## REALTYY BITES

## IF YOU COULD DO ANYTHING TO CHANGE A CLASSROOM, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"Add stereo sound."
"Get rid of study halls."
"Chew gum and candy."
-KELLI HARPER
"Have movies every day."
-CORY KENNEDY

SHARING information with some friends, eighth graders John Wittrock, TylerStevens, ChuckHershey, Eric Brown and Jimmy Tometich find it helpful to work together. Classroom teachers used cooperative learning for group projects.


QUINCY ALBER
ROBERT ALLIE CHRISTINA ANDERSON JESSE ANDERSON COLIN ASKELSEN AARON BARNETT

BEAU BARRETT CODY BASS BRETT BATHEL KRISTINE BEAMAN HEATHER BEDINGFIELD HEATHER BEHN

MARCI BENNETT LANE BIELFELT RYAN BIUSTROM COURTNEY BLOMGREN NATHAN BOESEN JEREMY BOGUE

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## FUTURE PREP

## What can you possibly do today that will prepare you for tomorrow?

Standing on your own two feet sounded like something you would tell an adult to do. At least it sounded like somthing a teacher should tell a senior when he/she was graduating.

Tthe members of the seventh and eighth grades knew by the end of the year this was exactly what would be expected of them when they enetered high school. Not everyone believed that this could be done. However, it was the goal of many parents and teachers.
"My parentsalways tell methat I'd better start studying more so that I can keep my grades up when I get in high school," seventh grader Josh Davidson said. "I know that I need to have decent
grades in order to go to college." Many of the classes went beyond the workbooks or daily lesson plans. Teachers used discussion formats so that students could see the connection between a story that they might have read and how it applied to "real life."
"I really enjoy my classes. I especially like it when we get to work on projects. This makes it more fun to do the research and apply it to what we are learning," eighth grader Allyson Knutson said.

Sometimes it was hard to convince the students that what they were learning today would be good for tom.orrow. However, the more they worked, the more they made the connection.


HELPINGHANDS with homework problems, eighth grader Kim Stone asks Mrs. Angie McConkey a math question. Teachers made themselves available for additional help before and after school.



WHAT'S THIS? Brady Platter tries to figure out what is on his hand while Denna Carpenter looks at it also. Students found that they got very dirty when they were working on some art projects.

## REALTTY BITES WHAT DO YOU DO DURING STUDY HALL?

"I usually go to the IMC so that I can read some magazines."
-TRAVIS MOORMAN
"I try to get homework done that I didn't do the night before."
-SHAWN FAY
"I talk to my friends until I get caught."
-JENNY MIKESELL

WHAT A DAY and thinking about taking a break, eighth grader Marty McIntyre works on his final industrial arts project. Students learned safety procedures while working on a variety of classroom assignments.


ONE LAST VISIT with eighth grader Cory Rose, junior high principal Mr. Harold Smith goes over rules. Mr. Smith announced his retirement from the school system at the end of the year.

AMANDA ELSBERRY MELISSA ENGLEEN JONATHAN ERB MICHEAL ETRINGER SHAWN FAY
JEANNA GARVEY

NICK GETSCHMAN
SCOTT GILDEA
EMILY GLYNN
SARAH GRUSH
SCOTT GUNION
DAVID HAILA

JEANNETTE HAMIL
C.T. HAMMOND HOLLY HAMPTON TRAVIS HARDMAN KELLI HARPER JOEL HENRY


## NEW DIRECTION

## Friends are always there when you need them

Friendships became a way of life. If anything could be said about them, it was that nothing was constant.
"I found that my friends changed as my interests changed. I tried to keep my old friends, but I also wanted to make new ones," eighth grader Tyler Smith said.

The people who had lockers near each other ended up having something in common. Many times they chose to share books
or walk to classes with each other.
"My lockermate and I always sat outside in the hallways in the mornings. We tried to catch up on homework or just talk," seventh grader Jim Pratt said.

Most of the time, there was not a great deal for friends to do except go to the show, talk on the phone, or just hang out. The one thing that usually happened was that as people found things in common, friendships developed.


ALLISON HOCKETT HEIDI HOCKETT CHAD HOUSTON JOSH HOVICK KATIE HOWE CLINT HURLEY

EVAN HUTCHINSON KIA IHLE
JASON INGRAM AARON JACKSON JOEL JACOBSEN RANDY JOHNSON

JAMES JONES LYNN JONES JENA KELLEY CORY KENNEDY TAMMY KEPPLE JON KNEZEVICH

DAN KOENEMAN CHRIS KRAMER HOLLY LAHNER SAMANTHA LEBO TRACY LEHMAN KARA LESTINA

SPENDING TIME TOGETHER over lunch, Colleen Thomas, Jessica Jones and Amanda Foster catch up on recent gossip. Junior high had 28 minutes for lunch


USING CELAN UP TIME, Heather Morphew and Tiffany Ellis put mops in their hands. Others students knew that they had to help each hour with clean-up duties.


ADRIANE LEWIS CHRISTOPHER LINDERBLOOD ERIC LINDGREN RYAN LOGAN JAMES LYNCH JOSHUA LYNCH

NATHAN MALLAS JENNY MCCLOUD MOLLY MCCONKEY JESSICA MCDANEL KRISTIN MCDEVITT NICOLE MCGLYNN

MARTY MCINTYRE JENNY MEIBORG ASHLY MENTZER JOSH MICHEL JENNY MIKESELL JASON MILLER


## मEALITY BITES <br> WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE?

"I was taking a shower and someone walked in. I was naked."
-CORY KENNEDY
"The first day of school, I got lost."
-TRAVIS MOORMAN
"I was walking down the hall with a 'kick me' sign on my back." -JOHN ERB
"I got de-pants at basketball practice."
-CHRIS MURPHY
"I tripped in the hall and all of my books fell."
-CHRIS DeKOVIC


## HEALTYY BITES

## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE?

| "Florida for all the babes." | -JOSH SMITH |
| :--- | ---: |
| "Africa." | -AMY NYSTROM |
| "Paris." | -JENNY ENGNELL |
| "California." | -JOE CARVER |
| "Australia." | -KARLY AVIS |
| "Anywhere but here." | -NICK SAWYER |



TAKING A BIT OF REALITY, 8th graders Kim Irons. Mindi Becker, Kristi Harris and Annie Mahood talk to Nicole Brogden about what they did over the weekend.

BEAU OVERTON JUSTIN OVERTON ANDY PEPPLES GARRETT PIKLAPP BRADY PLATTER ADAM POVAH

JAMES PRATT
TONYA PRATT JOSHUA REECE ALYSSA REINHART KATE REYNOLDSON LUKE RICKERTT

SHANNON RINEHART ANGELA ROBINSON KAYLEA ROBINSON JOHN ROSE LAO SANCHEZ ERIC SANDEGREN -



## П管ALITY BITES

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR?

"I have no fear."
"'The boredom."
"Going bungee jumping."
"Not getting things done."
"Not good enough grades."
"Losing."
-AL WOLFGRAM
-JACOB WINGFIELD
-JOSH HANSON
-RYAN PERVIER
-CE CE BALDUS
-AMANDA JOHNSON




DURING SOCIAL STUDIES, Mr. Harry Robinson makes sure that no one has any

CAMPING OUT WITH FRIENDS in the
cafeteria, a group of eighth graders eat and socialize all at the same time.
questions before starting a test.


NO FEAR HERE as Jarod Hansen, Jessica Jones, Ann Byriel, Andrea Newman and Amanda Wiley work on a cooperative project during the fall retreat at the $Y$ Camp.


FAWN WOIWOOD ALBERT WOLFGRAM
LINDA WOOD
SARA YUNGCLAS
SHYLA ZENTER

## HEALTHY BITES

## IF YOU COULD SPEND A DAY WITH ANY FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Michael Jordan
Brad Pitt
Grant Hill (basketball)
Tom Cruise
Shaq
Keanae Reeves
Johnny Depp
-MATT BANFORD
-DANIELLE NORTON
-JOEL HITSMAN
-TRISHA KOPPIT
-JEFF TROTTER
-DENISE WAGNER
-MICHELLE ROBB


YOUNG WRITERS, Ryan Logan, Adrian Lewis and Josh Hovick share ideas for their stories. English classes gave students time to use their creative skills.

ARTIS FUN and trying to find their nitch in life eighth graders Sara Muse and Caleb Hockett try to draw their best. In junior high, everyone had to take at least one quarter of art in order to be introduced to different creative styles.


JESSICA ACKERMAN ADAM ANDERSON ERIK ARP HEATHER ARRINGDALE

KARLY AVIS JENNY BACKOUS

ERIN BAKER CECELIA BALDUS JEREMY BANE MATT BANFORD

JASON BASS
JASON BAUER

MINDI BECKER NICOLE BEYER STACI BIEHN MEGENTA BINSTOCK MATTHEW BLAHA EMILY BLUMER


## EXPRESS YOURSELF

## Young writers are given the chance of a lifetime

Did you know there were thirty very talented authors in junior high? These students were fortunate enough to attend an annual event hosted by Iowa State University.
"I enjoyed the Young Writers' Conference because it is a lot of fun. I like to expand my knowledge of writing and meeting people my age that like to write like I do," eighth grader Stephanie Kretlow said.

Students were asked to submit writings if they were interested in going to the Conference. These students were then asked to attend.
"I was really excited when Miss Hagen had asked me if I would like to go," eighth grader Rachel

Gould said.
On April 21 at 8:15 a.m., the students boarded the bus. They were accompanied by Miss Hagen and Mrs. Connie Olson. They were on their way to Ames for an event that they were promised they would never forget.
"I got great tips from the authors that were there," seventh grader Courtney Blomgren said.

Students were able to choose a workshop of their choice. Some of the popular choices were "The Dream to Write" and "Top Ten Lists." After this, they attended a sharing session and a "troupe" session.
"I enjoyed reading other people's stories," seventh grader Amanda Byas said.

These young writers brought back new and creative ideas to use in their stories for English classes. They all agreed the experience was a good one and could help them in the future.

GETTING BUSY and concentrating on an important assignment, seventh grader Josh Hovick writes down his thoughts. Students seemed to put more effort into assignments that were worth major points in the class.


DEREK BORCHERDING MARANDA BRADEN NICOLE BROGDEN ERIC BROWN
NATHAN BUCKINGHAM LAURA BURDETTE

ANN BYRIEL
JOEY CARVER ERIC CHRISTENSEN ALICIA COBB BECKY COLVIN BRADLEY CROUTHAMEL

JERRY CUNNINGHAM JODI DAIGH MATTHEW DAY TRISTA DILLON ERIN DRAKE ERIC DUFFEE


ENJOYING PIZZA in the cafeteria, Sara Muse, Kim Stone, Shonelle Kudrna, Amanda Foster and Colleen Thomas find there is plenty of time to spend with friends. Students had the choice of snack bar or regular line for lunch.

## ПEALITY BTTES WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PIG OUT FOOD?

"Pizza."
"Chinese food."
"Mac Cheese."
"Pizza."
"Subway."
"Frozen yogurt."
-JENNY MEIBORG
-GARRETT PIKLAPP
-HEATHER BEHN
KRISTEN HENDERSON
-COLLEEN THOMAS
-TRACY LEHMAN

MARCI ELLER ALISSA ELSBERRY JENNIFER ENGNELL MYSTI ESCHLIMAN LACY ESLINGER KEVIN FERGUSON

JEFF FITZGERALD NICOLAS FONTANINI AMANDA FOSTER JESSI FOSTER STEFANIE FOSTER JEREMY FRANK

JENNIFER FRISK SHANNON FUSON TAMI GANO RACHEL GOULD ANDREW GRIMM CYNTHIA GRUNDSTAD

HOLLY HALL SHERRI HALL JULIANNE HAMIL JUSTIN HAMMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER JERROD HANSON


## BIG DECISIONS TO MAKE

## To go or not to go...that is the question...

"When I want to go places, my mom has to take me, "eighth grader Cory Harstad said.

For the senior high students it was usually easy for them to get from place to place, but for the junior high students it was a little more difficult. Most of the students in high school were old enough to drive or had friends that could drive. The junior high students, however, were not old enough to drive, so they had to
rely on parents or other family members to take them places.
"I usually ride my ped when it is nice out, but when it is not nice out I have to have my mommy take me," eighth grader Luke Herrick said.

As seasons changed so did their mode of transportation. Students were then able to depend on their mopeds and/or bikes to get to where they want to go. Of course there were always students that
enjoyed the weather and walked to their destinations.
"My friends and I like to walk and ride our bikes. Sometimes if the weather is crappy we have to get a ride from one of our parents," seventh grader Jennifer Vancannon said.

It seemed like a lifetime before they could have their license and drive their own cars. However, everyone did what they had to at the present to get somewhere.


WORKING HARD to keep grades up, Chad Houston and Brad Schlieman study in the hall. Students knew they would be rewarded for good grades


KIDS' STUFF and still having fun, students meet in the outdoors to ride a tire swing. Sometimes just relaxing and letting go was the best stress reliever.

TRUST and friendship go together and that's just what the students at the fall retreat found out. They learned how to trust their fellow classmates while doing the trust-fall.


TASHA KESTER NICK KILSTROM ALLYSON KNUTSON

TRISHA KOPPIT STEPHANIE KRETLOW ANNE KRUMHARDT

KRIS EN KRUMHARDT SHONELLE KUDRNA SARA KUDRON BLAKE LAGER BEN LARREW KATIE LIND

BRENT LOVIN ROBERT MADSON JOHN MAHONEY ANNIE MAHOOD RYAN MAJORS MISTY MARTIN



## REALTHY BTHES

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GET OLDER?

"A surgeon."
"A farmer."
"A dental hygienist."
"A fighter pilot."
"A computer analyst or violinist."
"A writer."
"I want to make plastics at the end of shoe strings."
-ALLEN JOY

-JESSE McCOY

-JULIE HAMIL


JOSH MARTZ
BENJAMIN MATTHIES
MICHAEL MATTSON
JESSE MCCOY
TIMOTHY MCGLYNN JASON MCNACE

JASON MILLARD
CHARLES MILLER
VEE MILLER
DOUG MITCHELL
ADAM MODELAND
TRAVIS MOORMAN

CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
SARAH MUSE
SARAH MUSSER
KAREN MYERS
STEPHANIE MYHERVOLD
MOLLY NASH


CLASSROOM ACTIVITY means Chad Houston, Jeannette Hamil and Brad Schlieman follow directions. Teachers tried to keep lessons interesting in order to keep the attention of the students

## REALTHY BITES MORE OF...IF YOU COULD BE SOMEONE FAMOUS...WHO?

"Emit Smith."
"RickiLake."
"SylvesterStalone."
"President Clinton."
"David Letterman."
"Mo Vaughn."
"Julia Roberts."
"Brad Pitt."

MELISSA NELSON HEATHER NEWBROUGH ANDREA NEWMAN DANI NORTON MICHAEL OATMAN AARON OLSON

JASON PATTEN JEFFREY PATTEN ELEANA PATTERSON ANDY PEDERSEN NATHAN PEEBLER RYAN PERVIER

AARON PETERSEN GREGORY PIKLAPP JENNIFER PLUMMER AARON RAMSEY TROY RARDIN TANYA REED


## JUNIOR HIGH VS. SENIOR HIGH

## Is there really a difference?

Some students wondered if there was a relation between junior and senior high. Did they do different things on the weekends and on holidays? There were only limited things to do with certain age groups.
"I go to the show in Boone, then over to a friends' house and just hang out. My curfew is around 10:00, so I really can't do much stuff after the show," eighth grader Chris Murphy said.
"I usually go to Des Moines or go out with my girlfriend. I don't have a curfew anymore, as long as my parents know what I'm doing and who I am with," sophomore Chris Orr said.

Money. It was something that everyone wanted a lot of. But
how did students obtain it? Most junior high students could work in the summer either detassling or walking beans. Most senior high students worked part or full time throughout the school year and full time in the summer. But what did they do with this money?

Did the age difference have anything to do with the way it was spent?
"I walk beans so I can buy new school clothes, and having a little extra cold hard cash for my chicks," eighth grader Matt Blaha said.
"I work at Belluci's with an average of twenty hours per week. I spend most of my money fixing my truck up and buying clothes," senior J.R. Murray said.

It was a topic that neither parent nor student could agree on: CURFEWS. Senior high was a time that junior high looked forward to so they could have later hours at home. A small majority of senior high students had a curfew. Some in junior high had the same time limit as senior high.
"It all depends on what mood my mom is in. She usually doesn't give me a curfew unless I have to do something early the next day," eighth grader Amy Hopkins said.

LEANING INTO TRUST eighth graders John Wittrock and Eric Brown try the trust test. Students knew that they had to count on each other for support while in junior high.



FUTURE ATHLETES, Nick Nerem, Marty McIntyre, Adam Povah and John Rose stop the football game to show their enthusiasm. Even though competition was a part of sports, learning basic skills was more important..

## HEALTYY Bite WHEN YOU GO SOMEWHERE...HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

"To get to school, I ride the bus, but to go anywhere else, I have my parents or my friends' parents take us."
-KIM IRONS
"My friends and I like to ride our bikes."
-TAMI RUSSELL
"In the winter, I get rides with friends and in the summer, we like to just walk."
-KELLI HILL
"I like to ride my bike on trails when it gets nice outside."
-CODY BASS

SARAH SPRINGER KENNETH STEVENS TYLER STEVENS BEN STONE KIMBERLY STONE JON STRABLEY

BRIAN STREIFF TIMOTHY TERRELL ANDREA THEDE JILL THIEBEN CHRISTY THOMAS COLLEEN THOMAS

PAT TILLEY JIMMY TOMETICH MARY TRUCKENMILLER ALICIA VANCANNON DAVID VANDERBROEK EMILY VINSON



DENISE WAGNER RHONDA WALROD JUSTIN WALTER JENNY WARREN
JOSH WELCHER
LORA WESTBERG

WENDY WESTBERG
NEIL WESTRUM
BRANDON WHITACRE
SARAH WIKERT
BILL WILCOX
AMANDA WILEY

MARIA WILHITE
JOHN WITTROCK
JACOB WOODLEY
"Mr. Davis says that he can use us when we get in the high school. I hope so because I love doing this."
-BECKY COLVIN
JUNIOR HIGH TRAINERS:
Mysti Eschliman, Becky Colvin, Stephanie Kretlow.
"I've always wanted to be in plays. This was fun."
-JENNY MIKESELL
JUNIOR HIGH PLAY CAST:
Row 1: Holly Lahner, Cindi Grundstad, JulianneHamil,KelliHarper, KatieHowe, Andy Pedersen. Row 2: Jenny Mikesell, Amanda Foster, Amanda Byas, Andrea Thede, Lane Bielfelt, Kari Newman,Heidi Hockett,Justin Wirtz, Mark Olofson. Back Row: Jessie Ackerman, Heather Schwechel, Jill Thieben, Kristen Henderson, Rhonda Walrod, Andrea Newman, James Jones.
"We got to learn how to run the lights. The best part was going up in the catwalk."
-ERIC VERHELST

## JUNIOR HIGH TECH CREW:

ROW 1: Jena Kelley, Kara Lestina, Karen Myers, Amanda Wiley, Heather Behn, Eric VerHelst. Row 2: Kristy Harris, Mindi Becker, Marcy Webb, Sarah Wikert, Ryan Stone, Ashley Campbell. Row 3: Jason Millard, Terrance Korte, Rachel Gould, Mysti Eschliman, Ryan Logan, Christy Thomas.


"We didn't have that many projects during the year. It seems that maybe we could get more organized and do more."
-JOSH SMITH

STUDENT CONGRESS:
Row 1: Allison Hockett, Kara Lestina, Tiffini Ellis, Julie Bracklein, Amanda Wiley. Row 2: Holly Lahner, Karen Myers, Alisha Cobb, Cindi Grundstad, Shonelle Kudrna. Back Row: Josh Smith, Chris Murphy, Matt Blaha, Travis Moorman, Nick Getschman, Brett Bathel, Colin Askelsen.
"When we tried out, I didn't know what to expect. It was really fun cheering."
-KAREN MYERS
BOYS BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING:
Sara Shearer, Kristy Harris, Karen Myers, Anne Byriel, Sarah Wikert.
"I hope that when we get older, we'll have as much fun cheering."
-AMANDA WILEY
GIRLS BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING: Alicia Cobb, Amanda Wiley, Julianne Hamil.
"Learning new cheers is fun. I like going to practice and seeing what we get to do next."

## -AMY HOPKINS

WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS: Amy Hopkins, Alissa Elsberry.
"My most memoral moment was when I threw a 58 yard pass to Aaron Ramsey for the touchdown against Norwalk."
-MATT BLAHA
8TH GRADE FOOTBALL:
Row 1: Jimmy Tometich, Troy Rardin, Bobby Madson, Erik Arp, Jon Strabley, Nathan Buckingham, Jason Bower, Josh Smith, Dan Moeller, Andy Pederson, Jon Wittrock. Row 2: Eric Christensen, Aaron Ramsey, Tim McGlynn, Adam Anderson, Blake Loger, Bill Wilcox, Travis Moorman, Jeff Fitzgerald, Eric Brown, Eric Duffee. Row 3: Jason Mallard, Joe Rhodd, Jerrod Hanson, Zack Kapfer, Kris Murphy, Scott Degeneff, Scott Blaha, John Mahoney, Ryan Pervier, Tyler Smith.
"I love cheering outside. It is so much fun to be down on the field cheering for the players."
-JULIE HAMIL
8TH GRADE FOOTBALL
CHEERLEADERS:
Row 1: Sarah Wikert, Julie Hamil, Amy Hopkins. Back Row: Ann Byriel, Amanda Wiley, KristiHarris, AliciaCobb.


"I think we'll be really good when we're juniors and seniors. We play like a team and not individual stars."
-JAIME LYNCH

7TH GRADE FOOTBALL:
Row 1: Chris Brandt, Rob Wetzeler, Jamie Jones, Ashly Mentzer, Albert Westberg, Adam Povah, Garrett Piklapp, Nate Wellendorf. Row 2: Kelli Hill, Bryce Carlson, Jason Ingram, Aaron Jackson, Justin Overton, David Haila, Josh Reece, Jesse Andersopn, Colin Askelsen, C.T. Hammond. Row 3: Mark Swan, Marty McIntyre, Nick Nerem, Jordan Clark, Chad Houston, Cody Neely, Quincy Alber, Clint Hurley, Brian Dotzler, Eric VerHelst. Row 4: Mike Myers, Jon Erb, Ryan Bjustrom, Cory Kennedy, Beau Barrett, Brad Schlieman, Joe Schwarz, Brent Moore, John Rose, Gentry Ouverson. Row 5: Nick Getschman, Chris Linderblood, Nick Mortenson, Nathan Boesen, John Flynn, Jamie Lynch, Dan Schaaf, Mike Etringer, Nathan Doerder.
"This year was really fun. I'm already looking forward to next year."
-JESSICA MONTAG
7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL:
Row 1: Alyson Hockett, Kristi Beaman, Beth Danilson, Jena Kelley. Row 2: Sarah Grush, Jessica Montag, Melissa Engleen, Jessica Musser, Amy Nystrom, Kelli Harper. Row 3: Emily Glynn, Katie Wittrock, Heidi Hockett, Jenny Meiborg, Angie Robinson, Shannon Reinhart, Courtney Blomgren. Row 4: Cynthia Wheeler, Heather Schwechel, Katie Howe, Holly Hampton, Amanda Murphy, Chelsey Smith, Tiffany Boyer. Row 4: Amanda Byas, Amanda Elsberry, Heather Behn, Tiffini Ellis, Lynn Jones, Jenny Mikesell, Ashley Campbell, Niki Nicolay.

"Our favorite match was against Johnston. They were expected to win but we came in and played a really great game. We beat them fourgames to three."
-TAMI GANO
8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL:
Row 1: Tasha Kester, Lacy Eslinger, Jennifer Frisk, Sarah Kudron, Melissa Nelson. Row 2: Emily Vinson, Kim Irons, Jessica Ackerman, Jessica Jones, Coleen Thomas, Kim Stone. Row 3: Kristen Henderson, Mindy Becker, K.C. Kathman, Marcy Eller, Cindy Grundstad, Shonnele Kudrna, CeCe Baldus. Row 4: Rachel Gould, Erin Baker, Maranda Braden, Tami Gano, Sarah Shearer, Jill Thieben, Laura Burdette.

GOING IN
Making his first run, seventh grader Nick Nerem attempts to make a goal. The seventh grade A team outscored their oppoents 170-6


"I really liked this year. It was really fun to play for these two coaches. They made the year exciting."

## -ERIC DUFFEE

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL: Row 1: Coach Pat Kruse, Justin Hamman, MattBlaha, Adam Anderson, Tim McGlynn, Josh Smith, Zach Kapfer, Jason Bauer, Ryan Pervier, Joel Hitsman, Chris Murphy. Row 2: John Mahoney, Allen Joy, Troy Rardin, Marcus Johnson, Andy Pederson, Eric Duffee, Bill Wilcox, T.J. Terrell, Adam Modeland. Row 3: Mike Mattson, Brad Crouthamel, Jimmy Tometich, Travis Moorman, NateBuckingham, Luke Herrick, Aaron Smiley, Assistant Coach Matt Pugh.

"I like having the different teams because it seems like I get more playing time."
-LAURA BURDETTE

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL:
Row 1: Erin Baker, Mindi Becker, Tami Gano, Jessica Jones. Row 2: Coach Don Borcherding, Emily Vinson, Kim Irons, Sarah Muse, Allyson Knutson, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Asst. Coach Darci Newcomb. Row 3: Laura Burdette, Andrea Thede, Marci Eller, Shonelle Kudrna, Cindy Grundstad.
"I learned how to work as a team. Sometimes it's not very fun because there are people who don't always try and it makes it harder for people who do try."
-HEATHER BEHN

## 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Row 1: Tiffini Ellis, Kara Lestina. Row 2: Niki Nicolay, Heather Behn, Lynn Jones, Holly Lahner, Jennifer Meibrg, Amy Nystrom, Amanda Byas, Andriane Lewis. Row 2: Chelsey Smith, Linda Wood, Erin Silverthorn, Beth Danilson, Katie Howe, Marci Bennett, Emily Glynn, Angie Robinson. Row 3: Stacy Moeller, Marcy Webb, Julia Bracklein, Katie Wittrock, Lane Bielfelt, Melissa Gourley, Courtney Blomgren, Shannon Rinehart. Row 4: Coach Teresa Nelson, Allyssa Rinehart, Jessica Musser, Sara Yungclas, JeannetteHamil,HeatherSchwechel, Kelli Harper, Coach Kara Jensen.
"I was happy that I wrestled these last two years. I had lot of fun with my friends during practice. We will be looking good in the future."
-TYLER STEVENS

## WRESTLING:

Row 1: Ashly Mentzer, Heather Cline, Jeremy Frank, Colin Askelsen, Justin Overton, Jason McNace, Justin Wirtz, Joey Droste, C.T. Hammond. Row 2: Tyler Smith, Marty McIntyre, Cody Neely, Cory Kennedy, Aaron Barnett, Justin Overton, Nick Nerem, MattDay, Eric Christensen, Beau Barrett.
"The weather wasn't very good for running. But it was exciting when we did get a chance."
-DAN SCHAAF

## TTH GRADE BOYS TRACK:

Row 1: Abe Stone, Rob Setzeler, Colin Askelsen, Brian Dotzler, Quincy Alber, Josh Hovick, Eric VerHelst. Row 2: Mike Myers, C.T. Hammond, Aaron Jackson, Josh Reece, Chad Houston, Joe Schwarz, Jon Erb, Jamie Lynch, Joey Droste. Row 3: Jason Miller, Nick Nerem, Brad Schleimen, Beau Barrett, Cory Kennedy, Jordan Clark, Josh Davidson, Dan Schaaf, Coach Tim Hartwig. Row 4: Eric Lindgren, Nick Mortenson, Ryan Bjustrom, Nick Getschman, Chris Linderblood, Nate Doerder, Mike Ertinger.



"I didn't know what to expect when we started the season. It was fun. I can't wait until next season."

## -NATALIE PEARSON

7TH GRADE GIRLS TRACK:
Row 1: Ann Ho, Beth Danilson, Erin Silverthorn, Jeannette Hamil, Holly Lahner, Katie Wittrock, Stacy Moeller, Heidi Van Fossen. Row 2: Natalie Pearson, Holly Hampton, Emily Glynn, Amanda Byas, Amy Nystrom, Angie Robinson, Shannon Rinehart, Kelli Harper, Courtney Blomgren, Coach Kathy Abrahamson. Row 3: Linda Wood, Marci Bennett, Kia Ihle, Alyssa Reinhart, Abby Hagen, Jessica Monteig, Mellisa Gourley, Heidi Hockett, Marcy Webb, Julie Braden.
"I can't wait until I get in high school and can compete. I think this sport is my favorite."
-RYAN PERVIER

## 8TH GRADE BOYS TRACK:

Row 1:Nick Schroeder, Jeff Trotter, Cory Harstad, John Patten, Tim McGlynn, Jeremy Frank, Tyler Smith, John Wittrock, Dan Moeller. Row 2: Brad Crouthamel, Aaron Kelly, Allen Joy, Doug Mitchell, Zach Kapfer, Chris Murphy, Joe Rhodd,, Jason Bauer, Adam Anderson, Ryan Pervier, Brent Lovin, Eric Christensen.

Putting on a 40 's radio show, Mysti Eschliman, Kim Irons, Jill Thieben and Kristen Henderson enjoy the attention. The girls dreassed in W.W.II clothing so that the presentation became authentic.


## Seeing reality

By the end of the year, everyone knew that what they had experienced would never come again. The thing that made it different was the impact individuals had on each others' lives.
"I thought it was really neat when the teachers decided to give Positive Power recognition for good behavior," eighth grader Lindsay Saunders said.

One person who was always seen in the hallways was Mr. Harold Smith. He was the junior high school principal. Everyone knew him and he knew everyone else. Mr. Smith announced his retirement at the end of the year.
"I couldn't believe how Mr. Smith knew everyone's name. He always walked us from the cafeteria to our halls and if we messed up, he knew it," seventh grader Joe

## Schwarz said.



## FRIENDSHIP

Trying to figure out the next project they might like to do, Mike Nordyke, Adam Modeland, and Ben Stone talk it over. Students found that many friendships formed in junior high because of the classes they took or activities in which they participated together.


A BIG STORY
Reading a "fairy tale", Katie Howe uses an oversize book as a prop in the spring play. The junior high presented a short musical called "The Wizard of the Mall."

ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?
StephanieKretlow, Alissa Elsberry and Leah Henry show that they are enjoying a presentation they were making at the English open house. The girls showed how fashions had changed from the 40 's to the 90 's.

