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BY BRANDON BELCHER, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Winter, that special time of the year where the air grows cold, you worship the birth of our savior, and spend quality time with your loved ones! The changing of the season from Fall to Winter brings cooler temperatures, festive family time, finals at school, and exciting sports. Winter has it's high points and it's low points but it is, by far my, favorite season!

When Fall first arrives after the long (but, as some would say "short"), summer, we are greeted with cooler temperatures, sights of the leaves falling and wonderful smells in the air. This year was a bit different as the temperatures stayed rather warm until after Halloween. Now that the seasons have transitioned from Fall to Winter, we are finally starting to see cooler temperatures and the winter-like weather. I dream to be a meteorologist as my future career, and Winter always makes it interesting with the snow, ice, and strange weather that occurs during the months of November, December, January, and February. Winter brings home the cold, and frozen days that some of us love, and some of you hate. However, no matter your view, it makes for an interesting couple of months.

The main highlights of Winter are Christmas, or any other holiday that is celebrated like Christmas such as Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, and New Years. Whether you celebrate Christmas or any other of the related holidays, this time allows families to come together with each other and spend quality time. ABC Family's 25 Days of Christmas has always been a highlight of the Christmas season with my family and I as they countdown the days to Christmas with popular favorite holiday themed movies. We would all go back and forth about our favorite movies, but I believe that *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* is the greatest Christmas movie, but the argument can go back and forth, one of which things makes this season and holiday alike so exciting! The multitudes of movies that have been made about Christmas allow for differential of opinion, but give just another reason to watch those movies with your family! Along with the movies, many activities such as cookie baking, pie making, lighting the Christmas tree, and buying presents, seem to spread joy around families and homes. Christmas Day brings the joy of being with family and opening gifts that were bought for one another. This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday which means churches all across the country will be open to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ! Next up beyond Christmas is New Year's Eve. Lots of parties happen on New Year's Eve, but I just prefer to be home spending time with family! New Year's Day is the "hang-over day" from the late night prior. It serves as a good day to catch up on sleep or watch parades and begin getting ready for the following week.

Now with most every good thing comes a bad thing or a downside. In order to get to Christmas break, we students have to go through three long and dreadful weeks of school. These weeks are typically the most painstaking because of both the need and want for Christmas break coming from Thanksgiving break. The first week is typically rough because we are coming off a week without school and trying to get back into the swing of things. The second week is the weird one because it is a transition week, and the last week is the worst. The last week is full of final exams for classes to end the semester! The three last weeks really tire us out and make it seemed like we really earned that upcoming Christmas break. Once students get past our final exams we are ready for two weeks off with family!

Now, I know you all have been waiting for this moment, winter makes for one, if not the most, exciting season for sports. College football begins its bowl season and completes one week after New Year's Day, on January 8th. With 41 bowl games as of this year; along with college football, the NFL ends its regular season in the beginning of January and begins playoffs immediately after. The playoffs end in January as the Super Bowl championship game is two weeks following in February. The high points of both NBA and NHL occur during the winter months and set up for their playoffs during the spring months. Winter is my favorite season, without a doubt, for plenty of reasons. Christmas along with the celebration of the Jesus Christ's birthdate, cooler weather, and the time well spent with family makes it the most enjoyable season!



FAR LEFT: The Quilts of Valor honors Retired Veteran **Jess Milford** with a patriotic quilt while NJROTC Cadet **Cody Marquis** shows his respect.

FAR LEFT BOTTOM: Local veterans stand to honor their military branch of service while each branch's anthem is sung.

LEFT: Waiting to honor the veterans with a 21 gun salute are members of the Honor Guard from the Mountain Home American Legion.

BELOW: MHHS Chamber Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Hitt, sing "Armed Forces--The Pride of America" on Nov. 3rd.

U.S. Rep. Rick Crawford comes to MHHS

BY LEILA NELSON, MHHS 12TH GRADE

Mountain Home High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) was host to the 8th annual Veterans Program on Nov. 3. The award-winning MHHS band welcomed approximately 1,200 attendees. Over 76 veterans were recognized in the ceremony, standing up from their seats as their names and rank were called aloud. Among the many veterans who came, keynote speaker U.S. Representative Rick Crawford stood at the podium and spoke to the students about his family's military background and his Mountain Home roots. He mentioned that he was once sitting

where the MHHS students sat in the stands.

After referring to himself as a military brat, Crawford went on to say, "Families are the ones that see those soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines through."

He also mentioned the struggles both the veteran and his or her family faces daily. His speech also involved the changing face of the world and how this would affect future warfare and veterans.

The ceremony also featured freshman Justin Barnett winning the Meritorious Award, the distribution of honorary diplomas, prominent speeches from

a myriad of speakers including Mr. Bud Zorman (MHHS Civics and NJROTC instructor) and junior Reese Wendfeldt, and a flag presentation from the Mountain Home High School unit. Even though each part of the ceremony covered a different topic relating to the veterans, all of them had the overlying theme of patriotism and that "freedom is not free."

"It was something started at the junior high for ninth grade students, to get veterans into our school," Mr. Zorman said.

With the efforts of Mr. Zorman, the school, and many others, the ceremony came together and is

now eight years strong. Mr. Zorman went on to explain that when he had started the program there were only about four to five veterans that attended-- and that number has and is growing steadily. Mr. Zorman hopes to reach a personal goal of 100 veterans recorded in attendance someday soon.

Although the main focus was on the veterans, students were also able to gain valuable lessons attending the ceremony.

"I think this [the Veterans' Program] was important for us because it's teaching the students history and what Veteran's Day means," junior Tyler Callender said.

Real Life Teen Hero

NJROTC Junior Cadet Justin Barnett saves mother's life

BY ALEXIS YEARWOOD, MHHS 11TH GRADE

On a frosty fall night at 1:30 a.m., NJROTC 9th grade Cadet Justin Barnett was shaken awake by his frantic little brother with the shocking news that his mother was lying in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor.

The Junior Cadet scrambled from his bed. Running into the living room, he saw his mother on the ground. Barnett blocked everything from his mind, including his cowering younger brother and the cries of his mother, and his body acted on instinct. He took the belt from around his waist and grabbed a rope to try to cut off the circulation to her foot. When that didn't work, he grabbed items around him, including a towel and t-shirt. He then made a tourniquet out of the shirt and wrapped that

around his mother's foot. Within moments the cloth was soaked. He pressed the towel and shirt down against the wound, and finally the bleeding slowed down. Then taking up the phone, he dialed 911 and called the EMTs. Within 20 minutes, the professionals arrived and took his mother to the hospital.

"They told me that if I hadn't been there because she lost several pints of blood, she would be dead," Justin Barnett said.

Barnett said that prior to the incident, his mother had been baking brownies and had felt something on the bottom of her foot. Due to her thick calluses, she did not realize that it was glass from a picture frame that had broken earlier that day in his younger brother's room.

Similar to how someone would lift a foot to wipe off a bug, Mrs. Barnett swiped her foot against the other, not realizing that the glass was attached to her foot. It sliced into the main artery of her foot, opening the vein. He came to the rescue shortly after that.

Other than a cast on her foot and the memory of a panic-filled night, Mrs. Barnett is doing fine.

Justin Barnett received the Meritorious Achievement for his heroic act during the high school veterans' ceremony. The Meritorious Achievement is the highest award a cadet can get and goes only to those who have provided outstanding services to their country.

Justin Barnett had been in the NJROTC program for only a few

months, learning life lessons and preparing for things exactly like what happened with his mother. With a grandmother who had been in the NJROTC program and a great-grandfather who had been in the military for four years plus his wish to join the military when he graduates, Barnett had plenty of inspiration to join NJROTC.

"[The thing I like most about NJROTC is] the family aspect of the whole thing like we're all one big family," Barnett said.

NJROTC Cadet **Justin Barnett**, 9th grade, receives the Meritorious Achievement from U.S. Representative **Rick Crawford**. Barnett was awarded the outstanding achievement in honor of his saving his mother's life.



Pinkston students receive Tech Cards from public library

By RILEY SCHMITZ, PINKSTON 7TH GRADE AND BRITTNEY ENGLER, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Every Pinkston Middle School student received Tech Cards from the Donald W. Reynolds Library Serving Baxter County. The Tech Card program is possible thanks to

the combined efforts of library and school staffs together with a generous sponsorship by the Walton Family Foundation.

“We appreciate the opportunity

to partner with the school in providing resources to assist in student success,” the Baxter County Library Teen Librarian Diane Porter said. “We look forward to receiving stu-

dent input and growing the program.”

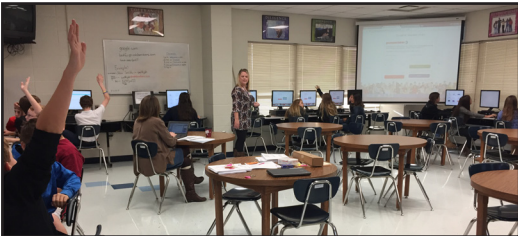
Tech Cards were created so that students could access online tools and resources without even having

to step foot in the library. Students also have access to thousands of books to download and read which means no more hassle over returning books and paying overdue fees.

“I am so excited that our students at Pinkston have the opportunity to each have a Tech Card from the library. I am grateful for all that Ms. Czeschin, our media specialist, has done in collaboration with donors and the library to make this possible for our students,” Mrs. Allyson Dewey, principal of Pinkston Middle School, said.

Another Tech Card feature is the fact that over 8 million songs are free to download, ranging from Mozart to some of today’s top artists. The Tech Cards are already proving to be a hit among students because they now have access to resources they might not have had before.

“I’m so thankful Ms. Czeschin has helped Pinkston to get these Tech Cards. They will help students strive to learn more,” 7th grader Kendall Carter said.



LEFT: Mrs. Hughes' 1st hour literacy class shows its appreciation to the Walton Family Foundation for funding the cost of the Tech Cards.
TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Diane Porter, Donald W. Reynolds' teen librarian, shows students how to access resources through the Student Portal that the library created for the Tech Cards.
BOTTOM RIGHT: 7th graders **Kamryn Mahan** and **Ashlin Wallace** enjoy their new Tech Cards.



Hackler students march and sing on David’s Trail

By JESSICA JOHNSON, MHHS 11TH GRADE

Mrs. Justine Roper’s class, along with the other classes at Hackler, took an educational and fun journey to David’s Trail on Oct. 18.

“It was fun, but it was a long walk,” fifth grader Lola Morris said.

While hiking, everyone marched to Army songs to keep the beat. Mrs. Roper took many pictures to share with everyone’s parents via Class Dojo, an educational app. Interesting things, such as the lake and oddly shaped rocks, were brought to light and discussed.

To pass the time on the walk, the students were given a game to think of 10 words with the letters “O” and “X” in them.

“It was fun taking time out of our busy school day to walk with classmates and friends,” fifth grader Reagan Hawkins said.

The children observed the effects of littering when a water bottle, rusty cans, and an old hat were found.

A few boys tried to start a fire by only using sticks and leaves.

“Luckily, it did not work. I’m sure the fire department was happy they did not start a forest fire,” Morris said.

The hike lasted for half of the day.

“By the end of the trip everyone was exhausted and for once eager to return to school,” Mrs. Roper said.



LEFT: Hackler teacher Mrs. Justine Roper’s class takes a journey on local David’s Trail while singing Army songs and exploring the area. All Hackler students who attended also played word games while hiking on the trail.
TOP RIGHT: While finding trash and cleaning up the trail, students also played word games and other activities.
BOTTOM RIGHT: A few boys unsuccessfully tried to start a fire by only using sticks and leaves while under supervision.



Kindergarteners learn about farm life at MH Berry Farm

By ALEX HOHN, MHHS 11TH GRADE

The Mountain Home Kindergarten students eagerly toured the Mountain Home Berry Farm on Sept. 11.

The Kindergarteners trip’s purpose is for the students to learn what a real working farm has to offer. For instance, students learned

about the life span of a pumpkin and got to do some of the regular activities on the farm. Going to the Mountain Home Berry Farm is a

yearly field trip kindergarteners take to help them experience what how life is at a vegetable and fruit farm.

“I loved the mulch hill, the ani-

mals, and the corn maze,” Kenzie Claypool, a student in Mrs. Dana Rowlett’s Class said.

The students also got to pick out their own pumpkin from The Pumpkin Patch and take them home.

“I like getting to pick a pumpkin from the field,” Weston Green, a student from Mrs. McLean’s class, said.

The Mountain Home Berry Farm was open to the public from Sep. 23 to Nov. 6. This allowed the students and anyone who visited the farm to choose their own pumpkin or gourd from the field, tend to the horses and donkeys, and explore the corn maze. Each got to see the ground-fed spring from which the farm gets its water.

“I loved jumping off the mulch hill,” Oakley Recktenwal from Mrs. Newton’s class said.



LEFT: Students take a adventurous break to play at the top of the mulch hill.
ABOVE: Students learned to feed the donkeys during the fun-filled tour of the Mountain Home Berry Farm.

MHHS Choir and Drama’s Madrigal Feaste amazes all

By SAVANA JACKSON, MHHS 10TH GRADE

The Madrigal Feaste, an annual Mountain Home High School event, was held at the First United Methodist Church on Dec. 1-2 with 194 community members joining together to show their holiday spirit. Choir teacher Sandra Hitt and Drama teacher Karen Maupin were in charge of gathering up the students and making magic happen on Thursday and Friday night.

“Both shows were from my perspective, excellent. On the first show night it was naturally more rough and the audience wasn’t quite involved. On the second show night the audience was great and our flow was better,” senior Raygan Adamson, who played the Jester, said.

Students, teachers, many family members, and outsiders were able to buy tickets for \$22 for the performance and dinner. If people didn’t want to eat after the singing, then they could have purchased tickets for \$10. When the show first started, the Mountain Home Chamber Choir participated in the singing. Then the guests were served a Cor-

nish game hen dinner. Everyone that participated was well rehearsed. The students were dressed up in Renaissance era clothing.

“I noticed a lot of my friends were in the show and I thought they did a great job performing it,” junior Landen Ashmead said.

Participation in the show gave a great experience to the students that want to take a career in acting.

“Well, it was probably the most nerve-wracking performance of my life,” sophomore Jenna Galloway said, “Overall, the experience was really important for someone of my age to have, considering that some of my fellow actors and I have a few years until we graduate, even being in the audience. I think that shows were performed well considering we had a limited time to rehearse.”



ABOVE: Theater and Choir classes made up the Madrigal Feaste’s Royal Court. **Lee Etta Merklings** and **Luke Gibbons** have the role of King and Queen.
BOTTOM LEFT: **Savannah Conly**, **Trent Wayland**, **Kyle Chandler**, **Harlie Gann**, **Landry Baugh**, and **Tristen Nothwehr**. They all join in a circle for a scene in the middle of the play.
BOTTOM RIGHT: **Raygan Adamson**, **Emily Armstrong**, **Harlie Gann**, **Andrew Egan**, **Kyle Chandler** stand together at the beginning of the play for their first scene of the night.



NWH celebrates the Bookaneer Book Fair

By Ashley Garrison, MHHS 11th Grade

Over 600 grandparents and their grandchildren bonded over hidden treasures at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary School's Bookaneer Book Fair on Nov. 1st.

"Since this was the first time to host 'The Grand 'Ole Time,' we had no idea how many grandparents to expect. I was pleasantly surprised at how many grandparents attended this special event," NWH librarian Cheryl Human said.

The grandparents were excited to share the love of reading with their young grandchildren while visiting their grandchild's school. In fact, some of the grandparents asked to buy and donate books for the school's classroom libraries, to show their care and involvement in the schools.

"It was so wonderful to see the excitement in the students' eyes

as they saw their 'Grand'parent or loved one waiting for them at the book fair. The children looked almost as happy as the adults," NWH Enrichment Teacher Christy Neighbors said.

The Bookaneer Book Fair's pirate theme helped to emphasize that books are indeed treasures. Volunteers dressed as pirates and the checkout desk was decorated as a pirate ship. The main idea of the book fair was "books are the treasure."

"It was so sweet to observe the grandparents sitting in a rocker reading to their grandchild and watching them help their grandchild select books to take home and read," Mrs. Human said.

While at the event, students and their grandparents were encouraged to shop for books, have refreshments, and read together to find the

perfect story for them. There was even a chance to win one free book by entering in a random drawing.

"Grandpa thought it was fun! It was exciting to shop with him and he helped me find really good books," second grader Laney Lueck said.

A pirate-themed table with desserts, snacks, and punch was available for the guests as well.

"My grandparents bought me the book I wanted and we had a great time because I got to shop with them," second grader Nailor Tate said.

Invitations to the event were distributed through newsletters and flyers from the library. Students were urged to call their grandparents to invite them.

"The response from the grandparents for the 'Grand 'Ole Time' was staggering! I was amazed at how

many grandparents showed up to shop with their grandchildren and support the library's book fair," library aide Savannah Pitts said.

The Bookaneer Book Fair brought grandchildren and their grandparents closer through books.

"It was really fun getting books with my grandma because I also got a book for my baby brother and I got a book I really wanted called Magic Puppy," first grader Daryn Sherry said.



ABOVE: NWH students and their grandparents shop for books at the Bookaneer Book Fair. They discovered the magic of literature as a warm welcome to November.

Juniors learn their strengths through StrengthsQuest

By Lauren Malte, MHHS 11th Grade

Mountain Home High School juniors acquired their insight reports over their top five strengths with the Gallup StrengthsQuest program on Wed., Sept. 28th.

The training gave the students the opportunity to learn more about their specific strengths which combine their talents, knowledge, and skills. The results of the strengths' assessment revealed information about each of the students' abilities. After examining insight reports during AAP (Academic Advisory Program), students were able to acknowledge their previously undefined hidden attributes, thus learning more about themselves.

"My first strength was 'responsibility.' I feel like I am pretty responsible and I feel the need to be respon-

sible," MHHS junior Kara Smeltzer said. "I like that they were different for each person. You could have the same one as someone else, but it would mean totally different things."

For the AAP insight reports training, juniors did an activity of identifying the strengths or attributes that most accurately described them, along with analyzing their newly-discovered traits. Mentors and advisors helped with discussing strengths.

"I like how the students can learn to sell themselves in situations like a job interview using their strengths," Mr. Madison Ingle, MHHS chemistry teacher, said.

Mr. Jackson Rhoades of Wells Fargo and certified Gallup coach

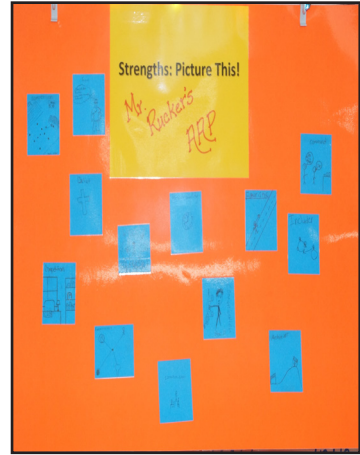
Michele McWilliams along with Strengths Facilitators for the Mountain Home school district organized this event for the juniors. They



worked with administrators at the high school for a successful event.

"This activity is part of a district-wide initiative to work with students

and staff on strengths," Mrs. Heather Hartman, MHHS counselor, said. "This is the first time to do a student training of this size involving this many students at one time."



FAR LEFT: Mr. Garrett Rucker's AAP takes a group selfie in celebration of the Strengths Quest. The Gallup Strengths-Quest allows students to get individual results of their top combination of talents, knowledge and skills. LEFT: Mr. Rucker's AAP posts their strengths on a poster to celebrate taking the test. The Strengths tests were taken the week of Sept. 28th.

Christmas spirit comes to Mountain Home

By Jessica Johnson, MHHS 11th Grade

The holiday spirit ran rampant as people of all ages gathered to celebrate an annual tradition in the streets of Mountain Home. The Christmas parade, which began at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2, welcomed the arrival of Santa Claus and the joys of Christmas.

"My favorite part was being able to make all the little kids happy. It made me happy to be a part of the parade as a whole," junior MHHS Cheerleader Aubrey Price said.

All of the float decorations revolved around the theme "Christmas in Candyland." Each float displayed brightly-colored candy, cookies, and several gingerbread houses.

For the past two years, Kicks N Flips, has won first place in the parade.

"We have the opportunity to help create a magical night for all of the children and their families! By participating in annual events, we help to create traditions for people to enjoy every year right here in Mountain Home," Tasha Harris, Kick N Flips owner, said.

The other 2016 Christmas winners were the Salvation Army and Free Will Baptist Church.

Before the parade started, another very important tradition, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, was held in front of the Baxter County Court-

house. This specific part of the parade has been around for 45 years. The privilege of lighting this tree was given to Mayor Joe Dillard.

The deeper message of Christmas was shown by the volunteers and employees who work at Gregory Jewelers. They walked up and down the square selling hot chocolate with all the proceeds going to help the Gamma House.

The Christmas parade flew through Mountain Home on Dec. 2. The parade featured Santa Clause and his flying reindeer among other floats.



Hackler students make MHEF Christmas cards

By Brandon Belcher, MHHS 10th Grade

This holiday season, the Mountain Home Education Foundation (MHEF) has decided to do something special for its Hall of Honor members along with those who are donors to the foundation.

After some time, the final decision was to make Christmas cards for those Hall of Honor donors. Although different ideas were spun around about what may be featured on the Christmas cards, it was ultimately decided that children's drawings from various schools in the district would be displayed. Originally, a contest was created to choose the top three or four designs for the cards, before later suggesting that 150 cards would be made and sent out to all MHEF donors.

Mr. Clint Pevril, Hackler art teacher, worked with his fourth

grade students to create 150 cards.

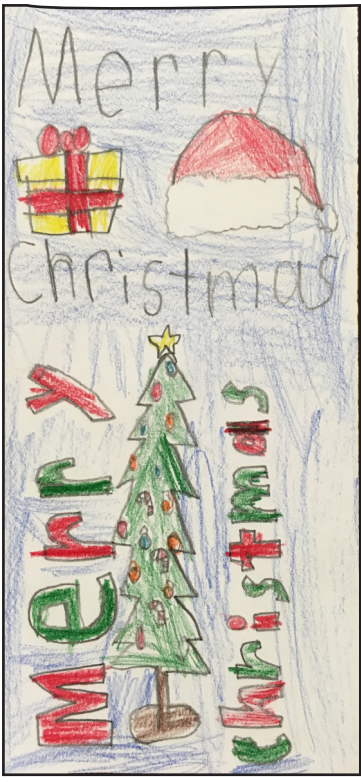
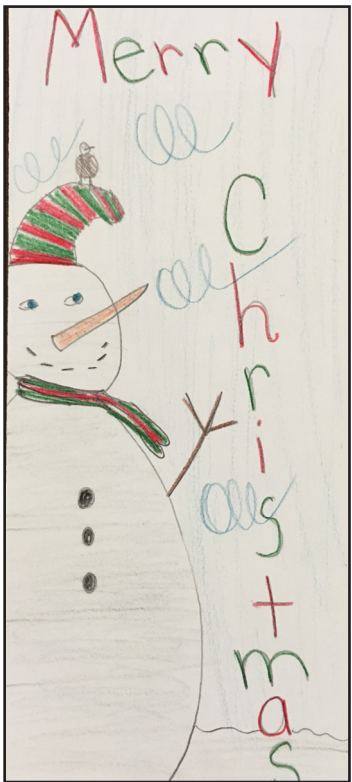
"Mollie [Morgan] approached me about our students at Hackler making some Christmas/thank you cards for those that generously donate to the MHEF this year," Mr. Pevril said. "She thought it would be a personal touch that is very unique. As a recipient of a couple of teacher grants through MHEF and my two sons who received scholarships for college, I was more than happy to ask some of my 4th grade classes top do this! After explaining what MHEF does to my students, they understood that in the not-so-distant future, they would possibly be applying for some scholarships through the MHEF as well. While Christmas was the theme, students could already see the generosity of our community as they created their

own Thank you/Christmas cards."

Mollie Morgan, the MHEF Executive Director, helped create this project.

"It is has been so much fun preparing to mail these cards," Mrs. Morgan. "Every card I show to fellow teachers and staff members causes them to smile. Looking at Christmas through a child's eyes is magical — each card highlights the true spirit of Christmas! While we cannot mail cards to everyone connected to the MHEF, we hope readers will enjoy these photos of some of the cards and enjoy the art produced by MH students."

The cards, created by the fourth grade students along with Mr. Clint Peril, will be sent to all Hall of Honor members, and MHEF donors in the coming weeks.



Band vacations in Orlando

By Anna Cullipher, MHHS 10th Grade

Thanksgiving break, approximately 150 members of the MHHS band (plus adults) loaded into three charter busses pulling a trailer loaded with their luggage. They were on their way to spend five fun-filled days in Orlando, Florida for a field trip.

They left Mountain Home on Sunday afternoon, November 20th, and arrived the next day at 10 a.m. after a 22 hour drive in the charter bus. They went straight to Sea World and spent all day there.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, they went to the Universal Studios theme park and on Thanksgiving Day, they went to WetNWild water park. They had Thanksgiving dinner at the Margaritaville restaurant and then went to see The Blue Man Group perform. On Friday they spent all day at Universal Theme Park and left at six p.m. and got back to Mountain Home around 1 p.m. the next day. The cost of the trip was about \$800.

"It was worth every penny, I made a lot of memories!" junior Hanna Talburt said.

The Mountain Home High School Band takes big trips every four years

so everyone gets the opportunity to go once, and the next band trip will be in 2020.



ABOVE: MHHS band members Katie Byler, Hanna Talburt, and Bailey Ross have fun in Orlando. Great memories were made at Universal Studios during the Thanksgiving break.

Mini Bomber Word Search Answer Key

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A Few of My Favorite Christmas Things

By MANDY BARNETT, MHHS 11TH GRADE

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The entire house smells of winter spruce. Grandma is constantly baking her sensational cookies, Kevin McCallister is home alone, and it's absolutely freezing outside. Grab your favorite scarf, because it's the Christmas season!

One of my favorite things about this holiday season is the beautiful Christmas jazz music. Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Steve Martin, and Michael Buble are my personal favorite singers to listen to at this time of year. Simply hearing a saxophone and a soft piano harmonize while cozying up in my flannel sheets gives me a sensation like no other.

I also enjoy watching classic Christmas movies such as

Home Alone, *Home Alone 2*, *Miracle On 34th Street*, *The Grinch*, *Elf*, and *The Santa Clause* this time of year. These movies offer a joyous family bonding opportunity. I always expect the Christmas spirit to peek around the corner, right as I press "play" for any holiday film.

Who could possibly have a perfect Christmas without all of the delicious holiday treats? To me, Christmas isn't Christmas without a piping hot cup of Earl Grey tea, pumpkin spice desserts, and even some creamy mashed potatoes. When making a flawlessly bitter serving of Earl Grey tea, I'm always sure to leave the beverage with no milk or sugar. Letting the herbs, alone, completely take over your taste buds and consume

the aroma around you is a fabulous way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Saving the best for last, my absolute favorite thing about Christmas is the beautiful decorations! Just passing sweet neighborhoods decked out with marvelous colorful lights, wreaths, bright golden reindeer, and mistletoe fills my heart with such zeal that I can barely contain. Placing our Christmas tree in the center of our family room completes my entire Christmas season.

Give yourself the opportunity to digest this holiday season. Allow yourself to take in the beauty of the white atmosphere around you. Who knows? You may find yourself walking in a winter wonderland of your own!

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The Flight Plan

DECEMBER 16

Friday After Hours for Teens
At Donald W. Reynolds Library
6-10 pm. Games, food, and movies (PG13).
December's event is a Christmas gala.
Make Up Finals
End of First Semester!
Hackler Yearbook Presales End



DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 2



JANUARY 3

Second Semester Begins

JANUARY 7

MHHS Band All Region Tryouts
MHHS and MHJH at Bentonville
MHHS-FIRST Robotics Kickoff

JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 14

MHHS Band
All Region Band Clinic/Concerts
Bentonville, AR

JANUARY 19

School Board Meeting

JANUARY 24

MHHS Scholarship Fair
High School Library 5:30 to 7:30



JANUARY 21

David's Trail Endurance Run
Held at Rocking Chair Resort, David's Trail Endurance Run offers a fun and challenging course though the Ozarks along beautiful Lake Norfork.

JANUARY 26

MHHS Our Voice
Both Lunches



FEBRUARY 2

Board Noon Meeting
Mountain Home Junior High

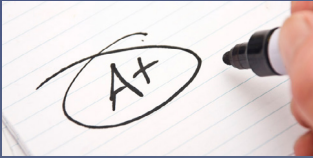
FEBRUARY 3-4

MHHS-Band All State
Band/Orchestra Tryouts
Arkansas Tech University



FEBRUARY 9

Progress Reports Come Out



MINI BOMBER WORD SEARCH

Clubs				Spirit			
Bombers				Plane			
Seniors				Game			
Students				Semester			
S	B	U	L	C	K	C	S
S	R	E	B	M	O	B	P
P	S	R	B	A	S	E	I
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