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Mattoon students. Huddle show support for CHS boys at Coles County Clash



Mattoon vs. Highland
MHS football team is taking it to regionals. They play Highland Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Finding funds for college

By Christin Watkins
Contributing reporter

With financial aid and scholarship applications beginning in the next few months, Mattoon High School seniors have opportunities to aid them in the college application process, many of which they may not be aware.

"We have parent forums, and as juniors they have forums, and seniors do as well," MHS school counselor Deanna Percy said. "We also work with Lake Land to help students fill out their FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid]."

Principal Michele Sinclair noted the significance of these forums.

"I think that it's really important to know what scholarships are available [...] where you access them, where are they, when are they due, and counselors hand out a huge pamphlet; it's available on our district website," Sinclair said.

There are concerns, however,



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Students can find resources about scholarships and colleges in the Student Services Office at MHS, on the MHS website or FAFSA.ed.org.

that MHS could better prepare students in this process.

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MHS Word Smiths

Showing creativity through writing

By Katie Ervin
Photo/Video Editor

Notebooks open. Pencils poised. The Word Smith's entire imagination is at his disposal as he begins crafting this week's story.

Mattoon High School's new creative writing club, the Mattoon Word Smiths, gives students the opportunity to expand and develop their creative writing skills. Senior Ben Kull wanted to start a creative writing club because he felt there was no organization at the school that catered to the interest of writers.

"We barely have anything for students to create what they want, so why not make a club?" Kull said.

As part of his effort to bring a creative writing club to MHS, Kull enlisted the help of English teacher Kaleigh McRoberts, who is now the sponsor of the club.

"Ideally, I'd want it to be a place where kids can be comfortable

sharing their writing that they don't get to do a whole lot of in school," McRoberts said. "I want it to be something where they can work on the kind of writing that we don't teach them how to do."

Aside from learning how to write more creatively, part of Kull's initiative in starting the club was to see if other students shared similar interests in writing.

"I loved writing, and I wanted to find out if others liked it," Kull said.

It seems that Kull is not alone in his creative writing interest. There are 17 kids in the club, according to McRoberts.

"There seem to be a lot of kids who are interested and who want to share (their writing)," McRoberts said.

One such kid is sophomore Nick Helms.

"[Creative writing club] is just kind of for everyone to get together

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Bust a move

MHS students make memories during Snowcoming



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Top: The 2014 Mattoon High School prom queen Macie Drum and king Jacob Harris smile at each other during their first dance as MHS royalty. **Top Left:** MHS seniors, Cameron Annis, Will Padgett, Allie Betts and 2014 alumni Brock Taylor pose for a picture while sharing a laugh. **Top Right:** Blake Raboin, MHS junior, enjoys dancing with her friends in the lit gymnasium on Oct. 11. **Middle Left:** Other MHS homecoming court members, seniors Grace Croy and Dylan Clapham, dance together. **Below:** The Mattoon High School Homecoming Court poses for a picture after getting recognition.



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