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Bailey Baird (11) and Brendon Deary (11) portray Army nurses in the theater department's Veterans' Day skit about Vietnam.  
PHOTO: Lucky Woodard

Senior Jaxson Daniels leads the varsity boys, scoring 24 points against Maud in their second game of the annual home tournament Nov. 16-18. PHOTO: Bre Reynolds



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# LETTERS FROM THE PRINCIPALS

## Hello from the Elementary!

There's been a lot happening here.

- Our fifth-grade students performed two songs for the Veteran's Day program on Nov. 10.
- In addition, three of our sixth graders read a patriotic poem for the program.
- We enjoyed having our families join us for Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 17. Thank you to our cafeteria staff for the delicious food!
- We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

December is such a busy time, and I wanted to give you a heads-up about some of our events. Here are some things coming up in December:

- Elementary UIL at Linden Kildare on Dec. 4
- Young Athletes on Dec. 6
- JH (Sixth grade) UIL at Region 8 on Dec. 13
- Pictures with Santa on Dec. 15
- UIL Reward trip on Dec. 19
- Christmas parties on Dec. 20
- Early Release on Dec. 20 (Noon)
- Christmas holidays Dec. 21 - Jan. 9

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2023-24 is going to be the best year yet  
at Union Grove Elementary!

We are super busy at the JH/HS campus preparing for the end of the semester while staying very active with extracurricular activities.

Just a few highlights:

- Our FFA Radio Team will leave Thursday afternoon to head to the state competition. We will have a big send off for them at 2 p.m.
- Our basketball season is off to a great start! The teams are competing well and preparing for upcoming district games.
- Our junior high academic UIL teams are practicing and studying to prepare for the upcoming district meet on Dec. 13.
- Members of the junior high band will try out for the All-Region band on Dec. 1.

We wish all our students the best of success in their activities and want them to know how proud we are of their accomplishments!

Our kids are the best around!  
It is a GREAT day to be a LION!

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## Elementary, JH UIL Teams Ready for District

Months of work preparing for academic UIL will come to fruition in December with both the elementary and junior high teams competing in district meets.

Second through fifth grade students will compete at Linden-Kildare on Monday, Dec. 4. The students involved should report to campus at 7:15 a.m. in jeans and a school shirt unless competing in a speaking event. The bus will leave at 7:45, and all students must ride. Lunch will be provided, and students can purchase additional snacks from a concession stand at the contest. The buses will return around 4 p.m. Students should have received a schedule of competition times in their Tuesday folders.

The One-Act play cast and crew will compete on Wednesday, Dec. 6, then the rest of the sixth through eighth graders

will compete at the Region 8 Service Center in Pittsburg on Dec. 13. Sixth grade students should also report to the elementary campus at 7:15 a.m. in jeans and a school shirt unless competing in speaking events. The junior high meet will likely run a little longer, but buses plan to return around 5 p.m.

Students participating in speaking events need to dress according to instructions from their coaches. Specifically, these students cannot wear articles of clothing that indicate the school they attend so that judging can be as unbiased as possible.

Alternates will not attend the meets unless notified by their sponsor or a school office.

All students who compete in writing will write prior to the meets so that anon-

ymous judging can begin upon arrival at the meet locations.

The pressure is on for students to do well, as UG has won for the last several years by a wide margin.

"I think there's a lot of pressure to do well because we've won for — I think Mrs. Spears said 11 years in a row," eighth-grader Emma Wadle said. "We don't want to be the group that breaks the streak."

But students and coaches have put in the work and anticipate performing well.

"We've been listening to the music list and doing quizzes," seventh-grader and Music Memory team member Lori Lormand said. "We have to memorize what the songs are and write the names correctly. I think I'm gonna do good. I think the team will do well."

# RED, WHITE & NAVY BLUE

By Bailee Hosak

A line of 61 veterans advance toward their seats.

Some who served in active combat or support roles.

Some who suffered injuries.

Some who saw things they can't forget, did things they wish they could let go.

61 men and women who knew the price of freedom and were willing to pay it anyway.

On Nov. 10, students, staff and community members gathered to honor the servicemen and women in attendance, as well as all the other veterans who served this country, with the annual Veteran's Day program that included performances from the band,

cheerleaders, the theater department, fifth grade music class, and a trio of sixth graders.

The program began with the band performing processional marches and a welcome from Superintendent Kelly Moore. Carter Cooper (11) led the audience in prayer, fifth graders Iker Uribe and Khloe Payne gave the pledges, and senior Owen Matthew delivered opening remarks.

The program proceeded with the majorettes' performance to "Sounds of Sousa", then the fifth graders took the stage to sing "Veterans March" and "How Do You Tell A Veteran Thank You". The junior high and varsity cheer-

leaders also put on a show to "Red White and Blue" to honor the veterans in the crowd.

"I was really nervous while we were practicing," freshman cheerleader Miley Nono said. "But once we started performing, it wasn't as nerve wracking anymore."

Seniors Daytona Vaughn, Sarah Clowers and Katy King welcomed the guests and announced the veterans in attendance, then Vaughn sang a duet with Layla Kirk (8) to "Traveling Soldier" and a solo of "At Last", and sixth-graders River Martindale, Coleton Burnett and Cooper Littlejohn read "The Noble & the Brave".

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PHOTO: Lucky Woodard

Below: Freshmen majorettes Nadia Ibarra, Alana Cox and Ashlyn Heard perform to “Sounds of Sousa”. “I’m proud to be able to honor the veterans for their service with our patriotic flag routine,” Cox said. The girls will compete in the state UIL Solo & Ensemble contest in May after earning a 1st division in their trio ensemble. As soloists, Ashlyn Heard earned a 1st Division and qualified for state, Alana Cox earned a 2nd division and Nadia Ibarra earned a 2nd division. PHOTO: Lucky Woodard



Left: Sophomore Shane Deaton plays a soldier in the theater students’ performance of “A Piece of My Heart”. PHOTO: Emma Holder

Below: Senior Bryce Madding escorts stepdad Steve Smith to his seat. “I was just following the leader,” Madding said. “He was practically walking me. I hope he enjoyed the program. I know he hung out with some old buddies at lunch, people who understand what he went through.” PHOTO: Lucky Woodard



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The program ended with the band’s performance of “America the Beautiful” and a skit from the theater students, directed by sponsor Sandy Spears, dedicated to those who served in Vietnam.

“I believe that ‘A Piece of My Heart’ does an excellent job bringing attention to the military nurses who do not get enough attention,” sophomore Shane Deaton said. “In spite of their non-combat roles, they served an equally valuable role.”

Next, trumpeters played “Taps”, sophomore Parker Haley delivered closing remarks and Principal Rachel Evers acknowledged those who made the program possible before the band’s recessional and the veterans’ exit to the cafeteria for lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students.

“My parents both served in the military — my mom in the Air Force and my dad the Marines,” sophomore Alyssa Mullican said, “They told me they really enjoyed the program and that it did the system justice.”



Above: The high school band plays “Veterans Salute”. “I’m glad we were able to play the different cadences for the veterans of their respective branches,” senior Elijah Parham said. The band also played the processional while National Honor Society and Student Council members seated the veterans, “Liberty Bell March”, “America the Beautiful” and the recessional. PHOTO: Emma Holder



PHOTO: Emma Holder



Above: Senior Daytona Vaughn sings "At Last". PHOTO: Emma Holder  
 Left: Eighth-grader Layla Kirk sings a "Travelling Soldier" duet with Vaughn. "It was very scary because I have never done something like this before," Kirk said. "It was nerve-racking, and I was very scared but I did it because I wanted to contribute in the Veterans' Day program." PHOTO: Lucky Woodard



Sixth graders River Martindale, Cooper Littlejohn and Coleton Burnett read "The Noble and the Brave". PHOTO: Lucky Woodard

# Tip-Off

## Basketball Teams Jump-Start Season In Annual Tourney

Right: Senior Jenna Scott looks for an open teammate during the varsity girls' game against White Oak. The girls won the tournament's diamond bracket by defeating White Oak and West Rusk.

Scott returned to basketball as a senior after not playing last year and was the top scorer in the girls' 37-29 win over Harmony on Nov. 14 with 10 points and four steals. PHOTO: Jaxson Ledbetter



Right: Freshman Rachel Potter pushes past Carlisle's defense. "Being a freshman on varsity is very intimidating but also very exciting," Potter said. "It's hard because when I go out on the court I don't want to mess up, so I have to take advantage of my minutes in the game and also be supportive on the bench." PHOTO: Bella Foster



Far Right: Junior Jace Roberts shoots over a Maud player. The varsity boys took second place in the tournament after defeating Avinger 50-26 and Maud 53-44 but losing to La Poyner in the championship game. In the three games, Jaxson Daniels (12) tallied 51 points, Roberts 38 and Peyton Laake (12) 27. PHOTO: Jaxson Ledbetter







Left: Senior Ava Wightman drives to the basket in the varsity girls' game against White Oak. Wightman and junior Taylor Campbell were named All-Tournament players.  
PHOTO: Jaxon Ledbetter



Above left: Freshman Kody Nutt shoots a free throw during the junior varsity's non-tournament game against King's Academy. "We could improve on some things, but I'm hoping that as time goes on we'll grow closer as brothers and those problems will be cleared out," Nutt said.

Above: Freshman Hailey Griffin fights to keep the ball from Hart's Bluff.

PHOTOS: Jaxon Ledbetter



Above: Freshman Eliana Villamendez rushes past Pine Tree in the girls' junior varsity bracket. "I play basketball because it's really fun and so I can keep getting better and better," Villamendez said. "I want to continue playing through high school and hopefully college. I also really like the team aspect of basketball."  
PHOTO: Jaxon Ledbetter

Senior Jaxson Daniels scores a lay-up in the Nov. 17 game against Maud.

Daniels sprained his ankle last season when he landed wrong from shooting a three-pointer during a rival game. Due to the injury, he missed summer workouts and cross country season.

"Playing through an injury like that really motivated me because I knew I'd have to push myself a bit more," Daniels said. "And it's senior season, so I had a few butterflies, but after that first 3, I settled right in, and we took that easy dub."



PHOTO: Jaxon Ledbetter  
EDITING: Emma Holder

# Junior High Girls Win Big Against Linden-Kildare

By Bella Foster and Layla Kirk

Both junior high girls basketball teams played at Linden-Kildare on Nov. 13.

The seventh grade won 11-4, and eighth grade won 18-7.

"I think we played really good," Carmen James (7) said. "We played together as a team to get the win."

Several players attended the Camp of Champs hosted by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches over the summer. There, the girls team worked on ballhandling skills and shooting.

"I think TABC made me better because it strengthened my fundamentals for basketball and taught me skills to use in the game," eighth grader Emma Wadle said.

The girls' hope to apply those skills when they face district rivals Hawkins at home Monday, Nov. 27 and Ore City Dec. 4.

"I think that the game against Linden-Kildare gave us the confidence and motivation to be capable of beating Hawkins at our next game," eighth grader Landry Harris said.



Carmen James and Morgan Morrow move to give Madison Bower an open pass during the seventh-grade's Nov. 6 game against the Harleton Lady Cats. PHOTO: Kinleigh Birlew



Above: Seventh-grader Morgan Morrow outruns the Harleton Lady Cats during a fast break. "It was a good game, but I think we can still get better," Morrow said. PHOTO: Hannah Caperton

## The Great Outdoors Shotgun, Fishing Teams Test Skill Against Competition



Left: Seniors Will Wilson and Cade Sullivan weigh in three fish totaling 4.65 pounds at the Lake Bob Sandlin tournament, placing highest among UG's seven teams. "Teams battled through heavy rain at times and a cold front that slowed the bite down tremendously from a great bite on practice days," team sponsor Tracy Griffin said. Five teams still managed to weigh in fish, totaling 11.17 pounds and earning 16th place as a school. The fishing team will compete next on Lake Tawakoni Dec. 3.

FISHING PHOTOS: Tracy Griffin

# Four Years Running Girls' XC Returns to State

By Faith Woodall

Anticipation at the starting line sets the tone for the last race of the season — the state meet.

Three seniors take one last look at the girls next to them before they run the state course for the fourth and final time.

“As I was warming up at the beginning of the race, all I could think about was how I couldn’t believe this would be my last race ever,” senior Ava Wightman said. “I was excited to be running at state but also a little sad that I would never get to do it again.”

Through rigorous practices and tough meets, the girls developed an unforeseen bond.

“Some of the girls I had never talked to until cross country,” Wightman said. “We have someone in every grade, but we still all ended up being best friends.”

They learned to push themselves — and each other — all the way to state, where senior Sophie Pyle led the team, finishing in 84th place out of 150 runners

with a time of 13:29. Wightman placed 114th, Danica Vestal (9) 117th, Rachel Potter (9) 134th, Jenna Scott (12) 140th, Averi Cook (9) 143rd and Gracelyn Head (10) 144th.

Junior Keira Taylor, who ran the state meet as a freshman and sophomore, had to watch from the sidelines due to an injured hip.

“I went to the chiropractor and got adjusted, and it seemed to have helped,” Taylor said. “About two weeks later, it had just rained, and we were running on the track. I slipped and re-injured my hip. We iced and rested me for a period of time. Then I ran at district but I was still in pain, so we decided to end my season in order to hopefully allow enough time for me to heal for basketball.”

Taylor still traveled with the team, acting as their manager.

“You don’t realize how much you want to go run two miles with your friends until you watch them compete against the



PHOTO: J.B. Littlejohn

best without you,” Taylor said. “I felt bad not being able to go to the starting line with them and finish together at the end.”

The seniors have finished their cross country careers, but the younger runners reflect on lessons learned and plan for future seasons.

“Cross country has taught me that I’m the only one who controls whether I meet my goals,” Potter said. “I can’t wait for next year.”



The shotgun team of Colton Jamison (11), Jeremiah McGee (12), TJ Fowler (11) and Cason Cowan (11) win the Elysian Fields FFA Trap Shoot on Nov. 8. As a team, the boys shot 270 out of 300 targets. McGee also won individually with 97 of 100 targets, a new personal best. PHOTO: Bobby Painter



Gary Dacus (12) and Jayden Waller (12) show off their catches from the rainy Oct. 28 tournament at Lake Bob Sandlin.

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# 'Tis the Season

Junior Brendon Deary and sophomores Parker Rodgers and Hunter Rogers deliver clothing donations to Manna House on Nov. 20. The Student Council organized the winter clothing drive to help keep community members warm during the upcoming cold weather and collected over 2000 pieces of clothing, which officers Katy King (12), Sarah Clowers (12), Izzy Gregg (11), and Deary returned to organize on Nov. 22. "I felt really proud of how much we donated," Deary said. "Everyone was full of excitement because we were giving back to the community."

The National Honor Society and junior high Student Council also coordinated a food drive of Thanksgiving items such as stuffing, corn bread, canned yams, and mac and cheese. Fans who brought two or more items to the Nov. 14 basketball games gained free admission.

PHOTO: Jamie Russell



## Student Groups Give Back for Holidays

### MORP Toy Drive, Penny Wars to Benefit Local Kids

By Faith Woodall

The Student Council will host their second annual MORP dance Dec. 8 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Students must bring a toy or \$10 to contribute to the toy drive to gain admission to the Polar Express themed dance, and the Student Council asks that those who attend wear pajamas.

"MORP is important because it creates a sense of community within our school, and it provides us an opportunity to organize a fundraiser that benefits our community," STUCO President Katy King said.

"Everyone should come to MORP because it is a great cause!"

All toys will be donated to the Manna House in Gladewater.

"This event allows us to give back to the community and help those in need during Christmas," vice president Sarah Clowers said. "It's really rewarding to see so many people help us to help others."

In addition to the toy drive and dancing, MORP will feature a photo booth with props and drawings for door prizes.

"Overall, it's a really good time," sopho-

more representative August Vestal said. "My favorite thing about MORP is seeing everyone enjoy the party and bring toys for the kids."

Students can also donate to the National Honor Society's annual Penny Wars competition by placing coins in their grade-level jars and dollar bills in other grades' jars. NHS students will purchase toys with the money collected, and nurse Jodie Mayhan will coordinate delivery to Union Grove children who might otherwise not receive Christmas presents.

# It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas

## Low— or No-Cost, Family-Friendly Activity Ideas

### Bring Christmas Cheer to the Scrooggiest of Hearts

By Jamie Russell

#### Make

- \* Challenge friends to an edible gingerbread house contest using graham crackers, homemade icing, (see recipe below) and Dollar Tree candies
- \* Cut out paper snowflakes
- \* Make homemade Christmas cards and deliver them to neighbors
- \* Bake Christmas cookies and decorate them with homemade icing
- \* Make DIY Christmas gifts for friends and family
- \* String a pinecone garland
- \* Revive faded or worn décor like ornaments instead of buying new decorations

#### Play

- \* Build a gingerbread fort out of cardboard boxes
- \* Build a blanket fort complete with Christmas Lights
- \* Karaoke with Christmas music
- \* Have a friendly snowball fight with paper balls

#### Give

- \* Go through your closet and donate unneeded items to homeless shelters
- \* Pass on toys to younger children who will love them like you used to
- \* Spend an hour or two volunteering
- \* Share your crafts with friends

#### Relax

- \* Snuggle up and watch a Christmas movie
- \* Make S'mores over a fire (or in the microwave)

#### Go

- \* Walk through Ellis Pottery's lighted paths
- \* Ride through neighborhoods and rate Christmas lights
- \* Drive through Carmella's
- \* Go caroling through a neighborhood or nursing home
- \* Visit a Christmas tree farm
- \* Take pictures with Santa at the mall



**DECK THE HALLS** Far left: Liam Mayhan helps mom Kim Mayhan decorate the eighth grade's UG-themed tree for the grade-level Christmas tree decorating contest hosted by the high school Student Council.

Left: Seniors Katy King and Sarah Clowers add to their class tree. Most grades themed their trees with holiday favorites like candy canes and "The Grinch", but the freshmen chose Fortnite as their theme and might cover their tree with Boogie Bombs. "We voted on the Fortnite tree because we thought that it would be funny and we also know about Fortnite," Kolby Nutt said. "We don't exactly know what we are going to do, but we have a couple of ideas. We're probably going to wing it and hope for the best."

## Easy Homemade Icing Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup powdered sugar (Do not sift before measuring)
- 2 tablespoons softened butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- About 3 teaspoons milk

#### Instructions

1. Place powdered sugar, butter and vanilla in a bowl
2. Combine with mixer for a few seconds
3. Slowly beat in the milk, a little at a time, until the mixture reaches the consistency of normal frosting
4. Beat on high for about 15 seconds



PHOTO: Lucky Woodard

Below: The junior high band plays “Captain Dane”, “Snake Pit”, “The Curse of Tutankamen” and “Dr. Rockenstein” during their Halloween band concert Oct. 30. All three bands — sixth grade, junior high and high school — will perform in the Christmas concert on Dec. 7. PHOTO: Briana Bowling

Junior high majorettes Alexis Ferrell (7), Hailey Carter (8), Natalie Spruell (8), Bree Cox (8) and Izzy Kirbis (8) win big in the Vicky Bowden Mobbs twirling competition. The girls took first place in Dance Twirl, Multiple Baton, and Prop categories with an Excellence in Baton-Handling award for no drops in their prop routine and a Best Costume award. The high school trio also won first place in all three categories, with Excellence in Baton-Handling awards in both their Dance Twirl and Prop performances, a Best Costume award, and a Commendable Level of Difficulty nod. PHOTO: Anissa Barton



## Band Students Prepare For Upcoming Concert, All-Region Tryouts

With marching season complete, both junior high and high school band members are focused on upcoming All-Region tryouts and the all-band Christmas concert and auction on Dec. 7.

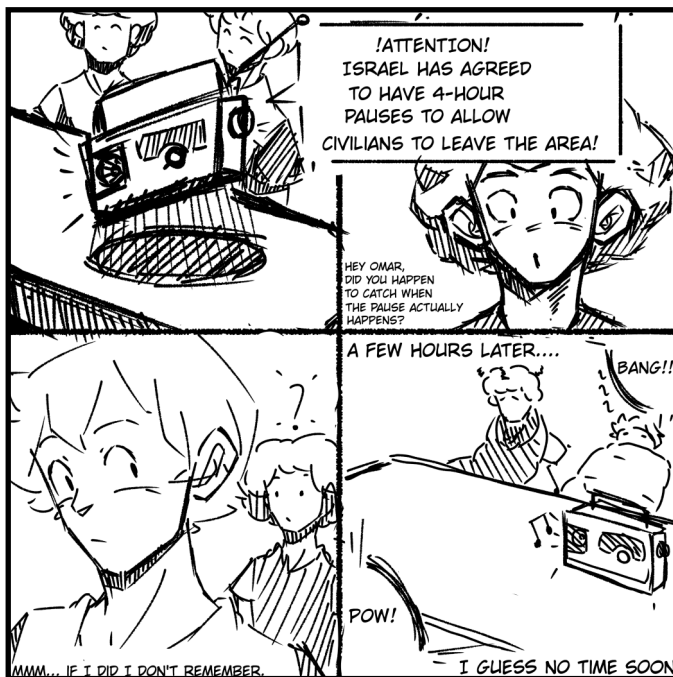
Junior high band members will audition for All-Region on Friday, Dec. 1. Although directors Jonathan Stafford and Andy Thompson prepared a mock tryout, All-Region will be some students’ first time playing for judges.

“This is my first year of All-Region,” eighth-grader Weston Tison said. “I’m a little nervous, I guess, to perform in front of judges. I hope I get a good rating and make the band.”

High school band members will tryout Dec. 9.

“Last year, I received fourth chair,” junior Travis Fowler said. “After working on my scales all summer, I feel prepared to dominate the competition once again.”

“Hurry Up and Wait” by Lucky Woodard



“Happy Holidays” by Emma Holder



# Upcoming Events

**Dec. 1**

**JH All-Region Band Tryouts  
TSIA2 Testing (High School)**

**Dec. 12**

**V Boys Basketball @White Oak  
V Girls Basketball @All Saints  
FFA State LDE Contest**

The Public Relations team of Jeremiah McGee (12), Madeline McGee (12), Chloe Brooks (10) and Will Wilson (12) and the FFA Broadcasting team of Rowan Moore (12), Danica Vestal (9) and Landry Harris (8) will compete in the state meet after placing first and second in the area meet Nov. 15.

Six teams advanced to area after placing in the top three at district.

**Dec. 2**

**HS Speech & Debate @Lindale**

**Dec. 4**

**Elementary UIL @Linden-Kildare  
JH Basketball: Boys v. Ore City,  
Girls @ Ore City — 5 p.m.**

**Dec. 5**

**FFA Fruit Delivery  
HS Basketball: Boys @Cumby,  
Girls v. Garrison — 5 p.m.**

**Dec. 5-7**

**STAAR EOC Testing**

**Dec. 6**

**JH One-Act Play Performance  
Kilgore College @HS  
FFA Fall Reward Lunch**

**Dec. 7-9**

**V Boys Basketball @Harts Bluff  
V Girls Basketball @Union Hill**

**Dec. 7**

**FFA Greenhand Camp  
@Timberline Baptist  
Christmas Band Concert — 6 p.m.**

**Dec. 8**

**Third Grade Singing Performance  
@Gilmer National  
Student Council MORP Dance,  
Toy Drive — 7 p.m.**

**Dec. 9**

**HS ATSSB All-Region Band Tryouts  
FFA Shoppas Tractor Tech  
Invitational  
HS Speech & Debate @Sabine  
JH Boys Basketball @White Oak**

**Dec. 11-15**

**PTO Santa Shop**

The PTO will host their annual Santa Shop on the elementary auditorium stage. On opening day, parents may browse with their students after school until 6 p.m. Proceeds will help the PTO purchase new playground equipment and a new laminator for the teachers.

**Dec. 11**

**Blood Drive**

**JH Basketball: Boys @Big Sandy,  
Girls v. Big Sandy — 5 p.m.  
FFA Christmas Party**

**Dec. 12**

**TSIA2 Testing (High School)  
HS Girls Basketball v. Harleton — 5 p.m.**

**Dec. 13**

**JH Academic UIL @Region 8  
ASVAB Testing (High School)**

**Dec. 14**

**Third Grade Christmas Program —  
5:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 15**

**PTO Pictures with Santa  
HS Basketball: Boys @Gary, Girls  
@Linden-Kildare — 5 p.m.**

**Dec. 19**

**UIL Skating Reward Trip @Gilmer  
HS Basketball v. Hawkins — 4 p.m.**

**Dec. 28**

**V Girls Basketball v. Alumni — 6 p.m.**

**Dec. 29**

**HS Basketball @Overton — Noon**



PHOTO: Briana Bowling

The following athletes received awards for their participation fall sports:

## **Volleyball**

Co-Most Valuable Defensive Specialist: Daytona Vaughn (12); Co-Most Valuable Setter: Brady Colby (12); Most Valuable Server: Sarah Prince (11); Tri-Newcomer of the Year: Ava Wightman (12); 1st Team: Taylor Campbell (11), Addison Smith (12); 2nd Team: Hannah Coulter (11); Honorable Mention: Natalie Woodard (10), Karen Chavez (10), Gracie Lawrence (11)

## **Football**

Defensive Newcomer of the Year: Carter Cooper (10); 1st Team: Cade Sullivan (12), Jace Roberts (11), Will Wilson (12); 2nd Team: Judson George (11), Jacob Griffin (11), Luis Fernandez (10), Morgan Mayhan (11); Honorable Mention: George, Griffin, Rylan Roberts (12), Jace Roberts, Cason Cowan (11), Wrigley Roberts (10), Wilson, Kayden Day (11), Alston Mullins (11), Dalton Hawkins (10), Calab Day (10)



## Journalism Students Learn Color Theory, Graphic Design

Eighth-grade journalism students Bree Cox, Weston Tison, Bella Foster, Jaxon Ledbetter and Hailey Carter (above left) and Aubrie Coulter, Connor Mead, Brinley Campbell and Emma Waddle (above) use acrylic paint to learn color theory, one of the basics of graphic design.

The students mixed paint to see how primary and secondary colors form complementary, analogous and monochromatic color schemes before they design their own page layouts. "The activity was very fun and messy," Foster said. "I didn't know all of those colors made up the rest." PHOTO: Isaac O'Neal

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