Face Challenges In
KNOW NO BOUNDARIES

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS 1989
DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPS 1992
DISTRICT SOFTBALL CHAMPS 1993
REGION 24 FOOTBALL CHAMPS 1997

COME TO THE GAME

6/Opening
Take Charge In
No Fear
In
The 1999 Homecoming activities were held on Friday, September 24 where the Buccaneers defeated the Mississinawa Blackhawks, 52-0. During pre-game activities, Carla Fraley was crowned Homecoming queen. Paul Doseck was crowned king at the dance the following Saturday night.

Pictured from top to bottom: (left column) Staci Blythe escorted by Brian Wright, Kelly Graher escorted by Patrick Gibson, Libby McKamen escorted by Erik Evans, (right column) Michelle Marion escorted by John Molesky, and Carla Fraley escorted by Ray Gibson.
Pictured at top: King Paul Doseck and Queen Carla Fraley. Pictured above: (l to r) king candidates Brad Boothe, Paul Doseck, Jason Placeway, Tony Gragg, and Doug Brooks. Pictured at far left: First-grade attendants Josselyn Tobias and Jacob Bitner.
OVERTHIZATION YOUTH - Staff: 9, 12 - Covington Church of the Brethren Youth Group: 11, 12
JENNIFER R. BOHRINGER - No activities reported
NATHAN CHRISTOPHER BOHRINGER - "Nate" - Football: 11, 12 - Honorable Mention (football): 12 - Baseball: 11 - Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11 - Key Club: 12
JUSTIN DAVID BONE - "Dick" - Football: 9, 10, 11, 12 - Varsity Football: 10, 11, 12 - Football Captain: 12 - All League (football): 12 - Second Team All-District (football): 12 - Wrestling: 9, 10 - Track: 11, 12 - Art Club: 12: Vice President: 12 - Art Assistant: 12 - Musical Cast: 12 - Drama Club: 12 - PCCA: 12
BRADLEY DAVID BOOTH - "Nad", "Boodie", "Thumper", "Driver", "Trigger Man" - Class President: 10, 11, 12

Gerald Bromagen - No activities reported
DOUGLAS JAMES BROOKS - "Doug" - Football: 10, 11, 12 - Honorable Mention: 12 - Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 - Basketball Captain: 12 - Track: 9 - Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 - Select Choir: 10, 11 - Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11 - Student Council: 10 - Perfect Attendance: 11 - Homecoming Court: 12 - Key Club: 11, 12 - Spanish Club: 11, 12 - Vice President: 11 - President: 12 - Drama Club: 12 - President: 12
BEN DAMIAL CLARK - Wrestling: 9, 10, 11, 12 - 4H
BRENT RUSSEL CLARK - No activities reported
CHAD RICHARD CLARK - "Clarky" - Class Vice President (JVS): Football: 9, 10

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TIMOTHY JOSEPH CUTCHER — "Joey Cutcher" — Basketball: 9

AMANDA NICOLE DAVIS — "D" — Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Cheerleading Captain: 11 — Track: 10 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Crew: 9, 10, 11 — Library Helper: 11 — Perfect Attendance: 9, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Secretary: 12 — Ad Staff: 11, 12 — Musical Ad Staff: 9, 11 — Covington Church of the Brethren Youth Group: 10, 11, 12

KRISTY MARIE DEARTH — "Kris" — Cheerleader: 11, 12 — Track: 12 — Marching Band: 9 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 10, 11, 12 — Youth — Staff: 9, 10

JOHN M. DEMPSEY — "Jake" — Golf: 12; Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 10, 11, 12 — Perfect Attendance: 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Drama Club: 11, 12

HEATHER LYNN DETRICK — Marching Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Pep Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Jazz Band: 10, 11 — Band Librarian: 10 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Renaissance: 9, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Art Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 10, 11, 12 — Drama Club: 10, 11, 12 — SADD: 10, 12 — Environmental Leadership: 10, 12

PAUL HENRY DOSECK — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Football Captain: 12 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11 — Baseball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Chorus: 9

ASHLEY NICOLE GEARHARDT — "Ashpet," "Missles" — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12; Ohio Volleyball Coaches' Academic Excellence Award: 11 — Scholar Athlete: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Basketball: 9 — Softball: 9 — Track: 10, 11 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Guidance Office Worker: 12 — Student Council: 9 — National Honor Society: 11, 12 — Secretary: 12 — Renaissance: 10, 11, 12 — Academic All-Ohio: 12 — Basketball: 9 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Academic All-Ohio: 12 — Scholar Athlete: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Guidance Office Worker: 10, 11, 12 — Renaissance: 10, 11, 12 — Americanism Winner: 12 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Art Club: 12 — Communications Staff: 12 — Buccaneer Co-Editor: 12

STACI BLYTHE — Best Looking Student: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Softball: 9, 10, 11 — Cross Country: 11 — Varsity Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Varsity Wrestling: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Cheerleader: 9, 10, 11, 12 — First Team All League: 11 — Track: 11, 12 — Homecoming Court: 12 — Homecoming Queen: 12 — Renaissance: 11, 12 — Americanism Winner: 12 — Student Honor Banquet: 11 — Renaissance: 10, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Vice President: 12 — Art Club: 9 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Select Choir: 10, 11 — Church Youth Group: 9, 10, 11, 12

HOLLY LYNN DEHERMER — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Mention in CCC: 11; Special Mention in CCC: 12; All-Star Participant: 12 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Guidance Office Worker: 10, 11, 12 — Renaissance: 10, 11, 12 — Americanism Winner: 12 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Ad Staff: 11, 12
Jason Randall Placeway
Samuel G. Reck
Jaime Lyn Reynolds
Brittany Elizabeth Robbins

Brian Anthony Rosengarten
Julie Ray Rosengarten
Joshua Scott Schmidt
Chad Everett Swartz

Timothy William Wackler
Christian Michelle Wallace
Cassandra Renee Warner
Julie Marie Wills

Not Pictured
Jennifer R. Boehringer
Gerald Bromagen
Heather Lynn Detrick
Jack Lucas Hollopeter
Michael Ray Osborne
Terry Lee Penny
Amanda D. Staley
Nicholas Daniel Wooddell
Amber Wooten

Seniors

Justin Alan Woods
Brian Patrick Wright
JAMIE MARIE GOOD — Volleyball: 9 — Marching Band: 9 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 12 — Renaissance: 10 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — National Honor Society: 10, 11, 12 — Top 100: 9, 10 — Muse Machine: 9, 10 — Key Club: 9, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11

JEREMY DANIEL HARTWIG — Key Club: 12

ERICA RENEE HOLLOPETER — Marching Band: 9 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11 — Musical Cast: 9, 10 — Drama Club: 9, 10 — Overnighter Youth Staff: 9, 10

JACK LUCAS HOLLOPETER — "Luke" — Football: 9, 10

JAKE LAWRENCE LADD — Perfect Attendance: 9, 10 — Key Club: 9, 10 — Spanish Club: 9, 10 — Post Secondary: 11, 12

TRACY LYNN LAUB — Basketball: 9

TONY JOSEPH GRAGG — "Gragg" — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12; Running Back of the Year: 11, 12; CCC All Conference Team: 11, 12; Honorable Mention: 11; All District Team: 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Student Council: 12

KELLY ELIZABETH GRAHER — "Gimpy", "Kell-Bell" — Volleyball: 9, 10 — Cross Country: 11, 12; First Team All-League: 12 — Cheerleading: 9 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12; All-League Honorable Mention: 11 — Softball: 9, 11, 12 — Rae Burick Sports Award: 11 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11 — Musical Usher: 9 — Guidance Office Worker: 10, 11, 12 — Student Council: 9, 10 — Spanish Club: 10, 11, 12 — Key Club: 11, 12 Communications Staff: 12

JENNIFER LYNN GRILLIOT — "Jen", "Kat" — Musical Crew: 9 — Library Aide: 11, 12 — National Honor Society: 10, 11, 12 — Renaissance: 9, 10, 11 — Perfect Attendance: 9, 10 — I Dare You Award: 11 — Art Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10 — Buccaneer: 9 — Drama Club: 9, 10 — Overnighter Youth Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12 — SADD Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Secretary: 11: President: 12 — FCCLA: 10, 11, 12 — Vice President: 11, 12 — Communications Staff: 11, 12 — Yearbook Staff Business Manager: 12

ELIZABETH E. HALL — "Betsie" — Includ-
GREG ALLAN MORROW — "Kraig" — Football: 10, 11, 12 — Wrestling: 10 — Drama Club: 12

ADFINE ELEN O’DONNELL — "Addi" — Musical Cast: 9 — Art Club: 0, 10, 11, 12 — Buccaneer: 9 — Overighter Youth Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12 — SADD Club: 10, 11, 12 — Treasurer: 10; Vice President: 12 — The Medicine Show: 10, 11, 12 — Art Assistant: 11, 12 — Buckeye Girls State: 11

MICHAEL RAY OSBORNE — "Ozzy" — No activities reported

BRANDON WAYNE OWENS — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Basketball: 9 — Wrestling: 9 — State Competitor: 11 — Baseball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Track: 12 — Drama Club: 12

TERRY LEE PENNY — No activities reported

JASON RANDALL PLACEWAY — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Basketball: 9 — Wrestling: 10 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Key Club: 10, 11, 12


JAIME LYN REYNOLDS — "J" — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Marching Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Crew: 12 — Spanish Club: 10 — Drama Club: 12 — Youth Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12

BRITTANY ELIZABETH ROBBINS — Art Club: 9, 10

BRIAN ANTHONY ROSENGARTEN — Golf: 9, 10, 11 — Perfect Attendance: 9, 10, 11 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Key Club: 10, 11, 12 — Art Club: 12

JULIE RAY ROSENGARTEN — "Jewels", "Rosy" — Cheerleading: 10, 12 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Musical Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Front Office Worker: 12 — Student Council: 12 — National Honor Society: 11, 12 — Treasurer: 12 — Perfect Attendance: 10, 11 — Art Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Best of Show: 11 — Treasurer: 12 — Spanish Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Drama Club: 10, 11, 12 — Treasurer: 12 — Ad Staff: 11, 12 — Musical Ad Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Art Assistant: 11 — Select Choir: 11 — District VI Honors Choir: 12 — Renaissance: 9, 10, 11 — Strawberry Festival Art Show First Place: 10, 11 — BK Studios Art Show Honorable Mention: 12 — Miami Valley Art Show First Place: 9, 10, 11

JOSHUA SCOTT SCHMIDT — "Josh" — Perfect Attendance: 9

AMANDA D. STALEY — Cheerleading: 10

CHAD EVERETT SWARTZ — "Swartzy" — Football: 9, 10 — Basketball: 9

TIMOTHY WILLIAM WACKLER — Cross Country: 9, 10 — Track: 9, 10

CHRISTIAN MICHELLE WALLACE — "Chris" — Drama Club: 12 — Library Aide: 12 — Activities at previous school: Marching Band: 9, 10, 11 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11 — First Chair: 9, 10 — Pep Band: 9, 10, 11

CASSANDRA RENEE WARNER — "C", "Oyster", "Casie" — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Honorable Mention in CCC League: 10 — First Team All-League: 11, 12 — District IX Honorable Mention: 11 — MVP: 11 — District IX First Team: 12 — District IX All-Star


NICHOLAS DANIEL WOODDELL — "Woody" — Wrestling: 9 — Baseball: 9 — Marching Band: 9, 10 — Musical Cast: 9, 10 — Art Club: 10, 11

JUSTIN ALAN WOODS — Basketball: 10

AMBER WOOTEN — No activities reported

BRIAN PATRICK WRIGHT — "Shorty", "Big Dogg" — Golf: 9, 10, 11 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Team Statistician: 9 — Team Captain: 12 — Track: 9, 11 — Key Club: 11, 12 — Art Club: 11, 12

Seniors/29
Most Musical

Heather Detrick, Doug Brooks, Michelle Marion, and Mike Brandenburg

Class Leaders

John Molesky and Michelle Marion

Best Dressed

Jason Placeway, Kelly Graher, and Brad Boothe
Steve Batdorf
Grace Chaney
Sarah Chaney
Shelley Clark
Mike Cope
Scott Denman
Holly Fields

Tom Finfrock
Nick Ganger
Jami Grigsby
Josh Hembree
Andy Hitt
Marc Hitt
Karl Hittle

Holly Ingle
Matt Johnson
Linda Justen
Terrence Long
Andrew McCullough
Lisa McDade
Betsy McEldowney

Alex Moore
Ryan Otte
Josh Reck
Jeremey Robinson
Nick Robinson
Annamary Rue
Dustin Ryan

Joe Sampson
Angela Schaeffer
Derrek Shively
Brent Sink
Annie Stacy
Amanda Staley
Ryan Swallow

Evan Thomas
Heather Thompson
Marina Winkler
Michele Yingst

Not Pictured:
Doug Apple
Heather Ault
Jon Basye
John Bubeck
Dan Burgess
Matt Epperson
Holly Fetters

Josh Fulton
Jessie Carde
Allison Gordon
Jeff Herron
Joni Hess
Dawn Huelskamp
Bridget Hughes
Blake Laine

Matt Maniaci
Jason Richard
Jessi Starnes
Nadine Treml
Amy Yingst
Tabitha Robinson
Bert Roeth
Tom Ryan
Frank Sargent
Sue Schwamberger
Tim Siders
Tish Simmons

Jamin Sink
Rusty Sink
Michael Sleppy
John Starry
Mike Stephan
Bobby Stevenson
James Swallow

Bryan Swink
David Taylor
Jeremy Thompson
Kristina Thompson
Mydalis Wendel
Ashley Wills
Trevor Wills

Sharon Yount

Not Pictured
Taff Vickery

SOPHOMORES
Jonathan Sampson
Cory Schmidt
Jonah Shafer
Jordan Shafer
Cheyenne Shively
Chadwick Steele
Stephanie Thompson

Ronald Tobias
Starr Trader
Yazmin Valverde
Joshua Vargo
Joseph Walter
Heather Warner
Nick Weigel

Billy Wendel
David White
Travis Wintrow
Heather Wogoman
Tyler Wright
Heather Yount

Not Pictured
Markley, Kimberly
Warner, Brad

FRESHMEN
There are a total of 33 students from Covington that attended the J.V.S. during the 1999-2000 school year. They include the following: Sophomore — Taff Vickery; Juniors — Doug Apple, Heather Ault, John Bubeck, Dan Burgess, Matt Epperson, Josh Fulton, Jesse Gade, Allison Gordon, Jeff Herron, Dawn Huelskamp, Blake Laine, Matt Maniaci, Jason Richard, Jessi Starnes, and Amy Yingst; Seniors — Clayton Angle, Jennifer Boehringer, Gerald Bromagem, Brent Clark, Chad Clark, Joey Cutcher, Luke Hollopeter, Tracy Laub, Michael Osborne, Terry Penny, Brittany Robbins, Joshua Schmidt, Chad Swartz, Timothy Wacker, Nicholas Wooddell, Justin Woods, and Amber Wooten.
Faculty And Staff

Superintendent

Mr. David Henagen

Board Of Education

Jeff Meredith, Beth Bayman, Ed Boggs, Mary McCullough, Jack Schwamberger

Principal

Mr. Robert Huelsman

Miss Mary Baskerville — Study Hall Monitor

Miss Nicole Blair — Art Dept.

Mr. Brian Bohlander — Spanish Dept.

Mrs. Karen Brackman — English Dept.

Mrs. Bobbie Buckingham — Secretary

Mrs. Alice Caldwell — Office Aide

Mrs. Cheryl Clark — Kitchen Staff

Mr. Thomas Cochran — Social Studies Dept.

Mr. Roger Craft — Business Dept.

Mrs. Carolyn Iddings — Math Dept.

Mr. Steve Dunn — Math Dept.

Mr. Doug Foster — Special Education Dept.

Mr. Steve Foster — Guidance Counselor

Mr. Brian Honeycutt — Computer Dept.

Mrs. Tracy Knapke — Music Dept.
Custodians

Dave Beeman and John Taylor

Mrs. Kathie Molesky
- Social Studies Dept.

Mr. Dave Beeman and John Taylor

Mr. David Musser
- Science Dept.

Mrs. Caryl Peeples
- Home Economics Dept.

Mrs. Deb Placeway
- Kitchen Staff

Mrs. Beverly Rench
- Kitchen Staff

Mrs. Heidi Hedges
- Special Education

Mrs. Maureen Rowe
- English Dept.

Mr. Randy Sears
- Librarian

Mr. Jerry Shaw
- Industrial Arts Dept.

Mr. Doug Swartz
- Social Studies Dept.

Bus Drivers

Rick Reck, Roger Scalf, Steve Colby, Chris Barbee, Peggy Layman, Candy Ganger, Sarah Colby, Nancy Wise

Mrs. Caryl Peeples
- Home Economics Dept.

Mr. David Musser
- Science Dept.

Mrs. Kathie Molesky
- Social Studies Dept.

Mr. Randy Sears
- Librarian

Mr. Doug Swartz
- Social Studies Dept.

Mrs. Maureen Rowe
- English Dept.
Activities
The 1999 Band of Bucc Pride was led on the field by senior field commander Heather Detrick. The band’s contest show was entitled “A Taste of Broadway” which included the opener “Go Go Go Joseph” from the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Their second selection was called “I Dreamed a Dream” from Les Miserable which included baritone soloist Michelle Marion and a low brass trio of Michelle Marion, Matt Hittle, and Danielle Stewart. Also from Les Miserable was the percussion feature called “Master of the House.” The band ended their show with the theme to Phantom of the Opera.

The band did very well this season by improving their contest show. At the first contest, The Piqua Invitational, the band received a 3, and by the end of the season, they earned a 2. Also, our field commander earned some outstanding field commander awards. Great Job Guys!

— Mrs. Tracy Knapke
CHS Marching Band — Front row (L-R): Heather Yount, Mike Brandenburg, Alex Moore, Andrew McCullough, John Molesky, Heather Detrick, Brittane Bruce, Chad Steele, Chris Argabright, Dawn Huelskamp. Middle row (L-R): Tabitha Robinson, Betsy Lyons, Sarah Houshel, Maria Otte, Amanda Westfall, Jessie Angle, Lisa McDade, Tara Campbell, Paige Wooddell, Mrs. Tracy Knapke. Back row (L-R): Heather Thompson, Michelle Marion, Dusty Sharp, Matt Hittle, Dani Stewart, Kyle Moore, Ashley Comolli, Crystal Landis, Jenni Goode, Chris Eshelman.
Christmas Fun Day

On December 17, CHS student council sponsored a day full of fun activities/games. Many competitions went on throughout the day including a sack race and tug-o-war. Later the air band contest brought many laughs to the students. Among the performers were the “Village People” and “The B-52’s.” Terrence Long, Doug Brooks and Jake Ladd topped the show with amazing guitar performances. All day long, festive fun filled the halls of CHS.
On December 17, 1999 CHS held the third annual Morp dance, sponsored by the sophomore class. The theme this year was “Tacky” (as always). The Morp King was Justin Bone and his Morp Queen was Holly Ingle.
National Honor Society

On March 7, the National Honor Society inductions took place at CHS. There were 16 students inducted into this prestigious society. Those inducted were Andy Hitt, Marc Hitt, Lauren Boggs, Amanda McCullough, Emily Brumbaugh, Brent Clark, Dusty Blythe, Laura Ciriegio, Ryan Swallow, Jason Meyer, Andrea Housholder, Kristina Enderle, Betsy McEldowney, Jamin Sink, Josh Reck, Lisa Cron, and Ryan Otte.
Musical

On April 14 and 15, Covington High School performed *Grease!* Leading roles were played by Michelle Marion and Doug Brooks. The cast and crew members all did a spectacular job. Congratulations to the directors Noelle Bledsoe, Tracy Knapke, and Maureen Rowe, and to all the students involved!
Art Show

The 2000 annual art show was held Wednesday May 3 in the Covington High School gymnasium. The show proved to be successful once again. Many members of the community enjoyed the works of art of the students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Holly Fields received the best of show award. The Categories included drawing, pastels, acrylic painting, tempera painting, mixed media, ceramics, photography, printmaking, scratch board, and sculpture. First, second and third place awards were given in each category. The CHS art club and art students did an excellent job preparing for the Art show.

Holly Fields
— Best of Show
Mock Wedding

The Mock Wedding took place on December 9, 1999. The wedding was sponsored by the Family Living class. The bride was Libby McMaken and the groom was Sam Reck. The two were married by Pastor Dan Poole. The mother of the bride was Nancy Petit and the father was Mr. Musser. The maid of honor was Holly Gephart and the best man was Paul Doseck. The bridesmaid was Shelly Clark and the groomsman was Tony Gragg. Steve Batdorf and Tony Gragg were the ushers and Christian Wallace was the bride’s grandmother.
The 2000 Covington High School Prom was held May 13 at the Great Stone Castle in Sidney. The theme this year was One Enchanted Evening. The prom Queen candidates were Carrie Angle, Staci Blythe, Kristy Dearth, Michelle Marion and Libby McMaken. The King candidates were Justin Bone, Brad Boothe, Doug Brooks, Tony Gragg and Jason Placeway. Libby McMaken and Justin Bone were crowned Queen and King by the junior class officers.
Graduation

The 2000 High School commencement was held on Saturday May 27, 2000. The guest speaker was Douglas R. Murray, a 1961 Covington graduate. Jennifer Grilliot was valedictorian and Michelle Marion was salutatorian. Class Co-Presidents, Brad Boothe and Staci Blythe, led in the turning of the tassels. Good luck to the class of 2000.

Class motto: "You are never given a wish or dream without also being given the ability to make it come true".

Class Flower: White Rose
Football

The football team had a very successful season ending with a 9-2 record and finishing the season as co-champions in the league. This success earned them the honor of hosting a state playoff game at home for the first time in which the Buccs faced an extremely disappointing defeat against Ansonia, 7-14.

The entire team should feel proud, and special recognition goes to the following award recipients:

Mr. Football — Jason Placeway
Lineman of the Year — Marty Finrock
Coaches’ Award — Brad Boothe
Offensive Award — Doug Brooks

Dr. Girourd Award — Justin Bone
Back of the Year — Tony Gragg
Defensive Award — Brandon Owens

— Coach Ted Peacock
CHS Football Team Members — Front row (L-R) Jon Sampson, Dan Sampson, Jimmy Swallow, Manager Trevor Wills, Justin Iddings, Aaron Hollopeter — Row two (L-R) Jesse Hitt, Elijah Reck, Derrick Canan, Mykal McEldowney, Alex Hague, Josh Reck, Doug Apple, Dane Beeman — Row three (L-R) Travis Wintrow, Jordan Shafer, Seth Boehringer, Cory Schmidt, Justin Bone, Mike Cope, John Bubeck, Marc Hitt, Jeremey Robinson — Row four (L-R) Josh Vargo, B.J. Owens, David White, Dusty Blythe, Jason Placeway, Tony Gragg, Aaron Birman, Josh Burelison — Row five (L-R) Matt Maier, Clint Mohler, John Starry, Dan Burgess, Brad Boothe, Luke Hollopeter, Greg Morrow, Doug Brooks — Row six (L-R) Dustin Hess, Josh Beeman, Marty Finfrock, Brandon Owens, Paul Doseck, Nate Boehringer, Sam Reck, Michael Molesky, Andy Hitt — Top Row (L-R): Coach Ted Peacock, Coach Doug Swartz, Coach Dave Tobias, Coach Kevin Finfrock.
Football Cheerleaders

This year the C.H.S. Varsity Football and Competition Squads were involved in numerous activities, maintaining the "cheerleader" role by holding pep rallies, making posters, cheering at the games, and giving the football team treats from week to week. This year they also held an all school pep rally where the elementary, junior high and high schools were all invited to help spread the spirit.

The cheerleaders not only do things for the sport teams, but they also compete with other schools to show off their hard work and talent. This year the cheerleaders competed at the Darke County Fair receiving 5th place and also at the Bradford Pumpkin show where they received a 2nd place trophy and the Most Spirited Crowd trophy. Congratulations to all the girls and their accomplishments.

CHS Football/Competition Cheerleading Team Members — Front Row (L-R): Lindsay Meyer, Staci Blythe — Second Row (L-R): Carrie Angle, Amanda Davis, Bridget Hughes — Third Row (L-R): Julie Rosengarten, Kristy Dearth, Kelly Manson

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Golf

The 1999 Golf Team, which was very inexperienced, was still able to place fifth of ten teams in the CCC and was very competitive in all of their matches. The sophomore-laden squad has a very bright future.

Special Awards
Medallist and 1st team CCC — Bert Roeth
Dan Kendig and Special Mention CCC — Jason Meyer
Dr. Girouard Sportsmanship and Honorable Mention CCC — Derrick Brumbaugh

CHS Golf Team Members — Front Row (L-R): Michael Miller, Chelsea Forsythe, John Denman, Cris Argabright, Matt Meyer, Kristina Enderle, Rusty Sink — Second Row (L-R): Bert Roeth, Derrick Brumbaugh, Dusty Angle, Jason Meyer, Dan Riser, Jarod Meyer, Nick Ganger
Cross Country

This year's Girls Cross Country Team established many firsts. They captured their first C.C.C. League title. They went on to win their first District Championship and they placed in the top four at the Regional meet to become the first girls team in Covington's history to participate in a state competition by running in the state cross country meet in Columbus. The girls also broke the single season wins mark with 146.

I would like to thank the seniors Kelly Graher, Michelle Marion and Libby McMaken for their hard work and dedication in making this a memorable season.

— Coach Doug Foster
What we thought was going to be a rebuilding year turned out to be an outstanding cross country season for the boys.

Highlights of the season include first place finishes at the Eaton Invitational, the Ohio Cavern's Invitational, the Rio Grande Invitational, the Bob Schul Invitational, the C.C.C. League meet, the Dayton Districts, and placing fourth at the Regional meet to qualify to the State Cross Country meet for the third straight year. This team also broke the single season wins mark with 194.

I would like to wish seniors Patrick Gibson, Erik Evans, and Ray Gibson good luck in their future running and college endeavors and to commend them on their tremendous work ethics.

— Coach Doug Foster
The JV Volleyball team had a very successful season. The team was 10-7 overall, with big wins over conference rival Tri County North and non-league Milton Union. The key to their success was an overall desire to be the best, their consistency, hustle, and determination. Most importantly, the girls worked together as a team.

— Coach Lynnette Roeth
Varsity Volleyball

The 1999 Covington Volleyball team completed a roller coaster season with a 9-13 record and a fourth place finish in the Cross County Conference. We played a challenging non-league schedule, which only produced two wins. This season enabled the Covington fans to witness an evolving volleyball team. From the first practice to the last match, this team constantly improved. There were lapses along the way, but for the most part these young ladies showed that Covington will always produce champions. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Covington Volleyball program.

— Coach Lonnie Cain

Girls' Basketball

The Covington girls' JV basketball team finished the 1999-2000 season with a record of 9-11. Close games were a consistent theme throughout the season, with seven games being decided by three points or less. The Lady Bucs were able to meet these challenges head on posting four wins in these closely contested games.

Scoring points was sometimes a challenge for the team, but the players were able to balance this trend with good defense and a willingness to give more effort than their opponent. Some of the teams high points for the season included a last second win over Bethel and a close win over Milton Union that saw the team make three out of the four free throws in the last 90 seconds.

Prospects for the future can be good. Girls' basketball will provide a solid developmental program over the summer that will give the players the opportunity to gain skills and experience in the preparation for the 2000-2001 season.

— Coach Steve Brunnett


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Varsity Girls’ Basketball

The Lady Buccs finished the season with a 9-12 record overall. The team finished fifth in the CCC with a record of 7-4. The girls gave a great effort throughout the entire season. As a team, they set a new mark at the free throw line by making 62.3% of their shots. The Lady Buccs fell short in the first round of the tournament to number one seeded Jackson Center.

Libby McMaken earned All Conference honors; Kelly Graher received Special Mention; and Amanda McCullough received Honorable Mention. Libby and Kelly were selected for the District Nine All Star Game. Holly Petters led the team in rebounds. Kelly Graher led the team in scoring and steals. Libby McMaken led the team in assist and free throw percentages. Libby McMaken and Kelly Graher earned co-Most Outstanding Player awards. Kelly Graher received the Lady Bucc Award and Holly Gephart received the Dr. Giourard Sportsmanship Award.

J.V. Boys' Basketball

The JV boys' basketball team finished the 1999-2000 season with a 11-9 overall record and 8-3 record in league play. In addition to being competitive throughout a tough non-conference and conference schedule, the Buccs also finished as runner-up in the Miami County Holiday Tournament.
— Coach Steve Dunn
Varsity Boys' Basketball

The 1999-2000 boys' varsity basketball team finished a successful season with a record of 15-8. The team finished tied for third in the Cross County Conference with a 9-2 record. Senior captains Brad Boothe, Doug Brooks, and Brian Wright provided the leadership needed in order for the team to progress as fast as it did. After an off season filled with hard work, the team was able to come together and be very competitive in every game with a very young team.

The season provided many highlights. The Newton Holiday Tournament Championship seemed to give the team the confidence it needed heading into a very tough schedule. The three seniors, junior Derrek Shively, along with sophomores Jason Meyer, Josh Burellison, Bert Roeth, Jarod Meyer, and Clint Mohler played good solid basketball for the Buccaneer varsity squad this season. Another highlight for the team was the victory over the Bethel Bees. In any event, the team improved with each game and the future looks bright for Covington basketball.

— Coach Roger Craft

CHS Varsity Basketball Team Members — Front Row (L-R): Manager Alex Courtney, Doug Brooks, Brad Boothe, Josh Burellison, Brent Sink, Manager Trevor Wills — Second Row (L-R): Coach Steve Dunn, Alex Hague, Jarod Meyer, Jason Meyer, Brian Wright, Derrek Shively, Clint Mohler, Bert Roeth, Coach Roger Craft
The freshman basketball team had an overall record of 8-8 with a league record of 5-3. Their free throw percentage stats were 123/213 for 58% and average points allowed were 628 for an average of 39.3 per game. Further, they scored 572 points for an average of 35.8 per game. To end the season, the team lost in the first round of tournament.
Basketball Cheerleaders

This year the Varsity and Reserve Basketball Squads performed their duties well. They held pep rallies, prepared treats every week for the team, and made posters to hang in the school to show school spirit. They were not involved in any competitions; however, they did perform at half time of the varsity game. The girls were very supportive of the teams and showed hard work and dedication. Congratulations on a great season girls.


The 2000 wrestling season is one to remember. With having a 78-28-2 record, the Buccs placed second in the league. Nine wrestlers competed in districts, and wrestlers Brandon Owens (171) and Steve Batdorf (152) qualified for the state meet. The season was full of success and learning experiences.

— Coach Tom Barbee
Baseball

Varsity

The baseball team had a commendable season ending with a 14-7 record. They were 7-4 in the CCC, finishing third place. Special congratulations goes to Derrek Shively who set a school record with 18 strike outs against Anna and to the following award winners: Coaches award — Scott Denman, Dr. Girouard award — Alex Moore, Most improved award — Andy Hitt, Defensive Award — Jarod Meyer. — Coach Tom Burelison

Reserve

The year 2000 season for the reserve baseball team can be looked at as a learning experience. The team finished the season at 0-8, yet when I look back, they improved each week and each game. With hard work these players can become good varsity players in the future. — Coach Nate Sargent

1st row: (l to r) Alex Hague, Scott Denman, Dusty Blythe, Bert Roeth, Josh Burelison, Alex Moore. 2nd row: Coach Tom Burelison, Andy Hitt, Derrek Shively, Derick Brumbaugh, Jarod Meyer, Manager Chris Argabright.

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For the Lady Buccs, this year’s softball season was full of accomplishments. The team finished third in the "Queen of the Hill tournament" early in the season, placed third in the league, took first in sectionals and in districts and played a tough game in the regional semi-finals. The Buccs finished their season 19-6. This year’s team was the only team that took Newton into eight innings, and pitcher Lauren Boggs pitched a 16 strike out game. This year’s team had great chemistry and stuck together through thick and thin. — Coach Lynnette Roeth

Girls' Track

The girls' track team finished respectfully this year. Even though injuries and lack of numbers plagued the season, the girls performed beyond my expectations this year. Most of the Lady Bucc runners worked extremely hard all season and achieved many goals along the way. Seasonal team highlights were finishing runner-up at the Ansonia Tiger Relays and third place at the CCC meet at TCM.

Individual awards this year were as follows:

- MVP Field: Lisa Cron
- Co MVP Runners: Libby McMaken and Annie Stacy
- Co-Dr. Girouard Award: Carla Fraley and Staci Blythe
- Coach's Award: Michelle Marion

Special mention goes to Libby McMaken who strengthened her 3200M run record by clocking in at 12:06.04. Congratulations to her and all the girls on this year's track team on their personal as well as team goals. Keep the Buccaneer tradition alive.

— Coach Tobias
Boys' Track

Enjoying the first season on the new all weather track, the Convington boys' track team again had a very outstanding season. The team won the CCC meet for the fourth consecutive year. Also, Brad Boothe set two school records: 3000 Intermediate Hurdles (40.7) and 4000 Intermediate Hurdles (58.9). Further, we had two conference champions: Patrick Gibson (1600 M run) and Mike Cope, Brandon Owens, Ray Gibson, and Brad Boothe (1600 Relay); two district champions: Brad Boothe (pole vault and 500 I Hurdles) and Jason Placeway (100 meter dash); one regional champion: Brad Boothe (pole vault); and two state qualifiers: Brad Boothe (pole vault) and Sam Reck (long jump).

Congratulations to the following award recipients:
Co-MVP: Jason Placeway and Patrick
Most Improved: Ryan Otte Gibson
MVP Field Events: Brad Boothe
Dr. Girouard Award: Ray Gibson
Co Coach's Award: Patrick Gibson and Brad Boothe
Varsity Wrestling
Northeastern Inv. 2/8
Troy Inv. 11/16
Miami East Inv. 2/6
Ben Logan Inv. 4/16
CCC/WCOC League Tournament 3/8
Sectional Tournament 3/10
District Tournament 7/38
Overall Record: 78-25

Varsity Golf
Fort Loramie L
Arcanum L
Tri Village L
National Trail W
TC North W
Bethel L
Dan Kendig Memorial 8/12
Brookville Inv. 8/12
Patriot Inv. 6/11
Versailles/Russia Inv. 12/20
CCC Tournament 4/10
Sectional 17/26

Cross Country
Boys 2/12 3/25 1/13 4/16 1/15 1/11 10/16
Girls 4/9 4/18 2/9 4/14 3/12 1/7 14/16
Dayton Christian Inv. 11/39
Treaty City Inv. 2/9
Tiffin Cross County Carnival 1/13
Miami County Inv. 4/16
Eaton Inv. 1/41
Ohio Caverns Inv. 1/27
Bob Schul Inv. 1/13
CCC League Meet 1/15
Dayton District Meet 4/16
Regional Meet 10/16
State Meet 194-29
Overall Record: Boys 4/9 4/18 2/9 4/14 3/12 1/7 14/16
Girls 2/12 3/25 1/13 4/16 1/15 1/11 10/16

Varsity Volleyball
Fairlawn L Temple Christ. W
MU L Wapakoneta L
Miss. Valley W Miami East L
FM L Bethel W
Newton W TV South L
Anna L Versailles L
New Bremen L TCN W
Nation. Trail W Ansonia L
Tri Village L Bradford W
Minster L Arcanum W
Troy Christian (Tournament) L
Tri Village (Tournament) W
Overall Record: 9-12

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Overall Record: 15-8

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Varsity Baseball

Buccs    Opp.
Houston       31   40
Fairlawn      37   35
TC North      50   35
Versailles    32   64
Ansonia       42   46
Minster       26   69
Bradford      66   23
Russia        34   73
Milton        33   44
Arcanum       35   51
Miss Valley   49   29
FM            45   58
Newton        62   22
Bradford      63   23
N Trail       47   27
Tri Village   39   45
Miami East    39   56
Bethel        48   47
TV South      37   54
Jack Center   36   67
Jack Center   36   66

Buccs  Opp.

FM
TV South
N Trail
Tri Village
Arcanum
Miss Valley
UTC

Varsity Softball

Buccs  Opp.
 Ft. Loramie    12   6
 Miami East     19   2
 Fiqua         5    7
 Bethel        10   0
 M U           10   6
 Tri Village   1    0
 TVS           9    3
 WC            6    1
 WLS           13   4
 WLS           7    3
 Bradford      13   1
 Ansonia       8    0
 Arcanum       3    0
 Newton        3    4
 Anna          9    3
 Bethel        8    4
 N Trail       1    11
 Portsmouth    0    2
 Miss Valley   7    4
 Sectional
 Jack Center   19   0
 Riverside     9    1
 WLS           3    2
 District      10   4
 Williamsburg
 Regionals     10   4
 Arcanum       2    5

Varsity Football

Buccs  Opp.
 Miami East    26   6
 N Trail       34   14
 UTC           21   0
 Bethel        33   6
 Miss Valley   52   0
 Arcanum       49   6
 TV South      0    33
 Ansonia       20   7
 Cedarville    32   6
 Bradford      49   8
 Ansonia (playoff) 7  14

Track

Boys  Girls
Versailles Inv.  3/12  7/7
Fiqua          1/4   3/4
Miami East Inv. 3/8   3/8
Home           1/4   4/4
Fiqua          1/3   2/3
Home           1/5   2/5
Tiger Relays   1/8   2/8
Kenny Beard Inv. 2/16  10/14
Covington Inv. 1/13  6/13
Greenville     3/4   4/4
CCC League Tourn. 1/10  3/10
District       2/10  9/16
Regional       4/75  n/a
State Meet *Brad Boothe in Pole Vault
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Sarah's Space
As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.

Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.

In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervaiz Musharraf.

In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.

In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.
In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa’s first democratically elected president.

On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost $7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.

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After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.

In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.

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In August, the U.S. pays $4.5 million to victims of NATO’s accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.

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In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha’s Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record $6 billion.

The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah’s second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.

President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.

In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.

Lewis and Clark’s Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.

Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2006, each state will have its own quarter.
In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.

An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.

Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.

In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate $1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.
In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and $1 billion to develop.

The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.

FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.

Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.

In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.

In August, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.

The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a $100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.
Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.

Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.

Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer’s disease.

A new board game, Infection, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.

In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer’s disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein’s preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong’s lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.
Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.

With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.

The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names - power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.

In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer scanning system to help customers get the right size.

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg. Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.

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A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalert, Cramprin and Valiumello.
Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.

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The Sixth Sense with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.

After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera “All My Children.”

Launched in January 1999, MTV’s “The Tom Green Show” becomes one of the season’s most popular shows. The Canadian host’s bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show’s main attraction.

Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves “Party of Five” to star in her own Fox television drama, “Time of Your Life.” The show focuses on Hewitt’s character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.

In June, Mike Myers’ sequel Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil’s alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.
The new arcade game Guitar Freaks features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.

Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "Freaks and Geeks" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

The long-awaited prequel Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking $29.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than $420 million.


American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.

In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.

Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "Spin City" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "Beverly Hills, 90210." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.

The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.
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Superstar Mariah Carey releases Rainbow in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named Billboard Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.

Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.

Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

Flash

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.

Backstreet Boys' Millennium wins the Billboard Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

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In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.

Lou Bega’s rhythmic “Mambo No. 5” hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.

Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.

Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association’s Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.

MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.

VH1’s “Concert of the Century” spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.

NetAid,” a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.

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After a successful New Year’s Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.

Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin’s first chart-topping single, “Livin’ la Vida Loca,” helps him win the Billboard Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.
David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.

Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.

The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.

The Hou ston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.

Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.

Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.
In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.

Travis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.

The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.

In January 2000 Sugar Bowl, Florida State beats No. 2 Virginia Tech 46-28 to capture the National Championship.

In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.

The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.

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Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.
As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.

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The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year’s Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.

A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year’s Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.