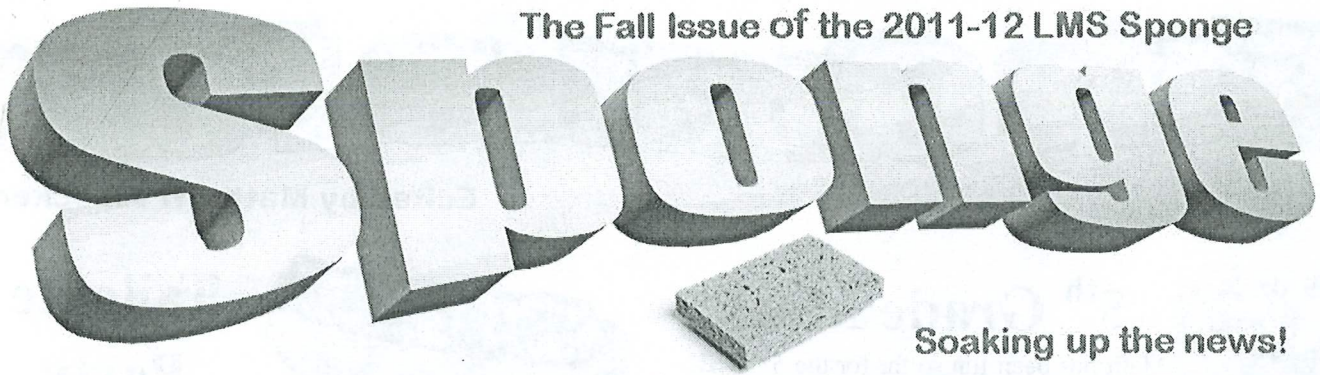


The Fall Issue of the 2011-12 LMS Sponge



Soaking up the news!

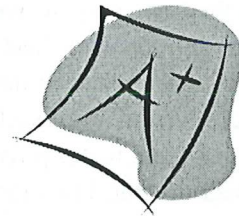
Academic Honor Roll

The following students were recognized at an assembly at the beginning of the year for achieving academic success during the Fourth Quarter **last year**.

A+ Honor Roll:

5th grade: Vanessa Loe

7th grade: Vince Friedel and Taija Walker.



A Honor Roll:

5th grade: Sydney Baumel-Bohman, Alexander Cleveland, Catherine Cleveland, Jared Dieckman, Megan Effertz, Benjamin Egle, Elliot Ewer, Hannah Izdepski, Taylor Nelson, Stephanie Ollinger, Hazel Peterson, and Elizabeth Titera.

6th grade: Emily Applebee, Alexis Burroughs, Curtis Emmons, Adyara Hanaman, Christian Heavilin, Dale Hetke, Steven Jerry, Dawson Johnson, Maygen Lundgren, Jacob Maier, Halie Neidermann, Salone Nelson, Myah Nourse, Katelyn Perez, Charlee Thompson, Asa Ward, Megan Warwick, and Bryant Zuck.

7th grade: Sarah Billings, Luke Freeman, Katelyn Krisik, Isaac Kuchta, Skye Neidermann, Dylan Robinson, Kayla Sojka, Emma Thompson, McCoy VanDeVoort, and Julie Wallin.

B Honor Roll:

5th grade: Justin Boggs, Brady Camren, Morgan Conner, Samantha Elam, Alana Geist, Dylan Harka, Dezeray Hetchler, Kiara LaPlant, Ashley Olsen, Mikayla Popp, Jennifer Rudesill, Hunter Schoenborn, Jonathon Smith, and Joseph Smith.

6th grade: Brady Bishop, Donovan Buchholz, Riley Herbes, Vanessa Hoefs, Alex Minks, Kaily Minks, Amber Nelson, Tristan Pederson, Austin Popp, Dustin Roach, and Nicole Skrypek.

7th grade: Breanna Berg, Kassidy Canfield, Kevin Ewer, Emily Geist, Adrianna Hanaman-Kemp, Casey Jenness, Michaela Malec, Alyssa Read, Summer Schultz, Olivia Selvig, Alyssa Stanek, Makenzie Titera, and Chase Wiemer

A small, detailed graphic of a report card. It has a header 'REPORT CARD' and a grid for tracking student progress across various subjects and standards.

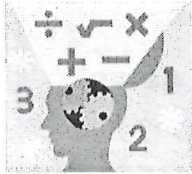
***Remember, this Honor Roll is from the end of the year last year!**

We want to see your name on the front page next issue!

Front Page

5th Grade Fun

Edited by Matthew Albecker



5th Grade Math

Math has been fun so far for the 5th grade. We have been reviewing things and learning new things because it is the beginning of the year. We are rounding numbers, and it is pretty easy. The 5th grade teacher is Mr. Gudis. He is really nice when we don't get what we're supposed to do.

We have gotten a sheet of homework for math everyday, but they are easy so we can get them done in class unless we get the worksheet at the very end of the hour. We have a little quiz each day and sometimes a test. (Ick.) We do Accelerated Math each Friday and it is kind of hard but you just have to keep trying and you will get the answer sooner or later. I like math, now.

By Lynnea Holman



5th Grade Reading

In 5th grade reading, we have just finished *The Pushcart War*. It was a good book. We had a lot of fun reading it and had a test on it soon after. We also have learned the Elements of Fiction. We also had a book project to do, and most of us were scared to do it but we stood up and did it anyway. And we also have learned how to write a book report. We have a lot of fun in 5th grade reading, and Mrs. Nelson is a nice teacher.

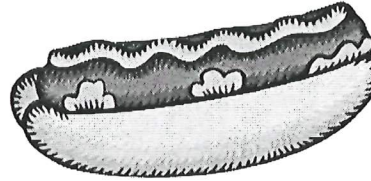
By Matthew Albecker

The Personal Poster Project



The personal poster project was done in lang. arts in Mrs. Michelson's room. It was September 5, 2011, when the 5th graders did the project. We did the project to describe who we are. I had a plastic cookie, plastic basketball, and some pictures of things I like and things I do. The 5th graders had a lot of fun.

By Kexleigh Vacha



Tailgate Party

We had a tailgate party on October 7th, 2011, because the whole school earned enough tickets. We had games against the teachers, like football and volleyball, going on. We were able to get our face painted and to make signs. We could also get a hot dog and some water. It was loads of fun and at 2:30 we were able to go to the parade! I hope we have another one next year!

By Matthew Albecker



The "Who Am I" Project

The fifth graders did a "Who Am I" project in Mr. Dieckman's room two weeks ago. We had to go to the computer room and go on PowerPoint. Then we went on the internet to find some pictures about us. We put the pictures on different slides on PowerPoint. The fifth graders had so much fun.

By Kexleigh Vacha



Archery in P.E.

Fifth graders have been shooting archery since the first day of school. We did this for our monthly sport or activity. We have been shooting archery in the gym or outside. I don't know why, but when we were shooting outside, it has been nice days.

These are the directions to shooting archery. You pick up an arrow and bow. Then you insert the arrow in the bow. Next you pull the string back to your jaw and release the string. Then go and pull the arrow out of the target carefully. Then you shoot archery again and again until your fingers are sore. Fifth graders are having a lot of fun but we are moving on to our next sport or activity soon.

By Lynnea Holman

STUPENDOUS Sixth Grade

Taking Notes



Choir is an optional music class for students who have completed the fifth grade and love to sing. In choir, singing is basically the only thing you do in Mr. Jensen's classroom. To be in choir, you don't need to have a strong voice. You just need to make sure you don't lack fun.

Mr. Jensen is the choir teacher. He makes sure that being around him is a delight. He jokes around a lot. For the non-choir students, he hosts a study hall, too.

Choir meets every three days. So far, we have been taught "The Thing", "So Many Colors", "God Bless America", "Sing We a New Song", and "Flix are for Kids". Some of these songs are soft and sweet, while others are loud and lively.

On October 24, we had a concert at the high school in which four choirs brought forth their voices. These choirs were the sixth grade choir, the seventh and eighth grade choir, and the high school choir. Each choir wore a different colored robe. It was a great experience.

Anyways, I hope you enjoy choir. Also, for all you band students out there, you should give choir a chance. You could end up liking it. I know the choir students do.

By Catherine Cleveland

Japanese Earthquake

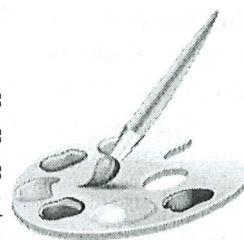
At the Fukushima Nuclear Plant, the Japanese worked to avoid a total meltdown. Engineers connected power lines to cooling cables, and hoped to turn the electricity back on by Sunday, March 20th. However, firefighters were still spraying water on the plant, trying as hard as they could to avoid a meltdown. Yukio Edano, the chief cabinet secretary, said, "Tests on milk and spinach from prefectures around the plant exceed safety standards, and pose no threat to human health." On a seven point international scale for atomic incidents, Japan had rated the damaged Fukushima Plant somewhere between 4 and 5. There were a total of 7,348 dead due to the incident, and 10,947 people were reported missing. The Japanese hoped to find a way to end the incident sometime in the near future.

By William Cavanaugh

I found my resources at
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/9430458.stm>

Edited by Catherine Cleveland, Hazel Peterson
& Brady Camren

Artistic Art



The 6th graders have a class called art. One group of students has art every day at third hour. It is in the art room below the fifth grade hall way. We have it because we will become great at drawing and maybe become an artist.

The reason we have art is because art is everywhere so we should learn about it! What we are doing right now is drawing a portrait of ourselves or drawing someone else that is alone. First you draw a head, then you draw the eyes in the middle of your head, and go on from there!

I wish that you would have fun drawing like I do!

By Mikayla Popp

Ladysmith 2011 Homecoming Is Here!

For Ladysmith students and staff, young and old, the Homecoming Week is a time to show school colors and spirit. On Friday, October 7th, all of the people involved in the Ladysmith schools (and anyone else who wanted to) dressed in purple and gold in honor of our school district.

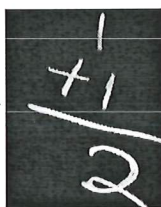
However, Homecoming is not only to show off your fashion sense. It is also to celebrate our football teams. In addition, we have a parade every year in which the school bands, the King, Queen and Princesses of Homecoming, the football players, and many local officers (firefighters, police officers, etc.) march. The parade usually starts and ends at the middle school.

It was especially good this year. Did you come to see it? If not, next year's is certain to be just as great. Or maybe you went to see the Homecoming football game. Both of these events were awesome! We can't wait to see you come next year.

By Hazel Peterson



Math



Math is sometimes fun, but not when you have homework because sometimes you can't think when it is almost time to go to the next class. It is fun when you get to play "Kings and Queens", because you can see how fast you are when you don't even know how fast you are.

When we played on Friday, it was Homecoming that day. Gabby and I were the first people to start and I was shocked because I didn't want to be the first person to play at the board. I beat Gabby playing that game. Then, when Casey went up, he beat me. This was shocking for Hannah because she did know that she was going up to beat the teacher.

My math teacher is Mrs. Kempen and she was scared because she didn't know that we were that fast at math. I tried my best but I guess I froze and couldn't think of what to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

By Baylee Baker

Spanish



Spanish is so hard for me because I don't understand what she says. My Spanish teacher is Mrs. Vollendorf. I'm half Spanish and I used to be able to read

Spanish off the movies that we watched every time at my Grandma's house. She lives in Waukesha. The materials you need for Spanish class are the textbook, something to write with, loose-leaf paper, something to correct with and a folder.

When I have Spanish homework I will either do it at home or at school, or if it is easy, I will just do it at school. My grandma and my mom speak Spanish to hide stuff like that one time that we were going to Waukesha and someone started to act up.

We had to pull over to get my mom some pills for her headache so we could head back to the road and get driving. Then it turns out that we were heading back to Grandma's house.

By Baylee Baker



Bad Behavior Be Gone

All students, be aware of the PBIS system! It's a form of tracking behavior by giving BTFs and good tickets.

It is in effect in all classes of Ladysmith Middle School. PBIS talks about the behavior that is wanted before anyone gets in trouble. It convinces people to make better choices. Teachers set guidelines or expectations for everything. If you forgot your planner, you would get a BTF. When we do things right, we get a ticket.

We can turn in our tickets to buy things like pencils, pens, planners and much more. If the whole school gets enough tickets, we have a celebration.

I hope you learn the PBIS system very well and understand it.

By Brady Camren

Miss Brooks



Miss Brooks is a nice teacher for a home-room teacher. She has nice reading skills. We read with her everyday. She has a book that has some hard words in it. And she has this point sheet that we keep track of our reading lessons.

The other person in there is Mrs. Lynn. She is good and a nice helper, too. Mrs. Lynn helps us with our work, too, and so does Miss Brooks.

By Harlee Baker

Trails End

On Thursday, all the teachers told all the 6th graders to bring a sack lunch for Friday. Then we all went home. We got back to school. All the 6th graders had a sack lunch. We got on the bus that came to the school. We went to Trails End so we could learn stuff like science and some social studies.

We got to throw a tomahawk. We had a race with a paddle with a cup on the end of it. We had to balance a piece of wood on it. We had to go under a stick. We had to go back around a basket and do it all over again. Then it was time for lunch. We had recess outside. We had to go to the next group which was the swinging bridge. We all had to go on that, but no one was there. So we went to recess again. Then we had to go back to our school to the last class. We went home after that.

By Harlee Baker

Boisterous Band



Band is for everybody that is in at least sixth grade. It is one of the two musical classes that people can choose between, the other one being choir. But I'm not writing about choir, am I? And if you don't know the answer to that question, look at

the title. It will help. I hope.

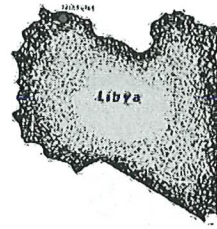
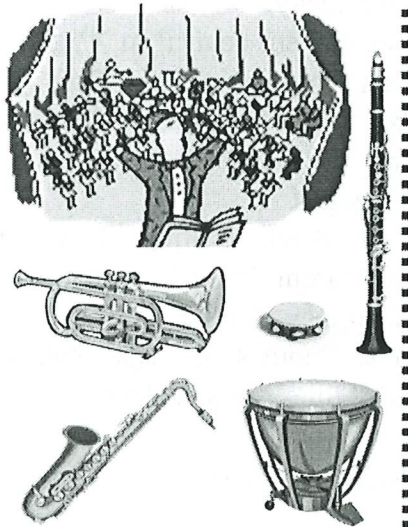
The first thing that band students did was pretty easy, right? Wrong!!! Choosing an instrument takes lots of thought and preparation. I chose the bassoon because I thought it would be challenging. Some people chose their instruments because their family played it before them.

Then, we started to learn a few notes. Most people are on the valued treble clef of the staff, but a few people get to use the adored bass clef. On the first day we played our musical tools, we learned five notes. Now we know at least seven notes. However, there will be varied amounts of notes known, for private lessons are given throughout the day by the band teacher, Mrs. Hansen.

Private lessons are given to everybody once every week. They last about fifteen minutes each. Some people are in groups with people that play the same instrument for their lesson, but others have no compadres, if you get my gist. For people that have had piano lessons, it might be better explained if I say that you are taken out of a class for lessons.

As you can see, band is very fun. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

By Catherine Cleveland



The Scoop on Libya

If you're wondering what's happening to a certain part of Africa (namely Libya) then you are reading the right article. Here we have the latest available news on the problems of this currently feuding country. Here are the stats: As you probably know, (and if you don't or forgot, here's a refresher) Libya has been at war with itself for some time now – and all because of Muammar Gaddafi's iron fist that was just a little too ferocious.

It all started on February 15th, 2011 with a few nonviolent protests made by the citizens of Libya against some of Gaddafi's laws. However, these protests were met by military force from the Gaddafi-led command. The protests then rose into a rebellion that spread across the country.

Accompanying this fact, the non-Gaddafi supporters established a government whose purpose was to overthrow Gaddafi and his followers and hold democratic elections, meaning that the country would get to make its own laws and select their own leaders, as well as other things. This government was stationed in Benghazi and was called the National Transitional Council.

The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution freezing the resources and possessions of Gaddafi while also restraining his travel. This resolution also affected ten members of his inner circle in the same way. However, recently Gaddafi was killed by his own army. His autopsy revealed that he was gruesomely killed by a gunshot to the head. The future of Libya remains unseen for the time being.

By Hazel Peterson

Info/Tech

This year, instead of computers with Mr. Mo, we have Information/Technology class with Mrs. Lawrence. In this class, we learn various skills and techniques needed to use a computer properly.

So far, all our assignments have either been Microtype, a program specially designed to improve typing skills, or Microsoft Word assignments. We have Info/Tech with Mrs. Lawrence every three days in the fifth-grade computer lab during seventh hour.

By William Cavanaugh



Stupendous 7th Grade

Edited By
Myah Nourse

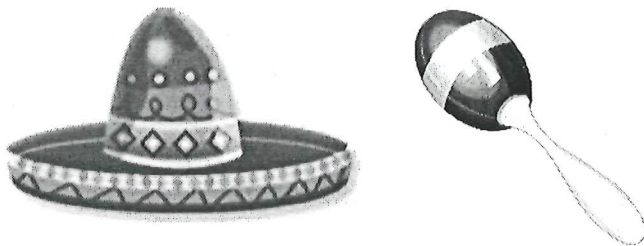
Homelessness

A tragedy sweeping the world since homes were first built has been homelessness. The modern thought of homelessness is people living on the streets without anything but what they're wearing, but sometimes it's people who go from place to place looking for a home.

Some people are homeless due to job loss or loss of money. Other cases of homelessness are teenagers who have run away from home either because they were kicked out or abused, or maybe they just ran away for no reason at all. Sometimes people are threatened or forced to move out, or are shunned from their homes. Other reasons can be verbal and physical abuse, sexuality, or unexpected pregnancies.

I think that people who ran away should be let into foster care if possible. Teenagers should find a way back home if they were responsible for leaving. Everyone deserves to have a home, and we can all work to find homes for everyone.

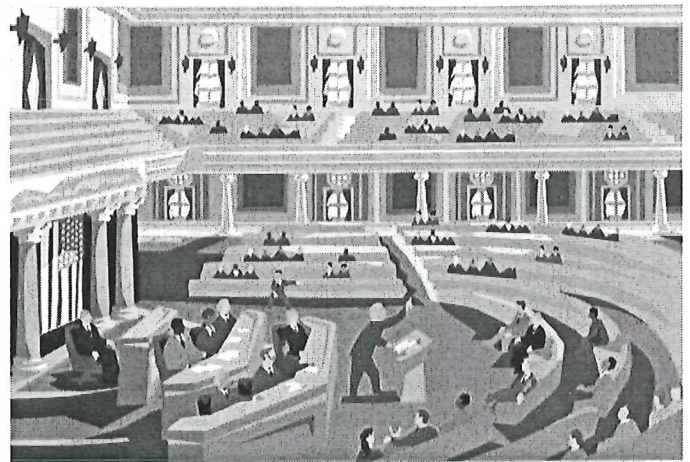
By Myah Nourse



7th Grade Spanish

Our seventh grade Spanish group is very awesome! We have learned a bunch of words so far but we're not done. Mrs. Vollendorf makes Spanish fun by playing music and the bravo sheets are cool, too. I remember last year she had a foreign exchange student and we met her. Mrs. Vollendorf has new prizes for stamps, so that's cool, too.

By Alex Elmberg



7th & 8th Grade Student Council

Mr. Gudis is doing the LMS Seventh and Eighth Grade Student Council. He is a very nice teacher. He gave students jobs like President, Vice President, Treasury, and the Secretary. They are very important jobs they mean that you have to be there at every meeting that you can go to. If they all miss one meeting at the same time it would be a disaster. There are ten seventh graders and sixteen eighth graders on student council.

Vince Friedel is the President, Sarah Billings is the Vice President, Nicole Skrypek is the treasury, and Julie Wallin is the secretary.

The members of the student council in 7th grade are Kayden Adenwala, Austin Altieri, Brandon Boggs, DJ Buchholz, Halie Niederman, Maygan lundgren, Nicole Shrypek, Myah Nourse, Salone Nelson, and Alexis Burruoghs.

The 8th graders are Sarah Billings, Jonathan Nyseth, Jenny Shrypek, Marqui Wisneski, Casey Jenness, Breanna Berg, Courtney Thorpe, Julie Wallin, Michaela Malec, Emma Thompson, Taija Walker, Summer Shultz, Tessa Miller, Jessica Ducommun, Vince Friedel, and Alyssa Stanek.

By Salone Nelson

The Iraq War



The war started in 2003 and has not ended yet. Iraq is surrounded by four other countries: Iran, Turkey, Syria, and Saudi Arabia. There are ways to donate to the troops in Iraq and you can also donate to the kids in Iraq they will get wheel chairs from explosives also.

I have an Uncle Gordon in Iraq. He sent us two pictures of himself in his uniform and one of him holding a gun.

One place you can donate for the soldiers is https://www.uso.org/Donate_Help_Serve/?src=W104ACQ11

Another place where you can donate for the Iraq kids is <http://www.wheelchairsforiraqikids.com/>.

By Alex Elmberg

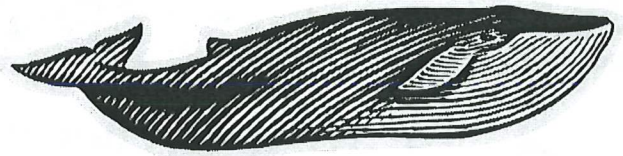


Boisterous Band

In band we're learning and playing the songs "Tall Cedars", "Crunch Time", "Zuni Legend", "The Legacy of the Yankee Clippers", "Rock Quest", "Tunes That Go Bump in the Night", and our homecoming song that we march to called "Walkin' and Talkin'". Percussionists (including me) also have to learn a piece called "Fun Beats for Fun Bands" or cadence.

We have to play the cadence after "Walkin' and Talkin'" ends. When we finish cadence, after Mrs. Hanson blows her whistle, there is a roll-off and we start "Walkin' and Talkin'" again. It's basically a continuous pattern alternating between "Walkin' and Talkin'" and cadence. Now we are going to be working on concert music after homecoming, which is October 7th.

By Myah Nourse



Sea Shepherds Take New Turn

The Japanese whalers went home six weeks early last whaling season! Now the Sea Shepherds are chasing the whalers in the Faeroe Islands. The new season started on September 23, 2011.

The Sea Shepherd gave their ships a new look. So don't be alarmed when you don't recognize the ships. The Gojira (Godzilla) is now known as Brigitte Bardot. Bob Barker is still known as it is same



New Teacher

Alex Christianson is a new teacher here at the middle school. He is a math and science teacher. His favorite class was math. His favorite food is Macaroni and Cheese with chopped up hotdogs in it. His favorite ice cream is

Moose Tracks. His favorite candy is hands down Butterfingers. His favorite football team is the Vikings.

His truck is a Ford Fusion. His favorite soda is a Mountain Dew. His favorite snack is Spicy Nachos. He worked at Dairy Queen. He was a housekeeper at a bed and breakfast. His favorite color is red. His favorite book is "Harry Potter."

He likes classical rock. He was an extremely good student in school in Washburn, WI.

His responsibility at our school is to "Mold young minds and help us to become responsible members of society."

By Salane Nelson

Awesome Eighth Graders

Edited by Sarah Billings and Emma Thompson



We are in Archery!

Phy. Ed. is taught by Mr. Mulholland. In Phy. Ed. (also known as Physical Education) we just finished archery. Archery is very, very fun!

You have a bow and three arrows. You usually have a partner to share with. So, after you are done with shooting your arrows, you go see what you hit on the target.

If you hit the middle or the yellow, you get nine points. If you hit the red, just around the yellow, you will get seven points. If you shoot the blue, you get five points. If you hit the black, you get three points. Finally, if you hit the white, you get one point. Of course, if you don't hit the target at all, then you get no points!

By Emma Thompson

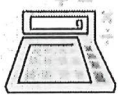
The Water Situation

Imagine if you had to spend hours to get water that was dirty and hardly drinkable. No one wants to do that, especially if the water is gross. People have to do that every day just to stay alive! In some countries they have to travel miles just to get a small amount of water for their family.

Did you know that the diseases in the water that some people drink claim more lives than murderers do? It's scary to think that 844 million people lack access to safe and clean water or the supplies to make it clean. One of the diseases caused from the lack of clean water is the Guinea worm. This is a worm that can grow three feet long! Half of the world's hospitalizations are from the lack of safe water. More than eighty percent of sewage in developing countries is discharged untreated, polluting rivers, lakes, and coastal areas.

To me the lack of safe water is outrageous. In America we only push a button, pull a trigger, turn a knob, or even fill a special water bottle and we have clean water. When I am older I am going to do something about the lack of water situation!

By Emma Thompson



Math

Eighth grade math is taught by Mrs. Kempen. We have been learning about adding, multiplying, dividing, and subtracting fractions. We have also been learning about how to find the variable in an equation. Every Monday, we have an accelerated math day. We do our Accelerated Math tests and practices. Something that is nice about Accelerated Math days is that if we get good grades, (over a 70%) on all of your assignments the week before, you can bring in your mp3 player or iPod in to listen to while doing your Accelerated Math assignments. Overall, math is pretty fun.

By Sarah Billings

Halcyon History

History is taught by Mr. Wilmot. We are learning about the Reconstruction of America after the Revolutionary War. This is about when Washington was president.

They also talked about the debt, and the problems that came along with the debt, such as taxes and how the tax collectors were getting tarred. Tarred is when they would pour hot tar on the person, and then pour feathers on them. Most of them died, and if they did live, they would have horrible burns and might even be disabled.

Another thing we spoke about was the War of 1812. This war was between the Native Americans, Americans and the British. They started this war because impressments were going on. The British was doing the impressing. Impressments are where they stop the trading ships and force the crew to go into the British navy.

The Native Americans were helping the British because the Americans were moving west and killing all the people in the villages. The war ended with the British giving up. Well, they actually said the war was costing too much money.

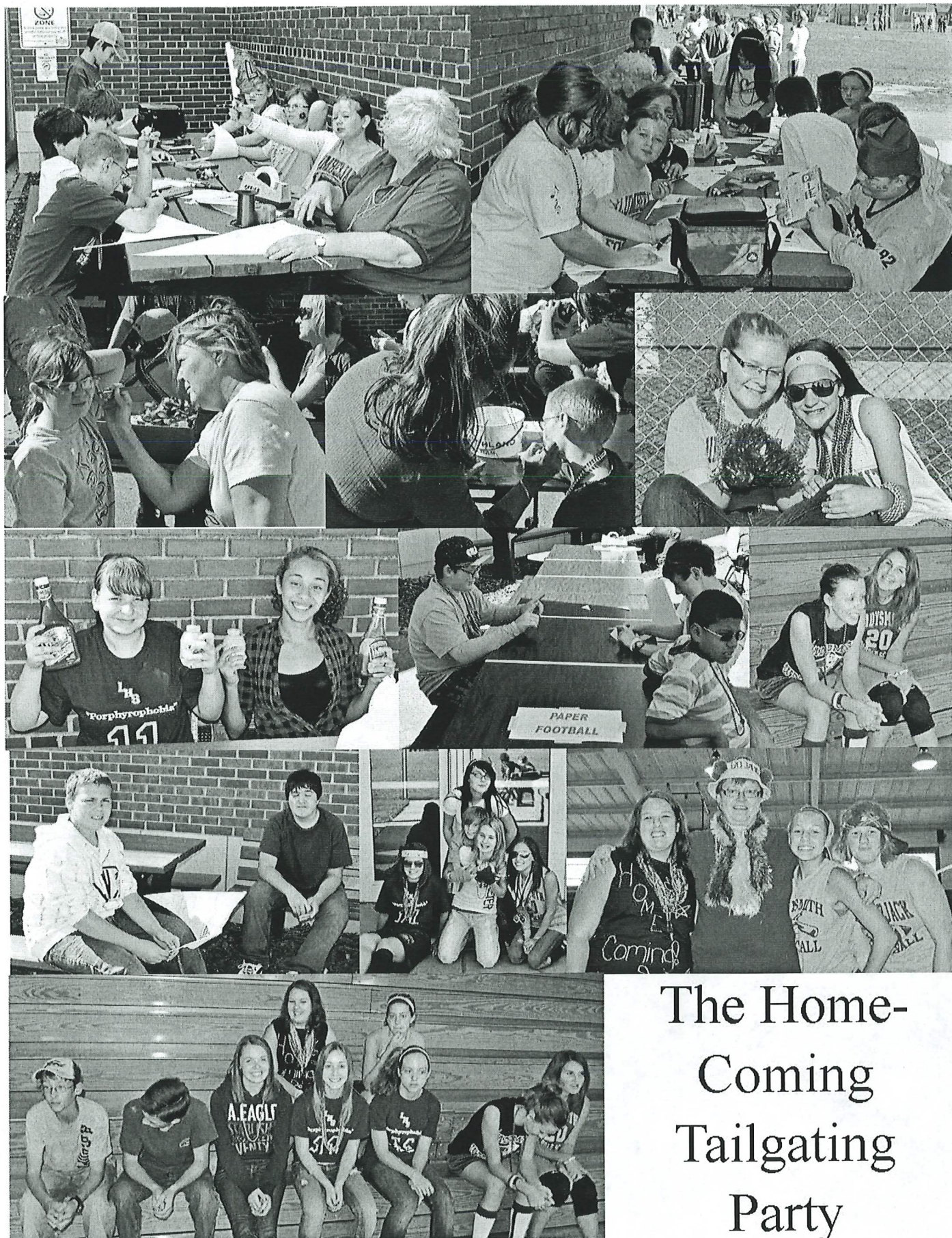
Soon after this, we made the Louisiana Purchase. This doubled the size of America. Of course, they had to know what they bought, so they sent two people to discover what they bought. Their names were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. They traveled across the country. It took a year to get to the destination and a half of a year to get home.

By Emma Thompson

Tech. Ed.

Tech. Ed. is taught by Mr. Anderson. We are working on 15 Middle School Memories. We take pictures of memories from past years of school. While taking pictures, we have to follow camera rules such as using flash outdoors and using a plain background. Then we import the pictures onto our computer. We make a slide show with the pictures using Windows Movie Maker. We also added music to our project.

By Sarah Billings



The Home-Coming Tailgating Party





The Homecoming Parade

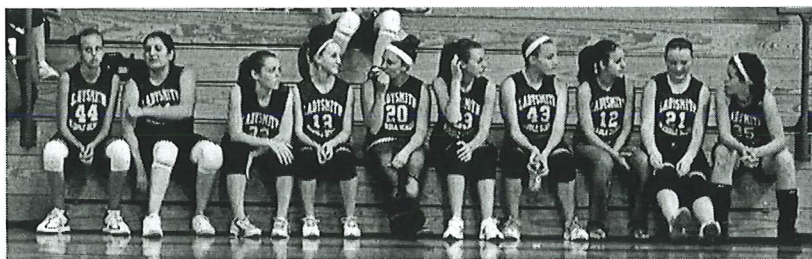




From left to right: Maygen Lundgren, Coach Monnier, Courtney Channel, Nicole Skrypek, Kelly Flackey, Montana Wisniewski, Alexis Borroughs, Maghan Warwick, Codi Tainter, Vanessa Hoefs, and Amber Nelson.

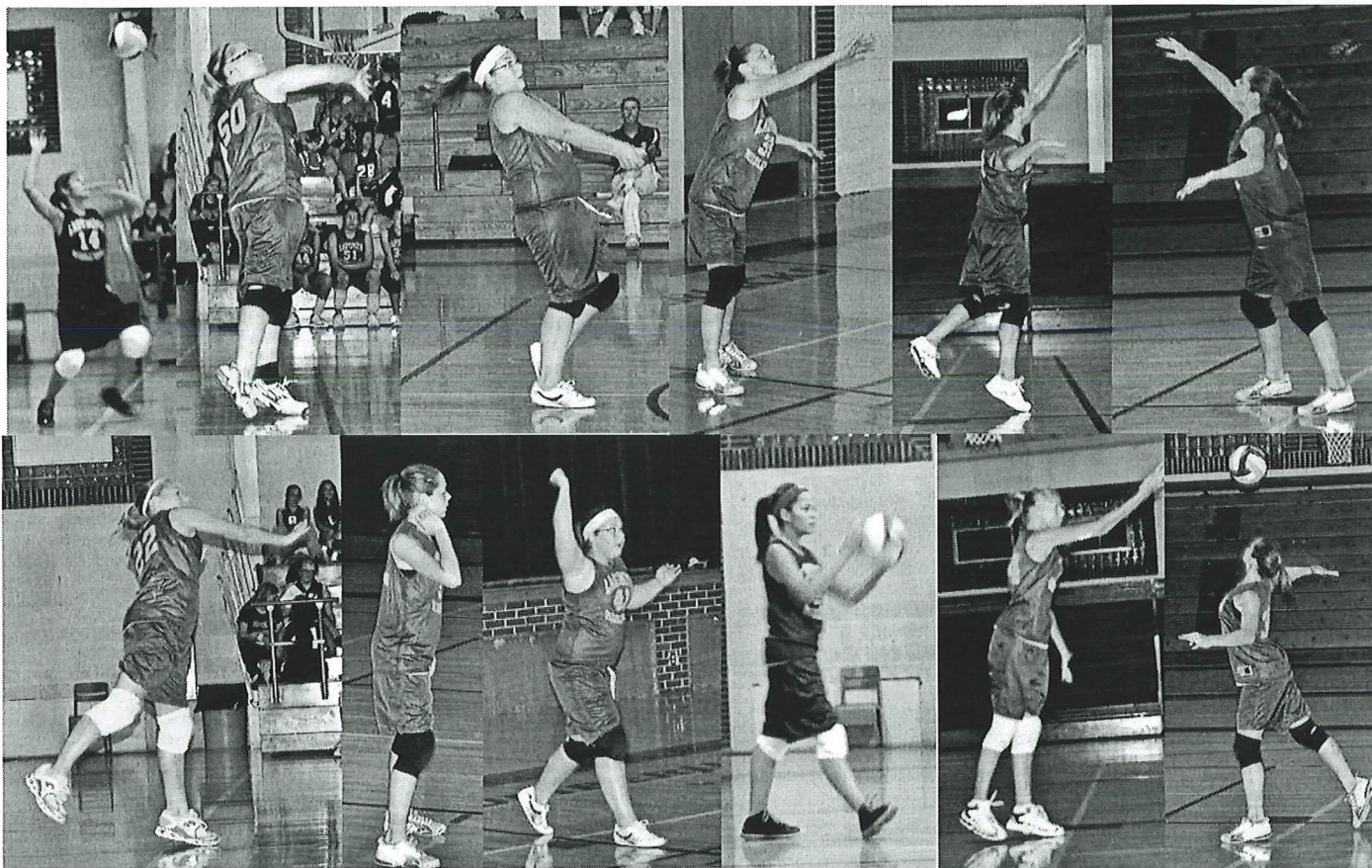


Front from left to right: Front row: Jenny Skrypek, Olivia Selvig, Kenzi Titera, Breanna Berg, Tessa Miller, Jessica Ducommun, Courtney Thorpe, Micaela Malec, Sabrina Niles, Katie Krisik. Back from left to right: Coach Mulholland, Angel Tainter, Alyssa Read, Casey Jenness, Julie Wallin, Nicki Thomas, Dani Bates.



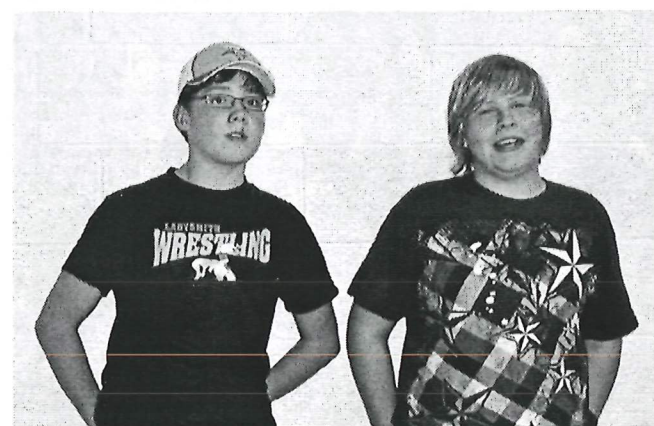
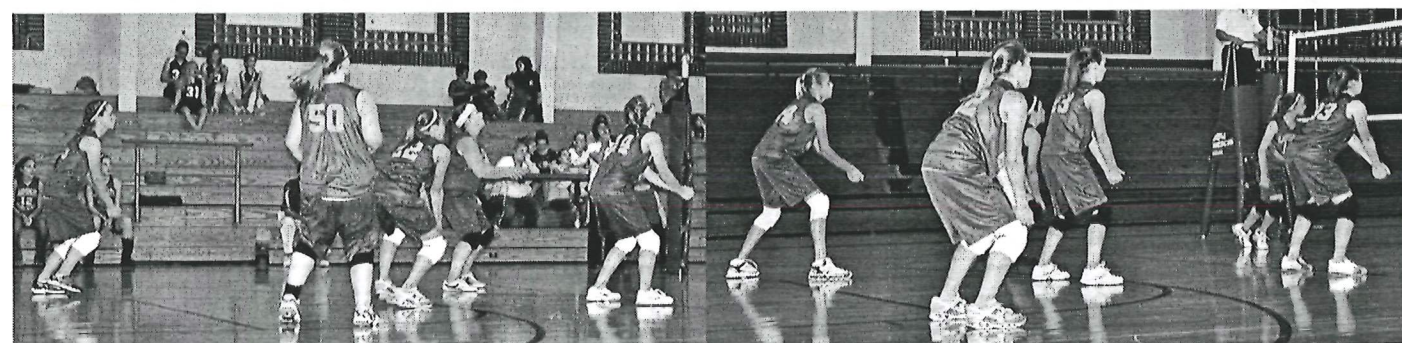
Girls' Volleyball

Serving Up a Storm



Bump, Set, Spike!





The 5th Grade Football Team



Front Row:

Trent Vollendorf,
Ethan Channell,
Kyle Eldridge

Middle Row:

Jared Crabb,
Tyler Dicus,
Payton Baker,
Andrew Heath

Back Row:

Brendon Teschendorf,
Jacob Palumbo,
Connor Berg,
Josh Jenness,
Conner Franzen,
Daniel Dent

The 6th Grade Football Team



Front Row: Billy Niles, Marshal Thompson, Spencer Keeble, Jon Smith, Joe Smith

Middle Row: Cody Rutter, Connor Holzem, Evan Moore, Connor Schalinski, Ben Eagle

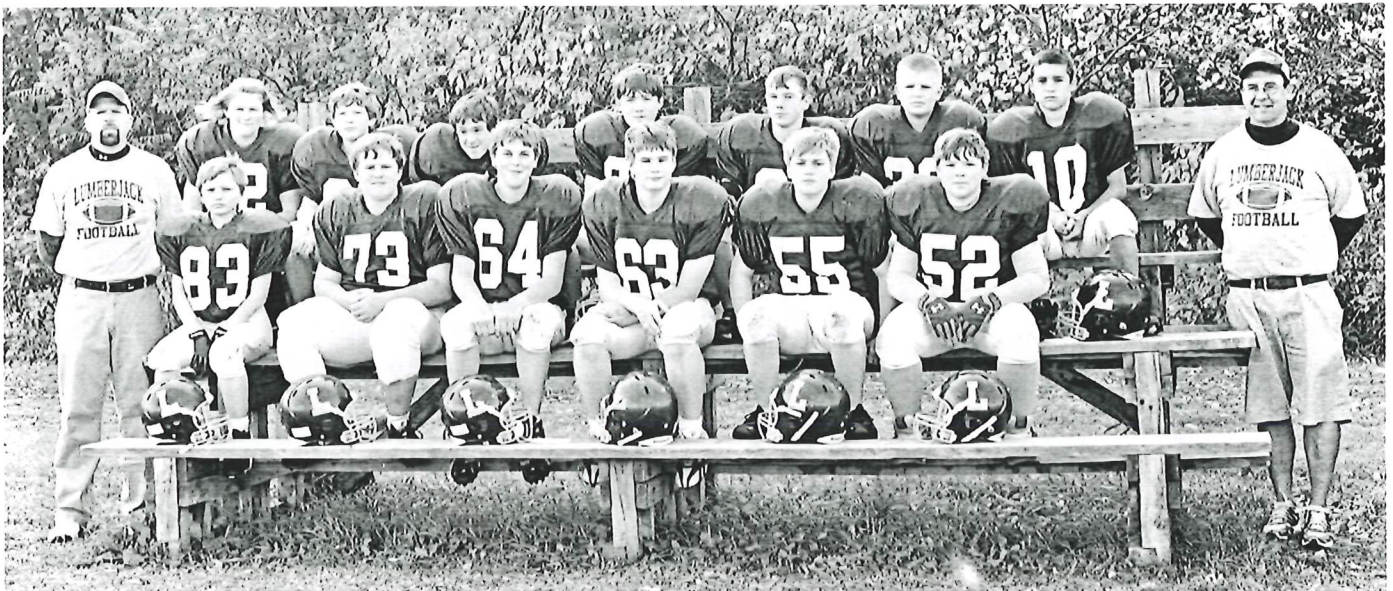
Back Row: JD Schafer, Hunter Mabie, James Bube, Dalton Anderson, Zack Gibbs,
Jared Dieckman, Hunter Jerabek

The 7th Grade Football Team



Front Row: Coach Dieckman, Nick Pearson, Kane McGee, Austin Altieri, Coach Sisko
Middle Row: Patrick Fuchs, Caden Pearson, Matt Hanson, Riley Herbes, Dawson Barber
Back Row: Curtis Emmons, Riley Seifert, Tyler Sarauer, DJ Buchholz, Jake Zimmer, Zach Wiles

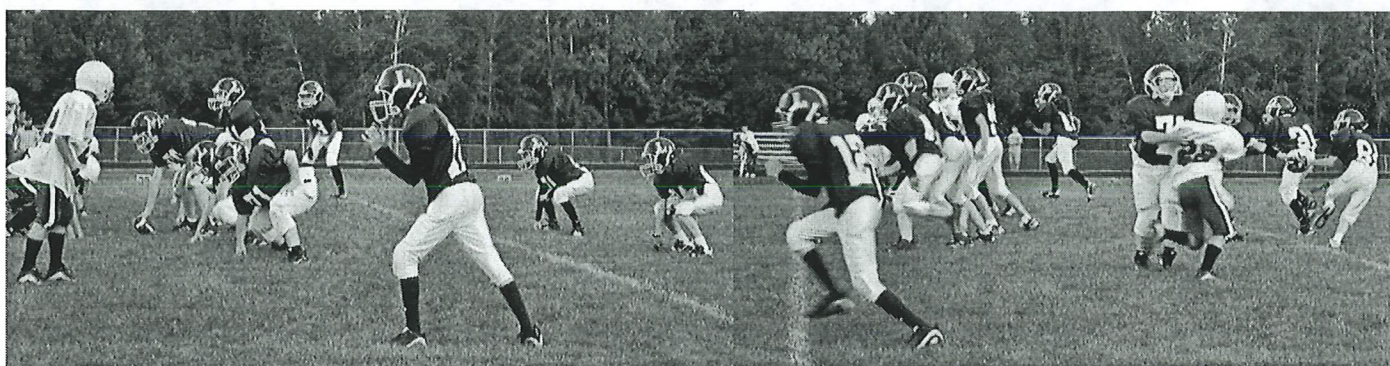
The 8th Grade Football Team

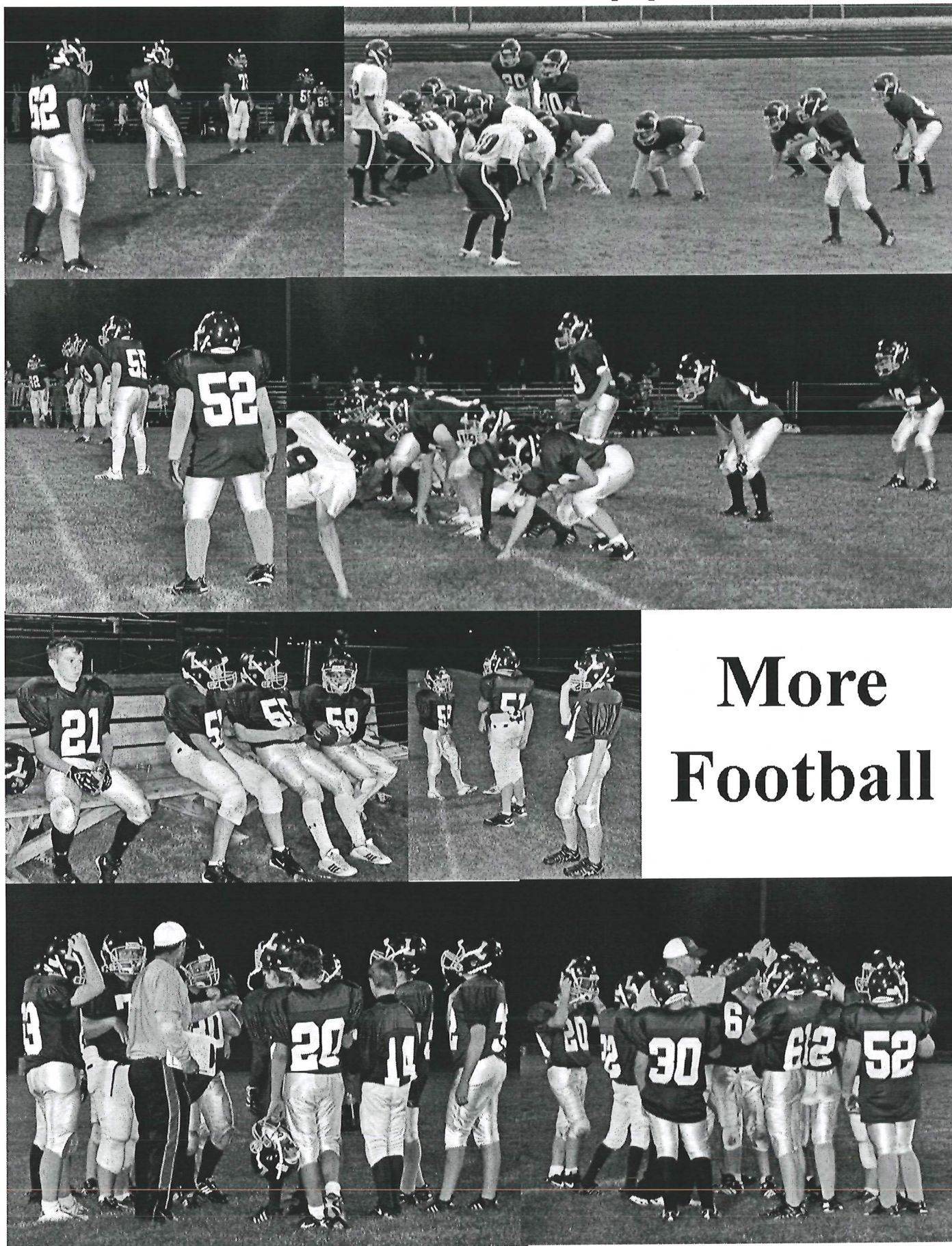


Front Row: Kyle Olichwier, Lucas Jones, Calvin Vacho, Luke Freeman, Isaac Kutchta, Alec Hraban
Back Row: Coach Dieckman, Skye Neidermann, Skyler Jerabek, Hunter Zajec, Ethan Gunderson, Kyle Lehman, Darek Dieckman, Vince Friedel, Coach Sisko.

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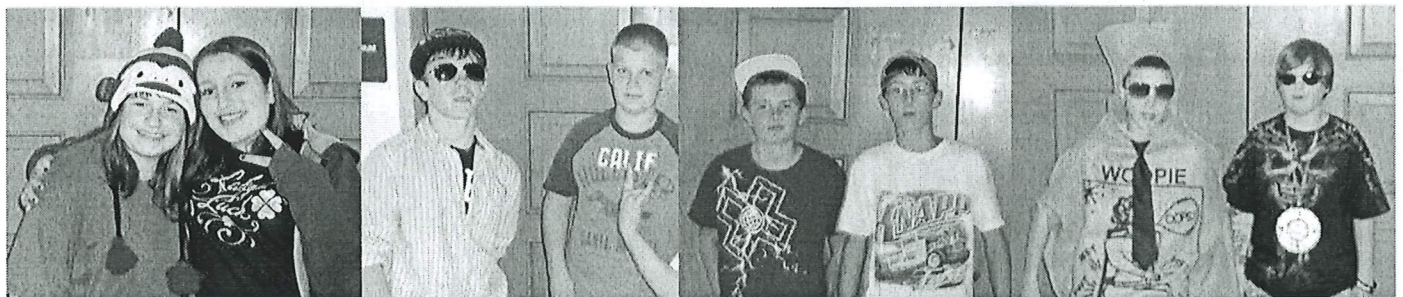
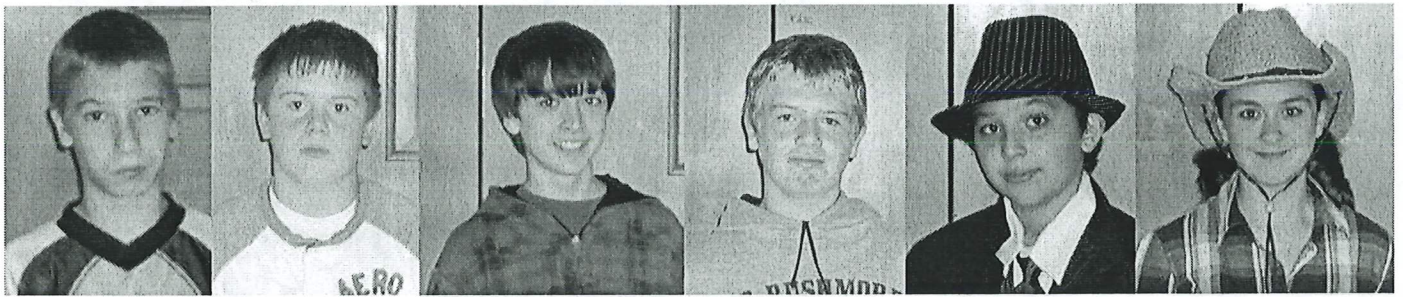
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The Costume Dance





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