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IN THE LONG RUN...

one athlete's journey to success

Holding the UIL State qualifier sign, Grady Jenkins (10) was overcome with joy at such a big achievement. "I was happy all the hard work paid off. I've seen people in the past with the sign and it's like a big statement to see people (make) State qualifier."

As a young age, Jenkins started running with his dad and younger brother as a way to get out of the house. They started with family races every weekend, and as time passed by, Jenkins gradually picked up running as a career.

"I realized, 'oh man, maybe I could be pretty good at this if I just stuck with it,'" he said.

With the support of his caring teammates and coaches, he trained himself to stay mentally disciplined in order to break through his struggles so he could reach his ultimate goal.

"It's those lonely hours that you put in before the race," Jenkins said. "[There] were lots of hours put in that people just don't see."

It's only the beginning of Jenkins' running career; in the near future his plan is to stay consistent by working hard and enjoying the journey along the way. "The ultimate goal is the Olympics. I'm doing great. If I can make a career out of it that would be the best thing ever."

"A lot of it is just discipline. As it comes when you don't want to, when the cameras aren't on, when it's not just a race, but it's those hours that you put in."

GRADY JENKINS (10)



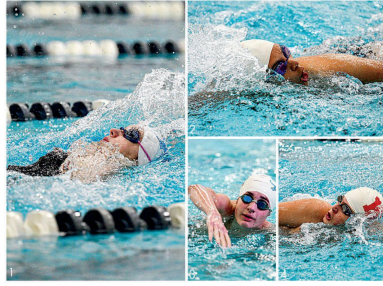
AGAINST THE CURRENT

varsity swim pushes past obstacles at winter meet

1. In the water, Delaney Williamson (12) swims her way to the end of her lane to warm up from the cold water in the pool. Despite the chilly temperature of the pool and the loud noises around her, Williamson loves the sport, and her fellow teammates. "We're kind of like a little family, everyone usually calls me 'Mami,'" she said. "I think it's just a senior thing and also because I reprimand a lot I think."

2. Despite the lack of people at the pool, Samantha Walsh (12) is still enjoying the atmosphere. However, a majority of Walsh's team was missing, so the swim meet was a little harder than usual. "It was really warm, so it was hard to swim and a bunch of people were sick that day, so we had relays that were messed up and the people I was in the relay with were not very good," she said. "But it was good. It was a nice place, it was a really small meet and it only had two teams."

3. The adrenaline pushing him forward, Aiden Frampton (9) races toward the end of his lane. Despite the cold water surrounding him, Frampton pushed through it. "You do hear a lot of people screaming and cheering in the crowds and mainly you get this feeling of ambition to drive for better," Frampton said. 4. Competing at a swim meet on Dec. 14, Sean Friesenbahn (9) pushes himself to do his best. Friesenbahn has learned a lot from his friends and instructors in his first year of being on our school's swim team. "Anybody can join, you don't need a lot of swimming experience," he said. Photos by Aiden Hernandez



newspaper brings back print edition

The staff of the student newspaper and their discussion fill the classroom to newspaper students read, and the rest of the newspaper team were working on printing their work for the first time in eight years. They were really excited to get their names and faces out there and to see how other students in the school would react to something brought to their hands. It's really exciting, and I'll never sell from the month of January and February when it comes out and March," Tenny said. While it may not seem like a big project, this has been a huge undertaking for the team. They have been working on big stories and big pages.

OKAY, SLAY!

social studies teacher receives annual honor



The loud and heavy percussion of the drumline rings around the hallway, stopping outside of Ivy Martin's (faculty) classroom. Ivy Martin would, only a few months later, receive the teacher of the year award. "It was a very big surprise... I was excited and overwhelmed with emotions," Martin said. Teaching was something Martin wanted to do early on, inspired by her High School history teacher. She likes teaching everywhere, but especially loves Heritage "Heritage is just a great atmosphere, [and] great culture," Martin said.

She strives to do better in the classroom and build relationships with all.

"Every year I try to continue to do better in the classroom, build relationships with the students, and get them motivated to their next step in life... The students themselves are just amazing because everybody loves coming to school," Martin said.



rowdy red captain awarded \$200k scholarship

Life after high school can be challenging, and nerves wracking to think about. However, Rowdy Reds captain James Hooper (12) was awarded a \$200,000 scholarship that gives him some sense of security. "It's a Navy scholarship [that] looks at a lot of different colleges around the country, but I chose to use it for A&M and it will allow me to graduate college as an officer in the Navy," Hooper said. Although this is very fortunate for Hooper, it was a lengthy process. "I went through an application process and... you fill out an actual application itself, which is a lot like filling out an application for college [but] a little more in-depth," he said. "[I] had to write seven essays for it. I had to do a physical fitness test which consisted of pushups, planks, and then a mile time. Then I had to do multiple interviews." Despite these factors, the planning and processing were worth it, given the benefits outweighed the cons. "It gives me a guaranteed job coming out of school."

1. In sheer astonishment, James Hooper (12) gapes at the scholarship he's worked so hard for is revealed. The staff had intentionally dragged out the announcement to surprise him and make the moment all the more meaningful. "It was my first time hearing about it, where as my whole family knew and they were there for me." 2. Still in complete shock, James Hooper (12) wipes his eyes after receiving shocking news about his newly obtained scholarship. Hooper had no idea that he had won the scholarship when it was announced by the school, but none the less was grateful. "I spent a lot of time working on the scholarship, and having a lot of pay off and getting that was really special to me. I was definitely super happy about that," James said. 3. With extreme excitement, James Hooper (12) smiles at his family, taking in the triumphant moment of his scholarship. He had been working hard for a long time, and it had shown, as his parents were proud. "They were very proud, very happy for me, and they know I've been working on it for a long time," Hooper said. Photos by Aiden Hernandez

Headlines

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was great. A big weight off my chest (because) the recruiting process is really long, but the coaches were so loving and brought me in and I knew I had to go there," Sweeney said.

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2. Clinging for the ball, Grace Sweeney (12) gets the ball. Sweeney has been able to break several records this season, several including kills.

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1. Surrounded by his teammates, junior Sorenson (12), celebrates being crowned homecoming king. With the support from his friends and football team, he was proud of this achievement. "I felt like the king, like I had won a Grammy. It made me feel good that a lot of people liked me," Sorenson said. "I was accompanied by my parents. Today was excited to be able to represent the Babes on the homecoming court." "I just showed how the people in my classen paid together to vote for me and back, and it felt really good to represent both Babes and kids in all of them," said Sorenson.

2. Amazingly willing to feed out who was, Junior Sorenson (12), has the experience of a lifetime. Having been crowned king, he was excited to be on the court, she was excited to win.

3. Stepping onto the field as a homecoming court winner, Jaycee Magnusson (12), is well-known as she walks alongside her father. Grateful for her friends' support, she was thrilled she got the chance to walk the field as a homecoming king. "I was excited, but I didn't know what to expect, but I felt so appreciated by my friends," Magnusson said.

WHAT ABOUT IT?



"I like the meaning of homecoming, like the fact that you support your school, and everyone has to know. It's just great."

LAURA JUNELL (10)



B'RING-IT-ON soccer wins big in homecoming banner contest

1. Holding the first place banner, soccer player Tanner Sorenson (12), is ecstatic as the banner contest was. A lot of hard work went into making their banner.

2. Having the opportunity to hold the Babes and Rubies homecoming banner, Emily Hudson (12), is excited to see all the people attending the community pep rally. Many people attended the Community Pep Rally to help support all organizations participating. "It was really fun just seeing all the people and that my parents got to be there since I'm a Babes," Hudson said.

3. Standing on the football field, Taylor Anderson (12), displays the 2023 cheer banner. As they walked on their banner over the weekend, she had fun as they listened to the Babes soundtrack while they cheered. "My friends got me here we included all the organizations, we made it more obvious that we were a cheer but we had a little symbol for each organization on our banner," Anderson said.

Photos by Christine Henderson

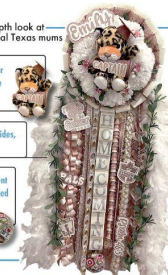
INSIDE/OUT - an in-depth look at traditional Texas mums

"I had a little senior cap on the Jaguar because I'm a senior and also because I'm captain of the cheer team."

"There's little greenery strands on the sides, because I love nature."

"My favorite part was the little ornament on the bottom because it had personalized things like a shield, a coffee cup."

EMILY JACKSON (12)



YOU CAN BE ANYTHING!
outfits worn for spirit week

OCCUPATION BARBIE
ELIZABETH HORNWOOD (10)



BOOT SCOOTIN' BARBIE
CHRISTOPHER HILL (10), CRAIG HOBBS (10), LINA JACKSON (10), AMY BURDETT (10), AYTAHAN HOBBS (10)



TRAVEL BARBIE
JACKSON HAYES (11), SOPHIA RODRIGUEZ (11), SAMARA WHELAN (11), ABBY MCCLURE (11), MYA MARTIN (10), CAROLEEN HOBBS (11)



SCHOOL SPIRIT BARBIE
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- ALEXIS KORN (12)
- "The thing we spent regular training to go on our district games, like getting to the gym, doing a warmup game, and getting to see our coaches."
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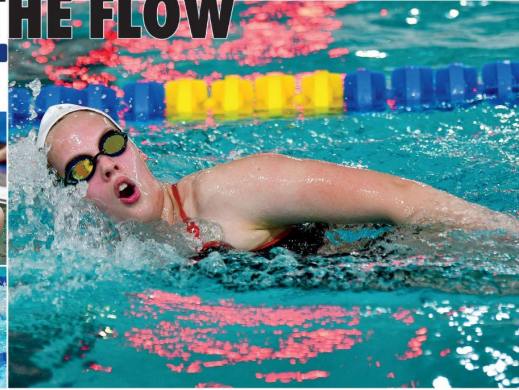
swimmers make a splash at regionals

1. Swiftly swimming down her lane, **Armand Garcia** (9) only has one thing on his mind, and that's to do her absolute best. As a result, Garcia medaled in all three of her events, and even qualified for nationals. "I started swimming because I wanted to do another sport because I did a lot, and we decided to put me in it. The first year of doing it, I did really well. So we decided to put me in it again, and I started really well," Garcia said.

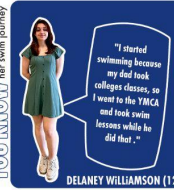
2. Adjusting her cap, **Delaney Williamson** (12) prepares to compete in regionals for swimming. Williamson and her team competed in Texas, TX, and this meet breaks everybody's swimming times. "I tried to everything during that meet so you swim down and back that's a 55 and so like your goal is to get under 30 seconds so you want to swim 30 meters down and back in less than 30 seconds, and I got a 28 seconds," Williamson said.

3. Competing at a swim meet, **Ellie Becker** (10) is surrounded by other swimmers who are going for the gold. Even though Becker only placed 7th place at her meet, she was still happy that she got to swim that day. "I've been swimming outside of school for like three years, and I just really enjoy it," Becker said.

4. Leading in the butterfly stroke, **Gregory Guy** (11) quickly makes his way down the lane. Guy got to water a half mile during the meet, which greatly improved his speed. "So far by my event, which is my primary event that I do, I did pretty well and I improved 4.4 seconds," Guy said. *Photo by Austin Horvath*



THE MORE YOU KNOW swim captain of her swim journey



"I started swimming because my dad took college classes, so I went to the YMCA and took swim lessons while he did that."

DELANEY WILLIAMSON (12)



DIVE IN! step by step instructions on how to execute a proper dive into the water



While competing at the Texas swim meet, **Gregory Guy** (11) participates in a team event. Guy's swim team decided to do an ugly sweater theme with their costumes. "We wanted something fun to do and it was during Christmas time," Guy said.

1. I get on the block. I position on focus in front of me and one behind me. I curl my toes over the block to get extra grip.

2. Once I jump off the block, I have to immediately put my hands up. I lock my hands together and put my arms straight up above my head. Then I put my feet together.

3. I just go into a jump, my foot up with my toes still on the block. That way gives me good power off the block, and it allows me to angle my body down more.

TIP: Push your arms down when you dive, so that it moves your body to the left or right. Then, move your head above the water. You also move your mouth to the left and right to breathe.

AGAINST THE CURRENT

body warm swimmers put clothing on their meal

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4. Competing at a swim meet on Dec. 14, **Sean Franchette** (9) pushes himself to do his best. Franchette has swam a lot from his friends and teammates in his first year of being on our school's swim team. "Anybody can join, you don't need a lot of swimming experience," he said. *Photo by Austin Horvath*



WHAT ABOUT IT? **SYDNEY ADLESPIERGER (9)** "Something you should know about swim before joining is probably all the strokes [and] how to do it properly."

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Landry Phenix, Laii Alverson, Gabby Postlewat

TRUTH BE TOLD...

university hopefuls reveal opinions on college fair



MARCO JOHNSON (11)



ZOE CHANDLER (11)



EVA BERNARDO (11)



CANNON WHEAT (12)

"My favorite part was 'one all the different colleges and learning about their culture.'"

"(Picked) Being able to ask questions in person instead of talking through email."

"I want to have a better understanding of the options that I have for my future."

"My favorite part was being able to meet people and talking to them about the school I'm going to attend."



CANDY CRIMES

forensics class investigates fake scene

1. Taking photographs of the homicide scene. Alverson (11) investigates the staged crime scene. Alverson was surprised by how well the scene was set up. "It was more realistic than I thought a crime scene for school would be," Alverson said.

2. Playing dead in the crime scene. Brown (11) lies back in a chair. Cannon had volunteered to be a body in the crime scene, but quickly regretted the decision. "It kinda [feels] being a body," but my neck started hurting after a while," he said. Photo by Kaylee Christensen

i'll SAY!

JV football season off to successful start



1. On the field, Cameron Parker (10) injures his helmet after a play. Parker enjoyed his time playing on the field this year, and hoped to keep winning this season. "We lost once and that was pretty much our luck, but the season has been good. It's been a lot of fun and I hope it stays that way going forward," Parker said.

2. Accompanied by his team, Denver Robinson (10) runs with the ball towards the end zone. Even though Robinson was a new member of the team, he did very well on a running back for his first season here. "One of my most notable memories from the year is being the new person on the team. I feel like it's great, coming out of state and all. I like it," Robinson said.

3. Getting ready to snap the ball, the JV senior varsity team prepares to play on the field. The team worked well together this season and grew stronger and closer as the season progressed.

4. Getting ready to snap the ball, JV quarterback Bradley Waxler (11) aims back to make the play. Waxler hopes that the team looks on by being a successful season this season. Photo by Kaylee Christensen

Q: What do you like most about being a quarterback?
A: I like to lead the team.
Q: What are some of your goals for football?
A: To win every game.
Q: How long have you been playing football?
A: 4 years.
Q: Why did you stop playing football?
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A: Probably just having deep balls and controlling the ball.
BRADLEY WAXLER (11)

HAVE YOU HEARD?

music fans attend various concerts during September



LANA DEL REY



DRAKE



ARCTIC MONKEYS

At the Lana Del Rey concert, George Barnd (11) stands on the lawn of the Dixie Equus Pavilion. Barnd has been a fan of Lana Del Rey for many years, so going to see her in person was an amazing experience for her. "I was waiting for years to go when I first started listening to her, but she wasn't on tour," she said. "So when she did go on tour, I snuggled tickets." Photo submitted by George Barnd

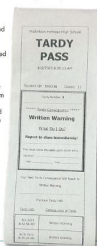
During the Drake concert, Arden Knight (10) and Presley Taylor (11) enjoy the atmosphere of the event. Knight was excited to see Drake after many years of wanting to see him. "I have loved Drake ever since I was a little girl, so being at the concert was like a dream come true," Knight said. Photo submitted by Arden Knight

Waiting for the Arctic Monkeys concert to start, Kyrin Taylor (11) and Madison Butler (10) stop outside Dixie Equus. Taylor had waited a long time to see the band in person. "The Arctic Monkeys was surreal for me. I thought the tickets were a waste of money and I've been waiting for so long," she said. "The atmosphere of a concert [made it one of my favorite places to be]." Photo submitted by Kyrin Taylor

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

new tardy pass system implemented

"We want teachers to provide students with engaging, but to be late. One problem for the students getting to class on time. To address this issue, we implemented the Student Conductor System to provide accountability amongst students and staff. The system provides instant notification to students and parents of the amount of tardies students have accrued and that assigned consequences. This has provided significant, positive change in the accountability for student hallway traffic. This system has also proven to track these code violations and student ID lines. We plan to continue the system's growth to include hall pass tracking that the attendance office will implement in the coming weeks. The Student Conductor System has been successful and become a positive and integral part of our campus culture and accountability system for staff and students." Photo submitted by Kevin Wright



WHAT ABOUT IT?



HARRISON ANDERSON (10)

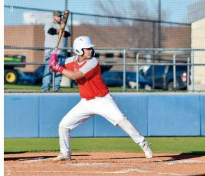
"The best part of September for me was my younger sister's birthday."

Blended Coverage Spread

2nd Place



Jazmyne James, Noah Buckner, Bella Moreno



GET IT!

iv baseball competes

1. During Mike Chase (10) watches his first game. Mike loved the things he got out of baseball, specifically the ability to do well in some situations while still enjoying the game. "It was just trying to score just so we can get the lead [and] I love the sound of it. It's everything," Mike said.
2. Keeping his eye on the ball. Jordan Mitchell (10) gets ready to make contact with the baseball. Whenever Mitchell hits, he states his team in order to play as best as possible, being better on offense than his. "You get a lot of action there and I like to hit a lot because if you can't hit well, then you can get on base and help your team win," he said.
3. Focusing on the game. Cooper Davis (11) prepares to catch a speedy pitch. During his game against MHS, Davis prioritized performing to the best of his ability by staying calm. "When I catch I am [more] laid back because I don't like getting too stressed out. It adds a lot more complexity to the game," Davis said.
4. Moments before receiving the ball. Daniel Webb (11) aims for the first strike. Although Webb hit a home run, he used his power in baseball to throw a good pitch. "My brother plays too [and] I just want to do better for him. I'm a pitcher and in what I've been doing for years so it's fun," Webb said.

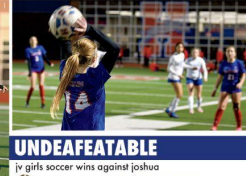
Photos by Madison House



WHAT ABOUT IT?

"I feel 'Volunteer' is a celebration of love, and it's really great way to show everybody in your life that you have love in different ways."

CAMILLA KACHO (12)



UNDEFEATABLE

iv girls soccer wins against joshua



1. Keeping a fierce defense. Isabelle Stephenson (10) dribbles the ball to look for a pass. Going against her competitors, Stephenson keeps a defensive attitude and isn't afraid to switch to offense whenever the ball is close to her. "The idea is to be aggressive and get the ball back, but also dribble up the field and be offensive," Stephenson said.
2. With all her power. Cassie Wood (10) picks the soccer ball to gain a lead in the field. Wood looked forward to maintaining a great undefeated season with her well-formed soccer team. "I like our team. I think we have a lot of really good players, and I think everybody adds something different to the team," Woods said.
3. Controlling the ball. Makenna McNair (9), dribbles down the line. With well-known experience in her forward position, McNair used a strategy to cross some defenders and shoot a remarkable goal. "It just felt good because we got a goal out of it, so then I got to celebrate with my team after," McNair said.
4. With control of the ball. Kaitlin Chapman (10) dribbles down the field. Chapman found playing on a field because she enjoyed a satisfying goal and loved the center of attention with the ball. "I got to carry the ball down the end and make sure to other people wherever they score, so it always feels good to be a part of the goal," said Chapman.

Photos by Sydney Roberts

SHOW IT OFF!

theater 1 classes make and present projects

1. Looking at a field project poster. Carlie Burke (10) reads and answers questions on one of her poster projects. Though she had to learn new things about the topics and loved seeing the creativity of her classmates, her favorite part was making her own. "I had fun making it and I used more cards, and I stuck them into the poster board. And it was just nice putting it all together," Burke said.
2. Kaitlin Martin (10) inspects a colorful project poster. Martin and Burke made their poster. Through the project he got to learn about different types of theater projects.
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Photos by Emily Campbell

CHAMPIONS

students win big at special olympic tournament



Holding up their "Big 1st" for a photo after winning the first Oak Special Olympic Tournament, students from a combined team with MHS celebrated. The tournament was very competitive in their game against Doraville, but came out on top. "They were excited, they love getting awards, they love getting medals, and they love winning they were number one," their coach Angie Evans said.

Photo submitted by Crystal Dennis

Blended Coverage Spread Honorable Mention



Landry Phenis, Melani Acosta, Cager Wiley

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH.

comparing prices from 2004 to 2024

if i HAD A Million... students share what they would spend one million dollars on

"I'd get a lawyer, an accountant and a shark onesie."

BAILEY WARLUCK (11)

"I would probably donate to some charity, buy multiple luxury cars, an airplane and a bright pink helicopter. I would buy out all businesses and have a monopoly. I'd rule the Earth, buy the entire galaxy."

HAYDEN WITT (10)

"Anything my family needs, and then a bed to sleep."

RYLAN CROWDER (11)

BOOTCUT JEANS
2004 \$25
2024 \$30

JOHN PATY (12), MICHAEL ODEHRIG (12), TRENT PACE (11)

DR. MARTENS
2004 \$100
2024 \$170

AIDAN HERNANDEZ (16)

CONVERSE
2004 \$45
2024 \$65

NAOMI ESPINOZA (11) KAYLA ALLEN (11)

UGGS
2004 \$100
2024 \$150

ZANDER GARCIA (10) & KAYLEE COMPTON (10)

HOODIES
2004 \$25
2024 \$30

DAVID JOHNSON (12)

AIR FORCE 1
2004 \$90
2024 \$115

LEVITICUS ZAVALA (12)

BIRKENSTOCKS
2004 \$70
2024 \$110

ANTARIUS ALDRIDGE (12)

FLARE LEGGINGS
2004 \$25
2024 \$45

ZOEY FRAZER (9)

OH?—students reveal what they spend the most money on

"My DMX like, because it's mostly a custom-built thing. It's updated the set, it has better handbars, new chain, pulleys, custom pegs, & custom paint by me."

GAVIN LEE (12)

"I spend a lot of money going to the movies with my friends."

HALEA MOORE (11)

"Gas. It's expensive and it's a lot."

LANDEN MORTON (12)

"Coffee, because Death Wish Coffee is good."

AIDEN MORENO (11)

"I've spent over \$300 on Bibles and Hebrew and Greek study books."

CALEB ABBATE (11)

"Shoes, because they help with my style and I mainly buy Jordans."

STEPHANIE SCHERZER (10)

WHAT ABOUT IT?

"If I had all the money in the world I'd probably buy a mansion house"

MATTHEW RICARDO (10)

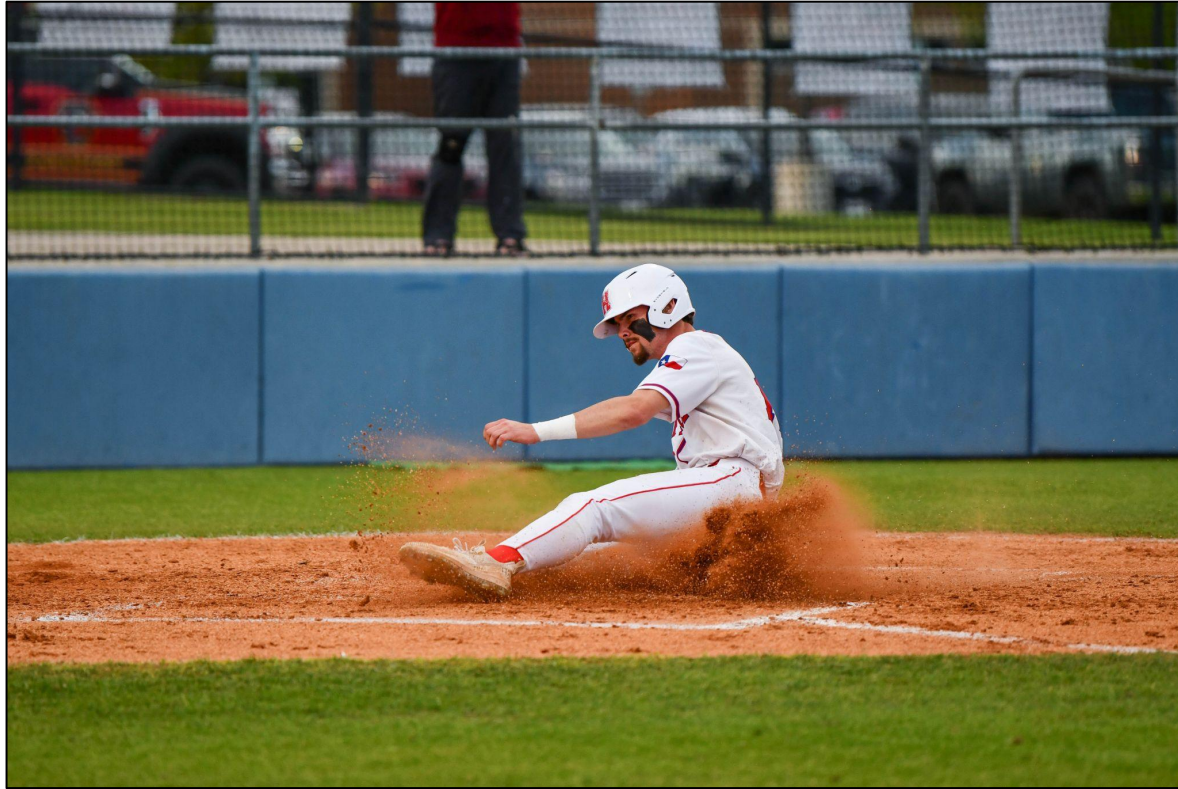
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2nd Place



Madison Barber



Sports Action Photo
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Aidan Hernandez



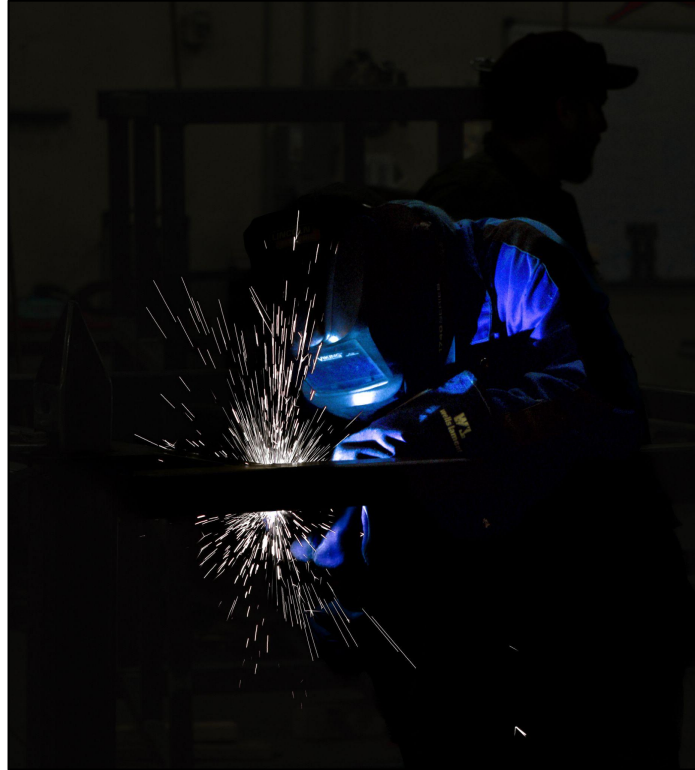
Sports Feature Photo
1st Place 🏆

Grace Pickard



Academic Photo
1st Place 🏆

Payton Hill



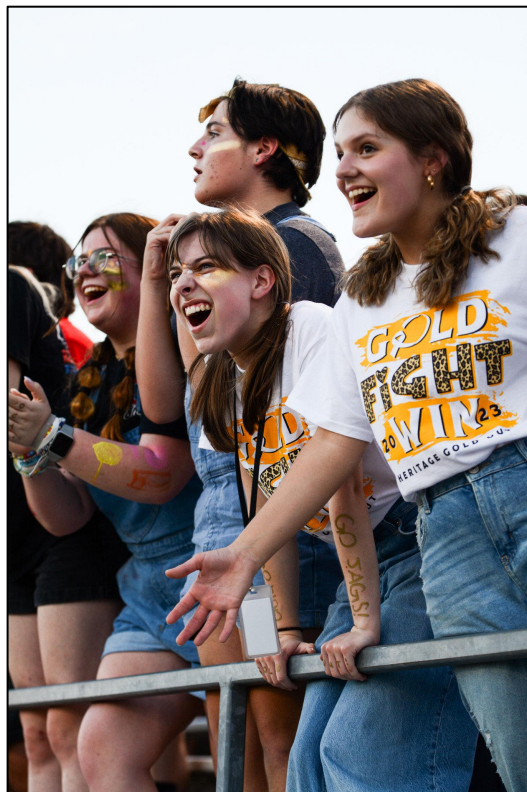
Academic Photo
3rd Place 🏅

Kaylee Roland



Student Life Photo
3rd Place 🏅

Grace Pickard



**Student Life Photo
Honorable Mention**



Madison Barber



Club/Organization Photo

1st Place



Xara Comstock



Club/Organization Photo
Honorable Mention 

Madison Barber



Photo Portfolio - 1st Place



Aidan Hernandez



Photo Portfolio - 3rd Place

