

# a wonder woman

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“Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

— *Mark Twain*

There's a little concept about how life is meant to be seized. This concept is something Jamie Burrows Lynch understands. She greets each day with her arms flung wide to embrace every moment.

Odds are, if you glimpse into her world, you'll find her multi-tasking.

Inside her office at Rogers High School (a storage closet she cleaned out and furnished herself), she is planning her afternoon classes and the seven-mile trek she and her boyfriend will make later as training for an upcoming marathon.

Jamie is radiant.

She loves her school and the many

wonderful friends she has made there.

The kids in Jamie's classes have embraced her spontaneity and creativity with an eagerness to explore their artistic horizons. Jamie couldn't be more pleased with them.

“My art students painted these walls for me. Aren't they beautiful?”

The walls are alive with undulating self-portraits painted in dramatic style by students who obviously adore their teacher.

Kathy Koonce, school secretary and personal friend, admires the rapport Jamie has with her students.

“Jamie inspires; she affirms. She

