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## Meet Class President: Ramsey Yarbrough

- 1.) What are some of your hobbies?  
- Soccer, band, art, and debating
- 2.) In what ways has growing up in Morrilton shaped you as a person?  
-I have been made aware of my actions and how people are affected by things.
- 3.) What are your future goals?  
-I want to obtain a Master's Degree (at least), and own no less than 50 pets.
- 4.) What would your dream vacation be?  
-See where all of my exchange siblings live
- 5.) If you could choose one person, dead or alive, to eat dinner with, who would it be?  
-My great grandmother
- 6.) In your opinion, what has been your greatest accomplishment?  
-Being voted Class President

## Zangara voted MHS Idol Winner

**Madison Knapp**  
Editor

The annual spring talent show, MHS Idol, is something that MHS students look forward to all year. Every year, the Library Club hosts a talent show to allow the students to display their passions and special gifts.

This year, MHS Idol was hosted

on March 10th in the H.B. White Auditorium. Senior, DeMichael Harris, was the emcee; he kept the crowd interested and entertained.

There were only six contestants that participated: Karine Trindade, Alexis Ray, Megan Mudge and Carolyn Hopkins, Raylissa English, Alex Zangara, and Zech Eubanks and his band

mates Justin Moll, Cortlen Fox, Noah Davis, and Austin Knudsen (Infamous by Default).

English teachers, Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Parks, also gave a very special and quite entertaining performance during the voting process. Ferguson sang, *Taylor, the Latte Boy*, and Parks sang the rebuttal to this song.

Brazilian foreign

exchange student, Karine Trindade, sang the French song *Una Matina* and played the guitar.

Alexis Ray sang *Don't Let Me Go* from the *Shrek Musical*. John Legend's song *All of Me* was performed by Raylissa English. Alex Zangara sang *Hallelujah* while Karine Trindade played piano.

Infamous by Default sang *Welcome to the*

*Jungle*. All of the MHS student body voted. The results were in sophomore, Alex Zangara's, favor; he was the 2017 MHS Idol winner. He was awarded with fifty dollars.

Although there was only one winner, all of the contestants proved how talented MHS is. MHS hopes this traditions carries on.

## MHS goes on Spring Break

**Amy Volz**  
Staff Writer

Spring Break is a time for students to take a break, relax, and get ready for the final stretch of the school year. Some choose to stay home and relax, but others choose to spend their Spring Break vacationing somewhere else.

Many of the MHS students chose to simply stay home and enjoy the time off from the stress of school. Others enjoyed the Natural State and local things to do.

Senior, Shelby Flory, enjoyed her Spring Break relaxing on Lake Choctaw. Flory says, "You never realize how much there is to do right in our home state. Spring Break was a great time to enjoy family, friends, and time off from school."

Others just enjoyed Netflix and nap time. Junior, Abby Wooten, spent most of her break at home watching movies and taking time to relax, but says this kind of break was, "much needed and refreshing."

Senior, Ashton Kremer, traveled to Disney World with her family. She visited famous sites such as Epcot Center, Typhoon Lagoon, and Magic Kingdom. She watched fireworks over the famous Castle, and ate dinner at Cinderella's Royal table with the princesses. She was also able to meet her absolute favorite princess, Ariel. In respect to the trip, Kremer says, "Disney World just has a special way to make people happy and bring people together. I'm thankful to have had such a good break!"

MHS Band

took a group of students to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. They went on this journey to compete and perform at the World Stride Heritage Festival. They were named second division and won the Spirit of Orlando award. During this trip, the band members were able to explore Universal Studios. Junior, Hannah Russell, says, "This trip was a really great and fun experience. I am proud of the band as a whole for doing so well."

Another small group of students also went on a trip to New York City. Here the students were able to see sights like the Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building, Times Square, and Central Park. All of the students had an incredible time and came back to Morrilton with a body of exciting stories.

## Choir competes at CPA

**Grace Windham**  
Staff Writer

SCCSD choirs went to CPA the Friday before spring break. CPA was held in Greenwood at the high school.

The choirs that went were Senior High Mixed Choir, Bel Canto, and The Morrilton Melodies. Each choir competed and the Senior High Mixed Choir and the Morrilton Melodies got high scores and were able to go compete at state with will be in Searcy on April 4th. Up until CPA choirs had to work very hard

on their section of song that choral director Tiffany Manes.

Mrs. Manes also had to work hard to prepare us for CPA. This is the first year in a while that there has been two choir qualify for All State CPA.

That is great! Wish the choirs the best of luck at State! There is the one things that Mrs. Manes tells us almost everyday and that is "drop your jaw" she tells us this to help us improve our performance.

Mrs. Manes is an amazing teacher. We are so ready to see the outcome of State! Good luck guys!

## Adulthood does not mean freedom

**Abby Wooten**  
Staff Writer

Everyone thinks that turning eighteen means that they have no rules and can do whatever they want, but that is not always true.

Turning eighteen means you have a lot more responsibility than you did before. You have to make your own decisions, for example; medical, college, purchasing big things such as a vehicle or house.

I recently turned 18, and it's not what

everyone made it seem like it was so fun; it's not. I've learned that it's just so much more responsibility and you have to do things on your own.

There are some perks to being eighteen, because you're no longer a child, and everyone treats you like an adult. Also, when you purchase something big or even small, no one can take it away because it will be in your name. Not your parents.

All teens hate when their parents take a vehicle away or their phone, but once you're

eighteen or older that purchase will be yours and no one can take it away, unless you don't pay for it then it will be taken away, but that's part of responsibility and being an adult. I moved out when I turned eighteen, and it's hard and I didn't expect for it to be this way. During the summer I have to work a full time job and save all that money, because I have to buy my own vehicle.

My advice to everyone at MHS is, you should stay at home as long as you can. Enjoy being a kid and having fun.

## March weather chills Morrilton

**Alexis Clay**  
Staff Writer

It's March. We've had daylight savings time, we're in spring, everyone is getting ready to pull out their shorts and tank tops and sandals. We're getting ready for bunnies, flowers, sunny days and light rain.

Well, sorry to say, not this year folks. We have had hard rains, a lot of wind, mixed temperatures, tornadoes, and believe it or not, even snow ladies and gentlemen. Yes, I said snow!

Stella became the heaviest

snowstorm on record in Binghamton, New York, surpassing Winter Storm Argos in November.

Through 1 a.m. on March 15, 31.3 inches of snow had been measured at Binghamton Regional Airport in a 22-hour period, and snow will continue to fall through Wednesday in this south-central New York city.

Widespread 1- to 3-foot snow accumulations have piled up in parts of the Northeast, led by 42 inches in West Winfield, New York. At least one location in 15 states has seen a foot

of snow from Stella in the Midwest and Northeast.

There have been at least 450 reports of at least 1 foot of snow in the Northeast. We've had a few flurries here in Morrilton but nothing that bad, let's hope we don't get that much snow!

Our average high temperature for March 2017 is 53 degrees, and the average low temperature is 36 degrees. Hopefully it will get warmer by summer!

**We asked a few seniors what their plans were after graduation... Here is what they replied:**

**Shelby Flory:** I want to become a cosmetologist



**Miranda Meuir:** I want to go to Georgia State, and I plan to study law.



**Edgar Sesma:** I plan to attend UCA.



**Chloe Kirkland:** I plan to go to UAMS to become an RN.



**Express Yourself:**

**Where did you go for Spring Break?**

**Freshman: Andrew Windham-** I went to Orlando



**Sophomore Bo Flynn-** I went camping



**Junior Zaria Wright-** I took a trip to Mississippi



**Senior Trey Epperson-** I went camping



## Opinion

**Dreaming of Summer....**

**If you could choose a dream vacation, where would you go???**



**Freshman: Keeley Barnhouse-** Pink Sands



**Sophomore: Kayla Dollar-** Galapagos Islands



**Rod Bennett-** Alaska



**Senior: Brandon Powell-** Mexico



## Entertainment

### Logan rips ratings to shreds

**Will Cody**  
Entertainment Editor

On March 3rd, Marvel released what would become one of the best superhero movies that has ever been released. This final installment of Wolverine has already received extraordinary ratings from movie reviewers and movie critics from all over.

Logan has set the bar very high for movies in 2017 that are to be released later throughout the year. Fair warning: spoilers may be mentioned throughout the article, so proceed with caution.

Logan features Hugh Jackman and his final run as The Wolverine, and the many troubles he goes through. Logan resides just across

the Mexican border where he takes care of Professor X and works as a chauffeur. Logan is approached with a task that he did not necessarily ask for: to help a young girl, Laura (X-23) who is a mutant, get to North Dakota to what she knows as her safe haven called Eden.

Throughout this journey, Logan is faced with many obstacles, including the usual bad guys and a powerful boss, as well as internal problems. The adamantium in his body (what gives him the claws) has caused him to age greatly, and it is also poisoning him, which weakens him.

This is one of Marvel's few rated R films, courtesy of Hugh Jackman, who wanted this to be better than ever. The result of making it rated R was Hugh

Jackman giving some of his cut to the movie to make it as good as it could be. Logan ended up with an 8.7 out of 10 from IMDb, and a 93% on Rotten Tomatoes, which is very good for an action movie.

The increase of blood and gore seemed to be the key point to making such high ratings, along with the plot and other factors. This movie delivers a mix of emotions to the audience by including comedy, sadness, and others in between. Logan is a real crowd pleaser and ended up as a highly successful installment to the X-Men series, as well as the final movie in the Wolverine series. This movie will without a doubt be a hit of 2017 as well as one of Marvel's best achievements.

**Top 10 Spring Break Destinations**

- 1.) Las Vegas
- 2.) Miami Beach
- 3.) Punta Cana
- 4.) Bahamas
- 5.) Puerto Vallarta
- 6.) Cancun
- 7.) Puerto Rico
- 8.) Key West
- 9.) Daytona Beach
- 10.) South Padre Island

**But...if you can't go to these places, here are more local options:**

- Petit Jean Mountain
- The "island" in Little Rock
- Pinnacle Mountain
- Mount Nebo
- Caddo River
- Buffalo River
- Greers Ferry Lake
- Lake DeGrae
- Devil's Den
- Garven Woodland Gardens

### Sheeran warms hearts with "Castle on a Hill"

**Camryn Davis**  
Staff Writer

"Castle on the Hill, a song by Ed Sheeran, was released on January 6th 2017 for digital download. This song was co-written by Ed Sheeran and Benjamin Levin, published by Ed Sheeran and Benny Blanco.

"Castle on the Hill" remained in the Billboards Top 100 of March. As of March 14th 2017 the official lyric video has over 180 million views. This song demonstrates

the way growing up makes one feel. It is extremely bittersweet. Ed talks about some of the adventures he had growing up in his hometown before all of the fame.

He discusses his struggle with growing up, how everything is different and will never return to how they once were. The message Ed has tied to this song is that you will never again be as young as you are right now.

"Castle on the Hill" has been pieced together so flawlessly that when one listens they can

taste the intimate feeling of being a carefree child, yet the heartbreak and struggles of being young. He mentions how this place holds every key to who he has become. The loss of friends over the years, the teenage heartbreaks, his first kiss it all happened in a little town that built him. Castle on the Hill was seamed together so well that it is near impossible to not experience the emotions sewn into the song. This is yet another beautiful heartwarming song by Ed Sheeran.

### ACM's excite viewers

**Kayla Dollar**  
Staff Writer

The 52nd Academy of Country Music Awards show was aired on Sunday, April 2nd. The ACM's is an event that country music lovers look forward to each year. Viewers anticipate the performances, the celebrity presenters, seeing their favorite artists win awards, and the big reveal of the biggest winner of the night, Entertainer of the Year.

This year, Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley were the hosts. They kept laughs consistently flowing throughout the night. There were several special guests, special presenters, and exciting performances. Some of the famous presenters include Miss America, Savvy Shields, Bubba Wallace, Todd and

Savannah Chrisley, and Bobby Bones.

The award's show was filled with performances. The very beginning was a huge medley of performances from Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Carrie Underwood, and Dierks Bentley and Luke Bryan (again).

New artist, Maren Morris, performed her song "I Could Use a Love Song," and she was given a standing ovation. Florida Georgia Line performed with the Backstreet Boys; they sang "God, Your Mama, and Me," and then excited the crowd with a performance of the famous song "Everybody."

Many awards are given at the ACM's. The Female Vocalist of the Year was Miranda Lambert, and the Male Vocalist of the

Year was Thomas Rhett. The Song of the Year was, "Die a Happy Man" written by Thomas Rhett, Sean Douglas, and Joe Spargur. The Vocal Group of the Year was Little Big Town.

The biggest award of the night is the Entertainer of the Year. This award is considered such an honor because it embodies every aspect of a country artist: the songs, the voice, the live shows, and the ability to connect with the listeners.

This year's Entertainer of the Year was Jason Aldean.

## Basketball team makes town proud

**DeMichael Harris**  
Sports Editor

The Morrilton Devil Dog boys basketball team had an excellent season. With the departure of two major players in Keshon White and Chave Zackery the previous year, it seemed as though the Devil Dogs would look to a rebuilding process. However, it was anything but that.

Morrilton had a somewhat slow start to the year, notching a .500 (2-2) record for

a brief period of time. Once conference play came, it was a whole new team reborn. They defeated every team they played in conference, with the only exception being Vilonia in the middle of the season. They notched victory

after victory which ultimately led to them becoming the 2016-17 5a West Conference Champions. They made their way to the state championship playoffs.

The Devil Dogs' first matchup came against Blytheville in

Magnolia. They got the easy win, 72-58, and were set to go head-to-head with Sylvan Hills. Unfortunately their chances of winning the state title were cut short and they fell to Sylvan Hills 52-43, thus ending their season.

Even though they didn't win the championship, the Morrilton Devil Dogs made the city proud. This is the start of a great run for Morrilton basketball, and you can guarantee there will be a state championship in the near future.



## Soccer struggles to find stride

**DeMichael Harris**  
Sports Editor

The Morrilton Devil Dog and Lady Devil Dog soccer teams have struggled this year.

Though performing much better than last year, the boys have been unable to notch a victory this season.

They have faced rivals from Vilonia and Greenbrier, and although the

game was a big rivalry game, we were unable to get the upper hand later in the game. They have a second opportunity to take out the Panthers and Eagles as the season progresses, and look to avenge

their loss.

The Lady Devil Dogs started the season stronger than ever before. At the beginning of the season, they defeated Parkview 3-0, and demolished Jacksonville 6-0!

Unfortunately, similar to the boys, the girls have been unable to obtain a victory over rivals Greenbrier and Vilonia.

The next time Morrilton faces the Panthers and Eagles looks to be a different outcome. Both teams are looking to continue improving.



### Sport's Spotlight:

#### Maggie Crafton

1.) How long have you been playing softball?  
- For almost 15 years.

2.) What is your favorite part of softball?  
- I like being on the field and being a member of a team.

3.) What are your goals for this season?  
- I hope that we continue to improve and of course make it to State Tournament.

4.) What are some of your hobbies other than softball?  
- Spending time with friends.

5.) What are your future goals?  
- I am undecided, but I know I want to move and experience new places.

6.) What is your favorite part of being a Devil Dog?  
- The community support



### Sport's Spotlight:

#### C.J. Gonzales

1.) How long have you been playing soccer?  
-2 years

2.) What is your favorite part of soccer?  
-I love the feeling of winning and being on a team with friends.

3.) What are your goals for this season?  
-To make it to the State Tournament

4.) What are some of your hobbies other than soccer?  
-Football

5.) What are your future goals?  
-Go to college and obtain a Medical Degree

6.) What is your favorite part of being a Devil Dog?  
-Getting to know everyone in our community

