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THINK PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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As many know, October has been set aside as the month to spread awareness and knowledge about the battle of breast cancer that many women and men are up against. This year, October 13 is the day Americans set aside as “U.S. Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day” and according to The Awareness Days Calendar, October 21, 2022 is the day that Americans dress up and in pink in order raise money and support on how breast cancer is tearing apart the lives of so many strong individuals.

The more people that participate in these fundraisers, the more likely someone is to know about the dangers of breast cancer. The more money raised helps the men and women afflicted to continue their lives, healthily. According to the Mayo Clinic, breast cancer affects over 200,000 Americans per year and is

the second leading cause of cancer-related death, behind skin cancer. Women are more likely to get diagnosed with breast cancer than men.

Luckily, there are doctors that are here to help women and men who struggle with this battle. These doctors are known as oncologists or breast surgeons. Pearl Magee’s (10) mom is a nurse practitioner. When asked about how breast cancer affects her everyday life, Magee said, “Breast cancer not only affects the person who has it but their friends and family who care about them. My mother is a women’s health nurse practitioner and she performs routine breast exams and mammograms. She has taught me the importance of catching breast cancer early. Encouraging all your friends and family to perform self-breast exams monthly and anyone over 40 years old to have yearly mammograms is so important.” It is great to have health professionals who are willing to help with women’s health and to inform people about the dangers and arising

symptoms of breast cancer. Unfortunately, in the U.S., one in every eight women is said to be diagnosed or know someone who is diagnosed with breast cancer. Staff member, Avery Holland (11), has had a family member, her mom, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. When asked, Holland said, “Breast cancer has definitely been tough to handle, especially when it affects to someone I am so close to. It is scary and extremely hard which is why it is so important to spread awareness, and there are certain things people can do to spread awareness that can go a long way.” Like Holland said, there are things we can do to help such as raising money or starting fundraisers.

Although breast cancer is fairly common, there are things that men and women can do to reduce likelihood of getting it. According to the cancer website 2Unstoppable, exercising regularly can help keep breast cancer at bay. Another way to prevent breast cancer is by cutting alcohol

consumption down to a minimum. Breast cancer risks also tend to come down to weight, as people who are overweight tend to have a higher risk when it comes to being diagnosed. Fortunately, breast cancer death rates have declined by 60-70 percent since 1990.

As stated before, catching breast cancer in its earliest stages is so crucial, and there are certain genetic tests that can help. For example, breastcancer.org states that most people who develop breast cancer tend to have no family history of the disease, as up to only ten percent of breast cancers are hereditary. However, people with a strong family history of breast cancer might have a slight chance of inheriting an abnormal gene linked to a greater risk of breast cancer, which is why genetic testing is given as a choice to many women. A genetic test analyzes genes to see if there are any abnormalities that might increase an individual’s risk of breast cancer. In fact, another risk factor of breast cancer is not

breastfeeding, as studies show that breastfeeding can reduce the risk of early onset or premenopausal breast cancer. When asked, Truitt Mayhue (12) said, “It is important to raise awareness for breast cancer because it is a very serious that, if not treated, can lead to death. Wearing pink and being able to talk about the risks of breast cancer is a very helpful way to spread awareness.” Mayhue makes a good point, as even just being able to talk about breast cancer in public settings is so much more effective than people think.

Overall, October, better known as Breast Cancer Awareness month, is a month to raise awareness for every survivor and victim of breast cancer, man or woman. Raising awareness helps prevent people from not knowing the risks and knowing that it is significant to realize the dangers and symptoms and what it means to catch it early. Death rates for breast cancer decline more and more with every word spoken about breast cancer.



MADISON CENTRAL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2022-2023 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS AND COMMENDED SCHOLARS.

Front row left to right are Semifinalists Morgan Stroud, Jessica Eiberl, Shreya Sinha, McKinley Johnson, Allie Hazelwood; Commended Scholar Jordan Northington; Semifinalist Ryan Watson; Commended Scholars Molly Albritton, Ella Ruhl; Semifinalists Sofia Elenkov, Lexie Elenkov, and Alicia Xu. Back row left to right are Semifinalists Cassie Howell, Claire Boykin, Ritvik Banerjee; Commended Scholar Bassel Alkoud; Semifinalists Jason Tu, Leo Mei, John Phelan, Fabricio Neira, Charlie Ratliff, Hayes Henry; Commended Scholars Daniel Ainsworth, Beau Barnette, Emma Greene, and Bethany Abraham.

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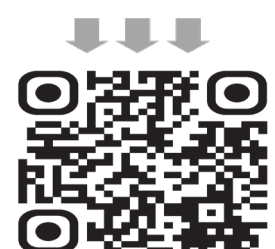


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Check out our website!



SUPPORTING THE JACKSON WATER CRISIS

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As many know, the neighboring city of Jackson is going through a water crisis from past floodings and infrastructure failure. Jackson's water pumps received damage from flooding of the Pearl River. This in turn left the people of Jackson, Mississippi without clean water. A student from Madison Central, Eva Martin (10) said "My aunt and grandmother who live in Jackson became affected by this crisis and were restricted in what foods should be eaten and their actions." Impacting the way people live on no water, the failing water system has caused many to resort to bottled water and the support of others. The 150,000 people residing in Jackson have dealt with a decreased quality of life because they could not drink, wash, or bathe as they had before.

To support the neighboring city of Jackson, communities from all around have been helping to provide clean, bottled water for Jackson's crisis. With the help of our communities, Jackson has lasted

through the water crisis and recently lifted the boil notice. During the hardest times, most schools had to shut down as well as some businesses for the time being for health reasons and the decrease in water supply. Ways one would contribute is "By donating water to the fire stations, Mississippi Food Network, or donating money online for the cause," suggested Bethany Barry (10). Local schools including Madison Central, Ridgeland High School, Germantown High School, and Velma Jackson took part in a water drive for Jackson on September 6 through September 9. These water drives provided much needed water for many people across the city of Jackson.

While Jackson's water became contaminated, people became more and more frustrated that they had to continue to pay bills for water that was unsafe for consumption. Inspectors found 16 violations in the water's safety for drinking and eventually a state of emergency was issued by Governor Tate Reeves. On August 30, 2022, Joe Biden approved the emergency declaration which gave Jackson the additional funding and support to address the emergency. Thinking back, this

water boil-notice contamination issue has been going on for decades. "For many years, I feel like we are only responding to it now that it is happened, now that it is too late," states Walker Scott (11). Last year in Jackson, there were more than 200 days that the city was under a water boil, two-thirds of a year, and now it has been addressed in 2022 as the severity has gotten even worse. Bathing or showering in Jackson has now required

one to keep their mouths closed to prevent ingestion of the water. Along with people, pets were now not allowed to use the water as they pleased. This has been an even bigger problem for people who are sick and injured, because they need the water even more. Not to mention the current diseases spreading across the world. Drinking the contaminated water may lead to E. coli exposure (animal waste), hair loss, skin

rashes, and digestive issues.

As of now, the water pressure in Jackson has been restored and the water boil-notice has been lifted, but the water still remains a threat to residents. There have been talks of replacing the water pumps and infrastructure over the years but has not yet been confirmed. Although most is restored and almost back to normal, it is still never too late to support those in need.



Above: Madison Central students, Alexa Ainsworth (12) and Mary Claire Butts (12) help with the Water Drive.

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

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Queen Elizabeth II was born at 2:40 a.m. on April 21, 1926, she was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York who had later become King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The Princess was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in the private chapel at Buckingham Palace. She was named after her mother while her two middle names were her great grandmoth-

er, Queen Alexandria and grandmother Queen Mary.

In 1930 Princess Elizabeth's sister Princess Margaret Rose was born, and the family of four were very close. But the family's life had come to an end in 1936, when her grandfather King George V had died. His eldest son King Edward VII had come to the throne but before the end of the year he gave up in order to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson. Therefore Princess Elizabeth's father stepped onto the throne as King George VI.

After her father succeeded to the throne that meant Princess Elizabeth was the first in line to the throne so she started to study constitutional history and laws for preparation of her future role. Princess Elizabeth II was crowned queen on February 2, 1952 following

the death of her father King George VI (1895-1952). She was constitutionally responsible for hundreds of millions of colonial subjects spread across some 70 colonies, territories, and mandates.

Queen Elizabeth impacted the world in so many different ways, she presided at official ceremonies, hosted world leaders and traveled in support of the British government. Having a job for 70 years means you have seen a lot of world leaders come and go. The first British prime minister she worked with was Winston Churchill, who had governed the nation through World War II.

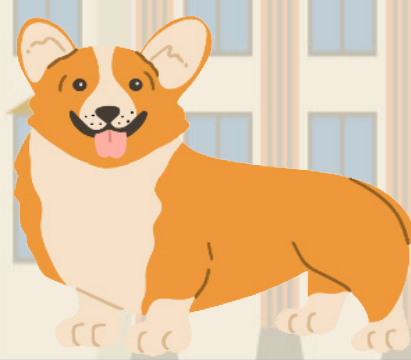
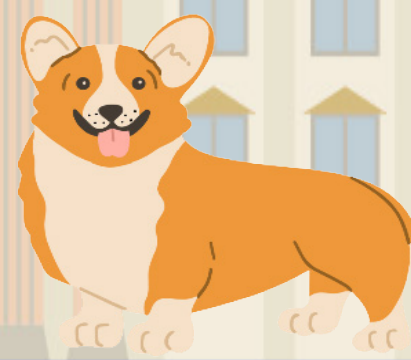
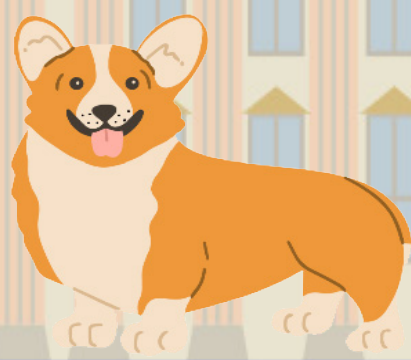
Along with all of her challenges she also had accomplishments. One of her biggest accomplishments was being a reliable

and steady monarch. She also became the first British monarch to address congress. She set a very good example for England. Brooke Bumgarner (11) said, "I think Queen Elizabeth served England in a very good manner because she was very respected and respectful to the people around her. When you examine her life, you will see that she looked at her position more as a role of service and leadership, instead of just being considered royalty." The queen was a very good leader. She made decisions even when it was difficult, she had no personal agenda, she just wanted to serve her country and she was very consistent in her approach.

Unfortunately, due to old age Queen Elizabeth passed away on September 8, 2022. The queen

was 96 years old, making her the longest-reigning British monarch, also the longest-lived sovereign that Britain has ever had. Everyone was very upset and did not know what to think, even people outside of the country Sara Reeves Thomas (10) said, "When I found out the unfortunate news of the queen's death, I was very sad and I could not imagine the way England had felt."

King Charles III is the Queen's eldest son and he came to the throne after the death of his mother. Emma Raush (11) said "I think King Charles will do a good job as king and never let England forget about his mother." Britain will be very different because the rock that they were built on is now gone but their country wouldn't be the way it is without the help of Queen Elizabeth.



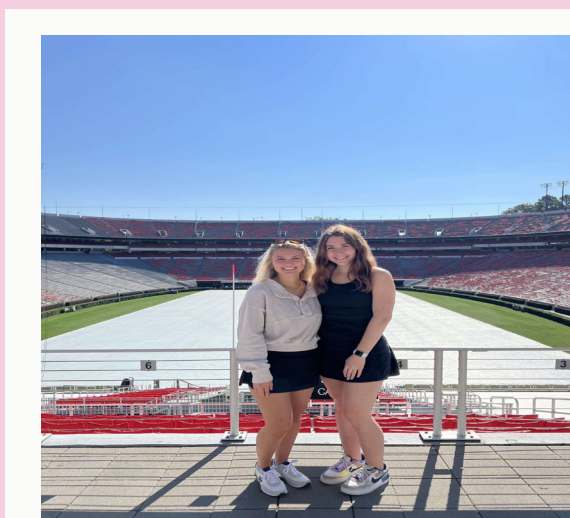
MADISON CENTRAL STUDENTS GO ON COLLEGE VISITS

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Elizabeth Wasson (12), Teeda Phann (12), and Cameron Rainey (12) all toured The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) together. Wasson and Phann are still unsure where they want to attend, but after touring USM Rainey are looking into going there. Rainey said, "I favored USM's beautiful campus that is big enough in size to accommodate a diverse class of students while still being small enough to feel homey." Rainey also thinks that USM offers many great amenities and has nice living spaces. She thinks people should visit to see what the campus is all about.



Margaret Anne Henderson (12) toured Auburn University. Henderson thoroughly enjoyed visiting Auburn. "The campus was beautiful, and the scenery was picturesque," said Henderson. She likes the dorms and thinks that the dining halls offer a wonderful selection of food. Henderson wants to major in biomedical Engineering and thinks that she would enjoy the Engineering program that Auburn has. This school is one of her top three choices for where she will attend college.



Anna Kimbrell (12) and Ella Ruhl (12) recently toured The University of Georgia (UGA). Kimbrell said, "The campus was very pretty and unexpectedly hilly. All the amenities were updated, and the dorms were great." The campus was large and offered so many opportunities to get involved. Kimbrell is interested in majoring in Pre-Law to eventually go to Law School. The law school at UGA seemed amazing and she could see herself in it, if she attended UGA. Overall, their favorite part about UGA was the stadium.

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Homecoming

10/31:
Halloween

11/21-25:
Thanksgiving
Break

12/17-1/4:
Christmas Break

A New Foreign Exchange Student is Welcomed to the Jungle

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This year, Madison Central (MC) has a new foreign exchange student, Jan Thissen (11). He is a junior and is also playing on the MC tennis team. He is originally from Düsseldorf, Germany which is over 4,700 miles away from Mississippi. As a foreign exchange student, you get to experience many new things and meet many new people. Thissen has been very appreciative of his time here already and can't wait for what the rest of his stay holds.

He wanted to participate in the Foreign Exchange Program to leave his original home for a year and meet many new people in the US. Thissen said, "I am very interested in going to college here in the US." Going to college in the US played a big part into why he wanted to come here as a foreign exchange student. He wanted to get a taste of what it was like to live in the US, which would hopefully help him if he ended up going to college here.

Thissen notes that there are many things here in the US that are different than back home in Germany. First, college football is a lot bigger of a thing in the US than it is in Germany. Here mostly everyone has been to a game before and for most it is a part of every weekend in the fall. Thissen said that this was very odd to him when he got here. Another

thing that he mentioned was that the food portions in America are much larger than they are in Germany. This is something that Thissen knew beforehand but was shocked that it was true. Lastly, the way that tax is presented varies between here and Germany. In the US, an item is labeled with the actual price and when you get to checkout, the tax is added at the end for all the items. In Germany and many other European countries, tax is already factored into the labeled price so at checkout there is not tax added on. Thissen was very lost when he went to the store for the first time here, as he was confused why each item was so much more expensive than its label. While there are many differences between Germany and the US, there are many similarities that make the US feel like home, even if it is only for a year.

Being a part of the tennis team has been a fun and engaging way for Thissen to be involved in all that Madison Central has to offer. "Jan and I have gotten pretty close, and I am grateful that he has been here and experienced some fun, amazing things with our team." Molly Bennett (12) said. As one of Thissen's teammates, she has enjoyed getting to know him and is excited along with him for the upcoming spring season. Another teammate of Thissen, Emmie

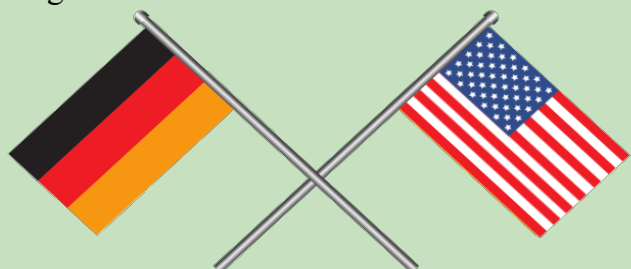
Chandler (12) said, "It has been super exciting having a foreign exchange student on our team this year. After having a foreign exchange student on the team last year and another this year, it seems to have become a tradition." The MC tennis team has enjoyed having Thissen on their team just as much as he has enjoyed being on the team this year.

As of his third month here in the US, Thissen is stoked

for the rest of his year here and will be sad about leaving in June. He wants to come back as soon as he can after he leaves to go back home, hopefully coming back for college. Our school and the MC tennis team and has thoroughly enjoyed having him here and is going to be sad seeing him go in June back home, but excited for his time here before then.



Above: Jan Thissen (11) poses for a picture in front of the castle in Disney World's Magic Kingdom.



Keeping up with the Government Club

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Government Club is a formative experience for young high school students to become active members in our country's government after they graduate. The club helps not only the members learn about legislation and policies but also the entire school. This year the Government Club put on a voter registration drive on National Voter Registration Day, September 20. Another event the club also prepares for is Youth Legislature. The club members prepare from the beginning of the school year until November 10 the day of the mock legislation. Each member is a vital part that contributes to the efficiency of this well-run group.

Less than half of the population size for ages 18 through 24 voted in the November 2020 election in Mississippi. Through creating voter registration drives, the younger age group of Mississippians can have their voice heard in legislation. Adam Maatallah (12) the Vice

President of the Government Club helped create and run the voter registration drive that was put on here at MC. Maatallah when asked why he wanted to have a voter registration drive at MC said, "to create an environment where all unique voices are heard in government. So, the voices of the Jaguars could be heard in their local, state, and federal governments." It is important bring awareness to high schools about the "importance of civic engagement," so these students can become more involved in future elections. Members of the club were provided voter registration forms and set up stations in the glass room by the library for students to come and fill out the form. The members also brought forms through the commons during break to pass out to students who turn 18 before the November 8 deadline.

The voter registration drive was a great success, and many MC students are now registered voters who can vote in the next election.

Another event the Government

state legislature that may or may not be passed by the Youth Legislature Governor. One of the Co-Presidents of the government club is Katie Farthing (11). When asked what her favorite part about Youth Leg was from last year she said, "Having the opportunity to meet delegates from all over Mississippi and getting to explore the legislative process." Schools from all across Mississippi come together at the Capital building to take part in the Youth Legislative process. The students act as Representatives and Senators and go through chamber and committee meetings to see if their bill will be passed by the other legislators. The bill, if passed, finally goes to the Youth Legislature governor and they have the final say on whether the bill is signed into law. The sponsor of the club is Kristen Stephenson who

teaches AP European History as well as AP US Government. Stephenson has always had a love for social studies, and it was fostered through the MC government club when she was a student here. When asked what you hope the members of the government club accomplish this year Stephenson said, "that members become active citizens in our government. Whether that means running for office one day or just being engaged in news... all of it is worthwhile and essential for the health of our democracy." The sponsor, and co-presidents and vice presidents ensure that the members of the club can participate in our state and federal governments in the near future.

Government club raises awareness on how important being involved in state and federal government is as a young adult. The younger age group needs their voice heard in congress, so all types of people are represented in legislation. Through creating voter registration drives and sending members of MC's student body to Youth Legislature the club is making active members in governmental society.



Club takes part in is Youth Legislature. Youth Legislature is a conference held in November in downtown Jackson where the members of the club act as Mississippi legislators. The members present bill they have created to a mock

their bill will be passed by the other legislators. The bill, if passed, finally goes to the Youth Legislature governor and they have the final say on whether the bill is signed into law. The sponsor of the club is Kristen Stephenson who

THESPIANS KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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The Thespian Society had their induction ceremony September 27. The Thespians is an international society for actors, singers, dancers, and stage crew members. It celebrates the arts of all kinds and opens doors for those aspiring to work in theater or film. The Induction ceremony brings in new members and induct them into the society.

At the ceremony, new inductees light a candle and perform a short monologue. Thespians is sponsored by Leigha Nix. She teaches the theater classes at MC and directs the school musicals. While the inductees are lighting their candles, Leigha Nix reads off their past theatrical accomplishments to the audience. The induction ceremony was open for the public to watch, and in most things in theater, the audience is always a necessity. But for this society, not just anyone can be inducted. Everyone in Thespians has to have a certain level of experience in the arts, either on or off the stage. On the upside, once someone is in-

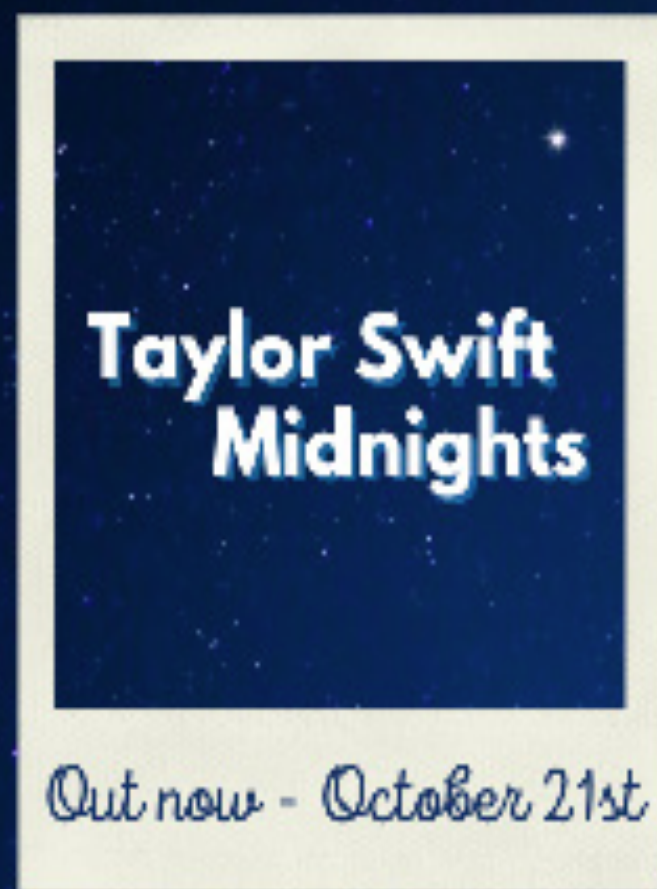
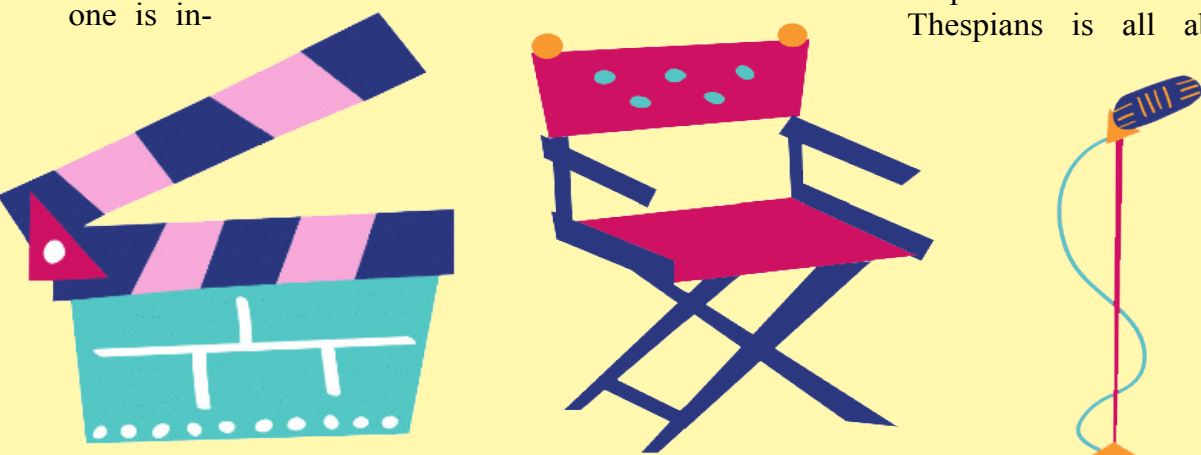
ducted they are forever in the club.

Monologues of all kinds dramatic, comedic, or otherwise were used to reflect the variety of new talent joining the club. Cameron Rainey (12) was inducted this year. Rainey did a monologue titled "The Big Bad Wolf" for its comedic value. When asked why she joined she replied, "I like to act and be around theatrical activities and people that share the same interest." The Thespians provide a community for all those who enjoy the arts. Another person inducted this year was Lillian Kimble (10). "You're part of a bigger group that's not just you being an actor all by yourself," said Kimble. The community was an important aspect of the club for her as well, since it offers opportunities for cooperation between actors. Seniors and sophomores are welcome to the club alike and can be inducted at any time. The club also offers opportunities for people to show off their talent and share their passions with others who feel the same way.

The Thespians do events throughout the year, the most exciting of which is the Thescon in the

spring. Like any convention, Thescon is an event where Thespians across Mississippi can meet and perform in a multitude of different categories. The competitions range from short films and singing, to performing scenes from plays, movies, and musicals. Thescon is one of the biggest events of the year for Thespians. Thespians also offers officer positions. Olivia Phelps (12) is on the board as the Senior Public Relations officer, which means she helps run the social media accounts and other media-based areas for the club. "I am really excited to attend Thescon this year. We get to attend workshops, watch other troupes perform, and learn so much about theater and thespians." Since Olivia is a senior, this is the last year she will be able to attend Thescon, and it will be bigger and better than ever before.

Overall, the induction ceremony was a great way to start off the new school year for thespians. With exciting events just around the corner everybody can't wait to see what the new year will bring. The new members are in anticipation to find out what Thespians is all about.



This is a collection of music written in the middle of the night, a journey through terrors and sweet dreams.

-Taylor Swift

1. TAYLOR SWIFT
2. FEARLESS
3. SPEAK NOW
4. RED
5. 1989
6. REPUTATION
7. LOVER
8. FOLKLORE
9. EVERMORE
10. MIDNIGHTS



HOOO WEEK DRESS UP DAYS:

MONDAY

PAJAMA'S

TUESDAY

DRESS LIKE A TEACHER

WEDNESDAY

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

THURSDAY

12- SENIOR CITIZENS

11- NERDS

10- KINDERGARTEN

FRIDAY

12- WHITE

11- BLUE

10- ORANGE



A NIGHTMARE TO REMEMBER

Canned Food Drive Results

Seniors

18,262

Juniors

22,859

Sophomores

15,017

Teachers

1,222

Feeder Schools

29,862

TOTAL - 87,222

Mississippi Presents Current Local Events

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Mississippi has a lot of events lined up for the month of October. Some are in celebration of Halloween, while others are annual events. The Natchez Trace Balloon Festival occurs yearly with live music, games, art, and hot air balloons. The balloon festival was from October fourteenth to October sixteenth. This year the festival featured bands such as Chapel Hart, Nik Parr and The Selfless Lovers, Tank and the Bangas, and many others. Every day there are new attractions, each with something different to offer. Audrey Houston (11) has been to the festival in the past and she said, "I remember we went out into a field, and there were a bunch of hot air balloons galore. The balloons were floating off the ground in a way that I had not seen before." Houston described her experience at the festival as very fun and exciting.

On October 1, the Renaissance held the annual European Car Show, also called Euro Fest. At this event, people come to see and show off cars young and old, along with different brands. With cars ranging from a 2022 Toyota to a 1964

Alfa Romeo, this car show has an expansive collection of automobiles and motorcycles. Walker Scott (11), a Madison Central student who went to the car show this year, said, "Although I am not a car person, I do like seeing older things that have been preserved. Seeing older cars is really interesting." Scott especially enjoyed that the car show was a great place to have quality time with his friends, as it was hosted by Renaissance. The Renaissance was a smart location because not only is it incredibly popular, it also creates a boom in business for both the car show and the Renaissance. People who come to the Renaissance to shop get the added bonus of antique cars and motorcycles, and those who come for the cars have stores to pop in.

A Halloween themed event coming October twenty eighth is Park After Dark. Park After Dark is a family-friendly event where kids and adults alike can wear costumes, make arts-and-crafts, and other fun activities. The event was made possible by a collaboration between the Museum of Natural Science and the Children's Museum. Monique Ealey is the Director of Education at the Children's Museum, and she has been working on Park After Dark. "We will have glow lights outside as well as a D.J. in the park which is something new to all of us." The people over at

the Science Museum and the Children's Museum are excited about the event and have high expectations for it. Monique Ealey went on to say that it is going to be, "a fun filled, family-friendly event in a safe atmosphere." Tickets can be bought online, and the museums are offering service hours for those willing to volunteer, either at Park After Dark or other events throughout the year.

With the balloon festival, Euro fest, and Park After Dark, October stays a busy month for businesses and residents across Mississippi. These

events bring opportunities for communities to connect and become stronger. They are all great for families to bond and get out of the house and it only happens once a year. Keep in touch with the local events happening in the area.



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

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Every year on the second Monday of October, the majority of the United States of America celebrates a holiday known as Columbus Day. This holiday honors the explorer, Christopher Columbus, who had made the existence of the Americas widely known. However, for the Native Americans of the country, Columbus Day has been changed to a new holiday, one that celebrates their culture. For an increasing number of citizens, Columbus Day is no longer Columbus Day. Instead, the holiday is a day for recognizing the achievements and survival of Native Americans - Indigenous People's Day.

Columbus Day celebrations did not start until 300 years after his arrival to the Americas. One of New York's biggest political machines, Tammany Hall, held the first celebration for Columbus in 1792. It made such a big wave through America that religious celebrations and parades started popping up over the country. At the time, Columbus Day was a way to celebrate Italian-

Americans and Catholics because he was both Italian and Catholic. President Benjamin Harrison in 1892 even encouraged Americans to celebrate Columbus Day, stating that it was for the "great achievements of the four completed centuries of American life." This came to a head with the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. In 1937, the Knights of Columbus lobbied President Franklin D. Roosevelt into proclaiming Columbus Day as a national holiday.

The first documented oppositions and alternatives to Columbus Day happened in the 1970's with the rise of anti-immigrant sentiments. During this, the Red Power Movement, a Native American movement focused on gaining national government recognition, was winding down. However, there was a Geneva United Nations Conference in 1977. The Iroquois tribe used this opportunity to bring the Native American struggles to the United Nations (UN). This was the first time that Native people

were able to speak for themselves at a UN conference, and the first time a Native American holiday was discussed. They called it the International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. South Dakota in 1990 proclaimed that Columbus Day was

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changed to Native American Day. Although, the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, created by President Ronald Reagan in

order to make a great 500th celebration of Columbus Day, decided to create replicas of Columbus' three ships and sail them from the East Coast, to the Panama Canal, and finally dock in the San Francisco Bay. In retaliation, local Native Americans formed the Resistance 500 and eventually convinced the city of Berkeley, California to change

Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. This

name, Indigenous People's Day, is what has become ingrained in today's culture. When asked about the replacement of Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, Keira Von Kanel (10)

said, "Yes, it is a great idea." Now, 18 states, including Washington D.C., celebrate

Indigenous Peoples' Day or some other form of it. Despite many liking the switch to the new holiday, some people find it hard to celebrate. "It is kind of hard to celebrate something that many people do not like to

talk about," Ainsley Becker (11) said when queried.

Elizabeth Barger, MC's AP U.S. History teacher lets her students discuss major holidays around the world. These discussions bring up how holidays influenced and shifted U.S. history. Barger allows her students to discuss both Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day. However, talk about controversial holidays often brings major discourse. "The entire class comes up with rules for honest and respectful conversations," Barger said. These student-made ground rules also allow them to become more invested in the discussion. The students perceive different perspectives from their peers, and get evidence to back up opinions. "These discussions are not about having students convince one another to celebrate one holiday over another," Barger responded. Students grow to understand one-another while still keeping their beliefs. Throughout the years, the holiday we celebrate on the second Monday of October has changed names and meanings several times. From Tammany Hall's Columbus Day to the Indigenous Peoples' Day that countered the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival this holiday will continue to grow.

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CARVING OUT HALLOWEEN FUN

James Phillips
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September 21st is the official start of the fall and Halloween season. Halloween originates from the Celts who lived 2,000 years ago from their ancient festival of Samhain.

In this festival people light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts and spirits. Fast forward to the eighth century Pope Gregory III made November 1 a holiday to honor all saints, "All Saints Day". The day before, October 31, earned the name "All Hallows Eve", which we now know as Halloween. American colonists who were English Puritans celebrated Samhain before traveling to their new country. Because of their Christian background; American Colonists began to change how they celebrate Halloween. In the New World Halloween was a time for "play parties" which were private parties to celebrate the harvest. The colonists would dress up in costumes and tell scary stories. These parties paved the way for modern Halloween.

A common thing for people to do during the Halloween season is to decorate, plan out their costume, and watch movies revolving around Halloween. Halloween movies are a staple during the fall season. Movies like "A Nightmare before Christmas", "Hocus Pocus", and "Beetlejuice" are classics. Calesha Doyle (10) was asked

what her favorite Halloween movie was she said "My favorite Halloween movie is definitely Girl vs Monster. I enjoy Disney original Halloween movies as they were a huge part of my childhood." Halloween is a fan favorite holiday because of the horror aspect.

Over the years there have been many influential horror movies. One of the most popular of the Halloween series. In 1978 John Carpenter created, wrote, and directed Halloween (1978), Halloween II, Halloween III: Season of the Witch, Halloween (2018), and Halloween Kills. As of now there are twelve Halloween films, comic books, and video games. Autumn Armor (12) said that "The Halloween franchise is one of my favorites. They are fun movies that give you the right amount of adrenaline rush and excitement." It is no doubt the franchise defined the horror genre, and another famous franchise, Scream, was a parody of the Halloween movies. Another form of media full of horror, suspense, and thrill are the halloween books. One of the most famous horror and supernatural authors, Stephen King, wrote some of the most iconic books, which includes: "It", "The Shining", and "Carrie" and all of which were made into movie adaptations. When asked what her favorite Stephen King book or movie was, Ziah Zones (11)

said, "IT is an all-time favorite of mine. I do not usually enjoy horror movies, but it was such a thrill of a movie, I could not help but enjoy it." Many fans of the book and movie felt the same way when it premiered on the big screen, gaining a lot of positive reception from fans and critics.

Halloween is a lively holiday, even for people who are not a fan of horror, since there are still more tame and fun activities for them to participate in, such as hosting fun parties with your friends, going trick & treating and many other fun forms of events. No matter how old people are, the Halloween season will always be enjoyable.





SWIM GOES FOR THE GOLD



Avery Holland STAFF WRITER

Madison Central's (MC) swim team has been a power house for many years. Throughout the years, MC has had many new and talented swimmers. Currently, the swim team consists of 20 girls and 13 boys. MC's teams compete separately between the boy's and the girl's, dividing the team into two. Both teams have won many different championships and awards.

The swimmers at MC practice long and hard before school for an hour and a half at their year-round club teams, and, "They also practice after school for another two hours," said Coach Bridget Carmody. "We have to approach training like it is a game of chess, putting the best swimmers in the best spot." According to Carmody, 32 out of 33 swimmers qualified to compete in the North Half competition. The hardest part for Carmody is when her and her part-

ner, have to sit down and go through timings, events, and which event each swimmer should be put in. Carmody said, "After the girl's relay win, we don't usually have time to celebrate because everybody is cheering the boys on in their last event. Once they win we come to tears, and give giant wet group hugs". A swim team tradition for the past eight years is to celebrate their wins by throwing the coaches into the water.

Cassie Howell (12) has been in swimming her whole life, being on the MC swim team for 6 years. Throughout those years, she has most enjoyed growing up with her senior class she said, "Most of us have been on the team since seventh grade, and it has been so fulfilling growing those relationships for many years now." Howell's favorite part about being on the swim team is having a second family. Howell said, "Coach Carmody and Coach Eddie foster such a supportive environment where we can grow as individuals and as a team." Howell is most looking forward to the girl's swim team's ninth state championship. She hopes everyone achieves their personal best records and even state records as well.

Throughout

the years the swim team has grown and become very close. Fancier Shi (11) says the best part about being on the swim team are her coaches and her teammates, calling them a "big family". Shi also said that they support each other through the highs and lows of the sport, as well as outside of school. Shi said, "I am most excited to see what races I'll swim this year. It's funny how I have swam different races each year since seventh grade, so maybe this is the year I will finally have a race that I will stick with". Shi gives credit to the coaches, saying they go above and beyond even though practices can be difficult

it is worth it end the end when they are successful.

Isabelle Pike (10) is looking forward to the bus rides, saying how they are always so eventful and the meets themselves are always so much fun for her and her teammates. Pike said, "I love how everybody is super supportive and friendly to one another", she enjoys getting to spend time with the other swimmers and the coaches because they help her prepare for her competitions. Pike talked about how Coach Eddie helps her with her nerves before competitions, saying, "Before I race, I always talk to Coach Eddie, and jump around to help get rid

of my nerves." She has enjoyed the last couple of years of swimming and is looking forward to her next few years of being on the team.

Many of the swimmers of MC's swim and dive team have been a part of the team since middle school. Since members have been on the team for so long, they have all become a family. Each growing closer and closer by the year, supporting each other through the thick and thins of the team, as well as setting personal goals. Whether it be working through nerves of upcoming competitions or helping them prepare for championships, the MC swim team supports one another.



Above: The Madison Central Swim Team poses for a picture.

ready, set, run

Brittan McFadden BUSINESS MANAGER

Madison Central's (MC) Cross-Country teams are just one of our many prestigious athletic departments. Both teams are known across the state for their fast runners. Their seasons have started, and they prepare and practice daily for the upcoming state championship in November. With the season being in full swing, the boys' and girls' teams try to stay hyper focused on the goals they have set throughout their seasons.

The MC boys' cross-country team has been training throughout the start of the school year for the meets they soon would have. The runners have been competing in numerous races this fall to try and qualify for the championship. Cross country runner Camden Hood (11) said, "So far, the season has been great. Everyone on the

team has hit a personal record, and every

member has pushed each other to do their best." Before the season started, the team had been preparing immensely to beat previous records and come out on top. Hood added, "Monday and Tuesday we typically run trails, and then on Wednesday the team has hard workouts with thresholds. Towards the end of the week, we do a long run, and then we do a short run because our meets are on Saturday's." In order to not be too sore for meet days, the athletes limit the distance of their run on Fridays. Throughout the week, the team does strategic workouts and long runs to get ready for upcoming meets. All of this preparation is so that by meet day, the team is focused and ready to run. The girls team performs similar preparations leading up to meets.

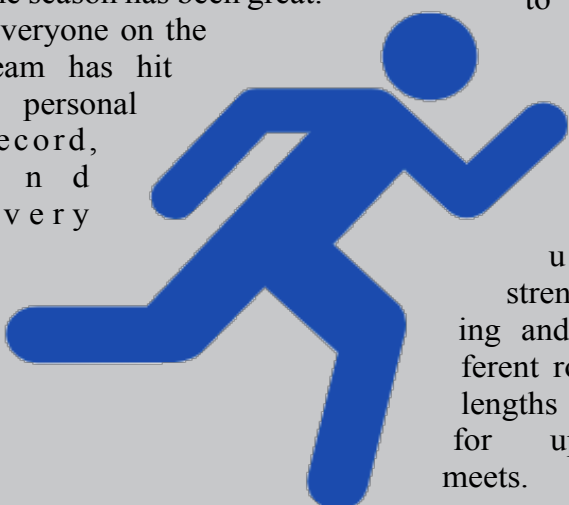
The girls' cross-country team practices during and after school in order to be ready for meets throughout the season. This preparation includes intense workouts

to get ready for upcoming Saturday meets. The team

undergoes strength training and runs different routes and lengths to plan for upcoming meets. Addison

Reeves (11) said, "In practice we focus on workouts and mile repeats to make sure we are ready for our meets." Leading up to meet days, the team stays focused on their goals for themselves and the team. Senior runner Ava Dear (12) adds, "The season has been great so far as we placed top five at one of our first meets. To prepare for races, we build up mileage so by the end of the season we are at our best. Water and stretching are a necessity leading up to meet day as it helps us gain strength while running." On meet days, the team checks out the course they will be running, warms up, and gives each other pep talks to calm their nerves before heading to the course.

Throughout this season, the teams have been training and competing against other schools to win the title of state champions. As the season continues, the teams are striving to not only reach their goals but go beyond them. Since the season is coming to end soon, the teams attempt to reach their top potentials going into state meets.



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