Another year has come and gone. It had its ups and downs, but was definitely one that will not be soon forgotten. Some standout moments in the 08-09 school year include: the varsity volleyball team winning their 5th consecutive District title, the football team having an amazing record making it to the playoffs for the first time since 2002, a fabulous "Under the Sea" prom, having Competitive Cheer return to the sports schedule, a Homecoming that the seniors dominated, and a "Zoo" themed Winterfest.

We also had to say goodbye to the senior class of 2009. A tear-filled slide show was one of many bittersweet moments during graduation, although the senior class will remember it as a glorious day!

On top of all that we had some important additions to the building. Students had lockers finally also sufficient for all of their things and didn’t have to keep down their books kept to get them to fit. Our bleachers also were updated. Instead of ugly brown metal, we now have respect with red and black plastic bleachers that read "W.P." on the visiting side and "Chiefs" on the home side. With an improved sound system the gym became more up-to-date and easier to use. We can now groove with the punk of a Putin. Also, we received a brand new cost efficient heating system that proved to be a burden, rarely ever working. All in all, the improvements were appreciated.

Other than building additions, we also welcomed a new counselor, superintendent, and art teacher... all are doing a great job helping make the high school experience unforgettable.

So many unbelievable memories were made this year. To say it was a dull year would be a lie.

Pages By
Nikkii DeMeyer
Danni Wynkoop
Below, Junior, Joe Taylor works to perfect his backhand swing during a game of badminton.

Above: Seniors, Dallas Wyncoop, Marilyn Reid, Steven Godfrey, Sha Moore, and Mrs. Roberts show their true feelings about school on a Monday morning.

Above: Senior, Matt Key gives the audience his best comedy performance, while McKenna Pan and Morgan Grepp win the battle to win a chilled eaten.

Above: Seniors, Matt Welch shows what it's like to be an electric shock while he passes into the bus window to give on some volleyball players.

Above: Seniors, Tammy Bailey and Joshua, Bryan Edwards, play with Jimmy while in the hallway between classes.

Above: Freshmen, Brittny Lamm and Lindsey Taylor become the afternoon entertainment as they are lifted off their feet during a motivational pep assembly.

Above: Seniors, Dallas Wyncoop and Nich Dobger show their enthusiasm in study hall. They were never bored.
Left: Senior, Marilyn Reid and Sophomore, Morgan Grenore are all smiles showing off their glittery "defense" signs for a football game. Nothing stopped these two from cheering on the boys to yet another win.

Above: Students at the pep assembly get fired up about the upcoming football game that night! Some are anxious to play, others can't wait to watch the boys dominate!

OUR CLASSMATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

Juhani Abola
- Where are you from? Finland
- What's your favorite memory at White Pigeon High School? Football games
- What do you like most about living in the US? It's much warmer!

Nora Gelke
- Where are you from? Germany
- Who's your favorite teacher? Mrs. Kayser
- What's the biggest difference between your school back at home and WPHS? The whole school system is very different.

Bruno D. Avila
- Where are you from? Brazil
- What's your favorite class? PE
- What are you going to miss most when you leave? All the new friends I have made.

White Pigeon's Super Fan!

Tommy Bailey has been named White Pigeon's Super Fan! Tommy has been spotted on more than one occasion screaming his heart out in encouragement at a WP sporting event. If there is a game going on, you can expect to find Tommy there. "It's really fun, I love supporting my team and plus, I look dang good in the Chief costume," Tommy said, speaking of the headdress, chest beads, and feathers. During football season you could hear and see Tommy above everyone else. If he wasn't yelling at the top of his lungs he was banging on his cow bell as hard as he could. He lifts the spirits of players and spectators. Tommy is far from shy when it comes to cheering on his friends. His enthusiasm doesn't go unnoticed. "You hear him everywhere! It's awesome that he is so dedicated to the sports. I love having him at games. He's a real crowd pleaser!" said a fellow Chief. Tommy's school spirit and Chief pride surpassed everyone else's, giving him the title...

SUPER FAN!

Above: Working hard or hardly working? Juniors, Kara Salyer, and Holly Krull get silly at their last PowderPuff practice the night before the big game!
Above: A view of the home side of the new & very awesome bleachers!

Above: Scholar athletes are students who succeed not only on the court and field, but also in the classroom. Here at White Pigeon we take pride in our scholar athletes and have many of them. Students who achieved a 3.0 or higher during a marking period were recognized at the fall sports banquet and were awarded an academic pin for their varsity jackets.

Above: A group of football players proudly show off the awards they won at the fall sports banquet. Some of these awards include: Most Improved, MVP, Coach's award, Best Defensive player, Best Offensive player and the Warrior Award.

Above: Photos taken by Mike Krajniak give us an aerial view of Everett F. Gray Stadium, boy's baseball and Sandy Cofax fields, and the high school itself.

Below: Sophomore Cory Wynkoop represents where he comes from by wearing his one of a kind "Silver Creek" shirt. When asked to comment on this picture, all Cory had to say was, "SILVER CREEK!"

Let's Go Chiefs!

The stands were packed with students, parents, grandparents, alumni, and others during the home playoff game against Centreville. White Pigeon hosted the first round one playoff game in the history of the school. The Chiefs went on to lose, but did not go down without a fight or without the encouragement and pride of all their fans.

Pages By: Danni Wynkoop and Nikki DeMeyer
“A Year Of A Million Chief Dreams”

“Walking, waving, and giving high fives to elementary students is what I enjoyed most about the Homecoming festivities,” said Sophomore, Johnny Starmann. Besides the rituals: the floats, the PowderPuff game, the varsity match-up, and the post-game dance, Starmann found putting smiles on the faces of future chiefs to be the essence of true Homecoming spirit. A dress-up day that featured an 80’s theme was Starmann’s favorite because he could sport his pink, heart-shaped sunglasses without being labeled “worst dressed.” The enthusiasm of the evening events was evident on Starmann’s face when he said, “Playing Victors everytime we scored and beating the Covert Bulldogs 65-0 was a perfect ending!”

Princess Minnie or Jordan Phelps?

Left: Maddie Vaden, Liz Pretty, Danni Wynkoop, Sha Moore, Marilyn Reid, Kelsie Skeels, Olivia Hilliker, Erin Nussbaum, Nikki DeMeyer, & Kayla Wolkins.

RED & BLACK

Above: Sam Wordelman, Lindsay Taylor, Erin Moore, Megan Hall, Kyla Wells, and Kelsie Skeels.
Middle Left: Johnny Starmann and Zack Brooks as Disney characters from Toy Story.
Middle Right: Morgan Gropp isn’t short, she’s fun size!
Bottom Left: Atty Flood and Sarah Anderson get wild for the parade.

Neon Hippies

Amanda Lilly
Erin Nussbaum
Caity Pedersen
**1st place Overall**

*Seniors show off their Magical Chief Kingdom float as they get ready for the parade. “3rd place”*

**2nd place Overall**

*The Juniors get ready to hit the high seas with Jack Sparrow and steal the 1st place win.*

**Floats and Class Competitions**

**3rd place Overall**

*Sophomores prove that there’s a kid inside us all with their Toy Story float. “2nd place”*

**4th place Overall**

*Chief Pride is wild on the Freshmen’s Lion King float.*

**Below:** The WPHS Marching band gets ready to play for the parade.

**Above:** The Varsity Football team waves to their younger fans during the parade.

**Below:** The Juniors celebrate a win in Over/Under.

**Above:** The Junior girls battle during the tug-of-war competition.

**Below:** Juniors, Holly Krull, Tiffany Schumacher, and Kristi Pridgen show off their treasure in the Homecoming parade.

**Above:** Junior, Ryan Shoensmith and Senior, Andy Eger show some school spirit and a little love before the parade.

**Above:** Junior, Joe Taylor busts a move to the song “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.”

**Below:** Seniors, Harley Trine and Nicole Sweitzer show off their whipcr ses covered faces after taking 1st place in the pie-eating contest.

**Above:** Sophomores, Kaye Hall and Cory Wynkoop put their brain power together for trivia.

**Above:** Freshman, Alyssa Wright shows how far her Chief Pride goes as she rides her horse during the Homecoming parade.

**Pages By**

Kayla Wolkins
Erin Nussbaum
Olivia Nussbaum - "PowderPuff was a blast beating the Juniors 18-6, I knew the Seniors were going to win and it's really cool seeing my sister, Erin Nussbaum, score a touchdown! The MVP for the Senior team was certainly Nikki DeMeyer."

Kara Salyer - "The PowderPuff game was a big old bucket of fun." I was really excited when Tiffany Schumacher caught the ball and scored for the Junior team. The MVP’s for the Junior team were Holly Krull and Tiffany Schumacher.

Codie Workmen loved pumping up the Senior crowd! He said, "It was so much fun being a cheerleader because I liked dressing as a girl and I felt important to be on the team. I was happy to see that in this sport everyone can play!" He also loved making the Pyramid! He said, "The MVP’s for his team were himself and Hartley Trine."

Cody Baker liked dressing up like a girl. He said, "It was really exhilarating, at first, I was really embarrassed, but eventually it didn’t bother him. He said, "The MVP for the Junior cheerleading team was Joey Canen."
Above (Left to Right): Senior representatives, Marilyn Reid and Stetson Gearhart, Nikki DeMeyer and Ryan Slack, Erin Nussbaum and Tommy Bailey.


Far Left: The senior girls pretending that they're not freezing cold.

2009 Fashions & Trends

**Punk**
*Left:* Junior, Maddie Williams rockin' her facial piercings, hair extensions, and dark makeup.

*Left:* Maddie sports a black vest, long chain necklace, and striped sweater.

*Middle:* Kirstan layers her shirts with a button up plaid and white tank.

*Left:* Maddie is wearing dark skinny jeans tucked into her tall winter boots.

*Middle:* Kirstan wears her holiest jeans tucked into her tan Ugg boots.

**Preppy**
*Middle:* Sophomore, Kirstan Sawyer got a new layered shoulder length haircut.

*Right:* Zach shows off his layered look with a Trivium T-Shirt and gray long sleeved button up.

**Rocker**
*Right:* Senior, Zach Hagen has his ears pierced.

*Right:* Zach wears his dark stone washed jeans and his keys hangin’ out of his pocket and white sneakers to top it off!

**Accessories**
*Bottom Left:* Dangling earrings and colorful, oversized bags are very popular.

**Hair**
*Bottom Right:* Straightened hair was trendy, even for guys. On girls, layered, colored hair, & long bangs to the side were very fashionable.

Page By
Olivia Hilliker and Liz Pretty
CLASS OF 2009

The pictures that have been taken over the past four years highlight the memories made by the Class of 2009. This remarkable group is known for being competitive in class competitions, creative during their “sweat-shop” float making sessions, victorious in PowderPuff match-ups, relentless in defeating the ultimate Chief rival, Constantine, and always willing to come together to promote CHIEF PRIDE! With this senior class, WP saw many leaders and several students willing to carry-on the red & black TRADITIONS!
BAILEY
When Danni & I decided to get married.
BARRETT
1st b-ball tournament in Lansing.
BRALICK
"Junior prom."

BROCKOPP
"EVERYTHING!"
CANEN
"Skipping CTE."
CHAPMAN
"Hanging out with friends."

CHRISTNER
"That one day, at that one time, when we did that one thing."
CLOSID
"Going to Taste of Chaos with Alyssa and David 2 years in a row."
DEMEYER
"Vandalizing with Chase."

DYEOHUSE
"Hanging out with friends."
EGER
"Ms. Middleton's classes."
GEARHART
"Friday night football games."

HAGEN
"Skipping CTE."
HALL
"Competitive CHEER!"
HARMAN
"Winning against Constantine."

BEST EYES - DALTON & SHA
BEST DRESSED - ERIN & CHASE
CLASS CLOWNS - CODEE & DANNI

CLASS OF 2009
HARRINGTON
"Messing with M-DAWG Middleton."
HEIGN
"Finding my true friends."
HEPNER
"Competitive CHEER!"

HILLIKER
"Cheering junior year."
KERSHNER
"State finals in golf."
KONNECK
"Helping Jordan Morris go to state in wrestling."

KURTH
"Getting together with Eric and my daughter."
LACE
"Junior prom."
LAMMON
"Junior prom."

LEHMANN
"CTE Lily"
LILLY
"Working out in the weight room and becoming ridiculously strong."
LOWE
"Skipping school."

MANN
"Golf State Finals, 2008."
MILLER
"ALL MEMORIES!"

MOST CHANGED - LESLIE & RYAN
MOST ATHLETIC - RYAN & NIKKI
TEACHERS' PETS - TYLER & ERIN

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORIES
MILLER
"Football games & watching my brothers play."
MOORE
"Cheer competitions & crazy weekends with my friends."
NUSSBAUM
"Winning homecoming queen & v-ball districts 2x in a row."

NUSSBAUM
"Winning v-ball districts 2 years in a row."
OLSEN
"Finishing runner-up at the 08 state championship."
PEDERSEN
"Senior homecoming."

POWERS
"10th grade year when I was in the lunch room and spit my gum on Leslie Cloud because we were laughing so hard."
PRETTY
"Taking 3rd in our first competition senior year."
REID
"Goin' to football games, winning v-ball districts, & playing softball."

SAUNDERS
"Post prom."
SCHMITT
"Breaking school record for 800m relay in track."
SCHWEMER
"Everything."

SHINGLEDECKER
"Junior and senior PowderPuff."
SHIRK
"Hanging with friends."
SKEELS
"Working at the KOA."

WPHS

SENIORS'

FAVORITE

CLASS REBELS
HARLEY & NICOLE

MOST DESIREABLE DATES
MADDIE & RYAN

BEST DANCERS
CODEE & SHA
SKINNER
“Junior prom.”
“Lunch time.”
“Football & Gym.”

SMITH-HALL

STEWART
“Playing in the last Tomahawk game.”

SWEITZER
“Senior PowderPuff.”
“Skipping CTE.”

TEMPLIN

TETZLOFF
“Playing football.”
“Skipping CTE.”

TRINE
“Hanging out with friends.”

VADEN

WAGNER
“10th grade lockdown in Biology.”

WELLS
“CTE trip & David Powers tripped over a snow mound and fell.”

WOLF
“Freshman golf.”

WOLKINS
“9th grade - Sosinski’s class.”

WORKMAN
“Spanish class.”

ALYSSA LYLES
DANNI WYNKOOP

CHIEFS FOR LIFE & MOST SPIRITED
TOMMY & NIKKI

BEST SMILES
BRITTANY & RYAN

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
ERIN & RYAN
“LIFE BRINGS US TEARS, SMILES, AND MEMORIES. THE TEARS DRY, THE SMILES FADE, BUT THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER.”
SENIORS

CLASS  MOOCH
LIZ & ANDY

MOCK ELECTIONS

BEST HAIR - BENNY & DAVID

BEST PERSONALITY - RACHEL & TOMMY

LOUDEST - CODEE & CAITY

WORST CARS - NICOLE & THOMAS

QUIETEST
RYAN & ALYSSA
President: Joe Taylor
What is the hardest decision you've had to make as the class president?
Planning the junior class budget.
Vice President: Matt King
What has been the most stressful part of the year as VP?
Collecting all the money we made for prom.
Treasurer: Amanda Wolgamood
What is one of your fundraiser tips?
Sell candy grams.
Secretary: Morgan Gropp
What is your role at class officer meetings?
Keep track of what we need to do and to make things happen for the student body.

Amanda Lammon
Kelsie Lane
Alex Lintz
Jonathon Lucarelle
Paul Mast

Mitchell McNamara
James Mercer
Aaron Miller
Richard Monsen
Erin Moore

Devon O'Toole
Sean O'Toole
Kristi Pridgeon
Rebecca Ringler
Kara Salyer

Zachary Schmidtendorff
Tiffany Schumacher
Ryan Shoesmith
Jessy Tacy
Joseph Taylor

Thomas Taylor
Kari Tetzloff
Madeline Williams
Amanda Wolgamood
Brittany Zimmerman
Katherine Saunders  
Joshua Sawyer  
Kirstan Sawyer

Christopher Shirk  
Michael Sbook  
Travis Shoulders

Andres Silva-Correa  
John Starmann  
Jordyn Stewart

Roger Stewart  
Hannah Sweitzer  
Deven Terry

Brittany Thomas  
Katelyn Thornton  
Natascha Tucker

Holden Tullos  
Ryan Walkup  
Nathaniel Wolf

Cory Wynkoop  
Gregory Zaiko  
Natascha Zimmerman

Above: Sophomores, Dylan Poley and Tony Gilbert are ready for the assembly after a long day.

Above: Sophomore, Katie Saunders sips on some hot chocolate during the read-a-thon. Hot cocoa gets her in the mood to read.

Above: Sophomore class officers, Katie Saunders, Roger Stewart, Natascha Zimmerman, and Kayleigh Salazar having a snowball fight in the courtyard.

Above: Sophomores, Kasey Hall and Leigh-Ann Ripplinger take a break from working hard.

Above: Sophomore, William Hunt looks a little fearful of the motivational speaker.
Tristan Reed
Jackelyn Ringler
Matthew Sanderson

Jacob Saunders
Roger Schmidtendorff
Holly Sigler

Kirsten Smith
Kayla Stuecker
Brandon Summers

Jared Sutton
Lindsay Taylor
Richard Tefft

Melinda Terry
Johnny Tullos
Rocky Wolfenbarger

Samantha Wordelman
Alyssa Wright
Megan Zaiko

Above: Xavier Elkins and Naomi Carmona compete in the jelly bean vacuum contest during winterfest week.

Above: Freshmen class officers, Morgan DeMeyer, Sara Anderson, Atty Flood, and Jessica Harmon.

Above: Matt Sanderson, Josh Miller, and Zach Grepp listen to a motivational speaker during an assembly.

Above: Amy Nushbain laughs while supervising the blood drive. “I think someone just fainted.”
Juan Rubio
Brannon Salzer
Michel Sanders

Drew Sellers
Brittany Shook
Cory Sheels

Tamara Staecher
Dakoda Stamp
Dylan Stamp

April Stephens
Olivia Sutton
John Sylvia

Jacqueline Tefft
Matthew Terry
McKayla Thomas

Tamara Turner
Bryan Waldron
Terri Weaver

Zachary Wentworth
Mark Young
Mark Young, Jr.
Matt Eger and Mitchell Black in gym class. Middle School gym classes were held at the end of the school day, which allowed students to enjoy nice weather and fresh air when the weather permitted them to go outside. Teaching these classes were Mr. Shoppell and Mr. Strawser. Shoppell and Strawser were master minds at coming up with fun ways to keep students active and intrigued.
Samantha Keegan and Missi Bailey are enjoying their lunch. Bosco sticks must have been on the menu. They bring smiles to everyone's faces. Middle school lunch started at a much earlier time this year, which took some adjusting to. Middle school students certainly were not complaining because they got first grabs at the food options.
2009
Reasons Why We Love Our STAFF...

Above: "Mr. Vogel is very intense." - Anonymous football player
Left: "Mrs. Roberts is awesome, we all love her." - Kayla Wolkins
"She gets it done." - Sha Moore

Debra Flood
Kelli Flory
Christina Furlong
Pamela Gates
Bethany Graham
Michael Gropp

Jeanne Harris
Karen Jarrad
Kate Johnson
Aron Keyer
Jon Keyer
Denise Lewis

Mary Middleton
Joseph Morsaw
Corrine Myers
Judy O'Rourke
Susan Reynolds
Gary Shoppell

Jay Sosinski
Mary Stoel
Georgia Thieme
Brent Vander Schaaf
Patrick West
Susan Wright

Angela Beegle
Lou Bonnin
Jennifer Everts
Veterans of White Pigeon

Ms. Anderson 24 years, graduated from Eastern Michigan University
Mrs. Beegle 20 years, graduated from Andrews University
Mrs. Flory 13 years, graduated from Michigan State University
Mrs. Gates 28 years, graduated from Central Michigan University
Mr. Gropp 20 years, graduated from Anderson University
Mrs. Jarrad 25 years, graduated from Central Michigan University
Mrs. Keyer 13 years, graduated from Nazareth College
Mr. Keyer 14 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Mrs. Lewis 15 years, graduated from Indiana University
Ms. Middleton 15 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Mrs. Meyers 15 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Mrs. Poley 22 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Mr. Shoppell 22 years, graduated from St. Joseph College
Ms. Stoel 11 years, graduated from Michigan State University
Mr. Strawser 11 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Ms. Thieme 19 years, graduated from Western Michigan University
Mr. Vanderschaaf 19 years, graduated from Northwestern University
Mrs. Williams 15 years, graduated from Michigan State University

Above: "Mrs. Gates is a smart lady." - Kelcie Skeels; "She knows her stuff." - Liz Pretty; "She's always helping out with the school." - Erin Nussbaum
"Mrs. Jarrad is a crazy woman." - Alex Krajnak; "She's a nice lady." - Richard Monsen
"Ms. Anderson keeps me in line and has helped me mature." - Courtney Hepner

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Left: Art teacher, Mr. Maisel, said “Art is the illusion of spontaneity.”

Below: Computer teacher, Mrs. Gates said, “I show up everyday for work, but it doesn’t feel like work. I have so much fun at my job!”

Right: Junior, Tom Taylor shows off his artistic side. He said, “I have only taken one art class, but I plan on taking more and I like being creative.”

Right: Senior, Andy Eger has trouble reading his Sociology book. Eger said, “My favorite part of this class is picking on Sosinski.”

Pages By Tommy Bailey & Dalton Christopher

Casey By- ler wears size 12 shoes, just like...

Tristen Reed whose favorite holiday is Christmas, just like...

Alicia Clark who has visited Florida many times, just like...

Joel Miller who has a birthday in January, just like...
High school English must follow the state standards, which are very general in concept and are set up in themes. Due to the new state guidelines, in the near future the themes will be changed and new ones will be added. 10th grade English instructor, Ms. Anderson said, “To pass my English class, it helps to do your work and make an effort, and also ask for help if you need it. One of the most interesting projects I assign is the colonial food project.”

World history covers; The Scientific Revolution, The Protestant Reformation, The French Revolution, The Renaissance, The Enlightenment, and the world from 1945 to present. Michigan History covers the entire history of Michigan. History teacher, Mr. Sosinski said, “The hardest part of my job is having to see my students reject my efforts to help them succeed, basically caring more for the students than the students seem to care for themselves.”

Far Left: Senior, Rachel Miller works on her English paper. She said, “It's hard but worth it.”

Left: Senior, Wesley Lehman types up his English assignment. Wes said “Technology makes everything easier.”
Right: Junior, Kara Salyer, punches in some arithmetic problems. Kara had this to say about her assignment, "Yeah...math..."

Below: Ms. Middleton has another fun filled hour of science class. "Oh no, Wagner is tardy again," said Mary Mary.

Right: Sophomores, Josh Sawyer and Roger Stewart, work on their biology. "We love to copy off of each other's work," Josh and Roger said.

Right: Freshman, Alicia Clark, works on her math assignment. "I love to do math because it is so easy," says Alicia.

Science teacher, Ms. Middleton had this to say about her science classes, "In my science classes we are currently in the process of examining text books and editing the classes to fit the new state regulated standards. We also have to prepare for all the students that will need extra assistance in order to pass the classes. Ultimately success can be obtained in all science classes by paying attention."

Some of the things covered by math classes at White Pigeon High School are positive and negative numbers in equations, inequalities, absolute values, graphing line systems of equations, factoring, graphing lines and angles.

Math teacher Mr. Vanderschaaf says, "Practice and practice right!"

Aspen Eymer who wears shoe size 8.5, just like...

Juhani Abola who likes summer, just like...

Carlee Harmon who loves to hang out with friends, just like...

Tasha Hotteter whose dream vacation is Hawaii, just like...
Senior, Colin Tetzloff gets up on the "super rope" in gym class. Don’t hurt yourself Colin.

Above: Freshman, Casey Byler said, "I like health because it’s easy and fun." Freshman, Matt Kegan, said, "There is a lot of hands-on learning." Teacher, Mrs. Jarrad said, "In Health/Freshman Focus, we look at health issues and all aspects of our personal health including nutrition, diseases, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, the body system, CPR, and human growth and development. In Freshmen Focus, we look at post-high school careers, trade schools, and universities."

Above: Senior, Olivia Nussbaum, hears an interesting noise in her computer class. "Get it over with!" said Olivia.

Above: Junior, Dain Hurley kicks back and crunches some numbers in accounting class. "Pregnancy often leads to infants," said Dain.

**Colin Tetzloff**
who has 2 siblings,
just like...

**Brittany Zimmerman**
who likes Fridays, just like...

**Bobby Harmon**
who wears size 9 shoes, just like...

**Kara Salyer**
who has brown hair, just like...
Spanish

Defile de MODA!
Fashion... Fashion... Fashion...

BBBRRRRRR!!!!

Above: Sophomore, Nate Wolf, is all ready for snow at the annual Spanish fashion show.

Above: Workin' hard or hardly workin'? Sophomore, Mike Niblock, prepares for an upcoming test... or so it seems. "There needs to be more English on these tests, it's all Pig Latin to me."

Spanish classes had a ton of "firsts" this year. Spanish III/IV traveled to some local restaurants, endured the novel of Don Quixote, and enjoyed some authentic foods from the Spanish speaking countries. Spanish II brought the fashion show alive, and Spanish I became Selena experts.

It's getting hot in here!

Above: Senior, Sterson Gearhart, is showing off his beach bod.

Above: Mrs. Roberts 7th hour Spanish class learning the fine linguistics of espanol.

Kyle Harris who can't keep his hands off bosco sticks, just like...

Maddie O'Connor whose favorite restaurant is Sonic, just like...

Dain Hurley who loves the Fall, just like...

Amanda Wolgamood who doesn't have a job, just like...
Career Technical Education

Agriculture: Aaron Miller, Kelsie Skeels, Colin Tetzloff, Kyla Wells
Auto Technology: Andrew Duncan, Mitchell McNamara, Zachary Schmidtendorff
Building Trade: Cody Baker, Ambrose Dyehouse, Gage Hooley, Alex Linz, Jonathon Lucarelle, Richard Monsen
CAPP: Mitchell Johnson, Mitchell Wolf
Computer Information Technology: Dalton Christner, Evan Czajkowski, Kyle Harris, Nathan Komins, Wesley Lehman, James Mercer
Early Childhood Education: Christina Kindhart, Rebecca Ringler, Kayla Wolkins
Manufacturing Tech: Matthew Canen, Robert Harman, Daimen Lace, Jordan Miller, Thomas Schmitt, Jessy Tacy
Medical Occupations: Megan Hall, Holly Krull, Krisli Pridgeon, Tiffany Schumacher, Kari Tetzloff

Nate Komins who likes the Bears, just like...
Morgan Gropp whose favorite subject is Math, just like...
Mike Sbook who likes Fridays, just like...
Jared Sutton whose favorite food is pizza, just like...
Danni Wynkoop  
Favorite Yearbook Memory  
Hanging out with Tommy.

Chase Olsen  
After High School  
Attend GVSU and play golf.

Danni and Chase both agree that the WP attendance policy needs some adjustments.

Rachael Miller  
Favorite Teachers  
Mr. Sosinski  
Mrs. Roberts

Rachael was in charge of the yearbook’s advertisements.  
Describe yourself in 1 WORD  
RELIABLE!

What are you going to miss the most about high school?  
Maddie Vaden  
Having strong conversations and laughing until I cry.

Leslie Cloud  
The friends who are not going to be around anymore.

Stetson Gearhart  
Stetson’s favorite yearbook memory is witnessing Mrs. Roberts being pulled over by the WP police on their way to a yearbook conference at WMU.

Erin Nussbaum  
Meet the yearbook Chief Editor. Erin’s favorite part of yearbook was being goofy and dancing to 80’s music during homecoming week. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Keyer and Mrs. Roberts. Erin has learned that there is a lot more to publishing a yearbook than she thought. She also learned how to write creative and detailed captions. Nussbaum is leaving WP and heading to nursing school.
Olivia's favorite class was Biology during her sophomore year because she thinks Ms. Middleton is amazing. When Liv leaves high school, she is going to miss Mrs. Roberts most.

What should change regarding school policies?

Holly Krull
Lunch

Tommy Bailey
Cell phone rules

Kelsie Skeels
Kelsie loved to be involved during her senior year. CTE, cheerleading, wrestling management, senior class activities, YIG, Interact, and yearbook are groups that kept her busy.

Liz Pretty
Liz learned not to evoke the wrath of the yearbook advisor. She isn't going to miss much about high school, but does suggest that school lunches undergo some improvements.

Marilyn Reid
Marilyn's favorite yearbook memories include making pages and having a class full of her closest friends.

Nikki DeMeyer
Nikki earned the senior departmental award for yearbook. She loves to sell ads, wishes school had a open campus lunch hour, and is going to miss the yearbook fun she had!

Sha Moore
Favorite Yearbook Memory
Listening to old music and eating at Cici's Pizza after the yearbook conference at WMU.

Advice for underclassmen...

Dalton Christner
Get good grades so you can go to college.

Dain Hurley
Live long and prosper.

Matt King
Never...Ever...Quit!
Right: Sophomores, Natasha Zimmerman, Maddie O'Connor, Dane Groom, and Kayleigh Salazar. If that is Maddie's ipod, there's probably some oldies but goodies playing. These four agree that there is no better way to spend the day than in the library, than sippin' on hot chocolate, reading a good book, and sharin' some tunes with fellow classmates. Each year, student council sponsors a read-a-thon that groups students in the media center for a morning. Students find sponsors, a good book, and come ready to promote their school and literacy. Below, freshmen, Alicia Clark, Attly Flood, Morgan DeMeyer, and Jordan Phelps appear to be accomplishing more giggling than reading.

Below: Members of the National Honor Society after a successful day of shopping at the Crossroads Mall. Each member was paired with a local elementary student and helped them pick and choose necessities and items that were on the Christmas lists and the lists of their families. This is one of the major community service projects NHS is involved with year after year. In the spring, there is a follow-up activity that is related to the Operation Christmas project.
The National Honor Society was created in 1921. NHS is an organization whose goal is to recognize high school students who show achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In 2008, the White Pigeon Chapter of NHS inducted fifteen new members adding to the nine members from last year. Some of the events NHS takes part in are Operation Christmas and working with the foreign exchange students. Operation Christmas is where the members take underprivileged third grade students from the elementary shopping for Christmas. Ms. Anderson has been the advisor for National Honor Society for ten years. She said, "I enjoy being the NHS advisor because it’s a lot of fun to work with highly motivated students."

Old Members
Beth Bralick-Treasurer, Leslie Cloud-Vice President, Megan Hall, Amanda Lilly, Erin Nussbaum, Olivia Nussbaum, Chase Olsen, Liz Pretty- President, and Madelaine Vaden-Secretary.

New Members
Kristin Clark, Evan Czajkowski, Morgan Gropp, Kyle Kaper, Nate Komins, Alex Krajniak, Holly Krull, James Mercer, Devon O'Toole, Sean O'Toole, Kara Sayler, Tiffany Schumacher, Tom Taylor, Kyla Wells, and Kayla Wolkins.

Below: Senior, Maddie Vaden strolls through the shoe aisle while shopping for Operation Christmas.

Above: Senior, Amanda Lilly, Juniors, Kara Salyer, and Morgan Gropp stop and admire Edward Cullen as they shop for Operation Christmas.

Junior, Alex Krajniak is happy to help his 3rd grade student pick out shoes at Target during Operation Christmas.

Kyla Wells who has brown hair, just like...

Mitch McNamara whose favorite holiday is Christmas, just like...

London Miller who whose favorite day of the week is Friday, just like...

Danni Wynkoop whose favorite season is summer, just like...
Every year students from all over Michigan gather together in Lansing to learn the parliamentary procedure process. Students debate bills and conduct legislative sessions in the House and Senate chambers of the State Capitol. This year White Pigeon sent 20 delegates to the conference. Those attending were: Alicia Clark, Atty Flood, Taylor Hagen, Jessica Harmon, Jordan Phelps, Jake Saunders, Alyssa Wright, Kenton Barczak, Morgan Gropp, Morgan Gremer, Brittany Harmon, Nicolette Kershner, Kayleigh Salazar, Josh Sawyer, Roger Stewart, Morgan Gropp, Nate Komins, Holly Krull, Amanda Lammon, Tiffany Schumacher, Kelsie Skeels, and Ms. Middleton, who has been the Youth in Government Advisor for 6 years. The part of Youth in Government that Ms. Middleton enjoys the most is, “Being able to spend time outside of school with some very exceptional students.” Nate Komins served as a committee chair and Kelsie Skeels was chosen to be the Electronic Press Editor. Brittany Harmon and Kenton Barczak were both in the National Issues Forum.
Above: Members of the 08-09 Student Council. (Back row, from left): Advisor Mike Gropp, Alex Krajnial, Zach Gropp, Emily Abbs, Nicolette Kershner, Amy Nussbaum, Jordan Phelps, Advisor Karen Jarrad, and Brittany Harman. (Middle row, from left): Kirstan Sawyer, Treasurer Amanda Wolgamoord, Secretary Morgan Gropp, Kara Salyer, and Alicia Clark. (Front row, from left): Kayla Wolkins, Tommy Bailey, President Erin Nussbaum, and Vice-President Olivia Nussbaum.

The White Pigeon Student Council is White Pigeon's student government. It is an organization that promotes student involvement and student life. This year the Student Council was responsible for planning Homecoming, the Read-A-Thon, Semi-formal, Winterfest, the Lip Sync, assemblies, blood drives, the Senior's send-off treats, and anything in between.
Right: Junior, Sean O'Toole receives the Shining Star Team Leadership award from coach, Ms. Jacque Anderson.

Below (Left to Right): Juniors, Dain Hurley, Devon O'Toole, Tom Taylor, and Sean O'Toole gear up for an intense buzzer round.

Left: Juniors, Tom Taylor and Devon O'Toole get ready to fire their trajectory project.

Middle row: Junior, Amanda Lannon, Freshmen, Taylor Hagen and Jessica Harmon, Juniors, Devon O'Toole, Tom Taylor, and Sean O'Toole. Front Row: Juniors, Dain Hurley and Nate Komins

Below: Junior, Tom Taylor waits around for his next event. Mr. Taylor says "Early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy, and wise."

Page By Dain Hurley

Above (Left to Right): Leigh-Anne Ripplinger, Kasey Hall, Paul Mast, Tom Taylor, Dain Hurley, Sean O'Toole, and Devon O'Toole.

Zach Hagen
who doesn't
have a job,
just like...

Erin Cline
whose
favorite
season is
spring, just
like...

Nayeli Montoya
whose fa-
vorite day
of the week
is Friday,
just like...

Morgan Greimore
whose
favorite
teacher is
Mrs. Rob-
erts, just
like...
Marching Band & Guard

Left: The High School band marches off the field after a halftime performance.
Below: Senior, Theresa Lammon performs her mellophone solo.

“In band everyone is important...We need everyone to play and to sound good. We are not band geeks. We have metal heads, rockers, goths, football players, drama queens, the whole nine yards; every one of us are important to pull together a piece of music.”
- Theresa Lammon

Page By Erin Nussbaum

Bf whose favorite season is summer, just like...
Kirstan Sawyer who has a black car, just like...
Kenton Barczak whose favorite teacher is M-Dawg, just like...
Tony Gilberi whose favorite holiday is Christmas, just like...

Below: Sophomore, Katie Saunders, and Freshman, Jessica Harmon salute the flag during the National Anthem.

Above: The senior members of the band are from left, Olivia Nussbaum, Erik Templin, Drum Major Erin Nussbaum, Zach Hagen, Drum Major Megan Hall, Ross Skinner, and Theresa Lammon.
Left: Sophomores, Josh Sawyer and Dylan Poley, and Freshman, Johnny Tullos keep the heartbeat of the band.
Dayton Laverack likes pizza, just like...

Chase Olsen who loves M-dawg, just like...

Katey Thornton who wears shoe size 7, just like...

Kristen Clark who thinks English class is tough, just like...
This fall season, for our sports teams, was agreeably one for the record books. Our varsity football team proved themselves as one of the best with an overall record of 8-2 and by also making the playoffs for the first time since 2002. Senior, Stetson Gearhart, received the award for First Team All-Conference and he also earned the SJV/Red Arrow League Offensive MVP award.

Varsity volleyball also kept the tradition alive by winning their fifth consecutive district title. Along with having a successful season, five of the teams’ players received All-Conference honors. Nikki DeMeyer and Olivia Nussbaum were awarded First Team All-Conference. Erin Nussbaum and Emily Abbs received the All-Conference Honorable Mention award, and Tiffany Schumacher was awarded with All-Conference Special Mention.

The football cheerleading squad had a fun season learning new cheers and preparing for their winter competitive cheer season. Last but certainly not least, came our cross country team. Again this year the team struggled with small numbers but one runner shined over all the rest. Junior, Gage Hooley, made it all the way to the Michigan International Speedway to compete in the State cross country meet placing 140th out of 237 runners. I think everyone would agree that this was one unforgettable season.
Seniors, Andy Eger and Tyler Wagner, describe their football season as "a season like no other." "Dominating the Red Arrow/SJV Conference, we lived up to community expectations to win. It felt good that our overall record was 8-2. The best game of the season would have to be beating Centreville at their Homecoming game. As a team we improved greatly and made it to playoffs. This has not been part of the Chief schedule since 2002; we even had home field advantage. Stetson Gearhart would have to be one player most valuable to the Chiefs making big plays. Above all, we're very happy with the way the season turned out."

Andy Eger and Tyler Wagner
As Told To: Marilyn Reid & Stetson Gearhart

Right, Above: Senior, Andy Eger blocks a defender. Right: Senior, Alan Harrington leaps into the air to catch a hard pass.

Left: (Front to Back; Left to Right): Matt King, Nate Komins, Matt Saunders, Alan Harrington, Stetson Gearhart, Alex Krajniak, Thomas Schmitt, Tyler Wagner.
Back Row: Ryan Slack, Travis Stewart, Richard Monsen, Colin Tetzloff, Alex Lintz, James Smith-Hall.

Andrés who loves summer, just like...
Simon whose hardest subject is geometry, just like...
Vanessa Calderon who likes the color purple, just like...
April Minnick who enjoys playing sports, just like...
Above: Sophomore, Chris Shirk tackles an opponent on defense against Lake Michigan Catholic.

Below (Left to Right): Seniors, Tyler Wagner, Alan Harrington, Stetson Gearhart, Ryan Slack, and Andy Eger stand together after the final regular season football game against L.M.C.

Above: Senior, Colin Tetzloff wraps up for a hit against the Centreville Bulldogs as Junior, Alex Krajniak looks on to protect his teammates.

Left: Zach Gropp and the offensive line get ready to run a play. Right: Cory Wynkoop slips away from a defender.

Left: Quarterback, Zach Gropp hands off the football to Travis Shoulders. Right: Zach Gropp throws a pass.


The J.V. Football team had a great season with much improvement. The new teams added to the JV schedule will remember who the Chiefs are because of a 5-3-1 record. Dylan Poley and Cory Wynkoop said, “Our season highlights are when Dylan laid out a player on the B.C. team and when Cory had his first punt return against Union City.” Both agreed the team can improve speed and strength next season. Dylan’s vote for MVP goes to Holden Tullos because he is always making plays and is the first to the ball. Cory said, “Chris Shirk is our MVP because he did a lot for the J.V. and made many plays until he was moved up to Varsity.”

Above: Freshman quarterback, Zach Gropp, goes out to pass the ball.
Since grade school, I’ve liked to cheer, stunt and do gymnastics. Cheerleading is important because it gives the crowd spirit and it shows the team that there is support behind them. I joined cheerleading to get rid of my stage fright. This season was a lot of fun and I met a ton of new people. This year was great but going to the playoffs was the most exciting. I learned many new cheers and how to be a flyer. Even though I never tried to do the twist down, it was still my favorite stunt. I plan to keep cheering and support the teams.

Sam Wordelman

As Told To: Kelsie Skeels and Liz Pretty

Erin Cline
Favorite Cheer?
Center-snap
Best Memory?
The Eau Clair game
Favorite Stunt?
Scorpion and Suicide

Kirstan Sawyer
Favorite Cheer?
Friday Night
Best Memory?
Homecoming
Favorite Stunt?
Twist down and Suicide

What Is
Spirit Worth?

MIP
Sam Wordelman

MVP
Liz Pretty

Coach’s Award
Megan Hall

Page By

Liz Pretty &
Kelsie Skeels
The Cross Country team did an outstanding job this season! They worked hard as a team and made sure to attend every practice and meet. They were supported by their coach, Pete Mestelle, by their boy’s team captain, Gage Hooley, and their girl’s team captain, Morgan Gropp. Morgan was unable to run this year due to a stress fracture, but her spirit stayed strong and she went to every meet to support her teammates; she hopes to be able to run next year. Junior captain, Gage Hooley, placed 8th out of 86 at Regionals and 140th out of 237 at State! The future looks bright for next year’s cross country team!
Tradition never graduates. That is the best way to describe the volleyball program. Even with new members and a new coach, the tradition of striving to be your very best, and of course being District Champions, carried over yet another year. This season is one for the record books to say the least. Although the team had its ups and downs, the Chiefs went out with a bang.

After losing to Mendon in 5 games, every time in the regular season, the Chiefs came out hungrier than ever. The Chiefs came time to play them in District Semi-Finals. The Chiefs took a three game win over the Hornets with smiles on their faces, sending the opponents home with a season ending loss. In the District final, the Chiefs defeated the Marcellus Wildcats, also in three games. "It was unbelievable," said Senior co-captain, Erin Nussbaum, "I think the crowd had as much intensity during the last game as we did. It was really great to have everyone there for us." Other players said they had goose bumps the entire time they were on the floor. "I just couldn't get them off," said senior outside hitter, Tiffany Schumacher, laughing. The team and their supporters continued to celebrate on the court screaming, clapping, jumping around and taking pictures for the next hour or so. The Chiefs went on to the regional match and took a devastating loss to Schoolcraft, but not without a fight. "They're a really good team and they came out to play," said Senior, Marilyn Reid. "We just weren't ready." Even with the season ending in a loss, the Chiefs were still proud.

Above Right: Senior, Nikki DeMeyer (5), and Sophomore, Emily Abbas (4), use their mad ups for a huge block against Colom. Below: The Lady Chiefs celebrate their District championship after defeating Marcellus in the finals at Centreville!

Above Left: Sophomore, Brittaney Harman (8), tosses up the ball for a perfect serve. Can you say ACE? Above Right: Junior, Tiffany Schumacher (11), slams the ball through the block of two Bulldog players. Below: The Seniors take time to adore their prize.

Patty Burns' favorite day of the week is Friday, just like...

Josh Hall who likes Nike shoes, just like...

Chris Boodt who likes M-Dawg, just like...

Matt Saunders whose hair color is brown, just like...
"The Junior Varsity is the building blocks for a great varsity level team," said J.V. volleyball coach, Christina Furlong. "I'm just glad I can be a part of it." As a new coach in the program, Furlong quickly adjusted to the mechanics and ways of White Pigeon Volleyball. A first year coach isn't usually so successful, but successful she was. When asked about the season as a whole, Furlong said, "It was an interesting year, we had ups and downs, but we still played and competed to our best potential. I'm very pleased with the way it turned out."

The Chiefs didn't take many losses, and if they did, it wasn't without a good fight. Freshman setter, Morgan DeMeyer, and right side hitter, Sara Anderson, both said their favorite memory was winning the tournament at Centreville. "We played so well that day. It was so fun and we continued to win," said DeMeyer. Some other admirable accomplishments were beating Mendon and Centreville both times in the regular season. The Chiefs also took a 2nd place at the Bronson Invitational.

Coach Furlong has high hopes for next year already. "I'll be sad to see some of my players go up to varsity, but I'm also very excited to be working with a new group of girls. It'll be fun and I can't wait!"

Above left: Junior, Kaitlyn Armstrong (16), and Freshman, Morgan DeMeyer (2), get into their defensive stance to receive a serve. Top right: TIMEOUT! The Chiefs discuss a game winning strategy. Bottom left: Team Huddle! The girls get together to pump each other up! Below, Left to Right: Sophomore, Kasey Hall, prepares to pass a serve. Freshman, Amy Nussbaum (1), and Sophomore, Brittaney Thomas (5), work together to perform a point saving block. Freshman, Sara Anderson (3), looks on in anticipation during play. Junior, Kaitlyn Armstrong, gets a perfect pass to the setter.

Above: During a time out, Coach Furlong discusses a plan with her team. The Lady Chiefs finished off the game with a win.
Top Left: 7th Grade quarterback, Matt Eger checks the line before saying, "Hike!". Matt said, "I don't think about anything except focusing on what I have to do."

Middle Left: The 7th grade volleyball team shakes hands with Mendon after the game. The team agrees that it was their best performance of the season!

Right: The rest of the 8th grade team cheers on their teammates from the bench. The team said they didn't agree all the time but they worked well together on the court and improved greatly.

Above, (Left to Right): Team Captains, Chris Egbert, Brock Carper, Matt McNamara, and Carson Krull listen to the referee and stare down their opponents. McNamara said, "When I'm standing out there I'm trying to get focused and hoping that the game goes well."

Above: The 8th Grade volleyball team in the huddle discussing their strategy. Coach Herschbach said, "This season we focused on the three C's: communication, consistency and chemistry. As the season progressed, we improved in all areas."

Stetson Gearhart whose favorite season is fall, just like...

Jake Schmidtendorff whose favorite shoe is Nike, just like...

Attly Flood who thinks English is the most difficult class, just like...

Tyler Chantrene who likes the color red, just like...
Above: 7th grader, Brenna Elkins celebrates after her 5th ace in a row. Elkins said, "I was pretty excited because it was a close game and my serves helped our team win."

Stacey Kochenderfer who has 3 siblings, just like...

Jake Sanderson whose dream vacation is Hawaii, just like...

Brittany Thomas who is 5'8", just like...

Tiffany Schumacher whose favorite singer is Taylor Swift, just like...
Fall is past...

Left: Ryan Slack and the offensive line.
Right: Alan Harrington gets tackled after catching a pass.

Volleyball

Left: The starting varsity volleyball players line up.
Right: The varsity volleyball team celebrates at a pep rally.

Football

Cross Country

Left: Eric Johnson runs hard during a race. I think I can.
Right: Patrick Burns paces himself during the 3.1 mile stretch.

Pages by: Stetson Gearhart and Marilyn Reid

Kaitlyn Armstrong whose favorite day of the week is Friday, just like.
Harley Trine who likes the Detroit Pistons, just like.
Nicolette Kerschner who likes Nike shoes, just like.
Above: The boys take a time out to decide on the perfect play.
Below: Senior, Alan Harrington shoots a three point shot against his Phoenix opponent.

Above: Before their pre-game warm up, the girls get together to talk strategies.
Above (Left): Senior, Erin Nussbaum puts the pressure on the Colon point guard as she holds her defensive stance.

Below: Senior, Thomas Schmitt puts his opponent in a sticky situation as he slams him down on his face.
Below (Right): Senior, Daniel Kershner wrestles his opponent down to win his match.

Above: The competitive cheer team performs round one for the first time in front of an audience at a basketball game. Below: The competitive cheer team is working the tic tac during their second competition at Bronson.

Jordan Phelps likes to play bball, vbball, and softball, just like...
Morgan DeMeyer who likes the color pink, just like...
Bobby Armstrong who doesn’t have a job, just like...
Zach Brooks who likes nothing on the school lunch menu, just like...
The varsity boys basketball team got off to a rocky start this year. Despite the loss of a few great players and some major and minor injuries, the Chiefs managed to stick it out. They knocked their record up mid-season with a quick three game winning streak. The W's came from Phoenix, Bronson and Galesburg-Augusta, which gave the boys a bit of their confidence back.

The Chiefs were led by a group of Seniors and Freshman, Tanner Nichols. In the middle of the season, Nichols was injured with a high ankle sprain, which was a huge setback. "We held in there without him though." said Senior guard, Ryan Slack. Tanner's sprain was followed by Alan Harrington breaking his leg, Andy Eger tearing his ACL, and Tyler Wagner cracking his knee cap.

The varsity boys finished the regular season with a record of 5-13. The Chiefs went on to play districts against Marcellus and lost in the first round.

Above: Senior, Ryan Slack (5), scans the floor for an open teammate but decides to take it himself.

Above: Junior, Ryan Shoesmith (10), makes it rain beyond the ark to put the Chiefs back in the game. Ryan said, "I drop bombs."

Above: Senior, Alan Harrington (3) clears the lane to take on the president one on one to the basket.

Above: Junior, Paul Mast (24), takes on two Phoenix defenders at once and draws the foul.

Left: The boys take a minute during a time out to discuss some game strategy.

Rachel Leister who enjoys reading, just like...

Leigh-Anne Ripplinger whose hardest class is geometry, just like...

James Smith-Hall who wears size 14 shoes, just like...

Cory Wyknoo who likes Nike shoes, just like...
The JV boys basketball team dominated this year. With only five Sophomores and the rest of them Freshmen, the JV team was very young. They may have been young but were far from lacking talent and experience. Leading the team were Sophomores, Nate Wolf and Cory Wynkoop. Nate was able to run the floor and take the ball to the hole while Cory created a strong presence underneath the basket. Along with Nate and Cory, Zac Miller pulled down a monstrous number of rebounds on both ends of the floor. The skill doesn’t end there. The Chiefs had depth. Almost every player could play which ever position Coach Jason Weaver threw them into. They were ready for anything.

The Chiefs finished their season on a good note ending with a record of 11-8. The record proves that hard work really does pay off.
The White Pigeon varsity basketball team dominated this year, winning their first five games straight, followed by many more wins. They finished the season with a 13-3 record and claimed a League Title with 7 out of 8 league games. It was only the third League Title in the school's history. "This is a great group of girls. They played like a fist and their hearts were always in it," says coach Jeff Bachler. Leading the team, Nikki DeMeyer was voted league MVP and was also voted MVP of the team. Making league were Seniors, Olivia Nussbaum, Nikki DeMeyer, Junior Morgan Gropp, and Sophomore, Emily Abbas, who also was awarded MIP of the team. Tiffany Schumacher received honorable mention. "I loved every second I got to play with the seniors, and I'm really going to miss all of them," says Junior, Holly Koell. The varsity girls had one of the best seasons and records White Pigeon has had in awhile. "We are a family, and we always work so hard together. I think that's what made this team so special. It's definitely what got us to go so far this year." Senior Erin Nussbaum speaks for the team. It might be the end for some, but the girls plan to come back next year and claim not only league once again, but take that District Title.

"Dedicate Your Hearts, Leave Nothing..."

Above: Junior Tiffany Schumacher posts up against a defender. Below: Senior, Olivia Nussbaum (3), looks for an open teammate.

Above: Soph. Emily Abbas (10), gets in perfect position to snag a rebound. Below: The Chiefs assemble to honor America during the National Anthem.


Left: Senior, Nikki DeMeyer, goes up strong for an easy 2 points against Bangor. Above: TEAM HUDDLE! Time to get pumped up! Right: Junior, Morgan Gropp (21), runs the floor at Bangor looking for an open lane.

Bruce Mercer whose favorite day of the week is Saturday, just like...

Ryan Walkop who has visited Florida, just like...

Sha Moore whose favorite day of the week is Saturday, just like...

Nora Gelke who likes Nike shoes, just like...

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The Junior Varsity basketball team took after the Varsity very well. Working hard together at practice and scrimmage, the Varsity gave the girls all the skills and leadership they would need. Their record of 11-8 reflected the hard work and determination these girls put into the game. My favorite memory from this season was when we played at Constantine. We were losing most of the game, but late in the third quarter we made a huge comeback and ended up winning. It’s always awesome to beat Constantine and we had a lot of fun doing it,” said Freshman Amy Nussbaum. Sophomore, Nicolette Kerschner, and Freshman Atty Flood, were a huge help under the basket and got some excellent rebounds for the Chiefs. Leading the Chiefs were Freshman guards Sara Anderson and Amy Nussbaum. They are both great ball handlers. They can shoot the outside shot and take the ball to the hole. As can many other girls on the team. The JV girls had a lot of depth and could play everyone in any spot. They finished off the season beating Roosevelt in their final game. They cannot wait to get back in the gym and prepare for next year.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

Ryan Slack whose favorite color is blue, just like...

Michael Jensen who likes summer, just like...

Rachel Leister whose favorite hobbies are reading and video games, just like...

Leigh-Anne Ripplinger whose hardest class is geometry, just like...
I've never seen myself as a cheerleading coach. My sport has always been softball. I never knew I'd be needed or wanted for cheerleading, but I am very glad I've grown attached my favorite memories of would have to be taking competition. Also, three scores equal or toughest teams to beat. improve our jumps a group. Basketball was almost completely we were so busy working season.

Coach, Jacqui Roberts
As told to: Sha Moore and Liz Pretty

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"A STUNT CAN'T POSSIBLY GO UP IF YOUR THINKING OF ALL THE POSSIBLE WAYS IT COULD FALL."

Sha Moore

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Breanna Everal who has brown hair, just like...

Taylor Krull who likes to shop at Walmart, just like...

Jeremy Hubbard whose favorite day of the week is Friday, just like...

Nate Barrett who doesn't have a job, just like...
Below: Junior, Erin Moore, Sophomore, Kirstan Sawyer, and Senior, Megan Hall try to get the boys fired up with “Offense Power”. The cheerleaders perform “Come on Chiefs Let’s Go” to pump up the crowd.

Above: Junior, Erin Moore, Sophomore, Kirstan Sawyer, and Senior, Kyla Wells show off their pretty whites as they display those famous “cheerleader” smiles.


Above: Senior, Kyla Wells, and Sophomore, Kirstan Sawyer do one of their personal favorite cheers fondly known to them as “The Barbie Fun House” cheer.

Megan Hall
“The best part about being a cheerleader is getting the crowd involved in the game and boosting the players spirits.”

Erin Moore
“My favorite thing about basketball cheerleading is being so close to the game and the crowd. It’s so fast paced and exciting!”

What a Team!

Ashley Colvin whose favorite holiday is X-Mas, just like...

Devon Anglemyer who has 1 sibling, just like...

Nate Wolf whose favorite teacher is Ms. Middleton, just like...

Zac Miller who wears size 14 shoes, just like...
Once again, Mr. Jay Sosinski led the students participating in wrestling. Their overall team record was 12-25. Two students were state qualifiers. Sophomore, Holden Tullos and senior, Ryan Konneck represented WP at this meet. Ryan Konneck said, "I ended the season with a record of 46-9, being a district & regional champion, and making it to state with a sixth place finish!" Ryan believes what made him a great athlete was getting beat up by Jordan Morris everyday in practice last year. He was excited he finally made it to state, but he also looked at it as more matches he had to win. "No big thing!" Ryan believes that wrestling is by far the toughest sport. He also thinks that if you can wrestle and get through it, then everything else in life is much easier. Ryan broke a school record the season. He broke a record by having 65 take-downs. He also was a member of the 2009 SJV Honorable Mention Team! Holden Tullos hopes to follow in Ryan's shoes with some record breaking seasons in the future. Holden will travel this summer to Orlando to wrestle and prepare for the 2009-2010 season.

Above (Back to Front, Left to Right): Coach, Jay Sosinski; Senior, Daniel Kershner; Freshman, Johnny Tullos; Seniors, Thomas Schmitt and Matt Saunders; Freshman, Casey Byler; Senior, Ryan Konneck; Junior, Cody Baker; Sophomore, Tony Gilbert; Freshmen, Rocky Wolfenbarger and Xavier Elkins; Sophomores, Alex Conley and Holden Tullos; Freshman, Matt Sanderson; Sophomore, Dylan Poley. Not Pictured Senior, Bobby Harman

Right: Senior, Matt Saunders, has the look of total determination to pin his opponent.

Pages By
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Kelsey Jackson
who doesn't
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Henry who
likes the
color red,
just like...

Zach Gropp
whose favorite
day of the week
is Saturday, just
like...
Above Left: Senior, Ryan Konnecke is introduced at a winter sports pep assembly.
Above Right: Sophomore, Holden Tullis is workin' his opponent to the mat.


Above: The wrestling team captains are seniors Matt Saunders, Thomas Schmitt, and Ryan Konnecke.

Above: Sophomore, Tony Gilbert, takes his position on his Sturgis opponent, as they start the match.

Above: Senior, Daniel Kershner, taking down his opponent from Maple Valley.

Above: Xavier Elkins trying to use all he has to get through the match.

Above: Sophomore, Tony Gilbert.

Meredith Tippman
who likes to eat steak, just like...

Ashley Eash
whose favorite day of the week is Friday, just like

Alex Conley
who likes to eat school pizza, just like

Chris Shirk
whose favorite food is pizza, just like...
MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

By Sha Moore and Kayla Wolkins

Above: Craig Tourniquet performs for the 8th graders to help them prepare for the big pressures they will face throughout their high school years.

Above: 8th grader, Jena Cedille, won the Big Hair Queen Contest during the Craig Tourniquet performance.

Above: The Middle School Quiz Bowl team holds up their 3rd place trophy. The team included the following: Chas Rathbun, Mark Young, Mitch Beanook, Wes Bailey, Dacota Sackett, Armin McDonald, Jamie Rameri, and Craig Knapke.

Bruce Mercer who has brown hair, just like...

Natasba Tucker whose favorite food is pizza, just like...

Holden Tullos whose favorite teacher is Mr. Susinski, just like...

Brittany Harman who has visited Colorado, just like...

Above: Chas Knapke and Jeremiah Wolfe arm wrestle during lunch for entertainment.

Girls Track Team: Keli Lieras, Nicole Pratts, Jody Gudz, Melody Lawton, Briana Elms, April Stevenson, Natasha Mercer, Ashley Miller, McKayla Thomas, Kari Mahler, Alie Bailey, Sara Connely, Taylor Longacre, Jasmine Rejina, Jordan Russell, Amber Stewart, Bethany Hugent, Michael Perry, Alie Logan, and Meah Bailey. (Not Pictured: Asher Dall and Rachel Brock)

Boys Track Team: Zach Emerson, Matt McNamara, Carl Knapke, Brock Davis, Brendan Sater, Cannon Kuhl, Wes Bailey, Chris Joiner, Delton Smith, Roger Green, John Kurt, John Rubbo, Matt Perry, Chris Eckert, Dallas McKee, Coey Shook, and Chad Rathbun.
This year men’s track team performed well in all of their meets. Despite not winning any of the smaller competitions, the team surprised many when they showed up for the big track meets. The Constatine Invitational awarded the chiefs with a third place finish and the Regional track meet in Cenreville another third place overall finish. The regular season flew by, but eight track athletes went to state. These individuals are as follows: Travis Stewart, Roger Stewart, Alex Krajniak, Stetson Gearhart, Ryan Shoesmith, Mike Niblock, Mitch Johnson, and Thomas Schmitt.


Above: Senior, Travis Stewart wins the shot put against Bronson. Below: As Freshman, Zach Gropp leaps a hurdle he inches closer to a Bronson competitor.

Above: Sophomore, Cory Wynkoop jumps his personal best in high jump at Bronson. Below: Senior, Stetson Gearhart at the regional track meet where he placed third with a time of 11.04.

Above: Sophomore Jonny Tullos gets 9'6 in his first track meet as a pole vaulter. Below: Junior, Alex Krajniak flies through the air to win the long jump.
The White Pigeon girls' track team was small but successful. The season started off a little rough, but the girls definitely took it up a notch as the season went on. This year’s track team had many new-comers who really benefitted our team. At regionals, there were many girls who medaled and achieved their personal best times or distances in their events. Sophomore, Crystal Rose took second in the 200 meter dash, qualifying for the State meet again this year. “I really enjoyed this year’s track team. The girls worked hard for me everyday, and it’s always nice to be able to take at least one girl to State,” said coach, Gary Shoppell. The team was dedicated and thrived to always be on top. Everyone was always pushing themselves not only at meets, but also in practices. “This is one of my favorite track teams I’ve been on, I’m really going to miss all the seniors,” said sophomore, Morgan Gremore. Next year, the team plans to come back even bigger and stronger.

Below: Senior, Danielle Wynkoop, and Sophomore, Morgan Gremore take it easy on the bus after a long track meet.

Above: Sophomores, London Miller and Alison Lintz catch up on some quick rest right before they get ready to run their 400 meter dash.

Below: Senior, Kelsie Skeels starts off the 400 meter relay taking the lead.

Below: Junior, Kristin Clark stretches up right before her big race.

Top Left: Sophomores, Alison Lintz and London Miller, Senior, Leslie Cloud, Sophomores, Crystal Rose, Katie Saunders, and Chrissy Minnich, Junior, Kristin Clark, Sophomore, Jessica Ragsdale, and Coach, Gary Shoppell.

Bottom Left: Freshman Alyssa Wright, Junior, Amanda Wolgamood, Sophomores, Kirstan Sawyer and Morgan Gremore, Seniors Danielle Wynkoop and Kelsie Skeels, Sophomores, Nora Gelke, Kasey Hall, and Brittany Harman.
Coach, Cliff Eger led the home run hitters once again. Mental focus and dedication were two aspects of the game these boys needed to put into place in order to win ball games. Losing some former players to injuries and the switch of the golf season, from fall to spring, had some affect on team numbers. Even though, this team carried 16 players who could play a variety of positions. With the regular season having some ups and downs, the chiefs went into pre-districts with big hopes. They came up short in the first game against Colon. Considering the young ages this team carried, a promising season is certainly in the near future.

Above Top: Senior, Ryan Slack prior to crankin’ one of his many home runs of the season. Ryan brought big sticks to this team.

Above Below Left: Sophomore, Zac Miller. We’ve never seen someone hit so well with their eyes shut!

Above Below Right: Senior, Matt Saunders steps it up this season as catcher. Former chief catcher, Senior, Andy Eger, was out due to a knee injury.

Above Top: Senior, Tyler Wagner releases a pitch and Sophomore, Chris Shirk is right there playin’ on his toes and ready to play some tight defense.

Above Below: Sophomore, Chris Shirk puts a line drive into play and advances the chief runners on 1st and 2nd. Bases loaded now!
On March 9th, 2009, the Lady Chiefs softball team started up their season conditioning with small numbers, young girls, and hopeful outlooks. Although coach, Mrs. Roberts and new assistant coach, Mr. Maisel had to start once again teaching basics to our new outcomes, they’ve come a long way since. Maisel has been a big help this season by working with our pitching staff, where his past catching experience has really made a difference for our girls. The girls worked hard during three hour practices, batting, conditioning, and fielding in hopes to be the best they could be. For the first time in a long time, the girls split with a good Burr Oak team, winning 1-0. The Chiefs also went to Constantine and brought back a much earned win. The team was down by four runs in the seventh inning and pulled it together for the victory. The Lady Chiefs have grown greatly in all areas thanks to lots of hard work and dedication. Sadly, the team will be losing three important assets after this season, their senior starters. Coming in to take their place will be a group of very athletic underclassmen. The team plans to purchase some new equipment for their program and keep working hard in the future to make up for their losses. Make us proud next season girls!
A very disciplined and focused White Pigeon varsity golf team had another successful year in 2009. They were undefeated in the league, came in second in districts, won regionals, and earned a runner-up title at the state competition! Also this year the team is letting go of four great seniors. Senior, Chase Olsen finished his high school golf career being #1 in the state of Michigan. The entire group of senior golfers will go on to play at the collegiate level. These athletes have made WPHS proud once again.

Above (Left to Right): Coach, Mark Olsen, Seniors, Chris Mann, Chase Olsen, and Mitch Wolf, Sophomore, Nate Wolf, Junior, Matt King, Senior, Daniel Kershner, and Coach, Al Kershner.

"You've got to stay patient, stay in the moment, keep grinding... You never know what can happen. It just might turn out great." Senior, Chase Olsen has more than excelled, broke records, and been a top competitor while playing golf for White Pigeon High School. Chase will attend Grand Valley State University in the Fall of 2009 and be a part of their golf program. This year, Chase was the top regional competitor, state champ and played a huge role in the success of White Pigeon Golf.

Thoughts From...

Senior Chris Mann - "Golf is life. If you can't take golf, you can't take life." Two thumbs up... One for golf and one for life!

"Golf is a game that can't be beat, only played." Senior Daniel Kershner says that he needs to take a much earned break after playing a long 18 hole match.

Senior, Mitch Wolf - "No matter how good you get, you can always get better. That's the exciting part of this sport."

Page By
Matt King
When asked what’s best about having so many siblings, Wesley Bailey replied, “It is never boring in the house.” Tommy and the twins, Allie and Missi, said, “It is a lot of fun.” What’s worst part of having a ton of brothers and sisters? “I never get spoiled,” said Wesley. What is it like going out as a family? They all agree that it can be fun at times, but there also can be fighting and everything is expensive. They all agree that when riding in the car together there is no room.

Allie and Missi explain that being the only girls in the house has advantages, but can also be annoying at times. Tommy is the oldest in the house, so he has more advantages than the others and gets to do what he wants, or thinks he does. When it comes to Wesley, he is excited to be the only guy in the house next year with girls coming over and having the biggest room in the house. He is hoping that he has learned enough tricks from his brothers to work his magic on the ladies.

—The Baileys

As told to Sha Moore and Kelsie Skeels
**What is your favorite memory together?**

- 8th graders, Cody and Katie Laferty
  - Katie: Racing on four wheelers.
  - Cody: Riding four wheelers together.

- Senior, Andy Eger and Matt Eger
  - Andy and Matt: Playing football inside and breaking Matt's wrist.

- Freshman, Alicia Clark and Junior, Kristin Clark
  - Alicia and Kristin: Going to the movies just to laugh obnoxiously in the front row.

- Senior, Leslie Cloud, and Sophomore, David Cloud
  - Leslie: He leaves me alone.
  - David: She never tells on me.

- 7th grader, Cruz Montoya and 8th grader, Adrian Montoya
  - Adrian: He's his own person.
  - Cruz: I like that he's so complicated.

- Junior, Morgan Grapp and Freshman, Zach Grapp
  - Zach: She can keep secrets.
  - Morgan: His competitiveness.

**What do you do to get each other in trouble?**

- Senior, Danni Wynkoop and Sophomore, Cory Wynkoop
  - Danni and Cory: Silver Creek don't rat each other out!

- Senior, Jamie Heig and 8th grader, Jeff Heig
  - Jeff: I don't get her in trouble.

- 7th grader, Stephanie Land and 8th grader, Dallas Land
  - Stephanie: Fake cry and tell mom he hit me.

- Senior, Nikki DeMeyer and Freshman, Morgan DeMeyer
  - Nikki: I hit her with a rubber snake and left a welt.

- Chris Johnson and 7th grader, Mitch Black
  - Chris: I broke his nose.

- Senior, Kelsie Skeels and 8th grader, Cory Skeels
  - Kelsie: I pushed him down the stairs.

  Cory: I chased her with a clown mask.

**What's the worst thing you've done to your sibling?**

- 8th grader, Jordan Lucas and 8th grader, Allisyn Lucas
  - Erin: Amy is just plain weird.

- Senior, Rachel Miller, Junior, Aaron Miller, and Freshman, Joel Miller
  - Rachel: Joel is accident prone.

  Aaron: Joel makes me laugh.

  Joel: Aaron looks like me.

**What do you see your sibling doing 10 yrs.?**

- Senior, Brittany Lowe and Freshman, Matt Sanderson
  - Brit: Sitting on the couch playing video games.

- Juniors, Sean and Devon O'Toole
  - Sean: Working at McDonalds.

- 8th graders, Cassandra and Elaina Hiatt
  - Cassie and Elaina: Graduating from college.

- Seniors, Erin and Olivia Nusbaum and Freshman, Amy Nusbaum
  - Erin: Amy has just plain weird.

**What is the most interesting thing about your sibling?**

- 7th grader, Jordan Lucas and 8th grader, Allisyn Lucas
  - Amy: Olivia is a good and fast reader.

- Senior, Rachel Miller, Junior, Aaron Miller, and Freshman, Joel Miller
  - Rachel: Joel is accident prone.

  Aaron: Joel makes me laugh.

  Joel: Aaron looks like me.
The Very Special Arts Festival is an annual event held at Glen Oaks Community College in the spring. A large group of our students volunteered their time to help guide, assist, and face paint all day long. This program is designed to give special needs children a day filled with fun art activities and learning workshops. The children spent the day dancing, coloring, painting and working with clay. At the end of the day, they enjoyed a lunch and a Meijer cookie that they got to frost themselves. A Magic show was also put on before and after lunch to give the kids a break before it was time to go home. All in all it was a great day and the children gained a new appreciation for art!

*Above:* Senior, Rachel Miller helps out some students at a Dancing workshop where they learned how to do the "Virginia Reel".

*Below Left:* Senior, Kelsie Skeels guides one of her students towards the Face Painting station.

*Below Middle:* Junior, Mitch Johnson and his student have some bonding time. Aww!

*Below Right:* Junior, Amanda Lammon shows off her contribution to the art display.

*Below:* Blanche Harz helps out some students at a workshop where they used textured plastic to create cool designs.

*Above:* Sophomore, Kayleigh Salazar paints the face of a young student during the passing time in between workshops.

Pages By

Liz Pretty
Top: The winning performance! Juniors, Erin Moore, Alex Krajinak, Amanda Wolgamood, Kara Salyer, Morgan Gropp, and Kaitlyn Armstrong stole the show with their dance to "Barbie Girl" by Aqua.

Middle: The second place performance was a solo guard/dance performance to a custom mastermix by Sophomores, Kasey Hall.

Bottom: Seniors Ryan Slack, Tommy Bailey, Alan Harrington, Tyler Wagner, and Sophomores, Cory Wynkoop and Mike Niblock, and take third place with their "dance" to the song "Dueling Banjos".

Below: Codee Workman shows off his rap skills by performing "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice. He involved the crowd by performing some of the song in the stands.

Middle: Leslie Cloud and Ryan Konnecke lip sing "Anyone Else But You" from the Juno soundtrack. They even wore the right costumes!!

Above: Mr. Shoppell sings "The Bronson Blues" to get the crowd ready for the upcoming game.

Left: Kathleen Beller takes the stage to sing "Love Story" by Taylor Swift. It was a crowd favorite and many people were heard singing along.
Above: Juniors, Matt King, Holly Krull, and Tiffany Schumacher show off their lifeguard skills by running into the deep blue to save a life!

Above: Seniors, Danni Wynkoop and Nikki DeMeyer relax on the beach while soaking up the sun in Panama City!

Right: Senior, Codee Workman, tests the water before taking a quick dip.

Below: Seniors, Chris Mann and Olivia Hilliker visit an underwater aquarium to get a up close view of the marine life.

Above: Sophomore, Mike Niblock catches some rays out on the boardwalk.

Above: Seniors, Leslie Cloud and Ryan Konneck take a romantic, midnight walk on the beach.

Above: Freshman, Morgan DeMeyer, practices safety first and puts on her life jacket!
Each year the student council sponsors three blood drives in the high school gym. Many students and community members come in to donate blood and save lives. Some teachers even participate in saving lives. Ms. Stoel received her three gallon pin at the second blood drive this year and Mr. Gropp has given a whopping thirty-four pints of blood over the years, making him the teacher who has donated the most blood in our school!

Why three drives you ask? Well, by having three blood drives the Student Council representatives can choose three senior members to give $1,000 scholarships to. These three are chosen based on how many community service hours they have and how much effort they’ve put into school and the organization.

Even if you’re squeamish, student council members encourage you to take the leap and donate blood. You never know whose life you could save.

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**American Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*
Winterfest was filled with many fun activities that went on throughout the week! We had dress-up days, lunchtime activities, the Junior vs. Senior powderpuff volleyball game, the class hallway competition, the lip sync, the Winterfest game vs. Bronson, and to wrap it all up, the Winterfest dance! Our dress-up days and lunchtime activities were Monday, Senior Citizen Day & Cheese Ball Madness, Tuesday, Twin Day & the Baby Bottle Race, Wednesday, Flashback Day & the Jelly Bean Vacuum, Thursday, Zoo Day & Zoo Charades, and Friday, the traditional Red & Black day! Before the game, the crowning of the Winterfest Prince and Princess took place. Nate Komin was crowned Winterfest Prince and Leslie Cloud was crowned Winterfest Princess! We decided to interview our Winterfest queen Leslie Cloud about her Winterfest experience and being on court. Her favorite dress-up day was Senior Citizen Day because it was very unique and interesting to see how we view older people. She said, “It was fun to participate in everything and have everyone else enjoying it as well.” She also said, “My Winterfest experience was very interesting.” She was very surprised and happy when they called her name and said that she had won Winterfest Princess!
Above: Freshmen worked hard for weeks making things to decorate their hall! They chose to decorate their hall like an Aquarium. It was like you were walking under water. At the entrance there was a broken down ship and a skeleton which made it seem realistic!

Above: Sophomores chose to decorate their hall like the Arctic! One of the best things about the hall was the mittens hanging from the ceiling with all the sophomore names on them!

Above: Juniors decorated their hall like a Rainforest! They had a waterfall and lots of animals throughout their hallway. The entrance was very bright and caught peoples' attention!

Above: The Senior hall was a Safari! The lockers were covered with zebra stripes all the way down. Senior, Kayla Wolkins, said, "I'm glad to be done making all those signs, they took forever. I spent hours during and after school working on them." It paid off... Seniors got 1st place!


Winterfest Prince & Princess
Nate Komins & Leslie Cloud

Winterfest PowerPuff Volleyball
Senior Victory
This year Grand March was held at the Riviera Theatre in Three Rivers, while prom was held right next door at A Place In Time. The entire place was decked out in “Under the Sea” decorations. Pure Energy kept everyone on the dance floor all night long busting out their best moves. At the end of the night the Prom Court was announced. King and Queen were Alan Harrington and Olivia Nussbaum. The title of Duke and Duchess went to Tommy Bailey and Nikki DeMeyer. Alex Krajniak and Kara Salyer were named Prince and Princess, and Ryan Shoesmith and Morgan Gropp were Lord and Lady. The dance ended at 11 p.m. but the fun didn’t stop there. Soon after everyone loaded the buses and headed north to Craig’s Cruisers for the post prom activities. Post prom goers had a blast riding Go-Karts, competing in Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero and other various arcade games. Students and chaperones also participated in the High Ropes Course and Laser Tag. A favorite of the night was the all you can eat pizza buffet. We’d like to acknowledge the Junior Class, Mrs. Jarrad and Mr. Gropp for helping make the 2009 prom such a huge success!

Right: Mr. Vogel stands with “Mr. Vogel” portrayed by Andy Eger.
Far Right: Stetson Gearhart as “Barry Sanders”, does the Heisman.

Bottom: Tyler Wagner tries to seduce the crowd as “Joe Dirt”.
Bottom Right: Celebrity group shot after the auction.
Below: "Paul Walker", Ryan Slack, raised the most money for the class of 2009.

Right: Caitlin Pedersen and Becca Shingledecker, as "Rob and Big", reunite for one last time to help the Senior class.

Left: Erin Nussbaum-"Carrie Underwood", and Danni Wyntoop-"Taylor Swift", take a break from their country music careers to help raise money for the Senior class.

Pages By

Madelaine Vaden

&

Leslie Cloud
BPA is an organization that helps kids prepare for the business world by competing in various competitions related to the business aspects. In this competition a few students from our high school competed and won. Wesley Lehman competed at the regional competition. Lehman, along with Dalton Christner, James Mercer, Kyle Harris and Nathan Komins all won the video production event at regionals and moved on to state. At the state competition Dalton Christner, Kyle Harris, and James Mercer took first place in the video production field and moved on to Nationals in Dallas, Texas. The national competition has been postponed until June 16th due to the outbreak of the swine flu in Dallas.

Left: The video production winners are showing off their first place trophy.

Left: Junior, James Mercer has this to say about BPA, “It was a really great experience. I had a lot of fun working with my friends on the video and crushing the competition.”

Left: Senior, Wesley Lehman is getting prepped for his A+ related event, or what we like to call trouble shooting hardware test.

Below: Junior, Kyle Harris strutting his stuff before they load the bus for the trip back home.

Page By
Dalton Christner

Top: Senior, Dalton Christner, the presenter, for the video production team, “Purple Ninja Productions”. The team received their first place award at the state conference located at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.
The Senior Class of 2009 will not soon be forgotten. From the moment this graduating class realized this was the end of their high school journey and the beginning of another adventure, they made the most of every experience, event, meeting, competition, game, class, dance, and lunch period. The seniors were known for coming together when a float needed built or a hallway needed decorated. They were also known for their everlasting chief pride and spirit that helped them win several individual and team championship games in a number of sports. The Class of 2009 had and always will have heart.

Congratulations Graduates!

Amanda Lilly
Stetson Gearhart

Codie Workman

Ron Drzewiecki
Harley Trine

Liz Pretty

Ryan Slack, Ross Skinner, James Smith-Hall

Ambrose Dychouse
EXIT INTERVIEWS

Left: Olivia Hilker makes WPHS proud as she breezes through her interview with school board President, Bev Souder, and superintendent secretary, Shawn Pippenger.

Below: Alan Harrington looks all grown up as he anxiously awaits his interview.

Middle Left: Jamie Heign is all smiles as she flips through her portfolio one last time.

Middle Right: Theresa Lammon is well prepared and more than ready to show off her skills and accomplishments.

Top: Olivia Nussbaum dazzles her interviewers with her well put together and impressive portfolio.

Left: Andy Eger, Ambrose Dyehouse, Jeremy Hubbard, and Nate Barrett calmly wait with their portfolios for the evaluations to their exit interviews.

PAGES BY
ERIN NUSSBAUM
SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: Ryan Konnecke & Leslie Cloud
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: Ryan Konnecke & Olivia Nussbaum
U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fi Band Award: Zach Hagen & Theresa Lammon
Carla Humphries Award: Ryan Konnecke
James "Jimmy" Harris Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Eger
Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award: Erin Nussbaum & Chase Olsen
1st Lt. John Edds Memorial Leadership Scholarship: Leslie Cloud
Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship: Kayla Wolkins, Olivia Nussbaum, & Erin Nussbaum
Sonja C. Kim Scholarship: Erin & Olivia Nussbaum
WPEA Scholarship: Marilyn Reid & Beth Bralick
Rotary Club Scholarship: Matthew Saunders, Leslie Cloud, & Beth Bralick
Rotary Roger Bakeham Memorial Scholarship: Chase Olsen
The Wayne Ignatz Memorial Scholarship: Kelsie Skeels
The John Kramer Memorial Scholarship: Madelaine Vaden
White Pigeon Firefighters Association Scholarship: Rebbecca Shingledecker
Southwestern Michigan College Award of Distinction Scholarship: Liz Pretty
Three Rivers Elks Lodge Scholarship: Olivia Nussbaum
Michigan Elks Lodge Scholarship: Olivia Nussbaum
Eastern Mennonite University Presidential Scholarship: Erin & Olivia Nussbaum
Unity of Maine Presidential Scholarship: Kyla Wells
Northern Michigan University Certificate of Merit: Beth Bralick
Grand Valley State University Men's Golf Scholarship: Chase Olsen
American Numismatic Association Young Numismatist Scholarship: Jordan Miller
Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Academic Achievement Award:
Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award: Erin Nussbaum
Principal's Leadership Awards: Erin & Olivia Nussbaum
Teacher of the Year Award: Mrs. Jacqui Roberts

Departmental Awards
English: Erin and Olivia Nussbaum
Experiential Learning: Courtney Hepner
Theatre: Andrew Eger
Yearbook: Nikki DeMeyer
Spanish: Mitch Wolf
Social Studies: Beth Bralick
Physical Education: Stetson Gearhart & Marilyn Reid
Art: Leslie Cloud
Ceramics: David Powers
Advanced Art: Theresa Lammon
Interior Design: Andrew Eger & Tyler Wagner
Math: Erin & Olivia Nussbaum
Science: Leslie Cloud

Athletic Department Awards
Football: Stetson Gearhart
Cheerleading: Liz Pretty
Competitive Cheer: Sha Moore
Volleyball: Erin Nussbaum
Girls Basketball: Nikki DeMeyer
Boys Basketball: Alan Harrington
Wrestling: Ryan Konnecke
Girls Track: Danielle Wynkoop
Boys Track: Stetson Gearhart
Baseball: Ryan Slack & Andrew Eger
Golf: Chase Olsen

Band Awards
Bandmasters: Megan Hall
Gilmore Band: Olivia Nussbaum
Sousa: Erin Nussbaum
Marching Band Departmental Award: Ross Skinner
Concert Band Departmental Award: Erik Templin
Solo & Ensemble: Theresa Lammon
Drum Major: Erin Nussbaum, Megan Hall, & Ross Skinner
Choir Departmental Award: Theresa Lammon

Ryan Konnecke accepts the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award from Sgt. Williams

Olivia Nussbaum presents Mrs. Roberts with the "Teacher of the Year" Award. Great job Mrs. Roberts!

The Senior Band Members
THE WINNERS OF THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS.

Above: Andrew Egger stands with Mary Hardy after receiving the Laura “Jimmy” Harris Memorial Scholarship in honor of her grandson.

Above: Erin and Olivia Menshman stand with Mr. Kreyer after receiving an award.

Above: Leslie Clancy receives the first St. John Edna Memorial Leadership Scholarship.

Above: Liz Pretty receives the "Award of Distinction" from Southwestern Michigan College.

CONGRATULATIONS
Thirteen years flew by for the seniors, and on May 29th, the Class of 2009 took the stage for graduation. This day that they'd been waiting for was filled with tears, both happy and sad, and many good memories. Erin and Olivia Nussbaum shared the stage as Co-Valedictorians, and spoke about the past, future, and gave a fun speech on the class' ABCs. Liz Pretty, the Salutatorian, then thanked the many people who helped this class reach graduation day. Tears flowed as graduates passed out flowers to those they appreciated with “Don't Blink” by Kenny Chesney playing overhead. The slide show replayed many wonderful memories and then sixty graduates proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. With the turning of the tassels, it was official, the Class of 2009 were graduates of White Pigeon High School. Cheers, tears, smiles, and applause erupted as the new graduates walked out to their class song, "Time of My Life" by David Cook. They made it, through all the good times and the bad. Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2009!
CLASS OF 2009

SENIOR BREAKFAST

THE TIME OF OUR LIFE

DRIVE-AROUND
LIFE BRINGS US TEARS, SMILES, & MEMORIES.
TEARS DRY, SMILES FADE, MEMORIES LAST FOREVER...
Nikki,
We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments.
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Dedicated by:
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Nicole Airgood & Corrie Elwoodson
JAMIE,

LOVE THE PEOPLE WHO TREAT YOU RIGHT... FORGET ABOUT THE ONES WHO DON'T. BELIEVE EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON, DON'T BE AFRAID TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS AND GO AFTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. IF YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL NOT HAVE REGRETS AND WILL BE TRULY LIVING YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST. TRY TO KEEP YOUR INNOCENCE AND LOVE TRUE AND DEEP. DON'T LOSE YOUR BIG CARING HEART. STUDY HARD AT COLLEGE AND EARN A DEGREE THAT NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE AWAY FROM YOU. LEARN HOW TO LOVE LIFE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME LEARNING HOW. FINALLY, KNOW THAT YOUR FAMILY WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE JAMIE! THERE'S AN OLD SAYING: "IF YOU WANT TO SOAR WITH THE EAGLES IN THE MORNING, YOU CAN'T HOOT WITH THE OWLS AT NIGHT." REMEMBER THIS!

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Congratulations!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

E-
YOU WERE THERE WHEN I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AND YOU HELPED ME BE A BETTER PERSON. NOW I STAND WITH YOU AS YOU GRADUATE WITH HONORS... I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD. I WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS YOU DESERVE. I LOVE YOU AND I AM SO GLAD YOU WERE BORN.
ALL MY LOVE,
MOMMY

Congratulations Rachael,
We're very proud of you and we love you!
Grandpa & Grandma

Congratulations Rachael
You finally made it!!!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Aaron,
Joel, Mitch & Anna

Congratulations
Class of 2009!
Good luck in the future!
Mrs. Keyer

Congratulations Seniors!!!
Tim and Kelly Miller Family

2009
Erin & Olivia
As you leave your high school years, remember always how much you’re loved, how proud we are of all your accomplishments, and how wonderfully special each of you are to us.
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Katelyn, & Amy

Chase,
What you have accomplished at WPHS is impossible for most to comprehend. Your place in the history of Chief golf has been established and will most likely never be challenged. Being selected to the “Super Team” and “All-American Team” are incredible achievements. Throughout this journey you have remained humble and respectful. This is just the beginning for you. Continue what you have been doing and you will be just as successful at GVSU and the rest of your life. We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Nick, Riley and Jordan

Travis
You have turned out to be a really great person. We are so proud of you. Hope you got all you want out of life.
Love Mom, Dad, Brother & Sister

Congratulations
our little Tater
Bug!
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