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Top: Retiring history teacher Doug Rusk gave “The Last Lesson” during the ceremony; above, a photograph honors the memory of classmate Grant Adams, who died in a bicycle accident in May 2018; right, graduates participate in the time-honored tradition of throwing their caps in the air after turning their tassels.



Class of 2019 moves ahead

MCHS graduates 211 seniors

By Phyllis McLaughlin
Correspondent Editor

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Another school year has ended, culminating with commencement on June 2, during which 211 seniors in the Class of 2019 were sent out into the world toward their futures.

Renee Hanson was named the 2019 Honor Graduate from a field of 14 nominees.

Doug Rusk, who is retiring after a 42-year teaching career – 32 as a history teacher and coach – was selected to give “The Last Lesson.”

Bergen Cornelius gave the invocation, Addison Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Eric Larkins welcomed the friends and family members who filled the MCHS gymnasium to standing-room only.

BY THE NUMBERS

Along with earning their high

school diplomas, 62 students earned certificates for completing the State Transfer General Education Core, meaning they have completed their freshman year of college through the dual-credit program with Ivy Tech Community College. They will begin their college careers as sophomores.

One student, Kristen Vermillion, went a step further, earning her associate’s degree from Ivy Tech along with her diploma. She will start in the fall as a junior at Indiana University East, where she plans to major in business.

Additionally, 106 students earned the Governor’s Work Ethics Certificate, indicating

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STATE CHAMPS!

MCHS Science Team takes first place in Class 2 at state Academic Super Bowl

By PHYLLIS McLAUGHLIN
Correspondent Editor

It was a cooperative effort from the start.

After a year of hard work and lots of studying, Lydia Goebel, Jalen Wilson and Ezra Young, along with team leader Haniah Kring, took first place at the State Academic Super Bowl held May 9 at Purdue University.

Teammate Isaac Hanson was unable to go to the state meet because of a prior commitment.

This also was the first time an MCHS academic team went to state competition.

“Class 1 is the largest schools in the state; we are in Class 2,” Coach Emeka Koren said, adding that the smaller schools made up Class 3 and Class 4.

William Henry Harrison High School took first place in Class 1 by correctly answering 24 of the 25 questions given to the teams.

MCHS won Class 2 by correctly answering 22 of the 25 questions, putting them in second place, overall, among the 27 schools competing in the four classes, Koren said.

“To do what we did, I feel it is an accomplishment,” the coach said.

Despite having missed the competition, Hanson went a step farther in describing the win. “I think it’s an amazing achievement for a school our size and for our first time at state.”

Coach Emeka Koren said this year’s science theme was “The Fertile Crescent,” a region in the Middle East known as “the cradle of civilization,” the first known area where humans began raising domesticated crops and animals. The students had to study rivers, and the first grains and animals that were domesticated in Mesopotamia.

“Haniah attacked that body of information from the get-go,” Koren said, adding that it was his decision, as a first-year coach, to allow the team to decide how best to prepare.

Kring developed the study guides for the team, which Hanson said was one of the keys to their success.

Everyone’s notes were all in one place, “like an information pit,” Hanson said. “I think that was a strong move in the right direction.”

The collaboration was crucial and was a different approach to studying the


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– Photo by Phyllis McLaughlin

A Fond Farewell to E.O. Muncie – with Bubbles

Teachers, staff, students and former students of E.O. Muncie Elementary School held a farewell celebration Thursday, May 30, to honor the cherished memories associated with the building, which closed at the end of this school year. In August, students and staff will start the 2019-20 school year at the newly renovated and added-onto Anderson Elementary School, just off of Michigan Road.



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From the Superintendent's Desk

2019 highlighted by student achievements, great new hires

June is always a bitter-sweet time for educators. It's an exciting time as we wrap up another year and head into a much-needed summer break, but it's also a time to say goodbye to colleagues and students who are leaving to move on to new adventures.

This June is no different. We have had a great year but we are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues and to a Senior class that has represented themselves and the District well over the years.

The highlights of the year include:

- ◆ The near completion of Anderson Elementary;
- ◆ The beginning of an auditorium renovation;
- ◆ The beginning of an expansion of the Cub Manufacturing and Engineering program;
- ◆ The beginning of and rapid construction of our new Strategic Plan;
- ◆ Valeria Gonzalez competing in the State Swimming Championship;
- ◆ Daunte O'Banion finishing 5th at the State Track & Field Championship;
- ◆ MCHS Boys Golf team winning their 8th Sectional Title;
- ◆ The hiring of Sheron Wilkerson as our new Head Boys Basketball Coach;
- ◆ The hiring of LeRoy Wilson as our new Head Football Coach;
- ◆ MCHS Academic Super



Dr. Jeffery Studebaker

- Bowl team winning a State Title;
- ◆ MCHS Ag Soils Team winning a State Title;
 - ◆ Multiple great hires for administration and teaching positions;
 - ◆ The awarding of over a million dollars in scholarships to our graduating seniors;
 - ◆ The launch of the District Correspondent;
 - ◆ The announcement of free textbooks and computers for every child in the District.

As mentioned above, the Strategic Plan that we are developing is rapidly coming into shape. Multiple committees are working to develop a comprehensive plan that will guide the District for the next several years.

Our goal is to produce a document that sets a vision and direction that is adaptable to circumstances along the way. As such, the work so far has already been guiding the

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District leadership's decisions in multiple arenas, such as how administrators and teachers have been selected, the type of professional services we are implementing around the District, the direction of our curricular planning, and the type of facility upgrades we are moving forward with in the near future.

It's an exciting time to be a part of the Madison Consolidated School District! We are improving, innovating and growing! We are excited to have many new students and staff members joining us for our next school year.

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Spring 2019 was abuzz with activity at MCS

A bountiful harvest at Deputy



Students at Deputy Elementary School harvest radishes and other vegetables from the school's garden on May 21. Later, the young farmers were treated to the fresh veggies at lunch time.



Current and former students of E.O. Muncie were treated to music from retired school counselor Tony Schroeder during the school's closing celebration May 31. EOM students who were in kindergarten through third grade will attend the renovated Anderson Elementary School in the fall.



Reality Store celebrates 20th year

Volunteers from throughout the Madison community were on hand to help show eighth graders at MJHS that "adulting" can be hard. Students were assigned careers and incomes, and were required to do everything they could to buy the necessities – food, clothing, housing, transportation – while living within their means.



Hope Project tackles substance abuse issues



Sara Patterson's students from Hanover College addressed the topic of addiction and how it impacts families during a day of sessions at Madison Junior High School in March. The goal: reminding students that good people can do bad things, and every person deserves respect and support.

By **PHYLLIS McLAUGHLIN**
Correspondent Editor

Substance abuse is a universal problem for families of individuals who use, including children of all ages who often have to deal with the side effects.

Senior Courtney Williams led a group of Hanover College students who spent a full day in March to discuss addiction, how it can affect children and what those affected can do.

When asked the first word that comes to mind when they hear the word addict, students responded with "psycho," "crack heads" and "crazy."

a heavy contributor toward how we perceive people who struggle with substance abuse and addiction," Williams said. "I challenge you to step away from those words and be more empathetic. I know it's hard, but an addict is a person just like us" and needs to be treated as such.

Williams told students that when she was their age, her father was addicted to prescription drugs – a problem he still struggles with.

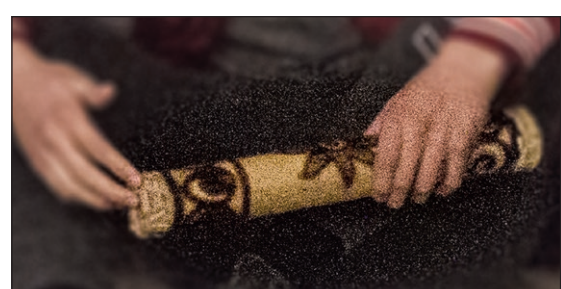
"We don't look like people who are affected by drug abuse, but it can happen to anyone," regardless of social or financial standing. "I used to keep

everything inside. I didn't want anyone to know."

The main take away, Williams said, is that if another student is struggling – even if he or she isn't a close friend – "let them know you will listen if they need you."

During one class discussion circle, almost all of the 19 MJHS students said they all knew of someone dealing with addiction within their own families.

Science teacher Kerri Bedingham said she lost a nephew to drugs and learned the importance of holding back judgment. "People who are addicted feel guilt, so this is really important."



A new tradition takes hold

For a second year following the Honors Day ceremonies, MCHS seniors donned their caps and gowns for one last swing around the district, visiting the four elementary schools and the junior high to say good-bye to former teachers and show the younger students their hard work will pay off. Above, Daunte O'Banion high fives students at E.O. Muncie; below, former EOM students take a moment to get a photo with the school's sign.





Principal Michael Gasaway introduces the inaugural inductees into the Madison Consolidated High School Hall of Fame, from left: Dr. Bob Canida, former Madison Mayor Al Huntington, and former Hanover Panthers football and golf coach C. Wayne Perry.

INAUGURAL INDUCTEES

MCHS installs Canida, Huntington and Perry into its Hall of Fame

The first three nominees to Madison Consolidated High School's Alumni Hall of Fame received their plaques during a ceremony April 12 in the Connor K. Salm Gymnasium. MCHS students attended as dentist Dr. Bob

Canida, former mayor Al Huntington and former college coach C. Wayne Perry were introduced by Principal Michael Gasaway and alumni coordinator Kevin Yancey.

"Pledge to be of service," Huntington advised

the students in the bleachers. "It's so important to give back. ... I encourage you to be your best. The good things you do reflect back on the school, the district and the community. Thank you for all you do to make Madison such a great school district."

Robert Reid "Bob" Canida, DDS Class of 1967

A humble, compassionate and visionary servant to education, community and the welfare of others across the globe, Dr. Bob Canida quietly exudes the highest form of altruism.

For Dr. Canida, this outreach spans his entire life, whether it be serving at dental clinics at Madison's Salvation Army, a Panama prison or the mountains of Ecuador.

A graduate of Taylor University and the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Bob chose to help others early in life as a way, also, to promote his profession and the field of medicine, by supporting a dental Explorer Post for Boys Scouts.

This same zest for learning and quest for excellence later led to his co-leadership in establishing the Madison Educational Foundation in the 1990s, which 20 years later continues to fund academic competition and innovative classroom projects.

Never hesitant to explore new methods, shoulder more responsibility or solicit community involvement, Dr. Canida served as the foundation's first president.

The second-generation dentist also helped establish the Jefferson County Youth Shelter for troubled youth, chaired the Madison Human Relations Commission for several years, and donated his leadership skills and humanitarian



enthusiasm to the creation and continuing life of Casa Amiga, which addresses the needs and issues of Spanish-speaking residents in our community.

As head of the human relations commission, this MCHS alumnus sparked discussion and face-to-face dialogue on diversity, societal changes and life-ending issues with his popular series, "One Book, One Community."

Numerous community organizations list Dr. Canida as a board member or charter member. He has been involved for many years with Girls Inc., Historic Madison Inc., the Salvation Army and Calvary Baptist Church.

His humanitarianism extends worldwide, as he and his wife, Charlotte, have made numerous dental missionary trips to Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, West Africa, Ecuador, Panama and the Amazon in Brazil.

A "person who never seeks gratification, only glorification in the project," MCHS graduate Robert Reid Canida certainly brings both pride and honor to his alma mater.

Albert "Al" Huntington Class of 1963

Equipped with a solid education from Madison Consolidated High School, Al Huntington built on that foundation at Indiana University, where he excelled in business studies and developed an affinity for politics and the internal operations of government.

Huntington returned to his Madison roots in 1977 to use his entrepreneurial insight, managerial proficiency and business skills to establish Valley Industrial Supply.

In his quest to enhance Madison's quality of life with more jobs, improved infrastructure, family recreational outlets and broadband Internet availability, he ran for and was elected to Madison City Council and, later, served three terms as mayor – the longest in the city's history.

During his tenure, Huntington often referenced President Lincoln's famous quote: "What is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right."

In 2006, the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns awarded Huntington its highest honor: The Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award. In 2007, the Indiana General Assembly honored the mayor for his dedication, service and support to the citizens of Madison.

Both as an elected official and civic volunteer, the MCHS alumnus worked relentlessly to preserve and promote



Madison's rich history and architecture, secured state and federal grants, co-founded MIDCOR (today known as the Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation) to stimulate economic development. Huntington also headed the capital campaign to expand Ivy Tech Community College, guided the Riverfront Development initiative, helped recruit numerous festivals, encouraged the re-use of downtown buildings, implemented a public-transit system, administered plans for a new industrial park and frequently shared his gift as a motivational speaker at educational events.

His ability to bring neighboring communities with similar needs together resulted in many gains and programs for Madison and Southeastern Indiana.

Huntington has served on the boards for Historic Madison Inc., the Community Foundation, the Salvation Army, Girls Inc., and the Madison Rotary Club.

So many of Madison's amenities are the result of Huntington's vision.

C. Wayne Perry Class of 1968

From the earliest days, C. Wayne Perry's life has always revolved around sports.

Perry first donned the Cubs' signature red-and-white jerseys, playing four sports at Madison Consolidated High School.

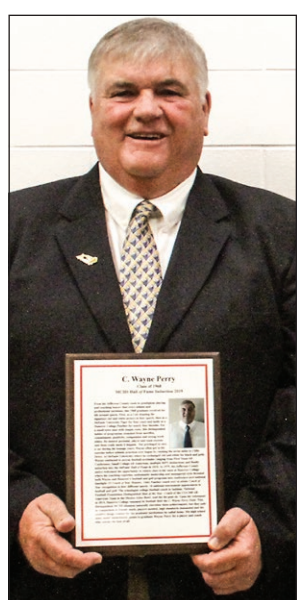
He went on to play for the DePauw University Tigers before becoming a beloved coach for the Hanover College Panther – a position he held for nearly four decades.

For a small-town man with simple roots, this distinguished ladder of progression stemmed from sacrifice, commitment, positivity, compassion and strong work ethic. These traits led him to the personal, athletic and coaching successes he has enjoyed during his lifetime.

Not privileged to own a car during his teenage years, Wayne's day often began by running the seven miles from his home to the high school on Clifty Drive.

Donning the black and gold at DePauw, Wayne continued to accrue football accolades ranging from First Team All-Conference, Small College All-American, multiple MPV distinctions and, finally, induction into the DePauw Hall of Fame in 2010.

In 1979, Wayne welcomed the opportunity to return close to his roots by accepting a coaching position at Hanover College. His coaching expertise, enthusiastic leadership and management style thrust both Wayne



and Hanover's football and golf programs into conference and national limelight. He earned 23 Coach of the Year honors, and is the only Panther coach ever to attain Coach of the Year recognition in four sports.

His Panther teams competed in 16 national tournaments in football and golf and he became the winningest college football coach in Indiana.

Other accolades include being named National Football Foundation Distinguished Man of the Year and coach of the USA D-III All-American Team in the Mexico Aztec Bowl.

Upon his retirement in 2014, Hanover renamed its football facility to C. Wayne Perry Field. This distinguished MCHS alumnus naturally cherishes these achievements, but they pale in comparison to friends made, players molded, high standards demanded, and the positive image created for the academic institutions he called home. MCHS honors him for exuding the best characteristics of a player and a coach.

Wilkerson new head coach of boys varsity hoops

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

With litany of athletic accomplishments at all levels, Sherron Wilkerson has been named head coach of Madison Consolidated High School’s varsity boys basketball team. Madison Athletic Director Joe Bronkella announced Wilkerson’s hiring following the School Board meeting in May.

“We are very excited to welcome Coach Wilkerson to the Madison family,” Bronkella said. “He not only brings 20 years of coaching experience and a wealth of basketball knowledge, he also brings extensive personal experience as a premier player at the high school, college, and professional/international levels.”

Wilkerson’s unique skill set – including his experience and coaching philosophy – are elements that will take the MCHS boys basketball program to the

next level, Bronkella said.

He continued: “Above that, his personal commitment to the academic and athletic success in the short term, and focus on the importance of post-secondary opportunities for our student athletes, was a huge piece of our interest in this hire.”

Wilkerson began his coaching career in 2005 as head coach at Herron Charter School, moving on to serve as assistant coach at Lincoln Trail Junior College from 2014 to 2015, and at his alma mater, Jeffersonville High School, from 2015 to 2018.

As a player, Wilkerson was well-known as a three-year JHS varsity letterman who helped his team to win three sectional and regional titles, two semi-state titles and the 1993 State Championship, earning the Gatorade Player of the Year honor and playing on McDonald’s All-American team that same year.

At Indiana University, he helped the Hoosiers advance to the NCAA tournament twice. At Rio Grande University in Southern Ohio, he earned the MVP title in the 1996 Wooster Classic while earning a bachelor’s degree in arts and humanities.

As an international professional star, Wilkerson played for the Sodertalje Kings in Sweden from 1998 to 2000 and was named Swedish League Defensive Player of the Year in 1999.

From 2000-02, he played for the Latvian League, earning the MVP in the Latvian All-Star games in 2001 and 2002, as well as 1st Team Defense both of those years. His team took the Latvian Championship in 2002, the same year he earned a bronze medal in the National Elite Basketball League.

He also played for teams in Turkey, Brazil and Israel.

Wilkerson was selected from a field of more than 20 appli-



Sherron Wilkerson, previously the head coach at Shawe Memorial High School, was named head coach of the MCHS varsity boys basketball team.

cants for the MCHS coaching job.

“I first would like to take this time to extend my sincerest thank you to Dr. Studebaker, Principal Gasaway, Mr. Bronkella, and the Madison community as a whole, for affording me this opportunity,” Wilkerson said. “I am very humbled by this opportunity and look forward to continuing to build upon

the rich basketball tradition here at Madison Consolidated High School. Go Cubs!”

Currently a Louisville resident, where he lives with his wife Carissa and daughter Brooke, Wilkerson works at VSG, where he has been as account executive for 12 years. During this time, he has devoted much of his spare time to the Madison community.

MCHS to host annual North-South baseball tourney

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

In true team fashion, Madison Cubs Baseball, Visit Madison, Inc., Jefferson County Board of Tourism, the City of Madison, and Hanover College hit a homerun, landing their bid to host the 2019 All-Stars Series Tournament.

“The North-South All-Star Series Tournament is a showcase event for premier athletes from around the state,” said MCHS baseball coach Tim Armstrong. “It’s been on our radar since 2003. We would all get together – Mike Modisett, Ryan Mahoney, Joe Jenner, Coach O’Neal and myself – and dream about the possibility,” Armstrong said.

Hosting the tourney is a unique opportunity, he said.

“We want to share our hometown and love for the game, but we knew we would need help,” he said, adding that Tawana Thomas, executive director of Visit Madison, Inc., and Hanover College officials came on board “and we were off to the races pretty quickly.”

“We want to share our hometown and love for the game. ... Often, All-Star weekend is hosted in a larger city or sizable college campus. We are excited to offer a more rural, small-town feel for this major event.”

– Tim Armstrong, MCHS baseball coach

As a host community, Madison will provide players with an experience that will be different from those at previous locations.

“We are very excited to be able to offer a different type of experience for the athletes where they can explore the scenic campus and state-of-the-art athletic facilities at Hanover College, travel a short distance to play on our outstanding field, and experience the beauty of historic Madison with their families when not on the field,” Armstrong said. “Often, the All-Star weekend is hosted in a larger city or on a sizeable college campus; we are excited to provide a more rural, small-town feel for this major event.”

Hanover College will host a Futures Game on Wednesday, June 19, at the K.T. Young Ballpark. This free event is open to the

public and will showcase up-and-coming high-performing athletes from all over the state who are entering their senior year.

Madison Cubs players Zach Forner and Mason Welsh have both been invited to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

“We are really proud of Zach and Mason for the work they put in,” said Armstrong, adding that “to have this opportunity and level of recognition can be life-changing for some athletes. The events surrounding the North-South All-Star Game attract lots of scouts, and may provide future playing opportunities for some of the kids who come to play for the weekend.”

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All-Star teams arrive in Madison on Friday, June 21. They

will arrive at Gary O’Neal Field at MCHS for a workout, then will travel to Hanover College to check into their assigned dormitory rooms.

The Home Run Derby, a free event open to the public, will start at 3:30 p.m. at MCHS.

“We expect this will be something to see and a lot of fun for everyone,” Armstrong said.

The derby will be followed by the All-Star Team banquet back at Hanover.

North and South teams will square off in a double-header at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Gary O’Neal Field. Game tickets are \$5 for the day and will be available at the gate.

Following the game, athletes will enjoy an evening on Madison’s riverfront, where they will be treated to a river cruise, then activities and games along Vaughn Drive, where there will be food trucks and Kona Ice.

“We really want to encourage our community to come and enjoy an evening with these young men, their families and coaches,” Armstrong said, adding that the event near Bicentennial Park will be open to the public after

6 p.m. “Let’s show them what Madison hospitality looks like.”

The weekend will close with a Wooden Bat game starting at noon Sunday, June 23 at Gary O’Neal Field.

Again, tickets are \$5 and will be available at the gate.

“This game gives the all-stars a chance to represent their respective high schools when they take the field in their school uniforms for the last time,” Armstrong said.

Madison Mayor Damon Welch said hosting the tournament is more than appropriate.

“Baseball truly reflects the spirit of this community and its people. It emphasizes hard work, honesty, pulling together as a team, sportsmanship, and a sense of fair play,” Welch said. “These values are at the very heart of our existence as a great community. And this tournament instills these values in America’s youth, our future and our hope for tomorrow.”

All-Star athletes are selected through a nomination process that begins with each head coach. Historically, the tournament has fielded a pool of 200-300 athletes for consideration.



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MCHS grad Andy Richmer is owner and chef of Crystal & Jules, an upscale restaurant in downtown Madison.

Richmer still savoring success after being ‘Chopped!’ on TV

By PHYLLIS McLAUGHLIN

Correspondent Editor

It was a tough job, but someone had to do it.

Madison native and 2001 MCHS grad Andy Richmer received the call he had been waiting for since April 2017. He was selected as a contestant on the Food Network’s “Chopped!” after a member of a film crew in Madison shooting a Netflix documentary found out he had applied to be on the show.

The film crew had set a standing reservation at Richmer’s restaurant, Crystal & Jules, during their two-week stay in Madison.

As fate would have it, one of the crew members also was on the film crew of “Chopped!” and put in a good word to the producers. It wasn’t until December that

year he found out that the show he was to appear on would be filmed in February 2018. While he, of course, knew how the episode would end, he was contractually sworn to secrecy. The rest of the town – including his friends and family – had to wait for the outcome until this past February, when the “Pasta Possibilities” episode finally aired.

Spoiler alert: He lost.

Despite a good strategy, in which he decided the first thing he had to do when he was introduced with the ingredients they were given to create a meal, was to put a pan on the fire. He came in second to Las Vegas chef Pawan Piniseti at the end of the dessert round.

But there was nothing wasted during the time he spent in New

York City, where the show is filmed.

“I went out two days early and I spent like \$480 on food, eating in restaurants all over Lower Manhattan, experiencing everything from octopus to “the spiciest noodles” he’d ever tasted.

His love of cooking developed in high school. “I started to work at McDonald’s at 15. I loved the pace and dealing with people,” he said. “I liked cooking, but I didn’t think I would make it a career.”

Taking the advice of one of his teachers, Richmer applied to the culinary program at the Southeastern Career Center. That led him to Sullivan University, where he earned his degree in 2004.

From there, he went on to work

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Culinary program offers life lessons that could lead to careers

By ANNE GRADY

Madisonian Staff Reporter

The Madison Consolidated High School Culinary program has undergone somewhat of a transformation under new adviser LeAnne Blackerby this year.

“We have two aims: to help students learn to cook and feed themselves and their loved ones well, and to help them prepare for jobs in the field,” Blackerby said, describing Cub Culinary’s mission.

Up until last year, Blackerby was a language arts teacher. Right before the start of the 2018 school year, Principal Michael Gasaway asked her to take over the culinary program.

She accepted, and is striving to offer as many opportunities for fun and learning as possible.

“Next year, I have all Family and Consumer Science classes (FACS), a couple of sections of Nutrition and Wellness, Intro to Culinary, and Hospitality,” Blackerby said, adding that these extracurricular classes



will be an enjoyable way for students to fill holes in their schedules.

The Cub Culinary program will continue to expand in the following years, she said.

“I want to see kids excited about food, making really good choices when it comes to what they eat and what they cook, [and] understanding that they can do it so much more inexpensively if they do it themselves.”

Culinary classes are not just about eating food. They can teach important life lessons that will stay with students forever, and help

them in the future.

“The culinary class has helped improve my skills drastically,” said sophomore Milan Jackson. “Especially knife-cutting skills, because we spent weeks perfecting how to properly hold and cut with a knife – which is one of the most important skills to know while cooking.”

She has learned valuable life lessons, as well. “Good things take time,

especially food; you will not like everything you try; and experiment as much as you can to find amazing combinations and create new foods.”

How to eat well, also, is one of the lessons Blackerby wants students to take with them.

“I am a huge fan of the seasonal farm-to-table movement and getting people to eat things that are not just shelf-stable, microwavable food and fast food,” she said.

“I love those things too, but I want to see kids make really good choices when it comes to their nutrition and be adventurous with food. I think food is one way that we connect to people from lots of different cultures.”

The Cub Culinary

program offers a variety of projects around the school for students to get involved with, too.

“So far this year, we have done the chili cook-off, we catered the Ohio Valley Choral Festival – we fed the directors and put on a nice Italian meal for them,” Blackerby said. “We put on what we called an all-sides Thanksgiving dinner, so no turkey and ham, but everything you would serve with it. We also made great cookies at Christmas time.”

Cub Culinary has taken on great challenges and received great feedback on every single one of them. In May, they had four catering jobs to do before the end of the school year, including a senior breakfast. The

students also helped teachers Doug Rusk and Shannon Barger hold a breakfast for the AP history students the morning of the exam, and an upcoming project with Jobs for America’s Graduates, a.k.a. JAG.

In addition to learning skills for themselves, Blackerby is hoping some of her students will continue on to get jobs in the culinary industry.

“My family are professionals in the restaurant business, just not here in Jefferson County,” she said. “I would like to see kids get excited about food to the point where they’re either making really good dishes for themselves and other people, or whether they

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At left, Ryan Kent works on his knife skills during a Cub Culinary class. Above, culinary arts teacher LeAnne Blackerby, second from right, talks students through making a grocery list.



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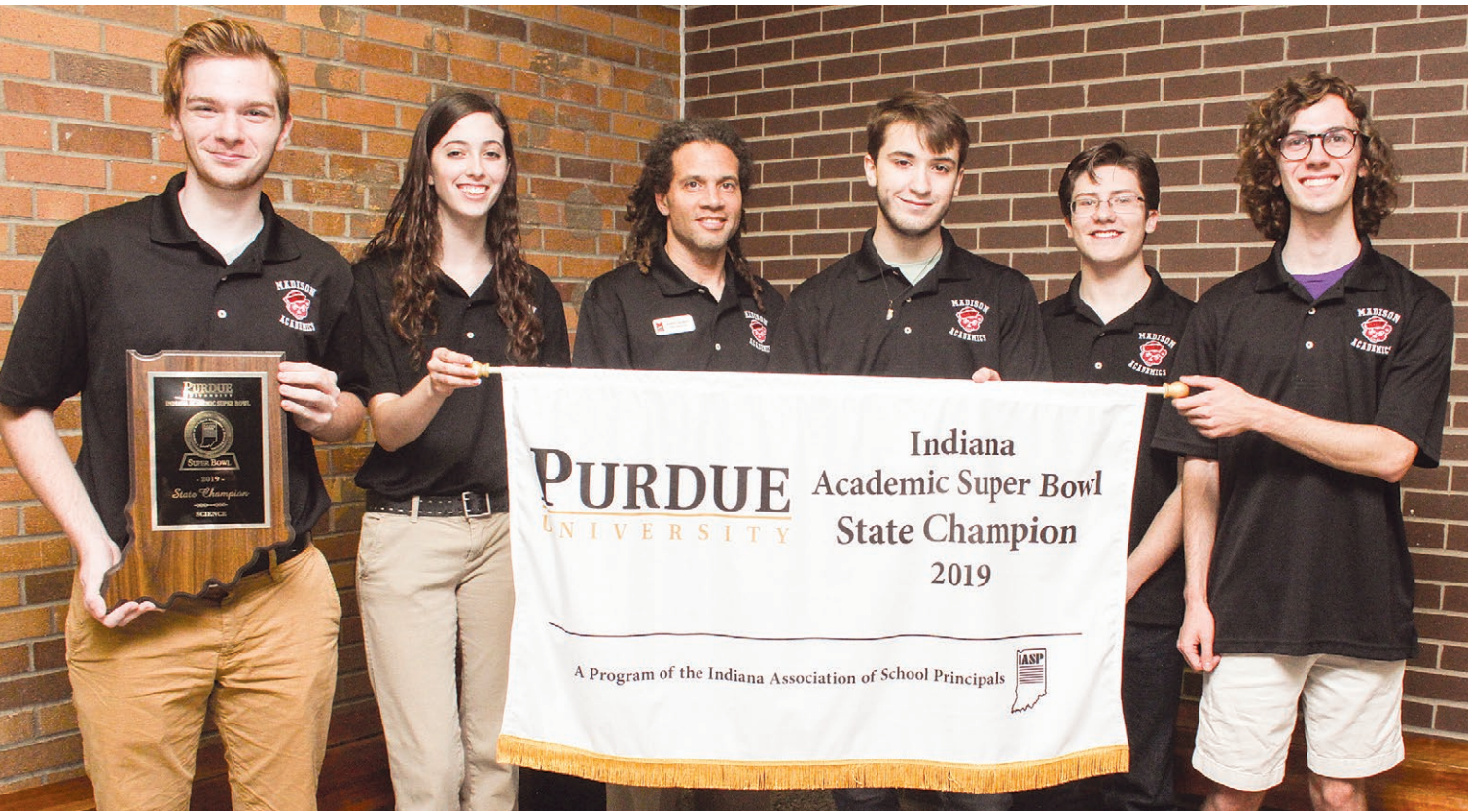


Congratulations Jade Barnes!



Good luck at Purdue!
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Class of 2019



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The MCHS Science Academic Team, from left: Haniah Kring, Lydia Goebel, Coach Emeka Koren, Ezra Young, Jalen Wilson and Isaac Hanson.

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content and preparing for competition than the team employed last year, Hanson said.

Group study, individual study and practices, in which the students worked together to solve questions rather than spar individually.

“Certainly, you need to know the material, and with that you might get 18 or 20

questions right,” Koren said. Knowing how to collaborate and discuss the question as a team, though, is how to get the most questions right.

“Last year, we dropped the ball,” Kring said. “We didn’t have the collective resources that we did this year.”

“This year, we had a more organized system” and more confidence, Hanson said.

“Haniah studied a ton, but we all studied a lot. So, if you have two or three people who know the material, it signifi-

cantly increases the chance of getting those questions that you might not be super-sure about correct.”

But organization isn’t the only key. Another plus was that the team had all taken AP chemistry, and that the team members enjoyed researching and learning the material.

“Originally, I joined the team to get this on my college transcript,” Hanson admitted. “But I really enjoyed the thought of learning outside of

the classroom.”

“I’ve been teaching over 20 years, and I can tell you that some people can study until the cows come home and still get the wrong answer,” Koren said.

Studying is important, but talent – including knowing how to read outside of the text, itself, and how to evaluate the multiple-choice answers provided to rule out those that can’t be right, is, actually, even more important for success, he said.

Brautigam, Dyer take 1st, 2nd in Custer Contest

By CLARE WILBUR
Madisonian Staff Reporter

Grace Brautigam emerged victorious in the 108th annual Custer Contest, scoring top points over fellow seniors Isaac Hanson, Maranda Elswick, Bailey Dyer and Hannah Huff and earning a \$750 scholarship on April 28.

The top five students in the senior class are invited each year to compete in the scholarship contest, during which they must perform an oratorical piece in front of an audience and judges.

“This (Custer contest) is remarkably Madison’s best tradition,” said Brautigam’s coach Lee Strassel.

Brautigam chose for her recitation “Miss Temptation” by famed writer Kurt Vonnegut. The short story tells of a woman who hopes to make her acting debut in a small-town theater, but struggling as a young woman in a new town where she knows no one.

“I chose it because it has a lot of relevant themes and topics, like sexism,” she said. “I also just really like Kurt Vonnegut.”

Each contestant must keep their performance as close to 15 minutes as possible, without going over. They began practicing two months ahead of the contest.

Dyer took second place and a \$350 scholarship with her performance from “Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Inn,” by Fannie Flagg.

“It’s the perfect balance of history and humor,” Dyer said, adding that she most appreciates the relationship between the main characters, Evelyn Couch and Mrs. Threadgood, who were portrayed by Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy, respectively, in



– Photo by Phyllis McLaughlin

Grace Brautigam, standing at left, and Bailey Dyer, seated in front of her, took first and second place honors in this year’s Custer Oratorical Contest, earning \$750 and \$350, respectively, in scholarships. Also participating were Isaac Hanson and Maranda Elswick, standing, and Hannah Huff, seated at right; each received a \$275 scholarship.

the 1990 film version of the novel.

“The book has a difficult ending,” Dyer said.

Hanson, Huff and Elswick earned the Equal Rank scholarship of \$275 each.

Though a nerve-wracking experience, “it actually wasn’t as bad as I thought it was going to be,” Dyer admitted.

“I couldn’t see anybody in the audience besides the first two rows, so it kind of just felt like I was practicing” with her coach, English and history teacher Krista Lee.

Huff, who selected “Pride and Prejudice,” by Jane Eyre, agreed, adding that she actually was less nervous prior to the contest than she said she was. “I guess I’m not really worried about it.”

“Cannot relate,” Brautigam quipped, as they stood backstage awaiting their turns.

Each contestant is paired with a coach for their Custer performance. The coaches provide assistance and guidance, and were beneficial, the seniors said.

“I couldn’t have done it on my own. Mrs. Lee organized my piece and helped me a lot with when to put emphasis on words and when to act things out, Dyer said. “It also helped that Mrs. Lee won the Custer contest when she was in school, so she told me what to expect from a contestant’s perspective.”

Huff said she believes participating in the contest will help her in the future.

“I think it will help with

public speaking ... in the sense that practice makes perfect,” she said.

Hanson performed “A Retrieved Reformation,” a short story by O. Henry about a criminal “who has a change of heart. I chose it because it has a lot of very interesting story-telling elements – dialogue, narrative, vivid imagery. And it was the right length.”

Elswick performed “Please Don’t Eat the Daisies,” by Jean Kerr. “It’s about a wife struggling to keep up with her kids and shows that life is messy and stressful. A lot of people can relate to it, and it’s funny,” Elswick said.

Correspondent editor Phyllis McLaughlin contributed to this story.

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that they are fully prepared to meet the expectations they will face as they enter the workforce or continue their education.

Eleven students already have enlisted in the military: Ben Love plans to be a pilot with the U.S. Air Force, and Corbin Tague plans to work in informational technology, also with the USAF. Joining the U.S. Army are David Bailey, as a blacksmith; Jordan Dunlap, mechanic; Quinton Farris, diesel mechanic; and Michael Garlinghouse, maintenance.

Joining the U.S. Marine Corps are Bryan Hernandez, who plans to study political science in college; Tyson Torrance, who plans to work in engineering; and Michael Nunez Perez, automotive.

Joining the U.S. Navy are Jacob Carter, logistics specialist; Mackenzie Oliver, information technology; Dillon Ray, rescue swimmer; .

Finally, Andrew Beaumont will join the National Guard as a diesel mechanic; Dawson Hill, carpentry and masonry; and Wyatt Jones, calvary scout.

More than half of the Class of 2019 – 147 – are planning to start two-year and four-year college programs. Most are planning to attend Ivy Tech, while others are going to Bellarmine University, Indiana University and IU Southeast, Hanover College, Purdue University and several others.

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actually want to go into the restaurant business or some form of professional cooking after graduation,” she said.

Blackerby has taken the time to invite a variety of guest speakers to the program to teach the kids valuable skills, which has helped take the program to the next level, also.

“We had a visiting executive chef from my family’s restaurant, Blackerby’s Hangar Five. He has taught students everything from knife skills to mother sauces, which are a big deal in French cuisine. Chef John Heitz, a local restaurant owner in Madison, came in and taught students how to throw dough for pizza.”

Blackerby continued: “I enjoy the time spent in the kitchen more than anything in this class. Cooking with friends is a much better way of learning than by yourself, in my opinion at least, because you’re having fun while learning important skills at the same time. So being in the kitchen cooking is by far my favorite part about this class.”

There are so many diverse and entertaining opportunities available when it comes to choosing electives, but Blackerby said she hopes students will begin to view Cub Culinary as an excellent choice because it’s fun and the has real-world applications.

“I really hope that the kids are enjoying it as much as I am.”

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Former Seymour coach hired to lead MCHS varsity football

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

Madison Athletic Director Joe Bronkella announced LeRoy Wilson was hired to coach the varsity boys football team at Madison Consolidated High School.

“We are very excited to welcome Coach Wilson to the Madison family,” Bronkella said. “Coach Wilson brings 15 years of football coaching experience across all aspects of the game.”

Wilson has coordinated offense, defence, and special teams during his tenure.

“I want to teach these athletes the game,” Wilson said. “I have studied and learned from some great coaches and mentors over the years, and will continue to gain all the knowledge I can to put our athletes in a position to be successful.”

Wilson also will teach math

at MCHS starting in the fall. Previously, Wilson served as offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator, receivers coach and defensive backs coach.

At Providence High School, he served as offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and receivers coach.

He also served as quarterbacks coach at Charlestown High School, football scout at Clarksville High School; offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Clarksville Middle School.

“My coaching philosophy is simple: Family, education, athletics,” Wilson said. “I have learned how education, a positive attitude, organization, a relentless work ethic, and a growth mindset are vital to the success of running a football program. I strive to be a role model and mentor for my student-athletes. I

want them to know I care about them as young men – and their goals and aspirations after they leave this program.

He also tries to teach his student-athletes how to build leadership and trust, he said, “which are valuable tools in handling life’s many experiences.”

Wilson holds a bachelor’s degree in Sport Administration from the University of Louisville and a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University Southeast. He is also licensed in physical education.

At Seymour, he taught Algebra I and Trigonometry.

“I moved here four years ago with my wife, who is from Madison. Being a member of this community has allowed me to see all the amazing things this school corporation is doing and the vision it has for the future. From academ-



LeRoy and Alana Wilson, a Madison native, are pictured with their son, Leo. The Wilsons moved back to Madison four years ago. LeRoy Wilson has coached football for Seymour, Charlestown and Clarksville high schools.

ics to building leadership and character, Madison is doing great things,” he said. “I want to thank the administration for this excellent opportunity

to lead our football program. I’m excited to bring growth to Madison football and a competitive culture to our community.”

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From there, he went on to work as a room chef at Belterra under the head executive chef. On Belterra’s dime, he also attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., where he studied with four of the 68 master chefs in the world.

“It was like the military,” he said.

While at Belterra, he met his wife, Crystal, the namesake of his restaurant, who lived in Switzerland County. The other namesake is his late mother, Julie, who he used to call Jules.

He left the resort, but continued working to help put Crystal through school to become a dental hygienist.

“I said, when you graduate, I’m buying a restaurant,” and when she graduated in May 2011, a restaurant property

became available and bought it that November.

“I was 28,” he said. “The very first day I owned it, I walked in here scared to death, pretty much having my whole life, financially, riding on this place and I thought, ‘What have I done?’”

A month later, he opened the restaurant and hasn’t looked back.

He and his staff continue to create new recipes, and is especially proud of his curried

butter-nut squash pasta with andouille. “It’s killer,” he said, even though for some reason it is not often ordered by patrons. He has learned to create dishes with the locals in mind – who often aren’t as adventurous with food as he is.

Richmer also has brought his passion to Madison Consolidated High School, where he serves on the advisory board for LeAnne Blackaby’s Cub Culinary program.

He believes the program is a wonderful opportunity for students, whether or not they are planning a career in food, because it teaches them to cook, or how to better feed themselves and their families.

“Why not learn how to make great food,” he said. “Whether they go into a food career or not, they’ll know how to break down a whole chicken, which can feed eight people. Cooking is not for everybody, but it’s important to learn.”

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5-7	Madison Regatta
6	City of Madison/American Legion Post #9 Fireworks Spectacular
8-13	Jefferson Co. 4-H Fair
12	Music in the Park
14	American Duchess
20	Music at the Mansion
26	4th Friday Downtown
27-28	Indiana Wine Trail Artisan Weekend
28	American Duchess



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9	Music in the Park
16-17	Madison Ribberfest BBQ & Blues
17	Music at the Mansion
23	4th Friday Downtown
30-31	Neavill's Grove Old Settlers Mtg.
31	Rockin' on the River

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1	Neavill's Grove Old Settlers Mtg.
7-8	Chelsea Jubilee
13	Music in the Park
13-14	Canaan Fall Festival
14	Ghost Walk at Lanier
21	Hispanic Cultural Awareness Day
21	Music at the Mansion
21	Ghost Walk at Lanier
21-22	Madison Vintage Thunder
27	4th Friday Downtown
27-29	Fall Old Court Days
28	Ghost Walk at Lanier
28	Madison Municipal Airport Airshow
28-29	Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art
28-29	Harvest Celebration

2019: Honors, awards and scholarships

HONORS

2019 Honor Graduate: Renee Hanson

Associate's Degree, Ivy Tech Community College: Kristen Vermillion

Honor Graduates Nominees: Jordyn Bryant, Gabriel Caudill, Bergen Cornelius, Bailey Dyer, Maranda Elswick, Sophia Hall, Isaac Hanson, Renee Hanson, Grace Marshall, Hope Miller, Caitlin Reece, Katelyn Searcy, Harper Smith and Lucas Smith.

Summa Cum Laude, 3.9 GPA or higher: Grace Brautigam, Bergen Cornelius, Ansley Crutchfield, Bailey Dyer, Bella Eiriksson, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Mackenzie Gray, Wiley Gross, Sophia Hall, Isaac Hanson, Renee Hanson, Erika Hazelwood, Addison Hill, Hannah Huff, Cora Liter, Emma Lostutter, Ben Love, Alex Mason, Eoin McMahon, Jobe Miller, Jonathon Motenko, Alexandria Nay, MacKenzie Phillips, Alexander Ratcliff, Alec Rathje, Macy Risk, Kayelee Schneider, Adam Sikes, Harper Smith, Destiny Snell, Brianna Torrance, Bethany Tucker, Kristen Vermillion, Renee Walker, Cooper Yancey, Ezra Young.

Magna Cum Laude, 3.7-3.89 GPA: Gracie Block, Sydney Hammock, Peyton Holt, Grace Marshall, Hope Miller, Caitlin Reece, Summer Ross, Taylor Rowlett, Ethan Stewart, Ariadin Vest, James Weir, Nolan Willhite, Jalen Wilson, Lydia Wright.

Cum Laude, 3.5-3.69 GPA: Taylor Backus, Letha Baker, Mollie Baker, Jade Barnes, Jordyn Bryant, Gabriel Caudill, Savannah Cosby, Anthony DeMarco, Alexia Dempler, Isabella Glasgo, Emily Kiefer, Simon Knox, Angel Koontz, Kenzee Krieger, Carson Livingston, Bailie Prescher, Katelyn Searcy, Nathan Spencer, Haley Weaver.

Certificate, Honor Cord: Alexis Bright, Crystal Brooks, Morgan Bush, Jacob Conard, Quinton Farris, Ashlee Foster, Gage Fox, Kaitlyn Garlinghouse, Damian Gibson, Destiny Gorrell, Ashley Hamilton, Erika Hazelwood, Carol Johnson, Kennedy McAfee, Logan Owens, Hunter Pomeroy, Alicia Portillo, Rebekah Riley, Kristen Vermillion and Chase Webster.

Academic Honors Diploma, medal: Sophia Backus, Letha Baker, Evangelina Delgado, Isabella Glasgow, Ben Love, Kennedy McAfee, Bailie Prescher, Summer Ross, Katelyn Searcy, Destiny Snell, Ethan Stewart, Ezra Young.

Academic and Technical Honors Diploma, medal: Makariah Harris, Hannah Huff and Nolan Willhite.

Avid Seniors, stole: Crystani Brooks, Mackenzie Gray, Wiley Gross, Makariah Harris, Matigan Hixenbaugh, Jaquira Humes, Carol Johnson, Kenzee Krieger, Eric Larkins, Kristen Leach, Daunte O'Banion, Alana Powell, Taylor Rowlett, Gabriel True, Taylor Williams and Bryce Wooten.

National Merit Finalist: Harper Smith

John Paul Chapter, DAR Good Citizen Award: Caitlin Reece

Rotary Club Betty Sebree Good Citizenship Award: Maranda Elswick

Academics and Arts

AP English Heart: Jordyn Bryant

All-around Social Studies Award: Harper Smith

National Silver Medal for Writing: Renee Hanson

Top AP English Student: Isaac Hanson

Senior Social Studies: Grace Brautigam

World History: Renee Hanson

Science Award: Bella Eiriksson, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Mackenzie Gray

Harper Smith, Brianna Torrance.

Psychology Award: Maranda Elswick

U.S. History Award: Sophia Hall

Math Honorable Mention: Hannah Huff, Jonathon Motenko

Top AP Math Seniors: Bailey Dyer, Alexander Ratcliff, Harper Smith

English Excellence: Gracie Block, Lucas Smith, Caitlin Reece, Rebekah Riley

AP Spanish: Bryan Hernandez, Hannah Huff

Top Spanish Students: Bailey Dyer, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Brianna Torrance

Outstanding Journalism: Mollie Baker, Bergen Cornelius, Sophia Hall

French Award: Renee Hanson, \$100 and medal

French Honor Society: Ansley Crutchfield, Lydia Goebel, Renee Hanson

French Honor Society & Courage Award: Sophia Backus, \$50, honor cord and medal

French Honor Society & French Award: Renee Hanson, \$100, honor cord and medal

Photography Award: Simon Knox

Visual Art Honors: Simon Knox, Caitlin Reece

Director's Award: Bailey Stucker

Outstanding Alto: Alicia Portillo

Outstanding Male Vocalist: Chance Estes

Outstanding Soprano: Caitlin Reece and Erika Hazelwood

Mr. Congeniality: Chance Estes

Outstanding Dance Performance: Alicia Portillo and Erika Hazelwood

Honorable Dance Student: Caitlin Reece

Outstanding Senior Band Members: Samuel Boles, Ariadin Vest, Jalen Wilson.

John Phillip Sousa Award: Paige Morris

Fine Arts Academy Award, honor cord: Mollie Baker, Jordyn Bryant, Aubre Carter, Destiny Gorell, Sophia Hall, Addison Hill, Jaquira

Humes, Simon Knox, Eric Larkins, Emma Lostutter, Paige Morris, Saffron Nicholson, Caitlin Reece and Jalen Wilson.

Thespian Award, stole: Jordyn Bryant, Aubre Carter, Bergen Cornelius, Justin Davis, Destiny Gorrell, Jaquira Humes, Simon Knox, Eric Larkins, Emma Lostutter and Saffron Nicholson.

Agriculture Award, medal: Taylor Backus, Jade Barnes, Gracie Block, Alexia Dempler, Maranda Elswick, Sydney Hammock, Grace Marshall, MacKenzie Phillips, Tyson Torrance, James Weir.

Business & Industrial Arts

Top Senior Accountant: Mackenzie Miller, Medal and Cub Manufacturing Plate

Top Senior Machinist: Kole Taylor, Medal and Cub Manufacturing Plate

Top Senior Management: Tyson Torrance, Medal and Cub Manufacturing Plate

Top Senior Welder Jake Braley, Medal and Cub Manufacturing Plate

Engineering Design Award: Anthony DeMarco, Denver Sexton

Engineering Leadership Award James Weir

PLTW Top Engineering Student James Sexton

PLTW Top Engineering Student James Weir

Graphics Award Lucas Smith, James Wilson

Outstanding Business Student: Destiny Snell

SCC Outstanding Construction Trades Student: Caliph Gater

SCC Outstanding Madison Student: Tristan Storie

Athletics

12 Sport Award: Cooper Yancey

Female Athlete of the Year: Bailey Dyer

Female Sportsmanship Award: Bailey Dyer

George Gray Memorial Award: Daunte O'Banion

Male Athlete of the Year: Daunte O'Banion

Male Sportsmanship Award: Tristan Storie

Mary Louise Eisenhardt Award: Bailey Dyer

State-Level Honors

Governor's Work Ethic Certificate: Collin Birge, Samuel Boles, Alexis Bright, Patrick Broyles, Kodi Burkard, Lauren Butler, Chancellor Estes, Hunter Ferris, Justin Ford, Gage Fox, Seth Geer, Destiny Gorrell, Bryan Hernandez, Matigan Hixenbaugh, Daniel Hutchins, Alexis Jester, Eric Larkins, Eric Leach, Mackenzie Miller, Joseph Neff, Saffron Nicholson, Logan Owens, Quenton Owens, Kennedy Park, Hunter Pomeroy, Jesse Porter, Rebekah Riley, Denver Sexton, Tristan Storie, Tyson Torrance, Allyson Whitham and Bryce Wooten.

GWEC with Academic Honors: Taylor Backus, Mollie Baker, Jade Barnes, Gracie Block, Grace Brautigam, Jordyn Bryant, Aubreanna Carter, Gabriel Caudill, Bergen Cornelius, Savannah Cosby, Ansley Crutchfield, Anthony DeMarco, Alexia Dempler, Lydia Goebel, Wiley Gross, Sophia Hall, Sydney Hammock, Isaac Hanson, Renee Hanson, Blair Holt, Alexis Johnson, Simon Knox, Kenzee Krieger, Carson Livingston, Emma Lostutter, Elisabeth Mahoney, Grace Marshall, Alex Mason, Eoin McMahon, Paige Morris, Jonathon Motenko, Alexandria Nay, Daunte O'Banion, MacKenzie Phillips, Alyssa Preston, Alexander Ratcliff, Alec Rathje, Caitlin Reece, Taylor Rowlett, Adam Sikes, Gabriel True, Renee Walker, Chase Webster, James Weir, Taylor Williams, Lydia Wright.

GWEC with Technical Honors: Morgan Bush, Austin Cutshall, Quinton Farris

GWEC with Academic and Technical Honors: Bailey Dyer, Bella Eiriksson, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Mackenzie Gray, Erika Hazelwood, Addison Hill, Peyton Holt, Carol Johnson, Emily Kiefer, Angel Koontz, Cora Liter, Hope Miller, Jobe Miller, Macy Risk, Kayelee Schneider, Harper Smith, Nathan Spencer, Brianna Torrance, Bethany Tucker, Catherine Tullis, Kristin Vermillion, Ariadin Vest, Haley Weaver, Jalen Wilson and Cooper Yancey.

State Transfer General Education Core: Taylor Backus, Letha Baker, Mollie Baker, Jade Barnes, Gracie Block, Samuel Boles, Grace Brautigam, Bergen Cornelius, Savannah Cosby, Austin Cutshall, Alexia Dempler, Bailey Dyer, Bella Eiriksson, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Isabella Glasgow, Lydia Goebel, Mackenzie Gray, Wiley Gross, Sophia Hall, Sydney Hammock, Isaac Hanson, Renee Hanson, Addison Hill, Blair Holt, Peyton Holt, Hannah Huff, Alexis Johnson, Emily Kiefer, Angel Koontz, Kenzee Krieger, Cora Liter, Carson Livingston, Emma Lostutter, Ben Love, Grace Marshall, Alex Mason, Eoin McMahon, Jobe Miller, Jonathon Motenko, Alexandria Nay, Mackenzie Phillips, Bailie Prescher, Alyssa Preston, Alexander Ratcliff, Alec Rathje, Caitlin Reece, Macy Risk, Taylor Rowlett, Kayelee Schneider, Adam Sikes, Harper Smith, Destiny Snell, Nathan Spencer, Ethan Stewart, Brianna Torrance, Gabriel True, Bethany Tucker, Catherine Tullis, Kristen Vermillion, Haley Weaver, Jalen Wilson, Lydia Wright, Cooper Yancey and Ezra Young.

Technical Certificate: Morgan Bush, Jacob Conard, Quinton Farris, Gage Fox, Damian Gibson, Mackenzie Newby and Hunter Pomeroy.

Completion of PLTW Biomedical Pathway: Bella Eiriksson, Maranda Elswick, Kristen Garrett, Mackenzie Gray, Erika Hazelwood, Peyton Holt, Emily Kiefer, Cora Liter, Macy Risk, Kayelee Schneider, Harper Smith, Nathan Spencer, Brianna Torrance, Bethany Tucker and Cooper Yancey.

Mahoney, Alexandria Nay and Tristan Storie, \$500 each

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Trustee Scholarship: Cooper Yancey, \$6,000/4 years
The Bellarmine Grant: Cooper Yancey, \$2,000

Bethany Circle Scholarship: Ansley Crutchfield and Erika Hazelwood, \$500 each

Bob Rusk and Linda Rusk Scholarship: Kayelee Schneider, \$500 each

Bonnie & Prentis Shelton Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$1,000

Brad O'Leary Scholarship: Maranda Elswick, \$600

Calvin Family Scholarship: MacKenzie Phillips, \$1,100

Carl J. and Mary M. Hoeffling Scholarship: Erika Hazelwood, \$4,285

Centra Credit Union Loretta M. Burd Scholarship: Mackenzie Gray, \$2,500

Chan Chilton Memorial Scholarship: Alex Mason, \$800

Charles H. & Chris Keller Scholarship: Isabella Glasgow, \$300

Charlotte Knox Canida Scholarship for Taylor University: Renee Walker, \$20,000/4 years

Chautauqua for the Arts in Memory of Bob Fourhman: Jordyn Bryant, \$1,100

Curtis Wright Memorial Scholarship: Alexandria Nay, \$1,200

Custer Oratorical Conest: Grace Brautigam, First Place, \$750; Bailey Dyer, Second Place, \$350; and Hannah Huff, Isaac Hanson and Maranda Elswick, Equal Rank, \$275 each.

Dennis Holt Memorial Scholarship: Mackenzie Gray, \$1,300

Deputy Alumni Scholarship: Jade Barnes, \$3,200

Dianna Risk Peer Counseling Scholarship: Aubreanna Carter and Maranda Elswick, \$500 and a book

Dorothy B. Lotz Scholarship: Hannah Huff and Harper Smith, \$2,750 each

Dover Scholarship: Eoin McMahon, \$10,000/4 years

Dupont Alumni Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$1,000

Erin Turner Memorial Scholarship: Isabella Glasgow, \$300

Emerson Harrell Scholarship: Cooper Yancey, \$200

Evansville Choir Scholarship: Erika Hazelwood, \$500.

Farmers Bank of Milton: Hannah Huff \$1,000

Frances K. Eisan Memorial Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$1,100

Franklin College Academic Scholarship: Kayelee Schneider, \$18,000

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Gary Chapman Scholarship for the Arts: Caitlin Reece \$500

German American AIM Scholarship: Maranda Elswick, \$500

Glen G. & Dorothy Ebel Huntington Scholarship: MacKenzie Phillips, \$1,000

Hanover College

Parker Scholarship: Taylor Williams, \$23,000

Legacy Scholarship: Taylor Williams, \$2,000

Crowe, Legacy and Hendricks Scholarships: Kristen Garrett, \$112,000/4 years

Crowe, Hendricks and Campus Experience Awards: MacKenzie Phillips, \$106,000

Donner Scholarship and Hanover Grant: Aubreanna Carter, \$17,000 and \$10,594

Helyn Bishop Scholarship: Maranda Elswick, \$1,100;

IKE Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$1,000

Indiana University Provost's Scholarship: Hannah Huff, \$32,000/4 years

IN Frank O'Banion Award: Taylor Williams, \$8,250;

Aubreanna Carter, \$2,750

Jefferson County Extension Homemakers Scholarship: Erika Hazelwood, \$1,000

Jefferson County Farm Bureau Scholarship: Jade Barnes and Grace Marshall, \$1,000 each

Jefferson County Free in Need Scholarship: Angel Koontz, \$452.75

Jefferson County Retired Teachers Scholarship: Sophia Backus, \$250

Jeffery Bear Memorial Scholarship: Jade Barnes, \$1,000

Jobs for America's

Graduates

\$250 scholarship and honor cord: Hunter Anderson, Drew Barron, Leslie Beverly, Collin Birge, Samantha Brandt, Crystal Brooks, Patrick Broyles, Kodi Burkard, Lauren Butler, Gabriel Caudill, Dylan Clark, Savannah Cosby, Hannah Daugherty, Chance Estes, Dakota Falconberry, Hunter Ferris, Ashlee Foster, Kaitlyn Garlinghouse, Nick Gray, Grace Hartwell, Dawson Hill, Jace Humes, Jaquira Humes, Daniel Hutchins, Baley Kernen, Angel Koontz, Eric Leach, Carson Livingston, Elisabeth Mahoney, Kennedy McAfee, Quenton Owen, Jesse Porter, Alicia Portillo, Taylor Rowlett, Haley Weaver and James Wilson.

John & Maureen Galvin Scholarship: Bergen Cornelius, \$1,000

Joseph V. Cline Scholarship: Renee Hanson, \$33,400

Kennedy Rucker Memorial Scholarship: Drew Barron and Carol Johnson, \$500 each

Knights of Columbus Scholarship: Erika Hazelwood, \$300

Lance Jones Memorial Scholarship: Cooper Yancey, \$500

LaVon Cartwright Gudkese & Ann Gudkese Offerman Nursing Scholarship: Brianna Torrance, \$250

Lide White Boys and Girls Club: Bill Cole Memorial Scholarship, Addison Hill, \$500; John & Sue Paul Memorial Scholarship, Bergen Cornelius, \$500; and Robert & Virginia Klopp Scholarship, Elisabeth Mahoney, \$500

Lilly Endowment

Community Scholarship: Grace Brautigam, \$49,464/4 years
Finalists: Bailey Dyer, Sophia Hall and Harper Smith, \$1,000 each

Louis Ernst Family Scholarship: Bergen Cornelius, Bailey Dyer, Maranda Elswick, Lydia Goebel, Erika Hazelwood, Addison Hill, Elisabeth Mahoney, Eoin McMahon, Jonathon Motenko, Catherine Tullis and Cooper Yancey, \$700 each

Mable Green Memorial Scholarship: Bailey Dyer and MacKenzie Phillips, \$1,250 each

MCBS Academic Competition Scholarship: Alexander Ratcliff, \$1,000

MCBS Class of 1966 Scholarship: Emma Lostutter, \$2,100

MCBS Class of 1979 "Life is Good" Scholarship in Memory of Greg Greves: Maranda Elswick, \$100

Madison FFA Scholarship: Bethany Tucker, \$100; Gracie Block and Cora Liter, \$200 each; MacKenzie Phillips and Rebekah Riley, \$300 each; Alexia Dempler, Taylor Backus and Jade Barnes, \$400 each; Maranda Elswick, Sydney Hammock, Grace Marshall, Tyson Torrance and James Weir, \$500 each.

Madison Lions Club: Angel Koontz, \$750

Madison Ribberfest: Bailey Dyer, \$1,000

Madison Teachers Association Scholarship: Maranda Elswick and Jonathon Motenko, \$500 each

Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship: Erika Hazelwood and Peyton Holt, \$500 each

Marshall and Norma Banks Nursing Scholarship: Mackenzie Gray, \$500

Mayor's Eagles Community Service Scholarship: Emma Lostutter and Renee Hanson, \$350 each

Molly Dattilo Follow Your Dreams Scholarship: Alexandria Nay, \$1,000

Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre Scholarship: Jade Barnes \$1,000

Mountjoy Family Memorial Scholarship: Aubreanna Carter and Kenzie Krieger, \$7,200 each; Gracie Block, Ansley Crutchfield, Bailey Dyer and Kristen Garrett, \$4981 each; Gabriel Caudill, Bergen Cornelius, Maranda Elswick, Erika Hazelwood, Elizabeth Mahoney, Jonathon Motenko, Alexandria Nay, MacKenzie Phillips, \$500 each.

M.W. Anderson Scholarship: Bergen Cornelius, \$900

Nancy Lee Cub Booster Club Scholarship: Bailey Dyer and Eoin McMahon, \$1,000 each

Nathan Wilson Memorial Mathematics Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$3,100

National Archery Scholarship: Taylor Backus, Alexia Dempler, Tyson Torrance, James Weir, \$500 each

National Honor Society Scholarships: MacKenzie Phillips, Character, \$400; Destiny Snell, Character, \$600; Grace Marshall, Leadership, \$400; Bergen Cornelius, Leadership, \$600; Alexandria Nay, Service, \$600; Taylor Rowlett, Service, \$400

Nucor Foundation Scholarship: Taylor Backus, \$14,000/4 years; Wiley Gross, \$14,000/4 years

Ohio Wesleyan: Lydia Goebel, University Grant, \$7,486, and Bishop Scholarship, \$108,000/4 years

Phi Beta Psi Sorority: Medical Scholarship, Erika Hazelwood, \$750; Legacy Scholarship, Brianna Torrance \$750

Purdue University

Presidential Scholar Award: Ezra Young, \$16,000/4 years; Marquis Scholarship, Maranda Elswick, \$16,000/4 years, as well as the Morris Scholarship, \$4,630 and Welcome Aboard Scholarship, \$4,107

Ralph and Robyn Jones Family Memorial Scholarship: Aubreanna Carter, \$670

Riverfront Run Car Show Scholarship: Lydia Goebel and Alexis Jester, \$1,000 each

Rollins College Scholarship: Emma Lostutter, \$165,440/4 years

Rotary: Hannah Huff, Al Carter Scholarship, \$1,200; Brianna Torrance, Higher Education Scholarship \$1,000; Bailey Dyer, Larry & Charmaine Owens Scholarship, \$1,200

SEI Communications Southeast Rural Telephone Scholarship: Maranda Elswick, \$500

Shannon Thomas Memorial Scholarship, Renee Hanson \$300

Sharon Thom Alcorn Memorial Scholarship: MacKenzie Phillips, \$1,500

Shawn Barnes Memorial Scholarship: Hunter Ferris \$300

Sons of the American Legion: Sophia Backus, \$500

Terri Neighbert Memorial Scholarship: Peyton Holt, \$1,000

Thomas D. Craft, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Renee Hanson, \$1,700

Tiffany Lee Carter Memorial Scholarship: Renee Hanson, \$1,000

Trevor Woodward Art Scholarship: Caitlin Reece, \$500

Tri Kappa Beta Omega Chapter Scholarships, varying amounts totalling \$2450: Bergen Cornelius, Bailey Dyer, Maranda Elswick, Mackenzie Gray and Harper Smith.

Troy Allen Pyles Memorial Scholarship: Sophia Backus, \$1,200

Union University: Jordyn Bryant, Grant, \$8,000, and Dean's Scholarship, \$11,500

U.S. Army GI Bill: David Bailey, \$82,000; Quentin Farris, \$78,000; Michael Garlinghouse, \$78,000

U.S. Navy: Dillon Ray, \$211,800/4 year

University of Evansville: Erika Hazelwood, Academic Scholarship, \$17,000

VSG Scholarship: Jonathon Motenko, \$1,000

Western Kentucky University: Alex Mason, Academic Merit Scholarship, \$6,000/4 years, and TIP Scholarship, \$10,000/4 years

Vernon Gudkese Memorial Engineering Scholarship: Bailey Dyer, \$250

Wood Memorial Scholarship: Aubreanna Carter, \$900

Zimmer Tractor Scholarship: Gracie Block, Grace Marshall and Maranda Elswick, \$100 each

Grill, Mires take new roles in MCS district

Assistant Principal Grill promoted to principal at Junior High

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

Dan Grill has been named Principal at Madison Junior High School. The assistant principal at Madison Consolidated High School since 2015, Grill replaces Jill Mires, who will now serve as principal at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School and the district's Director of Elementary Education.

"I am humbled to have the opportunity to positively influence the students, parents, and staff of MJHS," Grill said. "I am excited to continue bringing my experiences to the MJHS learning community."

Grill began his career in 2007 with School Town of Speedway in Speedway, Ind. He taught eighth grade science at Speedway Junior High School for eight and served as assistant athletic director at Speedway High School.

Grill has been an instrumental part of the MCHS team, which strives to create meaningful relationships with students, teachers and parents. This mission has been transformational as the team has worked to improve the quality of education for students and bringing together the learning community at MCHS.

Embracing a solutions-based approach, Grill's administrative philosophy embraces three pillars:

Build Community: Work with



Dan and Katie Grill live in Madison with their children, Izzy, Damien and Forrest. Grill was recently named principal at Madison Junior High School.

students, teachers and parents to strengthen our school community and encourage involvement in all aspects of school life;

Determine Focus: Communication of clear expectations for students, teachers, and parents provide an effective support network and platform for success for all students; and

Build the Bridge: Collective alignment of resources, curriculum, and post-secondary and career exploration opportunities to ensure all students are ready as they cross the bridge to MCHS.

In addition to holding an Early Adolescence Generalist License for teaching math and science, Grill earned a bachelor's degree in Middle School Education from Indiana University-Fort Wayne, a master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Ball State

University, and a P-12 Educational Administrative License.

"I will continue to lead from my heart as a servant leader to continue the great things MJHS has been doing and work with stakeholders to find those areas we need to continue to improve upon," Grill said.

Grill is a member of Indiana Association of School Principals and the Indiana New Administrator Leadership Institute of the IASP.

Locally, he serves as president of the board of directors for Girls Inc. of Jefferson County, as well as assistant coach for the MCHS boys track team.

Previously, Mr. Grill has coached high school cross country, basketball and track, as well as junior high basketball and robotics.

He and his wife Katie live in Madison with their three children, Izzy, Damien and Forrest.

Mires named Rykers' principal; will also lead district's PreK-5 education program

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

Jill Mires is stepping down as principal of Madison Junior High School to become principal of Rykers' Ridge Elementary School.

Additionally, Mires has been named the district's Director of Elementary Education by Superintendent Dr. Jeff Studebaker.

"When Dr. Katie Jenner resigned her position earlier in the school year, a large portion of the vast array of her responsibilities were absorbed within our administrative team," Studebaker said.

Jenner was assistant superintendent and Director of Education at MCS before being named vice president of K-12 initiatives and statewide partnerships with Ivy Tech Community College last September.

"The elementary and secondary educational pieces are a large area of diverse responsibilities, and after careful assessment, I determined it was in the students' best interest to focus on the elementary and secondary levels individually," Michael Gasaway, principal of Madison Consolidated High School, was named the district's Director of Secondary Education, Studebaker said.

Prior to her position at MJHS, Mires taught first-grade for 17 years and taught

second grade for one year.

Additionally, she has experience with interventions and Title I coordination at the elementary level, and served four years as a principal at the pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade level.

Mires led MJHS for seven years as the junior high principal grades six through eight. She also led the transition of bringing the district's fifth-grades to MJHS in 2017.

"The new director positions will focus on curriculum alignment, working with all of our teachers to ensure curriculum and standards mapping is efficient and effective," Studebaker said. Other responsibilities will include aligning resources to ensure standards are met and that all students are in the best possible position for overall academic success.

"Collectively, Mrs. Mires and Mr. Gasaway have a thorough knowledge of what is necessary at their respective levels to make great things happen for our students and our district," Studebaker said. "This move will better allow us to be hands-on with our teachers and building administrators, to better understand instructional needs for all students, evaluate what is working well, and identify areas for improvement or re-alignment of our curriculum."

MCS celebrates staff milestones, honors top employees

Janet Ritenour, left, was named Employee of the Year, while Missy Perry, right, was named Teacher of the Year at MCS.

Photos by
Phyllis McLaughlin



By **PHYLLIS McLAUGHLIN**
Correspondent Editor

Lydia Middleton kindergarten teacher Missy Perry was named Teacher of the Year for 2019, while Janet Ritenour, head custodian at Madison Junior High School was named Employee of the Year.

The awards for these, as well as recognition of staff milestones, were handed out during an Employee Recognition Dinner at the high school on May 23.

While presenting Perry with her award, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Studebaker described her as "a dedicated teacher who spends countless hours planning, collaborating with peers and organizing events," and always focuses on her students' strengths rather than the challenges some of them face.

"Her creativity is reflected in the manner in which she transforms her room to the delivery of her lesson plans," Studebaker continued.

"As the co-chairperson for the Lydia Middleton School Improvement Committee, she is committed to the improvement of student achievement."

She volunteered to be teacher leader in IPLI and, outside of the school day, she runs the STARS After School Program at Lydia Middleton.

Ritenour was named non-certified employee of the year for her dependability and dedication. As head custodian, not only does she care for the MJHS building, she also cares about the teachers, students and other support personnel.

According to her nomination, "she goes out of her way to help with any projects we have, or getting rooms ready for presentations or special programs, and enthusiastically jumps into special learning projects to encourage students in creative methods of learning and problem-solving. She keeps us all laughing with her

positive attitude and funny antics, and goes above and beyond, putting kids first and always going the extra mile."

MILESTONES

5 Years of Service: Anne Andreasen, LaVerne Austin, Elizabeth Auxier, Erin Brawner, Stephanie Brawner, Julie Gallagher - Brewer, Cindy Burchfield, David Campbell, Julie Combs, Amanda Conover, Emily Cotner, Adrienne Dwyer, Melanie Eder, Lindsey Goodknight, Cassidy Hearn, David Horvath, Susan Hutton, Adam Jones, Eula Leach, Tina Leas, Gretchen Manauagh, Patricia Money, Patric Morrison, Dan Payne, Wayne Rumsey, Avary Smith, Polly Wehner, Phil Whelan, Angie Wielgoszinski

10 Years: Montica Brawner, Sara Crafton, Jackie Thurston

15 Years: Jennifer Colen, Robin Gray, Kim Jackson, Sarah Lytle, Bonnie Maddex, Keith McDonald, Melissa Perry, Jacob Shockley, Tracy Youngblood

20 Years: Jeanna Carter, Kim Hicks, Nicole LeGrand, Janet McCreary, Lori Palmer, Ginger Sutherland, Heather Vaughn, Diana Wehner

25 Years: Joe Hall, Sarah Lemen, Kathy Stoner, Sharon Sullivan

35 Years: Joe May, Pam Smith

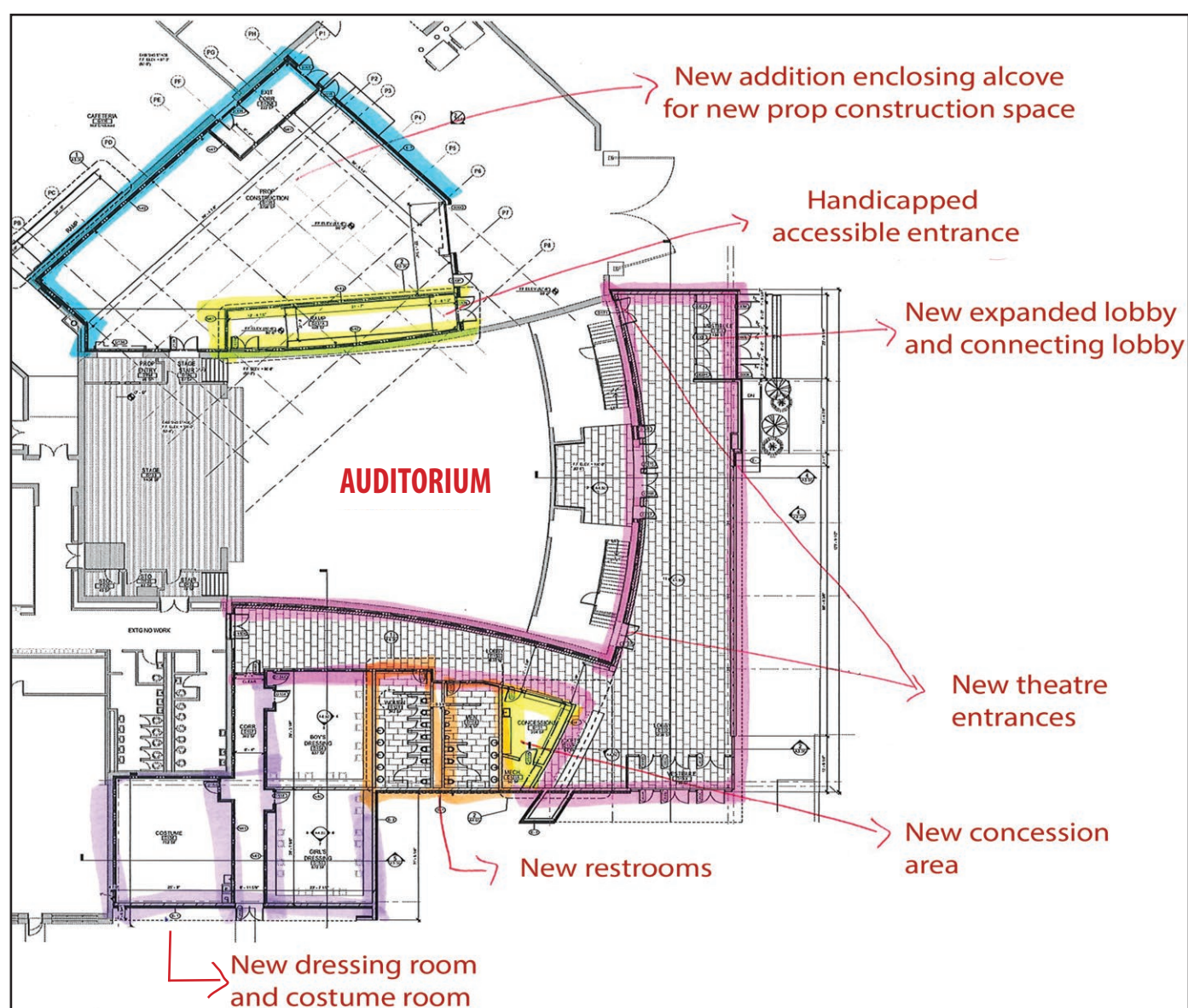


MCS retirees for 2019 are, from left, Jean DeVore, Mike Frazier, Susan Smith, Donna Lamb, Doug Rusk, Angela Kelley, Carol Sue Roberts and Missy Demaree. Not pictured: Melissa Mathews, Tom Mathews, Joyce Moore and Joyce Romans.

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This modified architect's diagram shows the improvements being made to the Opal E. Sherman Auditorium during the current renovation project under way at Madison Consolidated High School.

Theatre renovations progressing at MCHS

By **ASHLEY SCHUTTE**
Communications Coordinator

Work continues on the renovations to the Opal E. Sherman Auditorium at Madison Consolidated High School.

The project includes a new entrance with improved handicapped accessibility, new handicapped accessible restroom facilities, a larger lobby with two additional

entrances to the performance venue, and an addition for prop construction and storage.

There also will be new men's and women's dressing rooms, as well as, a new costume room included in the expansion of the Madison Fine Arts Academy.

"The interior of the Opal will remain largely the same," said Mike Frazier last month, before his retirement

as Director of Facilities. "We are enclosing the area known as the alcove, which sat between the auditorium space and the cafeteria. The new space will be a much-needed storage and construction area for set and prop design/construction. We will retrofit the backstage area with larger doorways to enable easy transport of sets and props from the new space to the

stage area for productions. We will install new carpet and some new stage lighting"

Other facility improvements being done at the same time include new heating and air conditioning for all areas of the auditorium expansion, as well as, A-wing upstairs and downstairs. A new roof will be installed on A-wing and M-wing beginning in mid-June.

Cow Chip Bingo event raises nearly \$1,000 for MCHS National Honor Society

STAFF REPORT

It was a beautiful day for bingo – Cow Chip Bingo, to be exact. A fund-raiser for the MCHS National Honor Society, the event began with the arrival of a steer, compliments of Sydney Hammock.

"He did a great job and looked magnificent," said NHS adviser Krista Lee. The City of Madison loaned the "cow pen" fence, which was set up by Jared Ferguson and the NHS members.

The bingo grid – which included 84 squares sold for \$5 each – was created by Mike Frazier and MCS groundskeepers, Lee said.

Tickets to attend the event were \$3, which included a bag of popcorn and a soda. The additional \$5 per 3-foot-by-3-foot squares gave students a chance to win, if they chose the number of the square the steer decided to ... well ... do his business.

Lee said the weather was perfect, and the students spent their time waiting for the "chips" to fall socializing and snacking.

"It was such a fun atmosphere," Lee said. "There was another group of students selling water balloons to throw at teachers, so it had such a fun carnival like atmosphere."

In the end, NHS raised \$1,200, of which they netted about \$1,000 after payout to the winner.

The money will be used to boost scholarships and help fund a community project in the 2019 school year, Lee said.



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