



The Devils Daily

Band plays out the end of another season

Special Guest Writer: Joseph Miller—Great Falls High Band Director

Mitchell

Special points of interest:

- Students of the Week results revealed!
- Basketball so far
- Hairspray is back!
- Pearl Harbor Remembered after 75 years!

The Great Falls red devil regiment marching band had their annual banquet on Wednesday December 7th, at the Watershed Pavilion in Edgemoor. All band members were honored and presented with a great catered meal and recognized for their outstanding achievements in 2016.

Mr. Miller announced the winners of squad of the year as well. The winning squad for 2016 is "Frikis de la banda"! The squad members are: Captain- Haileigh Skinner, Landon Digh, Alexis Miller, Maddison Raffaldt, Sarah Taylor, and Brianna Quick. This squad was chosen because of

their near perfect attendance record, fantastic attitude, and overall quality of their work. Mr. Miller said that each of these students went above and beyond to help the band and were always doing their job to the best of their abilities without complaint.

Rookie of the year was presented to Hannah Mitchell. Mr. Miller said that Hannah was a superstar who joined the band without having any ability to read music and really helped the band out this year. She always had a great attitude and her smiling face always cheered everyone up.

Other awards given included:

Best Musician and Marcher:

Brianna Quick

Best percussionist:

Chandler Wertz

Best Guard Member:

Sunnie Humphries

Person most likely to forget

black socks: Dwayne Robinson, Jr.

Best Assassin player: Hannah



Band members posing at Banquet about to receive awards. (Left to right) Shay Gladden, Sunnie Humphries, Parteaonia Adams, Breanna Hunter, and Summer Hinson. Photo provided by: Joseph Miller.



Brianna Quick waiting for the award ceremony at the band banquet. Photo provided by: Joseph Miller.

Band Geek: Eric Gage

Butt Kisser Award (person most likely trying to impress officers, staff or Mr. Miller): Landon Digh

Best looking in a band uniform: Eric Gage

Person most likely to get in line twice for food or popsicles:

Anthony Cunningham and Summer Hinson

Band Klutz (person most likely to injure themselves or others, break something, or drop something): Brandi Wilcox

The food was great, the event was fun, and it was well attended by band students and parents!

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Reminders

- Beta Club is hosting a Winter Warm-Up drive to collect winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for GRASP, December 12-16! See back add!
- Don't forget! The Yearbook's Lip Dub event will take place Tues. December 20th!
- Science and Math club will meet Mon. December 12th after school in Coach Bennett's room!
- Attention Softball players! Voluntary Practices will be held today, Friday at 4PM and Saturday at 11 PM!

Quote of the Week

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

- Henry David Thoreau

What's Going On???

Teens Charged With Arson for Wildfires

Story By: Kayla Coleman-Photo and Editor-Great Falls High School-December 9, 2016

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Two teens have been charged with arson for causing the wildfires in Tennessee. The wildfire resulted from the two teens and ended up killing 14 people and destroying or damaging more than 2400 buildings.

According to an article by J. Freedom du lac, Sarah Larimer, and Lindsey Bever. Many people were forced to evacuate their homes and some even leaving behind their pets. They used cars and even ran on foot scrambling to get away from the fires.

Others remained behind as safe points hoping to discover their missing loved ones. However, to their terror, some loved ones would not be coming back to them.

The fires spread rapidly because of the dry weather. There was evidence of droughts which only made the wildfires stronger. Heavy winds also fueled the wildfires spreading them further.

The two teens, whose names have not been released, were charged with aggravated arson and face further charges. Their case may



Picture on the Left:

Wildfires burning behind a residential home after a mandatory evacuation.

Highway Patrol, Tennessee. A wildfire burns on a hillside after a mandatory evacuation was ordered in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in a picture released November 30, 2016. Digital image. *Photos of the Wildfires Near Gatlinburg Tennessee*. N.p., 30 Nov. 2016. Web. 8 Dec. 2016.

be put to adult criminal court

On Wednesday, residents from Gatlinburg were finally able to return to their homes. They were allowed to return to their homes during daytime hours since last Friday.

Karyssa Dalton commented on the wildfires by saying, "I mean, what if somebody came through their

town, and set their town on fire, and lost their loved ones, and lost all their homes? It's not fair."

Press, Jonathan Mattise Associated. "2 Juveniles Charged in Tennessee Wildfires That Killed 14." *ABC News*. ABC News Network, 7 Dec. 2016. Web. 08 Dec. 2016.



Volunteers helping out those who had to evacuate with items such as clothing.

Blanco, Brian. Volunteers assist evacuees in gathering needed clothing items at a shelter on November 29, 2016 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Digital image. *Photos of the Wildfires Near Gatlinburg Tennessee*. N.p., 30 Nov. 2016. Web. 8 Dec. 2016.



Surviving Veteran Bill Hughes was aboard the USS Utah during the attack and came to Hawaii to pay his respects.

Gentry, Hugh. Pearl Harbor survivor Bill Hughes, who was aboard the USS Utah when it was attacked, arrived at a ceremony honoring the sailors of the USS Utah Tuesday. Digital image. *Pearl Harbor Survivors Gather for 7th Anniversary Reunion*. N.p., 7 Dec. 2016. Web. 9 Dec. 2016.

Pearl Harbor's 75th Anniversary

Story By: Kayla Coleman-Photo and Editor-Great Falls High School-December 9, 2016

Many men and women in uniform gathered in Honolulu to pay tribute to those who had fallen at the site of Pearl Harbor.

On December 7, 1941, a surprise attack by the Japanese claimed the lives of 2,403 Americans and 1,177 Americans aboard the ship "Arizona." According to Jim Carl-

ton, a reporter for The Wall Street Journal, there was a crowd of around 9,000 people there to pay their respects.

Many veterans who were in the attack, some of them in their 90s and 100s, traveled all the way to Hawaii to pay respects to the fallen.

Adm. Harris said in a speech, "A free nation cannot survive without those willing to place service to country ahead of service to self."

Carlton, Jim. "Pearl Harbor Survivors Gather for 75th Anniversary Reunion." *The Wall Street Journal*. Dow Jones & Company, 07 Dec. 2016. Web. 09 Dec. 2016.

Sports



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The Girls were successful in winning against Westminister

Story written and : Hunter Litzenberg Photos by: Hunter Litzenberg– Great Falls High School– 12/09/2016

The Great Falls high school girls' basketball team won their home game on December 8th against Westminister High and won with a score of 36 to 18.

Randy Worthy, the girls head coach, said, "The game went great last night. We were able to defeat Westminister High School and that made me and the team very happy."

Worthy continued, "It is a

team effort and we couldn't have done it without player number one through eight, everything we do is as a team."

The team has lost a total of three games this season. Trotter said, "This makes me upset because I know we are better than that."

Many of this year's players plan on trying out next year to play basketball again. The team said, "Playing a sport is fun and a way to make

friends."

But playing sports and school can clash; sometimes you can help it, sometimes you can't. Trotter noted, "Somedays it makes me sleepy and I have problems staying awake in class, but this rarely happens."

Worthy also said, "You have to remain focused in school; if you find yourself tired or distracted in class you should talk to your coach or teacher. Get help on management on what to do if you have problems staying focused or awake." That goes for all students that play sports, or even students with jobs.

Just remember to stay focused, don't give up, and GET ON THE DEVIL LEVEL!



Basketball is fun and exciting
Photo by: Hunter Litzenberg



Basketball on a graduated students Varsity Letter

Photo by: Hunter Litzenberg

Student of the Week

Written by: Camryn Patterson-Editing and Photos by: Camryn Patterson- Great Falls high school- December 9, 2016

Student of the week goes to Sarah Taylor and Travis Payne

Sarah Taylor and Travis Payne have been selected as this week's students of the week. Taylor was nominated by English teacher Mary Bemis and Payne was chosen by JROTC teacher, 1st Sergeant, Clarence Greeno.

Bemis picked Taylor because "she is a great student and great citizen."

Payne was picked by 1st Sergeant because he is a "key leader and excellent choice."

Taylor believes she got student of the week because of her positive energy. She enjoys talking to her friends and English class. Taylor also enjoys pizza and tacos, the color black, and the Adidas clothing brand.

The color red, hamburgers and JROTC are some of Payne's favorite things. He

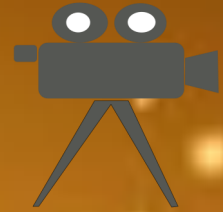
also likes playing and watching golf and in his down time, he watches South Park or Demolition Ranch. Payne chooses to think he got nominated for participating in class daily.

Any student can be chosen for student of the week if they follow the Red Hot rules. Check back next week for two more students that have gone above and beyond in school. Congratulations to Taylor and Payne, stay on the devil level.



Photos by: Camryn Patterson- (above) These students showed Red hot actions and in return were nominated for student of the week. (left) Payne and 1st Sergeant get together for a quick photo. (right) Taylor and Ms. Bemis smile brightly as this is Taylors first time getting student of the week.

ENTERTAINMENT



LIGHTS, CAMERA, HAIR!

Written by: Cierra Mcllwain – Edited by Cierra Mcllwain—Great Falls High School— December 5—December 9th



Hairspray Live! is a live musical adaption of the 2002 Broadway Musical "Hairspray," which is an adaption of the 1988 movie of the same name. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, NBC entertainment chairman Bob Greenblatt announced the remake in January at his Television Critics association press tour. The three hour production hit TV

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN....

Hairspray the musical is based off of the 1988 John Walters film Hairspray. The original Hairspray Broadway production opened on August 15th 2002 at the Neil Simpson Theatre. It ran for over 2,500 shows but closed January 4th 2009. The production received controversy over its questionable themes, especially the racism of the

screens on December 7th, 2016, and left us star struck with its brilliant performances. The show stars Maddie Baillio as the sassy plump teen who wants to get into the groove in 1962 Baltimore. Along with her best friend, Penny Pingleton, played by Ariana Grande, Tracy tries to fight racial inequality by dancing with her African-American peers. This high energy adaption of the musical is a must see for anyone who did not catch it at its debut. The bright costumes and upbeat music and vibrant dances will

African-Americans not being allowed on a TV show. According to *Broadwayworld.com*, the musical was the winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Direction and Best Male

Photo by Trae Patton. From left, Maddie Baillio as Tracy Turnblad, Jennifer Hudson as Motormouth Maybelle, Harvey Fierstein as Edna Turnblad during a rehearsal for "Hairspray Live!"



have you captivated for the entire 3 hours! Check it out when you can!

Photo by Sara Krulwich. Marissa Jaret Winokur, Mary Bond Davis and Harvey Fierstein as Edna Turnblad in the musical "Hairspray" in 2002



and Female Lead, making it a memorable one despite the controversy. Check out the original when you have a chance!

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Hello, from your Devils Daily Staff! We welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year and hope you are ready to get on the devil level. We are a school organization and represent Great Falls High School and the surrounding community. We welcome you to read our news and blogs and encourage you to be engaged and informed.

Our mission as ethical journalists is to learn all we can about reporting the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. We hope you find our weekly updates helpful and informative.

We are always looking for feedback, so if you have an suggestions or comments, please let us know by emailing our Staff Supervisor or sending us a message through Facebook!

Thanks and as always, remember to get on the DEVIL LEVEL!

Always remember...to get on the **DEVIL LEVEL!**



Left to right: Corey Roof, Cierra Mcllwain, Hunter Litzenberg, Camryn Patterson, and Kayla Coleman.

**WINTER
WARM-UP
GF BETA CLUB**

“Warm-up some hearts this winter”

*Donate winter clothes such as;
coats, beanies, scarfs, gloves, etc.*



WHEN: DEC. 12-16

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