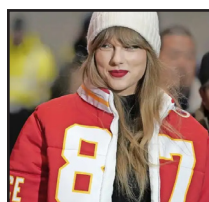




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Finding the Leap Frogs!

Throughout this edition there are 7 hidden happy frogs. Find them all!



FBLA Wins at Regionals



Members of the Milton FBLA pose for a photo to celebrate a successful day at the Regional competition. Photo by Sheryl Avery

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Alex Cookson

FBLA (financial business leader of America) had its regionals competition a few weeks ago these competitions are held every year.

Each member has a competitive event that is interesting to there are over 70 events.

These events include objective tests such as Accounting, Advertising and Cyber Security; presentation events such as Business Plan, Broadcast Journalism, and Data Analysis; production events such as Computer Applications, and Database Design & Application; word processing events that use programs like Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point; role play/team events such as Help Desk, and Marketing; and events to help freshmen and sophomores

get acclimated to FBLA such as Introduction to Business Communication, Introduction to Business Concept, and Introduction to Public Speaking. At the regional competition, the top 3 advancing at state." Meagan greasser In FBLA there are three stages. Regionals, where everyone competes, from there the top three finishers move to the State Competition held in Green Bay, and from there, the top three finishers advance to nationals, which are held in Florida this year," MHS business teacher and FBLA Advisor Sheryl Avery." FBLA at MHS has been here since the late 70s but in these past 10 years there has been someone going to nationals.

Last year Copper Propp ad-



Banners of past FBLA winners and success hang in the business hallway of the high school to celebrate the group's continued growth. Photo by Alex Cookson

vanced to the national competition for app design and got 4th place .The people who are going to state this year are senior Micheal Axe, senior

Anya Shinkay,seniro Meghan Gasser, Junior Madison Bussinger, junior Noah Erickson, See "FBLA" p. 5

February Leaps into Science



Alessia Roe

Leap Year, it's a strange phenomenon that happens once every 4 years, it's when an extra day is added onto the end of February.

Its main purpose is to maintain a balance and a corrective measure between the calendar year and astronomical year. This year of 2024, the earth will have an extra 5 hour and 48 minutes to orbit, giving it an extra day.

Surprisingly there are ways to celebrate this event throughout Ohio involving arts and craft for the little ones, but how did it

come to being? Well it's not actually a naturally occurring event as science teacher Ms. Hammer explains

" It is actually an invention made by humans, if Leap Year would go it would be up to human's decision to take it away."

But there are also times when a Leap Year can be skipped as the rule states if a year is not divisible by 400 but 100 then a leap year is skipped.

Though what would happen if we didn't have Leap Year, Ms. Hammer also explains this as well " If we didn't have Leap Year it will turn out to be slow that sea-

sons will occur at different times of a year, so you're going to have summer in December and winter in the summer,."

For the Birthdays that were born on this weird day is also quite a phenomenon, they would only be able to celebrate their biological birthdays almost every 4 years and the other 3 years they would have to celebrate after what would supposedly be their birthdays, specifically on March 1st.

Caleb Gunkel, a sophomore born on Leap Year, gave his thoughts on his rare birthday " It's cool, a lot of people think it's cool. My parents think it's fun and

they knew it was a very rare date." though did state the difficulties as well, " Sometimes [It is difficult having a Leap Year birthday] because you have to celebrate on a different days-My friends are always confused on when I celebrate it,"

But other than these struggles he likes how special his birthday is and would not want to change it to a different day that is present every year, all the time.

It's a strange day but nonetheless a very unique scientific event.

23 Days Until



Spring Break

Arena Scheduling Changes Impact Music Students' Classes



It is that time of year again. Students are choosing classes for the next year. Some students would argue that how we schedule classes here at MHS is too stressful for its own good.

Here at MHS, students schedule their classes using a system called Arena Scheduling.

This is actually the type of scheduling students have to do in college.

Arena Scheduling is when students not only pick what classes they want but also pick when in the day they want them.

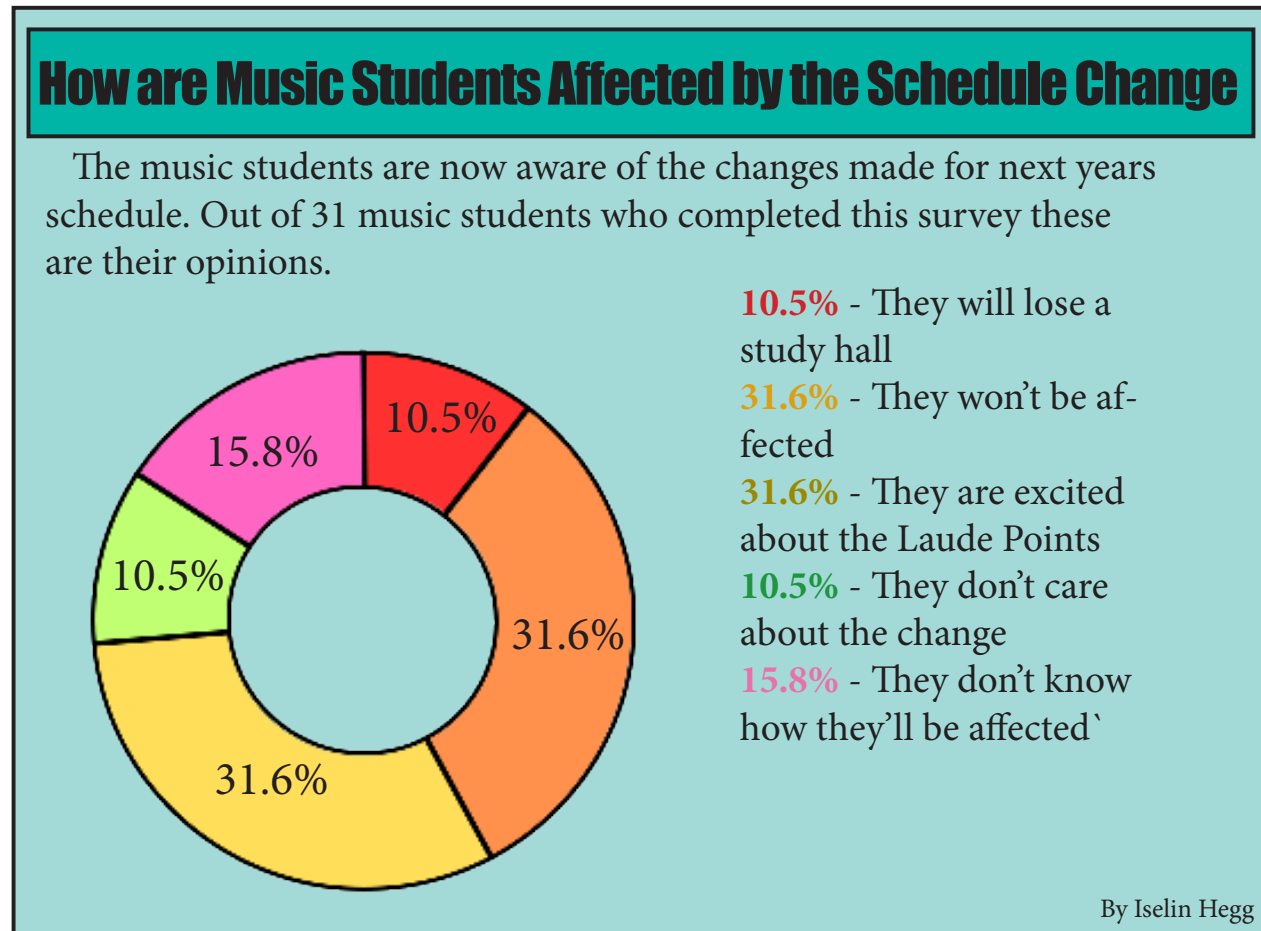
MHS counselor Sarah Gruber is one of the staff who works with students on scheduling, and believes arena scheduling is beneficial for students.

"I think it can be empowering for students to choose when they learn best. If they need a little wake up in the morning, they can choose a class like PE that will do that for them," Gruber said.

With the transition into arena scheduling, there was also another change in the system.

Instead of having class rank, MHS now follows a Laude Point system.

Laude Points can be accumulated by taking honors classes,



or any class that goes above and beyond.

That being said, one would think that anything someone has to audition for would be considered above and beyond. Well unfortunately for music students, that was not the case until recently.

Long-time music student Jonathan Flowers had noticed the disadvantage he had from his classmates.

"Band put me behind the rest of my peers. I wasn't given an equal

opportunity to earn certain scholarships because my peers could simply take more laude courses than me," Flowers said.

The music block, which is when the band and choir kids take their classes, is during second hour, which also happens to be when a lot of AP classes are available.

Because of this, a lot of the music students didn't even have the opportunity to earn as many Laude points as their peers.

Fortunately, the school staff decided to make a change for the

following years.

If a music student is part of any small ensemble that requires an audition, the student can now earn a laude point for it.

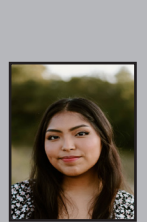
Gruber explains what the staff's logic was behind this change. "When you have to audition for an ensemble, that means a student is going above and beyond for that class. Which is the same requirement for the rest of the honors students," Gruber said.

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March Birthdays

- March 1*
GAVIN KELTNER
- March 2*
CAMRYN CZERWINSKI
AIDAN DEETS
BRAYDEON HOLMES
LOGAN JUSHKA
KEYE MINICH
LUIS MANUEL RAMIREZ REYES
- March 3*
EDEN CHAMBERLAIN
FISHER CHAMBERLAIN
SAVANNAH LAUER
ZANDER VILBRANDT
- March 4*
HAILEE HUMPHREY
- March 5*
MASON HARWICK
ANDREW KIRCHNER
- March 6*
PAYTON COURTNEY
NICHOLAS SMERUD
MILES TEUBERT
- March 7*
LACY MUENCHOW
- March 8*
KIT CONNERY
JORVIK GAMMONS
MAKENZIE USHER
BARRETT WEDEKIND
TYLER ZEAL
- March 9*
MASON ZASTOUPIL
- March 11*
CARSON MCPHERSON
- March 12*
KATHERINE HAWLEY
CAITLIN ZAINGSHEIM
- March 13*
BOBBY CLARK
OLIVIA JOOS
SOPHIA JOOS
SKYLER OSHEL
CORDELIA RASMUSSEN
- March 14*
DEVLYNN ALBRECHT
CALEB SCHMIDT
- March 15*
BRYELLE CONNER
KEENAN DWYER
- March 16*
JORDAN BUNDY
DYLAN FLETCHER
ROWAN SCHWANTES
- March 17*
SAMUEL CALDERON
MYLA FISHER
ABBY MATHEWS
- March 18*
AVA HELGASON
- March 19*
JAXON SORGE
PRESLEY TREUTHARDT
- March 20*
MARK FLOWERS
- March 21*
MARIUS STEWART
- March 22*
CONNOR BENSON
DANIELLE BUDWORTH
JACKSON MCINTYRE
ROMAN MEARS
CHERRI MILLER
DAMARI TELLO
ELIZABETH THOMAS
- March 23*
JAXON BUGGS
MORGAN FITZGERALD
MATTHEW THIEMKE
- March 24*
JAYDIN CASWELL
BRADY CRESSWELL
AMIYAH PEREZ
- March 25*
COLTON BOOTH
PAYTEN FITTNER
ASHTON JONES
MADILYN PEACH
KIRA RISCH
AVERY ZIMMERMAN
- March 26*
SARAH HAGEN
- March 27*
JACOB LEHURAY
AVA REMINGTON
HAILEY REMINGTON
- March 28*
MADISON DEUEL
ANGELA FOX
JONATHAN NOTTESTAD
MATTHEW STEINKE
- March 29*
ASHLEIGH BENCE
AYDRIAN DEBOER
REBECCA JESSE
LILY SCHMIDT
- March 30*
CHELSEA HAMEISTER
ALEXIS POTTER
GAVIN SCHOMBER
- March 31*
MORGAN ELDRIDGE
KELSEY GILL

MHS Classes Provide Students Firsthand Medical Experience



As course selection closes for the following year, many students choose to get an early start in their healthcare career. Milton High School offers opportunities for students to pursue certifications as nursing assistants (CNAs) or emergency medical technicians (EMTs) with licensing in Wisconsin.

This is made possible by the School's Career Coordinator, Mrs. Kenyon. Kenyon has worked on making the CNA more accessible to anyone interested.

With a decade of experience in running the CNA program, Kenyon has successfully transitioned it from Blackhawk Technical College to MHS, bringing in an instructor from Blackhawk.

CNA consists of formal instruction and clinical experience, at the end students prepare for the state test to be on the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant Registry.

The teacher-to-student ratio is minimal due to the complexity of the class, averaging around 10 or less students. This makes scheduling into CNA very competitive.

The class starts at 7 a.m. to ensure all material and training can be completed in a trimester. As clinicals approach towards the end of the trimester, students have early mornings, starting at 6 a.m.



Trimester one CNA students with their instructor Beverly Hart preparing for their first clinical rotation at Rock Haven nursing home Photo by Mrs. Kenyon

Over 10 years, around 200 students have taken CNA according to Kenyon. Senior Hannah Henthorn took CNA in the fall because of her interest in the medical field. Henthorn said, "Taking it [CNA] now gives me a head start."

This certification not only enhances student's medical school applications but also provides valuable hands-on experience before college. Kenyon can attest to this. "I have had many students in the past come and tell me how much they enjoyed the class and found a part-time job with their license."

Not only does it result in the

start of a student's healthcare journey, but it also serves as an opportunity to explore if the healthcare field is for them. "Some students come out knowing this is not what they want to do as a career," Kenyon said.

Another benefit of taking the CNA course at MHS is the cost. While similar courses in college or other external programs cost thousands of dollars, MHS covers the majority of the expenses.

If the student passes the course the class fee is waived and students only pay for \$80 which is used for background checks and the final exam. Similarly, the EMT course will have a registration fee

and the course fee will be waived upon successful completion.

The EMT course is still being finalized for next year, and Kenyon is very excited to have the program rolling.

EMT courses in college are a four-credit class. To prepare students for this course, at MHS it is a comprehensive 3-trimester course during the second hour of school next year. The instructor will be coming in from Mercy Health in Janesville.

Its structure is similar to CNA's with the beginning of the course being instructional building up

See "EMT/CNA Classes" p. 3

Acting Teens And Time Machines: Milton's Theater Prepares For an Exciting New Sci-Fi Show!



Cam Shaw

Milton High has had its stability in theater programs since it first opened its doors, but with three directors in the past four years, all actors are on edge preparing for the future. "I feel that each director has brought with them their own unique ideas and perspectives, which makes the MHS play every year that much more interesting. To be able to view the play from a different director's eyes until it truly comes alive on stage," MHS Junior and returning actor Corina Evans said.

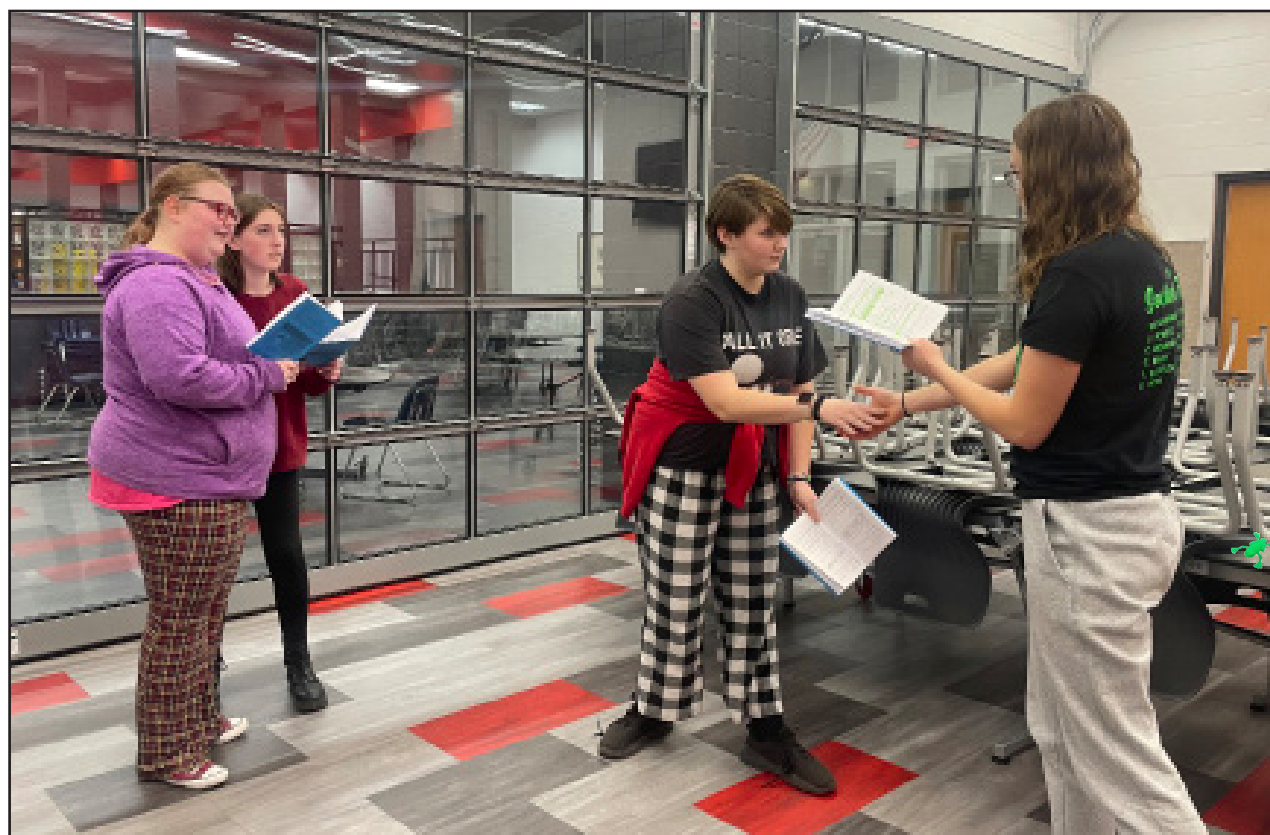
As seniors graduate and freshmen take their place, it's clear that some parts of the annual tradition are going to change.

Retired mathematics teacher Micheal Dorn directed the spring play for 25 years, finishing his career with *There's No Place in 2022*. The next year, looking for a new director, MHS turned to the Janesville Performing Arts Center (JPAC) for support.

They brought in local playwright and actor Jim Lyke to direct *Parents Just Don't Understand* for 2023. This year, Milton welcomes another new director, Ashley Hirsh for the 2024 show.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Ashley Hirsh has been acting in local shows since she was just 9 years old, graduating college with a bachelor in fine arts. "After that I went on to explore the film and television industry in Los Angeles until my partner and I decided to relocate to a smaller city to raise our family. Since moving to Wisconsin I have been deeply involved in the theatre community as a performer, director, teacher, writer, and dialect coach," Hirsh said.

Since working at JPAC, Hirsh was introduced to Milton by past



The Cast of *The Time Machine* rehearse a scene and explore moving around as their characters while memorizing their lines. Pictured left to right, senior KayLea Jacobson, junior Ava Remington, junior Eli Janisch, and junior Corina Evans. Photo by Cam Shaw

director Jim Lyke. Being her first time here, Hirsh finds she must adapt to the new school environment. "My biggest challenge right now is that this is my first time directing for MHS and I don't know what I don't know. I am not a full time teacher so I am not always clear on how things work or where everything is, but that will get easier as I become more familiar with the environment," Hirsh said.

Hirsh is excited for the opportunity to be apart of another local theater community, teaching highschool students. "Storytelling is a fundamental part of being human and theatre brings stories to life. It is an honor for me to create a positive theatre experience for students and audiences and I am very grateful to be here!" Hirsh said.

After collecting student sugges-

tions, Hirsh settled on a show that wouldn't be like anything Milton had seen the previous years, a sci-fi piece called *The Time Machine*.

The *Time Machine* play was adapted by Tim Kelly, and based on the classic novel by H.G. Wells, about time travel and the future after humanity collapses. It follows the story of a science professor as he travels to the future and his race to get back to the present day; if he can survive the journey.

All the actors are excited to go through the new show as they begin their rehearsals. Junior Corina Evans has done the play every year she's been at Milton, working with all three different directors. Evan's previous play roles include Kiesha in *There's No Place*, and *The Mom* in *Parents Just Don't Understand*.

Evans's favorite show to act in was *There's No Place* her freshman

year, which featured three unique stories of homelessness in Rock County. "I thought it was very interesting that it was all based on true experiences from local regions and experiences in Milton, as well as enjoyed being able to portray my own unique character-Kiesha-with many different things going on in her life, which was a rollercoaster of itself," Evans said.

This year, Evans has the lead, the time traveler herself. "I am very excited to have gotten the lead and look forward to being able to interact with the many different characters throughout the play!" Evans said.

Evans looks forward to another year of building connections and expanding on her skill.

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Back to the Future

In honor of the Spring Play's travel into the future, we asked MHS students what they would most like to do if they could travel in time. 134 students responded.

Visit my future self (26 votes)



Talk to my favorite historical figure / witness a historical event (22 votes)



See how my parents / ancestors lived (17 votes)



Give a Victorian child an energy drink (17 votes)

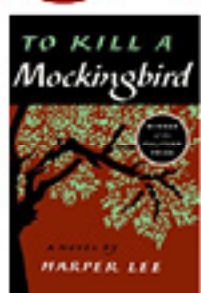


Spring (Play) Fever!

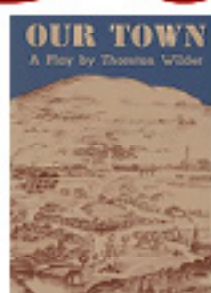
We asked 69 students what they would choose to perform for Milton's annual spring play. Many unfortunately chose to suggest musicals or movies. Out of the suggestions that were real plays, here are some of MHS's favorites that they would like to see on our stage!



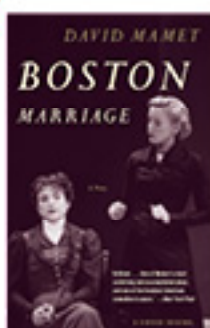
Top Shakespeare plays suggested were *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Macbeth*



The play adaptation of this classic novel we read in class was written in 2018



Our Town is regarded as one of the best classic American plays



Featuring two lesbian love interest leads, the *Boston Marriage* was notable for being written by a man in 1999



Based on the classic book, *Little Women* has both play and musical adaptations



MHS has previously performed *The Diary of Anne Frank* back in 2018



The Homecoming was published in 1965 and noted for being a great example of an absurdist play

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to hands-on experience. By the third trimester, Kenyon says "students can expect ride-alongs, job shadowing, and observation hours."

One of the students signed up for this EMT class is sophomore Presley Truthardt. She signed up for this course to gain hands-on experience for her future career as a flight nurse. "Being able to become a certified EMT would help strengthen my ability to become a quick thinker on my feet in critical conditions," Truthardt said.

Similarly, junior Madison Businger is taking this course to get a head start on her future career as an EMT or military medic. "I

signed up for the EMT course because as long as I get a good grade, the school will pay for it. So I figured why not get a head start on my education while not having to pay for it?"

In the future, Kenyon hopes to even bring a phlebotomy class to MHS. She has been collaborating with Mercy Health and SSM to make this a reality in the coming years.

Kenyon could not advocate the course more, it serves as a unique opportunity to gain experience with minimal risk. "If you're teetering if this is what you want to do [CNA/EMT], by the end of the course you will know. If it isn't, it didn't cost you thousands of dollars at college."



MHS students were surveyed about their experiences with the CNA/EMT courses offered. These are the results out of 136 responses

- 5.1% I have taken a CNA course at MHS
- 26.5% I haven't take a CNA/EMT course but I'm interested
- 12.5% I'm interested in a healthcare course but in college
- 53.7% I'm not interested in the healthcare field
- 14% I haven't heard of the healthcare courses offered at MHS

Dance Moms Returns for Season 9



“Dance Moms,” a reality television series that aired from 2011 to 2019 ran eight seasons and featured ten specials

and provided viewers with a glimpse into the competitive world of dance.

This show also shows the dynamics between mothers and their aspiring daughters. This focuses on the careers and training of children and show business, centered around Abby Lee and her Dance Company (ALDC). The cast consisted mainly of JoJo Siwa, Chloe Lukasiak, Nia Frazier, Maddie and Mackenzie Ziegler, Kelly Hyland, Melissa Gisoni, Maddie Ziegler, Brooke Hyland, Nia Sioux, and Kendall Vertes.

Although it gained popularity for its entertainment and drama, it also sheds a light on the intense pressure faced by both the dancers and their mothers.

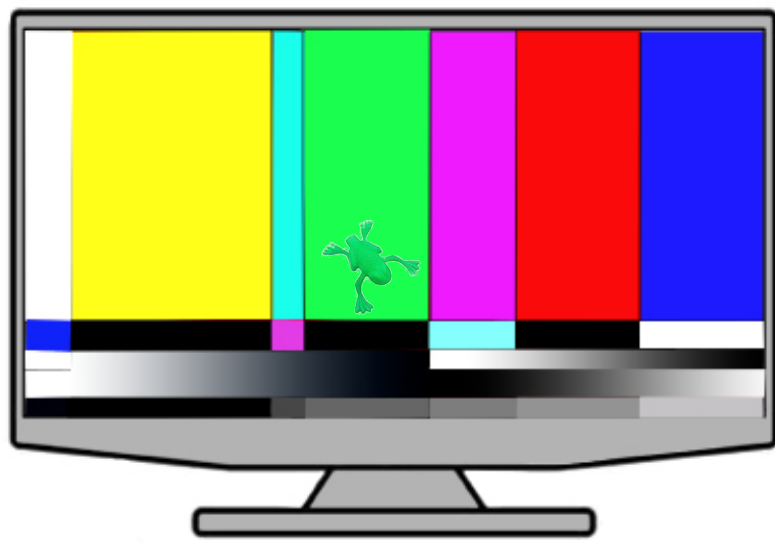
Lifetime announced that some of the fan-favorites from the cast will be reuniting to “talk about the good, bad, and everything else in between” (Deadline, Petski) for a television special. Being produced by Six West Media, the release date is set to air in 2024 on Lifetime.

Dance Moms mainly focuses on the preparation of these competitions, where dancers are faced with rigorous training and demanding routines. Abby Lee Miller was known for her strict teaching methods and high expectations for the young girls.

“Shes so unnecessarily mean,” says Brianne Miles, a librarian from MHS, “and as an educator,

STUDENT FAVORITES FROM DANCE MOMS

One hundred and twenty three responses from MHS students answered the survey sent out about which characters they like best from the TV show “Dance Moms”.



- 8.1% Kelly and Brooke
- 8.9% Holly and Nia
- 10.6% Abby
- 12.2% Melissa, Maddie, and Mackenzie
- 17.8% Cathy and Vivi-Anne
- 17.9% Christi and Chloe
- 1.6% Jill and Kendall

By Aliyah Katzenberg

I’m horrified. I really don’t like how she treats her students.”

The series highlighted the physical and very emotion toll that the competitive dance took on the young performers, giving a realistic portrayal of the sacrifices required to the demanding world of dance.

“I really like the artistic process of the dances,” says Miles, “I am not a dancer whatsoever, but seeing the dances getting put together is really fun to watch, the girls learn the dance, and then seeing them performed.”

On the production side, a sophomore from MHS, London Marquis thinks “it builds up the drama and tension really well, and sometimes it can be unpredictable. This keeps it really entertaining.”

As for the entertainment and staged part of the show, Cathy and

her Candy Apple Dance Company was the ALDC rival. Cathy started off as a member of ALDC, but clashed with Abby and the moms to the point where she left and went back to her own dance studio, where she tried her hardest to beat Abby and her dance company in any upcoming competitions. “The rivalry with Cathy was peak entertainment,” said Marquis, “shes so annoying but the best character and the best villain. Her comebacks are so funny.”

As the show progressed further into the seasons, it became clear that the intense environment of Dance Moms had both positive and negative impacts on the cast.

On one hand, the young dancers developed core character traits like resilience, discipline, and a strong work ethic. But on the other hand, the kids had a hard emotional toll and pressure to

succeed that led to breakdowns and conflicts.

The reality TV series sparked conversations about the ethics of pushing young performers to their limits while striving for excellence. “I like it because the moms are crazy, but then continue to stay with Abby Lee even though they get treated horribly. Its funny because its kind-of stupid,” Marquis says.

Marquis, Miles, and majority of the kids in MHS who took the survey think that Chloe was their favorite character. “She’s such a sweet kid, and I know this is probably the producers of the show, but shes portrayed as such an underdog, so I cheered for her.”

“Im really excited for the new special” says Marquis, “Ive re-watched Dance Moms more times than I can count, and I’m ready for new drama!”

Musicians Shine at Solo & Ensemble

The following students earned a “1st” in a Class A performance at the Solo & Ensemble competition on Saturday, February 24 and will move on to the state competition. Congrats, Red Hawks!

- Taylor Garrity**
(Soprano Solo)
- Taylor Garrity**
(Musical Theater Soprano/Alto Solo)
- Grace Townsend**
(Soprano Solo)
- Lauren Donday-Selenske**
(Musical Theater Soprano/Alto Solo)
- Lauren Donday-Selenske**
(Soprano Solo)
- Emma Steinke**
(Alto Solo)
- Genevieve Veenhof**
(Musical Theater Soprano/Alto Solo)
- Genevieve Veenhof**
(Soprano Solo)
- Alexis Legge**
(Soprano Solo)
- Alexis Legge**
(Musical Theater Soprano/Alto Solo)
- Charlotte Hawley and Grace Townsend**
(Vocal Duet)
- Abby Mathews**
(Marimba or Xylophone Solo)
- Carson McPherson**
(Trumpet Solo)
- Abby Mathews and Brody Wych**
(Keyboard Mallet Duet)
- Charlotte Hawley**
(Clarinet Solo)
- Iselin Hegg**
(Violin Solo)

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“my favorite part of doing theater is probably either the friendly acting community who is always so inviting and supportive, or being able to step into my character’s role and understanding how that character may feel, then being able to portray my character to the audience,” Evans said.

Hirsh has her own ambitions for the show.

With such dedication for the next several months, there’s something for all students to take away from their hard work.

“My hope is that all of the students involved learn as much as they can about acting and what it takes to really put your spirit into a production. Theatre is a lot of fun but I take it very seriously and I expect a high level of commitment. My vision is to create something that the students can be really proud of and that they form a strong and supportive bond as a group,” Hirsh said.

All of Milton’s aspiring actors are eager to see what the future holds for them after this year is over.

“I think another play with a solid theme and plot like this year’s show would be perfect for an MHS production, yet I also think it would be more fun if there were multiple core characters in next year’s play,” Evans said.

Backstage and crew positions are still available to any students looking to help out behind the scenes.

The play will have its performances May 3-5, and is the perfect show for the whole family to enjoy!

For any students thinking about giving acting a try, its never too late for something new.

“While it can be overwhelming to consider getting on a stage to perform for a live audience, give it a shot and try, as you might be surprised how much fun it can be!” Evans said.

Black History Month Two Hidden Heroes



Wangari Maathai
(1940-2011)

Wangari was an Kenyan activist in multiple parties including social, environmental, and political. She graduated from University of Nairobi, and became the first woman in East and Central Africa to get a doctoral degree and earn a Nobel Peace Prize.

Wangari was known as “Mother of Trees”. She helped the ecosystem by founding three organizations which included the Green Belt Movement, Mazingira Green Party of Kenya, and Nobel Women’s Initiative.

Wangari became an assistant minister in Kenya for wildlife, nature resources, and environment. She also helped in other problems such as poverty. Wangari made a positive impact for the environment of Kenya with her love for plantlife.



Alice Alison Dunnigan
(1906-1983)

Alice was an American journalist, author, and civil rights activist. She graduated from Kentucky State University.

Alice was the first black woman to become a member of the Senate, receive the White House credentials, and travel with a U.S President.

She became quite respected amongst her peers despite facing the challenges of racism and racial indignities. She fought through those challenges with the help of her perseverance. Alice also was associated in the Associate Negro Press.

“Race and sex were twin strikes against me. I’m not sure which was the hardest to break down,” Alice Allison Dunnigan

What’s Shamrock Shakin’?

February 19 is officially “Mint Chocolate Day”, and of course, this time of year marks the return of a beloved Mint-Chocolate treat - the Shamrock Shakes at McDonald’s. This tasty dessert comes in multiple combinations, and in a recent survey, 139 students shared how they prefer their Mint Chocolate delicacies.



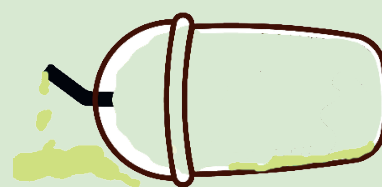
Half Chocolate
12 votes



w/ Oreo pieces
24 votes



Original
43 votes



Never Had One
31 votes

I love them all!
8 votes

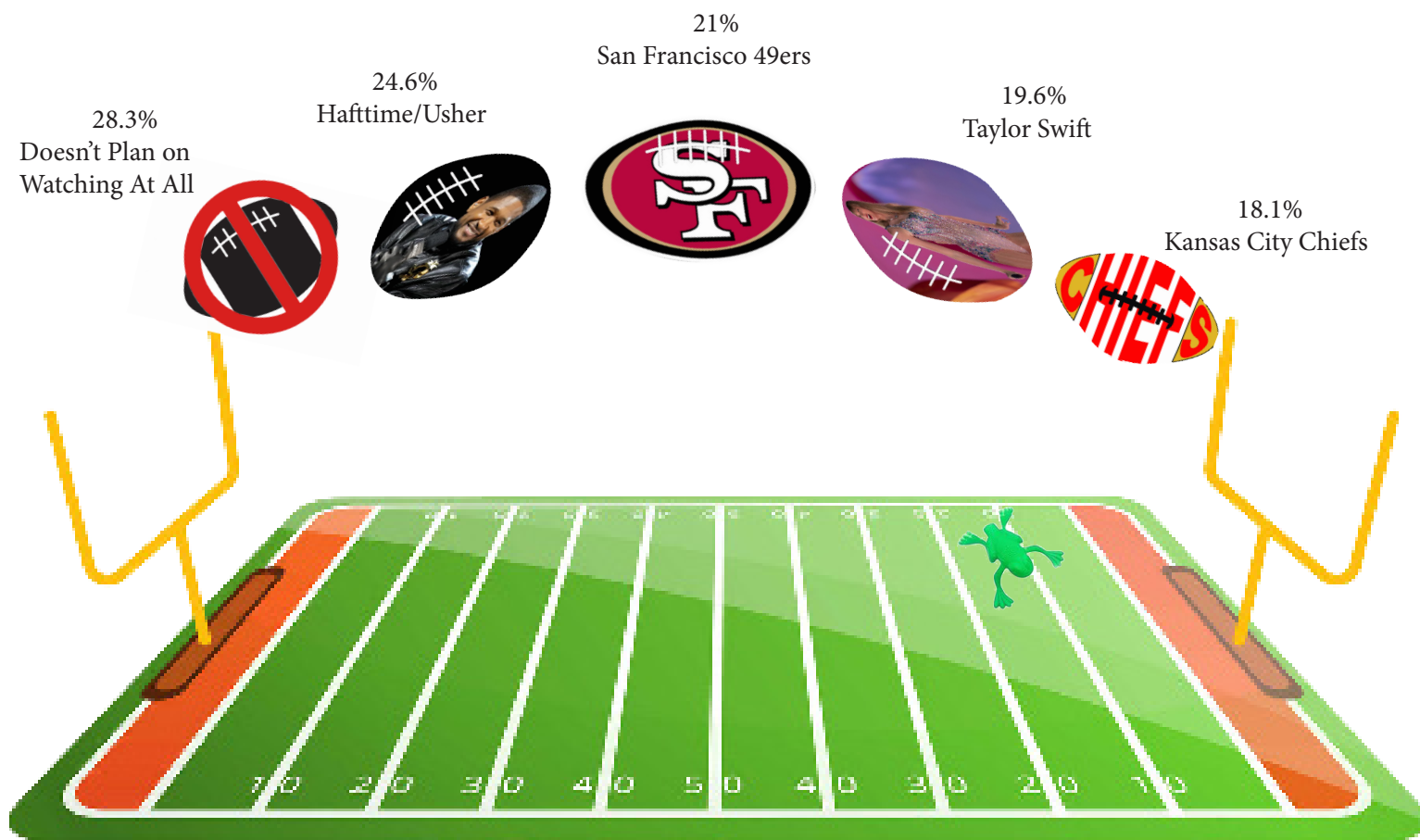
I don’t like them
15 votes

How Popstars Affect the NFL

Why the Super Bowl is Still Relevant

One hundred and thirty eight MHS students answered a survey before the big game about what they were most excited for during the Super Bowl.

By Lilyan Zajac



Lilyan Zajac

It all started with a friendship bracelet. Travis Kelce, tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs, went to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour on July 8 to

watch her amazing show, but also went for another reason.

Kelce has publicly stated that he had made a friendship bracelet to give to Swift with his phone number on it.

He was very upset to hear that she doesn't talk to people before or after her show so she can rest her voice, so Kelce was unable to give Swift the bracelet.

On July 26, on an episode of "New Heights," a podcast with his brother, that is a center for the Philadelphia Eagles, Jason Kelce and Travis Kelce. Travis Kelce announces his crush on Taylor Swift.

Dating rumors floated the internet and reporters kept fighting for information from the Kelce

brothers.

Eventually, Swift went to her first Chiefs game in Kansas to support Travis. She sat with Jason and Travis's mother Donna Kelce (referred to on social media as "Momma Kelce") for the entire game and was seen in a convertible with Travis later, after the game.

Now, the relationship is a media firestorm resulting from constant news coverage and specifically, continuous coverage of Swift in attendance at Chiefs games.

From September to February, Swift had gone to 13 Chief games. On average she is shown about 4 times on the megatron per game. Football fans are agitated that she is becoming the face of the NFL.

Senior at MHS, Olivia Joos doesn't understand the hype for Taylor Swift but believes, "I do believe it (Taylor Swift) takes away from the football a little bit but she is bringing publicity to the

NFL but is just helping herself." Meanwhile, gym teacher, Chiefs fan, and Swiftie Mr. Nichols thinks Swift is an incredible role model for women and girls.

"Taylor is helping by bringing a whole new demographic to the game as well as making over 35 million dollars for the Chiefs." Nichols also claims that, "All of us Chief fans want her at the games!"

Not only is the pop star bringing publicity and money to the NFL and Chiefs, she is changing the game for families. Girls who look up to Swift and their fathers who watch the football games, creates a bonding experience for fathers and daughters around the world.

Gender studies teacher Mrs. Melms appreciates Taylor's presence in the perspective of a daughter. "Watching Packer games with my dad is one way that we bonded when I was younger. I think watching football games can play an important

role in creating an engaging activity that families can do together!"

If people take anything from Swift's companionship to Travis, make it this. When the public shames her for rooting on her boyfriend you are teaching your children it is okay to analyze and criticize someone every move.

It is telling children that girls and women shouldn't take up too much space, that girls can not celebrate their strengths, that it's okay to engage in rumors and gossip and that cyberbullying is fine.

In 2019, Swift released a song called "The Man." The lyrics clearly state that she wouldn't be judged, the way that she is, if she was a man. "And I'm so sick of them coming at me again. 'Cause if I was a man. Then I'd be the man." But Nichols believes, "Haters will hate, that's for sure!"

Gypsy Rose Rises To Fame

how she came from killer to social media star



Brooklynn Hill

Gypsy Rose Blanchard, the child abuse victim who was convicted of killing her mother, has been released from prison.

Starting in 2024 as a free woman, three years earlier than her original release date, Blanchard immediately started her social media craze again. Her fame started with a drama series based on her life.

Gypsy Rose grew up with her mother Dee Dee Blanchard. Her mother made claims about her health which resulted in a series of diagnoses. It was claimed that Gypsy's mother wanted to be a caregiver so she induced gypsy-her to be sick.

The truth about Dee Dee and Gypsy only came out after people found out about her plan to murder her mother, with Gypsy's online boyfriend.

Her mother shaved her head so it looked like she had Leukemia and made gypsy undergo many surgeries on her eyes and one to remove her salivary glands. Going along with this Gypsy suffered a long childhood, eventu-

ally killing her mother.

While teaching class, the topic of Gypsy Rose came up and one argument on why someone thinks the way they do, "I think that when you have a parent who purposely hurts or tells you you are sick you are going to develop problems that make you want to do things to others and when you have been a victim of abuse for over a decade it is just going to happen," psychology teacher Ms. Stieve said.

After Gypsy found her online boyfriend (GodeJohn) she plotted to kill her mother. Her boyfriend killed her mother by stabbing her 17 times in the back. After this, Gypsy Rose and her boyfriend were caught and taken to prison where she would serve 8 years.

Since her release, Gypsy Rose hasn't wasted any time throwing herself into the media circuit: Instagram, Facebook, and even TikTok with over 1 million followers on each platform.

"I wasn't a huge follower of her while she was in prison, but soon after she was released I started to see more fame, media posts, and articles on Gypsy Rose," junior Camryn Czerwinski said.

With dozens of interviews over the months from The Today Show, The View, and many more, the society also began to see popular influencers boost her platform even more.

With a school survey, 20% say that they know who Gypsy is, but they don't know about her background. While 30% say she should spend the rest of her life in prison instead of being released as soon as she did.

The internet has brought Gypsy Rose to the forefront of social media. With television series, articles, and thousands of posts about her, we begin to wonder why we watch these crime investigations. "I think we are fathomed on the abnormal and we don't think how we would be if we were in their shoes, we can't explain it but it entertains us with the crime and mystery that some people enjoy," Stieve says.

While just getting out of prison she is not sure what is to come next for her, while she has been on hundreds of TV shows and reports she continues to grow her platform and live life prison-free.

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senior Anya Shinkay, senior Meghan Gasser, senior Madison Bussinger, junior Noah Erickson, Kooper Propp, and freshman Raeden Dorsey. For some who are graduating the skills you can learn from FBLA.

"There is a lot of skill is i'm going to take away from FBLA like public speaking, communication, teamwork and problem solving," Senior FBLA Officer Anya Shinkay said.

FBLA is for everyone who is looking to advance their role in either leadership or communication skills by partaking in these events that FBLA Offers they meet every month mostly on tuesday flex.

MHS Business Ideas

MHS Students submitted what business they would like to start.



Celia Weiss

I have a business in mind and it would be something to do with art. Like an art studio that artists can work at and I connect them with businesses/corporations.



Alexander Chojnacki

Producing movies, making action figures, or owning a practical effects workshop.

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With the new rigor expected of the small ensembles, Elizabeth Brockwell the chamber choir director, has some plans for the revamped course.

"I plan on focusing on more music literacy. I think kids who are coming out of the top choirs should know more of that stuff," said Brockwell.

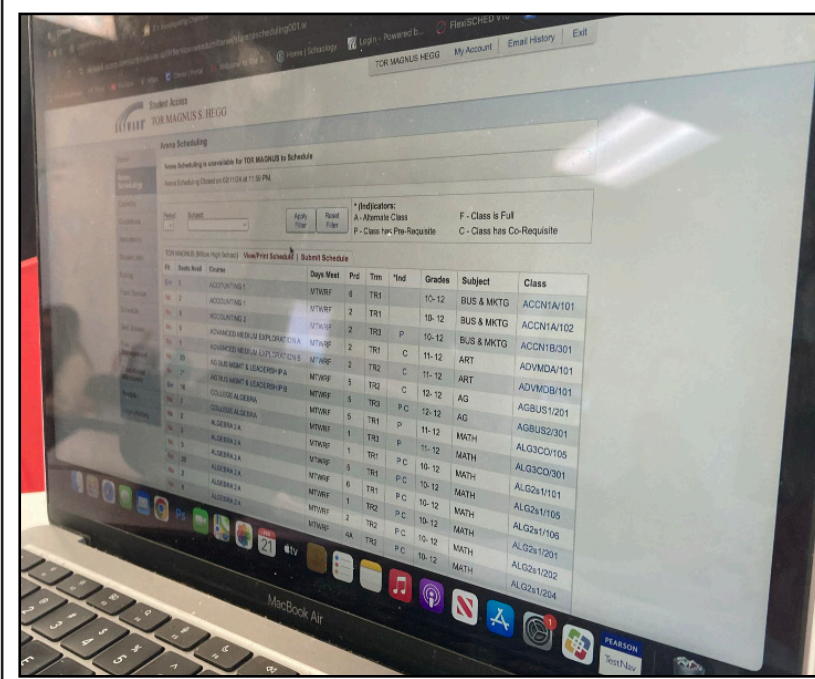
Both music students and music directors are hoping that this change will encourage more people to try for these harder courses with the promise of Laude points.

"I hope this will give me more auditions for chamber choir,

specifically so I can have more equality on the parts, we were having a hard time compensating before," said Brockwell.

The students on a similar note, think that this will help keep kids in the band ensembles as well.

"I believe music students will readily take this opportunity and it will encourage people to stick with band/choir/encourage incoming freshmen to join," said Flowers. "Music students will now be rewarded for the hours spent after school and during the summer working at their craft."



This is a photo of what the arena scheduling looks like on a student's end. Photo by TorMagnus Hegg

The 2024 Olympics: Paris

Paris looks to 'Leave a Legacy'



Every four years billions of people are glued to their screens sitting on the edge of their seats eager to watch.

However, millions of people can't be restrained by a screen and buy tickets to watch in person. What event brings all these people together? The Olympics.

The Olympics is an athletic competition held every four years to unite people through friendly competition and encourage world peace.

These Games have been around for about 3,000 years. The first Olympics dates back to Ancient Greece.

Sports contests were arranged and held at the Olympia every four years and the reason the Olympics were started is still being determined.

In 1894, Pierre de Coubertin proposed that the Olympics be "revived". His proposal was accepted and in 1896 the first "modern-era" Olympics were held in Athens, Greece.

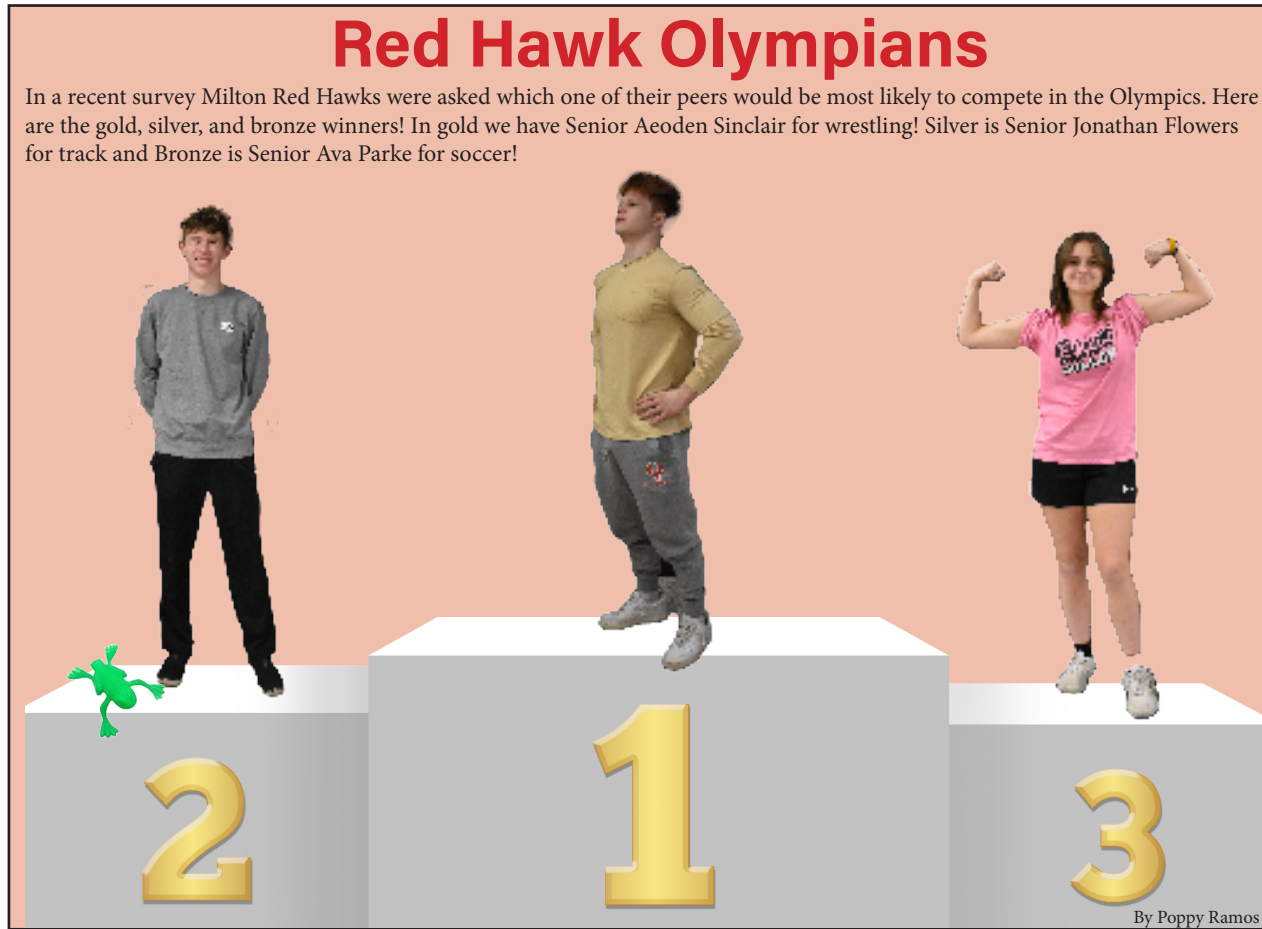
This year the 2024 Olympics are being held in Paris, France from July 26 to August 11. About 10,500 athletes are competing with about 31,500 volunteers helping to make the Games as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

"It rotates obviously, and nationalism plays a part. This goes back to the idea of showing the power of countries in a way of soft power. The Olympics and World Cup, play into this idea and encourage nationalism," says World history teacher Mr. Cassidy.

Every country likes to have their fair share of this major event. In past years the Olympics have been held in Tokyo, Rio, London, U.S., and many other countries.

Over the years many sports have been added to the Games. For example, baseball and softball have been added. Same with flag football and weight lifting.

When asked which sport or activity he would like to see in the future Olympics Cassidy



Red Hawk Olympians

In a recent survey Milton Red Hawks were asked which one of their peers would be most likely to compete in the Olympics. Here are the gold, silver, and bronze winners! In gold we have Senior Aeoden Sinclair for wrestling! Silver is Senior Jonathan Flowers for track and Bronze is Senior Ava Parke for soccer!

dy responded with a different viewpoint than many. "I would be interested in seeing if you could get more skilled-based activities in the Olympics. Painting or chess would interesting. Seeing more mentally strenuous activities would be cool to see."

The Olympics did offer the Arts category in its early years of 1912 to 1948. Medals were awarded for painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, music, and more.

In 1949 they decided to cut the Arts category as many professionals would compete which would ruin the amateur feature of the Games.

However, there are still a lot of events to watch and enjoy at the Olympics. Senior Charlotte Hawley mentions her favorites to watch. "For the Summer Olympics: Gymnastics. For Winter Olympics: Figure Skating."

Mrs. Melms, AP World teacher, also shares her favorites. "I like figure skating because that is a skill I don't have so I'm very impressed by it and I think it's just fun to watch and it's enjoyable. I also like the sync diving and swimming because that seems

really talented." Swimming is the most popular sport when it comes to the Olympics. Closely followed by track and field.

However, with 40 sports/activities in the Olympics, it can be hard to find a favorite!

Though many people enjoy watching the Olympics there is an aspect that causes a state of concern towards the environment.

In recent years the Olympics have had a major impact on the environment's carbon footprint.

The last two Summer Olympics (held in Japan and Brazil) released more than 2.7 million and 4.5 million tons of carbon emissions into the atmosphere respectively.

"I think the Olympics have good intentions with their goals of world cooperation and national pride through competitive athletics. And it definitely provides a lot of jobs for people, and tourism to the locations that host. On the other hand, as an environmental activist, I have reservations about the event's effect on the environment," said senior member of the environmental club, Charlotte Hawley.

While in the past the Olympics

have harmed the environment the Paris Olympics have made it their goal to have a different outcome.

On the official Paris Olympics website they have a message titled, "Leaving a Legacy". Their message says, "Hosting the biggest event in the world is going to change our country. It's inevitable. Paris 2024 want sport values to become a key part of people's lives and to prove that we can achieve excellence while also championing sustainability."

With the 2024 Olympics in Paris this July and August many people around the world are excited and eager to watch this popular event. While the Olympics date back to about 3,000 years the morals have stayed the same.

To encourage world peace and unity through friendly competition. While the Olympics have their critics, they continue to bring people together from all over the world to celebrate the best of human achievement and sportsmanship.

We can't wait to see what the 2024 Olympics have in store for us!

Betty Perdue Memorial Badminton Tournament

Wednesday February 21 was the 9th annual Betty Perdue Memorial Badminton Tournament.

A former MHS Physical Education teacher, Perdue was a huge proponent of "alternative" sports such as badminton, yoga, and fencing and encouraged all her students to explore new and varied ways to stay active. In Perdue's honor, more than \$600 was donated to Special Olympics Wisconsin!



1st Place Mr. Kligora & Mr. Spaulding



2nd Place Michael Axe & Aeoden Sinclair



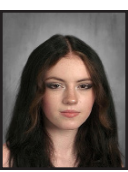
3rd Place Reid Washkoviak & Coach Langer



Best Dressed Winners Franklin Lund & Owen King (Peanut Butter & Jelly)



Fishing Club Dominates the Ice



Ice fishing has been a popular club at MHS since 2016 and continues to allow students to pursue their fishing hobby with friends and

teachers. Although it used to be only open-water fishing, over the years it has expanded to being all-year-round fishing by introducing ice fishing.

Ice fishing is a rewarding outdoor activity that transforms frozen lakes and ponds into winter wonderlands for avid fishers.

This form of fishing requires specific gear, techniques, and a good understanding of the frozen waters.

This has allowed our 20 club members to learn all about the art of fishing from their peers and group leaders. Organizer and Co-Adviser Amy Kenyon says, "The students have a lot of fun talking and having fun with one another."

Kenyon says she loves watching students bond with one another over a shared love for fishing. She says "It's amazing watching everyone come together and just laugh and have a good time



Brennan Heldt, Kailee Wilkins, Sophie Garcia, Wes Terrill, and Carter Shortreed proudly display their club banner before leaving for a competition. Photo by: MHS Fishing Club

with each other." Kenyon's favorite thing is students' faces lighting up when they catch their first big fish! Junior Sophia Garcia is one of the most dedicated members of the group. Every student remembers catching their first big Pike, or a particularly large Bass. Garcia has caught much fish but she says one of the largest fish she caught was on Shawano Lake. "It was probably I want to say 30 inches

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Nolan Dallman shows off his impressive northern pike. Photo by: MHS Fishing Club



JJ Ballard displays his Bluegill he proudly caught. Photo by: MHS Fishing Club

Fury Claim Conference Title

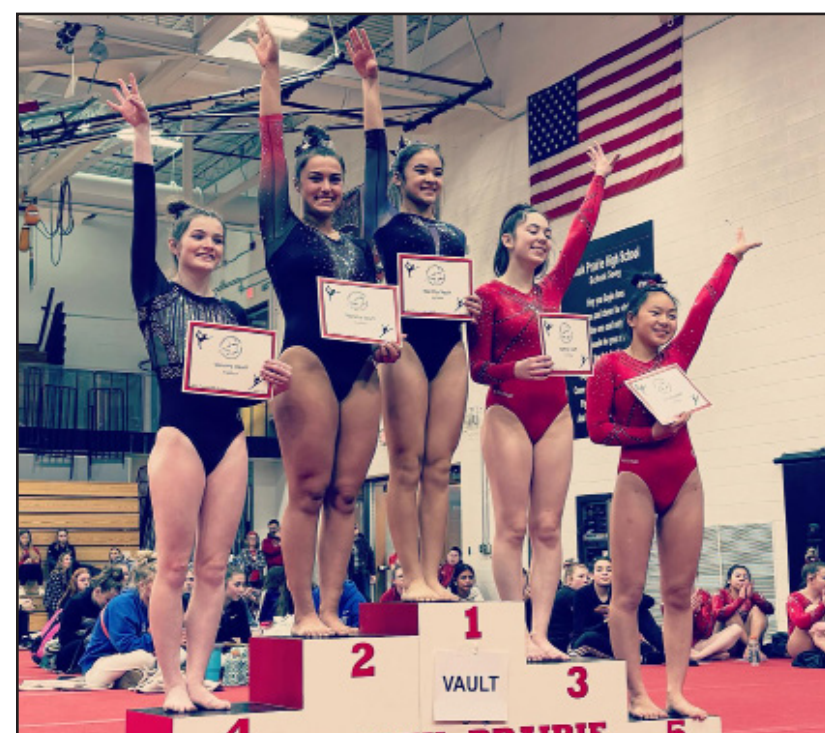


The Rock County Fury, led by Milton players Ava and Emma Kligora, posted an impressive 11-1 conference record to win this year's title. Congratulations to Ava, Emma, and their teammates!



Zingsheim Finishes Career 2nd in Vault

Senior Caitlin Zingsheim scored 8.75 on vault at the Conference Meet earning her 2nd place to cap an impressive career.



Three Red Hawks Sign Letters of Intent



Zander Vilbrandt, Soccer - UW Stout



Tyson Peach, Wrestling - South Dakota State University



Aeoden Sinclair, Wrestling - University of Missouri

PLAYOFFS

In the playoffs, its win or go home...

By Brooklynn Hill



The lady Red Hawks finished the season with a 12-12 record. Red Hawks earned the 6th seed and defeated Monroe on Tuesday, February 20. The Red Hawks then fell to Elkhorn in the Regional game.



The Red Hawks earned the 3rd seed and will face between the winner of Jefferson and White-water in the Regional semi-final game on Friday, 3/1. If they win they will advance to play Mount Horeb or Stoughton for the second round of regionals.



The Milton Hockey team fought a tough battle against Arrowhead in the first round of playoffs on Feb. 13. The Red Hawks fell to the Warhawks ending their season.



The Red Hawk wrestling team battled in regionals on Feb. 10. Sectionals were held here at Milton on Saturday, Feb. 17. Six Red Hawks placed and qualified for the state tournament (see results on page 8) (Left to right) David Bilhorn - Freshman 106 Makenzie Usher - Junior 114 Tyson Peach - Senior 138 Aeoden Sinclair - Senior 215 Madi Peach - Sophomore 126 Clara Jauch - Sophomore 100



The Red Hawks boys swimming team competed in sectionals on Saturday Feb. 10. There were a lot of top 10 finishes, with Teigean Winke scoring 8th in the 500 free. At conference, the Milton boys did very well in the relays.



The MiltonEdge Gymnastic team competed in conference this on Saturday Feb 17. Caitlin Zingsheim placed second on vault in conference. Sectionals was held Thursday 23.

Congratulations, Red Hawks!

Two Peaches and Sinclair Win State Championships

Madi Peach Girls Tournament, (126)



Tyson Peach (138)



Aeoden Sinclair (215)



Photos by Michael Gouvion, Gouvtophraphy

Congratulations to teammates David Bilhorn (State Qualifier), Kenzie Usher (5th place), and Clara Jauch (6th place)

Kenyon Named Woman of Distinction

School-to-Career/Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Amy Kenyon was surprised this week with the news that she has been named a member of the 2024 class of YWCA Rock County's Women of Distinction. In particular, Kenyon was selected for her dedication to promoting and encouraging young women to pursue careers in the predominantly male trades fields. She will be honored at the annual Women of Distinction event on May 8. Congratulations, "Mama" Kenyon!



Milton Artists Take 3rd at VAC, Send Three to State Competition

12 National Art Honors Society members, led by art teacher Ms. Flynn, competed in the Visual Arts Classic (VAC) Friday, February 16 at UW-Whitewater.

The competition included individual long-term projects,

on-site creations, a critical thinking challenge, and a quiz bowl. The goal is to test students' versatility and dedication to the arts.

Milton High School placed 3rd overall. Nine individuals took 1st place and ten took 2nd place.

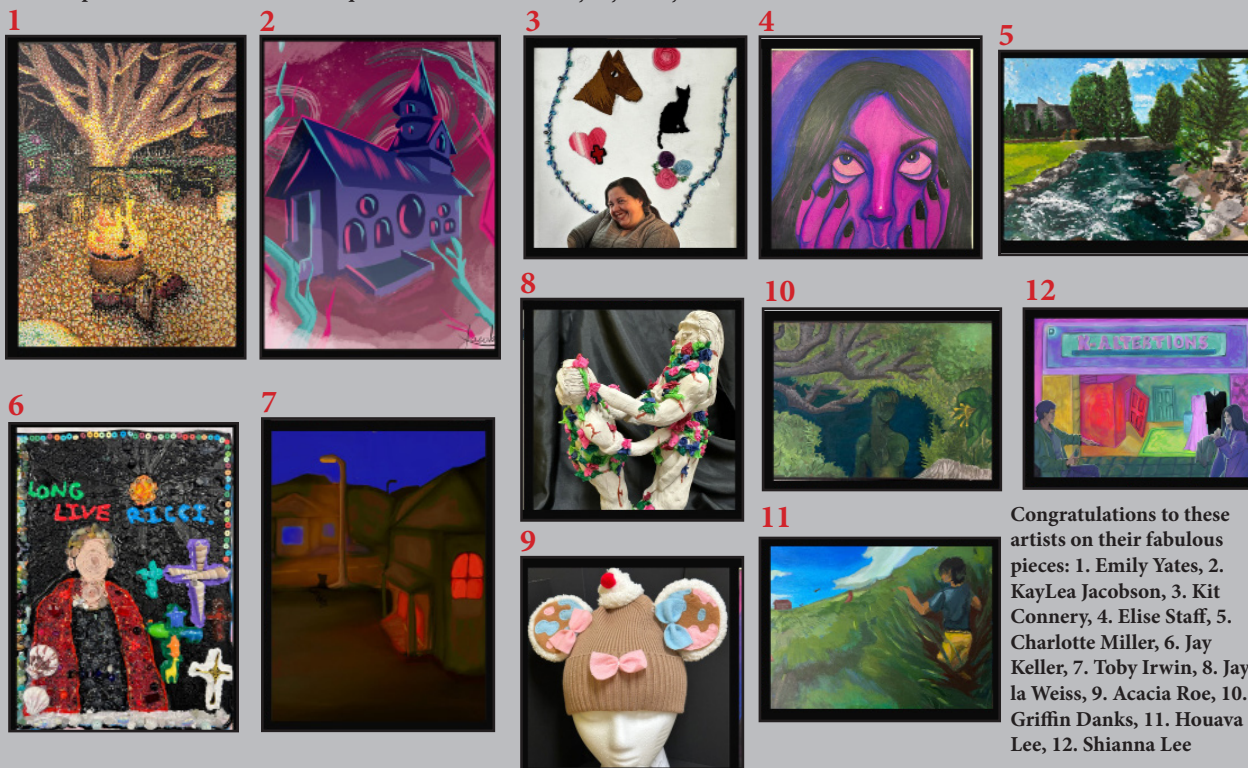
Emily Yates, Junior Houava Lee,

and Griffin Danks each won two first places finishes, and Danks achieved a perfect score in painting.

Yates, Lee, and Danks will compete at the state competition at UW-Madison on March 25.



Milton's National Art Honors Society (NAHS) showed off their best pieces in the Visual Art Classic (VAC). As a team, these MHS artists placed third in the show and qualified for state. Photo by Alyson Flynn



Congratulations to these artists on their fabulous pieces: 1. Emily Yates, 2. KayLea Jacobson, 3. Kit Connery, 4. Elise Staff, 5. Charlotte Miller, 6. Jay Keller, 7. Toby Irwin, 8. Jayla Weiss, 9. Acacia Roe, 10. Griffin Danks, 11. Houava Lee, 12. Shianna Lee

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the biggest fish I've caught and it was just an amazing feeling. "My favorite thing about the club is probably all the kids participating when we go on ice fishing trips. It's all you do is bond with everybody on the team and it's amazing," Garcia said.

For Garcia, it's more than just fishing. "I think people should join because it's a good experience to learn how to fish and it's also a way to make a lot of friends, I've learned so much about fishing too. it's truly like a second family to me," Garcia said.

Sophomore Rowan Shwantes is a member of the club and believes that it helps people get involved in the hobby of fishing. "All the equipment you need to fish is provided for you, which tends to be a big reason why people like the club," Shwantes says. "We also have a lot of fun with our friends out on the ice and play football while we wait."

The team recently earned 2nd place at last year's state tournament. They cement their place as a talented group of fishers, being ranked in the top 10 in the state. Rowan says "The biggest fish I caught this year was an 18-inch Bass, it was really exciting to see such a large fish knowing I caught it." Shwantes hopes that in the future years of the club, they continue to place high in tournaments and get more people involved. It takes a lot of commitment to get out there on the ice during the cold winter months, but to these students, it's all worth it to catch an impressive fish. These fishers have made bonds that will last a lifetime, and experiences to remember.

At the state tournament last weekend, the team took 26th place out of 59. Congrats to Sophia Garcia for catching the longest fish (a 28" pike) the day of the tourney, and congrats to Weston Terrill for catching a master angler 38" pike while pre fishing.