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"Surrender to this moment, disconnecting it from the past and future. Lessons have been and will be learned, but this one just is. Events are happening with greater speed than you imagined."

The best piece of advice I have ever been given is to just let things be. The Beatles say it, "Let it be, let it be, let it be." Rose is Rose has her 'Let Things Be' tree when events spiral beyond her control. Events will happen in our lives that are out of our control, and we have to learn to not try to control it, to just go with the flow and let it be. Patience and perseverance.

In Yearbook, events have happened that are out of my grasp and believe me, I hate it. We had to change the yearbook cover many, many times and approval was still out of reach. And so, I apologize for the plain cover, but it is a kind of protest. A protest against an oversensitive society that should just listen to good advice and "let it be." You can't control life, and you certainly cannot control other people or their opinions.

We are all actors and dancers, keeping balance, dancing the steps we must dance and reciting the lines we must recite to get where we need to be. Everyone does it, from the farmer who milks the cows every morning and picks the apples every fall, to the New York socialite who writes what he must write, and speaks what he must speak to grow socially. Hence the "All The World's A Stage, And We Are Merely Players" on the back cover, even though for the sake of printing it is not a direct quote. Shakespeare wrote many things about all walks of life. Some days, life is acts one and two from Romeo and Juliet—sweet, innocent, and adventurous. Other days, it is like the end acts of King Lear—tragic, sad and warlike. Then there are the comedic days sprinkled in between, where life simply continues on As You Like It. No matter what he wrote, every word is now a classic. So continue on with your lives as you see fit. Remember, although you may be the actor, you are also the director.

-Victoria Vassar, Head Editor 2002-2003
This year's TYT cast consisted of nearly 100 students in both middle school and high school. "Annie" is the second play featuring both high school and middle school students from Tecumseh. Annie was played by Charlotte Squires, a fifth grader from Tecumseh Middle School.

"Annie" is the story of a young orphan girl who has the opportunity to live with Oliver Warbucks, one of the wealthiest men in New York. During Annie's stay with him, they grow very close to each other. In the end, Daddy Warbucks decides to adopt Annie to be his daughter.

After a two-month span of rehearsals, the play was finally performed at the Civic Auditorium on February 7th, 8th, and 9th, with three more performances on the 14th, 15th, and 16th.

"The hardest part about being in the play was singing and dancing at the same time," Nicole Ruttkowsky commented.

Director Pam Swope said, "Everyone worked together as a team and really looked out for each other. The cast was very independent and took great initiative." Pam will be greatly missed considering this was her first and last show with TYT, because she is moving in the spring.

This is also the last year for many seniors seen in TYT productions. Meg Wilson, who portrayed the Star-to-Be in the NYC scene said, "I will miss TYT and I'm very grateful for all the opportunities it has given me."

Everyone remembers the role of Miss Hannigan, the director of the orphanage where we first meet Annie. For this production, the role of Miss Hannigan was played by junior, Casey Sullivan. "I sort of struggled with my part," she commented, "but I think the show came together magnificently and it is definitely the high point of my junior year."
November brings many things.
New sports seasons, Thanksgiving, and of course, TYT’s fall musical. “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” was an absolute success. The show starred Meg Wilson as the Narrator and Noah Bush in the title role, Joseph. Written by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the show is a highly stylized version of the story of Joseph in the Bible. Though based on a story from the Old Testament, there is nothing old-fashioned about this performance. With flashy choreography by Deena Brian and under the vocal direction of Ryan Rosas, the show was a treat to see. “Without a shadow of doubt, we came through with an amazing show,” says Ricardo Valdez.

The show involved students of all ages. THS students held roles along with seventh and eighth graders. There was even a children’s chorus with elementary students. The pit orchestra involved many age groups as well. High school volunteers played next to adult instrumentalists from the area. Thanks to a dedicated cast, a wonderful crew, and talented musicians to boot, this will surely be one of the shows that others are compared to in years to come.
"Homecoming was a memorable moment, I had so much fun being a representative for my senior class."
- M. Burrows

"Homecoming was a blast! I was honored to represent my class and Alexis looked great."
- T. Fanslau

When riding around the track, these seniors were extremely excited. Despite the rainy weather, everyone was still anxious for the crowning.

Photos: S. Marble, C. Knorr, S. Hart

The Freshmen float came in third place. The float represented Tecumseh kicking the Bedford mules.

"Being in Homecoming court this year was cool, despite my crutches! As always, spirit week at THS kept us very busy and I’m glad that I was a part of it."
- G. Dailey

This year’s homecoming ceremonies started off with cloudy skies and rain, but that did not dampen the spirits of the THS students and fans. The parade had been cancelled because of the weather, which only made the 2002 crowning of the THS Homecoming King and Queen more anticipated. One of the senior representatives stated, "It was crazy and exciting. Homecoming is one of the funnest times in high school and being a big part of that with my classmates was incredibly special." The court consisted of Seniors Megan Ireland, Megan Burrows, Stacy Frick, Nichole Tucker, Greg Dailey, Eric Dickerson, Dan Rathke, and Jason Smith; Juniors Jessica Boldon and Ian Clearwood; Sophomores Jessica Cangley and Joey Valdez, and Freshmen Alexis Kasik and Travis Fanslau.

The floats slowly circled around, followed by the homecoming court in their cars. The crowd started to go wild as the representatives took their places on the field. Last year’s King and Queen, Peter Cunningham and Melanie Bell were in and out of the senior candidates, building up the suspense. Congratulations to Greg Dailey and Megan Ireland, who were crowned 2002 Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming Royalty

By: L. Cox
Working on their float are the juniors. Even though the juniors came in last place in the float building contest they made a good effort.

Freshmen work hard to put their float together before the big night. Freshmen came in third place in the float building competition.

What a treat!!! Feeding ice cream to each other are the seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Winning this contest were the juniors.

Cheering as loud as they can are the Seniors! Seniors did great during Spirit Week, winning with the highest score at the end of the week.

Photos by: S. Marble, C. Knorr, S. Hart

Homecoming Spirit Week is something everyone talks about. Many freshmen did not participate in many of the events, which took place in this exciting week. Sophomores are just getting used to the concept that dressing up for Spirit Week is the cool thing to do. Juniors were though competitors and won a lot of the homecoming games. SENIORS had the best spirit during this week with practically everyone dressing up each day. Besides dressing up the week consisted of a homecoming bonfire, which took place Saturday, Sept. 28 and float building, which went from 4 until 10 at night. The homecoming parade and a pep rally finished off the week and got everyone pumped up for the big game.

Winning homecoming Spirit Week were the seniors, in second were the juniors, in third were the sophomores and last but not least, in fourth place were the freshmen. At the end, THS showed how much spirit they really have.
Everyone always imagines themselves as being a king or a queen for a day. Here at THS, students are given the opportunity to be royalty for an evening. Two representatives from each class, along with eight seniors, are selected to the TICWSS court. During the Friday night basketball game, two seniors are selected to be king and queen.

This year, Marisol Arana and John Creswell came back to crown the new king and queen, who were Jill Rhodaberger and Jeremy Lopez. The other senior representatives were Bob Swaney, Matt Posky, Derek Montalvo, Laura Gialanella, Ashleigh Olano, and Jenafer Schafer. The freshmen representatives were Emily Dailey and Mark Mitchell, with sophomores Tony Houston and Caitlin Shea, and juniors Garry Palmer and Valerie Crosby.

All in all, it was an evening of magic; the girls in their formal dresses and guys in their sharp suits and ties. It was a level of formality not often seen in THS’s halls, and it will certainly be an evening to remember for those privileged enough to be on the court.

The senior TICWSS court poses for a picture. From the back row (L to R): Derek Montalvo, Matt Posky, Bob Swaney, Jeremy Lopez; front (L to R): Ashleigh Olano, Jenafer Schafer, Jill Rhodaberger, and Laura Gialanella.
One of the most revered and respected traditions in THS history is the fun and exciting time of TICWSS (Tecumseh Indians Celebrate Winter Sports Season). During the week, days such as “College Day,” “Beach Day,” and “Black and Orange Day” count for points as students try to be the most spirited class. On Friday, at a school-wide pep rally, students compete in different contests, such as the tug-of-war, the pie-eating contest, and everyone’s favorite, the Mr. Pretty Legs contest. This year, Justin Sivils took home the coveted title of “Mr. Pretty Legs,” but the sophomores came out ahead in the spirit contest, with the seniors following closely behind.

Banners fly in the gym during the pep rally. This year’s theme was “Soft Drinks,” and the drinks chosen were Orange Crush, Pepsi Twist, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist, and corresponding slogans went along with them, such as “Beating Bedford - A Twist on a Good Thing.”

The pep band added a special musical input to the TICWSS festivities. Playing upbeat songs like “Louie, Louie,” “Children of Sanchez,” and “Eye of the Tiger,” the pep band is to be commended for helping to pump up the crowd. All in all, the pep rally was an excellent continuation of a long-running tradition.
V.I.C.T.O.R.Y, that's the Indian battle cry. Winning against Chelsea was one of the most exciting games for the Jungle to witness this year.

(above) Crowds of students were always excited to represent their school. Tecumseh High School was very involved in displaying school spirit. (left) Positive attitudes always help win games. These two girls really encouraged and cheered loudly at many of the football games.

When in overtime, anticipation is very frustrating. With heads held high, it is inevitable that THS will come out on top.

It is time for school spirit once again! The crowds for the Varsity Football games were always packed and very intense. Taking command of the first row were the seniors followed by the juniors. The student body continued to scream and clap for their sports teams. "It was awesome standing among my peers and cheering for our team. We knew we would dominate everyone else," Jake Hollenbeck declared. Orange and black always filled the stands at the events. There were several Super Fans picked this year as well. The people chosen were: Taylor Bohannon, Eric Dickerson, Mary Stucky, Jeremy Lopez, Jason Smith, Jill Rhodaberger, Kelly Synder, Nichole Tucker, Mike Samborski, Sarah Merritt, and Greg Dailey. As always, these students were picked due to their great enthusiasm and eager behavior.

When winning the game against Chelsea, it was not unusual for the students to all rush the field. With everyone standing on the victory ground of THS, the students belted out the lyrics to our school fight song.

The Jungle continued to stand out at the Varsity Basketball games. Spirit nights, such as camo, were still a big hit. It is important to recognize this spirit and always cheer for your school no matter what the outcome of the game is.

What is the best thing about The Jungle?

a. Standing up and cheering.
b. Dressing in our school colors.
c. Receiving Super Fan shirts or little footballs.
d. All of the above.

photos: V. Vassar

The Jungle

By: A. Harriott
Picture this: The music is blarin', the DJs rockin', and everyone's "Jumpin' Jumpin'."

This is a common scene that you would find while hanging out at a THS dance. These dances proved to be an exciting place where students could get their groove on with their friends, or slowly dance to "A Moment Like This" with that special someone. Everyone from football players to the homecoming king and queen enjoyed themselves, while the DJs offered everything from the "Cha Cha Slide" to the "Boot, Scoot, and Boogy." This was a good opportunity for all THS students to get together and have fun after the football games. It was a nice way to celebrate a great game! Moms don't worry and "Papa Don't Preach" because even though dances are fun they "Don't turn off the lights."

Jumpin',
Jumpin'

With the slammin' DJ's and the flashing lights, there was a very exciting and lively environment for students to dance to. Many of the dances were led by energetic seniors enjoying their last homecoming.

Boot Scoot
Boogie!

Dances

By: M.Deming, H.Littlefield
A Night Under the Stars began with a cold winter night and slippery sidewalks. As the students entered the cafetorium, the night transformed into lights that looked like tiny stars and a shadowed backdrop of a city. Amidst a swirl of sparkly dresses and clean black tuxedos, the DJ spun songs from artists such as Justin Timberlake, Jennifer Lopez, and even some Blink 182. "[The dance] is elegant, fun, and my date is beautiful," said freshman Travis Fanslau, decked in a black suit, white shirt and black tie.

After the dance, senior Ashley Cargill reflected on the night. "I thought it was fun because I didn't go with a group of guys- I went with a group of girls!" Even those who don't have dates still have fun.

The dance pulled a Cinderella, ending at midnight. The night had been eventful and although every foot in the building was sore from dancing, they went home with a smile and a key chain of themselves, which was a wonderful way to remember the night. At least, until CVS opened the next morning for one-hour developing.

All kinds of attire could be seen during the night, as demonstrated by these three students. Anything from a white suit to medieval garb were worn to impress.

Sparkly dresses and matching smiles abound! L to R: Deborah Wolfe, Ashley Hewlett, Anita Tobar, Christa Kessler, Ruthie Tobar, Joanna Corby, and Rebecca Evers enjoy a night of dancing.

Enjoying a dance together under the soft lighting are Kate Dombrowski and Dave Rendel.

Play that funky music... Matt Mruzek (above) shows off his groovy dance moves that seem to attract the ladies. During the night a small dance competition broke out, involving Mike Sullivan, Zach Lewis and Music-Man Mruzek.

Looking more than a little nervous for their first formal dance, these young ladies await the next song to be played, hopeful for someone to dance with.
Kristen M. Petty  Katie J. Pilbeam  Joseph M. Polan  Jeremy A. Poley
Joshua E. Poley  Matthew G. Posky  Shane M. Powaga  Tyeasha C. Powell
Emily S. Prettyman  Kristen M. Purkey  Riley R. Quarles  Laura A. Randolph
Daniel J. Rathke  Ford B. Reinink  Jill M. Rhodaberger  Leigh A. Rhodaberger
Amber R. Tucker
Nichole R. Tucker
Robert C. Valdez II
Ricardo R. Valdez
Ashley N. Van Etten
Kelly M. Van Sickle
Johanna M. Vanderhoff
Victoria L. Vassar
Shae A. Viers
Phillip D. Walker
Shawn R. Walker
Christopher H. Weatherwax
Justen C. Weirich
Adrian M. Wertenberger
Stefanie R. White
Robert A. Whittemore
Nikki-
You are a sweet girl with a special heart. We are so proud of you and wish you nothing but success.
We love you.
Mom, Dad
and Michelle

Desire and Determination Breeds Success!
Mary Kate, we are proud of you and your accomplishments!
Congratulations and Love,
Mom, Dad, Drew, Collin
and Anthony

To Our Adam Ant,
Congratulations! We're very proud of you!
Lots of Love,
Dad, Kevin,
Lindsie, and Kristen

Anthony,
We are all so proud of you. Keep up the great work.
Love,
Dad, Mom,
Donna, David

Michael,
Congratulations!
We're so proud of you and what you've accomplished. Now go follow your dreams and life will bring you happiness.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Ryan,
and Justin

Congratulations Jason-
We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Never give up on your dreams- your future will be whatever you make it! We believe you can accomplish anything you set out to do and know that we will always be there for you.
We Love You!
Mom and Dad
Rob,

I remember the first time I saw you. I can still see your sleepy eyes and hear your vigorous cry. It all seems not so long ago. You stole my heart.

I also remember your first soccer game. There you were, along with Burt laying on the field picking flowers for Sherri and me. We were so proud of our boys.
And along the with the rest of the family, we are still so very proud of you.

We Love You -We Believe in You
Love,
Mom, Ed, Danielle and Neil

Julie,
Work like you don't need the money,
Love like you've never been hurt,
Dance like no one is watching.

Love,
Mom

Justen,
Congratulations Justen! I can't believe it's already your senior year, time goes by so fast. You have many great accomplishments to be proud of throughout your years at THS. Follow your dreams and set your goals high and you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

With Love
Your Proud Family,
Mom, Dad, Nate, Whitney and Jordon
Kamille,
It gives us so much joy to see the beautiful, smart, young woman you have turned out to be. May your future be blessed with happiness and success. We're so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, Jacob and Ryan

Chelsea,
It's hard to describe the incredible joy you have brought into our lives. Stay true to your dreams!

We Love You-
Mom, Dad, and Steven

Ashley,
You have always set your goals high and have achieved them through your own self-motivation. You should be very proud of all you have accomplished. You have made good decisions and have grown into a wonderful young lady.

Follow your heart and go for your dreams... the future is yours!

We are very proud of you...

Love,
Pops, Pink, and Kyle

Andrew,
You have always been a great joy and tremendous source of pride. Know that the good things are yours for the asking as you move forward into your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, "The Keys", and everyone in the family.
Congratulations Laura,
You have always stayed true to yourself. You are a light in our life
and bring such joy to our family. Follow your dreams and reach for the
stars.

We Love You
Mom, Dad, Vincent, and Adam

Riley-
From preschool to graduation-
Thanks for all the excitement along the way!
With hope and belief that your future will be as bright as you are.
Congratulations! We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Stephanie
Dear Ashlie,

May the Lord always be first in your life and the center of everything you do.

Remember: Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your Heart and Lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

You have made us Proud!!
We Love You So Much!!

All our Love and Prayers,
Dad, Mom, Nikki, Shante,
Geppetto and Cordellia

Mary-
In your transition from Mommy’s Princess and Daddy’s Doll to a 2003 grad, you have grown into a compassionate, confident person with a great sense of humor. We are proud of you. Follow your goals and enjoy CMU!

With Love,
Mom and Dad

Gerald,

You started out so small, and it is amazing how quickly the years have gone. Now you have matured into such an awesome man that we are proud of. We pray for God to continue to guide and bless your footsteps as you embark upon new adventures.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Justin
Jasmine, Hunter
and Raquel
Dear Alex,

From the minute you were born, we knew that you were truly unique! All your life you have been filled with so much energy. You have learned to harness and channel that energy. There is nothing that you can't accomplish! Pursue your dreams and never give up! You are in control of your own destiny.

We have watched you grow into a remarkable young man and we are all very proud of you! You have so much potential and ability. Use your talents wisely, and everything you desire in life will be yours one day. Keep your spontaneity and your sense of humor to help you when times are a little rough. And, most importantly, hold on to that darn space pen!

Reach for the moon Alex, and if you fall short, you will land on a star!

With all our love,

Mom, Dad, Matthew, Grandma and Grandpa Szymanski, Grandma and Grandpa Jeffrey, Uncle Bill, Aunt Shelly, Cory, Kalah and Will, Uncle Jeff, Aunt Selena and Family, Uncle Ryan, Aunt Vicki and Family, Uncle Mike, Aunt Kelly, Uncle Andrew, Aunt Kari and Madelyn, Uncle Gene and Family, Aunt Laura, and Budd E. Basset.
Catherine Wimple,

What a wonderful young woman you have grown to be! You are so loved. We love you for who you are, and are so proud of you as you realize one of your dreams. No matter where you soar, you will always be close in our hearts.

We wish you the best this world has to offer and we know it is a better place because you are a part of it.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ryan and Valerie
Wimple

Melissa,

You worked so hard to get this far, keep working hard on your goals, and you will continue to be successful. We're so pleased you're our daughter.

Love You Dearly,
Mom, Dad,
Brian, Don, Jacob,
Eric, Mike, Naomi,
Pat, Lauren, and
Connor

Go Dingy!

Love
Mom, Dad, Jess and Krista

Congratulations Riley,
You have been such a joy to us. May your future be filled with love, happiness, and success. We are so proud of you.

Love-
Mom, Dad, Morgan
and Celeste
Kristen.
Our first born... Our first graduating...
Hope your life holds a lot more of special "firsts"!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Best wishes from Kimmie, Katie, and Kellie, too!

Chris,
A new season of your life is just beginning. A season filled with excitement and the opportunity to grow. So much lies in store for you, no matter where life takes you. Don't ever forget your roots. We send you on your way with love.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Heather, Alicia,
Megan, and MaKenna
Kate,

From this to a beautiful young lady we are so proud of. Thank you for being the best girl parents could ask for. May God bless you in everything you do.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Melissa,

The talent, enthusiasm, faith, and integrity you possess make you a remarkable young woman. May God bless all your endeavors.

We are very proud of you.

Love ya,
Dad, Mom, and Sarah

Congratulations,
Amanda and Sheila

We are very proud of both of you and all of your accomplishments. May both of your goals in life, also may all your dreams and wishes come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Sybil
Rosann,
May the Lord always bless you as you follow your dreams. Don't hesitate to reach for the stars!

We are so proud of you!

We love you,
Dad and Mom

Congratulations Megan!
To our one and only, we couldn't be more proud of you.
As you move on in life, remember we will always be there for you.

Love You,
Mom and Dad

Walk on, baby!

We love you, Katie
Mom, Dad, Clark, and Callie
Dear Justin,

From the moment you came into our lives, you have been an immense source of joy and pride. As your parents, it was our responsibility to teach you about the world and how best to live in it. What we didn't conceive was that you would in turn, teach us so very much. Because of you, we learned unconditional love. You taught us patience, when the challenges were great, compassion and tenderness when the world outside didn't care, and laughter through the darkness of tears. You have given us riches beyond any words and our lives were made complete because you are in them. We will always cherish the memories of the precious little boy that used to be, as we welcome and embrace the wonderful young man you have become. We couldn't be more proud of you, Son!

We love you so very much,

Mom and Dad
Dearest Stephanie,

We'll never forget the day you were born. There was a smile on your face and kindness in your heart. You had such energy and drive. As you grew, these things grew with you. You filled our lives with awe and our hearts with warmth. It seems that only yesterday you were just a little girl. It is obvious now that this is no longer true. You have blossomed into a wonderful young lady. The smiles and kindness you arrived with are still upon your face. The awe and warmth we feel has never gone away. No one could be prouder than we are now. Your journey continues and your values will follow. May these things bring you all the best in life and may all of your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Camilo,

We are so proud of you. You have never disappointed us. May the road you choose in life be filled with as much joy and happiness as you have brought to us.

Congratulations!

Alicia,

A job well done!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kayla and Zachary

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Elene and Angela

Kay,

Always trust in your faith and believe in your heart and your goals will be met!

Congrats!

Much Love,
Mom, Dad and Joe
Bart,

You have faced many mountains and climbed every one. We are so proud of you! Continue to reach and climb, and know that we are always behind you.

All our Love,
Mom, Dad, Joe and John

Emily-

Dancer, Singer, Actor, Musician, Student, Runner...you make us laugh, you make us cry, and you amaze us each and every day.

We Love You
Mama, Dad, Walt and Art
Querida Ana Sofía,

Los años han pasado muy rápido, tú has sido de mucha bendición para todos los que te amamos. Te deseamos mucha felicidad y triunfos en todo lo que hagas, en este próximo capítulo de tu vida. Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de ti y te amamos muchísimo.

Con todo nuestro amor,
Papi, Mami, Jonathan, Javier y Ruthie

Then: Cute and Funny
Now: Beautiful and Bright

The future is yours, embrace it. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamie and Jessica

Congratulations Dan,
We Love You and May God Bless You

Love,
Dad, Mom, Martha, Bob, and Grandpa and Grandma Fowle

A Nation's Strength
By Ralph Waldo Emerson

Not gold, but only man can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honoris sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others
sleep,
Who dare while others fly-
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.
Congratulations Chelsea!

Remember the road of life is unpredictable, but if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish whatever you want to.

We are so proud of you.

All our love,
Mom, Dennis,
Todd and Nikki

In '85 on the 4th of July
Fraternal twin girls did arrive
These firecrackers light up our lives
And continue to amaze and surprise!

Be true to yourselves!

Erik,

From start to finish, we are so proud of you.

Love,
Your Family

Love,
Dad and Mom
Dear Abbie,

It has been so much fun to watch you grow up. May your future be filled with happiness and success. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Holly and Mickey

Greg,
You have always amazed and entertained us. Keep smiling and may you always achieve your goals.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Emily

Brooke,
Congratulations! As you begin this new chapter in your life, always remember we are there for you and are very proud of the person you've become. Make sure you always dream big and reach for the stars!

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Cassie
Congratulations Jena!

We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the young lady you have become. May God bless you with success and happiness, so you follow your dreams!

We love you lots!
Mom, Dad, and Matt

Johanna,

We are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments. As the years ahead open up new joys, and new opportunities, one thing will remain the same...how very much we love you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lyndsay,

Congratulations! We are so proud of the young beautiful lady you are. We wish you lots of happiness, laughter, and success with your goals. May God Bless You Always.

We Love You,
Mom, George, Cacey,
Cody, Chelsea and Casey

Dear Jessica,

Words cannot express how proud we are of the young woman you've become. You are so kind, loving and precious to all who know you, and we can't wait to watch you make your dreams come true. Keep your eye on the prize and believe in yourself.

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dustin
Adam,

Congratulations. We are so proud of you. You have grown to be a caring and considerate young man. You have accomplished much, but your journey has just begun. As you move to a new phase in your life, remember that our love and faith in you will always be there.

Mom, Dad, and Brian

Stacy,

It's finally over... or has it just begun. Your accomplishments over the last 12 years have filled us with pride. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jenny,

Congratulations as you prepare to graduate. We are proud of all that you have accomplished!

May your future be bright and your life filled with happiness and joy.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jeff

Congratulations Ford,

Then and now, you've always made us proud. You have the tools to succeed...so go take on the world! You've been a great joy and blessing to our family.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, and Andrew
Dear Jessica,

There is not enough ink in this world to sit down and express on paper about your life. Nineteen years have passed as we reflect on all of the wonderful memories. We look forward to watching your accomplishments still to come. You've blossomed into a smart, responsible and beautiful young woman, both inside and out. Live today fully, expressing gratitude for all you have been, all you are right now, and all you are becoming.

May you fly high enough to touch the stars...

Congratulations "Sissy"
All of our Love,
Dad, Mom, Zach
and Alicia

In good times and bad, most happy, some sad, you have always shone through as the light of our lives. We are so proud to have you as our daughter.

We love you dearly,
Mom and Dad
Ery Emily Kong,
You have brought such joy and laughter to our home. You're a very smart and wonderful lady. We will miss you so much when you go back to Germany. We know you will be very successful in your future.

Congratulations!

Love,
Greg, Pam, Jeremiah,
Travis and Evan Fanslau

From yesterday's memories, today's love, and tomorrow's dreams... Our love is forever with you.

Congratulations!

With our Love,
Randy, Mom,
Kris and Matt

Joe,
Congratulations! We are proud of you. We wish you happiness, safety, success, and good health in everything you do!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Nicole

Nicole,
We are so proud of you - keep up the great work.
We love you!!

You Go Girl!!!!

All our Love,
Mom, Mike,
Andrew
Dear Kayla,

Congratulations! We’re so proud of you and all that you’ve accomplished. Thank you for all that you’ve given to us.

We Love You!
Mom, Dad, and Rachel

Anna,

Congratulations to our sweet, cute little girl who has grown into a beautiful mature young lady. We are so proud of you. Good luck at WVU and beyond.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Alissa,

You have always made your family very proud of all of your achievements. We all look forward to being with you and supporting you through all of the events in your future. Good Luck, Alissa, life is full of excitement.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Ashley and Alex

Cassidy,

From start to finish, the 13 years went fast. May your life slow down so you can smell the roses along the way. Best of Luck, we are very proud of you, whatever you do. We know you will make the right choices in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zachary and Candra
To Our Megan,

We are so proud of you! It seemed only yesterday when we cradled you in our arms and carried you under our wings. Now it is time for you to embark on a journey of new discoveries. Whatever path you choose, may you always find true happiness and good health.

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Monica and Makenzie

P. S. Always remember to look for the rainbow...

Melissa,

Congratulations: You’ve come a long way Baby. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. There is no limit on how far you can go in life!
May all of your dreams come true.

Love Ya,
Dad, Mom, Crystal, and Chuck
Mary,
We are so very proud of you. You are a source of joy to us all. We love you, you're a blessing to our lives.

With Love, Mom and Dad
P.S. Sara, Rose, Zack, Jacob, and Hanna

Brandi,
You have a great passion for life. Keep striving for your goals and you WILL get where you want to be.

We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric

Jessie,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. It has been a joy watching you grow into a wonderful young woman. Good luck at Eastern.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, and Chelsea

Dear Megan,
We love you and we're so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Senior Credits

Karley A. Ahlers: Girls Diving 9, Varsity Cheerleading 12, Girls Lacrosse 9-10, Cross Age 12, NMHS 12, NAHS 12, SADD 9-10.

Crista Lynn Andrews: Girls Golf 10-12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-12, Winners Circle Board Member.

Alan Bell: Vo-Tech 10-12.


Melissa Bird: Pep Band 10-12, Marching Band 9-12, Field Commander 12, Symphony Band 9-12, Michigan Youth Band 10-12, Cross Age 12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-12, TYT 11, NHS 11-12, NFHS 12, SADD 9-10, Academic Awards 9-12, AP Classes 11-12, ALLY 10-12, Kiwanis Senior of the Month 12, Lenawee County Honors Band.


Noah Bush: Cross Age 12, Equations 10, Quiz Bowl 11-12, Winners Circle 9, TYT 9-12, Forensics Team 9-12, Forensics Coach 12, ALLY 10-11.

Ashley Shay Cargill: Varsity Cheerleader 11-12, Varsity Softball 9, Cross Age 11.

Glenna W. Chan: Cross Age 12, French Club 9-10, Jungle Committee 12, NHS 11-12, SADD 9-10, Honor Roll 9-12, Powder Puff 10, 12.

Nicole D. Chism: Vo-Tech 12, Key Club 12.

Nicole E. Clark: Girls Cross Country 11, Girls Track 9-12, Captain Varsity Track 12, Cross Age 11-12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, Spanish Club 10-11, Jungle Committee 12.

Gerald Colon: Boys Lacrosse 12.

Anthony Condon: Vo-Tech 12.

Cole R. Corey: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity 11-12, Boys Track 9-12, Key Club 12.

Katheryn Faye Cothern: Jazz Band 11-12, Pep Band 9-10, Symphony Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Drumline Section Leader 12, Art Club 9-10, French Club 11-12, Winners Circle 9-12, DARE Role Model 11-12, TYT 9, 11-12, International Club 9-12.

David Covell: Frosh Football 9, Boys Cross Country 10, 12, Wrestling 9-12, Boys Track 9, Vo-Tech 10-12.


Greg Dailey: Boys JV Soccer 9-10, Captain JV Soccer 10, Boys Varsity Soccer 10-12, Captain Varsity Soccer 12, Captain Boys Track 10, NMHS 11, NAHS 10-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 10-12, Art Club 9-12, Art Club President 12, Spanish Club 10-11, Winners Circle 9-12, ALLY 11-12, Student Council 9-12, Class Officer – Vice-President 10-12, Student Council President 12, QIT Member 12, PSI 10-12, Senior of the Month – September, Who’s Who Among American High School Students, Who’s Who in Sports, Jungle Committee 11-12, painted Jungle mural, Yearbook Assistant Head Editor 10-11.

Jack DaSilva: Boys Cross Country 9-12, Boys Cross Country Captain, Boys Track 9-12, Track Captain 2 years.

Alicia Davison: NHS 12, Manager of Jungle Hut 12.

Adam De Coninck: Jazz Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 10-12, TYT Orchestra Pit (Trumpet), NMHS 11-12, Equations 11-12, Quiz Bowl 9-11, Quiz Bowl Captain 10-11, TYT 9-12.

Jessica Daniele Deere: Clinton Frosh Volleyball 9, Clinton JV Volleyball 10.

Megan Deming: Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls Lacrosse 11-12, Girls Lacrosse Captain 12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, NAHS 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, BPA 12.

Eric Richard Dickerson: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, JV/Frosh Baseball 9-10, Varsity Baseball 11-12, Cross Age 12, FACC/Varsity Club 11-12, FCA Treasurer 12, Homecoming Rep. 12, TYT 10-11, AP Classes 11-12, Subway 11-12.

Adam Dillon: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11-12, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys JV Basketball 10, Boys Varsity Basketball 11-12, Captain Basketball, FCA/Varsity Club 11-12, Spanish Club 11, Winners Circle 9.

William J. Dun: Vo-Tech 12.

Kendra Durkee: Girls Swimming 9-10, Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls JV Soccer Captain, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 11-12, Art Club 11, French Club 9, Winners Circle 9, Student Council Member, Class Secretary, SADD, ALLY, NHS.

Jessica Dusseau: JV Cheerleading 10, JV Cheerleading Captain 10, Varsity Cheerleading 11-12, Cross Age 11-12, Jungle Committee 11-12, Student of the Month 9-10, Key Club 12, SADD 10-12, State Youth Leader, County Youth Leader, Member of Travel League, President of Bowling League.

Darrell Eaton: Vo-Tech 10-12, Hockey.

Brian Elliott: Boys JV Soccer 9, Boys Varsity Soccer 10-12, Boys Varsity Soccer Captain 12, Boys Fresh Basketball 9, Wrestling 11, Cross Age 11, Homecoming Rep. 9.

Amanda Fender: Girls Cross Country 9-12, Girls Track 9, 11, Gymnastics 11-12, Gymnastics Captain 12, Cross Age 12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, Braveheart Gymnastics Award 11, Who's Who in Sports.

Sheila Fender: Girls Cross Country 9-12, Girls Track 9-11, Gymnastics 11-12, Gymnastics Captain 12, Gymnastics MVP 11, Cross Age 12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, Who's Who in Sports.

Kate Fetkenhier: Girls JV Soccer 9, Art Club 9-11, French Club 9-11, Winners Circle 9-10, TYT 9-12, ALLY 9-12, Dual Enrollment 30 Credit Hours 11-12, Tecumseh Pops Orchestra 9-10, Adrian Youth Symphony 9-11, National Honor Roll 9-12, Who's Who 9-12, Class President 9-10, Tecumseh Players 11, Habitat for Humanity 10-11.

Bert Flores: Varsity Football 12.

Kristi Forsyth: Fresh Volleyball 9, Cross Age 12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, Spanish Club 9-11.

Jen Fossen: Girls Swimming 9-10, Fresh Softball 9, JV Softball 9, Cross Age 11-12, TYT 9-10.

Daniel L. R. Fowle: Fresh Football 9, Jazz Band 12, Marching Band, Vo-Tech 12, Winners Circle 10-11.

Stacy Lynn Frick: Fresh Volleyball 9, Varsity Softball 9-12, Varsity Softball Captain 12, Spanish Club 11, Homecoming Rep. 12, TYT 9-12, Jungle Committee 12, AP Classes 11-12, Powder Puff 10-12, NHS 12, Community Service 9-12, Work Experience 10-12.

Laura Gialanelia: Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Cross Age 11-12, NAHS 11, Jungle Committee 12.

Nick Gialanelia: Boys JV Soccer 9-10, Boys Varsity Soccer 9-12, Homecoming Rep. 11.

Megan Eliza Gibson: Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 11-12.

Ryan Girdwood: Boys Track 9, Art Club 9-11, ATA Taekwondo Black Belt, ATA Demo Team.

Michelle Gleason: Gymnastics 12, NMHS 10-12, Officer in NMHS, French Club 9-12, International Club 9-12, NFHS 11-12.

Brian Greene: Fresh Football 9, Boys Varsity Soccer 12, Boys Lacrosse 12, Cross Age 11, Vo-Tech 12.

Ryan Griffin: Vo-Tech 11-12.

Thomas A. Griffith: Vo-Tech 10-12.

Mike Grow: Vo-Tech 11-12, TYT 9-12.

Chelsea L. Gruber: Girls Swimming 9-10, NAHS 11-12, NHS 11-12, Art Club 9-12, French Club 10-11, Winners Circle 9-10, Student Council 9-11, Student Council Secretary 12, QIT 12, Class President 11-12, Jungle Committee.

Alex Halberstadt: Boys Golf 9-12, NHS 11-12, Concert Band 9, Symphony Band 10-12.

Alissa Jo Hall: Girls Cross Country 9-12, Girls Track 9-10, Girls Cross Country Captain 12, Cross Age 11, FCA/Varsity Club 12, NMHS 11, French Club 9-10, Winners Circle 9, NHS 12.

Lydia Ann Hall: Girls Fresh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls JV Soccer Captain 9-10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 11-12, Art Club 11, TICWSS Rep. 10, NHS 11-12, Jungle Committee 12.

Tobias Harper: JV/Fresh Baseball 9-10, Varsity Baseball 11-12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, French Club 9-10, BPA 11-12.


Allison Marie Hart: Vo-Tech 12.

Macy Marie Helms: Cross Age 12, Vo-Tech 11, Winners Circle 9, Work Experience 10-11.
Brandon Hendrickson: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, JV/Frosh Basketball 9-10, Varsity Baseball 12, Vo-Tech 11-12.

Kimberly Henev: JV Cheerleading 10-11, Varsity Cheerleading 12, Spanish Club 12, Spanish Club President 12.

Ashley M. Hewlett: Girls Swimming 9-12, Girls Swimming Captain, Girls Lacrosse 10-12, Girls Lacrosse Captain, Cross Age 12, French Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 9-12, International Women of Mystery.

Brandi Hinkley: JV Cheerleading 9, Varsity Cheerleading 9-12, Competitive Cheer 10-12, Competitive Varsity Cheerleading Captain 12, Dance (Hip Hop/Jazz) 11-12, FCA/Varisty Club 10-12, Winners Circle 9, Jungle Committee 12, SADD 11-12.

Riley Holtz: Vo-Tech 11-12.

Rachel Johnson: Varsity Cheerleading 9-12, Varsity Cheerleading Captain, Cross Age 12, Suzanne Gunder Award, Regional Competitive Cheer, Academic All-State (Cheerleading 2000).


Megan Kenward: JV Cheerleading 10, Varsity Cheerleading 11-12, SADD, Winners Circle 9-11.

Mary Kirsch: Cross Age 11-12, NAHS 10-11, Art Club 9-11, Spanish Club 10-11, BPA 12, Winners Circle 9-10, ALLY 11-12, SADD 9-10, NHS 11-12.

Ery Kong: Girls Lacrosse 12, Exchange Student 12, French Club 12, International Club 12, Dance Club, Church Activities.

Rosann M. Konz: Girls Swimming 9-10, Spanish 9-12, TYT 11-12, Student Council Assistant Secretary.


Brooke Labadie: JV Cheerleading 9-10, Varsity Cheerleading 11-12, Vo-Tech 11-12, Equestrians 9, 11-12, BPA 11-12, Winners Circle 9, SADD 3.

Chris LaFernier: JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11, Boys Lacrosse 10-12, Boys Lacrosse Captain 12.

Tim Lentz: Vo-Tech 11-12, BPA 10.

Diana M. Lewis: Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls Varsity Basketball 11, Frosh Softball 9, JV Softball 9, Varsity Softball 9-12, Varsity Softball Captain 12, FCA/Varsity 12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-10, Jungle Committee 12.

Holly Loraine Littlefield: Frosh Volleyball 9, Girls Lacrosse 11-12, Girls Track 10, FCA/Varsity 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Spanish Club Secretary 12, BPA 12, SADD 9-10, International Club 10-11.

Jenna R. Lloyd: Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls Swimming 11, Girls Diving Team Captain 11, Frosh Volleyball 9, JV Softball 9-10, Cross Age 11-12, FCA/Varisty Club 12, Spanish Club 10-11, Winners Circle 9, SADD 9, Jungle Committee 12.

Jeremy Lopez: Boys JV Soccer 9-10, Boys Varsity Soccer 11-12, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys JV Basketball 10, Boys Varsity Basketball 11-12, Boys Varsity Basketball Captain 12, Boys JV Soccer 9-10, Boys Varsity Soccer 11-12, Spanish Club 9, 11.

Joshua Marquis: Jazz Band 9, Pep Band 10-11, Concert Band 9, Symphony Band 10-12, BPA 10-12, Winners Circle 9, TYT 9, U.S. Army, Student of the Month 9-12, Computer Work Experience 11-12. Kiwanis Senior of The Month 12, Lenawee Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award 12, Young Technology Leaders Recognition 11.

Brian Jeffrey Miller: Boys Varsity Soccer 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, International Club 11.

Abbie Lois Mincks: Girls JV Basketball 9-10, Girls Varsity Basketball 11-12, Girls Varsity Basketball Co-Captain, Girls Golf 9-12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, NMHS 10-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-12, TYT 11-12, Church Youth Groups, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in Sports, Kiwanis Senior of the Month.

Derrek Montalvo: Frosh Football 9, Varsity Football 10-12.

Jim Moore: Vo-Tech 12.

Michael Mull: Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys JV Basketball 10, Boys Varsity Basketball 11-12.

Mike Murphy: Vo-Tech 10-12, TYT 9-10.

Samantha Murphy: JV Cheerleading, JV Cheerleading Captain 12, Varsity Cheerleading 10-12, Varsity Cheerleading Captain 12, Cross Age 11-12, FCA/Varsity Secretary, NHS Vice-
President, French Club 9-10, Winners Circle 9-10, Student Council Rep., Jungle Committee 12.

**Amie Newman:** Cross Age 12, Vo-Tech 12.

**Bart Northrup:** Jazz Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Symphony Band 9-12, Drum Manager 11-12, Cross Age 12, Winners Circle 9-12, Winners Circle Board Member 10-12, SADD 9-10, ALLY 11-12, Academic Awards 9-12, Student of the Month 9-12, AP Classes 11-12, Rotary Student of the Month 11, NHS 11-12, Lenawee County Honors Band/Jazz Band 9-11.

**Kayla Novak:** Girls Swimming 9-12, Girls Lacrosse 11, JV Softball 9-10, Cross Age 12, NAHS 10-12, Art Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-10, Student Council 9-12, Student Council Parliamentarian 11-12, Class of 2003 Treasurer 10-12.

**Ashleigh Olano:** Frosh Volleyball 9, JV Volleyball 10, Varsity Volleyball 11, Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 12, NAHS 11-12.

**Colin Olds:** Vo-Tech 12, SADD 12

**Cassidy Perkins:** Boys Swimming 12, Pep Band 9-10, Vo-Tech 12.

**Kristen Michele Petty:** Pep Band 9-11, Symphony Band 9-11, 12, Concert Band 9-10, 12, Newspaper Head Editor 12, NAHS 10.

**Katie Pilbeam:** Equestrians 9-12, NHS 12, Student of the Month Life Skills.

**Jeremy Poley:** Vo-Tech 11-12.

**Joshua Poley:** Vo-Tech 11-12.

**Matt Posky:** Spanish 9-12, Spanish Club Treasurer 12, AP Art 12.

**Tyasha Caprice Powell:** Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls Track 9.

**Emily Prettyman:** Girls Cross Country 11-12, Cross Country Captain 12, Girls Track 10-12, Track Captain 11-12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-12, Winners Circle Board Member 11-12, SADD 9-10, Marching Band 9-11, ALLY 12, Concert Band 9, Symphonic Band 10-11, Class Vice-President 9, Dance Classes 9-12, TTY 9-12.

**Kristen Purkey:** Cross Age 11-12, Winners Circle 9-10, Wrestling Manager 9-12, SADD 9-11, Key Club 12.

**Laura A. Randolph:** Cross Age 12, Spanish Club 10, Jungle Committee 12, SADD 9, Key Club 12, Powder Puff 11-12.

**Dan “Da Man” Rathke:** JV Football 10, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Cross Age 12, Homecoming Rep. 12, Stair Climbing 11-12, Stair Climbing Captain, Flag Carrier at Football Games 12.

**Ford Reinink:** Boys JV Soccer 9-10, Boys JV Soccer 11-12, Boys Track 10-11, SEC Scholar Athlete 12, NMHS 10, Spanish Club 9-11, Winners Circle 9-12, NHS 11-12, Jungle Committee 12, Summer Engineering at WMU 10, American Legion Boys State 11, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Jill Marie Rhodaberger:** Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls JV Soccer Captain 10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 11, Art Club 9-10, Homecoming Rep. 10, Jungle Committee 12, SADD 9, PSI 10-11.

**Leigh Ann Rhodaberger:** Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11, Cross Age 11-12, NAHS 10-11, Art Club 9-11, TICWSS Rep. 9, Jungle Committee 12.

**Jenny Riley:** Girls Golf 9-12, Art Club 9-10, French Club 9-10, Winners Circle 9.

**Cody Sackett:** Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10.

**Mike Samborski:** French Club 9-10, BPA 12, Winners Circle 9, ALLY 10-12.

**Lyndsay Dawn Sanders:** Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls Varsity Basketball 11-12, Girls Varsity Basketball Captain 12, JV Softball 9-10, Cross Age 12, FCA/Varsity Club 12, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-12, NHS 10-12, SADD 9-10, Scholar Athlete 9-12.

**Anthony Sandoval:** Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11-12, Boys Football Captain, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys Track 9-12, Cross Age 11, Spanish Club 9-10, Key Club 12, Jungle Committee 12.

**Jenafer Leigh Schafer:** Girls Frosh Basketball 9, Girls JV Basketball 10, Girls Varsity Basketball 11-12, Girls Golf 10-12, Cross Age 11-12, FCA/Varsity Club 11-12, FCA President 12, Spanish Club 9-11, Winners Circle 9-12, NHS 11-12, SADD 9-11.

**Melissa Jean Schell:** Vo-Tech 11, Equestrians 9-10, 12, Winners Circle 9, SADD 9-11.

**Katherine L. Sherwood:** Cross Age 11-12, Art Club 11, French Club 9, Wrestling Manager 10-11, Tecumseh Players 9-11, Country Club 11-12, AP Classes.
Kevin David Sisty: Pep Band 10, Concert Band 9-10, Vo-Tech 11, National Honor Roll 11-12, Who's Who 11-12, Dual Enrollment 11-12.


Jason Smith: Boys JV Soccer 9, Boys JV Soccer Captain 9, Varsity Soccer 10-12, Boys Varsity Soccer Captain 12, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys Varsity Basketball 11, Homecoming Rep. 12.

Nikki Smith: Cross Age 12, French Club 10, TYT Tech Crew 11-12, Wrestling Manager 11-12, SADD 9-12, SADD Secretary 12, Key Club 12.


Lindsey Stantz: Girls JV Basketball 9, JV Softball 9, Spanish Club 9, Key Club 12, Key Club Chairman for Hospital Community, SADD Vice-President 12, PM Singing 11.

Sarah E. Stone: Girls Swimming 9, Pep Band 10-11, Equations 10, 12.

Shana Stratton: Frosh Volleyball 9, Frosh Volleyball Captain 9, JV Volleyball 10, Cross Age 12, Jungle Committee 12.

Mary C. Stucky: Girls JV Soccer 9-10, Girls Varsity Soccer 11-12, Cross Age 11-12, NMHS 11-12, NMHS Officer, Winners Circle 9, TYT 9-12, Jungle Committee 12, NHS 11-12, NHS President 12, Key Club President 12, Class of 2003 Parliamentarian.

Matt Sullivan: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11, NHS 11-12, NHS Treasurer 12, Departmental Awards: Geology, Art & Design, English 11 CP.

Bob Swaney: Wrestling 9-11, Concert Band 9, 12, Symphony Band 10-11.

Carolyn Swart: Wrestling Manager 11, Girls Lacrosse 12, Cross Age 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Spanish Club Vice-President.

Ana Sofia Tobar: Girls Swimming 9-12, Girls Track 9-10, Cross Age 12, FCA/Varsity 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-10, Earth Club 9, International Club 9-10, SADD 9-11, Key Club 12.

Cody Tomford: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity 11-12, Boys Frosh Basketball 9, Boys JV Basketball 10, Boys Track 9.

Julie Travis: JV Cheerleading 9-10, Varsity Cheerleading 11-12, Cross Age 12, Student Advisory.

Amber Rochelle Tucker: Girls Swimming 9-12, JV Softball 9-10, French Club 9-11, TYT 9-12, Symphonic Band.


Ricardo Valdez: Boys Swimming 9, Spanish Club 10, Winners Circle 9-10, TYT 11-12.

Robert C. Valdez: Frosh Football 9, Varsity Football 10-12, Varsity Football Captain 12, Football Team Offensive MVP 12, All SEC, All Area, All Boys JV Basketball 9-10, Boys Varsity Basketball 11-12, Boys Varsity Basketball Captain 12, Boys Track 9-12, Cross Age 11-12, Homecoming Rep. 10, Homecoming Volleyball Champion 12, Turkey Tournament Volleyball Champion 11.

Johanna M. Vanderhoff: Vo-Tech 12.

Kelly Marie Van Sickle: Girls Track 9-10, Vo-Tech 9-12, Winners Circle 9, English Award 9, Student Ambassador to Australia 10.

Victoria Vassar: Art Club 9, International Club 10-11, Yearbook Head Editor 12.

Shae Anne Viers: JV Cheerleading 9, JV Cheerleading Captain 9, Varsity Cheerleading 10-12, Winners Circle 9-12, Peer Listening 9-12, Girls State Representative H.O.B.Y. Ambassador.

Phillip Daniel Walker: Boys Swimming 9, 11-12, Winners Circle 9, Vo-Tech EMT 11, Vo-Tech Co-op 12.


Stephanie R. White: Girls Track 9-10, Jazz Band 10-12, Pep Band 9-11, French Club 9-11, BPA 12, Winners Circle 9-12, TYT 9,11, SADD 9-12.


Anna Marie Wilson: Girls Track 9-11, NAHS 10-12, Art Club 10-11, French Club 9-10, 12, NHS Secretary, Color Guard 9-12, Color Guard Captain, Chairperson in Mock Political Convention 10-12.

Margaret Wilson: French Club 9-12, BPA 9-10, 12, Winners Circle 9, SADD 9, TYT 9-12, International Club 10.

Catherine Wimple: Jazz Band 9-12, Pep Band 12, Peer Listening 10-11, French Club 9-12, Winners Circle 9-11.

Arwen Rose Lavoy Winters: Girls Swimming 9-12, Girls Lacrosse 9-10, Art Club 9-11, French Club 9-12, BPA 11, Winners Circle 9-10, TYT 9, Vice-President Key Club.

Deborah Ruth Wolfe: Girls Swimming 9-12, Swimming Captain 12, Frosh Softball 9, JV Softball 9-10, JV Softball Captain 10, Varsity Softball 10-11, Cross Age 11-12, Winners Circle 9-10, TYT Tech Crew 9-11, Key Club 12, ALLY 11-12.

Ashlie Wood: Girls Frosh Basketball 9, JV Softball 9-10, FCA/Varsity Club 10-11, FCA Officer 10-11.

Matthew O. Yarbrough: Frosh Football 9, JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11-12, Varsity Football Captain 12, JV/Frosh Baseball 9-10, Boys Track 11-12, Cross Age 12.

Senior Credits, Senior Mugs, Senior Ads and Various Corrections (in other words, a great amount of time spent down at Spectrum). Credit goes to the Wonderful Kaitlin Williams!!
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Jeney Faiman
Nicholas Fauble

Jessica Faust
Judith Finnegan
Alana Fisher
Scott Flanders

Michael Foor
Tara Ford
Trevor Ford
Andrew Foster
Lindsey Fowler

Jeffrey Frey
Tanya Garcia
Jeremy Germain
Lee Germain
Sarah Gilmore
Corey Girdwood
Samuel Spicer
Lauren Stanek
Cally Steele
Kristina Steele
Megan Stephenson
Jason Stollenwerck

Gordon Stricklin
Michael Sullivan

Sarah Sullivan
Ashley Swart
Rachelle Sweet

Rebecca Swift
Marisa Tabor
Brandon Taylor
Megan Teeters

Wendy Thompson
Cory Tilton
Ruth Tobar
Jordan Tomford
Tarah Torres

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Tecumseh High School has brought in student teachers from many different colleges in the past. This year, one of our student teachers is Jim Vergona. Mr. Vergona helps out in Mr. Kessler's classroom with Street Law and U.S. History. He said he enjoys teaching and this is what he wants to do with his life. Mr. Vergona gets along with every student he comes in contact with, and said he is having a really great time here at THS.
This year, the ALLY (Aiding, Listening, Learning with Youth) program had many volunteers, but because of the limitations set by the administration, fewer students were able to be in the program. This year there were twenty-four students. ALLY is a school-based program offered through Communities in Schools of Tecumseh. This year ALLY was directed by Charlotte Kemmer and Cindy Hook. The program is on Wednesday every week, with the high school students arriving at the Middle School at 9:30 to help tutor students for forty-five minutes, leaving at 10:15.

"The ALLY program was put together to improve students' perspective on school and it can also improve their grades. I really enjoy running this program but, unfortunately I'm not going to be here next year, and I hope that someone will take over this duty so that ALLY will continue to help struggling students," said Charlotte Kemmer.

Getting through to the younger kids is Jessie Eggelston. She's only one of the many high school students that get the privilege to help out with the ALLY program.

Junior Adam Wilson shows his caring skills by tutoring a friend in math. Adam is on the Boys Cross Country team and is a hard worker in everything he does.

Senior Deborah Wolfe helps a younger student. Deborah is also affiliated in many other school activities, and enjoys helping other people.

Charlotte Kemmer and Cindy Hook, the directors of the ALLY program take time out to take a picture with Chip Bush. Charlotte and Cindy are ALLY's best supporters.

Sarah Pomy, working alongside a fifth grader, helps her with her science homework. Reaching out to the fifth graders is one thing that Sarah does best.

Heather Helinski, a mentor of many skills helps this fifth grader with her homework. As well as teaching flute lessons, Heather enjoys playing volleyball.
Every year, there are students who go above and beyond the normal curriculum to succeed at what they do, and the high school has kindly provided special classes for those students to excel: AP Stats, AP Art, AP English, AP French, AP Government, AP Calculus, and AP Chemistry.

"I really like having a smaller English class," AP English student Megan Deming said. "We are able to discuss many more current issues and relate them to what we are currently reading."

Although the class teachers change from year to year, the opportunity for close interaction with the teachers in the smaller classes is beneficial to the student. At the end of the year, those who stayed with the AP class all year have the opportunity to take the AP test and earn credit towards their college years.

Mrs. Bowman teaches advanced literature to her AP English Class. Authors of study include Shakespeare, Sophocles, Hemingway, and even Tolstoy.

I wonder if Sophocles ever had a sucker...

Melissa Bird and Bart Northrup prepare for a Calculus test. Strain the brain, feel a little pain, that A is yours to gain!

"I spy something with a yellow arch!" Kris Alber, we caught you! Bringing outside food onto campus... for shame!

Toby Harper manipulates his face into one of intense concentration, because everyone knows an AP Class is not to be taken lightly!

Mr. Novak hangs around to teach his class the ins and outs of their calculators, as well as their minds.

AP Classes
By: V. Vassar
The day is quickly dying as the light fades from the sky; the halls of the high school are abandoned, only a few stray students are wandering out of the building. Most classroom doors are closed for the day, with only teachers catching up on their paperwork in the few, lighted rooms. Suddenly, a scream echoes down the empty corridors.

It is only creativity coming into play as the Creative Writing Club begins another Wednesday meeting. Headed by Mrs. Wakeford, the Club is where one can express the deep inner feelings of the soul, providing when someone could not do so otherwise. It is a place to have fun and to understand the true meaning of even the most famous poets and poems.

Creative Writing Club is a place to come and enjoy all sorts of ingenious art forms, a place to relax and express yourself; and that is just what the members do.

Mrs. Wakeford concentrates on every word and detail as Claire recites a poem that she had written about feelings she doesn’t share very often. Sarah Hart readily agrees that the poem is very moving.

Taking a deep breath, Mrs. Wakeford begins one of the poems that really has moved her. She wants to share her love for the English language with everyone, especially her love for poetry.

Clearly putting their all into their readings, the members express themselves through many emotions. Laura Cunningham shares one of her poems with the four members as Sarah Hart listens intently.

Member Sarah Hart
Member Laura Cunningham

Member Claire Welke
Member Celeste Rodriguez

Club Advisor, Mrs. Wakeford

Creative Writing
By: K. Petty
Ecumseh High School Cross-Age Tutors spend the year working with younger students in our community. The tutors visit the teachers' classrooms and help the students with their work. It's a good way to help the teacher and the students as well, as they try to motivate and encourage the students. Cross-Age is particularly good for those wishing to pursue a career in education. It helps to develop parenting and social skills. This class is an excellent start to a brighter future.

The class is taught by Mrs. King during A-3 and B-8. On March 24, the younger students will be coming to the High School to see what the day and life is like for the Cross-Age tutors. They will be going to all the classes that their tutor goes to. It's to get the younger student prepared for what's ahead of them. Getting the students ready for the future. Cross-Age not only benefits the High School student, it also benefits the entire community.

The 2002-2003 school year for Cross-Age had these tutors all smiles. Hopefully, the year in review will hold many memories and even more lessons to be used as life goes on.
Riders Brooke Labadie, Katie Pilbeam, Melissa Schell, Valerie Vescelius, and Amy Wertenerberger rode all the way to the top this season, to win the District Division C Title. The team of five, coached by Pat Pilbeam and Jan Vescelius, was able to make it to the 2002 State Finals this year, placing 4th out of 19 teams. The great season in the District started off with wins in Western Fitting & Showing, Hunt Seat Fitting & Showing, and Saddleseat Fitting & Showing, the first three classes of the show.

Winning all three meets in Adrian at the district level, the District Champions blew away the competitors with an outstanding 418 total points, beating out the opposing teams in the C division. The team knew they were headed to State. They set their goals high, and nearly reached them.

Preparation for the State Finals began after the final meet, practicing for jumping, hunt seat equitation, and bareback classes, which they competed in at the State Show. All of the practice paid off, as the team was highly competitive in Detroit; only 11 points between the Indians and the State Champions in C division.

A great season will be remembered by all the seniors: the year Tecumseh went to State, and the final placings came down on the last competition of the weekend.

"Living up to last year's competitive State team was difficult; however, we knew we could do it with our more versatile team. This year was very memorable for us seniors; next year's team has some big shoes to fill!"
-Brooke Labadie

After the final District meet, the team halts for a photo. The tough meets and long practices paid off, as the team made a record-setting final score for themselves.

All Photos contributed by Linda Hewlett and the Pilbeams.

At the conclusion of Western Equitation, Melissa Schell rides out with a placing at the final District Meet. Melissa was able to earn 13 points in this event.

Showing her skills in Saddleseat events, Amy Wertenerberger poses before her Saddleseat Showmanship class. Amy received numerous points in an event she started showing just this season.

Showing in Trail class, Katie Pilbeam and her horse, Jessie, complete walk-over poles to win the class. Trail was Katie's best event, being undefeated in all three meets.

Competing on her horse Heaven, Brooke Labadie shows great Trail skills through completion of the slacker. Brooke was an asset to the team, receiving high placings in Showmanship classes.

Preparing for Equitation Over Fences, Valerie Vescelius nervously awaits her number to be called. Valerie was a strong Hunt Seat rider this year, earning many well-deserved points in hunt seat events.

"Equestrian"
By: K. Pilbeam
Each year, a handful of students participate in our school's International Club. International Club is a place where everyone can come and learn about different cultures around the globe. The club also gives the exchange students a place to come and study more countries.

For the past two years, the club has been advised by Mrs. Menyhart. Each month, she organizes a meeting about a different country. She has found some of the most amazing speakers to participate in the club. Tatiana Moreira, an exchange student from Brazil, led the first meeting of the year. The club had the chance to explore the diverse country of Brazil, from Amazonia to the streets of Sao Paulo. The club got a taste of it all.

Speaking of exchange students, our school had the chance to have six exchange students at our school this year. Three students traveled from Germany. Ery Kong, Angie Klein, and Tareck El Asfar. Tareck arrived at our school during the second semester and left later that semester. It was very fun having them at our school. They all participated in various things. Angie was a member of the gymnastic team and International Club. Ery spent some of her time playing in the band, playing Lacrosse, and she was also a member of the International Club. We also had two Brazilians walking through our halls: Tatiana Moreira and Mickael Sintes. Tatiana participated in activities such as cheerleading, Key Club, and International Club. Mickael was a member of our school's Varsity soccer team. Our sixth and final exchange student was Mayuko Ueda from Japan. She was a cast member in the play "Annie."

Overall, the club and the exchange students had a memorable and successful year.
A customer purchasing their morning dose of cappuccino, an eager fan waiting to invest in spirit items, and a crowd of students eager to buy candy during lunch is a typical scene for the Jungle Hut. This is the Jungle Hut's second year, and so far it has been a real success. Many new items were featured this year, such as mesh shorts, white jungle shirts, cool sweatshirts, and more. Everything went much smoother due to the Jungle Hut's prior experience the year before. This year students had the chance to choose which products they wanted to order and sell, and they were in charge of their own inventory. This taught them how to manage and run a small business, and it was a great work experience.

School Store was not just fun and games, there was a ton of hard work involved. Several students sacrificed a half hour of much needed sleep to work morning shifts, and some students even worked during their free time after school during basketball or volleyball games. The Jungle Hut is an important asset to THS, and hopefully business will be booming for many years to come.

Smiling after a hard day's work, Tyge Riley and Alii Campbell are ready to call it a day. Several basic business skills are learned through experience while working in the Jungle Hut.

These are just a few of the items THS' school store has to offer. Out of all the items, candy was the best seller.

"It's fun to learn the economical ins and outs of a store, while in such a small and interactive environment," says Victoria Vassar as she displays the Dum-Dum suckers she is about to sell.

Testing out some new spirit items, Casey Kruse, Holly Littlefield, and Sarah Merritt are having a blast. As fellow Jungle Hut employees, these girls know how to make business boom.

School Store is not all just fun and games. Here, Victoria Vassar touches up on her marketing skills, and she makes sure the Jungle Hut has enough products in stock.

The Jungle Hut

By: H. Littlefield
Vo-Tech is an opportunity for Tecumesh High School students to take classes that interest them, outside of high school walls and in the career world. Students can get hands-on experience in a career they want to pursue in their future. Classes such as building trades, human services, auto body repair, and child care are only a few of the classes students can participate in. In auto body repair, students learn how to repair cars, replace damaged parts, and prime and paint a car. Childcare is great for students who love kids! In childcare class you get to work with children one on one in a real day care center atmosphere. Building trades teaches students the basics of carpentry, plumbing, masonry, and home wiring. All are great skills you will need for the future.

This is just a partial look at a few of the classes. The classes are offered in two sessions to fit your schedule, either in the a.m. or p.m. It is a place where students from Lenawee County can interact with each other, while specializing in the classes of their choice. Vo-Tech is a trend that is sure to continue as we see more of its advantages.

In building trades class, Brad Cannon learned how to build his own house and is now working hard on building a roof for it. This is Brad's second year in the class and he plans on a third next year, because he enjoys it so much.

Vo-Tech's welcoming sign that is viewed by everyone passing the building. The sign uses a catchy cliche but with a new twist that a computer major will appreciate.
Venturing into the world of Journalism, one could see the hard work and the fun that goes hand-in-hand with the class. Working on articles, preparing the pages for press, and taking it down to the Tecumseh Herald for printing.

Head Editors Kristen Petty and Sarah Hart review the articles and edit as necessary, and then pass it to Mrs. Marble for a final say. Within this process, the page editors begin the route of developing their layouts to their specific style and page type.

The newspaper holds every article imaginable; from sports to entertainment reviews to comics and puzzles. The Tomahawk has it all, made especially for you by your fellow classmates.

Ashlee Setzekorn checks on the proper way to write a controversial article. She flips through the many pages of our Writing for Publications book, finding the right balance of truth and fiction to make it interesting to read.

Head Editors Kristen Petty and Sarah Hart work hard to make this year’s newspaper the best that it can be.

Mrs. Marble is always there for her students when they need her the most. It matters not if it is a question about Journalism or a question of personal matters, she is there with a warm smile upon her face.

Newspaper is not just about creating a paper for our fellow students, it is also about creating bonds and lasting friendships.

Gathering around to swap new article ideas for the next coming newspaper, Ryan Girdwood, Victoria Vassar, and Alex Breijak talk while viewing the page layout.

The Writers:
Caroline Alder, Chris Baran, Amanda Barnett, Alex Breijak, Noah Bush, Andy Clark, James Conniff, Brad Dryer, Kate Fetkenhier, Ryan Girdwood, Jessica Guinn, Sarah Hart, Wendi Hughes, Chyrse Knorr, Derrick Miracle, Colin Olds, Kristen Petty, Matt Posky, Dan Rathke, Jenny Riley, Ashlee Setzekorn, Lance Stanley, Erica Thompson, Katie Tuberville, Victoria Vassar, Holly Wesener, Kaitlin Williams.
Yearbook class can be fun, but when you spend at least every other day looking through pictures, working on a computer, scanning, writing, or doing other busy jobs, you'll know that yearbook is a difficult class, and only for people who can take the challenge and the pressure of meeting deadlines. This yearbook took a large amount of time to plan, hard work, and especially a long time to complete. After a year of working on pages, participating in school events, and above all, staying on top of things, it's quite a big relief to finish a page. But until then, the yearbook class has had plenty of work to do this year. Finishing it is the most exciting part, now that they have put all of their individual work together to make one book of school memories for 2002-2003.

Girls from the yearbook class worked hard on addressing envelopes, folding papers, and stamping for billing our vendors, who have helped us to pay for the yearbooks.

Scanning, printing, typing, taking photos, writing, selling ads, billing vendors, and organizing are only few of the jobs the yearbook class requires. The group works hard to meet deadlines, and has fun doing it.

Everyone knows that when their page doesn't get finished, they're only hurting themselves. It's a good thing this class is full of hard workers!
Ecumseh High School's Associates had an exceptionally young choir this year. With all the new performers in the class they had all the choirs of the past to live up to. Performing the Star Spangled Banner in the hallway for all the students was a special event. They performed it on the September 11, 2002 and there were many tears seen on the faces of students and staff. Their next performances in concert included: The Elegant Evening of Song, Choral Sampler with eighth grade choirs, and Third Edition. Every performance was a success and you can tell that in the end the students accomplished a great deal.

(Upper-Right) The awesome students take a moment to pose for a group photo. It is very clear that the class was having a very good time. (Left) Having fun in their class are the Associate singers, while Mrs. Andre plays her piano.

Photos by: K.Petty

Gossiping between song breaks, Crystal Vredeveld, Nikki Grable, Chyrs Knorr are three friends whom came into Associates together. Judging by the looks of it they are enjoying their experience.

The student teacher helps Mrs. Andre with teaching the students better ways of singing. He has helped a great deal with getting the students to reach their highest singing potential.

The wonderful fun accelerates as the guys goof around while taking a photo. There is definitely never a dull moment while the guys are around.

Helping the students with the scale, Mrs. Andre performs her usual hand symbols to demonstrate her ability to escalate the young singer's abilities. Way to go Mrs. Andre!

 Associates
By: Z.Fox
For years, the Tecumseh High School Company has been surprising us with new talent year after year. The 2002-2003 school year was no exception. The Company was involved in numerous activities to show off their hard work and efforts this year. The Company, as well as the other choirs, took a trip to New York City, where they sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at Ground Zero as well as the Apollo Theater, and entertained once again on a boat ride to Liberty Island. After starting off a good year with an exciting trip, The Company also toured and performed at the elementary schools. Later, they put on a wonderful holiday concert, and lastly, the entire town of Tecumseh was invited to listen to them sing at the Taste of Tecumseh.

Bonding with friends and having a good time was a critical component of Company. Anita Tobar and Nikki Neiman are just two of the many friends that enjoyed being in this class.

Goofing around and having a good time never hurt anyone! This seemed like the motto of Noah Bush, Eric Dickerson, and Kris Alber, who always made class periods fun and exciting.

Welcoming the winter season, The Company put on a wonderful Holiday Concert. Complete with beautiful dresses, handsome suits, and cheerful songs, it was an event that could not be missed.

Impressing everyone with their voices at the Taste of Tecumseh was rewarding for everyone. Both performers and listeners enjoyed themselves that evening.

The Company
By: M.Deming
Much talent, hard work, patience, and above all, love for the music goes into being a part of The Concert Women. Directed by Mrs. Andre, members of this skillful, all-girl choir learn about how to work together and repeat the music to perfection. In preparing for each concert, members of this talented group study their music, rehearse their places on the levels, and fine tune the selections they sing.

Several common goals come into play at each concert, including inspiration, entertainment, and the ability to educate their audiences. Rachelle Sweet comments, "Concert Women is a blast! Everyone gets along in class and works extremely hard. Mrs. Andre is an awesome instructor, and for the most part our class is just laid back and has a good time. Our class is also packed with tons of talent; it's been a great year!"

"It's a girl thing!"

1st Row (L-R): Laurel Steele, Mrs. Andre, Jennifer Wyse.  
2nd Row (L-R): Christy Taylor, Melissa Pixley, Sarah Burnor, Michelle Smith.  
3rd Row (L-R): Emily LaRocque, Rosann Konz, Jessica Drefke, Melissa Matthews.  
4th Row (L-R): Jessi Faust, Tabitha Kane, Jessica Deere, Megan Lahnala, Lindsey Fowler, Nikki Smith.  
5th Row (L-R): Kristen Purkey, Lauren Stanek, Rachelle Sweet, Lauren Koch, Jenny Creswell, Brandy Wiley.  
6th Row (L-R): Kate Alber, Miranda Benedict, Stephanie Salsbury, Jessica Dusseau, Jacqui Gladcowski, Katheryn Cothern.

Showing off their skills at this year's Christmas Concert, these girls worked very hard to become successful. Hours of studying the music, and repeating the songs to perfection really paid off.

Directing at the Christmas Concert, Mrs. Andre enjoys teaching high school students how to sing from their heart. Concerts from this talented group were both fun for them and inspirational for the audience.

All Photos: S. Hart
With their heads turned, the Colorguard watches as the football team readies to run by. The Colorguard is the beginning to the tunnel that the team runs through at the start of pregame.

Performing in front of the whole student body can be pretty stressful, but these girls, (and guy) take it all in stride. They enjoy showing that their hard work and days out in the sun, pays off to make a vibrant splash amid the orange and black of the marching band.

While Colorguard is one of the smallest parts of the marching band, when they start up their drill, they are everything but small in cheering on their favorite team. Marching out with their flags beside them, attracts everyone’s attention with their colorful silks and their unique uniforms.

A flash of color on the dark green of the field, the silk flags flying through the violet sky, silhouettes of dancing figures underneath the stars, only a dark blur controlling the strategic movements of the flags, Colorguard is known around the county for their talent. The Colorguard: a small yet vital group which contrasts greatly with the size of the band.

This year, the Colorguard was enhanced with a member of the opposite sex, freshman Guy Ostrum. He was the only male on the team since 1989; his presence was known all around the school and he made the Colorguard special. He was only one of the few freshmen who joined the Colorguard this season; the whole field was overwhelmed with their new strength and excitement.

The Colorguard was led by two seniors this year, Anna Wilson and Amber Tucker. Both have been in the Colorguard since their freshmen year. They are the ones who train their fellow guard members and makes sure they are positioned appropriately upon the field.

Colorguard is not only about hard work and performing. It is also a time to make lasting friendships. Anna Wilson, one of the two captains this year, and Jessica Drefke, the future captain for 2003-2004, share a moment to breathe after a performance.

The Colorguard stands at parade rest on the field. Anna Wilson and Sarah Stone are two of the seniors on the team. They are responsible for keeping the underclassmen, such as Nicole Roe and Jessica Drefke as the perfect instruments of precision on and off the field.
Bigger is not always better, as is illustrated by this year’s Concert Band. Although a majority of the band is made up of underclassmen, they rise to the occasion whenever something is thrown at them. From marching band camp where the new freshmen are taught the basics of marching, to band festival and the spring concert, these students excelled in it all.

The Concert band, who all worked very hard this year, were rewarded at Band Festival with a well-deserved one. (The grades go from 5-1.) The Spring concert this year was a great success with not only single-band numbers, but combined band pieces as well. All in all, the year has been a great one for the band. The members this year generally had a good time, and let’s all hope for just as successful a year next fall.

Rehearsing in a practice room, some clarinets go over their parts. Occasionally, during rehearsal time, Mr. Rice would send the different sections into rooms to practice their parts.

Watch as two trombones tune a note. From left to right, Shem Appleman, Trevor Ford, and Scott Albig.

Another group going over parts in a sectional, plays through their music. These two flute players go at their music ready to play.

This picture caught Mr. Jimmy Rice in the middle of a full-scale swing. Conducting a band of fifty can be harder than you think.

Engrossed in the music, nobody notices a camera in the room. Here, the clarinets go over a part of their music.

The whole band has to focus on Mr. Rice during the rehearsal. Here, while rehearsing a March for Band Festival, the musicians watch expectantly for their next cue.

**Concert Band**

*By: C.Sullivan*
The nare ot
the drumline practice outside in one of their sectionals. Kathryn Cothern and John Northrup (second and third from the right) were the center snare this season, with Will Eversden, Dustin Willis (left), and Zach Mortimer (right) completing the line.

Our two quad players, Kyle Yarger (left) and Matt Ayre (right) during a sectional. The quads are the heaviest drums to carry, but also have interesting music, as they carry four different sounding drums.

The four bass drums practice the cadence. In order from left to right, Holly Mincks, Casey Sullivan, Tyson Rumpf, and Kris Alber.

Some of the drumline stands at parade rest. The band would assume this position as they waited for the team before a game.

The THS Drumline is an integral plus important part of the Shooting Stars Marching Band. Many sections of the band have their own separate identity, but the one you always hear about is the drumline. Whether the pounding force in the back of the band during the show, or playing the cadence through the halls of the school, this section is second to none when it comes to being heard.

Being one of only two sections in the band to hold rehearsals over the summer, the Drumline is one group of students truly dedicated to their forum. Selected students are auditioned by the section leaders or chosen by Mr. Rice for placement on one of the drumline instruments. This season, the Drumline consisted of five cymbals, two quads (or tenors), five snares, and four bass drums.

The comraderie in the Drumline is intense. They become a family of sorts, going to Big Boy after practices or games. They take care of their own equipment and memorize their music before the end of band camp. There is true dedication in the section and throughout the entire band, which rivals any sport.

The Drumline this year was definitely a great one. They were the perfect underscore to a wonderful show.
The blare of the trumpets, the twittering of the flutes, the banging of drums and the flashing flags of the Colorguard! These and many other sights and sounds become second nature to those students in the Marching Band during the first few weeks of school. 2002 was a truly fun year for the students. The THS Shooting Stars marched the largest band in the county at marching festival this year, with a whopping 130 students.

The show this year consisted of many upbeat tunes such as 'Potiphar' from 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'Jesus Christ, Superstar'. Mr. Rice decided to spice up the show this season by doing something unconventional with one of the songs. Instead of marching a drill for the song 'Potiphar', the entire band performed a dance choreographed by Melissa Bird, one of the senior field commanders. Whenever it was performed, the crowd went wild.

Under the leadership of Melissa Bird, Josh Herzog and the head field commander, Bart Northrup, the band had quite a successful year. From band camp to the seniors' last football game, to the Memorial Day parade, the students forged friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

The saxophones were a section all their own this season. Blasting away during 'Russian Christmas Music', they looked and sounded great.

Marching out for the pre-game show, with Josh, Bart, and Melissa Bird as field commanders leading the way. The pre-game show consisted of 'The Star-Spangled Banner', directed by Mr. Rice, and the 'Fight Song'.

Getting off the field before the football players get back is always interesting. Here some flutists pass in front of the student section.

Marching Band
By: C.Sullivan
Walk down Hallway J (otherwise known as the Music Hall) on any A day morning and you will be pleased to hear the sounds of a full band playing, rehearsing, and generally having a good time. From the beginning of the year and with marching season to concert season and Band Festival, the Symphonic Band has the momentum of a train that accumulates with a bang at the final concert. At an astounding 73 participants, it is the largest single class in school.

The majority of the students in the symphonic band are upperclassmen. They, with a scattering of freshmen and sophomores, are the somewhat more "advanced" band of the two. Many of the students of the band bond early in the year, and friendships are facilitated by the close workings of the class. Not only does the class form many friendships, it is a fun experience that lasts forever. Many students take it one step further and carry their music study into the summer and college. No matter if they take it to college or not, band is always a fun activity.

Standing before their Christmas concert, the Symphonic Band poses for a group photo. With more members this year than ever before, the band puts out a huge sound.

Symphonic Band
By: C. Sullivan
Weakened by having less than stellar numbers this season, the team had hardships to overcome trying to fill positions. Coaches Baker, Gilmore, and Vergona taught the team new offensive and defensive plays over the summer and at the beginning of the new season. Josh Alcodray said, "Hard work and dedication in practice really paid off in the games." He was right, because during the season the team worked harder and it started to show in the games. To put their bodies on the line every day took complete determination.

The team started off slow, losing its first four battles, but fought back in the latter part of the season to end with a record of 2-7. The frosh team hopes to build from their experience this year and use it for seasons to come in their long and improving football careers at Tecumseh High School.

Standing on the sidelines, anxiously waiting players know it's their role to cheer on their teammates and realize at any moment they could be called onto the battlefield. Teams as successful as Tecumseh would not be productive without the help of the many players who do not see much of the field, but work their hearts out every day in practice.

Getting a pat on the head for a good play, Corbin Brown takes a break from the game. Even though Corbin was only 95 pounds he was a heavy hitter, and played with a lot of heart.

**Freshmen Football**

By: T. Fanslau
Ready, Set, Hut! On the line the JV boys prepare for their third victory, before the quarterback takes a final knee.

When you’re out to win, determination is what keeps you going. Chris Jenkins and his teammate didn’t give up the fight against Jefferson.

Driving to every perimeter is what the JV Football team did this year. Each game, more effort was demonstrated. Long hours of stressful practices made the team achieve more and it definitely showed. The football players worked really hard and it paid off in the end. Throughout the season the team worked on the skills they needed to improve. The team’s dedication to win showed throughout the season.

Each player made a goal to force more turnovers, touchdowns, interceptions, blocks, and many more. For each and every game the players were pumped and ready to tackle anyone who got in their way. Discipline and practice were what they needed to succeed in this sport called football. From interception to touchdown these guys knew what they were doing. Every player performed each play at their finest and improved as they progressed.

One of their toughest opponents this year was Jefferson. Struggling and pushing their way through was the best thing they could do. Football is one of those sports that involves both mental thinking and physical endurance.

Once the Hutchison era started two years prior to this season, Tecumseh football finally became associated with winning. Now the school and community expect the team to win, and well deserving after going 13-5 (even though going 0-2 in the playoffs) the past two seasons. Maintaining the tradition of winning was going to be a larger challenge this year. In spite of having one of the toughest schedules in the area, and playing teams with rosters two and almost three times larger than Tecumseh’s, the coaches and players were very optimistic.

The team kicked off their season against Airport, with a depressing loss by one point after an extra point was blocked in overtime. Following the heartbreaking loss, the team took out its grief on Saline and Lincoln with two solid wins, a State record, and tying the National record when Cole Corey ran back three kickoffs for touchdowns against Lincoln. The next game against Ann Arbor Pioneer was a key contest and for three quarters the Indians were ahead 7-0, only to end it in the last quarter with another discouraging loss 14-7. Again, the team bounced back to life, with a concrete win in Dexter, ruining Dexter’s homecoming spirits, and got us ready for ours. The Homecoming game was a disappointing loss against Bedford and lowered the team’s spirit and record to 3-3, for the grueling schedule ahead of Adrian and Chelsea back to back.

Tailback Cole Corey runs outside on four Saline linemen on a sweep. When Corey hit the outsides on any team he was hard to catch with his amazing speed and agility. Amazingly, Corey only had one single fumble this entire season, despite having 30+ carries in some games.
Tecumseh does not have a successful program because we have bigger players than everybody else, or because we have larger numbers. In fact, Tecumseh has smaller players and one of the fewest numbers for our size school. So how do they win? The three pictures to the right will explain it all. Three coaches that live football all year round, all have one goal, and that's to make Tecumseh football the most successful program it can be. The coaches are like fathers to their players and prepare each player for the hardest, physically challenging, and greatest three months of their lives. It's impossible to tell exactly how many hours are spent by this coaching staff to prepare for games, but you won't see commitment like that anywhere else in the state. Each player owes so much to these men right here and should feel privileged to work under them.

WIN FIRST DOWN!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

How about some Pelham-ade?

Going into the last three games against Chelsea, Adrian, and Monroe Jefferson 3-3, the playoffs for the Indians looked like a dying dream. If you were to ask anyone what the chances of the Indians winning out the rest of the season were, guaranteed they were slim to none. But like all high school football, there is always a chance when the team never gives up, and what happened the next few weeks was nothing less than amazing. The Indians started off the last third of the season against arguably Tecumseh's most disliked rival Chelsea Bulldogs. Surprisingly, the Indians came out victorious and knocked off the fifth ranked team in the state, beating Chelsea in overtime, doing what the previous two varsity teams failed to do the past two years, on four different occasions. The next week was an even harder task to overcome, when they played the number four-ranked team in the state, another of Tecumseh's rivals, the Adrian Maples, at Maple Stadium. Again Tecumseh did the impossible and pulled off the victory against Adrian, awakening a passing game many doubted the Indians possessed.

Coming off two incredible wins over Chelsea and Adrian, Tecumseh had all the momentum it needed to roll over Monroe Jefferson in a muddy victory, and take them to the playoffs. In the first round of the playoffs the Indians got the chance to redeem themselves after they lost their first game against Carleton Airport. Although making it to the playoffs was a feat in itself, the team didn't get past the undefeated Jets, losing in a heartbreaker.

This year was a prime example of never giving up. The team had its back against the wall and had no more room for error. Instead of giving up, the team pulled together and started playing like the team the coaches knew they had all along. In doing that, the team kept the winning tradition alive yet another year.

The king of school spirit himself, Dan Rathke shouts after carrying the flag in front of the home crowd after a Tecumseh touchdown.


Varsity Football
By: J. Fanslau
Getting the perfect weather The Varsity boys were denied throughout the season, the girls had perfect conditions for football. The afternoon started out with the juniors against the freshmen. Each team came into the game never scoring a touchdown in a Powderpuff game, so both were open to new experiences. By the end of the game it finally seemed that the junior team was tired of getting shut out, and actually got a shut-out of their own, winning the game 28-0. Touchdowns came from a Bree Lee run in the first half, a Sarah Bigelow reception in the second half, and Jessica Bolden runs in each half.

The second game of the day was between the seniors and the sophomores. In efforts to not let the juniors show them up, the seniors set up a shut-out of their own, scoring 22 points, where 20 came in the first half. Points for the seniors came from touchdown runs by Stacy Frick and Kendra Gafner, and a Chelsea Hughes interception run all the way back.

The final game was between the seniors and the juniors and you could feel the hostility. The game turned into one of the most exciting Powderpuff games in school history. Going scoreless in regulation and going into two overtimes, junior Sarah Bigelow finally caught a touchdown pass from Lauren Newsted to win the game in a final 6-0 score.

Showing the most spirit this year at the Powderpuff games, were the freshmen (left) and the sophomores (right). Painting their bodies to support their classes, these students took cheering to the extreme. Though cheering the best they could, it didn't seem to help these two classes, because in the end the sophomore and freshmen teams tied for last place.

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Coachmg may look fun on the sidelines, but these coaches tell you it's not an easy task. Having less than two weeks to prepare and teach girls all aspects of the game is almost impossible. These men were up for the task though, and gave their best effort. It was fun to watch as the coaches brought out many different defensive formations and trick plays.

Shedding off freshmen tacklers, junior running back Jessica Boldon gains as many yards as possible. After coming off two previous seasons of being shut-out, the junior class had something to prove, and prove they did, surprising everyone with their speed and consistancy. Jessica had many hard runs like this one all day, scoring two touchdowns, gaining a good majority of the juniors' yardage.

Experience seems to be the main factor each year, with the junior and seniors always coming out on top.

Our celebrity referees for the afternoon were Mr. Mossburg and Mr. Gilmore. Both did a great job in calling a fair game and keeping the fighting to a minimum.

SCORE BOARD

JUNIOR SCORERS

BOLDON: 2 TD RUNS
BIGELOW: 2 TD RECEPTIONS
FRICK: 1 TD RUN
GAFNER: 1 TD RUN
HUGHES: 1 TD INT

SENIOR SCORERS

LEE: 1 TD RUN

All photos by Jeremiah Fanslau.

Powderpuff

By: J. Fanslau
The Varsity Cheerleading team had a truly memorable year. Throughout the season, the ten seniors and six juniors have demonstrated their complete dedication, spirit, and ability at every practice, pep rally, and football game. Once again, the girls returned to the Champion Cheerleading Camp in Alma, Michigan for the third consecutive year. There, the girls received two megaphones, or awards, presented by the staff members for outstanding performances and behavior demonstrated throughout the week at camp. The girls first received a small megaphone called the "Respect" award, and then proceeded to win an even bigger award called the "Sportsmanship" award at the closing ceremony at the end of the week. In addition, the girls were asked to represent Michigan and Champion in the halftime show at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida for the second year in a row.

After returning home from camp with two awards and even more pride than ever before, the girls began to prepare for the long season ahead. With over sixty cheers to learn and only two weeks to do it, they definitely had their work cut out for them, and although difficult, the girls were able to pull it off. In addition, the girls were also involved in "Little Cheer", a program which involves 104 little girls learning three cheers and a dance in a span of five weeks. The little girls then performed at the halftime show of the Chelsea game where the girls were full of spirit and energy. All in all, this year's Varsity Cheerleaders had an amazing season!
Performing their new cheer "push em back defense, push em back, go", the cheerleaders are seen here at the Saline game. This year the girls learned over 60 new cheers at Champion Cheerleading Camp.

All the cheerleaders' hard work definitely paid off. Performing here are Shae Viers, Brandi Hiser, Karley Ahlers, and Ashley Cargill.

The cheerleaders hold on tight as the Tecumseh Indians football team is introduced. Carrying out the tradition of running out on the field to be cheered on by the crowd, the football players reach up and touch the banner.

Trying to keep warm, the girls all pile together for a quick picture at the playoff game in Chelsea. The girls are also showing off their new rain coats from the Fan Club.

Push ups, push ups, and more push ups. This year's cheerleaders did over 550 push ups, with nearly 300 push ups in the Lincoln game alone.

Showing off their new uniforms, the Varsity Cheerleaders and their coach are seen here before one the season's exciting home games.

"This season was a lot of fun. I'm really going to miss this next year."

Showing off their new uniforms, the Varsity Cheerleaders and their coach are seen here before one the season's exciting home games.

Varsity Cheerleading

By: M. Kenward

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This year the JV Cheerleaders worked very hard and it paid off. This summer, the girls attended Cheerleading Camp in Alma, MI. For 4 days, the girls learned all of the cheers and chants that they performed at the games. The girls were hard at work for 12 to 13 hours each day preparing for the upcoming season. Coach Tooman was very pleased with the girls' dedication this year. Though the girls had a few ups and downs during the season, they always pulled through. Emily Dailey said, "This season was very awesome for my freshman year. We girls had some problems but we always resolved them." No matter what struggle came their way, the girls would talk about it and work things out. They conquered stunts this season that were very unexpected. Extensions, express, liberties, pop-crades, basketball tosses, and whippies are just a few of the awesome stunts the girls were able to do. The girls gained respect from each other and other fellow classmates. When the girls learned the good news about their coach getting married, they were thrilled. That is part of the reason why this season was a very memorable one for all of the girls. The friendships that were made this season will never be forgotten. This squad's attitude is a true example of what a "team" is. Good job this season ladies!

Cheering on their team, the cheerleaders try to keep the crowd's momentum up. No matter what, the cheerleaders always had a blast. Fire it up girls!!


The JV Cheerleaders are cheering on their team by performing one of the two cheers they learned at cheerleading camp. The girls did a great job.

(Right) Who's house is the best? Yell T-H-S! Pumping up the crowd are JV Cheerleaders Tiffany Sears, Emily Dailey, Chelsea Lester and Jenna Lewis. Way to go girls!

(Left) Doing one of their "Slappy Clappy" cheers are JV Cheerleaders Alana Fisher and Amanda O'Leary. The girls really tried to get the crowd fired up!

JV Cheerleaders Shelby Bowditch, Shanté Wood and Lindsey Coffman cheer on their team. The cheerleaders always had smiles on their faces, which truly showed their excitement to the crowd.
The Freshmen Basketball team started out with a rough season this year, and had trouble coping with all the hassles of playing basketball in high school. The team was full of talent, and after winning 3 straight in the season they started to show it. "There was a lot of spirit on the team, and in the locker room before the game we would all get pumped up when Ryan Cook gave us one of his pre-game speeches," said Zach Fox. Practice every day sometimes wore out the players, but come game time they were on their toes and ready for the competition. Mr. Bullinger taught the team new skills and plays that helped everybody improve in the season. In the end, the record showed their talent with a record of 8-12. They had a great season this year, and they hope to build upon it for years to come.

Taking the ball down the court, point-guard Jeremy Matson and Nick Camacho look for an open man to pass to. Life being a point-guard is not easy in basketball; not only do you have to have outstanding ball-handling skills, you also have to be a leader on the court.

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The JV team came out this year with more enthusiasm than ever. They had up and down performances the first few games, trying hard to work in sync with each other to put some more "Ws" on the board. Sure, during the season there were some upsetting losses that were hard to recover from, but you can tell that the love all the players had for the game kept them going. After a very slow start in the season the team just couldn’t pick up the fire to get some wins, going 3-17. With many players on the team being injured or ineligible, the team was always short on players. Mr. Mossburg tried all he could in his power to get some wins for the team, teaching them new plays and skills. This year was a learning experience for the JV squad and they hope to have many good years to come.

Driving the lane on a fast break, Bob Gross takes it to the basket. Bob was a big contribution to the team, using his 6'4" frame to deter other players.

While the opposing team shoots a free-throw, everybody rests and gets ready to box out. Most games the JV was under-sized and had to keep the opposing team from getting rebounds.

At the free-throw line, Mark Mitchell concentrates on his shot. Mark made many of his free-throws throughout the season.

Showing his emotions after what he thought was a bad call by the referees, Mr. Mossburg gets frustrated with the referee’s decision.

Front Row: Nick Fauble, Mark Mitchell, Matt Richards, Jarred Barley, Nick Doman, Joe Hill. Back Row: Chris Barkway, Bob Gross, Josh Hinkel, Zach Patterson, Nate Jacobs, Chris Salius, Jamie Mossburg.

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JV Basketball
By: Z. Fox
At the point, and looking for the open man, Tanner Clement eyes the floor. Tanner was one of the three returning juniors this year, and controlled the games at the guard position throughout the year.

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Passing to the open man, Bobby Valdez uses his agility to move around the close defender. Tecumseh played a close game here, against the Kicking Mules.

What can you say about a team that is 3-18? First you might want to start with talking about the character of the 12 players that stuck with, and worked hard on the team all year. It takes commitment to stick with a sport when your classmates, community, and friends all don’t think you can win a game. There are many possible theories on why the team did so poorly this year, let it be lack of talent, coaching, or the eerie quietness of the Jungle this year. When for the first time ever in the history of the Jungle you could hear the cheerleaders over the students you know something is wrong. Whether the students gave up or never possessed the spirit from the start, the team never stopped trying. The young team grew towards the end of the year, evident from the win and overtime loss in the last two out four games. The team lost their first District game against Dexter by 10 points, but did manage to bring Dexter to overtime a week earlier. The team finished with what may be the worst record in Tecumseh history, but gained great amounts of experience. The young team learned what they need to be successful for next year, much thanks to the four seniors that were on the team and their leadership. The team overall exceeded no one’s expectations, but no more can be ask from a team that gave it there all.

Boys Varsity Basketball
By: J.Lopez, J.Hollenbeck
Attempting to block the Adrian player’s weak shot, Tino Rebotarro jumps and throws his arm out as Billy Myles watches from behind. Tino was the major post presents for the Indians this year.

Because of the lack of seniors on the team the few that did play, like Mike Mull (left) and Adam Dillon (right) had a large leadership responsibility. These two senior post players played major roles on the team both starting and coming off the bench at times throughout the year. Mike and Adam obviously were major factors on the team, because in all three games the team won throughout the year either Adam or Mike were the leading scorers.

Front Row (Left to Right): Todd Hughes, Taylor Bohannon, Jeremy Lopez, Tanner Clement, Kyle Kessler, Billy Myles, Jeremiah Fanslau. Back Row (Left to Right): Coach Ed Oxley, Tino Rebotarro, Danny Taratuta, Bobby Valdez, Adam Dillon, Mike Mull, Mike Fitch, Coach Scott Lawson.

Under sized by at least four inches, Danny Taratuta does his best to win the tip in the opening tip-off against Adrian. The 6'2” junior, Danny Taratuta, did not win many tips this year but was leading scoring and key player for the Indians.

Boys Varsity Basketball
By: J.Lopez, J.Hollenbeck
From the first day of practice, the golf team knew it was going to be a building year. The team consisted of only three seniors: Alex Halberstadt, Kris Alber, and Joe Polan; they were looked upon to give the underclassmen the leadership they needed. With the tough competition of Chelsea and Deaver in their league, the team was going to have to perform at its best, to even have a chance to win the SEC.

The team was taught and coached by Pat Pomy. Mr. Pomy along with his son, Chris, tried many new techniques and taught them many new things as they went on to have an up and down season.

The team accomplished many things during their season. They placed third in regionals with the contributions of Jeff Brune, Mike Armentrout, Jerred Barley, Kris Alber, and Kyle Kalmbach. Jeff Brune also finished 3rd in overall average in the SEC.

The Indians had a decent season this year, and were proud of the performance they had. Learning new techniques and new skills, the Indians are going to be a strong force next year.

HITTING IT ON THE GREEN!

Golf is a very stressful sport. Tony Huston takes time out to enjoy the wonderful game of golf. While taking a break he evaluates his round and tries to think of what he can do to make his next round better.

Boys Golf
By: J.Lopez, J.Hollenbeck
Getting off to a rough start, JV Soccer had high hopes for the new season. After a few close but disappointing losses, they kicked into gear. It took some great coaching from Coach Mike Seal and great teamwork to finally dominate all parts of the game. Not being able to participate in the annual Cougar Cup because of lack of participation from other teams, left the team with a lack of preparation to start the season. Since the team was predominantly freshmen, the sophomore captains had to keep them in line and show them the ropes. "Mr. Seal ran us hard, but when it was time for a game we knew that without his pushing us and making us go to the next level, we would never have been able to compete," said sophomore Joey Valdez. Throughout the season the team formed a special bond, which helped the team accomplish impossible goals and compete against the experience and skills of the other teams. The whole team agreed with freshman Garrett Kuhlman who said, "I think one of the most exciting moments in the season was when we led Pioneer two nothing in the second half." The Junior Varsity team ended the season with a 3-5-4 record. The season was rewarding as well as a great experience.

Showing his skills, left mid Brandon Riser tears up the opposing teams defense in a vicious attempt to score a goal. He worked closely with the other midfielders to connect for numerous goals.

Positioning themselves to shut down the kick, Merrill Murphy (Number 13) and Chris Talbot (Number 25) make a wall for the goalie.

Coach Mike Seal ran the team from the sidelines, pointing out mistakes and giving helpful tips.


JV Soccer
By: J.Lopez/J.Hollenbeck
This year's 2002 Varsity Soccer season started off with high expectations. After a losing season last year, they came in this season with only one thing on their minds: Winning! After losing the annual Cougar Cup tournament last season, this year they had even more desire to bring home the cup. The goalies put up shutouts in every game, the offense produced an abundance of goals, and the team pulled together to beat cross-town rival Adrian in the finals.

Winning the Cougar Cup really increased the team's morale as the season kicked off. The team got the boost they needed to start the season off, going 9-1 in their first ten games. This year proved to be a very tough schedule with the addition of Lumen Christi and Ann Arbor Huron. Many teams had also improved greatly from the year before.

Plagued by injuries throughout the whole year, the team was forced to adjust. With two starters out early in the season, the juniors on the team had to step up to keep the dreams alive. Justin Matson went out with a torn ACL from the scrimmages in Lansing, and Greg Dailey was sidelined due to a broken leg from the Lumen Christi game.

Captain Jason Smith picked up the pieces of the team after the abundance of players lost, and took the Indians to victory against Dexter and Bedford.

Brazilian exchange student, Mickael Sintes, was a good addition to the team. With his quick feet and powerful shot, he helped the team to many victories. Playing midfield and forward, Mickael set up and scored many of the goals for the team.

The Cougar Cup was taken back by the Indians this year. With hard work and determination, the team was victorious. The Indians beat Clinton, Lenawee Christian, and finally Adrian to get the cup. It showed the team that all the work during the summer really does pay off.
Top: Excitement is shown by Jason Short as he finishes the play by putting the ball in the net. This goal helped the team get the lead against the rival Adrian Maples. Tecumseh finished the year by beating Adrian a combined three times throughout the season.

Left: The ball is won by defender Rob Whittemore. Being physical throughout the game, Rob helped the team by wearing out the opponents and winning tie-ups like this using his strength. He was key in many victories this season.

The team's speed is key for success. Jason Short, Jeremy Lopez and Chip Bush all start runs, and use their energy to keep the team in the game. Starting runs are the key to the play forming. Chip Bush looks to start a play, Rob Whittemore looks to feed Jeremy Lopez as well. Quick speed and timely passing are two things that helped the Indians to victory.

The defense for the Indians was very powerful and strong this year, and full of experience. Due to injuries, the defense was forced to try new people in new positions. The new people stepped up and accomplished the task at hand.

Variety Soccer

By: J.Hollenbeck
The season this year for the Girls Freshmen Basketball team went exceptionally well, with the assistance of Coach Ken Sanders and Coach Erin Lips. Their season had a good turnout with an 8-12 record. Racking up a total of 587 points and an average of 29.3 points per game, the girls put their hearts into the games, even though the scores didn’t always show it. Quite possibly, the toughest team that the girls played this year was Monroe St. Mary’s Catholic Central.

"I think we’ve improved overall. We’ve gained more confidence and learned to work together. This is all because of Coach K," said Nikki Smith.

This season also had another surprise. Coach Ken Sanders asked his girlfriend to marry him during halftime at one of the home games. Of course, she couldn’t resist, and said yes. So, if you could put the whole season into a nutshell, it turned out great both for the girls and for Coach Ken Sanders.

As Coach Sanders gives the team a talk, everyone listens to what he has to say. Without the good coaching, the girls wouldn’t have been able to shape up their game.

Taking it down the court is Marcie Brys, Marcie was one of the many girls on the team who gave it her all that night... This is the kind of effort that makes the game, and these girls have it.


Girls Freshmen Basketball

By: J. Holmes
Looking for the ball, Susie gets ready to react to the play. Susie was a big help, being only a freshman for the JV team. It was hard adapting to playing with new players after being juggled between the Varsity and JV squad.

During timeouts, Coach Harper gave the team pep talks. Coach Harper was a big influence on her players, and did her best to prepare the team before every game. During times when teams are struggling, good coaching and hard work is the only way to turn a season around.

The Girls Junior Varsity Team had a hard, well-fought season, but were unable to achieve the .500 mark. Their determination and dedication helped them in every game, but unfortunately they couldn't pull all parts of the game together. Coach Harper led the team through the season and was not disappointed at all by the 5-15 record. "Coach fought hard for us. I wish we could have fought harder for her," said Jessica Cangley. The girls who were on the JV team made a good contribution to the struggling girls basketball program, and with their hard work and practice will hopefully have a successful team in the future.


Girls JV Basketball
By: T. Fanslau
Looking for the pass, Jamie Vanderpool eyes the open girl and makes a strong pass. Jamie was quick on her feet and worked hard this year.

Getting the ball up in the air so it was harder for the defense to get it, Lyndsay Sanders looks for the pass. Being a Co-Captain was only one of her big accomplishments this year.

Jumping for the ball, Abbie Mincks gets the rebound and puts it back up. Abbie had a great deal of talent that she added to the team this season. She worked hard as a Co-Captain and pushed the team to do their best.

She slaps the ball and the play is in motion. Looking for the pass, Jenny Carlson throws the ball into play.

Running down the court, Courtney Smith races to put more points on the board. Courtney was a very valuable player this year and showed a great deal of dedication.

Girls Varsity Basketball

By: A. Clarke
The five seniors gather around for a picture at their last home game of the season, which was also seniors night. Looking back on their last four years of basketball, they were all proud of their accomplishments on the court.

"Time out!" the coach yells. Time for a team huddle to discuss a new strategy to score some points on the board! Coach Spagnoli encourages his team to work hard and his little "pep talk" worked.

"Come on girls, let's get fired up!" Nichole Bell had great team spirit while sitting out a game because she missed practice due to strep throat.

"GAME TIME, HUH!" The girls huddle around the center of the court and do their ritual. This consists of all the girls circling the center, getting on the floor and paddling the floor as if they were drums. The captains yell, "WHAT TIME IS IT?" The girls yell back, "GAME TIME, HUH!"

Arms up! Distraction is key. Ever wonder why they yell "BALL, BALL BALL..."? It's to try and distract the offense. Abbie's doing a great job of it.

Driving the ball down the court, Jeni Servoss crosses the half-court line. She was fast on her feet and quick to get the ball down the court.

Guarding heavily, Tara Torres makes sure that the opposing team doesn't score. She was able to show everyone, and herself, that a good effort on the floor and hard work off of it, was able to improve the team vastly.

Most Shots: Abbie Mincks - 117
Most Baskets Made: Abbie Mincks - 51
Best Shooting Percentage: Abbie Mincks - 43.6%
Most Rebounds: Abbie Mincks - 115
Most Dedicated: The whole team
Most Foul: Lyndsay Sanders - 58

Being juggled back and forth between Varsity and JV, Suzie showed her determination and her stamina in playing a good game. Suzie was a freshman this year so it was a big accomplishment for her.

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Girls Varsity Basketball
By: A. Clarke
This year's Girls Swimming and Diving Team worked hard and swam hard, and their hard work has shown from their very first meet. Although their first meet against St. Mary's has traditionally been an easy win, the girls' scores really showed how well they swam. At their first championship meet of the season, the girls competed against seven teams, with their greatest competition coming from Dundee. Sadly, the girls' hopes of beating Dundee did not come true at the end of the meet, but the girls did come in at second place.

Another team rival was Adrian. Even though Adrian has not been difficult in the previous years, they had to work a little harder this year. During their meet against Adrian it came down to the last event before they knew who was going to come out on top. Unfortunately, Adrian won by five measly points.

Several of our girls excelled in the State meet: Heidi Johnson, Joanna Brown, Valerie Crosby, Deborah Wolfe, Jessica Boldon, and Ashley Hewlett. Overall, the team felt the season was quite successful.

Seconds go by as the swimmers reach the end of their backstroke event. They are all trying to best their fastest time and beat their opponent.

Preparing for their meet, Deb Wolfe and Nikki Neitman take a moment to stretch. They warm up their muscles before jumping into the pool.

The Boy's Swimming and Diving season dove headfirst into an easy-win meet against Jefferson. The Tecumseh boys won first in every event except for the diving category. Later on in the season, the Indians were lucky enough to be able to send five boys to State: John Muellendyke, who competed in the 200 free, 100 free, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay; Dave Rendell, who competed in the 200 free, the 100 breast and both the 200 and 400 relays; Chip Bush who had a chance to compete in the 200 free relay; Graham Bennett who was able to compete in the 400 free relay, and Alex Shively who swam in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"The season went by awfully quick this year," said junior Graham Bennett in an over-the-phone interview. "We will be losing only two seniors this year. The majority of the team consisted of first years and juniors, so nearly the whole team will be back next season."
Cross Country is one of the toughest sports you may come upon. Practices consist of running six to eight miles a day. This year's cross-country team started out with an amazing season, winning a second place trophy at their second meet. The girls improved rapidly throughout the year making new personal best records. Leading the team this year were captains Alissa Hall and Emily Prettyman. These girls did an amazing job keeping the girls together as a team. But not all the work came from the captains this year; Coach Greene made sure no one was slacking, and no one did. Every girl was pushed to run their hardest at every practice as well as the meets, and Coach Greene never gave anyone any sympathy. However, with several injured teammates the season was left up to the rest of the girls to conquer without them. The year was very successful, with the girls performing their personal bests, but it was also very tough because of the strong teams they ran against. The girls won a trophy at the Addison invitational and ended with a 1-4 record. Coach Greene said, "The season was very good, and most of the girls ran personal records. However, we ran into a bunch of injuries near the end of the season that kept us from doing better as a team."

Regionals was a battle of its own. Out of 300+ girls at regionals, Tecumseh runners came in ahead of the pack; all coming in before 150th place. Making it to state was Emily Prettyman with a time of twenty one minutes and twelve seconds. Emily was the first girl in six years to go to the state meet and finished 167th out of 295 girls.

Team Members | Personal Best
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Emily Prettyman | 20:00
Sara Grammes | 22:25
Lindsey Borsvold | 22:43
Alissa Hall | 23:01
Amanda Fender | 23:00
Sheila Fender | 23:00
Alison Hodgson | 24:41
Allison O'Leary | 24:19
Kara Boden | 23:21
Amanda Nowak | 21:15
Olivia Sarr | 24:04
Emily Roth | 30:10
Tammy Montie | 29:16

Back row: (left to right) Emily Roth, Emily Prettyman, Amanda Fender, Sheila Fender, Coach Greene. Front row: (left to right) Kara Boden, Shelby Downing, Sara Grammes, Allison O'Leary, Lindsey Borsvold, Olivia Sarr, and Alison Hodgson.
Andrew Kiesela, a hard working member of the Boys Cross Country team, is a great example of a dedicated runner. Even the toughest teams that Tecumseh must compete against seem like nothing to these guys. They can hold their heads up high, even when they don’t do as well as they had looked forward to.

The Boys Cross Country team has determination, and they don’t just hope to be number one, they work to be number one. They worked hard every day, and they never gave up. Devotion to running through the grass, over the hills, in the gravel, in the cold, in the heat, and all of the other obstacles overcome by these guys was taken to their hearts, and it takes a strong bunch of people to accomplish the fact that they did it. Coach Keyser gave them helpful pointers, directed them to where they needed to go, and stood, or should I say “ran” by them when they needed guidance and support. These boys showed us what speed and endurance really is, and they worked to do so. Thanks for giving us a great season, guys!

Jack DaSilva works hard to stay ahead of the Dexter opponents. With all their hard work, they are still unable to keep up with our Tecumseh runner. DaSilva knows just how to keep his place, and make sure the opposite team’s runners stay behind.

Boys Cross Country
Fall ’02
Regionals

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It almost seems that as time goes on, the pleasure a person takes in a sport slowly drifts away. Everyone in school must have witnessed a fellow student complaining about the coach, playing time, politics, and teammates for whatever reason. What happened to the nine-year-old at recess having the time of his or her life playing basketball or soccer with friends? Let's face it, as we all grow up competition increases, the less chances you'll get, and the point of the game is more about winning than if you're having a good time. In fighting for the best record and the next district championship, we lose sight of why we started playing a sport in the first place...for fun. This is not true in all cases of course, but you must agree it is seen all through the halls of this high school. On the other hand, we did get to witness a team that based its season on having a good time.

The Freshman Volleyball team, coached by Cara Jaimes and led by captains Katie Hunt and Lauren Bohannon, showed us success and a good time can both occur in the same season. Beside the normal drills and conditioning, a normal practice consisted of scrimmaging themselves, the Varsity and JV Volleyball teams, and whatever guys wandered down from the track and weight room. The fun and excitement never ended in practice though, because the cheers from the sidelines and a resounding “Yeah-Yeaaaah,” could be heard whenever the team scored throughout the games. The team ended the season with an adequate record of 11 and 10, tying 2. They also placed third in the County tournament. Captain Katie Hunt summed up the freshmen season with, "We have had a lot of fun this season, although we haven't won as many games as we'd hoped. We were a really talented team, all thanks to our really dedicated coach."

Meeting before a game, the team discusses the strategy to defeat the Adrian Maples, their opponents for the night. This young but talented group of girls worked very hard to become successful this year.
Bump it, set it, spike it! Enthusiasm is a major part of the game of volleyball; the other part skill. The team does a good job supporting each other, by screaming and encouraging their teammates. The JV Volleyball team did their hardest to succeed and did, with a record of 12 wins, 5 ties, and 14 losses. Coach Gildersleeve followed the JV Indians all the way with smiles of encouragement and constructive criticism. When asked about the season Mrs. Gildersleeve quoted, "Our team has grown this year, we have had a very productive season."

Serving the ball, Marcie Brys takes the turn to help get points for her team. The serve is a key part of the game and takes a lot of skill, precision and accuracy.

The team comes together after the scoring of a point. Shouting and screaming helps the team to get excited for the game.

First Row (Left to Right): Jamie Moore, Tammy Monte, Alex Davey, Lauren Stanek, Marcie Brys. Second Row (Left to Right): Coach Gildersleeve, Ashley Kudo, Susie Passavant, Emily Kellepourey, Sam Smith, Caitlin Shea.

Waiting in line for a turn to practice their spike, Jamie Moore, Lauren Stanek, Sam Smith, and Emily Kellepourey all await their chance.

JV Volleyball
By: J. Hollenbeck
He:uently began to choose girls at a younger age. His team was young, but worked hard and well together.

Improvement is the key to a season. This Varsity Volleyball season started out with a bang. Winning their first tournament was a big excitement for the team. With that lead, the team continued with many victories afterwards.

With an assistant coach on the team, the girls had many leaders to help them improve their skills for the season. Their record for tournaments was 14-15-3 which is not any coach’s favorite, but it was very impressive for such a young team. The Madonna University tournament was one of the biggest highlights for the team considering it was their first and they went out and won the whole thing. The girls went 4-2 in SEC which gave them second place. Junior Jessica Boldon, described the girls “The team was pretty close, we played well together, and got along really well. We were a young team, but we learned how to help each other improve. The average age of our team was 15 years old.”

The final record for this year’s Varsity Volleyball team was 22-25-3 which was a big improvement over the previous year.

Gathering in the middle are the starters for this particular game. Everyone anticipates the new cheers for the team.

Practice makes perfect as Casey Synder, the only freshman on the team, demonstrates. She was a key player for the team.

Spiking is one of the main skills in this game. This team had many outside and middle hitters to keep the game running smoothly.


Teamwork and supporting each other are very important in any sport. These three front players work very hard together for their team.

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As another year ended, we watched as over 250 students who have long been a part of this school, left for good. We would like to recognize all of the accomplishments of those students and athletes during the spring. Tecumseh High School will not be the same without the Class of 2003, and the following is the last few precious moments we shared with all of them. We tried to capture to the best of our abilities what took place in the spring season including sports, Graduation, Prom, and various clubs. From the entire staff of the Tecumseh Yearbook, we hope you enjoy our 2002-2003 Addendum.
Pep Rallies are a big part of the TICWSS and Homecoming celebrations. Not only do you get pumped up for the big games, but you also get a chance to participate in exciting games to win points for your class. During the Pep Rally, students participate in a number of events. The big event was the tug-of-war where the sophomores overpowered the three other classes. The pop chug, pie-eating contest and basketball shoot-off were also exciting events to participate in. The seniors usually take home the win during Spirit weeks, but this year during TICWSS, the sophomores snatched it away from their reach. "I enjoy Spirit Week and Pep Rallies because it's a great way to show your school spirit and support for the teams," Krystyna Buxton commented. From the cheerleaders cheering their class on, to the pep band pumping up the school's spirit, Pep Rallies are never forgotten during THS Spirit weeks.

A few underclassmen show their spirit for their school during Spirit weeks. Freshmen always get the bad end of the stick during Spirit week because they are overwhelmed by the upperclassmen.

The pie-eating contest is always a favorite. Students from all four classes compete to eat a pie the fastest. Whoever wins not only earns valuable points for their team, but gets a tasty mouthful of pie.

The Mr. Pretty Legs contest recently returned back to TICWSS celebrations. Contestants sign up, and then students are allowed to vote on who has the prettiest legs by buying a bet.

Tug-of-war is another popular Pep Rally activity. It is a test of strength and logic - you must have strength to pull the rope, and logic to correctly place the strongest people in the right places. Everyone cheers on those competing in the tug-of-war.

The basketball shoot-off was the first activity for students to be in during the Pep Rally. Here, Brianne Lee and Carli Tuberville battle it out to make the basket for their class.

By: A. Harriott
After hours of hard work from advanced students painting and putting up panels, the rest of the art students hanging the incredible work, and Ms. Winters, Mrs. Isley, and Mr. Frenzen putting in extra hours, the Art Department was proud to present the Tecumseh High School's 42nd Annual Art Show. All the art work had to be properly presented with the correct matting and name tags. They "should reflect quality work and should be a good example of the work the student can produce," said Ms. Winters.

Mr. Frenzen said that, "Most students, parents, and the public do not realize the tremendous amount of time it takes to be successful." About 100 total hours goes into putting the whole show together, and the finished product is worth every minute of it.

During the two days that all of the pieces are up, students may walk down the halls admiring the amazing artwork. Sometimes bids are made on the art work from the people who would like to buy the pieces. The art students are very proud of their work. After all, this is what they work for all year. "For me, the art show is a really great way to reflect on the last year," said Mrs. Isley.

In the days before the show, the students were rushing to put the final touches on their pieces, matting and labeling them. It's a rush to finally see the final product of all their hard work and dedication.

AP Art students, Greg Dailey and Kate Dombrowski, display their year's work in a special collaboration. They worked hard through the whole year and had incredible art displays to show for it.

Looking at all the work, students often take the time to compliment the artists and view their work with admiration. Above, Devon Waltershed and Shea Viers were writing compliment cards for the various artists.

Sculptures and ceramic pieces were a big part of the show in the J hallway. To the left is a soapstone sculpture by Heidi Zibbell and above is a sgraffito ceramic plate by David Wines.

Walldividers split up the main hallway and those who wished to see the Art Show were able to visit both sides of the displays. The artwork stretched from one end of the school to the other.

CAD Drafting is also involved in the show. Students design a house and then put them at the end of the big hallway by the Guidance office.

Pictures Taken
By: Alaina Clarke

By: A. Clarke
This year the Celebration of Writing held no prisoners in the amount of creativity and feelings that were expressed. Students and adults alike were immediately overwhelmed with emotions as soon as they set foot in the Library, which houses the Celebration each year. Each student in the junior and senior classes submitted one piece of writing: one item that they had to search deep down inside themselves in order to create such a project.

This year, the Library was filled with dozens of senior scrapbooks, the final thoughts of high school and a final goodbye. The seniors worked hard on these scrapbooks throughout the whole year and their hard work was very clear with the variety of colors and feelings expressed. Seniors and underclassmen alike enjoyed looking through their friends' scrapbooks and reminiscing about past memories.

The juniors totally outdid themselves, proving that they are ready to step up and become seniors. They submitted a variety of writings from poems to personal essays. The exhibits were highly decorated and displayed throughout the room on tables and even hanging from the ceiling. Some writing pieces brought up past memories while others looked forward to the future. All in all, it was an amazing display from the junior class.

The Celebration of Writing was open to the public after school hours, and the volume of people who came to see the talent of Tecumseh's students was encouraging for the students and staff alike. This year's Celebration of Writing was a huge success.
Starting off the year with Homecoming window paintings is a tradition that Art Club participants enjoy doing. In early October, Art and Choir students had the opportunity to partake in a trip to New York City. Although all clubbers didn’t attend, the 37 students and 17 adults who did had a blast. They had full days with Broadway shows like "Aida," "The Lion King," and "The Blue Men Group" for entertainment in the evening. Four days of drizzling rain and cold weather were great unforgettable memories.

Trips weren't the only events that took place during the year. Adopt-A-Family was the first big volunteer service the Art Club participated in. Their task was to raise money for Christmas gifts for two families in the community. During lunch and seminar they collected spare change that people were willing to donate. After the Club raised about $400, a selected group went shopping for the presents. The families were very grateful for the Club's helping hand in making their holiday season significant.

Art Club also played a major part in the Taste of Tecumseh, where the members helped sell raffle tickets, stamp brochures, and help out with the restaurants. They also tackled the difficult, yet fun job of painting the Jungle Mural, where they added detail and imagination to the original painting. With the help of Tara Vasser, a specialist in mural painting, the project turned out looking great.

Their spring projects included the decorating for the TLC Banquet held on March 22nd, 2003. The decorating involved painting abstract people inspired by the artist Keith Haring. For their service, they were given a donation from the group hosting the banquet, the money going towards funds for the Club. The last big project of the year is the Art Show, where all art students help set up. Another project the the Club worked on, was going to Patterson Elementary School and helping some of the students make a crafty Mother’s Day present.

Finally the date for NAHS Banquet was set for June 4th and a number of people were inducted in to the National Art Honor Society. All their hard work finally paid off.
It started at 9:30 P.M. on March 19, 2003 as a mission to knock out terrorism in the world, but ended up as a war with the whole country of Iraq. Many lives were lost, many families broken, and the agony of loss filled the country. But due to those young men and women's sacrifices the United States of America is safe once more.

By the end of May 2003, Saddam Hussein was out of power, and peace, freedom and integrity was once again imparted of the Iraqi people. This war was not long or as casualty-filled as other past wars, but those who died to save the lives of the innocent, shall be forever remembered.

George W. Bush took us on a path to purify Iraq and did so with few deaths and few harmed in the line of duty. He and his staff were very adamant about stopping this terror organization, headed by bin Laden, to free the rest of the world from the threat of death and destruction brought by his hand.

*The Freedom of the United States of America vs. Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden in an ongoing war in the Middle East.*

George W. Bush makes a conference speech during one of his many meetings about the war. Below, soldiers dash for the DMZ and their bases during a conflict.

American soldiers dash under the wind of a helicopter's blades, running for the base to begin operations.

News magazines, published every week, headlined the war and the issues that followed. Here, *Newsweek* covers and a *Time* article are shown.

photos courtesy of Newsweek and Time Magazines, both national US Publications.
Brian Greene

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Tecumseh High Sophomore
On the dance floor, many people got their groove on. The music was enjoyed by various types of songs. There was rarely a moment when the floor did not have Prom dancers on it. Everyone always loves to do the YMCA no matter what the attire.

Held on April 26 of 2003, Prom was a beautiful and enchanting evening. The decorations were elegantly displayed in tropical hues. An ocean theme made a calming atmosphere enjoyable to everyone. There were plenty of fish, sea horses and even a giant octopus. The room was set up with plenty of tables, a great dance floor with a throbbing D.J. The picture place was located centrally for everyone to find.

As the attendees arrived, the night became more exciting. The girls all swooned over one another’s dresses, while the guys talked about how good-looking their date was or how much money they had spent already. Everyone was excited to be a part of the action.

Toward the middle of the night, it was time to crown King and Queen. Junior Class President Sam Bauman and Head of Prom Committee Bekka Fox, announced this year’s winners as the crowd waited breathlessly. Greg Dailey and Jenna Schafer were called to the crowns.

At the end of the night, it was established that the Junior class did an excellent job on this year’s Prom. Everyone had a fabulous time, and could not wait for the activities of Afterprom.

2003 Prom King and Queen Greg Dailey and Jenna Schafer were extremely excited to be so appreciated by their classmates. The class-elected couple celebrated during their own special song. It was a beautiful and glamorous night.

By: A. Harriott
Everyone has their own unique style. Ashley Setzekorn proudly presented a zebra print pair of slippers and matching gloves to correlate with her formal.

Spending their last night together before her husband left was our principal, Mrs. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson was leaving to help out in the war effort the following day.

Why have one date when you can have two? The ladies always love a man in uniform and Ray Tuberville demonstrates that here.

Many couples spent the night enjoying each other’s company and the atmosphere of the night. Derrick Miracle and Chyrse Knorr were just one of the many couples who enjoyed the night.

By: A. Harriott
This year at the Afterprom there were many things to do, like group twister, rock climbing and karaoke. The goal was to participate in as many games and activities as you could, so you would get as many tickets as possible to enter into a drawing towards the end of Afterprom. To win a prize they had to draw your ticket; the more tickets you got the better chance of winning a prize. Many of the games you could do numerous times, but the obstacle course was one of the more challenging ones to do, because after a couple of times you would get tired of running or have someone who could beat you through the maze. Even then, you would still receive a ticket for participating in the game or activity.

Many prizes were very nice and many students drooled over the chance to win a new television, stereo, or even a microwave (I mean, what kid would not want a new microwave in their room?). Several prizes ranged from televisions to $25 gift cards from Abercrombie & Fitch and Cabella’s. Other prizes also included gas cards from Mobil and free McDonald value meal slips. Either way you look at it, even if you did not really want the prize, you really cannot beat something free.

During Afterprom, some of the people got down by playing some group twister. Others enjoyed having their fun by singing karaoke. Taking time out of their fun from laughing at the “good” singers at karaoke, they strike a pose for the camera. This was one of the many groups of kids who had a blast that night at Afterprom.

By: Jason Holmes
Music has been the starting point for many events throughout time. Music has filled our school’s hallways with music, starting our school year on a lighter note bringing over 60 freshmen girls together for their first year of high school, enriching their minds and filling their hearts with music. Throughout the year Mrs. Andre has not only taught the girls how to sing, but why to sing. The girls have been educated on the inspiration that music brings to different people and different cultures. During their “Elegant Evening of Song” the girls put all of their hard work and heart from the first semester into their performance by singing an array of festive and joyful songs.

Ms. Neuman and Mr. Honhke were the choir’s student teachers. Ms. Neuman taught the girls the basics of the piano, breath support, and keeping in tune. Mr. Honhke added the finishing touches to the choir’s songs that they sang in their concert. The girls learned more than they bargained for, bringing their voices to a new level. After all of their hard work the girls learned to enjoy and appreciate music in a new light, bringing them to a new starting point.

During the one year anniversary of September 11th, the choirs came together to sing the national anthem. This was the first time Music had the chance to inspire through music.

The girls had the chance to perform solo during their “Elegant Evening of Song.” Performing as a trio were Chelsey Caswell, Kayla Osworth, and Michelle Smith.

To display the girls’ festive side, all the girls dressed in elegant evening gowns. The choirs choice of songs matched their elegant attire.

By: A. Harriot
The Students Against Destructive Decisions decided to emphasize the carnage resulting from the mixture of drinking and driving by personalizing the statistic that "every 22 minutes an American teen dies in an alcohol related traffic accident." The resulting tableau is the representation of a random selection of THS students chosen every 22 minutes during the day from the student enrollment. The 'deceased' were made to appear cadaverous, and of course, to complete the analogy, the Grim Reaper in the back is not counted in the death toll. The school day was not long enough to 'reap' the entire total. If you were disturbed or troubled by the 'deceased' or the Grim Reaper in the halls, try to imagine just how disturbed and troubled the friends and family members of the 23,000 Americans who die each year at the hands of an impaired driver must feel.

At the end of day, all of the 'deceased' gathered together for a group picture. They participated in creating a memorable event.

Elijah Million was 'just a memory' for the day. He was 'killed' along with 18 other students, not including the Grim Reaper.

Todd Hughes never thought that he was going to die on this day. But with his death, he could not talk to anyone for the rest of the day.

The Grim Reaper this year was Adam Dillon. He was said to have been very 'scary and believable'.

Max Gross was filled with emotion when the Grim Reaper came to his classroom to 'kill' him.

By: K. Mohr
When Diana (Dinah) Wakeford retires at the end of this school year, she will leave a legacy of enthusiasm, caring, and compassion. Her many contributions to Tecumseh High School have impacted both staff and students. Mrs. Wakeford began her career dedicating herself to making English relevant to students’ lives. Although she began as an English and French teacher, she went on to specialize in English. One of her interests has been writing and helping students to connect to others through their writing. She has developed many forums to help students foster these connections such as “The Celebration of Writing,” the Creative Writing Club, and “The Poetry Cafe.” All of our lives have been richer because of the hours of dedication Mrs. Wakeford has put into these events. She leaves a legacy of caring about students and staff and fostering the importance of the recognition of a job well done.

A teacher’s life and career cannot be summed up in a few words. Mrs. Wakeford’s continuing commitment to learning and to celebrating life stand as a testament to the vitality that she has added to Tecumseh High School. It is our turn to pay tribute to her years of devotion, and say to her as she has so often said to all of us, “A job well done!”

Written by Mrs. Paula Bowman

This year, Mr. Rex Reinink is retiring from Tecumseh Public Schools. Mr. Reinink’s teaching career has spanned some 32 years, including assignments at Onsted, Hudson, and at the Hillsdale ISD before coming to Tecumseh. Mr. Reinink has distinguished himself as a Special Education teacher, helping hundreds of students realize their potential in Math and other subjects. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Reinink is married to his wife, Susan, and has two sons, Andrew and Ford. He enjoys collecting and restoring vintage automobiles, especially Model A and Model T Fords. He regularly attends car shows and has won several awards for “Best in Class.”

Mr. Reinink has always been known as a caring teacher with a great sense of humor, high expectations, and a down-to-business approach. The students and staff of Tecumseh High School wish him well!

Written by Mr. Walt Beham

Congratulations!
Beginning at 2:00 p.m., students from the Senior Class lined up next to their partner. As the Class of 2003 marched through the hallway and down the stairs of the bleachers, family, friends, and neighbors watched intently. Dressed in black and silver, the pre-graduates headed to the front of the gym to take their seats among their peers. This would be their final time together for high school.

There were thirteen Valedictorians who all gave a speech from the theme of quotes. All were very moving and unique. Mrs. Hutchinson gave one last "the choice is yours," speech. The President of the Board of Education gave a few words of wisdom and the senior choir and band performed one last time.

When all that was over, the Seniors finally got what they were waiting for. After almost two hours the Class of 2003 was finished. Parting words and songs were shared and the graduates were ready to celebrate. Good job and good luck in the future!

Educators and administration dressed in graduation gowns indicating another year gone by. During the presentation of the diplomas, these fine people stood to congratulate the new graduates.

As is the tradition, the Tecumseh High School Band was in attendance to play both "Pomp and Circumstance" and the accompanying to the senior choir.

By: A. Harriott and V. Vassar
German exchange student, Ery Kong, gladly accepts her diploma as proof of her hard work during her stay in the United States.

Mr. Niles congratulates the Class of 2003 and beseeches them to do well in life.

The contrast of silver and black gowns is startling when seen side-by-side filling the giant gymnasium.

The Valedictorians each took a turn at the podium to congratulate and entertain the Class of 2003. Here, Adam DeConinck provides a sock puppet as a visual.

One happy graduate makes her way across the podium. The Yearbook wishes it had enough room to show you all of the bright smiles, like Nichole's, that walked past that day.

By: A. Harriott and V. Vassar
Top Scholars

Crista Andress

Crista is the daughter of Larry and Penny Andress. She has earned many awards, as well as the satisfaction of accumulating a 4.1 GPA. She is a National Merit Scholarship Winner, Who's Who Among American High School Students Inductee, Michigan Merit Award, SEC All-Academic, Honor Roll, and the Scholar-Athlete Award. She has been involved with the National French Honor Society, Girls Golf, French Club, and Winners Circle. Her motivation to do so well in school has been her drive to do the best that she possibly can, as well as the competitive aspect. She feels that she owes credit to her encouraging parents and wonderful teachers for her academic successes, as well as her personal role model Lillian Tenniswood, an admired friend of Crista’s. Her best high school memory has been the bus rides to and from golf matches, because of how they have given her hilarious memories to take with her to college. She is going to the University of Michigan next year to study Nursing.

Melissa Bird

Melissa has earned a cumulative GPA of a 4.061 throughout high school. She is the daughter of Brian and Linda Bird, and along with her family, she owes thanks to her friends for their support, God, and special teachers for her academic successes. She has also been deserving of many awards and honors such as Department of Academic Awards, Jack Ries Scholarship, Senior of the Month, Outstanding Musician of Symphony Band, National Honor Society, and has been involved in the National French Honor Society. She has amazingly had extra time to be involved in many groups throughout the school such as Symphony Band, Marching Band, Field Commanding, Pep Band, Tecumseh Youth Theater Pits, Lenawee County Honors Band, and the University of Michigan Youth Band. Melissa’s best high school memory is standing in front of the marching band her senior year, and hearing the crowd cheer at the Lenawee County Marching Band Festival. In the fall of 2003, Melissa will be attending Eastern Michigan University and is planning to major in Music education.

Greg Dailey

Greg is the son of Jim and Lisa Dailey. He has earned a 4.083 GPA, along with many honors and awards. These include Homecoming King, Class Vice-President, Art Club President, Student Council President, Who’s Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Roll, Who’s Who in Sports, DAR Good Citizen Award, Bronson W. Mansfield Spirit Award, Stubnitz Center Purchase Award, Senior of the Month, SEC Sportsmanship Award, Scholar Athlete Award, three Art Merit Awards, eleven Departmental Awards, Region 3 Art Show, Michigan Merit Award, and lastly Michigan Board of Education Summer Institute. He thanks his parents’ and family’s support for helping him with all of these accomplishments. He also says he has secretly always been motivated by his competitive tendencies. Competing for a common goal always gets him motivated. He is rewarded in the end by his own personal satisfaction and self-accomplishment. In addition to his hard work, he has somehow still had time to be involved in numerous clubs and activities at THS. Examples of these involvements are National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, Student Council, Student Government, Winners Circle, ALLY, PSI, QIT, Art Club, Spanish Club, and SADD. Greg’s role model has always been his older brother Matt, who has shown him everything he has learned from previous experiences. Greg has always looked up to him since he was a little kid, and he still does. In the fall of 2003, he will be attending the School of Art and Design at the University of Michigan. He eventually plans on having an industrial design major, and becoming a product designer for an automotive company. Greg is hoping his graduation day will be his best high school memory.
Adam DeConinck

Adam is the son of Paul and Christina DeConinck, whose support is just one of the many reasons Adam credits for his academic successes. His helpful teachers and caring friends, his inability to contain his curiosity, and the pizza places of Adrian and Tecumseh, (along with caffeine) are the others! Throughout his high school career, Adam has earned a 4.137 GPA, and has received the MTU Scholar Award, is a National Merit Scholarship Winner, and an SEC Honor Student. Besides schoolwork, Adam has been involved in Jazz Band and Tecumseh Youth Theater shows in all four years of high school, Quiz Bowl, Lenawee County Honors Band, and Equations. His best high school memories have been playing the trumpet in numerous shows for TYT. Adam's inspirational role models have been Richard Feynman, Linus Torvalds, Wynton Marsalis, and of course, the awesome Eric Ferwerda! In the fall of 2003, Adam plans on attending Michigan Technological University, where he plans to major in physics with a double minor in computer science and jazz. He would like to eventually pursue a career as a Physicist.

Kate Fetkenhier

Kate is the daughter of Jack and Mary Fetkenhier. Throughout high school she has received many honors and awards, which include being on the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among High School Students, and a Departmental Award for her artistic achievements. Kate is also a member of the Breakfast of Champions, was a regional art show winner, and was able to have her artwork shown at the Governor's Traveling Art Show. She has also had the privilege of being a semi-finalist for the Coca-Cola Scholarship. In addition to all of her honorable mentions, Kate has also participated in numerous clubs and activities throughout her years at Tecumseh High School. She has been involved with the Art Club, French Club, French National Honor Society, SADD, ALLY mentoring, Winners Circle, and Tecumseh Youth Theater. Other activities include being Class President, attending the countywide political convention, being on Student Council, Habitat for Humanity, and still has managed to have time for a dual enrollment program. Kate has also participated in athletics, such as the Junior Varsity Soccer team, where she received an Athletic Participation Award, as well as an Athletic Academic Award. Musically, Kate has been a member of the Adrian Youth Symphony and Tecumseh Pops Orchestra. In the fall, Kate will be attending either Siena Heights University or the University of Michigan to major in English and Philosophy.

Michelle Gleason

Over her four years of high school, Michelle has accomplished a 4.082 grade point average. Michelle is the daughter of Christopher Gleason and Colleen Miller. She owes her deepest gratitude to her family, especially her parents as well as her friends, for helping her to do so well in school. Her desire to succeed has also been a major influential factor. Michelle has earned thirteen Academic Excellence awards, five Student of the Month awards, and a Southeastern Conference All-Academic Award. She has kept herself occupied by being a member of the National Math Honor Society, the Varsity Gymnastics team, National French Honor Society, French Club, and the International Club. She will be taking this last membership a step further and plans to travel to Saint Aran, France, near Toulouse, next year with the Rotary Club to be an exchange student. Her plans after this are still undecided.

Alex Halberstadt

Alex is the son of Eric and Renata Halberstadt. Throughout high school, he has earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.02. He has received many departmental honors and awards, been featured in Who's Who Among American High School Students, as well as Future Leaders of America, Southeastern Conference All-Academic Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Varsity Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, Athletic Excellence Award, Breakfast of Champions, and Academic Excellence Award. Alex was also involved with National Honor Society, and participated on the Golf team, and in the Marching Band all four years of his high school career. He started off in the Concert Band his freshman year, and finished his years as a member of the Symphony Band. Alex credits these academic successes to his family for their support and encouragement. He is constantly motivated by the people who surround him on a daily basis, but can't count out food and money. Alex's best high school memory has been travelling to Washington D.C. with the bands. As he leaves high school, he will be on his way to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, or Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. There, he will be studying Aeronautical Engineering to become a pilot or aircraft designer.
Ashley Hewlett

Ashley is the daughter of her two lovely parents, Paul and Linda Hewlett. Her hard work throughout high school has earned her a 4.08 grade point average, along with many honors and awards. She has been an SEC Scholar Athlete, Who’s Who Among American High School Students, been listed in the National Honor Roll, and has showed her leadership skills as Co-Captain of both the Girls Swim and Lacrosse teams. Her extracurricular activities have included Varsity Swimming, Lacrosse, National Honor Society, SHF, and the French Club. Ashley’s best high school memories involve Mr. Mossburg and Mrs. Hutchinson. In addition to these two staff members, Ashley says that her third role model is Mr. Carl Harsh. She has been motivated all through high school by the rising of the sun every day, and she thanks Jesus el savior Christ for helping her through everything. Ashley is currently undecided about which college she will be attending this upcoming fall, but her ultimate goal will include the field of Medicine.

Mary Kate Lesko

Earning a 4.042 grade point average, Mary Kate has made her parents and role models, George and Barb Lesko very proud. She has received many honors and awards, including NCAA Scholar Athlete of the Year for Lenawee County, SEC Scholar Athlete Award, SEC Sportsmanship Award, Who’s Who Among American High School Students, Kiwanis Senior of the Month, several Departmental and Student of the Month awards, and a 4 year Scholar Athlete and Varsity Letter winner. She has been motivated throughout the years by her desire to succeed, which has provided her with many opportunities and scholarships. She also has participated on the Freshmen Basketball team, Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Golf, National Honor Society, FCA Varsity Club, SADD, ALLY, and has amazingly had a part time job for all four years at the Tecumseh Country Club as well. Mary Kate’s best high school memories haven’t been any of these, however, but rather the normal things that everyone enjoys in high school. Competing in high school sports, attending football and basketball games with her friends, and making it to the state golf finals during her sophomore year are her most memorable events. In the fall of 2003, Mary Kate will be attending either Alma or Hillsdale College, to pursue a major in secondary education in either English or Spanish.

Diana Lewis

Diana is the daughter of Gregory and Sandra Lewis. She has received a cumulative grade point average of 4.021. Particular honors and awards that she has been given include All SEC, All County, and All District for softball. She has also been a Scholar Athlete for each of her four years in high school. She has occupied her time by being involved in numerous activities at THS. These consist of the Varsity Softball team, Freshmen Basketball, Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Basketball, SADD, Winners Circle, French Club, National French Honor Society, Varsity Club, and ALLY. Her motivation to keep going throughout high school has been her parents, who taught her to want to be successful, as well as looking up to her older sister, Jessi, and younger sister, Krista. Diana thanks her family for supporting her, her teachers for helping her through tough times, and her friends for dragging her away from her books on Saturday nights. Diana will be playing softball for Saginaw Valley State University in the fall of 2003, where she plans to major in athletic training. Diana wants to eventually earn her Ph.D. in physical therapy at Grand Valley State University.

Bart Northrup

Bart is the son of Richard and Patricia Northrup. He has received a 4.02 grade point average, and has been Kiwanis Senior of the Month, Rotary Student of the Month, and Student of the Month for Math, Biology, and Music. His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Winners Circle, and Student ALLY. Bart says that his role models have been his Uncle Tom, Mr. Novak, Mr. Rice, and Mrs. Andre. Throughout his hard work he has had many wonderful memories in high school. His favorite memory was band camp his senior year. He served as head drum major for the largest marching band in Lenawee County. He also enjoyed laughing, as he and his best friend dressed like the biggest “dorks” for spirit days! His motivation for his hard work and effort has been music, and the encouragement from teachers, his counselor Mrs. Williams, and his close family and friends. This fall, Bart will be attending Eastern Michigan University and will pursue a career in secondary education with an English major.
Kayla Novak

Kayla is the daughter of Carl and Kathy Novak. She has earned a 4.041 GPA as well as many awards throughout high school. These include Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Roll, Kiwanis Senior of the Month, MHSAA Scholar Athlete Regional Award, Student of the Month in three different classes, as well as various other Academic Awards. Kayla's biggest role model has always been her older sister, Rachel. She also feels that her parents pushing her to always do her best, and not letting her quit when she has been discouraged or frustrated, has helped her to become successful as well. Her biggest motivation to keep trying is her fear of not achieving her goals if she doesn't work hard. However, in addition to all her hard work, she has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities. These include Varsity Swimming, Varsity Track, JV Softball, Varsity Lacrosse, National Art Honor Society, Student Council, Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphony Band, Student Council Officer, and the Class of 2003 Treasurer. Out of all these things, though, her best high school memory has been winning the SMISL Championship with her fellow swimmers in 2002, her senior year. She says that at that point, the team was as close as it's ever been to one another. In the fall of 2003, Kayla will attend Michigan State University, with possible majors of Chemistry and Telecommunications.

Catherine Wimple

As the daughter of Ron and Sharon Wimple, Catherine has earned a 4.038 grade point average. She has been Student of the Month, won Departmental Awards, and received an Academic Letter as well as two gold bars. She owes her own hard work and self-motivation for her successes, as well as the support of her family and friends. She has participated in Jazz Band, Winners Circle, National French Honor Society, ALLY, and Peer Listening throughout high school. Her motivation to keep going has always pushed her to do the best she possibly can. Catherine's best high school memory was being a member of the Saxophone Quartet her freshman year of high school. In the year to come, Catherine will be going to the University of Michigan. She plans on majoring in French, and seeing where that takes her, and she is also considering becoming a teacher.

Jill Rhodaberger

Jill has earned the status of Salutatorian for the year of 2002-2003 at Tecumseh High School. She has received a cumulative grade point average of 3.979. Her parents, William and Deborah Rhodaberger, are the role models that Jill looks up to. She has earned many honors and awards, such as three Student of the Month Awards, Scholar Athlete Award, TICWSS Queen, Departmental Awards in Math, SEC White Division Honorable Mention, All-District Team, Will to Win Gatorade Athlete, and Defensive Midfielder of the Year. She has been busy with other things as well, including being employed at the Daily Grind, Soccer (high school as well as TASC), Postponing Sexual Involvement teacher, and a Micro Soccer Coach. She thanks her wonderful teachers, her supportive and encouraging parents, and her great sister and friends for helping her with all of her academic successes. Her best high school memory has been senior spring break with the girls. In the fall of 2003, Jill will be attending Michigan State University, where she will be studying Nutritional Sciences and Hospitality.
"Be friendly to everyone, whether they're in your 'social group' or not. Making new friends really makes high school fun. Oh, and doing homework is important, too."

"Never give anyone less than your best. You're too important to cheat yourself out of what you deserve."

"Remember to always keep your priorities in mind. Temptations that may result in negative consequences will occur, so you always have to think before acting. This will come with dedication and hard work; however, with any hard work, there should also be time to play hard."

"Care about what you're doing! This applies to academics, band, sports, or anything else. But don't take yourself too seriously, and try to keep your sense of humor!"

"Once you worry about other people, you stop being yourself."

"Learn, but have fun while you're doing it."

"Just relax and have fun. Make sure you get your work done but always save time for friends and good times."
"Be sure to study your student handbook so you know the narrow scope of your rights and privileges for the next four years."

"Work hard, but don't forget to have fun. Make the best of your high school years because it goes by faster than you think."

"Manage your time wisely and you will never have to sacrifice fun for homework. Do your assignments and work hard in class. You don't have to be smart to get good grades; you just have to put some effort into them."

"My advice to future THS graduates is to set goals and work for them, but in the process, remember you are only in high school once, so enjoy it while it lasts."

"Join something - a club, a sport, or some kind of organization! You'll learn time management, interpersonal skills, and make some great friends."

"Don't overbook yourself. Try to find the positive aspect of everything you do."

"Do your work, but don't make it your life. Have fun - it's over before you know it, and get involved with THS!"
The Boys Track Team had yet another year of accomplishments. The team is tough but young with several new freshmen, but they become even stronger with the sophomores, juniors and seniors. They started off with a great season, winning their first meet against Blissfield. They also took 7th place at SEC and 4th at districts, conquering rough competition.

The team put in their best efforts at every meet and kept positive attitudes. The effort and encouragement from the team and from Coach Peterson, led the boys to many victories.

Every one of the team members did their best to contribute to the team’s scores and wins. With several events and runners, only one event could not have taken them to the top. Sprints, distance, hurdles, pole vault, long jump, high jump, discus, and shot needed an athlete to bring home points at every meet for their victory.


By: A. Fender
Coming out with ten new freshmen and a total of twenty-nine girls, the Girls Track Team dealt with many issues. First were all the nagging injuries that come along with running: the shin splints, the ankles, knees, hips, and all the other aches and pains. Not only did the girls fight through these injuries, they made sure their times improved. Second, the girls wanted to make sure they reached every one of their goals. As the season progressed the girls' times improved and they pushed themselves to reach each goal they made for themselves.

Going on to Regionals was the next step, where only the top sixteen runners were able to participate. Ending in a good position the girls placed fourth out of sixteen teams. Moving on to States were Jessica Boldon in Hurdling, Niki Clark in Pole Vault, and the 400 Meter Relay, and the 1600 meter relay team. Jessica Bolden placed 8th in the 300 hurdles earning a medal at States. With an overall record of 0-4, the girls did very well individually making sure each goal was met. Although they did not win every meet, the girls did a great job keeping their spirits up.

Looking for the finish line is Megann Lahnala. Megann was also a Long Jumper.

Preparing for field events are the Tecumseh Girls Track members. These are the throwers for disc and shot.

This year's Lacrosse season has had its ups and downs; with the good games played and the bad games played, they've still pulled through. Despite the loss of all but three starters of the 2002 season, the season still looks promising. The Captains Dan Adair, Chase Griffith, and Chris LaFernier gave all the guys someone to look up to and follow. This year, there have been numerous additions to the team. Picking up the slack seemed to be no problem, because the team wanted the win and was very dedicated. The biggest rival is Lincoln; the guys Lacrosse team has never lost to them, and they still didn't want to. Keeping the state championship was in everyone's eyes; but to get there they all had to work as a team. With many injuries, ranging from a broken leg to a broken collar bone, all of the guys had to play much harder to help fill the other members' spots on the team. One of the captains, Dan Adair, was sidelined for the season after a tough game against Holt Lansing on April 25. Even though Dan was out for the rest of the season, he still came to all the practices and all of the games, to support his team as much as he could. Some of the injuries have not been related to games, but still the loss of a player can severely damage the team's performance. But the team had heart and determination, and with that they pulled off a great and meaningful season.

With the help of a Lacrosse clinic that Mr. Marble ran in the fall (during the end of September and early October), it got many of the new players more deeply interested in the sport, as well as many middle schoolers. Mr. Marble decided to become the new and first coach of the Tecumseh Middle School Boys Lacrosse Team. West Marble became the head coach of the High School Team and was assisted by a few returning players of last year's championship team. The players of the 2003 season did a wonderful job with the conditions they faced and most of them will return for an even better season next year.

Tearing up the field was first year player Dan Miller, who was a big part of the Indians' attack force. Number 21 had no problem fitting in by scoring goals and adding assists for the Orange and Black.

Chase Griffith holds up his arms to let the boys run for the ball. Chase was a big help at the Lacrosse clinic in the fall.

Attackman Tyge Riley was fighting for the ball against a well-rounded Mattawan Lacrosse team. This year Tyge did a great job by leading the team in goals for the season.

With sticks in the air, Tecumseh gives the chant of respect to the opposing team. The Indians showed a lot of class and character this year as they sang the fight song for the fans when they won, and had nothing but respect for each other and the other teams. Even through the hard times of the season, the players kept their heads up and still played hard by believing in themselves all the way.

By: D. Miller
Whacking away on his opponent was Captain Chris LaFernier. In Chris’s last season on the Tecumseh team, he played very hard and did a great job leading his defense to victories.

Goalie Matt Ayre played a great season in the net for the Indians. In only his first year as goalie, Matt proved that he had what it takes to keep the ball out of the Indians’ net.

Moving his position to midfield was Ian Clearwood, who had a great, hard season. Ian suffered a broken collarbone in a game at the Holland tournament, which was a big loss for the Indians.

In his very first year as a member of the Tecumseh Lacrosse team, Max Gross does a little stick handling to help get by the defense. This season Max showed tons of enthusiasm towards the team and people knew he came to play.

Captain Dan Adair came out this season playing hard and scoring goals; but in a game against Holt Lansing, he suffered a broken leg. This was a devastating loss for the Indians’ team, but Dan kept coming to all the games to show his love and support for the team.

Waiting anxiously for play to restart was Dustin Johnson, who played a dominating and physical game all year. As an attackman, number 36 took second place in scoring runs for Tecumseh.

Walking away from another win, you can see the friendship between the coach, West Marble, and his players. The Indians showed great sportsmanship all through the season, both on and off the field.

By: D. Miller
Intensity, determination, and skill. These are only a few of the things that Girls Lacrosse stands for. Although they may not have always ended their games as winners, they gave it their all against some of their toughest opponents. Starting the season with a competitive game against South Lyon, it was rewarding when they won: 12-10. The ladies took it away this season. Their goal this year was to walk away with the State Championship in the C division. With all the new players (most of them freshmen), the team has come together very well and has played as one.

As well as new players, there was an addition in the coaching area. Heather Holmes, the JV coach, is a graduated former Lacrosse player from Tecumseh. She has made an extraordinary difference in the Girls Lacrosse lives. Mrs. Lee, another assistant, is a great deal of help in Lacrosse. She is always on top of things. Coach Lee was the girls’ eyes on the side lines. She was in charge of the line up and watching to see who needed substitutes on the field. Mrs. Marble, the Girls Lacrosse Coach is the one who has made the team so great this year. In practice, she worked the girls to their fullest potential, and she pushed them to where she knew they could go.

Off and on the field, offensive and defensive players would gather for a plan. Working together not only as a team, but as friends, they were able to actually make their plays work. Thanks to all of the ladies’ efforts; they have made it a great season.

As a result of the team’s hard work the girls beat Notre Dame Prep 9 to 8 in overtime in the quarter final playoff game. That game was dedicated to their goalie, Megan Deming. “Words cannot be found to express how amazing Megan was in the Goal,” said Kaitlin Williams, Megan’s last line of defense.

In the semi-final playoff the girls lost to Swartz Creek 6 to 7. The seniors, Megan, Kaitlin, Ashley Hewlett, and Holly Littlefield will be greatly missed next season, both for their skill as Lacrosse players on the field and as supporters off the field.

Co-Captain Ashley Hewlett sets a pick as Kate Lee dodges the opponents while she runs to score another goal. Setting up behind her is offensive player Stephanie Boldon.

One of our strongest offense players is Arwen Johnson. She used her aggressiveness and good stick skills to get the ball back. (below) Stephanie Boldon “wheels” her way down the field for yet another goal for the girls.

By: H. Littlefield
After a tough game against South Lyon, the girls pulled through with a victorious win of 12-10. This was a great way to start out the season with a win that will lead them to the finals.

Freshman Stephanie Boldon pushes her way through South Lyon's defense to recover the ball for yet another goal.

Captains' Corner

"For having so many first year girls, we had an awesome season! We really worked together and that's why we did so well. We hope to improve our record next year."
-Emily Buehler & Stephanie Boldon

"Oh my gosh, I can't believe how much we've improved since last year. We started near the bottom, and worked our way up to the top, and I'm proud to be a JV Captain. Hey, the ladies from Tecumseh are goin' to playoffs, baby!"
-Emily Potter

"With all the newcomers on the team, I was surprised and impressed at how well the team came together. I'm gonna miss it a lot next year! Kick butt next year for me girls!"
-Megan Deming

"Wow. What a season! I think we finally proved ourselves and hopefully did away with being the black sheep of THS athletics. The cliffhanger games and playoffs showed how much heart we had. It has been a great three years. Good luck to you wonderful ladies next season."
-Ashley Hewlett

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Goin' to playoffs, baby!

By: H. Littlefield
ith it only being its second year back as a sport, Tecumseh Gymnastics has returned with tremendous effort and achievement. The team was very young, but we did not show it at all, winning a total of 6 meets and losing only 4. Many people say Gymnastics is a very intimidating sport because it takes so much concentration and determination to do what needs to be done for your team. With a new coach in the picture this year, Jane Baker was a great help in making the team a success. Jenny Posten, head coach, was also a great help to the team, choreographing everyone’s routines.

Working hard as a team was what we needed this year. Not only individually, but working as a team is what got us to where we wanted to be. This is not only an individual sport, but a team sport. Functioning together as a team was one of our greatest accomplishments this year. In order to succeed, they had to work together. It’s not only you that matters, but the entire group. You do not necessarily need tremendous experience, but you need the strength and mental ability to keep focused on each event. Cheering your teammates on pumps them up to achieve a great routine and performance. Each individual starts out at a 10.0 start value and the judges deduct from that. A mistake such as a bent leg could cost you a tenth of a point. Winning is not the only thing that matters; it’s the goals you want to pursue that count.

Winning their first Invitational at Ypsilanti was a great accomplishment this year. Going on to Regionals as a team and individually was not difficult. Stephanie Nowak made it to State for vault and bars this year.

Setting up for a release move, Sheila Fender makes her way around the bar. Sheila had one of her best seasons on bars.

Working hard to keep her arms straight, Lindsay Coffman continues through her routine. It takes tremendous upper body strength to get through a complicated bar routine.

Warming up and getting ready to vault is Katie Ryder. Katie did front hand springs on the vault.

1st Row: Coach Jenny Posten, Amanda Fender, Caitlin Valley, and Megan Hensley. 2nd Row: Michelle Gleason, Katie Ryder, Carli Tuberville, Kristina Steele, and Sheila Fender. 3rd Row: Lindsay Coffman, Sarah Creswell, Sara Belcher, Tara King, and Stephanie Nowak.

By: S. Fender
Members from this skillful team started strong and finished with loads of energy this season. The team practiced every day after school for at least an hour and a half, and the team learned perfect practice pays off.

Even with injured players, the Junior Varsity Softball Team worked extremely hard both in the games and their strenuous practices. Coached by Erin Lipps, the team was encouraged to try their hardest, which in turn, lead to their success this season. Lindsay Estala and Whitney Weirich noted, "With mostly a team of freshmen, we’ve had a really good season so far. One of our goals, as a team, is to finish the season as strong as it started."

Pitcher Sara Hawes winds up for her next fastball. Sara was a key player in the team’s victories.

An important part of the team, Whitney Weirich anticipated the next play. As third baseman, she showed superior effort at every game.

Huddling for some last minute tips, the team anxiously awaits the start of their game. Coaches Barkway and Lipps played an important role in the team’s success.

Congratulating each other, the team jumps into a huddle. The team showed much enthusiasm after an outstanding performance.

By: K. Pilbeam
Battling at the plate with a Dexter pitcher, Megan Stephenson anxiously waits as the ball sails towards her. Tecumseh batters had few problems with opposing pitchers this year scoring at least 10 runs in 14 of their 39 games.

Tecumseh High School, like any other high school, is filled with many traditions, and much work goes into keeping those traditions alive. A prime example of this is the Girls Varsity Softball team, and their tradition of having one of, if not the most successful, sports programs at Tecumseh High. The girls practice constantly throughout the year, and put in countless hours of hard work, which in turn leads to superior seasons and enhanced winning percentages like that of this year’s .692. The team finished with a season record of 27 and 12 placing among the top in several tournaments throughout the duration of the season. The team started the season off strong with an 18-3 record, then fell into a six game losing streak. The team rebounded fast, winning the next 9 of 11 games. The team finished out the season in the playoffs finally losing to Chelsea in a hard fought District game, with the score of 0 to 3.

Coach Lewis, after practically building and maintaining this outstanding program, let this season be his last, and retired after a decade of coaching. Junior pitcher, Becky Hawes, said this about the coach and his last season. "Coach Lewis is a great coach, and we were all happy to see him get his 300th win this year. It will not be the same without him and the entire team will miss him next year."

Left to right - Top Row: Coaches Pelham, Lewis, and Smith. Middle Row: Jenny Carlson, Becky Hawes, Tarah Torres, Megan Stephenson, Sarah Bigelow, Alli Campbell, Emily Kellepoury. Bottom Row: Colby LaVoie, Jensey Faiman, Courtney Smith, Stacy Frick, Diana Lewis, Lauren Newsted.

Outfielders Jensey Faiman (left), Lauren Newsted (middle) and Alli Campbell (right), congregate in centerfield before each inning starts. Each girl has her hands full every single at bat, making plays on fly balls, long grounders, and backing up throws in the infield.

By: J. Fanslau
Junior catcher, Colby LaVoie, takes her turn batting at the plate, after half an inning of playing behind it.

With two runners in scoring position, Tara Torres on third base gets prepared to run home.

Senior right fielder, Ali Campbell, works the count and watches the first pitch go by.

A little constructive criticism never hurt anybody, right? The coaches of this softball team would surely abide by that! Coaches Lewis, Smith, and Pelham were never hesitant to tell each girl what she was doing wrong and how to improve whenever they saw fit.

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By: J. Fanslau
This year was a learning and sometimes rough experience for the Freshmen squad. Since this was their first year of high school baseball, the team came into the season not knowing what to expect. Captain Joe Hill said, "We got off to a rough start, but I think we pulled it together in the end."

Many of the players had trouble working together with guys they hadn't yet played with on the field, and Coach Hill had to work extra hard with the team to get them to play well with their teammates. After about five games, they really started to play as a team and they pulled out some wins. Finishing with a record of 7-14 was kind of a disappointment for the team, but they knew they had learned a number of new skills throughout the season. The Freshmen team plans to use this season as a building year, and hope to have a very successful team next season.

Cheering the batter on from the dugout, the team gets up to see the next play. Constant cheering from the team was a big motivation for the batter.

Swinging and missing, the opponent searches the field for the ball, but can't seem to spot it in the catcher's glove. The excellent pitching was a key defense for the team.

By: T. Fanslau
Having a team full of sophomores, the JV Baseball Team did very well. Baseball is not a simple sport; the batting skills, and the hand-eye coordination are very important. The guys needed to work as a team and they made sure it was done. Practicing hard and focusing before each game helped them to win, and knowing what flaws they needed to work on by practicing them over and over again, made them a stronger team. This sport is very dependent on individual effort. When these guys get out on that field to catch that fly ball or go up to bat, there isn’t always a teammate there to help them.

Finishing the season with a record of 18-11, the boys had a great year. Overall the team improved by working together and by working individually. It was a great and memorable season.

Junior Jason Baldwin awaits his turn in the dugout to help out his team. Catching a rest after pitching, he can’t wait to get a swing at the ball.

Walking out to take his place on the field is Coach Schmidt.

Huddling together after an inning, the boys would go over the game plan for the next inning. These talks could have very well kept the team in contention in most games.


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By: Z. Fox
A new season, a new coach, and a whole new beginning. The Tecumseh Baseball program brought in Rusty Frank along with assistant Geoff Blow to lead the Varsity Team in coaching this year. The team was made up of mostly juniors, but was accompanied by strong senior players. The team was team led by Captains Josh Craig, Josh Skeels, Taylor Clement, and Brad Cannon. Also contributing to the team was transfer freshman Alex Ernsburger from Pittsburgh, and sophomore shortstop Nick Doman. The team had adjustments to make with hitting and pitching, but as the season progressed, the team built up their skills and put it all together to be successful. The team finished with an overall record of 14 and 21, and also finished second in the SEC. The Indians eliminated Hillsdale in the first round of the District, 9-2, and in the finals the team won the District, by beating the number two ranked Chelsea Bulldogs. The Indians were eliminated by New Boston Huron in the Regionals to a score of 5-4.
As the team comes in from the field, they come together to encourage each other to do better in the next game. Encouragement was needed throughout the season, because of the hard fought losses the team had to put up with.

New Coach Rusty Frank hits grounders to the team. Coach brought in his new style and hopefully will bring a good program to Tecumseh.

Throwing the ball back, Taylor Clement warms up the pitcher. Taylor was a team leader, and was a good all-around player for the team.

Warming up for the next game, Mike Armentrout gets ready. Mike was always ready when called upon for pitching.

Taking some practice swings, Jason Short gets ready for the next game. Jason was the leader in almost every category for the team.

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By: J. Hollenbeck
The JV Cheerleaders smile brightly as they perform one of the many cheers they learned this season. With many new additions to the team, the girls all caught on very quickly.

The Junior Varsity Cheerleading team had a fun and exciting season this year. Led by their new coach, Amber Million, the girls were quickly whipped into shape, doing a series of crunches, push-ups, weight lifting, and running at each practice. The JV team concentrated solely on sideline cheer, unlike years of the past, and were able to support their team fully at all home games. Furthermore, the girls managed to impress the fans with their half-time show. It took them six weeks to perfect, but the benefits of this were clearly demonstrated during their performance at the Dexter game. Their routine involved many difficult skills and stunts that required the strictest discipline. However, minutes before their game, a member of the team came down with a highly contagious illness, forcing the girls to reorganize without their team member. Despite this drawback, the cheerleaders managed to pull together, and amaze their crowd. This season has been awesome. "We cheered as a team, and worked so hard on our stunts. In the end it really paid off," said freshman Devan Knittel. The JV Cheerleaders’ hard work and dedication would definitely be the key to their season’s big success.

“Indians fans we wanna see you stomp and shake it, stomp and shake it!” The cheerleaders show off another exciting cheer.

At one of team’s home games, the crowd anticipates their next cheer while the cheerleaders get ready to begin. The crowd was very supportive of the girls.

The Varsity Sideline and Competitive Cheer team had a very difficult, but rewarding season. They started the season off with fourteen members: eight seniors, three juniors, and three sophomores. But as the season went on, the squad's number and spirit quickly diminished. After suffering several losses just one week short of their first competition, the girls had to quickly readjust everything that they had learned. The girls faced a tremendous challenge, but met that challenge head on.

When their first competition came just one week later, the girls had an awesome performance, scoring 365 points, at least a hundred-point increase from years of the past. Furthermore, as the season progressed the girls continued to get better and better with each competition. The Cheerleaders ended up finishing the season with their highest score in the last four years of competition with a score of 493.5 points. The Varsity Cheerleaders proved to be remarkable athletes, and will only continue to get better as time goes on!

"Rebound that basketball!" The Varsity Cheerleaders cheer on the basketball team during one of the season's exciting home games.


At their last home game ever, the Cheerleaders come together one last time. The girls really pulled together and had an awesome season.

By: M. Kenward

The girls fire up the crowd while performing one of their new and exciting sideline cheers. All of the cheers were learned by the new members in just a few short weeks.

Performing their new stunt this year are Shelby, Jessi, Kim, and Jessica. The girls worked very hard on all their stunts this year, and came out on top!
Tecumseh JV Soccer had a great season this year. With tons of experienced Sophomores and many good Freshmen coming in, these girls went into the season not expecting to lose too many games. JV Soccer is all about pride; you don’t get to go to districts and play for a title, you don’t get anything for winning the SEC; you’re just playing for pride and the ability to brag when you beat a team.

This was a very good season for the Tecumseh Girls JV Soccer, with an abundance of freshmen stepping up in key roles for the team. They came together well to form a very strong and well-rounded team. The girls did very well this year and can look back on the season, knowing that they gave it their all and did the best they could to make this a memorable 2003 JV Girls Soccer season.

Always one step ahead of the competition, Marcy Brus (left) and Casey Snyder (right) used their quick feet and fast speed to outrun their opponents.

Trying to take the ball away from Laura Sandoval was not an easy task. She used her fine shielding skills to keep the ball in her possession all season.

Challenging the ball, Lauren Bohannon did a great job controlling the center of the field all year long. With her great passing skills and good vision, Lauren was always able to find the open player.

Above: The team gets together for the pregame pep-talk. Throughout the year the team was always there to give each other support. Left: Laura Sandoval always found a way to get open to receive the ball.

By: J. Lopez
The Varsity Girls Soccer team started off the season with some exciting matches that built some momentum towards the latter portion of the season. One of the team’s accomplishments this year was defeating rival Adrian Maple in both games the two teams faced off. The season was up and down always riding on momentum, and unluckily the momentum ended low. The team finished the season losing against Dexter in the first game of Districts. Junior Captain Brianne Lee summed up the season like this, ”Our team was determined to win every game no matter who we were playing. We always played our hardest at every second, and I am very proud of all of the girls for giving it their all.”

Midfielder Lydia Hall owns the middle portion of the field as she dribbles the ball around a Columbia Central opponent. Defen$eman Kelly Snyder (right) and Goalie Apryl Hall (below left) both watch anxiously and supportively as Lydia pushes towards the goal.

If you believe a person cannot use their hands in soccer, you are clearly mistaken. Midfielder, Cally Steele shows that she will use all parts of her body to knock opposing players away from the ball, including her hands.

TOP ROW (left to right): Coach Dave Smith and Assistant Coach Jason Smith. THIRD ROW: Mary Stucky, Kendra Durkee, Megan Ireland, Ashleigh O’Lano, Carli Tuberville, Cally Steele. SECOND ROW: Cheyenne Hux, Aimee Ross, Kendra Gafner, Kelly Snyder, Lydia Hall, Jill Rhodaberger. FIRST ROW: Lauren Koch, Brandy Wiley, Brianne Lee, Chelsea Hughes, Apryl Hall.

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If you needed to say something about this year’s Girls Golf team in under five words, it would be best described right out of the mouth of the coach himself: That this group of girls "hold all of the records." One might say that is not much of a feat seeing how Girls Golf has only existed six years. But now the bar is set and for years to come, girls will be aiming to beat the scores that these girls put up. This year the team placed sixth in the regional tournament with a score of 382. In the quads the team finished third place almost every time with scores of 198, 197, 203 and a 212. Congratulations to all.

In front of a crowd, Jenny Riley is being acknowledged for winning medalist honors at the SEC tournament. Jenny is not in an unusual position here since she earned medalist almost every chance she got.

Waiting their group’s turn to tee off, Mary Kate Lesko, Nicole Parish, and Jenafier Schafer speak to girls from the Columbia Central team, who they were set to play that day. Since golf is a sport in which you battle yourself more than your opponent, a more friendly atmosphere is evident and connecting with players from other schools is easier.

By: J. Fanslau
Pinning a winning spot in 26 out of 31 meets, and setting a new school record, the Tecumseh Wrestling team proved that they have what it takes. The 2002-2003 season drew the attention of many new fans, and the guys worked hard to do well, not only for the fans, but for the team as well. Taking home championships in the 2003 SEC, Team Districts, Team Regional, and qualifying as State Quarter-Finalists, the team was able to celebrate many victories throughout the year.

With the lead of Captains Justin Sivils and David Wines, the twelve incoming freshmen were able to help fill the shoes of those who had graduated from last year’s lineup.

Tournament/Invitationals

SEC TOURNAMENT- 1st
CLINTON INVITATIONAL- 3rd
JACKSON COUNTY WESTERN INVITE- 5th

Individual Districts:

Chris Jenkins 1st
Justin Sivils 2nd
Brad Cannon 3rd
Jason Coffman 3rd
Andrew Yarbrough 4th

All tied up in knots? Think again! It’s moves like these that helped earn the wrestlers championships in both Regional and District matches.

The crowd watches as John Ahearn (bottom) pins his opponent. The support of the fans helped to motivate the wrestlers at many of their meets.

Brad Cannon (top), who placed 3rd in his weight class in the individual districts, gets his opponent right where he wants him.

All photos taken by:
Mary Kate Lesko

A take-down for Drew Lesko! This was a year for the underclassmen to show what they were made of. Many of the wrestlers improved over the summer and helped to make the team stronger.


By: C. Swart
Working together as Principal and Assistant Principal were Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Niles. Both had different challenges they had to meet in only 172 days. Mr. Mobley and Mr. Mossburg kept the students in line this year, dealing with attitudes and dress codes.

The Guidance Office has helped us decide what classes we need to take through our four years and what the future may bring. The Guidance Office staff includes: Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Quinnell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Winkler, and all the aides that helped.

The Main Office staff was great this year, helping out with everything possible. Without them, Tecumseh High School would not be where it is at today. The THS office staff includes: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Manwaring and Mrs. Ford. We would also like to thank the Athletic Department which includes Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. Greiman, for all their help with the sporting events. We would like to thank all those office aides who helped, too. You made it a lot easier on the staff.

Teachers. They tell you what to do, and give you the education you need and lots of homework. Without all the teachers of Tecumseh High School, no student would have an education. Thank you to those students who were teacher aides this year. You know how much the teachers appreciated all of your hard work.

Without our wonderful staff at Tecumseh High School, we would not be able to function as well as we do. Tecumseh teachers and staff have helped us improve our education and open our minds to prepare us for the world we are going out into. All THS students want to thank the staff for their wonderful work.

By: A. Fender

Back row (l-r) Mike Shilts, Chris Shonk, Clayton Davis, Scott Albig, Chris Talbot. 3rd row (l-r) Meghan Poisson-Dewitt, Erin Lilie, John Wilson, Ben Curly, Kyle Steele. 2nd row (l-r) Sarah Hart, Angela Wise, Kate Lee, Casey Sullivan, Matt Ayre. 1st row (l-r) Joe Berges, Mrs. Bowman, Eric Sullivan.

The winners from the Quiz Bowl championship proudly display their trophies. After a long day of brain power, they celebrate their victories.

Getting ready to head out for the day is the Quiz Bowl Team. They had many victorious tournaments throughout the entire season.

Math can be taught in many ways. Building blocks and learning new strategies to solve problems is what is learned best during equations.

Quiz Bowl and Equations are two very competitive academic clubs that challenge students to raise their level of thinking and learning.

Quiz Bowl has a JV and Varsity team with five players each. The teams hold weekly practices during their season from December through March. Mrs. Bowman coaches the team while Mrs. Berges assists her during the meets. This year the team dominated the tournament at the Lenawee County Fair which put them in the running for state finals at MSU.

Equations did just as well this year. Their team competed at the Lenawee County Equations Super Tournament which was held on April 21, 2003 at the Vo-tech Center. The team's three divisions had a 2nd and two 3rd place finishes.

By: A. Harriott
The 2003 Senior Mystery Trip was a very well-kept secret by the staff and volunteers of THS. Not even Mr. Mossburg knew where the stops were.

First things first: sign in at 7:00 am in the cafetorium. The seniors signed up for one of three busses, Red, Yellow, or Green, and were then pleasantly surprised by a flying flap-jack breakfast served by caterers Chris' Cakes.

Boarding the busses, the group took a one and a half hour trip north, watching the class video on the way. First stop was C.J. Barrymore's, a mini-golf, laser-tag, pool-shooting and arcade entertainment center.

Two hours later, the seniors and chaperones left Barrymore's and headed on for a half an hour to Greenfield Village, where they were treated to the IMax theatre showing of Lewis and Clark. The cinematography and views of the United States that were shown were spectacular.

By: V. Vassar
On the road again! Everyone was very surprised to find themselves at a wonderful banquet restaurant called Portobella's. There, the seniors and chaperones met a few entertaining waiters/waitresses and watched the seniors receive their class-voted awards. Had there been one more award, “Most Entertaining Award Acceptance” would have gone to Cole Corey and Matt Dunn.

One more stop. Or so the day-trippers thought! The next-to-the-last stop of the night was to take a boat ride along the Detroit shoreline, up through to Toronto and back. First floor of the boat had a DJ for hanging out and dancing, the second floor contained tables for tournaments of Euchre or Blackjack, and the topmost level was perfect for those who needed to get away from the noise and just catch up with old friends.

Finally, the trip ended after a midnight skatery run. There was pizza and games, and everyone was amused to see Mr. Moosburg playing the crawling game and the bus drivers that came skating with us. The senior class would like to thank all who made this trip possible— it was very, very memorable.

By: V. Vassar
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