

vote on the sales tax on the November ballot. This tax will have a five year sunset.

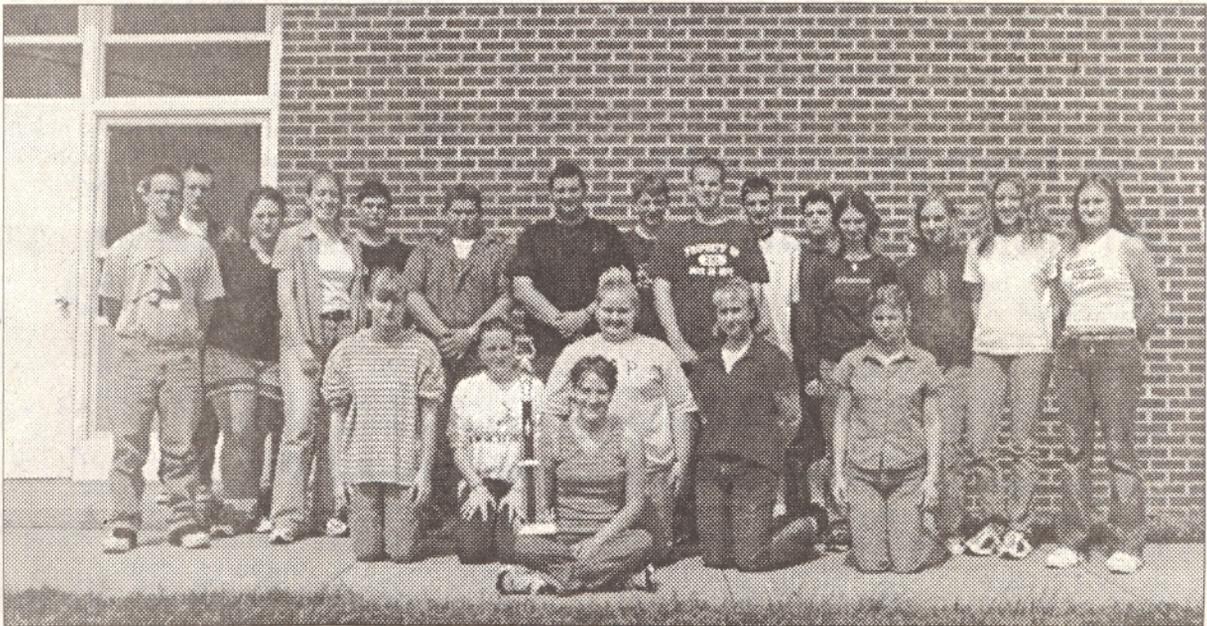
At an earlier meeting Jim Kleffner, Maries County Presiding Commissioner, had discussed the income and expenses for 2001. During the discussion time was spent looking at the financial picture of Maries County. After a review of the situation the consensus of the majority of those in attendance was that a 1/2 cent sales tax would keep the county viable and solvent, and continue to provide services that the people have become accustomed to. Projected expenses will be somewhat higher than 2001 while income is to be slightly less than this year.

# Vienna band and dance team invade Cowdays

It was a great day for a parade as the Maries R-I Band traveled to Dixon. The VHS band showed their pride by wearing their new uniform. Even though many members were unable to attend (due to a Richland softball tournament), the band still did a wonderful job! They were only left with one drum majorette. She did great!! The band played *I Want Candy* in front of the judges and *I get Around* while marching through Dixon. The band won first place

in the 1A Division and came home with a trophy.

The Vienna dance team competed in their first parade of this year at Cowdays. The team has been working very hard this year and are improving every day. They share the band's trophy. Members of the Dance Team are: Jerri Butch, Jennifer Moffet, Danielle Humphrey, Sophia Jarvis and Emily Williams. Their coach is Mr. Pershing. Julie Hayes and Sophia Jarvis also help choreograph.



**BAND MEMBERS** - (back row L-R) Jacob Dearduff, Stan Fick, Jessica Dumbach, Kacey Huffman, Andrew Stratman, Justin Fagre, David Hutchison, Morgan Schiermeier, Sam Hogan, Jay Jones, Adam Hays, Amy Juergens, Kory Bingamen, Jamie Sandbothe, Whitney Schoene. (Middle row) - Jennifer Wagner, Healthier Toebben, Julie Hayes, Sarah Henderson, Sarah Stokes and (Front) - Drum Majorette, April Steinman