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**Homecoming Royalty
King Steven Mendoza
and Queen Ailyn Moreno**

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Band members selected their Band Beau and Sweetheart. Nattiiie Macedo was crowned queen and Tristan Zuniga was named king.

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Moreno, Mendoza crowned homecoming queen, king

By HARPER DAVIS
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Students selected Ailyn Moreno as this year's homecoming queen.

Also for the first time, a homecoming king was named with Steven Mendoza receiving the honor.

Ailyn is the daughter of Maria and Jose Moreno and is currently 17 years old. She plays tennis and soccer and she also enjoys dancing and crafts outside of school.

Moreno was surprised about receiving the honor.

"After my name was announced, I was in shock, but shocked in a good way," Moreno said. "I was happy, my body started feeling hot and I was shaking. It was a great feeling to have that crown over my head."

Earning the homecoming crown is just as much a responsibility as an honor.

"I now have little girls looking up to me," Moreno said. "It's my place to set a good example for them...I have more eyes looking up to me."

After high school Ailyn plans on attending a four-year university and becoming a pediatric nurse.

Other queen nominees include April Cisneros, Hannah Cervantes, Stacey Henderson and Jennifer Zuniga.

April is the daughter of Fabiola Tellez and is currently 17 years old. She was escorted by Claudio Tellez Friday night.

She is a member of TPSA and the Stomp Squad. Outside of school, April enjoys reading and playing video games.



Homecoming King Steven Mendoza and Queen Ailyn Moreno

In the future April plans on enlisting in the Army and becoming a military police officer. She also plans on going to college and majoring in law.

Hannah Cervantes was also a queen nominee. She is the daughter of Jesus Cervantes and is currently 18 years old. Her role model is her grandmother.

Hannah's hobbies include playing soccer and working.

She is an active member of the MPHS HOSA program. After high school she plans to go into the Army. Hannah's favorite class is CNA because it is preparing her for a future career in nursing.

Stacey Henderson is the daughter of Nicole Crumbley and was escorted by Daniel Alvarenga. Stacey is currently 18 years old and her role model is her basket-

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ball coach, Tina Carillo.

Along with basketball, Stacey's hobbies include playing tennis and hanging with her friends. Stacey is an NTHS member and FFA vice president.

After high school Stacey plans on attending the University of North Texas and becoming a physical therapist.

Jennifer Zuniga was also a queen nominee. Jennifer is the daughter of Aldis Zuniga and was escorted Friday night by her brother, Kevin Zuniga. Jennifer is 18 years old and her role model is Gloria Zaldivar.

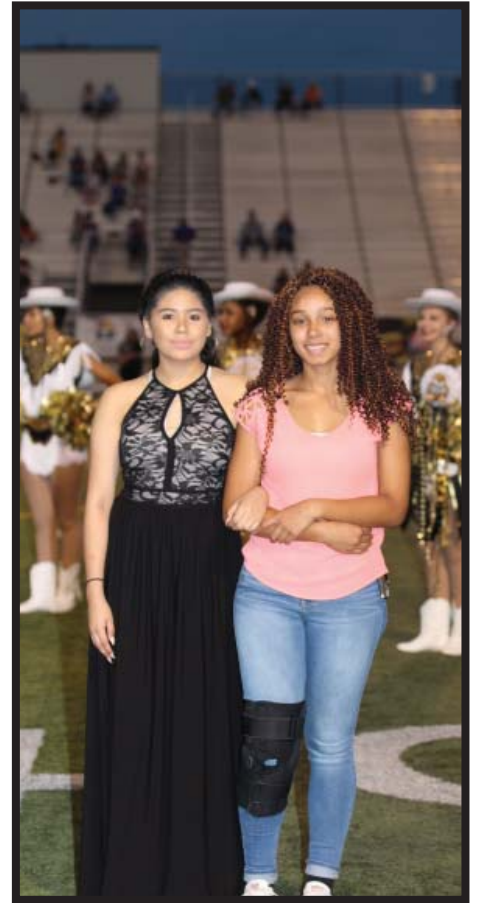
Jennifer is the president of FCA and Ready, Set, Teach. She is currently Student Council Chairman, a member of FCCLA, and a Tiger Doll manager. Outside of school Jennifer enjoys playing soccer and spending time with her youth group and the Kimball's. Jennifer's future plans include becoming a biology teacher and a soccer coach.

This year's crowned Homecoming King was Steven Mendoza. Steven is the son of Maria Velazquez and Esteban Mendoza. He was escorted by his mother.

Steven is 17 years old and is a member of Student Council, NTHS, FBLA, and is currently the Head Drum Major for the MPHS Goin' Gold Band. Steven received superior ratings at State Solo and Ensemble, advanced to state for FBLA, and advanced to All-Region band and on to Area.

After graduating high school Steven plans on attending Texas State University and majoring in Music Education.

Other King nominees were Terrance Allen, Uriel Chanez, Ivan De La Cruz, Enrique Martinez and David Perez Gardea.



April Cisneros

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Hannah Cervantes



Stacey Henderson



Jennifer Zuniga

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Terrance is the son of Celeste Brown and is currently 17 years old. Terrance's role model is his mother.

Terrance plays football and basketball for MPHS and also runs track. After high school, Terrance plans on going to college, playing football, and getting a degree in engineering.

Ivan De La Cruz was also a king nominee. Ivan is the son of Nancy De La Cruz. Ivan is currently 17 years old. He was escorted by his mother Friday night.

Ivan is a member of NHS and his hobbies include buying sneakers and getting money. Ivan plans on getting a good job in the future and buying his mom a new house.

Another king nominee is Enrique Martinez. Enrique is 17 years old and is the son of Enrique and Linda Martinez.

He was escorted Friday night by his mother.

Enrique is currently in the top 10 percent of his class, is class treasurer, UIL president, TPSA president, and a member of NHS. His hobbies include studying, reading, helping others, competing academically and just being the best he can be.

After high school Enrique wants to attend Texas A&M or the University of Texas to get a master's degree in political science and enter law school to become an immigration lawyer.

Uriel Chanez is the son of Alfredo and Magda Chanez. Uriel is currently 17 years old and his role models are his dad and grandpa.

Uriel is involved in electrical trades and soccer at MPHS, and his other hobbies include working, horseback riding, fishing, reading, and



Terrance Allen



Uriel Chanez



David Perez Gardea



Ivan De La Cruz

expanding his knowledge. In the future Uriel plans on going to college and getting certified to be an electrician.

David Perez Gardea is the 17-year-old son of Patricia Gardea and Rafael Perez. He was escorted by his mother.

He is a member of the soccer team and National Honor Society.

His hobbies include working out, going out to eat with friends and drawing and taking photos. His future plans are to become a physical therapist.



Enrique Martinez

Teams pick football sweethearts

By ERIC VASQUEZ
Tigertalk Editor

The 2017-18 sweethearts have been selected by the football players. The sweethearts include: Brizeth Alcalá for varsity, Hannah Cervantes for junior varsity, and Noemy Perez for freshman football.

Daughter of Maria and David Alcalá, senior Brizeth plans to attend college and major in Business. Her favorite subject is English because she enjoys writing.

Alcalá was a Tiger Doll line member for two years and has been previously Freshman and JV Sweetheart.

Alcalá's favorite food is Chicken Alfredo, and her favorite place to eat is Raising Canes.

In the summer, she visited Europe for 10 days, and her favorite place was Florence, Italy. Alcalá would like to thank the football players for voting for her for the third time and allowing her to feel special.

Daughter of Jesus Cervantes, senior Hannah Cervantes is the JV Sweetheart and is a member of HOSA.

She is involved in soccer, CNA, and has a job, but plans to go into the Army.

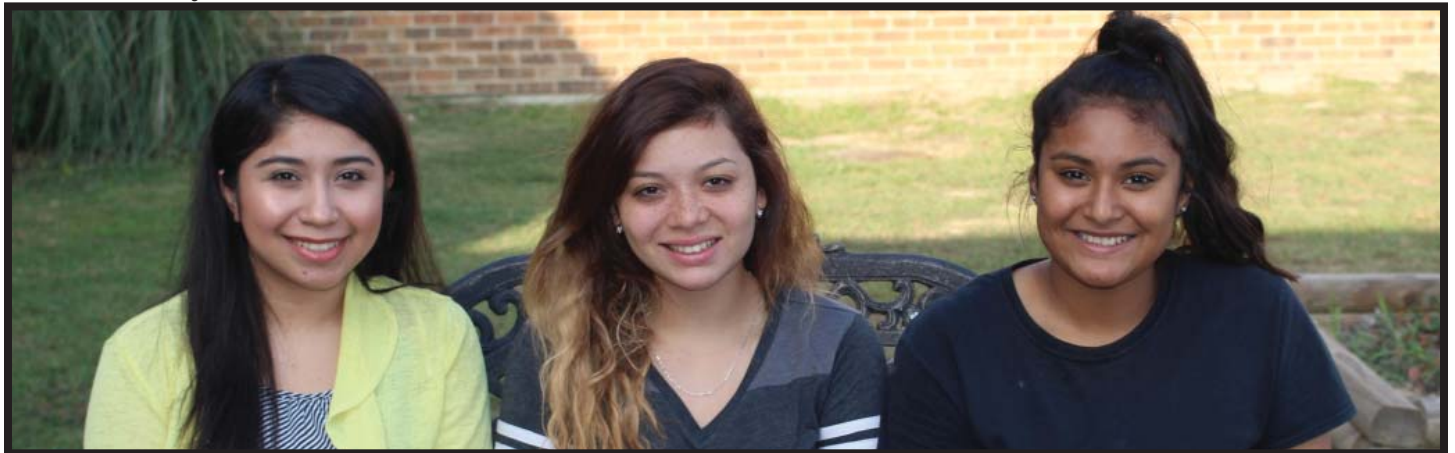
Daughter of Efrain Perez and Lisa Maldonado, freshman Noemy Perez was se-



Hannah Cervantes and Brizeth Alcalá with their crowns at the game. lected as the freshman football sweetheart.

Perez's hobbies include hanging out with her friends

and playing soccer. She plans in becoming a nurse or a doctor and wants to visit Spain.



Sweethearts Brizeth Alcalá, Hannah Cervantes and Noemy Perez.



Homecoming Week

High school welcomes new staff

By **DEBORAH TREJO**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Each year the high school welcomes new teachers, coaches, counselors, etc...

This year more than a dozen new staff members joined the high school.

Erin Bowers, a ninth grade Environmental Systems teacher, has been married for five years to her husband who is also a teacher and coach.

"We have two children, a little boy who is two and a little girl who was born this past June," Bowers said.

Mrs. Bowers has five years of teaching experience and has taught at Tatum, Dangerfield and Mount Vernon. Bowers attended ETBU and received a Bachelor of Science degree. She also played three years of college soccer and a year of college softball.

Shari Cabell is the new school nurse here at the high school. Mrs. Cabell has been a practicing RN for 10 years and previously worked at the Pediatric Clinic for five years. She has also worked at the Nursery at Titus Regional helping deliver babies the past five years. She graduated in 2007 from NTCC with her associates Degree in Nursing. Cabell has been married for 12 years to her husband Josh. They have two children, Jaylie who is seven years old and Bodie who is seven months old.

Chris Coleman, a 10th grade AP World History teacher, attended Stephen F. Austin State University and earned a bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology. Coleman is beginning his eighth year of teaching. He spent his first five teaching years at Gilmer before changing careers for the next 12 years. He then returned to Gilmer



Bowers



Cabell



Coleman



Conley

for the 2014-15 school year and then in Montrose Colo. for the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Coleman has two kids who live with their mom. His daughter is a freshman at the Texas A&M and his son is attending school at Gilmer as a seventh grader. Coleman is also an avid sports fan and participated in athletics during his high school and college years. He was also lucky enough to be an assistant coach of the 2014 Gilmer Football program in which they won state.

Coleman has survived a major motorcycle accident

while riding his 2009 Harley Rocker home on the George Bush Tollway. He suffered extensive time in ICU and had to undergo brain surgery. One evening someone lost a couch right in front of him out of the back of a truck.

"I had three choices, hit the car on my right or on my left or hit the couch. The couch sounded like the best idea at the time," Coleman said.

After recovery, rehab and some time off he has fully recovered and doesn't mind riding again.

Drew Conley is the new
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head baseball coach and is a ninth through 12th grade Credit Recovery teacher. He attended West Texas A&M University. Conley has a wife, Sarah Conley, and a six month old boy named Graham. They currently live in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Conley said, "I have taught for ten years and my previous schools are Mt. Vernon, Cooper and Commerce."

Jerilyn Goolsby is this year's 10th grade counselor. Goolsby has seven years of experience, she was a sixth grade English teacher, a girls coach and was a sixth grade PE teacher at MPJH. She was also a teacher at PE Wallace and a school counselor at Corprew.

Mrs. Goolsby attended East Texas State University and received a bachelor of science degree. She also attended Texas A&M Commerce, and received a M.Ed. Goolsby has been married for 21 years to Greg Goolsby. They have two children, Rustyn Goolsby who is a junior at MPHS and a daughter Grelyn Goolsby who is in eighth grade at MPJH.

Mrs. Goolsby says something interesting that has happened in her life is that "after I married, there are now two Greg's and two Barbara's in our family."

Leaholli Hensley is a new freshman World Geography teacher. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History from Texas A&M-Texas-arkana.

She has two children, Rayne, 11, and Boyd, 7, and one dog named Kratos. An interesting fact about Hensley is she has met a few celebrities.

"I've met several famous people, most of which are in



Goolsby



Hensley



Jean

bands," Hensley said. "The most famous of them currently would be Jared Leto, but my favorite would be the band Mogwai."

In her spare time when not with her children, Hensley said "I like to spend my free time going to concerts and playing roller derby."

Brandi Jean is teaching Health Science for the first time. She's been a nurse for 14 years and previously worked at the Pediatric Clinic in Mount Pleasant for 13 years before coming to MPHS. She also attended NTCC College and received



Jones

her RN degree.

Jean has been married to her high school sweetheart, Mitchell, for 14 years. Jean said, "We have been blessed with three wonderful children, Maggie (11), Anna (9), and Sawyer (2). We live in Bogata and we are very active in our church."

Mrs. Jean is also very excited to be part of the Health Science program at MPHS. "It's an honor to have a small part in the life of our future health care workers," Jean said.

Karon Jones, a ninth grade
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English Language Arts teacher, attended Dallas Baptist University and received a degree in BA in Literature and Secondary Education.

Jones has taught for six years at Palmer ISD and Ennis ISD.

“My first few weeks at MP-ISD has gone very well,” Jones said. “The students are polite, hardworking and eager to learn. We’re having a great time learning how to write essays.”

Jones is divorced, has a 37-year-old son and four grandchildren who are 18, 15, and two nine year olds.

Something interesting about Ms. Jones is that about eight years ago she fell in love with Tennessee Fainting Goats. She now raises these myotonic goats as a hobby.

Britney Lunsford is a new English II teacher this year. This is her first year teaching but she did her student teaching/internship at Central Heights High School. She also attended Stephen F. Austin University and received a Bachelor of Arts .

Ms. Lunsford has no children of her own but she does have a niece and a nephew that she loves to spoil. Ms. Lunsford says “I once met Christopher Paolini, the author of the Inheritance Cycle (also known as “The Eragon books).”

Anthony Moore is experiencing his first year as a freshman skills teacher. He attended Greenville University where he earned a degree in sports management. Moore also taught at Price-Carlisle for three years.

He has a wife, Lynleigh Taylor Moore, and a daughter who is six months old. Moore adores his daughter.

“The most interesting thing
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Lunsford



Rocha

in my life has been having the most precious angel of a daughter in this past year,” Moore said.

Patsy Rocha is experiencing her first year teaching English II and English I camp. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Science. Something interesting about her is that she is a freelance writer on the side, who has had work published for online magazines. Rocha is a single parent of two children, a son who is 12 and is in sixth grade and a daughter who is in sixth grade.

Her son attends Wallace



Moore



Sterrett

and is in band playing percussion. He also plays basketball. While on the other hand her daughter loves to read and dance Jazz and Hip Hop at Ravens Dance Factory.

Jamey Sterrett, a Band/All level Director, has a number of degrees, including a bachelor’s degree in Music Education which he earned at Cum Laude from East Texas Baptist University. He also has an master’s degree in music, in Saxophone performance (Master of Music in

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saxophone performance) which he earned from The University of North Texas. Sterett has a wife, Ashley Sterett, and this is his second year teaching. He previously worked at Paul Pewitt CISD from 2011-2012.

Jace Sturgill is the new Theatre Arts teacher. He worked part time in Marshall this spring as an AVID tutor and substitute. Sturgill attended an Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce. He also received a Bachelor of Science in Theatre, Cum Laude with Honors and Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies focusing in Music and Education.

Sturgill is the youngest of four siblings (one brother and two sisters). His father was an Air Traffic Controller for twenty years and now has an ATC Management Staff in DFW. His mother runs a pet rescue and rehab and all three siblings work in a hospital in some regard field (nurse, sterilization tech, and scribe manager/trainer)

“My parents raised me on a farm in Pickton but slowly transformed it into a pet rescue and rehab,” Sturgill said. “They currently have ten dogs in residence, this summer, I adopted one of them. Lily (named after Harry Potter’s mom) is a three year old terrier mix.”



Sturgill

Choir students earn All-Region honors

Choir students junior Alyssa Reynolds and freshman Jonathan Swiger have earned places in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-Region Choir.

Senior Abby Sneed placed as an alternate for All-Region Choir.

To earn a place in the choir, the three each had to sing a solo piece before a panel of judges, not an easy task for a high school student.

“I am proud of Jonathan, Alyssa and Abby for putting in the extra hours of practice to prepare for the audition and congratulate each of them,” MPHS Choir Director Luke Dean said.

“Jonathan and Alyssa will perform at the



From left are Reynolds, Swiger and Sneed.

All-Region Choir Concert November 11 in Mt. Pleasant and will audition for Pre-Area November 28 in Gilmer. Abby may also have

the opportunity to audition in Gilmer in November.”

Swiger is a tenor 2 while Alyssa and Abby are alto 1’s.

Band preparing hard for state year

By **REBECCA YOX**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The band's show this year is entitled "You Can't Hyde" based on "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." It is a state year so the band is practicing hard to prepare.

"This year the band is more balanced and blended," Dr. Cook said. "I think the thematic of the show has increased. We have our directors who are very specialized in their field to help with the show."

The band has a new employee this year. Mr. Jamey Sterrett has a bachelor in music education from ETBU and a master in saxophone performance from UNT. He previously taught at Paul Pewitt as assistant band director and also head middle school band director.

"I am extremely excited to be starting this year at the high school campus." Mr.



Drum Majors Addison Hunter, Steven Mendoza and Allan Ruan.

Sterrett said "The students have been welcoming and I'm looking forward to a great year."

He is also taking over Mr. Tagg's position of Jazz band director.

"The Jazz band has a full performance schedule for the year." Mr. Sterrett said "We will perform several times throughout the community in addition to band concerts."

Band students earn All-Region awards

Seven Goin' Gold Band members have earned placement in the All-Region Honor Jazz Band: three Juniors (Carlos Lopez – trombone, Jose Martinez – trumpet, and Maria Mendez – trombone) and four Seniors (Jesus Garrett – trombone, Addison Hunter – bass guitar/upright bass, Blake Moulton – Drums and Allan Ruan – alto saxophone).

This is the second year in a row that Garrett, Hunter and Mendez have earned position in the All-Region Jazz Band.

The seven Mount Pleasant High School make up 41% of the All-Region Jazz Band. MPHS students earned one of the two alto saxophone positions, one of the four trumpet positions,



From left are Moulton, Hunter, Ruan, Mendez, Garrett, Lopez and Martinez.

three of the four trombone positions, the only drummer and only bass guitarist in the band.

"Auditioning for the All-Region Jazz Band is not easy. Each student auditions individually before a pan-

el of judges," said Dr. Judi Saxton, MPISD's Director of Communications. "The District is extremely proud of this group of young musicians who took on that challenge and we congratulate them on their success."



From left are Emily Rios, Odalys Macedo, Leslie Camaal, Itzel Vargas and Rocio Hernandez.

Colorguard's show features story of Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde

By ODALYS MACEDO
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The Mount Pleasant Goin' Gold Band's halftime show this year is titled "You Can't Hyde" based on the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

The colorguard team will be portraying Mr. Hyde through the show.

The halftime show has been an experience to all members and has been a hit each game.

Captain Peyton McClendon said what she likes best about the new halftime show is, "Just getting to perform and feel I am someone else, becoming the character."

Junior Squad Leader Jorge Banda said the group is extending its boundaries.

"What I like about this year's halftime show is the fact that we are pushing ourselves unlike past years," Banda said.

With the show leaving many people excited for more to come from both the band and colorguard, the members are also looking forward to what this year

has to offer!

McClendon said she is, "looking forward to the competitions since it is a state year," and with it being a state year, the stakes are extremely high for the band and the guard, but the work everyone puts will sure pay off.

With this being many members last year on the team, many things have changed since their first year.

"The numbers have changed for sure, but I also feel like we have gotten closer over the years that I have been on guard," Peyton says.

Also with many changes in the team, the growth certainly has expanded, especially in the past two years. With 55 members this year, there are mixed feelings from the officers.

"With the growth in team members, having such a big team can be really stressful," Banda said.

While Captain Peyton says, "more and more people are getting introduced to guard and I'm getting to make

even more friends with people I'd probably never have gotten to know."

After an exhausting marching season, the colorguard will be preparing for winterguard season and plan the team's theme.

With the preparation of winterguard comes with plans from the officers, McClendon says that her plan is, "To be able to show every guard member's talent that they possess.

"Work harder to lead my team to victory, be amazing, and just make sure everyone in the end is having fun!" she said.

Banda said his goal is to become the best officer possible.

"To be the best officer I can be and help the team be the best that they can be," Banda said.

If you would like to see the Mount Pleasant's Goin' Gold Band featuring the Colorguard's finished halftime show, make sure to go to the varsity football games.



Cheerleaders form a pyramid before a football game.

Cheerleaders have stayed busy since attending summer camp

By **MATTHEW ARMSTRONG**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The cheerleaders have been very busy this year since the beginning of summer when they attended UCA summer cheer camp at Great Wolf Lodge.

They left with three spirit sticks, a superior ribbon, two gold superior ribbons, and the Top Banana award. This is the “most coveted award to win at summer camp,” Head Cheer Coach Stephen Harmon said.

Harmon is serving her first year as the head cheer coach although she has been with the team four years. When she first got offered the job she was “unsure” if she was “capable of taking on the task.”

There are many challenges when transitioning positions on a team and “the jump from assistant to head coach is huge,” Harmon said. She also went on to say that it has been a “change for the good.” With the change also came an “amazing assistant coach... who has been by my side every step of the way,” Harmon said.

Tammie Tigert a Pre-AP Chemistry teach-

er and Geology instructor at NTCC, was named the new assistant cheer coach.

A fortune cookie read “Be daring, try something new,” so she did. When asked about taking the position she “laughed and said ‘Oh No!’”

Weeks later she found herself at “after-school practices,” “summer cheer camp and preparing for football season.” She faced some challenges when talking on a job of this magnitude from “managing my time” between her teaching, cheer, and her family she was “multitasking more than ever before.” She goes on to say that “the dedicated group of girls make it enjoyable. We have an extremely positive vibe...that has banded us together.”

The cheerleaders do an amazing job year round supporting every event and making sure our school has Tiger pride at all times. When asked why they liked being a cheerleader they responded with many different answers.

Head Cheerleader **Emily Bonilla** said,
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“It’s a good way to spread positivity and school spirit.”

Being a cheerleader gives students the opportunity to be part of the school and support the many different teams and organizations on campus.

“I like being a cheerleader because it gets me involved greatly in the activities... and allows me to grow mentally,” Varsity Cheerleader Ali Grace Merritt said.

Cheer Captain Bailey Sisk enjoys the bond that comes from being a cheerleader.

“Everything we do together is enjoyable because we love each other’s presence,” Sisk said.

Along with the cheerleaders the managers face many different challenges throughout the year.

“Trying accomplish everything that needs to be done in a timely manner and make sure it’s correct can be difficult at times,” Head Manager Hannah Gage said.

Being a cheerleader is taxing as it takes up a lot of their time.

“The biggest challenge I face...is our overwhelming schedule,” Sisk said, “thanks to our coaches” we “receive a calendar a month ahead of time” helping us make proper arrangements.

Football season is known for its Friday Night Lights and our cheerleaders never fail to make their Tiger spirit known at every game.

“My favorite part of cheering on Friday nights is to see all of the young girls/boys that look up to you,” Merritt said, “It makes you feel so good on the inside to know you are a role model for kids.”



From left are varsity cheerleaders Kamille Gill, Emily Bonilla, Mallory Campbell and Bailey Sisk.

There are many things that go into making Fridays successful during football season and one way the cheerleader get their fellow students pumped up for the game is through spirit days and posters.

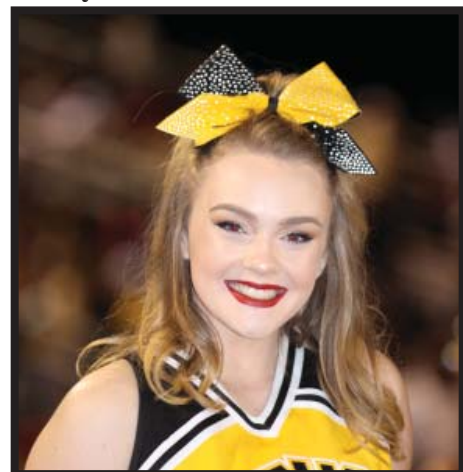
“It’s a good way to support our football boys,” Bonilla said.

Every Thursday there is a different theme for the spirit days, and there is always a chance you may win something if you participate.

“I like to encourage kids to participate,” Merritt said, “first of all by telling them there’s a prize for the best dressed and secondly telling them these are days you’ll never get back.”

The cheerleaders are a group on campus that supports everyone and football is just one of many different sporting groups that they rally up and keep the spirit alive for.

“I look forward to...our cheer UIL competition in the winter,” Gage said, although it can be “stressful it also brings the team together and we make great new



Merritt

memories we will cherish forever.”

The cheerleaders will attend UIL Competition later on in the year and expect great things to come from it.

“I am looking forward to attending our UIL competition,” Sisk said, “We placed 12th out of 112 teams last year...so I am excited to perform and hopefully improve this year.”

Our cheer team never fails to make anyone feel the spirit that comes with being a Tiger. They continue to bring school spirit to our campus and make those in the community feel what it’s like to be a Tiger!



The Tiger Dolls perform a routine during halftime of one of the football games.

Broach takes over as Tiger Dolls director

By **PAYTON TYLER**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The Tiger Dolls are under the guidance of a new director, Mrs. Jatón Broach. We asked a few of the Tiger Dolls how the transition from the former director to Mrs. Broach has been.

“My biggest adjustment would be more strict rules that benefit the team,” Head Sergeant, and Junior, Jenny Carmona said.

Captain, Senior, Rachel Sharp said, “Mrs. Broach is very organized and forces me and my officers to stay on task and get things done.” Mrs. Broach is enjoying her first year as Tiger Doll director, “I love it, and it has been a smooth transition.”

One major thing that the Tiger Dolls value is traditions. “Being a former Tiger Doll, I know how important those traditions are, so it was easy for me to not want to change things that have been in place for many years.” Broach said.

While keeping many traditions, Broach has also instilled some changes.

She plans to bring month-



Broach

ly socials, a Christmas Tea, sideline kick off, and logo stadium seats to the team’s list of traditions.

This upcoming year is very exciting for the Tiger Dolls of Northeast Texas. We asked what the audience has to look forward to this football season.

“They can look forward and expect a Streamer routine to Back in Black, and a High Kick to She’s Got Legs,”

Broach said.

The Tiger Dolls are also travelling to New York City in March.

“I’m excited for the entire experience and I’m excited to share the opportunity with my dancers,” Broach said.

The Tiger Doll Officers are top notch when it comes to assisting and leading this team of girls. Broach had many positive remarks about the officers.

She described them to be talented, hardworking, respectful, and they have helped make this a smooth transition.

This summer the director took her officer line to camp in Rockwall. There they won the Gussie Neil Davis Team of the Day award, Grand Champion Dance Officers award, and Diamond Sweepstakes award.

They also won many individual awards, such as All-American Dance Team (Payton Tyler, Rachel Sharp, and Abigail Amerson), All-American Honorable Mention (Zannah Hutching, and Harper Davis), and Outstanding Dance Performer (Rachel Sharp).

Math teacher deployed to Kuwait

Griner also aided when Harvey hit South Texas

By **ERIC VASQUEZ**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

High school math teacher and National Guard Sergeant Jennifer Griner has been deployed to serve for 12 months stationed in Kuwait.

“I will be traveling to 20 other countries to provide logistic support for troops stationed there,” Griner said.

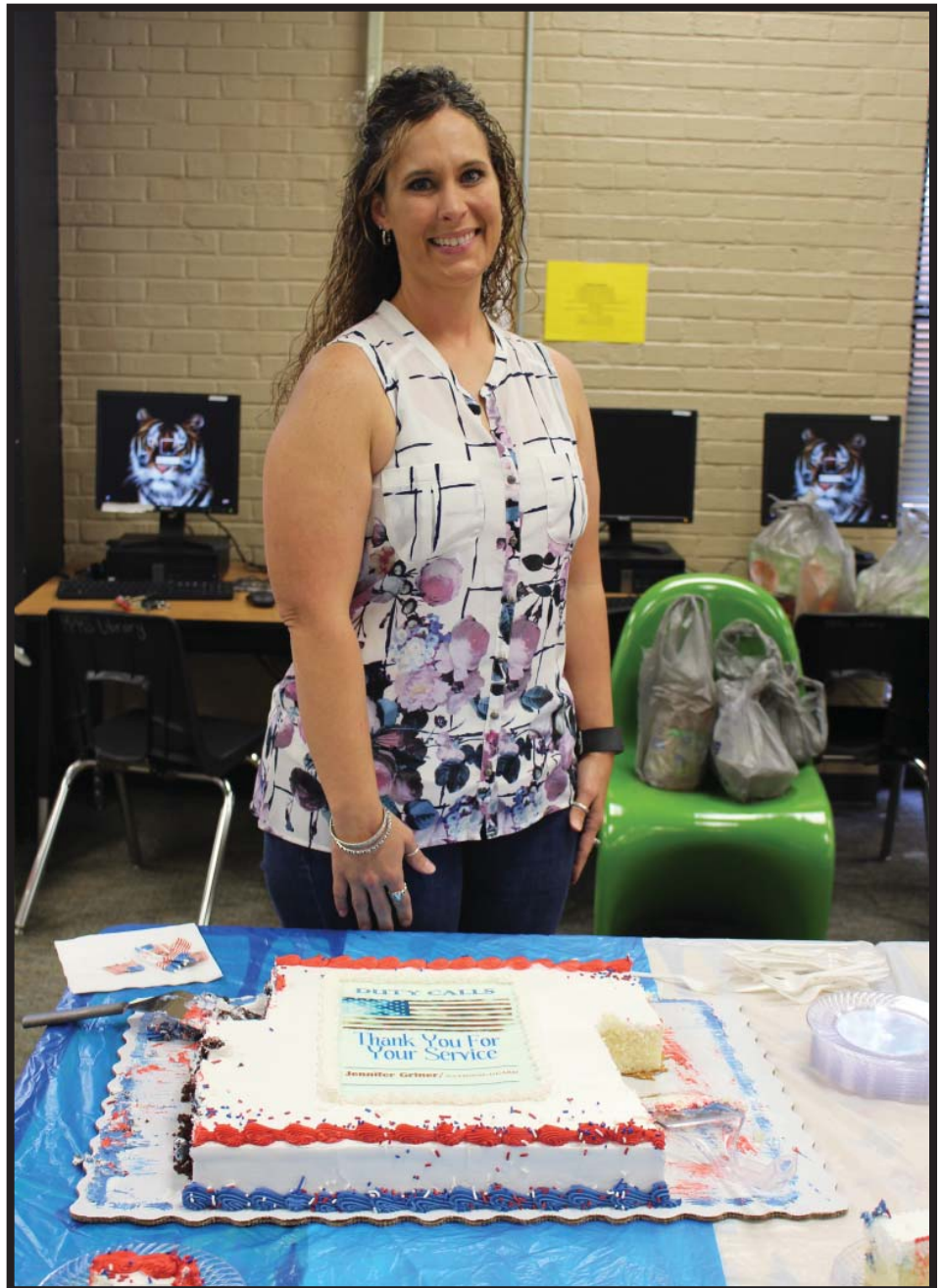
Griner’s primary job is logistics ensuring that all the soldiers within the company have the supplies they need for day to day operations.

“I order, receive, and issue supplies to individual soldiers, as well as for the Battalion when conducting field missions,” Griner said.

“I provide inventory control, inventory tracking and management, as well as logistic support for the company; at times, the battalion which includes 5 different companies across Texas.”

Griner has previously been deployed to South Texas to assist with the wreckage of Hurricane Harvey that happened earlier this year.

“It was an amazing



Griner was honored with a going-away party before her departure.

opportunity to help the citizens of Texas when they needed us the most,” Griner said. “It was a wonderful feeling when pulling a little kid and they wrap their arms around you.”

The hardest part about being stationed in another country for Griner is not being able to be

with her family.

“Technology such as Skype help us keep in touch,” Griner said. “It won’t be the same as me being at home. However, my boys are very independent and resilient. They will get through this deployment with the help of family and friends.”

MP cross country girls win district title; boys get third

By ODALYS MACEDO
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Before the 2017-2018 school year started, many organizations had an early head start to prepare for the upcoming season.

One of these groups was cross country, and it paid off recently as the girls won the district title and the boys took third. Both teams qualified for the regional meet.

With cross country practices starting in the summer, many of the runners have put a lot of time and effort in being the best they can be.

“Every Monday-Friday, we had practice from 7:30-8:30AM” says Martina Ramirez, and senior varsity member Juan Ottino says “Too many to count” when asked how many hours he practiced in the summer.

Even with school, the dedication the members is unreal.

Varsity member Martina Ramirez said she practices “every morning at 6:30-7:45 and every afternoon from 4:00-5:30.”

With all the work the members put in at every practice and meet, comes school achievements, as well as personal accomplishments.

“Since I have joined cross country in 7th grade, I have improved and I am proud of that,” Ramirez said.

Ottino said he is proud of his time improvement.

“To see the gradual improvement over the years is fulfilling,” Ottino said.

At district, the varsity girls, JV girls and JV boys all took first place and the varsity boys third.

At the Titus County Fair



Lady Tigers cross country members.



Members of the boys cross country team.

Invitational meet, the varsity girls’ placed first and the varsity boys took second. Both JV teams were first.

For the varsity girls, Jasmine Martinez placed 1st with a time of 19:28.36, Estela Dorantes 2nd with a time of 19:39.07, Zaydie Garrett 4th at 20:50.07, Ramirez 5th in 20:53, Jennifer Soto 7th with 21:06.47, Grasiela Gaona placed 9th

at 21:06.47, Lissette De Jesus 19th with 22:30.28, and Paula Flores with 23:26.52.

For varsity boys, Israel Hernandez placed 3rd with 16:17.85, Hugo Valdez 7th with 16:55.52, Jose Mendoza 13th with 17:16.39, Osbaldo Benitez 16th with 17:43.43, Christian Flores 17th with 17:48.29, and Hector Escobar 21st with

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Football team hope hard works pays off

By KARSON HUTCHINGS
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The football team is in the middle of the 2017-2018 season and have been working very hard under the direction of Head Coach Corey Homer.

"I feel we are going to have a positive season and make some history," senior Austin Mitchell said.

The hard work and dedication from the Tigers this season has been astonishing. "My prediction for the season is that we go 5-5 and make it to playoffs because once again we have potential," Mitchell said.

To play on the field you must participate at practice. The Tigers have practice through 8th period until 5:45pm on Monday through Thursdays.

As much as practice is important of the progress of the team, it is not always fun and games; there's lots of hard work that goes into practice.

"The hardest part is putting everything out on the field and then going straight into conditioning," Mitchell said.

After countless hours of practice during the week, the Tigers prep for game time. Focus is key to a majority of player and coaches. Focus mixed with a little pre-game prep can do wonders for the performance under the Friday night lights.

"Coach Homer screaming at us and hyping us up, as well as everybody being in the same place," Mitchell said.

From the time the score board says 12 minutes in the 1st quarter to 0 seconds in the fourth, the Tigers must be locked in and ready to play with everyone having to contribute.



Homer talks to his team before they take the field.

"Do your job. Trust the man beside you, and WIN!" Mitchell said.

Morris said Terrance Allen is the heart of the team.

"Without him, we would be boring and we wouldn't have a team captain," Quarterback Josh Morris said.

There has been so much

work put in to the season so far so the players expect many things out of the season.

"My goal is to receive an All-District honor," Morris said.

The regular season for the Tigers will end on Nov.10th against the Greenville Lions.

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17:57.81.

For JV girls, Christina Gordon placed 1st with 14:28.14, Buendy Fraire placed 2nd with 14:42.11, Lizbeth Moreno 3rd with 14:49.25, Danniela Poragua 4th with 15:03.69, Zaira Reyes 5th with 15:07.16, Haydee Roman 7th with 15:35.63, Maritza Gonzalez 8th with 15:35.63, Brooklyn Mata with 16:04.54, Yessenia Serna with 16:37.33, Ashley Rodriguez with 17:27.27, Katia Lopez with 17:57.21, and Hailey Dixon with 18:44.29.

For the JV boys, Rogelio Garcia placed 2nd with 18:22.42, Jose Rosas 5th with 18:37.06, Abel Bernardi 11th with 19:10.72, Martin Ponce 17th with 19:17.35, Heirberto Vargas 24th with 19:45.59, Christian Cabrera 25th with 19:45.7, Wyatt Brandon 64th 22:17.18, and Osbaldo Regalado with 28:02.33.



Senior Lady Tigers are honored during their final home game.

Volleyball team about to wrap up season

By **KARSON HUTCHINGS**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

The volleyball team is wrapping up their season as they are almost done with district play.

It's been a successful season for Mount Pleasant as they did well in non-district and should finish in the top five in district.

Averie Ayers, a junior, shows her love of volleyball on the court. After putting in countless hours of practice over the summer, Ayers has bettered herself as well as her team. She expresses her expectations for the upcoming season.

"I feel we are working well together and becoming a stronger team," Ayers said.

As expressed by Ayers, she thinks her team is very good. So good, in fact, she had some trouble picking only one person to say is the playmaker of the team.

"We are all play-makers as a team," Ayers said. She may not be able to pick a playmaker, but she had no trouble saying who she believes is the heart of the team.

"The coaches, Stewart, Dungan, Morales, Bowers, and Stansell. They are always pushing us to be better," Ayers said.

Senior Erika Vargas said all players encourage each other and have contributed to the success of the team.

To be as good as the Lady Tigers, you have to put in a lot of work. Practice is the place the team grows the most as players.

The best part of practice is "When it's over... just kidding, when we play games that have to do with volleyball," Ayers said.

As much as practice is important of the bettering of the team, it is not always fun and games. There's lots of hard work that goes into practice. Ayers expresses the most dreaded part of practice.

The hardest part of practice for Ayer is "conditioning, also known as crossfit."

Vargas agreed with Ayers.



Averie Ayers serves the ball.

"We all despise conditioning," Vargas said.

After countless hours of practice during the week, the Lady Tigers are ready for game time. Ayers explains her thought process during the game.

"Set my feet before I set the ball, and move your feet on defense"

The Lady Tigers have put in so much work to get in the position they are at now.

"My main goal is to play better defense," Ayers said.

Ayers is just one strong player of the volleyball team. As a team they play better, stronger, and harder. The Lady Tigers are always pushing and encouraging each other on and off the court. That encouragement shows how well they play on the court. The Lady Tigers recently honored their seniors. They included Keren Mendoza, Alexis Nance, Erika Vargas, Hailyn Blackstone, Mauryanna Gholston, Blakely Cheek and Keily Castanon.

Three inducted into Hall of Fame

By **SONYA ROBERTS-WOODS**

Three recipients were honored Oct. 13 as part of the Fourth Annual Mount Pleasant Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

This year's honorees include alumnus D'Marcus Brown and Robby Hampton and former Head Baseball Coach Henry Garza. Each inductee was recognized prior to kick off of the home game against Marshall. The Hall of Famers

also served as honorary captains and participate in the pre-game coin toss. Portraits of each inductee will later be displayed in the hallway of the Willie Williams Gymnasium.

D'Marcus Brown

A 1997 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, D'Marcus Brown, who also played basketball as a Tiger, holds three state titles in track. During his high school years, the six-foot hurdler sailed over most of his competition at every level of UIL sports competition. Before earning his diploma, Brown also managed to receive a first place win in the 110 hurdles and two in the 300 hurdles.

He also placed second in the 110 hurdles, got a third place trophy in the 110 hurdles, a second place win in the 300 hurdles and took third place as part of the Tigers mile-relay team.

"One of the best things about playing at Mount Pleasant was the closeness everyone had," Brown said. "Every sport seemed like a professional competition back then. Everyone left it on the field and we were not satisfied until we won it all. Sharing the experience with my classmates in the mile relay was a highlight for me while I was in high school as well as enjoying my senior year in basketball."

After a stellar high school career, Brown landed a full track scholarship to the University of Arkansas. With the Razorbacks, his main two races were in the 110 and 400 hurdles.

"I had a great collegiate experience, but the highlight was becoming an All American in the 110 hurdles at the 2000 NCAA Championship by getting fifth place. In that meet, I was running against the best that qualified collegiately. It wasn't just the state it was the United

States."

After a disappointing end to his Razorback career in Fayetteville, Brown worked in sev-

eral successful job fields before finally returning to his alma mater years later to earn his bachelor's degree in sociology.

"My (college) career didn't



end the way that I dreamed, so I think that experience molded me to not miss out on opportunities," Brown said. "In the job that I have now, I guide youth to not make some of the mistakes that I've made. I guide them to make better decisions and to set themselves up for success."

Today Brown resides in Prairie Grove, Arkansas with his wife of almost two years, Kessia Brown, and their three-month-old daughter Lillian Grace Brown. He works as a juvenile officer for Washington County in Arkansas.

Henry Garza

After 40 years as a teacher, coach and administrator in Texas public schools, Henry Garza retired earlier this year. Spending half of that successful career as an educator in Mount Pleasant, Garza led a team to a state championship in baseball fifteen years after the school won its first title in the same sport.

As a Mount Pleasant High School teacher and coach from 1979-1998, Henry Garza taught health, driver's education and Spanish. He also served as an assistant principal his last two years at Mount Pleasant High School. Garza, who wore many hats, also served as the girls head basketball coach and assistant football coach for a number of seasons. But it was his career as head baseball coach from 1981-1998 that sealed his fate as a history maker.

Garnering 340 wins as head baseball coach, Garza also guided his teams to six district titles, eight bi-district honors, seven area championships, four regional quarterfinal championships and a state championship for Mount Pleasant in baseball in 1993. During his stellar

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career, Garza was also selected to coach North All Stars in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game held at the Astrodome in Houston.

“My most memorable moment while in Mount Pleasant was winning the state championship,” he said. “I still reminisce daily about my memories coaching Tiger baseball. It is a huge part of who I am. At MPHS, I built up a bond with the players and community over a 20-year career that is still very dear to my heart.”

A graduate of Lubbock Christian University (LCU) where he played baseball for four years, he also received a master’s degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

“My freshman year at LCU was the first year LCU had a baseball team,” he said, “so we started the program. By the time my senior year came around, we had built a very formidable baseball program. We even beat national power the University of Texas. LCU continues to have an elite baseball program. My experience at LCU was obviously very different as I was a player versus a coach.”

“I probably would not have attended college if it were not for a scholarship to play baseball,” he said. And if I would not have attended college, I would not have been able to be involved in education and coaching for so many years. Being involved in athletics has molded me in to the man I am today. It taught me to work hard and overcome any obstacles that life throws at me. Those are lessons I tried to pass on to all of the players I was fortunate enough to coach.”

“I am truly humbled to be inducted in to the Mount Pleasant Athletic Hall of Fame,” Garza said. “I am forever indebted to all the athletes I was fortunate enough to coach. Without them, I would not be



Coach Homer congratulates the new Hall of Fame members.

receiving this honor.

Garza offers this helpful advice to all high school students.

“Find something you love and are good at, surround yourself with great people and continue to work hard no matter what obstacles you may face.”

Garza, who now resides in Pflugerville, is married to his wife of 44 years, Sonia, and they have two children. Elizabeth (MPHS Class of 1993) is a speech therapist in Austin. Their son David (MPHS Class of 1998) is an attorney in Fort Worth. Henry and Sonia Garza also have five grandchildren: Evan, Sofia, Emma, Jacob, and Luke.

Robby Hampton

Robby Hampton enjoyed successes in multiple sports not only in high school, but at both the collegiate level and minor league. A 1994 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School, Hampton represented the Tigers well in football, basketball and baseball.

“I was fortunate to be a part of successful teams while playing for some great men,” Hampton said. “Some of these successes included an undefeated district season my sophomore year in basketball under Coach Ted Heers in his first season at Mount Pleasant.

We also had an 8-3 season with a trip to the playoffs my senior year under Coach Marc McDaniel who was also in his first year coaching at Mount Pleasant and we won a state baseball championship my junior year under Coach Henry Garza.”

After high school, Hampton signed a professional baseball contract with the Toronto Blue Jays and played minor league baseball for four seasons before receiving a football scholarship with the University of Arkansas Razorbacks. As quarterback at Arkansas, Hampton’s greatest memory on the gridiron was a win over Alabama. Hampton also has several fond memories as a young athlete growing up in Mount Pleasant.

“My fondest sports memories are of playing Dixie Youth baseball and playing high school sports at MPHS,” Hampton said. “My greatest memories of playing sports at MPHS are the relationships that were formed through hard work and competition. The morals and principles of hard work and accountability taught by my parents were reinforced during my time of playing sports for these coaches while at Mount Pleasant.

“I remember some of the big
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20 Questions With Mrs. Houchin

By HARPER DAVIS
Tigertalk Staff Writer

In each issue of Tigertalk a different teacher is featured. This year's issue features Mrs. Kristi Houchin, who teaches Anatomy and Physiology and heads up the CNA Certification classes.

1. How long have you been a teacher at MPHS?

Starting my 7th year at MPHS

2. What subject do you teach?

Practicum II- CNA and Anatomy/ Physiology

3. What made you want to become a teacher?

To help students learn about the medical field.

4. Where did you attend high school and what was your favorite part about it?

Mt. Pleasant High School/ Tiger Dolls and softball

5. Where did you go to college and what was your major?

University of Texas at Tyler/ Bachelor of Science in Nursing

6. What is the most memorable thing you have experienced in the medical field?

How my patients have impacted my life.

7. What is your favorite book?

The Shack and Same Kind of Difference As Me

8. If a student was to walk away from your classroom only remembering one thing, what would you hope that one thing is?

To have gained knowledge of the medical field and where they would like to study.

9. As a child, what was your dream job?

Lawyer

10. What is your dream vacation?



Houchin

Somewhere by the ocean.

11. What are your hobbies outside of school?

Outdoor recreation and attending my children's sporting events

12. Do you have any pets? If so, what are they? If not, how come?

One dog named Sugar

13. What is your favorite color and why?

I really don't have a favorite color.

14. What do you enjoy most about MPHS?

The family atmosphere in the CTE building

15. What is your favorite movie or TV show and what do you like about it?

With three children in the house, I don't get to watch TV like I did at one time.

16. If you were given one million dollars, what would you do?

Pay off debt, invest, and keep working

17. What is your favorite thing to do when you get home?

Enjoy my family

18. What is your experience in the medical field?

Medical office and Home Health

19. If you came back in your next life as an animal, what animal would you want to be?

Horse- their grace, strength, and beauty

20. If you were stranded on an island and could only have three things for survival, what three items would you pick?

Matches, knife, and my family

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games, some of the wins and losses and the fans rocking and rattling the gym at Brice Gymnasium. I remember the excitement of making the football playoffs for the first time in two years when Coach McDaniel and his staff came in and turned the program around. I remember the trips deep into the state baseball playoffs and I definitely remember winning the state baseball championship my junior year.

"But with all of these memories, what I think of most are the guys that I played with and the men that coached those teams. I love those guys, and I am still thankful to this day for the opportunity to play with and be coached by those guys. Through our successes and failures as a team, I learned how to be a teammate. My experiences in athletics, both good and bad, have helped formed the best parts of who I am today."

Hampton, who resides in Mount Pleasant, is married to Carrie, his wife of 23 years. They have three children: Faith, 15, Luke, 13 and Eva, 10.

He is a speech language pathologist and holds a master's degree in communication disorders from the University of Arkansas.

Student Spotlight: Matthew Armstrong

By REBECCA YOX
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Matthew Armstrong is involved in many organizations including Student Council, HOSA, UIL, Yearbook and Newspaper, but the one that has made the most impact on him is FBLA.

"FBLA has opened the doors for me and has allowed me to grow as a person and as a leader," Matthew said.

Matthew is not only the junior class president, but also the vice president of FBLA.

"Being the vice president of FBLA is the main reason that pushed me to run for junior class president," Matthew said.

Matthew learned about FBLA from taking Mr. Whitten his sophomore year and joined immediately.

"It was by far one of the best decisions I have made," Matthew said.

Matthew plans to major in Graphic Design and Business, something FBLA will prepare him for.

"I have high hopes this year for FBLA," Matthew said. "There are many people who are joining this year, and I think we will be very successful."

There is a variety of FBLA events and this year, Matthew is doing the American Enterprise Project.

"My personal goal for FBLA this year is to become an Area and State officer and work towards making it to Nationals," Matthew said.



Armstrong

TCSSA Special Ed opens up Tigers Cup Coffee Shop

The Tigers Cup, operated by TCSSA Special Education Department students and staff opened in September and is located at the Administration Building training room area.

The Tigers Cup is a coffee shop that specializes

in fresh roasted ground coffee beans for our hot flavored lattes. We also have flavored Keurig coffees, teas and hot chocolate. Muffins, yogurt, oatmeal, granola bars and cookies are also a great breakfast treat we serve.

This is an awesome op-

portunity for our students to gain additional employable, marketable skills as the students take orders, prepare coffees, prepare the orders for delivery and deliver items to the staff/customers. Students keep the coffee shop clean and organized as well as keep all supplies stocked.

The Tigers Cup is another extension of the classroom to learn marketable and employable skills in a real world working environment along with TCSSA Career Training Center and The Tigers Thrift Store that are also an extension to the classroom.

They are open Monday – Friday 7:30 am-10 am. 903-434-8600 or Ext: 1055 Drop by and let our Lil Tiger bring you a hot latte to your car.



Special Ed Department is ready to serve up coffee.



FFA Education Day!



Campus Spotlight-MPJH

New gym nearly constructed

By ERIC VASQUEZ
Tigertalk Editor

With a new school year in full swing comes many changes in the junior high.

Over the last few years, the Junior High has received many grants for the construction of a new gymnasium, replacement of carpets and new paint on walls.

“Other grants were used for student activities and technology in the classroom,” Principal Kelli Glenn. “Of course, we could not be more excited for the opening of our new gymnasium coming this fall.”

The new gymnasium is planned to be open by November, and the Andy Morris Gymnasium will be used for practice and other events hosted by the school.

“Our competition gym received new score boards two years ago, we will be resurfacing the gym floor this coming summer, and are finding other ways to update the facility,” Glenn said. “The new gym will allow us more space for our athletic groups, PE classes, and any future tournaments we are



Exterior of new Junior High Gym.

able to host.”

The students are also busy preparing for competitions throughout the year in various events.

“Throughout the fall our students participate in athletics, band, choir, and debate competitions,” Glenn said.

“Our 8th graders will be participating in the LEAP Expo at the Civic Center in October. Our UIL participants will be practicing in the fall for their early spring meet and drama will compete in the One-Act Compe-

tion in November.”

Aside from the students preparing themselves for competitions, teachers and administrators play an important role in helping these students reach their goals.

“We work to hire great teachers and continue to grow and train our staff throughout every school year,” Kelly said.

“We support our teachers in building relationships with their students so that we can emphasize their strengths and set academic goals.”

The principal and her administrative team are always available to the parents and are committed in ensuring their staff is giving everything they can each and every day for the student’s education.

“Junior High students are the best in my opinion, they come to us as children and leave as young adults,” Kelly said. “Our students are learning academically while discovering their interests and talents. It is rewarding to get to know them and still watch them as they continue throughout high school.”



Students display winning art work from Titus County Fair.

Campus Spotlight-Wallace Middle School undergoing renovation

By MATTHEW ARMSTRONG
Tigertalk Staff Writer

P.E. Wallace Middle School has had many changes in the past months. A complete renovation is underway and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2018.

The front of the school has a completely different look as well as many of the classrooms.

Sixth grade English Language Arts teacher Dana Armstrong has the task of moving into a temporary room until hers is complete only “unpacked the necessary items” for the start of the year. The renovation has “been a little loud at times” but has also taught both the students and herself the “importance of flexibility.”

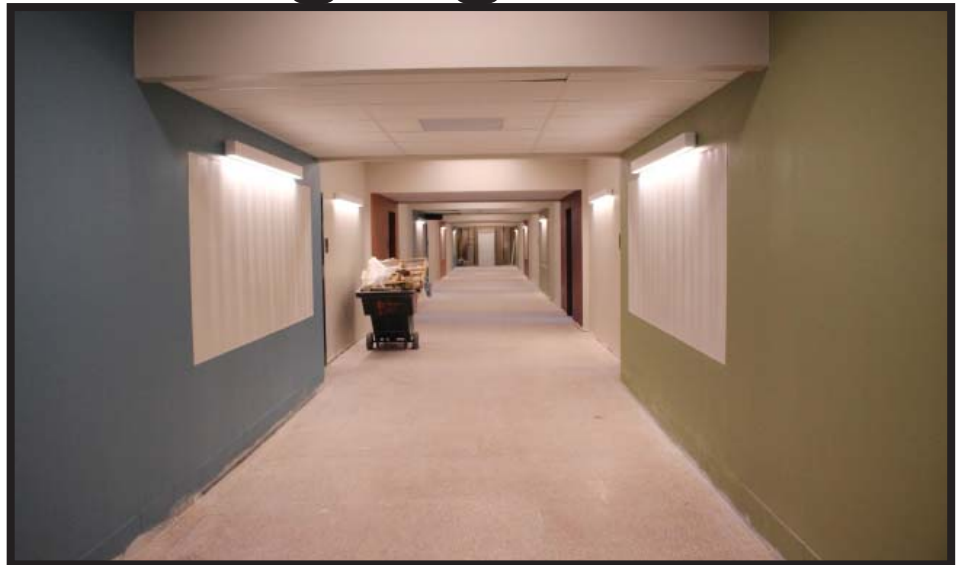
She is currently teaching students in a classroom that has had “no renovations” and getting ready for the first week of school was a bit of a “challenge.” The classroom was used as a “storage area for desk along with other items from other teacher’s classrooms.”

Although she may have had to teach in non-renovated classroom from the start of the year she will be able to move into her “newly renovated” room in about “six-weeks.”

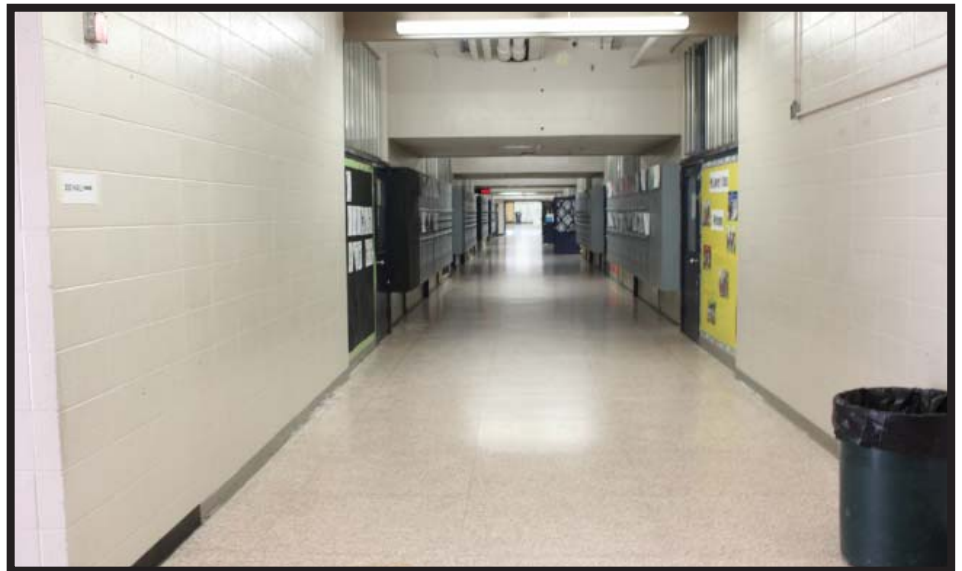
A challenge may be in store for Wallace as the hallway leading to the cafeteria will be divided in half and blocked off.

“This might be the biggest test for the Wallace staff and students, but I know that we can work together and conquer,” Armstrong said.

The school renovation began when school was released last summer in May of 2017. It started with the front offices, front entrance, 100, 200 and 600 halls.



One of the newly renovated hallways.



A current hallway awaiting renovation.

“The front offices were gutted,” Armstrong said, and “the front entrance...is still a work in progress.”

The 2 different hallways received a face lift of new carpet or tile, paint and some storage. While the 200 hall received a total makeover. The 100 and 600 halls are already in use and teachers are enjoying the new face of Wallace. Although the 200 was started during the summer it is not finished yet due to the extent of the renovation.

“We should be able to move into the 200 hall before Thanksgiving break, earlier than expected,” Armstrong said.

Wallace has been in need of a much need renovation for many year, and it finally is getting the updated work it deserves. After many years student will be educated in a fresh environment that is fits into the modern times we live in, without destroying the fond memories the school hold for many.

Campus Spotlight-Brice Toney is new principal at E.C. Brice

By **PAYTON TYLER**
Tigertalk Staff Writer

E. C. Brice students are excited for the new school year, and the year ahead with their new principal, Craig Toney.

"I really like Mr. Toney! He is tall and always gives us high fives," said 3rd grader, Ashley Gonzalez.

Mr. Toney mentions that he is willing to change anything that helps them "move from average to awesome." Speaking of the new school year, we asked kindergarteners how their first year of school ever was going.

"Great, I like coloring and math work stations," answered Tucker Priefert.

The older students, however, have even more to look forward this year and next year. 4th graders will be moving to a new campus next year.

"I feel excited about going to 5th grade next year because I will be able to learn more stuff," Corbin Craig said. We are also aware that the 3rd graders will be taking their first of many STAAR tests this year. When asked if any of them were nervous, and 3rd grader Cohen Gillean said, "Not really, because it seems fairly easy."

Often times we forget about the teachers when we think about elementary schools. Teachers



Toney



Students learning in Mrs. Snodgrass's class.



Mrs. Heeren's class poses for a photo with

Tiger Dolls Payton Tyler and Zannah Hutchings.

do so much for the district and for the students.

"I love it, it is my first year to do this so my head is constantly spinning, but I love it!" answered Heather Hosey, Dual Language 1st grade teacher.

E. C. Brice has many things

planned for the upcoming year, such as Motivational Monday. The school plans to have guest speakers every Motivational Monday. This assembly is aiming to motivate the students to continue in their education and learn to love education.



Students show their school spirit during dress-up days for Disney Day and Pirate Day.

Campus Spotlight-Corprew

New leadership takes over at Corprew

By SAMMY GONZALEZ
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Frances Corprew has both a new principal and assistant principal this year.

Amanda Jones who was assistant principal the last two years is the new head principal. She is a graduate of Pittsburg High School, earned her teaching degree from Texas A&M and her Masters in Mathematics Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas.

The new assistant principal is a familiar face to high school students. Karen Bogan is the new assistant principal and has already been welcomed with so much love!

“The transition was seamless. My high school and Corprew staff have all been awesome in helping me with my transition,” Bogan said.

Moving schools is a great change but being in the same district makes the move easier.

“It’s a blessing to have worked with and currently work with such great and helpful people,” Bogan said.

Mrs. Bogan was a biology teacher and coach at the high school previously.

“This change has given me the opportunity to serve in a whole new capacity, and I’m up for the challenge,” Bogan said.



Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bogan head up leadership at Corprew.

Although it was her comfort zone teaching and coaching she is “currently enjoying this opportunity for growth.”

Changing schools means jumping from 15-18 year olds to 5-10 year olds. Mrs. Bogan admits she now spends time

“tying shoes, opening milks, fixing ponytails, etc...”

But at the end of her days “they are all kids who need attention, love, and direction. I definitely love working with them all.”

Corprew has been very busy lately and the students have been working hard in class in efforts to obtain the incentives that have been put in place, according to Mrs. Bogan. She also mentions that “the staff is in the mindset of doing beautification projects on campus”.

Community members have been volunteering to read on campus to first graders.

“The Lowes Distribution Center is coming this month to begin their study buddy and lunch pal program,” Bogan said.

Besides outside volunteers, Mrs. Bogan said each staff member on campus is mentoring at least one student.

Mrs. Bogan is doing an amazing job in her new position and Corprew is doing big things on campus!



Students work in one of the garden boxes at Corprew.

Campus Spotlight-Fowler

Students inducted into Honor Society

Thirty-two Vivian Fowler Elementary School 4th graders became members of the National Elementary Honor Society as the Fowler Campbell-Edwards-White NEHS Chapter held its 2017-2018 induction ceremony. The Vivian Fowler NEHS chapter is named for two former Fowler teachers, Sandra Campbell and Sue Edwards, and one current teacher, Mae Lois White.

Campbell and Edwards each taught at the school for 25 years. White is in her 45th year of teaching at Fowler.

Before an audience of parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, and friends, the students listened as their chapter officers explained what it means to be a member of NEHS in the areas of Scholarship, Responsibility, Service and Leadership. The students, dressed in black and white, said the pledge and received their certificates of membership.

The guest speaker for the program was Amy Hinton, Mount Pleasant Civic Center Manager. Hinton challenged the students to adhere to the principles of NEHS. She stressed the importance of using their leadership skills, of being a servant of others and of taking responsibility for their own actions.



Newly inducted National Elementary Honor Society students.

In her closing remarks, Principal Cindy Davis congratulated the students on their achievements that qualified them for membership in NEHS. She encouraged them to continue to strive to do their best. She also congratulated the parents saying, "Your students would not be here tonight without your support and commitment to education. I thank you."

To be a member of NEHS, a student must meet or exceed the national minimum standard of a cumulative average grade of 85%. Students are

also judged on their level of personal responsibility. Once inducted, members are required to maintain the same level of performance in academics and responsibility. They are also required to attend monthly meetings and to participate in other chapter service projects and activities.

Inductees into the Fowler NEHS Chapter are: Alin Alvarado, Bradley Baez, William Jacob Baker, Joshua Bello (Vice President), Brandon Brannon, Alyse Cervantes, Valerie Collocho (President), Anny Delgado, Neftali Delgado, Abril Figueroa, Austin Gonzalez, Joshua Gonzalez, Sara Guerrero, Tyland Jones, Celeste Landin (Reporter), Rossmeli Leyva, Jake Long (Parliamentarian), Marely Lopez, Deleismy Martinez, Edward Moya, MacKenzie Peña, Aidan Alejandra Perez, Alex Perez, Amari Peters, Lizbeth Presa, Stephanie Rodarte (Treasurer), Alejandro Rosiles, Aaron Trejo, Yair Vega, Zuleyka Velez and Nathan York (Secretary).

Fowler Counselor Debra E. Williamson is the chapter advisor. Serving on the faculty council are Lisa Escobar, Kerrie Holt, Nataly Saldana, Shelby Sansom, Shanina Sheridan and Mae Lois White.



Grandparents Day



Region 8 Food Fair

Campus Spotlight-Sims

Recent MPHS graduate helping with dyslexic students at Sims Elementary

By SAMMY GONZALEZ
Tigertalk Staff Writer

Annie Sims elementary school has hired some excellent new teachers this school year. One of the newest staff members is Rosie Gonzalez who teaches dyslexic children the Spanish portion of the lessons the main teacher gives.

Gonzalez teaches 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders and she admits “although it’s challenging at times its worth every second to watch them succeed, Working with dyslexic children is not easy and requires lots of patience.”

Rosie is a 2017 MPHS graduate and was a member of the Ready! Set! Teach! program at the high school.

There is many ways to teach someone and but there are only certain ways the child can actually learn from it.

“I notice that with every group that I have, I found different ways that they each individually learn, so I have to in a way teach them separately,” Gonzalez said.

Rosie explains how her 2nd graders are “smaller, younger and can be reckless at times, {she} has to encourage them to do their work by presenting them with something that will make them feel good about themselves like a sticker chart or something similar.”

However there is a difference between her 2nd graders and 4th graders learning style.

“They know what to do when to do it, they’re on top of the game. Since they’re a little bit older they understand and know that when its crunch time it’s no time to play” there is a sort of big difference between the two different age groups.

“Working with students that have dyslexia is a bit challenging. One must have patience and always stay positive. I love the kids over all I just think they’re beautiful in every way and special!” she said.

Rosie loves the group of kids she works with and wouldn’t change it for anything!

Every year all elementary schools throw a fall festival. This is where the students can bring their family up to the school and enjoy some Halloween games and even wear their costumes.



Gonzalez

“I’ve gone with my mom every year to her fall festivals for about four years. And only dreamed that I would one day work at the school and be able to have my own booth at the festival,” Rosie said.

This is Miss Rosie’s first year at Annie Sims and has made a side project for her students. She has made a family tree for her first year students where the put their hand prints on a painted tree and their names along with it.

“It’s a great activity because doing this they opened up to me and now trust me which I think is an amazing connection to have with your students! We promised that when they are older they will come back and see where they started and how far they came,” Rosie said.

Annie Sims is an amazing school and not only is preparing the kids for the 5th and 6th grade but they’re preparing them for the future, life, struggles, and ups and downs. Miss Rosie is only one of the amazing hard working teachers that deserve all the thank yous in the world. Annie Sims is sure doing thing right!

Tiger Roar

What is your favorite summer memory?

Tiger Roar page by Tigertalk Staff Writer Maria Mendez



“Going to Miami”
--Juan Juarez, 9



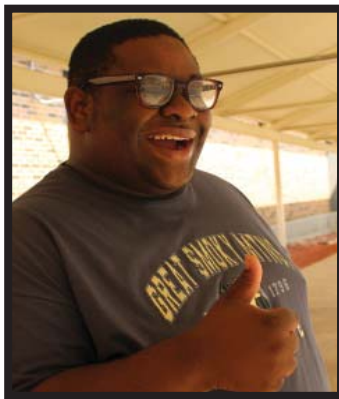
“Spending summer with my dad.”
-- Madeline Organista, 9



“Tiger Doll summer practice.”
-- Evelyn DeSantiago, 10



“Going to Florida”
--- Karson Hutchings, 10



“Studying for school”
-- Ja'Quacy Minter, 11



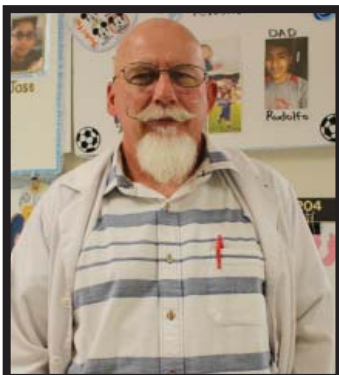
“Going to Dominican Republic”
-- Bailey Sisk, 11



“Going to Math Camp”
--Nathon Segovia, 12



“Volleyball Camp”
-- Erika Vargas, 12



“When I was an exchange student in Germany.”
--- Mr. Trickey



“Going to Disney World with the whole family”
--- Mrs. Deciga



“Garage Selling”
--- Mrs. Crowder



“Went to Galveston”
--- Mr. Chamness