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Multiple Guess Test
So You Think

The answers to the quiz are on page 128.

1. What didn’t pass this year until the fourth time?
   A. The senior class
   B. The millage
   C. The buck

2. What does "Wahbeam" mean?
   A. White Pigeon
   B. What, me worry?
   C. Don’t worry, be happy.

3. Who put this yearbook together?
   A. The Charlie Brown Nursery School
   B. The yearbook staff
   C. Mr. Smith’s gifted-and-talented students

4. What’s crunchy on the outside and soft and chewy on the inside?
   A. Tootsie Pops
   B. An inhabited igloo
   C. Lockers

5. Where did our exchange students come from?
   A. Brazil and Japan
   B. Japan and Brazil
   C. Brazil, Japan, and Brazil

6. Why was the prom held in Elkhart this year?
   A. People got tired of using the gym.
   B. Mrs. Hackman is the mayor of Elkhart
   C. We just wanted to say "No" to Michigan
7. Who taught the practical law classes this year?
   A. Nobody
   B. Mr. West and Mr. Snook
   C. The Youth-in-Government law teams

8. What was the senior class song this year?
   A. The Way We Were
   B. School's Out
   C. Another Brick in the Wall Part 2
     ("We don't need no education")

9. When did the underclassmen get out of school?
   A. Before the seniors
   B. After the seniors
   C. June 7

10. How many positions changed this year within the faculty?
    A. Ten
    B. None
    C. All

11. What White Pigeon student has won all of our state championships?
    A. Bill Toomey
    B. Florence Griffith-Joyner
    C. Stacey Kilburn

12. Where in the yearbook can the ads be found?
    A. At the end
    B. On the next three pages
    C. We didn't sell any ads this year
Guess Why There Aren’t Any Buses?

Without a doubt, the most determining factor in the nature of campus life during the 1988-89 school year proved to be the school millage situation. For the first time in eleven years, our school district was forced to ask the taxpayers for a 4.5 mill increase due to increasing costs in maintaining school necessities and activities. However, the people voted out the proposal three times in four months, defeating it by better than 100 votes each time.

According to Superintendent Dale Kimball, the decision that a millage increase was necessary for the school came about during the 1987-88 school year. “At the time,” said Mr. Kimball, “Mr. Annis was still superintendent of the school, and he and Mr. Fauson got together to look at the school’s budget situation.” With budget costs rising three to four per cent every year, it was obvious that the school could no longer efficiently operate with the amount of money it had. “We had no choice but to ask the voters for a millage increase,” Mr. Kimball confessed.

The millage, which was to be only a one-year proposal, would not have made unnecessary alterations in the curriculum; rather, it was needed merely to maintain what the school already had to offer to the community. The school began to feel the crunch from lack of funds early in the year. In fact, there were differences right from day one. First of all, rural students had to find their own way to school as the busing program was frozen until the school’s demands were met. Also, students involved in sports and clubs were warned that all extracurricular activities might be and most likely would be scratched at some point during the year. Sports depended entirely on financial support from the community, and all clubs and organizations had to be completely self-sufficient. Athletes who didn’t want to see their sport come to an end acted quickly by organizing a pizza sale as one method of raising money to keep their sport alive for as long as possible.

Though the millage didn’t affect the teachers’ salaries, it did affect their classes. With a millage increase, the school was hoping to purchase new textbooks for certain classes. Some texts which students had to use were worn and outdated, sometimes by ten years or more. Also, it was hoped that there would be revenues for new computer equipment, but that hope was deleted as well.

People in the school district worked fervently to persuade voters to say “yes” on the millage, even though their attempts seemed not to be very successful. Signs saying “vote yes” could be seen around White Pigeon, athletes went door to door distributing flyers as a persuasive tactic, and “vote yes” sweatshirts were seen by a number of individuals around town. In addition, parents and teachers alike appealed to voters by calling their homes and asking them to give the millage a “yes” vote. Nevertheless, most voters sided with the few businesses around town who sported “vote no” signs.

One of the teachers who took part in calling parents on the phone was Mr. Patrick West. “I called parents prior to the second election to ask if people were registered and if they were going to vote,” said Mr. West. “I had to explain the millage to a lot of people because many of them had misconceptions as to where the school gets its money and how it handles the money it has. People don’t understand that the school can only use money from levied mills. We don’t get any outside support.” Mr. West also pointed out that White Pigeon has the lowest millage in the county, and he felt that the school board did the best job possible with the money it had to work with.

The school system obviously tried its hardest to obtain its millage increase, but the people of the community showed the school that they could be just as persis-
tent at the voting booth. In all three elections (June 13, August 29, and October 8), citizens soundly defeated what would have meant roughly a $90 tax increase on every assessed home in the school district. For example, the final election was defeated by eight votes in White Pigeon and 124 in Union. The third election marked the last time that the school could vote on the election in 1988.

So what happens if the millage continues to be defeated? Mr. Kimball replied, "We've already had to cut busing, and we're depending entirely on the community for financial support of our sports program. The next step will be cutting staff. The first to go will be teachers and custodians."

All told, the lack of funds made for some financially difficult times at White Pigeon during the 1988-89 school year; and if conditions don't change, things could get much worse.

Upper — A voter enters the elementary school to cast her ballot at the March 4, 1989 election. Fortunately for the school, the proposal finally passed at this election. Above — The buses sit idle as school personnel wait for co-operation from the community.
The Legend Of Wahbememe And

People from other schools (and even White Pigeon students, sometimes) often wonder why our yearbook has such a funny name. Most people either can't spell or pronounce the word, but even those who can sometimes inquire, "What's Wahbememe?"

Wahbememe is the Potawatomi Indian word for White Pigeon. Our community was named after the Indian chief of the same name who, according to the legend, ran here from Detroit around 1830 in order to warn settlers of an impending attack by a rival Indian tribe. To honor his heroism, our village was named after him and a commemorative marker was placed at the spot where he was believed to have died. In the same way, the yearbook class is paying tribute by naming our book after him.

The village was laid out in 1830, and by the following year, its population was estimated at 600. Most of the settlers were farmers who had come in search of better soil. The others were tradesmen who began to build their businesses around the intersection of Chicago Road and a narrow wagon trail called Kalamazoo Road. White Pigeon grew quickly from this nucleus; by 1845 it had become a town of almost 3500 people.

One industry that has been a mainstay in White Pigeon since its inception in 1910 has been the paper company. It was in that year that L.D. Eddy of Three Rivers established the Eddy Paper Company. Ownership has changed hands many times over the years, the last time being in the mid-1970's when it became known as White Pigeon Paper Company. It continues to employ a good portion of the town's residents to this day.

One White Pigeon landmark worthy of note is the United States Land Office, which stands at 113 W. Chicago Rd. It was moved from Monroe, Michigan, on June 1, 1831, to its present site, making White Pigeon both an important and well-known town in that people had to come here to buy tracts of land within what was then the territory of Michigan. In fact, the lands on which Battle Creek, Bronson, and Grand Rapids were founded were purchased at White Pigeon. Later on, however, the Land Office was shut down and began to deteriorate as it stood empty for a number of years. Only recently have steps been taken to restore the building to its original state by the St. Joseph County Historical Society.

Of course, this story would not be complete without some background on the school system. The history of White Pigeon's school system can be traced back to 1829, when a small log school house was built in Newville, a settlement contained within White Pigeon township that has long since vanished. The cabin was used until 1830, when the local school district was organized and the school moved into a room above Pratt's Store. Classes were taught here until 1844, when the first actual school building was erected at 107 S. St. Joseph St. The structure is

Right — The Heminger barn is one of the places in town to sport the Wahbememe name.
Above — This gravestone is located on the west side of town, where Chief Wahbememe supposedly died.
The History Of White Pigeon

still standing and now serves as a residence.
A system of eleven grade levels, which included three grades of high school, was begun in 1871, which meant that White Pigeon's first graduating class was in 1874. And if anyone thinks today's senior class is small, here's something to consider: White Pigeon's premier class consisted of two people — John Schurtz and Katie Miller.

In 1928, a one-story brick structure was put up where the school buses now park at Central Elementary.

Mr. William Martin remembered, "All the classrooms had tiny windows with steel frames around them. If there would have ever been a fire, nobody could have ever climbed out those little windows. Also, the rooms were either very hot or very cold. But overall, I enjoyed it there."

In 1955, a new grade school was built next to the existing building, which was then given to the junior and senior high grades. The Central Elementary building is still being used, but the brick high school building was torn down in 1969. The high school students moved into the present high school building in 1966. Mr. Martin recalled, "We moved everything in one day. All of the students picked up some books, a desk, a chair, and anything else they could carry over to the new school. We moved in, and the next day, we were in business."

Everybody seemed to enjoy the new, larger school, but some missed the old building as well. Mr. John Miller, father of senior Mary Miller, attended both buildings, and said, "It was small, but many students got a good education there. I enjoyed my stay there but many times wished the gym was bigger."

White Pigeon has a rich history, and if students continue to get a good education here, perhaps our town will someday be able to claim some more legends.
At the beginning of the year the students in the yearbook class brushed up on their basic skills. “Doing the skills at the beginning of the year helped out a lot,” said Rene Reinelt. Writing stories, headlines, and captions is working with English. Drawing a layout is a little bit of math and art class, also. Without these skills the students could not put the yearbook together successfully. Tests over their skills were a big part of the class. After Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar was satisfied with the students’ work and tests they moved on to the yearbook. Alissandro Sales replied, “I learned how to do layouts and put a yearbook together.” This was when the students were assigned their sections. “One thing I like about my seventh grade section was I didn’t have to write a story,” added Stacey Kilburn. Some students were given a special job such as taking pictures, doing the accounting, or even editing. After students had finished their sections they were done, but for little odds or ends when they helped other students finish their sections.

Upper — Mrs. Hocevar helps Curtis Mast with one of his layouts for his section of the yearbook.
Lower — Melanie Hoopes is not paying any attention to Mrs. Hocevar while she talks to Stacey Kilburn.
Lower left — Bryan DuFour tries to learn some Japanese from Shoko Okado's Japanese dictionary.
Lower right — Troy Halverson and Tom Kopf show off some of their hard work.

Upper left — The yearbook staff has some fun doing their pages.
Upper right — Alissandao Sales walks over to help some other classmates on their sections of the yearbook.
Middle — A few members of the staff are in deep thought about their pictures.
What Happens In A Locker's Day?

A student's day revolves around his locker. He stops there in the morning to drop off coats and books, between classes to pick up things for the next class or just to talk to friends for a minute or two, and after school to gather up homework.

Although some people like to be plain, others like to walk on the wild side and spruce up their lockers a little with pictures of friends, rock stars or movie stars. Some even have mirrors in order to primp between classes.

Even though lockers are a necessity, they also have their drawbacks. One problem is that after vacations there are always people who come back and can't remember their combination. Rather than going to class without any books, they end up having to go to the office to ask what their combination is. Another problem is that lockers aren't burglar-proof. More than one person has had something stolen from their locker. Some people make the mistake of giving out their combination to other people. Other people's lockers are forcibly opened.

Recently the lockers have been repainted from the drab green color that they had been for years to red and black, in the spirit of the school.

When a person has a birthday, his friends sometimes go to the trouble of dressing the exterior of his locker with balloons, ribbons, and bows.

It seems that most people let the junk in their lockers pile up until the end of the year, when they're forced to clean them out. "I never clean it," admitted senior Carolyn Littlefield. Junior Jenni Meyers explained that the gum wrappers that have been piling up in her locker all year are "as ancient as Napoleon's toothbrush."

All in all, lockers are more important to students than they may realize.
Upper left — Senior Adrian Rush shows off his pictures of hippie rock bands.

Upper right — Comic strips and the remnants of a floppy disk are among the things found in senior Rich Tracy's locker.

Lower — Senior Michele Moody is surprised to find her locker decorated by her friends on her birthday.
White Pigeon was honored with not one but three, foreign exchange students. Shoko Okado came from Japan, while Alissandro Sales and Tiago Adde both traveled from Brazil.

"I wanted to know about the American people, the American schools, and how everything happens in different countries," explained Alissandro as his reason for coming to the United States. His fellow countryman Tiago said his favorite things about the United States were "meeting new friends and getting to go to an American school." Both students enjoyed the winter climate because they learned to snow ski. Alissandro lived on the equator in Brazil which never has snow.

Even though Tiago lived farther south, he never saw snow either until he came to the United States.

In his free time Al, as he was called by his friends, liked to go to school activities, watch t.v., shop and go to the movies; while Shoko liked to read books, listen to music and write letters to her family.

"She was shy at first but after you got to know her she was really neat," replied Lorna Seabolt, one of Shoko’s close friends. Shoko didn’t talk much because she had difficulty with the slang.

White Pigeon was lucky to have not only one, but three exchange students.
Upper left — Alissandro Sales takes a break from his yearbook duties.
Upper right — Tiago Adde visits a Brazilian friend in Cassopolis.
Lower — Shoko Okado smiles with her American friend, Kelli Wright.
This year's prom, which took place on May 13, had a different look than in the past years, not only in the decorations that were used, but mainly in the location of the big event. The Junior class decided to move the location of the prom from the high school gymnasium to the Brookdale Club in Elkhart, Indiana. They decided that relocating the prom would be a new and different experience and add a little pizzazz to everyone's night. "I'm excited about prom and I think having the prom at Brookdale instead of the high school was a good idea because it is something different and maybe people will remember it better," explained Donna Lewis.

The theme this year was "A Night in the Heavens," and tying in with this was a blue and silver background with a silver moon and stars, as well as blue and silver candles on the tables. There was also a gold archway where pictures were taken. Food such as pretzels, mints, peanuts, meatballs, and punch were provided to snack on during the evening.

Trying something new was the main objective for this year's prom. Instead of having just a queen, there was also a prom king, princess, and prince. This year's prom queen was Rene Reinelt and prom king was Tom Kopf. Prom princess and prince were Nikki Strawser and Brad Schneider. "I liked the idea of Princess and Prince because it gave other people a chance at a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," stated Rene Reinelt.
Upper left — Princess Nikki Strawser, Prince Brad Schneider, and King Tom Kopf look on while Mrs. Theresa Hackman crowns the 1989 Prom Queen, Rene Reinelt.
Upper right — Lisa Armstrong and Mike Kemp wait under the moon while their names are announced.
Lower left — Amy Sommerlott, escorted by Jeff Bennett, stands still while parents take pictures.
Lower right — Georgeanne Heitkamp and Rob Morris swing to the music.
Above — The members of NHS are (front row) Adrian Rush, Carolyn Littlefield, Richard Tracey, Marcy Dexter, Nick Sward, Mindy Boyer; (back row) Richard Wordelman, Brad Schneider, Eric Hackman, Heather Magill, Eric Betts, Chris Parker, advisor Mrs. Sue Outman. Not pictured: Jenny Coohon and Bill Ott.

Right — Eric Betts lights a candle to signify his membership in NHS.

“Membership in the National Honor Society indicates excellence based on all four dimensions of education — character, scholarship, leadership, and service.” This is how advisor Mrs. Sue Outman described the National Honor society. Although they got a late start, because of the unpassed millage, they took off in early April by inducting eight new members. New members included Eric Betts, Jenny Coohon, Eric Hackman, Heather Magill, Bill Ott, Chris Parker, Brad Schneider, and Richard Wordelman. Eric Betts said, “It’s great that the millage finally passed so we could continue the National Honor Society.”
This year’s math classes consisted of advanced business math, pre-algebra, geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II. Advanced business math, pre-algebra and Algebra I were taught by Mr. Marv Schneider during the first semester and by different teachers until Miss Laura Vedmore came to finish out the year. Mr. Gayle Brokaw taught two Algebra I classes, one Algebra II class, two geometry classes and one calculus class which was an independent study class. “This year the geometry classes have been working on a lot of proofs,” said Aimee Rodwick.

Mr. Gerry Heckleman taught general math to some of the ninth graders this year. Mr. Ted Bargwell taught a pre-calculus class. A lot of kids seem to make it through geometry and after that they decide that Algebra II and pre-calculus are too difficult, and others just seem to think that they don’t need these classes.

During some of Mr. Brokaw’s classes the kids had pizza. The pizza applied to the section of the book that kids were studying. For the geometry classes they ate pizza to get to know radii, diameters, cords and arcs. The Algebra II/Trigonometry class ate pizza to study deeper Trigonometry ratios, inverse signs, cosines, tangents, and all the reciprocal functions there after. “It was pizzariffic,” said Nikki Strawser after she consumed two cosines, a tangent, and an arc.
Upper — A group of algebra students wait impatiently for their test scores.
Lower — Algebra students work in groups to get their projects in.
Students Make Hypotheses: Educated Guesses

Many years ago science started to take effect on the world. From the dinosaurs to the basic composition of the earth's surface. The science classes of 1989 studied these and many other incredible ideas about the universe.

The high school offers classes like earth science, taught by Mr. Dan White; physical science, Mr. Steven Lawhead; biology, Mr. Dan Kohler and Mr. Lawhead; and Biology II, which is taught by Mr. Lawhead. There is an independent study student for Biology III; this student is Tim Suszko who taught students relevant material about their world. Mr. Dan Kohler has two independent study students: Brian Alber, Chemistry II; and Sam Peachy, genetics. Mr. Kohler also taught chemistry. When the students were questioned about the independent study, it was found they did really well in the areas they chose, and liked what they were doing. Sam Peachy said, “I think genetics is interesting.” From this statement it was concluded that to do well in a class the student must take an interest in one of the following; his future, or that particular class. The reason for taking that interest is simple. These science classes are an aid in the knowledge and understanding of people and their environment.
Upper — Mr. Kohler is shocked when his name is called while helping biology students.
Lower left — Mr. Lawhead is helping Jenni Stitsworth with some work she had trouble with.
Lower right — Mr. Gary Reish is giving a lecture to his seventh grade science class.
Students Read And Write

Guess what the English classes are learning? All four high school grades were kept busy with different language achievements. The seniors were offered a college English class that was taught during first and third hours. At the beginning of the year the two classes studied grammar and literature. After studying in grammar, one would study literature. After about three weeks of grammar and literature they went into reading sonnets in their literature books. After studying grammar and literature they started to read Macbeth and other Shakespearean works. The second semester the seniors have been reading about the Victorian age and the twentieth century.

Juniors were taught by Mr. Steve Kershner who began teaching again after substitute teaching. Mr. Kershner started out teaching grammar then, after four weeks, he assigned his first novel. He kept the juniors really busy by giving grammar assignments also. Mr. Kershner liked to teach English with a lot of reading. "Students can never get enough reading," said Mr. Kershner. He assigned one book every six weeks along with working on grammar and learning how to write.

Sophomores learned from Mr. Gerry Heckleman. Mr. Heckleman started out by teaching a little grammar, then he assigned a book called Pigs written by Theron O. Odlaug. During the second six weeks the sophomores were assigned a book called, The Cat Ate My Gymsuit, written by Paula Danzinger. They had also been working on sentence structure. They continued reading, Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn, after working with grammar. The freshmen had English during third and fourth hours. They were taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Hoevar, Mr. Kershner, Mr. Darryl Smith, and Mr. Heckleman.

Upper — Alissandro Sales, an "A" speech student, gives a traveling talk about Brazil. Lower — Students in this class all have their own way of collecting given English information.
Upper left — Mr. Smith is explaining some of the aspects of Mythology to his college English class.
Upper right — Rich Tracy explains the different wing tips of planes and their functions.
Lower left — James Bond explains the work of taxidermy.
Middle — Students are having a little chat with Mr. Steve Kershner after class work is done.
Lower right — Mr. Heckleman runs around answering questions on a homework assignment.
Upper — An American history class discusses facts on the Civil War.
Lower left — Mr. Dave Snook finishes taking attendance before lecturing about mythology in World History.
Lower right — Mr. Bill Martin dramatizes the electoral college in government class.
Guess What’s New In History

This year many students found the social studies area a little more interesting and a few students, one of those being John Sassaman, said, “I think government class is fun.”

The reason for this was the 1988 Presidential election, in which the students were allowed to take part. The students didn’t go to the polls to vote; they stayed in their seats and participated in a mock election to see who would be elected President if the students could have voted. Naturally, after seeing these ballots and voting, the students became inquisitive about the elections and who better to answer their questions than the social studies experts.

American Government was taught by Mr. Bill Martin. This class is important because it tells all about the voting process and the national and federal government.

Mr. Dave Snook taught Michigan History. Students learn about local elections as well as the national. Current events, also taught by Mr. Snook keeps students up to date about the election as it happens, along with many other news items. Finally, Mr. Snook’s World History informs people of how, as well as who, was elected, around the world and why.

In conclusion, from the reasons stated above, it is totally understandable why students took such an interest in the social studies department this year.
Guess What Home Is To Business, Typing And Computer Students?

Computers are not very new in our society. The first computer was actually invented in the year 3000 B.C. This computer was called the Abacus which was a machine with beads that you could use for math problems. Computers that are used in your homes and at school used to be expensive; these computers are getting less expensive and more important to everyone.

This year's computer classes were taught by Mr. Mike Kendall. In the computer classes that he taught, a person learned a lot about computer programming from Let statements, Input statements, If ... Then statements and just writing programs with all this information combined together. Chris Kahila said, "Computers will become an even bigger necessity in our world to come."

Typing could be a very important asset in computers and business. When a person begins typing, Mrs. Pam Gates starts out with home row which is the middle keys of the typewriter. Once the students learn the home row of the typewriter, they go on learning 2 to 4 new keys a day. They then practice typing sentences three times each. Loren Hull said, "Typing can get boring, but will help a person in the long run." The classes use their typing skills later in the year by typing business letters. Other classes that required typing were computers and social studies which usually required typing a term paper.

Upper — Brad Schneider does stats for Mr. Kendall while Jason Williams and Brian Alber amuse themselves with games on the computer. Lower — Bill Ott and Greg Johnson enter information for the index of the yearbook.
Upper Left — Alissandro Sales types copy sheets for yearbook.
Upper Right — Stephanie Hite practices typing sentences.
Middle — Lisa Bumpus and Amy Sommerlott are discussing business problems.
Lower — Steve Nicholson composes biographies for the senior graduation booklet.
Students Express Their Feelings Differently

Home ec, drama, and art allow students to express their feelings through their work. This year in home ec students found that cooking could ease stress. Nikki Strawser said, “When I bake cookies, I enjoy what I'm doing and forget about the problems that might occur during the day.”

In drama class students learned how to show their emotions through acting. Georgeanne Heitkamp, Jenny Swank, Michelle Moody, and Rene Reinelt went to Sturges-Young Auditorium and did a skit called “Ladies of the Mop” for a group of retired teachers. Georgeanne said, “I had a good time performing the play, and I think the teachers enjoyed the play, too.”

During art classes students learned how to paint and sculpt, but one of the more interesting things was making a face mold. The art students invited Mr. Heckleman’s class down to be their guinea pigs. Both the applier and the applicant had fun and learned a lot about plaster molds. Jason Hurst said, “I enjoy working with the plaster moldings after they're complete.” The reason for this is, once finished, ceramic faces can be made from the molds which allowed each student to create faces using his or her imagination and art skills.

Upper — Tom Kopf is determining the color to use on his acrylic painting.
Lower left — Tim Suszko, Jeremy Thibos and Tristan Severns are having fun making candy.
Lower right — Angie Swett announces whether her title is a book or a movie in a game of charades.
Students Decide About Being A Parent

Shop classes listened to the rhythm of the saw; while music classes produced their own version of it.

This year in shop class students worked on a variety of independent projects. They built a small storage building, and bug boxes for biology classes. They also had a mass production period, where they made bread boxes. Everyone had a certain job to do to keep the rhythm going.

Those in music have done an excellent job this year keeping the beat. But even with the fine awards won a lot of people took the band for granted. Nick Sward said, "People expect a band to be at football games and know what they're doing."

Upper — Nick Sward and Richard Tracy practice a few notes before a pep rally.
Lower left — Answering questions from her class is Mrs. Halverson.
Lower right — Jason Wheeler and Ken Ernsberger check over the dimensions of their mass production project.
Every year sophomores from White Pigeon High School, have travelled to the Branch Area Career Center (B.A.C.C.). The trip gave them a chance to see all the things the Career Center had to offer. They could even decide if they wished to attend the Career Center. They offer various opportunities such as cosmetology and carpentry.

If you had attended the Career Center then you would have taken the drive to Coldwater to take their classes and then return to the high school for the rest of your school day. The trip gave the kids a break from school as well as giving them a little push to see if any career they were interested in was offered at the Center.
Name a class in White Pigeon High School that doesn’t involve desks, chairs, thirty students taking notes, chalkboards and a teacher lecturing to you constantly. This school had two such types of classes. These two classes were physical education and special education. In P.E. students wear gym clothes, they also get to play different games and learn the rules and regulations of each sport. One of these sports is bowling at the White Pigeon bowling alley. This is a good chance for students to learn and improve on their techniques of bowling. Bowling also gives the students a chance to learn how to keep score. A lot of the students enjoy the privilege of getting pizza, pop and candy from the concessions. Chris Parker said, “The best thing was knowing that you didn’t have to come back and eat the school lunch.”

In special education there are many subjects that are taught in the same room with as little as ten or fewer students at a time. Mrs. Laurie Fox taught classes that these students needed for graduation. She liked her classes small so she could work with kids individually. “I want my students to be more independent and to be successful when they get out of school,” she said. More of the students’ successes depended on what they wanted to learn. Mrs. Fox felt that since she has been here, her class is more accepted. Unlike other classes the special education class wrote to NASA and got a personal response and lots of posters for their special classroom.

Upper — Steve Schmidt concentrates on his work, while Tim Kozelka crouches over his work.
Lower left — Jeremy Thibos prepares to roll a strike.
Middle — Lisa Patterson studies her work while Anna Donbrock visits her.
French has been taught at White Pigeon High School for many years. “Kids always seem to take an interest in speaking a foreign language,” stated French II class member, Todd Haifley. French II, III, and IV are all in the same class but the hour is divided among them. “I really like the way that the class is run,” said Todd Haifley. “She goes over the things we need to know in the first half-hour and that leaves the second half for French III and IV and, so if we have any questions we can ask her in that half hour.”

Most of the students look forward to the last week of school in French class because they do a project called Petit Nicolas. First they read the story then act it out on video tape.

Lower left — Todd Haifley tastes coq au vin.
Upper right — Chad McKale, Tim Yeomans, Scott Calloway, Michele Sobota and Todd Boyer are playing French Monopoly.
Middle right — Tina Hawkinson holds up cue cards for a French IV production about the French Revolution. Todd Haifley video tapes while Shannon Bontrager and Angie Swett enjoy the antics of the actors.
Lower left — Marcy Dexter pulls a bean out of a cake on January 6, a French holiday which ends the Christmas festivities.
Seniors Leave Guessing About Next Year
Job, School, Training, Family Occupy Their Time

Brian Bagshaw
Curtis Barnhart
Matt Bedell

Jim Bennett
Stacy Black
James Bond

Mindy Boyer
Lisa Bumpus
Marcy Burkey
Upper right — If you like competition Mike Kemp and Peggy Lewis (Best Athletes) can give you plenty of it.

Lower left — Kevin Atherton (Gentleman) helps Marcy Dexter (Lady) with her chair.

Lower right — John Sassaman (Most Likely to Succeed) studies for another test.
Upper left — Matt Bedell (Most Desirable Date) seems to get phone calls all the time.

Upper right — Julie Miller (Most Desirable Date) is always on the phone talking to men.

Bottom — “Don Juan” Todd Haifley (Class Wolf) has Stacey Kilburn, Peggy Lewis, and Julie Miller hanging around him.

Mock elections are special categories for special people. They remind people of how they acted in school when they were young and wild. The pictures tell a story within themselves, they tell of times long ago. These pictures are very special, along with the people who hold the positions.

Instead of the seniors choosing the candidates, they were chosen by the yearbook staff. Then seniors voted from a list of people for each category. The yearbook advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar, thought that it wasn’t fair to let just certain people dominate the categories, so she limited the number of times you could vote for a senior. One person could only win two titles. “It was O.K. There were a lot more people chosen than what would have been chosen by the seniors,” said Marcy Dexter about how she felt about the way mock elections were handled. Brett Almasi said, “It gives people confidence to know that most of their peers feel the way they do about the kids they voted for.”
Year Lasts
Four And A Half Months

“I just wanted to get out of school,” commented Marcy Burkey. This was the major reason given by the seniors who graduated right after exams this year.

Seniors graduated early by getting a sheet to fill out and asking for recommendations from either three adults or three teachers. On the sheet they had to fill out where they received their education and at least two majors they had in their high school career. The students also had to figure out their grade point average (G.P.A.).

White Pigeon is one of only a few schools who lets seniors graduate early. As a matter of fact there is only one other school in the St. Joseph area that lets seniors graduate early and that is Mendon. Six seniors graduated early at White Pigeon and Mendon only had one senior finish before the rest of the class.

The students needed forty credits to finish before the rest of the class. Each student needed to take twenty-five required credits which included four years of English and one semester of speech and one semester of government; they also needed fifteen elective credits.

After Lorna Seabolt had her form filled out she then gave it back to Mr. John Starmann, a counselor at White Pigeon. From him it went to the school board who approved the early graduation of all the seniors who finished before the end of the year.

Many students who graduated early said that there is one disadvantage — not seeing friends everyday. When asked who he would miss, Mike Wilkins said, “I will miss a lot of people, nobody in particular but just everybody.”
Below — Mr. Michael Kendall looks on in amazement as Marcy Burkey, Kris Carpenter, and Marie Johnson turn in their forms to him, while giving a thumbs up.
Upper left — Amy Sommerlott and Brent Miller show off how they got to be the Most Loveable by being sweet and nice to everybody in school.

Upper right — Rene Reinelt and Brian Alber, the funniest people in the senior class, are the Class Clowns in the mock elections.

Bottom — Bryan DuFour and Rene Reinelt have the Funniest Laugh in the whole senior class.
Upper — Marcy Dexter and Richard Tracy (Most Studious) are caught studying for another test.

Lower — You can always count on Todd Haifley (Most Spirited) to bring the crowd alive.
Just Hanging Around

Carolyn Littlefield
Jeff Lutz
Dawn Miller

Julie Miller
Mary Miller
Michele Moody
After a hard week of school or a sports activity on a Friday, people like to go out with their friends to different places. For example, the people who participate in sports and their dates and groups who go to have a good time with their friends like to go to Pizza Hut in Sturgis. At Pizza Hut people order pizza (of course) but other people may order from the salad bar or a big plate of spaghetti. “Pizza Hut is a good place to relax with your friends after a tough basketball game,” said Bill Hall. When one goes to the same restaurant many different times the waitresses or waiters may know a person by his first name. “Every time I go to Burger King with my date or with friends I always order the same thing,” said Steve Nicholson.

On weekends students hang out at the malls especially in Mishawaka. University Park Mall is one of the most popular malls in this area. Another popular mall is Crossroads in Kalamazoo. “The mall is a good place to meet people from different schools and to have a good time,” replied Brent Kulp.

A few students like to go bowling on a Sunday afternoon. “Bowling is a fun sport. I go bowling when I have nothing else to do but sit home and watch T.V. all day,” replied Corrie Presock. A lot of people hang out in a lot of different places.

Opposite—Tracy Woods and Jenny Coo-hon enjoy a meal at Pizza Hut in Sturgis after a basketball game on a Friday night.

Steve Nicholson
Tricia Nicholson
Shoko Okada

Corrie Presock
René Reinelt
Heather Rosson
Smiles, Friends, Success Show Talent

Upper — Bob Sebelski and Peggy Lewis (Best Smile) are always ready with a grin.

Lower — John Sassaman and Michele Moody (Most Likely To Succeed) are waiting to see if they made the honor roll.
Upper — Shoko Okada and Carl Flowers (Class Artists) are always ready to draw a picture for someone.

Lower — Alissandro Sales (Friendliest) is surrounded by his new American & Japanese friends Shoko Okada, Stacey Kilburn, Carolyn Littlefield, and Todd Haifley.
Today seeing a school boy or girl at a job is not uncommon. Back when our mothers and fathers were in school, some of them mowed lawns, delivered groceries and shoveled snow for some pocket money. But today students have to get a job if they want a car or clothes. If they are seniors, they have to get senior pictures, announcements, caps and gowns, and a yearbook.

Many students now leave right when school gets out to go to a job. They go to fast food restaurants, factories and stores. These jobs help students pay for the things they need to get through high school, like extracurricular activities, gas, lunch, class rings, and jackets.

Brian Alber was such a student who went through this situation. He worked at Wilt's. He liked the good points which were money and meeting girls. “For the money you make, you lose it in sleep and doing homework,” he said; the bad points were “no sleep and I have to do my homework after I get home.” When the time changed he got home at about midnight, because he worked at a store in Indiana.

Bryan DuFour also worked co-op. Co-op is working during school. A person on co-op gets paid and gets credit for school. Bryan worked before school at E.L. Machine Shop in Three Rivers. The bad part was that he had to leave his home at 5:00 a.m. and got to work at 6:00 a.m. He worked until 11:00 a.m., and then went to school for the afternoon. Bryan said, “I love working at this job, because I get paid and I get credits!”

Brian Alber works hard to keep things in order at Wilt's.
Upper — Tom Kopf (Late for Everything) is caught coming in after the bell.

Lower left — Tom Kopf (Best Physique) shows how he keeps himself in shape by picking up Julie Miller (Best Figure).

Lower right — Carolyn Littlefield and Brent Kulp (Best Dressed) show off how well they dress.

Seniors Choose Winners
The beginning of this school year was unlike all others at White Pigeon because there was no busing to and from school or for any other reason. All the students had to find their own transportation to and from school. Some parents dropped their children off before school and then picked them up afterwards. “In the morning my mom or dad drop me off, and then after practice I usually ride home with someone from Union that drove,” commented Keri Yoder. Many students drove their own cars to school. “It’s easier to drive yourself than to depend on your parents to get you there on time,” commented Michele Avery. Also, many students “car pooled” together. They took turns driving each week, rather than having everyone drive separately every day. “It’s hard for students who have parents that work all the time,” added Debbie Dimos. She also said, “I’m lucky that I have friends that can drive.”

For awhile there was a bus from Union that was driven by Dean Boyer. The bus would pick students up at Baldwin Prairie Elementary School and at a stop between the lakes. About 40 students rode the bus and each one had to pay to ride. The bus didn’t run all that long. Mr. Boyer was turned in by a bus driver for several reasons. Mr. Boyer said, “I didn’t have a legal license to transport students to school, my bus did not have flashing lights when I stopped to pick up students, and it was not the correct color of bus for transporting students.”
The bus is approaching students to take them home.

This is the first bus ride home this year for the students since buses started running on March 13.
That old standby — study hall. For example, when the students scheduled for classes, nobody could sign up for a study hall. It was no longer offered as a class, so the kids had to take classes that gave credits. However, all students got a chance to have a study hall. Floating study hall occurred every other day, and rotated classes from first hour through sixth. Heather Magill commented, “I really like the floating study hall because I can work on my homework in class.” Some students enjoyed talking instead of getting their work done. Others liked to catch up on homework, that they didn’t do the night before. Richard Wordelman said, “Floating study halls don’t do any good because some teachers give two assignments, and you end up with the same amount of homework.” Aimee Rodwick replied, “I like the new study hall because you can do whatever you want that hour.”

Floating study hall is convenient for most students of White Pigeon High School, and hopefully will continue over the years.
Curt Mast writes headlines, while Greg Johnson and Bill Ott check type sizes for the yearbook during study hall.

Jason Wheeler chooses to stare out the window during study hall, rather than do his homework.

Steven Schmidt
Brad Schneider
Tristan Severns
Connie Shoulders
Jason Simpson

Karen Slusher
Matt Smiley
Wade Snyder
Michelle Sobota
Doug Souter

Melanie Stevens
Renee Stiles
Jill Stout
Nikki Strawser
Tim Suszko
Dave Takace  
Dawn Taylor  
Kegina Vickers  
Tina Walls  
Jason Wheeler

Rob Whiting  
Paul Wokin  
Richard Wordelman  
Andy Yeomans  
Susan Zimmerman

Not Pictured:  
Jo Bevins  
Matt Buirley  
Barb Hendricks  
Lisa Hull

Tricia Hull  
Tim Kozelka  
Michael Maichen  
Simon Weirich  
Maurie Whiteman

Right — Mrs. Phyllis Giera is also a counselor who helps students plan for their future.  
Left — Jason Hurst is checking out some information about the college he would like to attend.
Picking A College Is Not A Guessing Game

The time to start picking colleges begins some time during one's junior year. Most juniors start to look into colleges that they might want to attend at that time. When asked what college she would like to attend, junior Heather Magill replied, "I always dreamed of going to Michigan State University. I want to go there because I like the campus and I've been there a lot." Junior Eric Betts answered, "I really want to go to Notre Dame because I want to be an orthodontist and Notre Dame is a good school."

In the guidance office there's a lot going on to prepare students for college. Some juniors took the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) to prepare them for the ACT (American College Test). College bound juniors should have taken the ACT in the spring. This test is required for most four-year colleges.

Visitations are a big part of choosing a college. A student can go to the colleges and visit, or wait until the colleges visit their school. "I suggest to students that they attend a few visitations from colleges they're interested in. It helps them to decide what college they want to go to," commented Mr. John Starmann.

A student can get information about colleges from the counselors. They have applications for most Michigan colleges and they can tell you how to receive an application from out of state colleges.
Guess Who Had Fun In The Class Of '91?

Tom Anglemyer
Greg Baker
Brent Barnhart
Yolanda Bender
Jeff Bennett

Rick Binney
Jeff Black
Shannon Bontrager
Mike Bright
Paula Bryant

Bob Burkey
David Claxton
Rex Davis
Jennifer Derr
Jason Dershem

Robert Dettmar
Matt Dexter
Ed Dickinson
Debbie Dimos
Candie Duncan

Krista Elore
Craig Emerick
Beth Erlacher
Laura Fletcher
Crystal Ford

Angela Gadoskki
Carrie Gingerich
Ryan Grant
Corey Hagen
Chad Halverson

Shelly Hargett
Tina Hawkins
John Higgins
Craig Hill
Greg Hilliard
Sophomore Discovery!

Do you remember when you were a sophomore? It was a big and exciting year for many people. They anticipated getting their license, buying their class ring, and for many going on their first date. You also felt good about being a sophomore, because you didn’t have people picking on you and calling you “only a freshman.” You felt that now you’re out of the ninth grade, you were secure, and you had more say in what’s going on. You weren’t a baby anymore.

This year’s sophomores were no different.

A step to receiving their license was going through the six weeks’ Driver’s Education class. They had to refrain from doing anything that might get them thrown out of the class. Such things could range from being written up (getting in trouble from a teacher) to smoking. Nevertheless, they had to be on their best behavior.

Dating is a touchy situation for some. First of all, there is getting up the nerve to ask that ultimate person for a date. “I was really scared: I thought I’d act or do something wrong,” commented senior Corrie Presock. After you’ve done this then you have to agonize over what you’re going to wear; and if you’re a guy then you have to worry about where you’re going to take that person. Then if you manage so far, you have to get past Mom and Dad. “My parents wouldn’t let me go unless he came to the house and talked to them first,” said senior Jenny Coohon.

Then there’s the problem of how you’re going to act on that date. You watch what you say and try not to say anything stupid. If you’re a girl and the guy takes you to a restaurant, you don’t want to look like a pig, so you order a salad or you pick at your food.

When you are a sophomore you get to buy your class ring. You spend around $200.00 for it. Your parents more than likely buy it for you. Senior Chad Salisbury said, “My mom bought my class ring, but I know some kids who had to buy their own.”

If you’re a sophomore or older, you have fond memories of your own sophomore year. If you’re younger you have special memories to look forward to.
Senior Lip Sync Contest

Are you excitable? Well if you were among the spectators at the Second Annual Lip Sync Contest, then you certainly were.

The Senior Class of 1989 held the Second Annual Lip Sync Contest. Mr. Mike Kendall, class advisor, as well as President Rene Reinelt, Vice President Lisa Bumpus, Secretary Amy Sommerlott, and Treasurer Carolyn Littlefield organized the event to raise money for the Senior Class.

The Lip Sync gave students the opportunity to group up with their friends and imitate their favorite entertainers. There were seven groups that were graded in three different areas: originality, accuracy, and appearance. Five points was the highest you could receive in each category. Todd Haifley served as emcee, and Mr. Gayle Brokaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar, and Mrs. Dorothy Brueck were the judges.

The groups that performed in the Lip Sync and their songs were:
- Brontosaurus Babes — "Walk the Dinosaur"
- Drappel Feds — "Excitable"
- Naughty Nurses — "Dr. Love"
- Brian Brown and the Black Beauties — "My Prerogative"
- Wild Rappers — "Wild Thing"
- Yankovic Chicks — "Alimony"
- Grease — "Summer Nights"

When the night came to an end everybody knew who the winner was. It was the Drappel Feds who came out on top. (The question was, was it Todd Haifley’s lead singing, Al Sales’ one arm drumming, Bob Sebelski’s riveting performance on the keyboards, or Bill Ott’s special effects?) No one knows for sure. Second place went to the Brontosaurus Babes and third place went to the Naughty Nurses.

Will next year’s contest be as exciting? It’s anybody’s guess.
Guess
Who?

Left — Amy Sommerlott, Lisa Bumpus, Rene Reinelt, and Mindy Boyer, also known as the Brontosaurus Babes, pose after receiving second place for their very original performance to “Walk the Dinosaur” in the senior Lip Sync Contest.

Sherry Konkle
Mindy Kopf
Lesa Lanaway
Mark Lane
Paul Loomis

Mike Mann
Brenda Melville
Bryan Miller
Alex Morehouse
Chris Nash

Sheila Needham
Sharon Overstreet
Jerry Poarch
Nino Porpiglia
Aimee Rauguth

Robert Rogers
Shane Rossman
Brian Rudloff
Elmer Rudloff
Heather Salisbury
Upper left — Mr. Dan Kohler and Greg Baker look at Mike Mann in disbelief. Upper right — Paula Bryant and Erika Lawson pal around in Mr. Schneider's class.
Enthusiasm Rises

The millage had a big effect on the school year. When the millage failed, school spirit went down with it. The teams had a hard time getting up mentally for their games. Also, attendance was low and that didn’t give them any incentive either.

But out of that crowd there was always Todd Haifley. You could always see and hear Todd yelling at the referee or just trying to get the crowd involved. During basketball season Todd would cut up big boxes of paper. The crowd would then hurl the shredded paper into the air when the Chiefs made a basket. Curt Mast and Alissandro Sales were always there to help out with the yelling. “It took me about four hours to cut up all that paper. I had some help though, Brent Kulp and Fred Schafer helped,” stated senior Todd Haifley.

During one game Todd brought a box full of newspapers to hold up when the other team’s basketball players were announced. Todd said, “Just sitting there and doing nothing, during any game, gets real boring. A lot of games are won or lost because of crowd participation. If the crowds are up, the team gets up.” Marcy O’Rourke said, “Todd kicks in my enthusiasm and makes me want to show my school spirit.” “Todd gets the crowd going and that makes us play better,” commented senior varsity basketball player, Chad Salisbury.

Upper — The crowd shows their spirit by holding up newspapers for the opposing players.
Lower — Chief fans left loose a parade of confetti after a Chief basket.
This year, as in every year, the Advanced Woods class, taught by Mr. George Morse, made wooden toys to donate to the community. These toys are distributed to nineteen needy families in the White Pigeon School District. "I don't know who has more fun, we building them or the little kids getting them," said Jason Wheeler who built a little sled.

Students made some very interesting toys, such as a rocking horse, built by Ike Yoder, and a pelican pull toy built by Brad Schneider. Other toys included tugboats, airplanes, a bulldozer, a scooter, a puzzle, and a set of stools. There were nineteen people building toys, but some made more than one toy.

Mr. Richard Altine distributed the toys on the morning of December twenty-four, along with a food basket, donated by the White Pigeon Ministerial Association's Food Bank. When asked what got him involved, he said, "I saw the need at Christmas time for kids without gifts." The toys are given to children from three months old to a couple of sixteen year olds. With the help of the community and others we can help make Christmas a great time of the year for more people.
Above — Doug Souter removes a drill bit from the drill press in the advanced woods class.
WSTR, a Sturgis radio station, sponsored an area quiz bowl competition. Seven area schools have teams. White Pigeon, Constantine, and Centreville are in the St. Joseph valley conference. The other four, Vicksburg, Lakeland, Bronson and Sturgis are not.

A team consists of up to eight members of which four will compete at one time. There are two eight-minute halves of questions and two sixty-second rounds at halftime.

For each question the instructor will announce the point value followed by the question. At any point while the question is being read, individuals may interrupt by “buzzing in”, the instructor will stop immediately and call on the person buzzing in to answer the question. Once the individual buzzes in, the answer must be given within five seconds. The person buzzing in must always attempt to answer the question; there can be no discussion among team members.

If the individual buzzing in before the question is completed gives an incorrect answer or does not answer, the question may be read in its entirety for the other team. If neither team answers the question, the instructor will proceed to the next question. In case of a tie at the conclusion of the game, there will be an additional question read to break the tie.

The competition is broadcast live on WSTR radio every Saturday morning at 11:10 AM. It is held at Sturges-Young Auditorium.

If our team does well enough locally, they may go onto a regional match, then finally on to a national bowl competition. They are only allowed to lose twice before they’re out locally.

This year’s collective quiz bowl team was Mindy Boyer, Matt Ripple, Michelle Moody, John Sassaman, Jason Williams, Eric Betts, Jenny Lent, Tim Suszko, and Mr. Ted Bargwell as they’re advisor.

Since there were no buses the first semester, students were responsible for finding their own way to the competition each week. Teams may receive a trophy for placing first locally, but every team member receives a free WSTR Quiz Bowl tee shirt for participating.

“The quiz bowl is fun because it gives students who aren’t athletically inclined a way to compete in something other than sports activities,” said senior Mindy Boyer.

“I like quiz bowl because it gives me a chance to show what I know; and I love trivia,” said Matt Ripple, a four year quiz bowl team member.
Loren Hull
Jesse Johnson
David Johnson
Melissa Joseph

George Kauffman
Peggy Kehr
Keith Kemp
Myra King

Erica Lawson
Corey Lutz
Michele Marks
Kevin Mast

Below — Mr. Ted Bargwell, and the quiz bowl team appear to look studious.
Guess What We Drove This Year?

Above — Peeling out is a no no.
Opposite Upper — Jeremy Thibos dolls up his Escort with bullhorns and headers.
Opposite Lower — Curt Barnhart collects bumper stickers.
From Omnis to Camaros, students drive a variety of cars. Walking out through the White Pigeon High School student parking lot, someone may see everything from a brand new Camaro to an old bet up Hornet held together with spit and baling wire.

Due to the busses not operating for the first semester this year, the student parking lot was filled up more than usual. Most students did not mind though. Whatever kind of car, most students enjoy the freedom of driving to school on their own.
Students Avoid Forfeitures

A new rule this year that had a big effect on the whole school was attendance forfeitures. In junior high, if a student had four attendance forfeitures the student’s grade would be lowered. It was the student’s teacher who had the decision to the amount of lowering the grade. “This new rule has its advantages more than the high school’s rules,” quoted Rhonda Hargett. “I like the idea that you can miss as many days as you want,” stated Tony Currier. These two junior high students felt that if a student could handle the responsibility of making up the work, then that student should be able to miss as many days of school that he or she wanted. But did these rules only apply to the junior high?

This new rule affected the high school in a different manner. When a student’s was absent, whether it was excused or unexcused, it was the student’s responsibility to arrange make-up work with his or her teacher. At the teacher’s discretion, make-up work may have been a written assignment done after school or at home, time spent after school, or other methods determined by the teacher. If a student failed to make up the work for an absence within the given amount of time, the teacher would record the absence as an attendance forfeiture. If a student received four attendance forfeitures during a six-week marking period the student received the grade “E” for that marking period. The student remained in class after failing due to excessive attendance forfeitures. Aimee Rodwick quoted, “The junior high has it easier when it comes to attendance forfeiture rules, but I guess that’s for their own well being.” Donna Lewis replied, “This new rule isn’t so bad, as long as the student can keep up with the class.”
Feister, Michelle
Finch, Zachary
Floyd, Stacy
Ford, Angie
Gingerich, Ryan

Girard, Crystal
Graber, Steve
Gracey, Kari
Green, Charity
Hargett, Ronda

Harris, George
Harris, Jim
Havens, Holly
Hayes, Julie
Hayes, Sarah

Left — Chris Hilgendorf, Chris Cox, and Stuart Marshall show their signs of excitement for a picture in the yearbook.
What eighth grade kids do after school has changed a little since we have gotten the buses back. Instead of going to a friend's house and waiting to be picked up by their parents, they now ride the bus home.

What do they do once they get home? They do whatever they want. Ben Wright for instance goes home and rides his motorcycle. Kari Hoffer had this to say about what she does after school: "I go home and call my friends and then I do my homework."

During the weekend many kids are home with their parents. Most watch T.V. with their parents or go out with their friends. "I go to Edwardsburg to my aunts house and we just hang out and do normal family things," said Charity Green. Most kids are having more fun after school with their friends than going home and spending time with their parents.

Top right — Here are some eighth graders at a middle school assembly getting ready to leave for various after school activities.
Guess What?

The Seventh Graders Saw

Only G Movies, No PG, R

Todd Anderson
Robert Babcock
Chad Betcke
Jason Bronke
Amanda Burch

Lisa Burrell
Jeremy Burton
Sarah Carr
Mike Comstock
David Culveyhouse

Micheal Curiel
Amanda Davidson
William Derringer
Amy Dickenson
Melinda Dressler

Amy Earl
Brian Eckert
Amy Edie
Brenda Eells
Jason Fletcher

Kimberlee Floor
Alan Grabe
Garry Halferty
Ryan Halverson
Scott Harris
Below — A group of the seventh graders enjoy watching "Black Beard's Ghost" at one of the six week movies.

Below — Sara Losik, Jeremy Tschappat, and Olivia Wiley work on homework instead of watching the movie.

Lisa Hartzell
Anna Hawkinson
Angela Hart
Daryc Holm
Doug Irons

Darle Johnson
Sarah Kanouse
John Kiner
Rodney Kigima
Brian Klingler

Kristine Lafler
Amie Lambdin
Jesse Landrum
Renee Landrus
Sara Losik

Tish Lewis
Michelle Lowry
Julie Loyer
Amber Lutz
Rob Matthews
Below — Mike Comstock, Jason Mullins, Ryan McKale, and other middle school students cheer on their classmates during one of their pep assemblies.

Below — Seventh graders meet for a time out at one of their junior high basketball games.
They Had Many Favorites.

“I would like to trade places with my dad like in the movie.”

“Vice Versa”
Ryan Halverson

“batteries not included . . .”
Jason Mullins

“I like robots and electrical objects, so I really enjoyed the movie.”

“Beetle Juice”
Amber Lutz

“I thought it was a very funny movie.”
The teachers had a hard time (this does not mean it was not a good one) during the school year of 1989. This time the problems were not the students, but the extra-curricular activities they were involved in.

It started with the donkey basketball game, when high school teachers played against the junior high teachers. Although a game lasted only two periods of eight minutes each, the audience that was there had many things to watch: the falls from the donkeys; the running away of some animals from their riders, and the baskets that took a long time to earn. By doing that, the teachers showed their school spirit and raised money for the winter sports program.

Talking about spirit, one can not forget some “stars” during Spirit Week. Mr. Marv Schneider painted his face black and red showing that the Chiefs were able to beat the Falcons — and they really did. On the same day, Mr. Pat West wore black and red clothes. On the costume day Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar didn’t lose the chance of showing how spirited she was — she remembered Germany by dressing herself in a lederhosen, which are short leather pants.

The teachers also wanted to keep in good shape. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they dedicated one hour of their busy day to exercise. “It’s easy, it’s good. I wouldn’t do it if it was not easy. I asked some teachers to lift weights but no one wanted to”, said Mr. Gayle Brokaw. Sometimes while driving down U.S. 12, Mrs. Hocevar could be seen walking or riding her bike to school. This is the new generation of ... teachers.
Upper — Mrs. Alice Geiber, Mr. Gayle Brokaw, Mrs. Sandy Lewis, Mrs. Dianne Kanouse and Mrs. Betty Nihart do a rubber band stretch during aerobics. 
Middle left — Mr. Ned Bale watches his students during gym class. 
Middle right — Mr. Bill Martin and Mr. Darryl Smith are neighbors in the south hall. 
Lower left — Mr. Curtis Meek tries one more shot while other players wait for a rebound. 
Lower right — Mr. Kevin Matthews smiles after a hard day’s band practice.
School Hires New Teachers

White Pigeon High School hired five new teachers for the school year of 1989. Here you have the opportunity to know a little about them.

Mr. Steve Lawhead came from Coldwater, Michigan, and took the place of Mr. Bill Miller, who assumed the junior high principal position at Centreville Community Schools. He taught Biology and Ecology for fifteen years. Mr. Lawhead received his Bachelor’s Degree from Lake Superior State College and his teaching certificate from Western Michigan University. Before working in White Pigeon, he was a substitute teacher for Branch County.

Mr. Gary Shoppel taught Study Skills and Mathematics for 7th graders, and Reading for 8th graders. He decided to be a teacher in his senior year and then went to St. Joseph College for four years, where he got a major degree in Physical Education and Sports Medicine. Mr. Shoppel coached track and field together with Mr. Lawhead and he was also the athletic trainer for football.

Mr. Steve Kershner replaced Miss Suzanne Kashalk, who taught tenth and eleventh grade English. He worked as a substitute teacher for one year. Mr. Kershner said, “Teaching in White Pigeon is just fine.”

Mrs. Dorothy Breuck went to Western Michigan and then has lived in Three Rivers. She had worked at Glen Oaks College since 1980, but then she decided to teach Arts and Crafts for high school students. Mrs. Breuck said she would rather teach high school than college.

Mr. Marv Schneider left the high school to assume the job of principal at the elementary school in White Pigeon. “Working with children is not much different than working with teenagers,” said Mr. Schneider, “but high schoolers are more mature and work on their own better.” Once he received the chance he always wanted — to work as an administrator — Mr. Schneider worked hard to improve the education quality at the elementary school.

Miss Laura Vedmore came to teach pre-Algebra, Algebra and Business Math to ninth and tenth graders. Before taking Mr. Schneider’s place, she worked in Portage, Michigan, in a program to educate adults. Miss Vedmore said she liked teaching although “it was tough coming in the middle of the semester.” This was her first time teaching high schoolers after she got her major degree in math at Western Michigan University.

Above — Mr. Steve Lawhead grades some papers after work time.
Above — Mrs. Dorothy Breuck prepares herself for Art and Crafts classes.
Left — Mr. Steve Kershner explains sentence structure to eleventh graders.

Center — Mr. Marv Schneider teaches Math before assuming the principal’s position in the elementary school.
Old Faces In New Places

Three new men ran White Pigeon in 1988: Mr. Dale Kimball, Mr. Gordon Dahlgren and Mr. Curtis Meek.

Mr. Dale Kimball had a new position as superintendent — the person who runs the city’s community schools. He carried out the policy of the board of education and he also made decisions that carried a lot of weight. The reason for taking the job was “being a superintendent you can have the most influence,” he said. Mr. Kimball was the high school principal during 1987/88.

When the school year started, Mr. Gordon Dahlgren was transferred from the position of assistant principal to principal. He enjoyed working at White Pigeon for his second year. Before taking the job here, Mr. Dahlgren worked in Cassopolis where he taught middle school English. “Running the school, making sure everything runs smoothly” was his main duty.

Mr. Curtis Meek, the assistant principal, described his work as “the toughest job at school.” Among his duties as vice principal were: handling disciplinary actions, attendance and tardies. “It’s a lot of work but I enjoy doing it,” said Mr. Meek. As the athletic director at high school he came to work not to play — he had to schedule meets, games, take care of the Awards Banquets and everything else concerned with sports.

Upper — Mr. Dale Kimball sits back and relaxes in his chair after a long meeting.
Middle right — Mrs. Susan Kline, Mrs. Sue Bontrager, Mr. Glen Yoder, Mr. Ted Krull, Mrs. Mary Airgood, and Mr. Charlie Carpenter finish discussing their plans for passing the millage.
Middle left — Mr. John Starmann and Mrs. Phyllis Giera, the friendly counselors, are always there for the students with a smile.
Lower — Mr. Gordon Dahlgren and Mr. Curtis Meek have a few laughs going over the hand book.
Cross Country
Striding For Perfection

Guess who won another State Championship this year? Stacey Kilburn led the Cross Country team by winning her third State Championship, the only ones in the history of White Pigeon. Stacey also won the league, regionals, and county meet, as well as leading the Women's All Star team into the Midwest Regionals.

The team finished fifth in the league this year, however. Coach Curtis Meek, who has been coaching for ten years now, said, "This was a fun season for me and the team; they really improved over the year." One of those who improved was Tina Hawkinson, who knocked seven minutes off her time by the end of the season.

The team's best meet was in Constantine at the SJV League meet. Stacey Kilburn turned in one of her best times, an 18 minute, 19 second run. Ken Williams also turned in his best time, a run of 18 minutes, and 34 seconds.

Upper left — Senior Ken Williams strides to the finish line at the Centreville Meet.
Upper right — Brazilian Exchange Student Alissandro Sales got his first taste of American competition as a member of the Cross Country Team.
Bottom — The Cross Country team poses from left to right: Stephanie Geering, Todd Burnham, Ken Williams, Denise Holm, Jason Harman, Tina Hawkinson, Coach Curtis Meek. Kneeling are Stacey Kilburn and Alissandro Sales.
Varsity Football
Competition At Its Best

Tough competition meant a lot to the varsity football team this year. Their record dropped to 5-4 this year as they played some very tough teams like Schoolcraft who was the Class D State Champions. Coach Marv Schneider said, "It was an enjoyable season working with the team, but frustrating since there was no transportation." There was a lot of leadership from the seniors who set the tone for teamwork.

The best game the team had was against Constantine. They had struggled earlier in the season but put it all together in this game. Everyone played great and they showed the real White Pigeon team. "We played hard and showed them what White Pigeon football is really made of," commented senior running back Todd Haifley on the Constantine victory.

There were some things that made it tough this year, such as getting parents to drive to the games. Also there was the weather that was a factor in the Edwardsburg and Centreville games when it poured rain. Despite the losses that they would like to have done without, this was a team that achieved a lot under some tough conditions.


Middle — Brad Schneider carries the ball for a nice gain against Hopkins.

Lower — The Chiefs "Crushing Crew" celebrates their final big win at River Valley.
Guess how the junior varsity football team did this year? The growing J.V. team improved their record to 4-4-1. The leadership from the sophomores helped with the improvement of the basic skills in running and blocking. There were a lot of injuries but the team did well in spite of them. Things could have gone better and the team could have won a few more games if everyone would have been healthy.

According to Coach Mike Kendall, the best game the team had was against Climax-Scotts. He said, “They pulled together as an offensive and defensive team.” They hadn’t been doing the best earlier in the season and they played a great game against Climax-Scotts. The team had a fairly good season with Dave Chaffee having the most rushing yards and Chris Kahila having the most passing yards. “Even though we didn’t have the best season, we worked hard as a team,” said Jeff Black who led the team in tackles and sacks. Fred Schafer led the team in touchdowns. “This is a more talented group coming up. They are growing and making steps in the right direction,” said Coach Kendall.

Lower right — Fred Schafer breaks through a tackle for a nice gain.

The White Pigeon Junior Varsity football team stands from left to right, (back row) Mike Kendall (head coach), Ryan Grant, Tom Stevens, Chris Kahila, Sean Smedziuk, Scott Calloway, Chris Nash, Corey Lutz, Dan Kohler (assistant coach); (Third row) George Kauffman, Danny Zimmerman, James Geyer, Corey Hagen, Alex Morehouse, Brian Miller, Leroy Potter, Tim Yeomans. (Second row) Craig Emerick, Jeff Black, Shawn Strawser, Brent Barnhart, Jeff Bennett, Todd Boyer, Eric Byler, Chad Halverson, Loren Hull. (First row) Brian Dressler, Mark Pettit, Greg Hilliard, Craig Bradford, Rob Rogers, Fred Schafer, Brian Rudloff.
In every basketball player’s mind there is a vision of what the perfect season would be. Unfortunately expectations aren’t always fulfilled. The 1988-89 girls’ basketball teams embarked on their new season with a lot of hope. But their dreams were not fulfilled. Even though there was a lot of effort and everyone worked hard towards the goals of a league and district championship, it just wasn’t to be for this year’s teams. The Varsity compiled an 11-10 record and the J.V. compiled a 6-13 record, but these records didn’t truly reflect the quality of these two teams. “We were a lot more talented than our record showed; it’s too bad that we never really learned to play together as a team, if we would have, things would have turned out a lot differently,” said Mindy Boyer, senior player.

Despite their records, both teams had a lot of fine individual efforts. Peggy Lewis broke the career scoring record; Carolyn Littlefield led in points, closely followed by Peggy Lewis, who was only two points behind; Mindy Boyer led in assists. The J.V. had fine leadership in Debbie Dimos and Jennifer Sharick. A lot of freshmen such as Stephanie Hite showed a lot of promise.

Nobody can be a winner all of the time, and the girls’ basketball team should keep in mind that there’s always next year to do better.

Upper Right — Debbie Dimos looks at a freethrow shooter.

Upper Left — Becky Wolf follows through on a nice jump shot while Keri Yoder boxes out aConstantine player.

Lower — Miss Erlandson gives the J.V. team a pep talk before the Constantine game.
Top — The Girls Varsity Basketball Team kneels from left to right: Nikki Strawser, Aimee Rodwick, Jill Stout, Heather Magill, Jenny Carter, Melanie Hoopes, and Lisa Armstrong. Standing are Manager Michele Boyer, Coach Karen Jarrad, Mindy Boyer, Marcy Dexter, Jenny Lent, Michele Avery, Angie Smith, Carolyn Littlefield, and Peggy Lewis.

Lower left — Melanie Hoopes takes a warm-up shot before a tough game.

Lower right — The mighty Seniors show their smiling faces.
The 1988-89 basketball team finished the year with an 11-11 record overall. Their league record was 9-5. The team started out slow with a 1-6 record, but after Christmas they went 10-5. Some reasons for the slow start were adjusting to the new coach, changing and adapting to the new system and a tough schedule to start with.

The best game of the season was the game at Constantine. “We just did everything right,” said Coach Cal Hackman. The most exciting game was the game against Schoolcraft. With seconds left, Brad Schneider pulled up and sunk a half court shot. “It was a great feeling to see the ball go through the hoop,” said junior Brad Schneider.

Steve Nicholson led the team in scoring and rebounding, and Chad Salisbury led in steals. Bill Hall was the most improved player. Also with the help of Matt Bedell and Brad Schneider helping lead the team, they finished with a good season. Coach Hackman said, “It was a satisfying season considering the slow start.”

Upper — The 1988-89 Boys Basketball team from left to right. (Front) Eric Hackman, Brad Schneider, Jason Hurst, Chris Parker, Mike Kemp, and Brent Kulp. (Back) Coach Cal Hackman, Troy Halverson, Chad Salisbury, Steve Nicholson, Bill Hall, Tim Suszko, and manager Scott Swett. Not pictured, Matt Bedell.

Lower — The 1988-89 JV Boys Basketball team stands from left to right in the front Chad Halverson, Fred Shafer, Greg Hilliard, Craig Emerick, Corey Hagen, and David Claxton. In the back are Chris Kahila, Ryan Grant, Matt Dexter, Chris Nash, Loren Wortinger, Rick Binney, Brent Barnhart, and Coach Jeff Baechler.
Upper left — Bill Hall plows through the Eddies' defense and scores two for the Chiefs.

Middle left — Chris Kahila completes the three point play.

Lower left — Chad Salisbury takes his man one on one.

Upper right — Mike Kemp hits the base line jumper.
Girls Volleyball
A Tough Season

Before the nets were up and the kneepads on, the volleyball program at White Pigeon High School had a few changes. First of all two new coaches were hired; Miss Carrie Erlandson for the Varsity, and Mrs. Lori Shoppell for the J.V. Along with a new coach the Varsity team got new black uniforms with white writing.

Then the nets were put up and the kneepads put on, the Chiefs played a long and tough schedule. This year the Varsity team was invited to play at the Portage Northern ASICS Tiger Tournament. The Chiefs faced teams that were ranked within the top 10 of class A and B schools. Some of the teams were Detroit Henry Ford, Portage Northern, Temperence Bedford and Plymouth Canton. The Varsity also took part in the Loy Norrix Tournament and the Cereal City Tournament, where the Chiefs got to play in Kellogg Arena. Even though the Chiefs didn’t win any of the tournaments they did, however, learn a lot. “Now we know how Burr Oak feels,” commented Heather Magill after the tournaments.

The J.V. team also learned a lot, too, by going to many tournaments, Loy Norrix, Lawton and the Spikers Classic, held at White Pigeon. Then the long volleyball season came to a sudden halt. The Chiefs lost in the first game of districts. In the end the Varsity Chiefs came out third in the St. Joe Valley League and two Seniors were selected to the All-Conference team: Peggy Lewis and Carolyn Littlefield. The nets finally were put away and the kneepads thrown into the closet.

Upper right — Mindi Kopf is warming up before a tough game.
Left — Keri Yoder, Tiffany Strawser, Carrie Gingerich, Heather Salisbury, and Melinda Potts give a final cheer before the start of a game.
Upper — Keri Yoder is in ready position.
Upper — In the front row stand Manager Michele Boyer, Jill Stout, Rene Reinelt, Peggy Lewis, Nikki Strawser, Heather Magill, and Lisa Armstrong. In the back row are Coach Carrie Erlandson, Michelle Burnham, Carolyn Littlefield, Michele Avery, Jenny Lent, Marcy Dexter, and Mindy Boyer.
Lower Left — Rene Reinelt and Carolyn Littlefield block a Constantine player’s spike.
Lower Middle — Lisa Armstrong sets up Peggy Lewis for one of her many kills.
Lower Right — A Constantine player tries to spike the ball over the hands of Mindy Boyer and Jenny Lent.
The Wrestling Team faced many challenges this year. Their team record was 7-14. Senior Ken Williams finished the season with the best individual record of 34-17. Senior Dave Gushwa finished with the record of 29-12. Another good individual record was by sophomore Bryan Miller with 31 wins and 13 losses. The best meet of the season was Howe Military. “We pinned every one of their wrestlers and that was a great accomplishment,” said Coach Mike Kendall.

A problem the team faced was the low number of wrestlers but they “survived”. Also they had a lack of strong team leadership. To help with that there was a change in co-captains and the coaches helped provide leadership. Coach Kendall said, “This was an enjoyable season because the guys are still growing and it imposes a challenge.” He also looks forward to next year. This is a good crew coming back. There was a wrestling club started for the elementary students that lasted a week and a half and some wrestlers helped with that. Coach Kendall hopes this will help the wrestling program and hopes to make this an annual event.

Upper right — Senior Ken Williams is getting set to make the move to pin his opponent.

Middle right — Junior Dave Takace has his opponent nearly pinned.

Lower right — The White Pigeon Wrestling team poses from left to right (back row) Coach Mike Kendall, Ken Ernsberger, Craig Hill, Dave Takace, Ken Williams, Corey Presock, Loren Hull, Rodney Elkins, Assistant Coach Dan White; (front row) Bryan Miller, Jeremy Thibos, Eric Fair, Brent Miller, Dave Gushwa, Billy Gilbert, Mark Riley.
The Varsity Cheerleaders had a rough year this year. They started out with five during football season and finished with three for the basketball season. Trina Richardson, Erika Tobin, and Shannon McKee cheered during the basketball season, and during the football season Karen Rose and Melanie Stevens helped.

Halfway through the season, their coach Marti Mosier quit. Deb Tobin took on the job of both Varsity and JV. She did a great job and really helped the girls.

When asked what they thought of the season this year, Shannon McKee said, "It was tough without school spirit, but towards the end more kids gave support." Erika Tobin said, "It was hard because we had to switch coaches halfway through the year." "It was a rough year, but Deb helped us out a lot and we really appreciated it. I'm proud of the way the year ended and also of our JV team," said Trina Richardson.

The Varsity team went to the SJV Competition with only two girls. Even though they didn't score high, they did a great job.

The JV cheerleaders this year were Laura Fletcher, Traci Black, Jodi Chupp, Rae Lynn Houghten, Cara Roe, and Kris Swett. At the SJV Competition they placed third.

Upper — Varsity cheerleaders, Erika Tobin, Trina Richardson, and Shannon McKee show their spirit during a time out at a basketball game.

Middle — Both the Varsity and J.V. cheerleaders form a pyramid.

Lower — The J.V. cheerleaders yell in the gym. They are Laura Fletcher, Jodi Chupp, Traci Black, Cara Roe, Kris Swett, and Rae Lynn Houghton.
Girls Softball:  
Two Winning Seasons

When the rain and snow finally cleared away the Lady Chiefs started their softball seasons. This year's Junior Varsity team was coached by Mrs. Dorothy Brueck and helped by Miss Laura Vedmore. Mrs. Brueck took her team to the second annual Pitching Machine Tournament in Constantine. The J.V.'s played really well and came in third.

The Varsity team was coached by Mrs. Phyllis Giera. They also went to the Pitching Machine Tournament. They placed second and got a first place in the base running competition. The base running team consisted of Jill Stout, Aimee Rodwick, Peggy Lewis, and Lisa Bumpus. They also got a third place at Vicksburg's tournament.

Both teams gave their opponents a scare. Most games had close scores such as 3-2 or 2-1. "We played better than what our record showed," said Mindy Boyer.

At the end of the season some players were picked for the All-League team: Donna Lewis for pitcher and Lisa Bumpus for the outfield. Honorable Mention included: Peggy Lewis for second base and Rene Reinelt for catcher.
Upper — The Varsity team says goodbye to Climax-Scotts after the Chiefs' victory.  
Upper Left — Coach Phyllis Giera gets the team fired up.  
Left — Seniors Lisa Bumpus, Peggy Lewis and Mindy Boyer give their last softball season a “thumbs up.”  
Middle — Donna Lewis throws her fastball.  
Right — Rene Reinelt crouches in ready position for one of the pitcher’s fastballs.
The baseball teams did very well this year. The JV team had a 6-4 record. “We had a short, but productive season,” said Coach Mike Kendall. The best game the team had was the second game against Centreville in a double header. There was a lot of tension and the Bulldogs thought they had the second game won. “We weren’t in the first game, but we put it all together in the second and played real Chief baseball,” said Curt Mast.

The Varsity team had a good season with a 14-8 overall record and a 9-5 league record. They finished in a tie for 3rd in the league record. Leading the offense was Brad Schneider with 5 homeruns and 7 stolen bases. Chad Salisbury and Mike Kemp led defense with their great pitching. Others who helped a lot were, seniors Brent Kulp, Todd Haifly, Bill Hall and sophomore Rick Binny who did a great job at first base. Brad Schneider and Chad Salisbury also made All-conference.

The best defensive game was when they went twelve innings but lost 4-3 to Mendon who were league champions. “Mike Kemp pitched an outstanding game,” said Coach Cal Hackman. “We really worked our butts off that game,” said senior Todd Haifley. The best game offensively was a double header against Centreville. Coach Cal Hackman said this was a good group to work with.
Upper left — Troy Halverson puts on his batting glove just before going up to bat.
Upper middle — Brent Kulp stands waiting for a fly ball out in right field.
Upper right — Chad McKale takes a swing at the pitch and gets a base hit.
Lower left — Chad Salisbury throws the pitch for another strikeout.
Lower middle — Todd Haifley warms up with that homerun swing.
Lower right — Mike Kemp and Troy Halverson are ready for a hit to come their way.
This year the track team seemed to be running uphill. The team lost a lot of talented seniors the previous year and had a hard time replacing them. The boys' team did fairly well with the help of Chris Kahila's high jumping, Bill Ott's long jumping, and Tom Kopf's pole vaulting. Over all the team ended up sixth in the league.

The girls also had a fair season with Stacey Kilburn leading the way and qualifying for state in four events. Melanie Hoopes, also another state qualifier, contributed by running the hurdles and mile relay. Another important part of the team was Heather Salisbury who broke the long-standing discus record. The boys' and girls' teams combined to win the White Pigeon Relays for the first time in eight years. Coach Gary Shoppell said, "When the new track is completed, it should bring new life back to the program."

Upper — Tom Kopf shows off his jumping style at Athens.
Middle — Chris Kahila gets ready to land after he easily clears the bar.
Lower left — Bill Ott launches into the air for another spectacular jump.
Lower middle — Mary Miller gets ready to hand off the baton in the mile relay.
Lower right — Ali Sandro leaps into the air with style and grace.
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Stepping Up

Above — The members of Youth in Government are (Back row) Sharli Grove, Tracey Woods, Tina Hawkinson, Heather S. Williams, Ken Williams, Donna Lewis, Jennifer Broadworth, Jenny Lent, Tim Suszko, Becky Wolf, Brian Alber; (Front row) Aimee Rodwick, Marcy O’Rourke, Tom Kopf, John Sassaman, Michele Moody, Nino Porpiglia, Shannon McKee, and Melissa Hakes.
Right — Marcy O’Rourke, Aimee Rodwick, Donna Lewis, and Tracey Woods prepare for their meeting.
Lower — Matt Ruple, Donna Lewis, and Tracey Woods work hard to prepare for their case.
Youth in Government is a program for high school students interested in the judicial branch of government. Youth in Government was founded by White Pigeon and Quincy community schools in 1947. Since the founding of the organization several schools have participated by forming their own Youth in Government clubs.

Each school’s Youth in Government members joined together in Lansing from April 11th until the 15th. The schools stayed at the Raddison Hotel for four nights and five days. The White Pigeon Youth in Government group has been sponsored by Mr. Gayle Brockaw for thirteen years.

This year there were two White Pigeon Lawyer teams, Team A and Team B. Both teams made it all the way to the semi-finals. Because of decisions from the officials, Team B and Team A had to present their case against one another in order to determine who competed in the finals. The plaintiff from Team A went up against the defense attorneys from Team B. Both teams presented their case and the judge filed for the defense. It was a victory for Team B, but they placed second in the state finals.

Members of the winning team consisted of Ken Williams, Marcy O’Rourke, Jenny Lent, and Jennifer Broadworth. The other team’s members were Brian Alber, Matt Ruple, Tracey Woods, and John Sassaman. The alternate was Tom Kopf. It was a victory for Team A to go to the semi-finals but it was even more of a victory for Team B to place second in the state finals.

Upper — Matt Ruple wakes up early to get to his case.
Lower left — Mrs. Pam Sassaman was one of the chaperones for the trip to Lansing.
Lower right — Tracey Woods orders pizza to her room.
Guess Who’s Thinking Of Winter

The 1989 ski club gets together on the triple hill to meet ski bunnies. Members are Alissandro Sales, Todd Haifly, Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar, Bryan DuFour, Bob Sebelski, Bill Ott, Tom Kopf, Chad McKale, Matt Stabler, Greg Johnson, and Richard Wordelman.

In August some people stop thinking about the sun, swimming, the beach and sunglasses; they start dreaming about mountains and goggles. These people know about one of the adventures found at WPHS. The ski club plunked down $67.00 apiece for the privilege of riding the ski lift up the hill and schussing back down. Swiss Valley in Jones allowed season ticket holders to also participate in the club. The club went seven times after January when the snow finally arrived in Southwest Michigan.

Students liked skiing for several reasons. Bob Sebelski, one of the ski members, said, “It is a totally different sport. I enjoyed it because I was away from school but still in a school activity and at the same time see tons of people.”

Matt Stabler, another ski club member, said, “Skiing is a cool sport. Challenging yourself on the moguls is awesome except when you fall. Also there’s nothing like catching air on a jump and soaring through it. Riding the ski lifts feels like you’re on top of the world. Getting to the quad and standing there is a rush. In all there’s nothing quite like snow skiing.” Another person who liked the snow was Wade Snyder, and he said, “I find downhill skiing exhilarating. The feeling of the cold wind hitting your face at high speeds gets my heart pumping. I appreciate the fact that this school has a ski club because it is a lot cheaper than a day to day rate. I think anybody who enjoys skiing should join the ski club.”

We had two members in our ski club that had not even seen snow. Tiago Adde, a Brazilian exchange student, joined our ski club to take the challenge of Swiss Valley slopes. Alissandro Sales, another Brazilian exchange student, said, “It was nice to see snow and what you can do in snow like downhill skiing and ice skating. I wish they had snow in Brazil now that I know how to ski.”

People who have joined the ski club cannot wait until winter is here. They dream about summer vacation but they also dream about Christmas vacation. So join the ski club and dream about winter vacation.
Left — The exchange student from Brazil, Alissandro Sales, and his host brother, Tom Kopf, get ready for another adventure at Swiss Valley.
Lower left — Mrs. Hocevar and Alissandro Sales stop in the middle of the triple hill to get their nerves back, to go down the rest of the hill.
Lower right — Matt Ruple sprays another skier on the triple hill at Swiss Valley.
“It’s hard to believe it’s finally here,” exclaimed Marcy Dexter, one of the class’s top scholars. People who spoke at graduation this year were senior class president, Rene Reinelt, and top scholars Mindy Boyer, and Michele Moody. Rich Tracy and Nick Sward were also top scholars.

The senior awards ceremony was unlike preceding years. The entire high school attended. The ceremony was held during the school day, so more students could participate.

After receiving Teacher of the Year award by the seniors, Mr. Ned Bale replied, “there may be more deserving teachers, but there are none more appreciative.”

Graduating is an accomplishment that all students look forward to, but most of all, the seniors.
Mr. Ned Bale appreciatively accepts his Teacher of the Year award.

A group of seniors bid their farewells to each other.

Stacey Stewart, Serena Trosper, and Niki Floor are anxiously leaving the school.
The senior breakfast consisted of fruit cocktail, french toast, sausage links, sweet rolls, milk, and orange juice. The teachers arrived at 6:30. They cooked, served, and cleaned up for the seniors. The kids came at 7:00 to enjoy one last meal together.

After breakfast, the seniors had graduation practice, then they talked about old memories or what was going on for the weekend. Some of them stayed around the school and others went home.

Upper right —
Amy Sommerlott, a senior, is showing off her shirt which has all of her classmates' signatures on it.

Lower —
A group of seniors eat their breakfast with caution.

Upper left —
Mr. Steve Lawhead, Mr. Ted Bargwell, and Mr. Gayle Brokaw look suspicious as they cook the french toast.
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