

# 1980-1989

## Mansfield Independent School District celebrates a century of education

The Mansfield Independent School District celebrates its 100th anniversary this year with a look at the past century. Each month the Mansfield News-Mirror will print a decade in the life of the district.

The first decade, 1909-1919, appeared in the Oct. 23 edition, 1920-1929 ran Nov. 20, 1930-1939 was in the Dec. 18 paper, 1940-1949, ran Jan. 20, the 1950s ran in the Feb. 24, the 1960s ran March 31 and the 1970s ran April 28. Go to [www.mansfieldnewsmirror.com](http://www.mansfieldnewsmirror.com) to see all of the past decades.

This week features the 1980s, 1990s and the 2000s.

### 1980

■ The population of the United States is 226,546,000. The average salary is \$15,757 per year. The minimum wage is \$3.10. A new BMW costs \$12,000.

■ Best-selling books included "The Bourne Identity," "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," "Iacocca," "Texas" and "The Patriot Games."

**Jan. 20:** President Jimmy Carter announces that the United States will boycott the Summer Olympics if the Soviet Union does not withdraw from Afghanistan.

■ The Rubik's Cube is marketed in the United States. **Feb. 14-23:** The Lake Placid Olympic Games use artificial snow for the first time. American Eric Heiden wins all five speed skating events. The ice hockey team wins the only other American gold, defeating the Soviets, who had won gold in every Olympics since 1964, in the semifinals, then defeating Finland for the gold.

**April 29:** School board president Wayne Wilshire presents a plaque to Bill Durrett, a retiring safety patrolman with 35 years of service to the district as a bus driver, maintenance worker, night watchman and safety patrolman.

**May 18:** Mount St. Helens in southwestern Washington erupts, killing 57 people and causing \$3 billion in damage. **May 21:** "The Empire Strikes Back" is released.

**May 22:** The video game Pac-Man is released. **June 1:** News channel CNN is launched.

**June 24:** The school board approves the appointment of Imogene Gideon as the director of special services, effective Aug. 1 for a two-year contract at the annual salary of \$20,056.

**July 19-Aug. 13:** The United States and 64 other nations boycott the Moscow Summer Olympic Games because of the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Soviet Alexander Dityatin wins a record eight medals in gymnastics. Super-heavyweight Teófilo Stevenson of Cuba becomes the first boxer to win gold medals in three consecutive Olympics.

**July 29:** Trustees vote to increase lunch prices in kindergarten through sixth grade to 80 cents, seventh through 12th grade to 90 cents and adults to \$1.25. The board discusses the consumption of alcoholic beverages on school property. The police chief has informed Lee Pennington that there is no ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Mansfield. As far as school property, the police may warn offenders but cannot give citations. Pennington suggests placing property signs on Geyer Field to help police enforce the litter law.

The board grants authority to the administration to post school property signs that state "State law prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on school property" at Geyer Field and the football stadium.

**Aug. 19:** School board president Wayne Wilshire goes on record as opposing husband-wife employment for the same campus.

**Sept. 9:** District enrollment is 3,802 with overcrowding at Tarver-Rendon

Elementary in the second and third grades.

**Oct. 11:** The Dallas Mavericks make their debut in the NBA, defeating San Antonio, 103-92 at Reunion Arena.

**Nov. 11:** Trustees appoint Kenneth Davis to assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel; Rogene Worley as assistant superintendent for administrative services and Vernon Newsom as director of program development, all effective Jan. 5.

**Nov. 21:** Viewers finally discover who shot J.R. Ewing (Larry Hagman) of "Dallas." The series cliffhanger, which had been ongoing since March, ends when it is revealed that Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard, shot him.

**Dec. 8:** Mark David Chapman shoots former Beatle John Lennon, 40, five times in front of Lennon's New York City apartment. Lennon is rushed to Roosevelt Hospital, where he dies.

### 1981

**Jan. 20:** Ronald Reagan is sworn in as the 40th president of the United States.

**Jan. 20:** After 444 days in captivity, the United States hostages are released by Iran.

■ VCR sales escalate 72 percent in only 12 months. **March 30:** President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest by John Hinckley Jr. of Dallas. Two police officers and Press Secretary James Brady are also shot. Brady is hit in the right side of his head, leaving him handicapped.

**March 10:** Trustees vote upon the superintendent's recommendation as per request from Harold Teal, that he be relieved of the athletic director duties and that Vernon Newsom be named to assume the duties of the athletic director.

**April 7:** Langdon Withers and Gene Strause are sworn as members of the school board. Gene Strause is elected president, Wayne Wilshire is elected vice president and David Anderson is elected secretary. **April 12-14:** John Young and Robert Crippin pilot the space shuttle Columbia on the maiden flight of the Space Transport System (STS-1).

**May 13:** Pope John Paul II is shot twice by escaped Turkish convict Mehmet Ali Agca.

**June 5:** The first mention of what will become the AIDS epidemic is made in a report by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

**July 29:** Kindergarten teacher Diana Spencer marries Prince Charles of England.

**Aug. 1:** Music channel MTV is launched.

**Aug. 5:** President Reagan fires 11,359 striking air traffic controllers.

**Aug. 11:** The school board sets the price of lunches at \$1 for kindergarten through sixth grade, \$1.10 for seventh through 12th grades and \$1.50 for adult lunches. The cost of breakfast increases to 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults. Extra milk will be 20 cents per half pint. Lee Pennington presents a letter from the commissioner of education stating that Mansfield High School is one of 19 schools in the nation to receive the Certificate of Merit for Student Safety Programs.

**Aug. 20:** Trustees approve the participation of the high school jazz band in the Friendship Ambassadors Pro-



Karen Adamek's first grade class at Charlotte Anderson Elementary in 1989-1990: first row - Jon Wright, Logan Hewes, Beau Theriot, Alisha Mathis, Erik Erby and Lindsay Wright; second row - Jody Lacy, Ashley Haak, Kelda Goerte, Max Seawright, Spencer Smith and Frankie Fay; third row - Lauren Mitcham, Elizabeth Grant, Erin Kennedy, Brent Carleton, Elizabeth Suydam, Todd Merett and Christine Maynor.

gram to Greece and Romania for three weeks beginning May 31.

**Sept. 6:** CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite retires.

**Sept. 24:** Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman in United States to serve as a Supreme Court justice.

**Oct. 6:** Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat is assassinated in Cairo.

**Nov. 24:** Vernon Newsom presents the district computer program. A presentation is given on the computers being used by students from elementary and secondary schools by teachers Loretta Holland and Joy Holloway.

### 1982

■ The population of Mansfield is 8,000.

■ Hit movies included "On Golden Pond," "Footsie" and "ET-The Extra-Terrestrial."

**Jan. 12:** Lee Pennington discusses the need to dismiss school Jan. 11-14, due to gas curtailment by Lone Star Gas Co. Trustees vote to extend the superintendent's contract for one year with a salary increase of \$750.

**Feb. 9:** Trustees approve a trip to San Antonio for the Dixie Dolls to participate in the Marching Auxiliary Drill Team competition March 12-14.

**March 9:** The school board discusses changing of the name of Mansfield Elementary to Mansfield Sixth Grade or other suggestions. Principal Jim White will report back to the board with recommendations before the start of school in the fall.

**March 23:** David Anderson asks the administration to check into converting buses to propane.

**April 2:** Argentine troops invade the Falkland Islands, which have been ruled by Great Britain since 1833. Argentina surrenders June 14.

**April 5:** The votes are canvassed for the trustee election held April 3. Jerry Reed and Dick Parsons are sworn into office. Gene Strause is elected president, David Anderson is elected vice president and Don Ellis is elected secretary.

**April 27:** The school board votes to change the name from Mansfield Elementary School to Mansfield Intermediate School, effective for the 1982-83 school year.

**May 12:** Juan Maria Fernandez y Krohn tries to stab Pope John Paul II in Portugal.

**May 30:** Baltimore Orioles shortstop/third baseman Cal Ripken begins his record 2,632 consecutive-games-played streak.

**June 6:** Trustees decide to

write a letter of protest to the city of Mansfield concerning the use of the high school parking lot for storage of equipment and gravel and also the concern of re-routing the traffic from Walnut Creek Drive through the high school parking lot.

**June 22:** Vernon Newsom reports that there are 84 elementary students, 37 middle school students and 62 high school students participating in summer school.

**June 30:** The Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution passes both houses but does not gain ratification by the June 30 deadline.

**July 13:** The school board discusses the construction of a transportation/maintenance office facility. Tom Foster Inc. presents a proposal to construct this facility for approximately \$37,000.

**July 27:** Trustees accept the resignation of Tom Hestand, effective July 31. Board members extended words of commendation for Hestand's 12 years of dedicated service and leadership at Mansfield High School. The board votes to employ Vernon Newsom as high school principal on a 12-month contract for two years at an annual salary of \$34,000, effective Aug. 2 through June 30, 1984.

**Aug. 24:** Rogene Worley reports that the city manager had stated that the city would repair the parking lot and driveway at the high school that had been damaged during the street work after all the work is completed. High school principal Vernon Newsom presents a weighted grade system to be implemented at the high school for class ranking. This information will be in the student handbooks.

**Sept. 14:** High school band director asks the board for approval to take 140 people, including band directors and chaperones, to a music festival with 75 bands in Durango, Colo., on April 19-23. The band will raise funds to support the trip. The board discusses the future site of board meetings and agrees to continue to meet at the Mansfield Middle School.

**Sept. 28:** Kenneth Davis states the enrollment is 3,970 and that the schools are still enrolling students. The classes are still relatively small except in a few areas and adjustments are being made to lower the pupil/teacher ratio in these classes.

**October:** The IOC officially pardons Jim Thorpe, whose amateur status was revoked in 1913, 29 years after his death. Replicas of his 1912 medals are presented to his

family.

**Oct. 7:** "Cats," written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and featuring Sarah Brightman, begins and becomes one of the longest runs ever on Broadway.

**Nov. 9:** Kenneth Davis gives a report on the maintenance department vehicles, stating a need to update the vehicles with two new ones. He states the best price for a pickup was a Mazda for \$5,330 and a Chevrolet step van for \$7,000. He says the funds have been appropriated in the budget for two vehicles. Kenneth Davis reports that the attendance of the district has exceeded 4,000 with the seventh grade with more than 400 students. School will dismiss one hour early Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

**Nov. 13:** The Vietnam War Memorial is dedicated in Washington D.C.

**Nov. 30:** Michael Jackson releases "Thriller," the biggest selling album of all time.

**Dec. 2:** Barney Clark, 61, receives the first successful artificial heart transplant at the University of Utah Medical Center. He dies 112 days later.

### 1983

■ McDonald's introduces the McNuggets.

**Jan. 11:** Joe Glover states that 19 trees will be planted on the campuses in the district within the next two weeks. Larry McGough said that \$1,000 worth of shrubs had been planted at J. L. Boren Elementary and that the PTA installed the water sprinkler system.

**Jan. 18:** Democrat Mark White becomes the 43rd governor of Texas.

**Feb. 21:** Lee Pennington reports that the girls basketball team won bi-district and will play for the area championship Feb. 22. The boys basketball team will play for the district championship.

■ Hit movies include "Flashdance" and "The Big Chill."

**Feb. 28:** The last episode of "M\*A\*S\*H" airs, drawing 125 million viewers.

**March 23:** President Ronald Reagan makes his initial proposal to develop technology to intercept enemy missiles, dubbed Star Wars.

**May 9:** Wayne Wilshire becomes mayor of Mansfield.

**June 14:** Trustees approve a request by the Mansfield Senior Citizens for the use of school buses to attend Granbury Opera on July 15. The school board approves the appointment of Phyllis J. Weisheit as director of food services for a 210-day contract and the appointment of Jerry Knight as director of vocational edu-

cation for a two-year contract, 226 days, effective July 1.

**June 18-24:** Sally Ride becomes the first American woman astronaut as a crew member on the Challenger STS-7.

**Aug. 30-Sept. 5:** Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, the first black astronaut, takes part in the Challenger's third mission.

**Sept. 13:** Kenneth Davis reports that the first day enrollment is 4,066 or 207 more students than the first day in 1982. The enrollment now is 4,232.

**Sept. 17:** Vanessa Williams is the first black woman to be crowned Miss America.

**Oct. 11:** Don Ellis reads a letter from the Tarrant County Health Department inspector commending the district for sanitary and safe conditions in all cafeterias.

**Nov. 2:** President Reagan signs a bill making the third Monday in January a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

**Nov. 8:** Lee Pennington recognizes the volleyball team and cross country team representatives and coaches, Joyce Cooksey and Ronnie Daum. Joyce Cooksey states that the volleyball team had a 16-12 record and finished second in district with a 7-3 district record. The cross country team placed third in the district meet.

**Nov. 22:** The board asks what the principals do with students who refuse discipline. H. F. Wurzbach, assistant principal, answered, "We send them home." Don Ellis asks about suspension from buses. Wurzbach says that the number of days depends on the offense and that a student may be removed from riding the bus for the year.

**Dec. 15:** The school board awards the bid to Wm. Droppner and Associates for the construction of Rogene Worley Middle School for \$6,318,030.

**Dec. 15:** Trustees accept the resignation of the superintendent effective July 1, 1984.

### 1984

**Jan. 24:** The Apple Macintosh computer is introduced.

**Feb. 7:** Astronauts Bruce McCandless and Robert Stewart make the first space walks without being tied to the Challenger.

**Feb. 7-19:** Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, is the first socialist country to host the Olympics, which 49 nations attend, a record. The Soviets with 25 and the East Germans with 24 earned the most medals. Bill Johnson was the first American to win the downhill skiing gold medal.

**March 13:** School board

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president Don Ellis introduces high school basketball coaches Don Watt and Rodney Shropshire. Watt introduces five players who are named to the all-district teams: Paula Ford, Stacy Campbell and Missy Tidwell are named to the first team and Meadenna Gayoso and Lisa Wilson receive honorable mentions. Rodney Shropshire introduces William Smith, who was named the district's Co-Most Valuable player, Riley Smith, who is sophomore of year, John Smith and Neville Jones.

**March 27:** Trustees vote to employ Lloyd Treadwell as superintendent effective July 1.

**April 10:** Langdon Withers is re-elected to the school board. There will be a run-off election held between Royce Ogden and Fred Davis. Don Ellis announces that the Employee Appreciation Banquet will be April 12. A committee is appointed to meet with a committee from the Lillian school district to hear its proposal of consolidation.

**April 24:** Sarah Jandrucko and 10 fourth-grade J. L. Boren Elementary students present a new corrective spelling technique called Spelling by Morphographs. Jandrucko says the students love this program and will learn to spell 3,000 words this year, and that it is a good vocabulary builder.

**May 1:** Royce Ogden is elected to the school board in the run-off election. Don Ellis is elected president, David Anderson is elected vice president and Langdon Withers is elected secretary of the school board.

**May 22:** Don Ellis introduces Coach Louie Trammell and the 1984 baseball team. Trammell introduces each player. The team's season record was 16-8, runner-up in its zone. It had five members make the all-district team.

**June 19:** The Motion Picture Association of America initiates the PG-13 rating.

**July:** The Texas Legislature enacts the "no-pass-no-play rule" as part of education reform in passing House Bill 72.

**July 12:** Geraldine Ferraro, a representative from New York, becomes the first woman to be chosen as a vice presidential candidate for a major political party on the Democratic ticket with presidential candidate Walter Mondale.

**July 23:** Vanessa Williams resigns as Miss America, the first to do so in the pageant's 63-year history, after nude pictures of her are published in "Penthouse" magazine.

**July 28-Aug. 12:** Los Angeles hosts the Summer Olympics, which are boycotted by 14 countries led by the Soviet Union. A record 140 nations participate. American Carl Lewis wins four gold medals, repeating Jesse Owen's 1936 historic feat. Mary Lou Retton of the United States also wins four medals in gymnastics.

**Aug. 28:** Trustees approve the reassignment of Judy Miller to part-time assistant principal at the intermediate school and Nancy Dugan to full-time public information officer.

**Aug. 30:** Discovery's first flight is successfully launched. It successfully deploys three communications satellites.

**Sept. 20:** "The Cosby Show" debuts.

**Sept. 25:** Superintendent Lloyd Treadwell reported that Imogene Gideon has been invited to serve on the statewide gifted/talented committee for curriculum.

**Dec. 11:** The school board decides to name the new elementary school Charlotte Anderson in appreciation for her contribution of 46 years to the teaching profession and the community.

**Dec. 11:** The school enroll-

ment is 4,603.

### 1985

**Jan. 21:** Ronald Reagan is sworn in as the president of the United States for a second term.

**March 12:** The Mansfield Senior Citizens Band performs for the school board and those in attendance.

**April 9:** Jerry Reed and Dick Parsons are re-elected to the school board. David Anderson is elected president, Howard Luttrell is elected vice president.

**April 23:** James Ford is named as director of maintenance.

**April 23:** Coca-Cola changes its formula and introduces New Coke. Three months later, Classic Coke is back on the market.

**July 2:** Trustees vote to employ Judy Miller as principal of Erma Nash Elementary School.

**July 11:** Nolan Ryan, 38, of the Houston Astros becomes the first pitcher in Major League Baseball history to strike out 4,000 batters when he strikes out Danny Heep of the New York Mets. The Astros win 4-3.

**July 12:** The disability provision of the 25th Amendment is first used when Vice President George H.W. Bush becomes acting president while President Reagan is in surgery.

**Sept. 1:** The luxury liner Titanic is located on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean after sinking in 1912.

**Sept. 10:** Kenneth Davis reports that the school district has 5,063 students.

**Sept. 24:** Kenneth Davis reports that enrollment for the district is 5,181, which is 593 students more than on the same date the previous year. All the elementary schools are full.

**Oct. 18:** Nintendo entertainment systems are released in the United States.

**Nov. 12:** Special service director Imogene Gideon introduces three teachers from her department who perform the puppet show "Kids on the Block," depicting the differences in children and acceptance of handicapped and/or different children.

**Nov. 18:** The comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes" debuts.

**Nov. 26:** Larry McGough is named assistant superintendent of support services.

**Dec. 10:** Joe Glover reports that stop arm signs are now allowed on school buses and that Mansfield is the only area school district to have these stop arms on all buses. Trustees accept a contract for the county to build an additional parking lot at J. L. Boren Elementary without cost to the district. Kenneth Davis announces that the music department of Mansfield High School will be presenting "Music Man" on Dec. 13-14 and presents trustees with complimentary tickets.

### 1986

**January:** Rogene Worley Middle School is completed and all seventh- and eighth-grade students who had been attending the Mansfield Junior High School in the old high school building built in 1963 on Broad Street are moved to Worley Middle School. The sixth-graders who had been attending in the oldest Mansfield school building (now the Administration Complex) are moved to the 1963 high school facility. The older Mansfield school building becomes a warehouse until 2002 when it is renovated.

**Jan. 28:** The United States' Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff and all seven crew members are killed including Christina McAuliffe, a schoolteacher. Children across the nation watch the event live on television.

**Jan. 14:** Superintendent Lloyd Treadwell reports the current enrollment is 5,255 and that the district has 115 computers in classrooms.

**Jan. 14:** Beryl Gibson, chairman of the Mansfield Sesquicentennial Committee, asks the board for permission to use the gym on the intermediate campus for a Founders Day Reunion on April 21. She also asks permission to place a plaque on the building that will say that WPA workers constructed the building in 1927. The committee requests that space be provided for a museum of Mansfield history when the old building is restored.

**Jan. 30:** Lloyd Treadwell reports that the UIL realignment has moved the district to 8-AAAAA. Trustees extend the contract of the superintendent for one year with a \$5,000 salary increase and a required yearly physical examination.

**Feb. 9:** Halley's Comet appears. The comet will next be visible in July 2061.

**Feb. 27:** Ronnie Lee is appointed principal of Charlotte Anderson Elementary. The school board approves the addition of honors biology I and honors algebra II to the curriculum at Mansfield High School.

**March 1:** Texas celebrates its Sesquicentennial.

**March 11:** School board president David Anderson presents a plaque of appreciation and congratulations to the Tiger boys basketball team and coaching staff, which advanced to the finals in 4A. This is the first Mansfield basketball team to advance to that level. Hundreds of Mansfield supporters attend the game in Austin.

**April 8:** Don Ellis is re-elected to the board, and new members elected are Jim Sissen and Roxene Brewer. Jerry Reed is elected president, Don Ellis is elected vice-president and Royce Ogden is elected secretary. Lloyd Treadwell states that the current enrollment is 5,335. Treadwell resigns as superintendent, effective May 2. The board names Larry McGough to serve as interim superintendent.

**April 21:** TV personality Geraldo Rivera opens Al Capone's vault — and finds a bottle of moonshine.

**April 26:** An accident at a nuclear power plant in Chernobyl, Ukraine, kills more than 4,000 people and causes almost \$7 billion in damages. Traces of radioactive deposits are found in nearly every country in the Northern Hemisphere, including the United States.

**May 12:** Bobby Block becomes mayor of Mansfield.

**May 13:** Larry McGough reports that the current enrollment is 5,365 students, a 16 percent increase over this period last year.

**May 25:** Hands Across America links people from New York City to Long Beach, Calif.

**May 27:** Buddy Holland reports that the TAD values for the district for 1986-87 are estimated to be an increase of \$400,000. The new construction for the district is \$151,395,544, and the estimated taxable value is \$1,057,339,968.

**June 16:** The board votes to employ Joe Starnes as superintendent of schools at a salary of \$62,500.

**July 22:** Sarah Jandrucko is assigned as principal at J. L. Boren Elementary and Carol Holt is assigned as the assistant principal at Tarver-Rendon Elementary and Charlotte Anderson Elementary.

**Aug. 8:** "The Oprah Winfrey Show" debuts.

**Aug. 12:** The board votes to increase lunch prices 5 cents, making elementary lunches \$1.05 and secondary lunches \$1.15.

**September:** Charlotte An-

derson Elementary School is completed and is the fifth elementary school in the Mansfield district.

**Oct. 5:** Charlotte Anderson Elementary School is dedicated.

**Oct. 21:** Sarah Jandrucko, principal at J. L. Boren Elementary, introduces the music teacher and the physical education teacher from her school, who present a group of students who performed a dance, which incorporates the essential elements for music and P.E. curriculum.

**Nov. 13:** President Reagan acknowledges that weapons were sold to Iran, but denies that they were an exchange for hostages.

**Nov. 25:** The White House reveals that funds from the arms sales to Iran were used to fund the contras in Nicaragua

### 1987

**Jan. 20:** Republican William Clements is inaugurated as the 44th governor of Texas for a second term.

**Feb. 16:** Harold Mayo is named athletic director/head coach at Mansfield High School.

**Feb. 24:** Trustees vote to purchase 16 acres of land on Russell Road for a school site.

**Feb. 25:** Southern Methodist University's football team receives the "death penalty" from the NCAA, meaning that the school could not field a team for a year, after payments to 13 SMU players are revealed.

**March 12:** "Les Misérables" by Andrew Lloyd Webber begins a 16-year run on Broadway.

**March 24:** Larry McGough reports that the district will hold a surplus sale April 10.

**April-Aug. 3:** Public hearings are held by Congress on the Iran-Contra investigations.

**April 9:** Howard Luttrell is sworn in as a school board member. Langdon Withers and Cindy Wright are in a run-off election.

**April 28:** Cindy Wright is sworn in as a new board member. Jim Sissen is elected president, Howard Luttrell is elected vice president and Roxene Brewer is elected secretary. The board approves the addition of honors chemistry I at the high school.

**May 26:** Vernon Newsom resigns as high school principal. The school board discusses students wearing shorts and the length of the shorts.

**June 2:** President Reagan appoints Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

**June 11:** The school board votes to name Elementary School No. 6, Glenn Harmon Elementary School.

**June 12:** President Reagan gives a speech in Berlin where he emphatically calls for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "Tear down this wall!" and to open reform in Eastern Europe.

**June 23:** Glenn Harmon asks to retire June 30. Joe Starnes presents a plaque of appreciation for 33 years of service to Harmon.

**July 10:** Dick Parsons resigns from the board. The school board votes to employ J. L. (Sonny) Williams as high school principal for a two-year contract at an annual salary of \$47,000.

**July 28:** The board votes to accept the bid from Speed Fab-Crete Corp. in the amount of \$2,498.32 for the construction of Glenn Harmon Elementary School.

**Oct. 16:** Eighteen-month-old Jessica McClure falls into a well in Midland. Rescuers work 58 hours to free her.

**Oct. 19:** The stock market plunges 508 points on Black Monday.

### 1988

■ The population of Mansfield is 10,733.

**Jan. 26:** "The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber begins on Broadway in what would become the longest-running play ever. The play is still running.

**Feb. 13-28:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada, hosts the Winter Olympics that encompass 16 days for the first time. American Brian Boitano wins the gold in figure skating. American speed skater Dan Jansen learns before his first race that his sister has died of leukemia. The Jamaican National bobsled team makes its debut.

**Feb. 23:** Rennda Branson, assistant principal at Erma Nash, presents a slide show depicting the pride in the new addition at Erma Nash. Students from the Erma Nash music department sing several songs.

**March 17:** Larry McGough resigns as assistant superintendent.

**March 22:** Congress, overriding the veto of President Reagan, passes The Civil Rights Restoration Act.

**May 12:** John Platt and Gary Williamson are elected to the school board. Jim Sissen is elected president, Howard Luttrell is elected vice president and Roxene Brewer is elected secretary.

**May 24:** Joe Starnes presents academic award jackets to the top 10 students at Mansfield High School.

**July 22:** Klaus Driessen is named assistant superintendent for instructional and facilities services.

**July 26:** Dari Hayes is appointed as band director at Mansfield High School. The school board votes to relocate the Transportation Department to the site at the corner of FM 1187 and U.S. 287.

**August:** The sixth elementary school, Glenn Harmon Elementary, opens.

**Aug. 9:** Johnny Williams addresses the board in regard to copy machines for the schools. He says the district is the largest in the area to use antiquated copy procedures. He encourages the board to reconsider and to try to purchase or lease copy machines.

**Aug. 23:** A discussion is held regarding the naming of school facilities. A committee of Don Ellis and Cindy Wright will work on this project, obtaining input from the community, teachers, administrators and students for recommendations to name the Administrative Complex, Tiger Stadium and Mansfield Intermediate School.

**Aug. 23:** Charles Roberts is named principal of Mansfield Intermediate School, Bill Coker is named an assistant elementary principal and Rhonda Lucich is named assistant principal/teacher for Mansfield Intermediate School. Linda Jobe is named subject specialist (math) and Edith Milam is named subject specialist (language arts).

**Sept. 17-Oct. 2:** Seoul, South Korea, hosts the Summer Olympics. North Korea, Cuba and Ethiopia boycott, but 159 nations send athletes. Florence Griffith Joyner of America wins four medals, three of them are gold, in running events, while her sister-in-law Jackie Joyner-Kersey wins the long jump and heptathlon. Tennis returns after a 64-year absence, and Steffi Graf of the United States gets the gold. American runner Carl Lewis is given the gold medal in the 100-meter dash after Canada's Ben Johnson tests positive for steroids. Diver Greg Louganis wins two gold medals.

**Sept. 27:** Jackie Jenkins of Rogene Worley Middle School presents a copy of the school's first newspaper.

**Sept. 29-Oct. 3:** Discovery is the first space flight since the Challenger. It was the first of the "return to flight" missions and will conclude the Space Shuttle mission in September of 2010.

**Nov. 29:** The school board decides on the names Mary Orr Intermediate School, Tiger Stadium and R. L. Anderson Press Box.

**Dec. 15:** The school board votes to purchase two 77-passenger buses and two special services buses with air conditioning for approximately \$150,000.

**Dec. 21:** Pan Am Flight 103 explodes over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 259 people on board and 11 on the ground. Investigators trace the cause to a suitcase filled with plastic explosives. Libyan Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed Al Megrahi is convicted of the bombing Jan. 31, 2001, and serves until April 2010.

### 1989

**Jan. 20:** George H. W. Bush is sworn in as the 41st president of the United States. He is the third president with Texas roots.

■ "Driving Miss Daisy" is a hit movie and "Seinfeld" and "America's Funniest Home Videos" begin on television.

**Jan. 24:** The school board votes to exclude the stadium and other open-air activities from the no-smoking ban.

**Feb. 25:** Jerry Jones buys the Dallas Cowboys and fires Tom Landry.

**Feb. 28:** John Platt resigns from the school board.

**March 24:** Ten million gallons of oil spill when the Exxon Valdez runs aground at Prince William Sound, Alaska.

**May 6:** Gary Dalton becomes mayor of Mansfield.

**May 8:** Harold Bell and Don Ellis are elected to the school board. A run-off between Jim Sissen and Mike Gallaher and between Roxene Brewer and Carol Braswell will be held.

**May 30:** Roxene Brewer and Mike Gallaher are elected to the board in the run-off election. Don Ellis is elected president, Gary Williamson is elected vice president and Cindy Wright is elected secretary.

**May 30:** The school board votes to approve the purchase of a used bus from the Northwest district for \$2,200.

**June 3:** Protests in Beijing end when tanks roll into Tiananmen Square. The death toll is estimated at 2,500.

**June 27:** The school board votes to appoint Jerry Kirby as Mansfield High principal for a two-year contract beginning July 1.

**July 25:** The school board votes to increase lunch prices to \$1.15 for elementary and \$1.25 for secondary students.

**Aug. 17:** Trustees vote to employ Carol Holt as principal at Charlotte Anderson Elementary for a two-year contract, Jim Cockrell as assistant principal for Mary Orr Intermediate and Rhonda Lucich as assistant principal.

**Aug. 22:** The Texas Rangers' Nolan Ryan becomes the first Major League pitcher to strike out 5,000 batters, striking out Rickey Henderson of the Oakland A's at Arlington Stadium.

**Oct. 2:** The Texas Supreme Court rules that the state's school system creates glaring disparities between children in wealthy districts and those in poor districts. The courts give gives the Legislature until May 1990 to come up with a new system.

**Oct. 24:** The school board votes to name the football stadium R.L. Anderson/Tiger Stadium.

**Nov. 9:** People in East and West Berlin begin tearing down the Berlin Wall.

**Dec. 14:** Don Ellis announces that the rollback petition has been reviewed and it appears that enough signatures have been obtained to call a tax rollback election. Harold Mayo resigns as athletic director.