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Leave It Better Than You Found It: the look-back, recap, best-advice edition featuring **THE MHS CLASS OF 2022**



Alexis Clifford

The best advice I can give is, don't let your procrastination win. The years will slip by.



Kiki Cox-Flores

Enjoy each and every moment. Enjoy the struggle, enjoy the challenge, and embrace the joy in your life.



Bailey Crumm

It doesn't necessarily take born ability or born intelligence to do something, as long as you're willing to get out the put in the work.



Piper Higgins

Never hold back from what you want to do.



Brayden Dunn

Don't bully other people!



Tiffany Martin

Try new things, don't be afraid to come out of your comfort zone. Put yourself out there, take those classes you are unsure about.



Je'Von Mahaney

Keep your grades up!



Zier Strauter

If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.



Zander Elzea

Just be who you are and don't change to fit in with people.



Collin Martin

Don't drop out and be a super senior!



Cora Ransom

In all honesty, anyone can SURVIVE high school. However, it takes a lot more to THRIVE in high school. My advice is to get yourself out there...



Dylan Mosley

Don't act married to your high school partner at 14-18. You have a lot of life left to live and people change.



Isaiah Reams

Enjoy it as much as you can because it goes by fast.



Riley Thumman

Always be yourself and never worry about what others might think!



Haley Chastain

Stay true to yourself while also having fun. Don't let your "friends" change the type of person you wish to be.



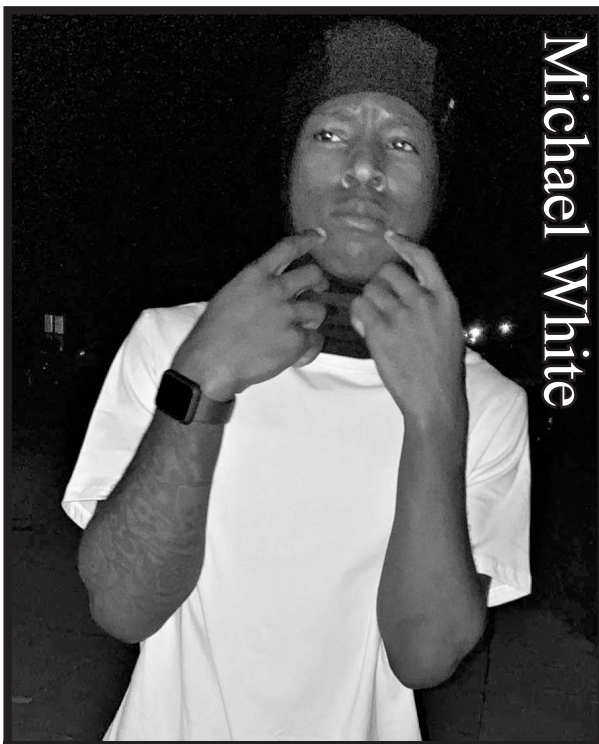
Jaden Hatfield

Find something you enjoy and stick with it.



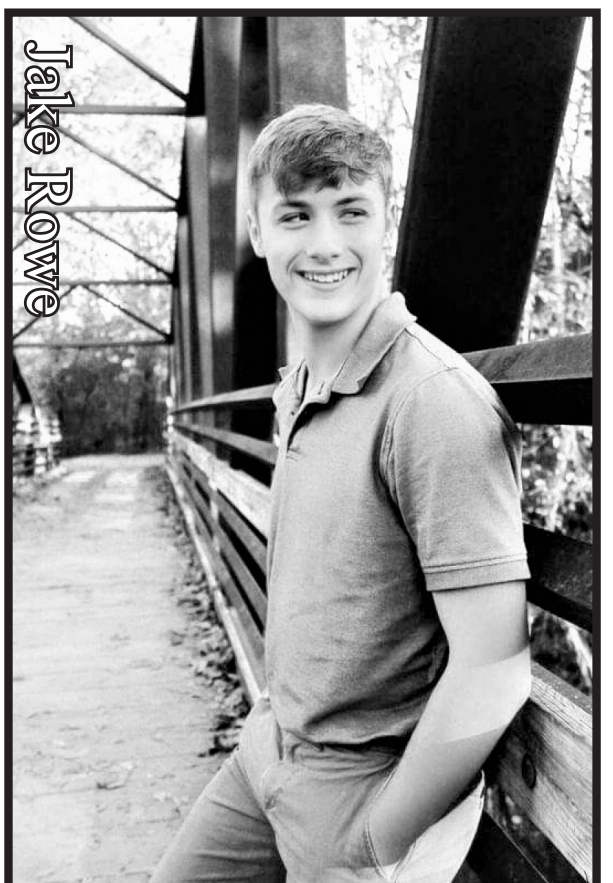
Ivy Perez

This will be your glow-up era; you pick everything! Have fun while it lasts.



Michael White

Don't slack off!



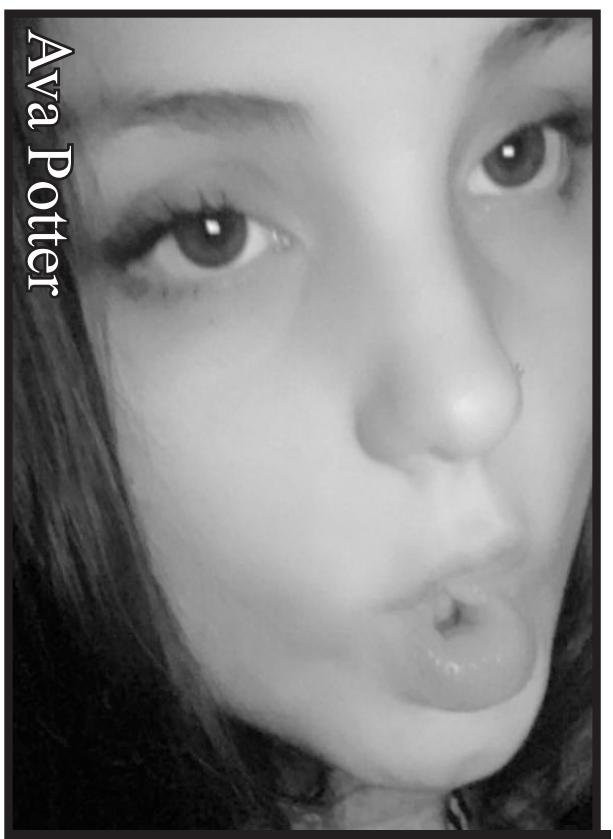
Jake Rowe

Have fun and don't take it too seriously!



Payton Willer

Make the next four years the best of your life!



Ava Potter

Don't rush your days here; you don't get many of them!

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School began on August 25th, 2021. As school started, fall sports also quickly began, including football, volleyball, softball, girls tennis, girls golf, boys soccer, cross country and cheerleading.

The Mexico High School football team coached by Steve Haag, Kenneth Grubb, Adam Barnett, Travis Simmons, Andy Baker, and Landen Graves, had an amazing season. They went 10-3, going all the way to the state semifinals. They had a bye in the first round of districts, then beat Eldon 50-19 in district semifinals. This led them to play Blair Oaks in the district championship, beating them 49-14. They moved on to the state quarterfinals, beating Seneca 20-7. Sadly, the football team ended their season with a loss to St. Marys in the state semifinal, 62-16.

The volleyball team, coached by Mendi Tutt, had a record of 4-19. Things are looking up for the Bulldogs as they will begin the 2022 season with a new assistant coach, RaShonda Willis.

As the last season of being head coach, Kendra Murphy along with Dejara Aaron-Holman and Donna Butts lead the girls softball team to a record of 11-10. They won the first round of districts beating Centralia 14-9. They lost the second round to Hallsville, 13-8. Abby Bellamy had a record-breaking season, setting the new home record with 10 beating the past record of eight set by Paytience Lawson-Holman, Abby Oetting, and Logan Blevins. She set a record for most doubles of 14. She also had a slugging percentage of 0.917, beating

Dejara Aaron-Holman's previous record. Lastly, she set a new record for total bases of 78 surpassing Patience Lawson-Holman.

Girls tennis was coached by Kimberly Costley and Sara Olson. They had a banner season record of 11-4 and placed second in districts.

Girls golf was coached by Lanye Ray. Kennedy Rowe placed in conferences and districts and went on to state.

Boys soccer was coached by Bill Gleson and Eric Devault. Varsity went 3-19 and JV went 0-15. They lost the first round of districts 3-5 to Fulton.

Cross country was coached by Lucas Brenneman and won conference. Sidney Turlington, Kaleah Henneberry, and Jordyn Weiman were all district champs sending them to state. Thomas Puester and Guy Fairchild also made it to state.

Varsity Cheerleading is coached by Linda Mallot. Varsity cheerleaders were always on the sidelines cheering the Bulldog football team to their victories.

Homecoming took place the week of September 20-25. On Wednesday was the powderpuff game. Freshman vs. seniors with seniors coming out on top and sophomores vs juniors ended with the juniors on top which meant a play-off of seniors vs. juniors. The juniors won the 2021 powderpuff title.

The candidates for homecoming were Kacey Craddock, escorted by Deacon Haag; Taylor DeMint, escorted by Peyton Willer; Rylee Johnson, escorted by Manny Rameriz; Mya Miller, escorted by Daeye Miler; Riley Thurman, escorted by Will Dobyns; and Lily Yager, escorted by Keith Ransom. Riley Thurman won homecoming queen and was crowned by the returning queen, Nayeli Ruiz. The football team played a difficult Hannibal squad and lost 21-48.

Contributors: Gage Walker

The beginning of the spring season started off with a bite in the wind. As the months rolled by, it began to heat up and so did the competition in spring sports. The school played host to a variety of sports such as boys tennis, baseball, track and field, boys golf, and girls soccer.

During the winter months, the one act and readers' theatre produced a series of well-rounded performances to pave their way to the state competition. Unfortunately they did not place at the state level.

The Mexico bulldog Esports team went to in-person regionals for the first time since Covid to play the hit video game Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. The team was fifth in regionals this year.

Several track and field members are moving on to state competition including: Tyler Grimes, Anthony Shivers, Thomas Peuster, and Haden Frazier.

Girls soccer went through a season of rebuilding, while the baseball team had a winning season that ended in the first round of districts.

The senior class of 2022 graduated on the night of May 20, on the football field, under the threat of rain.

As for the underclassmen of Mexico High School, they will return to school after a much needed summer break beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Contributors: Gage Walker

Winter at was exciting for students and athletes. Many were snowed in getting a much needed break from school.

Sports featured this season were boys and girls wrestling and boys and girls basketball. The boys basketball team made it to the final four before losing. Boys and girls wrestlers made it to state and fought for state titles.

During December the annual Christmas assembly was held for students and staff. Games were played by the students and the teachers.

Mr. Bulldog Haden

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SPRING RECAP 2021

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Wear Sunscreen: To the Class of ~~1999~~ 2022

Note from the adviser: I was out of high school and college by the time Baz Luhrman took the words of commencement speaker Lee Spencer and turned them into a song. I've always thought it applied - it never gets old. So to the MHS Class of 2022 I give not my own advice... that would be sketchy and irresponsible. I give the advice of Baz Luhrman's musical talents and Lee Spencer's eternal wisdom.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of '97: Wear sunscreen. If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth; or never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they have faded. But trust me, in 20 years you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine

Don't worry about the future; or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubblegum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind; the kind that blindsides you at 4 PM on some idle Tuesday

Do one thing every day that scares you
Sing

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts; don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.
Don't waste your time on jealousy; sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember the compliments you receive; forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.
Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40-year-olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium.
Be kind to your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone
Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't.
Maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't.
Maybe you'll divorce at 40.

Maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary.

Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance; so are everybody else's.
Enjoy your body. Use it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it, or what other people think of it. It's the greatest instrument you'll ever own

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but in your own living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty magazines; they will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents; you never know when they'll be gone for good.

Be nice to your siblings; they are your best link

to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but for the precious few you should hold on.

Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people you knew when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard.

Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft.

Travel
Accept certain inalienable truths: prices will rise, politicians will philander, you too will get old--

and when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders

Respect your elders.
Don't expect anyone else to support you.

Maybe you have a trust fund, maybe you have a wealthy spouse; but you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair, or by the time you're 40, it will look 85


Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen.



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