



Superintendent Update: May 23, 2014

Quote for the week: “I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God’s business.”—Michael J. Fox

As I read the quote, my mind suddenly went to our graduating seniors. I know so many of those wonderful students will be reaching for perfection because I have witnessed their strong academic and ethical approach to their educational program over the last four years. Whether it is involvement in school activities or involvement in the classroom, this class strives to be the best. I want to encourage the class to recognize that it is possible to seek excellence and even achieve excellence without perfection. As humans, we can’t reach perfection, but we can definitely strive for excellence! I hope the next few comments will lead our graduates conceptually to excellence and not perfection!

Too often, our society's notion of success is largely composed of two parts: money and power. In fact, success, money, and power have practically become synonymous. I would say if one attained all the money and power in the world, it would still not add up to excellence. I dare say many would suggest life would be “perfect” if I could be rich and/or powerful. I personally think money and power often negate excellence and perfection as the pursuit of both can influence good people to make bad decisions in their effort to make more money or become more powerful.

There is something beyond money and power which will lead to excellence — and that is a life founded on well-being, wisdom, our ability to wonder, and to give back. Money and power by themselves are capable of short term happiness, but eventually you're going to find that money and power are not the end all to success and perfection in this life. And more and more people, very successful people, are finding this to be true. Basically, success the way we've defined it in terms of wealth and power is no longer sustainable. It's no longer sustainable for human beings or for societies. To live the lives we want, we must become comfortable with not being perfect. We must not seek the lives society defines as successful (perfect), but we must include the concept of obtaining well-being through wisdom. Wisdom will lead us to becoming a giver...not a taker. Therein will lie fulfillment and excellence.

What adding well-being to our definition of success means is that, in addition to looking after our financial capital, we need to do everything we can to protect and nurture our human capital.

So graduates, as you leave our beautiful Mountain Home, please allow yourselves to follow your dreams and scale great heights in whatever profession you choose. I beg you: Don't buy society's definition of success. Because it's not working for anyone! Those that pursue happiness and/or success through money and power often find a life full of stress, diabetes, heart disease,



sleeplessness and high blood pressure. Those that pursue fulfillment through service to others find a life of excellence!

Here is the LIVE video streaming link for the graduation on Friday May 23.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zp2VKLElQZY>

I am very proud of all the spring sports teams. Each team competed at a high level and represented our school and community in a way we can all be proud of.

Good luck to the Lady Bombers Soccer Team as they compete for the state championship Friday evening against the Siloam Springs Lady Panthers. Go Lady Bombers!

Thank you Arvest for sponsoring the lunch fundraiser for the Hackler Monument, see the attached flyer to participate.

Please enjoy this *Simple Truths* [video](#).

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Thanks to the Elkins family and the Padgett family for sponsoring the Butterfly garden and the vegetable garden at Hackler Intermediate School.



Thank you to Lowe's and Mr. Owen Carpenter's high school students who helped out our Kindergarten students in a student building project.







Retirement Reception

Tuesday, May 27th 4:00 p.m.

Dunbar Lobby



Congratulations!

James Ellis

Lynn Kelsh

Connie Ethridge

Susan Hanley

John Katrosh

Everett Middleton

Ben Williamson

Anita King

Dorothy Cook

Sandra Shoras

Sandra Loftis

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C.S.Lewis

HACKLER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL WEEK ENDING 5-23-2014

Hackler celebrates
2014 DARE GRADUATION
Drug Awareness Resistance Education

Congratulations to the following:

Overall DARE Students from each classroom:

Sophie Quick, Claire Maycunich, Ashton Fust, Whitney Hill, Joey Arnold, Savannah Scott, Emily Payne, Gracie Todd, Jacob Harmon, Issac Long, Tyler Chandler, Micah Cruse

Overall Essay Students from each classroom:

Emily Glasgow, Ava Obert, Hannah Langhammer, Nate Horn, Tyler Firment, Meagan Trotter, Mandelyn Smeltzer, Kaylee Crownover, Sophie Kleppe, Audrey Due, Sydney Villalvazo

DARE Commercial Winner:

Victoria Bevel

DARE Poster winner:

Cadence Repp

DARE Essay winner:

Cheyenne Williams

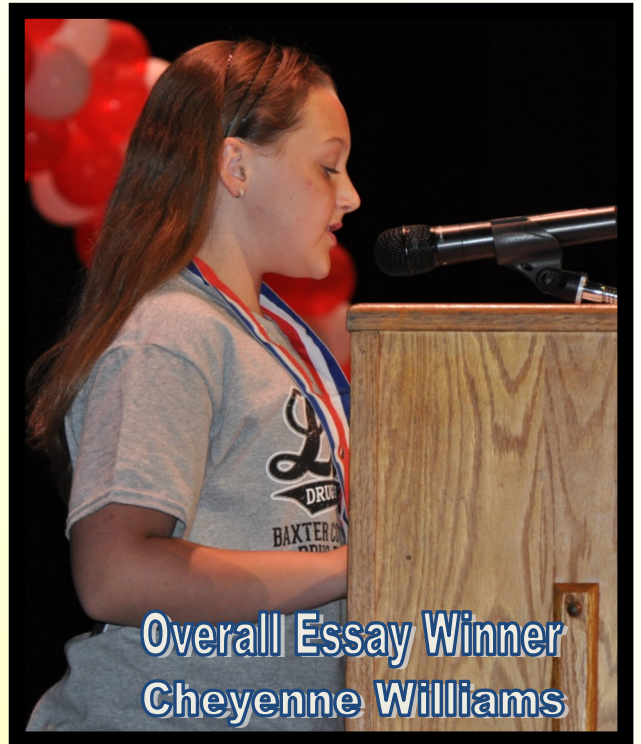
Overall DARE Student:

Mattie Belk





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Overall Essay Winner
Cheyenne Williams



Classroom Poster Winners



Classroom Essay Winners



5th Grade Classroom Teachers

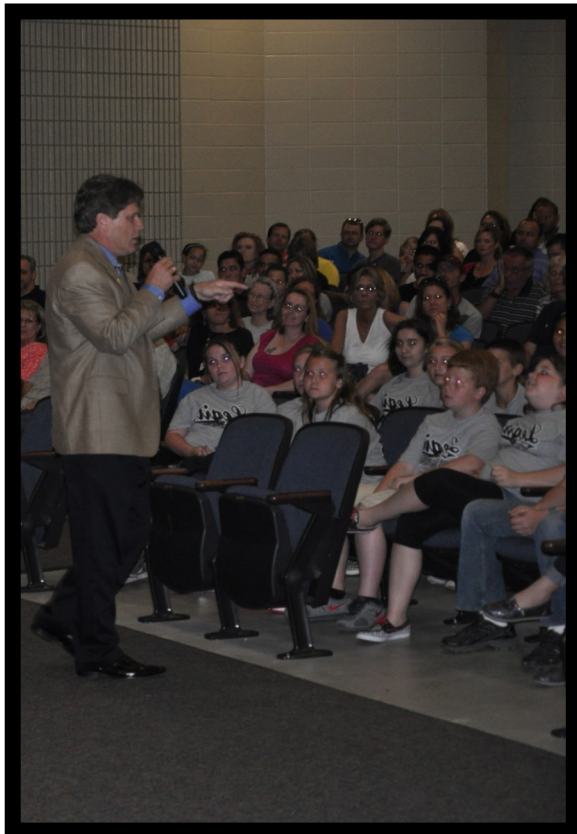


2014 Hackler DARE Graduates

SPECIAL THANK YOU

DARE Guest Speakers

2007 Overall DARE student
and 2014 MHHS Graduate
Morgan Phillips



**Baxter County Sheriff
John Montgomery**

Hackler is a GREAT place to be!

Hackler Intermediate School

965 West Road, Mtn. Home, AR 72653 ~ Phone 425-1288 / Fax 425-1290

Principal: **Sondra Monger**

Asst. Principal: Kevin Roach
Asst. Principal: Cassy Fowler




Counselor: Terry Berry
Counselor: Kristyn Goodwin

Where Individual Learning Develops

May 22, 2014

Around Our School

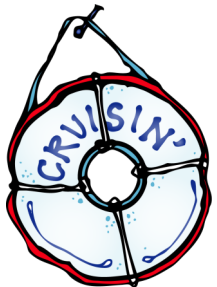
- ◆ School will be in session on Monday, May 26, 2014. This is one of our make up snow days.
- ◆ Please pay lunch charges as soon as possible. Your child's lunch balance should be zero by the last day of school. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Debbie at Food Service, 425-1225.
- ◆ Last day of school is June 2nd. 
- ◆ Report cards will NOT be handed out on the last day of school. They will be available to be picked up June 9th through June 19th. Report cards not picked up will be mailed on June 20th.

Note from Nurse Wendy

- ◆ If you have updated your child's immunizations, please bring in documentation for Nurse Wendy to update your records.
- ◆ The "Growing Up" (video) will begin on Monday during your child's PE class. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible. (5th grade)
- ◆ All medication must be picked up before the last day of school. Any medication left will be disposed.



Summer Opportunities



- * Kicks n Flips—Summer Session
- * 2nd Annual Junior Elite Volleyball Academy
- * Mtn. Home Boy's Basketball Camp
- * Salvation Army Week—Free week of fun May 21-25
- * Ozark Football's Association 2nd Annual Free Football & Cheerleading Mini Camp
- * Girl's Ozark Mountain Basketball Camp June 9th—June 12th
 - * 2014 Mini Belle Dance Camp
 - * 2014 Kids Fishing Derby June 7, 2014
 - * 2014 MHJH Cheer Clinic Registration
- * L.C. Sammons Youth Center is currently taking enrollment in the Youth Center's 2014 Summer Academies.



Application and flyers are available in the front office.

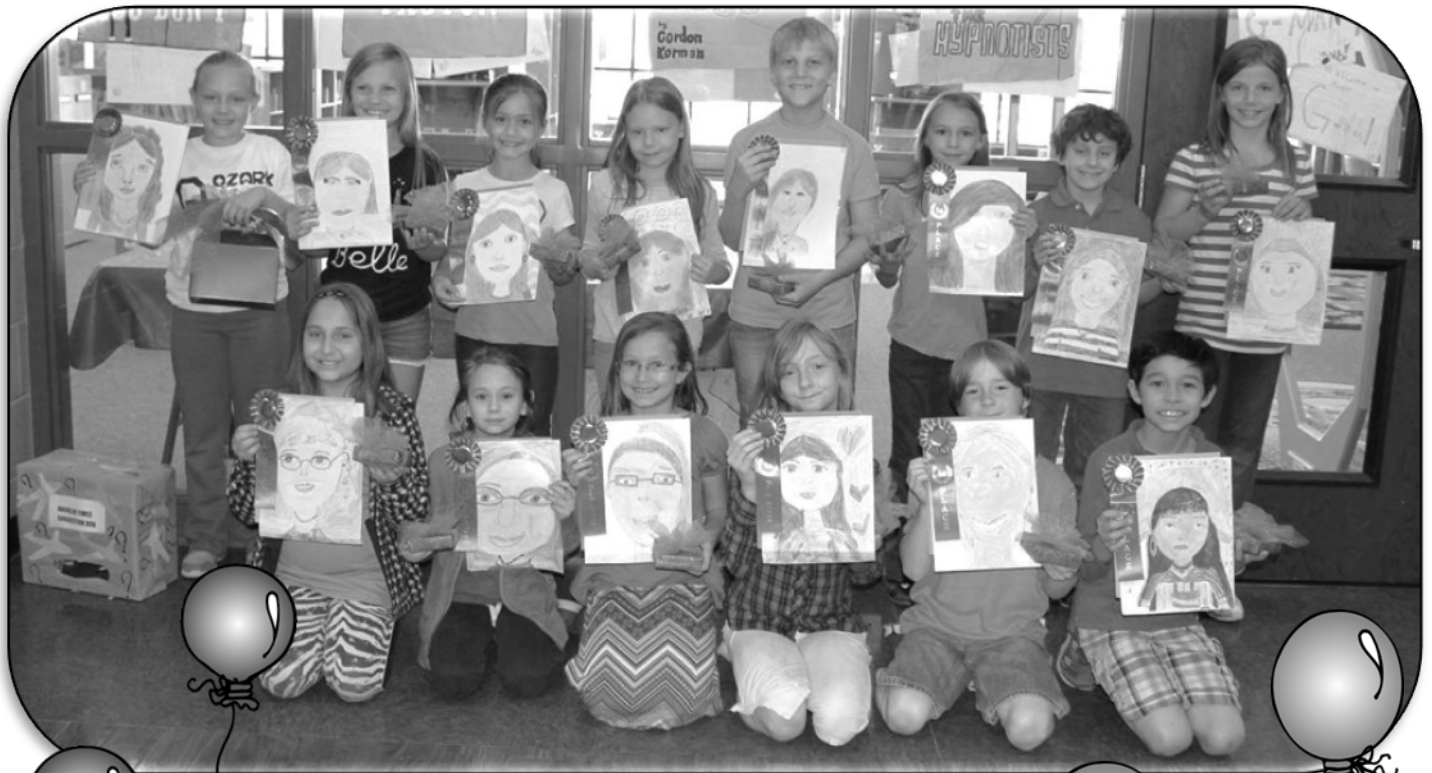
2014 Carters Jewel Chest Mothers Day Portrait Contest Held at Hackler Intermediate!

1st row:

Maddie Tharp (Kohler)
Zoey Walker (Smith)
Lexi Hammond (Gaston)
Madison Caple (Cash)
Josh Boelkens (Zwicker)
Jackson Jones (Whiteaker)

2nd row:

Grand Prize: Elise Ponder (Lawrence)
Ashlyn Cordell (Lawrence)
Faith Hilvert (Spivey)
Alex Coyer (Paden)
Michael Jonte (Wescoat/Lee)(not pictured)
Ty Lawrence (Dibble)
Kassi Lumley (Childress)
Isaiah Kemp (Dwyer)
Victoria Glenn (Johnson)



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



NELSON-WILKS-HERRON

BEST WISHES!



*Susan Hanley is retiring after 9 years of service at NWH. She has taught a total of 35 years.

*Jeanette Byes is leaving, after teaching 25 years at NWH, to pursue new endeavors in NW Arkansas.

We truly appreciate their years of service to NWH and to all the lives they have touched over the years.

Best Wishes Mrs. Hanley and Ms. Byes from your NWH Family!

AR Week, May 9th-May 23rd

On Monday, May 19th, staff and students kicked off AR Week during an assembly at First Assembly of God.





Other AR Week Activites.....

Mon.-Old Fashion Dress-Up Day

Tues.-Arkansas Cap or Visor Day

Wed.-Pin Day

Thurs.-Arkansas T-shirt Day

Fri.-Class Spirit Day (each classroom chooses a color to wear on this day)

Presentations this week by:

Baxter County Sheriff's Dept.

Dinosaurs of Arkansas-Angela Chandler

Cheese Making-Rachel Klessig

Native Plants-Baxter County Master Gardeners

Teepee-David Rodriques

Animals-MH FFA Students & Josh Baker

Trees & Hiking-Judi Nail

Identifying Animal Tracks & Birds of AR-Bull Shoals State Park,

Julie Lovett & Dru Edmonds

AR State Symbols-Lauren Jarrett
Water Safety-Kathlene Payne
Poultry-Lynn Cotter
AR Game & Fish-Fish Tank
Stranger Danger-Brent Weaver
First Aid-Patty Dickinson
AR Gems-Sponsored by Carter's Jewel Chest & presented by Alicia Mattox
Quilts-Pasty Elsworth
Baxter County Library-Vincent Anderson
Remote Control Airplanes-Kenny Bridgman
Milk Makers-Shenna Estes & Amy Cameron

Dinner on the Grounds - Friday, May 23rd

Pinkston Middle School

Week ending 5.23.14



Pictured, from left to right are:
Emma Jones, Chloe Nosari, Mica Justman, Taylor Mahmud, and Montana Crouch
Not pictured: John Armistead and Simon Podsiadlik

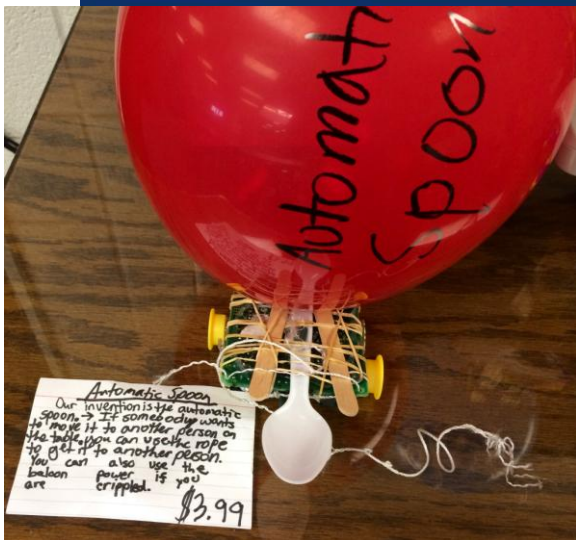
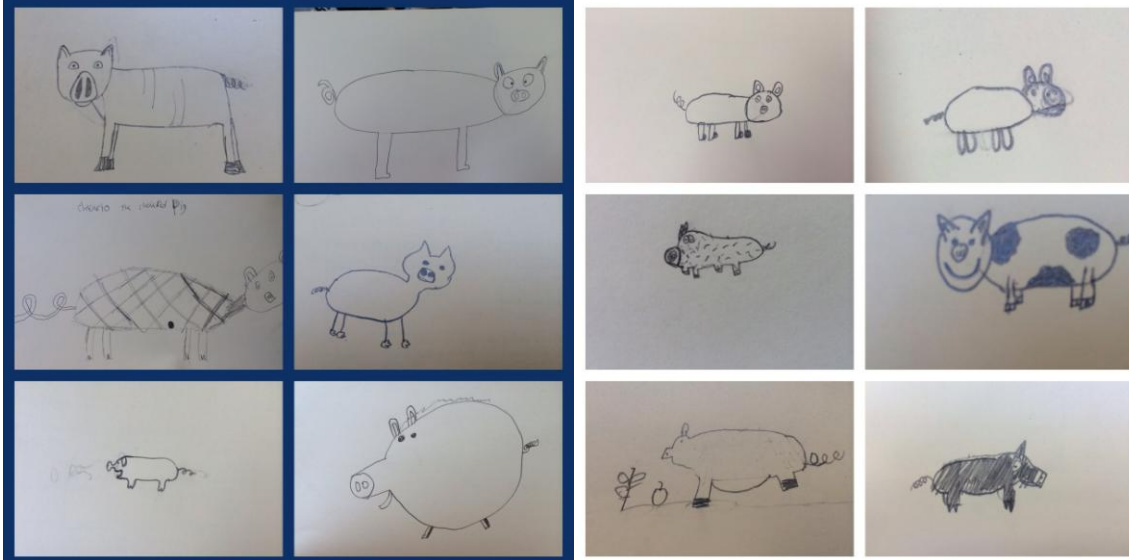
The above students attended the Duke TiP 34th Annual 7th Grade Talent Search 2014 Arkansas Recognition Ceremony at UALR in Little Rock on Thursday, May 15th. Each student received a medal for their accomplishment. The recognition criteria was to score at least a 21 on any individual section on the ACT as a 7th grader OR at least a 20 on any three of the sections (English, Math, Reading, or Science).

Prior to the ceremony, each student also had the opportunity to engage in a learning activity from the following choices: American Sign Language, Astrophysics Phun, Beginning Your Own Song, Criminal Justice, Nanotechnology, Rube Goldberg Challenge, Silk Dyeing, Virtual Reality, or Writing and Designing Video Games. Mountain Home School District and Pinkston Middle School was certainly well-represented!



EAST Challenge Night

Students in the 5th and 6th grade interested in knowing more about EAST had an opportunity to participate in Pinkston Middle School's first annual EAST Challenge night. Students did a variety of things including





*Students in Mrs. Trotter's literacy class brought their novel to life with a class play.
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin*



Pinkston Middle School is a great place to be!

Post acts of kindness that you see or that you do #pinkstonkindness

Pinkston Middle School @Pinkstonmiddle

EAST at Pinkston @AdunavanEast

7th Grade Promise @deniselauerman

Pinkston Choir @Pinkstonchoir

DARE @mandeelove32

Pinkston Media Center @pmslibrary12

Upcoming Events for Pinkston Middle:

May 22 – 5th Grade "Transition Trip" to Pinkston!

May 28 – 6th Grade Government Day

May 30 – 7th Grade Field Day

June 2 – Last Day for Students

May 23, 2014

MHHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Olivia Darmody Selected as a Finalists for the 2014 Arkansas Young Playwrights Competition



The Finalists for the 2014 Arkansas Young Playwrights Competition have been selected. The Finalists include:

Olivia Darmody, Mountain Home High School, for "Tell Me Why". Teacher: Karin Maupin.

The Arkansas Young Playwrights Competition began in 2003, but in 2013, for the first time, the playwrights were required to produce and stage their plays to compete. The goal of the Competition is to identify Arkansas students who have an interest in writing for the stage, to encourage those students to develop their talents and to give those students the opportunity to learn how to produce and stage their work.

Six plays will be performed at the Competition on November 1, 2014 at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. At the conclusion of the six performances, the winner of the Competition will be announced.

The Competition, which will take place in Arkansas Hall on Henderson State's campus, is free to the public. Way to go Olivia!

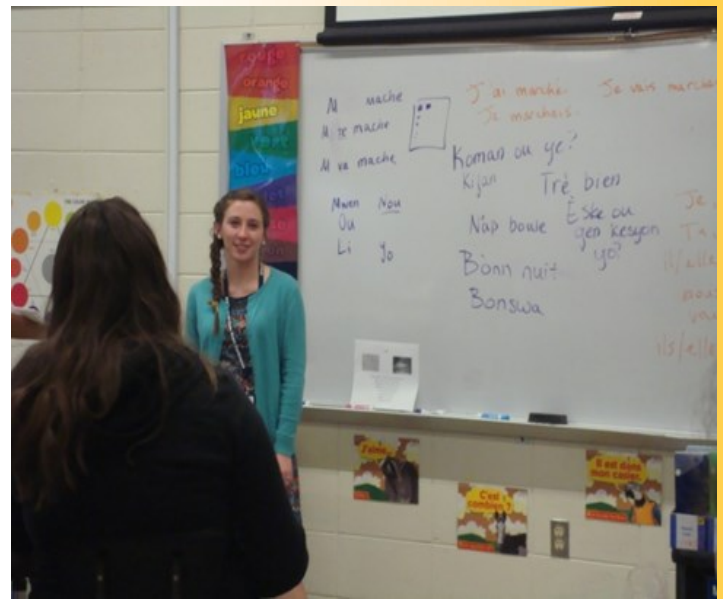
MHHS FRENCH

MHHS senior Alaina Tuberville visited Mrs. Lawrence's French I class as a guest speaker to share her experience in Haiti earlier this year and her knowledge of the Creole language. The official language of Haiti is French, but, as Alaina, shared, the majority of Haitians speak Creole which is a combination of French, Spanish, Portuguese, and African languages.



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Alaina shared many interesting facts about the Haitian history and culture and spent a great deal of time explaining phrases and conjugations in Creole and how they are similar or different than French.



MHHS FRENCH CLUB



Thanks to all who supported the MHHS French Club Community Yard Sale held in the MHHS cafeteria on April 26th! Proceeds went to the Quebec trip taking place this summer.



French Club members Jon Paul Reese, Autumn Daugherty, Hank Lawrence, and Courtney Guthrie work at the French Club booth.



Mountain Home FFA 6th Annual Fish Fry/ Benefit Auction

Tuesday * MAY 27th

Meal-6:00 P.M.

Auction-7p.m.

Baxter County Fairgrounds

Fish Fry: \$8.00 Adults \$5.00 children 12 and under

Josh Baker 404-8237 / Richard Grissum 421-1490 / Jacquie Albright 404-0432

AUCTION ITEMS:

Greggs Farm- Feed
Greggs Farm- Circuiteer II blower
Mtn. Home Concrete- 1 load base
2-Covered Mineral Feeders-MHHS
2-Picnic Tables- Built at MHHS (Sponsored by Marchants)
4 Dog houses- Built at MHHS
Quality Feed- 1000 lb Show Winner
Wayne's Auto- 5 quart oil change
Wayne's Auto- \$50.00 towards towing
Inegrity First Bank-\$50.00 gift card
Fuel Tank and pump- Bushwhacker
Ranger Boats- Sportswear Gift cards
Colton's- Gift Card
Jennings Shavings- 5 bags Pine shavings
Powell Feed-
D-S Longhorns
Wapsi Fly- beginner tying kit
Driftwood Lanes- 5 games
Galaxy Fireworks- Jumbo packs
Stage- Beach Bags
Cattlemen's- 1 year membership
Arena-\$20.00 gift card
Kinetico- \$50.00 gift card
Plumlee Tire-sponsor
Meeks-sponsor
Tamara Smith- Gift card
Anytime Fitness- \$100.00 new memberships
Car Care- Full service wash
Auto Services- jackets and Titleist Golf Balls
Al and Diane Herter- model tractors
Sonic- Gift cards
Bouquet palace- ceramic platter
Sears- 10 piece ratchet set
Town and Country- 2 gift cards
Merle Norman-gift card- \$25.00
Nolands- light Fixtures
Royal Nails- gift cards
Rhino Lining- Gift card
Dr Bobs- oil change
The Shop- oil change
Minute Mechanic- 1 alignment
Dent Boy's- Paintless dent removal
8 Ball Amusement- cue stick
Midland marine-Fire extinguisher
McDonalds-meals
Sleepmart- sheets
Estes Mobile Lube- 3 oil changes
Twin Lakes Farm and Lawn- sponsor
AM-PM- 5 quart oil change
West Star- 2 -1 hour training sessions (KC)
Verizon- headset
Brads Home Entertainment- screen cleaner
Vacs Etc- steam mop
Wayne Camp- Sponsor
Plaza Subway-free platter
Camps Plants- hanging baskets
Sentinel- 1 bucket load mulch
Bird Feeders-MHJH
Norwood Movers- sponsor
Cotton Co-10 free custom t-shirts
Archers Pro Shop- broad heads, scent blocker,
Hamilton's- Gift card- belt buckle
Big Lots- Blender
Uniform Shop- stethoscope
Shabby 2 Chik -10 free tans
Lube Tune and more- oil change
Auto Zone- jack and mechanic creeper
Kent Chevrolet- 2 mini details, oil changes
Ultimate Auto- detail
Farm Credit- Cattle sticks
Goforth Farms- Power tool set, brushes
Foster Feed- 400 lb cattle feed
Arvest bank- \$50.00 gift card
Sherwin Williams- Paint Set
Orshelin- deer feeder, corn
Harp's- \$25.00 gift card
Butler Furniture- sponsor
Main Street Muffler- oil changes
Porter Pawn-binoculars
Tedder Equip- Hydraulic Fluid
Greggs's Hotwash
Headliners-shampoo
Burger King- free meals
Oreillys- 3 gloves, flashlights
FFO- décor
Moranz- weedtrimmer string
Lowe's-feeder sponsor
Lockeroom-\$25.00 gift card
101 Boat Dock- apparel
NAEC- shop vac, hand held vac

Diamonds Are Forever...



Don't lose the opportunity to own these beautiful 1/3 carat diamond earrings

**FBLA Competitors and their Advisors
will be traveling to Nashville
for the FBLA National Conference**

For every donation of \$10 made to FBLA, you will be eligible to win this beautiful set of earrings valued at \$300. Drawing will be held June 2. Mail your donation and chance to own these 1/3 carat diamond earrings. to MHHS FBLA, 500 Bomber Blvd., Mountain Home, AR 72653. Employees of Mountain Home Schools may send through interdistrict mail. All donations must be received by May 31..

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