry smile for the camera while taking a break from all the dancing.

3. High school students dancing the night away at the Air Zoo prom in Portage, a prom with memories that will last a life time.

4. Having a relaxing night enjoying the rides the candy and the air planes Brittany Clark, Carly Irmen, Lucy Leitch, Kara Kauffman, Marianne Svendsen and Skye Russell pose for a picture.

Below: John Sears, Cody Ross, Marc Charon, Derek Brueck and Andy Brueck enjoying prom.



Student Life



Goofy Times





Memories from 11-12



In 10 years...

I will be done with college;
I will be working in the
medical field, and married
trying to live life.



Christina Johnson
Senior '12

Friends



BUZZ

SJV
BOY'S
BASEBALL

Mendon's baseball team during the 2012 season managed a 21-13 season, bringing them up to be SJV champions. Seniors Cody Bingaman, the team's only 4-year varsity player, and Chance Nightingale made the SJV All-League team, alongside juniors Tyler Harris and Nick Eberstein. Junior Kevin Kuhlman made the SJV second team. Lastly, sophomore Robert Riley gained a special mention. Congratulations, Hornets!

Left: Top, Cody Bingaman as catcher. Bottom: Joe Gales preparing to hit. Below: Kaleb McCarroll swinging at a ball.



Above: Nick Eberstein caught mid-action throwing a pitch at the Mendon vs. Athens game.

Right: Robert Riley and Tyler Harris running in to switch into batting.

"Baseball is my all-time favorite sport. It's during the most beautiful time of the year, and you get to be outside all of the time."

-Nick Eberstein



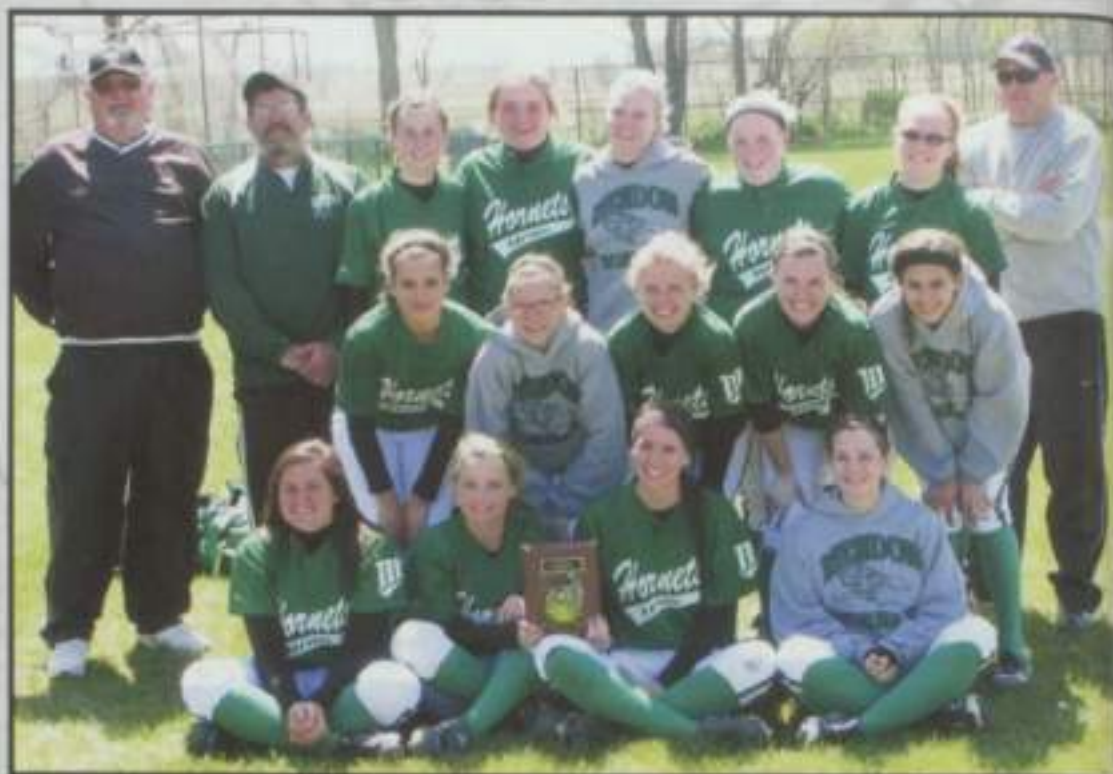
Below: Number 42 Logan Slaughter keeping first base well-protected.

Below: Kris Roop, Tyler Harris, William Jones, Joe Gales, and Tanner Cook warming up before their home game versus Centreville.



Q: What goes through your head as you dive for the ball in center field?

A: "I have an adrenaline rush and I try to concentrate on not dropping the ball, I usually also think 'Oh shoot!'"
-Danielle Parsons



Varsity Softball

High Expectations

After last years lost in pre-districts and with most of the players returning, everyone had high expectations. The girls started the season rough. The girls defense needed a lot of work. After having a couple weeks due to Spring Break and waiting for the next game to come, the girls were determined to change how they were playing. The came back to lose a tough game to Centreville, where they came from behind, and had a good day at the Otsego Tournament. That following week in April, they had to meet Bronson. The girls varsity team had never beat Bronson before. They came out with energy and won a tough

battle 8-4. The girls season just kept going up from there! They won the Union City Tournament and Districts. This years team holds the record in Mendon for the most wins in one season with 28 wins and 11 losses. They even had to go through many injuries, Jenna Griffith, Jackie Friel, Shelby Harrison, and Paige Gabbard were all starters who were injured almost at the same time, but still had high expectations for the team. Jenna Alexis Russell, and Paige received SJV All-League. Jessica Doster was voted SJV Honorable Mention and Danielle Parsons was SJV Special Mention. The seniors Paige, Jess, Carrie Wright and Blac Arevalo will be missed next year.



Above: Blac awaits the pitcher to release the ball that way the batter can advance her to home for another run.



1-Casey Clementz, freshmen, pitches on the mound.
 2-Danielle Parson, sophomore, waits for a ball to be hit out to her.
 3-Paige Gabbard, senior, catches a foul ball.



Above: Blaec is greeted by her teammates after her first ever home run in her softball career!

Freshmen Rachel Frisbie and Gracie Duchene run onto the field to warm up in between innings.

4-Randee, sophomore, pitches a tough game against Bronson. Her nickname this year was "Stanley."
5-Samantha McClimans, Blaec, and Danielle come in from warm up out in the outfield.

Above the infielders team it up before they go out to start the inning. Usually Paige gets everyone laughing by doing head-butts. The infield above consisted of Randee Smith, Jackie, Jess, Shelby, Jenna, and Paige.



6-Jess gets ready for the ball to be put into action.
7-Jenna gets out of the way of the ball before she gets hit against Athens.
8-Jess, a four year player, dives head first into second base.

9-Carna fields the ball at third base. She was known for her sunglasses.
10-Sam takes going back to second to steal the base to third. This was Sam's first steal ever!



The first box to the right is sophomore Garrett Schraefel pole vaulting at the John Green invitational. The second box is another sophomore: Elijah Klepper. He participated in long jump this year.



BOYS TRACK

Heading to state

Mendon boys had a great season. They had many returning runners but there were also some key new runners. They ended the season being undefeated in duals. Winning the Dale Hook, and Centreville invitationals. Runner up at the John Green invitational. SJV League champions, and Regional champions.

Seniors this year were: Robbie Gonser who mostly ran the open 200 and 400 meter races, 800 relay, and mile relay. Tyler Britten who ran the open 400 and 800 races, 2-mile relay, and the mile relay. Cody Henckel participated in pole vault along with running both the 110 and 300 hurdles, and the 800 meter relay. Hogan Jaskolski who ran the open 800, the mile, and the 2 mile relay. Adam Eling who ran both the mile and the 2 mile, and also did long jump. Lance Faulk who threw shot put and discus, and ran the 400 meter relay. David Balasa who also threw shot put and discus. Mykel Jones who ran the open 100, the 300 hurdles, and occasionally the 400 relay.

State qualifiers for the boys this year were: 2 mile relay: team of Tyler Britten, Hogan Jaskolski, Zach Darmofal, and Parker Cupp. 110 meter hurdles: Hunter Stienbarger and Cody Henckel. 100 meter dash: Mitchell Coler. 800 relay: team of Hunter Stienbarger, Elijah Klepper, Cody Henckel, and Robbie Gonser. 400 relay: team of Hunter Stienbarger, Mitchell Coler, Cody Henckel, and Robbie Gonser. Open 400: Robbie Gonser. 300 meter hurdles: Cody Henckel. Open 800: Tyler Britten and Parker Cupp. 300 hurdles: Cody Henckel. Mile relay: Hunter Stienbarger, Tyler Britten, Parker Cupp, and Robbie Gonser.



Left: Ron Farmer, John Rice, and Travis Harris who all ran the mile this year. Right: Jesse Samson who ran the mile and the two mile.



Senior Cody Henckel running hurdles.



2 Parker Cupp, a freshman, who qualified for state for the open 800.



3 Hunter Stienbarger handing off to Mitchell Coler in the 400 relay at the state meet on June 2nd.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD



Above: senior Taylor Norris leaves her blocks during the 200 meter dash, in her last home meet.

Below: Brooke Howard hands off to Amanda Lovell in the 800 meter relay, during the League meet at Mendon.



The girls track team consisted of the following: 5th row left to right, coach Dave, coach Dague, and coach McCaw, 4th row: Brittany Franks, Tyejar Nelson, Angie Foghino, Mackenzie Eling, and Hailey McClimans, 3rd row: Jessica Scheffler, Lorena Göritz, Erin Grimes, Abby Hunter, Olivia Hodges, and Abbi Sweet, 2nd row: Billie Stewart, Brooke Howard, Tianna Sears, Cheyenne Nightingale, Sarah Gnm, and Loryn Baughman, 1st row: Amanda Lovell, Lauren Samson, Kylie DeMink, Harley Grimes, Amanda Mohny, Taylor Norris, Grace Leighton, and Cierra Furlong.

The girls track team this year had a rough season with all of their injuries, but yet still had a lot of success. Their accomplishments were getting runners up at the Colon Invitational, John Green Relays, and also Regionals, and placing 1st at the Centreville Invitational. Due to lack of depth, the ladies finished 3rd in the League. The only seniors on the team were four year runner Taylor Norris, who participated in the shot put, discus, 100 dash, and 400 relay until an arm injury, then she started running the 200 dash, and first year runner Amanda Mohny who was only able to run for half of the season because a foot injury.

Below: Grace Leighton, participates in the 300 hurdles, 100 hurdles, the mile relay, and the 800 relay. She set the goal for herself to break both hurdle school records and place in the top three at state. She set the 300 hurdles record with a time 47.20, beating her sister's time.





Above: Jessica Scheffler, Amanda Lovell, Grace Leighton, Brooke Howard, Kylie DeMink, Cierra Furlong, and Lauren Samson pose for an all league picture, where the two mile relay, and mile relay teams got first, also getting firsts were Grace Leighton in the 100 hurdles, and 300 hurdles, Amanda Lovell in long jump and high jump, and Lauren Samson in the mile run. This year heading to Jenison for state, were eight girls in eleven events, with one of those girls being a foreign exchange student, Lorena Göritz, participating in high jump. The others were Jessica Scheffler in the two-mile relay, Amanda Lovell in high jump, long jump, 800 relay, and mile relay, Grace Leighton in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 800 relay, and mile relay, Brooke Howard in the 400 dash, 800 relay, and mile relay, Kylie DeMink in the pole vault, two-mile relay, 800 relay and mile relay, Cierra Furlong in the two-mile relay, and Lauren Samson in the two-mile relay, 800 run, and mile run. At Jenison, earning all state honors this year were Grace Leighton, placing 6th in the 100 hurdles and 7th in the 300 hurdles, and Amanda Lovell, placing 3rd in high jump and 5th in long jump, jumping a distance of 16'11.5" and breaking the school record.



Above: Lauren Samson competes against Dora Miller, her biggest competition, who she runs against in two of her three events. Lauren participates in the mile run, two mile relay, and 800 run. Her favorite event is the mile, and she has the goal to bring her time into the 5:40's in the mile, and eventually break the school record also. Before they run the two mile relay Kylie has to hit Lauren's teeth with the baton and then everyone has to kiss it. Her favorite memory this year is achieving regional championship in the two mile relay.

Below: Sarah Grimm, one of the few healthy people on this year's track team participates in the 2 mile, shot put, and pole vault. Here she is focusing on setting a personal record in the shot put.



Below: Kylie DeMink's favorite event is pole vault because of the adrenaline rush, also it keeps her warmed up for the 2 mile relay. Kylie's personal record is eight feet and her long term goal is to set the school record which is nine feet.



Below: Billie Stewart participates in the 400 relay, 100 dash, 200 dash, and long jump. Her favorite event is long jump because everyone in her family jumped and it must run in her genes. She wants to make it to state before she graduates. The 400 relay's tradition is that everyone has to kiss the baton.



Science Olympiad



Above: The 2012 High School Science Olympiad team. In the front row pictured from left to right is Grace Leighton, Danielle Talbot, Caleb Henckel, Calvin Oke, and Amanda Lovell. Above them is Loryn Baughman, Tanner Batten, Alex Leo, Brenden Shingeldecker, Olivia Hodges and Amanda Lovell. Behind Amanda from right to left is Randee Smith, Lori Wright, Dylan Clark, Zachary Higgins, Carly Imen and Mackenzie Eling. The back row from left to right is Mackenzie Higgins, Britney Green, Cole Harrison, Lucy Leitch, Jaren Green, Christian Russell, Kris Roop, and James Mohney. Not pictured are Shelby Harrison and Skye Russell.

A few of the events the team competed in during the day were Forestry, medaled in by Amanda Lovell and Shelby Harrison, Optics, and Dynamic Planet.

Heading to state

Quiz Bowl!

During the event the team said Kylie always wanted to answer with "Robert Frost", and eventually a question was asked where that was the right answer, but the team was not the first to answer correctly.



Pictured to the Left: the 2012 Mendon High School Quiz Bowl Team. The team competed against the other schools in St. Joseph County which were Burr Oak, Centreville, Colon, Constantine, Sturgis, Three Rivers, White Pigeon, and two private schools. Over all the team placed 7th.

From Left to Right: in the front row is Ambar Coniglio, Danielle Taibot, and Ms. Knapp, and in the back row is Kylie Southworth, Britney Green, Skye Russell, and David Balasa.



Left: Lori Wright and Kris Roop working on their project. They competed in the helicopter competition.



Right: Calvin Oke and Dylan Clark. They competed in the tower competition. Cole Harrison was also in their group.

NHS



The NHS had a great turn out during their annual blood drive at the high school. A lot of the students had the courage to give blood.

Upper left: Chelsea Howe smiling after giving blood and is a proud donor.
Upper right: Adam Eling giving blood as the nurse checks his blood and Jake Fassett watches in amazement.



The NHS also hosted a lunch for the community elders. The lunch had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed it. The people there got to enjoy music from the Mendon Hornet Band and singing from the choir.



STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate and NHS did a lot of different fundraisers together as a group. The first fundraiser they did together was the can food drive. As a group they raised a lot of cans for the food pantry at the church in down town Mendon.



Upper right: Jake Fassett taking the cans out of the office to load them into a truck to take up town.



Right: Cody Ross unloading the cans from the back of Cody Bingamans truck up at the church.

Right: picture shows the back of Cody Bingamans truck full of food that they raised.



Although they don't know how much they raised, Mrs. Link is proud of how it turned out and to all the students that helped out by bring in can food Mrs. Link would like to say "thank you for thinking of others."



Suessical The Musical

Cadets



HORTON



Above Right:
Kris Rupp sings to the "town of Woo's"

Above: Cadets of the suessical Lucy Leitch in the middle played the part of **CRAYON**

Left:
Pictured to the left are the Bird Girls and Amazing Maizi. Amazing Maizi was played by Kylie Southworth. Bird Girls from left to right were; Brittney Green, Sarah Bowen and Jennifer Hemenway

Below: Bille Stewart who plays Gertrude and Hailey McClimans who had the role of circus animals pose for a picture.



Bird Girls



Heading to state

Great
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Rubber Game

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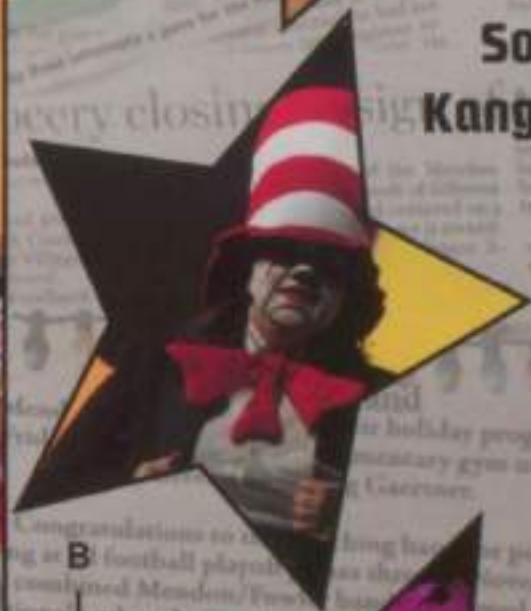
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Above: A round of applause for the Suessical Cast who pulled off a wonderful performance throughout the weekend. A lot of hard work and effort was put into the musical. In the picture above is Cat in the Hat played by Danielle Talbot.

Above Right: Cheyenne Nightingale was the role of JoJo, Sour Kangaroo was played by senior, Amber Doniglio.

“Band is a working unit & everyone contributes to making the performance extraordinary fun as a whole.”
 -Hayden Szymanski



Right: Kris Roop, Jake Hageman, Kylie Southworth, and James Steinberger performing auxiliary percussion.

BAND

AT STATE

During fall of 2011, the Mendon football team, marching band, and color guard got the rare (or maybe not so rare!) opportunity to go to state. On November 25th, the band played loud and clear for the large attending audience at Ford Field, and for all watching from home through their TV's. Fowler's blue and Mendon's green played in unison on the field, and impressed everybody who got the honor to watch.



Above: Mendon and Fowler play beautifully in unison on Ford Field for the colossal audience!



Heading to state



Left: Flute players Danielle and Cheyenne Nightingale show their enthusiasm during a fall band practice!

Below: Kylie Southworth, Garrett Huxford, and Britney Green playing at the Mendon v. Fowler State Championship game.



Below: Carly Irmien, Jake Hageman, Kylie Southworth, and Garrett Huxford marching in the fall.



Above: The Mendon Colorguard, left to right: Lucy Leitch, Sara Yang, Kayla Ellard. Dressed in Pirates of the Caribbean garb.



Left: Hayden Szymanski on the tuba, Alex Leo on saxophone, and Carly Irmien playing the clarinet.

Above: The band practices on the field on fall nights.

2012

Last Year!!!

Seniors' Good-byes

The Senior Class of 2012, who graduated on June 3rd, will always have the memories of high school. A majority of the senior class went to Mendon through all of their school. The few that have joined the class later on have become a large part of the small class of 43 students. They've watched each other succeed beyond expectations, and helped push each other to the finish line.



Top: Amber McClain

Middle: Amanda Mohnay and Lance Faulk

Bottom: Kylie Southworth



Top Left: Cody Henckel and Justin Franks
Top Right: Marc Charon
Bottom Left: John Sears
Bottom Right: Chelsea (Paige) Gabbard



Above: The Seniors last picture together. Not pictured: Austin McClish, Carrie Canavan, Marc Charon, and Destini Voordé.

"After high school, I'm joining the marine core for four years; then I'm planning on going to Kalamazoo Valley Community College, then become a Michigan State VET."

-Amber McClain

F.C.A

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

F.C.A is a group organization held in Mr. Wickey's room every other Thursday morning before school starts. F.C.A. stands for "Fellowship of Christian Athletes." It is about middle and high school students coming together to see what God has in store for them. Every morning we eat breakfast and then start our lesson.

Each lesson is different and tries to connect the link between each of the athletes and God. They all have a great time and we tend to enjoy ourselves. Normally different students prepare the lesson different times so everybody has a turn at leading it.

Although the meeting is in the morning and everyone is tired, we all seem to enjoy it!



F.C.A-symbol



Britney is reading the Bible.



John Rice smiling towards the camera.



Zach Higgins is spacing out!



John and Zach Greer discussing together.



To the left: Zach Green
Q: What's your favorite part about F.C.A?
A: Breakfast Food!!!



Right: Kris Roop
Q: In order to persuade people to come and join in, what would you say?
A: They should come for time to get to know Christ and other believers!

STARRING Britney!

What is your favorite verse from the Holy Bible?



Britney Green



GRADUATION

"You Stay Classy, Mendon"



Graduation took place on June 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The welcome speech was given by Senior Class President, Zachary Loudenslager. Other student speakers for the class of 2012 were Sarah Bowen, Jacob Fassett, and Hogan Jaskolski.

The academic top ten for the class of 2012 consisted of David Balasa, John Sears, Derek Brueck, Kylie Southworth, Sarah Bowen, Zachary Loudenslager, Amber Coniglio, Christian Russell, Hogan Jaskolski, and Heather Wright.

Twenty-four students graduated with Gold Cards which represents a 3.0 GPA or higher.

summa cum laude (3.9-3.89) was David Balasa, John Sears, Derek Brueck, and Kylie Southworth.

magna cum laude (3.70-3.89) was Sarah Bowen, Zachary Loudenslager, Amber Coniglio, Christian Russell, Hogan Jaskolski, and Heather Wright. cum laude (3.50-3.69) was Taylor Batten, William Jones, Jessica Doster, and Cody Ross.

Those receiving honors (3.00-3.49) were Blace Arevalo, Cody Dingman, Tyler Britten, Jacob Fassett, Cody Henckel, Christina Johnson, Gollan Koenig, Amber McClain, Amanda Monahan, and Chance Nightingale.



Above: Amber Coniglio plays her last song on the Mendon High School band at graduation. The other senior band members that also played was Kylie Southworth.



Left: Hogan Jaskolski approaching the podium to give his speech at graduation.

Below: The class of 2012 throws their cap's in the air after standing and clapping for their final Mendon Hornets Fight Song in High School.



Right: Jacob Fassett laughing as he gives his speech to the entire gymnasium.



Left: Sarah Bower speaking as she left the whole gym in tears after her speech about the memories of the past.



Left: Cody Hancock reaches up and touches the tulle as he walks to his seat for graduation.

Above: Austin McClish kisses Logan Matthews on the cheek as Logan congratulates him.

Mendon Band
Mendon Bands will present their holiday program Friday in the elementary gymnasium. Photo by Gaertner.

Below: Zachary Loudenslager, Senior Class President gives his welcome speech at the graduation ceremony.



"Dear Mendon, I will miss you all. This is a once in a life time experience with you peeps. Try to live up your high school time without drama, drugs, and fighting. This is my advice to all."

"It's been a long 4 years... filled with lots of memories. My advice to upcoming seniors - must have a senior prank."



Taylor Norris

THEY SAID WHAT?



Katelynn Frobel



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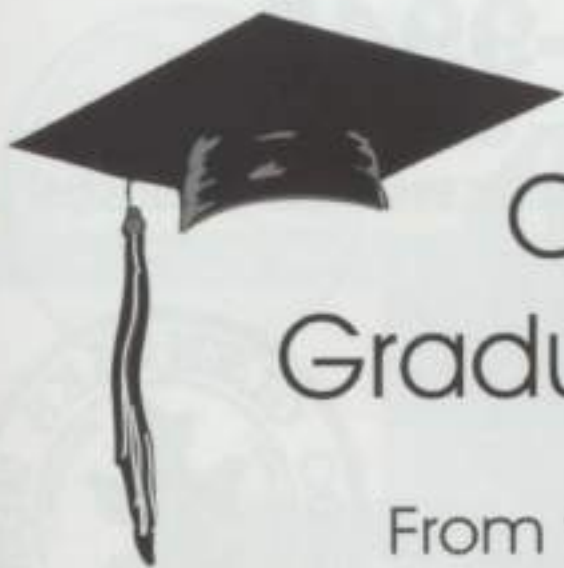
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You bring so much crazy laughter to our family and we are so proud of the man you have become. Put God first in all you do, work harder than you have to, and lead a life that others want to follow.

We love you,
Mom & Dad
CJ, Cheyenne, Cierra & Cienna



Christian

You have grown into a wonderful young man. Always be true to yourself. We can't wait to see what God has planned for your future.

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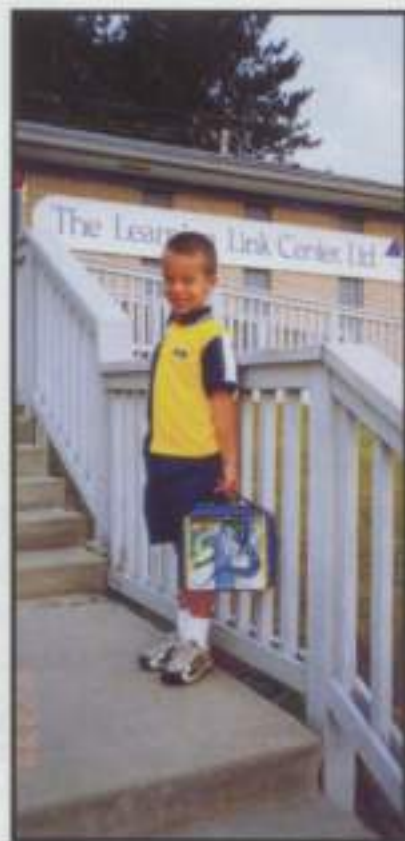
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