

Football, cruising popular in 1992

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Attending the football games, walking the halls before school started, catching up on homework before the bell rings, and cruising the streets on Friday and Saturday nights. Sounds like a typical week back in 1992.

Chanda (Stanley) Fleckenstein recalls what life was like in high school.

“When you’re 17 or 18-years old and just trying to get through the year so you can hit the road and never look back, it’s easy to miss all the wonderful things going on around you,” she said.

“I had a plan to leave town three weeks after graduation, and I didn’t have a plan to come back any time soon! But now that I’m finishing up my 14th year of teaching and have followed my students from elementary school all the way up through graduation, I am finally able to look back to 1992 at DCHS and realize how great the traditions that we had were.

“From homecoming with the girls in their red satin dresses and boys in their tuxes to the promenade down main Street (in 30 mph winds.)

“I am forever finding photos and telling stories to my colleagues and the natives of where I call home now of the wonderful traditions that were set well before 1992 and are still carried out 20 years later.”

Christine (McVay) Aschenbrenner was involved in many of the productions in high school.

“One of the highlights of 1992 was the musical “Pirates of Penzance,” she said. “What made this performance different from all the others was it was an operetta which had limited dialogue. It was directed by Susan Nelson and Leigh Davis. We had a great cast and really enjoyed spending time rehearsing. The drama club also performed Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” which was just as challenging.”

Twin sisters Darcie Zuck and Kristie (Zuck) Cunningham remember school traditions as a highlight in school.

“Halloween Clean-Up was a time of year that you got to hang out with your friends while working in the community. It was a good time to goof off in the back of a truck, piled with leaves,” Kristie said.

Darcie was a member of the track team that placed third at state with fellow classmate Traci (Elwood) Uehlin and Sherri (Elwood) Macfee, class of 1993.

With the passing of Leigh Davis, Melissa (Hunt) Kirn remembered her to be very influential in her future.

“She was very encouraging in helping me decide what to do with my future,” Melissa said. “Not many people liked her in school because she was a tough teacher. But she was a great help in getting me in the right step.”

Melissa also remembers being a part of the basketball team that placed third at state.

“It was amazing being able to play at K-State in the Bramlage Coliseum. The girls were good in athletics whether it was volleyball or basketball.”

Jason Williby remembers a special teacher who made a difference in his life.

“One of my fondest memories of our senior year was the special care and attention given to every student by Mrs. Shaw, our school librarian,” he said. “Looking back, 1992 was at times a difficult year for both students and faculty, but Mrs. Shaw made each day better with a smile and warm word of encouragement for every young person that walked through her doors.

“Thank you, Mrs. Shaw, for always doing the little extra to make the lives of those around you better. We needed you and you were always there, thank you. I can’t be certain, but I imagine the 18-year versions of each of us probably failed to say thank you at the time.”

The class came together during a very difficult time. during the loss of classmate, Bryan Minnick. Since then the class has also lost Jeremy Plotts, Stephanie Lippelmann and Michael Dempewolf.



1992 CLASSMATES shown in fourth grade (from left to right) row 1: Fredrick Farr, Michael Dempewolf, Brent Ulrich, Amanda Farr, Marie Plotts. Row 2: Deanna Duffy, Leanne Chambers, Carrie Stanley, Traci Elwood, Christine McVay, Lance Lohofener. Row 3: Heather Wendelin, Chanda Stanley, Steve Cullen, teacher; Kristie Zuck, Jodi Smith, Amy Fowler. Row 4: Jason Williby, Bryan Minnick, Greg Grafel.

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