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MUSIC BOOSTERS AT THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

by Erin Kelley

On October 9th, 10th, and 11th, the weekend was filled with prizes and fried dough. So many booths selling different kinds of items lined the oval, all the way down to Emerson Park during the Pumpkin Festival. Among those booths was the Milford High School music boosters.

These boosters help fund all of our musical programs and classes such as chorus, band, and advanced vocal studies. One of the most popular and successful fundraisers is the Krispy Kreme donut sale at the Pumpkin Festival. According to one of the volunteers, "All the money raised goes to benefit the music program. The money goes towards festivals or workshops", one of the festivals that is included would be the yearly Big E trip that the mixed chorus takes. "It [money] also goes towards funding supplies like new stands, uniforms, and music lessons!". Most of the new music stands, and all the new band uniforms were paid for by the music booster fundraisers.

The MHS chorus teacher, Mrs. Erdody, explained to us that "... Students would have to pay, or the school would have to [for musical equipment]. If the school had to pay for uniforms or concert dress, we wouldn't be able to buy new music that year". This just shows how effective the music boosters are. While talking to the Krispy Kreme booth volunteers, "we have sold 700 dozen donuts, its our busiest fundraiser". All that money sold from 700 dozen, or 8,400 singular donuts, helps the music department purchase their materials, and provide trips.

Not only do the fundraisers help with fun trips, but they also "help with scholarships for musical senior students", according to Mrs. Erdody. These scholarships help students going into the musical education programs with some help, provided by their fellow peers. Simply buying a donut during the Pumpkin Festival can help shape someone's future. Something to think about when participating in school fundraisers.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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Introducing WSJ!

Hello, Milford High School! I am Tam Marien, the editor-in-chief of the West Street Journal! Thank you for taking the time to read our first-ever issue! This team worked really hard to organize this, and this little section would like to explain what we do as a group and what our paper aims to do.

West Street Journal is a newspaper club, highlighting things in our school, as well as fun events that happen around Milford as a whole! We bring a lot of fun, talk about movies and memes and generally just have a good time writing for the student body. We even host different writing contests, tiny polls just for the fun of it, and much more.

An issue will be posted every other Friday on this very site, so please check it out for the latest buzz!

(Edited by Jason Lewicki)

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Do you have any pets?

"I have two cats. I miss my chocolate lab, who passed away when she was 12 : ("

What is your favorite movie or book or/and favorite professional sports team?

"My favorite football team is, of course, the Ohio State Buckeyes. But I also cheer for the Patriots and Bruins. My most recent favorite book is Endurance by Alfred Lansing (about Shackleton's voyage to the South Pole), but the Harry Potter series is an all time favorite."

INTERVIEWING MRS. RADOWICZ

by Tam Marien

On October 13th, 2021, Tam Marien decided to go and interview the principal. It was a nice day when the emails started. Due to Covid, they didn't want to get sick so instead of doing it the traditional, long way, they decided to do it via emails. It went on until late at night, and pleased with the responses, this is what went down.

Where are you from?

"I was born in Minnesota. I lived there for 2 years while my dad was stationed in Germany. Then I lived in Wyoming, North Dakota, and Ohio. I finished school in Ohio, and earned a bachelor's degree in Biology/Genetics at the Ohio State University. After graduating, I joined the US Air Force, going through 3 months of Officer's Training School in Texas, then 3 months of Air Weapons Director training in Florida. I was stationed in New Mexico and northern Japan. After I separated, I moved to Maine, where I earned a Masters Degree in Education and then a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership. I moved to NH 11 years ago."

What's a day like as MHS's principal?

"The days are pretty fast paced. The day starts at 7:00 am greeting students coming off a bus or coming in through the main entrance. Then answering phone calls and emails, meeting with department leads or the HS or SAU admin teams, working on policies, creating and monitoring the budget, trying to get into classes, meeting with students, staff, and parents, and discussing the work of our clubs, student council, and our sports teams. Also working with the local fire and police departments. I try to get to at least one game of every athletic team during the season. And for the last 1-2 years, working on COVID and contact tracing."

What is a goal you have for MHS this year?

"One major goal is to try to improve communication of events and school information to students, staff, and parents. Being remote, then hybrid, then remote, then fully back over the last year and a half has strained the culture in the building, so we are also trying to reinvigorate school culture and school pride this year. Some routines need to be reestablished for juniors and seniors, and established for freshmen and sophomores, so we can be one unified school."

What do you like most about MHS so far?

"The students and staff have been great to work with. We have started at least 5 new clubs already this year, just based on student interest, and staff volunteering to be the club advisors. This is in addition to the many, many clubs that were already in place. I love the size of the school - it is large enough to provide students with a wide variety of opportunities but not so large that teachers don't get to know their students."

Do you have any hobbies outside of your job?

"I like to go hiking, and we have completed all 48 4000 footers in NH. Our next goal is to hike all of the 4000 footers in VT (5) and ME (14). We also white water paddle, go biking, and try to spoil our grandkids."

Did you always want to be a high school principal?

"Education was not a career field I had considered in high school, and when a teacher asked me what I thought of becoming a teacher I laughed (sorry Mrs. Peppitone). One of my jobs in the AF was as the training officer, and I enjoyed helping the controllers and surveillance operators become proficient in using the radar, talking on the radios, and controlling the airplanes on their missions. When I was in Japan, I volunteered in the school on base and found I really enjoyed working with students. When I earned my masters degree, I was certified in both elementary education and high school science, but I found I most enjoyed working with high school students. My last job in the AF was Director of Operations of my unit in Japan, and I found that, even as a teacher, I kept looking at how what I was doing in the classroom impacted the school, and the district, as a whole. When I was asked to participate in a Leadership for Tomorrow's Schools program, I signed up, earning my certification as an assistant principal. That got me started on my path as an administrator."

Sports

MHS Football summary, as provided by Coach Jones: "The Milford football team traveled to Hanover on October 8 to play the Marauders in a battle of 5-0 versus 4-1. The visitors struggled out of the gate, giving up an early first-quarter touchdown and going down seven-to-nothing, but managed to right the ship and pull to an 8 - 7 halftime lead. The second half was all Spartans, as they scored four times to take a 34-to-7 lead and the final. Caden Zalenski had three touchdown runs, while Charlie Urda and Logan Barnhill each had one. The entire defense played a fantastic game. The Spartans will host Manchester West this Friday, October 15, at 7 PM."



Cross-Country Summary: The Cross-Country team ran at Alvirne on October 9th, and will run at the Pelham Invitational this Saturday, on October 16th.

Welcome to the creative corner!
This part of the newspaper is for drawings, photography, and all other types of art!



Creative Corner

By: Rana McCloat

Email cmarien@milfordk12.org or amccloat@milfordk12.org to submit your art and photography!



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Horror Story Writing Contest

Where my ghouls at? There's a spooky contest going on! Come all and participate in our spook-tacular writing competition! All you have to do is write a short story that puts shivers down our spines! The winner will be featured in our next article, along with the runner ups so why not give it a whirl? Please email your submissions at cmarien@milfordk12.org to participate! I won't bite...

Good luck!~



By Rana McCloat



The Pop-Culture Corner

New Review: *Venom: Let There Be Carnage* Review (Spoiler-Free!) (MY OPINION! Think WHATEVER you want!):

So a week or so ago my family and I went to see the new *Venom* movie that came out recently, and I gotta say...it was okay. It was weird, the plot was a little contrived, and more silly than it was trying to be, and it knew it. The fight scenes were actually pretty good, the humor was decent, and there was actually a really neat animated bit in the beginning which I thought was cool, and the villain's motivation was understandable, if a bit played-out. I think the best thing about this movie is that it was a fair bit more self-aware than the original, which was *trying* to be grim and dark, but just ended up being silly instead. *This* movie, on the other hand, had a grasp on how over-the-top it was going to be, and it **rolled** with it, making a movie that was more entertaining than it was genuinely good. And you know what? That's completely fine. I'd take a bad movie that's fun to watch over an awful movie that hurts to watch. Overall, I'd give this movie a somewhat-genuine, somewhat-ironic **6/10**: I probably won't watch it again anytime soon, but I still enjoyed it. ~ Jason Lewicki

Super Smash Brothers: Sora, hailing from the Kingdom Hearts franchise, has joined the roster of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate as its 11th and final DLC fighter! Alongside him comes three new Mii costumes: an Octoling and a Judd hat (Splatoon franchise) and a Doom Slayer (another highly-popular candidate for the final fighter, hailing from the Doom franchise) costume for the Mii Gunner. It's been nearly 3 years since the release of Smash Bros. Ultimate and at this point? I think Mr. Sakurai needs a break.

Pokemon Legends: Arceus: As a part of the new trailer for the first entirely open-world Pokemon game, Pokemon Legends: Arceus, we've learned about some of the new characters you'll meet, a new homebase, Jubilife Town, and a new Pokemon, Kleavor, the Stone Axe Pokemon, a new evolution of Scyther. This game looks to be a promising step in the right direction for the Pokemon franchise, so every little bit of information we get just makes it seem better and better!

Pokemon: Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl: In the new trailer for Pokemon: Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl, we see the return of the Poketch, which allows for the usage of 'Hidden Moves' that no longer require the use of one of your 'Mon's move slots, the return of Poffin-baking (exciting, I know), and the ability to take a stroll up to six of your Pokemon in a returning location redesigned for this exact purpose, Amity Square. Diamond and Pearl were games that were beloved by fans, so let's all hope that these new remakes keep the spirit of these games alive.

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