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MHS vocal sets All-Region record

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Writers

The Marlow High School vocal program broke records at the 2016 All-Region competition on September 17.

Under choir director Paula Fox, sixteen high school students competed in the competition, with seven qualifying in the All-Region choir.

Sophomore Cole Newport was surprised to be one of the lucky seven.

“It felt good,” Newport said. “I didn’t really expect to make it; when I found out, I was a bit surprised.”

Even though some students, such as Newport, were surprised when they received the good news, weeks of preparation went into perfecting their solos.

Preparation for some began at a vocal camp as far back as July, but Fox prepared her students in class and on her own time three weeks prior to the contest.

“We spent about three weeks just going over the music for All-Region in class alone,” Fox said. “Since I have freshman in the Entertainers choir, I would have to alternate days because they have different music. One day I would work with the freshman and the next I would work with the upperclassmen.”

With all of the hard work Fox planned for her students, some long-time goals were met once the competition was over.

Senior Allie Custer said she worked hard to achieve her goal in making All-Region.

“I was determined to make it,” Custer said. “To make All-Region



and All-State, there has to be work, there has to be a want and there has to be confidence. There cannot be confidence if the music is not learned.”

Fox said that even though everyone practiced during class, the majority of the students who made All-Region took time out of their own lives to practice.

“Most of the kids would have a practice CD or a flash drive with the music on it so they could practice at home as well,” Fox said. “I’m pretty sure that all of the kids that made it came in and did extra prac-

about performing.

“I was nervous, and my anxiety was through the roof!” Newport said. “Ms. Fox walked with me down the hall and told me to breathe, relax, and just do my best. I felt prepared when I went inside.”

Through all of the preparation and nerves, Fox said it feels amazing that seven high school students qualified, which is a first for Marlow in years.

The public can relive the exciting performances from All-Region on October 10 at Lawton First Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

MHS play set to debut

Allie Custer
Writer

Natural disasters, flying books and swollen tongues are a few of the mysteries coming to Marlow High School when the Marlow Outlaw Speech Team (MOST) perform the comedy, “God’s Favorite” by Neil Simon.

The play is a modern day retelling of the biblical story of Job with a few comical twists.

The main character is a man named Joe Benjamin, played by junior Jaret Perkins, who is just an ordinary man with an ordinary life.

He has a materialistic wife, played by junior Brooke Morrison; a set of idiot twins, played by senior Landry Cooper and junior Madison Latimer; a partying son, played by senior Jackson Davis,

a religious maid played by junior Caitlin Thomas and a concerned butler played by sophomore Gavin Banks.

Joe has a nice house and a comfortable amount of money, so he does not have a worry in the world until a strange man named Sydney Lipton, played by senior Cole Cloyd, throws Joe Benjamin’s life through a loop.

Lipton, who turns out to be a messenger from the man upstairs, tells Joe he has, unfortunately, become a part of a bet.

According to Lipton, God and the devil have been talking, and the devil does not think God could find anyone on Earth who would accept God if they were given trials and tribulations.

God, however, tells the devil that he knows a guy, and that guy is Joe Benjamin.



After comical scares, sores and sadnesses, it all comes down to Joe Benjamin and his decision.

What will he choose when he seems to lose everyone and everything?

This heavenly comedy will be shown at the Marlow High School Auditorium on Friday, October 7, for the student body and on Saturday, October 8, for the public at 7:00 p.m.

Student of the Week

Senior has heart of gold

Jae Hee Yun
Writer

Helping others is a strong passion for senior Hailey Parker.

“I want to be a social worker to help children with their personal problems or bad home lives,” Parker said. “I have a passion for children because after experiencing being around them on mission trips, it shows how much one person can make a difference. I would like to be that one person.”

According to Junior Jaden Gallop, Parker influences others in a positive way which would make her successful at this job.

“She has a positive attitude and inspires others to choose joy,” Gallop said. “She is a trustworthy friend that I can confide in who is always willing to help others.”

Parker’s motivation comes

from within.

“I am my biggest critic, so I want to be the best I can be,” Parker said. “I just have a huge passion for children and want to make children’s lives better.”

Parker is a hard worker as well as an inspiring individual. Junior English teacher Beverly Cramton spoke about how much of an effective young lady Parker is.

“Parker is a very self-disciplined young lady who does 100 percent of everything she is asked to do,” Cramton said. “I am so happy I got to see her grow up to be a strong leader. I am really proud of her.”

Cross Country Coach Mikey Eaves also shared his outlook on Parker’s willingness and devotion to the team.

“Hailey has really been a staple for our program,” Eaves said. “She

tices at lunch, after school and on some Saturdays.”

Custer said that Fox’s willingness to take time for her students is something she is thankful for.

“After school, I would come in for one hour every Thursday and have lessons with Ms. Fox to work on the music,” Custer said.

Most of the students said that Fox has helped them tremendously in pursuing more than just All-Region.

Sophomore Jared Samples said Fox has a big influence on his individual goals for Entertainers.

“She did a good job with helping us prepare, and she worked with each of us individually instead of just a few at once,” Samples said. “Now, I would like to make All-State and sing a solo at a contest.”

Even after weeks of preparation, the nerves were prominent during the competition.

Newport explained how Fox helped him get over his anxiety



HAILEY PARKER

is a hard worker who is willing to do what she can to help the team. She will be missed after this year.”

Parker is planning on going to Oklahoma University after graduation to start her journey in the social working field.

Brantley takes state office

Melissa Valencia
Writer

Taking her responsibilities all the way to the state level, Junior Blair Brantley is putting Marlow on the map.

Brantley was recently promoted to the state office of Vice President of Parliamentary Law for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Brantley recalls that on August 4 she had a conference call with Marlow FCCLA advisor Tamra Huddleston and state FCCLA advisor Denise Morris. Over the course of the conversation, Brantley found that two current state officers had been removed from office due to violations of the FCCLA code of conduct. With Brantley being the next in line, she had been promoted to the state office.

Brantley then had to resign her district office but she has kept her local office of Marlow’s FCCLA president.

Both Huddleston and the Marlow FCCLA chapter were ec-



static.

“I’m very proud to have a state officer on my team, and I feel privileged,” Huddleston said, “because there are only 10 in the state.”

Fellow FCCLA member sophomore Lily Smith is also proud of Brantley and ready for the new challenges ahead.

“I think this is a great opportunity for our chapter, and I like that we get to do more state and nationwide projects,” Smith said.

Brantley has been a member of FCCLA since the eighth grade and

becoming a state officer means the world to her.

“FCCLA enables members to build strong families, succeed in the development of their careers and have a voice in their community,” Brantley said. “I am so proud to be part of such an empowering organization.”

Brantley will make her first appearance as state officer to her fellow Oklahoman FCCLA members on October 6, at the Moore/Norman Technology Center in Norman, Oklahoma, for the Take Aim convention.

Nathan Riley
Writer

I decided to go to the rustic joint known as Wright’s Steakhouse located at 905 E. Bois D Arc Ave. in Duncan since the 1960s. The drive is a good distance from Marlow, and upon arrival there is not much to look at from the outside. However, the inside is nice with linen cloths for napkins, televisions on the walls, and a nice view of the salad/hot bar with a vast number of items to enjoy.

Upon arrival, customers are provided a menu that includes a variety of choices that include a trip to the salad bar as well as one side and desert.

After ordering a six ounce sirloin done medium with a baked apple, I went to the salad/hot bar and there was such a variety to choose from that I could almost not decide. I chose to enjoy in a small portion salad, green beans, pea salad, okra, and beans. The beans

and green beans were average. The pea salad was cold, creamy, and very fresh, and that is surprising because I am not a big fan of peas. The salad was very fresh; the lettuce was crisp, the cheese was fantastic, and the dressing was noticeably homemade. However, the okra was not very appetizing; it had an odd texture and was cold.

Then, my entree arrived with some hot rolls and honey butter. The rolls were very light and airy, and they were delicious. I preferred mine without the butter. The apple was average but lacked a little flavor. The steak had a nice char grill on it and looked great. I took a bite of mine, and the experience of eating it was strange. I chewed into it, and it was juicy at first but very dry after a couple of bites. After I let it sit in its juice for a while, the steak tasted pretty good. It was well seasoned, and I enjoyed the rest of it. After I ate my entree, I was asked if I wanted my free dessert, and I of course

said yes. I was given the option of peach cobbler and ice cream or just ice cream; I chose the peach cobbler and ice cream.

When the dessert arrived, it was hot, and it looked amazing. It tasted just as good as it looked. The ice cream was dripping on top of the cinnamon garnished peach cobbler; I almost said forget the spoon and put my face into it. I used my manners and ate the peach cobbler, and I have to say, this is the star of the show. I could order a bucket of this, and I would be happy. The ice cream was nice and cold and not too sweet, the crust was the perfect texture and the peaches were tremendously juicy. It has a bad location, average food and great dessert. I will definitely consider returning to Wright’s Steakhouse. On a scale of one to five, one being the worst and five being the best, I would rate Wright’s Steakhouse in Duncan to be a three and a half star experience.