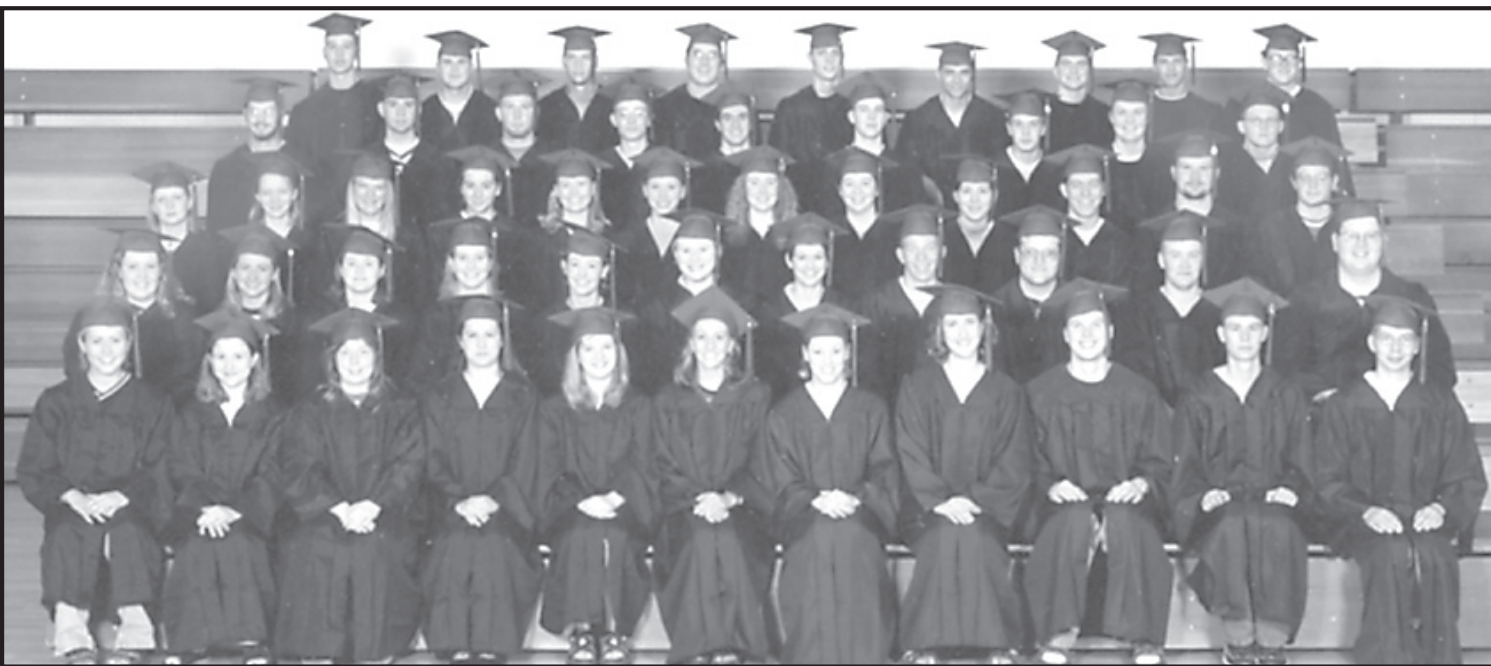


# 1999 to celebrate 10th reunion



**IN THEIR** caps and gowns the Class of 1999 sat on the bleachers in the Decatur Community High School gym to have their picture taken. The class will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday.

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Time has flown for those in the Class of 1999, who are preparing to celebrate their 10th reunion over alumni weekend.

Things have changed for most of the classmates with many graduating from college, getting married and having kids. Several of the classmates still live in Decatur County, while others decided not to return home.

“Over the last several months we have been busy planning our ten year class reunion,” said Nikki Sauvage. “It hasn’t been that long ago that my classmates and I were in the same position as the class of 2009! Excited for high school to

be over and our graduation day, but nervous for every day after that.”

She added that the classmates thought they would be able to keep in touch, but they are now spread around the states from Alaska to Wisconsin, and it hasn’t been as easy.

“When I think back to high school,” she said, “I remember the friendships I made and the teachers that made an impact on my life. Those are some of my best memories.”

She said they are hoping for a big turn out for their reunion which will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Sappa Park Shelter house.

The reunion, said Mrs. Sauvage, isn’t just about celebrating 10 years out of high school, but is a time to celebrate who they all are and what they have made of themselves.

The Class of 2009 picked a daisy for their class flower, lavender and white for their colors and “Sweet Emotion,” by Aerosmith for their song.

Valerie (Bartels) Hammond said some of her best memories are cruising Main Street with her friends.

“My Dad was always amazed at how many miles I could put on a vehicle in one evening,” said Mrs. Hammond. “We would flash our headlights at each other as a sign to pull over to talk.”

She added that she thinks cell phones have taken the place of all of the that.

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