

BEAT

MUSICIANS

beautiful sounds.

To accomplish things, there are three requirements: the right attitude, good work skills, and the ability to work well with others. You also have to put your mind, your body, and your soul into whatever you are doing. The Ashley band is an excellent example on how to get things accomplished. They have worked hard all year with the hopes to improve their sound. "As a whole, the band has improved greatly from the beginning of the year," commented the band director, Mr. Derek Schumaker. Luann Cermak got a little more specific when she said, "We got better with our tuning and we stuck together through thick and thin."

Festival this year was not what

anyone expected. In fact, they were quite disappointed. Megan Diffin stated, "We all got fours and a three in sight reading." Another student commented, "This year's festival was really disappointing because we did not play the greatest, but we deserved better than a four." Very few people joined band this year and a lot of them dropped out, so it was hard to get a full sound out of so few people. "Band is important. I hope to see the numbers increase. They have dropped down over the years," commented Mr. Brian Gavenda. One thing Luann Cermak would change about the whole year is that "More students would have stuck to band and everyone would appreciate what we have."

Although festival was somewhat disappointing, there were a few good things that came out of the whole deal. "It was the first time that everyone showed up since I have been in band," said junior, Amy Dawson. Mindy Wallen said, "For the first time in a long time all of the band members showed up and a lot of the parents were there to support us." Kevin Fabus was not too upset with the whole day because he sight read his part "nearly perfect."

As anyone can see, the band had some disappointing times along with some good, but no matter what, they stayed together and they stayed strong.

Kristin Mepham

BAND: Front row: Tom Jungnitsch Second row: Brandon Beck, Dustin Schueller, Jerad Wallen, Jason Gregory, TJ Good, Kris Brzak Third row: Gina Mepham, Stacy Densmore, Katie Beck, Angela Turner, Nichole Ringle, Samantha Prud'Homme Fourth row: Sherry Burford, Nikki Limbert, Austin Hull, Amy Dawson, Megan Diffin, Jessica Tribble, Rachael Lund, Amy Cermak Fifth row: Ashleigh Kaufmann, Sara Johnston, Adam Prescott, Valerie Miller, Terri Kral, Kristin Bornemann, Jill Cermak, Stephanie Beck Sixth row: Aaron Schulz, Derek Schumaker, Greg Crosby Seventh row: Annette Cermak, Lyndsay Goward, Sara Turner.



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