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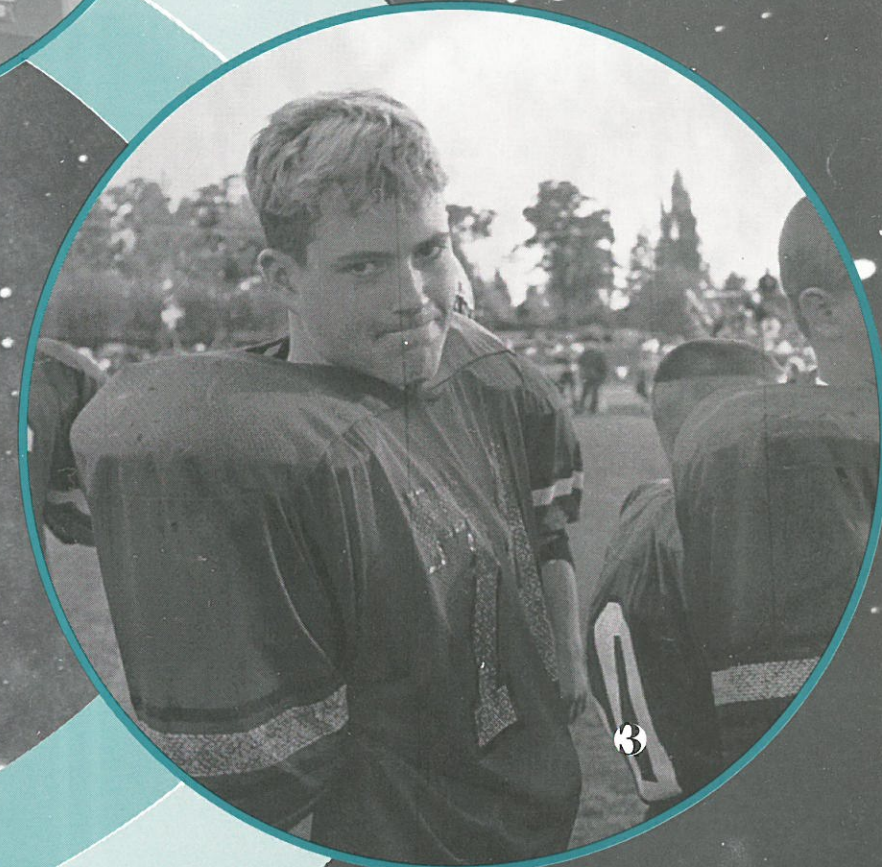
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1. D Duff and B Taylor took a break from Computer 1.

2. RHS cheerleaders performed a stunt for the Homecoming pep assembly.

1. Trumpet players used their time wisely in 6th period Band.

2. Tiffany K in Mrs Schrag's study hall.

3. L Condon at a home football game.

4: N VanVleet worked hard in Computer 1.

5. Roxanne B. and D Roth played sax in band after lunch.

Years of Service

AND

Dedication

Warp into the life of Dorothy A. Armstrong. While growing up, Mrs. Armstrong attended school in Redwing, Minnesota, and high school in Pasco, Washington. She has three brothers, three step brothers, and one sister. After high school she attended Columbia Basin College and Eastern Washington University.

She has been married to Rolland Armstrong for 34 years. They have two grown children, Yvette Armstrong and Lori Armstrong. She has reached two of her life goals: being a good wife and a good mother.

Another life goal was to be a good teacher. In her career Mrs. Armstrong has successfully taught P.E., kindergarten, and has been a tennis coach.

She has effectively taught third grade for 11 years. She has

taught in Ritzville for 30 years.

Mrs. Armstrong has many hobbies. She enjoys tennis, collecting stamps and coins, and cooking. She is involved in bowling, computers, church, and a Bridge group.

After retiring Mrs. Armstrong plans to continue helping at school, and hopes to garden and travel.



Mrs. Armstrong



Mrs. Babbitt

She enjoys most about Ritzville, "The children, the parents, my fellow teachers and staff, as well as the wonderful administrators."



Vel J. Babbitt has stolen every kids heart since she entered the field of education 23 years ago.

Ever since she was a little girl, she has cared for her family. She grew up with two younger brothers, Rick and Reed. Her parents are Ralph and Henene Robertson.

In college she met Bob Babbitt, and they have been married for 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt have reared four children, Jill, Mike, Teresa, and Mary Beth, who all attended RHS.

Her hobbies are reading, traveling, sewing, swimming, boating, and being with her grandkids.

She has lived in Eastern Washington most of her life. She started her life in Rockford and then moved to Spokane, Pomeroy, and now Ritzville. Mrs. Babbitt has been in Ritzville for the past 35 years.

While in high school at Freeman Mrs. Babbitt was on the annual staff and helped create layouts and copies.

She taught in Moses Lake for 4 years as a sixth grade teacher and reading specialist. She came to Ritzville to work as a librarian and has done that for 19 years. Mrs. Babbitt plans to travel when she retires and wants to spend more time at their cabin on Priest Lake.

"One of my goals as an educator has always been to instill in students a love and excitement for learning and reading."

(left) Mrs. Armstrong in High School
(right) Mrs. Babbitt from 1968

Layout By: Rebekah L and J Grant

Messages From Beyond

These past four years we have watched you all grow, mature, compete and be successful in sports and other activities. It has created for us memories that we'll cherish always. You're a great bunch of kids! We wish you the best!
Ron and Joy Russel

Damon,
Spoon!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jason,
You've worked hard and accomplished a lot. We're proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations on a job well done Roxanne!
Love,
Clint and Julie Biggar

Congratulations, Kristian!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

John,
Thanks for all the memories.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Wade, and Daniel

Brady,
We wish you success and happiness!
DMBCGGGUAC

Dove,
I will praise you when you win, and share your pain if you lose....always, I will accept you for who you are, and not for how much or how little you achieve. I will strive to bring out the best in you while forgiving your faults. I won't expect perfection in either of us.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Alicia,
you are my daughter - you are also my friend. I love you.
Mom

Katie,
We saved the best for last! You're quite the dessert.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Our Caroline Contrary achieves in academics, in talent, in fun. Best wishes as you continue on to the big wide world.
Love,
Mom and Dad

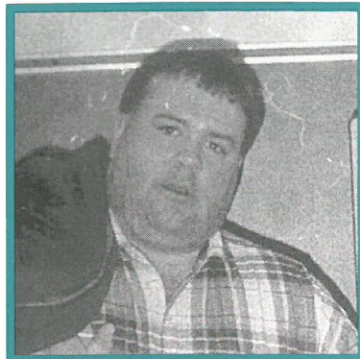
Nathan, We are so proud of your many accomplishments. Your hard work has paid off. But we are more proud of who you are! Just always remember: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths." Prov. 3:6
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Ryan,
We know life hasn't been easy, but we're proud of you for working as hard as you have. You're a good person. We would also like to thank you for making it through school, for putting up with us, and for helping with your family. We wish you all the best in the future and may God be with you always
With all our love, Mom and Dad

Ryan D,
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. Fly Ryan!
Love, Mom and Dad

Andrew,
Congratulations on a job well done! I love you
Success always!
Grandma

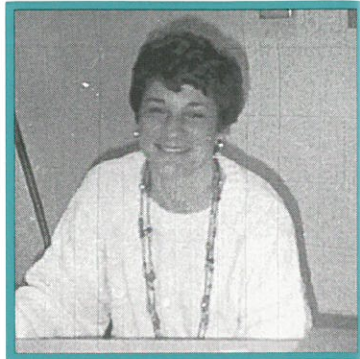
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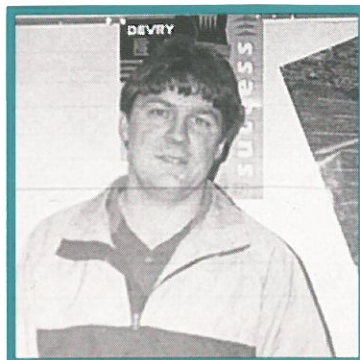
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CWP, History, Geography



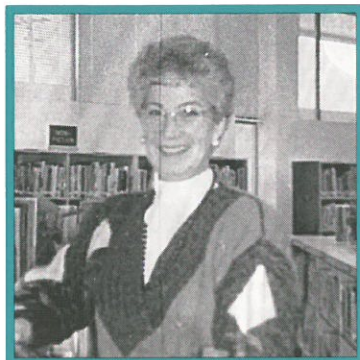
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Spanish



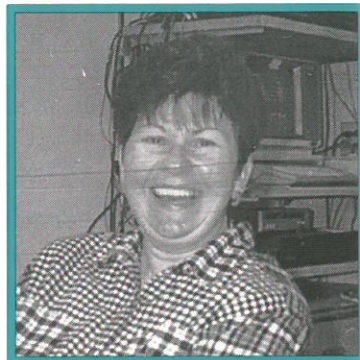
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Spec Ed, Math



Greg Whitmore
Physical Education



Vel Babbitt
Librarian



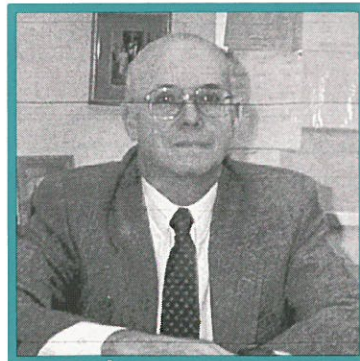
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Office Aid and TV 101



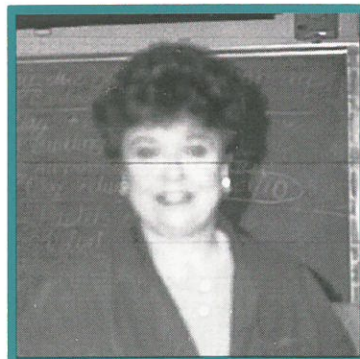
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Counselor



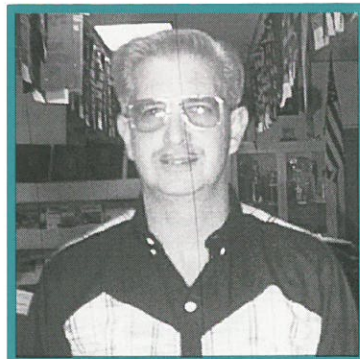
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Superintendent



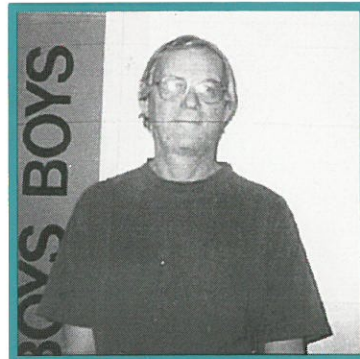
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Principal



Linda Schrag
Art and Annual

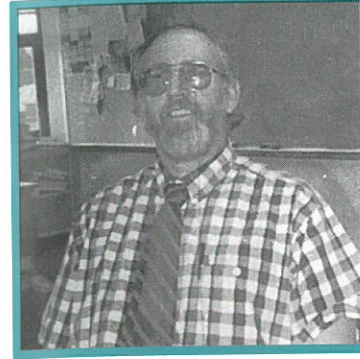


Mike Schrag
Vocational Ag



Brian Hilzer
Janitor

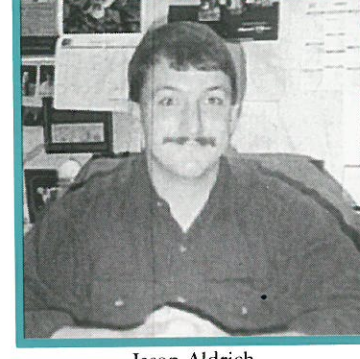
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Mike Lynch
Algebra, Physics, Calculus



Kris Schwisow
English



Jason Aldrich
Science



Sandy Atkinson
Librarian



Ronna Miller
District Office Secretary



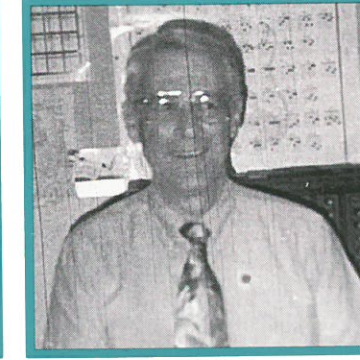
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Secretary



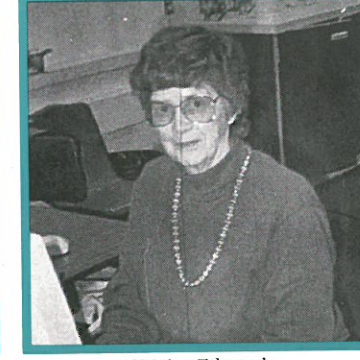
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Secretary



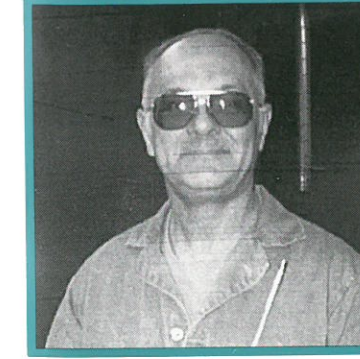
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Home Ec



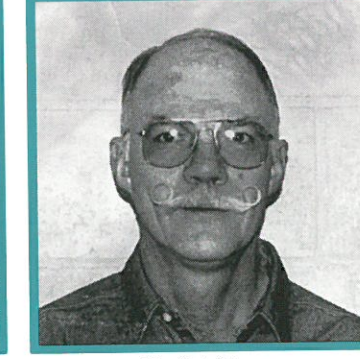
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Band and Chior



Shirley Edwards
Business Education and English 1



Lamar Thiel
Grounds/Woodshop Asst

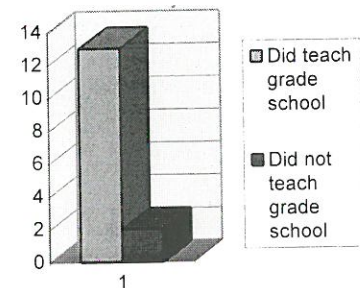


Deni Atkinson
Groundskeeper

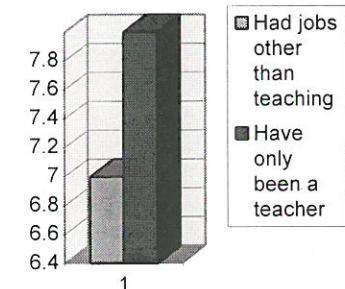


All Bus Drivers: H Undeburg, J Talley, T Kadlec, N Janzen, L Ziebell, L Knoll, J Koehler, L Coleman, J Miller, J Way.

Teachers that have taught grade school



Teachers that have had jobs besides teaching

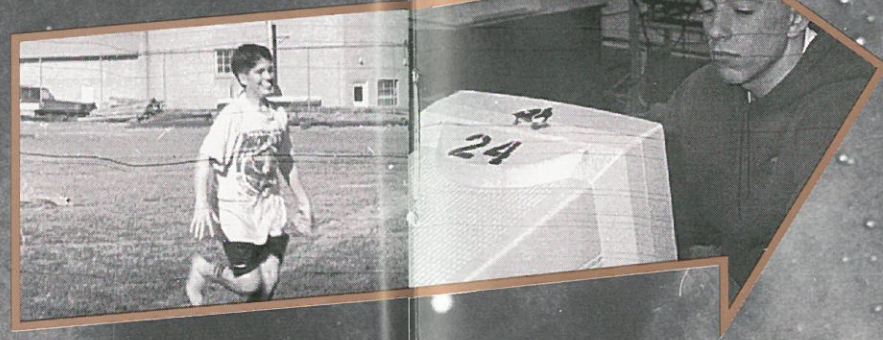




Freshman C Kubik ran back to classmates after going on the slip and slide during Homecoming activities.

Dana F and Caroline L did stats for football during a warm Homecoming afternoon.

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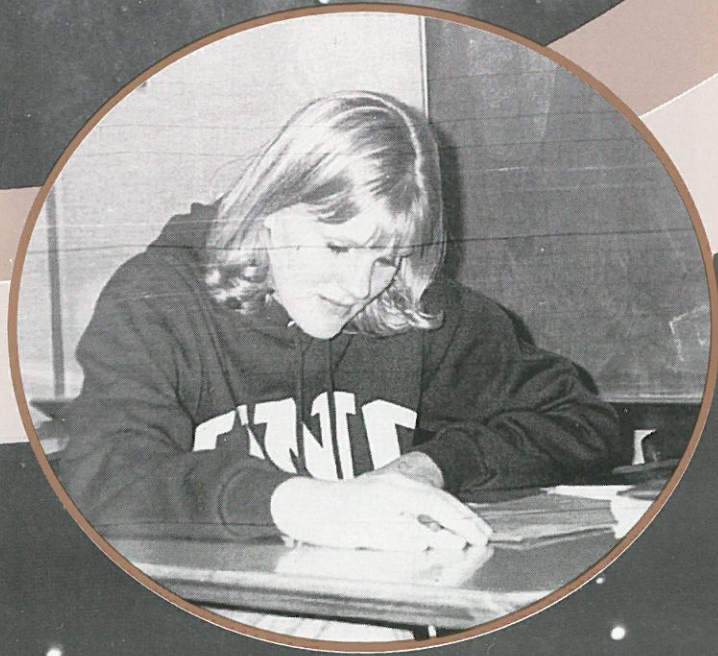
Seniors held on tight during "Red Rover" games played during Homecoming activities.

R Kramer pushed A Krause during the bear crawl to help the freshmen beat the sophomore class.

A Hille worked steadily in Computer I during 7th hour.

Seniors D McLain and N Wood showed "Perkins Pride" during twin day of Homecoming.

Jennifer Adams worked on Recordkeeping during study hall.



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Jessica Cox
(president)
Jason Heider
(vice-president)
Megan
Heimbigner
(secretary)
Kasie Geschke
(treasurer)

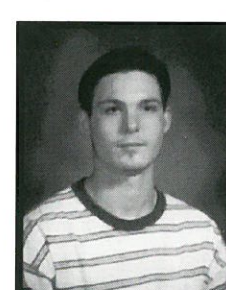
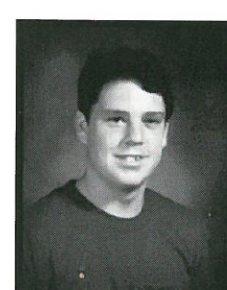
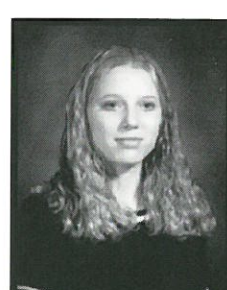
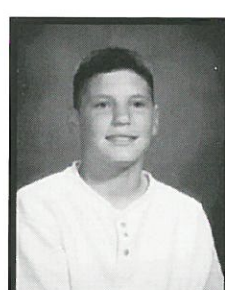
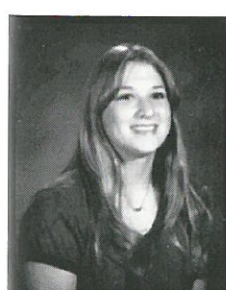
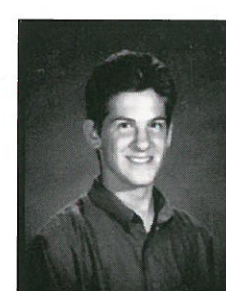
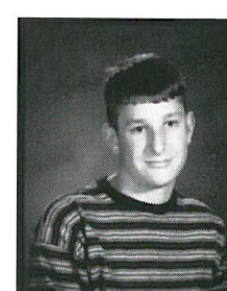
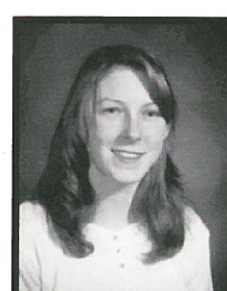
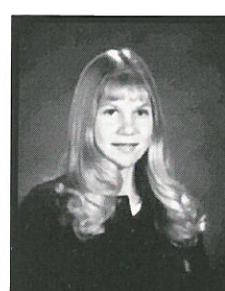
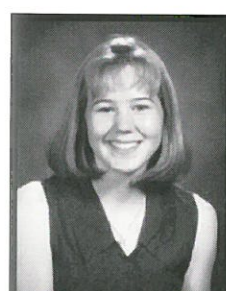
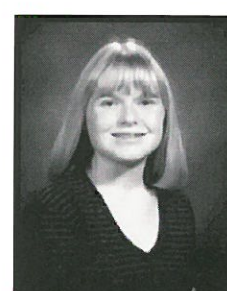
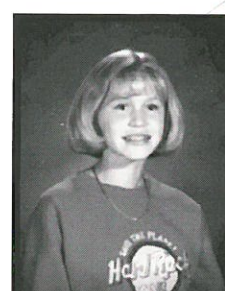
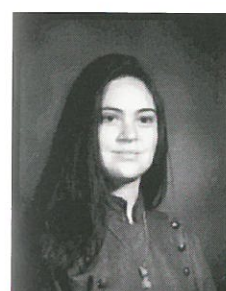
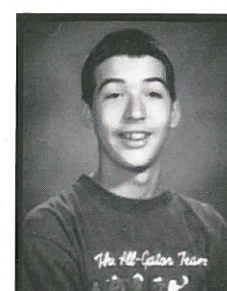
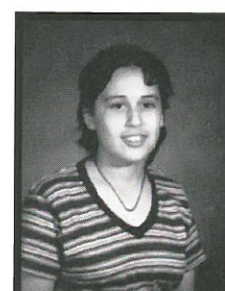
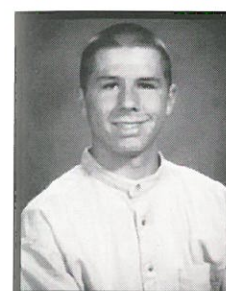
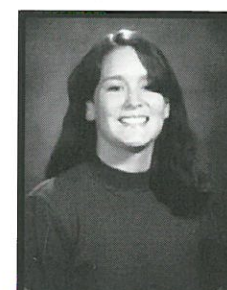
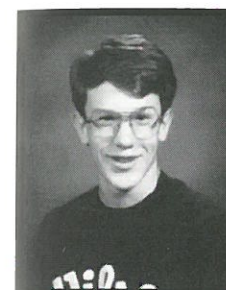
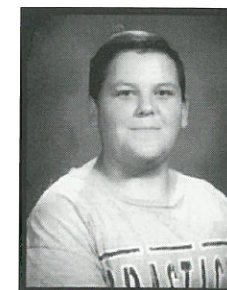
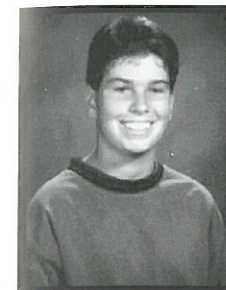
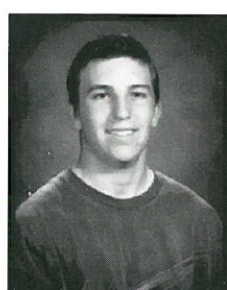
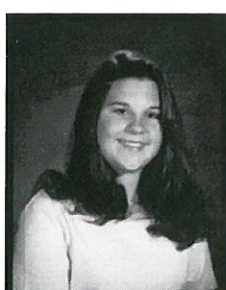
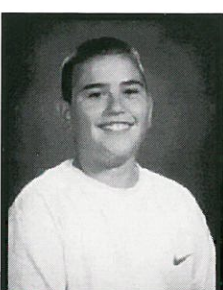
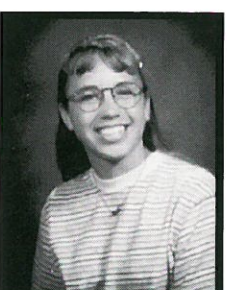
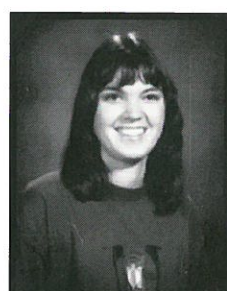
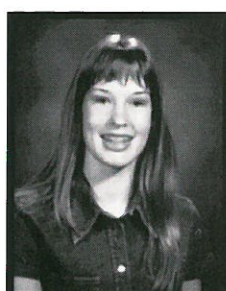
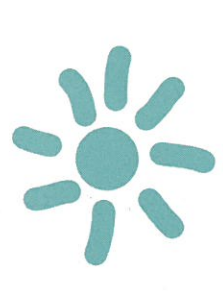
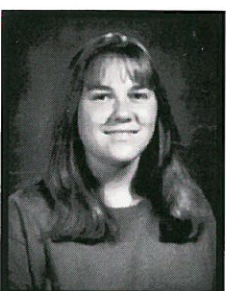
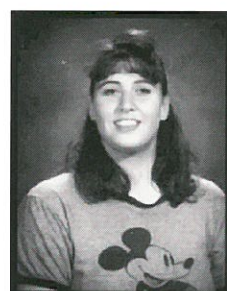
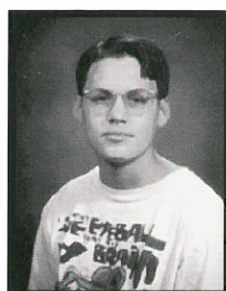
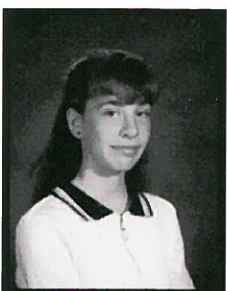
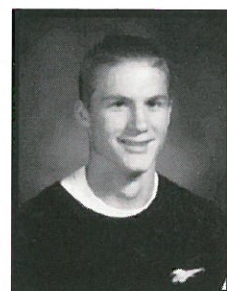
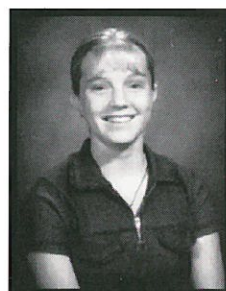
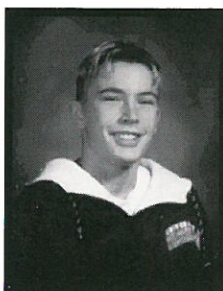
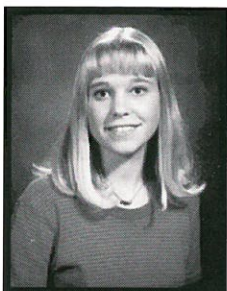
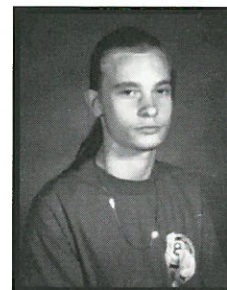
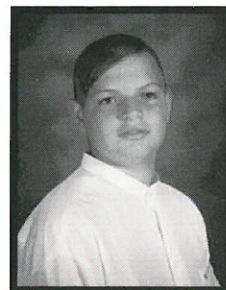
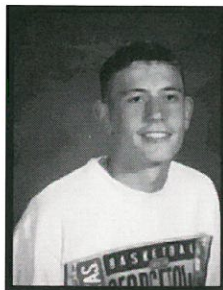
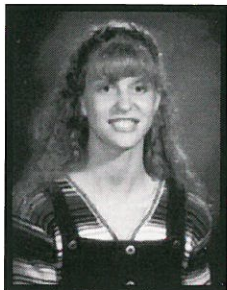
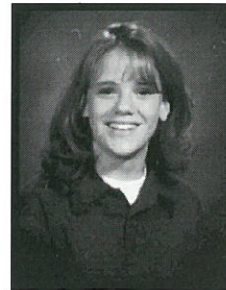
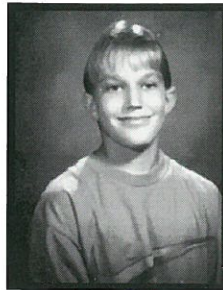
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Chris Barker
Chris Barrett
Christopher
Belshaw

Kim Benzel
Dustin Breazeale
Jillian Denton
Josh Draper

Katy Earp
Ashley
Edgington
Max Edwards
Michelle Fannin

Janell Grams
Edward
Harrington
(Not Pictured)
Amy Hille
Jennifer Janzen

Aimee Johnson
Rodney Kramer
Lindsey Kramer
Adam Krause



Chad Kubik
Jillian
Lawrence
Mark Lee

Drew
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Maranda
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Rob McBride

Kristy Perez

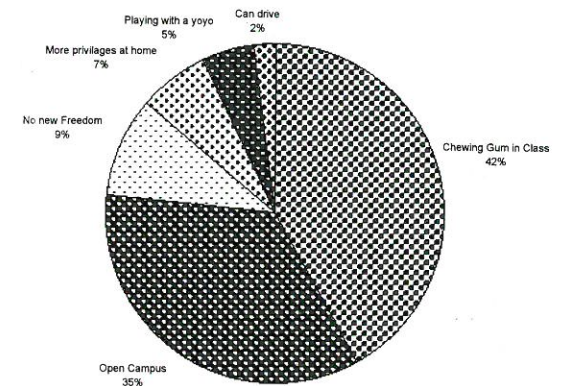
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New freedom as a freshman



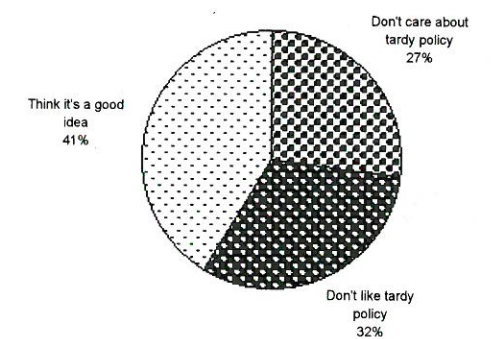
Who are the freshmen class's two favorite heros?

#1 Elmo
#2 Drew Markum

What are the three most overused expressions for the freshmen class?

#1 Savage
#2 Whatever
#3 Da Bomb

Tardy Policy



Rosemary Scheel

Courtney
Schilling

Cassie Stegmeier

Matt Wellsandt

Noah Zemke

Carlye Zicha

Justin Ziebell

Rachel Patterson

Scott Fannin

John Smith

SOPHOMORES

Amy Fitch (pres)
Dustan Arlt (VP)
Amanda Marshall (sec)
Jessica Marshall (treas)

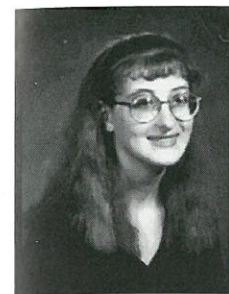
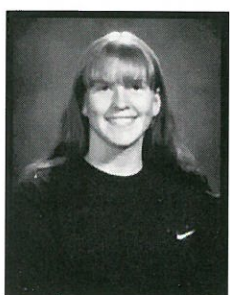
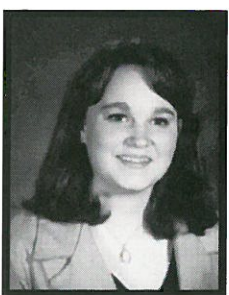
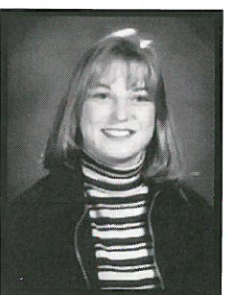
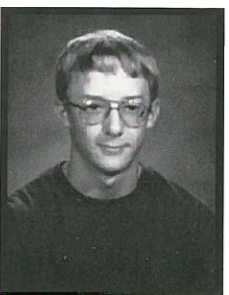
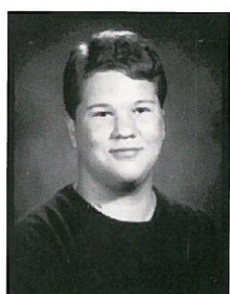
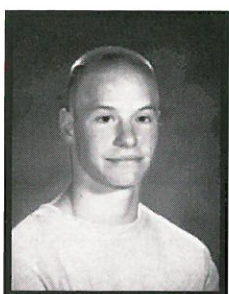
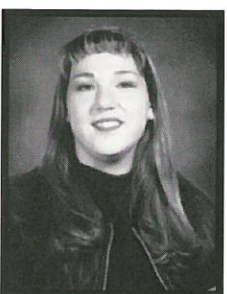
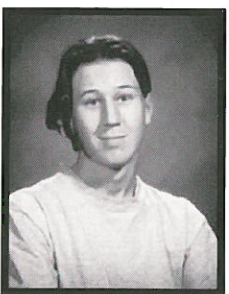
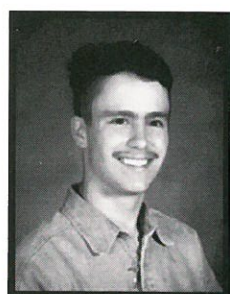
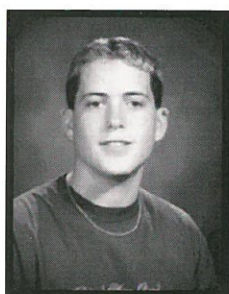
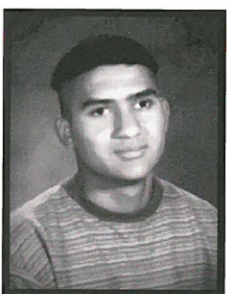
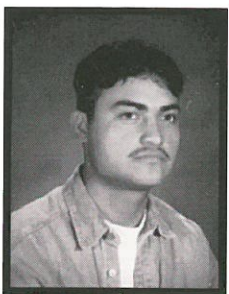
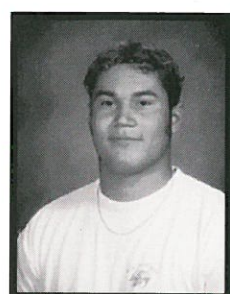
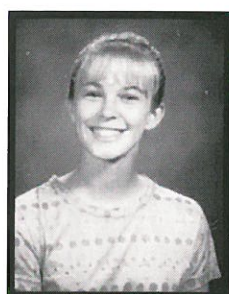
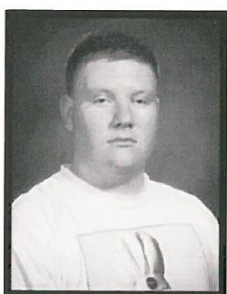
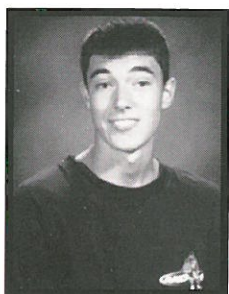
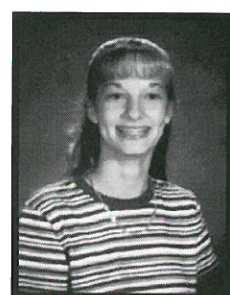
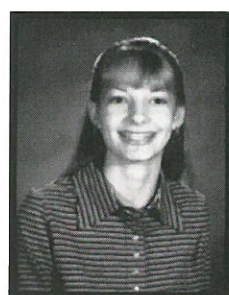
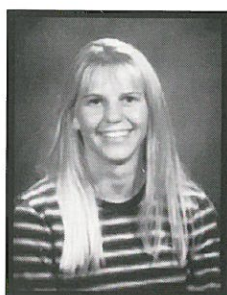
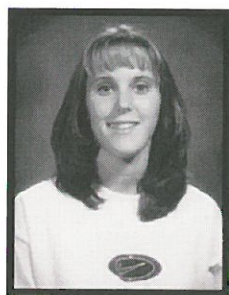
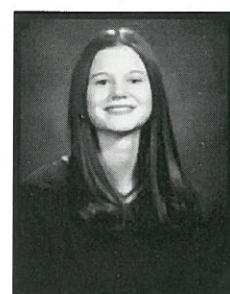
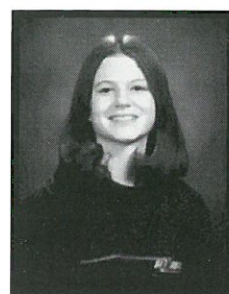
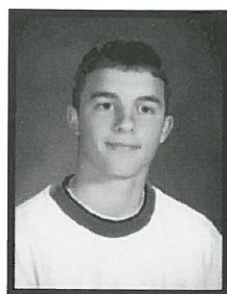
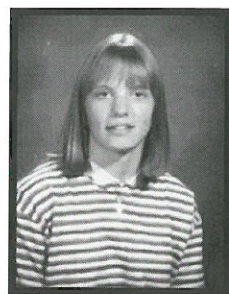
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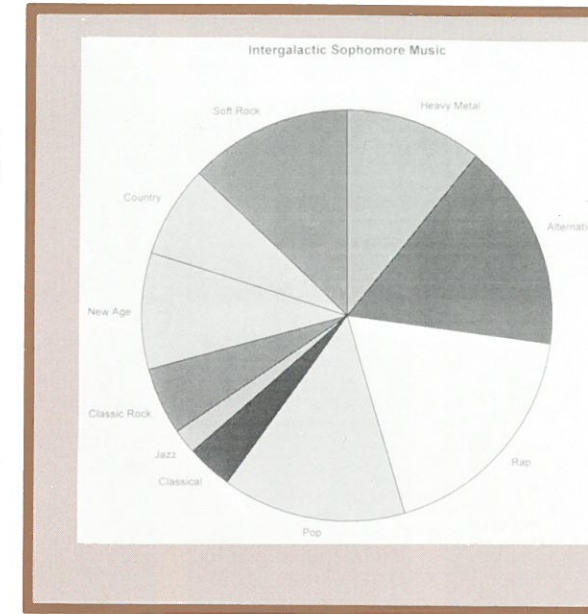
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Becky LeRoy



Angel Link



Rock 'n' Roll High School

Bands that could substitute for teachers

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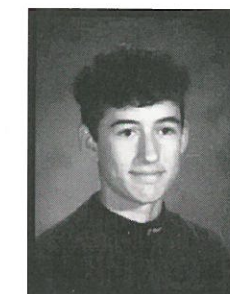
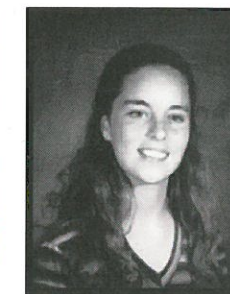
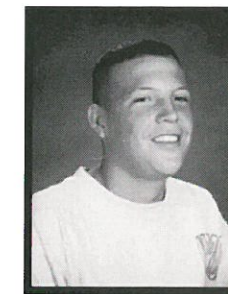
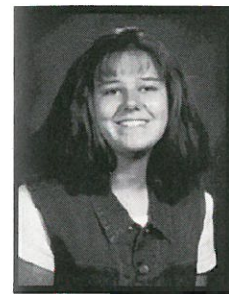
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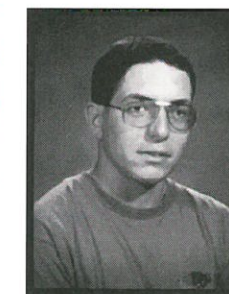
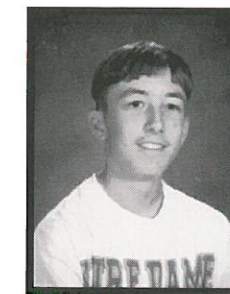
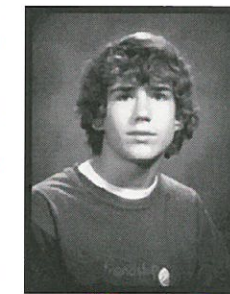
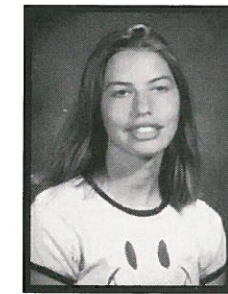
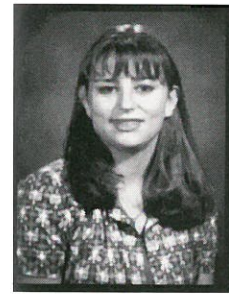
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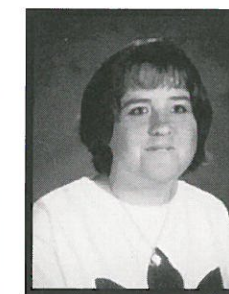
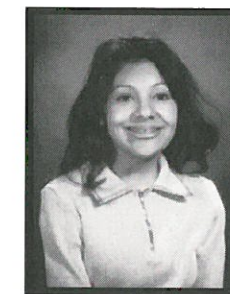
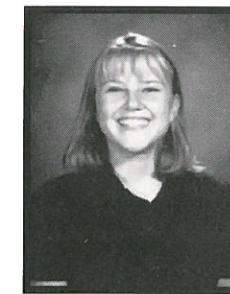
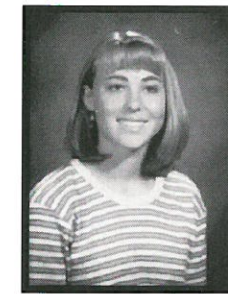
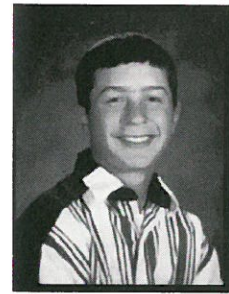
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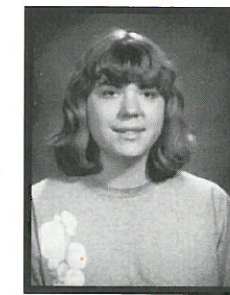
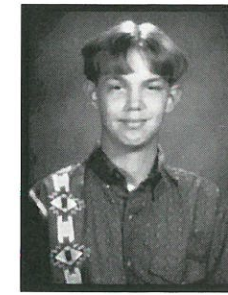
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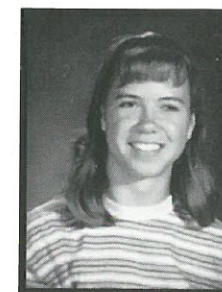
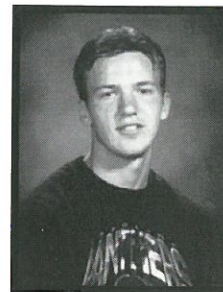
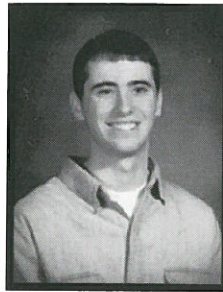
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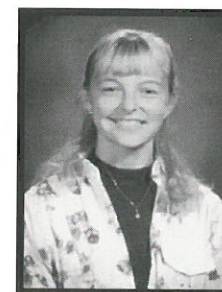
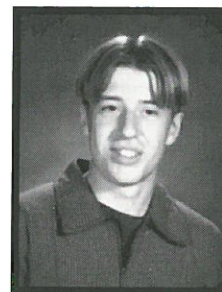
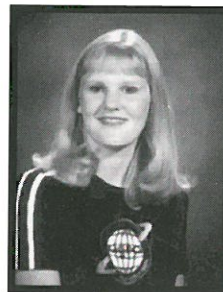
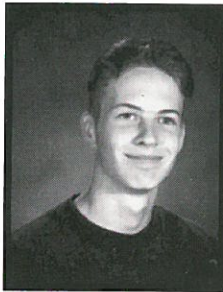
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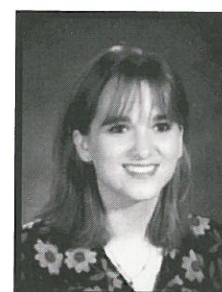
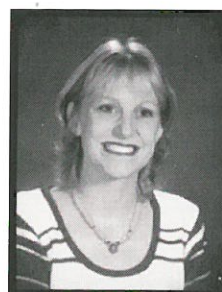
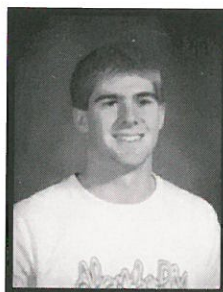
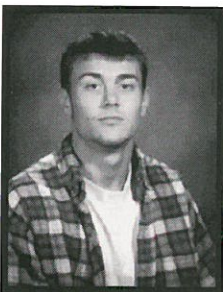
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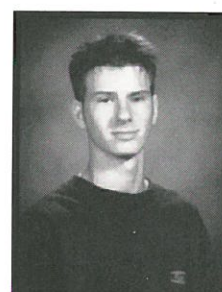
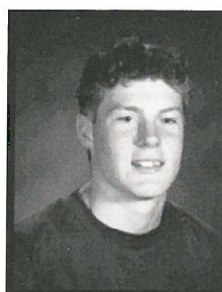
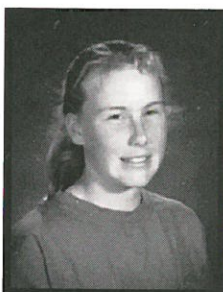
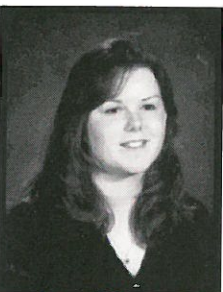
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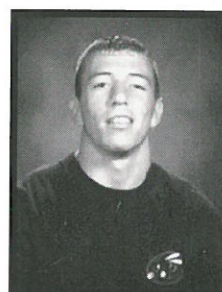
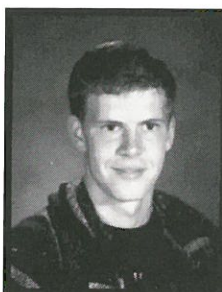
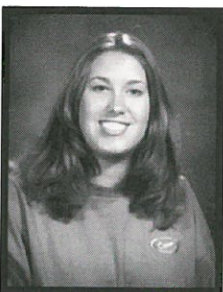
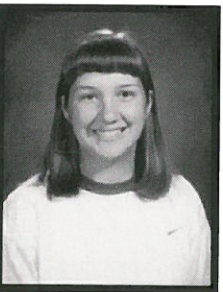
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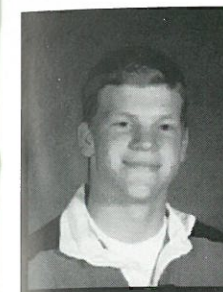
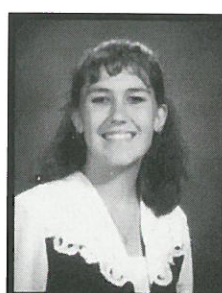
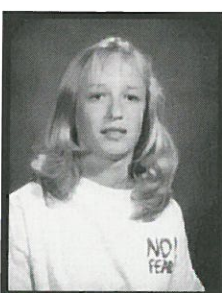
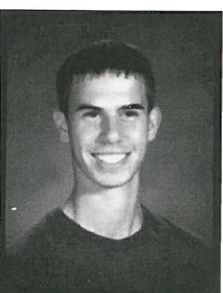
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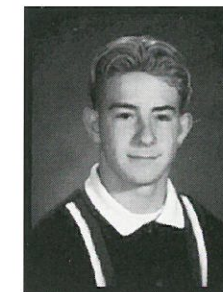
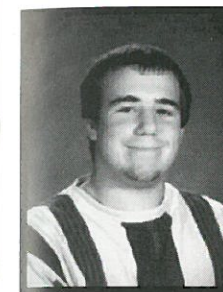


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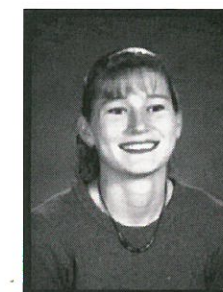
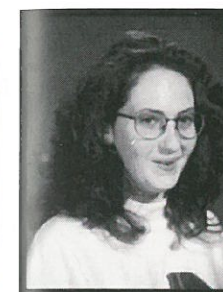
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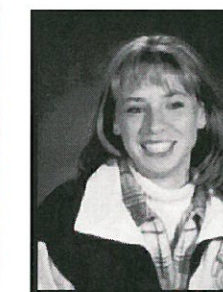
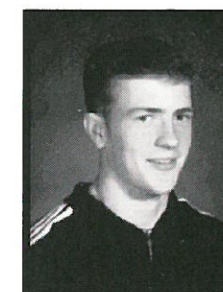
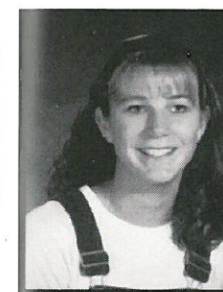
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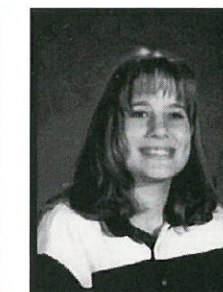
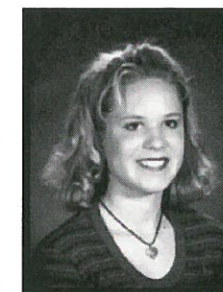
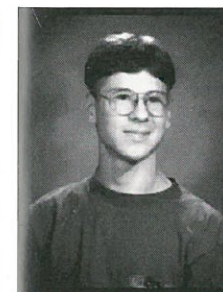
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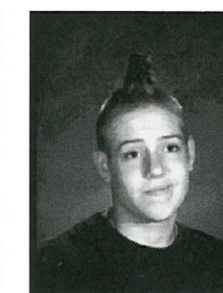
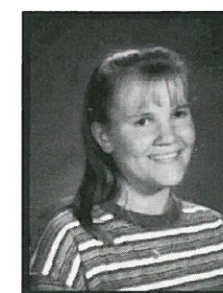
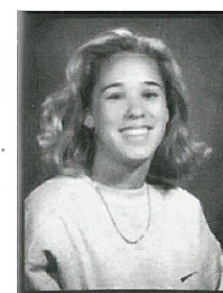
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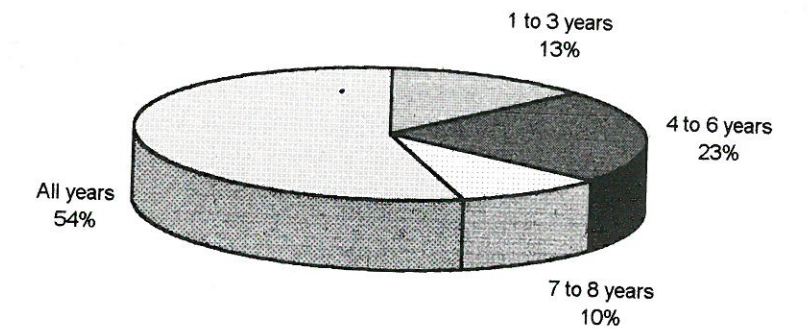


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M Adams - O.D.
Leona A - Bubbles
G Bartley - Ren
Lindsey C - O.C.
Sinead C - Naders
Tiffany D - Junior
J Duncan - Puff
Angela G - Gibby
J Grant - Centerfold
Jennifer H - Niffer
Jessica J - Shrimp
L Mock - The Mock 5
R Pierce - Sticky
Melinda R - Kinky
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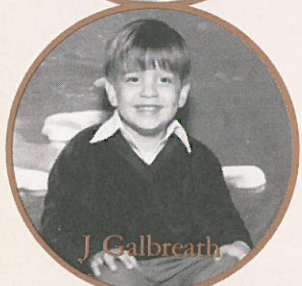
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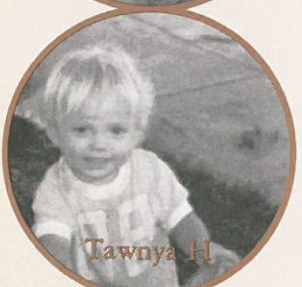
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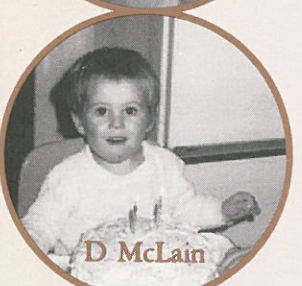
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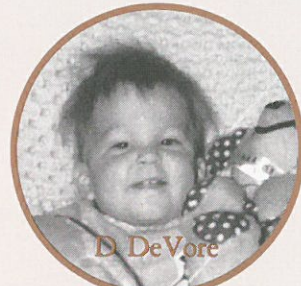
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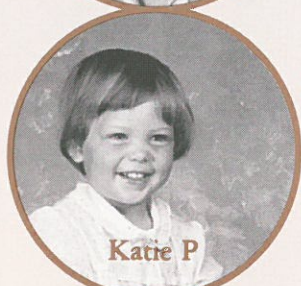
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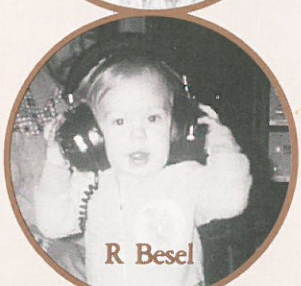
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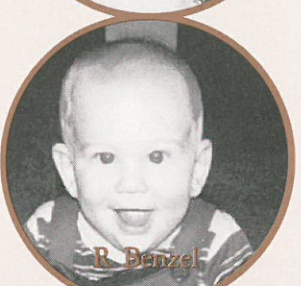
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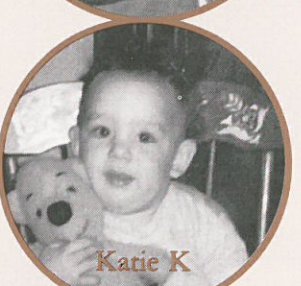
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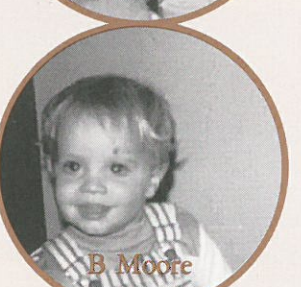
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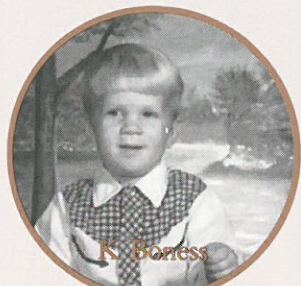
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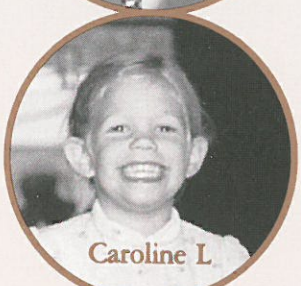
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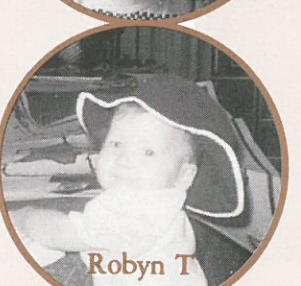
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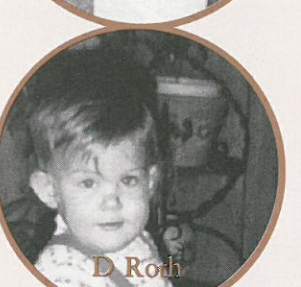
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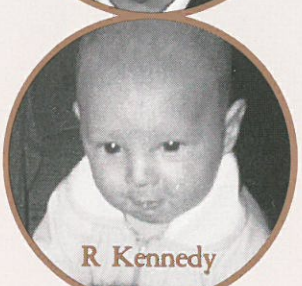
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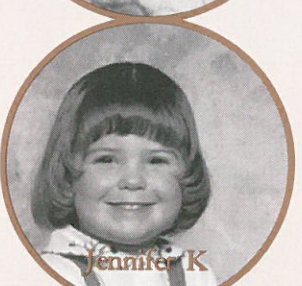
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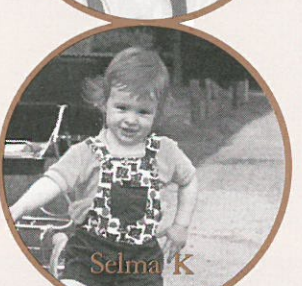
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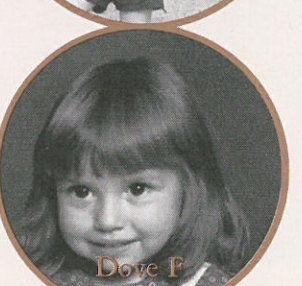
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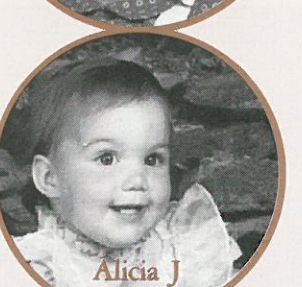
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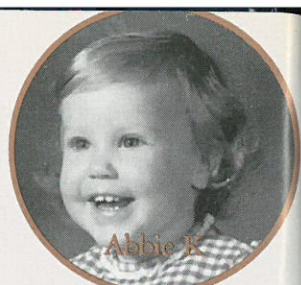
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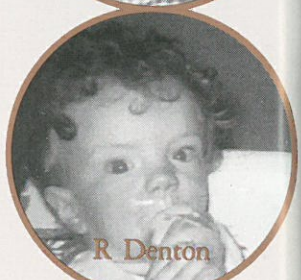
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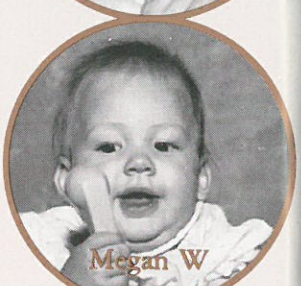
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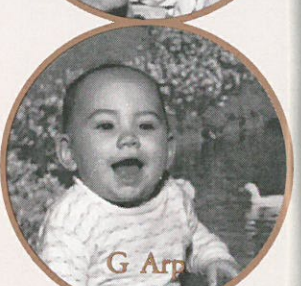
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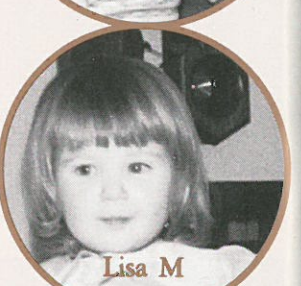
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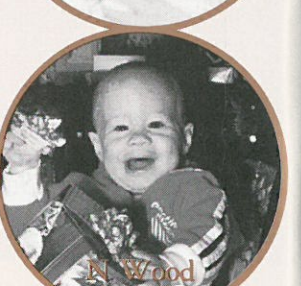
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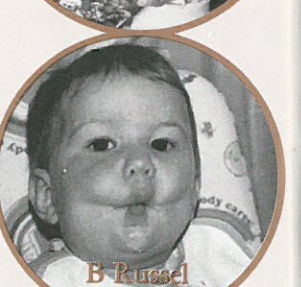
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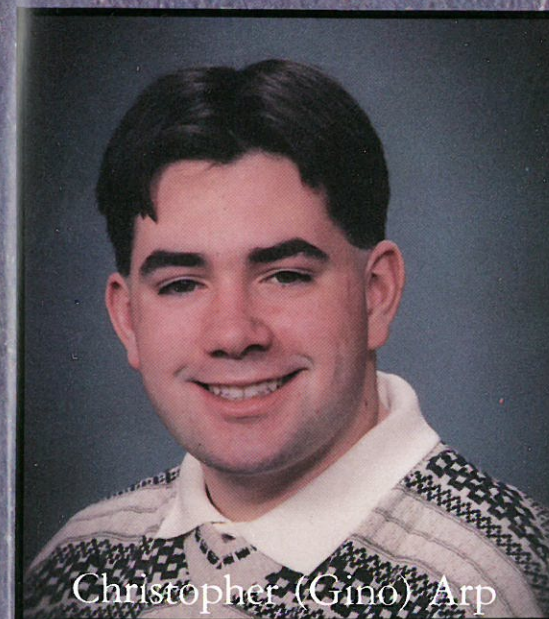
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SENIOR CLASS OF 97



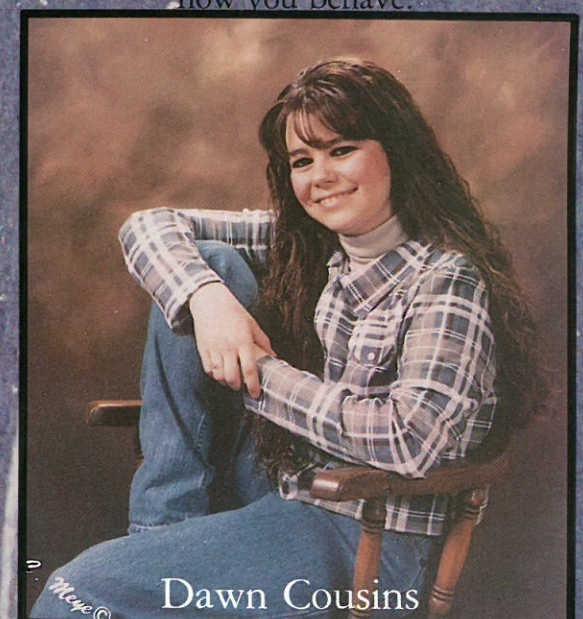
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"You can't help how you
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how you behave."

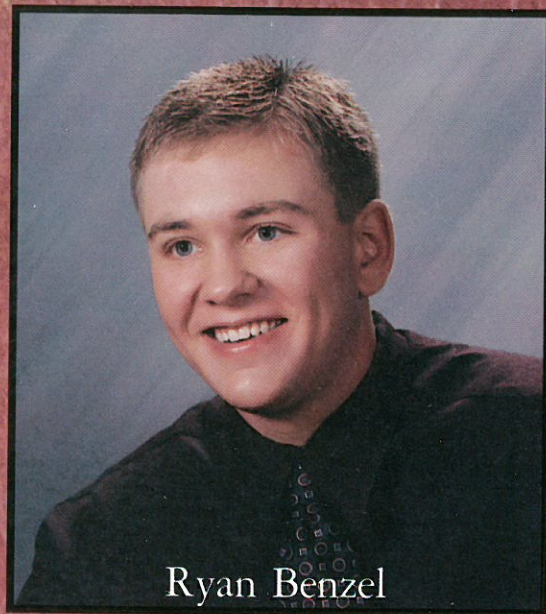


Christopher (Gino) Arp

"Those who bring sunshine
into lives of others can not
keep it from themselves."

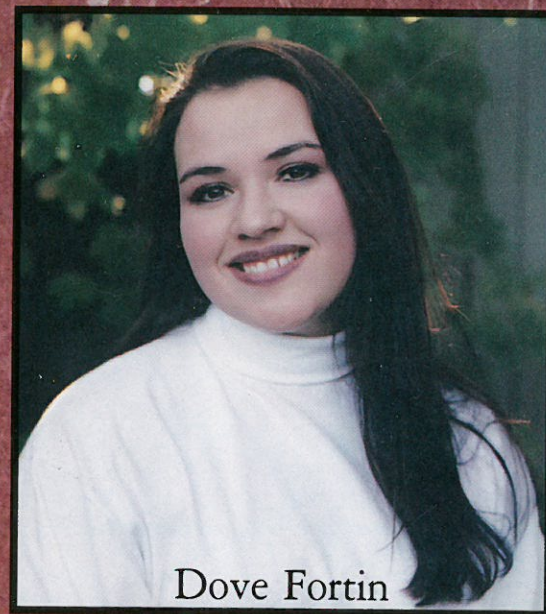


Dawn Cousins



Ryan Benzel

"Drive for show, putt for dough."



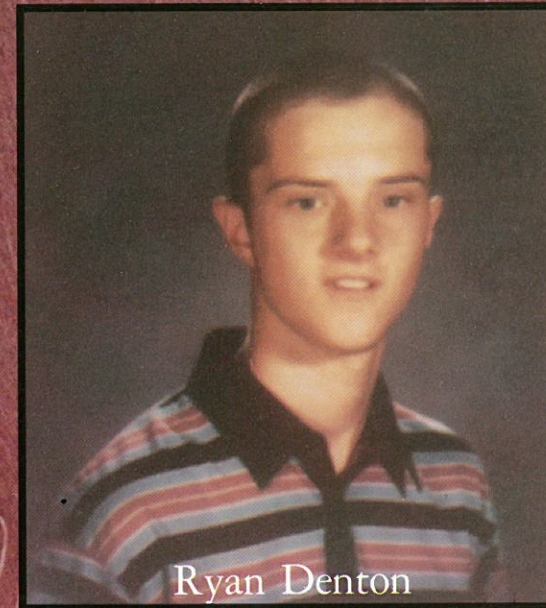
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"Absolute Gone."

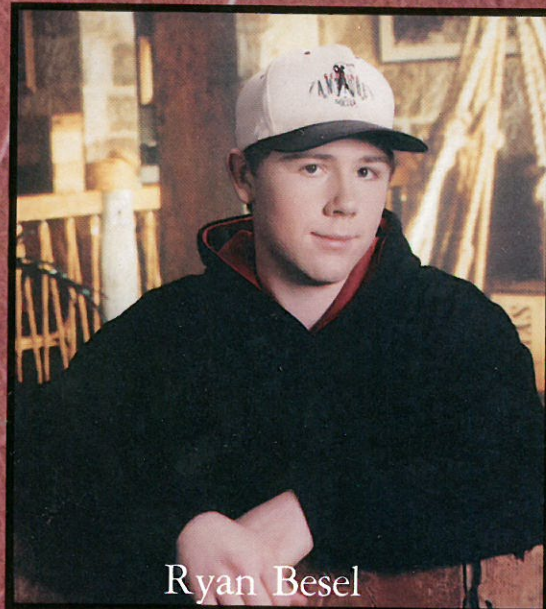


Alicia Jones

"It has begun to occur to me that life is a stage I'm going through."



Ryan Denton



Ryan Besel

"Nothing lasts forever, not even your troubles."

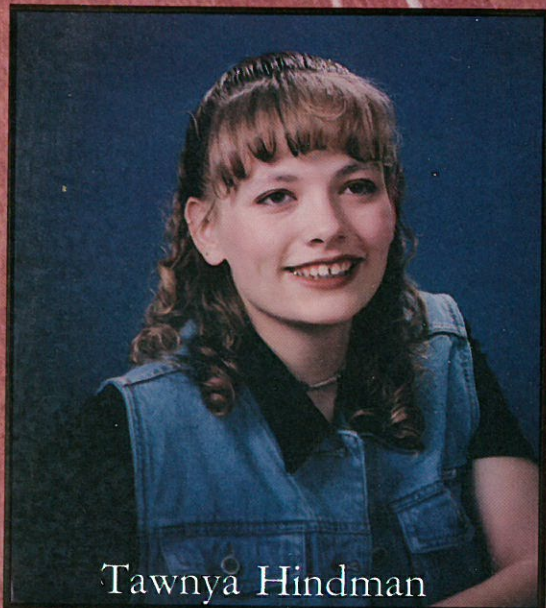
"Speak softly and carry a big stick."



Katie Kirkendall

"When you find out what you want in life, grab on with both hands and never, ever let go."

"None of us is as smart as all of us." -Phil Condit

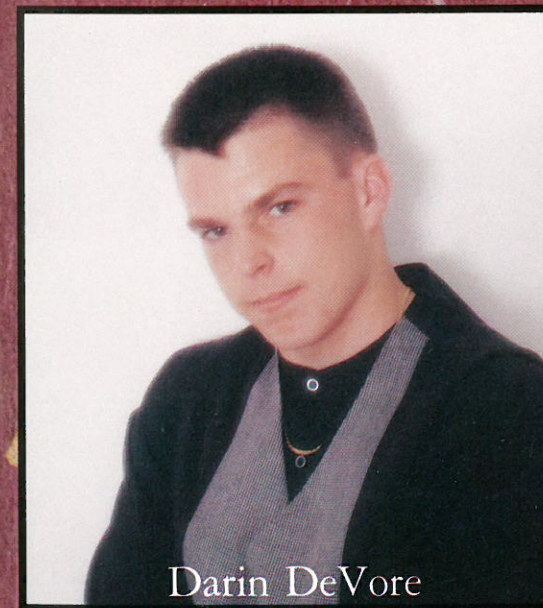


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"School is cool so stay in school."

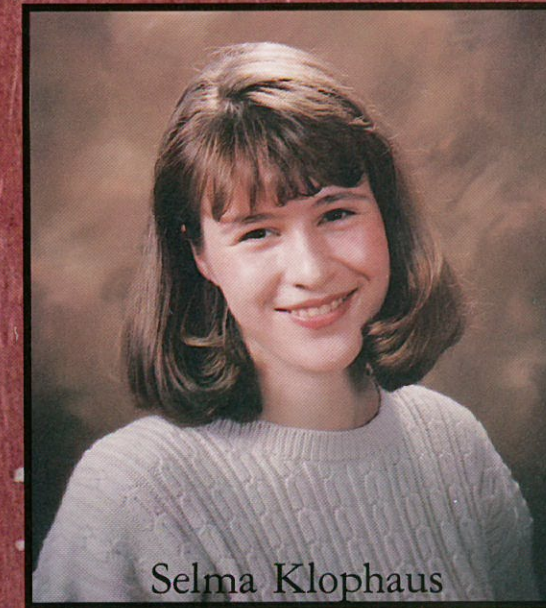


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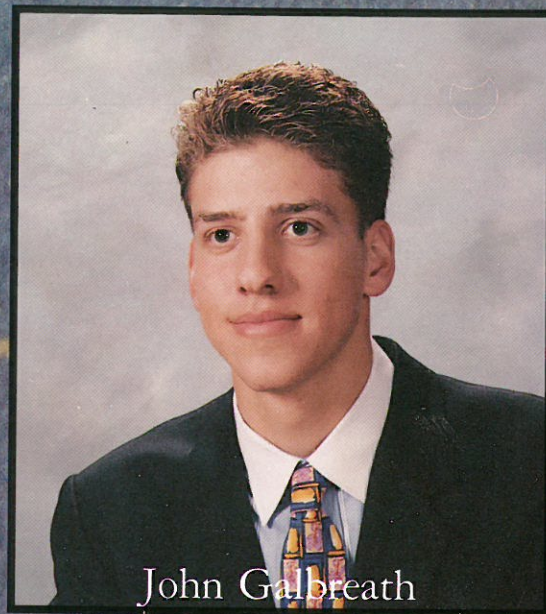


Darin DeVore

"Stress is like an ice cream cone... you have to learn to lick it."



Selma Klophaus



John Galbreath

"Live for the moment."



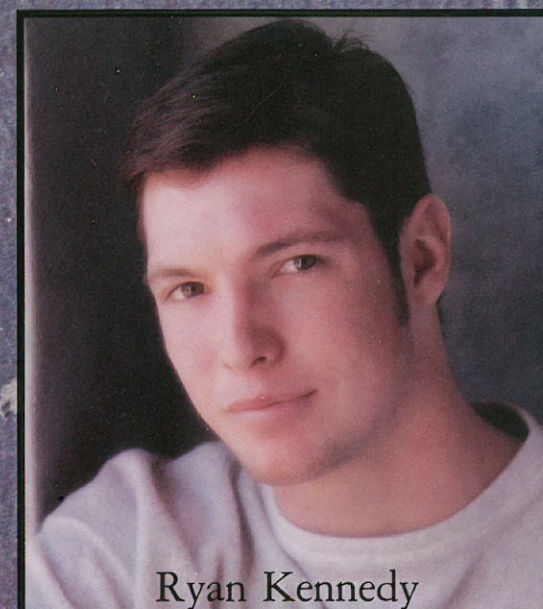
Jennifer Kramer

"The mind may forget, but the heart always remembers."



Caroline Lynch

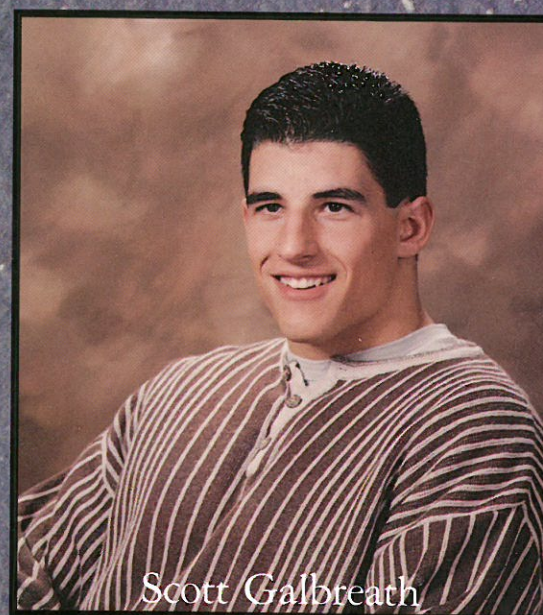
"On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined;..." -Lord Byron



Ryan Kennedy

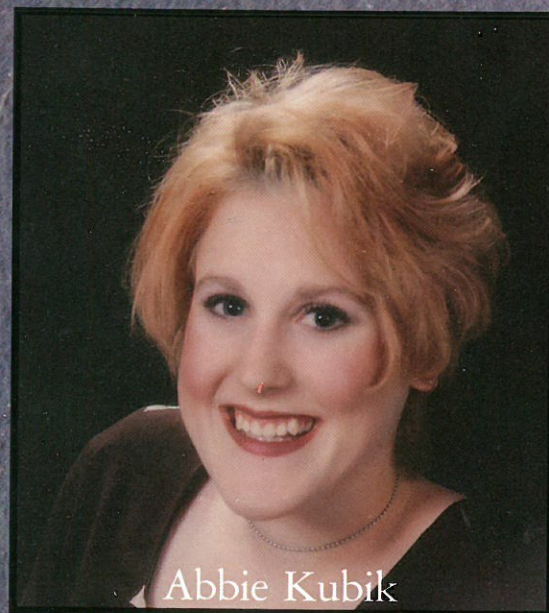
"Always try to think like a child, because one day you will begin to think like an adult."

"Sometimes we are devils to ourselves. When we will tempt the frailty of our powers presuming on their changeful potency."

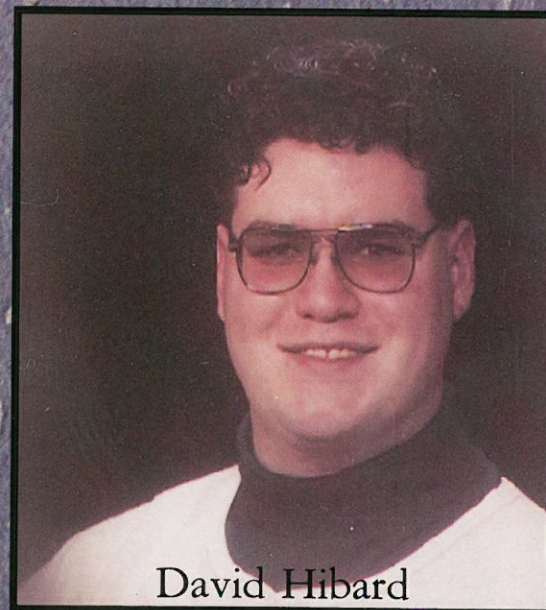


Scott Galbreath

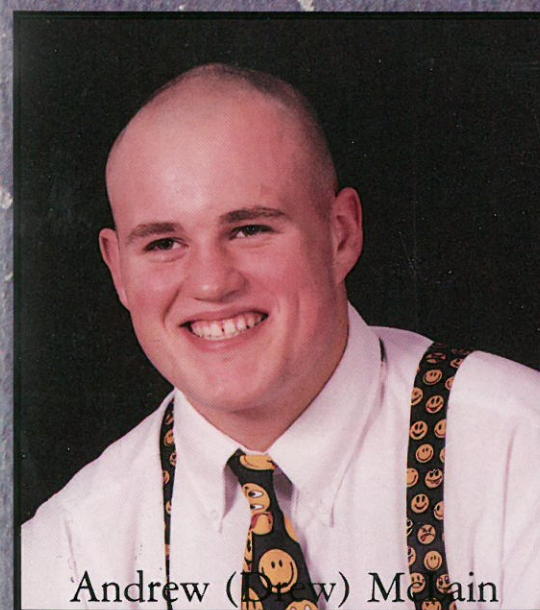
"Luck is when hard work and preparation meet opportunity."



Abbie Kubik

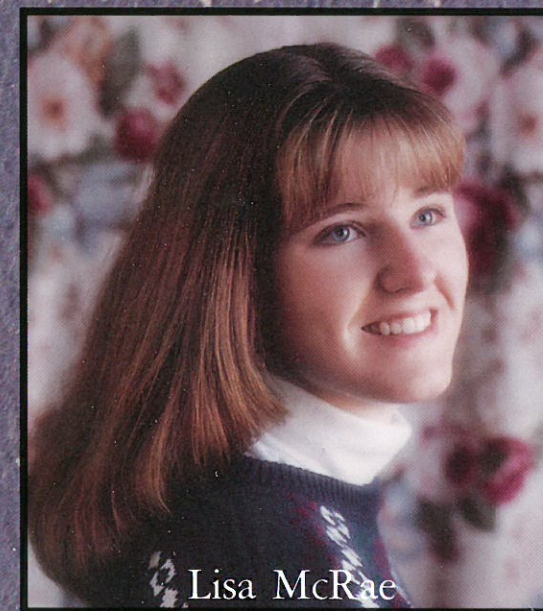


David Hibard



Andrew (New) McCain

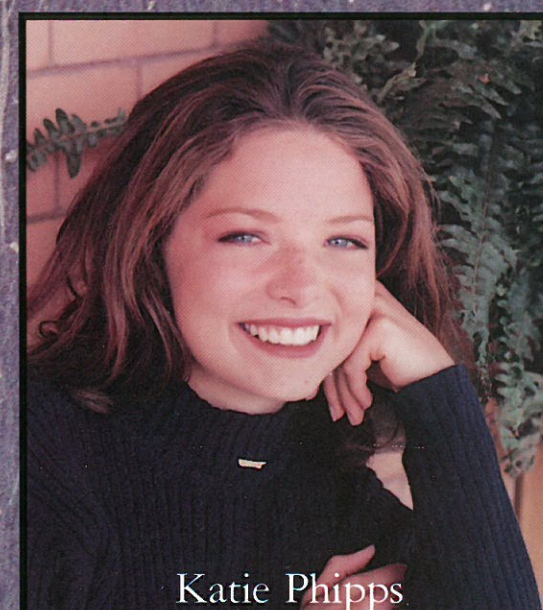
"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."



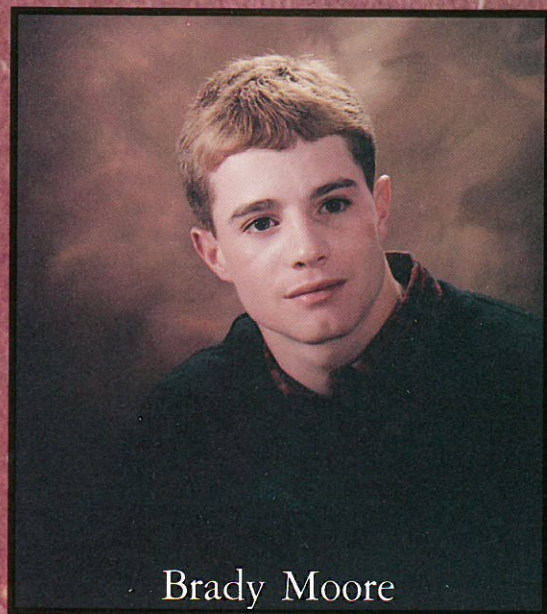
Lisa McRae

"Those who gossip to you will gossip about you."

"It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice."



Katie Phipps



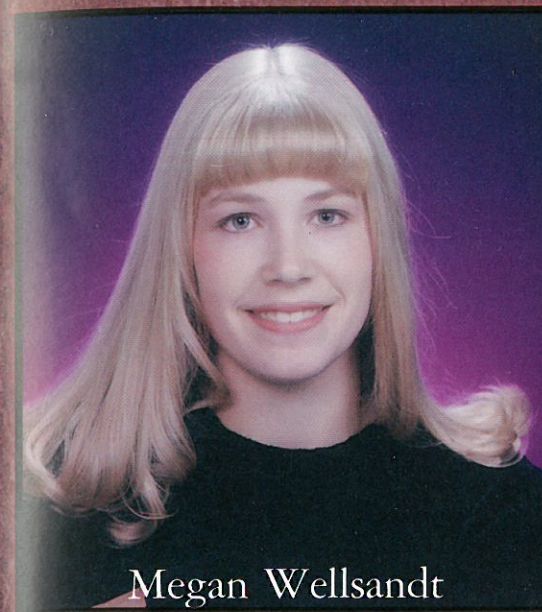
Brady Moore

"Live life to the fullest because you don't know how long it will last."



Robyn Telecky

"If you are wearing one brown shoe and one black shoe, you have another pair like it somewhere in the closet."



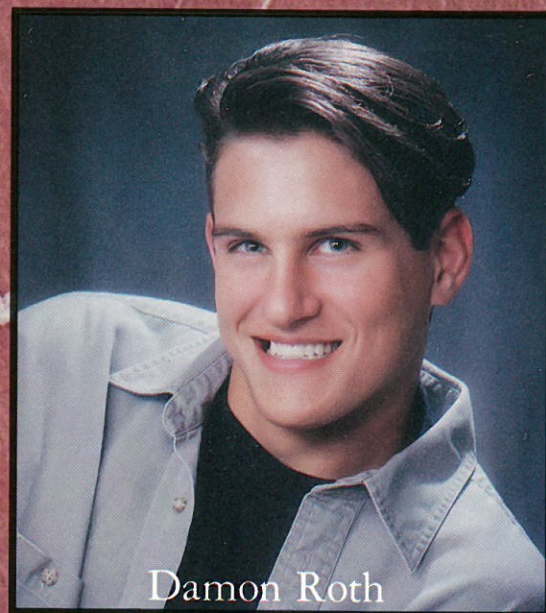
Megan Wellsandt

"Star light, star bright, where the heck is Mr. Right?"



Alex Shestakov

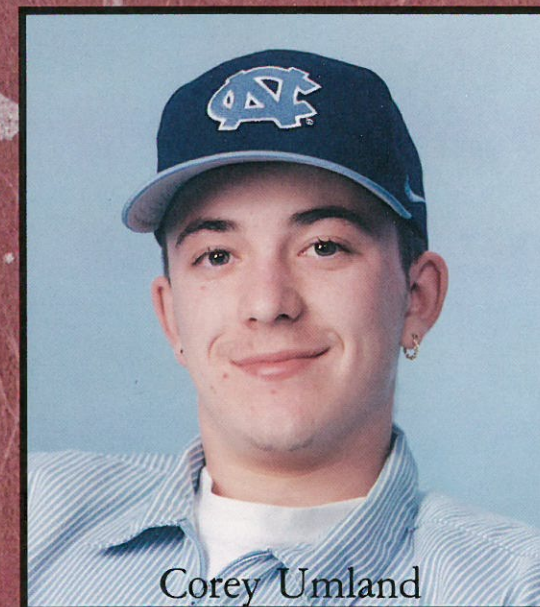
"Let your soul be your pilot."



Damon Roth

"I was never mad. Deranged, delirious, daring, but never insane." -Robert Hunter

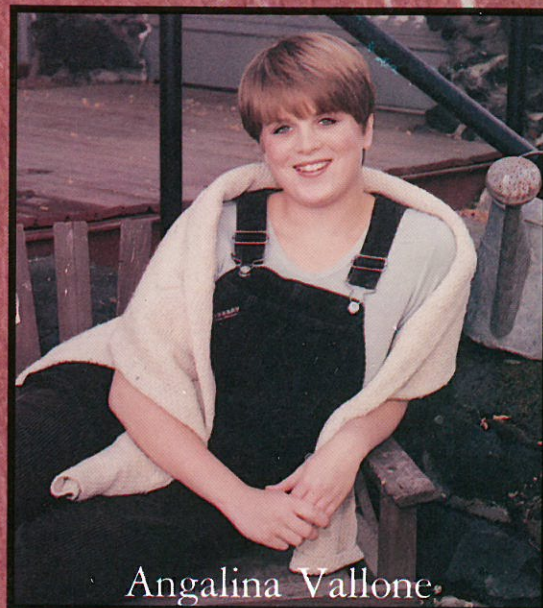
"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." -Vince Lombardi



Corey Umland

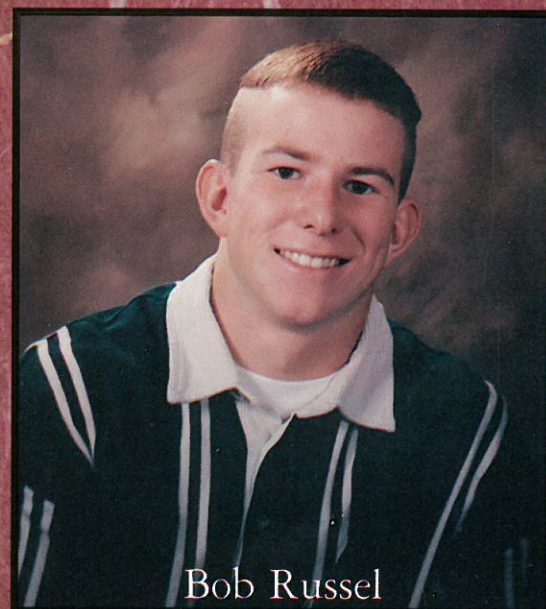
"Success is worth the hard work and effort."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." -Proverbs 3:5-6

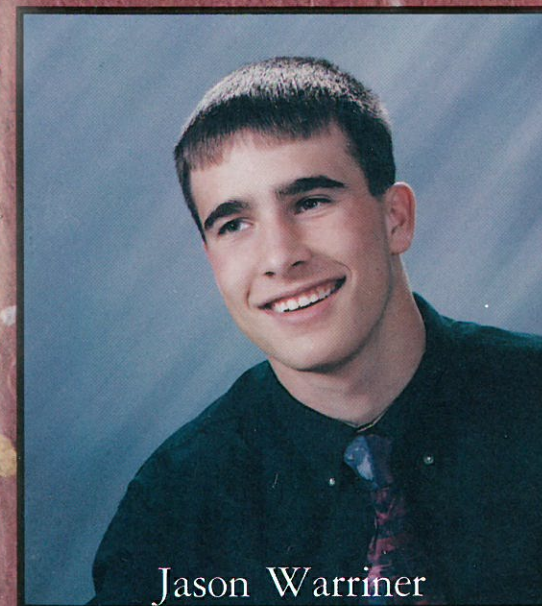


Angalina Vallone

"Try to have an open mind, to live a bright, savage life that will bring saliva to the mouths of the uninitiated!" -Ben Edlund

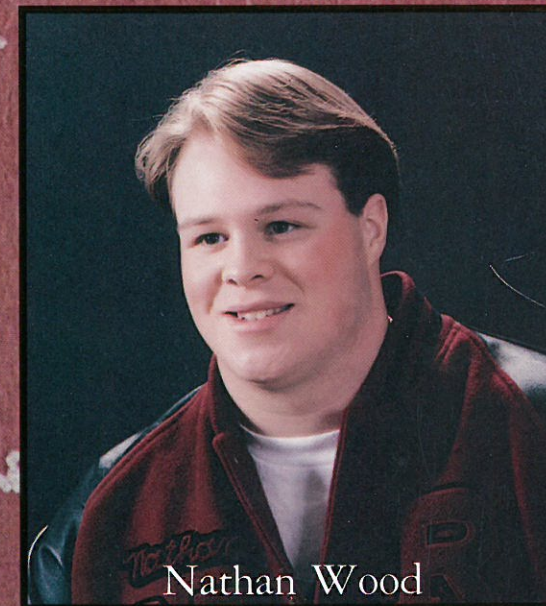


Bob Russel



Jason Warriner

"God put it here for a reason, take advantage."



Nathan Wood

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Class Clown:
Brady Moore and Katie Phipps



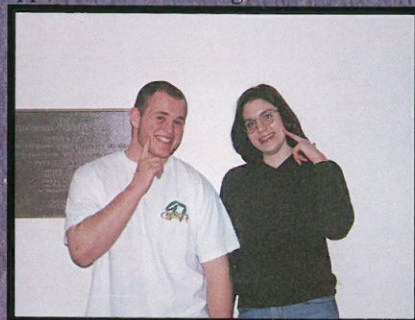
Most likely to get married:
Megan Wellsandt and Ryan Benzel

Most likely to
never marry:
Corey Umland
and Abbie Kubik

Teachers Pet:
Megan Wellsandt
and Nathan Wood

Most Flirtatious:
Drew McLain
and Jennifer Kramer

Most Innocent:
Megan Wellsandt
and Nathan Wood



Best Smile:
Drew McLain and Alicia Jones



Best Eyes:
Alex Shestakov and Lisa McRae

Most likely to be on
American Band Stand:

Damon Roth
and Katie Phipps
Most likely to be an
American Gladiator:
Jason Warriner and
Katie Phipps



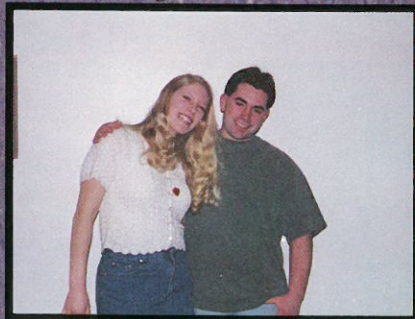
Most RHS Spirit:
Jennifer Kramer and Nathan Wood



Biggest Mouth:
Angalina Vallone and Nathan Wood

Most likely to live in
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Megan Wellsandt and
Ryan Benzel

Nicest Posterior End:
Scott Galbreath and
Katie Phipps



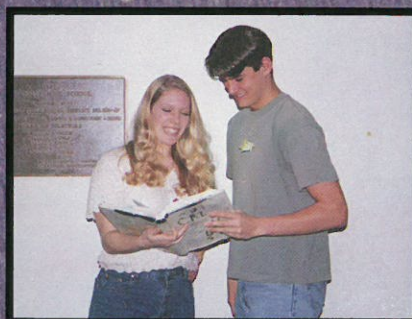
Most Friendly:
Caroline Lynch and Gino Arp



Most Athletic:
Megan Wellsandt and Kris Boness

Most Unique:
Ryan Kennedy and
Abbie Kubik

Most likely to win the
lotto:
Jason Warriner and
Katie Kirkendall



Most likely to succeed:
Caroline Lynch and Damon Roth



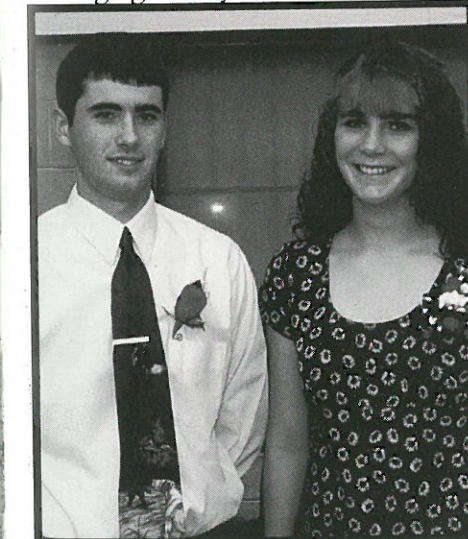
Most likely to live with their parents:
Katie Kirkendall and David Hibard



Freshmen and sophomore girls sang in the choir following the opening prayer.



Senior girls who attended the ceremony enjoyed the message given by Pastor Edd Denton.



Jimmy Shepherd and Shannon Russel were column leaders for the '97 Baccalaureate.

BACCALAUREATE

The Brighter Path Ahead

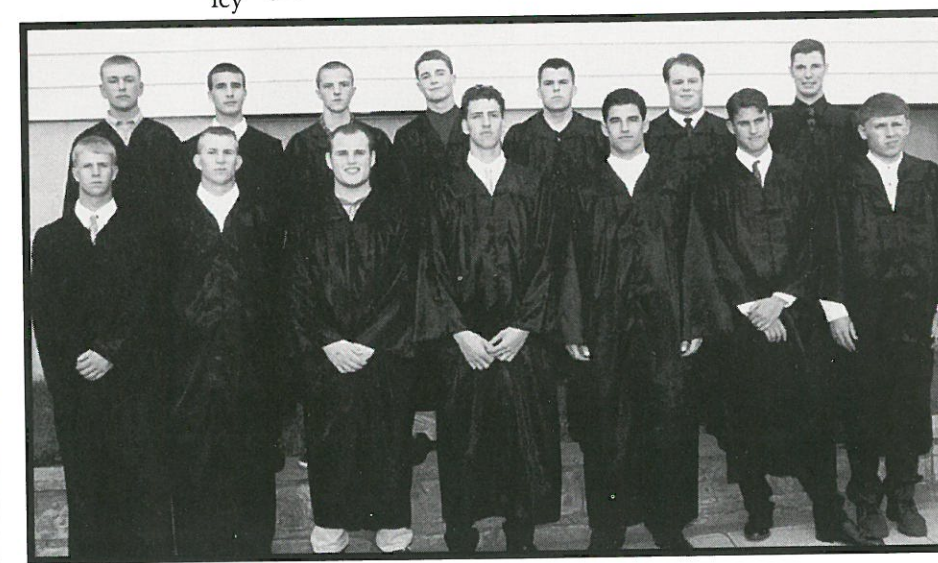
Instructions to help you succeed!

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The 1997 Baccalaureate was held Thursday, May 29th, at the Philadelphia church in Ritzville. The Baccalaureate address was given by Rev Barry Wood and Rev Edd Denton speaking to seniors about not being discouraged, about looking for success, and about not being intimidated by the future. The RHS choir sang the songs "Lonesome Valley" —

Martin, and "Allelujah" — Harris, at the ceremony. The choir was directed by Mr. Dennis Koch. Crystal Walli and James Jacobus accompanied the choir by playing the piano. Other students taking part in the ceremony were Jimmy Shepherd and Shannon Russel as junior column leaders.

After the closing prayer, the students and others in attendance enjoyed refreshments being served.



Senior boys who attended the ceremony felt the message given by Paster Barry Wood fit their future aspirations.

GRADUATION

Seniors
shaping
up and
shipping
out

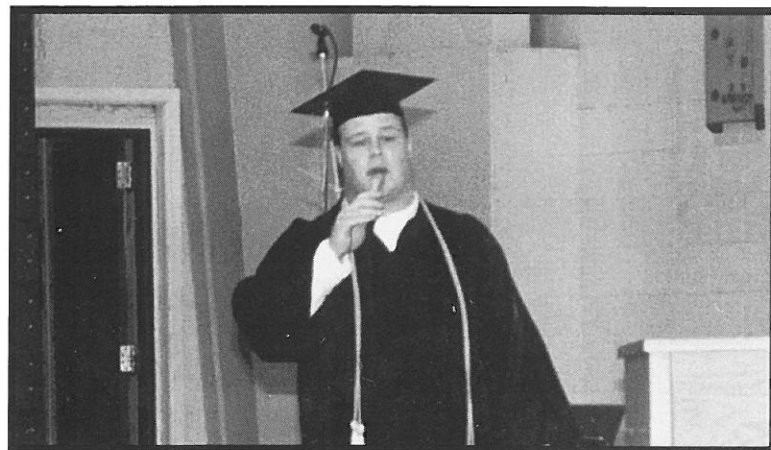
Class of 1997

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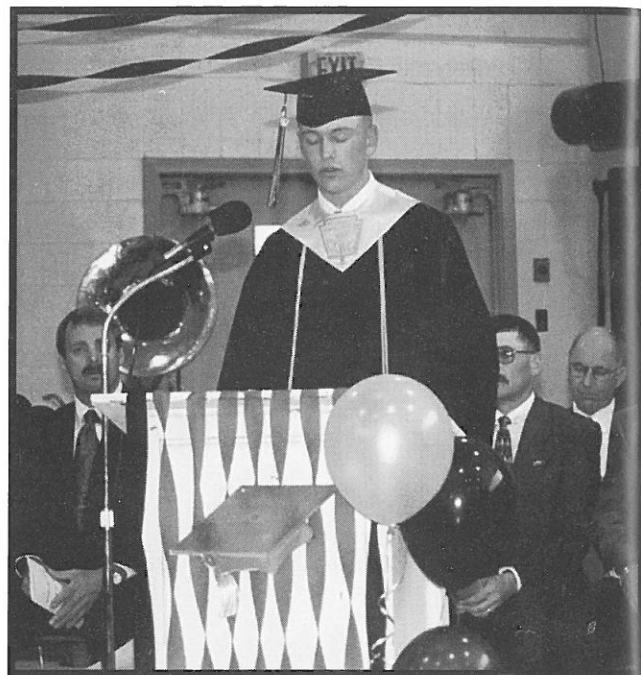
Amanda
Marshall and
Melinda Root

Thirteen years of reading, writing, math, sports and more, closed a chapter for the graduating class. Although some students questioned how all their hard work through out high school would help, on the day of graduation the answer unfolded. Graduates received some insight to how all their efforts built toward college, future jobs and families. Graduation ceremonies began at 2:00 pm in the Gilson gym. The graduating class consisted of 33 students, eagerly awaiting their diplomas. Fifteen of these students spent 13 years together in the Ritzville School District. Ceremonies consisted of awards/scholarships, and a choir performance. Speeches were given by the three valedictorians, saluatorian,

and principal Mr Robert Hammann. Mr Hammann's address recognized individual and group achievements of the class. He closed his speech with a challenge for the graduates. His challenge was about responsibilities. He gave examples of how to be responsible and of people who are responsible in their job and family. He then challenged each of the seniors to be responsible with their future life. No longer at RHS under the watchful eyes of parents and teachers, each graduate will start a new life, perhaps at a new job or at college. Lessons learned, friendships gained, and new experiences adding to the old will open up new worlds for the graduates. Hats off to the graduating class of 1997!



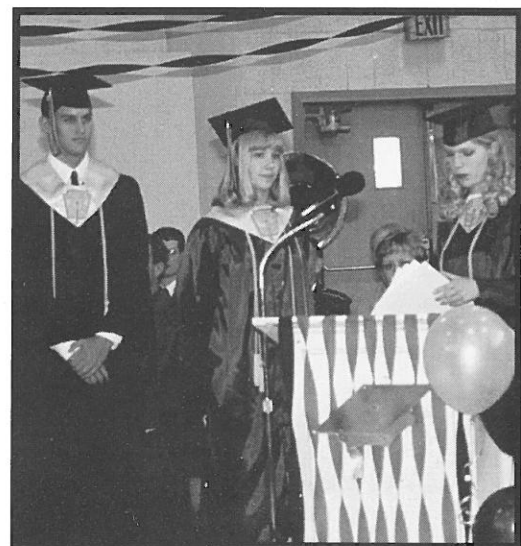
Nathan Wood sang the song "Friends are Friends Forever" at Graduation on Sunday afternoon.



Saluatorian Ryan Benzel delivered a speech at the graduation ceremonies about moving into new territories and challenges.



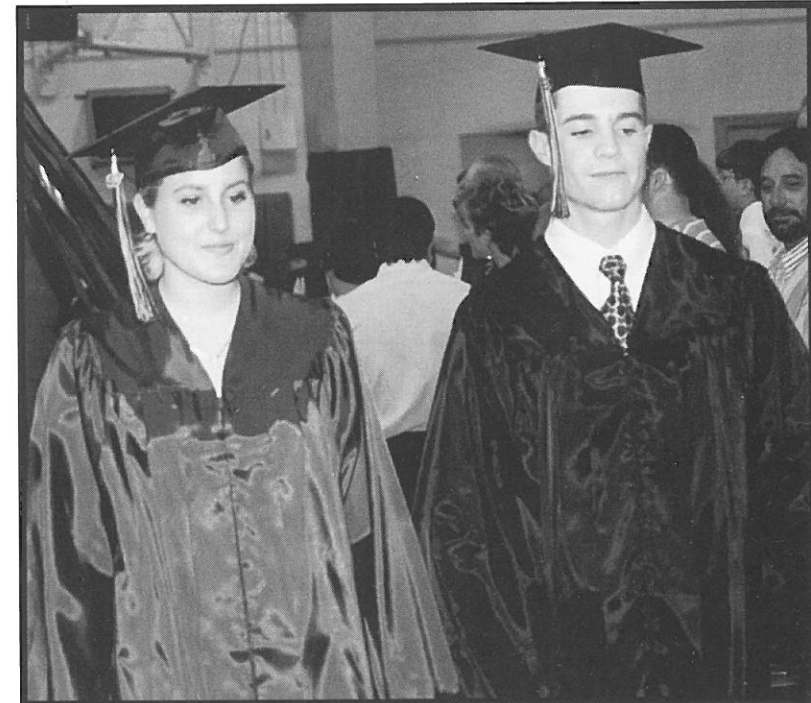
Alex Shestakov, foreign exchange student from Russia, gratefully accepted his diploma.



Valedictorians Damon Roth, Megan Wellsandt, and Caroline Lynch gave related speeches encouraging the graduates to "be themselves" and "become who they want to be."

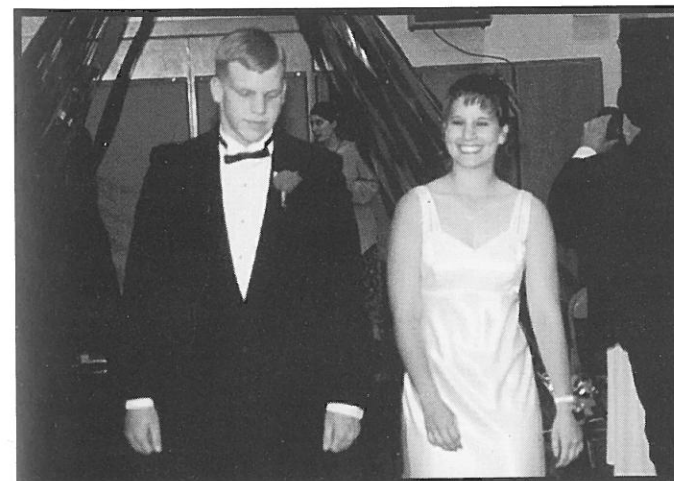


The graduating class of 1997.



Angalina Vallone happily accepted a scholarship from Mr. Hammann.

Abbie Kubik and Brady Moore excitedly walked down the aisle at the opening of graduation ceremonies.



Column leaders Louie Mock and Tracy Warriner lead the graduates down the aisle on Sunday afternoon.

Class Motto: We will never discover new oceans, if we are afraid to lose sight of the shore.

Class Colors: Burgundy, Silver, and Black

Class Flower: Lily

Valedictorians: Caroline Lynch, Damon Roth, and Megan Wellsandt

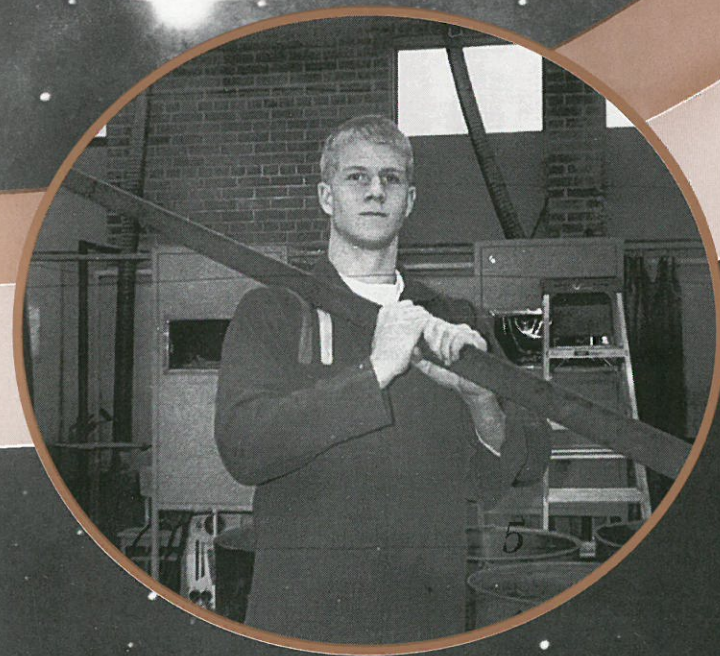
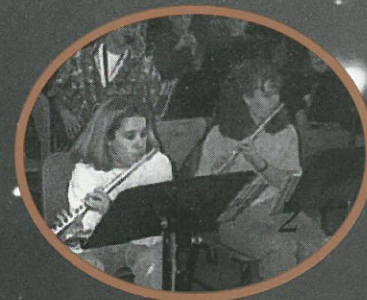
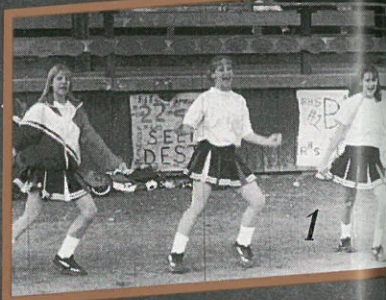
Saluatorian: Ryan Benzel

Column Leaders: Tracy Warriner and Louie Mock



1) Courtney S, Stefanie S, and Kamie P cheered at a home football game.

2) D Markum "chowed down on hot stuff" during homecoming.



1) Roxanne B, Tawnya H, Abbie K, and Robyn T tasted their creation in Home-ec.

2) Erin W and Lori M played enthusiastically in band.

3) Lindsey C did extra work for computer class in studyhall.

4) Amanda Marshall worked on computer for Annual.

5) K. Boness worked diligently in Ag shop.

Prom Reservations For Two

"Are you going to prom this weekend?"

"Yes, I'm so excited!"

"Yeah, he's taking me to C.I. Shenanigan's - I can't wait!"

Students talked in halls and classes on Friday before Prom. The daily schedule for most students on this special day went like this:

5:30 - Only one hour until he picks me up - Oh, NO!!

6:00 - UH OH! Forgot my nails. Rush on a coat of *Hot Rod Green*.

6:15 - I hope this dress still fits. I can't find my jewelry! Mom!

6:20 - Oh! No! He's here early! Pin on the boutonniere, with mom's help. Slide on the corsage, pictures, and we're out the door.

6:40 - Gosh! He looks really good. My dress is going to wrinkle sitting in this car.

7:30 - Arriving in Spokane.

7:40 - Arriving at C. I. Shenanigan's.

7:45 - What will I eat? I hope he has enough money!

8:40 - Boy, that was good! I hope I don't have any food in my teeth!

9:30 - Entering the dance. Boy, there sure are a lot of people here!

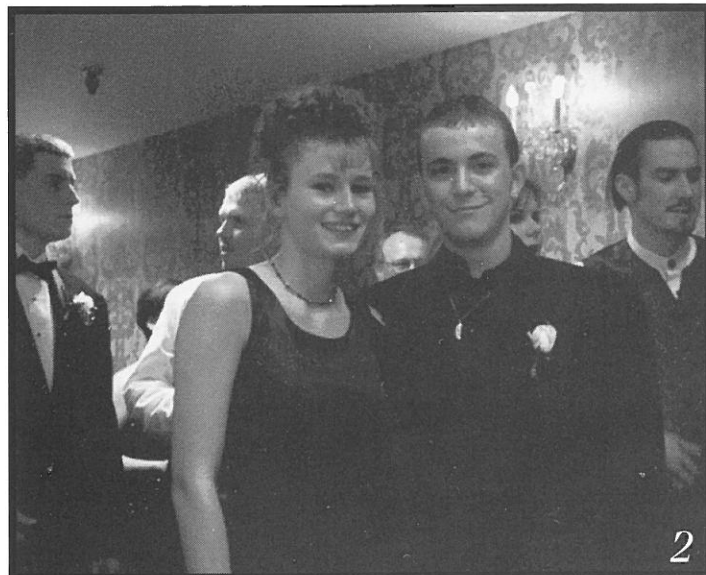
9:45 - Time for pictures. Do I have any lipstick on my teeth? Does my hair look okay?

10:00 - Out to the dance floor! Wow! He's a good dancer.

11:15 - I'm kinda thirsty. Let's go get a glass of punch.

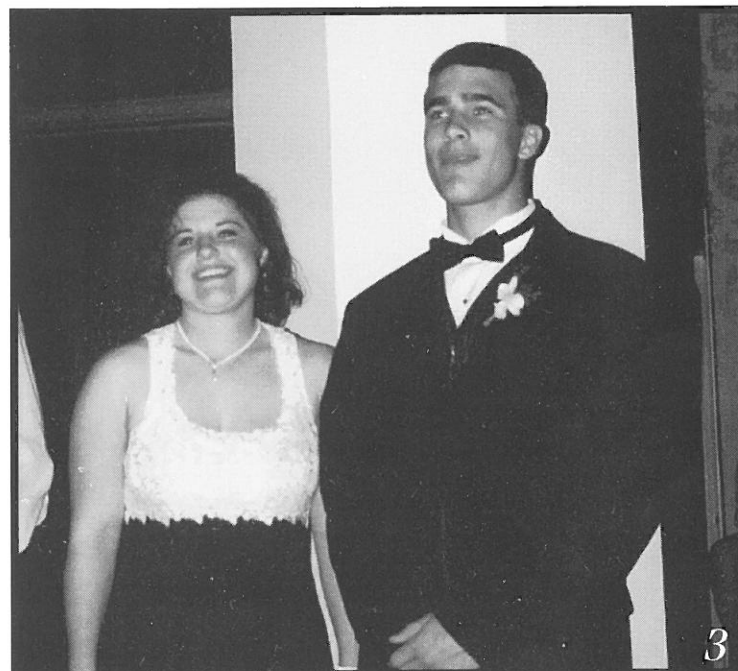
11:30 - This place is clearing out fast. Better get going. Wow! What a night!

So April 26, 1997, was definitely a night to remember. Until next time, make your RESERVATIONS FOR TWO.

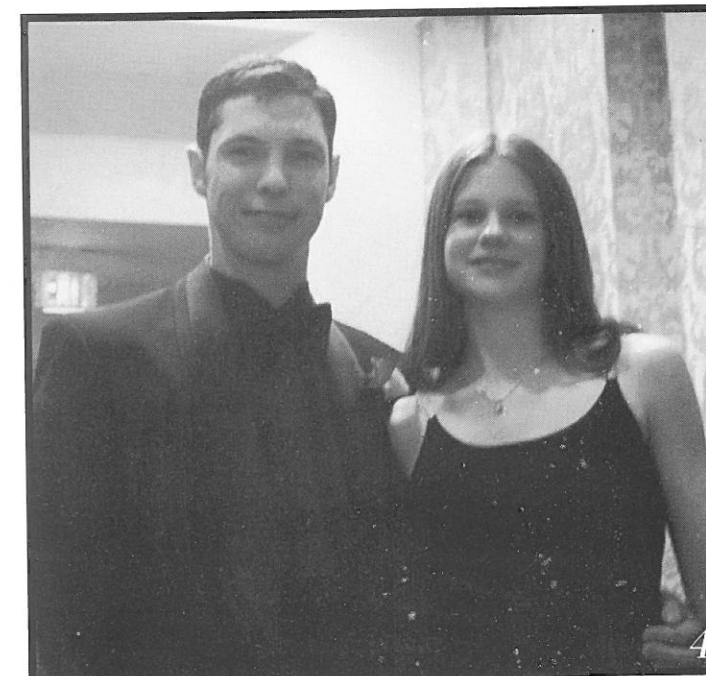
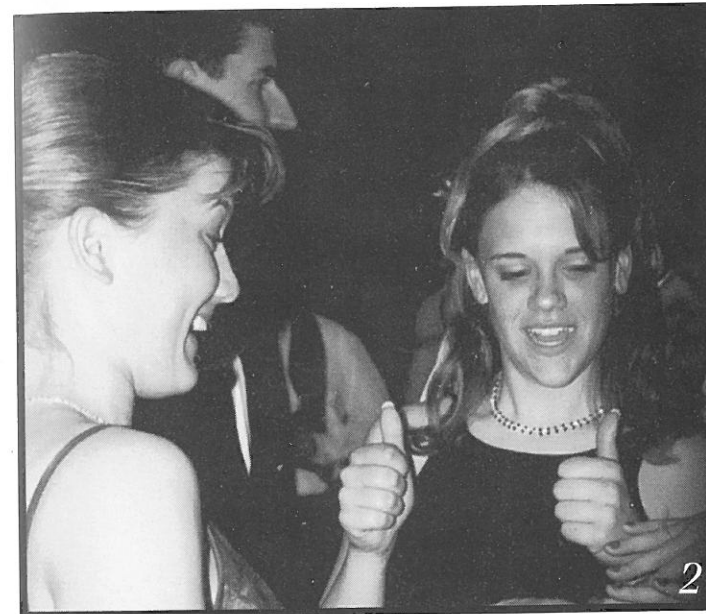
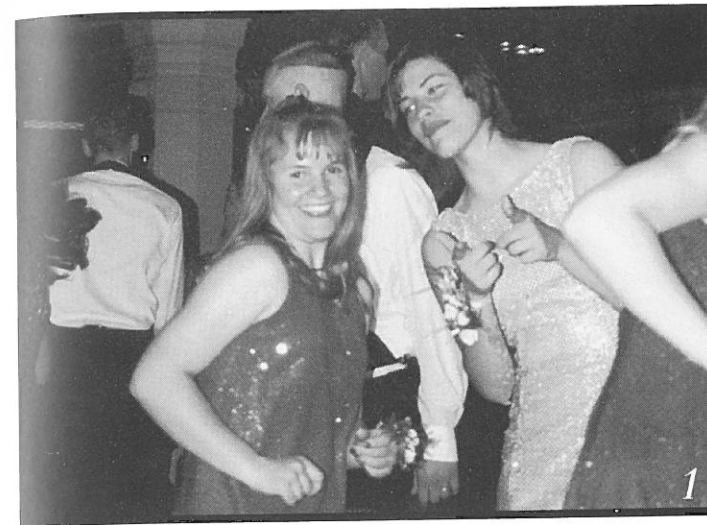


1. Emily Ulleland and Lindsey Creighton took a break and headed for the punch bowl.

2. Corey Umland and Melinda Root enjoyed the "Reflections of the Night."



3. Prom King and Queen Jason Warriner and Jennifer Kramer were presented at intermission.



Theme: "Reflections of the Night"

Colors: Black, gold, off-white, midnight blue

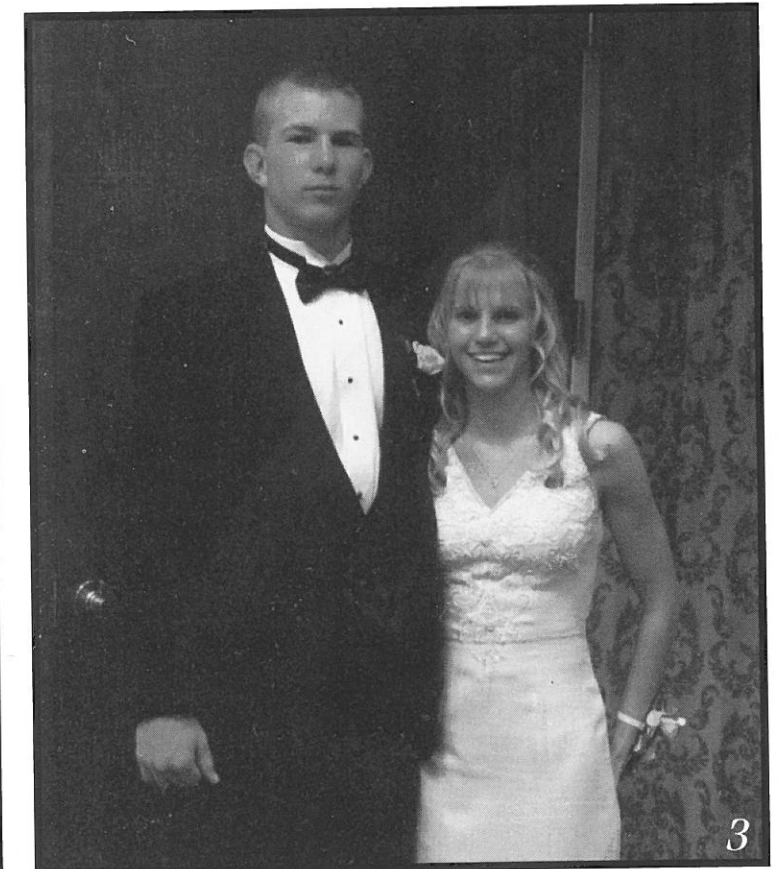
Date: April 26, 1997

Location: Old Crescent Court in Spokane

Time: 8:00-12:00 pm

Songs Played: Alternative, rap, country, disco, oldies

King and Queen: Jason Warriner & Jennifer Kramer



1. Hillary Weber and Morgane Plager enjoyed a fast dance.

2. Megan Heimburger gave the prom a two thumbs up!

3. Taking a break, Bobby Russel and Amber Arlt walked down the hall to join some friends.

4. Ryan Kennedy and Amanda Marshall entered the Crescent Court ready to dance.

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HOMCOMING '96

A serpentine through the halls of RHS kicked off the Homecoming week. Class competition, sports, and many other events filled the week.

Sports activities included volleyball with Odessa and football with Dav-enport.

During the last ten minutes of each class period, class members would run, jump, and eat to win points for their class competition. The ASB decided to change competition from noon so that more students could be involved. Many people enjoyed the the class competition "Chubby Bunny, Chirpy Bird!" In this competition contestants had to search through a bowl of whip cream, to find a gummy worm and then shout out "Chubby Bunny, Chirpy Bird".

Thursday's pep assembly had many memorable skits with the freshmen taking first place. The freshmen were decked out for their skit to *Calender Girl*, followed by the sophomores with a "groovey" rendition of *I think I love you!* The juniors did a skit to the New Kids On The Block's *Hangin Tough*.

The Seniors ended their skit with *Men in Tights*, from the movie Robin Hood, Men in Tights.

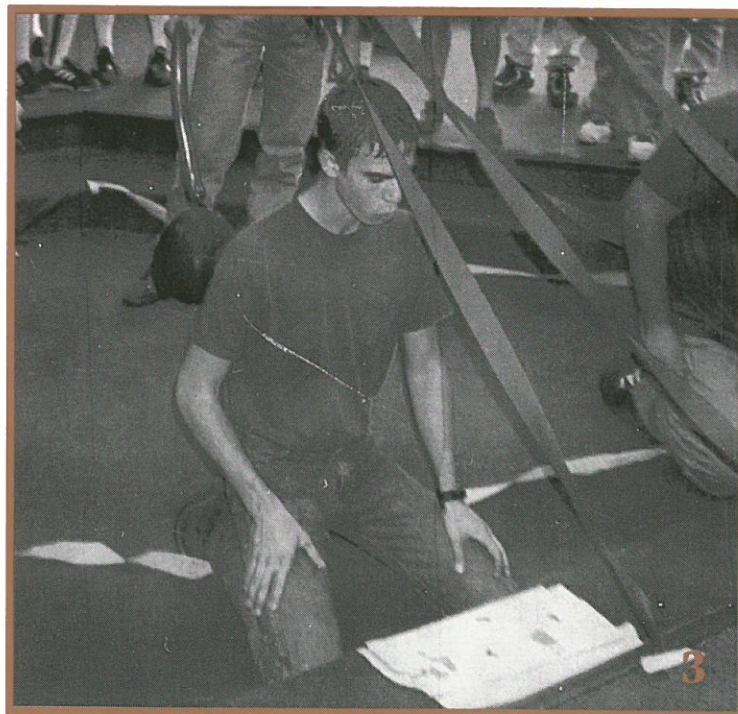
Homecoming royalty was voted on by the whole school this year. The students chosen for princesses were

Carlye Z (freshman), Amy F (sophomore), Erin W (junior), and queen Katie P. Senior escorts selected were D Roth, S Galbreath, K Boness, and J Warriner. The week ended with the Homecoming dance on Saturday.

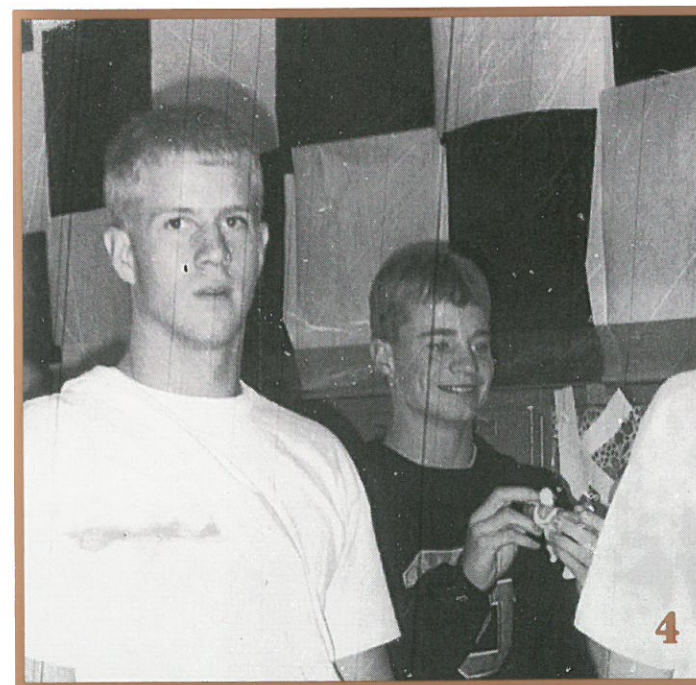


1. 1996 Homcoming royalty; top, left to right: D Roth, S Galbreath, J Warriner, and K Boness; bottom, left to right: Carlye Z., Amy F, Katie P, and Erin W.

2. The freshmen class competed against the sophomore class for a loss at tug of war.



3. L. Johnson added a "cool edge" in class competition by eating hot peppers to win points for the junior class.



OUT OF THIS WORLD COMPETITIONS

Mr. Ritzville Contestants

Freshmen: A Krouse

Sophomore: E Reimer

Juniors: M Burt

Seniors: D McLain

Mr. Ritzville winner: E Reimer

Overall placing in class competition

1. Seniors

2. Juniors

3. Freshmen

4. Sophomores



1. Sophomore Morgane P helped her class in a game of tug of war, but lost to the Seniors.

2. Megan Y showed her spirit dressing up for "Wouldn't Be Caught Dead In Day" on Tuesday.

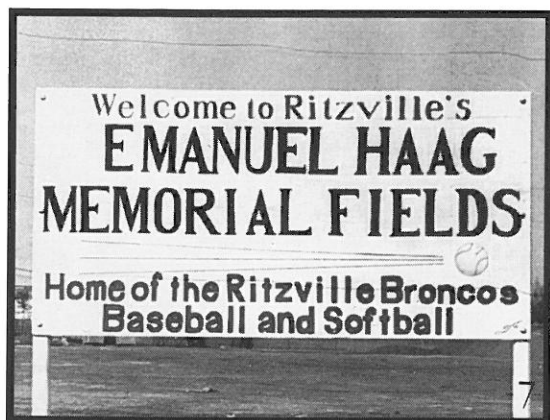
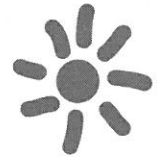
3. Freshmen Lindsey K and Carlye Z dressed in Hawaiian on Monday.

4. K Boness. showed class competitiveness by wearing a toga on Wednesday.

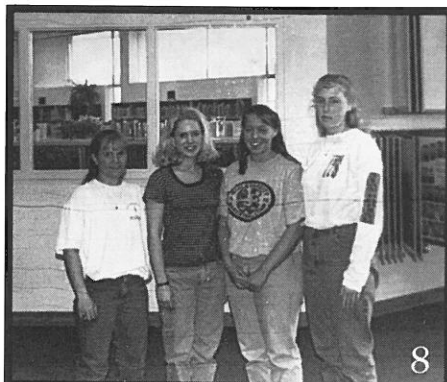
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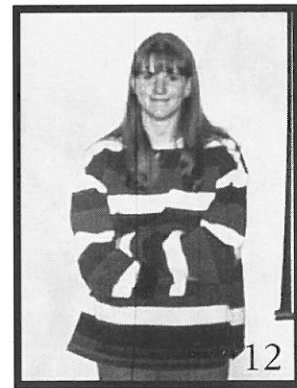
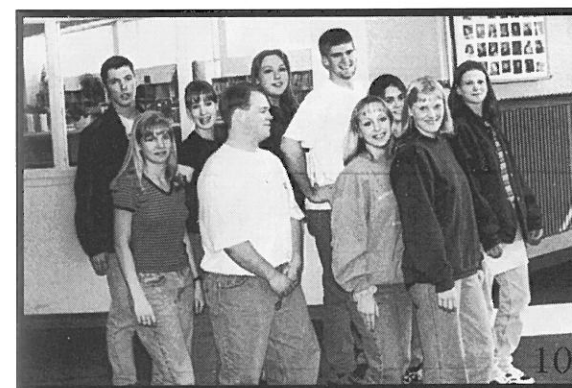
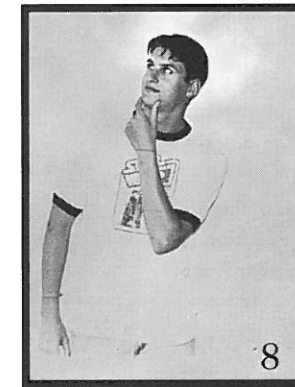
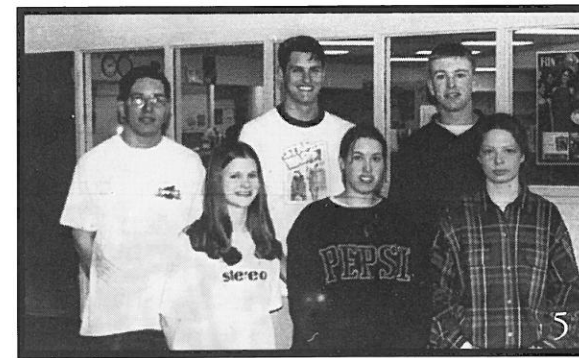
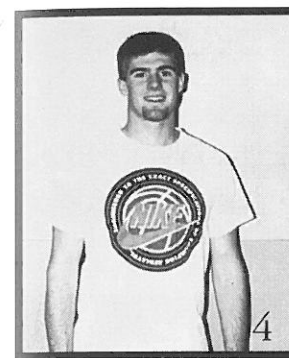
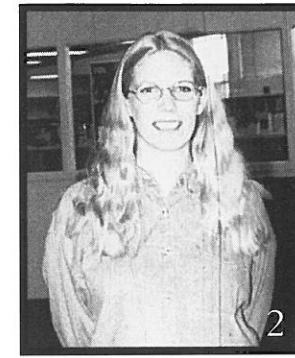
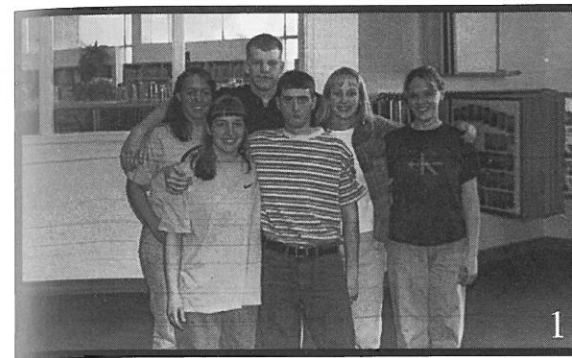
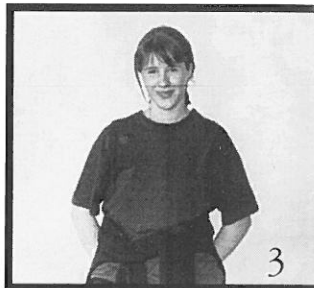
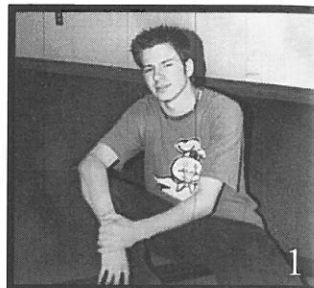
Many people in our other activities. Such school go above and involvement might beyond academics by include community putting projects, "special effort" into teaching other students, other events. Extra hours are put into writing essays, scholastic awards, FBPA, FFA, sports, and public speaking. music, community Such efforts deserve and many extra recognition.



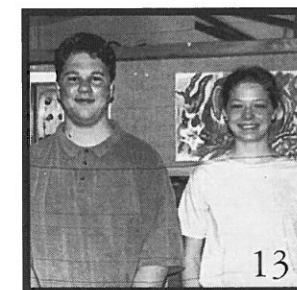
1. Jason Duncan used his artistic ability and painted the Emanuel Haag Field baseball dugouts. 2. Junior Miss contestants and sophomore sisters. In the back row sophomore sisters were: Amber Wood, Jaime Wellsandt, Veronica Schoesler, and Neva Staley; not pictured were Morgane Plager, Jessica Marshall, Kamie Parrish, and Amanda Marshall. In the front row: Stefanie Southwick, Tracy Warriner, Crystal Walli, Trina Kubik, and Leona Akers. 3. Foreign exchange student Selma Klopheus. 4. Students of the week in back row were: Max Edwards, Chris Barrett, Kim Benzel, Drew McLain, Crystal Walli, Beau Beckley, and Luis Orozco. Front row: Jessica Marshall, Amanda Marshall, Katie Phipps, Caroline Lynch, Karin Kletke, and Morgane Plager. 5. Athletes of the week in back row: Drew McLain, Scott Galbreath, Ryan Benzel, John Galbreath, and Kristian Boness. Front row: Dan Duff, Dustan Arlt, Jason Warriner, Megan Wellsandt, Carlye Zicha, and Megan Wellsandt.



6. Foreign exchange student Alex Shestakov. 7. FBPA members named the softball and baseball fields and put together a sign for a community service project. 8. Americanism Essay contest winners: Crystal Walli, Jennifer Horpedahl, and Tiffany Deking. 9. Camp Wooten counselors in back row were: Trina Kubik, Louie Mock, and Caroline Lynch. Middle row: Lindsey Creighton, Jason Duncan, and Hillary Weber. Front row: Jennifer Adams, Melinda Root, and Stefanie Southwick. PG. 27 1. Veterans Day Assembly speakers: Jennifer Horpedahl, Chrissy Geschke, Louie Mock, Jimmy Shepherd, Stefanie Southwick, and Megan Heimbigner; not pictured was Katie Phipps. 2. Caroline Lynch participated in the community play "Blithe Spirit." 3. ASB officers: Katie P, Caroline L, Damon Roth, Dan Duff, and J Shepherd.



4. Beau Beckley served as a National 4-H delegate. 5. Bi-County Business competitors in back row: Eric Reimer, D Roth, and Ryan Benzel. Front row: Jessica Marshall, Angela Gibler, and Katie P. 6. Knowledge Bowl members in back row: L Mock, Angalina Vallone, and James Jacobus. Front row: J Shepherd, D Roth, Caroline L, Jennifer H, and Tiffany Deking. 7. Sports statisticians in back row: J Jacobus, Amber Wood, Dana Fortin, and Amanda Marshall. 8. D Roth earned a National Merit Scholar. 9. FBPA state placers in back row: Lisa McRae, Jessica M, Jennifer H, J Jacobus, Megan Yerca, Megan Wellsandt, Kamie Parrish, and Amanda M. Front row: J Shepherd, Crystal Walli, Jennifer Kramer, Stefanie S, and Erin Weber. 10. Honor Choir members in back row: Ryan Kennedy, Amy Hille, Dana F, B Beckley, Brynn Potts, and Amanda M. Front row: Courtney Schilling, Nathan Wood, Stefanie S, and Jennifer Adams. 11. Honor Band members in back row: J Jacobus, Jennifer A, Stefanie S, and Michelle Johnson. Front row: Jennifer K, Lori McRae, Angela G, Lisa M, and Ryan Besel. 12. Karin Kletke won \$25 for a ASAF poster contest. 13. Columbia Basin art contest winners J Jacobus and Katie P. 14. FFA Food For America in action; pictured were Alicia Jones and Lisa M. Participants included: N Wood, Crystal W, L Mock, John Galbreath, Scott Galbreath, Bob Russell, Lori M, Veronica Schoesler, Brian Daubert, Amy H, Katie Earp, and Janell Grams.



BAND & CHOIR

Band has been quite busy keeping the "pep" in the pep band songs played at football and basketball games and some volleyball as well as wrestling matches.

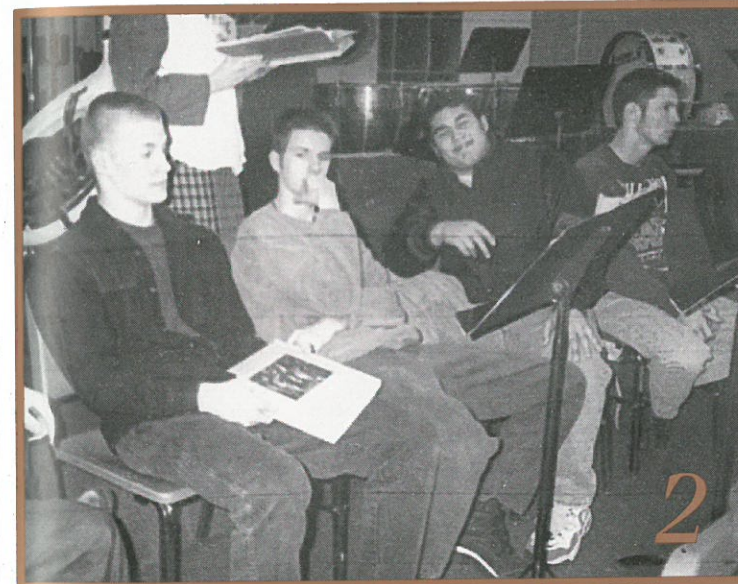
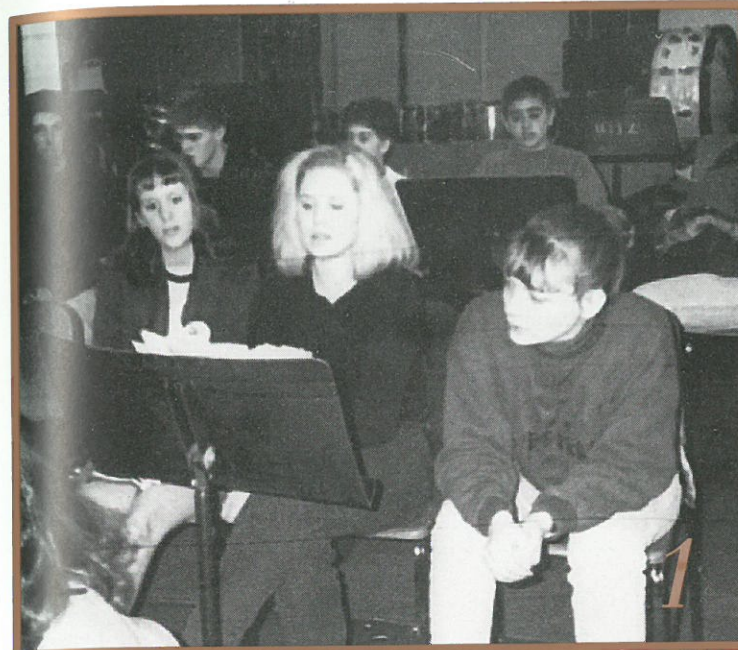
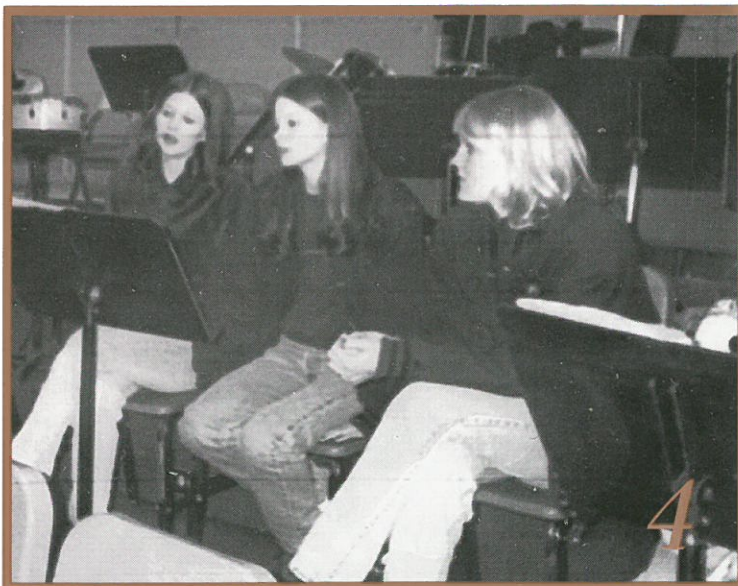
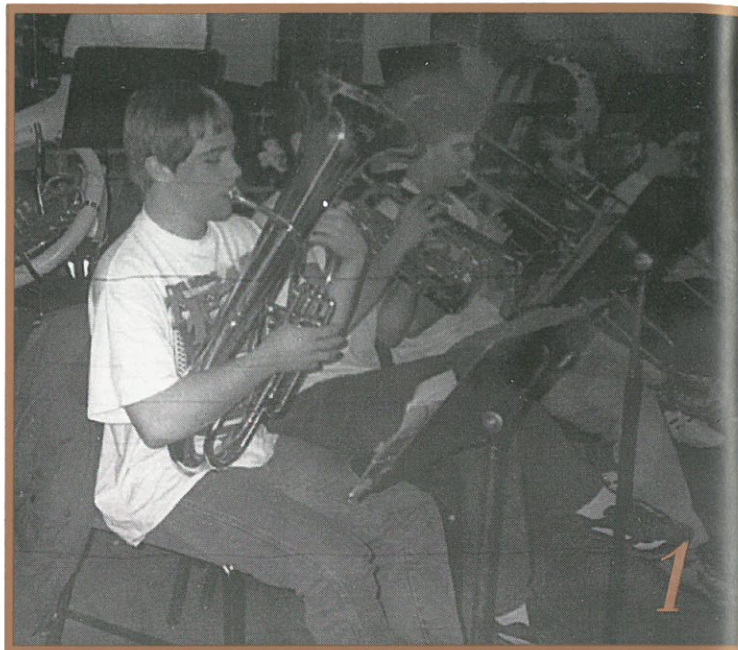
The band "rotated" their schedules to attend numerous parades and concerts, including the Ritzville Parade, Lilac Festival, Apple Blossom and the Coeur d' Alene Festival of Lights. Practicing extra songs, learning to march in step, as well as trying on uniforms to fit, just added conflict. But with their effort came success. Mr. Koch stated, "The kids really enjoy the Coeur d' Alene Parade because they get a free meal out of it. We have been Host Band for 4 years, and this is where the free meals come in."

Normally band consists of 42-45 members but this year there is an outrageous mix of 61 freshmen, sophomore, juniors, and seniors.

On this Mr. Koch said, "The larger the group the harder it is to play cleanly. On the plus side most want to play and know how to. It makes for a good band."

The number of members in choir have increased this year also from 22-24 to 44. Mr. Koch said that he hasn't had this many in choir in a long time. There were a number of newcoming freshmen that took on choir this year.

The choir has been to a number of concerts this year, such as performing at graduation, The spring concert in May, Honor Band and in the Jr & Sr High Christmas concert. Mr. Koch added, "According to the experience level, at concerts they did really, really well." Layout By: Melinda Root and Dove Fortin



Sounds of Corona

Q. *Do you plan on furthering your education in music after high school?*

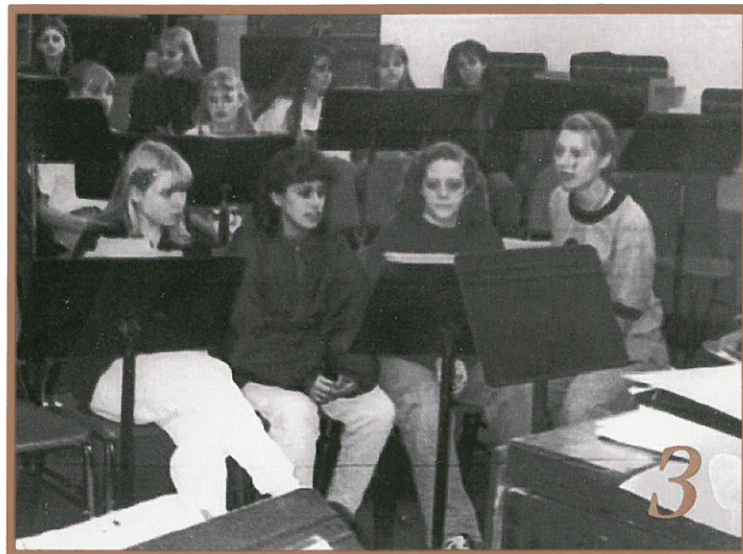
A. Yes, I think I might like to do something with music such as teaching, but I will at least be very involved with music in college. I would especially like to be in a Jazz band.

James Jacobus

Q. *Do you believe choir adds to the curriculum of Ritzville schools?*

A. Yes, because it's a way for us to relieve the tensions of everyday life, but at the same time it helps us be productive by using our voices and our vocal skills.

Roxanne Bigger



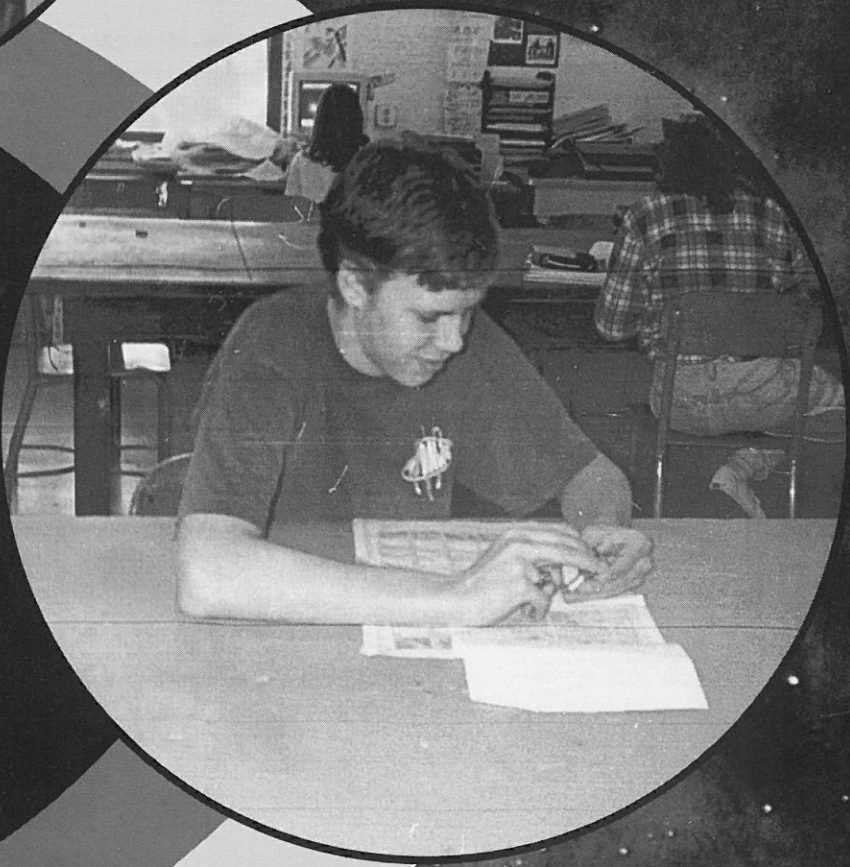
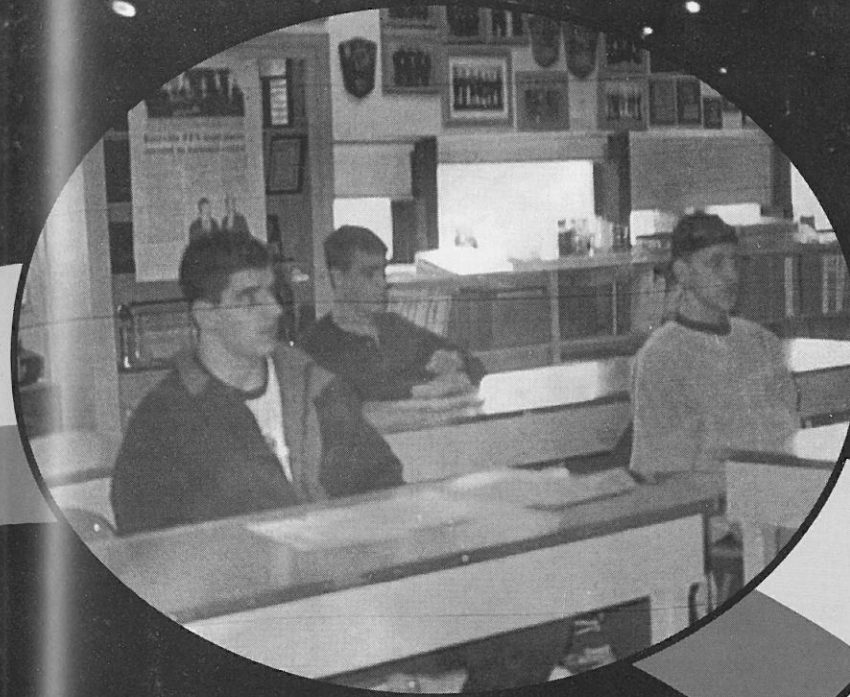
1) T Besel played his baritone during a pep band song. 2) J Jacobus, M Adams, and J Galbreath "jammed out" in their saxaphones. 3) Kristy S, Kristy P, Jill L, and Rachael P sang to the stars during choir. 4) Amanda M, Jessica M and Jennifer A followed Mr. Koch's instructions and sing outloud.

1) Kamie P, Crystal W, and Tawnya H did their best to read the notes and sing at the same time. 2) B Daubert, J Duncan, A Castillo and R Kennedy put deep thought into their music. 3) Jennifer H and J Ziebell worked hard on the keyboards during a pep band song. 4) Jamie A and Kamie A played their clarinets together.

Club Division

Drew McLain and Damon Roth looked over the FBLA catalogues during an 8th hour meeting. Working together, Tawyna Hindman and JR Morton cooked up a storm in HFL.

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FFA members Scott Galbreath, John Galbreath, and Jason Warriner listen to Mr. Schrag give instruction.

German foreign exchange student Selma Klopheus prepared a meal during 3rd period Home and Family Life.

Jacob Grant made corrections and wrote body copy as he worked on layouts for the KERNEL.

Working in the Ag shop, Ryan Kennedy put together phone booths.

Red R members took charge and voted on issues.

Direction... Exploration... New Frontiers...

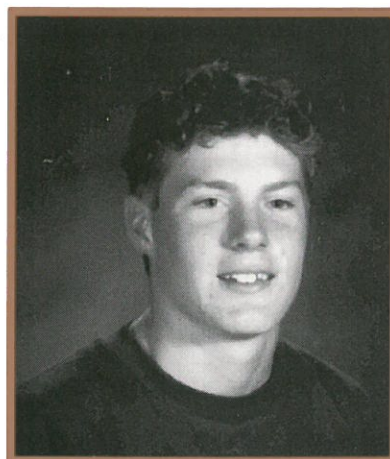
A S B

This meeting will be called to order. Damon, it's 2:40. Can you read the minutes? It's time for the treasurers report. Don't forget to sign the bills with a pen this time. Alright, time for old business. We know that Katie Phipps is president and Dan Duff vice president. Damon Roth is secretary, Caroline Lynch is treasurer, and Jimmy Shepherd is assistant treasurer. Since the year has started, we've been busy with lots of activities. Starting out with the Back to School BBQ/Dance and Homecoming festivities, we've gotten the year off to a good start. It was fun participating in the 30 Hour Famine and planning Teacher Appreciation Week. Winter Fest was a real hit. It felt good to help Romanian orphans. Who could forget the FBLA slave auction? Any new business, suggestions, or items from the floor? Yes, Jimmy? Yes, we also agree that the ASB had a good year and helped make our school a better place. Caroline moves that we keep the tradition. Dan seconds the motion. The motion has been properly moved and seconded we will now proceed to vote. All in favor... Any opposed? Great, its been a fun year and good luck to RHS in the next. It is now 3:11. This meeting is adjourned.

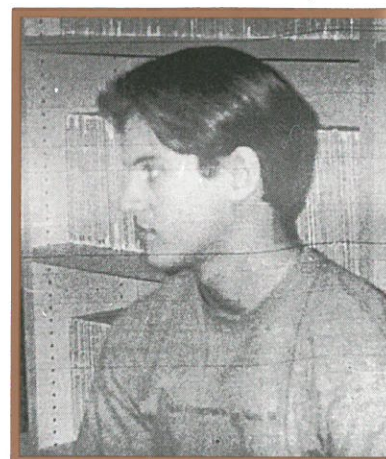
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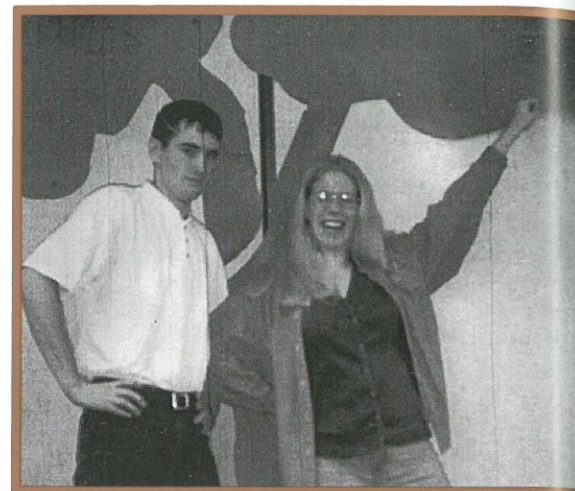
The ASB president Katie Phipps.



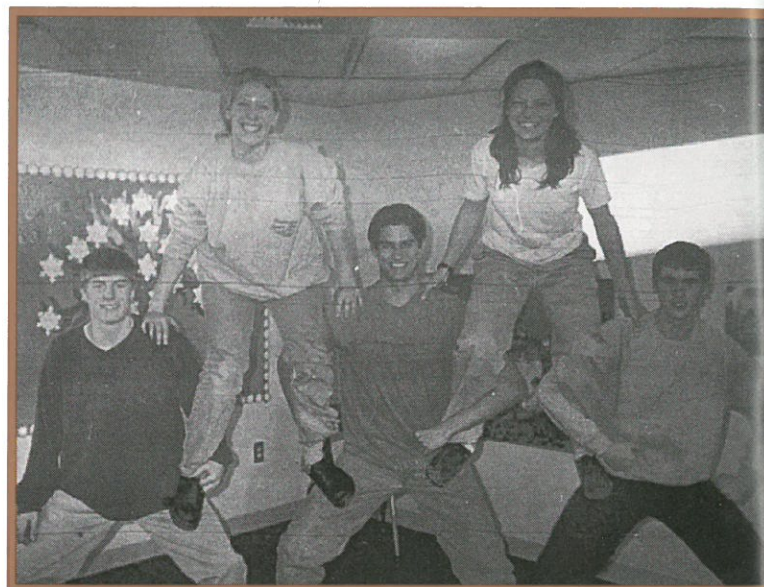
The ASB vice-president Dan Duff.



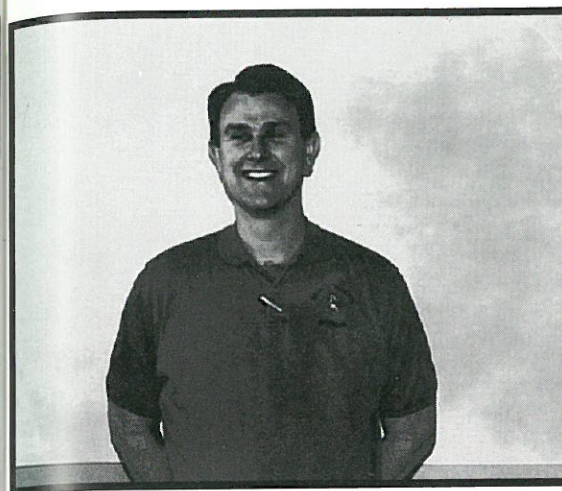
The ASB secretary Damon Roth.



Jimmy Shepherd assistant treasurer and Caroline Lynch treasurer present their money cheer.



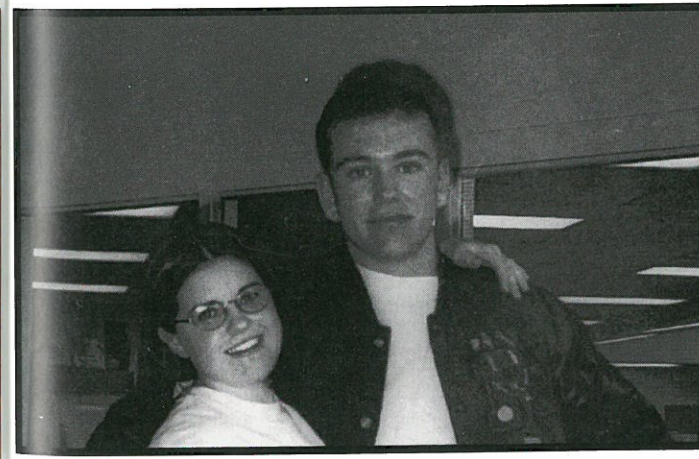
Two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar! The ASB top left to bottom right are Caroline Lynch, Katie Phipps, Dan Duff, Damon Roth, and Jimmy Shepherd.



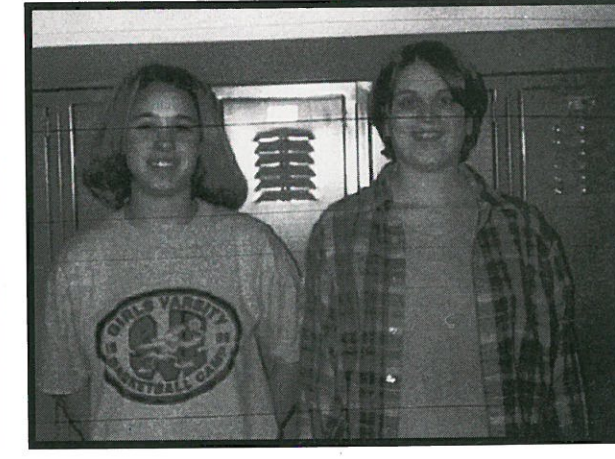
Nine year Honor Society advisor, Dwight Pflugrath.



Honor Society members for the school year.



Officers Jennifer Kramer; president, and Ryan Benzel; treasurer.



Officers Erin Weber; vice president, and Angalina Vallones; secretary.

Achieving With HONOR

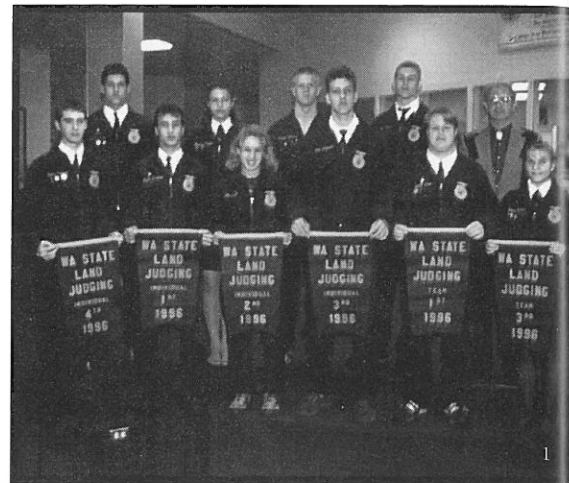
Honor Society is a privilege one may feel is only a dream, but, with hard work and involvement in school, this goal can be achieved. Honor Society is a national organization recognized in many schools throughout the country. RHS students are voted into the club by the staff and Honor Society members. To be an Honor Society member students must have an accumulative grade point average of 3.8. Students are also evaluated on leadership in school, service to school and community, and character. When students are voted into Honor Society they are formally installed during an annual banquet. There are thirty current members in Honor Society. Honor Society can give members many opportunities such as scholarships and new experiences. Honor Society is a privilege for individuals who put effort into being excellent students.

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Amanda Marshall

Opportunities of a Lifetime FFA

FFA is a wonderful program that could be described in many ways, but advisor, Mike Schrag, felt FFA could be described in one word — **opportunities**. Opportunities are abundant in FFA. No matter what area of study students were involved in, they could improve their skills and leadership qualities, such as team work, organizational skills, public speaking, debate skills, and parliamentary procedure. When most people think of FFA, they only think about farming, but there is much more involved. Mr. Schrag feels "FFA is the application part of the program. The students learn the material in the classroom and then apply it later in friendly competition through FFA. The Agricultural Education program is like a three legged stool. One leg is the classroom and shop curriculum, one leg is the application part (FFA), and one leg is their supervised agricultural experience project (40 to choose from)." The FFA program is constantly evolving. The program started in Ritzville in the 1930's. In Today's fast-paced world it seems as though interest in farming, as an occupation, is quickly fading; however, farming affects many industries. The jobs FFA prepares students for effect our lives everyday, whether we realize it or not. Mr. Schrag put it into simpler terms, "People working in agriculture production are only 2% of our population, and they feed the other 98% of us. However, agri-business and industry need 20% of our population to do the work. These are jobs in agricultural industry which includes such areas as transportation, distribution, processing, sales, marketing, research, mechanics, parts makers, communication specialists, natural resources, forestry, landscaping, horticulture, and agronomy," to name a few. The success of the Ritzville FFA Chapter is known state and nation wide. Competition after competition Ritzville rolled in trophies, ribbons, and plaques such as 2nd in National Homesite Evaluation, Best Chapter in State, 2nd in National Land Science, and 3rd in the nation for Parli Pro. This success was mainly due to "the right attitude, determination, dedication, hard work, and setting very high goals. Belief in themselves and knowing they could compete against students from AAA, AA, and A schools with multi-man Ag departments, and a willingness to put extra time in so they could improve," according to Mr. Schrag. Mr.

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1) The '96 Land/Soil Judgers.



2) Scott Galbreath, Nathan Wood, Bobby Russel, John Galbreath, Jimmy Shepherd, and Jason Warriner placed first in the nation for Home Site Evaluation, and tenth in the nation for Land Judging. Bobby Russel received a third for individual Home Site.

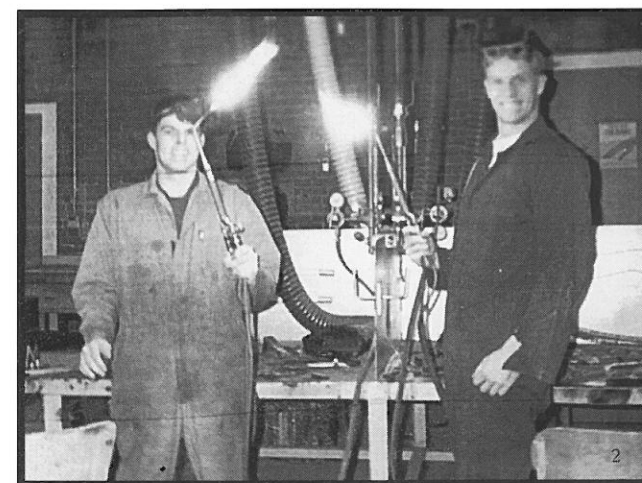


3) Looking lively at Greenhand initiation, freshmen greeted a State officer.

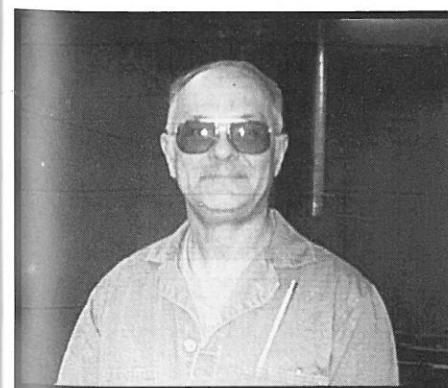
Schrag feels FFA "makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education." The Ritzville FFA Chapter is a major contributor to our school. It makes our school a better place to learn, grow, and grasp opportunities.



1) The RHS FFA was honored by being voted Best Chapter in the State by all participating Ag departments.



2) Seniors Darin DeVore and Kris Boness heated it up in the Ag shop.



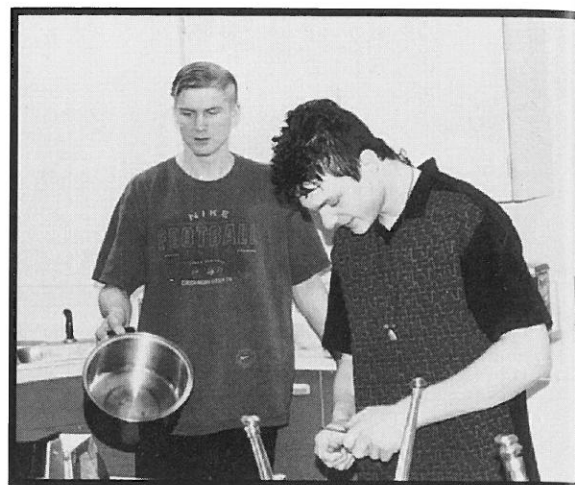
3) Chapter Farmers from top left to bottom right were Eric Reimer, Liam Condon, Brian Daubert, Justin Whitney, Reina Spencer, Morgane Plager, Veronica Schoessler, Lori McRae, and Jamie Wellsandt. 4) Contestants Jessica Johnstone, left, and Alicia Jones, right, showed off riding skills and beautiful horses at the Ritzville horse show. 5) The '96 officers from top left to bottom right were Nathan Wood- vice-pres, Veronica Schoesler- asst. treasurer, Crystal Walli- treasurer, Jason Warriner- asst. secretary, Jimmy Shepherd- reporter, Lisa McRae- secretary, Tiffany Deking- president, Alicia Jones- asst. reporter, and Louie Mock-sentinel. 6) The '96 Parli team was Marci Kison, Travis DeVore, Kyle Bauer, Nathan Wood, Jared Templin, Matt Schwisow, Krystal Walli, Jimmy Shepherd, Tiffany Deking, and teacher/advisor Mike Schrag. 7) Assistant shop teacher, Lamar Thiel, helped to make the Ag shop safe for everyone.

Traversing Through HOME & FAMILY LIFE

HFL is an educational experience that teaches students future skills. Students learn how to cook, prepare meals, as well as how to sew and do crafts. Other things are learned as well, such as cost comparison, shopping, and house design taught by way of blue prints that help students use their imagination and to create their own dream houses.

When asked about the long term goals in the HFL class, Jennifer Adams stated, "To teach you everything that you need to know to have a happy and successful home life." Darin DeVore stated that his favorite meal made in HFL was Hamburger Stew because it was cooked to perfection and "it was just plain awesome!" The question was asked "What do you plan to gain from this class?" Brenda Smith replied, "Learning how to use a microwave because I have learned that I can't cook and T.V. dinners are good." Together the HFL classes consisted of 35 members, an average numbered group. Stefanie Southwick stated, "I'm in HFL because it teaches me what I need to know to live on my own. And the class is really fun."

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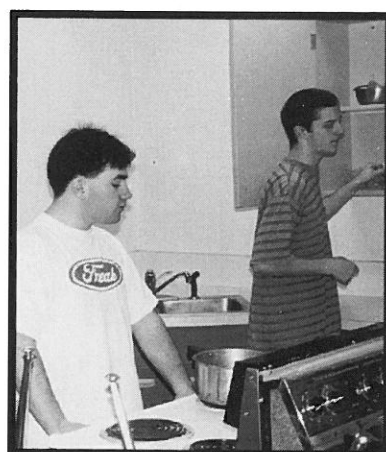
Josh Draper and John Smith prepared to cook noodles in HFL.



Jannell Grams practiced sewing buttons on her material before beginning her final project.



Stefanie Southwick made Valentine cookies fourth hour to give to teachers.

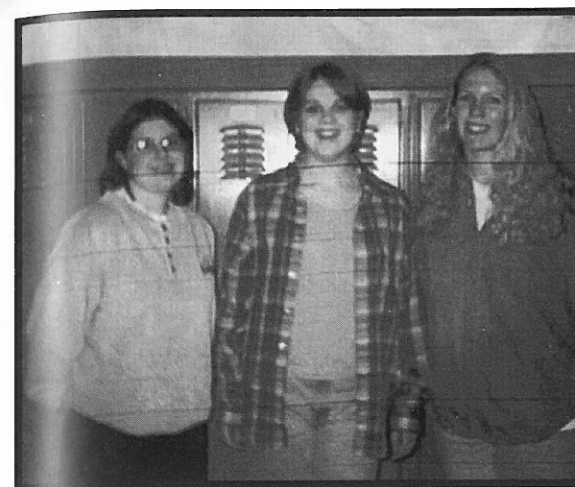


Gino Arp patiently waited for the water to boil to cook his noodles during third hour.



Sinead Condon and Jennifer Adams "displayed" frosting for their cookies.

Aiming For Academic Letter A Higher GOAL



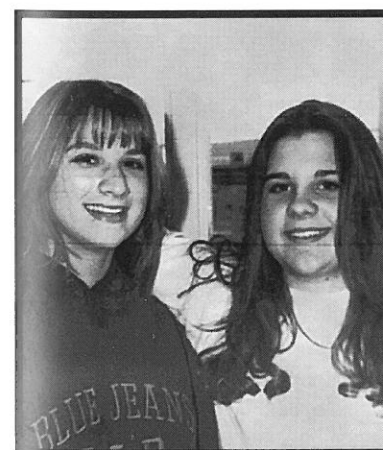
Three seniors to receive honor diplomas for having four projects were Jennifer Kramer, Angalina Vallone, and Caroline Lynch.



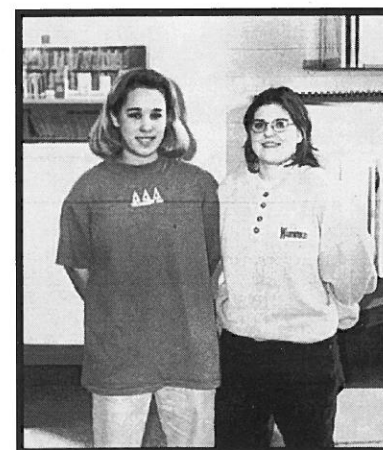
Some of the members from top left to bottom right were Jaime Wellsandt, Carlye Zicha, Lindsey Kramer, Erin Weber, Jennifer Kramer, Katy Earp, Kim Benzel, Megan Yerxa, Aimee Johnson, and Jessica Cox.

Academic letter gives special recognition to students with outstanding academic abilities. For a student to receive an academic letter they must maintain a 3.8 GPA for two consecutive semesters, stay off of the ineligible list, and have provided eight hours of community service. Students have to develop one major project that is approved by a teacher or supervisor. Projects vary from book reviews, making charts or computer graphs, to filling pop and juice machines. Some projects are part of a program for groups or clubs. When a student has met all the requirements, they receive an academic letter. A student achieves a letter their first time in the club, then they receive a red/black chevron to be attached to the letter. Many high school students try for academic letters. Academic Letter students included Angalina Vallone, Crystal Walli, Jaime Wellsandt, Aimee Johnson, Jimmy Shepherd, Veronica Schoessler, Jennifer Horpendahl, Katie Phipps, Angela Gibler, Caroline Lynch, James Jacobus, Michelle Johnson, Jessica Marshall, Jessica Cox, Kim Benzel, Lindsey Kramer, Chris Barrett, Megan Yerxa, Carlye Zicha, Max Edwards, Katy Earp, Jennifer Kramer, and Erin Weber.

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Two new freshmen members were Carlye Zicha and Lindsey Kramer.



Two officers were Erin Weber and Jennifer Kramer.



Jennifer Kramer and Megan Yerxa chose to fill the pop machine for their Academic Letter projects.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

FBLA

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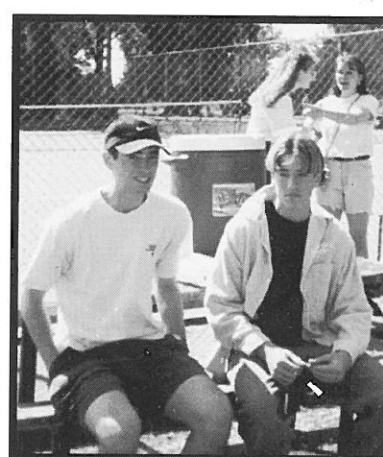
Future Business Leaders of America is an organization that teaches its members leadership skills. These skills may range from having enough nerve to speak out and be heard in a class or to running for an FBLA state office. FBLA can involve many aspects of one's life, such as: social, political, family, school, and future plans for life. Eight officers lead this FBLA chapter to a successful year. Some activities FBLA organized included the candy machine, slave auction, a food drive, Winter Ball, internet distributing and follow-up, naming the softball and baseball fields (Emanuel Haag Memorial Fields), and attending Fall, Spring, and State Leadership Conferences. State Leadership Conference took twenty-seven members out of thirty-eight in the chapter. Seventeen people placed in one or more events. "If you believe it, you can achieve it." These were words heard from FBLA State president Gabe Saucido at State closing ceremonies. FBLA has obviously impacted his life, and it will impact the lives of other members in the present and in the future.



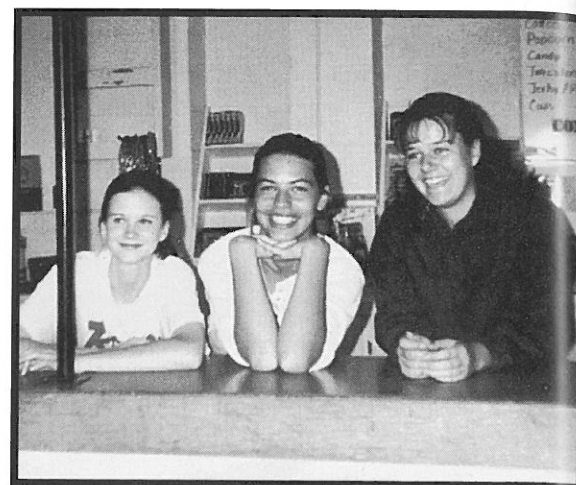
While waiting for their next session at the FBLA Fall Conference, Kim Benzel and Carlye Zicha took time for a picture.



Stefanie Southwick and FBLA advisor Shirley Edwards waited between sessions at the 97 FBLA Fall Conference.



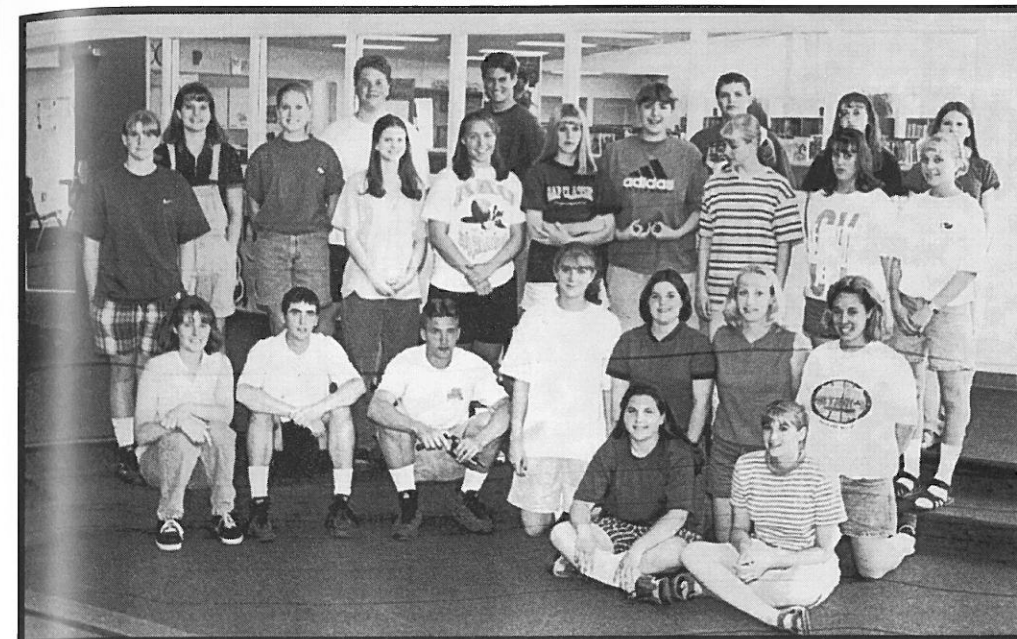
Jim Shepherd and Mike Adams helped FBLA by passing out water at the Ritzville Biathlon for a community service project.



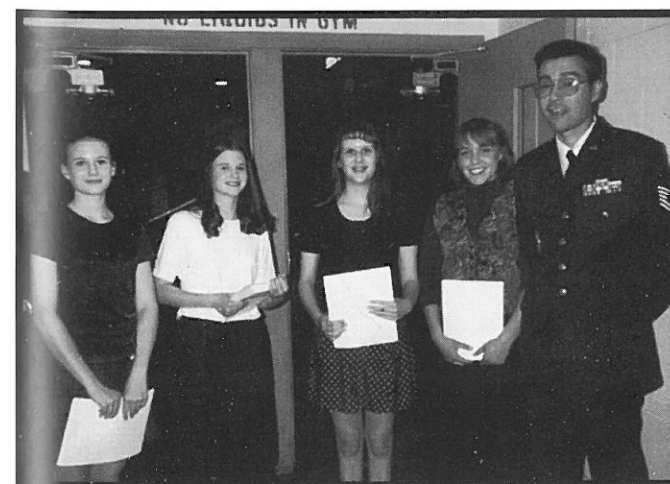
Jessica Marshall, Morgane Plager, and Lori McRae worked FBLA concessions during a basketball game at Ritzville.



FBLA members that went to State Competition from back left to bottom right were: Karin Klettke, James Jacobus, Jessica M., Jennifer Horpedahl, Damon Roth, Amber Wood, Megan Yerxa, Megan Wellsandt, Kamie Parrish, Kim B., and Amanda Marshall, Lisa McRae, J. Shepherd, Brien Marcus, Shannon Russel, Jennifer Kramer, Stefanie S., and Erin Weber, Crystal Walli, and Lindsey Kramer.



1997 FBLA members included: back- Karin Klettke, Tracy Warriner, Crystal Walli, James Jacobus, Jessica Marshall, Jennifer Horpedahl, Damon Roth, Amber Wood, Megan Yerxa, Chris Barrett, Megan Wellsandt, Rebekah LeRoy, Kamie Parrish, Amanda Marshall, Kim Benzel. middle- Lisa McRae, Jimmy Shepherd, Brian Marcus, Shannon Russel, Jennifer Kramer, Stefanie Southwick, Erin Weber. front- Lindsey Kramer, Carlye Zicha.



FBLA officers- Shannon Russel (historian), Jennifer Horpedahl (secretary), Jessica Marshall (treasurer), Lisa McRae (vice president), Jim Shepherd (parliamentarian), Stefanie Southwick (reporter), Jennifer Kramer (president)

At state Stefanie Southwick, Erin Weber, and Amber Wood stood outside their rooms at the Red Lion Hotel eager to begin competitions.

Assisted by Sgt Gregory R Salaz, Amanda Marshall, Jessica Marshall, Kamie Parrish, and Jennifer Horpedahl handed out pamphlets at the USAF and USAM Command Band Concert for a community service project.

FBLA CREED
I BELIEVE education is the right of every person.
I BELIEVE the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family, and educational institutions, as well as people around the world. I agree to do my utmost to bring understanding and cooperation among all of these groups.
I BELIEVE every person should actively work toward improving social, political, community, and family life.
I BELIEVE every person has a right to earn a living at a useful occupation and that this right should not be denied because of race, color, creed, sex, or handicap.
I BELIEVE every person should take responsibility for carrying out assigned tasks in a manner that brings credit to self, associates, school, and community.
I BELIEVE I have the responsibility to work efficiently and to think clearly. I promise to use my ability to make the world a better place for everyone.

We Got The **WRITE** S—T—U—F—F

The *Kernel* consisted of only five members this year: two sophomores, Amanda Marshall and Rebekah LeRoy, both assistant editors; two juniors, Jacob Grant and Melinda Root, head photographer; and one senior, Katie Phipps, editor.

The class revolved around deadlines, writing copy, cropping pictures and much more. These are just some of the "stresses" of the *Kernel*. Each person must be dedicated to take pictures, develop film and print it, work on the computer, make phone calls to sell ads, and keep everything under the budget.

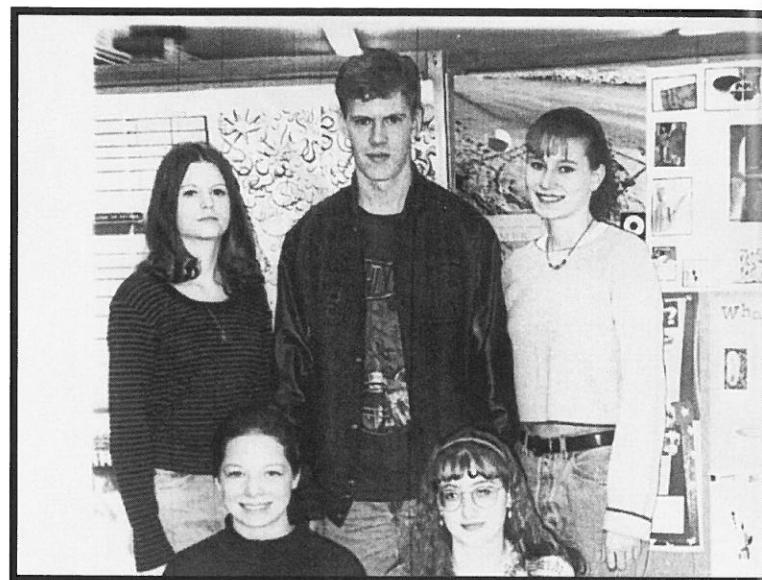
Katie Phipps has been Editor for two out of the four years she's taken *Kernel*. When asked what her future plans were Katie stated, "I would like to get into the BYU Visual Arts program and own my own business someday in design, or I may want to go into publishing."

When asked what she thought about the members of the *Kernel*, Advisor Mrs. Linda Schrag responded "For being a small class, everyone had to work efficiently. We all have had to learn to share responsibilities and overcome 'my job' - 'your job' attitudes. Friendships have really been established."

Layout By:
Melinda Root



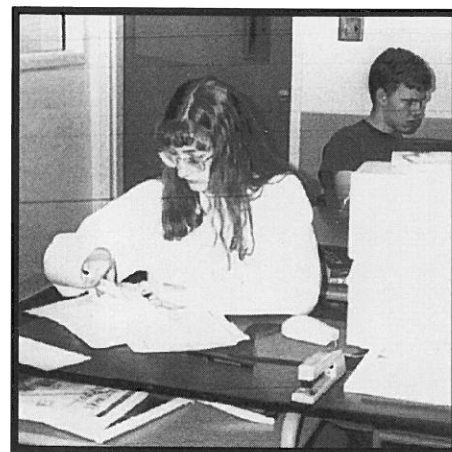
Katie Phipps worked diligently on the senior pages for the *Kernel*.



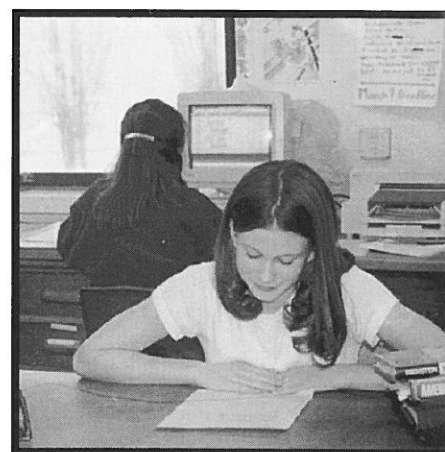
Amanda Marshall, Jacob Grant, Melinda Root, Katie Phipps, and Rebekah LeRoy, were members of the 1997 *Kernel* staff.

Q. How do you think the *Kernel* helps to further your education?

A. I would like to be a photographer and the *Kernel* teaches me the simple and little things a person needs to know about photography.
— Melinda Root

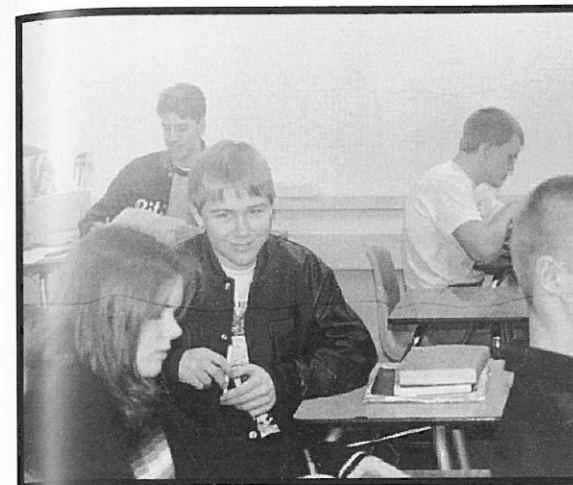


Rebekah LeRoy and Jacob Grant worked on typing copy in the computer room.

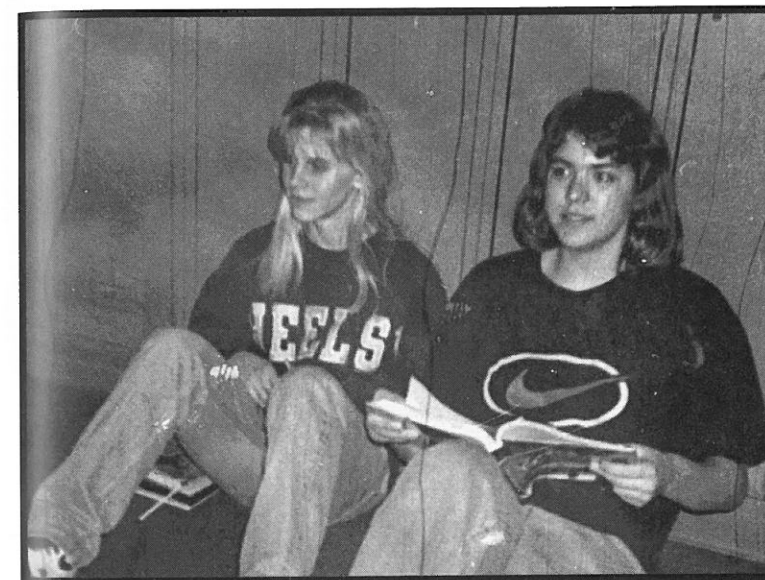


Amanda Marshall worked on her layouts to meet deadlines.

Taking Pride In **Athletics** Taking Pride In R—E—D—R



Ryan Besel wore his Lettermen's jacket he earned from football.

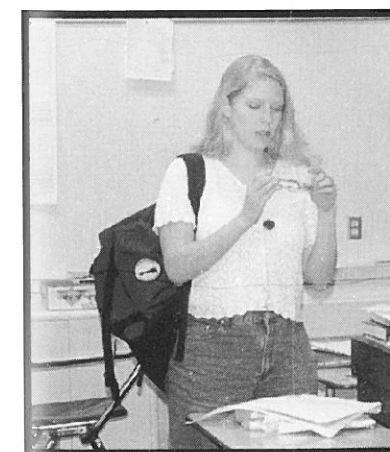


Megan Yerxa, a Red R member, sat in the hall during 8th period with classmate Amber Arlt.

Red R is an organization of members that have played a varsity sport and have earned two letters. Being a member gives a student the option to purchase a Letterman's jacket and show one's accomplishments. Those that earn the privilege of lettering represent not only themselves but Ritzville High School as well. To the Letterman, the jacket is not merely a "coat," but in the future will become a symbol of high school years. With their budget, Red R purchased a new video camera and tripod for athletic taping. They also helped pay for the boys basketball shooting shirts and warm-ups for the girls basketball team.

When Mr. Greg Whitmore, Red R advisor, was asked what kind of suggestions have been made by the students for spending the money, he replied, "We plan on buying exercise and weight equipment this spring. We have also talked about purchasing a sound system for the Gilson gym and/or the weight room, but the committees have not yet followed through on that. Mirrors for the weight room have also been discussed." Red R members are often found in the hall wearing their jackets proudly with heads held high.

Layout by:
Melinda Root



Caroline Lynch, received letters in both Tennis and Cross-country.



Mr. Whitmore talked about the budget during an 8th period meeting.

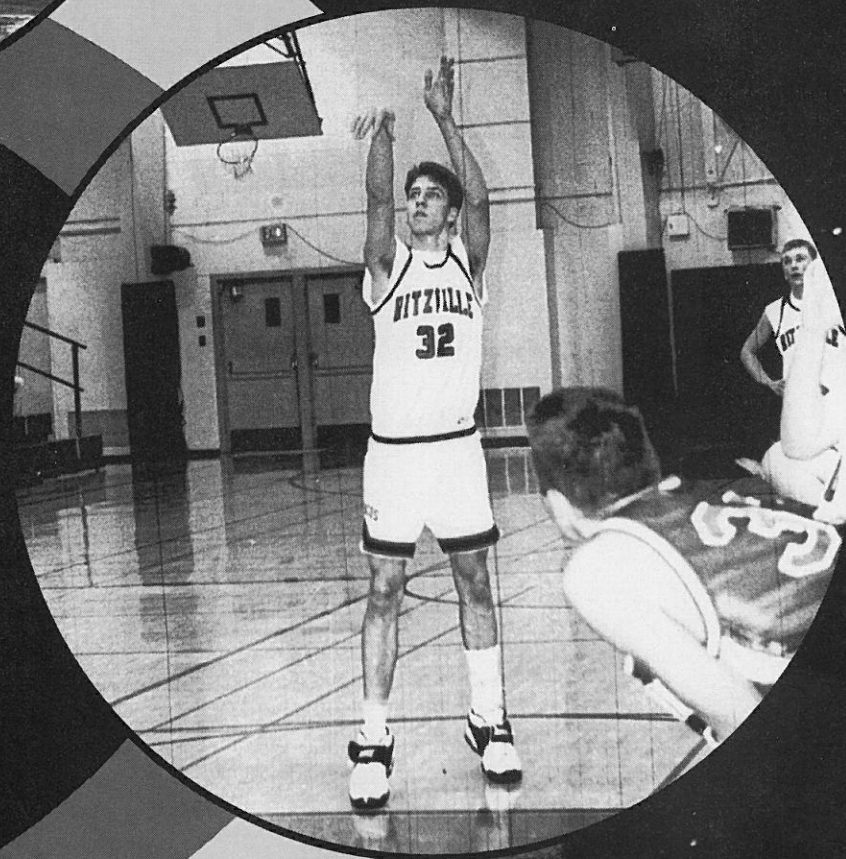


The Red-R members of 96-97.



Jason Warriner left a wake of players as he slammed into the end-zone for a touch down.

Second baseman, Jennifer Adams, reached for the ball to keep the softball team ahead at a home game against Wilbur-Creston.



Number 24, Dustan Arlt slammed one into deep space, in a game against Davenport.
 Angelina Vallone got on her knees keeping the ball in play at State.
 Demonstrating good form, senior John Galbreath put one through the net for the Broncos at a home game against W.C.
 Using a ground stroke, Abbie Kubik, defeated her doubles opponents.
 In a twist, sophomore Chris Barrett, wrestled his way to a win at Districts.

IN CONTROL of the COURT

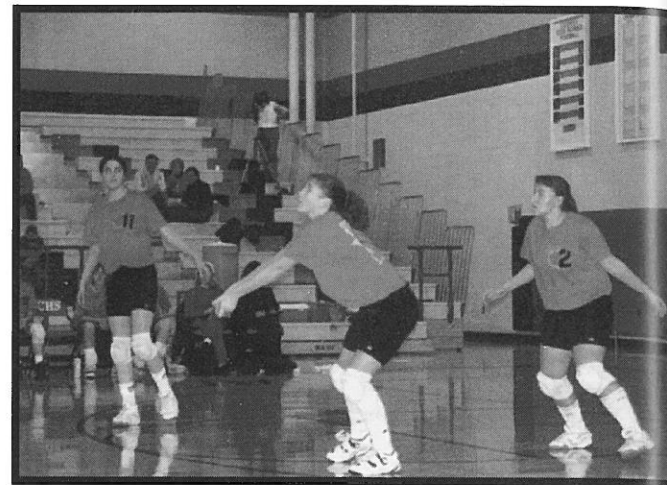
Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball

Layout By:
Katie Phipps and
Rebekah LeRoy

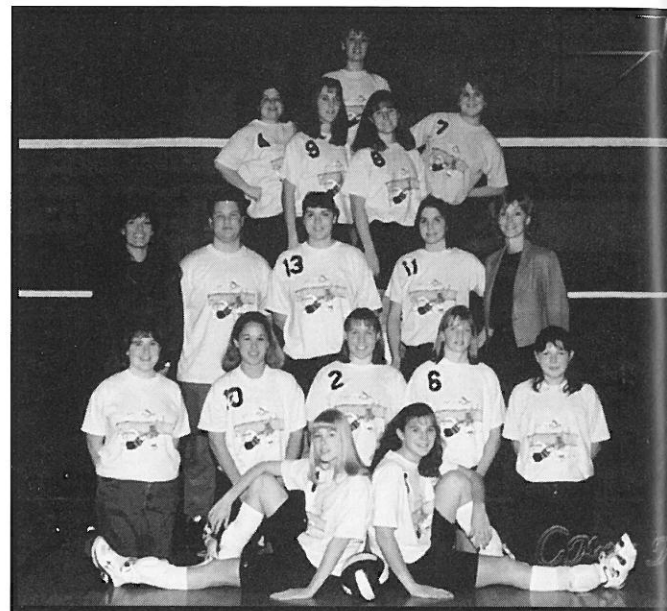
The Ritzville Varsity volleyball team was hot this year with a 20 to 10 season. The girls went from just reacting to what the other team did, to taking charge and becoming more aggressive. During the Bi-County tournament the team came in a strong third place. Getting hotter, they won the District Championships. Going on to State, the team placed seventh. **K a t h y** Sackmann has coached seven years at Ritzville with great success. The thing she enjoyed most about coaching in '97 was the fact that the girls were a hard working team who received strong support from each other and from their fans. Senior player Angalina Vallone felt the team "came on



hard at the end of the season and during tournament play. We became more focused and played each game with the common goal of victory." The JV volleyball girls were coached by Cindy Edgren, who has coached for four years. This year she helped teach new skills to freshmen girls and prepared them for future games on the varsity team. She enjoyed watching the girls improve on spiking and other skills. Each girl had their own goal, though success was the common goal. The team's most memorable moment was beating Wilbur Creston. The volleyball coaches agreed that the teams did a great job and were successful.



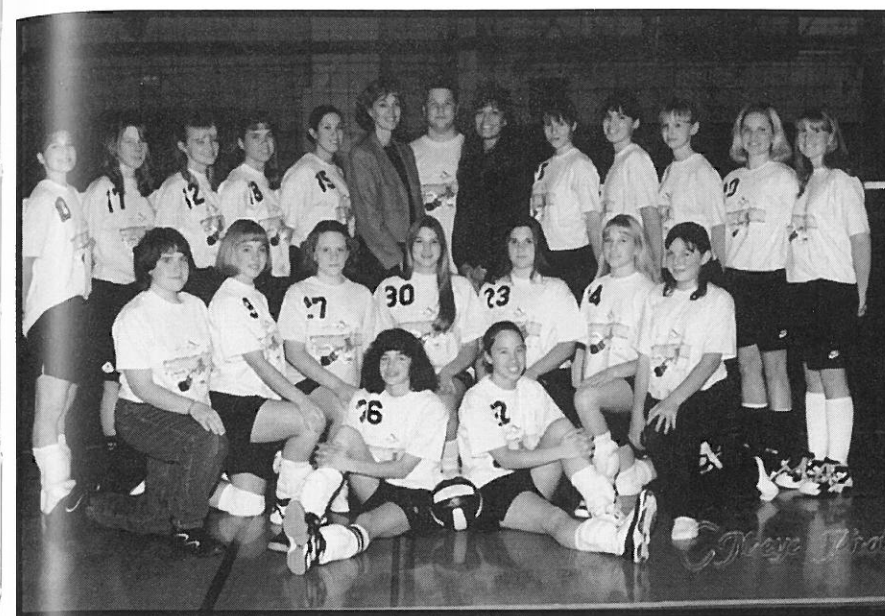
Shannon Russel bumped the ball, as her teammates Alicia Jones and Jennifer Horpendahl looked on during the final games at Districts.



The Varsity team from bottom left to top right were Megan Wellsandt, Shannon Russel, manager Neva Staley, Erin Weber, Jennifer Horpendahl, Amy Fitch, manager Dixie Fortin, assistant coach Cindy Edgren, manager James Jacobus, Megan Yerxa, Alicia Jones, head coach Kathy Sackmann, Jennifer Kramer, Jamie Alspach, Lisa McRae, Angalina Vallone, and Katie Kirkendall.

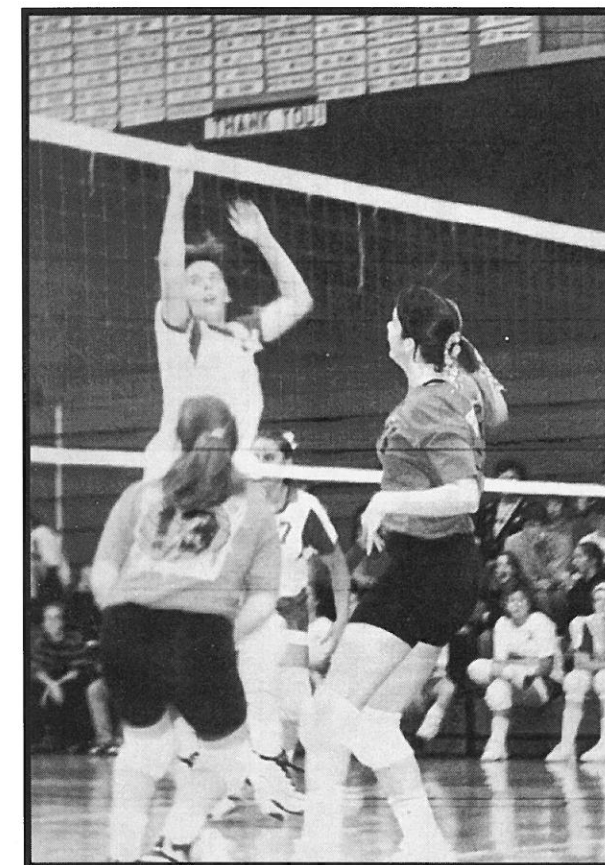
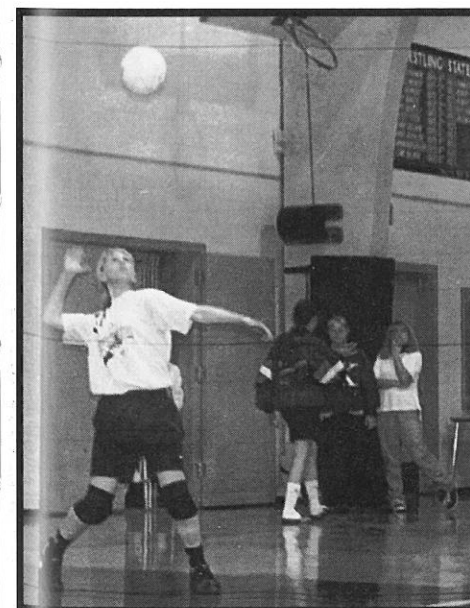
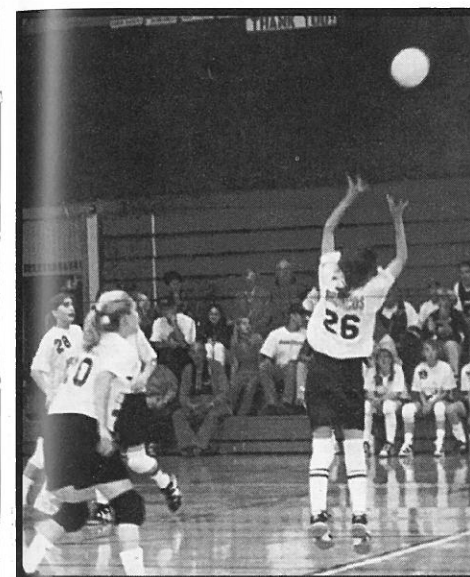


It was a triumphant feeling winning Districts at EWU.



The JV team from bottom left to top right were Jamie Wellsandt, Aimee Johnson, manager Neva Staley, Veronica Schoesler, Jillian Lawrence, Carlye Zicha, Lindsey Kramer, Kim Benzel, manager Dixie Fortin, Tracy Warriner, Cassie Stegmeier, Leona Akers, Michelle Johnson, Angela Gibler, coach Kathy Sackmann, manager James Jacobus, coach Cindy Edgren, Selma Klopheus, Jennifer Janzen, Jessica Cox, Crystal Walli, and Karin Klettke.

Angela Gibler and Cassie Stegmeier watched as the ball soared over the net at a game against Valley Christian.



Jamie Wellsandt set the ball as teammates Crystal Walli and Tracy Warriner anticipated the next play against Wilbur/Creston.

The opponent couldn't stop Alicia Jones or Lisa McRae from scoring at a home game.

Hoping for a side out, Jessica Cox served the ball during a home game against Odessa.

Team Awards

Captain:
Megan Wellsandt
Captain:
Jennifer Kramer
Most Inspirational:
Jennifer Kramer
Most Improved:
Megan Yerxa
Most Valuable Player:
Megan Wellsandt
Coach's Award:
Shannon Russel

FIRST AND GOAL

Broncos Worked Hard in Football

Layout By:
Amanda
Marshall and
Jacob Grant

The BRONCOS took on every Bi-County team and knocked them into deep space with a 5-3 season. The best way to start out a new season is to hit it hard, and that's what this year's team did. They went from good, to bad, to wild, and were ready to play. When it was time to get things together, this football team could do it.

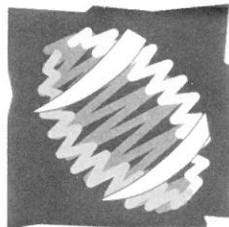
Thanks to the captains Jason Warriner, Scott Galbreath, and Kristian Boness, the lower classmen were encouraged to become better. The "Mighty Three" even gave their own classmates a few pointers on both defense and offense. As swift as the wind, Jason Warriner had the most carries with 145 and 1155 rushing yards. But he was not the only one who fought the field. Allan Hille had the most tackles with 76 total and Brien Marcus had the most interceptions with 37 yards returned. Sophomore Dustan Arlt had 27 completions, 2 touchdowns and

420 yards for the season. Kristian Boness suffered from a broken hand mid way through the season but was able to return to play.

The BRONCOS had everything that they needed for a winning season except lights, which

strained the team because they had two days of practice in the morning before school started, and early afternoons, also.

When we asked the coaches "What they most enjoyed about the football season?" they replied "Everyone worked really hard, not only during the year but also during the off season, too, to become better and more disciplined football players." Even without lights the Broncos still shined.



Receiver Darin Devore caught a pass for a Bronco first down against the ACH Warriors.



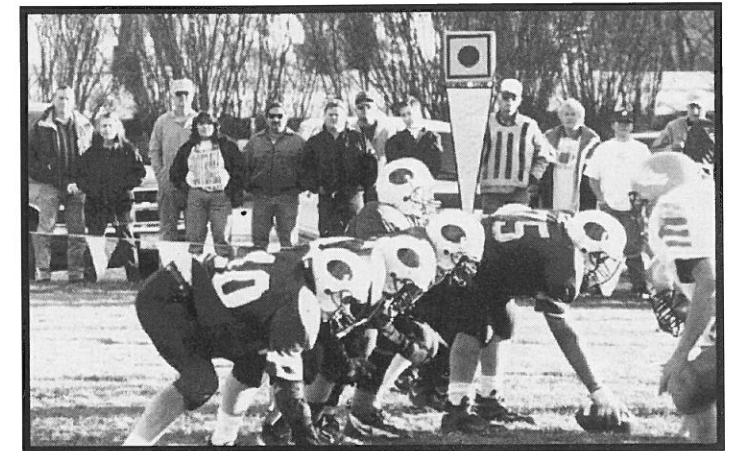
Junior Alan Hille ran the football for extra Bronco yardage in a game against the ACH Warriors.

The 1996 RHS football team, with coaches Mike Lynch, Alan Boatman, and Greg Whitmore.



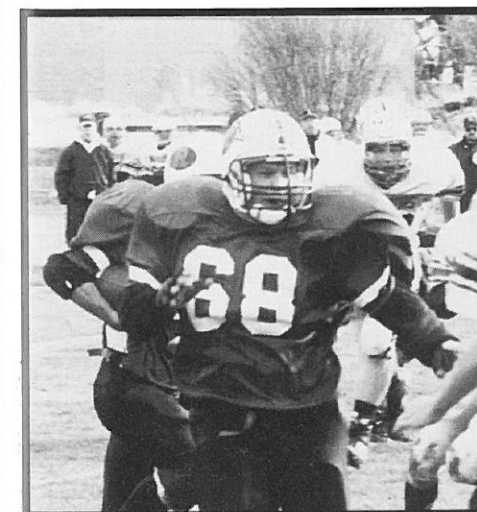
Running back Jason Warriner moved the ball against a pack of Wilbur Creston Wildcat defensive players.

Broncos offensive line prepared for a touchdown play against the Wilbur Creston Wildcats.



Broncos defensive linemen tackled the Warriors runningback for a ACH loss of yards.

Sophomore quarterback Dustan Arlt looked for a receiver in the Bronco end zone.



Nathan Wood blocked for running back Jason Warriner against the ACH Warriors.

BRONCO FOOTBALL STATS

*Ritzville 48 vs.
Springdale 14
*Ritzville 35 vs.
Liberty 6
*Ritzville 47 vs.
Curlew 8
*Ritzville 7 vs.
Reardan 28
*Ritzville 6 vs.
Davenport 30
*Ritzville 41 vs.
ACH 14
*Ritzville 7 vs.
Wilbur-Creston 0
*Ritzville 7 vs.
Republic 34

Taking it to the Mat Wrestling

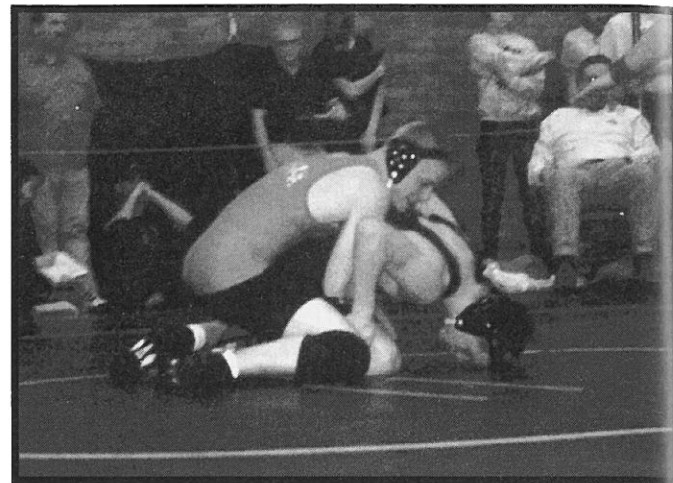
Layout by:
Melinda Root

In wrestling, dedication is extremely important. Practices can last anywhere between two to three hours, with very few breaks. But, when it comes down to it, practices pay off at meets and tournaments. After each pin, wrestlers receive a safety pin painted with red or black to show their accomplishments. This is a tradition of three years now, which coach Mike Lynch has instituted. Coach Lynch did not take wrestling in high school or college. He first became interested when Ritzville offered him an assistant coaching job. "When I started coaching I realized the discipline and courage it takes to be a good wrestler," Lynch stated. No wrestlers made it to state this year, although, Jason Warriner, Drew

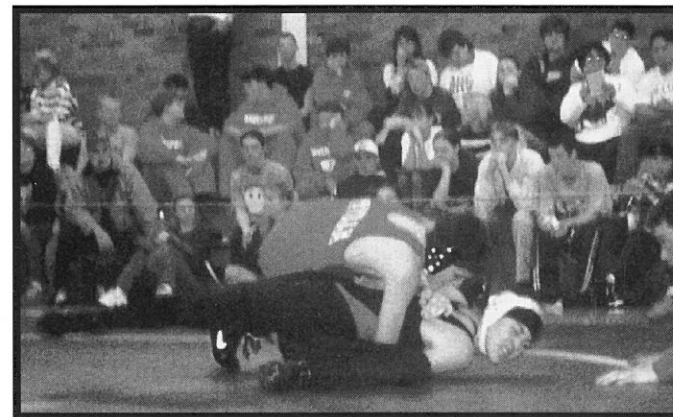
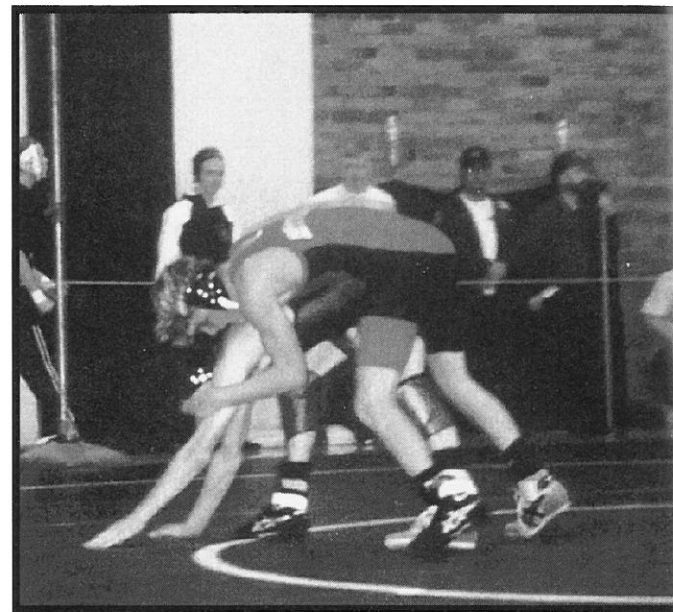


McLain, and Dusty Breazeale made their way past Bi-county and Regionals to Districts. When Coach Lynch was asked the question, "What will you miss about the seniors?", he answered: "How hard they work, and the good examples they set towards all the underclassmen." Members of the wrestling team were Jason Warriner, Drew McLain, Ryan Denton, Ryan Kennedy, Nathan Wood, Brady Moore, Dustin Breazeale, Ricky Pierce, Justin Ziebell, Drew Markum, Brian Daubert, Eric Reimer, Chris Barrett, and Louie Mock. Wrestling challenges, not only the body and mind, but the character of these young athletes.

Q. What helps the team get along as a whole?
A. "They work very hard and push each other in order to get better. We're all a family." — Coach Lynch

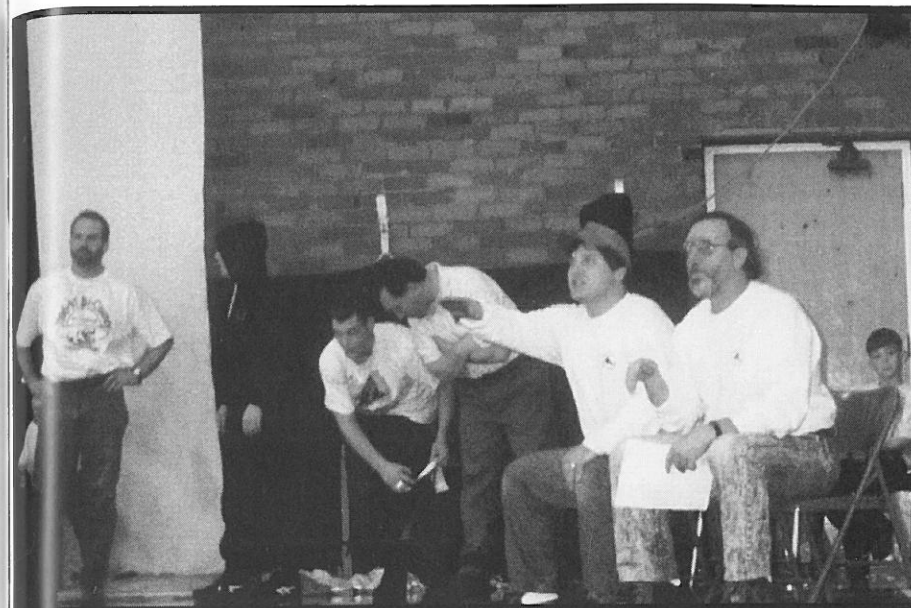


Brian Daubert used the fireman's carry while he wrestled against A.C.H in the Bi-county tournament.



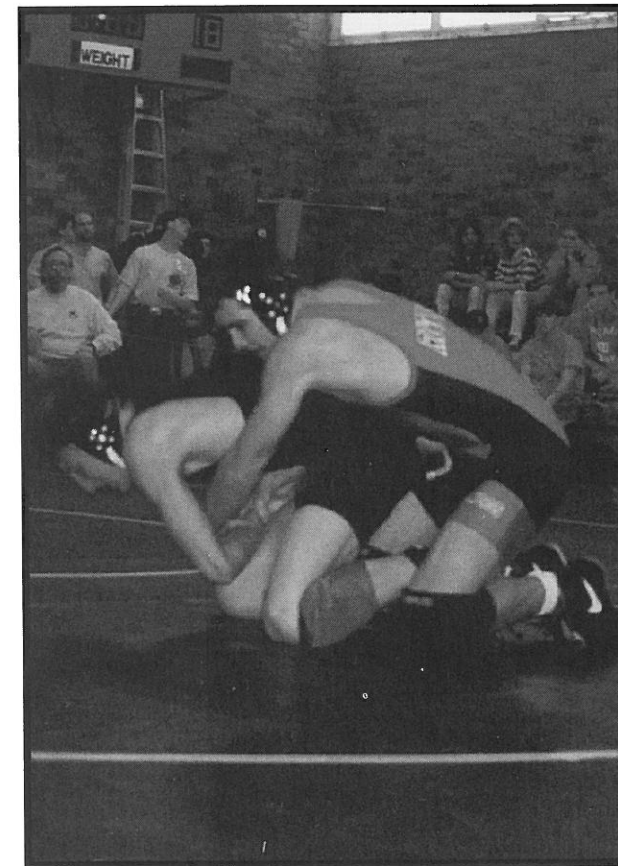
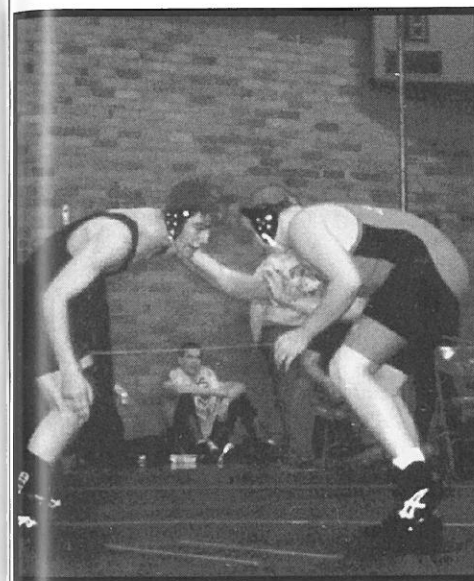
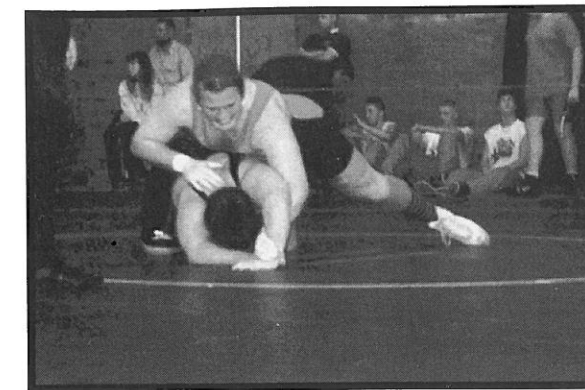
At Bi-county Dusty Breazeale received points for his take down against Wilbur/Creston.

Justin Ziebell experienced something new when he wrestled and pinned a girl from Reardan.



Coaches Todd O'Brien and Mike Lynch encouraged wrestlers at Districts.

Drew McLain wrestled hard in Bi-county and was able to move on to Districts.



During Bi-county, Chris Barrett used the cradle as he wrestled his opponent from A.C.H at 178 lbs.

Jason Warriner had a great take down and pin against Reardan and was able to move on to Districts.

Ricky Pierce did a body-slam to his opponent and won his match.

Season Standings

* 3 League Champions
— Brady Moore
— Jason Warriner
— Drew McLain
* 2 Runners up
— Ricky Pierce
— Dustin Breazeale

* Drew McLain and Jason Warriner finished 5th at Regional Tournament.

* Central Valley Tournament
— 1st Drew McLain
— 2nd Dustin Breazeale

ABOVE THE RIM

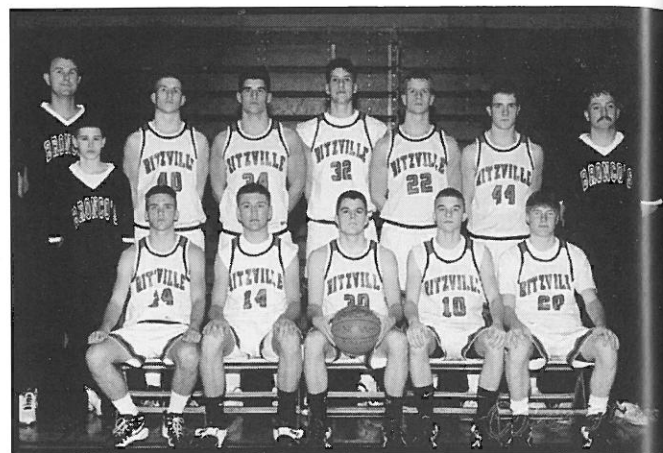
Broncos Shoot For the Stars In Boys Basketball

Layout By:
Rebekah LeRoy and
Amanda Marshall

The Broncos started a new Basketball season ranked number one in the Bi-County league. Expectations were high for the team. The Broncos finished their regular season with 18 wins and 2 losses. The JV team also did well, and is prepared to step up to the varsity level next year. Although the Broncos have what one would say a "better than average" record, when Coach Dwight Pflugrath was asked to comment on the team's season, he had a somewhat modest response: "This has been the toughest regular season schedule I have seen as a coach. We've had many tough games and have had to improve during the course of the season." After placing 3rd in Bi-County,



the team went on to Districts, then State. Team work was a must for the Broncos to do as well as they have done this year. "Common interests, common goals. They get along because they accept each other as they are. They overlook each other's negative qualities." Coach Pflugrath believed that was what has allowed the Broncos to complete at a higher level. The Broncos great season was for the most part due to teamwork. With a larger than normal crowd this year at most games, the Broncos were definitely "fired up". The Broncos ended their season with a commendable 6th at State. Fans will surely be back next year with as much support and enthusiasm.

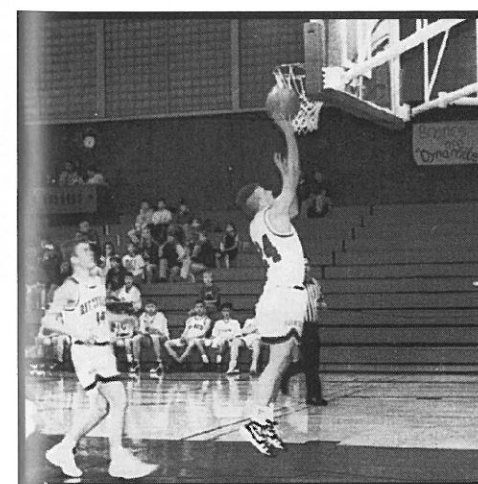
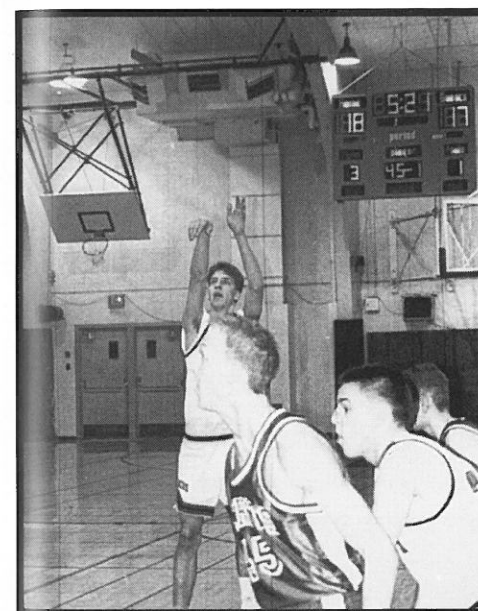


Varsity: Back row- Coach Pflugrath, Bob Russel, Scott Galbreath, John Galbreath, Kristian Boness, Brandon Taylor, Coach Aldrich. Front row- manager Brett Pflugrath, Brien Marcus, Ryan Benzel, Darin DeVore, Dustan Arlt, and Danny Duff



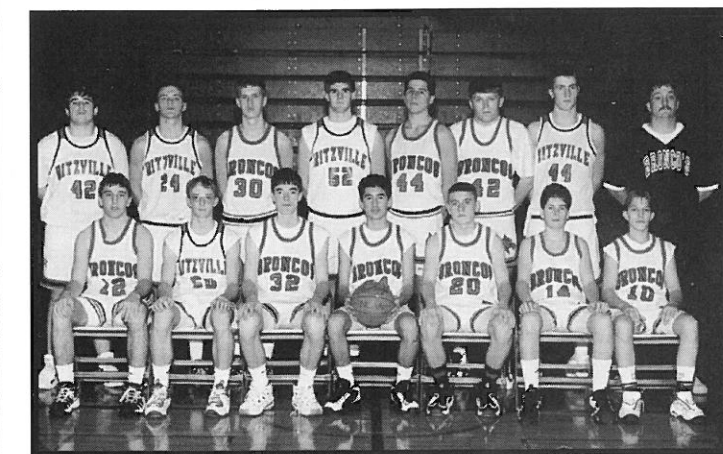
For a win against A/C/H, Dustan Arlt looked for an opening pass.

Fighting against opponents for a basket, Beau Beckley shot for two.



Scott Galbreath fought gravity to make a great shot for a win against Valley Christian.

JV team: Back row - Chris Paulson, Brien Marcus, Jacob Grant, Beau Beckley, Rob McBride, Alex Shestakov, Brandon Taylor, and Coach Aldrich. Front row - Adam Krause, Josh Johnstone, Ryan Borth, Luis Orozco, Chris Barker, Chad Kubik, and Jason Heider.



STATE TOURNAMENT

Ritzville 62 vs. Lacrosse-Washtucna 53
Ritzville 57 vs. North Beach 43
Ritzville 39 vs. Reardan 56
Ritzville 58 vs. Darrington 60 (OT)

High Scorer Throughout State Tournament:
John Galbreath: 60 points
High Rebounder Throughout State Tournament:
John Galbreath: 44

On a foul from Valley Christian, John Galbreath took a shot.

Unstopped by Wilbur-Creston, Brandon Taylor shot and scored.

Brien Marcus leaped for a score against Reardan.

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TWO

Hard Work Pays Off To Become State Champions!

Layout By: Amanda Marshall and Jacob Grant

Sprained ankles, a broken knee cap, jammed fingers, and walking pneumonia — the Lady Broncos had a season of injuries and illnesses, but their Bronco spirit did not dim once. The Broncos started the season hoping to get that “taste of victory.” With team work, hard work, and determination, they won the Bi-County and District Championships. However, Bi-County and Districts were not enough for this team. The Spokane Arena and State finals were their goal. Because of injuries on the varsity team, a few hard working JV players played in some important varsity games. Jennifer



Janzen, Carlyee Zicha, Lindsey Kramer, and Kim Benzel played with the team in regular season games, and Carlyee Zicha and Jennifer Janzen played with the team for Bi-County, Districts, and State games. There is no doubt that this team had a great season. When asked to comment on the varsity teams season and goals, senior players Megan Wellsandt and Jennifer Kramer said: “Unity as a team is important. Our team has one common goal: State Tournament.” The Lady Broncos come back year after year playing with determination and enthusiasm for Ritzville High School.

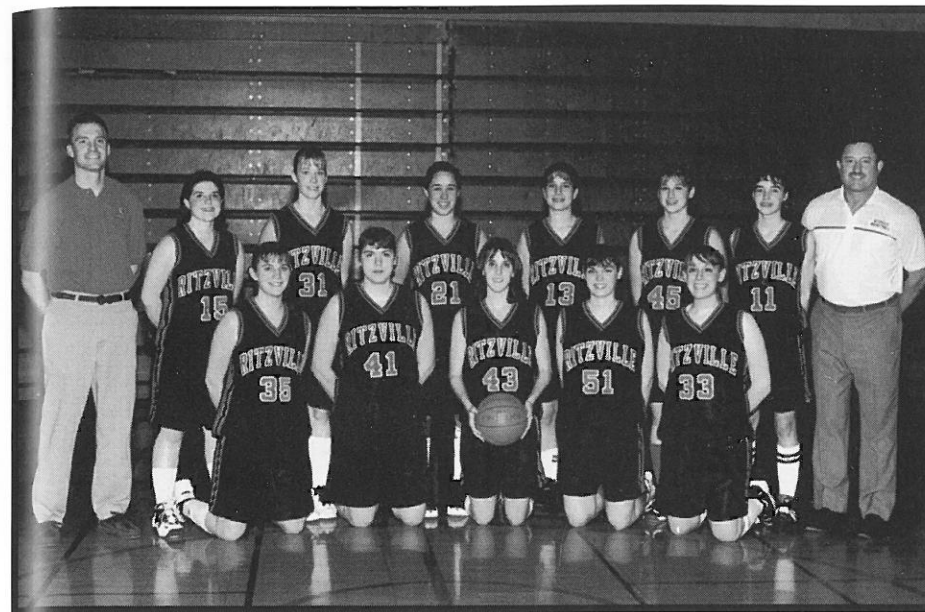


The girls Junior Varsity team from left to right were Tracy Warriner, Amy Hille, Aimee Johnson, Jennifer Janzen, Kim Benzel, Carlyee Zicha, Jaime Wellsandt, Lindsey Kramer, and coach Howard Manke.

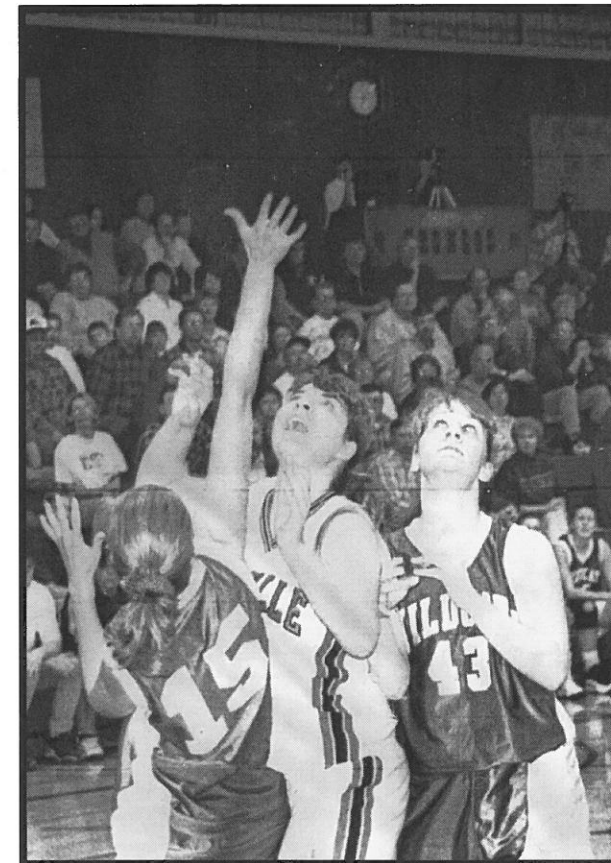
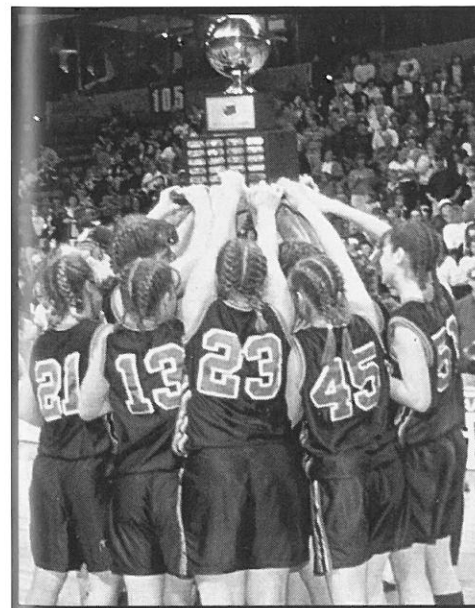
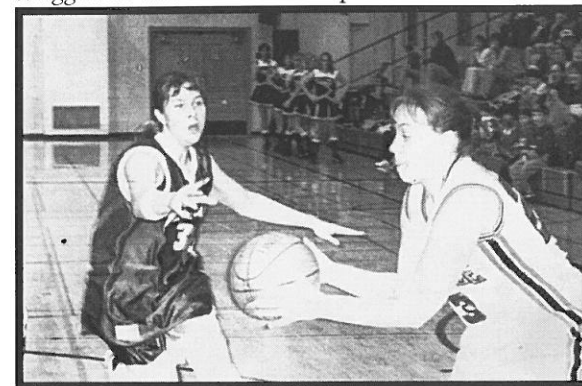


Broncettes Jamie Wellsandt, Tracy Warriner, Jennifer Janzen, and Kim Benzel played tight defense against the Wilbur Wildcats.

Rushing to stop Wilbur at half court, the girls quickly set up a play.



The girls Varsity team from bottom left to top right were Shannon Russel, Megan Yerxa, Jamie Alspach, Jennifer Janzen, Katie Kirkendall, Jennifer Kramer, Megan Wellsandt, Erin Weber, Tracy Warriner, Carlyee Zicha, and Jamie Wellsandt with coaches John Faulkes and Howard Manke. Jennifer Horpendahl played good defense as she struggled to find a teammate to pass the ball to.



Senior starter Megan Wellsandt pivoted her way for a good pass to help the team win a home game against Odessa.

In a tight squeeze, Megan Yerxa reached to grab a rebound shot.

STATE CHAMPIONS!

STATE CHAMPIONS!

STATE FINALS

*Ritzville 56 vs. Watson Green Christian 36

*Ritzville 54 vs. Rainier 43

*Ritzville 51 vs. St. John 29

*Ritzville 33 vs. Wilbur-Creston 26

*High Scorers

Throughout State Tournament:

Megan Yerxa: 62 points

*High Rebounders

Throughout State Tournament:

Megan Yerxa: 35

Jaime Alspach: 31

TAKE A TRIP HOME SPIN INTO ORBIT WITH BOYS BASEBALL

Layout By:
Jacob Grant
and Amanda
Marshall

Kaboom! Like dynamite blowing up, the BRONCOS exploded on to the baseball field. Crushing the ball into outer space, Josh Draper hit the first home run of the season with a man on base during the first game against Lac/Wash. B Moore stole every base twice with his quick speed to end the season. Holding a 14-7 standing, the BRONCOS went ahead and took

B Russel and K Boness hit a home run to steal the win against St George's. J Galbreath took it to the mound showing his speed and quick reactions. Not only did they challenge the other teams, they also challenged the windy spring weather. The BRONCOS proved that they were the all mighty in a dynamic game against Valley Christian, slamming home a broken double header, 22 to 5. Thanks to James Jacobus the baseball team was ready to play because as statistician he made the game easier and faster. Competition was tough, spirits were high and the fans cheered the team on to another win. The number one team was finally beat when Liberty lost to the BRONCOS. The team went onto W/C taking them out of the season. As for J Grant practice paid off with 2 hits and 2 RBIs.



The 1997 Baseball team from back left to bottom right were: Coach Jason Aldrich, Brady Moore, Brandon Taylor, Kristian Boness, John Galbreath, Bob Russel, Alex Shestakov, Asst Coach Ron Russel; Front row: Jason Heider, Justin Ziebell Luis Orozco, Chad Kubik, Dustin Arlt, Jacob Grant, and Eric Reimer.



Kristian Boness waited to take out a runner at first to win against Davenport.

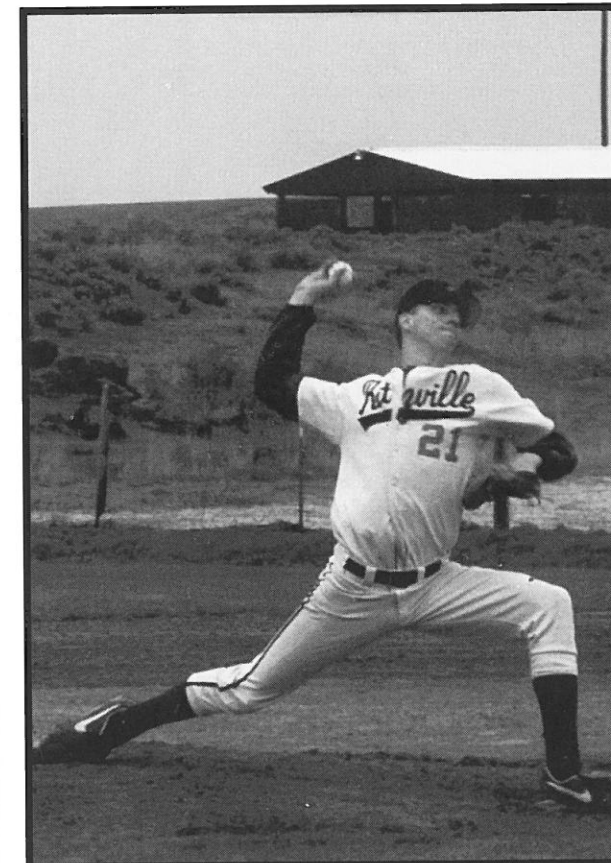
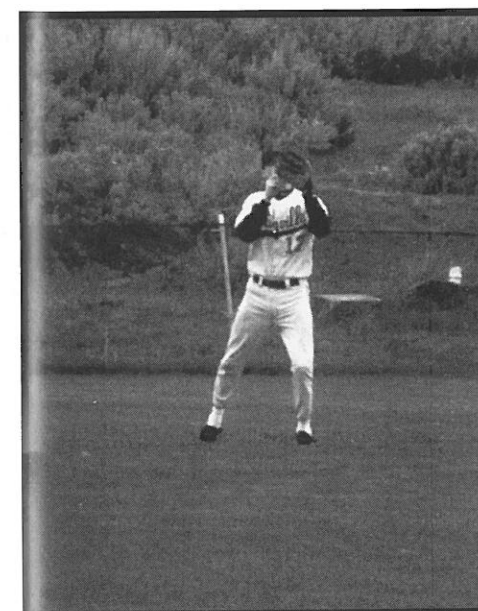
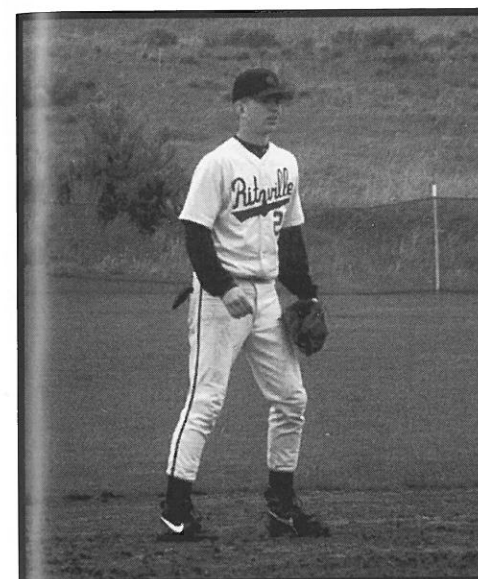


Brandon Taylor took a hard swing, sending a line drive that took him to first base against ACH.



Dustin Arlt dug up every ball that hit the dirt for a win over Davenport.

Third baseman Jason Heider stood ready to throw to first against Davenport.



Bob Russel turned to make the play for an out at first against Reardan.

John Galbreath tore up the mound when he threw the heat to Valley Christian.

Center fielder Brady Moore raced to every ball that went his way.

BRONCO BASEBALL

Ritzville 7 Lac/Wash 15
Ritzville 1 Teko/Oaksdale 10
Ritzville 4 Lac/Wash 5
Ritzville 10 Odessa 9
Ritzville 8 Odessa 3
Ritzville 1 ACH 2
Ritzville 8 ACH 6
Ritzville 10 Liberty 0
Ritzville 10 Liberty 6
Ritzville 11 Lind 0
Ritzville 21 Valley Christian 5
Ritzville 12 Reardan 0
Ritzville 12 Reardan 2
Ritzville 8 Valley Christian 2
Ritzville 4 Lind 3
Ritzville 4 Davenport 15
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Ritzville 18 Wilbur/Creston 7
Ritzville 4 Wilbur/Creston 9
Ritzville 5 St George's 4
Ritzville 5 Republic 10

FOLLOW the bases HOME

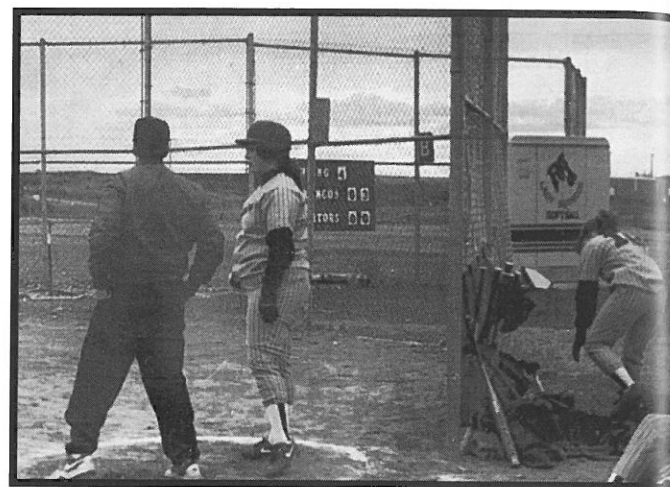
The 'FORCE' stood behind girls softball.

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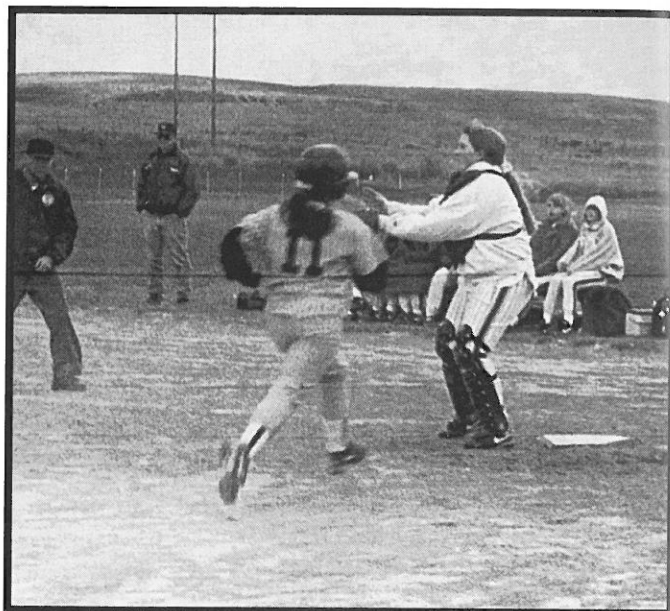
Spinning out of orbit, the softball team took hold of the year. With a 12- 6 season the Lady BRONCOS held their heads up high. The first homerun of the season was sent into the next light-years by Jennifer Adams with - on base scoring for the win. The BRONCOS went up against some tough teams, but they stayed together. Before each game, freshman Carlye Zicha warmed up the pitchers, senior Jennifer Kramer and freshman Lindsey Kramer. The girls took charge while Kasie Geschke kept stats. The softball team had a strong field with first baseman Jennifer Adams; second basemen Stefanie Southwick and Kim Benzel and third baseman Jamie Alspach. Coach Steve Nygren said, "One of the best double plays was by short stop, Erin Weber, while fielding a ground ball, stopping on 2nd and throwing to 1st, in a game against Daven-



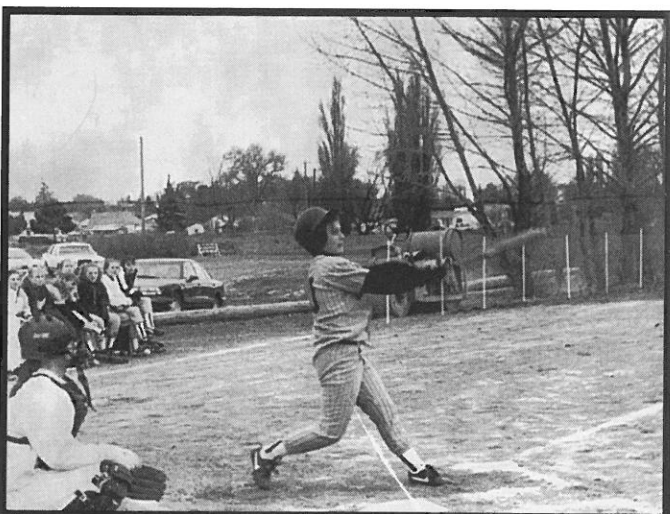
port". It was the first double play in the three year history for the RHS softball team. The BRONCOS went up against some tough teams but they stayed together. Through the season the BRONCOS improved on defense while working hard on hitting and base running. The best game according to Coach Nygren played by the BRONCS was a 9 to 8 win over Davenport, scoring six runs in the last inning. The team proved that they were good by playing in bad weather at the beginning of the season. While they were used to playing in the wind, the girls were surprised by a downpour of rain that canceled a game against Reardan. When there was a job to be done the BRONCOS pulled through.



Catcher Dana Fortin took tips from Coach Nygren as she prepared to bat.



Rover Roxanne Biggar raced the ball for home plate.

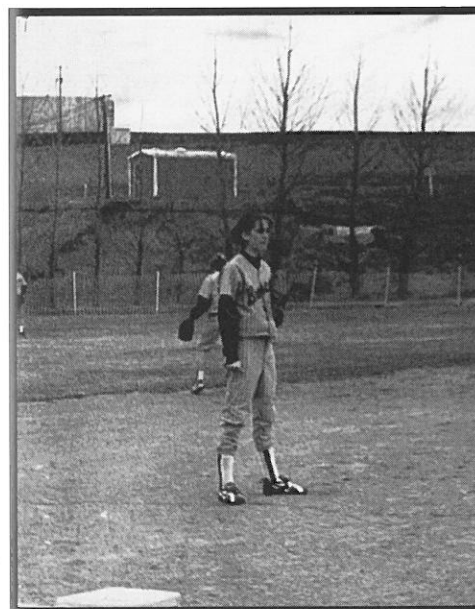
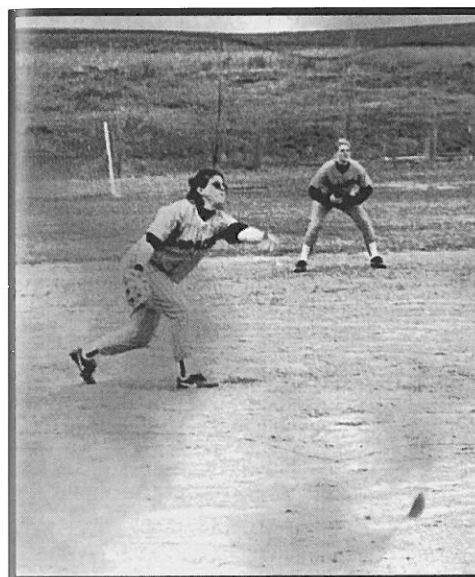
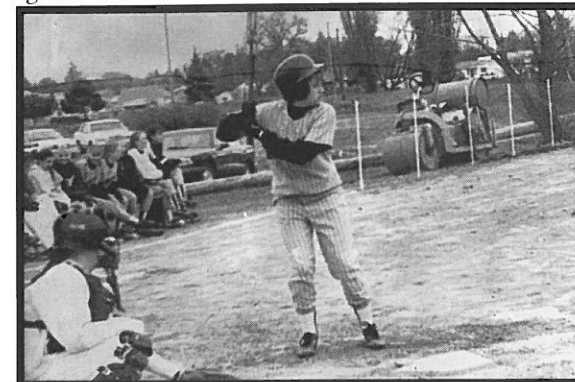


Batting, Tracy Warriner crushed the ball into the outfield against Wilbur/Creston.



1997 RHS Softball team from back left to bottom right were- Coach Steve Nygren, Jill Denton, Amy Burt, Carlye Zicha, Kim Benzel, Erin Weber, Megan Heimbigner, Lindsey Kramer, Amber Arlt, Jennifer Kramer, Roxanne Biggar, and Assit Coach Jodi Ruzicka; Kim Adams, Selma Klopheus, Jennifer Janzen, Stefanie Southwick, Karin Klettke, and Jamie Alspach. Not pictured- Reina Spencer.

Catcher Carlye Zicha prepared to bat in a game against Odessa.



Jennifer Kramer pitched underhanded fastballs striking out St John .

Shortstop Erin Weber tore up the field scoring a point for the team against Davenport.

Third basemen Jamie Alspach stood ready for the next batter to hit the ball.

*Season Score
wins/losses
12-6*

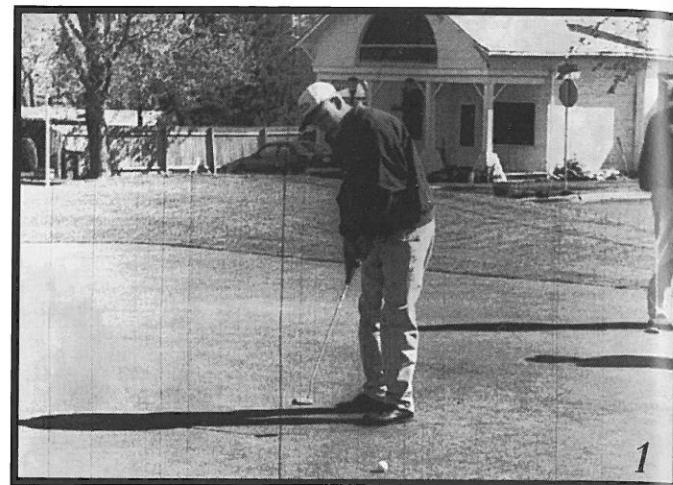
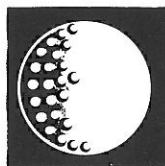
*Placed 3rd at
Bi-County
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Tournaments
Team Totals:
Hits- 224
Runs Scored-
186
Doubles- 22
Triplets- 17
Home runs- 4*

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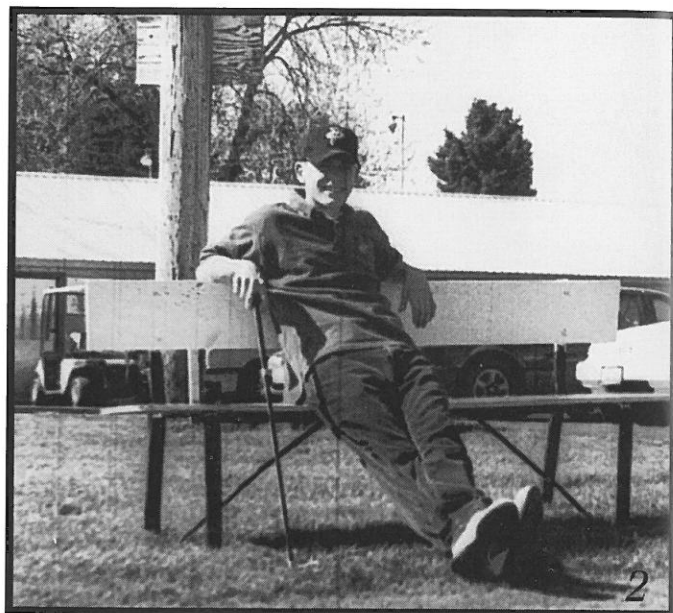
Fun Golf: A Language of Its Own

To complete a golf match, concentration and skill are two necessary things. At golf matches only the top 6 scores of a team are looked at and only the top 4 are added together for the team's placing. With the Ritzville golf team, positions are hard to fight for with 10 boys and 8 girls. Members are freshmen: Chris Barker, Chris Barrett, Jessica Cox, Adam Krause and Kristy Sauer; sophomores: Josh Johnstone, Mitch Pyle, Veronica Schoesler and Jaime Wellsandt; juniors: Marcus Burt, Angela Gibler, Chris Paulson and Emily Ulleland; and seniors: Ryan Benzel, Ryan Besel, Katie Kirkendall, Drew McLain, and Robyn Telecky. Many specialty terms that are used in the game of golf include: Par, which is a certain number of strokes to get to a hole and you reach that number; Birdie, one under the par; Eagle, 2 under the par; Bogie, 1 over the par; Double Bogie, 2 over the par; and Triple Bogie, which is 3 over

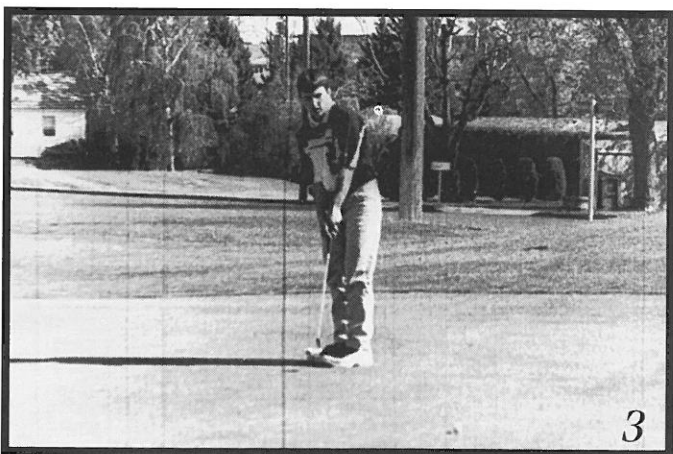
the par. Not only is the language special but the equipment is special, too. Each golfer must have woodies, putters, irons, and drivers to complete their golf match. When asked, "What was the most difficult course to play on and why?" Katie Kirkendall replied, "Liberty Lake. Last year, because not only was the course the most difficult to play on but combined with the nerves of playing at State made it a difficult course." When questioned "What is the hardest part of each match?" Drew McLain stated, "The last hole is always the hardest," while Ryan Benzel thought, "Hitting the first tee," because he gets butterflies in his stomach. Robyn Telecky, a 4 year golfer, chose golf over other spring sports because, "It's fun and the coach isn't like any other high school coach. He's like a friend, but at the same time he's hard on us, and that's why we're so competitive."



1. Ryan Benzel putted to earn par in a meet against Harrington.



2. Chris Barker anxiously waited to play the first hole in a meet against Wilbur.

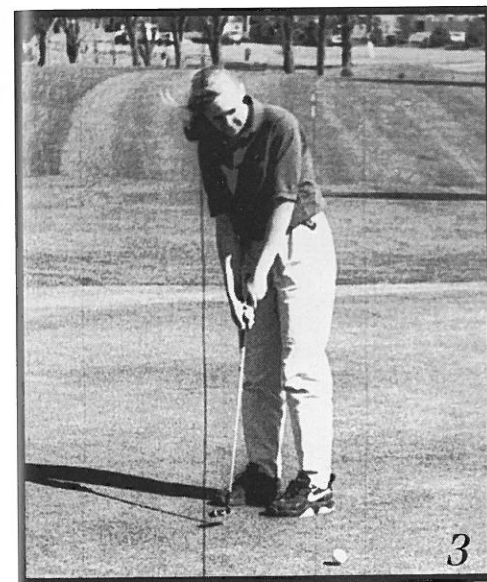
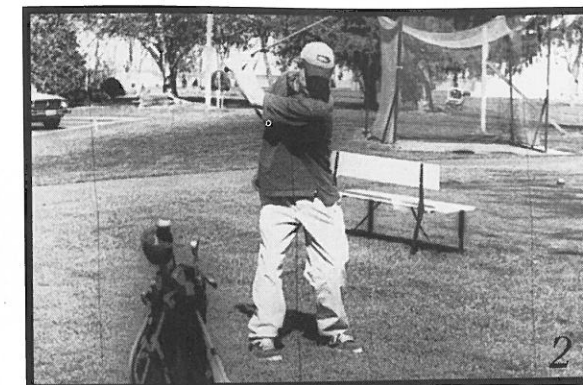


3. Freshman Adam Krause skillfully putted at hole 8 against Davenport.



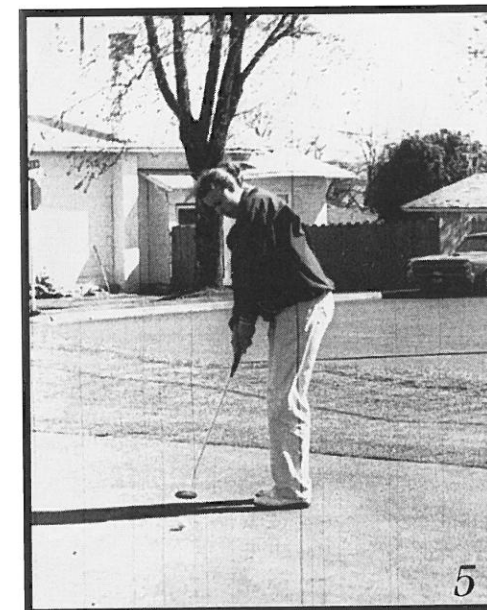
1. The 1997 RHS golf team; back row: Katie Kirkendall, Robyn Telecky, Jaime Wellsandt, Angela Gibler, Emily Ulleland, Ryan Benzel, Adam Krause, Josh Johnstone, Chris Paulson, Ryan Besel, and Chris Barrett. Front row: Dan Duff, Chris Barker, and Kristy Sauer.

2. Junior Dan Duff teed off against Liberty fighting for a top placing.



3. Jessica Cox putted to earn an eagle in a meet against Davenport.

4. In a meet against W/C, Ryan Besel hit a straight shot on tee number three.



5. Against Harrington, junior Angela Gibler made her putt to earn a par, and helped bring another win for the Broncos.

State Placing's

Boys - 2nd place

Ryan B - 72, 70
- 1st place
Chris B - 84, 80
Josh J - 83, 87

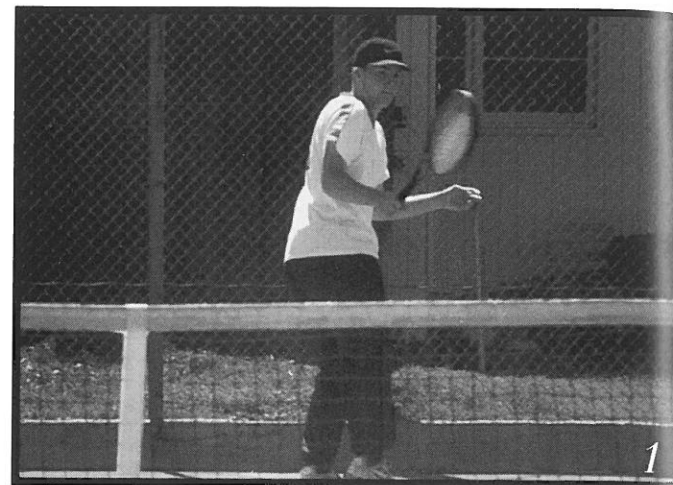
Girls - 1st place

Emily U - 82, 81
- 1st place
Robyn T - 96,
87 - 5th place
Angela G - 97,
93
Katie K - 98, 98

It's in your COURT Tennis

RHS tennis wasn't the same this year. Members from Lind came to practice with Ritzville because Lind District didn't have a head coach. Ritzville was able to hire an assistant coach, Pam Starring also from Lind. Ms Starring traveled with Lind to matches and Alan Boatman traveled with the Ritzville team. Coach Boatman has been tennis coach for seven years. Boatman stated, "I never even picked up a racket before 1991." In response to Lind joining practices, Mr. Boatman stated, "I have an opinion that if we as a school/community can do something for Lind, then I'm for it." Mr. Boatman's goals for the team are "to play with confidence and to minimize the unforced errors." He felt that "our team was physically ready for each match. I try to prepare the team to be aware of an opponent's tendencies and situations that occur during a match, and to be in shape. But a certain level of

purpose is required of kids to make themselves better players. I go out of my way to keep the sport as laid back as possible. Kids have got to realize it's a whole lot more fun when they win. Simply, if they eliminate unforced errors, they will win." The team had 20 members, 12 of them Varsity members, of them 5 returning seniors. There were 6 newcomers to the team: 2 freshmen, Rosemary Scheel and Janell Grams; 1 sophomore, Kristy Pierce; and 2 juniors, Louie Mock and Crystal Walli. When asked the question, "What will you miss about the seniors that won't be there next year?" Coach Boatman answered, "We have a very unique group of seniors this year. I will miss Abbie's laugh, Angelina's vocal ability, Damon's ability to behave in public, Darin's commitment to the sport and Corey's temper." With four years of dedication, time, and effort, seniors leave a legacy for the underclassmen to carry on.



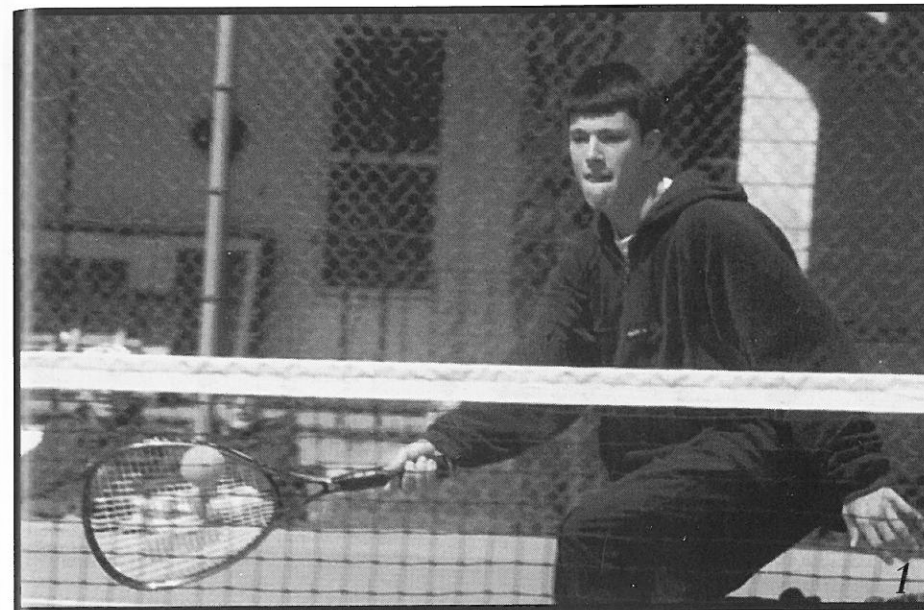
Darin Devore backed up to hit a shot down the line against W/C.



At Bi-County in Ritzville, Melinda Root lobbed a shot to W/C 2nd doubles.

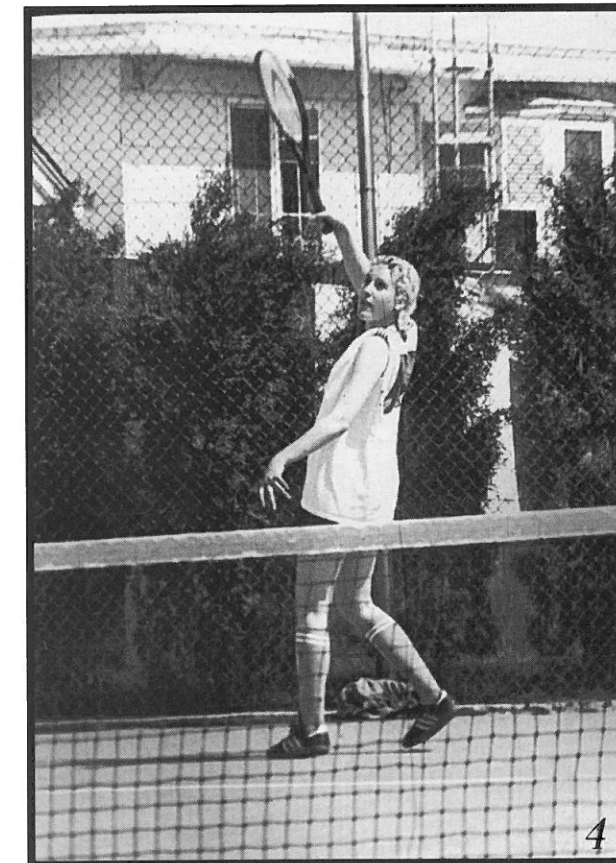
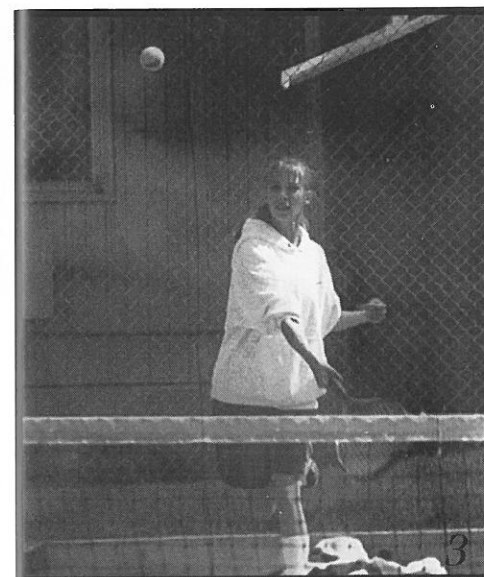


Louie Mock hit a backhand and won a point against Davenport.



1. Ryan Borth bent low to hit a shot up at the net during Bi-county.

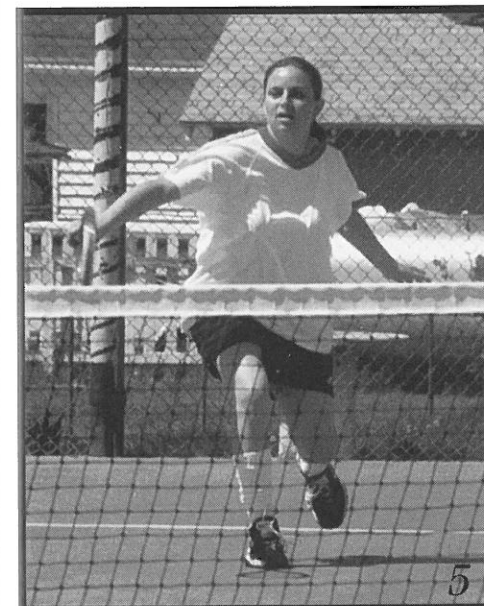
2. Crystal Walli scored a point against Davenport in 3rd singles.



3. Kamie Arlt served an ace against Davenports 2nd doubles.

4. Abbie Kubik a four year player, lobbed the ball during Bi-county doubles.

5. Kristy Pierce hit a backhand and ran to the net at Bi-county against W/C 1st singles.



Season Standing's

Bi-County

*Mike A - 4th place
- Singles
Darin D &
Damon R - 2nd
place - Doubles
Angelina V
- 3rd place
- Singles
Abbie K and
Melinda R - 3rd
place - Doubles*



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BREAKING *the speed* OF LIGHT

Girls and Boys Track & Field Took Leaps and Bounds

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Many sports are geared towards only one objective. Soccer players kick for a goal, basketball players shoot at the basket, baseball players swing for a slam, while football players aim for the end-zone. Track and field, however, diverges from this tradition by offering a wide range of running and field events that include everything from throwing the discus to running on a relay team. The season started out cold and wet, but soon the weather heated up. As did the teams performances. Starting out the season with running up Jackson Hill and sprint/jogs around the track, athletes built up their stamina and perfected technique. As soon as they built a foundation of strength, practices became harder and focused more on individual events, rather than team practices. Working out in the weight room was really stressed this year by head coach Randy Heidenreich and assistant coach Dwight Pflugrath. Senior Jason Warriner commented, "If you want to improve, you have to make the commitment to be in the

weight room every day." Leadership is a must in T&F. The mental toughness of leaders not only is a motivator to work hard and complete practices, it also gives the edge needed to truly compete in meets. Four seniors Jason Warriner, Scott Galbreath, Katie Phipps, and Megan Wellsandt promoted leadership and were willing to help and motivate other team members that included juniors: Garrett Bartley, Beau Beckley, Alan Hille, Brien Marcus, Jimmy Shepherd, Michelle Johnson, Shannon Russel; sophomores: Alex Castillo, Amy Fitch, Amanda Marshall, Jessica Marshall, Amber Wood, Megan Yerxa; and freshmen: Ed Harrington, Drew Markum, Amy Hille, Aimee Johnson, and Courtney Schilling. Coach Heidenreich felt leadership "is a big plus to have in T&F. Most events are individual events and a positive role model and a positive attitude makes a big difference. It was great having some seasoned seniors on the team to set examples of hard work and dedication."



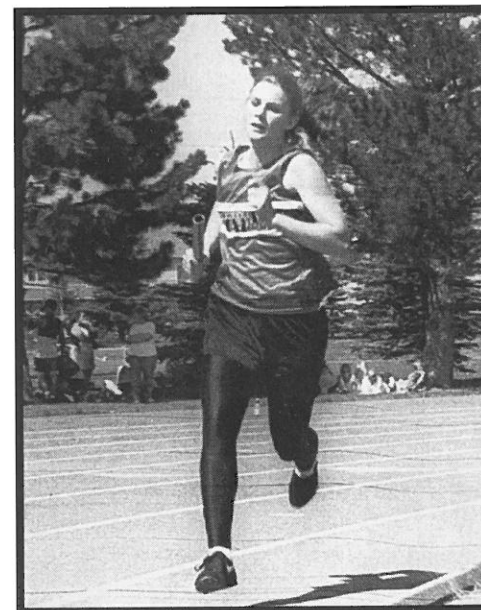
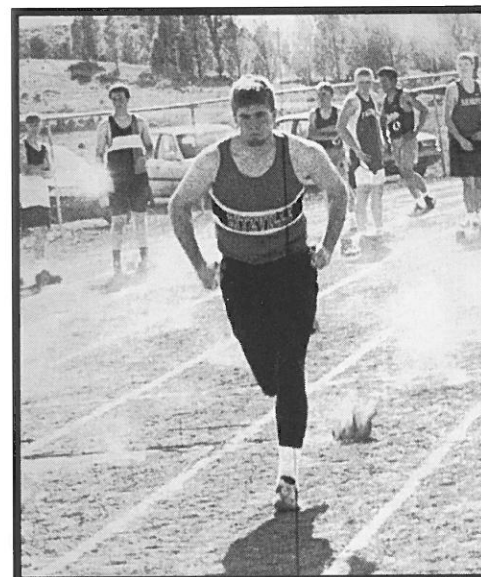
Amy Fitch had good reasons to smile after she won the high jump at the Thorp/Kittitas Invitational with a 5'3" jump.



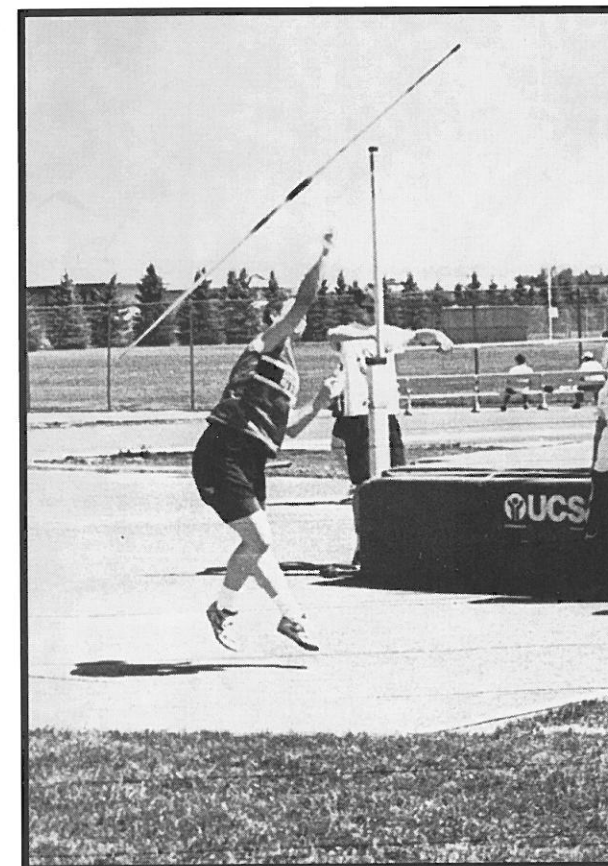
Neck to neck, Alan Hille and Drew Markum took off for the 100m dash at the Thorp/Kittitas Invitational.

TEAM AWARDS

Captains: Megan Wellsandt
and Jason Warriner
Most Improved: Ed
Harrington
Most Inspirational: Katie
Phipps



With eyes set on the finish line, Katie Phipps finished first and Megan Wellsandt finished third in the 100m dash at the Thorp/Kittitas Invitational. Jessica Marshall, 1600m runner and Amanda Marhsall, 800m runner, were proof that not all meets, especially the Pullman Invit., were full of clear skies and warm sunshine.



Trying something new at the Odessa Invitational, Beau Beckley zoomed off for the 100m, which proved to be very different from his regular 400m run.

Michelle Johnson rocketed the javelin into space at the Thorp/Kittitas Invitational.

Running the second leg of the mile relay team at the Thorp/Kittitas Invitational, Shannon Russel had 100 meters to go to complete her lap around the track.

State Results

Girls Team-4th
4x100 relay-2nd
4x200 relay-3rd
Katie Phipps
100m-2nd
200m-1st
Megan Wellsandt
Long Jump-4th
Amy Fitch
High Jump-2nd
Jason Warriner
100m-6th
200m-4th
Pole Vault-2nd

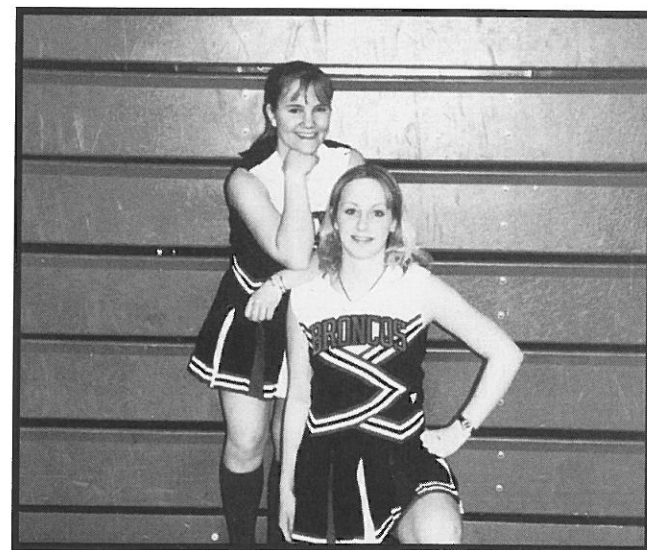
Accelerating with Spirit Cheerleading

School spirit, energetic enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and the colors red and black are just a few of the words describing the JV and Varsity Bronco cheerleaders. The Cheerleaders kept the crowd going strong at home and away games, as well as State B basketball.

The varsity cheerleaders went to cheerleading camp last summer to learn how to work together as a team, new cheers, leadership skills, and how to improve school spirit.

Cheerleading advisors for six years have been Alice Pitman and Vickie Benzel. Both advisors agreed that the best thing about being an advisor is "getting to know high school students and working with them." "It is fun to be involved with high school activities," Mrs. Benzel, 2nd grade teacher, commented. Mrs. Pitman added, "One thing that varies from each squad is attitude. Positive attitude in a squad makes all the difference. When girls/guys want to be there and want to cheer their team on, then the squad always looks good."

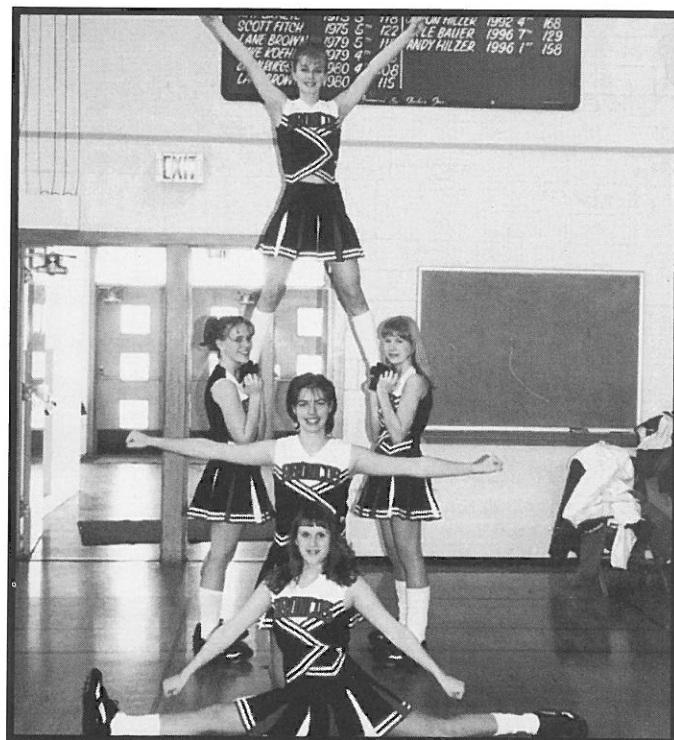
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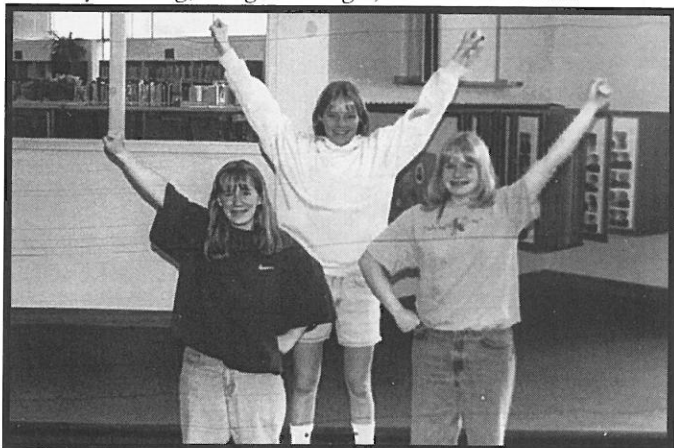
Hillary Weber and Stefanie Southwick were wrestling cheerleaders.



1996-1997 football cheerleaders.



Varsity basketball cheerleaders, Amy Burt, Megan Heimburger, Courtney Schilling, Morganne Plager, and Kamie Parrish.



JV basketball cheerleaders: Kasie Geschke, Jillian Denton, and Kristy Sauer. Not pictured: Katie Erp.

It's over! It's finally over! Four years of cropping, printing, developing, designing, computer explosions, re-writing, re-writing, and re-writing are finally over. Not that being on the Kernel staff for four years and editor for two wasn't a good experience, but I feel safe to say that I will not miss staying after school for hours nor will I miss the feeling of an ulcer the size of a basketball in my stomach.

Being on the Kernel staff, although, did have its benefits. I can't count how many times Mrs. Schrag has surprised us with treats, whether with Hershey Kisses or with a gallon of ice cream I ate in the dark room all by myself (yummy!).

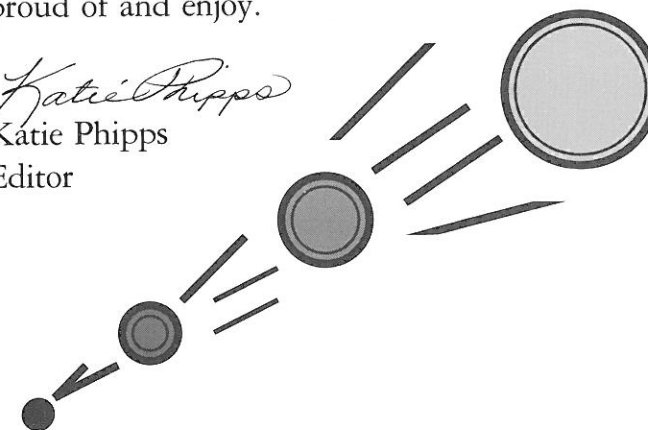
During my four years of high school the annual room became a second home to me. It was always a place I could go to work on things I was interested in, and a place where I could express my individuality.

This year was especially hard with only five members. That meant each person was in charge of at least five layouts for each of the three deadlines. Even harder was the fact that two staff members were new to the class. In spite of all the difficulties, everyone did a great job and helped make the Kernel a success.

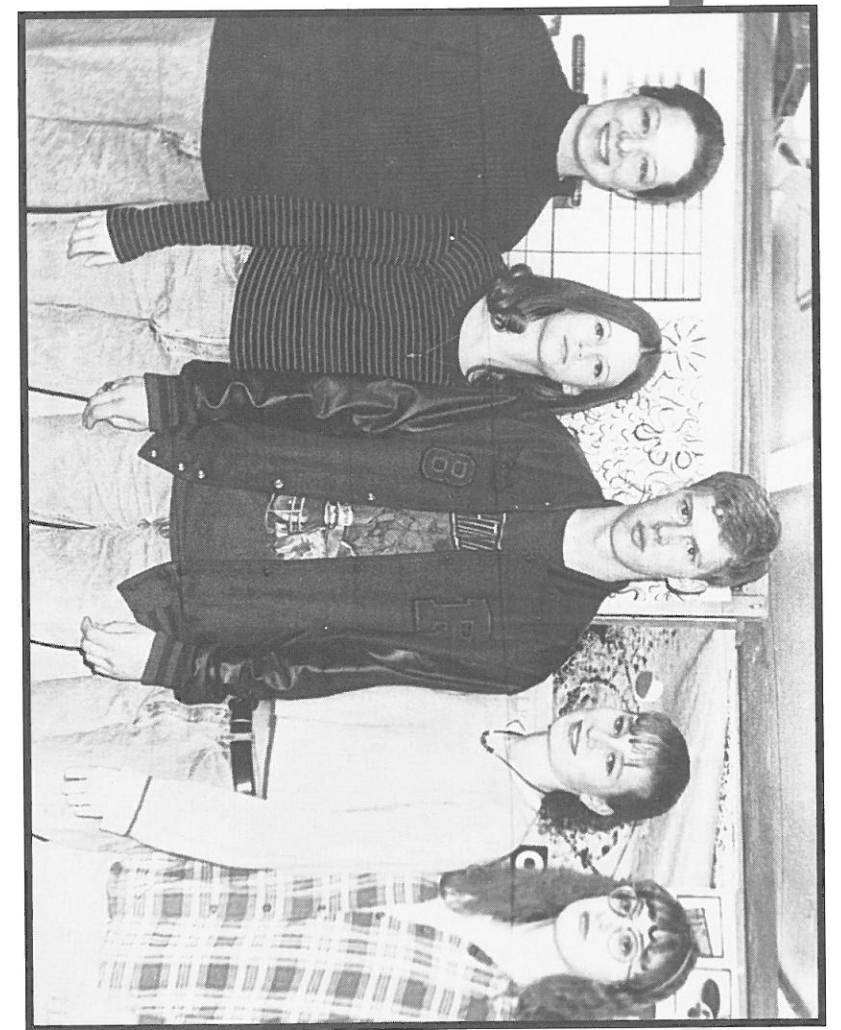
I would like to thank Mrs. Schrag for being the Kernel advisor. It's a hard, stressful, and time consuming job and I commend her for her efforts. Thank you to Melinda Root, Jacob Grant, Rebekah LeRoy, and Amanda Marshall for all the extra time after school and on weekends working on the Kernel.

I hope the Kernel is something everyone can be proud of and enjoy.

Katie Phipps
Katie Phipps
Editor



The End of the Beginning **FINAL WORDS**



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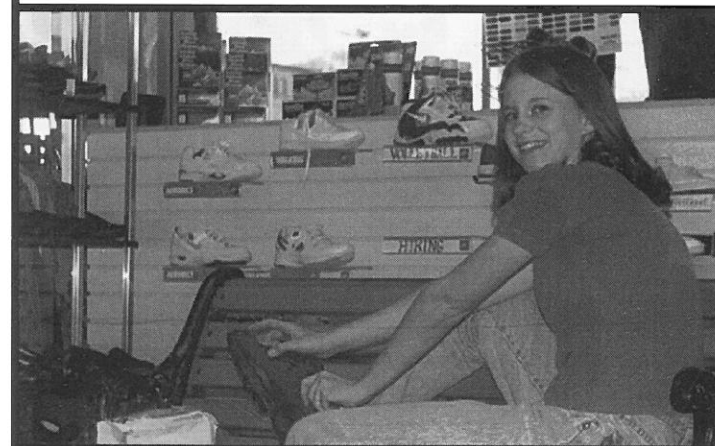
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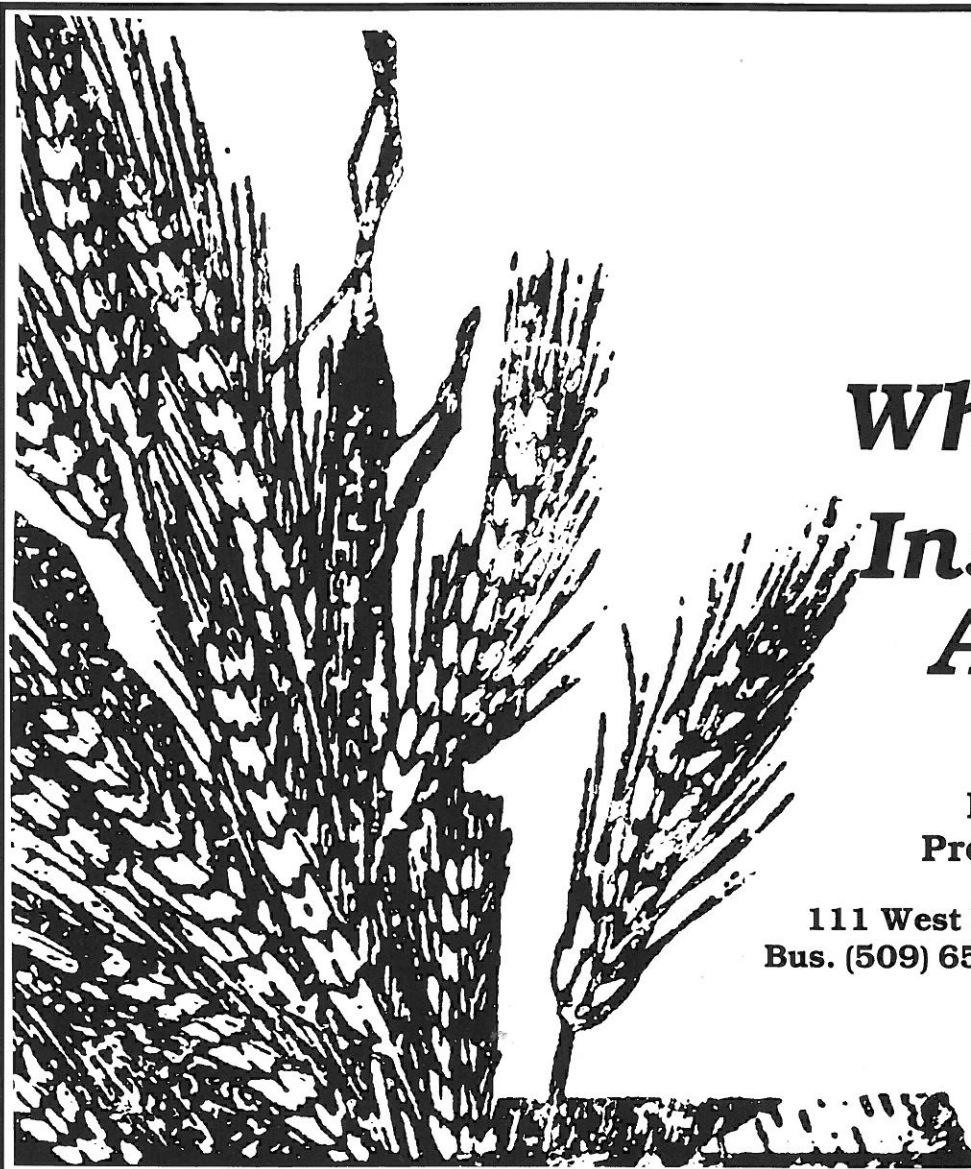
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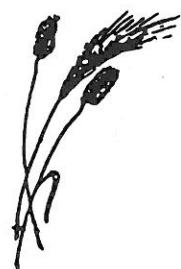
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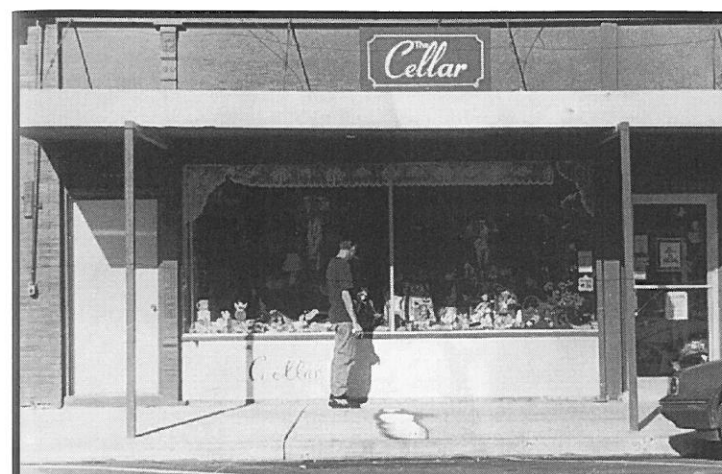
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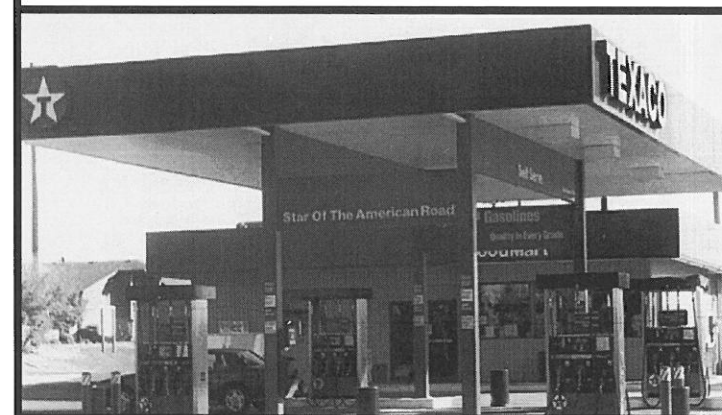


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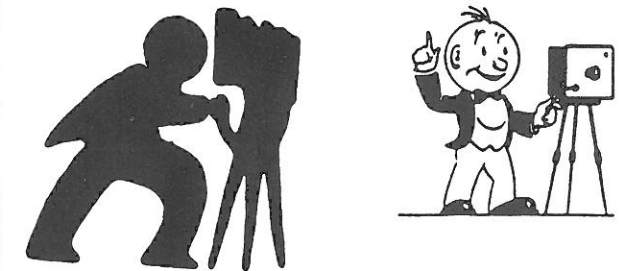
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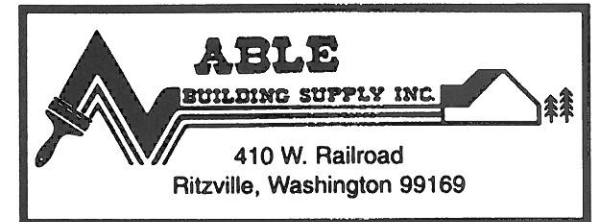


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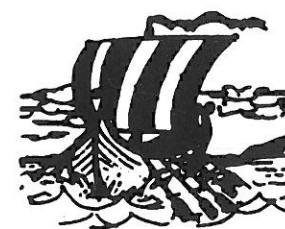
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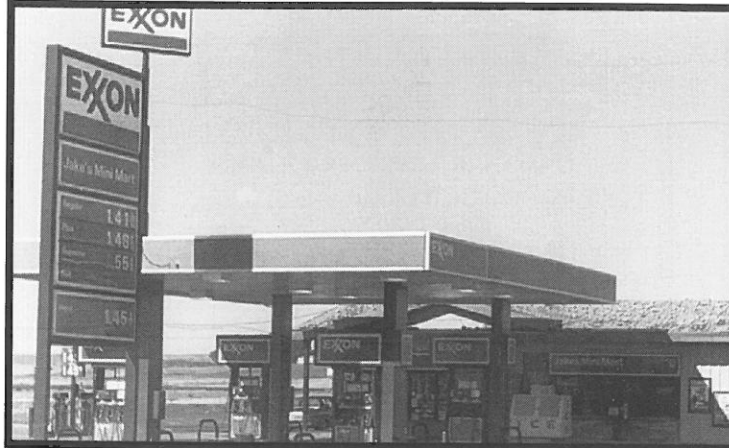
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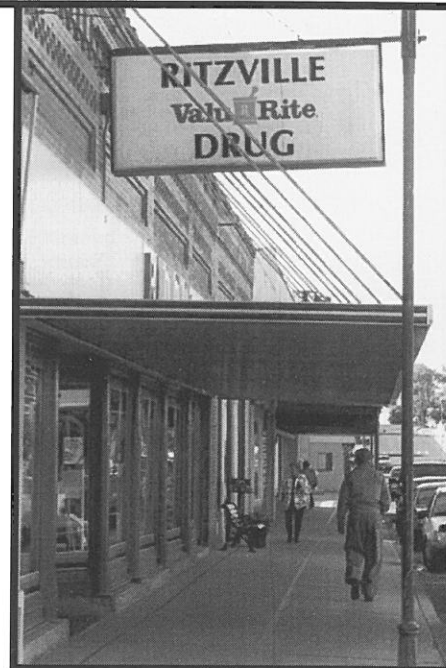
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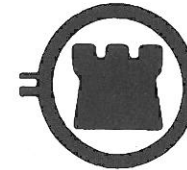
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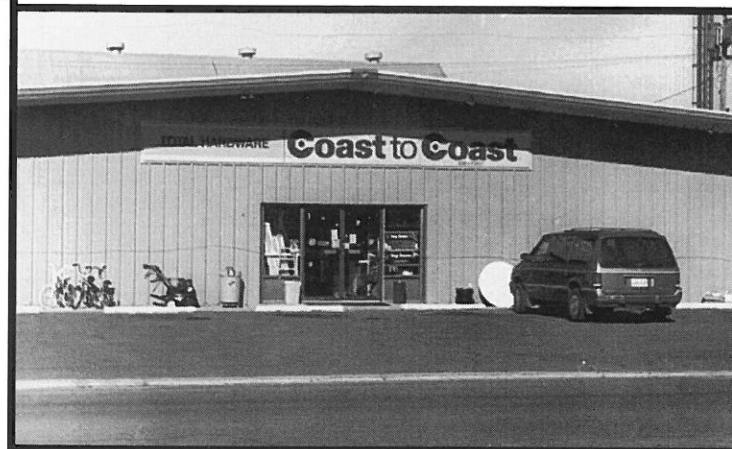
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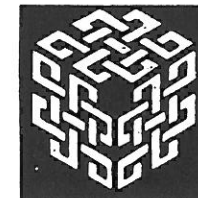
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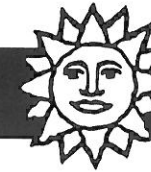
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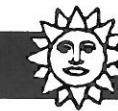
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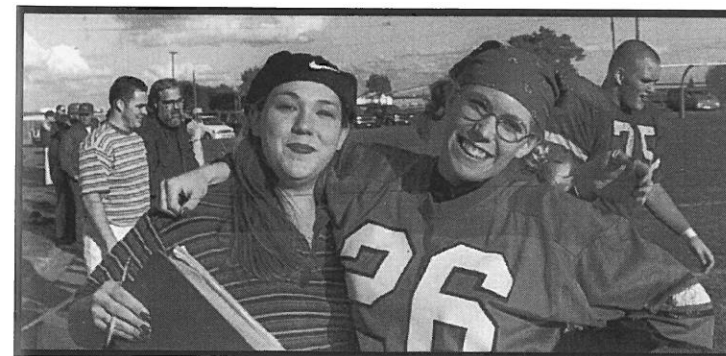
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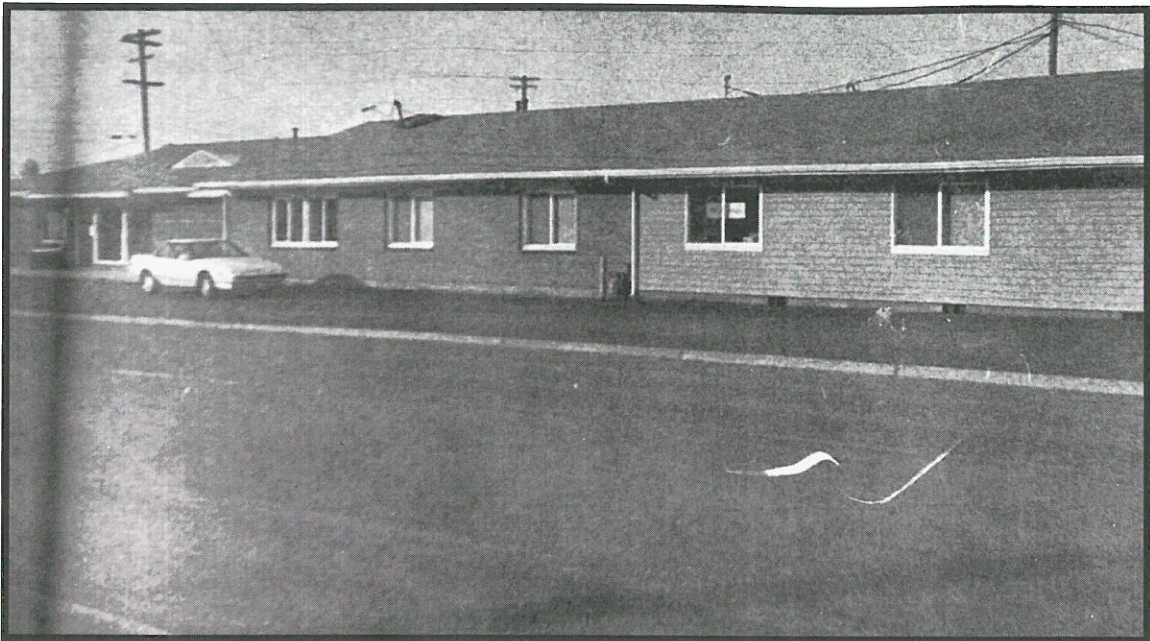


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