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THE YEAR
Hanna Hargett is amazed at the amount of pins knocked down.

Erika Tobin, Laura Fletcher, Brian Graber, and Brent Bamhart enjoy their leisure time between classes.

In 1991, peace is a big issue for Bobby Babcock, Dawn Walls, and Brenda Eells.

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"Just Do It!" is what everyone is saying. It's in advertisements, newspapers, and even on clothes! The Nike slogan became popular with many famous people appearing on television commercials, from the basketball star Micheal Jordan to tennis pro Andre Agassi. Students brought this slogan to White Pigeon High School in several ways. Being in clubs, plays, and sports tells us that students are "just doing" many things every day. "Just Do It" meant a lot of different things to different people. Senior Yolanda Bender thought the theme meant to go out and achieve your goals. Senior Angi Gadomski said, "I think it means if you don't think you can do something, to go and try anyway; you might be surprised." Sophomore Chris Procaccino thought it meant, "To do your best". So, all you White Pigeon students, believe in yourself and, "JUST DO IT!"

— Sheila Needham

Senior Nino Porpiglia does what he's best know for, "Just showing off."
Senior Jenn Hossler, Carrie Gingerich, Heather Salisbury, Sheila Needham, and Angie Hobbs show how they "just mess around" during lunch.

Senior Brent Barnhart "just sits there."

Freshman John Miller shows "Just do it" on the reverse of his T-shirt.

Senior Greg Hilliard and Shane Rossman go to school in style during spirit week.

Sophomore Jamie Lego models his best looking "Just Do It" T-shirt.

Theme 3
Sadd Saves Lives!

S.A.D.D. has been a positive experience for students and faculty. The number of members has grown to 45 which means interest in the organization is growing.

The club is run by the sponsor; Mrs. Karen Jarrad, and five officers; they are President Cara Roe, Vice President Julie Hayes, Treasurer Sarah Kanowsie, Media Secretary Jodi Chupp, and Recording Secretary Tracey Emerick.

The officers went to a workshop on October 15, 1990, to get ideas for the upcoming year which led to a successful county-wide dance on Saturday, December 8th. The dance helped raise money allowing the club to plan events throughout the year.

The officers also attended a workshop on March 20, 1991, to gather information for prom and graduation ideas. One of the ideas they liked was making a television commercial with students from our high school voicing their opinions on drinking and driving around prom-graduation time.

The busiest time for S.A.D.D. is the holiday season. National Awareness Week in December starts the crusade against drugs and alcohol. They pledged to press out drugs by putting their painted handprints on the sign that read “Hands Off Drugs” or by signing the “Sign Up For A Drugfree America” banner. One of the most important days of the week was Grim Reaper Day. Every 23 minutes of the day a student was touched by the Grim Reaper, which meant they had been killed in an alcohol or drug related accident. The victims wore a black button that read “Every 23 Minutes” and they remained silent for the rest of the day. The organization also recognizes the “TIE ONE ON” campaign which runs from Thanksgiving Day through New Year’s Day by handing out red ribbons stapled to a pamphlet of information.

Even though the big months for this organization are during the winter holidays and prom-graduation time, they try to do things throughout the year to keep everyone aware. Some of the things are little, but they get the point across. The club handed out candy at different sport events with messages attached to them such as “Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk” and “Friends For Life.”

Mrs. Jarrad commented, “I think the most important factor is S.A.D.D. is a real good organization if we practice what we preach and the message from it could save many lives.”

— Becky Wolf

Students pledged to stay off drugs by putting their handprints on this sign.

"Line up to sign up" students signed their names to stay away from drugs.
A Night Of Fun And Games

The traditional Activities Night was held in the high school gymnasium on Friday, March 15, 1991. The activities began at 6:30 p.m. and continued until 9:00 p.m. “It’s an annual thing sponsored by the Student Council and it’s basically held for juniors and seniors competing against another,” said Mrs. Karen Jarrad. Senior guys won against the junior guys playing basketball which went into overtime. The Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated the Varsity Girls Volleyball team in a game of volleyball. Then the Varsity Volleyball girls went on to beat the Varsity Wrestling team in a game of volleyball. Each person who paid $2.00 to get in received a ticket. If their number was called they had a chance to win $5.00 if they made a basket in a free throw contest. Senior Loren Wortinger and junior Tim Price showed their stuff when their number was called and each made a basket both winning $5.00. “I was surprised to have won,” said Tim. “Everybody who participated had a good time,” said guidance counselor Phyllis Giera.

— Yolanda Bender

Linn Haugstad, Karie Hoffer, Laura Wortinger, and Holly Havens share their ideas for Activities Night.

RaeLynn Houghton, Brian Graber, and Nino Porpiglia prepare the volleyball and basketball lineups for a night of fun.
Fun In French Club?

The French Club did some exciting and different things this year. For instance, in December, they went Christmas caroling. "It was kind of embarrassing at first, but it got fun," said Kerrie Dodson.

In February, the French Club went to a hockey game at Wing's Stadium in Kalamazoo. They attended another one that had green ice for St. Patrick's Day. The French Club had a lot of fun. Exchange student Irene Bod said, "I was hoping to see a fight because I have never been to a hockey game before and I heard there are a lot of fights."

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a French student to be in French Club. So join in the fun next year.

— Erika Tobin

Friends Stacy Miller, Amber Lutz, and Shannon Miller show their excitement at the hockey game.

Jeff Bennett and Ryan Grant pause while waiting in line at McDonald's after the game.

"Peace!" say Irene Bod and Liz Wooster as they enjoy the hockey game.
The Few, The Proud, The NHS

The National Honor Society added eleven new members this year for a total of fourteen honor students. Members for 2 years were President Beth Erlacher; Vice President Ed Dickenson; and Secretary-treasurer Brenda Melville.

The NHS held their annual Penny Pitch. This year’s proceeds went to the Gryphon Place. The Gryphon Place is a crisis center. It works in teenage suicide prevention.

The members of the National Honor Society went to home basketball games to collect money from parents and other spectators. They also took the pail around school to get money from the students and faculty.

— Shannon McKee

The new members of the NHS sit anxiously waiting for their induction ceremony to end. Todd Boyer, Shannon McKee, Kelli Wright, Heather Williams, Keri Yoder, Cara Roe, RaeLynn Houghton, Kerrie Dodson, Melissa Hakes, Jodi Chupp, and Kathy Betcke stand around their induction candies that they have just ill.

Fred Shafer and Brian Graber donate generously to the NHS Penny Pitch for the Gryphon Place while Brenda Melville holds the pail.

Treasurer-secretary Brenda Melville "pins" Todd Boyer into the National Honor Society.
This year Youth In Government had many new members, such as sophomore Jennifer Hill, "I really enjoyed it and it was a lot of fun." The first year members were a little surprised when they got to Lansing. They didn't think they would be doing things exactly like the government does.

White Pigeon had two Model Judiciary Program (M.J.P.) teams. These teams did an excellent job. Only one of the teams had a member who had been in M.J.P. before. The lawyers for the two teams were (Red Team) Stephanie Hite, Melissa Hakes, Nino Porpiglia, and Keri Yoder; (Black Team) Erika Tobin, Shannon McKee, Kathy Betcke, and Heather Williams. There were forty teams in the M.J.P. White Pigeon's teams received ninth place and sixteenth place.

Other members of Youth In Government were Laura Baber, Michelle Fiester, Scott Hall, Ronda Hargett, Anna Hawkkinson, Tina Hawkkinson, Jennifer Hill, RaeLynn Houghton, Linn Haugestad, Ann Kramer, Tim Sassaman, Darla Wolkins, Laura Wortinger, and Tim Yeomans.

WPHS's own principal, Mrs. Dee Korson, came to Lansing to watch her students act as governors, lawyers, members of the press, and legislators. "I was very impressed with our students. It was nice to walk around meeting kids from other schools and say I was with White Pigeon." It was a great year for Youth In Government.

— Shannon McKee

Scott Hall gives a disgusted face to Nino Porpiglia, who is enjoying his dinner drink.

Stephanie Hite enjoys the last few bites of her meal.

The 1990-91 Youth In Government members stand together with their advisor, Mr. Gayle Brokaw, while getting their picture taken.
Youth In Government Takes Over The Capitol

Tim Sassaman waits for the copies of the newspaper he has helped to write.

White Pigeon's Y.I.G. leader Mr. Brokaw takes a moment to ask a question about his speech.

Tim Yeomans, Michelle Fiester, Darla Wolkins, and Scott Hall work together on a bill for their committee.
White Pigeon Receives A New Principal

Quick! What’s the difference about our administration here at White Pigeon? It’s not the fact that we received a new principal since we have had quite a few different ones in the past few years, but this one’s different because she’s a woman. Her name is Mrs. Dee Korson and when I asked her how much she liked White Pigeon she said, “I love it.” Mrs. Korson was principal of two other schools in the northern Michigan area. When I asked Mrs. Korson about the first time she realized she wanted to be a part of the administration part of education, she laughed then responded with “Wow, that long ago?” At first she wanted to be a lawyer and even went to college and focused on studying pre-law classes, but after two years she started to realize that teaching was her true desire. After three years of college and putting some student teaching hours in on the side she was well on her way. “I realized being a lawyer was something my father always wanted me to be, but I couldn’t be something I didn’t have my heart in and to me that was teaching.” After teaching for awhile she started to realize she couldn’t change the things she wanted to because she didn’t have enough say. So that’s when Mrs. Korson decided to become a principal. “I know I can make positive changes, changes that will make a difference in the school and the students.” I then asked Mrs. Korson what a typical day was for her. She sighed and then replied, “My whole day is kids, I’m never in my office because I always try to be out whether it’s in the classroom or the halls.” Mrs. Korson said “I would really like to see the atmosphere of our school become a friendlier and happier place for the individual as well as for everyone.”

— Carrie Gingerich

Betty Andersohn
Ted Bargwell
Gayle Brokaw
Ruth Corne
Bob Evilsizer
Pamela Gates

Alice Gibber
Phyllis Giera
Edward Graham
Theresa Hackman
Elizabeth Hecevar
Ronda Jackson

Karen Jarrad
Dianne Kanouse
Laura Kershner
Dale Kimball
Dee Korson
Steve Lorenz

Betty Nihart
Sue Outman
Deb Poley
Gary Reish
Donna Rodwick
Gene Schroll

Gary Shoppell
Darryl Smith
John Starmann
Georgia Thieme
Brent VanderSchaaf
Sue Watson

10 Faculty & Staff
Mr. Lorenz smiles devilishly after assigning students to detentions.

Mrs. Korson patrols the halls to find students for their sentencing to detention or in-school.

Mrs. Kim Felt blows a balloon to help the junior class with their hall decorating.

Mr. George Morse tries to take off with the whole box of donuts at a teacher's meeting.
Students And Teachers: A Rewarding Experience

Everyone knows how important teachers are in the White Pigeon community, but do they really know what teachers do in their free time or when they're not teaching? Teachers have interests and hobbies outside of school just like we do, although we usually find it hard to imagine a teacher doing anything besides putting E's on our tests and making up new lesson plans for the next day. Where would they find the time? This was when I decided I would ask a few teachers about their hobbies and interests and here's how a few of them responded. Mr. Van derSchaaf, a math teacher, is pretty tied up with the job of coaching a J.V. girls' basketball team in the fall and a Varsity girls' volleyball team in the winter. He also received a new baby boy at the end of January '91, which should keep him busy enough. Mrs. Hocevar has a wide variety of tastes, she likes to ski, golf, and do counted crossstitch in her free time. Mrs. Jarrad loves to play tennis and volleyball and when she's not busy with her son D.J. she likes to walk to keep herself in shape. It looks as if she'll have to slow down with her having another baby on the way. When I asked Mr. Smith what his interests were, and of course I expected books and literature, it was a surprise when he responded with canoeing and backpacking also. "I also love to monkey around with computers." He received a computer from the state of Michigan by writing to them and telling them how much a computer in his class would benefit the students. He only wishes now that every student in his class could have the advantage of working on a computer every day. After hearing this I guess I was kind of glad that the state of Michigan isn't that generous!

— Carrie Gingerich

Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar, Michelle Felster, Mr. Gayle Brokaw and Laura Baber are dressed as their favorite hero during spirit week.

Jennifer Derr and Mrs. Sue Watson discuss office policy.

Junior Todd Boyer and Mr. Brokaw are living proof that student-teacher bonding actually exists.
Beth Erlacher puts a name tag on Mrs. Karen Jarrad, so everyone will know who she is.

Mrs. Susan Outman tries to help Nino Porpiglia and Greg Baker in Life Management Skills.

Mr. Steve Lorenz and Fred Shafer browse through the sports section and discuss Fred's skills at basketball.

Brenda Melville, Ed Dickinson, Mrs. Felt and Beth Erlacher smile for a keepsake.

Mrs. Giera appears comfortable on country day during spirit week.
Schoolboard And Superintendent Rule

The school board is a group of elected officials who are responsible for the business of the school. There has been a school board ever since the school existed. The members have a meeting each month which is held in a different school building each month. There are always extra chairs for people who are interested to come and watch the meetings.

At the beginning of the March meeting the 6th grade band played their first public performance. There were so many people there that there were not enough chairs and they had to take more chairs out of the classrooms. Some attendance awards were given out at the beginning of the meeting, too.

The school board hires teachers, develop new courses and controls the money of the schools. The principals of each school, at the beginning of the meeting, report things that were going on in their schools.

Some major decisions that were made this year were: new courses were developed, new teachers were hired, and new principals were hired at Baldwin Prairie, Little Chiefs Village, and the high school. In the spring the board decided that the 6th grade would stay at the elementary for the coming school year instead of going to the middle school.

The superintendent of the schools is Mr. Dale Kimball. He has been superintendent for 3 years now. His office is at the high school but he visits other schools a lot, too. At least twice a month he meets with the school board. They have to be in close contact. On a regular working day Mr. Kimball has different meetings, talks to principals, and does curriculum and budgeting. "I like my job so much because it is never boring and very unpredictable. It is different every day," Mr. Dale Kimball said.

— Irene Bod —

The school board members, Jerry Lintz, Ted Krull, Pam Sassaman, Susan Cline, Glenn Morris, Sue Bontrager, and Charles Carpenter, gather before the March meeting.
Mr. Dale Kimball goes through his schedule.

Mrs. Sue Bontrager smiles for the camera.

Mr. Charles Carpenter sits back and looks over his materials with interest.

Mr. Dale Kimball, Mrs. Pam Sassaman, and Mr. Ron Archer study their materials before the meeting.

Teachers Mrs. Laurie Fox and Mrs. Georgia Thieme discuss a newsletter.
Senior Class Says, "'91 Rules!"

The senior class, wearing their '91' t-shirts, wave good-bye to their long days at W.P.H.S.

Sixty-seven Seniors stand in the form of a '91', symbolizing their graduation year.
Some people seem to think practicing for a sport is easy, "a piece of cake." Not according to sports such as volleyball, cheerleading, and basketball. Senior wrestling co-captain Bryan Miller said, "The practices are really hard, but in the end, it's worth it."

The wrestlers worked very hard. They ran for at least twenty minutes at every practice, and went over different techniques. These drills were repeated to learn the fastest possible way to pin their opponent and win. Strenuous, but worth it.

"It's not so bad if you know you have a chance to win," commented junior Ian Essex.

In other sports such as cheerleading, the girls strove to perfect their cheers. As far as co-captain Laura Fletcher is concerned, "Cheerleading is a year round sport. We work a lot harder than people realize."

Another active sport was volleyball. As stated by junior Becky Wolf, "Our practices are mostly fundamental drills." Not only did they practice hard, but they were also very determined.

The basketball players had to work really hard this year learning new plays that they had never done before. They tried to improve their former record. "We really needed new plays because everyone in the league knew what offense we ran," said junior Corey Lutz. "It takes a lot of hard work and effort, but it all pays off in the end," commented senior Chris Kahila. All sports teams practiced hard to play hard.

— Erika Tobin
Senior Chris Kahila practices his free throws for the game.

The varsity cheerleaders, Robin Bagshaw, Shannon McKee, Sally Meedham, Erika Tobin, Kristine Swett, Laura Fletcher, and Rae-Lynn Houghton, practice one of their cheers for a competition.

Robert Burkey
David Claxton
Rex Davis

Jennifer Derr
Matt Dexter
Ed Dickenson
Just Get There ... Alive!

For most students who are legally able to drive it isn’t a problem getting where they want to go, if their car is in good working order and if the weather is cooperating.

Problems occur when cars malfunction and the weather outlook isn’t what you expected. Also, the lack of experience on unpredictable roads puts a major damper on traveling just about anywhere during a Southwestern Michigan winter.

Junior Kathy Betcke lost control of her car while driving too fast for conditions one dreadful day in December. “It was an experience that I will never forget. I definitely learned something from it, and I hope everyone else learns that you should always be more cautious than you think you should be,” remembered Kathy.

Many students literally take a crash course of collisions before they leave the halls of W.P.H.S. at graduation.

Students learn a lot of lessons about driving. They should always be prepared for anything and sometimes even that doesn’t help. “My accident wasn’t my fault because some idiot pulled out in front of me. I did all that I could but I couldn’t stop because of the snow and I couldn’t swerve because there were cars coming the other way. Fortunately I wasn’t hurt,” said Mark Pettit.

Most students will drive anything they can get their hands on, as long as it gets them where they want to go. Senior Rob Rogers said, “Some students’ parents buy them a nice new vehicle and then there is students like me that buy what they can afford and make the best of it.”

Some students go through an extraordinary experience to get their vehicles. Senior Nino Porpiglia explained, “I started saving when I was fifteen. I drove my dad’s van until I saved enough money to buy an Iroc-Z. It’s still expensive with gas and insurance to pay.”

Students also go out of their way to get their vehicle. Junior Stephanie Hite went to Florida last year over spring break. “I found a ride to Florida. Drove my car home. It broke down halfway home in Tennessee with no place to go but the mountains.”

Driving a car is not as easy as many think. There are many unpredictable things that can happen, so be prepared for anything.

— Becky Wolf

The dent in Mark Pettit’s truck shows that accidents aren’t always your fault.

Rob Roger’s “hippie van” is budget-saving, but reliable.
"Since I wasn’t around in the 60’s, I can only imagine what it would be like to drive a “hippie van” so I gave it my best attempt."
— The Pilot of the “hippie van,”

Rob Rogers

Nino Porpiglia’s hard work pays off in the end.

Stephanie Hite drove this car all the way from Florida.

This is the result of Kathy Betcke’s accident after she lost control of her car on the icy roads this winter.
Debbie Dimos
Craig Emerick
Laura Fletcher

Crystal Ford
Angela Gadomski
Carrie Gingerich

Brian Graber
Ryan Grant
Corey Hagen

Senior Jenn Hossler is trying hard to find the group R.E.M.
Senior Sheila Needham is astonished by the cost of CD’s.
Listen To The Music . . .

Various songs and dance styles came to life in the 1990-91 school year. It went from the great rappers like M.C. Hammer and Vanilla Ice, to the best head bangers, Metallica and Motley Crue. Senior Corey Hagen said, "The reason I like Vanilla Ice is because he's the first good white rapper." But we cannot forget all the love songs we danced to or cried over. Remember "The Postman Song," by Stevie-B? Many songs made us laugh, like the songs that made fun of the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. Laughing and crying aren't the only emotions evoked by music. Ecological issues were also covered by pop music. Bette Midler's "From A Distance" was a big hit. The music of the nineties has come a long way. No matter how or what we listen to, it will always give us a great feeling and plenty of memories.

— Jenn Hossler

Senior Jenn Hossler is surprised that they had her favorite cassette.
Some students lockers are just a pit stop between classes, where they store their books, old pens, and gum wrappers. "I don't have time to care about how my locker looks. It's the least of my worries," said freshman Ryan McKale.

This year's lockers were also unusually decorative, especially for the athletes. For every football game there was a new sign or something hanging on the outside. The cheerleaders hung anything from candy, cookies, balloons, and signs to help fire our guys up. When asked what he thought, Corey Hagen responded, "It was a cool thing to do and we appreciated it." They weren't the only ones who got stuff, though. The girl basketball players had a few things, too.

The wrestlers' lockers had a "pin your man" and a bulging muscle hanging on them among other things.

— Kris Swett

Gabe Currier keeps one of his posters on the outside. There probably isn't room inside.

Rae Lynn Houghton shows off her messy locker.

Freshman Jim Gales shows his spirit for the upcoming wrestling meet.
This student shows how messy his locker always is.

Jeff Bennett shows his locker, cluttered with his football signs and other stickers.

Freddie Shafer kept his basket and football signs for memories.

This Freshman's locker seems to be literally stuffed with his school supplies.

In Mrs. Jarrad's P.E. class no one seems to have time to worry about their clothes; they're just throw in.
Shirt Signatures Show Personality

How does your personality reflect in your handwriting? Graphologists, people who analyze handwriting, say they can find personality traits from a sample of your writing. They study more than 300 factors including slant, pressure, spacing, margins and how your signature differs from your writing. Not only can graphologists tell you about yourself, they also claim what jobs you would be good at. Rounded letters indicate a flexible nature, while sharp angular writing declares criticism, aggressiveness or need for control. Wide spacing between words shows shyness and isolation; evenly spaced letters imply an analytical and controlled writer. Some people are beginning to use graphology for their own personal career counseling. A good analyst may be able to help a high school senior discover untapped gifts that could lead to a fulfilling career.

Now with this inspirational knowledge on your handwriting analysis, what kind of pen will you choose to write with? Fountain pens seem like an unlikely choice but they are increasing in popularity each year. The utmost status symbol for fountain pens are Cartier's lacquered pens, with a gold encrusted shaft an an 18 kt. gold nib. They take a month to complete.

Seniors chose this year to put their signatures on a shirt to show their camaraderie as a class. But don't expect to have a good graphologist interpret your personality or traits from a single example of handwriting. Amateur analysts can probably have an entertaining time with our seniors.

— Jennifer Derr

Charles Horn
Jennifer Hossler
Chris Kahila

Tammy Kitch
Sherry Konkle
Mindi Kopf

Mark Lane
Brenda Melville
Bryan Miller

26 Seniors
Senior Laura Fletcher discusses her classmates’ personalities after examining their John Hancock on her sweatshirt.

A senior wears her senior shirt.

Alexander Morehouse
Chris Nash
Sheila Needham

Antonio Porpiglia
Robert Rogers
Shane Rossman

Brian Rudloff
Elmer Rudloff
Heather Salisbury
A lot of people at White Pigeon High School do not eat lunch for various reasons. Some aren’t hungry, some would rather talk to their friends. Kristine Swett said, “I use lunch as a break between classes and to talk to my friends.” Or some don’t have the money to buy it. Most people think that the food is O.K. but Erika Tobin said, “It looks disgusting!”

Everybody has enough time to eat his or her lunch. “It would be a good idea to have ‘open campus’,” said Alex Morehouse. And many agree. Most people want a longer lunchtime even if school would be out later. Ice cream was replaced in February, 1991, by frozen yogurt because it is much healthier. Some people were always saying that the lunch was too greasy; Mr. Gary Reish said, “The lunch tastes good, but the students just pick the wrong things like candybars.”

In March 1991, something else was new. “To save money, the school puts the spoons, napkins, and straws in a little package,” said Mrs. Anna Cheney, one of the cooks. She also said, “I really like to work here because everybody helps each other, and there is a good working atmosphere.”

A lot of people think that lunch is too expensive, but there are enough choices. Something that would be nice during lunch is to have the radio on. The radio from a few years ago was sold.

Foods that were the best sellers were: Mexican and Italian. For example, tacos, burritos, pizza, and spaghetti made students’ mouths water.

—Irene Bob

Jason Harmon pays for his meal in the cafeteria.
Ed Dickenson, Beth Erlacher, Matt Dexter, Tina Hawkins, Crystal Ford and Mark Lane eat and exchange the latest news.

The people from the kitchen serve food for each day. Candy Stevenson, Tommy Anglemeyer, and Erica Lawson sit and talk during lunch.
After a dull week of classes, teachers, and homework, White Pigeon students gear up for an exciting weekend. Kids at WPHS enjoy going to Pizza Hut in Sturgis after Friday night games. During football season this year "the Hut" was packed every Friday night.

Occasionally some club or class will host a dance to raise money and many high schoolers like to "hang out" there. Senior Laura Fletcher commented, "Dances are fun every once in a while, but sometimes they're pretty boring."

A lot of people just like to have their friends over to their houses for pizza, popcorn, and videos. "I like to spend my spare time with my boyfriend," said Sally Needham.

There are lots of other things people at WPHS enjoy doing like seniors Jenn Hossler and Shella Needham who said, "We like to go shopping in the malls." And Erika Tobin who stated, "My friends and I enjoy going to Mishawaka or Kalamazoo to see a movie and eat out."

All in all people in White Pigeon don't really care what they do just as long as they're with their friends.

— Shannon McKee

Senior Rick Binney and other spectators hang around to talk after a basketball game.

Bryan Miller and Jenny Hakala give each other a farewell hug after a Tuesday night game.
Just Hangin' Out

Some of the varsity cheerleaders rest during half time at the Constantine basketball game. Brian Rudloff "just hangs around" on the school benches.

Brian Wortinger
Loren Wortinger
Betsy Wright

Tabatha Wright
James Yoder
Danny Zimmerman
Eat Lunch And Lose Weight

Mr. Ned Bale and Mrs. Karen Jarrad supervise the intramurals during the first lunch period, while Mike Comstock and Shawn Lantz keep their eyes on the excitement of the court.

If you’re worried about taking in those extra calories at lunch, don’t worry. Now, after you get done feeding your face, you can waddle your way down to the gym to take part in intramurals to burn off some of that spare tire. Senior Elmer Rudloff said, "The reason I participate is because there’s not much of anything else to do, so join a team, and show off your stuff." There were several games to choose from like basketball, whiffle ball, volleyball, and ping pong. Most of the time it was just for fun, but if students wanted a challenge they could play during tournament weeks. Junior Phillip Wolf said, "Over all it shows good competitive spirit."

Stuart Marshall returns the ball with an awesome spike to get the point they needed to become volleyball champs.

Jeff Carper, Chris Cox, Jamie Alber, and Stuart Marshall show that they’re the number one team when it comes to playing intramural volleyball.
Just Sell

Ben Anglemeyer
Amy Baker
Kathy Betcke
Traci Black
Bobbie Boodt

Todd Boyer
Craig Bradford
Linda Bralick
Tena Burkey
Todd Burnham

Troy Burton
Eric Byler
Jeff Caldwell
Scott Calloway
Paul Canen

Jodi Chupp
Frances Cox
Gabe Currier
Paul Derr
Kerrie Dodson

Brian Dressler
David Eells
Chad Elkins
Ian Isarey
Mary Eymer

Eric Fair
Michelle Pyock
Joe Grandstaff
Stacy Gushwa
Melissa Hakes

Betsy Hersha
Scott Hall
Bo Haugestad
Rob Hill
Stephanie Hite

34 Juniors
The 1990-1991 Junior Class had a huge success at the annual magazine sales. "All of the money made from the sales is going to the 1991 prom," said Mrs. Kim Felt, the class sponsor.

The total funds of the magazine sales was $3,817, and profit $1,527. Mrs. Theresa Hackman assisted Mrs. Felt.

The top magazine sellers of the junior class were Melissa Hakes, who sold 34; Corey Lutz 25; and Cara Roe with 14. The president of the junior class, Todd Boyer, held a lot of meetings during the sales to figure out how much money they had; the meetings usually took place in the study halls during school. Melissa Hakes, vice president, Cara Roe, treasurer, and Jody Chupp, secretary helped out by reminding everyone to sell more magazines.

"Come to find out, the sports magazines and T.V. Guide sold the most," said Shawn Strawser. "This is really fun way to earn money," said Todd Burnham. If a class ever needs money quick the magazine sales are an easy way to earn a lot of cash.

— Ryan Grant

The top three magazine sellers for the junior class, Melissa Hakes, Corey Lutz and Cara Roe, sold most of their magazines to family members. "It was easy and it was a lot of fun," says Corey Lutz.
Parenting is fun for the pre-schoolers who like to play with blocks as well as the parenting students like Craig Hill, Jodi Chupp and Corey Hagen.

Ronda Hargett is working with some Branch Area Career Center material that was given to her.
Homework: Just Hand It In

Melissa Hakes shows her intelligence in Algebra 2 as she helps Kathy Betchke with her homework during study hall.

Dave Barry, a satirical writer of contemporary topics, was invited to White Pigeon to tell students about his memories of homework. He recalled, "Just walking out of French class I’m trying to haul the megatons of homework I was assigned for the night. I neared my locker with a sigh of relief on my face. I opened my locker to face a tidal wave of papers that have been crammed in day after day.

"School is finished for the day and I’m dragging behind my handy red wagon with a pile of books 5 feet high. I passed the school nerd on my way out. I imagined him running home to start his never-ending homework.

"I entered the bus slowly carrying my wagon with the help of my two best friends. I later promised to pay money to them for their help. I moved to the back of the bus and found a seat next to a little kid. I pulled out my English book and started to write the 27 page report that was due the next day. As I was trying to write with a dull broken pencil, it kept ripping my paper as we hit bump after bump on the road. The torture didn’t stop there though, the kid next to me kept grabbing my papers and bumping my arm so there were pencil marks running from side to side on my now wrinkled paper. The pencil flew out of my hand and hit the school bully in the back of his hairy square head. He stood up and knocked over my books. He also picked me up and threw me in my wagon and turned me into a wagon sandwich. I’M NOT MAKING THIS UP! Homework makes a person go insane.

"I personally know an entire class (class of 1968) who went totally, mentally bonkers because a teacher assigned a four year cumulative review right before graduation."

— Sally Needham —

Juniors 37
This year White Pigeon had two exchange students at the school, Irene Bod from the Netherlands and Sharlene Naismith from Australia. “There are many differences between our school and yours,” said Sharlene. Sharlene went to a private school which had a uniform and offers no sports. Irene’s school doesn’t have any lockers. The students carry their books to classes in a book bag. “They also carry their lunch to school or buy it someplace other than the school,” said Irene.

Both exchange students felt that American students were very friendly towards them. The two exchange students felt that White Pigeon High School was what they expected. “I liked the idea of a small town because the people were friendlier,” said Irene.

Both girls said that they would have many memories of their days at White Pigeon. “I really enjoyed living with Laura Fletcher and her family,” said Sharlene. “The most memorable times would be the times at Pizza Hut after the games,” said both of the girls.

Irene spends some of her time on the subway in Washington, D.C. where she really enjoyed the subway.

These are the addresses of Sharlene Naismith and Irene Bod if you want to send a letter to them.

Sharlene Naismith
269 Freemans Drive
Corrambong New South Wales,
Australia 2265

Irene Bod
Polmanstraat
7037 DC Beek
The Netherlands

Sharlene liked the telephone in Australia, but in the United States she really loves it when she talks to her friends.
Exchange Students
Exchange Experiences

Both Sharlene and Irene love American food which was served by Mrs. Charlotte Fletcher and Brent Fletcher.

Candy Stevenson
Jesse Stiles
Jeffery Stilsworth
Shawn Strawser
Kris Swett

Erika Tobin
Alissa Townsend
Amy Vogel
April Wheeler
Shannon Whitaker

Heather Williams
Phillip Wolf
Kelli Wright
Tim Yeomans
Keri Yoder
Here Darla Wolkins tries to talk Zach Finch and Shane Wilber into joining Dance Squad.

“We just love to dance” say Karie Hoffer, Linn Haugstad, Ann Kramer, and Laura Wortinger, four members of dance squad.

40 Sophomores
Just Dance

Practically no one left for popcorn during half time at any of the boys’ home basketball games last year. They didn’t leave because they weren’t hungry; they werestarved for entertainment, and they got it from the new dance squad. Originally the group had no sponsor. “We had the idea and got the okay from Mr. Steve Lorenz and then looked for a sponsor,” said Linn Haugestad. “That’s where Sara came in,” said Ann Kramer. Sara is Mrs. Sara Levi, the person who consented to be their sponsor. “These girls needed a sponsor and I said sure,” said Mrs. Levi. All things considered it was pretty fun. The team consisted of eleven girls and one boy. Auditions were open to anyone and all were welcome. Some people were even in other activities at the same time, however, this posed very few problems and schedules were worked out. Because it was a new program some people did and some people didn’t accept it right away. “It’s cool,” said senior Ryan Grant. “It took some getting used to,” said sophomore Britton Collins. The team made their own music by sampling off several different tapes and albums. “Our dance steps mostly come from MTV or we think them up ourselves,” said Becky Wolf, a member of the squad. The Dance Squad is another example of how White Pigeon just did it in 1991.

— A.J. Wertenberger

Kari Hoffer, Amy Bradford, Ann Kramer, Darla Wolkins, Tiffany Stevenson, Linn Haugestad, Tim Sassaman, Cara Roe, Laura Wortinger, and Shanon Negrete prepare to entertain the crowd at halftime of the Colon vs. White Pigeon basketball game.

Linn Haugestad
Alan Heminger
Jennifer Hill
Karle Hoffer
Matt Kaufman
Michelle Kiefer

Lonnie Killian
Donna Kinsman
Keith Komon
Ann Kramer
Mike Lammers
Shawn Lantz
Just Fake It

In the foreground are Tiffany Stevenson, the MC for the Lip Sync, and the first place group En Vogue Jr.

In November 1990 students, family and friends gathered at the Central Elementary gym to watch the Lip Sync, a contest where students mouth out words to a song. The Lip Sync was put on by the Sophomore class.

All the creative groups practiced their routines for the big night. Some groups did up to four songs. When the big night arrived tension filled the air. They all wondered who would win.

"I was scared and excited all at once," said Tena Burkey. The groups gave outstanding performances. In the end there were many happy winners. En Vogue Jr. with Linn Haugstad, Ann Kramer, Karie Hoffer, and Laura Wortinger gave an unforgettable show as they placed first. Right behind them was the Jazzy Z's with Bob Burkey and Tena Burkey. In third was Heavy T, Tim Sassaman.

The sophomore class gave all earnings to Jim Harris's family to help with expenses.

"I enjoyed the show, but mostly I supported the cause," stated Bill Smith.

— Sally Needham

Heather Lauw
Jamie Lego
Stuart Marshall
Craig Mast
Lisa Melville
Ryan Morris
Shanon Negrete

Holly Panky
Danielle Parker
Mark Peachy
Chris Procaccino
Diana Rank
Jason Rummier
Tim Sassaman

42 Sophomores
Mark Wordelman, Garner Wrisley, Bill Smith, and Ian Esarey wait to perform at the Lip Sync.

A.J. Wertenberger, Bryan Miller, and Corey Hagen show off their dance skills with the winners of the 1990 Lip Sync: Ann Kramer, Linn Haugstad, Laura Worthinger, and Karie Hoffer.

Bob Burkey, Tena Burkey and friends celebrate their 2nd place finish at the Lip Sync.
Have you ever been called "dude"; how about "hey you" or "yo babe." The main reason that people call you these things is that they either don't know or can't remember your name. That, or they can't get your attention. One way people solve this problem is to invent nicknames for other people. A nickname is something that shows your personality, sort of a label for your actions or looks. These types of nicknames are most prominent in the case of Jim "The Weasel" Gales and Craig "Skippy" Hill. One other way that people think up nicknames is to change around a person's first or last names to get a shortened or at least different version. Such is in the case of Ryan "Rhyno" Grant and Brian "Rudy" Rudloff. Sometimes a nickname can be a bad thing, but only if it's taken out of context; in its own way a nickname is your own personal status symbol — kind of like the keys to a mercedes.

— A.J. Wertenberger
Brian Graber is called "Tex" because he is originally from Texas.

Erika Tobin  "Jane"
Yolanda Bender  "Yogi"
Rae Lynn Houghton  "Lips"
Cara Roe  "Cinnamon"
Stacey Gushwa  "Gushi"
Sharlene Naismith  "Dundee"
Brian Rudloff  "Rudy"
Mike Bright  "Maccho"
Brian Graber  "Tex"
Todd Busch  "Bird"
Shawn Strawser  "Scrawny"
Ryan Grant  "Rhyno"
Corey Hagen  "Stubby"
Chris Kahila  "Tron"
Loren Wortinger  "Bubba"
Craig Hill  "Skippy"
Rick Binney  "Rico"
Bobby Babcock  "Bab’s"
Jeff Black  "Dozer"
Jason Fletcher  "Bro"
Brent Barnhart  "Barny"
Phillip Wolf  "Wolfman"
Jim Gales  "Weasel"

Bobby "Bab’s" Babcock and Phillip "Wolfman" Wolf think they are number one.

Sharlene "Dundee" Naismith enjoys studying.

Brian "Rudy" Rudloff and Shawn "Scrawney" Strawser love P.E. as long as they don’t get in trouble.
Fresh Frosh Shirts For Sale

Anderson, Todd
Archer, Ehren
Babcock, Robert
Betcke, Chad

Bresson, Peggy
Bronke, Jason
Burch, Amanda
Burrell, Lisa

Burton, Jeremy
Carr, Sarah
Comstock, Mike
Cuveyhouse, David

Davidson, Amanda
Dickenson, Amy
Dressler, Melinda
Earl, Amy

Eckert, Brian
Edie, Amy
Eells, Brenda
Fletcher, Jason

Just like the freshmen, their shirt is just hanging around.
Mrs. Korson goofs around with her sweater.

How many times have you looked in your closet and said, "I have nothing at all to wear"? This happened to members of the freshman class this year. Then one day the class advisor, Mrs. Phyllis Giera, decided to do something about it. She called in the class officers.

The president, Mindy Miller, and vice-president, Amie Lambdin, hand picked a committee to select a shirt that they thought was the best looking to solve the clothing problem.

The committee came up with a real winner. The shirt was black with a big, red W.P. on the front. There was a jagged, gray line, like someone had taken a pencil and scribbled over the top of the W.P. On the back of the shirt was "Class of '94" in red lettering.

The students had a choice of a tee-shirt, or a sweatshirt. What a good way to show school and class spirit, plus have something new to wear at the same time!

Many people figured the class gave away a shirt or two. But Principal Dee Korson dispelled that idea when she said, "They didn't give it to me...I bought it!"

— Alex Morehouse

Floor, Kimberlee
Gates, James
Grabe, Alan
Harris, Scott

Hart, Angela
Hawkinson, Anna
Holm, Darcy
Irons, Doug

Johnson, Darle
Kanouse, Sarah
Kitch, Tom
Klingler, Brian

Lairson, Amy
Lambdin, Amie
Landrus, Renee
Loyer, Julie
Failing? Call on Mrs. Phyllis Giera, she'll help. She finds out who is failing, what class he/she is failing, and pulls that person out of that class. Then she gets the assignments that the student needs, takes the failing student to the classroom next to her office, sits the pupil down and helps them with their classwork. This gives the student a nice, quiet environment to study and work. All this is thanks to a new program called At Risk. At Risk is for kids who are at risk of failing a class. This program is to help the student out, so they don't have to retake the class the next year.

At Risk was brought up at a teacher's meeting last year, but no teachers had the time for the class, so a counselor was asked to take the job. Mrs. Giera accepted the program and did a fine job at helping the kids.

When asked what her basic role was she replied, "I identify the problems of the kids, and help the kids deal with them." She also said, "I'll go to the teachers, find out the student's missing assignments, and work on them with the kids."

The students like the class, Junior Pat Niswander said, "It's easy, but it's also helping me get a credit that I need."

— Alex Morehouse

Lutz, Amber
McClure, Amy
McClure, William
Miller, John

Miller, Mindy
Miller, Shannon
Miller, Stacy
Moore, Jay

Morris, Sally
Mullins, Jason
Odom, Eric
Oxender, Matthew

Pfenning, Carissa
Plank, Dustin
Presock, Jeff
Schmidt, Sandra

Schuster, Kelly
Sherwood, Renee
Slusher, Lisa
Smith, Eric
Stevens, Jason
Stiles, Michael

Swett, Scott
Takace, Adam
Troyer, Shannon
Velige, Joshua

Verow, Scott
Wall, Jennifer
Walls, Dawn
Webster, Erin

Welker, Robert
Whitaker, Terri
Whiteman, Janelle
Wiley, Olivia

Witmer, Heather
Witmer, Tracy
Wondelman, Mark
Wrisley, Gamer

Just like the freshmen, their class shirt is "Just hangin' around."
Candy Corn Guess

The last week of October the Middle School Student Council held a Candy Corn Guess in the school cafeteria lobby during all three lunches. It was held to raise money for the 7th and 8th grade students. "Since it was Halloween, we thought that it would be a good idea to raise the money by guessing how many candy corns were in a jar," said President Domenic Porpiglia. Over 175 people participated and $45 was raised. Students could make more than one guess at 25¢ each. The winner was announced over the P.A. System, October 31, 1990. Brian Personette won the prize which was a big bag of Halloween candy. "I guessed that there were 1,793 candy corns in the jar," said Brian. Actually there were 1,794 pieces of candy corns in the jar. The candy corn did not go to waste because, it was later sold for 25¢ a bag.

— Yolanda Bender

Jennifer Anderson
Jason Anglemyer
William Balllowe
Jeremy Barnett
Jana Behrends

Jason Bennett
Jason Black
Wendy Black
Casey Bowers
John Bowers

Jennifer Bowman
Michele Boyer
Tim Brandl
Louis Bright
Justina Collins

Jessica Coohon
Marvin Cornwell
Brandon Cropsey
Eric Cullifer
Melissa Curlie

Colleen Currier
Angela Davis
Bruce Demler
John DeMoss
William Derringer

Angel Draper
Franklin Elkins
Julie Elkins
Mark Ermis
Clint Fair

Emily Coleman, Rebecca Keogina, and Brandy Hill discuss what the Student Council members will do with the money raised from the Candy Corn Guess.
Heidi Fields
Sarah Finch
Jerry George
Adrienne Grames
Summer Greer

Bridget Hackman
Pat Hines
Chastity Holmes
Eric Hoopes
Kelly Houghton

Amberlin Hulse
Christina Jones
Neil Kemp
Rebecca Keogima
Steven Klingler

Micheal Kramer
Angel Krone
Melody Lawson
Jessica Leers
Vicky Lego

Samuel Lock
Dutch Losik
Kendra Marshall
Nicole Misner
Mark Moyer

Jeremy Myers
Steve Page
Kelly Peffley
Brian Personette
Kelly Pettit

Lauri Wienburg, Pat Hines, Carry Woods, Elisha Smith, Domenic Porplgila, and Chris Kaufman get serious with the Candy Corn Guess held by the 7th and 8th grade Student Council.

Jennifer Lilley tries to guess the amount that's actually in the candy jar.
Jamie Plank
Jason Fletcher
Rhonda Fletcher
Domenic Porpiglia
Gregory Reed

Todd Rentfrow
Jamie Rexford
Donie Roberts
Sharria Rogers
Nicole Rohrer

Ryan Scamehorn
David Schieber
James Sexton
Brooke Shupp
Jeremy Smedzuk

Jamie Smith
Randy Stephenson
Jeremy Strong
Ann Swinchart
Jeremy Tschappat

Lauri Weinberg
Mandy West
Mike Westfall
Rebecca White
Scarlett Wright

Lisa Yeomans
Dennis Zimmerman

Jason Shafer shows off one of his many talents while on his way to his exploratory class second hour.

Wendy Black and Heidi Fields practice their square dancing routine for Mrs. Deb Poley's class.

52 8th Graders
The seventh graders entered a whole new environment, from when they were sixth graders at the elementary. They found out that there is no recess outside. "I'd rather have recess to get some fresh air," replied Shawn Reeg. Instead of having one classroom with one teacher teaching all the subjects, they now have seven different classes with a different teacher each hour; some may have the same teacher a second or third time because there is no separate English teacher. Lunch is also different; instead of staggering classes they all eat lunch at the same time which is at 12:00. They can choose whether to eat or go to the gym for internurals. Tammy Lammers stated, "I would rather eat a good lunch to make it through the rest of the day." Another student Westley Shepherd replied by saying "The school's lunch is gross, except for Friday's, which is pizza day."

— Stephanie Shepherd
Seventh graders sew and cook in Home Ec., they learn the basics in art, they exercise for fitness in P.E. The seventh grade students are in two exploratory classes one semester and P.E. for the rest of the year.

Mrs. Susan Outman said, "My students learn the basics in how to measure, work well in groups, read recipes, and how to prepare simple recipes." Mrs. Martha Starmann teaches her students about basic drawing techniques, beginner painting, clay sculpturing, papier mache and weaving.

Mrs. Outman said, "My class does a show case along with a special sewing project of their choice. Kristen Price said she liked all the exploratory classes, because she can make things or cook or just exercise.

In P.E. they ran and stretched out before they got started in a particular sport.

In art they were given their basic materials such as painting sets, crayons, pencils, erasers, markers, and paper.

In Home Ec. they were given a certain recipe chosen by Mrs. Outman for them to prepare. They sewed pillows also in Home Ec. Class.

— Stephanie Shepherd
Kendra Marshal, Lori Cannons, Domenic Porpiglia and Rebecca Keogima wait for more people to guess on the candy corn contest.

Jeremy Overton, Bill Mead and Westley Shepherd look like they have nothing to do.

Chris Reed
Shawn Reeg
Bob Reichman
David Rose
Stephanie Rudloff

Lindsey Sanders
Jason Shafer
Jennifer Shafer
Westley Shepherd
Alisha Smith

Jeremy Stabler
Gilbert Stephenson
Don Wagner
Shonda Walden
Khari Waltke

Betsy Webster
Kerri Woods
Todd Wordelman
Following are the members of the White Pigeon Varsity Football team: Shawn Strawser, Eric Byler, Jeff Black, Craig Emerson, and Fred Shafer; Tim Sassaman, Brian Dressler, Craig Hill, Loren Wortinger, Rick Binney, Ryan Grant, Rex Davis, A.J. Wertenberger and Managers Ashleigh and Adrian Aldrich; Corey Hagen, Loren Hull, Brian Rudloff, Gabe Currier, Greg Hilliard and Bryan Miller; Coach Pat West, Coach Mary Schneider, Brent Bamhart, Jeff Bennett, Chris Nash, Shawn Smedziuk, Chris Kahila, Corey Lutz, Todd Boyer and Trainer Gary Shoppel.

The Chiefs manage to hold the Williamston defense.

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Todd Boyer stretches to put in a few more yards.

Quarterback Greg Hilliard awaits the next play from Coach West.
The White Pigeon football team worked super hard to make their way to the playoffs in the fall of 1990. On the road to the playoffs the Chiefs had seven wins and lost only to Mendon 15-14, and Schoolcraft 14-16. The Chiefs were also successful in keeping the Tomahawk in White Pigeon for another year when they trampled the Falcons 28-8.

While sitting in the house of the head coach Mary Schneider, tension built in the eager Chiefs, as they awaited the phone call from the Michigan Athletic Association. When the news came through about the team being in the playoffs, there were many happy shouts, high fives, and perhaps even tears. Junior Loren Hull said, “We were the first White Pigeon team to make it to the playoffs since 1980. I am very proud to be going.”

The Chiefs pre-regional game was against Williamston. Though a few players were injured, (Brian Dressler received a broken collar bone, and Jeff Bennett a broken leg) the Chiefs still played an exciting game, with good passing and good defense. The Chiefs were very aggressive after the half, which brought them a 38-19 killer win.

At the regional game the Chiefs hosted Ida, which was a great psychological advantage for the Chiefs. Just before halftime Senior Fred Shafer ran for a touchdown to pull the Chiefs ahead. Senior Chris Kahila also helped Shafer with an excellent pass reception of 47 yards. At the end of the game the Chiefs celebrated the victory, for they had just won the regional championships. Junior Missy Joseph said, “I think they played a great game, and had an excellent year.”

Then the mighty Chiefs were off to face Detroit St. Martin DePorres at Hillsdale College. Tension built in the Chiefs for this was the game that would take them to the state championship.

White Pigeon’s offense managed to keep the ball 34 minutes out of a 48 minute game. But, DePorres was too big and fast for them. Though they put every ounce of effort and strength into the game, it wasn’t enough to beat DePorres. The game turned out to be a 14-42 loss for the Chiefs. “I feel the team worked hard together. They are like one big family, they care for each other. I believe that is the key to their success,” said Coach Schnieder.

The Chiefs broke a lot of records during the regular and playoff seasons. Senior Brian Rudloff was most valuable player. Kicker Senior Rick Binney broke a record with 4 field goals and 50 extra point conversions. Senior Loren Wortinger gathered the most yardage with 1036, while Senior Chris Nash had the most tackles of the season.

— Betsy Hersha

The White Pigeon Varsity team celebrates after winning the first playoff game.

Pat Niswander dresses as Chief Wahbe-meme for every playoff game.
J.V. Players Miss Teammate

Did you ever have something on your mind that made you very sad. Well, that happened to the 1990 Junior Varsity football team. Sophomore Jim Harris had always been an active member of the football team, until he discovered he had cancer. Jim struggled with the cancer in his knee that soon spread. The team tried to go on with the season without Jim, but many of them had problems keeping their minds on the game.

Just before the Constantine game Jim Harris passed away. Many members took his death hard. A starting lineman of their team was no longer with them. Or was he? The team had put J.H. on their helmets. They knew that Jim was with them at every game and practice in their minds and in their hearts.

The sophomores were moved up to Varsity at the end of their season to help out the Varsity team at the playoffs. Though none of them really got a chance to play, it was a good experience for them. "Our guys never gave up, they gave it their all. They are a fun semi-hard-going group!" said Coach Gropp.

This year Aaron Takace had the most rushing yards with 674. Passer Al Heminger had 73 attempts with 42 completed. He also had 3 interceptions and 5 touchdowns. Receiver Dusty Bennett had 21 catches with 315 yards. On defense Jamie Lego had 39 solo tackles and 10 innons.

— Betsy Hersha


Aaron Takace is refreshing himself before he goes back into play.

Teammates take Jim Harris, a departed member, to each game and practice by wearing his initials on their helmets.
Standing at the front of the bus are Mrs. Schroll, Todd Burnham, Phillip Wolf, Stacy Miller, Bobby Babcock, Brian Graber, Robert Welker, Mr. Schroll. Sitting on the bus are Dusty Plank, Billy McClure, Russell Hagerstrom, Jeff Platz, and Danny Zimmerman.

Just Running

"We are going to win the SJV title," pledged the 1990 Cross-Country team. To raise the gang's spirits they purchased shirts that read "Read My Shirt Eat My Dirt." It must have worked because senior Brian Graber didn't lose for most of the season: "I was undefeated in all dual meets," said Brian.

Following Graber were juniors Todd Burnham and Phillip Wolf along with freshmen Billy McClure, Bobby Babcock, Dusty Plank and senior Danny Zimmerman. The team finished 5-1 and second in the league which wasn't what they had planned but it was a very close race. Brian Graber also qualified for state competition.

The girls had one very talented runner; Stacy Miller consistently was a speed demon. Brian described his fellow runner as "one of the best girls in the league. She always worked hard and tried to keep up with the guys in practice and usually beat some of them."

— Michael Bright

"Get ready; set; go." races through the minds of the Cross-Country team as they are poised on the starting line.
The cheers started out faint in the football season of 1990. But, thanks to the cheerleaders, that all changed. Getting a crowd fired up isn’t the easiest thing for a cheerleader to do. “It always takes a little extra to get the crowd fired up. If the team is playing well, it makes it easier. If the team is doing bad it takes a little bit more effort to put the crowd into the spirit. But spirits always seem to rise during the middle of the season,” said Coach Deb Tobin.

The cheerleaders practice every night for at least three hours. They discuss cheers to use for the game or make up new ones for future use.

When the basketball season started the cheers were low once again. Again it took the work of the cheerleaders to put the crowd into the school spirit. “It is really great to have crowd participation. It makes us feel as if we are doing our sport right,” said Erika Tobin.

Throughout the year of practice, cheering, and making posters, the cheerleaders did a great job at competitions, too. At the Elkhart County Fair the squad placed second. At the LaGrange fair they placed third. It is harder for a Michigan state squad to place out of state. Yet the cheerleaders didn’t let that stop them. At their S.J.V. competition the squad placed second. And at state they placed eighth out of the competition.

“Being a cheerleader is hard work. People put you into a stereotype. But not all cheerleaders are what people put them out to be. I enjoy cheering and I want to go on to do it again,” said Kris Swett.

Although the cheerleaders have their difficult time getting the fans into the school spirit, they always manage to keep the spirits flying high.

— Betsy Hershu

The White Pigeon Varsity cheerleading squad is RaeLynn Houghton, Sally Needham, Robin Bagshaw, Dawn Ianarelli, Erika Tobin, Kristine Swett, Laura Fletcher, and Shannon McKee.

Kristine Swett and Shannon McKee hold the hoop through which the football team runs.
In front RaeLynn Houghton, Erika Tobin, and Shannon McKee show off the trophies that they have received. In back Robin Bagshaw, Laura Fletcher, Kristine Swett and Sally Needham also share in showing the trophies.

Freshman cheerleader Renee Landrus cheers for the basketball team.

In the freshmen cheerleader squad are Angie Hart and Renee Landrus. In back are Dawn Walls and Kim Floor.

These are the members of the J.V. squad: Julie Loyer, Amie Lambdin, Tracey Emerick, Holly Havens, Lisa Melville, and Jennifer Wall.

The varsity cheerleaders liven up the crowd again.
Put It In, Lady Chiefs

This year’s girls’ basketball team didn’t do as well as they had planned, because of lack of experience and teamwork. The White Pigeon Lady Chiefs had only one senior Debbie Dimos this year on Varsity. They also had a sophomore Diana Rank. “This year’s basketball season didn’t do quite as well as I had hoped,” said Debbie Dimos. “We had a lot of first year players who were all pretty young, but they learned a lot. We’re also looking forward to next year,” replied Coach Kim Felt. The team won only one game this year against Galesburg — Augusta on the first day of school in August. It was hard not to get frustrated when they lost all but one game, which led to a season-long lack of teamwork. “Even though we had a losing season, it might have helped if we would have had a little more school spirit,” replied Rebecca Wolf.

The 1990 girls’ J.V. basketball team is Mindy Dressler, Janelle Whiteman, Sandra Schidt, Ronda Hargett, Coach Brent VanderSchaaf, Shannon Miller, Erin Webster, Mindy Miller, and not shown is Betsy Wright.

Heather Williams waits for the rebound.
Kathy Betcke goes for a jump shot.
The 1990 Varsity girls basketball team is Melissa Hakes, Heather Williams, Diana Rank, Cathy Betcke, Coach Kim Felt, Debbie Dimos, Keri Yoder, Stephanie Hite, and Rebecca Wolf.

Heather Williams and Melissa Hakes show their defensive skills.
Just Smack It

The golf team didn’t have the luxury of pep rallies, pep bands, stands or even spectators; therefore they had an anonymous season. The team did have youth, determination and good spirits on their side. Many players improved drastically. “Coach Sawyer improved my game a lot this season. He helped my putting,” said senior Mark Lane. “I’m a senior but the younger guys will be even better than I am when they are seniors.” Seniors Brian Wortinger and Shannon Bontrager returned from last year. “Golf is a relaxing sport for me; I really enjoyed the season,” said Brian. Freshman Alan Grabe also performed well this season. “I really saw an improvement in Alan,” stated senior Mike Hoopes. Todd Anderson also played a great deal this season. “Todd had a difficult start but finished strong,” said Mike.

— Michael Bright
Just Pin 'Em; Successful Season

These are the men who had the determination to finish the season, Ian Esary, Bryan Miller, Loren Hull, Coach Dan White, Adam Takace, A.J. Wertenberger, Brian Eckart, and Jeff Presock.

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It’s been called the toughest six minutes in sports. As one of the oldest sports in the world it uses the most primitive, pure muscle actions; it also requires extreme speed of thought. The determination and drive to excel is unequalled in any sport. When you’re on the mat it’s always one on one. There’s nowhere to run; there’s nowhere to hide and no one but you and your opponent. Someone has to lose, someone has to win. This sport is wrestling and it’s not for everyone which was proved by the 27 people who signed up for the season and the 7 men who actually finished it. It was not an easy season, however; it was one of the best that White Pigeon has had since the program was restored 5 years ago. The team took third place out of 10 teams at the Allendale tournament and beat Hopkins and Allendale both in dual meets earlier in the season. They also placed fourth at the league meet above both Centreville and Schoolcraft. The White Pigeon wrestlers who placed were, at 119 lbs. 1st place Jeff Presock, at 125 lbs. 2nd place Bryan Miller, at 140 lbs. 2nd place Loren Hull, 160lbs. 4th place Adam Tackace, at 171 lbs. 3rd place A.J. Wertenberger. The only White Pigeon wrestler to advance beyond districts was Bryan Miller who was later defeated at regionals. This, sadly, was the end of the 1991 wrestling season.

— A.J. Wertenberger
The Varsity boys basketball team exploded early in the season to win their first five games in a row but was then defeated by Constantine in a close game to give them their first loss. Seniors Loren Wortinger, Chris Kahila and Fred Shafer, the captains of the team, were the top scoring force along with Juniors Scott Hall and Corey Lutz. Even though the Chiefs experienced some up and down times, their highlights will be remembered for a long time. The Chiefs were the only team in the league to successfully defeat Schoolcraft. Mr. Cal Hackman, coach of the Varsity Chiefs, surprised a lot of fans with his choice of players because he was able to use talent on and off the bench. Senior Chris Kahila said, "Even though it was an up and down season, a lot of the less experienced players got the chance to play and that will always be helpful for next year." As always the freshman and the J.V. put their season as a learning experience in the books.

— Carrie Gingerich

Standing with spirit are Scott Hall, Corey Lutz, Todd Burnham, Chris Kahila, Todd Boyer, and Coach Cal Hackman. Kneeling are Fred Shafer, Shawn Strawser, Loren Wortinger, Philip Wolf, and Brian Graber.

66 Boys Basketball
The young but worthy freshmen are Robert Babcock, Jeremy Burton, Jason Fletcher, Robert Welker, Mike Comstock, and Coach Tim Heminger. Kneeling are Ryan McKale, Jason Mullins, Dustin Plank, Ehren Archer, and James Platz.

The proud J.V. team consists of Zach Finch, Scott Verow, Alan Heminger, and Coach Mike Gropp. Kneeling are Shane Wilber, Ryan Archer, Chris Hilgendorf, Shawn Lantz, and Jim Airgood. Not pictured is Steve Graber.
The Varsity Volleyball team consisted of coach Brent VanderSchaaf, juniors Melissa Hakes, Kathy Betcke, Jodi Chupp, Keri Yoder, Amy Baker, Stephanie Hile, and seniors Debbie Dimos and Carrie Gingerich.

Just Spike It

Spiker’s Classic — lost
Bronson Invitational — lost
White Pigeon-Schoolcraft — lost
White Pigeon-Constantine — lost
White Pigeon-Parchment — lost
Jonesville Tournament — 3rd
White Pigeon-Three Rivers — won
Cereal City Classic — lost
White Pigeon-Galesburg-Augusta — lost
White Pigeon-Centreville — lost
White Pigeon-Colon — lost
Lawton Tournament — 4th
White Pigeon-Climax — lost
White Pigeon-Mendon — lost
Portage Central Invitational — lost
White Pigeon-Bronson — lost
White Pigeon-Edwardsburg — lost
White Pigeon-Vicksburg — lost
St. Joseph Valley League Tournament — 5th
Districts — lost
Record 6-26-10

Carrie Gingerich, Melissa Hakes, and Jodi Chupp wait for one of their home games to start.
The J.V. Volleyball team consisted of manager Julie Hayes, Lisa Slusher, Amy Edie, Sandra Schmidt, Sarah Kanouse, Holly Pankey, coach Peggy Lutz, Manager Michele Boyer, Mindy Miller, Erin Webster, Amy Dickinson, Shannon Miller, and Stacy Miller.

Under the new leadership of head coach Brent Vander Schaaf the varsity lady chiefs had an up and down season. The Chiefs were led by two seniors, Debbie Dimos and Carrie Gingerich. "Our season was up and down but we really had a lot of fun," said junior Keri Yoder. "The lady Chiefs worked hard together all season and they really had teamwork," said Coach Vander Schaaf. One of the biggest games of the year was at the Lawton tournament where the lady Chiefs beat Bridgeman and ended up 3rd overall. This was one of their biggest victories. The J.V. lady Chiefs fared pretty even. Their record ended up 14 wins-14 losses. They were led in spiking by freshmen Amy Edie and Mindy Miller, and sophomore Holly Pankey. "All season the girls worked very hard and had a lot of fun," said Coach Peggy Lutz. For the varsity district lone sophomore Holly Pankey, and freshmen Mindy Miller and Sandra Schmidt were moved up to the varsity team. The three girls were moved up because Coach Vander Schaaf thought they would help out the most during the tournament.

— Ryan Grant —

Amy Edie waits before a game as coach Peggy Lutz is telling the players last minute instructions. Keri Yoder practices her hitting as much as she can before the game starts.
Track is full of many events in which a person can compete. Some of these events are the long jump, high jump, and hurdle running. A person can choose to do many different events in track.

Senior Heather Salisbury went to state to compete in the shot put and discus. Junior Todd Burnham competed in the pole vault. "The competition wasn't as good as I thought it would be. The injury to my ankle hurt my performance in my other events," said Todd Burnham.

Most of the events in track are individual events. To be in track you need to rely on yourself. Junior Rae Lynn Houghton said, "When I place in a race I know I did it myself, not with anyone else's help." Gene and Irene Schroll were the track coaches. They have been with the track team for two years now and they have seen a lot of improvement. Junior Phillip Wolf said, "I thought my performance in running was good for not running my sophomore year."

— Sally Needham
Heather Salisbury gives it her all at the discus throw.

Brian Graber and Brian Dressler lead the pack in the Constantine Invitational.

Todd Burnham successfully clears the high jump pole.

Amy Dickenson and Charity Green warm up all on their own and have a blast.
Rick Binney calls time out to talk with catcher Brian Turpin about what pitch to throw while Brent Barnhart looks on.

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Senior Shannon Bontrager squares up for a bunt in a home game against Constantine.

A disappointed Jeff Black walks back to the dugout after a strikeout.
Just Smash It

The varsity baseball team consisted of mostly seniors. They were Jeff Bennett, Jeff Black, Brent Barnhart, A.J. Wertenberger, Brian Rudloff, Ryan Grant, Corey Hagen, Rick Binney and Shannon Bontrager. "The whole season was up and down; we were never really consistent," said coach Cal Hackman. "The biggest game of the year that we won was the first game against Mendon; it was a spirit lifter," said Jeff Bennett. Out of the seven teams in the league, senior Rick Binney was picked as one of the top three pitchers and Jeff Black was picked as one of the top outfielders. Both made 1st team All League. Shannon Bontrager was named honorable mention at shortstop. The Chiefs were short on pitchers for the season, so some people who didn't plan on pitching, ended up pitching really good. They included Corey Hagen, Brian Rudloff and Todd Boyer. "All in all the team had a really fun season and played well together," said Brian Rudloff.

— Ryan Grant —
Softball Is Doing It!

Junior Kathy Betcke prepares herself as an opponent hits the ball her way.

On March 11, 1991, the varsity softball girls, coached by Miss Angie Roberts, had their first day of practice in the high school gymnasium as a result of freezing weather. The girls practiced inside at least the next three weeks.

The girls' main goal this year was to win at least one game and to limit the mistakes made on the field. The girls did just that. They ended the season with one win and twenty losses.

Senior Carrie Gingerich said, "We had at least four of our games cancelled this softball season due to the weather being bad."

Even though they only won one game, all the girls had a fun season playing together.

— Yolanda Bender
Betsy Hersha

Junior Amy Baker hurries off the field to the dug out after being tagged out at 2nd base.
Jodi Chupp coaches first base at the Climax-Scotts game.


Carrie Gingerich waits to see Linda Wagner strike out another opponent.

Betsy Wright lunges towards the ball for a hit.

Pitcher Linda Wagner tags a Climax-Scotts player for an out.
Catch The Spirit

On the evening of September 28, 1990, the Homecoming game took place. The football players had their mind on the Bulldogs and the fans were excited for them. Everyone was anxious to find out who would be King and Queen. At half time the moment came for the announcement of this fall’s Royalty. While the Corvettes circled the field with the nervous candidates, parents and students wondered who would be named. Nikki Strawser, the 1989 Queen, and Bill Gilbert, the 1989 King, returned this year to pass the crown on to Laura Fletcher and the scepter to Brian Graber. The Homecoming court was made up of Freshmen Shannon Troyer and Sarah Kanouse. The Sophomores representatives were Alan Heminger and Laura Wortinger. The Juniors were Loren Hull and RaeLynn Houghton. — Sheila Needham

Laura Fletcher and Brian Graber show their stuff as Homecoming King and Queen.

Rick Binney and Chris Kahila show their spirits by wearing their favorite jerseys on Jersey Day.

Mrs. Phyllis Giera and Mrs. Marcia Wittenberg wonder who will be 1990-91 Homecoming King and Queen.
Senior homecoming queen candidates Melinda Kopf, Debra Dimos, Carrie Gingerich, Tiffany Strawser, and Laura Fletcher stand anxiously thinking about which one of them will be crowned. Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar and Michelle Felster show their spirit by imitating our great professor Mr. Gayle Brokaw.

Shanone Negrete and Dustin Bennett show their school spirit by voting for Homecoming King and Queen.

Waiting calmly, Brian Graber, Rick Binney, Christopher Kahila, Nino Porpiglia, and Greg Hillard count the days until the royal night.
Prom 1991 gave us all a scare at first. The prom theme that won the vote wasn’t exactly what the prom committee wanted; nevertheless, they agreed and moved on. It took them awhile to get organized. The prom theme was Paradise City and the buildings that came with it took a while to really look like buildings, but after the committee got the hang of it, it didn’t take long. It took most of the people who stayed to decorate up until 1:30 A.M., and they were pretty much happy with the result. On May 4th, around 7:45 the couples started arriving for the prom. Things really started getting busy around 8:30 because that was when most if not everyone arrived. The Grand March started at 9:00 and all the couples looked really great. Most of the dresses worn were long, which was kind of a shock since a lot of the stores were carrying short, simple styles. A lot of the couples ate at places like Dantini’s, Tippecanoe Place and Mountain Jack’s. A lot of the couples were planning to go to Great America since the traditional Cedar Point was closed. The weather was bad but that didn’t dim the spirits of the couples who had a good time no matter what. Junior Shannon McKee said, “I thought prom turned out pretty good since not very many people came to decorate the night before.” Senior Betsy Wright expressed how much she enjoyed it. “I had the best time at prom I had in a long time.” Junior Jeff Caldwell said, “Prom was different than I thought it would be. It got kinda boring near the end.” Really, prom was what you made of it. For most of us it was a great time and a good memory to always carry.

— Carrie Gingerich
— Sheila Needham

Junior Mark Pettit takes a break after helping with the balloons.

Juniors and seniors work on decorations the last day before prom.

Junior Stephanie Hite finishes the balloon archway that all the couples walk through.
Senior Irene Bod and her date look stunning in their evening wear.

Seniors Mindi Kopf and Sheila Needham await anxiously for Grand March.

Senior Carrie Gingerich and junior Corey Lutz are on 'cloud nine' and their picture proves it.

Junior Melissa Hakes and senior Ryan Grant demonstrate how they will pose for Harrington.

Junior Shannon McKee and senior Fred Shafer have been waiting for this night a long time by the look of their smiles.
They Dreamed Their Dreams Together

Rex Davis and Skippy Hill enjoy their breakfast.

Greg Baker puts some sugar in his coffee for a little “pep” at the Senior Breakfast.

Ken Ferguson and Bryan Miller laugh and enjoy their breakfast.

This year’s senior class motto was “We’ve dreamed our dreams together, now we must make them come true alone.” These seniors took their motto to the extreme and “dreamed together” while camping out on the front lawn of the school. No other class has ever done this before. “It was a blast. We just asked the police department if it would be all right and we checked it out with the school and everyone came and had a good time,” said senior Bryan Miller. The next morning the entire class had their annual senior breakfast, served by the faculty and administration. The food that was served was French toast, cinnamon rolls, link sausage, orange juice, and coffee. “It was pretty good,” said Loren Wortinger.

After breakfast the seniors were in for a big surprise . . . REHEARSAL! They thought they would never get done. “I didn’t think I would ever get the walking right!” said Angie Swett.

They dreamed their dreams together and now they are making them come true alone.

— Shannon McKee
Things are getting a little out of order as the seniors rehearse for graduation.

Shane Rossman and Matt Dexter practice getting their diplomas.

Bryan Miller and Ken Ferguson are the last of the campers.
The lyrics of the class of '91's song had deep meaning to them because of the memories they've shared. The song was performed by Seniors Angie Hobbs, Beth Erlicher, Crystal Ford, and Table Sassman. "During the song, it was sad to think that none of us would ever be in the same place at the same time again," said Sheila Needham.

In the chorus the song said, "In good times and bad times I'll be by your side forevermore because that's what friends are for." Times from kindergarten, 5th grade camp, Homecoming, football games, Prom, finals, class trips, graduation, just everyday life together, made memories and friendships that would never be forgotten. Senior Betsy Wright tried to explain the bond of their class by saying, "We have been through so much together, you'd have to be a part of it to understand."

The Seniors of 1991 were united as one, not as separate individuals. "The whole class is a group, no one is left out," A.J. Wartenberger commented. All but 12 of the 66 graduates went to the Dunes or Cedar Point on Senior Skip Day, May 20. The reasons those few didn't go was because of their parents or too many absences. Upon receiving their diplomas each person was applauded by their classmates.

Senior Class President Nino Forpiglia, in his final address to the senior class, expressed how much friendship really meant to him and his classmates. "We've already experienced the real world, we've experienced friendship," Nino went on to say, "The world is ours, guys."

— Rebecca Wolf
These are just a few of those who are planning to go on to college.

Everyone stands while Crystal Ford sings the national anthem.

Tammy Kitch walks off after getting her diploma.

Class President, Nino Porpiglia, gives his final speech before graduating.
A Night At The Theater

This year’s school play was quite different compared to the previous ones. "A Night At The Theater" was a series of four small plays, instead of just one. A.J. Wertenberger, who took in three of the plays, thought. "It’s kind of hard to follow because they don’t tie together."

The night started with Alfred Hitchcock’s "Sorry, Wrong Number." After that came a satire of a soap opera which White Pigeon players called "As The Stomach Turns." Next was a comedy, "The Bank Robbery," followed by a poem, "The Cremation of Sam McGee," ready by Crystal Ford. The final play was also a comedy, "the Potboiler," with Angie Hobbs doing a solo. Mr. William Martin directed the four plays.

Between each short play the entire cast assembled around the piano and sang. Most of the time they sang the chorus to songs performed by someone else. In one song performed by Beth Erlacher and Matt Dexter, Heather Lauw played the trumpet and was shot by a deranged Beth. Yet another example was the finale of "God Bless America" performed by Angie Hobbs for which the cast sang the first chorus and the audience was asked to join in on the second. The theme for all of the songs was very patriotic, sort of a salute to America. Though it wasn’t planned it turned out to be very fitting for the events of the time in the Persian Gulf.

— A.J. Wertenberger
DIRECTOR — Mr. William Martin
SORRY WRONG NUMBER —
Crystal Ford
AS THE STOMACH TURNS —
Tina Hawkinsen
Stacey Floyd
Brenda Melville
Matt Dexter
Laura Baber
BANK ROBBERS —
A.J. Wertenberger
Mark Lane
Matt Dexter
Ed Dickenson
Charity Green
POT BOILER —
Angie Hobbs
Beth Erlacher
Ed Dickenson
Matt Dexter
Mark Lane
Karl Gracey
A.J. Wertenberger

Bob Burkey relaxes while running the spotlight.

Stacey Floyd and Tina Hawkinsen do a scene from "As the Stomach Turns."

Matt Dexter and Beth Erlacher do a duet with "Oh, How I Hate to Get up in the Morning."

The cast of "Bank Robbery" bows for the audience.
Just Make A Career

Marketing student David Eells works at the Center's store.

Kelli Wright takes a break from her work.

Missy Joseph tries to explain her project to the class.

86 Branch
Juniors and Seniors of White Pigeon High School get a great opportunity to get hands on training on the career of their choice at Branch Area Career Center in Coldwater.

Throughout the year BACC students meet at 7:15 at the high school parking lot, where they load a bus and take a forty-five minute ride to the center. A lot of students find this unappealing. "The bus ride is too bumpy and noisy. I don't think it is as much fun as people put it out to be," said Mary Eyster.

Once at the career center students have the opportunity of learning marketing, cosmetology, welding, electronics, along with many other vocational skills.

It is a good advantage for students to get a start on their career choices. With one or two years of career training many students are ready to find jobs in their chosen career. Some programs make you come back to the center after you graduate. This is called your thirteen year. You get extra training in that field. You also have a start to go on to a vocational career school or a college. "I think BACC is a real good experience for me. And that it will help me out for college," said Traci Black, who is a marketing student who wants to fulfill her career in the hotel management field.

As a sophomore you can visit the center and sign up for the class to take during your junior year. Many sophomores have already decided their career choice. Others are still exploring their career choices. Diana Rank who visited the career center as a sophomore said, "I think that the Center might be a good choice for me. But, I'm still undecided on what I want to do for a career."

Many students enjoy a start on their career. It may make their future a little brighter and more powerful. Loren Hull attended the career center and said, "I think that the career center can really help and benefit anyone who takes it seriously and tries to learn the trade that is taught to them."

— Betsy Hersha
ALF’s First Year Is A Success

On the first day of school, August 27, 1990, the Alternate Learning Facility was well underway. ALF is a program which allows students from the age of 16 and up to actually finish high school and receive a diploma just as they would at the regular high school. ALF is different from high school because the program allows the students to learn at their own pace. The program was started by Mr. Gerald Heckleman, who formerly taught here at the high school. "As of February 22, 1991, we have approximately fifteen students here at ALF," said Mr. Heckleman. "We can bring our own lunches or we all go to Dick’s Place, Rulli’s, Roy’s Party Store, or we can get lunch tickets and get our lunch from the elementary," said junior Sharon Overstreet. A question about grade levels came up and Mr. Heckleman said, "There are grade levels, but nobody emphasizes it." ALF is open five days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

— Yolanda Bender
Art Is Not An "Easy A!"

The definition of art is: A form of human activity appealing to the imagination, especially drawing, painting, and sculpture. And that’s exactly what the students at White Pigeon High School did in the 1990-91 school year.

Mrs. Martha Starmann tried her best to bring out the originality of her students by teaching them the basics of drawing from a two-point perspective to a pinch pot in ceramics. Mrs. Starmann was shocked to see that she had quite a few talented students this year, because many kids take it because it’s an "Easy A!" Tammy Kitch said, "I like art a lot. Many people take it for the fun of it, but there are a few people that do take it seriously." So, who knows, maybe someone could become the next Rembrandt or Picasso!

— Jenn Hossler

Sophomore Adam Takace looks annoyed as he rolls out his clay.

Sophomore Scott Verow poses for the camera with his ceramic hat.

Senior Angie Gadowski patiently helps senior Tammy Kitch with her molded pot.

Art 89
Just Be Creative

People think food is just a way to stay alive, even though that is one of its purposes. Food is also a way to express feelings and be creative. For instance cake decorating is a favorite in creative foods class. There are a lot of basics to learn also, such as what degree should be used for cooking certain foods and how much of an ingredient is needed. Food for Fitness is a different experience where students make healthy foods that hardly anyone would dare to touch. Some of the things made are strawberry yogurt popsicles, which are quite tasty and really hit the spot on warm days. Jenn Hossler said, “I’m surprised that the foods we make are as good as they are, and yet are good for your body.” Do the right thing — take a foods class.

— Sherry Konkle

In creative foods, pizza is on top of the list; being creative makes this MTV pizza almost too good to eat.

Caught with the evidence Corey Hagen and Brian Graber try to dispose of it as quickly as possible.

Erika Tobin is overwhelmed knowing that the cleaning up is done and the towels are in the washer.

Showing a real patriotic spirit, Scott Hall displays his sweet American masterpiece.
Debbie Dimos, Keri Yoder and Chris Kahila created a pizza in the symbol of a Yin-Yan, a symbol of darkness and lightness.

Shelley Hargett, Linda Bralick and Mrs. Marica Wittenberg discuss what's on the menu for the creative foods class.

Scott Hall tries carefully not to drop the yogurt treats.

Freddie Shafer has the power to create an awesome turtle cake.

Home Economics 91
Seniors A.J. Wertenberger and Bryan Miller and junior Sean Smedztiuk show off their Christmas toys.

Bryan Miller tests out a toy gun while Fred Shafer and Brian Rudloff work on their project.

Student helper Rick Binney helps a CAD student while junior Gabe Currier works on a drawing.
Drafting students began to use a new CAD (computer aided design) program called AutoCAD. This system is used by many companies in the area and around the country. Senior Rick Binney put the AutoCAD program in the system and worked with the manual. "I know the system better than Mr. Morse so he had me teach this part of the class," said Rick. Most of the students in drafting class plan to use drafting as a profession. Of the 7 seniors in drafting 4 plan to get further education in computers and CAD. One student is going into home design which is much like drafting and uses many of the drafting skills. "I plan to go to college to study this more and get a job doing it. I really like drafting on the computer," said senior Mike Hoopes. White Pigeon has a very advanced CAD program. Most schools don't have even the simplest of CAD programs.

— Mike Bright
Olivia Wiley and Mindy Miller study their French.

Charity Green nibbles away at her French dinner.

Stacey Floyd and Jennifer Hill devour their French snacks.
This year in French class, the students did a lot of things.

At the beginning of the year, in October, the French II class made a dinner. The theme they used was, "Food From Burgundy." The students stayed after school on a Thursday night to cook it, then they had their feast on Friday.

The French I class made family trees. Students had to get pictures either from their family or from a magazine. Then they wrote down who everyone was in French.

Reading was a big part of the French III students' work. Keri Yoder was asked what they did and how she liked it. She replied, "We read a novel called, Le Petit Prince, which means the little prince, and it was pretty good. We also studied the different regions of France. I thought it was interesting."

When December rolled around, the French classes grew wheat and they celebrated a French holiday called St. Nicholas. This holiday was right before Christmas and the students took their shoes off and put them outside the door, hoping St. Nicholas would come and bring them candy. "I thought it was neat because we celebrated a French holiday and we got candy," commented Tena Burkey.

The French classes had an exciting year. Not only did they learn, but they had fun, too.

— Erika Tobin
Band Just Plays It

This year at the week long camp for the band members, the two most feared commands were “On your face!” and “Push earth!” Obviously those commands meant push-ups! Those commands were used most often by the new band director, Mr. Edward Graham, who was a sergeant in the Army and is currently serving in the Army National Guard. “When I first saw you guys, you were loading up (for band camp),” said Mr. Graham, “Then I thought to myself ‘This is going to be an interesting week!’”

“I liked the traveling (for parades) and the learning experiences,” said Senior Angie Hobbs. The biggest Parade was the Kalamazoo Wine Festival parade, where they received the Vin Rose Award for being the second best marching band at the parade.

Then there were football games where the band does the halftime shows that the students learned in band camp, and the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (M.S.B.O.A) District 11 band festivals. There were two festivals: One for marching band, and one for concert band. In the marching band festival the band marched through the regular halftime show and was judged on performance. For the halftime show the band played a variety of songs, such as a western song “Cowboy Medley”, a big band era song “Steppin’ Out With My Baby,” and a Rock-N-Roll song, “Johnny B. Goode.” At the concert band festival the band is judged on sightreading skills as well as performance. The band started their judged time with a march called “Men of Ohio.” Then they played their favorite song, which was an overture entitled “Exhilation,” and ended with another one called “Concert Overture.” The band received division II ratings from both festivals, but were very close to getting a division I rating in both festivals, and as Mr. Graham says, “You win as a team; you lose as a team!”

— Alex Morehouse

Beth Erlacher and a couple of players from the brass family play their instruments to the tune of “Steppin’ Out With My Baby.” Ehren Archer and Amie Lambdin watch intently for the signal to play the school song after the announcement of the football players.

The high school trombone section plays into the backs of the trumpet section at the Christmas concert.
Mr. Graham directs the middle school band during a song in their Christmas concert.

Angie Hobbs practices her solo of "Earth Angel" during an evening rehearsal.

Mr. Graham speaks to the trumpet section, while the percussion section amuses themselves at a Wednesday evening practice.

Missy Joseph and Anna Hawkinson wait for the signal to salute the American flag for the playing of the national anthem at a varsity home football game.
If you think math is just another boring class, the same, year after year, day after day, you’d be surprised. There have been quite a few drastic changes in only the last five years. Our longest employed math teacher, Mr. Gayle Brokaw, said there has been many improvements.

The school system and Mr. Brokaw have tried to improve the math department and hopefully the students’ knowledge. Before, 60% of the freshmen took general math classes and only 40% were in algebra. Now, only two years later, more than 90% of the students begin high school in either pre-algebra or Algebra I, well above the state average of 50%, and very few are failing. White Pigeon High School is demanding more from the students and it looks like they’re getting it.

Our math program has added pre-calculus for the seniors, instead of a senior math class. "I’ve been real happy about our improvements of the math curriculum and feel that the graduating seniors for the last two years have benefitted greatly," replied Mr. Brokaw.

The only other math teacher the high school has is Mr. Brent VanderSchaaf. He teaches some algebra classes, geometry, and the business math classes.

Even though there are only two required credits in math, it is recommended that the students take more. They prepare you better for college, or as Mr. Brokaw says, "they (algebra, geometry, and trigonometry) teach you to think analytically."

— Kris Swett

Mr. Brokaw’s Algebra I class tries to understand their homework.
Pam Bartley and Angie Hart work hard on Mr. VanderSchaaf's assignments.

Mr. Brokaw shows off his suspenders while working at the computer. Zach Finch is getting help in Mr. VanderSchaaf's sixth hour Algebra class.
English In The 90's

Laura Baber and Lisa Meville analyze their T.V. Detectives. Rachel Shudell studies hard in her English class.

Chris Hilgendorf, Jason Rummier, Ryan Archer, Allen Heminger, Stacey Floyd, Laura Baber, Heather Bontrager, and Liz Wooster learn more about Branch in English.

Laura Fletcher, Mr. Darryl Smith, and Brian Rudloff look up from their English studies.
English is a four year class; it's required every high school year. Not all students enjoy English, but there are a few students who love it. "English is an easy A," replied Sarah Carr, freshman and Junior Kelli Wright. "I enjoy the writing assignments," said Kelli. "I enjoy English. I just hate all the vocabulary words and so much literature," explained junior Becky Wolf.

White Pigeon High School has four English teachers. Mr. Bill Martin teaches some ninth graders, and speech to the seniors. Mrs. Kim Felt, on the other hand, teaches English to the sophomores, juniors, and freshmen. Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar teaches English and French classes. Her English classes consist of sophomores both advanced and regular classes. And last but not least, Mr. Darryl Smith teaches sophomores, advanced juniors, college English, mythology, and some freshmen.

— Betsy Wright
Experimenting With Science

Dusty Bennett, Shanon Negrete, Tracey Emerick, and Aaron Takace are showing off their experiments on genetics.

Jason Rummler and Heather Lauw display their art work in biology.

Jason Ellis and Charity Green appear real pleased with their results.
Did physical science class build their own electric company? Did biology class dissect wild animals? Did chemistry class blow up test tubes? Did physics class have a shocking experience? Probably not but the W.F.H.S. science students have done a lot of interesting experiments during the 1990-91 school year.

Physical science classes were required to do a scrapbook of all the work they did in the six week marking period for Mr. Ted Bargwell’s class. Mr. Gene Scholl’s class mainly hit the books. “We just do ordinary work,” freshmen Shannon Troyer said while tapping on his book.

Biology students paired up to dissect several creatures such as an earthworm, grasshopper, crayfish, starfish, a fish and a frog. Sophomore Holly Havens commented, “It’s so gross. It’s the most disgusting thing ever, but I learned quite a bit.” Biology students also paired up for a genetics experiment to create an image of a child from the mixed genes of the pair. Chris Cox and Ronda Hargett created a cute, blonde haired, blue-eyed baby. Jason Ellis and Charity Green came out with a brown haired, green eyed baby. “It was really neat,” replied Ronda Hargett. According to most chemistry students, Mr. Gayle Brokaw did the most interesting experiment doing a chemical reaction. He placed sodium in water, the beaker broke and the solution went everywhere. “The beaker didn’t break,” more than break, it shattered,” said Jodie Chupp. Junior Keri Yoder was amazed by the reaction. “It started eating the paint on the ceiling!” Physics students did experiments with static electricity this year. The students touched a steel rod to a Van De Graff generator which charged it with static electricity. They touched the black board with the rod and saw sparks about an inch long. This year our science classes have been quite busy making up lots of neat experiments, but at the same time learning about what they’re doing.

— Becky Wolf
Betsy Wright
This year the social studies classes experienced history in the making. The war in the Middle East went on during this school year. Operation Desert Storm, as it was called, affected many people in our school, such as our own band teacher, Mr. Ed Graham. "I was depressed about leaving my family when I thought I was going to be sent out. I didn't know where I would be going at the time or how long I would be gone." Some of the students had parents or relatives who were sent to the Gulf, like eighth grader, Angel Draper, whose father was sent to Germany. "I was afraid of what might happen to my dad. I was also worried about the other people who were sent over to Saudi Arabia." Keri Yoder's boyfriend and former White Pigeon student, Todd Halley, was also sent to the Gulf. Keri said, "I felt really terrible, I was very sad and scared for him." Many former students and people in our community had close relations with Desert Storm. Some were fighting, some were members of concerned families, and others just worried bystanders. All of the people have had the chance of a lifetime to witness history being made.

— Shannon Mckee  
Erika Tobin

In this picture Mrs. Hovevar displays her patriotism on her classroom bulletin board.
Dominique Porpiglia goes "all out" to support his country.

This is an example of a yellow ribbon that was displayed to show that we supported our troops.

"Insane Hussein, Make Our Day!" was one of the many cartoons displayed in our school.

This is another example of the cartoons students put on their lockers.
Britton Collins catches the ball and Bryan Miller calls it good. Touch down!

Phillip Wolf tries to decide who to throw the ball to.

These guys are trying to decide what play to do against the other team.

Joe Grandstaff uses all his strength to throw the ball.
"P.E. is a fun and fit class to take," said Laura Wortinger. She liked to play basketball, softball and enjoys doing aerobics. One of the sports students played was handball. Missy Joseph said, "It's all right but there's more interesting things to play. Mrs. Karen Jarrad was the Physical education teacher for the girls. Mrs. Jarrad said, "I like teaching because I can teach students things they need to know about keeping fit. They also learn things about health and their bodies."

Mr. Ned Bale was the teacher for the boys P.E. class. He preferred teaching them sports and watching them play basketball, football, baseball and weight lifting. If they got out of hand he just gave them a "B-Knocker," his method of punishment. Most seniors say they don't get them any more because they learned.

— Sheila Needham
Why would a new computer system need a brand new server after only one year? That’s a question the computer lab answered. The reasons for changing to a new system would be first, it’s faster. The second reason is it would allow more computers to be added to the system. The new system is called NOVELL. With more and more students taking computers, and more teachers finding it makes their work easier, the new system is needed.

Mrs. Pam Gates, who teaches most of the computer classes, said, “Not many teachers use the computers in the lab. I teach a class after school to learn the system but only ten teachers are in it.”

Most students like the computers and think they will help them. Senior Chris Kahila said, “Computers in school are an intellectual instrument for a student to use. They’re really cool too!”

— Mike Bright

Freshman Darie Johnson takes a break from his work to smile.

The Tandy computer here is used by a drafting student.

CAD students are learning to make and dimension their working drawings.
Senior Linda Wagner endeavors to finish her WORKSHEET project.

Mrs. Pamela Gates shows Mrs. Alice Gieber how to use the computer.

"What qualifications do I have?" goes through the mind of senior Dave Claxton as he writes his resume.
Students in the yearbook class are Betsy Hersha, Sally Needham, Sheila Needham, Sherry Konkle, Stephanie Shepherd, Alex Morehouse, Kris Swett, Yolanda Bender, Erika Tobin, Jenny Derr, Shannon McKee, A.J. Wertenberger, Jen Hossler, Ryan Grant, Mike Bright, Betsy Wright, Corey Hagen, Becky Wolf.

Carrie Gingerich thinks about what to write for her layout.

Yearbook class is a very important class in its own way. This class consists of Juniors and Seniors only, which makes them important because you have to qualify and be chosen by Mrs. Elizabeth Hocavar, the advisor. The 1990-91 staff was a very special class in that they encouraged each other when someone needed a little help. Ryan Grant commented, "I was really behind on my layouts and I needed some help and Junior Sally Needham helped me out and she really helped me get it done on time." If someone needed ideas for a story someone usually had a great idea. A.J. Wertenberger said, "I was behind on my layouts, but with the help from other students I finally got caught up." Junior Shannon McKee had to have been the nicest person in class. "Shannon helped me on a number of ad pages I did, and I really appreciated it," commented Corey Hagen. So the 1991 yearbook was done on time with the help of everybody in the class, so you will be able to remember everything you have accomplished in high school.

Corey Hagen

Mike Bright, the official door opener, gets the door every day for people who come to the class late.
The yearbook advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hocesvar, checks our work to make sure everything is perfect.

Erika Tobin and Sally Needham are happy after they finished their layouts for yearbook.

Shannon McKee shows that she is a dedicated yearbook student.
"Have you filed those discipline reports yet?" asked Mr. Steve Lorenz to his first period student aide. The student said no, because an office aide has only one hour to do a lot of jobs. Student aides are the unsung heroes of the office world. They file, take phone calls, and get other students out of class to go see the principal.

Aides are vital to office survival; without them the offices would be swamped with work. One of the main jobs of the student aide is to collect and record attendance.

Student aides aren't just office workers; teachers also have student aides. One teacher, Mr. Gayle Brokaw, had two student aides, senior Chris Kahila, and senior Debbie Dimos. "Chris and Debbie do good work for me," said Mr. Brokaw.

Student aides don't receive much praise, but they don't mind; they know when they do a good job.

— Alex Morehouse

Senior student aide Craig Emerick takes a break from his work.

Senior Shelley Hargett takes a moment to rest from her endless office work.

Junior office aide Stephanie Harman goes over the attendance.
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