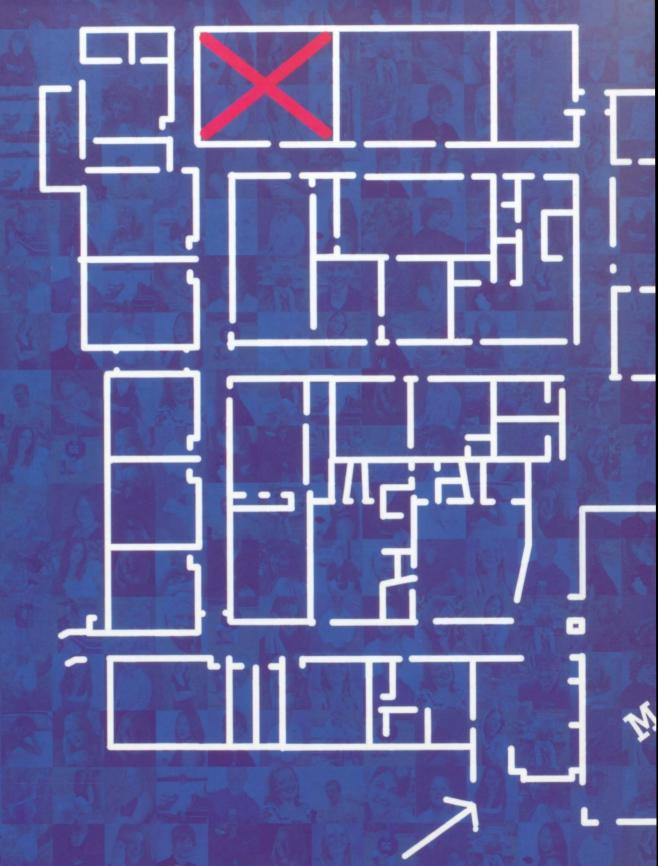
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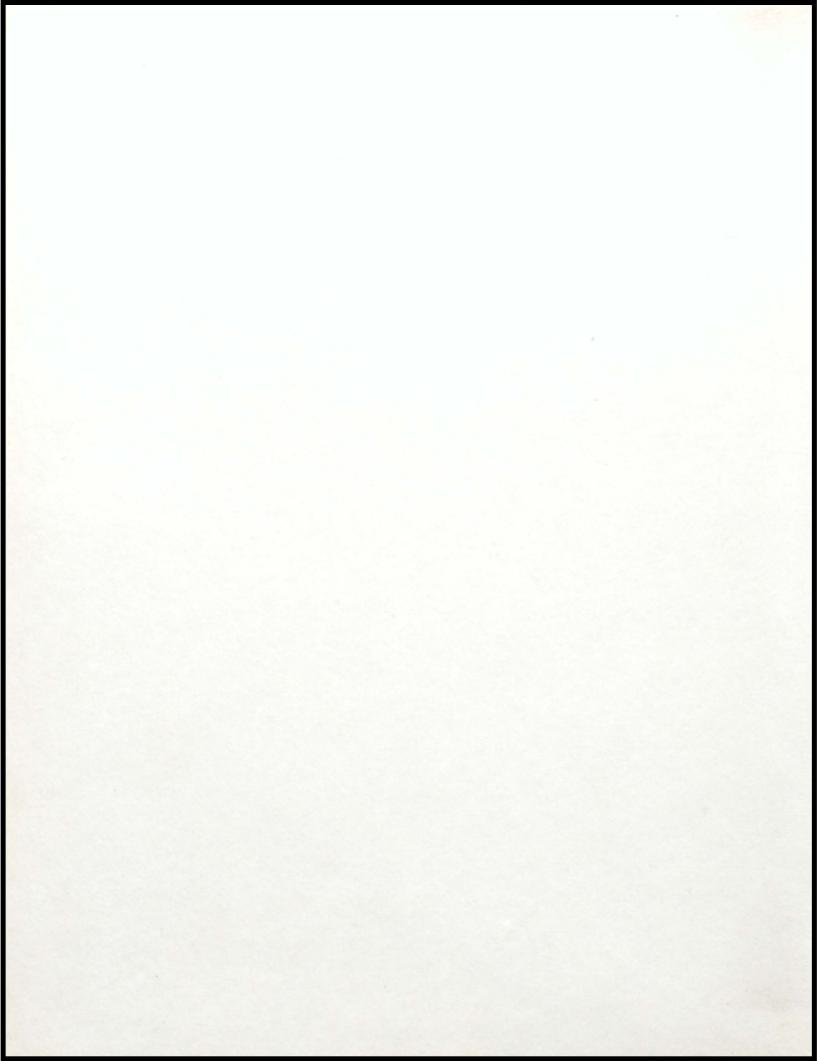
# TOP SECRET

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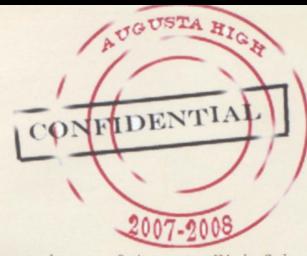


Main Entrance

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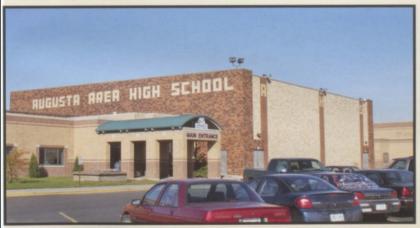


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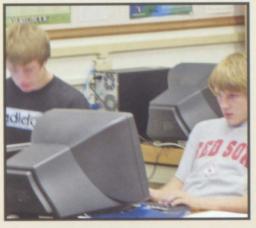


As students of Augusta High School, you entrusted the members of the Annual Staff with a very difficult mission. Our mission: to create a first-rate yearbook that provides students with necessary information and lasting memories. mission is not as simple as one would The mission requires 18 staff members willing to dedicate countless hours inside and outside of class. The yearbook must capture the most important parts of the 180 days of student life at Augusta High School. Success of this mission is determined by completeness, creativeness, and promptness. As Editorin Chief, it was my responsibility to meet the requirements of this mission. you are holding in your hands right now is the accomplishment of our mission.

Chris Schmitt

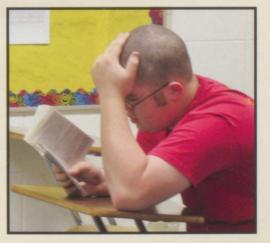


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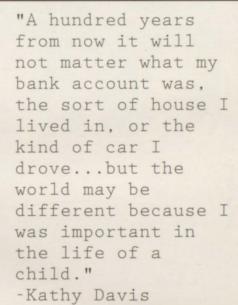








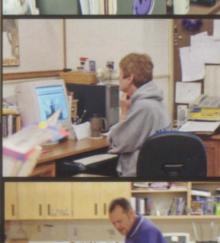












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# "LIFE-SAVERS"

-Lifeguards

Top: Marissa Yule, Amanda Hoekstra. Bottom: Peggy Anderson, Jared Schiller, Sherry Gutsch.



Mrs. Evenson



Ed Meyer



Karen Luedke



Skip Pettis

# IN - CHIEF



Mrs. Kati Meyer Ms. Kathy Olson Ms. Mary Peterson Brenda Pettis Mrs. Patty Price Mrs. Marty Rugotzke

Miss Arica Schlough Ms. Kris Selberg Mrs. Kris Sell Mr. Ken Sigurdson Randy Stutzman

Mr. Paul Tweed Miss Jen Writz Mrs. Kelli Zastrow

Mrs. Sharon Zimmerman

# SECRETARY OF STATE

-The Office Crew

SCENE

# CHIEF OF STAFF

-The Board Members



Back: Ken Stahl, Byron King, Front: Steve Arndt, Bernie Buttke, Joe Smith.

# **FOOD INSPECTORS**

-The Lunch Ladies



Missy Henke, Joyce Evjen, and Dorothy Kirkham.



Sharon Zimmerman, Judy Dekan, and Lori Logderman.

# THE SQUAD CAR DRIVERS

-Bus Drivers



Dean Place, Steve Nass, Jason Pettis, Dayle Sell, Bill Engalsby, Dave Balliet, Diane Walker.









# SENIORS







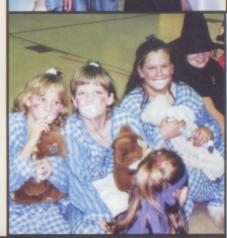


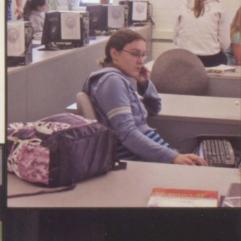


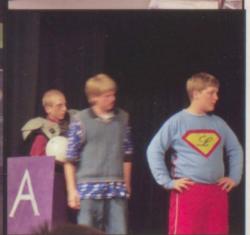
You are educated.
Your certification is
in your diploma. You
may think of it as the
ticket to the good
life. Let me ask you
to think of an
alternative. Think of
it as your ticket to
change the world.
~Tom Brokaw











# TOP TEN: AUGUSTA'S MOST WANTED SCHOLARS





Justin Travis
Training:UW-River Falls
Mission:Crop & Soil Science



Bobby Stensen Training: UW-Eau Claire Mission: Pre-Chiropractic



Jared Schiller ining:City College, Milwaukee sion:General Biblical Studies



Renae Zimmerman Training:UW-Eau Claire Mission:Pre-Physical Therapy



So-yeon Yim Training: UW-Madison Mission: Pre-Nursing



Chris Schmitt
Training:UW-Stout
Mission:Industrial Engineering



Jessica Schroeder Training:UW- Eau Claire Mission:Undeclared



Tiffany Mullins Training:Undecided Mission:Business Administration



Alison Kaeding Training:Undecided Mission:Nursing



Willie Grams Training:UW-Stout Mission:Fun



Randy William Allen

"There is only one success-to be able to spend your life in your own way." - Christopher Morley



Abbi Louise Baade

"Don't waste time regretting yesterday or worrying about tomorrow; just live for today- for it may be all we have." Melissa Helly



Chelsie Lou Barka

"Hakuna Matata (it means no worries) -The Lion King



Wyatt Godfrey Biege

"Take the good with the bad." -Wyatt Biegel



Erika Elaine Brown

"Life is a do it yourself project." -Anonymus



Justin Michael Buttke

"Being a good leader doesn't mean always insisting on being in charge. Sometimes the best thing you can do is lend support to someone else's authority" -Anonymus



Katrina Marie Cerrillo

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." -Sir Winston Churchill



Maryann Doris Douglas

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us." -Helen Heller



Jessica Ann Downson

"There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered."

Nelson Mandela



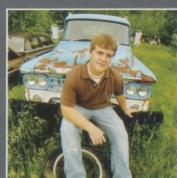
Trevor Ray Evensor

"All I can do is be me, whoever that is." -Bob Dylan



Christopher Michael Garner

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." -Thomas A. Edison



William Scott Gram

"The world is run by E students from public universities." -Tim Nelson



Stephanie Maria Hansen

"Life can only be understood backwards but it must be lived forwards." -Soren Kierkegaard



Tara Lynn Hartung

"People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built." - Eleanor Roosevelt



Ashley Ann Hyett

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.
You must do the thing which you think
you cannot do.
-Eleanor Roosevelt



Dustin Verne Indrebo

"You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through." -Rosalynn Carter



Jenniler Marie Jacobson

"The first step to getting the things you want out of life is: Decide what you want." -Ben Stein



Allysa Chantilly Johnson

"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." -J.K. Rowling



Alison Nicole Kaedine

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." -Bill Cosby



Laura Rose King

"Don't worry, it will all work out in the end."



Christopher Scott Kunz

"All I have left is to finish it." -Mr. Forseth



Cassandra Crystalash Larson

"There are things that we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go."

-Author Unknown



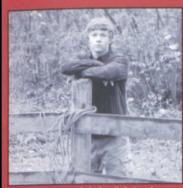
Scott Ryan Martinson

"It is not enough to do your best; you must know what to do, and THEN do your best" -W. Edwards Deming



Cody Michael Mellquham

"If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you.
What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down."
Mary Pickford



Benjamin Michael Mosely

"The difference between genius and stupidity is, genius has its limits." -Anonymous



Tlffany Ann Mullins

"Dream your dream, then do your best. "Never doubt and never rest until that dream is yours...for the ones who fail are those who do not try. Dream, Believe, Achieve." -Anonumous



Timothy Richard Nelson

"To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift." -Steve Prefontaine



Chau Tek Nga

"I have never let schooling interfere with my education." - Mark Twain



Jessica Catherine Nimmer

"Live your life to the fullest, when you fall, pick yourself up and go." -Anonymous



Selina Marie Payne

"Happiness is a choice that requires effort at times." -Anonymous



Cassandra Joyce Pettis

"Learn from yesterday. Live for today. Hope for tomorrow."



Malissa Marcella Pettis

"Excellence is not a habit, not an act. It takes practice and perseverance." .



Alyssa Adrianna Presley

"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things that escape those who dream only at night."
-Edgar Allen Poe



Jordan Kimball Pulse

"It's better to burn out than fade away" -Def Leppard



Robert Wayne Quick

"When you know what you want, and you want it bad enough you will find a way to get it." -Jim Rohn



Daniel Howard Rogers

"When cheese has its picture taken what does it say." -George Carlin



Klarissa Michelle Roloson

"I would rather be hated for who I am, than to be loved for who I am not." -B.B. Clark



Bo Dean Sauers

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door". Milton Berle



Jared Anthony Schiller

"Chimneys are a status symbol"



Christopher Ion Schmitt
"A man can be as great as he wants to be.
If you believe in yourself and have
courage, determination, dedication,
competitive drive and if you are willing
to sacrifice the little in life and pay the

price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done."



Jessica Elizabeth Schroeder

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have." - Vince Lombardi



Tara Jean Schweitzer

"Nobody gets to live life backwards, look ahead, that is where your future lies". -Ann Landers



Allison Eva Sell

"You must be a magnet. Because it looks like you're attracted to my buns of steel." -Anonymous



Lillie May Simpson

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



Travis Wayne Simpson

"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana." - Groucho Marx



Danielle Elizabeth Solie

"I am only one, but still I am one. I can't do everything, but I still can do something: and because I can't do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." Helen Heller



Bobby Jo Stensen

"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure." -Bill Cosby



Monty Ray Taylor

"Only the strong survive" -Anonymous



Justin Michael Travis

"You can never do anything too good." My Grandpa Zimmerman



Caroline Desiree Volkmer

"The one who fights can loose, the one who doesn't fight has already lost."

-Bertold Boecht



Steven John Wampole

"Yesterday don't matter if it's gone" -The Rolling Stones



So=Yeon Yim

"I Love Rocketman!" -So-Yeon Yim



Renae Lynn Zimmerman

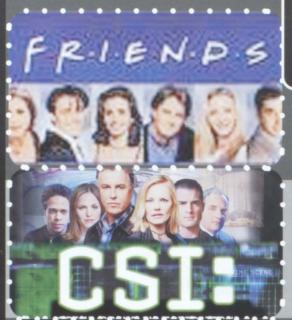
"All of our dreams can come true--if we have the courage to pursue them." -Walt Disney Class Motto:
"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll
die tomorrow."

=James Dean

Class Song: "Rock and Roll All Night" ~Kiss



# Favorites and Memorie



Tavorite TV Series:
Desperate Housewives
Friends

CSI

Favorite Band: Daughtry Nickelback Fall Out Boy

DAUGHTRY

NICKELBACK



Favorite Food: Spaghetti Tacos Steak

Favorite Soda: Dr. Pepper Pepsi Root beer



Favorite Male Singer: Jason Aldean Tim McGraw Favorite Female
Singer:
Taylor Swift
Miranda Lambert
Faith Hill



Favorite Sport: Volleyball Football Badminton Favorite Teacher: Mr. Stutzman Mr. Catt Mrs. Maenner D-Spike



Favorite Candy bar: Hershey's Cookies'n'Cream Snickers Milkyway



Favorite
Disney Movie:

The Lion King

The Fox and the Hound

The Little Mermaid



Text or Talk

# MEMORIES



Monday Night Football



Vandalizing cars, houses, etc.

Bobby Stensen Comments

"We're gettin out early!"

8th Grade Play



Senior Girls were undefeated in

homecoming tug-of-war.



Remember when the fire alarm malfunctioned during our Junior Prom and we all had to stand outside in the cold and wait for the fire department to come and check the building.

# MOST WANTED



Biggest gossip: Christopher Schmitt & Alison Kaeding

Most artistic: Jordan Pulse & Bobby Stensen



Most changed: Robert Quick & Alison Kaeding



To be late: Laura King & Randy Allen



Biggest procrastinators: CLASS OF 2008

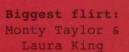


Prettiest eyes: William Grams & Abbi Baader



Most athletic: Christopher Schmitt & Jessica Schroeder

To be early: Justin Travis & Cassandra Pettis

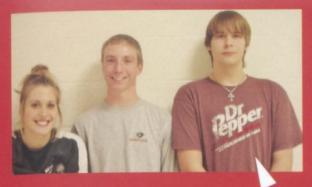




Get married / Cutest couple: Robert Quick & Tara Schweitzer



Teachers pet:
Bobby Stensen, Cassandra Pettis & Justin
Travis



Least changed:
Abbi Baader, Justin Travis & Wyatt
Biegel



To succeed:
Justin Travis & Renae
Zimmerman

Traffic Violators: Christopher Kunz & Chelsie Barka

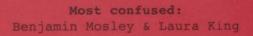


Most talkative / loudest: Alison Kaeding & Tim Nelson



Best dressed: Renae Zimmerman & Christopher Garner

# Best cars: Randy Allen & Tara Hartung





Worst cars:
Benjamin Mosley, Jordan Pulse & Allison
Sell

First millionaire: Christopher Garner & So-Yeon Yim

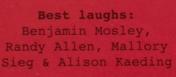


To be arrested: Christopher Kunz & Mallory Sieg



Best hair: Laura King & Trevor Evenson

# Party Animals: Trevor Evenson & Mallory Sieg





Class clown: Tim Nelson & Allison Sell



Christopher-I'm so proud of you & who you have become! I'm so lucky to say that you are my little brother! I love you very much! Congratulations, Katie

There are no words that can describe how proud I am of you Alyssa. Your strong will and ability to persevere shows that this is just the start of many great things to come. I will always love you and be here for you.

Congratulations, Willie! You have grown incredibly both in maturity and intelligence since childhood, but you are still funny, caring, unique individual with an indomitable ability to attract people to you. Keep those qualities. We are very proud of you and cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the future because it will be amamzing. Love.

Kasey and Leah





We want you to know how proud

dreams but don't forget to stop and

smell the roses. We know it won't

always be easy and we will be here

for you no matter what. We love

you with all our hearts.

Mom and Dad

we are of you. Reach for your

Erika. Congratulations! We are very proud of you. No matter what the future holds, remember to follow your dreams, work hard, and be true to yourself. Good luck next year at college. We love you,

Congratulations Chris Garner. We are proud of your accomplishments. The days and years go by fast but the memories will always be treasured. Good luck and much happiness in the future.

> Love always. Auntie and Uncle Mark

Selina, I love you and I am proud of you, Never give up. Accomplish what you can and keep trying on things you are having troubles accomplishing. I know you can do what ever you want. Congratulations. Love you always and forever, Mom



Mom and Nate

Thanks for being the best sister in the world and goofing around with me. Let's go to Disney again, but let's go when the water is warmer. Love. Michael

Willie. Dad and I are very proud of all your accomplishments. You have achieved much in high school, we are excited to see what you do with the rest of your life. Love ya Bud. Mom and Dad



Jecc. You are our best friend and we love vou. Love. Allison and Lindsey



Its been a long, rough couple of years, but you made it! Like I knew you would and I am so very proud of you. Keep your head up and keep reaching forward...you've got a wonderful life waiting for you out there. Always know that I am here for you. Be strong! I Love You! Mom



Maryann Doris (Kiddo), Dad and I knew you were gonna be a very special kid when you were born, and you proved it every day of your life. You are the best child in our life, that any parent would cherish in theirs. You will go a long way "Babe". Love.

Mom and Dad



Justin. Remember me always in your heart for I will love you always and be watching over you from Heaven above. "I Love You" Great Grandma"G"

Jecc.





We are very proud of you. Shoot

choices. Have fun and enjoy life!

for the stars. We will support

you all the way in your

Love always,

Mom and Dad

# Chris.

We don't have the words that express how much we love you, and the happiness you've brought to our lives. I, as your mother, am very proud of you and your accomplishments, and proud that you are my son. I know that your father has also proudly watched you grow into the young man that you have become. Also, don't forget what your stepfather Jim always says, "way to go Chris". We love you son. Keep up the good work and reach your goals that you want to achieve. We will always be there for you.

Loving you always,

Mom, Dad, Jim, Jimmy, Jesscia, and Johnathan







Dear Bobby,

To our youngest, most aggressive child (who even beat the boys in arm wrestling in grade school!?!) Its been a joy being your parents. You've developed into a beautiful young lady. Keep your honest, sincere heart and God as your best friend. Love you much, Mom and Dad



You haven't changed that much from when you were little. You were always a character! You have grown into a wonderful young man and we are so proud of you! Mom and Dad





Cassie. Your dreams are always in your hands. Keep on making them come true.











Scooter. Do you remember when you wanted to be a Farmer, Cowboy, and a Packer Player when you grew up? Boy have times changed. Now the thought of being the next Snocross Racer or Tiger Woods wouldn't be so out of reach. We are so proud of you. Whatever path you choose in life, we know you will succeed Take time to remember classmates, friendships, and memories of your High School Sports! ENJOY LIFE!! Love ya Kiddo, Mom, Dad, and Kayla





are so proud of

accomplishments!

you and your

Dad and Beth



You've been a joy to watch grow up! There has been a lot of laughs and a lot of tears, but through it all you've kept a great attitude! All of the ups and downs have made you the great person you are today! Love. Mom and Dad



You started life as a cute little baby and now your a nice young lady. We wish you the best for your future. Congratulations!! Love.

Mom, Elizabeth, and Catherine



Wow! Your senior year, how time flies. Words can't describe how proud we are of you. You have brought so much joy to us watching you grow into a wonderful young lady. Just remember you are loved for the little girl you were, the special young lady you are now, and the precious daughter you will always be to us.

We love you! Mom and Dad



accomplishments over the years. You are very smart girl who can do anything you can put your mind to. Always use your best judgement, but never let anyone tell you what's good for you...only you know! (We don't think you'll have a problem with the last part!)

Remember were always here for you whenever you need us! Congratulations little sis!

Love Always, Jamie and Travis



I Love You. Mom



Good job, brother Good luck at Stout!



for you to graduate. I remember you going off to kindergarten and leaving me home with no one to play with, like it was just yesterday. I will miss you tons even though we fought all the time. Good luck in the future, make smart choices and never give I love you lots! Your little sister.

finally made it out of jail. You did a really great job. Your dad and I are very proud of you. We love you very

Hug and Kiss Always,

Mom and Dad



Life is a long road to a lot of different choices Like looking at a bowl of candy and not being able to make up your mind. You are a very smart person and we know in our hearts you will do

Love you and very proud of you. Mom and Dad

It's been a blast watching you play and grow! Football has been your favorite sport since you were in kindergarten or even before. We are so proud of how hard you worked and how awesome you played! Good luck at UW-Stout. "Go Blue Devils!"

Mom and Dad



Congratulations on graduating! Thanks for always being a great big brother! I could always count on you to cheer me up and make me laugh, or even check the dock for wood spiders. I can't wait to watch Good luck in the future!



We have had our ups and downs, but that has only made our relationship that much stronger. You have a long path ahead of you, but you can count on me taking every step of the way with you. I have been in your shoes before and believe me, I thought I had it figured out then too, but I guess I really didn't. It's okay to take chances, I wouldn't be in the position I was today without taking a leap of faith and I wouldn't regret any of it. You have so many accomplishments to be proud of thus far, and I can't wait to see the person you become when you start your new journey. I love you and I am so proud of

Congratulations Tiff, Meg



vesterday Mom brought vou home from the hospital. And now, you school. We have where you are today. As beginning, and the world endless. We are extremely PROUD of



Gary and Angela





Justin T-

It seems like only yesterday you were our "little farmer" with dreams and goals. Now those dreams are becoming reality, you have met your goals and you are making new ones. We are proud of your accomplishments and the young man that you have become. Always remember we're here for you, we love you and look to God for guidance. God's Blessings and Our Love, Dad and Mom

Karley

We are so proud of you big sis! You have role model and friend! Good luck in the future!

David and Troy



# GRANDDAUGHTER,

accomplished so far and know you will do well in all your

GOD BLESS YOU JESSICA. Grandma and Grandpa Smith





It seems like just vesterday we were playing in the mud together. Now your graduating. It has been so much fun watching you grow up over the years. Seeing everything from sports and school to crashing my white escort. Its all been a blast! You have been successful at everything you have done and just make that never changes. Good luck at everything you do and remember I will always be here for you. Love you Jecc. Love your big brother.



Thank you so much for year. We have had so much fun together and it would never have been the same without you. Thank you so much for doing things with U.S.

Thanks girlie,





Congratulations. I know this year wasn't easy for you but remember I love you and I will always be here for

Anthony

We are so proud of what you have accomplished vesterday that you were learning how to ride your bike and starting your first day of school. We are Good luck.

Dad, Mom, and Paige





OH BOY! What can I say; we have come a long way! I have so many memories with each and every one

Jecc, I have left my mark on you, literally! I am going to miss you calling me Teefa! Don't forget that your birthday created PHA!!

Abbi, I laugh every time I think back to the times at the basketball courts, "Walkin' up the steps at midnight.." Oh and don't forget your dad and his bike! YOU'RE ONE FIIINE PIECE OF BACON!

Laura, Choir these past years has been quite the time! But I will never forget... "GREAT DANE!" or the have unforgettable time you went to Kentucky to my family reunion!

Renae, Going to the fair and getting "caught" by your uncle was a blast!

Ali, You just make me laugh, especially when you close line yourself at volleyball!

Bobby, You and your blonde comments, I am going to miss them! Remember when you made Easy Mac and "forgot" to add the water?

Mallory, I wish we could go back to the good ol' days, when you were my neighbor and we made dances to Brittney Spears and Spice Girls on my trampoline!

Chelsie. We have had some pretty good times in the past, but I guess like you said. Forever is a joke. Thanks for the memories; I wish things could have been different.

Congrats girls!! Love you all,







From -30 degree walks to homemade apple-pie; ).. we memories! I'm glad I got to know you. I am going to Love ya,



# TRACKING THEIR FOOTSTEPS

Mission: Military

Training: CVTC Mission: Physical Therapist Assistant

Lisa Bridges

Justin Buttke

Mission: Wildlife

Katrina Cerrillo

Maryann Douglas

UW-EC

Christopher Garner

Stephanie Hansen

Training: Southern Danish University

Mission: English and Business

Tara Hartung

Mission: Helicopter Repair

Ashley Hyett

Mission: Journalism



Training: Professional Hair Design Academy Mission: Hair/Nails/Massage Therapy

Cassandra Larson

Training: UW-River Falls

Scott Martinson Training: CVTC

Ben Mosley

Tim Nelson

Victoria Ngai

Marketing.

Cassandra Pettis Training: CVTC

Jordan Pulse Training: CVTC

Robert Quick Training: UW-Stout

Mission: Chemical Engineering and Graphic

Design

Tara Schweitzer

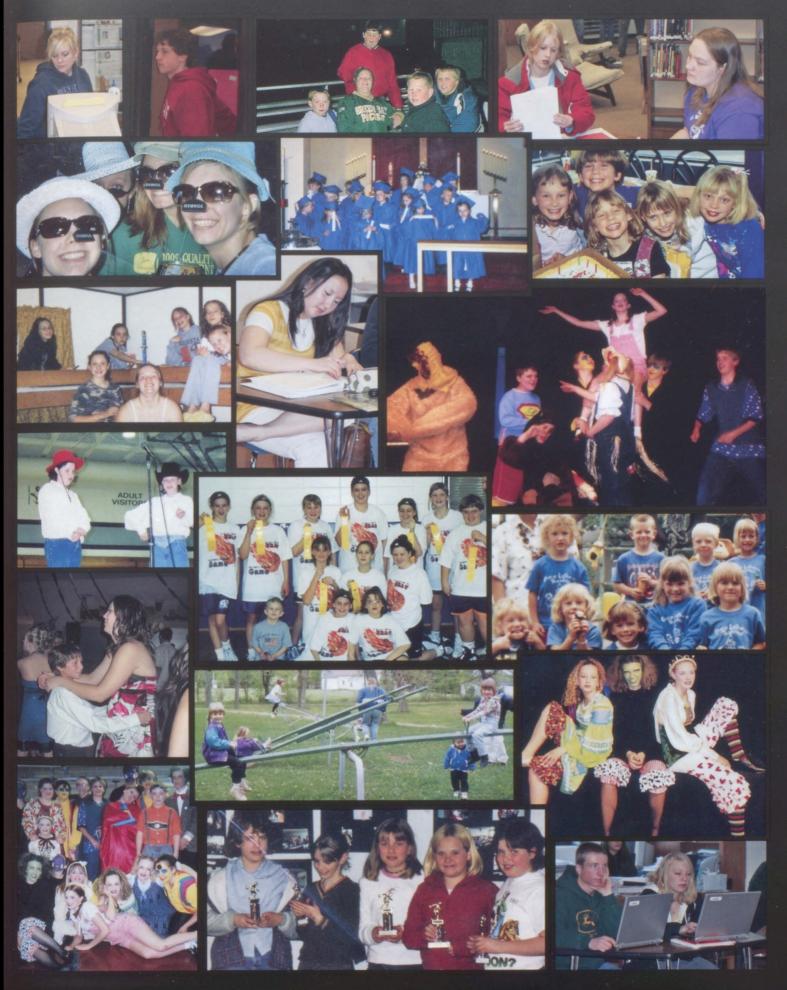
Danielle Solie

Caroline Volkmer

Training: University Munich/Berlin

Mission: European Politics and Economics



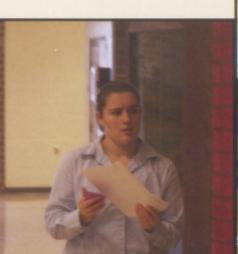




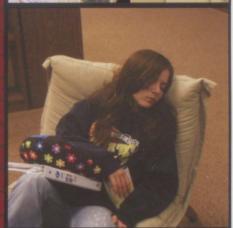
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TEAVERS

An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life. ~Author Unknown









# JUNIORSGONE



Chelsea Arias



Adam Bergman



Christian Berry



Zachary Brown









Kasey Dye



Cassandra Glenz-Haas



Leah Grams



Clinton Grant



Constance Guntner



Sherry Gutsch



Andrew Gutshall



Douglas Harvey



Brandin Henke



Jaimie Herrick



Amber Honadel



Rocko Hunt



Kayla Huth



Kevin Kickbusch



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Tiffany Larson







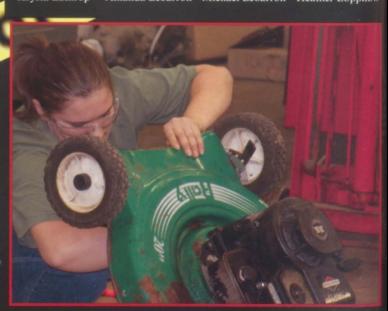
Krysta Lathrop Amanda Lebarron Michael Lebarron Heather Loppnow



Brady Shaffer going undercover for his Small Engines mission with his really high tech eye IME SCE



Elizabeth Pettis in Small Engines using her talents to fix her lawn mower.



# UNDERCOVER!



Bradley Messerschm





Jessica Montonya Matthew Nehring





Erin Nelson



Nicholas Perkovich Catherine Pettis





Elizabeth Pettis



Justin Purdun



Dustin Reid



Sarah Richardson Samantha Rios Amanda Robinson















**Emily Voorhies** 

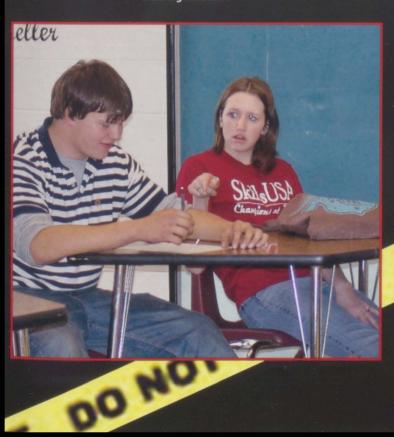


Joshua Wampole Brandon Wedlund





Kasey Dye and Jessica Montonya in Mr. Collins English class working on their assignment.



Kayla Huth, Kevin Kickbusch, Erin Nelson, and Jaimie Herrick in Social Issues class taking notes while Mr. Stutzman teaches.



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Kelly Beenken



Lindsey Berg



Kate Berlin



Joshua Bonick



Jessica Casetta





Melissa Erdman



Brandon Felton



Jr. Fugett



Cullen Gabler



Kristina Gerike



Alicia Goss Sara Gos



Devin Hadorn-Papke





Brandon Herold Amanda Hoekstra Dennis Hudson





Jazmin Jones



Chelsie Kelly



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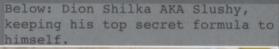
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Sarah McGeary



Larson Chante stuck Above: tough case in Biology.





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Dakota Montgomery



Brittney Nehring



Amanda Pettis



Megan Pettis



Benjamin Pritzl



Megan Raether



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Shelby Reetz



Molly Rosentreter



Guilherme Rossi



Steven Scharein



Nick Schmidt



Matthew Severson



Dion Shilka



Kenny Spencer



Ross Spores



Amanda Strauch





Tory Walker



Cashton Warner



Katie Wolfram



Renae Yoder



Marissa Yule

Above: Benjamin Pritzl





Molly Anderson going undercover Sydney at the Homecoming Parade. Cullen Gabler and Guilherme Rossi playing nice in Biology.





# MISSION: 9TH GRADE

















**Dalton Clayton** 

















**Kody Grimm** 

Stephanie Guntner

Cory Hamman

















Matthew Haubrich

















Canaan King

Christian Larson

Samuel Larson

















Brooke Loppnow Victoria McConville

Maxwell McCormick

McKenzie Mulhern

Lyle Olson

Alvin Ortega

Joshua Peterson

















Donnie Plamp

**David Schick** 

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Tommy Schmidt



Nicholas Schmitt



Lyman Smith



Gabrielle Solie



evin Sprinkle







Ashley Thomas



Paulette Tompkins



Karley Travis



Cameron Ulrich



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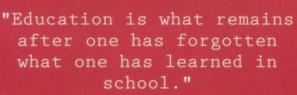


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Abby Whalen Christopher Winters David Zimmerman



Albert Einstein



Samantha
Berry and
Shelby Lone
are working
hard on verb
conjugation
during
Spanish
Class.

Karley Travis, Victoria McConville, and Caitlin Henke all smile for a picture during recess.





Jessica Hodge, Paulette Tompkins, and Stephanie Guntner huddle together for a Picture during lunch.



Joshua Peterson and Matthew Haubrich look up from working on their small engine in Mr. Sand's Class.





# DANISH PASSPORT



# Stephanie Hansen

Nationality Danish

Place of Birth Kolding, Denmark

Reside in USA The Goodell family

Date of Exp. June, 2008

# CHINESE PASSPORT



# Victoria Tek Nojai

Nationality Chinese

Place of Birth Hong Kong, China

Reside in USA The Knutson family

Date of Exp. June 11, 2008

# **GERMAN** PASSPORT



# Name Caroline Volkmer

Nationality German

Place of Birth Munich, Germany

Reside in USA The Goss family

Date of Exp. June 9, 2008

# BRAZILIAN **PASSPORT**



# Name

Gui Rossi

Nationality Brazilian

Place of Birth Sao Paulo, Brazil

Reside in USA The Tugger family

Date of Exp. July 23, 2008



This year four new foreign exchange students came from various parts of the world. In order to get a visa to enter the United States, there were several things they needed to do. First of all they had to go to the American Embassy in their home countries. In connection to the visit, they had to fill out applications. It was a long process of filling out mountains of paperwork, to be able to get from their home countries to the United States. At the Embassies they asked a lot of questions and took fingerprints. After the long process, they finally could get their visas, and it was worth it all, they said. Stephanie came from Denmark. She said that coming to America meant "being independent." She learned to be able to stand on her own two feet. Her inspiration to come to Augusta was because of her Aunt Marianne, who

student from Europe was Caroline. She came from Germany and said that America "Has bigger buildings and nicer people than she imagined," which made life away from home easier. Gui from Brazil came to America, because "it opened my opportunities to become a pilot," which was a career he hoped to pursue. The fourth exchange student to come to AHS was Victoria from China. Compared to China, America had "Great food, nicer people, and was freezing!" All the exchange students admitted that the people here were very nice and welcoming. They commented on how much they missed home, but the people here

made them feel so

comfortable.





Below: Trying to punch his way out of the weeds Trevor Evenson finished his season with a 49 stroke average. Right: Crushing the ball off the tee Scott Martinson finished with a stellar 42 stroke average.



Right: Sneaking the ball into the hole Willie Grams shot a personal best 94 at Wild Ridge Golf Course. Below: Following her shot to the hole Allison Sell finished her season with a 103 at Osseo Golf Course.





Below:The 2007 Girls Golf Team From Left to Right: Mr. Anderson, Allison Sell, Erin Nelson, Kristina Gerike, Alison Peiper, Leah Grams, and Jaime Purdun



### Golf Statistics

·Scott Martinson finished with a 42 stroke average the best for the Beaver boys.

·With an average of 185 the boys team had the lowest team average in 4 years.

The boys team shot a 172 in Hallie which was the lowest team score in 9 years.

·Leah Grams garnered 2nd team all conference honors this past season.

·Allison Sell earned honorable mention all conference this past season and that was the first time in Augusta Girls Golf History to have two member earn all c o n f e r e n c e recognition.

# SPYING ON A STELLAR SEASON "Get legs. legs!" This common golf phrase is used when the golfer

"Get legs. legs!" This common golf phrase is used when the golfer wants the ball to roll farther. The 2007 Boys Golf season rolled on and the golf team made tremendous improvements throughout the season. Returning all their golfers from last year's team was a major reason for their success. Scott Martinson, junior, led the team with an average of 42.7 in his second year golfing in the number one spot. He missed the All-Conference team by 3 conference points and ended up in 17th place in the conference. Trevor Evenson and Willie Grams the numbers 2 and 3 golfers finished with averages under 50 strokes. Brad Messerschmidt and Jordan Strasser, both sophomores, rounded out the 2007 golf team, and gradually improved individually as the year went on. The improvements in the team scores were a noticeable statistic. Last year, the average team score was a 195. This year, the team scores got much better with an average of 185 on 9 holes and a team low of 172. With every golfer returning next year, more improvements are likely and the expectations for next year are tall. This year's Girls Golf season was one that greatly exceeded expectations, returning all five golfers their results were not as quite as they were expecting. The Lady Beavers Golf team ended up in

th tri co st

from last year's 8th place finish. Leah Grams led the way with earning 2nd team all conference and Allison Sell was right behind earning honorable mention all conference. Third year golfer Erin Nelson improved steadily all season with her hest 18 hole score at the

greatly improved as the season went along .Quoting the coach for both the boys and girls teams Mr. Anderson said, "We really surprised some people for both boys and girls golf this year, and

losing only one senior on the girls team and no one or

A few yards from the hole Willie Grams followed his ball to the green. Right: "Get Legs!" Brad Messerschmidt thinks as his ball creeps towards the hole



Up: The 2007 Boys Golf Team. Back Left-Right Brad Messerschmidt, Trevor Evenson, Willie Grams, and Coach Mr. Anderson. Front Left-Right Matt Severson, Brandin Henke, Scott Martinson, and Jordan Strässer right: Erin Nelson follows her shot out of the rough.



Right: By Tapping this putt in the hole Scott Martinson led Beavers to a lith place finish in conference.



"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." Vince Lombardi





# ANG





e 2007 Augusta Beaver's track team, not only did they place very well, bey are darn good looking too!

ney are data green are seen as the Beavers: to right: Nick Perkovich, Justin Travis, Cullen Gabler, Devi op Row left to right: Nick Perkovich, Justin Travis, Cullen Gabler, Devi op Row left to right: Nick Jare dorn, Coach Will Jacobs, Coach Jodi Kardin, Coach Mike Bestul, Jare dorn, Chris Schmitt, Chris Garner. Middle Row: Rocko Bunt, Lindsey Berg hiller, Chris Schmitt, Chris Garner. Karlee Dusso, Nicole Drowatzky and Allen, Tim Nelson, Molly Rosentreter, Karlee Dusso, Nicole Drowatzky and Pettis, Amber Honadel, Kevin Kickbusch, Robert Quick. Bottom Row assaica Caseta, Emily Voorhies, Paola Barbosa, Stephanie Leland, Nie ickbusch, Danielle Solie, Tory Walker, Justin Weichel





Jared Schiller attempts to calm himself down, before he pole vaults at the Hoyme meet.



Molly Rosentreter and Jessica Casetta discuss their philosophies on life, as they prepare for the 100 meter hurdles.





Molly Rosentreter strides over the hurdle at Chippewa, on her way to a fourth place finish. Augusta's state qualifying shot put thrower, goes through his warm up, so he can pull off a monster throw.



## AN INCOGNITO PHOTO FINISH

season for the Beavers, one in which the Beavers improved immensely. The team was headed for the first time by Mike Bestul. Coach Bestul did a fantastic job of getting a team together, doubling the size of the team. With a large team and loads of young talent the Beavers went into the season to rebuild and hopefully place highly in many meets. The Beavers showed immediate improvement, with runners, jumpers, and throwers setting personal bests on almost a weekly basis and scoring more points than they ever had before. The wind, rain, and 30 degree temperatures at the 2007 conference meet didn't discourage the Beavers, as they scored more points than they had the year before. The meet was highlighted by star Augusta thrower Chris Garner who took first team all conference in the shot put and

at Fall Creek that year and Augusta placed well, sending 3 athletes to Sectionals, an impressive



As exhausted as he was, Robert Quick still had enough energy to finish his leg of the 4 by 200 meter relay.



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Chris! Not only did the Augusta

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Inime! From discovering the old

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Coach Jacobs in the middle of

Inowhere and having to run back

It school, to the hysterical bus

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Jesse Casetta stretches to the sky, so she can maximize the length of her triple jump.

Favorites:

Meet: The Cloverbelt Conference Meet at Memorial Event: 4 by 200 meter relay Coach: Tied, Coaches Bestul, Kardin and Jacobs

Somebody may beat me, but they are going to have to bleed to do it. - Steve Prefontaine

# CAUGHT STEALING

"We're not number one, we're not number two. In fact we aren't even ranked, but we can still kick your butt." The Lady Beavs softball season resembled this quote in some fashion. With stealing unbelievable games from the Gilman Pirates and the Regis Ramblers, the girls definitely proved they could compete with anyone in their conference. Both pitchers, sophomore Sarah Weiss and junior Alison Kaeding, each got one of those big wins. Walking into the gym on the first day of practice, the outlook seemed positive, but every team has some loop hole that ties them up. Returning letter winner Renae Zimmerman was out with a torn ACL, fortunately junior Jessica Schroeder joined the team for the first time to help fill that hole in efficiently. Playoffs rolled around and the Beavers received a number six seed and had to play Gilman for the second time that season. They had proven they could beat Gilman but unfortunately things did not roll the Beavers way. Next year the seniors will be bringing plenty of experience and leadership to the squad considering the whole team will be returning to the line-up.

Top:Tiffany Mullins, Allison Sell, Jessica Schroeder, Abbi Baader, Laura King, Sarah Weiss, Melissa Erdman, Kate Berlin. Middle: Alison Kaeding and Renae Zimmerman. Bottom: Coach Puchalla, Leah Grams, Valarie Dehnke, and Coach Holmes







2ND-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Top Right: The infield gathers with Coach Puchalla during the Regis game for a quick breather while pitcher, Alison Kaeding, regains her composure. Middle Right: "Framing the strike zone for her pitcher, Junior Tiffany Mullins hopes to strike out their nemesis in Fall Creek. Bottom Right: Junior second basemen, Allison Sell uses outstanding form by watching the ball all the way into her glove between innings during the Gilman game. Below: Goofing around before the Gilman game the girls' lined up in order of tallest to shortest.





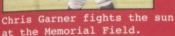




### **SCOREBOARD**

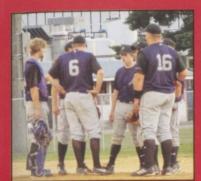
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5Fall Creek	L	8-
4McDonell	L	9-
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4Regis	L	10-
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1Gilman	W	9-
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Coach Korger calls a meeting at the mound during the Beavers first win.



The 2007 Augusta Baseball Team: Back Row: Dion Shilka, Steve Scharein, Brandon Felton, Zach Brown, Clinton Grant, Chris Garner, Tory Walker, Coach Korger, Coach Henrichs, Andrew Gutshall, and Alex Tompkins. Front Row: Matt Severson, Scott Martinson, Robert Quick, Chris Schmitt, Jordan Ball, Willie Grams, Tim Nelson, Justin Buttke, and Brady Shaffer.



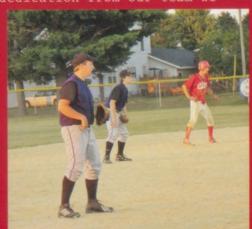
Jordan Ball 2nd Team All-Conference Pitcher/Catcher 5'9" 165 lbs



Chris Schmitt
Honorable Mention All-Conference
Pitcher/Catcher/Shortstop
6'1"
185 lbs.

With their first playoff win in quite some time the Beavers baseball team had their most successful season in anyone's recent memory. "Our season started out rough losing a few tight games to good teams and then we lost quite a few players due to ineligibility, but we bounced back in the second half winning against Blair Taylor and playing a great game against Eleva-Strum and winning our first playoff game against Frederic" -Coach Luke Korger. The Beavers won two games last season but improved in almost every statistical category. Pitcher and Catcher Jordan Ball said, "With our new coaching and a lot more dedication from our team we

improved a lot and had lots of fun all season long." The team finished with Jordan Ball on the 2nd team all conference team. and Chris Schmitt being named all conference honorable mention. Late in the season Matt Severson moved up onto the varsity roster filling in for some injuries and ended up having the best batting average with a .409 average. Chris Schmitt also batted over .300 with a .302 average. Jordan Ball led the team in the pitching category with 42 strikeouts and got posted a 1-4 record. Willie Grams and Chris Garner led the team in fielding percentage with a .937 and .958 percent respectively. With two wins on this season and returning all but two starters they hope to keep on improving into next season.



Scott Martinson and Robert Quick plug up the left side of the infield against the Rivermen.

# KILLER INSTINCTS

### REGIONAL **CHAMPIONS**



Doverspike

"Believing is the first step to

achieving"

Can I get a HOO RAH?" Fans knew that the Augusta Volleyball Team was out on the court with intensity, determination, and cooperation that erupted into kills, tips, and digs. There was a lot of anticipation as to what the season would bring the team. With only two seniors graduating last year, there were five starters and many players just waiting for the moment to come out with a thunderous "HOO RAH!" When Coach Doverspike, in her first year as head coach, was asked what the team's strengths were, she instantly replied. "We have strong senior leadership this year. They help carry our team. We also have a lot of team chemistry, something that is key to a good team."

and the C-team was gearing up for their first year of high school volleyball,

The playoffs were a tricky road to travel. with wins over Eleva-Strum, Independence, and Plum City, with scores of 3-1, 3-2, and 3-1, respectively. The deciding matchup was against Hillsboro, and the team was looking for revenge, because they defeated the Lady Beavs in 2005. The girls played intense, but they fell short, losing 1-3 in a heartbreaker to end the season. Most would say some highlights of the season were the intense win against Fall Creek, laughing at Coach Doverspike when she made those "hideous" facial expressions, "boogieing" in the locker room, and the comeback game for the win against Gilman. Some players might say there were those down times, like tough losses to Altoona and McDonell, but the team always pushed through and looked forward to the next game. All in all, there was incredible teamwork, communication, and hustle that the team strived for and achieved to end the season with the loudest "HOO RAH!" yet.  ${
m T}$ he playoffs were a tricky road to travel.

### **VARSITY SQUAD**



Front Row: Paige Taylor, Valarie Dehnke, and Tiffany Mullins Middle Row: Abbi Baader, Jessica Schroeder, Bobby Stensen, Laura King, and Sarah Weiss

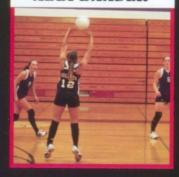
Back Row: Coach Doverspike, Amber Hondael, Renae Zimmerman, Alison Kaeding, and Maryann Douglas

Top Left: Misleading Gilman is easy for Junior Amber Honadel as she goes up for the tip.

Bottom Left: Libro Valarie Dehnke schemes to send the ball up to the setter in a win against Fall Creek

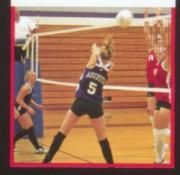
Right: After the timeout the team discusses their confidential strategies and Alison Kaeding wonders why everything has to be so tricky.

#### ABBI BAADER



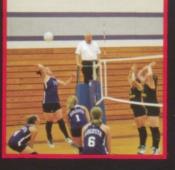
"It doesn't matter how you start the game it matters how youfinishh

### MARYANN DOUGLAS



"Everything happens for a reason" -Anonymous

#### ALISON KAEDING



"The strength of the team is each individual member...the strength of each member is the

- Coach Phil Jackson

### **LAURA KING**

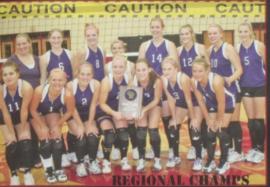


"If you don't play like you want to win don't cry when you lose."

### **JV SQUAD**



Front row: Sherry Gutsch, Jessica Casetta, and Alicia Goss Middle Row: Melissa Erdman, Amanda Strauch, and Heather Loppnow. Back Row: Elizabeth Pettis, Shelby Reetz, Karlee Dusso, Coach Perkovich, Kate Berlin, Lindsey Berg, and Jaimie Herrick.





Above: Caution, the AugustaGirlss Varsity Volleyball team conducted a suprise attack on Plum City in the regional championship game and was able to defeat them with little opposition.

Top Right: Setter Sarah Weiss sends the ball to a highly classified location near the net known only by the Augustplayers Bottomtom Right: After dominating their enemies, Eleva-Strum and Neilsville, at the Neilsville Triangular the girls show off their new trophy.







### **C-TEAM**



Front Row: Caitlin Henke and Brooke Loppnow
Middle Row: Abby Whalen, Chante Larson, Karlie Travis,
Mckenzie Mulhern, Shelby Lone

Back Row: Samantha Berry, Jazmin Jones, Victoria McConville , and Coach Zimmerman.

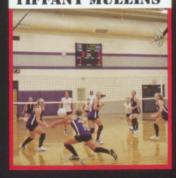
### **SCOREBOARD**

Blair Taylor	3-0
Gilman	3-2
Owen-Withee	0-3
Cadott	
Stanley-Boyd	0-3
Regis	0-3
Osseo-Fairchild	
McDonel1	0-3
Altoona	0-3
Fall Creek	3-0
Greenwood	0-3
Eleva-Strum	
Independance	3-2
Plum City	
Hillsboro	1-3



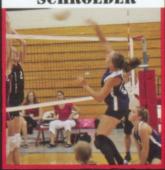
At Left:
Getting low
Paige Taylor
secretly sends
the ball to
the middle
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#### TIFFANY MULLINS



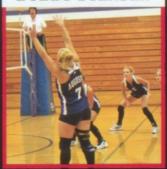
" Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." -Winston Churchill

#### JESSICA SCHROEDER



"The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall." -Vince Lombardi

#### **BOBBY STENSEN**

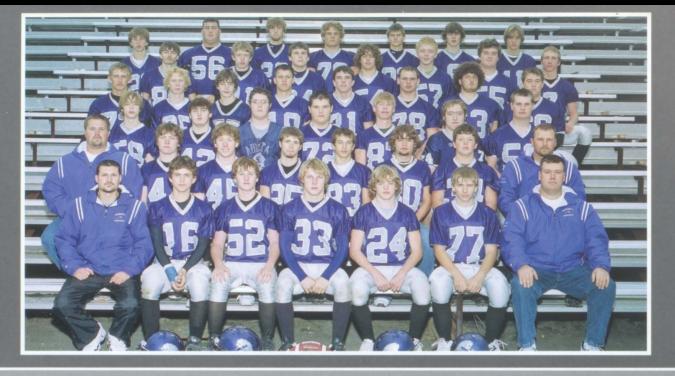


"Just Play. Have Fun. Play the game." -Michael Jordan

#### RENAE ZIMMERMAN



"To Succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire



Back Row from left to right: Zach Brown, Chris Garner, Chris Schmitt, Trevor Evenson, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Christian Berry, John Stabenow. Next Row: Bo Sauers, Cullen Gabler, Brandon Felton, Corey Schmidt, Josiah Wahl, Willie Grams, Justin Travis. Next Row: Nick Perkovich, Christian Larson, Cameron Ulrich, Rocko Hunt, Monty Taylor, Nick Schmidt, Kyle Dusso, Randy Allen. Next Row: Tyrel Hess, Scott Martinson, Max McCormick, Danny Fugett, Justin Buttke, Corey Hamman, James Lusk. Next Row: Coach Bestul, Ben Mosley, Robert Quick, Clinton Grant, Brady Shaffer, Alex Tompkins, Weston Huth, Coach Puchalla. Front Row: Coach Gilles, Devin Dehnke, Matt Severson, Dion Shilka, Tory Walker, Dustin Reid, Coach Sands.



# TACKLING THE CASE



Making too much noise was no crime this year. The team decided to use this statement; "Make some noise" both for the game and in conference aspects. This year's team goal was to get more pumped up and ready to play some

football. They put a lot heart and emotion into each The game. coaches stressed attitude great throughout the team. Augusta football team has revamped a new coaching staff

season. Coach Sands is back and Mr. Gilles is making this year his first. Mr. Gilles said that he was amazed at the attitude and heart that he felt came from this year's team.





Left: The seniors after their last winning game that they won 34-6. Below: Chris Schmitt runs the football with intensity during the game against Loyal.

The first scrimmage vs. Elk Mound and Eleva Strum at home was a great way to start the season because they pulled off a win. The final score was 6-7 in the Loyal game; the boys put up a good fight. Then it was time for the first away game at Thorp. The first half of the game was great. By half-time the boys had scored 14 points leaving the Cardinals with nothing. In the second half of the game, Thorp came at us gaining 20 points. But that wasn't enough to keep the Augusta football team from winning. They won, 26-20. The last game of the season was a big game for this year's seniors. Scoreless in the first half, Greenwood could not stop the Augusta football team. It was a great game! The ending score was 34-6. The beavers got thier victory. This year the boys wanted to make some noise in the

conference and stand out.

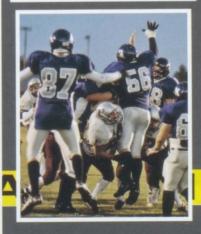
Even though it didn't turn out like they wished it could, they did all they could to prepare.

Season Adjourned.

### SCOREBOARD

Eleva Strum	48-0	
Fall Creek	26-6	
Regis		
Loyal		
Owen		
Thorp	20-26	
McDonel1	47-6	
Gilman	21-7	
Greenwood	6-34	

Right: On the verge of a touchdown, Christian Berry carries the ball in. Below: Chris Garner attempts to block the Loyal Greyhounds.







Left: "Dooter" aka Justin Buttke punting the ball for the Beavers.



"When you pull on that jersey,
the name on the front is a heck
of alot more important than the
one on the back."

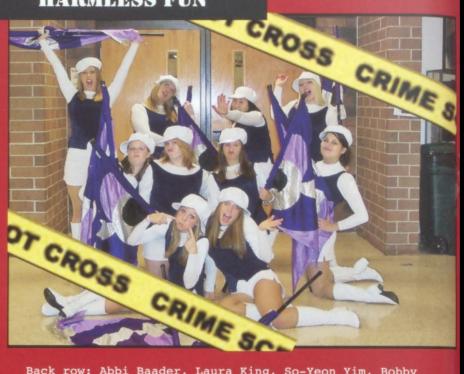
-Herb Brooks

### CAUTION

# ARMED AND DANGEROUS

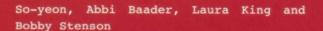
You may not have wanted to come Armed with flags, but dangerous? worked very hard to make each performance perfect. To start off the year, they performed a routine by Lou Bega titled "Mambo Number 5" on September 21. changed to a new style of uniform from their previous black pants to a white shorts and stylish hat to add to the vibe of the song. The routine was choreographed seniors Bobby Stensen, Abbi Baader, Laura King and juniors Jaimie performance date was undecided. The junior flag girls came together and made a routine that had to be perfected in a week. A snowstorm delayed the performance until the

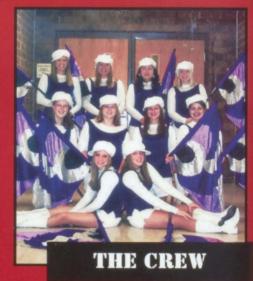
### HARMLESS FUN



Back row: Abbi Baader, Laura King, So-Yeon Yim, Bobby Stensen. Middle row: Karley Travis, Shelby Reetz, Melissa Erdman, Jaimie Herrick. Front row: Brook Loppnow, Sherry Gutsch.







regional basketball playoffs. This performance was accompanied by the song "Sway" by the Pussycat Dolls. It was different from most songs played before, and had a feeling of jazz and "sway". Mrs. Zastrow said that leadership showed throught some of her twirlers and she is really greatful for that. Members showed their appreciation for her time with a dozen pink roses, payback for the wonderful roses they got before each perfomance.



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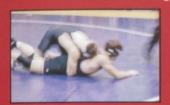
The Osseo-Fairchild, Augusta, Altoona Fighting Dragons (O.F.A.A dragons) were fired up about their season, escpecially Augusta's home town hero Ben Mosley. Ben was 18-17 on the season when he advanced to sectionals. Ben took on a 35-0 wrestler at sectionals, which was Bens final match of his High School Wrestling Career. Ben's goal this year was to get to 20 wins, but he believed that the reason he had fallen just short was because of missing two tournaments early in the season. Ben also said that the hardest part of wrestling was waking up early for meets on Saturdays. This was Ben's 4th year of being on the wrestling team and he "loved every minute of it". It was because of the fierce competition that he perserved, and physically dominating his opponents made it better very enjoyable. Ben was the first Augusta wrestler to advance to sectionals in three years.





Above: Senior Ben Mosley trying to finish off one of his many enemies at Stanley.









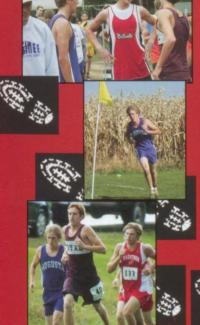


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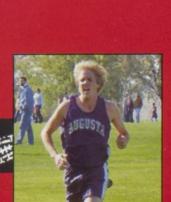
# CROSS COUNTRY

Tim Nelson, lone runner from Augusta brought the Cross Country program back to life. Tim took the initiative to train over the summer to get ready for the season. He said it was difficult to train by himself because he said it was a little lonely at times. In invitational meets, Tim had two 1st place finishes, six 2nd place finishes and one 3rd place finish. Tim was awarded 1st team all-Conference for his success this year. Tim's average time this year was 17:16, which is the time it had taken him to finish. The 5k (3.1 mile) course he had a personal record of 16:42. Tim has always loved running and enjoyed pushing his body to its limit. The Cross Country Killer was very pleased with his finish to the season. Tim plans on running Cross Country and Track at UW

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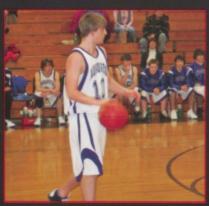


Pictured above: Timmy Nelson going up against some fierce competition at the Cloverbelt invatational meet in Loyal.





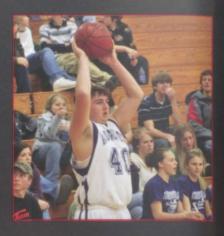
Gordon Bennett! This is an old euphemism often used to replace a feeling of surprise. With the talent that graduated and a poor record the previous year, expectations weren't high for the Augusta Boys Basketball team. Nobody expected the team to finish 5th in the conference, get to 10 wins, or a 5-1 start with wins over Gilman, Loyal, Whitehall, at Osseo-Fairchild, and Cadott. With 1st Team All-Conference player, Brennan Dickinsen, lost to graduation, many wondered who would take the reins and lead this inexperienced team. Chris Garner, Chris wondered who would take the reins and lead this inexperienced team. Chris Garner, Chris Schmitt, and Christian Berry were returning starters from last year, but only Garner out of that group started all 21 games. The big man didn't disappoint, averaging a double double, 13 points and 10 rebounds per game. Chris Schmitt picked up some of the scoring load as well, averaging 11 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists per game. The leading scorer for the Beavers at 14 points per game was Christian Berry before he withdrew from the team with just 3 regular season games remaining. Scott Martinson, season games remaining. Scott Martinson, another surprise, made 51 3-pointers, good for 5th in the area. A couple key wins for Augusta throughout the season were conference wins at Osseo-Fairchild and against Altoona, which haven't come frequently in years past. The Beavers finished 6-8 in conference, Augusta's best finish in the last 5 years, and 10-12 best finished o's in conference, Augusta's best finish in the last 5 years, and 10-12 overall. Augusta then entered regional play against a Plum City squad with an identical. The game was a see-saw battle throughout with many ties and lead-changes. Chris Garner tied the game with a layup late in the fourth. Plum City tried to stall for a shot, but was called for traveling, giving the ball back to the Beavers. Augusta, then stalling for a last shot had the ball dribbled off a shoe, but stayed in bounds, which resulted in a jump ball. The possession arrow gave the Beavers the ball again with 4.6 seconds left. Augusta called timeout, and Coach Henrichs set up a play for a last second shot. The play was to hit Garner curling off a double screen, but the defense sagged in and took him away. Chris Schmitt hit Brandin Henke coming back to the ball, who took a couple dribbles down the lane, pulled up and hit the game-winning shot as time expired. The Beavers then set up a matchup against Eleva-Strum, the then set up a matchup against Eleva-Strum, the number one team in Division 4. Although Augusta was outmatched, they battled until the end. The loss ended the Beavers season and the 5 seniors careers.



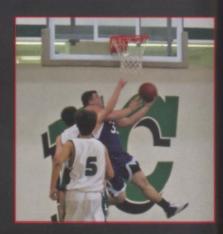
Honorable Mention All-Conference Guard/Forward, Center, Chris Garner. Chris Schmitt.



1st Team All Conference



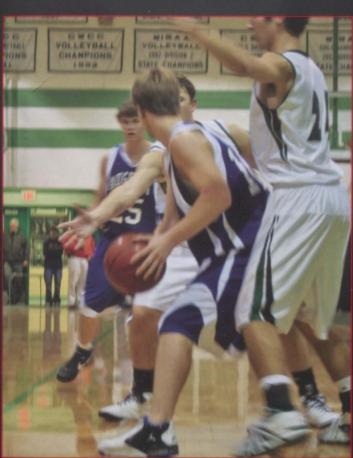








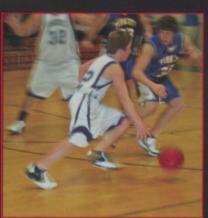
2007-2008 Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Back Row: Coach Paul Henrichs, Chris Schmitt, Zachary Brown, Christopher Garner, Jared Schiller, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Coach Luke Korger, and Coach Will Jacobs. Front Row: Christian Berry, Scott Martinson, Rocko Hunt, Robert Quick, Brandin Henke, and Brady Schaffer.



Senior, Chris Schmitt, waits for the open man to cut to the basket.Devin Hadorn-Papke waits for the right moment to cut at Eau Claire Regis.

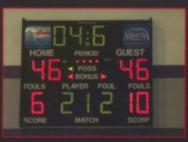


Top: Zach Brown gives a shot fake before taking it to the rack. Top Right: Coach Henrichs prepares his team for Fall Creek. Right: Robert Quick giving a quick pass fake to keep the defense guessing.









Brandin Henke takes a few last dribbles before making the gamewinning shot as time expired in the Beavers first round playoff game. It was Augusta's first playoff win since 2005.

# SHARP SHOOTERS

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The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire; the size of your dream; and how you handle disappointment along the way." This year, many people had high hopes for the veteran team. With six seniors returning, five of the being starters, Mrs Brenner, and the rest of the community anticipated a winning season. However, the ball did not always bounce in favor of the

Beavers. As many know, the Cloverbelt conference is loaded with several talented state-bound teams each year. This year, the Varsit team fought hard, but unfortunately was only able to seize nine wins.

The team believes that part of the struggle was due to the chain of unlucky events. Four out of the five startin seniors underwent major surgeries in the past year, and many suffered from illness. Even though the

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Senior wing man, Renae Zimmerman, swoops in on defense and cuts off her opponent.



Bobby Stensen zooms in on the basket as she gets ready to shoot a free throw.



Head Coach, Mrs.
Brenner, calls a
timeout and gives
the players precise
instructions







Top Left: Coach Brenner, Allison Sell, Alison Kaeding, Renae Zimmerman, Abbi Baader, Coach Lien, Bobby Stensen, Jessica Schroeder, Paige Taylor, Sherry Gutsch, Team Manager-Kayla Erdman, Valarie Dehnke. team did not
acquire as many wins as they
would have preferred, they
still kept a winning
attitude and improved in
other areas. There were
moments when the Lady Beavs
proved their capabilities
against tough teams Altoona,
Fall Creek, and Osseo.
Against all three, they
exhibited intense defense

and scoring potential. With an exhilarating win against Greenwood in the Cloverbelt crossover game, the girls were propelled into the first round playoffs in Plum City. They captured another win and advanced to round two. After a nail-biting game, the season came to a disappointing end for the Beavers as the Eleva-Strum Cardinals slipped away with



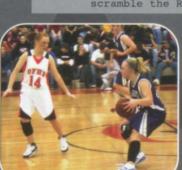
Paige Taylor breaks it down on defense and shadows her opponents every move.

Abbi Baader fires up a 3pointer right in the grill of a Cadott defender.



The Mounders
attempt to
stop Jessica
Schroeder as
she barrels
past in hot
pursuit of a
basket.

The "six super seniors" line up on the sideline at Regis as they prepare to scramble the Ramblers.







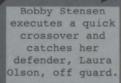
Top Left: Coach Brenner, Sara Goss, Molly Rosentreter, Victoria McConville, Karlee Dusso, Alicia Goss, Coach Lien, McKenzie Mulhern, Abby Whalen, Melissa Erdman, Jessica Casetta, Sherry Gutsch, Caitlin Henke, Team Manager-Kayla Erdman.



Alison "the steamroller" Kaeding makes a move in the paint and flattens Cadott's defense.



Renae Zimmerman springs the game into action as she battles, Osseo's, Katie Wrobel for the first possession.





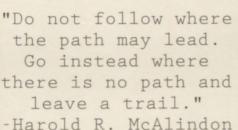


# CONFIDENTIAL ROUPS



















Far Right: Mr. Catt shares his expertise with Alison Kaeding in hope to create the perfect yearbook.

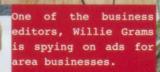
Right: Paige Taylor, Brandin Henke, Sherry Gutsch, Scott Martinson, and Jessica Casetta listen intently as Mr. Catt explains.

2007-2008 Yearbook Staff From Top, Left to Right: Editor-in-Chief Chris Schmitt, Advisor Mr. Catt, Layout Editor Bobby Stensen, Photo Editor Tim Nelson, Business Editors Renae Zimmerman, Jessica Schroeder, Willie Grams, Layout Editor Robert Quick, Trevor Evenson, Alison Kaeding, Scott Martinson, Brandin Henke, Constance Guntner, Valarie Dehnke, Alex Tompkins, Molly Rosentreter, Jessica Casetta, Sherry Gutsch, Stephanie Hansen, and Paige Taylor.





Editor-in-Chief, Chris Schmitt, shows off his top secret status as he chills with Big Foot.



Another business editor, Renae Zimmerman peers through the bushes, looking for ideas.

The last of the business editors, Jessica Schroeder sneaks through the ceiling, trying to find creative ideas.

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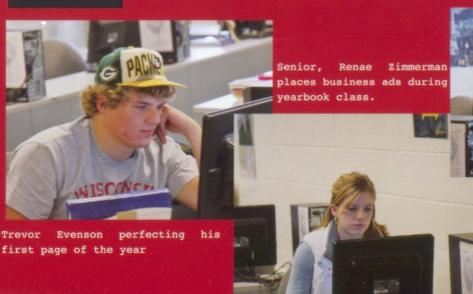


# KEEPING IT UNDER THE COVER

A Yearbook Staff of 19 agents accepted the mission of creating and perfecting project "Top Secret." They split up tasks such as uploading pictures, writing copy, and designing layouts. Staff members took on these jobs. Second year Editor-in-Chief. Chris Schmitt, gave undercover assignments to staff members and special agents. The Editor-in-Chief aided the advisor. Mr. Catt, with important tasks, including many publishing decisions. Special agents focused on certain areas. For example. Tim Nelson took on the tall task of photo editor. Tim

uploaded pictures, sorted pictures, and captured many of the wonderful photographs you see in this yearbook.

Among other special agents were the business editors. Willie Grams. Renae Zimmerman, and Jessica Schroeder. The business editors, spent much of their time making the yearbook more affordable to the students by selling ad space to local businesses. as well as taking on normal duties of a staff member. The vearbook staff dedicated much of their time, inside and outside of class to publish this vearbook and make it affordable to all students.



First year member, Molly Rosentreter uploads pictures for her page.

# BLUE JACKET



Each of these dedicated FFA members treated themselves to a well deserved ice cream cone at the renowned Babcock Hall in Madison.



The FFA
officers
found a
"Penny for
their
Thoughts"
after a
relaxing
officer
retreat.



David Zimmerman does his best to impress the judges at the Wisconsin State Fair.



Ms. Schlough, FFA's advisor, looks on as President Amanda Robinson conducts the remainder of a meeting.

 $\mathrm{T}$ he Blue Jacket Agents of the FFA had a very busy year. They started their year off with a "Kick-off" Party and attended many workshops to gain leadership throughout the year as well. Also, a few Secret Agents showed off their speaking skills at Sectionals. Some 'fun' events were Noah's Ark, Mall of America, and the County and State Fairs. What did these secret agents gain from FFA? They gained Leadership, Speaking, and Communication Skills. One purpose of the FFA was to develop personal leadership, personal



These FFA members
demonstrate good etiquette
before heading out to
attend a dinner theater at
Nationals.



Ms. Schlough and her FFA Blue Jacket Agents enjoy their dessert at The Old Spaghetti Factory while at Nationals.



While enjoying all of the entertainment at the Wisconsin State Fair, Kate Berlin and Alicia Goss put on their best football faces.

success! Ms. Schlough, the FFA advisor, was
looking forward to seeing
FFA members in the community grow and develop into young leaders. Blue Jacket Agents Alicia Goss, Marissa Yule, Shelby Reetz, and Devin Hadorn-Papke all agreed that they enjoyed most the trips, being with their friends, and going to the County and State Fairs. Ms. Schlough wanted to do more trips and meet more deadlines in the upcoming years. Did this sound like a Mission Possible? Wanted: Blue Jacket Agents for the FFA!



FFA members prepare for a night out to sport their new matching shirts saying 'Take One For the Team' at the state convention.



President: Amanda Robinson



Kate Berlin



Sentinel: Shelby Reetz



Vice President: Beth Pettis



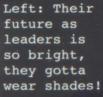
Secretary: Alicia Goss



Parliamentary: Renae Zimmerman



Reporter: Emily Voorhies





Kate Berlin and David Zimmerman pick up a 'hot chick' at the National FFA Convention.





After an exciting day of attending workshops and listening to speakers at the FFA State Convention, Renae Zimmerman lets out her wild side with fellow FFA members.

# FCCLA UNDER



FCCLA Agents: Mrs. Burback, Sarah Richardson, Missy Pettis, Jessica Montonya, Wyatt Biegel, President Cassie Pettis, Jackie Reetz, So Yeon Yim, Tiffany Mullins, Secretary and Treasurer-Catherine Pettis, Jennifer Jacobson, Kristyn Reid, Bonna Bergman, Vice President-Ashley Hyett, Activities Director-Cassie Larson, Maryann Douglas.





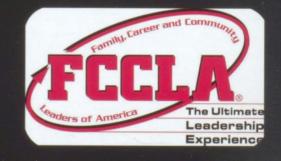
Above: Ashley Hyatt, Catherine Pettis, and Maryann Douglas listen attentively to President Cassie Pettis, speak during a lunch time meeting.

The secret's out, FCCLA was all about gaining leadership while providing service for one's personal family, community, and society. This year's members had a busy schedule from their fish fry/chicken dinner at Teps, Regional TEAM training at UW Stout and the National Cluster Meeting in Minneapolis, to setting up the Volunteer and Senior Breakfasts. Advisor, Mrs. Burback, said that she enjoyed getting to know students on a different level and

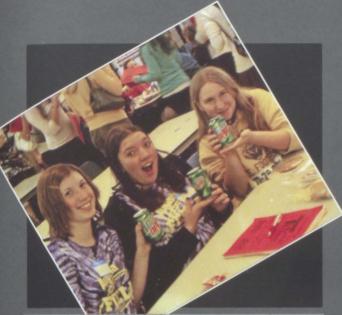
that the most memorable event
that happened this year was
watching as the group worked
together to achieve their goals.
A senior 'Top Agent' for FCCLA
was member Cassie Pettis. She was
President of the local chapter
and a State Vice President for
Region II. However, Mrs. Burback
was looking for recruits and
hoped to increase membership and
continue building the program.
Interested? FCCLA was definitely
under surveillance!



State FCCLA Officer,
Cassie Pettis, and her
State Officer Advisor,
Mrs. Burback, are
thrilled to be at the
State Officer Meeting
where they mingled with
fellow officers.



# SURVEILLANCE



Above: Visiting UW-Stout for regional level TEAM training, freshman Katie Geiger, Bonna Bergman, and Kristyn Reed enjoy a delicious lunch after sessions on team building, traffic safety, and violence prevention.



Left: Missy Pettis
and Jennifer
Jacobson relax at
a calming water
fountain after a
long day of
leadership
training.







Below: While attending the Cluster Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, the FCCLA members were kept in sight while they obtained useful leadership skills.



Above: Kelly Beenken, Ashley Hyett, Cassie Pettis, Jennifer Jacobson, and Catherine Pettis take time to discuss the leadership skills acquired at the CLUSTER.



# MASTER MINDS



President: Treasurer: Justin Travis Brad Messerschmidt

Secretary: Kayla Huth

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m T}$ he impressive group of Master Minds that made up the NHS organization worked hard to earn a membership. Juniors and Seniors with a GPA of 3.25 or above were rated from a scale of 1-10 on the following characteristics: citizenship, leadership, character, and service. "Students awarded an average score of NHS," said NHS advisor Ms. Selberg. Throughout the school year NHS members met during lunch to discuss upcoming "top secret operations." In the frigid February weather Kevin Kickbusch braved the cold to partake in the Polar Plunge, donating the money he, Brandin Henke, and Justin Travis raised for Special Olympics. Also in February, Mr. Catt opened his room to NHS members for a scholarship writing night. In the spring, NHS members volunteered at the blood drive where they worked iwth the blood drive coordinator Mrs. Crowe. Being in NHS not only gave these "spies" the opportunity prepare for their academic life after high school, but it also gave them the chance to help others.



Junior Kevin Kickbusch faced the cold and dips his hand in the icy waters of Half Moon Lake for the 2008 Eau Claire Polar Plunge.









During a lunch Top: meeting Justin Travis refers to the agenda, finding the next topic of discussion. Bottom: Senior NHS members Bobby Stensen, Jessica Schroeder, and Alison Kaeding make a mental note of when the next

meeting will be.

### SCHOLARSHIP WRITING NIGHT

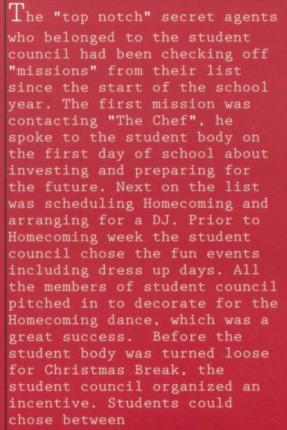


# SECRET GOVERNING FORCE

#### CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE



From top to bottom
President:
Willie
Grams Vice
President:
Chris
Schmitt
Secretary
and
Treasurer:
Renae
Zimmerman



bowling, going ice fishing, and a few other choices. After the end of first semester, Student Council President Willie Grams and member Tim Nelson were put in charge of getting ice cream for students who received an E-Award or were on the honor roll for first semester. The dedicated members of student council assisted in making the school year enjoyable for all. The leadership, planning, and cooperation skills they have acquired will assist these "agents" in their future.









Right:
Valarie Dehnke
and Sherry
Gutsch voice
their opinions
on the issue
of Winter
Carnival.

Left: Bobby
Stensen
recommends the
idea of a
badminton
tournament for
students to
participate in
during lunch
hour.

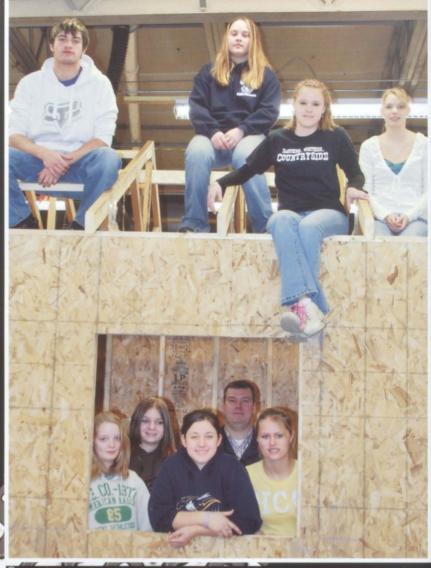


Above: Renae
Zimmerman and
Chris Schmitt give
their attention to
Tim Nelson as he
speaks.





 $\perp$ he VICA members were engineering a great plan of success, and told us that VICA A.K.A. Skills USA that is a student oriented program that revolved around the students intrests. Vocational, Industrial Clubs of America. Students learned leadership skills in this program. The members said their favorite thing was the Rock Falls Pro Street Racing. Next year they planned on being more structured and wise, and they also planned on going to more events like ice fishing and going to work on a car they had at the shop for two years. Most all members that join tried to stay in because they always have a good time and expected everyone that wasnt senior to be back again.



2007-2008 members Josh Wampole, Tara Hartung, Cassie Larson, Maryann Douglas, Stephanie Leland, Amanda Pettis, Ashley Hyett, Mr. Sands, and Jessica Dowiasch. Not pictured.Kasey Dye Dion Shilka, Ross Spores, Emily Voorhies, Nick Perkovich, Tory Walker, Jon Stabenow, Kody Grimm, Gabie Solie, Andrew Hazard, Brandon Hazard, Matt Nehring, Brandon Wedlund, Jessica Montonya, Megan Rather, Ashley Dye, and Justin Ludtke.



 ${
m Mr.Sands}$  is gearing up to teach the members a lesson.

The President was Ross Spores, Vice President was Emily Voorhies, Secritary was Maryann, Reporter was Ashley Hyett.





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m A}$ t the drag race there was a RS-SS on display.



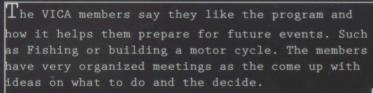
 $\Gamma$ he "get away" car of all time at the drag













Maryann is showing her skill as she builds an engine.







Camera, and Action' of the One Act This is the opening scene of Play. "Works in Progress" by Paul the play where the stereotypes H. Johnson was the dramatization of typical high school cliques first date, Jared performed in the dramatization of typical high school cliques first date. performed in the public 'eye' this year. The group was so good it was a crime and they were sentenced to a weekend at ... STATE!! After the regional and district level competitions, the cast members and their director were sent to Stevens Point for the State performances. They even had a stellar performance at State and, with a clean getaway, came home with an Ensemble Award for working well together as a group. Overall, the One Act Play was a dramatization worth watching!

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ou know me, I'm worst nightmare." -Punk (Ben)

Preparing for the



LEFT: During their date, (Jared) forgets about his smooth moves and attends to the more important matter at hand, his leg.

that have ridden Homecoming on a rse?!?" -Randy



the play, the graduation, and where your lives take you from



Here are the proud members of the One-Act Play at the allschool assembly the day before they

Right: While Charlie (Cashton) tries to pursue the (Maryann) to go with him to the dance, he serenades to her a harmonizing country-western win her over

wasn't going ask him out!" ~Charlie (Cashton)

# GET IT ON THE ACT

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Front row:So-Yeon Yim, Cassie Larson, Amanda Hoekstra, Bonna Bergman, Kristyn Reid, Allison Emborsky.
Middle Row:Mrs. Sell, Karley Travis, Kaitlyn Geiger, Cashton Warner, Stephanie Leland, Megan Raether, Shelby Reetz.
Back row:Mrs. Rugotzke, Heidi Larose, Caroline Volkmer, Jaimie Herrick, Jazmin Jones, Danielle Solie, Ben Pritizl, Steven







February 2 -UW Eau Claire (Invitational)
February 9 -Eau Claire (Invitational)
February 11 -Regis (Sub-District)
February 23 -Durand (Invitational)
March 1 -Eau Claire Regis (Invitational)
March 10 -Eau Claire Memorial (District)
April 18&19 -UW Madison (State)

When seeing the theme of the yearbook, many people might have would have been great at in reality, they are great at acting and speaking in front of groups. The team this year had 19 members who competed in Group Interpretation, 4 minute speaking, Demo Speaking, Pro Speaking, Solo Acting, and Radio Mrs. Rugotzke and Mrs. Sell. Once every week they worked hard to prepare for each Invitational. Everybody had to of them had to be an also a time to meet new people and make new friends. It was also is a great way to overcome fears of speaking in front of people. "Many people started out very shy, but by the end of speaking in front of groups of people," said Mrs. Rugotzke.

"Forensics helps me present projects and reports, and it also prepares me for college!" -Jaimie Herrick











# MOCK YEAH! TRIAL YEAH!



Ross "The Warden" Spores elaborates on his sparkling affidavit. His fiery demeanor and lightnig fast wit allow him to talk circles around the competition!

Where were you on the morning of February 9th, 2008? That Saturday, the Mock Trial team competed against numerous schools from the northwest region of Wisconsin, in order to decide which teams were truly master litigators. Weeks of revising, arguing, and fellowship went into their practices. With help from their

relentless leader, Mr. Stutzman, the team grew in their legal knowledge and teamwork. Their attorney coach and

biggest frustration. Mike O'Brien taught the team all about objections

and the legal environment. The season was long and irksome, but the team's dedication finally paid off when the wannabe lawyers got to strut their

stuff at the regional Mock Trial competition at the Eau Claire County Court House. They grilled their opponents four times throughout the day, denouncing their erroneous fallacies. The leading

litigators performed two cases as the prosecution and two as the defense. They argued tooth and nail for hours, finishing very closely with all the other teams. Their final record was 1-3, an improvement over the previous season. After all was disputed and done, the Mock Trial's resident Socrates, Mr. Stutzman proclaimed, "I'm really, really pleased with how well you guys performed today! Especially you seniors, thank you for everything you have done. Again, great job everyone!" So as the Mock Trial team rode off into the sunset, they took with them memories that would last forever, and the ability to cruelly cross examine an expert witness.

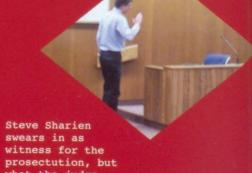
Justin Travis, the defense's expert witness, uses his superior intellect to outwit the prosecution's lead lawyers.

The fabulous, engineering inclined, and jettison Mock triateam: Nicole Drowatzky, Jazmin Jones, Erin Nelson, Sarah Richardson, Steve Sharien, Ross Spores, Tim Nelson, Adam Bergman, Willie Grams, Kevin Kickbush, Ben Pritzl, and Justin Travis, WOW! WHAT A POSSE!





With wax in his hair, Ben Pritzl verbally crushes any witness who stands in his way!



witness for the prosectution, but what the judge doesn't know is he has his fingers crossed.









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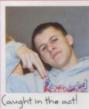
Classified Class of 2008 Case of the Choir Spot Light Incident.



It may seem like a sweet bunch of choir members, but behind the mask of these vocalists was a bunch of rambunctious trouble makers, Sometimes we wonder if we will ever figure them out. The case of the choir is unknown even to this day, but maybe next year, without the master minds of the senior girls, the code will be broken. All-in-all, the choir did a good job and had five allconference members. These include Danielle Solie. Tiffany Mullins, Laura King, Cassie Glenz-Haas, and Rocko Hunt. Danielle said her favorite thing about choir is Allconference. She's been in choir her whole life and hoped that the underclassmen can carry on the tradition of pride in choir for many years to come.









Amanda Hokstra, Danielle Solie, Amanda Strauch, Megan Pettis, Tiffany Mullins, Tiffany Larson, Kristy Reid, Sarah McGeory, Salina Payne, Katie Wolvram, and down in front Rocko Hunt.





Tiffany decided to settle down and work hard.

Senior Danielle is showing sophmore Amanda the new tricks of the trade, Maybe her Senior year she'll pass down the same tricks.



# CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME



Tuba player Brandon Felton pauses for a moment to take a breath and pose for the snapshot, before belting out the next few notes.



Members: Sydney Anderson, Lindsey Berg, Melissa Erdman, Trevor Evenson, Brandon Felton, Kaitlyn Geiger, Kristina Gerike, Alicia Goss, Sherry Gutch, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Brandin Henke, Caitlin Henke, Jaime Herrick, Weston Huth, Jazmin Jones, Laura King, Christian Larson, Brooke Loppnow, Heather Loppnow, Victoria Mcconville, Brittney Nehring, AJ Ortega, Allison Pieper, Alyssa Presley, Megan Raether, Shelby Reetz, Kristyn Reid, Sam Rios, Jared Schiller, Allison Sell, Matt Severson, Bobby Stensen, Karley Travis, Emily Voorhies, Cashton Warner, Katie Wolfram, So-Yeon Yim, Marissa Yule, David Zimmerman, Abbi Baader, and Maryann Douglas

## **BAND MOON RISIN'**

Some say music washes away the dust of everyday life. This was especially true for the dedicated members of the 2007-2008 Augusta High School band. Each day before their core classes, the band members started the day off with a bang, playing music and letting their creative souls soar! The senior high band had to wait quietly and patiently before they could play at concerts, then had the nervous anticipation of putting on a spectacular show. The snazzy jazzy band also came out and tooted their horns for the crowd at several concerts, and they enjoyed their early morning donut treats from Mrs. Zastrow. Several

outstanding band members also received the honors of playing in all conference band. Many musicians were also involved in pep band where they endured freezing temperatures, crowded gyms, and zipping, zooming games balls at the home football, volleyball, and basketball games. These students definitely showed the community their talent and their school spirit. In addition, they had to march and play through two parades, rain or shine they marched majestically to show the community the product of their hard work and dedication. However, they couldn't have done it without Mrs. Zastrow keeping everyone marching to the same beat.



The pep band belted out their loudest notes, pumping up our secret agents.

The Band's unwavering, loyal leader: Mrs. Zastrow.



Our All-Conference Band Playa's!!!



# SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE

Trevor Evenson prepares with nervous anticipation for his upcoming concert.

The Augusta High School Band poses for a picture while having a great time in the windy city.





Mrs. Zastrow and the band get their groove on at the 2007 Christmas concert.



Mallory Sieg, Bobby Stensen, Laura King, and Abbi Baader grin from ear to ear as they party at BeBop Cafe in Chicago!

BAND FEVER spread throughout the band as they practiced their concert music, and had a rockin' time doing it. The percussion players stay in time while they rock their drums off!

### **MISSION TO CHICAGO**

 $\Gamma_{
m his}$  past spring the Augusta High School band got a chance to do do something a little extracurricular, they embarked on a grand journey to Chicago. "This is a trip I will remember for the rest of my life!" said an exstatic Sherry Gutch. Once they were in The Windy City they wasted no time touring the historical and invigorating things Chicago has to offer. The band toured many fascinating and intriguing parks, such as the breast cancer park and Navy Pier. They also ate at the B Bop Cafe, which is known for their great jazz bands which entertain you when you eat. Perhaps the best part of this incredible trip was when the band went and saw the Blue Man Group. "The Blue Man Group rocked my world!" shouted a rambunctious Bobby Stensen. After all was said and done, the band experienced things that they will remember for the rest of their lives. and beyond.



Christian Larson and AJ Ortega displaying stealthy trombone skills.





#### RIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS





lunch during a FBLA meeting. A were debated year at the



Casetta during a meeting. It was here they



are having a event.



Grams, Tim Nelson, Sherry Gutsch, Kayl Huth, Jessica Casetta and Stephanie



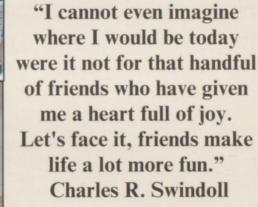
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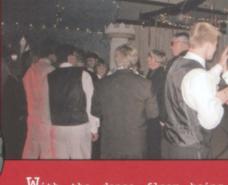








Breaking it Down" on the crowded dance floor, to songs like "Laffy Taffy" and "Lean Wit it Rock Wit it", juniors Jessica Schroeder, Chelsie Barka, Tiffany Mullins, and Renae Zimmerman.



With the dance floor being a black and white mosh pit, senior Jesse Herrick and junior Trevor Evenson, high five each other for making it out alive and with their cufflinks still intact.

Among the bystanders who have gathered to gaze at the Grand March, Prom Queen nominees Bobby Stensen and Danielle Solie enter with the grace and beauty of a



# YOUR MISSION:

# Dance the Night Away

 $O_{
m nce}$  upon a time, in a land town named Augusta. spring Augusta High called "Prom". It was named a charge of making the awaited dance spectacular, complete with castles, carriages, kings queens. The greatly anticipated night of May 5th finally arrived. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., all went smoothly. Prom's attendees were in awe when they saw how magical the decorations were. The dance and out of this world dance moves from end to end. At last, the clock struck 10, and king and queen. The crowd fell silent. After the attendants made their grand entrance. Mrs. Burback took the stage. "And your 2007 Prom King and Queen are Jared Schiller and Danielle Solie; " making Willie Grams and Bobby Stensen the

results and happily wore their Night" by Eve 6. And they all happily ever after, right? Not quite. Soon after, tragedy arose. Blaring lights and screeching sirens cut through the evening's magical tone. Someone had pulled the fire alarm! Everyone had to stand outside for over half last all the attendees were allowed to enter the warmth of night was not ruined, however. allowed an hour longer than Cinderella had the continued with an enchanted their 'Happily Ever After.'

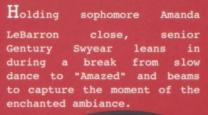




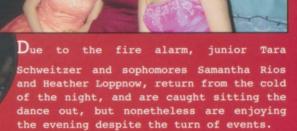
Prom King contenders were Willie Grams and Jared Schiller. Schiller went on to be crowned King, and Grams was crowned Prince.

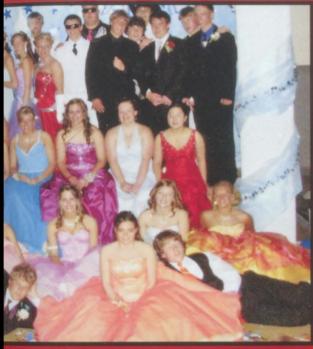


Ladies man, freshman Tory Walker is "Bringing SexyBack" with the stunning freshman ladies, Lindsey Berg, Molly Rosentreter, and Jessica Casetta, before heading back out to the dance floor to 'shake it' with his pals.









Stunning

everyone with their pearly white smiles, gorgeous dresses, splendid tuxedos, and shimmering hair, the Junior Class of 2008 gathers for a class picture as the night comes to a close.



Sydney Anderson makes her way to the dance floor to boogie down to "Baby got Back", Junior Laura King pulls her around to face the camera, before continuing to "bust a move".

Cotton Eye Joe"
blasts through
the massive
speakers on the
dance floor and
beckons sophomore
Kyle Dusso and
freshman Kate
Berlin to hop
about with smiles
on their faces.



Before getting all danced out, juniors Willie Grams, Scott Martinson, Chris Schmitt, Tim Nelson, Monty Taylor, and senior Brennan Dickinsen, align for a Pre-Prom photo with their contrasting white and black spiffy tuxedos and matching shiny shoes prior to departing in a luxurious white limousine as their chauffeur for the evening.







Upon arriving, juniors Alison Sell and Ashley Hyett model thier floor length dresses and beam their dazzling smiles for the camera, before going to impress the crowd on the polished dance floor. First stop, restaurant, second stop, snapshot, next stop, dancing the night away!

# BLACK HAWKS DOWN

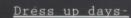




Homecoming court lined up to be announced at the big homecoming game. Freshman attendants:

Cory Schmidt & Jamie Purdun
Sophomore attendants:
Amanda Strauch & Devin Hadorn-Papke
Junior attendants:

Brady Shaffer & Amber Honadel
Prince: Randy Allen Princess: Allison Sell
Queen: Renae Zimmerman King: Tim Nelson



Monday: Sports Day
Tuesday: Beach Day
Wednesday: Crazy Day
Thursday: Formal Day
Friday: Pride Day
Activities-

Monday: Tug-O-war (4th year that the senior girls have won.) Tuesday: Lightning (seniors won) Wednesday: Bat Race (seniors won)

Thursday: Hot Dog Eating Contest
(freshmen won)

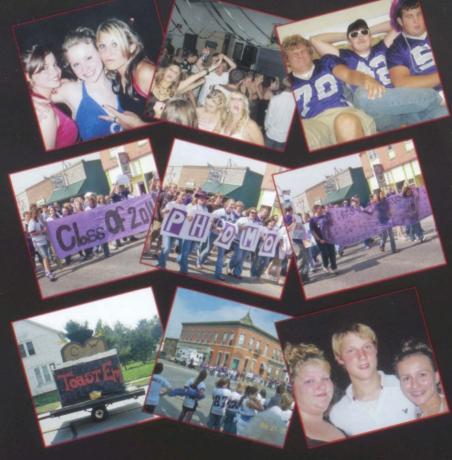
Friday: Tricycle Race (seniors

### Winners of Dress up, Floats,

<u>Hallways, and Skits-</u>

Dress up: Sophomores
Floats: Seniors
Skits: Juniors
Hallways: Juniors
Overall: Juniors





"Black Hawks Down" was the homecoming theme. The mission for homecoming began on a Monday. Members of the student body competed through their school pride activities, such as hallway decorating, dressing up, and skits. Friday everyone came together to get the boys ready and excited for the game. We had a parade through down town Lincoln Street in which everyone that went even the community participated. Standing on the corner of Lincoln and Stone Street, cheering for your class is something we look forward to doing every year. Following the parade they had a pep-rally

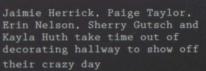
where everyone watched successfully as the Beavers planned losing affect the excitement Everyone who came looked great and danced the night away. When ten o'clock came. King Tim Nelson and Queen Renae Zimmerman, along with Prince Randy Allen and Princess Allison Sell walked down for the grand march. Then the rest of the attendants followed to have their homecoming court dance.



Seniors marched down Lincoln Street holding their class banner.









Sophomore attendants' wave and smile white crazing through the parade.

Tim Nelson is looking great in his crazy day outfit.





Sophomore girls dance to the cheer "Jump shake your booty" on the corner of Lincoln and stone Street.

Sophomore and Junior girls go at it to become the tug-o-war winners.





Senior Ben Mosley spinning like he's a tornado while completing in the bat race.



Amanda Strauch
and Sarah
McGeary
looking
beautiful for
the homecoming
dance.



King Tim Nelson and Queen Renae Zimmerman and Prince Randy Allen and Princess Allison Sell share a dance after the grand march.



The King, Queen, Prince, Princess sit in the convertibles while strolling through Lincoln Street like royalty for the homecoming parade.

# EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### **MAKING HISTORY**



The process of creating a historical marker in Eau Claire County was not an easy task, but Eagle scouts. Tim Nelson and Willie Grams, wanted to undertake the mission. They started their journey after Christmas break of 2006 and it continued until the dedication ceremony on May 28th 2007. The first part of their task was choosing a destination to make a historical marker. Since Dells Mill was located in the community of Augusta, it seemed like a logical choice. The young men met with owner and operator Gus Clark and further explored the history of Dells Mill. Next they submitted an application to the state historical society, writing an essay about the Mill, and sending in pictures. The last of things that had to be completed was writing the inscription on the plaque and raising \$4,000. With the help of Nancy Clark-Scobee and many other community contributors their dream of making Dells Mill became a reality. Willie Grams concluded "This will make Dells Mill a land markin the Augusta community for countless years."

### WISCONSIN BADGERS AND GARNER

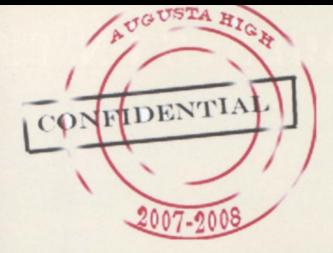
"On Wisconsin" would become a song well known to senior. Chris Garner. Garner will have the opportunity that many can only dream of; he was recruited to play Division I football for the Wisconsin Badgers. During the summer before his senior football season, he had the chance to attend a Badger football camp where he caught the attention of the Badgers head Coach. Bret Bielema and his coaching staff, by his ability to run the 40 yard dash in 5.3 seconds. He also gained their attention by being able to hold his own at the full contact camp. Playing Division I football was an endeavor for an Augusta Alumnus.



### HEALTH AND WELLNES DAY

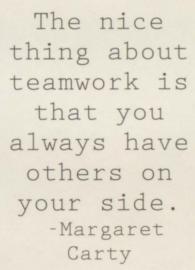


Health day was designed to promote students to make healthy choices. The morning started off with speaker Michael Donahue who spoke to the his school and middle school and left the students with a powerful message of success and not using stereotypical generalizations. When the sessions began students were invited to listen to professional speaker Patty Hendrickson who presented the message "Who I am depends on me." The FCCLA created a presentation about traffic safety. It started with a video of a mor car crash and ended with students representing people who had died in a car accident in the pas 15 minutes of the presentation. For the rest of the day students attended a variety of sessions that ranged from how to eat healthy to preventing the use of drugs and alcohol.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

















# SECRET AGENTS ON THE

lunch ladies delicious french fries, to Mr. Bestul appealed to them. The class of 2012 has few described it as "hard and boring." Matthew Gjerseth said, "It should be called the favorite class among the class members. but social studies came in a close second. When it came to sports, all were enjoyed, Schiller enjoyed hanging out with her friends outside of school, while Luke Johnson enjoyed playing video games. The Class of 2012 will miss the fun of middle school, like the field trips, but they are still looking forward to advancing to high school as freshman.







Clockwise from top are 8th graders Chanel Ludwig, Luke Johnson, and Daniel Gjerseth who appear to be taking their math and science homework seriously, hoping to "ace" the assignment.











Skyler Bertrang



Billy Brown



Harley Brown



Denise Bustamante







Daniel Gjerseth Raymond Gravrok



Lucus Green



Matthew Grunewald Scott Halvorson









Jason Kelnhofer



Corey Kirchoff



Zachary Kirchoff











# BRINK OF CROSSING OVER





Molly Perkovich







Casey Reetz







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Alexander Sell



Heather Sobiech



Simone Sommers



Krystal Spencer



Mackenzie Sperber



Austin Stensen



Anissa Thompson



Courtney Voorhies Daniel Wiersgalla Zachery Williams







Samuel Wold







Class clowns Keats King show off for the camera.

Mandi Raether ponders how she will spend the rest of her day.

After cracking their case of completing thier 7th grade year, the soon-to-be "Top Dogs" of the middle school were anticipating their grade assignment..."8th reigning favorite teachers among the class Doverspike because they were 'nice', 'cool', with them forever. "Learning about health with Mr. Bestul, and gym class, were my favorite memories of 7th grade," said 7th grader Jordan Berry. A fun activity that many of them also remember was making Rice Krispie the activities that were popular with the 7th class were playing basketball. volleyball, and talking with their friends. We didn't need undercover agents to know that the 7th graders are looking forward to the 'cases' that await them in the upcoming years.







Being gym class was the favorite class among most 7th graders, Jasmine McGeary, Devin Clayton, Seth Severson, Tanner Walker, and Zach Nelson are all enjoying their time spent participating in the activities at hand.



Cody Bailey



Nikita Barka



Michael Barton





Brittney Bertrang Steven Biermann Arturo Bustamante







Esau Casetta



Devin Clayton



Jerry Dopson





Robert Edwards Raymond Gravrok



Aaron Gutshall



Aaron Herrick



Peggy Hoffman





Ryan Humphreys



Jesse Joles



Julia Jones



Joseph Konzen





Nicolas Larson



Kylee Lebarron



**Brittany Lee** 

# DLE SCHOOL CASE...



Colton LeWallen



Kayla Lone



Donovan Mannes





Amber Mason Jasmine Mc Geary Carly Montonya





Zachary Nelson



Nicholas Post



Teresa Pritzl



Andrew Robinson



**Teddy Sauers** 



Seth Severson



Catherine Shaffer



Jaime Sieg



Isaac Siegel



Naomi Sobiech



Chelsea Spear



Will Tweed



Ben Wahl



Tanner Walker



Joseph Whalen



Candace Wiese

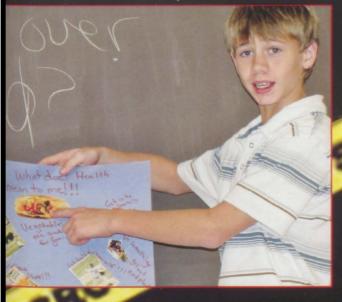


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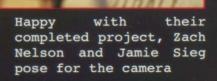








During health class, Jordan Berry presents his poster about what Health means to him.





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Janie !

They are spunky as they go to and fro around the high school getting ready to take the challange of high school. The 6th graders shows much enthusiasm as the run up and down the halls ready to show the world what they are made of. Some day in the future



this generation will become the backbone of America and will build a better future for the next generation.

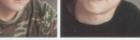






Dylan, Bradley, Orion, and John make a water table. Desyre and Amber work to gather in Hendrix Kaitlynn makes a pout face next to Steph.





























































































basket.

The 6th graders go into the gym during lunch, and huddle around Jessie as they wait for him to make a shot at the











Kerry and Hannah pose for a pic in the gym during lunch.

Matt Purdun tries to act cool as he gets his mug shot taken.

# TRACKING TO VICTORY

 ${
m N}$ ot many people like Perkovich was tracked down and she does. She is a freshman and she since 6th grade. She was in the shock put, high jump, 4 by 1 relay, 100 meter relay, and dash. She is really looking forward to next season. She loves being with her friends and getting good exercise. The biggest struggle was passing the baton in relays. She hopes this season is better than the last.





Top: Seth Severson is sprinting to the finish lin to win the race against Cadott and Osseo. Bottom: Mandi Raether is eagerly waiting for the whistle to blow so the 4 by 1 relay can start.



### RUNNING TO VICTORY

Augusta
racer, Tyrel
Hess runs neck
and neck with
a Cadott
runner while
trying to make
1st place.



# AND THEY'RE OFF...

On your mark, get set, go! Middle schoolers Damin Hadorn-Papke and Seth Severson getting ready to run against Cadott and Osseo at a meet in May 2007



### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COMES DOWN TO A PHOTO FINISH

Augusta supporters and coaches wait for the runners at the finish line with their trusty stop watches.





Top: Tyrell Hess is trying his hardest to get in 1st place. Bottom: Damin Hadorn-Papke, running to finish the race.





# MIDDLE OF THE SCENE CAUTION CAUTION CAUTI



Back Row: Coach Meyer, Taylor Mayenschein, Allie Nelson, Amanda Schneider, Molly Perkovich, Simone Sommers, Anissa Thompson, Jenna Hoekstra, Jessica Schiller, Chanel Ludwig, Taylor Zamora, Mandi Raether.

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m F}$  or the Middle School

hard work, the 8th grade team was rewarded with two Meyer and Coach Skoyen victories at the start of their season. They defeated Mondovi 5-0 and crushed long time rivals Fall Creek 3-0. As it was statedd by Coach Meyer. "Their hard work reaped

For the Middle School grade team also managed to Volleyball Teams, the 2007 sneakak away with few season has brought with it victoriesies during the many challenges and season, and will accept their defeats in order to successful. Both Coach agree that these girls to stay focused, work hard, and remain



Above: The bench watches attentively while Jessica Schiller and Taylor Mayenschein discuss the other team's tactics.



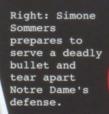
Below: Coach Meyer takes a time out to give her team clues about how they can take down the Fighting Irish.



Back Row: Jeanne Hudson, Theresa Pritzl, Chelsie Spear, Brittney Bertrang Catherine Shaffer, Candace Wiese.



Coach Meyer Surveys the court as her volleyball team engages in an intense match up. All three games were close but they were unable to pull off a win.





Left: Jenna Hoekstra and Anissa Thompson are in suspense as they wait for the Fighting Irish to make their next

### WINS AND LOSSES

SECTION AND PLANS	A STATE OF STREET	100000
Opponent	8th	7th
Mondovi	W	
Fall Creek	W	L
Osseo	L	W
Eleva-Strum	W	W
Cadott	W	L
Cadott	L	W
Fall Creek	L	L
Regis	L	L
Osseo	L	
Notre Dame	L	L

# CUT & RUN

# 2007-2008

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Coach Sigurdson, Coach Halvorson, Kyle Berlin, Keats King, Scott Halvorson, Casey Reetz, Harley Brown, Coach Hadorn, Alex Sell, Samuel Wold, Brandon Mondeau, Jordan Beenken, Scott LaRose, Zach Kirchoff, Riley McCormick, Reed Lindauer, Jason Kelnhofer, Matt Grunewald, Daniel Gerseth, Dan Wiersgalla.



### WINS AND LOSSES

$T_{ t eams}$ Cadott	
Eleva	
Notre	
Dame	
Regis Mondovi	
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Matt, Casey, and Harley just got done preparing for the big game against Mondovi at home that would come out a



### The Report...

It was a rocky start for the Augusta as they lost their first game, but the season went on and of 1-3-1. Even though they expected a 5-0 season, some players from the 7th grade team showed what they can do on the 8th grade team. Their biggest upset of the season was the Eleva-Strum game when almost everyone got injured

and players were playing out of place. They pulled out a tie this year against Regis. The players who carried the team and will have the best chance at playing JV next year are Alex Sell. Matt Grunewald. Casey Reetz. Scott Halvorson. Zach Kirchoff, and Harley Brown. The team was coached by Coach Sigurdson, Coach Halvorson, and Coach Hadorn.











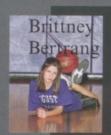
# TRACKING DOWN THE

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The 6th and 7th Middle
School girls started out
losing against OsseoFairchild, but the 8th
grade girls won by 7
points. Coach Sara Caeding
coached 6th and 7th grade
girls basketball and Coach
Eric Knutson coached 8th
grade girls basketball.
Coach Eric Knutson is a
basket ball lover. He
looked forward to just
having a good time and
loves coaching, especially
the the 8th grade girls
with their positive
attitude. This was one
dedicated group of girls.

# CAUTION CAUTION

8th grade team left to right: Anissa Thompson, Amy Schick, Taylo Mayenschein, Amanda Schneider, Molly Perkovich and Coach Knutson Bottom row: Allison Nelson, Simone Sommers, Taylor Zamora Chanel Ludwig, and Mandi Raether









Eighth grader, Mandi Raether, #24 is dribbling down the court to shoot a basket so they can win the

Mandi

Lighth graders Chanel Ludwig and #14, Allie Nelson are full of team work, while trying their best tracking the ball down and scoring some points.



6 th and 7th grade team left to right: Stephanie Peterson, Amber Herrick, Taylor Hess, Angle Solie, Courtney Shaffer, Shelby Rios, Desyre Klindworth, and Coach Brenner. Middle row: Brooklyn Bruder, Jeanne Hudson, Chelsea Spears, Nikita Barka, Kate Herold, and Kerry Stensen. Bottom: Catherine Shaffer and



Middle school girls having a ball during half time and showing off their skills to the other team.

### SCOREBOARD

Opponent	6th,7th/8t)
*Osseo-Fairchild	L/W
*Eleva-strum	L/W
*Fall Creek	L/W
*Cadott	L/W
*Eau Claire	L/L
*Mondovi	L/L
*Eleva-strum	L/W
*Cadott	L/W
*Fall Creek	L/W
*Notre Dame	L/W
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At left: The 6th and 7th Grade
Boys Basketball Team. Back Row:
Coach Jason Clark, Marshall
Mayer, Trevor Barka, Robbie
Edwards, Cody Reetz, and Joe
Whalen. Front Row: Matthew
Schick, Brad Grunewald, Jaimie
Sieg, Zach Nelson, Seth Severson
Nathaniel Goodell, and Matt
Purdun. Not Pictured: Coach
Jeremy Gilbert.

At Right: The 8th Grade Boys
Basketball Team. Back Row:
Coach Jason Clark, Brett
Lewallen, Kyle Berlin, Casey
Reetz, and Scott Halvorson.
Front Row: Mackenzie Sperber,
Daniel Gjerseth, Joe Whalen,
Matt Grunewald, and Austin
Stensen. Not Pictured: Coach
Jeremy Gilbert.





takes control
of the offense
during a big
win for the 8th
graders.



Free throws win games. This holds true here as Casey Reetz hits a couple big free throws.



7th Grader Joe Whalen takes it to the rack for two points during an important game for the Beavers.

# WORKING OVERTIME

It didn't take long for people to figure out that Middle School Boys Basketball was no longer a secret. The 8th grade team won 10 straight, including sweeps over Osseo-Fairchild and both of the Regis teams. The 7th grade team was all over the court in their 8 wins, pressing their opponents up and down the floor. The 8th graders finished the season 10-2. The 7th grade team finished 8-4. Most people noticed the athleticism and the high basketball IQ that both teams showcased this year. First year coaches, Jeremy Gilbert and Jason Clark, wanted to win, but more importantly make sure each and every player improved. One of the team's biggest improvements was the kids' general understanding of the game. Coach Gilbert thinks the future is bright for this group of players if they continue to work hard in the offseason and in the classroom.



Top: Coach Gilbert makes wise use of his timeout. Bottom: Matt Grunewald breaking ankles as he beats the pressure.





Their top secret plan is really for the performance.



Jordan Berry "disguised" as a reindeer during the Christmas Concert.



# NO DISORDERLY



Back Row: Denise Bustamante, Carly Montonya, Jasmine McGeary, Jordan Berry, Jesse Joles, Keats King, Isaac Siegel. Front Row: Peggy Hoffman, Chelsea Spears, Kylee LeBarron, Brittany Lee, Arthur Bustamante. NOT PICTURED: Aaron Gutshall, Nakita Barka, and Lucas Green.



Back Row: Kyle Ellwood, Mareano Carillo, Adam Hitts, Autumn King. Middle Row: Dominic Walters, Damien Sprinkle, Matthew Schick, Alex Knutson, Jazmin Jones, Nadene Boggs. Front Row: Dylan Haubrich, Angelle Solie, Gina Huth, Colton Bornhardt. NOT PICTURED: Cheyenne Hoffman, Jonathan Litzell.

### Operation:

Do,re,me,fa,so,la,te,do.
This was code for the Middle
School Choir warm up. It
relaxed their vocal chords
so they could sing in tune
the rest of the hour.
During the Christmas season,
the 7th and 8th grade choir
went caroling at the nursing
home and Unity Bank. They
also sang for the elementary
students. In addition,
choir members had tje
opportunity to participate

in Solo/Ensemble. Peggy
Hoffman was the only Middle
School Choir member to take
part in this event. After
doing so, she received a "1"
rating in Class C. A "1" is
the highest score posssible
in this class. Mrs. Sperstad
proudly said, "The Middle
School Choir had grown in
numbers and in maturity!"
"They also worked hard on
rhythmically challenging
songs and have become great
musicians!"

# "CONDUCT"ING



Back Row: Joseph Whalen, Riley Mccormick, Jenna Hoekstra, Kayla Lone, Robert Edwards. Third Row: Zachary Nelson, Zachery Williams, Esau Casetta, Austin Stensen, Molly Perkovich, Aaron Herrick, Seth Severson, Nathaniel Ziwisky, Colton Lewallen, Jaime Seig. Second Row: Aaron Pritzl, Denise Bustmante, Teresa Pritzl, Julia Jones, Matt Grunewald, Peggy Hoffman, Jessica Kunz, Naomi Sobiech, Heather Sobiech. Front Row: Chelsea Spear, Brittney Bertrang, Catherine Shaffer, Chanel Ludwig, Mandi Raether, Anissa Thompson, Allison Nelson, Jessica Schiller, Taylor Mayenschein, Candace Wiese, Jeanne Hudson.



Back Row: Connor McCormick, Stephanie Peterson, Nathaniel Goodell, Marshall Mayer, Matthew Purdun. Middle Row: Kerry Stensen, Marino Carillo, Desyre Klindworth, Courtney Shaffer, Brooklynn Bruder, Gage Michael, Mrs. Zastrow. Front Row: Blake Bethke, Amber Herrick, Cheyenne Hoffman, Tayler Hess, Shelby Rios. NOT PICTURED: Bradley Grunewald, Trevor Barka.

Banding together was no problem for members of the middle school band. They came together and made music that is no crime to the ears of the audiences. The band, directed by Mrs. Zastrow who had a strong love for music and loves to help the students in the class to become better individuals and musicians. The group had performed a great number of pieces throughout the year. Some pieces pertained to history, while others were directed toward different holiday events. One group of students had the honor of being in middle school honors band. The musicians

included Anissa Thompson, Denise Bustamante, Aaron Pritzle, Allison
Nelson, and Jessica Schiller.
Being in honors band gave students the opportunity to play with many different schools with music at a higher level of difficulty. Honors band was held at the Art Center in Shell Lake, WI. The band was conducted by Dr. Kris Tjorneho from the University of River Falls. Over year the band had no felonies against them, but they were credited for the hard work of conducting their music.





6th graders going crazy during Homecoming Week.



Amber Herrick playing her flute for a piece during band class.



Middle School Honors Band: Anissa Thompson, Denise Bustamante, Aaron Pritzl, Allison Nelson, Jessica Schiller.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL





Front row: Seth
Severson, Mandi Raether
Back row: Kayla Lone,
President Allison
Nelson, Treasure Angel
Solie, Zach Kirchoff,
Secretary Denise
Bustamante

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m H}$ aving a voice in the middle school Activities. That is why middle school student council members "secret agents" have been elected to this leadership position. It also let the students propose their "high tech spy" ideas and become a greater part of the school and conquer their mission for the school year. The middle school student council planed a majority of the middle school activities. like a homecoming dance, Halloween dance, a winter dance for the middle school and incentive field trips like going to Bruce Mound. They also organized gift giving to senior citizens around town who had a recent loss in their family. The middle school student council "secret agents" accomplished their mission for the 2007-2008 school years.











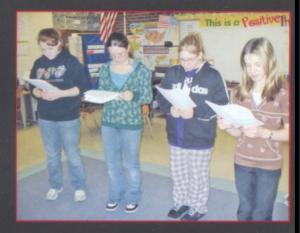


# MIDDLE SCHOOL CAUTION

# **FORENSICS**



Front row: Candace Wiese, Chelsea Spear, Catherine Shaffer, Jessica Kunz, Jessica Schiller, Anissa Thompson, Denise Bustamante Back row: Steve Bertram, Peggy Hoffman, Brittany Bertrang, Amber Herrick, Angelle Solie, Teresa Pritzl, Zach Williams, Scott Larose, Aaron Pritzl













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m F}$  orensics helped enable students to develop strong communication skills through the use of voice and gesture. The middle school forensics team was made up of sixteen students. The middle school forensics team started practicing on Tuesday, December, 4th, and rehearsed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They participated in four events, which were held on January 28th at Fall Creek, February 5th at Menomonie, February 14th at Eau Claire North Star, and February 28th at Eau Claire Delong. Two groups chose play acting and performed "Girls Will Be Girls" by George Savage and "Miss America." Four groups did

readers theater and performed "There's No Witch at the Hilton". "A Fairy Godmother's Assistant" by Bruce Lansky, "Lyrics by Aladdin", and "Camping Chaos." One student read poetry pertaining to the theme of "dogs." Most people can tell the difference between a person who participated in a forensics program and a person who hasn't because they tend to be more confident speakers. Forensics helps people feel more comfortable when speaking and performing in front of an audience.



Nick Larson and Will Tweed on Flambeau River.



Perkovich, and Jordan

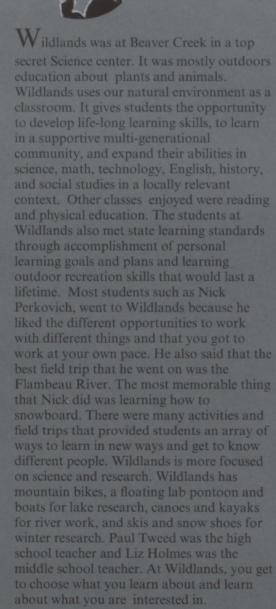


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- \*Population studies
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- \*Prairies
- \*Team building
- \*Outdoor recreation



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### Field trips

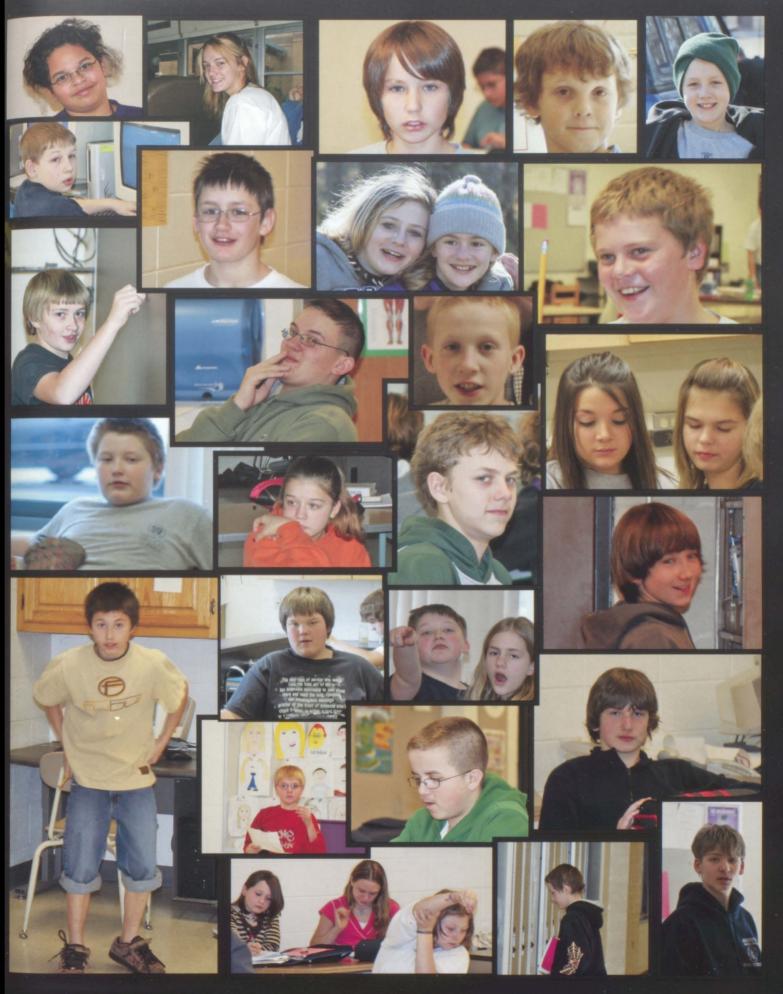
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- \*Minnesota History Museum
- \*National Eagle Center
- \*Down hill skiing
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- \*Great Lakes Aquarium
- \*Ice Age Trail
- \*Crystal Cave



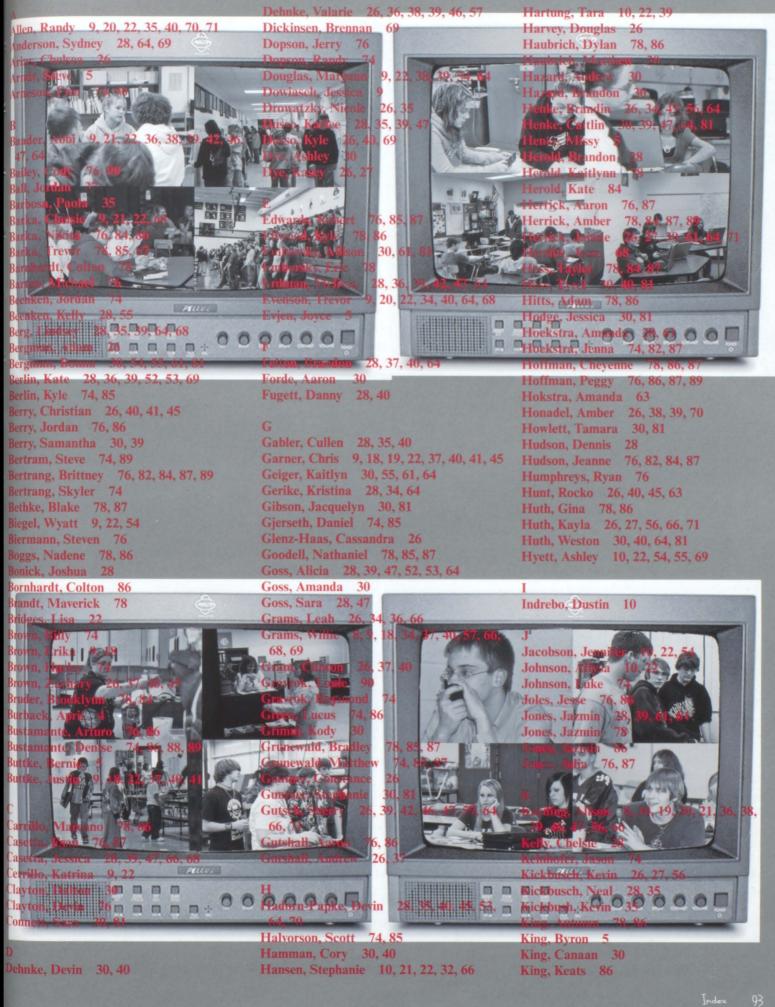




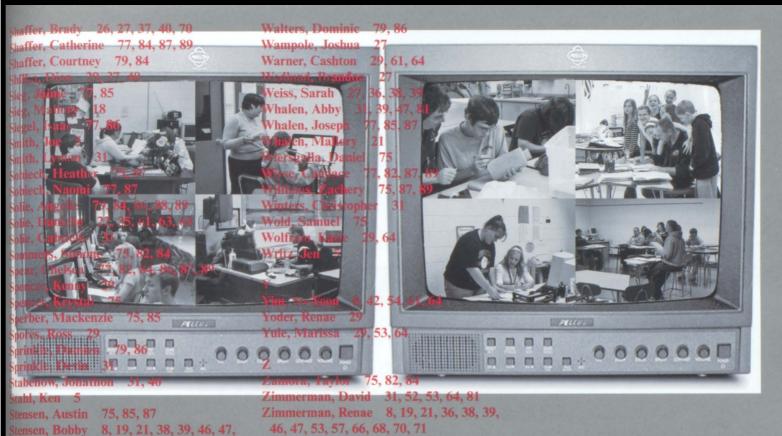
At Cascade Mnt. (Left to Right) Bret Lewallen, Derrick Lewallen, Cody Bailey, Riley McCormick, Allison Pieper, Mr. Hadorn, Megan Raether, Erin Arneson, Mrs. Seubert, Brandon Mondeau. (Front) Mr. Tweed, Jordan Miller, Joe Konzen, and Dan Rogers.











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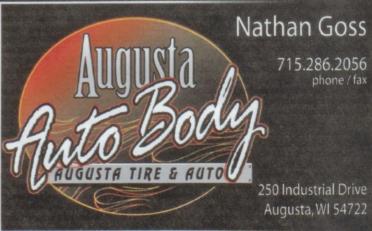
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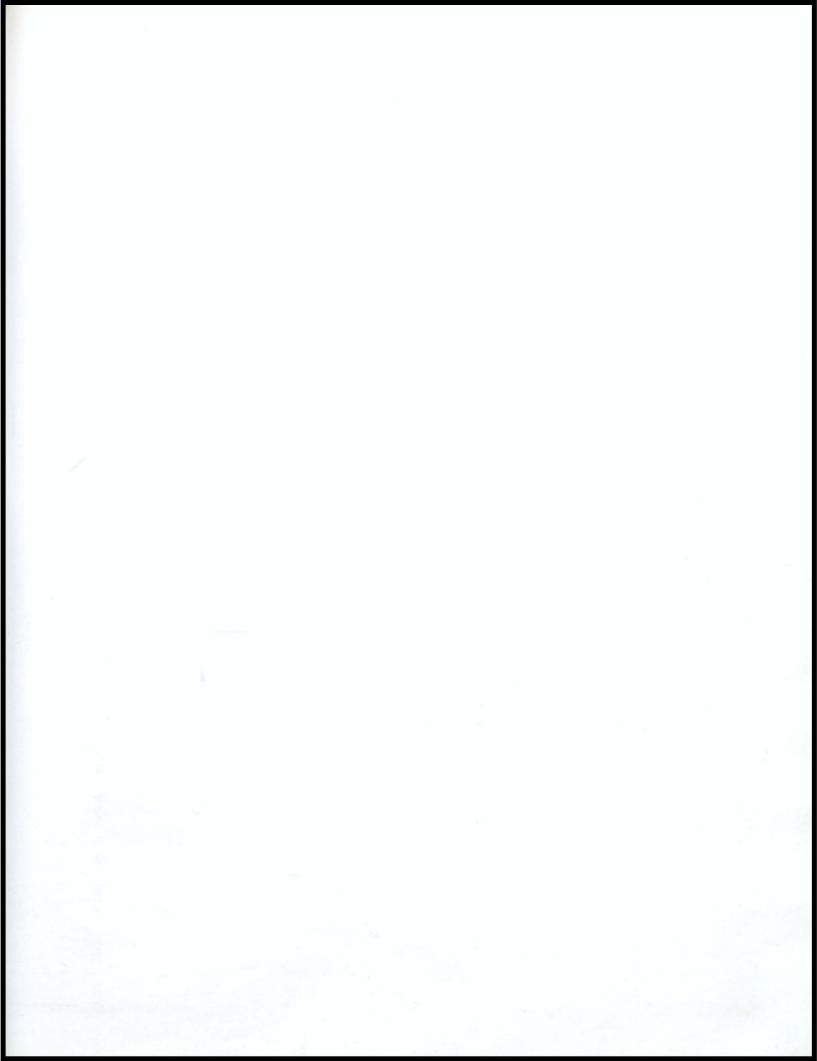
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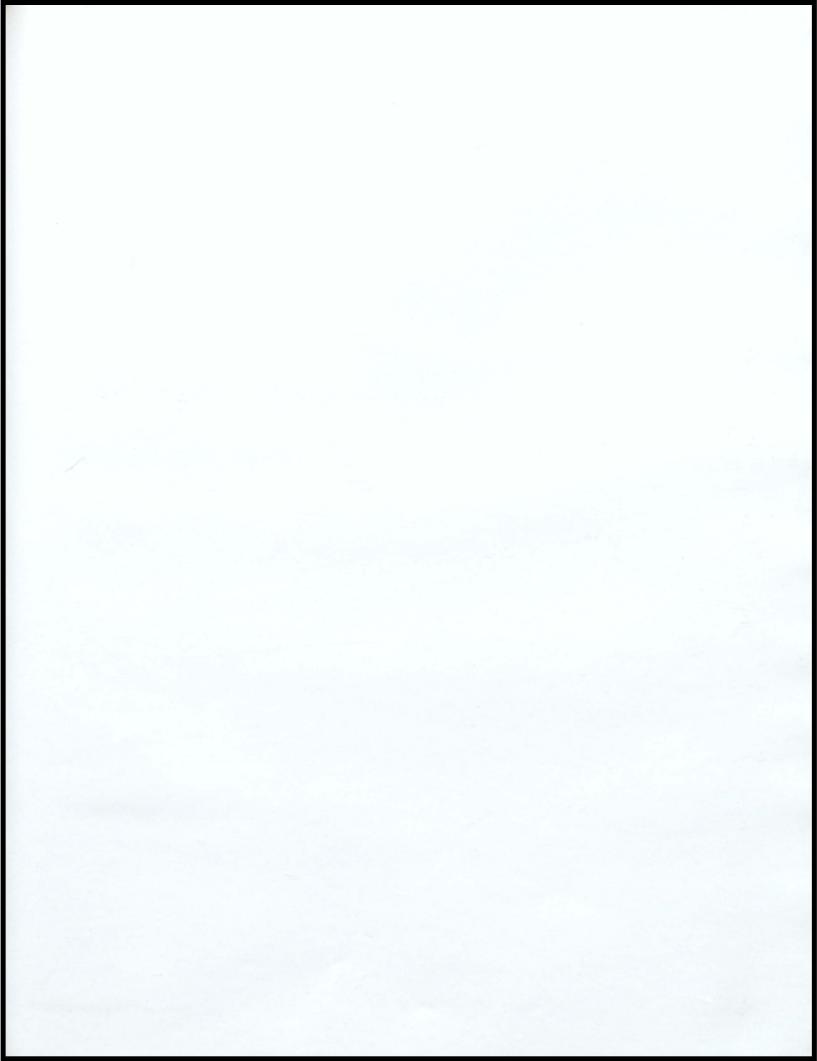


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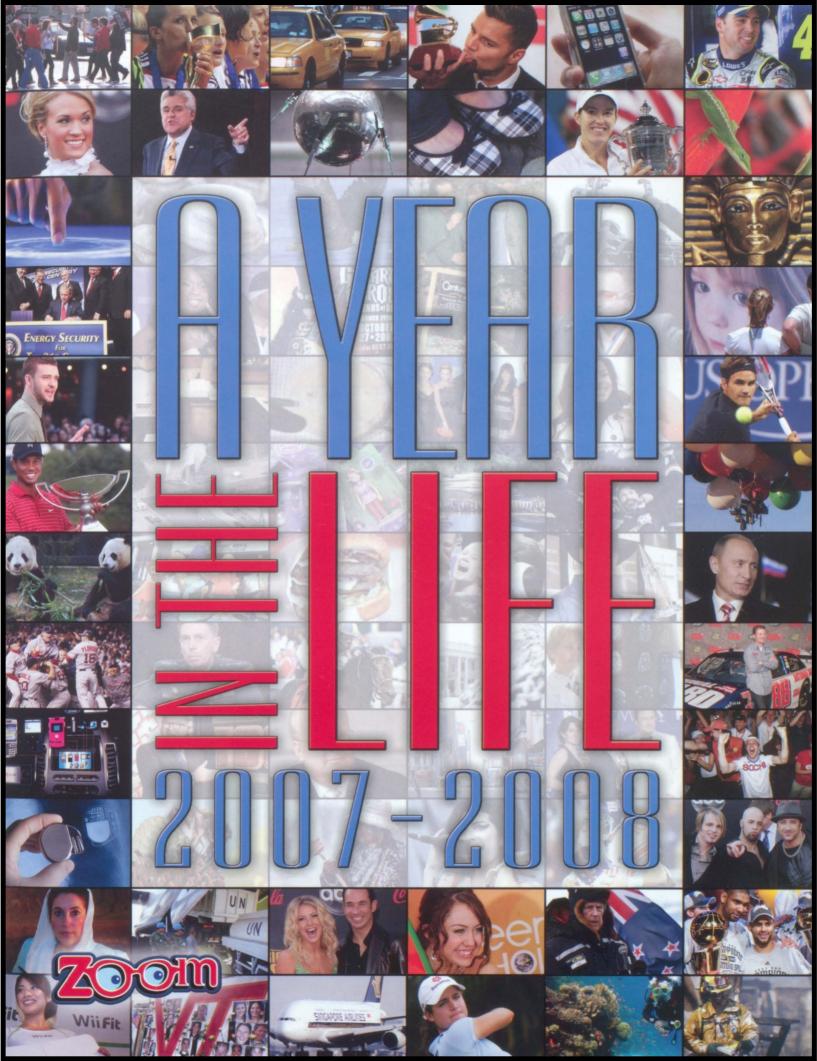




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# HEADLINE NEWS



# **FAREWELL, LADY BIRD**

The world said goodbye to Claudia Alta Taylor, a.k.a. Lady Bird Johnson, at the age of 94. Lady Bird was known for her role as the quintessential political wife. She campaigned tirelessly alongside her husband and even used her inheritance funds to assist with his bid for political office. After Lyndon Baines Johnson became the nation's 36th president, Lady Bird worked as an advocate for the beautification of America and the Head Start program.



# **ROVE RESIGNS**

President Bush's long-time political adviser announced his resignation and left the White House in August 2007. Karl Rove was the latest in a string of administration resignations following the Democratic takeover in Congress. Rove's departure from the White House came as a result of Chief of Staff Josh Bolten's request for staffers to resign before Labor Day or commit to serving through the end of Bush's term.



#### QUEEN ELIZABETH HITS MILESTONE

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II became the country's oldest reigning monarch when she surpassed the record set by her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria. Victoria lived 81 years and 243 days, and Elizabeth surpassed that record. However, the longest-serving monarch record still belonged to Queen Victoria, who reigned for nearly 64 years. Queen Elizabeth has served for 55 years since her coronation in 1952.



LEAD SCARE RAISES CONCERN

Chinese products fell under scrutiny after

potentially dangerous levels of chemicals

and toxins were found in a variety of

children's toys. Mattel was forced to

recall millions of toys made in China;

other products under investigation

included shrimp, commercial steel,

Ultimately, American companies were

their products in the marketplace, but

monitoring quality was an enormous

task due to the prevalence of Chinese

products in the United States.

lipstick, and Boy Scout badges.

held responsible for the quality of

products, ranging from pet food to



### TRAGEDY IN MINNESOTA

On August 1, 2007, the unthinkable happened in Minneapolis when the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed during rush hour. The 1,907-foot bridge fell into the Mississippi River and onto roadways below in less than 4 seconds. As a result, there were 145 injured and 13 lives lost. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its first report in December, revealing that a design error resulted in undersized gusset plates for the truss bridge, which was first opened in 1967. The bridge collapse prompted an increased number of safety inspections for bridges nationwide.



# SANCTIONS FOR SECURITY

According to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Iran's nuclear weapon development was a closed issue. However, despite repeated demands from the U.N. Security Council, Iran did not suspend enrichment of uranium. The council responded by imposing increased sanctions on Tehran for its refusal to comply. Iran maintained that its nuclear program was aimed only toward generating electricity.



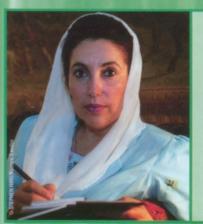
# SALES SLUMP

The housing market continued to battle tough times when sales by homeowners hit a record low in October. Economists pointed to the excess supply of homes on the market and adjustable rate mortgages as reasons for the slump. In December, President George W. Bush and policy makers responded by cutting the federal funds rate for the third time that year.



# **U.N. TROOPS TO AID DARFUR**

The United Nations Security Council authorized calling up to 26,000 troops and police to supplement the 7,000 African Union force in Sudan's Darfur region. The combined United Nations-African Union operation aimed to help solve over four years of conflict in Darfur. More than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million have been displaced due to the unrest and fighting in the area.



#### **BHUTTO ASSASSINATED**

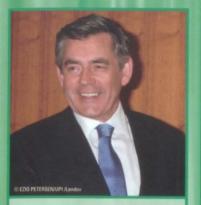
Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was assassinated after a campaign rally. Bhutto's assassination occurred just weeks before the country was to hold a parliamentary election in which she was hoping to win a third term of leadership. Bhutto, who led Pakistan from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1996, was the first female prime minister of any Islamic state. Bhutto had been the target of several assassination attempts by Al Qaeda, the Taliban and Pakistani jihad groups.



# I am the 38th Governor of California and a former Hollywood movie star.

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# **BROWN PROMISES CHANGE**

After more than a decade in power,
Prime Minister Tony Blair turned over
No. 10 Downing Street to the new British
Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. The
former treasury chief promised a "new
government with new priorities." The
Prime Minister's call for reform included
changes in international institutions to
reflect the new global society and the
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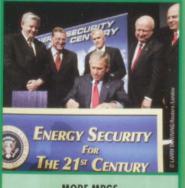
#### **DEMOCRACY DEFENDER DIES**

Boris Yeltsin will be remembered as the man who brought democratic reform to Russia by ending over 70 years of Soviet Communism. The former Russian President died on April 23, 2007, of heart failure at the age of 76. Yeltsin won international acclaim when he stood on top of a tank in Moscow during a coup attempt against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.



#### THE LONG RACE

The 2008 presidential campaign made headlines before a final candidate was even selected. The race for the presidency was already in full swing as of early 2007, which made it the longest election race in history. A variety of candidates made their bids for the White House, as Americans waited to hit the polls on November 4.



# **MORE MPGS**

President George W. Bush signed an energy bill that updated automotive fuel economy standards for the first time in more than three decades. The new law required a corporate average of 35 miles per gallon (mpg) by the year 2020. It also boosted federal support for alternative fuel research and energy conservation efforts. The previous fuel economy standards, 27.5 mpg for passenger cars and 22.2 mpg for light trucks, were established in 1975.



# **IRAQ UPDATE**

In September, U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, announced that military goals of reduced killings in Baghdad and nationwide had been met. Yet, Iraqi ground forces requested U.S. forces to remain in place for the foreseeable future to help control internal security and to defend the nation from external threat. The United States has been at war in Iraq since



# CALIFORNIA SCORCHED

Nearly two dozen wildfires raged in the Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino areas of California. The blazes, which were fueled by the Santa Ana winds, caused at least 500,000 people to flee their homes and resulted in the largest evacuation in state history. The fires claimed the lives of 14 people and racked up over \$2.2 billion in damage costs.



# WRITERS REACH RESOLUTION

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Writers Guild of America went on strike in November 2007. The writers sought compensation for work distributed via the Internet/digital media, and unionization of writers working on reality and animation shows. Writers voted to end the three-month strike on February 12 after fair compensation was negotiated.



# HONORS FOR AIRMEN

President Bush and Congress awarded the Tuskegee Airmen the Congressional Gold Medal, for fighting to defend their country even as they faced bigotry at home. Hundreds of pilots saw combat throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa when they escorted bomber aircraft on missions and protected them from the enemy during World War II.

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# PUTIN IS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Time magazine has named Vladimir Putin its 2007 Person of the Year. When Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin took over as President of Russia in 2000, he found a country in chaos. With a sharp vision of what Russia should become and dauntless persistence to restore stability, Putin has put his country back on the map.

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# HEADLINE NEWS



# **CELEBRATED OPERA SUPERSTAR**

Fans bid farewell to opera's best-known superstar of the late 20th century on September 6, 2007. Luciano Pavarotti died at the age of 71 in his native home of Modena, Italy. He was undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer that was diagnosed earlier in 2006. The beloved superstar was one of the few opera singers to win crossover fame. Pavarotti publicly performed his last aria, "Nessun Dorma," at the opening ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.



# TOP AUTOMAKER POSTS LOSS

General Motors Corp. reported one of the largest losses ever for an automotive company. GM lost \$38.7 billion in 2007, despite record revenues from its automotive business due to growth in emerging markets and favorable exchange rates. The automaker's large loss was the result of a third-quarter charge related to unused tax credits. GM narrowly held onto its title as the world's largest automaker; in 2007 it sold just 3,000 more vehicles than Toyota Motor Corp.



#### HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE

For the first time in a decade, a minimum wage increase was announced. Over a period of two years, the minimum wage increased from the previous minimum of \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour in 2009. The bill included \$4.84 billion in tax breaks for small businesses to provide support for the wage increase. As of late 2007, the Economic Policy Institute estimated that 4 percent of the work force or 5.6 million workers earned less than \$7.25 an hour.



#### MURDOCH BUYS DOW JONES

After a four-month struggle with the Bancroft family, Rupert Murdoch acquired his top prize, Dow Jones & Company, publisher of the venerable Wall Street Journal. Murdoch's acquisition of Dow Jones was an impressive addition to his \$70 billion media empire that included more than 100 newspapers worldwide, satellite broadcast operations, the FOX television network and the online social networking site MySpace. Murdoch paid over \$5 billion for Dow Jones & Company, which had been owned by the Bancroft family since 1902.



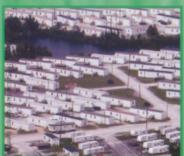
# **DOLLAR DIPS**

The U.S. dollar hit a record low against the euro in November 2007. The outgoing manager of the International Monetary Fund cautioned that an abrupt fall could trigger a loss of confidence in U.S. dollar assets throughout the global market. As rumors of a U.S. recession circulated, investors kept a watchful eye on markets worldwide.



#### MCCANN MYSTERY CONTINUES

After almost a year of investigation, the disappearance of 4-year-old Madeleine McCann remains unsolved. The British girl vanished in May 2007 from her family's hotel room at a southern Portuguese resort. Several suspects were named, including her parents, but no formal charges were made



# **TOXIC TRAILERS**

U.S. Health officials advised the removal of Gulf Coast hurricane victims from government-issue trailer homes due to toxic formaldehyde levels within the dwellings. Tests revealed fume levels up to 40 times the customary exposure. Indoor air temperature was a significant factor in elevated formaldehyde levels—the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommended the relocation of residents before summer.



# **JONES ADMITS STEROID USE**

In October 2007, five-time Olympic medalist Marion Jones admitted to using steroids in order to boost her winning performances. As a result, she was stripped of her honors and suspended from track and field competition for two years. In January 2008, Federal Judge Kenneth Karas sentenced Jones to six months in prison for lying to investigators about using performance-enhancing drugs and her role in a check-fraud scam.



# **TORNADOES SLAM SOUTH**

Fanfare surrounding the Super Tuesday primaries was tainted by storms that ripped through the South and killed at least 57 people in several states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. The rare winter storm, which spawned destructive twisters, was one of the deadliest in history for the month of February. As the extent of the lives lost and massive damage became clear, presidential candidates paid their respects to the victims.



#### **GOODBYE TO MERV GRIFFIN**

Entertainer and businessman Merv
Griffin lost his battle with prostate cancer
at the age of 82. Griffin, the inventor
of popular game shows Jeopardy!
and Wheel of Fortune, started his
entertainment career as a radio singer
earning \$100 per week. He moved on
to talk show fame as host of The Merv
Griffin Show, which lasted over 20 years.
After selling the rights to his game
shows, Griffin built a multi-million dollar
empire comprised of resorts and casinos.



# I am a comedian, a germ-o-phobe, and the host of a hit television show. WHO AM I?

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### **CASTRO CALLS IT QUITS**

After 49 years in power, Fidel Castro announced his official resignation as president of Cuba and chief of the Cuban military. When Castro was 32, he captured the world's attention by gathering guerillas to overthrow a dictatorship in 1959. He ruled Cuba with an iron fist and adopted a communist regime. After 81-year-old Castro formally relinquished his post, it was announced that Castro's brother and Cuba's defense minister Raúl Castro would be the new Cuban leader.



# **BLU-RAY WINS BATTLE**

Sony's Blu-ray won the format battle over Toshiba's HD DVD. Several factors contributed to Blu-ray's triumph, but movie studios and American retailers played a decisive role. In January, Warner Bros. Entertainment joined Sony Pictures, Walt Disney Co., and Twentieth Century Fox in a commitment to only release movies in Blu-ray format. Retailers such as Target Corp., Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Blockbuster Inc., and Netflix Inc. also opted to sell only Blu-ray DVDs and hardware.



### **KOSOVO DECLARES INDEPENDENCE**

February 17, 2008, marked the day Kosovo declared its independence, sparking protests in Serbia. Russia emerged as Serbia's strongest ally in the opposition of Kosovo's independence, while the United States and most European countries supported Kosovo's declaration. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Serbian Minister for Kosovo Slobodan Samardzic vocalized their disapproval.



# MISSILE TARGETS SPY SATELLITE

In an unprecedented mission for the U.S. Navy, a missile was launched in February 2008 to intercept and destroy a disabled spy satellite. The satellite weighed about 5,000 pounds and was nearly the size of a school bus. Pentagon officials were concerned about the health hazards posed to humans if the satellite crashed in a populated area. The missile collided with the satellite at a combined speed of over 17,000 miles per hour 130 miles above Earth's surface.



# **RUSSIA HOSTS WINTER 2014**

Russia's Black Sea city of Sochi was honored as host of the 2014 Winter Olympics. Russian President Vladimir Putin cited Sochi's unique combination of spring-like weather and guaranteed Caucasus mountain snow, which made the city an ideal host for Russia's first-ever Winter Olympic Games celebration. Jubilant crowds in Sochi's central square celebrated the announcement with fireworks and joyous cheering.



# **VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY**

In the deadliest shooting rampage by an individual in U.S. history, Seung-Hui. Cho killed 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus. After killing two fellow students in his dormitory, Cho proceeded to shoot and kill 30 students and professors in a classroom building before taking his own life. The catastrophic event at Virginia Tech prompted colleges nationwide to reassess their campus emergency response systems.



# USDA RECALLS BEEF

In February 2008, the United States
Department of Agriculture recalled
143 million pounds of frozen beef for
the largest meat recall in U.S. history.
The California slaughterhouse, which
provided meat to school lunch
programs, was under investigation
for the mistreatment of cattle at the
time of the recall. The incident
prompted demands for stronger
enforcement of food safety regulations.

BRENDON O'HAGAN/Bloomberg News /Lando



# **FANS GRIEVE FOR LEDGER**

Australian actor Heath Ledger tragically died young at the age of 28. Ledger had been taking anti-anxiety and sleeping medications which caused an accidental overdose. He was found dead in his New York apartment in January. Ledger was best known for his Oscar-nominated performance in the movie Brokeback Mountain.

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# **UNDERDOG BECOMES TOP DOG**

For the first time in the history of the Westminster Dog Show, a beagle took top honors. The winner of the 132nd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York was a 3-year-old beagle named Uno. The famous beagle, along with his handler Aaron Wilkerson, won Best in Show before a sold-out crowd at Madison Square Garden where more than 169 dog breeds were represented.

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# WORLD DISCOVERIES



# **FATAL SUPERBUG**

As of 2007, more than 90,000 Americans each year contracted potentially fatal staph infections from a drug-resistant "superbug." The bug was called methicillin-resistant staphylococus, or MRSA, and its bacteria was carried by healthy people where it lived on their skin or in their noses. It raised concerns because it became more common and it was resistant to penicillin. Without a vaccine for the superbug, the number of deaths caused by it each year could surpass the number of fatalities caused by the AIDS virus.



#### PANDA POOP TO PAPER

Chinese researchers from the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base learned how to transform a two-ton daily load of panda waste into paper. The idea originated during a visit to Thailand, when they saw paper made from elephant dung. The researchers thought that their 40 bamboo-fed pandas, which produce about two tons of waste per day, could make an even finer paper. Their next step was finding paper mills to process their fiber-rich material into high quality paper.



#### MONSTER OF THE DEEP

English scientists shared their discovery of an 18-inch fossilized claw that was part of an ancient sea monster. The "monster" was believed to be an 8-foot-long sea scorpion that lived 390 million years ago, and it was the largest of its kind ever found. The scorpions were dominant for millions of years before larger fish stole their reign of the deep seas.



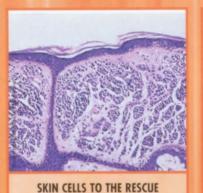
#### THAT'S CLAMTASTIC!

The record for the longest-living animal went to a quahog clam that was found off the coast of Iceland. The 405-year-old quahog clam, nicknamed "Ming" after the Chinese dynasty that ruled at the time of its birth, broke the record previously held by a 374-year-old clam. That was one mighty mollusk!



#### KING TUT REVEALED

Eighty-five years after the discovery of King Tutankhamun's 3,000-year-old mummy, Tut's face was unveiled for the first time in 2007. The pharaoh's mummified body was displayed for the public in a climate-controlled glass box to protect it from the damaging effects of humidity. The traveling Tut exhibit drew more than 4 million people during a four-city United States tour, and it increased tourism in Egypt as well—there were over 9 million visitors last year.



Research groups from Kyoto University

Madison have discovered two different

skin cells the power to turn into virtually

could be used to mend a broken spinal

any kind of human tissue. With this

capability, a person's own skin cells

cord or repair heart damage. The scientists behind this amazing discovery

warned that actual use of the skin

cells was still years away, but the

breakthrough was a "tremendous

genetic recipes that give ordinary human

and the University of Wisconsin in

# FUEL ALTERNATIVE

Shell Oil and German biofuel company Choren Industries planned the European launch of a new road fuel called Sunfuel for late 2007. This new fuel was made from wood chips and straw, and its program pilot for synthetic diesel was expected to shift the industry. The projected change involved using plant material waste instead of valuable food crops to create fuel. Sunfuel's cost was more than the price of oil, but Shell spokesmen expected the price to come down as production volume increased.



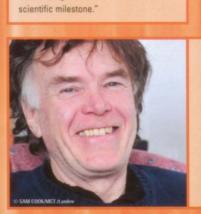
# **PURPOSEFUL APPENDIX**

A team of surgeons and specialists at Duke University Medical School proposed a purpose for the appendix. The small organ, located at the beginning of the large intestine, was found to be a storage place for helpful bacteria. The shape of the appendix, as well as focused studies, supported the hypothesis that the appendix's function is to store and supply healthy protective bacteria for the digestive system.



#### CATCH OF THE DAY

New Zealand fishermen hauled in a colossal catch when they captured the largest squid ever seen. The Colossal Squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*) weighed over half a ton and measured 33 feet in length. The enormous squid specimen was caught in the Ross Sea near Antarctica, just as it was finishing off a meal of Patagonian toothfish.



# STEGER EXPLORES WARMING ARCTIC

In May 2007, Will Steger completed his expedition to the Canadian Arctic to investigate retreating glaciers and other signs of climate change, as well as how the changes affect Inuit people. Steger targeted "emerging leaders" to join his expedition because he wanted the expedition results to reach young people. The team included two Americans, two Norwegians, a Canadian and a British person.



I explored Australia in order to interact with its wildest creatures, especially crocodiles. WHO AM I?

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# VITAMIN D CRAVING

The "sunshine vitamin," otherwise known as vitamin D, was found to improve optimal health for humans. Sunlight triggers the human body to produce vitamin D, and most tissues and cells have receptors for the vitamin. A lack of vitamin D was linked to various cancers, tuberculosis, schizophrenia, multiple sclerosis, hip fractures, and chronic pain.



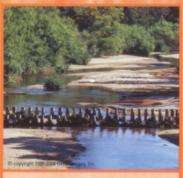
#### **MIGHTY MOUSE**

Paleontologists found the nearly complete fossilized skull of a giant prehistoric rat in Uruguay. Based on an analysis of its 21-inch-long skull, the rodent was estimated to weigh between 1 and 2.5 tons—about the size of a hippopotamus. Mighty Mouse, as the Josephoartigasia monesi specimen had been nicknamed, was a major find for researchers studying giant South American rodents.



#### DOUBLE CLONED BURGER

The Food and Drug Administration declared that meat and milk from cloned cattle, pigs and goats are safe to eat, which made the United States the first country to approve cloned food for consumption. The agency announced that it would not require food from clones to be labeled in the marketplace. The FDA awaited the public response to its news before moving forward; a 2006 survey documented that 64 percent of Americans are uncomfortable with animal cloning.



# ARID OUTBACK

For the seventh year, Australia faced what has been called the country's worst drought in a millennium. Drinking-water reserves dipped to record lows across the country and billboards posted alarming consumption statistics. Experts warned that many nations around the world may have to adapt to less water. In response, conservation incentives and water recycling programs were implemented throughout Australia and served as an example for other countries.



# **NET CAPTURES NEW SPECIES**

The Philippines added a new bat species to its list of 74 native species, 24 of which can only be found in the Philippines.

The Mindoro Stripe-Faced Fruitbat was discovered when it was accidentally captured in a net. The orange bat, with a distinctive white-striped face, was found on an island south of Manila.

Researchers from the University of Kansas and the Comparative
Biogeography and Conservation of Philippine Vertebrates (CBCPV) were responsible for the discovery.



#### **GECKO GLUE**

With the help of geckos, biomedical engineers and scientists at Northwestern University invented glue that works like the adhesive on Post-it® notes, but can also work on wet surfaces. The glue was named Geckel because the sticking properties of geckos and mussels inspired its development. Geckel is planned for use in the medical, military, industrial and consumer products fields.





#### HONEY BEE MYSTERY

Researchers were on the lookout for a mysterious honeybee killer in the United States. The vanishing syndrome, labeled colony collapse disorder (CCD), caused bees to abandon their hives and to disappear entirely. A genetic analysis of the affected bees revealed a link between CCD and Israeli acute paralysis virus (IAPV), which causes shivering wings, paralysis and death in bees.

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# **ENDANGERED NO LONGER**

After a four-decade struggle to avoid extinction, the American bald eagle was officially removed from the endangered species list on June 28, 2007. The eagle population rose in 2007 to an estimated 10,000 mated pairs, compared with 417 eagles documented in 1963. Bald eagles continued to be protected by state statutes, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Act.

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# REEFS IN DIRE STRAITS

A new threat loomed on the horizon for the world's reefs in 2007. Due to an increase in carbon dioxide emissions, the oceans became more acidic. Oceans soak up about a quarter of all CO2 emissions and this absorption changed its chemistry. Experts warned that coral reefs and the sea life that depend on them may not survive the century unless urgent action was taken.

D STEPHAN JANSEN/dpa/Lundo

# TECH TOPICS



### SUBTITLE GLASSES

Thanks to researchers at Madrid's
Carlos III University, people with hearing
impairments enjoyed going to the movies.
The prototype for Subtitle Glasses
included a mini-display that hangs over
the right lens of the glasses to pick up
the text that is wirelessly transmitted
to it. The text is carefully timed to
follow along with the movie, so that all
moviegoers could enjoy the show.



#### VIRTUAL CITY VISIT

Google, the world's dominant search company, brought remote city streets into our homes with Google Maps' Street View. The map feature offered 360° panoramas of major cities such as New York, San Francisco and Chicago via the Web. City buildings, neighborhoods and landmarks across the United States became accessible for users who went to maps.google.com for a virtual stroll.



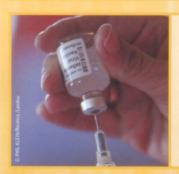
#### RISE AND SHINE

Inventors Eoin McNally and Ian Walton decided that an alarm clock was a completely unpleasant way to wake up in the morning. Instead, they created the glo Pillow. The pillow was embedded with a grid of LEDs below its surface and used the gradual increase of light as a wake-up call. The programmable foam pillow simulated a sunrise to naturally wake people up and ease them into the day.



# LET IT SNOW

Northern Tibet saw its first snowfall in 2007 through the work of the Tibet Meteorological Bureau. The Chinese bureau injected clouds with silver iodide particles to create the successful half-inch (1.3 cm) of artificial snow that fell in Tibet, about 4,500 meters above sea level. The snow experiment was a response to warnings of melting glaciers and drought in the Himalayan region.



#### **VACCINE BLOCKS BIRD FLU**

The Food and Drug Administration approved the first bird flu vaccine and announced plans to stockpile it for emergency use during a crisis. The FDA's approval of the vaccine came at a critical time for preparations. In 2007, the H5N1 strain of the bird flu affected seven countries and prompted experts to warn of a pandemic if the virus gained the ability to transfer from human to human.



# FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SPUTNIK

The world's first artificial satellite was launched into space on October 4, 1957, and it signified the start of the Great Space Race. NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said, "The Sputnik accomplishment by the Russian people was responsible for the creation of the American space program." Fifty years later, Russians celebrated the Sputnik anniversary by leaving flowers at the tomb of Sergei Korolyov, the visionary behind the Sputnik launch and the father of the Soviet space program.



# BOOKS "TO GO"

After several years in development, the Espresso book machine was released in 2007. The \$50,000 Espresso machine printed a 300-page paperback on demand, complete with cover, in just three minutes for a cost of only a few dollars. There were initially 2.5 million books available for printing, which the machine can make in any language. The machine's creators, On Demand Books, predicted that eventually the book vending machine will have an infinite library available, due to its partnerships with Google and Open Content Alliance.



# FORD SYNCS UP

Ford and Microsoft joined forces to create Sync, a new automotive electronics system. Sync linked Bluetooth-enabled mobile phones, wireless and USB-based devices into a car audio system. The main appeal of Sync was that it could be controlled by buttons on the steering wheel or by verbal commands to read and write text messages, as well as access tracks of music by artist, title, and genre information. Sync was an available option for 12 of the 2008 Ford, Lincoln or Mercury models, and a planned option for all 2009 models.



#### NEW AGE MR. ROBOTO

After nearly three years of work, MIT researchers finalized Domo, their robotic creation. Domo was a new breed of robot designed to assist humans with daily living. Using its computerized, human-looking eyeballs, Domo performed tasks that included identifying objects, reaching for items and placing them on shelves. Domo was equipped with a speech recognition system and the ability to sense touch, which made it an ideal helper for the elderly or mobility-impaired.



#### TEST PREDICTS ALZHEIMER'S

Stanford University researchers developed a new blood test that could potentially diagnose Alzheimer's disease by identifying 18 distinctive proteins that appear with consistency in the blood of Alzheimer's patients. The test demonstrated remarkable potential for predicting which patients with mild memory loss were at high risk for developing the disease. As of 2008, it was estimated that 250,000 Alzheimer's cases went undiagnosed each year in North America.

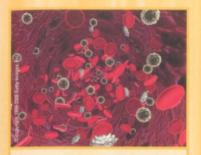


# My company has developed and sold popular products such as the iPod, iPod Shuffle and iPhone.

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#### SWITCHED BLOOD TYPE

In the first known case of its type world-wide, an Australian girl spontaneously switched blood types and adopted her organ donor's immune system. Before her successful liver transplant, 9-year-old Demi-Lee Brennan was seriously ill. Nine months after the transplant, her blood type changed to match her donor's type when stem cells migrated from her new liver to her bone marrow. Despite the unusual nature of her recovery, Demi-Lee's health returned.



#### LAPTOPS FOR ALL

Nicholas Negroponte of the MIT Media Lab developed a computer that was attainable for the masses. For \$150, a person could purchase the XO Laptop. Although the XO Laptop was not the most powerful computer made, the stripped-down machine was a good option for developing nations and for low-income areas within the United States. The low price encouraged governments to buy in bulk and it made a home computer a reality for many.



#### **ULTIMATE HELIUM EXPERIMENT**

Kent Couch of Bend, Ore., fulfilled his childhood dream when he floated 193 miles, from Oregon to Idaho, on a lawn chair with 105 helium balloons attached. Couch's flying lawn chair was equipped with a GPS system that also measured altitude and speed. After nine hours in the air and reaching an altitude of 15,500 feet, Couch popped enough balloons to safely land his "aircraft" on stable ground.



# A LIFE-SAVING MISTAKE

Fifty years ago, Wilson Greatbatch made a small error while testing a device that was intended to record heart sounds. The mistake led to Greatbatch's improvement on the pacemaker design—the first implantable pacemaker. Prior to Greatbatch's accidental discovery, pacemakers were the size of a TV set and painful to use. Wilson Greatbatch's pacemaker was named one of the top ten greatest engineering contributions to society by the National Society of Professional Engineers.



# **AWAKENING HOPE**

A trial treatment for brain injuries offered hope for trauma patients. A gentle current of electricity was delivered by an implanted deep-brain simulator (DBS) to the injured brain of a 31-year-old male patient, and it successfully roused him from six years spent in a semi-conscious state. The electric treatment provided scientists with the insight to analyze brain activity and further develop methods for reconnecting unconscious patients with the world.



# Wii ARE FIT

Nintendo's Wii video game console helped get gamers off the couch. With the release of the Wii Fit, gamers were given their daily exercise too. The Wii Fit used a variety of games and a weight-and-balance-sensing board to make exercise a fun routine. The Balance Board could do everything from analyze the user's posture to correct poor yoga poses.



#### INVENTION OF THE YEAR

According to *Time* magazine, Apple's iPhone was 2007's Invention of the Year. The magazine bestowed its honor on Apple's cell phone because it was the first handheld computer to function as a mobile phone with an innovative touchscreen. In addition, the iPhone featured the stylish design and ease-of-use that consumers have come to expect from the Apple brand.



# SUPERJUMBO JET

At long last, the Airbus A380 took its inaugural flight from Singapore to Sydney for Singapore Airlines. The A380 was the largest jetliner ever built and it boasted two passenger decks; 12 first class suites with actual beds; and regular seats with power plugs and personal video screens. Several passengers paid over \$100,000 to become a part of history on the A380's maiden voyage.

JONATHAN DRAKE/Bloomberg News /Land



# MICROSOFT CREATES SURFACE

With the introduction of its latest innovation, Microsoft brought touchscreen technology to a whole new level. The Microsoft Surface tabletop computer could respond to multiple touches, digital and non-digital objects. Without the use of a keyboard or mouse, the Surface interacted with cameras, phones and paint brushes used on its interactive surface.

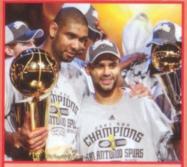
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# THE SCOREBOARD



#### TIGER TRIUMPHS

For the second year in a row, Woods claimed seven titles in a single season; he also secured golf's first-ever FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus. The Golf Writers Association of America named Tiger its 2007 player of the year—an award that he won a record nine times within eleven years. Tiger Woods surpassed Arnold Palmer to move into fourth place for the most PGA tour victories, with 63 wins.



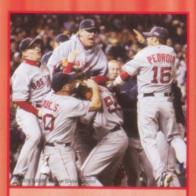
#### TEXAS BASKETBALL DYNASTY

The San Antonio Spurs have earned a place among basketball's elite. After sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers 83-82 in Game Four of the NBA Finals, the Spurs added their third title in five years and their fourth in the last nine seasons. The Spurs joined the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls as the only teams in NBA history to win four titles. Tony Parker, who averaged 24.5 points, was the first NBA player from Europe to be honored as MVP.



#### **UNSTOPPABLE HENIN**

After the longest three-set final in tournament history, Justine Henin rallied past Maria Sharapova to win the Sony Ericsson Championships and claim her 10th title of 2007. Henin was named Women's World Champion for the second year in a row, in addition to her 2003 title. She won two Grand Slam titles, Roland Garros and the U.S. Open, and she became the first woman to earn more than \$5 million in a single year.



#### **BOSTON'S BIG WIN**

In 2004, the Boston Red Sox earned a long-overdue World Series title. After a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4, the Sox became Major League Baseball champions for the second time in four seasons. The win became a certainty when pitching powerhouse Jonathan Papelbon struck out Seth Smith to seal the 2007 World Series title for Boston.



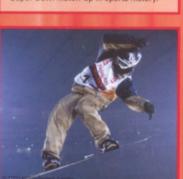
# PHOENIX RISING

The Phoenix Mercury seemed to do the impossible in the 2007 WNBA Finals. For the first time ever, they won a WNBA championship on another team's home court. The Phoenix beat defending champions, the Detroit Shock, with a 108-92 win. Phoenix's "big three"—MVP Cappie Pondexter, Diana Taurasi and Penny Taylor brought home the title for a franchise that had not been to the playoffs since 2000.



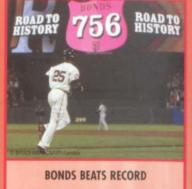
#### A GIANT UPSET

Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning threw two touchdown passes to lead the New York Giants to a 17-14 victory over the previously undefeated (18-0) New England Patriots. Giants wide receiver David Tyree amazed spectators with an outstanding catch that paved the way for the game-winning touchdown. With a record 97.5 million viewers, Super Bowl XLII was the most-watched Super Bowl match-up in sports history.



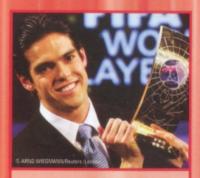
# WINTER X GAMES 12

Shaun White scored his 12th Winter X medal in Aspen, Colo., with a gold medal win in the games' finale event, the Snowboard SuperPipe. Aspen's Gretchen Bleiler won the gold medal for the women's Snowboard SuperPipe event. Snowboarder Nate Holland grabbed his third consecutive gold, while Lindsey Jacobellis claimed her first X gold in three years. Also noteworthy was snowmobiler Levi LaVallee's triple gold medal wins.



Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants made headlines when he broke Hank Aaron's 33-year reign over the home run record with run No. 756 in the 5th inning against the Washington Nationals.

Bonds achieved the record-breaking run by hitting the 84-mph fastball 435 feet into the right-center field seats. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said, "While the issues which have swirled around this record will continue to work themselves toward resolution, today is a day for congratulations on a truly remarkable achievement."



#### SOCCER GREATS

The world's top male and female soccer players for 2007 were named by FIFA, and both players hail from Brazil. AC Milan's Kaká became the fifth Brazilian to be named FIFA World Player of the Year. The midfielder also was honored as Europe's top player for 2007. For the women, Marta Vieira da Silva captured her second consecutive World Player of the Year title. She helped the Brazilian team compete in the FIFA Women's World Cup in China.



#### JOHNSON IS THE MASTER

Zach Johnson, from Cedar Rapids, IA, won the Masters title with a two-shot victory at the 2007 tournament in Augusta, Ga. It was the 31-year-old's first Major tournament victory and only his third tournament win overall. Johnson finished the season with nearly \$4 million in earnings.

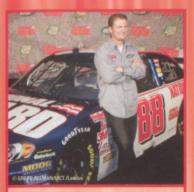


I broadcast every Sunday Night Football game, I have a hit video game named after me, and I do not like to fly in airplanes.

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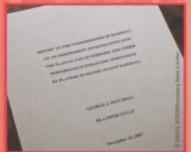
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#### **EARNHARDT'S NEW TEAM**

Dale Earnhardt Jr. surprised racing fans when he announced his departure from the company that his father built, along with his five-year deal to drive for Hendrick Motorsports. Hendrick's garage included drivers Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Casey Mears. Beginning in 2008, Earnhardt joined the line-up of the most dominant team in NASCAR racing.



#### MITCHELL REPORTS

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell led the charge to clean up Major League Baseball with the publication of his 409-page report. The Mitchell Report, which identified baseball players who allegedly used performance-enhancing drugs, included a list of 7 MVPs and 31 All-Star players. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig and President Bush fully supported Mitchell's efforts to enforce drug-free baseball.



#### **BOARDING SENSATION**

At the age of 17, Ryan Sheckler was the youngest pro skateboarder on the circuit. The teenage dynamo quickly became known for his impressive skills and variety of skateboarding tricks. Sheckler reputedly skateboarded for the first time when he was only 18 months old. The young skateboarding superstar also starred in his own reality show on MTV, Life of Ryan.



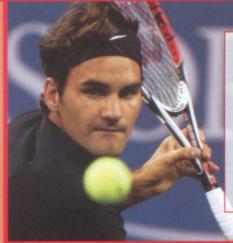
# **DUCKS CAPTURE VICTORY**

The Anaheim Ducks waited 14 seasons to win the Stanley Cup. Their 6-2 win over the Ottawa Senators ended the long wait. MVP and Captain Scott Niedermayer led the Ducks to victory, with the help of brother Rob Niedermayer and fellow teammates Teemu Selanne and Chris Pronger. Selanne was the Ducks' leading scorer and Pronger held the only successful penalty-shot goal in Finals history. The Neidermayers were the first brothers since 1983 to win the Cup as teammates.



# STREET SENSE PROVES IT

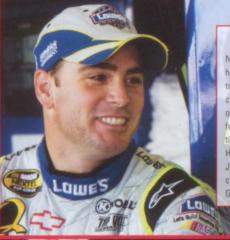
Street Sense came out on top in the 133rd Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs. The Kentucky Derby winner fought his way from nearly last place to win the race by over two lengths. It was a first-time Derby win for the colt's jockey, Calvin Borel, and the second for trainer Carl Nafzger. Street Sense was the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to come back and win the Derby; he was also the first 2-year-old to win a Kentucky Derby and the highest-priced winning favorite in Derby history.



#### FEDERER DOMINATES

During the 2007 season, Federer won three Grand Slam titles. His overall title count increased to 12 titles—which left him only two title wins behind tennis great Pete Sampras. Federer became the first player to win over \$10 million in annual prize money. Roger Federer was only the second player to be named Men's World Champion for four consecutive years, joining Pete Sampras.

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#### JOHNSON'S SWEET REPEAT

NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet roared to victory as the 2007 Nextel Cup champion. In the final five races of the season, Johnson claimed four consecutive wins and a title-clinching performance at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. Johnson is the first driver to win consecutive Cup titles since Jeff Gordon did it in 1997 and 1998.

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# **OCHOA ACHIEVES GREATNESS**

Mexico's Lorena Ochoa had a big year:
She won her first major in the
Women's British Open at St. Andrews,
and she finished her LPGA Tour season
with eight victories and more than
\$4 million. Previously, no female
player had won more than \$3 million
in a year. Ochoa rose to the No. 1
female world ranking and was voted
female player of the year by the Golf
Writers Association of America.

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# **GERMANY CLAIMS WORLD CUP**

For the second time in a row, Germany won the Women's World Cup title with a 2-0 victory over Brazil. Germany prevented its opponents from scoring goals for six entire games during the tournament, and it outscored the opposition 21-0. Germany was the first team to complete a major senior competition without yielding a goal.

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# CHART TOPPERS







# **BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION AWARDS**

Beyonce was awarded the Best Female R&B Artist for 2007 title at the 7th annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Gnarls Barkley won the Best Group Award, while American Idol star Jennifer Hudson reigned supreme as Best Actress. Legendary singer Diana Ross was honored with The Lifetime Achievement Award and Don Cheadle was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.







# **WINEHOUSE DOMINATES GRAMMYS**

The biggest winner at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards was newcomer Amy Winehouse. Winehouse's five Grammy award wins included Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Rehab." Veteran Herbie Hancock was the big surprise of the evening with his Album of the Year win for *River: The Joni Letters*. Justin Timberlake claimed Best Male Pop Vocal Performance and Maroon 5 won an award for "Makes Me Wonder."



# THE TOP 10 HIT SINGLES OF 2007:

- 1. "Stronger" by Kanye West
- 2. "No One" by Alicia Keys
- 3. "The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani feat. Akon
- 4. "Foundations" by Kate Nash
- 5. "Umbrella" by Rihanna feat. Jay-Z
- "Lovestoned/I Think She Knows Interlude" by Justin Timberlake
- 7. "I Got It From My Mama" by Will.i.am
- 8. "Stop Me" by Mark Ronson feat. Daniel Merriweather
- 9. "Gimme More" by Britney Spears
- 10. "Grace Kelly" by Mika

#### THE TOP 10 MOVIES OF 2007:

- 1. Spiderman 3
- 2. Shrek the Third
- 3. Transformers
- 4. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
- 5. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- 6. The Bourne Ultimatum
- 7. 300
- 8. Ratatouille
- 9. The Simpsons Movie
- 10. Wild Hogs





#### MAGICAL NIGHT OF MUSIC

Singer Ricky Martin helped to open the 8th annual Latin Grammy Awards ceremony with a splash—he joined the Blue Man Group to perform while playing paint-drenched drums. Later, Martin accepted the award for Male Pop Vocal Album. However, the night belonged to Dominican singer Juan Luis Guerra, who won five awards and was honored with the prestigious Person of the Year award.







#### STARS SHINE AT AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

For the second year in a row, the stars of *American Idol* won big at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Newcomer Chris Daughtry reeled in multiple awards for Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist and Favorite Breakthrough Artist. Fellow *Idol* crooner Carrie Underwood was awarded Favorite Country Female Artist and Favorite Country Album for *Some Hearts*. For the Soul/Rhythm & Blues category, Rihanna won Favorite Female Artist and Akon was named Favorite Male Artist.







#### **SOPRANOS HIT HIGH NOTE**

HBO's hit show, *The Sopranos*, went out with a bang in its final season by winning the Emmy for Best Drama Series, as well as awards for Outstanding Writing and Outstanding Director. NBC also fared well at the 59th Emmy Awards—the network took home seven awards including *30 Rock's* Emmy for Best Comedy Series. Sally Field won Best Actress in a Drama Series for ABC's *Brothers & Sisters* and America Ferrera won Best Actress in a Comedy Series for *Ugly Betty*.





# POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The 34th annual People's Choice Awards festivities were also called off due to the Hollywood writers strike, but the winners were still selected and announced. *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* won awards for Favorite Movie and Favorite Threequel. The award for Favorite New TV Comedy went to *Samantha Who?*; Gwen Stefani and Justin Timberlake each won for the Favorite Female Singer and Favorite Male Singer categories.



# I was the very first American Idol winner and my hometown is Burleson, TX. WHO AM I?

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#### **NELLY'S NIGHT**

Nelly Furtado had a big night at the Canadian Juno Awards with a sweep of multiple categories. She claimed the Juno Fan Choice Award, Single of the Year, Album of the Year, Pop Album of the Year and Artist of the Year. Billy Talent was awarded Group of the Year and Tomi Swick was named New Artist of the Year.





#### **CHOICE FOR TEENS**

TV was not this year at the Teen Choice Awards. The Disney sensation and teen favorite, High School Musical 2, snagged the Choice TV Movie Award. Miley Cyrus, star of Hannah Montana, won the Choice TV Actress Award for comedy and Hannah Montana also won the comedy category for Choice TV Show. Teens voted American Idol the Choice TV Reality Show winner and Avril Lavigne's song, "Girlfriend," won the Choice Music Single Award.







# **COUNTRY'S BIGGEST NIGHT**

It was a night full of country's biggest stars at the 41st annual Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Kenny Chesney won his third Entertainer of the Year award and Brad Paisley finally won his well-deserved Male Vocalist of the Year award after seven previous nominations in that category. Carrie Underwood won her second consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year award and the Single of the Year award for the smash hit, "Before He Cheats."



#### **AWARDS MUST GO ON**

Due to the continuing Hollywood writers strike, the 65th annual Golden Globes did not include the traditional awards show celebration.

Entertainment Tonight's Mary Hart announced the winners during a press conference at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Award winners included Atonement for Best Motion Picture — Drama and Best Original Score, and Sweeney Todd for Best Motion Picture — Comedy or Musical. Disney and Pixar's Ratatouille won Best Animated Feature Film.





# COEN BROTHERS WIN BIG

At the 80th Academy Awards, The Coen brothers' No Country for Old Men won awards for Best Motion Picture, directing and writing (Adapted Screenplay). Juno won the award for writing (Original Screenplay) and it was the only best picture nominee to top \$100 million at the box office. The Bourne Ultimatum earned three awards and There Will Be Blood picked up two awards.

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#### JORDIN SPARKLES

A record-breaking 74 million voters declared Jordin Sparks to be the winner of the *American Idol* title. At the age of 17, Sparks was the youngest *Idol* winner in the history of the show. Although it was the show's sixth season, viewers were still hooked—the premiere attracted 37.3 million viewers to rank as *Idol's* second-highest ratings ever.

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# HELIO'S HOT STEPS

Racecar driver Helio Castroneves became the fourth consecutive man to win Dancing With the Stars when voters named him, along with partner Julianne Hough, the champion of the hit show's fifth season. Despite Spice Girl Melanie Brown's high dance scores and Marie Osmond's loyal fans, Helio danced away with the mirrorball trophy.

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# **TIMBERLAKE TOPS VMAs**

Justin Timberlake won Video Music Awards for Male Artist of the Year, Quadruple Threat of the Year, Best Choreography and Best Direction. Fergie took home a statue for Female Artist of the Year, while Rihanna scored the Monster Single of the Year award and Video of the Year for her summer sizzler, "Umbrella," featuring Jay-Z.

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# THE SCOOP



#### WANNA BE A ROCKSTAR?

Activision, developer and publisher of Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock, enjoyed record earnings for the latest rock star simulation game. Within the first week of sales, Guitar Hero III earned \$115 million and set a sales record for the Guitar Hero franchise. Rock on!



#### SIMPSONS HIT THE BIG SCREEN

After nearly a decade of movie buzz, The Simpsons Movie hit theatres with a bang in July. The animated film was credited with the biggest debut ever for a television cartoon adaptation. Although the FOX television series was in its 18th season when the movie premiered, the film attracted even more viewers.



# MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Transformers, the 1984 hit cartoon series, was reborn on the big screen. The movie attracted plenty of new fans, as well as the now-grown children of the 1980s.

Steven Spielberg helped to bring the transforming robots to life as the film's executive producer, and it earned \$700 million at the box office worldwide.



#### **NYC TAXIS GO GREEN**

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that the city's taxis will be completely hybrid within five years.
The city has already tested nearly 400 fuel-efficient hybrid taxi cabs. Under Bloomberg's plan, the number of hybrid taxis would increase each year until 2012, when every taxi will be hybrid.



#### **FAREWELL TO FAMED DAREDEVIL**

In 2007, the world said goodbye to a man who took danger to epic heights—Evel Knievel passed away at the age of 69 in Clearwater, Fla. One of Knievel's best-known and most terrifying stunts involved vaulting his motorcycle 151 feet over the fountains of Las Vegas' Caesars Palace in 1967. Throughout his career, it was estimated that Knievel performed hundreds of hair-raising motorcycle stunts and underwent as many as 15 major surgeries to repair his broken bones.



#### PRIZED AWARENESS

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize on October 12 in Oslo, Norway, for their work to raise public awareness regarding climate change issues. The Nobel Peace Prize committee cited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for two decades of scientific reports that have "created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming."



### POTTER MANIA

Harry Potter mania expanded from books and movies to include a Harry Potter theme park in Florida, which was scheduled to open in 2009. J.K. Rowling's final book in her seven-volume series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, flew off bookshelves and into the eager hands of Potter fans on July 21, 2007. An amazing 8.3 million copies of the book were sold within the first 24 hours in the U.S.



#### **CAREY IS RIGHT**

October 15 marked the beginning of the 36th season for game show *The Price is Right* and the debut of its new host, Drew Carey. The show, which premiered on September 4, 1972, was the longest-running television game show in T.V. history as of 2008. Previous host Bob Barker retired after 35 years on the show.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEGO!

The LEGO brick celebrated a milestone in 2008 when it turned 50 years old. LEGO noted the exact time of the LEGO brick's birthday when the company's first patent was filed for the brick on January 28, 1958, at 1:58 p.m. LEGO continued to grow; as of its 50th birthday, there were 62 LEGO bricks for every person on Earth and 2.16 LEGO elements were produced every hour.



# INTO THE WILD RELEASED

After more than ten years, the movie version of Jon Krakauer's bestselling book, *Into the Wild*, was released in theatres. *Into the Wild* tells the true story of Christopher McCandless, an accomplished young man who abandoned his possessions, gave his entire \$24,000 savings to charity, and hitchhiked to Alaska to live in the wilderness. With the permission of the McCandless family, director Sean Penn shared Chris's story with moviegoers everywhere.



I am a best-selling author from Great Britain and my latest book set a world record for the number of copies printed.

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#### PRIZE-WINNING LITERATURE

The White Darkness, by England's Geraldine McCaughrean, won the 2008 Michael L. Printz Award for literary excellence in young adult literature. Other 2008 Honor Books included Dreamquake: Book Two of the Dreamhunter Duet by Elizabeth Knox; One Whole and Perfect Day by Judith Clarke; Repossessed by A.M. Jenkins and Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath by Stephanie Hemphill.



#### **ECO-CRUSADER**

Colin Beavan achieved a personal challenge—to live in New York City for one year without negatively impacting the environment in any way. Beavan, along with his wife and 2-year-old daughter, committed to live without producing trash, carbon emissions and toxins, as well as avoiding the use of any environmentally harmful machines. Beavan's accomplishment earned him recognition as one of the Most Influential Men of 2007, according to msn.com.



# **FASHION WITH A PURPOSE**

In just two years, Lindsay Giambattista of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., turned a community service project into a thriving non-profit organization. Lindsay started with only 10 trash bags full of apparel to provide clothing for girls in foster care. Taylor's Closet, named after Lindsay's sister who died at birth, received \$1 million dollars worth of clothing per year from designers, retailers and private donations in 2007.



# TRENDS & FADS

For 2007, trends included a mix of fabrics and materials such as plaid, tweed, patent leather, animal prints and metallics. Jeans became skinny or wide-leg, and longer shirts became the norm. Platform heels, ballet flats, booties and knee-high boots were seen on nearly every city sidewalk. Additional trends included bright colors, eco-friendly fashion, tote bags, trapeze dresses, empire waists and oversized clutch purses.



# **EVEREST HERO DIES**

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to successfully climb the world's highest peak, died at the age of 88 on January 11, 2008. Hillary, along with Tenzing Norgay, completed his scale of the 29,035-foot Mount Everest on May 29, 1953. After his famed ascent, Hillary led many expeditions to the South Pole. Hillary founded the Himalayan Trust, which was responsible for building hospitals, clinics, bridges, airstrips and nearly 30 schools.



# HANNAH MONTANA CRAZE

Miley Cyrus, a.k.a. Hannah Montana, became a 15-year-old phenomenon! She was credited with a #1 Album; #1 cable TV show (The Disney Channel's Hannah Montana); a Hannah Montana movie; and a nationwide musical tour. The Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert'3-D movie debuted over Super Bowl weekend and earned a record \$29 million.

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#### PITT MAKES IT RIGHT

In 2007, Brad Pitt and producer
Steve Bing built affordable housing
in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward, an
area hardest hit by 2005's Hurricane
Katrina. The 150 eco-friendly homes
were projected to reduce residents'
upkeep costs by 75 percent and
featured floating foundations to
prevent future flooding. The
housing project is the first initiative
for Pitt's "Make It Right" project.



# BONO RECEIVES LIBERTY MEDAL

Bono was awarded with the National Constitution Center's annual Liberty Medal. The annual award honors "demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation." Bono and the organization he co-founded, DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), were recognized for working on global issues.

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# LENO'S RETIREMENT PLAN

Jay Leno announced that he will retire from his post as resident funnyman on NBC's *The Tonight Show* in 2009. Yet, late night humor buffs need not despair—Conan O'Brien will reputedly take over Leno's seat at the top-rated late-night show. In a written statement for NBC, Leno said, "I felt that the timing was right to plan for my successor and there is no one more qualified than Conan."

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# FUN & GAMES

# DIFFERENT DOUBLE

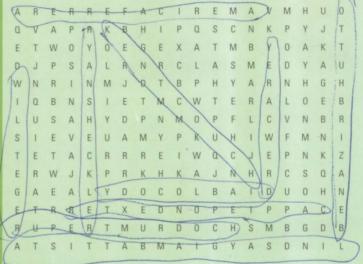
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# **WORD FIND**

Use the following clues to figure out the mystery person's name and then look for the name within the Word Find. Names may be diagonal or backwards. For help with the mystery person names, answers to the clues are given at the bottom of the page.



#### Word Find Clues

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- Assassinated Pakistan opposition leader and former female prime minister of Pakistan.
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- 5. Man who floated 193 miles in a flying lawn chair.
- 6. The MVP for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury.

  Pro skateboard sensation and star of an MTV reality show.

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- Actress who won an Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy Series. Drew (arm New host of the game show, The Price is Right.
- 10. Philanthropic Florida teen who provided clothing to girls in foster care. Lyhusey



EYE SPY Can you guess which famous celebrity or public figure is featured in each of the "Eye Spy" images below? If you need help, the full photos

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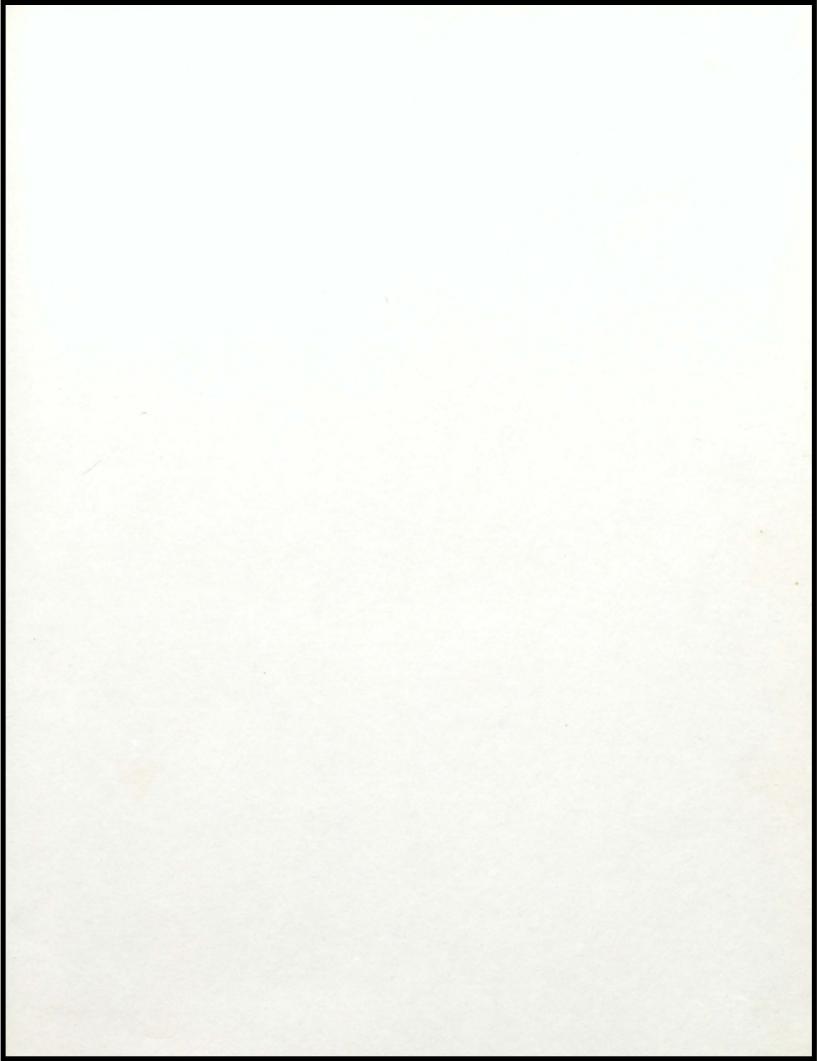
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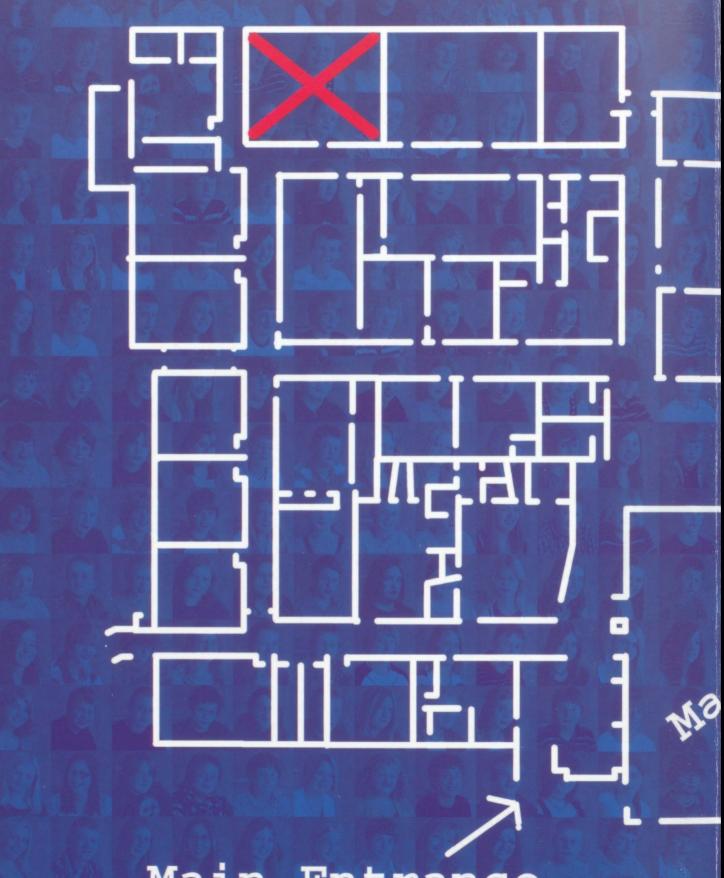
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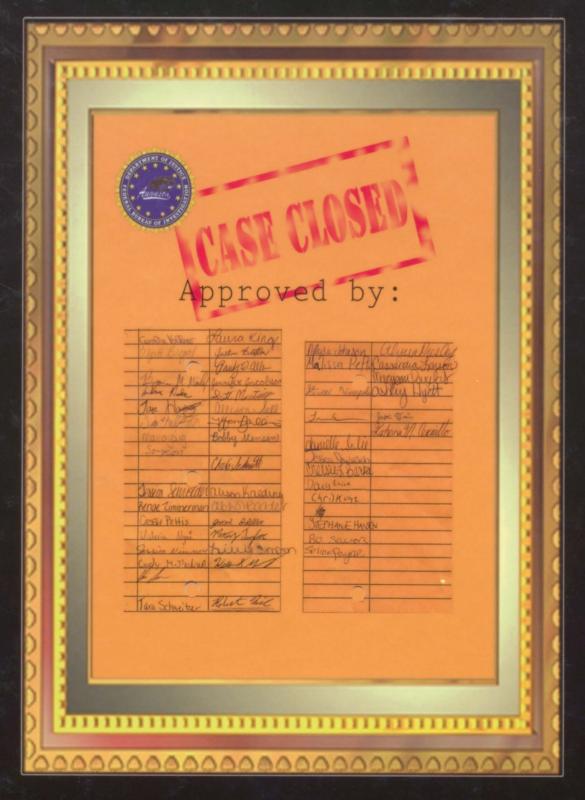




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