

MHS receives positive evaluation

By Emma Diltz,
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Every five years, schools across the state are visited by the North Central Accreditation committee, which is an unbiased agency that goes to schools and evaluates them in order to see if they are fit for accreditation or not, according to Mattoon High School Principal Michele Sinclair.

This committee visited MHS on Feb. 26 and 27 to assess the school, curriculum, teachers and administration.

"It's a voluntary method of quality assurance," said Sinclair. "It's an opportunity for an unbiased, outside agency to provide feedback on how the school is as a whole."

Accreditation is committed to improving a sustainable learning environment that stimulates and im-

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Poverty in Coles County

Labor of love at food pantry

Madonna McKittrick
Reflects on MHS hunger

By Sarah Foster,
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Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of five articles about Coles County's elevated poverty rates.

"Is that all today?" 76-year-old Madonna McKittrick sighs as she watches another one of her students hide a bag behind the shelves, like its concealment seems more important than taking home the maximum amount of food.

"Yes," the student says, looking down at his shoes. "I won't have a place to put it."

Madonna feels the ache again—a pain she feels frequently. She's heard this excuse before. Though she's single and childless, she has a connection with these kids. She can see right through them.

"Are you sure?" she pleads. "You can keep it in here as long as

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Art classes zombify pins for charity



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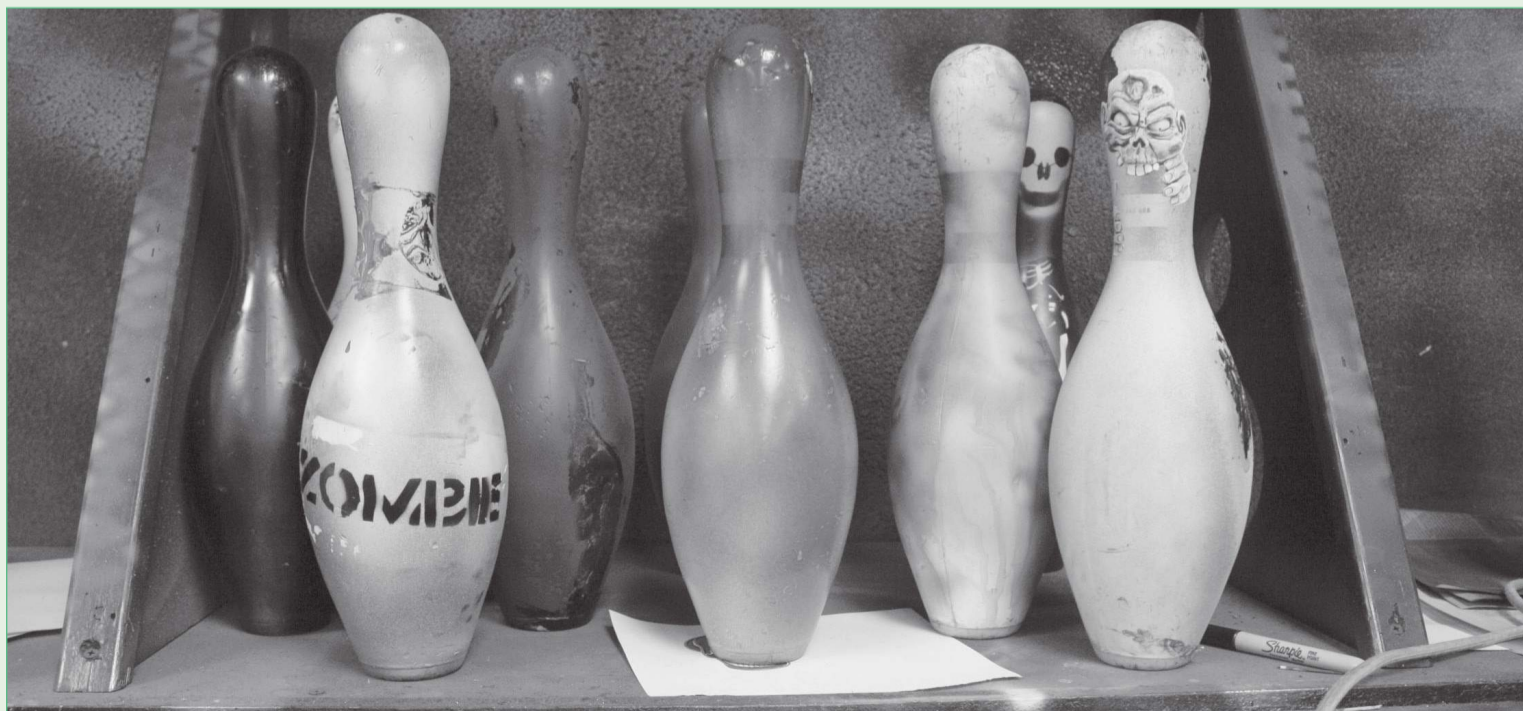
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Top Left: Andrew Edwards, MHS sophomore, and Albert Johnson, junior, spray paint zombie bowling pins during art class. **Above:** A bowling pin in the early process of being made into a zombie as a picture of a zombie is taped to the top of it. **Middle Left:** A zombified bowling pin is being compared to the famous painting "The Screamer." **Below:** Pins are in the process of creation after the air brush station.



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