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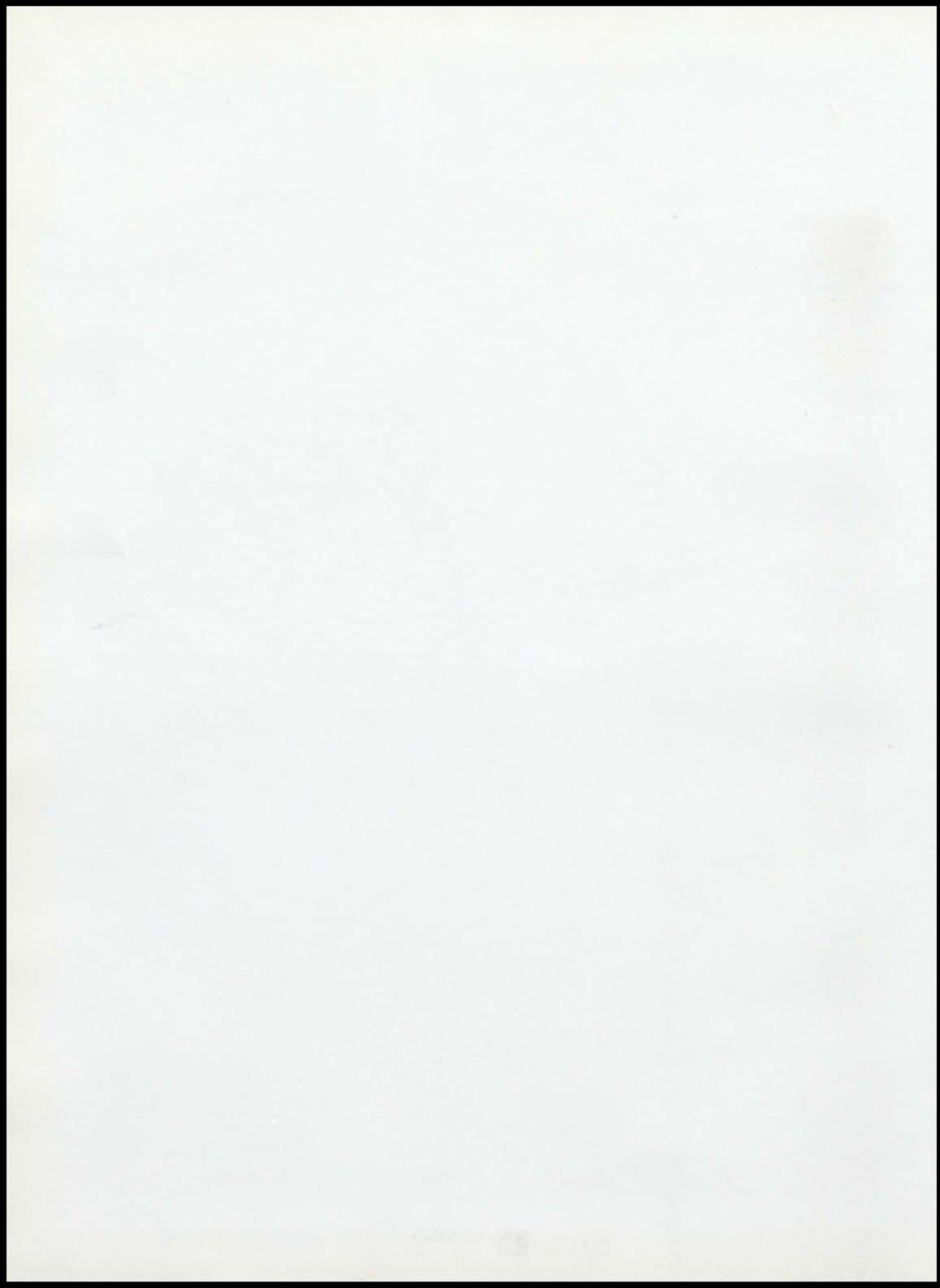
Every ne Counts



ADAM SALLEE-SENIOR 05







Everyone Counts....

We learn to count from 1-10, then to 100, then to infinity. We count the number of kids in our class for Valentine's Day. We take lunch count. We count our AR points. We count the number of days left until Christmas Break, Spring Break, Graduation and School's Out. We count on each other and we even count our chickens before they hatch.

But, what really counts is every single Thayer student. We care about each other and look out for each other, even when we're mad at each other. And in the hard times, like this school year, we count our blessings of still being together for one more year.

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Sports

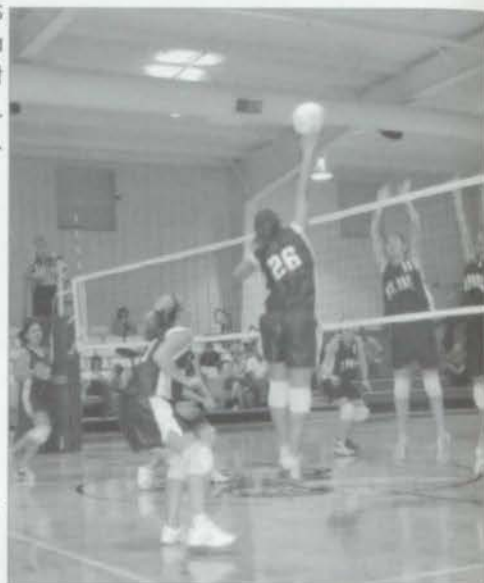


Everyone Counts



Thayer Flyer Volleyball

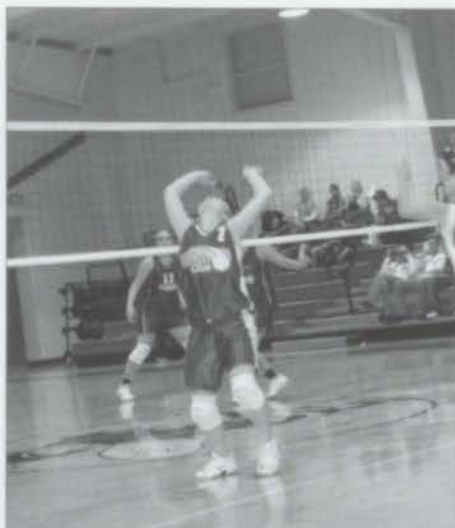
Senior Kristin Buster gets up to hit while Jena Wheeler covers at Chetopa against St. Paul.



Below: The senior players pose for a picture at their last home game after their introductions on Senior Night.
Right: The team hams it up on the way to a game.

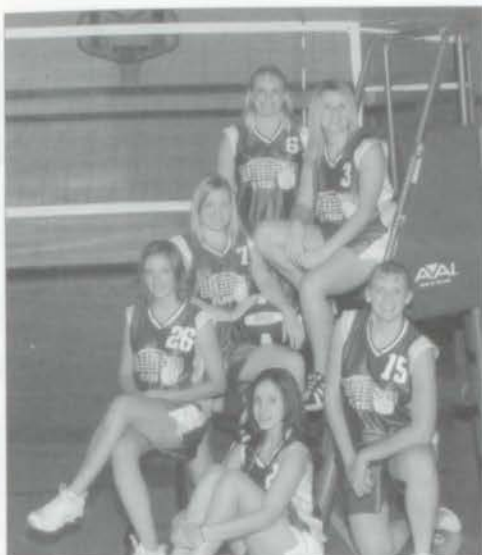


Kayla Thornton provides her signature set for a teammate at Chetopa.

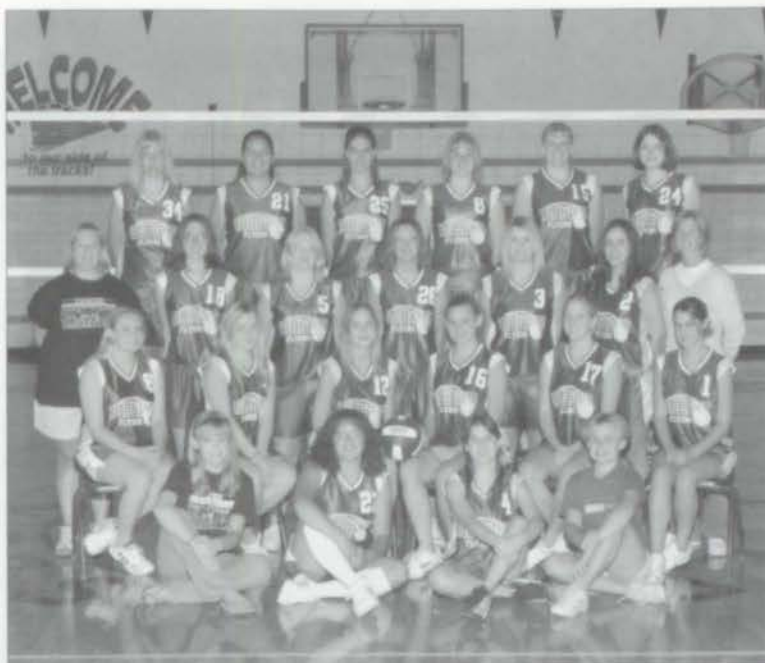


Right: "Head 'em up and move 'em out." The Flyers head to Substate Play in Madison.





Seniors from top to bottom: Kayla Aikins, Whitney Clift, Kayla Thornton, Kristin Buster, Michale Larkin, Amy Greif.



Back: Lena Sabe, Dolores Gonzalez, Jennifer Houston, Tara Buster, Michale Larkin, Dalenie Neel. Middle: Asst. Coach Betty Wheeler, Miranda Kissel, Kay Green, Kristin Buster, Whitney Clift, Amy Greif, Coach Cortney Moore. Front: Kayla Aikins, Kayla Thornton, Mandy Greif, Haley Wheeler, Jena Wheeler, Wendy Stafford. Sitting: Mgr. Jana Aikins, Christina Cope, Haley Welch, Mgr. Jordan Wheeler.



Above: Coach Cortney Moore prepares for her presentation at the Awards Program.



Above: Headed to Substate Play in Madison
Below: Winners over St. Paul at Uniontown

Who's Counting?

Cherryvale	25-15, 25-13
Dewey	25-12, 25-9
Southeast	25-22, 29-27
St. Paul	19-25, 16-25
Elk Valley	17-25, 25-21, 25-23
Anderson Co.	13-25, 21-25
Lafayette Co.	15-25, 12-25
Cherryvale	16-25, 25-16, 25-12
Cherryvale	26-24, 25-16
Humboldt	25-20, 25-13
Burlington	17-25, 19-25
Humboldt	25-14, 25-17
Neodesha	25-21, 15-25, 25-22
Southeast	17-25, 21-25
West Elk	25-18, 25-18
Yates Center	25-16, 25-12
Uniontown	11-25, 22-25
Frontenac	25-18, 25-27, 23-25
Fredonia	17-25, 14-25
Neodesha	14-25, 19-25
St. Paul	21-25, 19-25
Chetopa	25-11, 25-11
Elk Valley	25-18, 15-25, 20-25
Altoona-Midway	25-21, 25-19
Jayhawk Linn	25-23, 25-23
Columbus	17-25, 25-14, 25-7
Colgan	25-17, 25-22
St. Paul	25-18, 23-25, 29-31
Liberal	19-25, 23-25
Altoona-Midway	25-11, 25-12
St. Paul	25-16, 25-16
Uniontown	14-25, 18-25
South Haven	14-25, 25-22, 17-25

Mineral Bell League

1st Team

Kristin Buster
Whitney Clift
Kayla Thornton
Jena Wheeler

Honorable Mention

Kayla Aikins
Amy Greif
Jennifer Houston





Flyer

Football

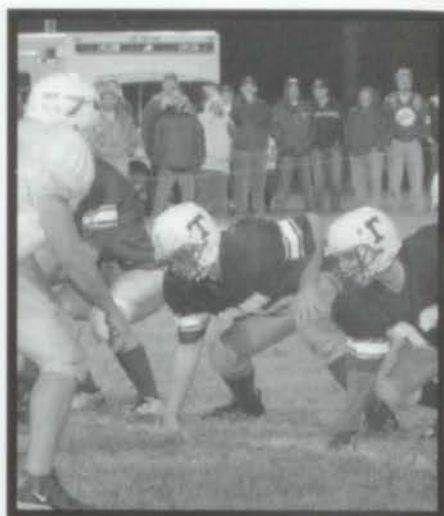
All Mineral Belt League

1st Team

Garrett Welch Running Back
 Garrett Welch Safety
 Adam Sallee Kicker

Second Team

Adam Sallee Center
 Adam Sallee Down Lineman
 Zac Stipp Running Back
 David Seibel Guard
 Aaron Rehmert End, Safety
 Brian Powers Down Lineman



James Aikins and Josh McIntier line up to protect their Flyer quarterback.

Seniors

Clockwise from left:
 Cody Lowden, Adam Sallee, Garrett Welch, Hao Qin



FOOTBALL SCORES

Opponent	Us	Them
Altoona	46	0
Chetopa	63	36
Colony Crest	51	6
Elk Valley	52	14
Madison	28	54
KSD	38	36
St. Paul	14	56
Waverly	22	68
Hamilton	68	32

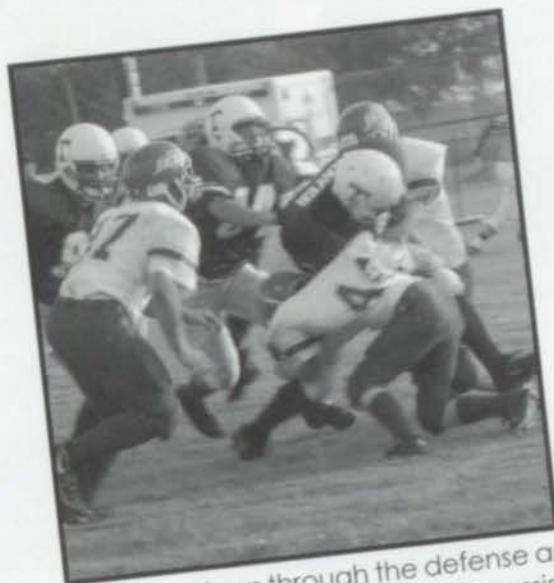
GO BIG PURPLE



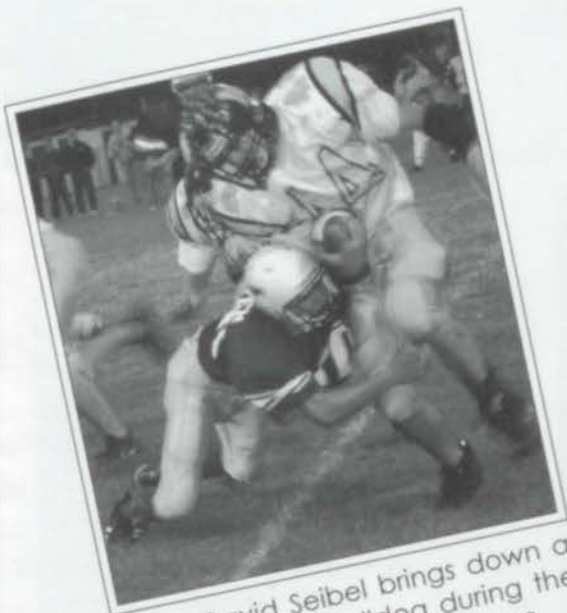
Back: Asst. Coach Dennis Nevin, Cody Lowden, Brian Powers, Adam Sallee, Zac Stipp, Shawn Novotny, Head Coach Vern Minor.
Middle: Josey Leck, Vernon VanPelt, Sebastian Starroske, Scott Reaves, Garrett Welch, David Seibel, James Aikins, Aaron Rehmert.
Front: Mgr. Robyn Studebaker, Josh McIntier, Andrew Allen, David Hougardy, Max Shulepov, Caleb Seibel, Kyler Dannelley, Mgr. Mandy Raida.



The Indians find it hard to get around Big Adam Sallee.



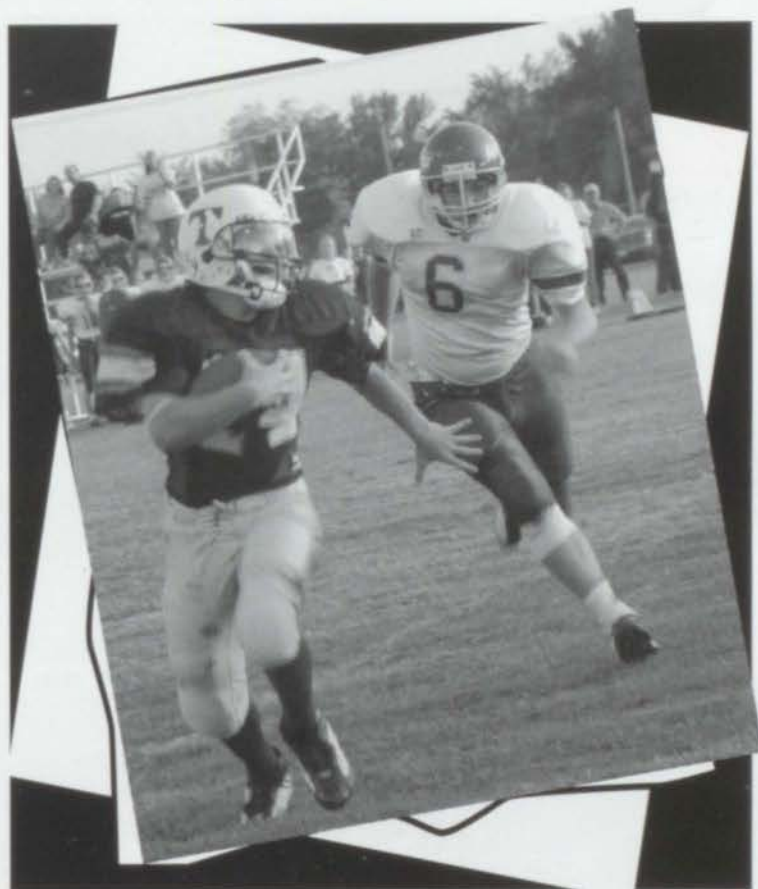
Zac Stipp plows through the defense as Cody Lowden and Brian Powers assist him.



David Seibel brings down a Madison Bulldog during the homecoming game.



The Flyer line holds tight as Scott Reaves rolls around the end.



Garrett Welch pushes off the Altoona-Midway defender and goes around the end for a touchdown.

Football Homecoming 2004

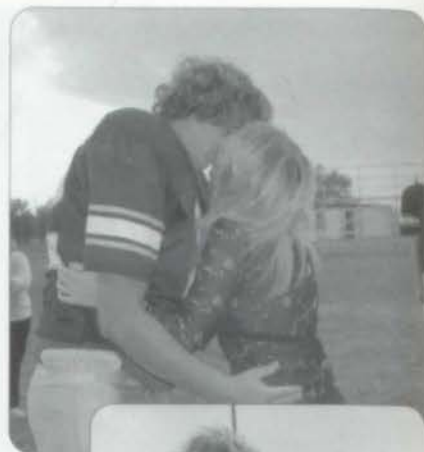
"The Reason"



Whitney Clift
Queen



Adam Sallee
King



The
traditional
kiss!



On Friday, October 1, 2004, Miss Whitney Clift, senior, and Mr. Adam Sallee, senior, were crowned the Fall Queen and King from the top eleven candidates. Their attendants were Kristin Buster, Amy Greif, Garrett Welch and Zac Stipp.

The Royal Court

Ladies: Kristin Buster, Whitney Clift, Amy Greif.
Gentlemen: Zac Stipp, Adam Sallee, Garrett Welch.



Queen Whitney,
Princess Amy, and
Princess Kristin.



King Adam,
Zac Stipp,
Garrett Welch



Max Shulepov-Hali Allen



Scott Reaves-Robyn Studebaker



Hao Qin-Karra Reaves



David Seibel-Nicole Holzman



Zac Stlpp-Kayla Thornton



Jami Sullivan-Garrett Hughes



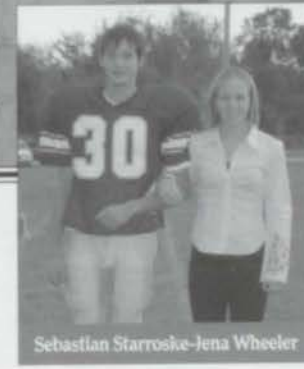
Cody Lowden-Amy Cref



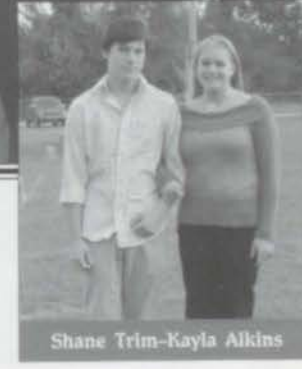
Brian Powers-Jennifer Houston



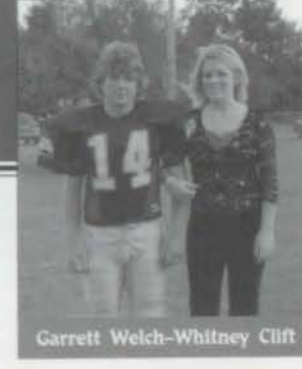
Adam Sallee-Kristin Buster



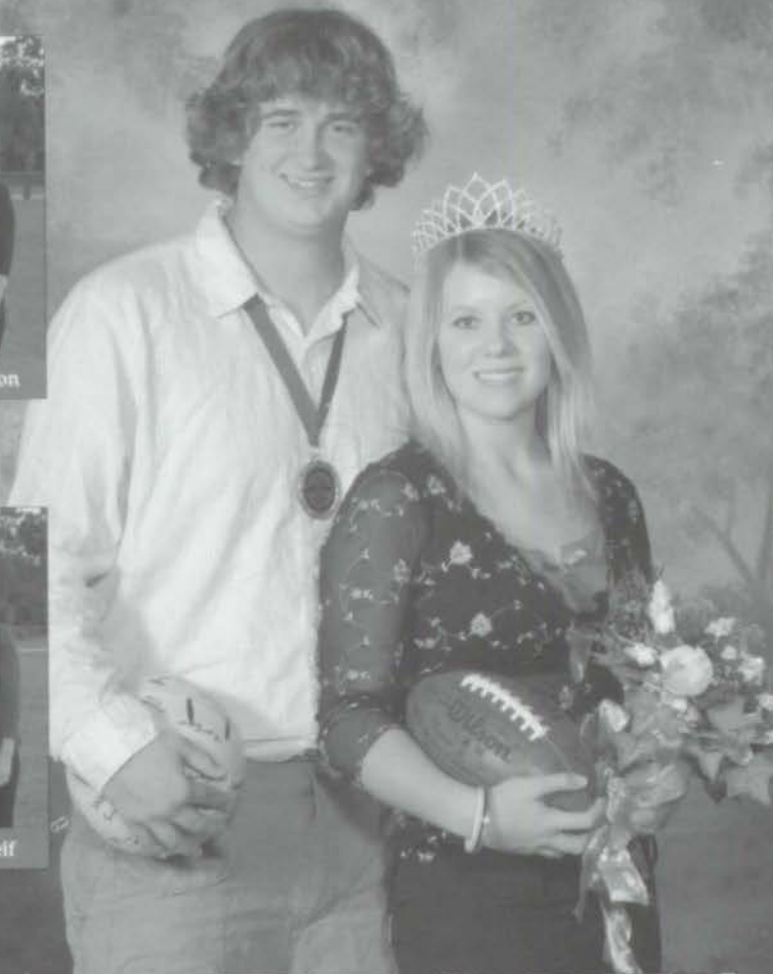
Sebastian Starroske-Jena Wheeler



Shane Trim-Kayla Alkins



Garrett Welch-Whitney Clift



Flyer Basketball



Cody Lowden goes up strong against Elk Valley for the shot.



Adam Sallee gets high off the floor to make a shot.

Seniors

Cody Lowden and Adam Sallee



Adam Sallee
All-State Honorable Mention
(TCJ, WE)



The team loads up to travel to Emporia for sub-state play.

The Team

Record
15-10



Back: Coach Tim Seibel, Scott Reaves, Adam Sallee, Sebastian Starroske, Asst. Coach Chris Holtzman. **Middle:** David Seibel, Cody Lowden, Caleb Seibel, Aaron Rehmert, James Aikins, Vernen VanPelt. **Front:** mgr. Mandy Raida, Andrew Allen, Josey Leck, Max Shulepov, Patrick Campbell. **Not pictured:** Brian Powers.



What's going on up there, guys? It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...



Aron Rehmert looks for the open man while Cody Lowden waits for the pass.

Mineral Belt League

Adam Sallee - 1st Team
 Aaron Rehmert - 1st Team
 Brian Powers - 1st Team
 David Seibel - 2nd Team
 Scott Reaves - 2nd Team
 Cody Lowden - 2nd Team



Cody Lowden watches his teammates at Sub-State.



Coach Seibel encourages his team at Sub-State.

Check out the Scores..

Team	Us	Them
So. Coffey Co.	48	37
Md CV	53	60
Colony Crest	62	34
St. Paul	38	40
So. Coffey Co.	51	59
Pleasanton	59	67
Colgan	21	68
Chetopa	74	40
Altoona-Midway	67	37
Jasper, MO	58	83
T. Jefferson Prep	50	62
Liberal, MO	72	61
St. Paul	62	52
Elk Valley	66	36
So. Coffey Co.	58	50
Chetopa	64	35
Altoona-Midway	62	19
Elk Valley	79	35
Hartford	57	54
Waverly	70	78
Altoona-Midway	73	29
St. Paul	44	56
Udall	62	59
Lebo	47	80



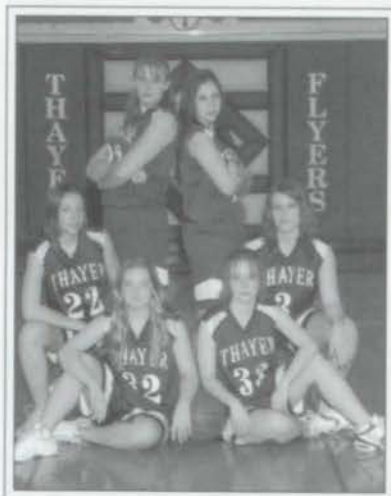
Brian Powers boards the bus anticipating the 1st win at Emporia.



Aron Rehmert goes up for the shot while David waits for the rebound.

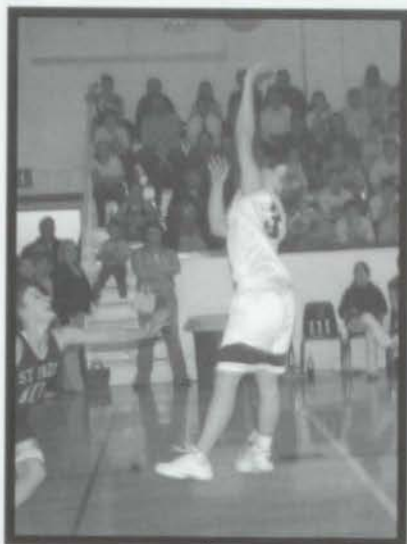


Lady Flyers Basketball



Seniors:

Michale Larkin, Amy Greif,
Kristin Buster, Kayla Thornton,
Nicole Holtzman, Whitney Clift.



Kayla Thornton goes for a layup vs. Elk Valley.

**Mineral Belt League
1st Team**

Kristin Buster
Kayla Thornton

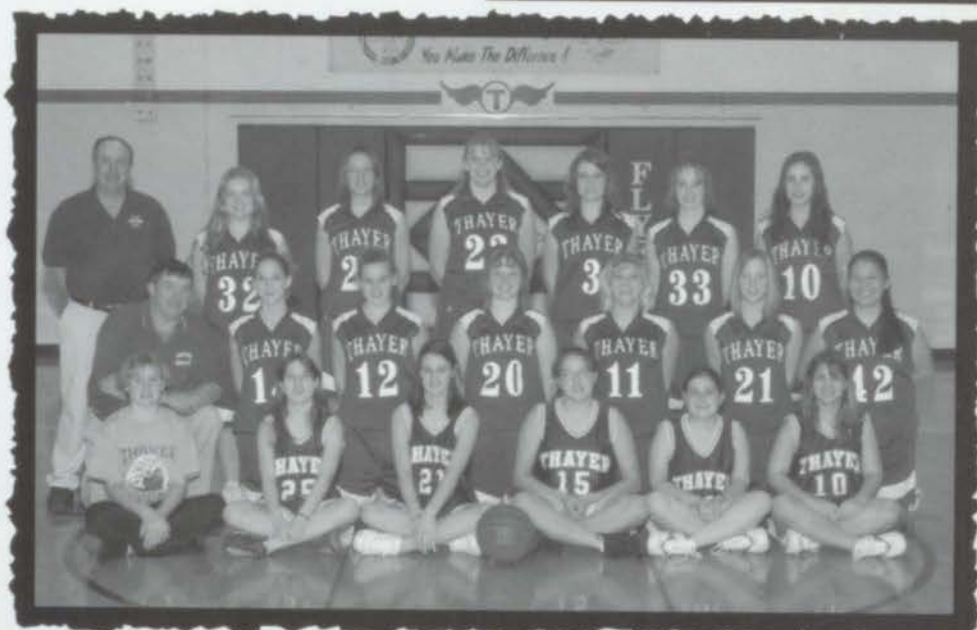
Honorable Mention

Michale Larkin
Amy Greif
Jena Wheeler
Whitney Clift



GO TEAM!

Whitney Clift fires out of the huddle ready to play.

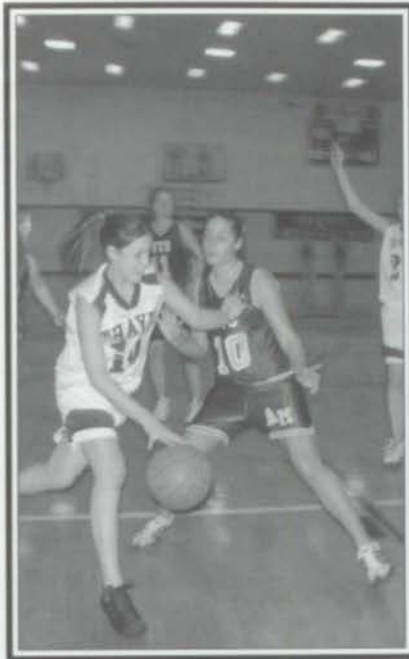


Front: Mgr. Jordan Wheeler, Haley Welch, Wendy Stafford, Christina Cope, Nigar Mammadova, Darby Willhite. 2nd Row: Asst. Coach Dennis Nevin, Mandy Greif, Haley Wheeler, Tara Buster, Robyn Studebaker, Jena Wheeler, Dolores Gonzalez. 3rd Row: Coach Vern Minor, Kayla Thornton, Kristin Buster, Michale Larkin, Whitney Clift, Nicole Holtzman, and Amy Greif.

2004-2005

Scores

opponent	us	them
South Coffey Co.	40	39
Marais D'Cygnes	35	38
Colony-Crest	46	44
St. Paul	20	51
South Coffey Co.	64	62
Pleasanton	30	31
Colgan	40	55
Chetopa	61	27
Altoona-Midway	63	45
Liberal, Mo	38	46
Galena	55	30
Golden Ctiy	51	43
St. Paul	45	63
Elk Valley	59	37
South Coffey Co.	49	51
Chetopa	46	16
Altoona-Midway	54	37
Elk Valley	77	27
Hartford	35	47
Waverly	30	59



Amy Greif drives to the basket against the Jets.



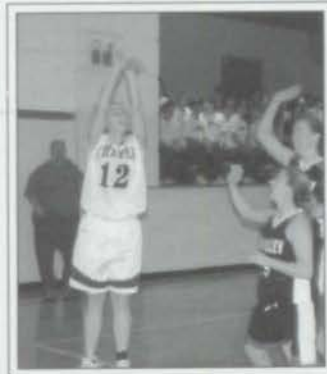
Michale Larkin executes a jump shot at home against the Titans from South Coffey County.

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Haley Wheeler takes an outside shot while Uncle Stan watches from his usual spot on the court.



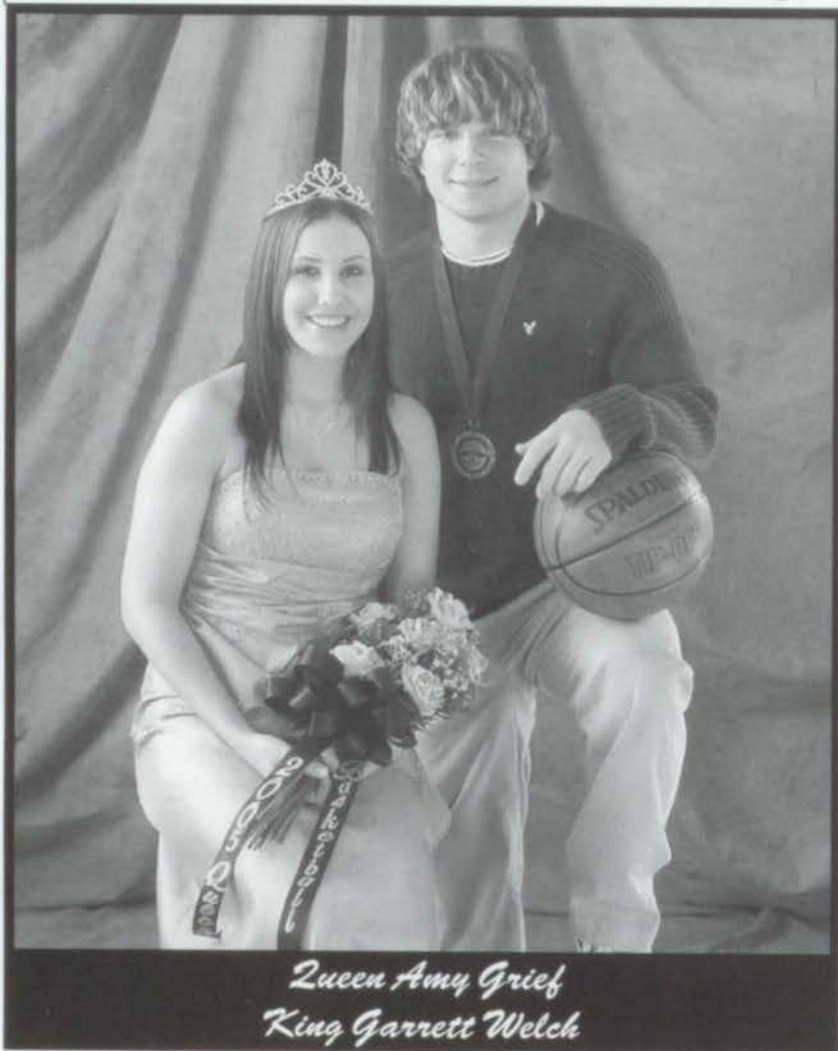
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Altoona-Midway defenders are no match for Kristin Buster under the basket.

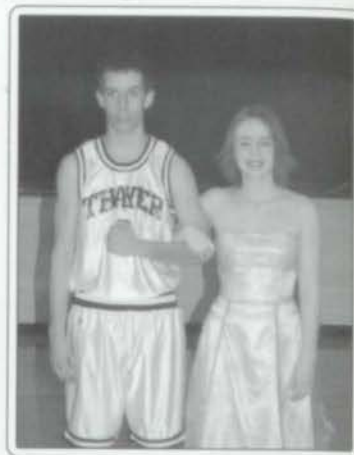
Jena Wheeler goes in for the layup with Kristin and Kayla trailing for the rebound.



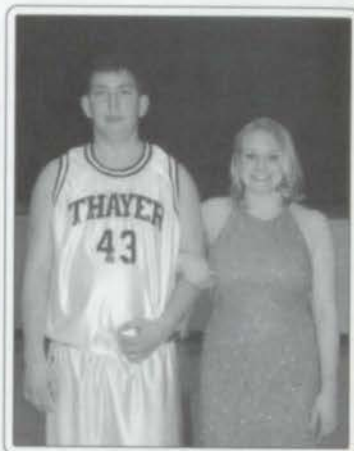
Basketball Homecoming Royalty '05



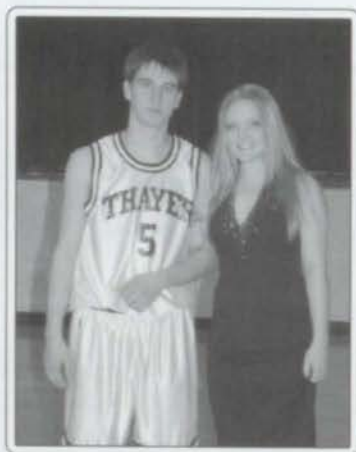
*Queen Amy Grief
King Garrett Welch*



*Nicole Holtzman
Aaron Rehmert*



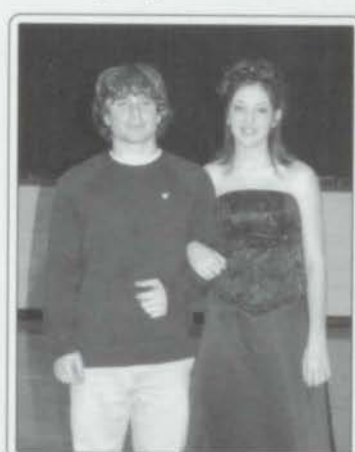
*Kayla Atkins
Cody Lowden*



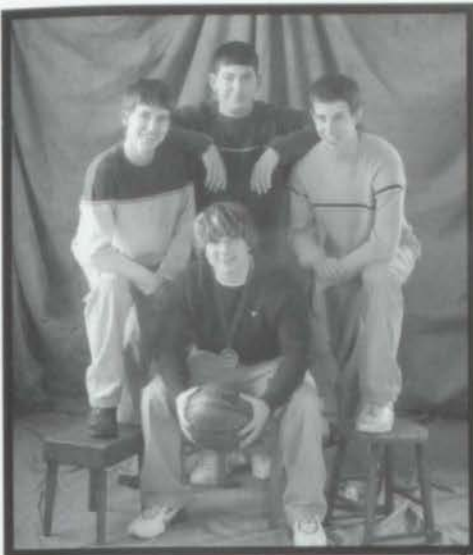
*Kayla Thornton
David Seibel*



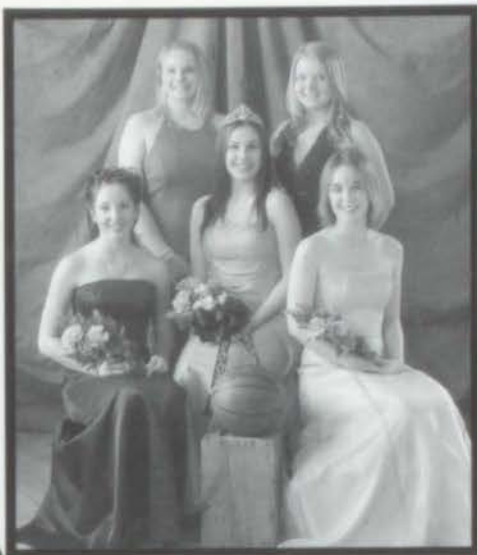
*Amy Grief
Shane Trim*



*Kristin Buster
Garrett Welch*



The King candidates pose for their picture while the Queen candidates smile prettily for the camera.



The Traditional Kiss!



Gavin Williams and Hollie Holtzman dressed up for their big night as crownbearer and flower girl.



Queen Amy!



I want that crown—and world peace!
The girls play around after the crowning.

The homecoming candidates: Cody Lowden, Kayla Alkins, Garrett Welch, Nicole Holtzman, Aaron Rehmert, David Seibel, Kristin Buster, Amy Greif, Kayla Thornton.



FLYER SOFTBALL



Back: Tifny Spears, Mandy Greif, Dolores Gonzalez. 3rd Row: Head Coach Betty Wheeler, Haley Wheeler, Whitney Clift, Heather Welch, Amy Greif, Jena Wheeler, Asst. Coach Angie Hines; 2nd Row: Kay Green, Rae Lynn Rash, Mgr. Jordan Wheeler, Jennifer Houston, Krystal Evans. Front: Mgr. Nika Mammadova, Christine Cope, Wendy Stafford, Tara Buster, Mandy Raida

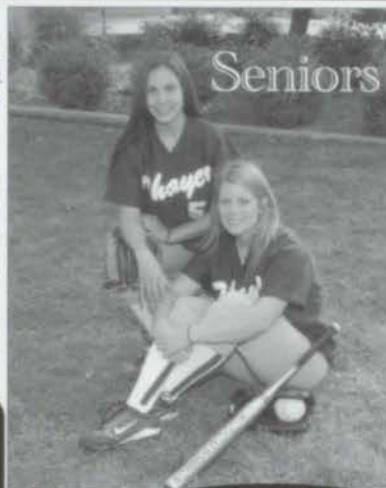


Above: Shortstop Whitney Clift tags a girl out on 2nd base.



below: Catcher Amy Greif waits at the plate for the out

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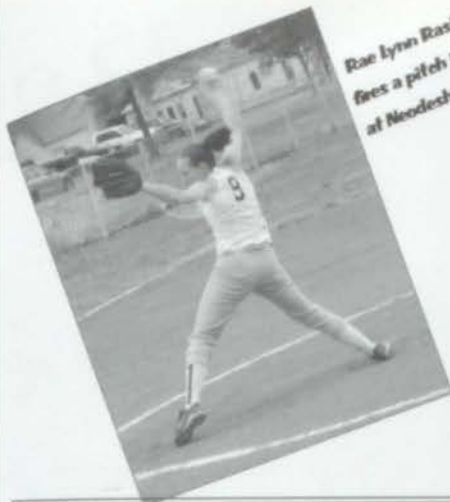


Tifny Spears and Tara Buster try to keep warm at Chetopa

MBL All League

- Jena Wheeler - 1st Team - 3rd Base
- Amy Greif - 1st Team - Catcher
- Rae Lynn Rash - 1st Team - Pitcher
- Whitney Clift - 2nd Team - Shortstop
- Haley Wheeler - 2nd Team - 1st Base
- Jennifer Houston - Hon Men - 2nd Base



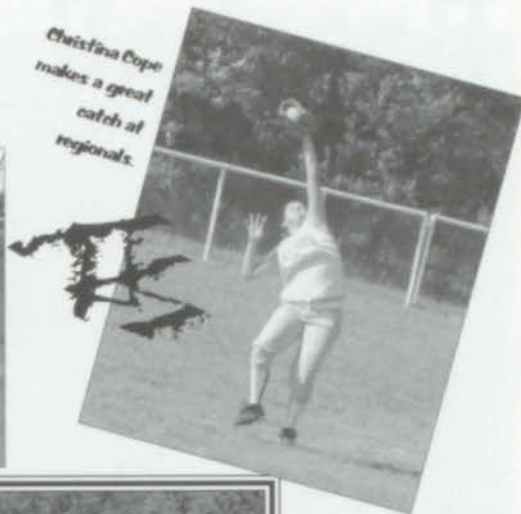


Rae Lynn Rash fires a pitch in at Neodesha.

Jennifer Houston stands guard as Whitney Cliff positions herself for the tag at second.



Christina Cope makes a great catch at regionals.



Rae Lynn Rash drops a pop fly but Amy Geil is there to catch it while Jena Wheeler has their back. This defensive teamwork helped to secure a 1-0 victory over Colgan in Regionals.

Softball Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Caney	3	10
Elk Valley	5	4
St. Paul	13	1
St. Paul	10	0
Tyro	3	0
Altoona -Midway	14	1
Altoona- Midway	19	9
Oswego	1	11
Oswego	3	7
Yates Center	13	12
Yates Center	9	16
Elk Valley	2	5
Elk Valley	7	3
Chetopa	8	5
Chetopa	12	3
Neodesha	9	13
Chetopa	4	2
Elk Valley	2	4
Colgan	1	0
Oswego	1	5
Regional Runners-Up		



We are tough! Jennifer Whitney and Jena pose for the picture!



Coach Wheeler and Coach Hines take time to smile while coaching.



Haley Wheeler receives the throw for an out at 1st base.



RECORD 12-8

Baseball

12-9

MBL

Champs



Front: Shawn Novotny, Josh McIntire, Caleb Seibel, James Aikins, Sean Deaton, Aaron Rehmert. Middle: Mgr. Robyn Studebaker, Sebastian Starroske, Max Shulepov, Josey Leck, David Seibel, Mgr. Karra Reaves. Back: Asst. Coach Dennis Nevin, Adam Sallee, Garrett Welch, Brian Powers, Head Coach Vern Minor.



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Baseball Scoreboard

	Us	Them
Altoona-Midway	19	4
Arma	0	5
Caney	2	14
Sedan	1	10
Cherryvale	12	13
Yates Center	1	6
Humboldt	13	12
Altoona-Midway	15	14
Altoona-Midway	16	1
Yates Center	10	13
Yates Center	15	5
Elk Valley	17	2
Elk Valley	14	4
Chetopa	12	2
Chetopa	10	0
Neodesha	6	5
Altoona-Midway	15	0
Elk Valley	15	0
Neodesha	6	16
Neodesha	2	3
Oswego	8	10



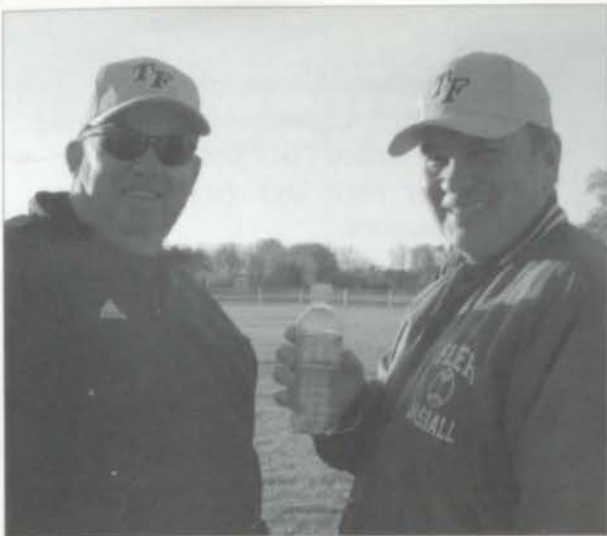
SENIORS

Mgr. Karra Reaves, Garrett Welch, Adam Sallee.



Mineral Belt League

Garrett Welch	1st Team
Adam Sallee	1st Team
Scott Reaves	1st Team
Aaron Rehmert	1st Team
David Seibel	2nd Team
James Aikins	2nd Team
Josey Leck	2nd Team
Brian Powers	2nd Team
Shawn Novotny	Hon. Men.



Coach Nevin and Coach Minor are back together again for another season.

Adam is ready on first while James throws the pitch.



Garrett takes a homerun swing at the regional tournament in Chetopa.

Brian Powers heads back to first base after a foul ball.



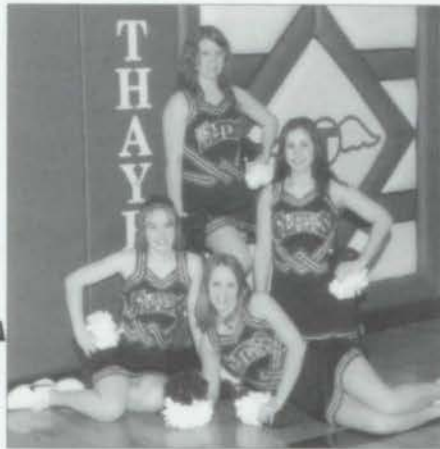
Below, Scott Reaves holds the pitch waiting for the call.



We BAD! . . . Not really, we GOOD!

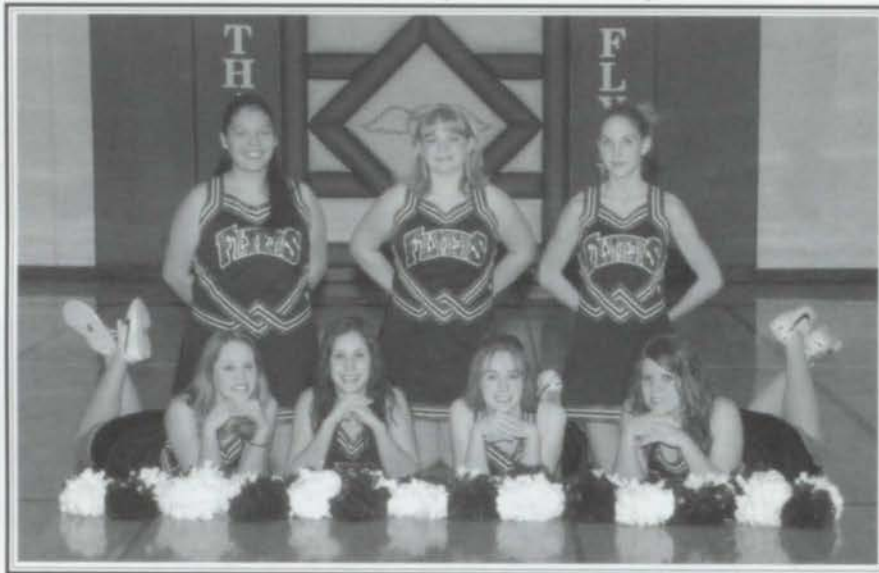
Josey awaits the tag at third while umpire Danny Miller prepares to judge the play.





Seniors Nicole Holtzman, Karra Reaves, Amy Greif, and Whitney Clift pose together for their last cheerleading picture.

Dolores Gonzalez, Kay Green, Mandy Greif



Karra Reaves, Amy Greif, Nicole Holtzman, Whitney Clift



Above: Nicole and Amy cheering at the homecoming pep assembly!



Mandy, Dolores, and Kay...

Whitney, Karra, and Nicole...

All doing their thing at a yell session!



Karra Reaves kicks up a victory for the Flyers!

MEET THE GIRLS



Coach Linda Clift



Captain Nicole Holtzman



Karra Reaves



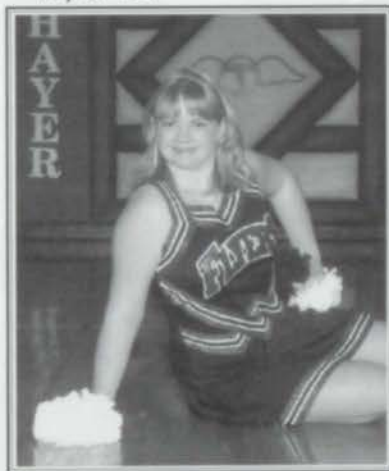
Amy and Mandy Greif



Whitney Clift



Kay Green



Dolores Gonzalez

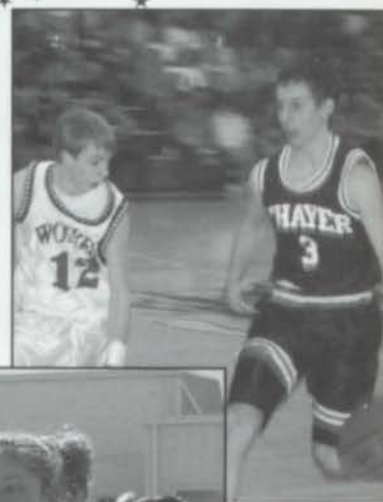




The Dance team shakin' it up out on the field.

Pictured Above: Amy Greif, Mandy Greif, Haley Welch, Kristin Buster, Tara Buster, Dawna Leck, Kayla Thornton, Krystal Evans, Darby Willhite, Kayla Aikins, Mandy Raida, and Jana Aikins.

DANCE



Sports Snaps!!

Sports Snaps!!



Kayla Thornton signs to play basketball at Neosho County Community College. . . The road to college at NCCC has a well-beaten path for the Thornton family. Her two older sisters, her mom and her dad all attended NCCC. Kayla decided to play basketball for the Panthers in her freshman year of college. Good luck, Kayla.

Pictured left: Nancy & Karl Thornton, Kayla and Coach Diana Couch.



WEIGHTLIFTING

State Champion

165 Pound Division

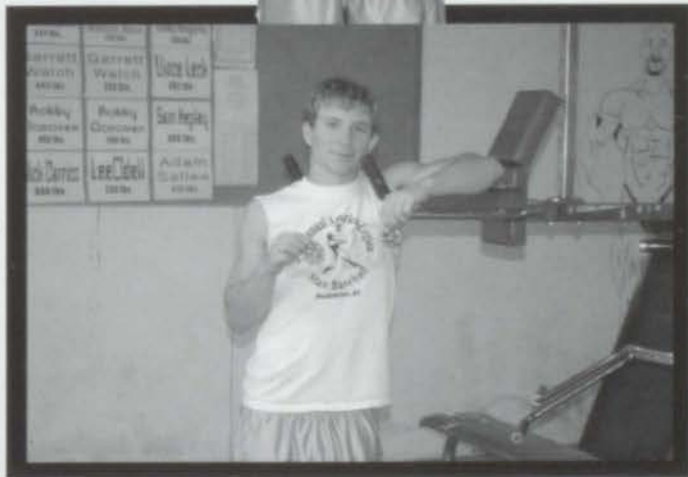
Bench Press - 260 lbs.

Squat - 395 lbs.

2nd Place overall in

weight division - 865 lbs.

Garrett signed a national letter of intent to play football at Dodge City Community College. See picture on page 41.



Garrett Welch stands proudly, holding up his championship medals from the state tournament at Quivera Heights.

GARRETT & ADAM WERE HONORED AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE KANSAS 8-MAN ALL STAR GAME IN BELOIT, KANSAS.

Organizations



Everyone Counts



STUDENT COUNCIL

**ACCOUNTABLE
TO EVERYONE**

Front: Amy Greif (President), Jena Wheeler, Kristin Buster (Secretary), Karra Reaves, Haley Welch, Kayla Aikins (Treasurer), Mandy Greif, Robyn Studebaker (Vice-President). **Back:** David Seibel, Zac Stipp, Shane Trim, Mrs. Sheryl McCoy (Advisor), James Aikins, and Aaron Rehmert.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

**ACCOUNTABLE
TO GOD & OTHERS**

Back: Jaleesa Scott, Mandy Greif, Whitney Clift, Amy Greif, Karra Reaves. **Middle:** Robyn Studebaker, Haley Wheeler, Nicole Holtzman, Kay Green, Hali Allen. **Front:** Aaron Rehmert, Scott Reaves, David Seibel, Brian Powers. **Front and Center:** Caleb Seibel.

YEARBOOK

**ACCOUNTABLE
TO THE
COMMUNITY**

Left to Right: Jena Wheeler, Mandy Raida, Haley Wheeler, Jennifer Houston, Christina Stich, Mandy Greif, Meghan Hatcher, Mrs. Betty Wheeler (Advisor).





SKILLS USA

**COUNTING
ON A BRIGHT
FUTURE**

Back: Michale Larkin, Dawna Leck, Christine Cope, Mr. Jim Wagner (Advisor). Front: Megan Hartman, Robyn Studebaker, Kay Green, Darby Willhite.

IN HOUSE TRAINING

**YOU CAN COUNT ON
EXCELLENCE**

Back: Mrs. Betty Wheeler (Advisor), Amy Greif, Kristin Buster, Julia Bowman, Hali Allen, Kayla Thornton, Whitney Clift, Kayla Aikins. Front: Heather Welch, Garrett Welch, Jena Wheeler, Krystal Evans.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**ACCOUNTABLE TO
THE PUBLIC**

Tonia Peyton, Lacy Sturgeon, Miranda Kissel, Dolores Gonzalez, Shane Trim, Hali Allen.

CHESS
COUNTING POINTS
 AT
STATE

Patrick Campbell
 and Brandon Stich



SCHOOL TO WORK

ACCOUNTABLE AT SCHOOL AND WORK

Mr. Jim Walters (Advisor), Shane Trim, Karra Reaves,
 Tonia Peyton, Cody Lowden.

**NATIONAL
 HONOR SOCIETY**

The 2005 Inductees:

- Aaron Rehmert
- Haley Wheeler
- Darby Willhite
- Krystal Evans
- Dawna Leck
- Brian Powers



Front: Kayla Aikins, Amy Greif, Heather Welch.
 Back: Sponsor Jim Walters, David Seibel, Adam Sallee, Garrett Welch, Kay Green, Robyn Studebaker.

Events



Everyone Counts



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The freshmen pose on their 1st high school float.



Interview winners: Mandy Raida & Kay Green. Essay winners: Haley Wheeler & Karra Reaves.



Kayla Thornton tries her lips at spitting watermelon seeds.



The sophomores show their freedom from "shore to shore." Way to go, Lady Liberty (Dawna Leck).



The Juniors took the time to display the names of local veterans on their float.



The seniors were unprepared for the parade--again.



The homecoming queen candidates



Queen Nicole Holtzman and her princesses, Kayla Thornton and Kayla Aikins.



Above: Whitney Clift, Jennifer Houston, and Jena Wheeler smile for a picture on favorite team/hat day.

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Above: Jennifer, Whitney, Kristin, Kayla T, Amy, Kayla A, Jena, & Robyn get together after the pie throwing.

SPRIT



Max Shulepov and Sebastian Staroske pose next to their famous couple, Mr. Minor # 1 and Mr. Nevin.

F L Y E R S W E E K



Above: Amy Greif, Kayla Thornton, and Nicole Holtzman try to look tough after their powderpuff football game.



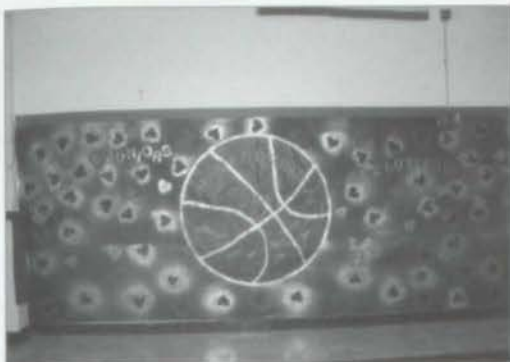
Above: Nicole Holtzman throws a pie at Sebastian Staroske.

Below: Hao Qin tried to announce at the powderpuff football game, but Mr. Seibel just wouldn't stop helping.



Jennifer Houston and Heather Welch ham it up on purple/white day.





Junior Class Wall

The Tie!

The Juniors and Sophomores tied for 1st place on the homecoming wall decorations.



Sophomore Class Wall

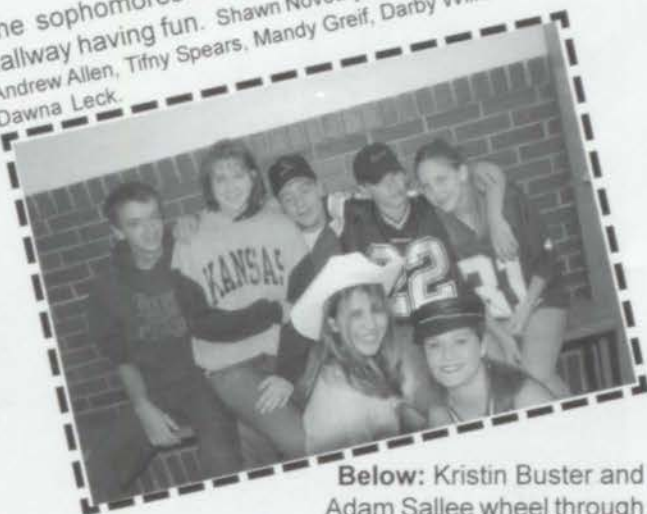
GO BIG PURPLE!

The sophomores are just sitting around in the hallway having fun. Shawn Novotny, Chesna Cavaness, Andrew Allen, Tifny Spears, Mandy Greif, Darby Wilhite, and Dawna Leck.

The Seniors and the Sophomores get together to take a picture after winning the powderpuff football game.



Below:
Hao Qin gathers his Barbies (Kayla Aikins, Kayla Thornton, Whitney Clift & Nicole Holtzman) for a picture on famous couple day.



Below: Kristin Buster and Adam Sallee wheel through the obstacle course.



School Pride!



What A Cute Couple!
Robyn Studebaker and Scott Reaves show off their famous couple day costumes as Woody and Jessie from *A Toy Story*.



Hali Allen and Max Shulepov trade places for the last leg of the obstacle course.





8th Grade Servers:
Christian Cruz, Ryan Studebaker,
Brett Thornton, Jonni Stafford, Cali
Raida, and Ashley Babcock.

Right: Matthew Rowden,
Dolores Gonzalez,
Miranda Kissel, and Bill
Coats.



Max Shulepov, Brian Powers, and David Seibel smile
and pretend they are having a blast!

Nicole Holtzman and
Whitney Clift



Wendy Stafford & Haley Welch
make you wonder what they're up
to.



Hali Allen, Shane Trim, Kayla
Thornton, Kayla Aikins, and Hao
Qin get together for a group
picture.

Ben Carrico & Kristin Buster



Amy Greif, Adam Sallee, Kristin Buster

Chelsea Leck, Dawna
Leck, Darby Willhite,
Haley Wheeler, and
Mandy Greif.



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Garrett Welch,
Karra Reaves,
Mandy Greif,
Aaron Rehmert,
Nicole
Holtzman,
& Brian
Powers.



Dance 2004



Heather Welch, Aaron Morris, Jena Wheeler, Sebastian Staroske,
Kay Green, Jackie Frank, and Jennifer Houston.



Lena Sabe &
Jennifer Houston



Jaleesa
Scott,
Ronnie
Haines, Hali
Allen, Hao Qin,
Lena Sabe, &
Shane Trim.



Adam Sallee, Janelle Cox, Robyn Studebaker, Scott Reaves,
David Seibel, and Krystal Evans.



Cody Stipp, Amy Greif, Kristin Buster, Ben Carrico, Tara
Buster, and Zac Stipp.



Whitney Clift, Richard Floersch, Andrew Allen, Haley Wheeler, Andy
Dixon, Kayla Thornton, Kayla Aikins, and Lance Claiborne.

Prom 2005



Colors
Red, Black, Silver

Song
'Broken Road'
by Rascal Flatts

Flower
Red Rose

*The Junior Class of
Thayer High School
requests the pleasure
of your company
at the
Junior-Senior prom
on Saturday, the sixteenth of
April
Two thousand and five
at seven o'clock in the evening
High School Gymnasium*

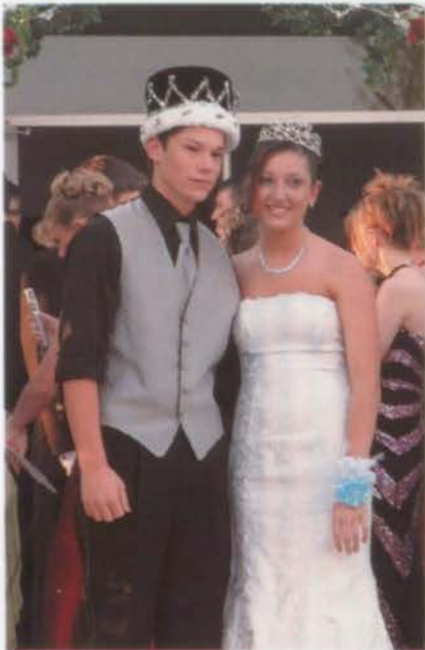


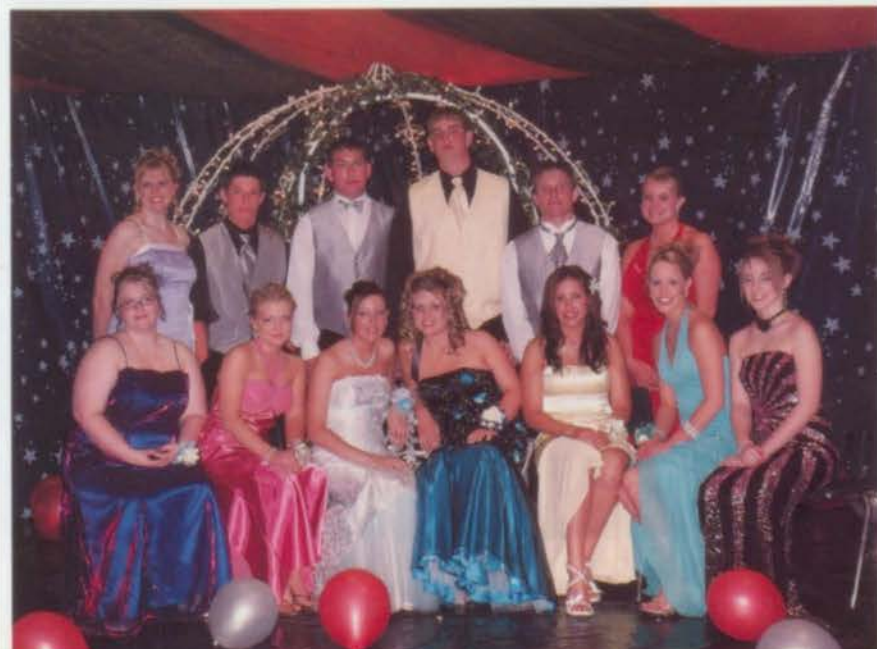
DECORATING FOR PROM

--GETTING EVERYONE INVOLVED--



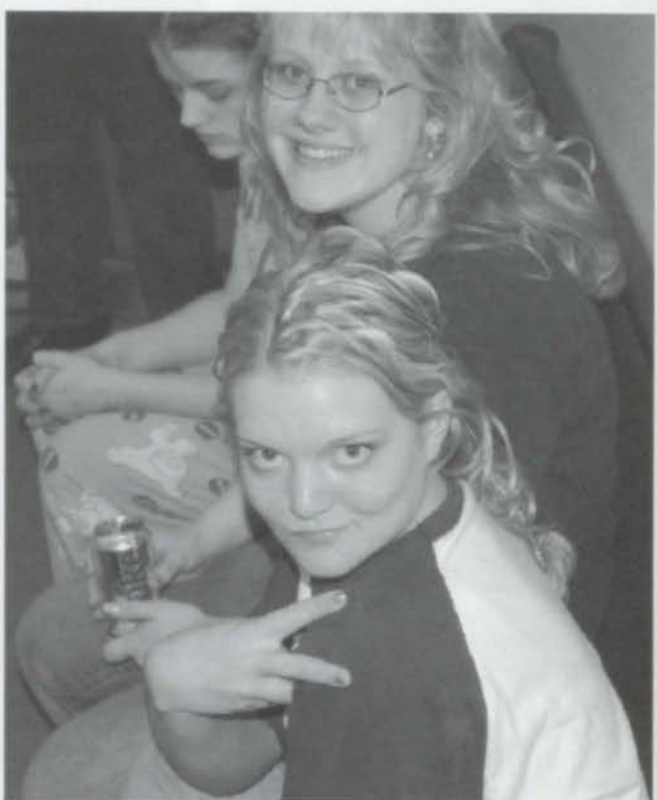
PROM





2005

AFTER PROM - COUNT ON HAVING FUN



People



Everyone Counts





The value of any organization is defined by the quality of the people within.

Thayer Attendance Center

*In our school,
Everyone
Counts*



The Seniors





Amy



Amy,
We have watched you
grow from giggles to
a very wonderful
person. We love you
and are very proud of
you!

Mom--Dad--Jessi
Mike--Mandy



Kayla



Eighteen years, how quickly they have passed.
High school graduation has come upon us so fast.
How can we say how proud of you we are?
You have exceeded each and every expectation by far.
As you go out in the world to pursue all you want to do,
Always remember how much we love you.



Love,
Mom, Mike (Dad)
Jana & James



SHANE



Shane,
Time goes by so fast.
We wish you the best in
everything you do.

Love,
Mom & Dad



KARRA

I'm a SENIOR!



We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Always remember to follow your dreams and don't let anyone discourage you. We love you.

Love Mom, Dad, Scott, Jesse & BoBo



Senior

Class



Hali Rachelle Allen



Kayla Leann Aikins



Whitney Beth Clift



Amy Lee Greif



Kristin Marie Buster



Michale LeeAnn Larkin

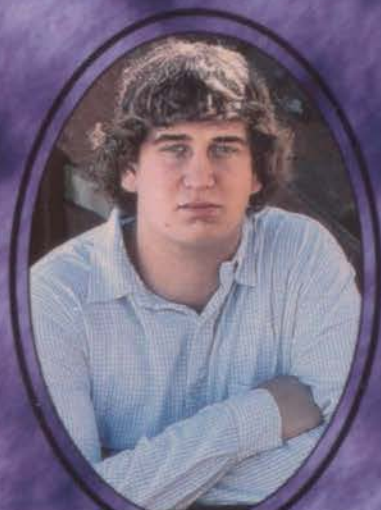


Nicole Ann Holtzman

Class of
2005



Christopher Cody Londen



Adam Michael Sallee



Karra Dawn Reates



Garrett Allen Welch



Shane Michael Trim



Hao Qin



Kayla Dawn Thornton



Hali

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GO BIG



PURPLE



Through the years, I have watched you grow from a small child into a young Christian woman. I am so very proud of you! Always remember as you go through life, with the Lord by your side, you will achieve your goals.

Love Mom



Kayla

Kayla

Kayla

Kayla



From the day you were born, you've brought more joy to all of us than life can ever imagine. Words are hard to find to express our love for you. These last 18 years have truly been a blessing to us. Your expressions and the sparkle in your eyes remind me of the beauty of youth. I pray for all your hopes and dreams to come true. In America, we can become our dreams if we work hard enough. Life is so exciting when you are young and full of energy. Every day is a new adventure, with a different ending. Enjoy being where you are while you are there and in the midst of this big Circle of Life, remember to always keep your eyes on Jesus. He holds the keys to the most beautiful life we can ever imagine. We love you.

Mom & Dad





Adam

Son,

As a parent, we have visions for all our children's dreams to come true. And, no one has worked harder at their dreams than you. And, we've always been so very proud of you.

Love Dad & Mom



CLASS OF 2005



We are so proud of you! Your life is just beginning. Success is awaiting you. We love you so much and know whatever path you choose will be the right one. We love you very much.

Love Mom and Dad

ADAM



NICOLE



You have filled our lives with love and happiness from day one. You have become a wonderful young woman. We are very proud of you and we will always be here for you through the good times and the bad. Always remember that your angels are watching over you. Don't forget that through God anything is possible so reach for the stars!

Love Mom and Dad



Michelle



Nicole,

We are so proud that you have decided to follow Jesus wherever he leads you. But we hope you never get to Gun Point. We Love You.

Love Dad, Mom & April



Whitney



Over the past 18 years, we have enjoyed watching you become a fascinating young lady that we greatly admire. You have a tender heart full of love and thoughtfulness, with a wonderful sense of humor that

always manages to bring a laugh. Even when you feel overwhelmed by circumstances, you always take the time to help and encourage others. Through perseverance you have accomplished a lot by standing strong in your faith. We cherish you and are proud to be your family.

Love Mom, Dad, and Lindsey



Garrett



Kesler
Photography



We are so
proud of you
and all that
you have
done. We
love you.
Dad & Mom



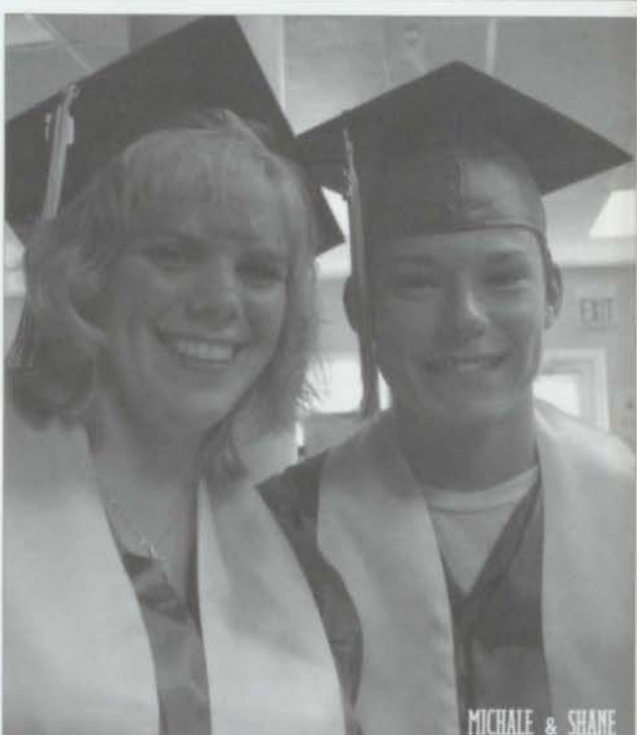
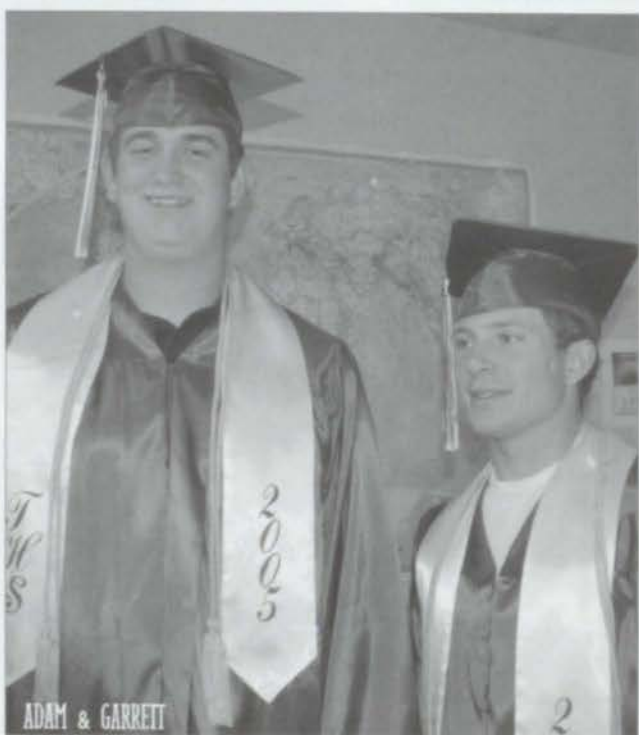
Kristin

You have always been a very special person in our lives and we are very proud of you. Congratulations for all your hard work and good luck in all you want in life. We love you.
Dad, Mom, Tara & Ben



GRADUATION

May 15, 2005
3:00 p.m.





GARRETT & KAYLA



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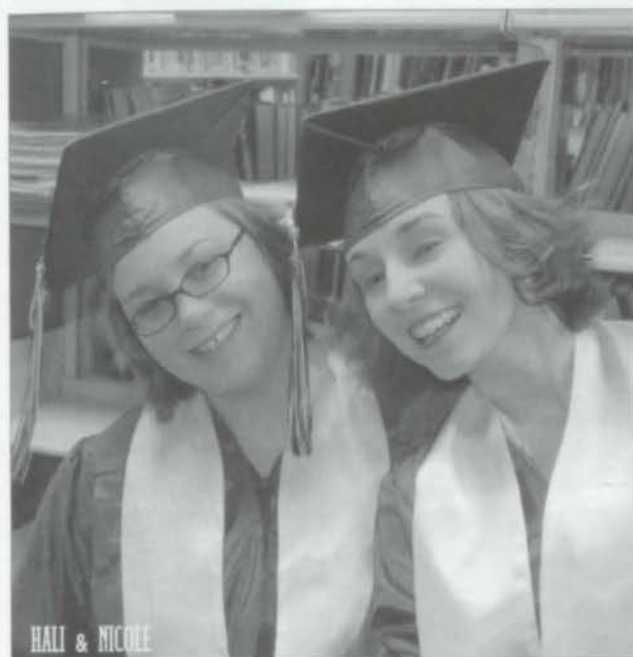


SHANE & HALL

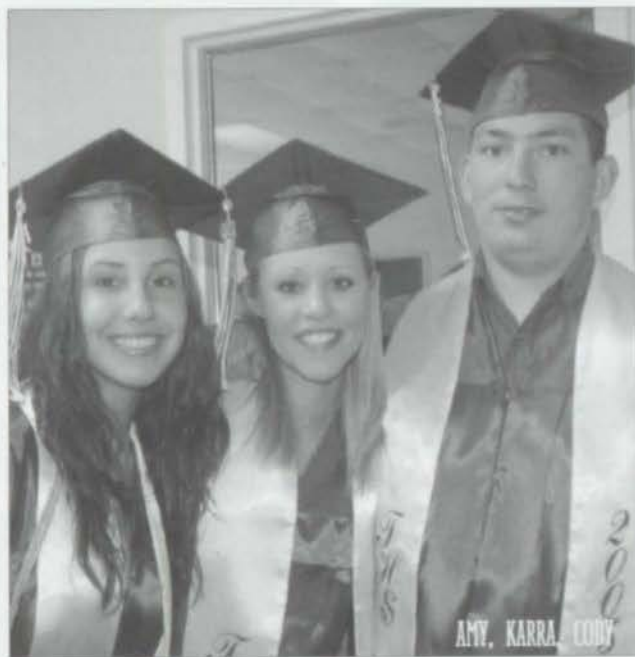
Kayla Atkins
Valedictorian
Dale Dennis Award for
Excellence in Education

Amy Greif
Salutatorian

Whitney Clift
Cody Lowden
Citizenship Award



HALL & NICOLE



AMY, KARRA, CODY



KARRA & AMY



ROBYN STUEHAKER & KAY GREEN



Julia Bowman



Bill Coats

Juniors



Krystal Evans



Kay Green



Megan Hartman



Meghan Hatcher



Jennifer Houston



Josey Leck



Nika Mammadova



Dalenie Neel



Mandy Raida



Rae Lynn Rash



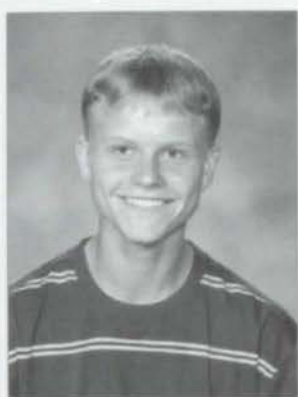
Lena Sabe



David Seibel

Johnny Depp- Dalenie
 Keanu Reeves- Nika
 Tom Welling-Kay
 Britney Spears- Bill
 Chad Michale Murry- Julia
 Josh Hartnett- Rae Lynn
 Paris Hilton-Sebastian
 Vin Diesel- Heather
 Brad Pitt- Megan
 Alan Rickman-Meghan
 Paul Walker- Jena
 Mekhi Phifer- Jennifer
 Vin Diesel-Mandy
 Jennifer Aniston- David
 Drew Barrymore-Zac
 Angelina Jolie-Josey
 Orlando Bloom- Christina
 Tropher Grace- Krystal
 Julia Roberts- Max
 Josh Hartnett-Robyn

What famous person do you find attractive?



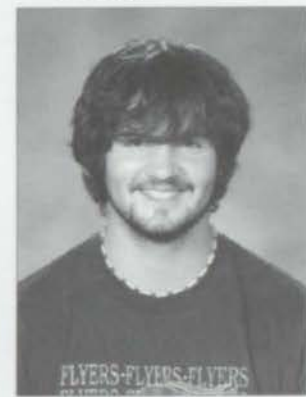
Max Shulepov



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Christina Stich



Zac Stipp



Robyn Studebaker



Vernon Van Pelt



Heather Welch



Jena Wheeler

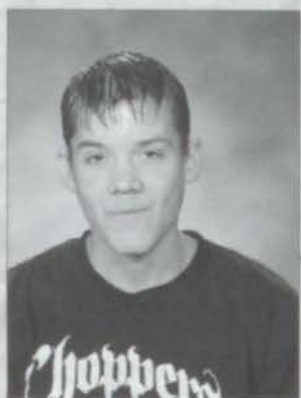
Sophomores



Emily Alexander



Andrew Allen



Parker Beasley



Chesna Cavaness



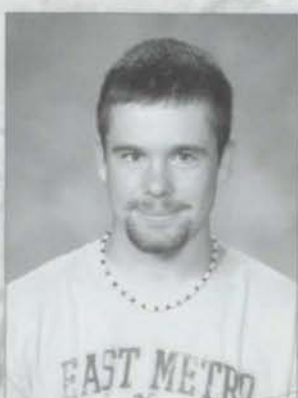
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Dolores Gonzalez



Mandy Greif



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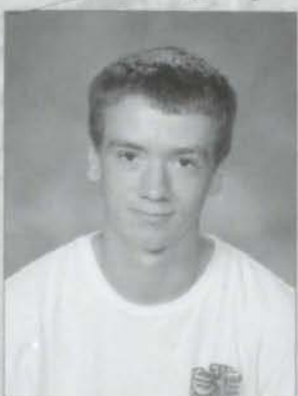
Miranda Kissel



Dawna Leck



Josh McIntier



Shawn Novotny



Brian Powers



Scott Reaves

What's your favorite phrase?



Live life to the fullest.
Mandy Greif

ITS BETTER TO BURP AND TASTE IT THAN TO
FART AND WASTE IT.
SCOTT REAVES

I smile because I have no idea
what's goin' on.
Dawna Leck



Aaron Rehmert



Jaleesa Scott



Tifny Spears

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DAVID HOUGARDY

Kool Beans
Chesna Cavaness

Keep On Keepin' On
Darby Willhite

Just Kidding
Tifny Spears



Lacy Sturgeon



Steven VanPelt



Haley Wheeler



Darby Willhite

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What do you like most about being a Freshman?.....

"Ms. Cross is nicer to us! She never yells anymore!"

Wendy Stafford

"Sports are more interesting and fun."

Patrick Campbell

"Getting to change classes."

Brandon Stich

"The people! The seniors are actually nice to us!"

Jana Kikins

"Not being in one class all day."

James Kikins

"Sports because there are more games to play."

Haley Welch

What do you like the least about being a Freshman?.....

"Being an underclassmen."

Christine Cope

"The lunch!"

Caleb Seibel

"Certain people's attitudes, and being an underclassmen."

Tara Buster

"Getting picked on!"

Cody Skipp

"I have to take woods class again!"

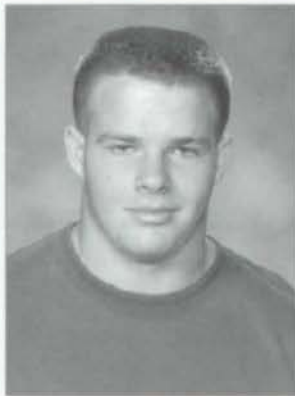
Josh Beisly

"Freshmen P.E. class!"

Jerri Bowman



Clayton Abbott



James Aikins



Jana Aikins



Josh Beisly



Jerri Bowman



Tara Buster



Patrick Campbell



Christine Cope



Ashley Hale



Janeva Reasor



Caleb Seibel



Wendy Stafford



Brandon Stich



Cody Stipp



Leighann Stroud

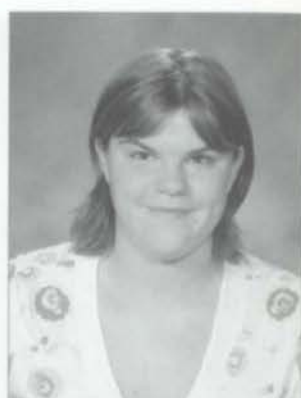


Haley Welch



Preston Allen

Eighth grade



Ashley Babcock



Chance Baker



Danton Callarman



Chantelle Campbell



Jimmie Christiansen



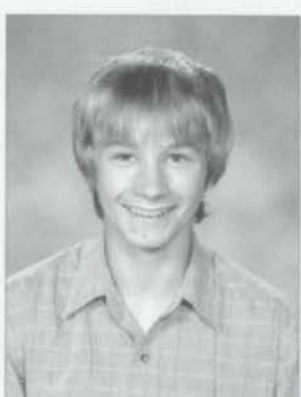
Kristin Clopp



Kenny Coatney



Danielle Collins



Dean Corbett



Christian Cruz



Derrick Ellis



Adam Greve



T. J. Johnson



Nicholas Morse



Shelby Novotny



Shayne Pruitt



Call Raida



Courtney Ritch



Taylor Scott



Cortney Showalter



Eddie Smedley



Kristen Spears



Jonni Stafford



Ryan Studebaker



John Sullivan



Brett Thornton



Dey-Leigh Willhite

Seventh ♦♦♦ grade



COUNT US IN



Mr. Dennis Nevin



Dixie Allen



Kegan Babcock



Ashly Collins



Bryson Corbett



Regan Powers



Stephanie Powers



Luke Rehmert



Samuel Stafford



Preston Stich



Kayla Vyhldal



Kristi Welch



Cash Baker



Kourtney Berg



Christina Donnelly



Amy Hougardy



Shandra Imhoff



Josie Julch



Keith Kane



Jordan Lowden



Nathaniel Madl



Tyler Robinson



Kelsey Spears



Jonathon Weich



Jordan Wheeler



Beverly Wire



Mrs. Sandy Wheeler



Fifth grade



Mrs. Donna Minor



Michael Hale



Keith Marquardt



Chris Murphy



Megan Goins



Cody Henry



Cheyenne Trout



Douglas Wire



Andrew Smedley



Harley Stangle



Desiree Scott



Cody Boles



Russell Carlson



Courtney Clopp



Keenan Coatney



Justin Donnelly



Ty Ellis



Lacy Greve



Ty Henry



Randy John



Elizabeth Ledesma



Nicholas Nickle



Dylan Pruitt



Kenzli Swisher



Jonathon Thornton



Dillon Vyhldal



Hope Williams



Ms. Becky Robinson



Third ♦♦♦♦ grade



Mrs. Angie Hines



Chase Davidson



Brandon Julich



Derek Robertson



Cheyenne Cox



Kelsi Jaynes



Elizabeth Thornton



Hunter Robinson



Tristan Thornton



Grant Robinson



Rayce Stiles



Roger Bennin



Thomas Campbell



Michael Cox



Dalton Dyke



Ashley Gage



Grace Hatcher



Jesse John



Niki Julich

Second ♦ ♦ ♦ grade



Haydon Kennedy



Raven Reid



Christian Swiler



Dakota Trout



Kawliga Vyhldal



Austin Waggoner



Kyle Welch

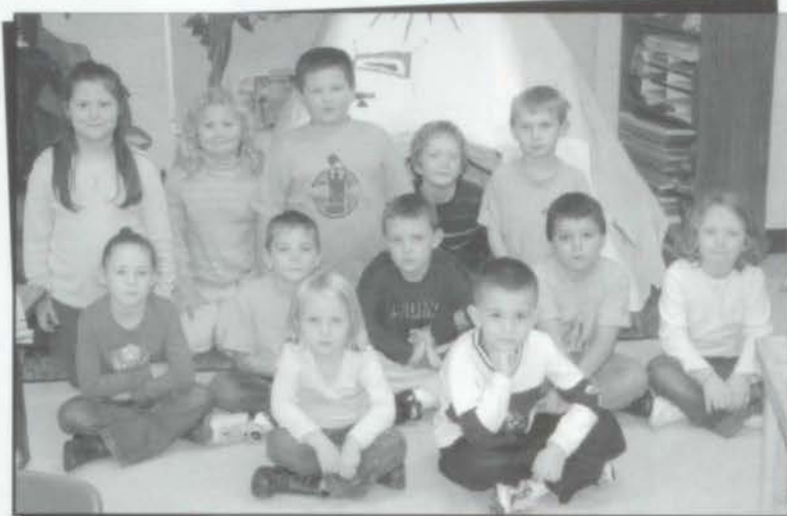


Michael Wire



Mrs. Patty Fletchall

First grade



Mrs. Patty Hasty



Katie Berg



Nathan Cope



Logan Frazier



Sara Goins



Jordan Loyd



Joshua Madl



Lane Raida



Jacob Robertson



Trenton Smedley



Mathew Thornton



Pamela Wire

Kindergarten



Ms. Cindy Hearson
Kristin Coatney
Madison Conder



Dylan Dyke
Kyra Henry
Hollie Holtzman
Garrett Hughes



Logan Jennings
Kaura Julich
Ethyn Kennedy
Max Lever



Pete Rehmert
Austin Reid
Jami Sullivan
Faith Taylor



Tiffany Taylor
Levi Tucker
James Welch
Gavin Williams





Tracy Burns, Para
Lisa Clopp, Cook

Faculty



Wilda Cross, English
Luz Cruz, Custodian



Virginia Francisco, Special
Education
Diana Garard, Librarian
Elbert Goins, Bus Driver
Allene Hensley, Spanish



Joy Holtzman, Library Aide
Helen Hull, Student Teacher
David Ingram, Art
Chris Jeffery, Principal



Lorraine Kilgore, FACS
Lynn Larkin, Para
Sheryl McCoy, Science
Cathy Medford, Math

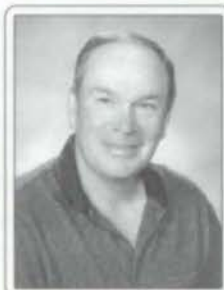


Right: Rhonda Seibel and Joy
Holtzman work on their i-movies at
Saturday IHT Class.



Far Left: Coach Seibel.
Left: Jim Wagner

Vern Minor, Physical
Education
Gloria Nevin, Secretary
Carol Pack, Para
Mitzi Raida, Cook



Janet Rehmert, Janitor
Marlene Rettman, Head Cook
Lenoir Rowland, Librarian
Rhonda Seibel, Para



Tim Seibel, Social Studies
Christian Simmons, Special
Education
Nancy Sherman, Title I
Tonya Torkelson, Music



Toni Umbarger, Para
Jim Wagner, Industrial Arts
Terri Walker, Title I
Jim Walters, Counselor



Betty Wheeler. . . says, "Hi!"



Sherry Welch, Para
Betty Wheeler, Business



Mr. Jeffrey fills in for the cooks.

Ms. Medford
helps serve cake at
Lena's farewell
party.



2005 National America's Miss National Cover Model



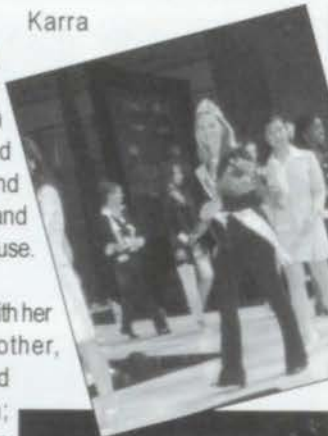
On July 10, 2004, Karra Reaves, senior at THS, was crowned America's Miss, Kansas Teen Cover Girl in Overland Park. This opened the door for a wide range of experiences for Karra. One such experience was the opportunity to participate in the National pageant in Los Angeles, California. So, Karra and her family spent 10 wonderful days in sunny California over Thanksgiving. While there, they visited Disney World, Hollywood, the Walk of Fame, and many other famous tourist attractions.

For Karra, the trip to LA meant winning another title—National American Miss Cover Model.

“ This has given me the opportunity to meet and talk with many teenagers. I have learned about self-confidence, perseverance and respect. I have learned about the problems and issues that most teenagers face while growing up. I would not trade my life experience in pageants for anything. I have met many new friends and that makes my pageant experience priceless. ”

In July of 2005, Karra traveled back to Overland Park, Kansas, to crown her successor. Her year of reigning was over. But, Karra will never forget the great year she had and the challenges she has ahead of her will seem less intimidating because of this experience. The Thayer Flyers are proud of you, Karra. Good Luck in all you do.

Top Row: Karra promenading down the runway; with her mom and brother, Ann and Jesse John; and with Mickey Mouse.



Bottom Row: with her dad and brother, Robert and Joseph John; between Kansas state pageant directors, Nicole and Sandy Palmgreen; and with her exchange sister, Nika



Mammadova, and her brothers, Jesse and Joseph John and Scott Reaves.

Robyn Studebaker

HOBY Presidential Classroom
Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership

HOBY

Robyn Studebaker, junior, was chosen to participate in the HOBY Presidential Classroom by making a trip to Washington D.C. to learn about citizenship and civic responsibility. While in Washington, during the cold winter week of January 22-29, Robyn got the chance to visit national treasures like Arlington Cemetery, Capitol Hill, the Vietnam Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Smithsonian. She witnessed legislators and influential citizens debate topics of local importance like No Child Left Behind and school finance.



Kansas Senator Pat Roberts and Robyn

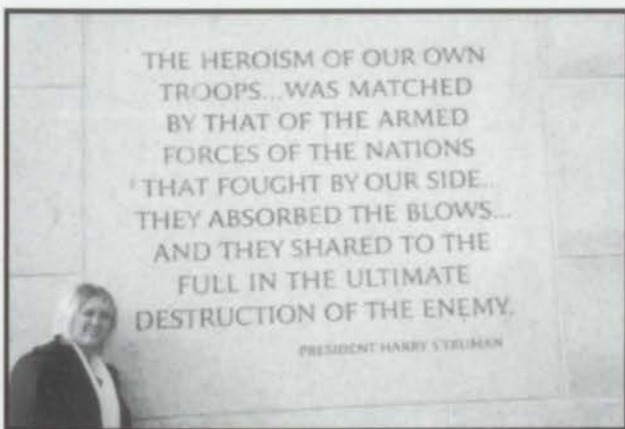
“
I am always busy here, always, but I love to get out and meet new people. This was a perfect opportunity to have a great experience outside of Thayer, Kansas.
”



at the Botanical Gardens



at Arlington Cemetery

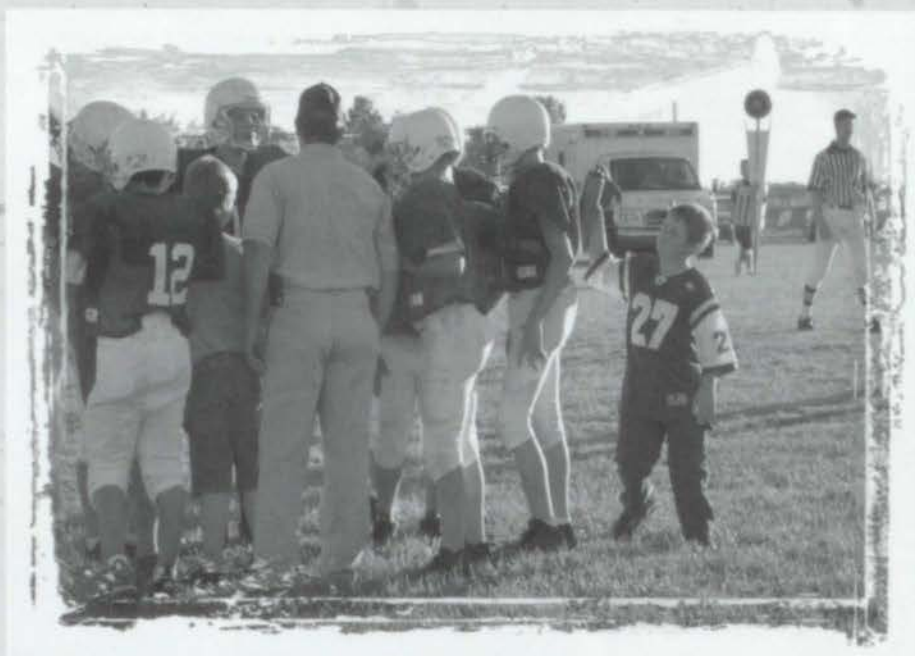


at the World War II Memorial



with Hugh O'Brien, actor and founder of the HOBY Leadership Program

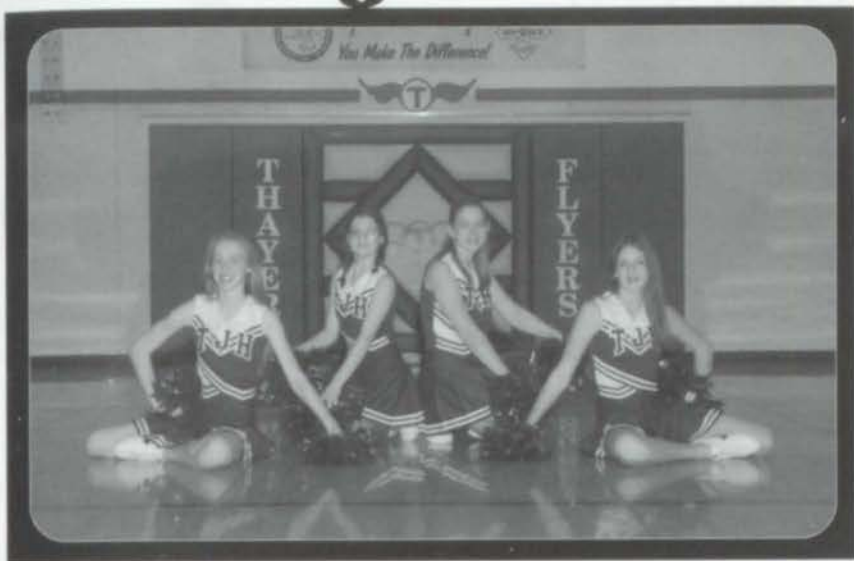
Junior High Sports



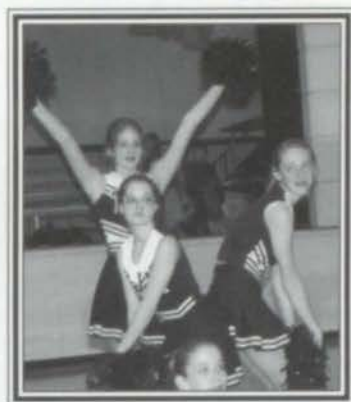
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Jr. High Cheerleaders



Left to Right: Danielle Collins, Chantelle Campbell, Cortney Showalter, Jonni Stafford



The girls end their dance with a smile.

GO TEAM!



Cortney Showalter dances the hello cheer during haltime.



Back: Chantelle Campbell and Danielle Collins. Front: Cortney Showalter



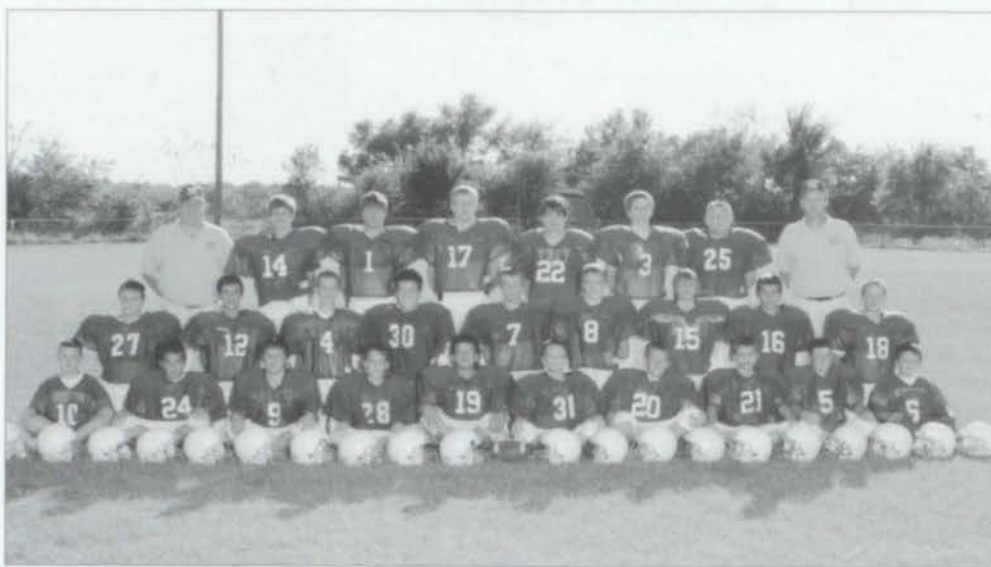
Jonni Stafford does a cheer between quarters.



Smile Big....The Jr. High Cheerleaders pose for a picture.

Twins Football

Back: Coach Tim Seibel, Danton Callarman, Ryan Studebaker, Ian Stich, Brett Thornton, Mark Mersman, Eddie Smedley, Asst. Coach Jim Walters.



Middle:

Preston Allen, Christian Cruz, Alex Tromsness, Shayne Pruitt, Chance Baker, Samuel Stafford, Dean Corbett, Robert Lukens, Kegan Babcock.

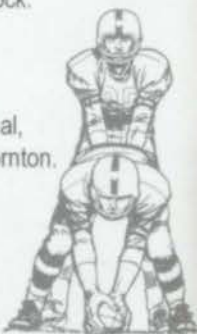
Above Front: Trenton Moore, John Sullivan, Preston Stich, Brett Bernal, Luke Rehmert, Lee Nading, Nick Morse, Adam Greve, Mgr. Tristan Thornton.



Above: Christian Cruz tries to shake a tackle while holding on to the football.



The Twins defense groups up to push the offensive line back behind the line of scrimmage.



Far Left:

Randy Burns, Billy Vining, Tony Vining, and Asst. Coach Chris Moore were recognized by the Twin football team as they were being mobilized to Iraq.



Left:

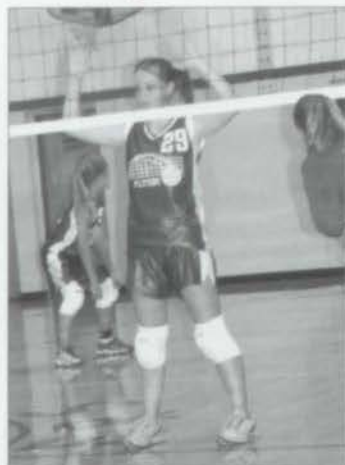
Nick Morse watches as his father, Billy Vining, is honored at halftime of the final home game.

Jr. High Volleyball

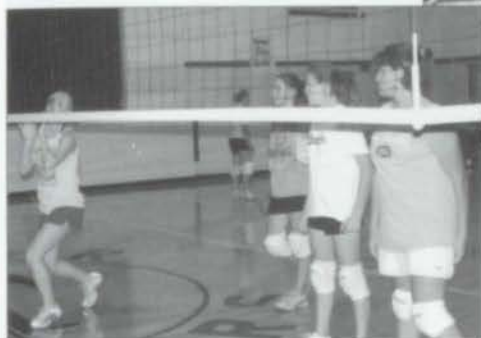


Above:
High School Volleyball players Whitney Clift and Amy Greif work with Regan Powers on her passing.

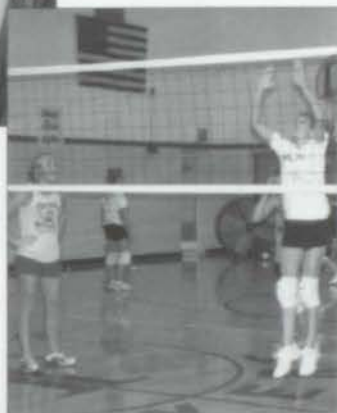
Below:
Kayla Vyhldal, Stephanie Powers and Dixie Allen laugh it up on the bench.



Above:
Shelby Novotny stands prepared to block at the net.



Left and Right:
Jena Wheeler demonstrates, then watches the Junior High girls execute proper blocking form.



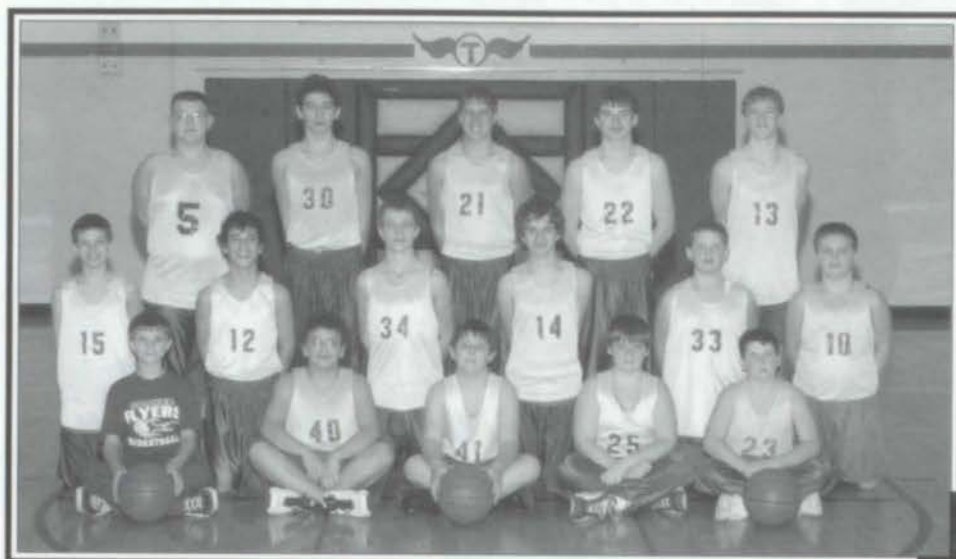
Back: Regan Powers, Courtney Showalter, Ashley Babcock, Cali Raida, Jonni Stafford, Stephanie Powers.

Middle: Coach Angie Hines, Dixie Allen, Dey-Leigh Willhite, Kayla Vyhldal, Mgr. D.J. Collins.

Front: Kristin Clopp, Courtney Ritch, Shelby Novotny, Kristi Welch, Chantelle Campbell, Taylor Scott.



JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL



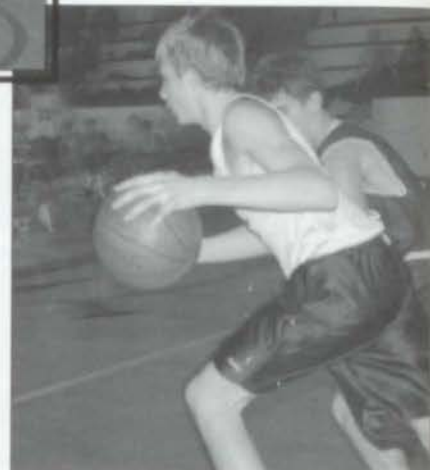
Top Row: Eddie Smedley, Kenny Coatney, Ryan Studebaker, Brett Thornton, Samuel Stafford. Middle Row: Nicholas Morse, Christian Cruz, Chance Baker, Danton Callarman, Kegan Babcock, Preston Allen. Bottom Row: Manager Bryson Corbett, Luke Rehmert, Preston Stich, Derrick Ellis, Adam Greve. Not pictured: Coach Rick Powers.



Ryan Studebaker tries to save the ball before it goes out of bounds.



Ryan Studebaker watches as Brett Thornton attempts the block.



Chance Baker heads down court against the St. Pat's Eagles.



Christian Cruz hustles on defense.

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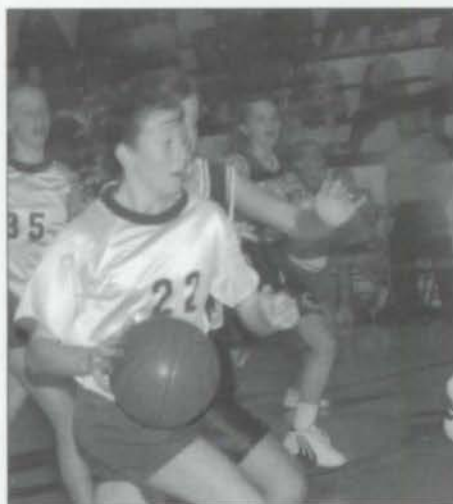
Jr. High Girls Basketball



Chantelle Campbell puts up the shot despite the block.



Kristin Clopp shoots from the baseline for the Flyers.



Kristin Clopp goes in for the lay up with defenders close behind.



Kristi Welch plays tough defense.



Kristen Spears puts up a shot while the Eagles try to stop her.



Top row: Cortney Showalter, Ashley Babcock, Coach Karl Thornton, Jonni Stafford, Cali Raida. Middle Row: Courtney Ritch, Ashly Collins, Stephanie Powers, Dey-Leigh Willhite, Dixie Allen, D.J. Collins. Bottom Row: Chantelle Campbell, Kristi Welch, Kayla Vyhldal, Shelby Novotny, Kristin Clopp, Taylor Scott, Kristen Spears.



Scholars Bowl

Back: Christian Cruz, Ashley Babcock, Chance Baker, Courtney Ritch, Ryan Studebaker, Kristi Welch, Brett Thornton, Kayla Vyhldal, Jonni Stafford, D. J. Collins, Mrs. Sheryl McCoy. Front: Preston Allen, Dey-Leigh Willhite, Stephanie Powers. Not Pictured: Dixie Allen, Eddie Smedley, Nick Morse and Kenny Coatney

Junior High Track

Back: Dey-Leigh Willhite, Chantelle Campbell, Kayla Vyhldal, Stephanie Powers, Nick Morse, Samuel Stafford, Ryan Studebaker, Brett Thornton, Kristin Clopp, Regan Powers. Front: Chance Baker, Kristi Welch, Christian Cruz, Courtney Ritch, Dean Corbett, Taylor Scott, Dixie Allen.



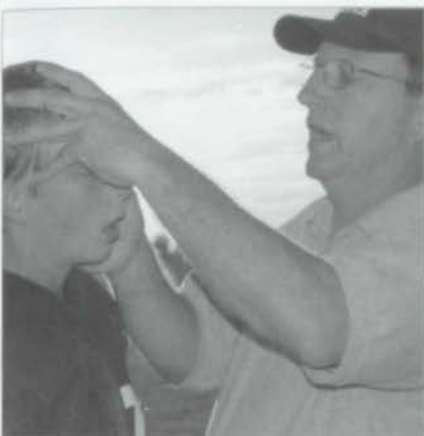
Chess

1st Row: Sara Goins, Roger Benin, Preston Stich, Rayce Stiles, Brandon Stich, Hope Williams, Keenan Coatney, Thomas Campbell, Katie Berg, Dalton Dyke. 2nd Row: Michael Wire, Raven Reid, Derrick Robertson, Tristan Thornton, Tyler Robinson, Kourtney Berg, Dylon Pruitt, Nick Nickle, Ty Henry, Cheyenne Cox. 3rd Row: Ty Ellis, Kenzli Swisher, Jacob Robertson, Kyle Welch, Pam Wire, Doug Wire, Chris Murphey, Preston Allen, Bryson Corbett, Nick Morse. 4th Row: Dean Corbett, Kenny Coatney, Patrick Campbell, Stephanie Powers, Dixie Allen, Ashley Collins, Danton Callarman. 5th Row: Shayne Pruitt, Eddie Smedley, Megan Goins, Keith Kane. Not Pictured: Nancy Sherman, Coach.

Junior High Snapshots

Spelling Bee

The winner was
Eddie Smedley.
And the runner up
was Chance Baker.



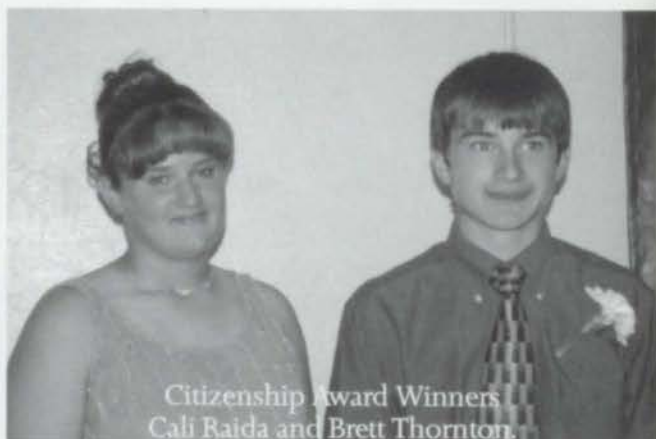
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Back: Derrick Ellis, Eddie Smedley, Kenny Coatney, Ryan Studebaker, Chance Baker, Brett Thornton, Danton Callarman, Shayne Pruitt, Christian Cruz. Middle: Adam Greve, Preston Allen, Taylor Scott, Cali Raida, Ashley Babcock, Cortney Ritch, Courtney Showalter, Nick Morse. Front: Dean Corbett, Chantelle Campbell, D. J. Collins, Shelby Novotny, Kristen Spears, Dey-Leigh Willhite, Kristin Clopp, Jonni Stafford, John Sullivan.



Everyone Counts



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SPIRIT!

SCHOOL PLAY



Clara Panowski, played by Nicole Holtzman, ponders her future.



Darby Willhite, playing Ester Oriole, hugs her animals.



The cast consisting of Hali Allen, Mandy Greif, Robyn Studebaker, Chesna Cavaness, Nicole Holtzman, Dawna Leck, Darby Willhite, and Haley Wheeler get together for a fun picture.

THE 2005 CAST AND CREW



Back: Nicole Holtzman, Hali Allen, Chesna Cavaness, Mandy Greif, Robyn Studebkaer, Scott Reaves, Jaleesa Scott, Andrew Allen, Ms. Wilda Cross.
Front: Haley Wheeler, Darby Willhite, Dawna Leck, and Tifny Spears.

CAST

Clara Panowski.....Nicole Holtzman
Ester Oriole.....Darby Willhite
Arby Clements.....Chesna Cavaness
Miss Monroe.....Hali Allen
Joe Johnston.....Dawna Leck
Mr. Dobbins.....Haley Wheeler
The Policewoman.....Mandy Greif
Frances Wells.....Robyn Studebaker



CREW

Make-Up.....Kayla Aikins & Kay Green
Hair.....Tifny Spears
Technical Crew.....Andrew Allen, Jaleesa Scott, and Scott Reaves

The rest home gang conducts its illegal poker game despite Miss Monroe's warnings.



Robyn

Joe Johnston, played by Dawna Leck, makes a date with Mrs. Panowski.



Dawna

Chesna

Darby

Miss Monroe, played by Hali Allen, lays down the rules.

Hali



Mandy

Arby and Joe, played by Chesna Cavaness and Dawna Leck, share a hug after finding out they can stay at Happy Hollow.

Nicole

Arby tries to humor Ester about her imaginary live animals.



Mr. Dobbins, played by Haley Wheeler, tries to sweet-talk Mrs. Panowski, played by Nicole Holtzman.

She's DEAD. . . Mrs. Panowski is carried away by Miss Monroe, the policewoman, played by Mandy Greif, and her lawyer, played by Robyn Studebaker.

Haley



Foreign Exchange Students

"Welcome to Thayer!"



The foreign exchange students all fight for a snack on their first school day in Thayer Kansas.



Sebastian Starroske, Max Shulepov, Nigar Mammadova, Lena Sabe, Hao Qin.

Leaving
OUR
MARK

At the beginning of the year, the Thayer community was very excited to be welcoming five foreign exchange students. Our school needed to bring up enrollment, so by welcoming them to our school, they were helping us to do just that. All of the THS students were excited. This would be the first time Thayer had ever welcomed so many foreign exchange students at once.

Not only were we nervous, but so were five strangers, traveling across the ocean to become a part of a family that they had never met. The transition was easier than any of us had expected. Before the community realized it, we were all treating them as if they had been citizens their whole lives. They did not treat us as strangers anymore either. With a little help, and some extra patience, we all helped to learn each others customs and needs. It turned out to be a great experience.



Lena Sabe

Host Family: Phillip & Kay Stich



I'm Lena Sabe! I came all the way across the Atlantic Ocean from Germany. I live in the west part of the state called Northshire, Westphalia. It's close to the Netherlands. We only live one and a half hours from the border, so we go over there quite often. Our countryside is popular for it's nice and old castles, and also cafes. It's pretty normal to ride bikes to town to get groceries, or go to the hairdresser, which is really different than here. I live with my parents, my older brother Jonas, and our dog. We live in a bridgestone house in town. My parents have their own business in our basement. They sell big rainwater collections. I go to a school on the school bus in a neighboring town around 20 minutes away. I have a lot of friends with whom I go to aerobic lessons twice a week, play soccer for fun, and go to parties. Germany is kind of economical. We don't normally eat from paper plates, and we have refunds on bottles and cans.

Who will you miss the most?

"I will miss my house family really bad. I will miss spending time with them. I will also miss all my friends and teachers at Thayer School, who helped me through hard times. Love you all!"

What was your favorite memory about Thayer Kansas?

"The first time I saw a football game. I loved the way the cheerleaders and everyone cheered for the Flyers."

Nigar Mammadova

Host Family:
Robert & Ann John



The country I came from is Azerbaijan, which is now an independent Republic. I live in a little town. We have a lot of beautiful places to hang out at. We have a sea, waterfalls, mountains, hot springs, and etc. I live in the south part of my country, so the climate is warm, hot in the summer, cold in the winter, but it is wet. I like to walk everywhere. The people are nice, we all know one another. We welcome everyone who comes to our town. That is probably why a lot of Americans live in my town.

My family is not big. It consists of 3 people. Those people are my dad, mom, and I. However, I do have a lot of relatives. We love to get together. I live on the third floor of a nine-floor apartment. It's one of the tallest apartment buildings in my town. My mom is a teacher. She works at my school. She teaches our national language, Azeri. My dad has a government job in my town. The name of his job is a Combine of Communal Concern. As for me I'm graduating this year from high school. I want to be an English interpreter. I like reading, finding out interesting information, hanging out with my friends, and always trying to do my best in everything.

Who will you miss the most?

"I'll miss everybody, especially my house family and friends."

What was your favorite memory?

"To tell the truth, I can't answer this question. Since I came to the USA, I have had a lot of great memories."

Max Shulepov

Host Family: Larry & Janet Babcock

I came from Uzbekistan, known as "sunny state" of the world. Uzbekistan is a young, developing country. It became independent in 1991. We have a democratic government, which works for the benefit of all people. Our republic consists of 13 states. I live in the Khorexm region, one of the ancient places in the world. It admits thousands of tourists every year. We have a continental climate. We've got hot and dry summers and cold winters.

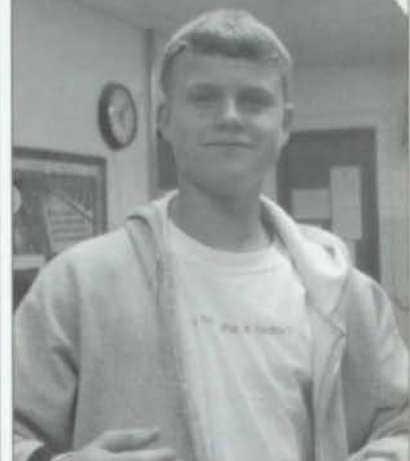
Our family consists of four people: my dad, mom, my sister, and me. My dad's name is Mikhail. He works in the service of National Security. My mom's name is Olga, and she teaches how to play the piano in music school. My sister's name is Anastasia. She is in the fifth grade. We have a very friendly family.

Was it worth leaving your family and friends?

"Yes"

Who will you miss the most?

"Friends and Family"



What was your favorite memory?

Playing Football!

Sebastian Starroske

Host Family: Randy & Cheryl Studebaker



What was your favorite memory?

"The vacation to Branson that I took with my host family last summer."

I'm from Germany. I live in the center of Germany, in a state which is called Thuringia. Thuringia belonged to the eastern part of Germany and is still not as developed in economy and in structure as the states of the western part. My village has 2000 inhabitants and is pretty old (we celebrated the 1260th birthday of my home last year). Germany has a high population density. You usually have to drive only two or three miles to the next town, but we still have a lot of nature. My state is also called the "Green Heart of Germany," because it has a lot of nice forests and nice nature. In Thuringia, the elevation ranges from 200 ft. in the valleys to 3000 ft. in the mountains. It is not so flat like Kansas.

Back in Germany the people are more open and direct than here in the U.S. People in Thuringia also are very proud of their traditions and especially about their food products and beers. The drinking age in Germany is between 16 and 18, but you can't drive before you are 18. Soccer is our national sport.

I have some relatives in other parts of Germany, too, but most of my relatives live very close. Both of my parents have studied at a University. My mom is now a teacher and my dad works in a grocery store chain. I have two little brothers. Their names are Bruno and Friedrich. Bruno turns five in September and Friedrich is now three years old. My grandparents live in the same village like me, so we have a lot of parties together.

Hao Qin

Host Family: Justin & Tonya Woolery

I came from Berlin City, Germany. I went out at least once a week to clubs and parties. I have a lot of friends back home and we do a lot of fun stuff together. My family is a very nice one. We go out together on Sundays, and if not, we usually do a family thing once a week.

Was it worth leaving your family and friends?

"Sure. I improved my English, I guess. I also found a new family and friends."

How did you like Thayer, Kansas?

"Thayer is way too small. Nothing to do around here, especially on the farm."

Who will you miss the most?

"My family here, Justin, Tonya, Keith, and Trace."



"I don't really like basketball that much". . .

Max Shulepov and Sebastian Starroske participated in all three sports during their stay in Thayer.



Learning to Type . . .

Nigar Mammadova, as well as Hao Qin, learned to use the American keyboard and then to create movies and multimedia projects.



What the heck is a yell session? . . . Sebastian and Lena are apprehensive about this American custom.

An American high school dance . . .

Hao Qin demonstrated his dancing ability at the Christmas Dance.



Year 8 Hubba . . .
The boys decided to make fun of their favorite coaches on famous couples day.

Count Us In

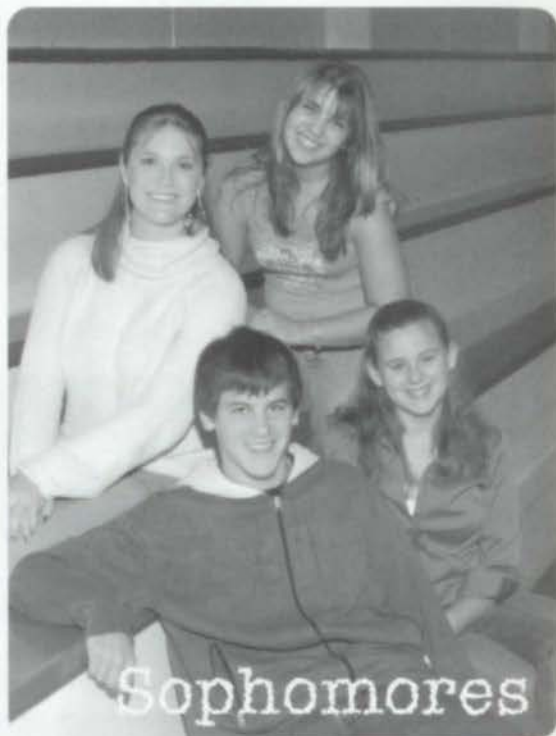
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Freshmen

Left: Tara Buster, Treasurer; Wendy Stafford, Vice-President; Jana Aikins, Secretary; and Caleb Seibel, President, chilling out in the janitor's closet.

Below: Darby Willhite, President; Dawna Leck, Treasurer, Haley Wheeler, Secretary; Brian Powers, Vice-President sitting in the stands.



Sophomores

Here come the Juniors with Kay Green, Treasurer; David Seibel, Vice-President; Robyn Studebaker, President; and Mandy Raida, Secretary.



Juniors

For the Seniors here comes President Kayla Aikins, Treasurer Whitney Clift, Vice-President Kristin Buster, and Secretary Nicole Holtzman.



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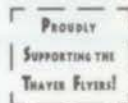
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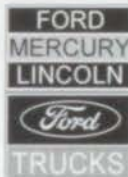
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The Last Page

This school year started out much like the last one ended. . . full of uncertainty and frustration at the political workings of CUSD #101. Lawsuits, lawyers, the State Board of Education, committees, campaigns, elections, and a three-way community tug-of-war for control of the fate of our school pervaded the conversations of high school and junior high students. "Where will you go to school next year?" was the question most often asked of our students whether at home, at school activities, or at Wal-Mart.

An all-out election campaign war ensued when the anti-consolidation groups sought to overturn the balance of power on the local school board by supporting incumbant Steve Wheeler, St. Paul representative Michael Beachner, and write-in candidate Paul Westhoff. Wheeler and Beachner won, but Westhoff's opponent, Jim Dyson, was declared the winner of that position. Westhoff requested a recount, and two weeks later, Paul Westhoff was declared the winner due to an error in calculations at the county clerk's office. But, once again, the vote was not final. Jim Dyson filed an appeal on the grounds of election fraud claiming dishonesty by poll workers in Thayer. On Thursday, May 19th, Judge "Buck" Lyle found no evidence to support throwing out the election. Paul Westhoff would claim the seat in July returning the school board to a non-consolidation majority.

It would seem that things were headed in the right direction, but in the midst of the election proceedings, the State Board of Education, in an unprecedented move, voted to allow the St. Paul school district and facilities to join up with USD #505 in Chetopa, Kansas--40 miles away. Now, the question arises as to whether the St. Paul board members, Scott Smith and Michael Beachner, would be allowed to serve out their terms since they no longer live in District #101. As of June 20th, yet another lawsuit had been filed by Erie and Galesburg patrons to prevent them from serving their terms of office.

Students and staff at Thayer High School were asked to continue in the education process as if everything was fine, when in reality, education was the farthest thing from their minds. Every sentence was prefaced with either, "If we have a school next year. . ." or "In the event that we don't have a school next year, you need to . . ." Teachers were faced with the choice of staying on and being reassigned as needed throughout the district, or with moving on. Two high school teachers, Cathy Medford and Sheryl McCoy, were given notice of non-renewal of their contracts due to reduction-in-force. Lorraine Kilgore and Virginia Francisco decided to retire. Jim Wagner and I made the decision to move to another school district-- Jim to Parsons and me to Neodesha. Jim Seibel, Vern Minor, and Wilda Cross decided to hang in and see what happens.

The Thayer community is still looking for solutions for keeping the high school open. Whether it be transferring to another district or trying to work within the CUSD #101 system, the community has made a commitment to keep fighting until there are no options left. On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to thank the Thayer community for its willingness to fight for the school, putting their personal pursuits on hold for the sake of the kids. In the words of Kayla Aikins, 2005 Senior Class Valedictorian, in her graduation address, "It will never be said that Thayer High School went down without a fight." See next year's yearbook for the rest of the story. . .

by Betty Wheeler, Yearbook Advisor

