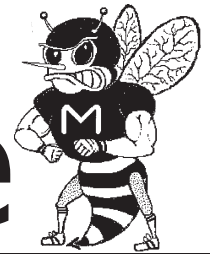


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SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Congratulations!

Mr. and Miss MHS

Joe Barrett Winkler and Kimber Koonsman

Most Likely to Win An Oscar

Seth McElyea & Bailee Bench

Most Likely to Be on America's Most Wanted

Justin Young & Tabatha Walker

Rock the Runway

Damian Allen & Chantelle Chenault

Most Unique

Hunter Abdnor & Kara Schmidt

Commander-in-Chief

Joe Barrett Winkler & Morgan Barker

Most Artistic

Hunter Abdnor & Mica Carson

Best Chops

Joe Barrett Winkler & McKenzie Shelby

Most Likely to Be Featured on ESPN

Damian Allen & Kimber Koonsman

Best Personality

Steven McElyea & McKenzie Shelby

Most Likely to Win the Daytona 500

Justin Young & Dakota Baxter



Cheerleading News

Varsity cheerleading try-outs for the 2010-11 squad were held on March 10th.

Results are as follows:

Lindsey Prestwood
Tannah Malott
Brook Simmons
Katelyn Bench
Makensie Hall
Katelyn Wallace
Tristen Carnley
Kamree Kuykendall
Tara Warren

Mascot:
Haley Hallmark

By: Dreee

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March 15-19



Justin Dwayne Young was born on the 18th of October, 1991, in Clifton, Texas. His parents are Jim and Melissa Young. He participates in football and track. In track the events he participates in are the 100 meter dash, sprint relay, 200 meter dash, and the 800 meter relay.

He plans to join the Marines after high school. Justin currently holds a job after school at Brookshire's which he has held for 2 years. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. His favorite movie is "Never Back Down", food is sea food, and he also enjoys hanging out with friends.

By: Stella :)

Softball News

The girls have been working really hard as you can tell by their 8 victories and 2 losses. They recently played in the Hico tournament and placed 2nd over all. They also played in the Valley Mills tournament and placed 3rd over all. This weekend the girls will be playing in the Fort Worth South West Tournament. Show support for the girls and go to the games!

Lady Jackets

Megan Poston Sr. Kaylee K Sr. Kara Schmidt Sr.
Mica Carson Sr.
Makenzie Shelby Sr. Kimber Koonsman Sr.
Taylor Townley Jr.
Tannah Malott Jr. Tiffany Allen So.
Haley Hallmark So.
Alex Hightower So. Brook Simmons Fr.
Hannah Kelley Fr. Sara Mize Fr.

SCHEDULE

March 12 Rosebud-Lott vs. Meridian 6:00 p.m.
March 23 *Goldthwaite vs. Meridian 5:00 p.m.
March 26 *Gorman vs. Meridian 5:00 p.m.
March 30 *Evant vs. Meridian in Evant at 5:00p.m.



Annual News!

Meridian High School Yearbook Ads are on sale now!!! See any yearbook staff to buy one. Order your yearbook 24/7 (twenty-four seven) at jostensyearbooks.com.

By: Stella :)



Golf Schedule

By: BM



Date	Team	Golf Course	City
February 22	Boys/Girls	Squaw Valley	Glen Rose
March 1	Boys/Girls	Squaw Valley	Glen Rose
March 8	Boys/Girls	Squaw Valley	Glen Rose
March 15	Boys/Girls	Spring Break (PR) - (Par)(Lake Waco)	Comanche
<i>Waco</i>			
March 22	Boys	Bosque Valley	Meridian
March 23	Girls	Bosque Valley	Meridian
March 29	Boys/Girls	Lake Waco, Waco Tri-Meet	Waco
April 7	Boys/Girls	Lake Waco, Waco (District)	Waco
April 14	Boys/Girls	Par (District)	Comanche
April 19-20	Boys/Girls	Shady Oaks (Regional)	Baird
May 10-11	Boys/Girls	Morris Williams (State)	Austin



Senior Spotlight

Tiffany Smith was born on August 6, 1991, in San Antonio, Texas, to Janice and Wade Smith. She has attended Meridian ISD for 12 years. She has participated in Powerlifting and Track: Shot Put and Disc.

Her plans after high school are to get a job and go to college at MCC or Dallas Baptist University. Her hobbies are hanging with her family and Scotty, watching movies, going out to eat, and baby-sitting her Nephew. Her favorite food and drink is Chicken Express and Big Red. Her favorite movies are scary movies. Her favorite stuff to do is hanging out with her family, watch football. Her favorite color is pink.

By: Heather Smith

Art Class

The art classes are working on Sculptures and Scratch Art.

By: Heather Smith



Tennis Schedule

March 9th (TBA)
 March 25th (Waco)
 March 5th & 12th Granbury - District

By: Heather Smith



**Meridian Yellow Jacket
Track Schedule
2010**

High School

●2/25	Riesel	Invitational
●3/4	Hico	Invitational
●3/11	Tolar	Invitational
●3/27	Meridian	Invitational
●4/1	Goldthwaite	Invitational
●4/8	Meridian	District
●4/15	Strawn	Area
●4/24	Meridian	Reg. Qualifier
●5/3-4	Abilene	Regionals
●5/14/15	Austin	State

Junior High

●3/5	Hico	Invitational
●3/12	Tolar	Invitational
●3/22	Goldthwaite	Invitational
●3/29	Bosqueville	Zone
●4/12	Tolar	District



By: Taylor

**2010 PROM
"Hollywood
Nights"**

Saturday,
April 17th
7 p.m. - midnight
"The Forum"
at
Whitney

Grand March
5 p.m.
Courthouse



**Senior Spotlight
Joe Barrett Winkler**

Joe was born on March 11th in Clifton, Texas, to David and Margaret Winkler. He has attended Meridian ISD all his life. He participates in football, basketball, baseball, golf, NHS, Academic UIL (debate and math), and PALS.

After high school Joe plans to attend Texas A&M. His hobbies include sports, hunting, fishing, and Xbox. His favorite things are "Ice Age", "Avatar", "The Hangover", and peanut butter.

By: Taylor

Class Favorites

7th grade

**Courtney McCamey
Jarren Brooks**

8th grade

**Tara Warren
Alex Morrison**

9th grade

**Jennifer Darton
Chance Henderson**



10th grade

**Felix Reynoso
Billy Miller**

11th grade

**Angelica Alvizo
Jesus Piñon**

12th grade

**McKenzie Shelby
Steven McElyea**



Power lifting



Super Heavy weights Jesus Pinon with 1600lbs qualified for regional's. All six boys qualified for Regional's. The Regional meet will be held at Waco La Vega high school on March 13, 2010.

In the Fairfield Meet Jesus Pinon got 1st in region and in state in the Super Heavy Weights Class.

Squat- 610lbs.

Bench-415lbs.

Dead Lift- 575lbs.

Jonathan Lira in the 114 Weight Class got 5th Place.

Dead Lift- 310lbs.

Bench-145lbs.

Squat- 280lbs.

Jeremy Seay in the 148 Weight Class

Squat- 420lbs.

Bench- 245lbs.

Dead Lift- 395lbs.

Edgar Vergara in the 148 Weight Class

Squat- 400lbs.

Bench- 245lbs.

Dead Lift- 395lbs.

Jeremy and Edgar tied for 9th Place. As for the girls Silvia Martinez competed in Regional's Saturday, March 6th, 2010 in Elgin TX.

BY: JELLY (:



Tabatha Walker was born on the 5th of November, 1991, in Stephenville, Texas. She has attended Meridian all her life. Her parents are Mike and Mary Walker.

Her plan after school is to be a graphic designer. Her hobbies are singing, shopping, swimming, hanging with friends and playing with her dogs. Her favorite food is strawberries, rapper is lil Wayne, color is pink, and movie is "Never Back Down."

Counselor News

Thanks to everybody that cheerfully helped to make last week as stress free as possible. Students, I know you did well. I am really looking forward to going somewhere REALLY COOL. I know you blew the top off the TAKS!

By: BM



This week in Academic UIL, Mr. Davis held a meeting with district competitors.

Next week is the CX Sstate Debate Meet held on March 14th and 15th in Austin. Competing in this meet will be Jennifer Heartsill and Morgan Barker.

The District UIL Meet will be held on March 29th through the 31st. We here at the Jacket Gazette would like to wish all competing members of the UIL team GOOD LUCK!

By: DR

NHS News

As part of their community service, Joe Barrett Winkler and Cheyne Guinn helped clean up after the Meridian Library Fundraiser dinner.

A trash pickup is scheduled for March 24th at 3:30 p.m. The next scheduled NHS meeting is on Wednesday, April 7th.





March Birthdays:

- Dakota Baxter 1st
- TJ Allen 2nd
- Juan Galindo 2nd
- Kaycie Crawford 3rd
- Cassidy Menger 3rd
- Michael Raspberry 3rd
- Dax Gann 6th
- Anselmo Reynoso 6th
- Dakota Hall 7th
- Jonathon Felan 10th
- Hunter Abnor 11th
- Estella Sarinana 16th
- Christina Ticer 16th
- Joe Barrett Winkler 17th
- Alyssa Godwin 20th
- Morgan Poston 21st
- Chantelle Chenault 23rd
- Darren Arnold 26th
- Nick Prestwood 27th
- Miguel Estrada 30th

April Birthdays:

- Mason Halloway 1st
- John Reyes 3rd
- Bryce Haney 5th
- Jake Cortes 6th
- Caroline Brady 8th
- Chenoa Creppel 8th
- Mica Carson 9th
- Sonya Mendoza 15th
- Jesus Garza 16th
- Brianna Dominguez 17th
- Laura Orozco 22nd
- Angel Maldonado-Martinez 28th

By: Heather Smith

FFA NEWS

- 3/8 - 3/12/10
Houston Lambs
- 3/12 - 3/15/10
Houston wave 1 hogs
- 3/16 - 3/19/10
Houston wave 2 hogs
- 3/17 - 3/21/10
Houston Heifers
- 3/19 - 3/21/10
Star of Texas lambs/goats
- 3/24/10
MCC Invitational CDE's
- 3/23 - 3/25/10
Star of Texas Hogs
- 3/25/10
TSU Invitational CDE's
- 3/25 - 3/27/10
Star of Texas Heifers
- 3/26/10
Texas State CDE's
- 3/26/10
Star of Texas
Market Auction
- 3/27/10
A&M Invitational CDE's
- 4/1/10
SFA Invitational CDE's
- 4/6/10
CTYF lamb, goat, hog
tag in Cranfills Gap &
Meridian
3-4 p.m. /4:30 - 6 p.m.
- 4/7/10
Area VIII CDE's
Stephenville
- 4/10/10
Area VIII Meats CDE
A&M



**BASEBALL
SCHEDULE**

- March 4-6 @Whitney tournament
TBA
- March 9 @Evant V-5p.m. JV-
4:30p.m.
- March 11-13 @Dublin
tournament TBA
- March 12 Holland V-6:30p.m.
JV-4:30p.m.
- March 22 Tolar JV-6p.m.
- March 23 Rio Vista V-5p.m.
- March 25 @Glen Rose JV-6:30
- March 26 OPEN
- March 30 @Itasca V-5p.m. @
Covington JV-5p.m.
- April 6 Tolar V-5p.m. JV-7p.m.
- April 9 *Covington V-5p.m.

BY: Destin Rohrer

Senior Spotlight



McKenzie Shelby was born November 26, 1991 in Arlington, Texas. She was home-schooled till 7TH grade then has attended Meridian ISD ever since. Her parents are Dan and Jenea Shelby. Her extracurricular activities she has participated in are Cross Country, Softball, Track, FCA, Yearbook, and PAWS. After high school McKenzie wants to be a photographer/actress/missionary. She's going to attend Ramah Ministry School. Her hobbies include watching movies, playing guitar, piano, cello, singing, and reading.

Favorites:
Movie: August Rush
TV Show: Saturday Night live
Food: Mexican
Color: Yellow
Person: JESUS CHRIST!

By: BM

Lady Jackets' Flight Ends

By Billy Miller

The Meridian Lady Jacket basketball team started with high expectations from their head coach Griffin Fields and has just come off a season that ended with a 24-9 record, District, Bi-District and Area championship. "I was expecting a team that would compete for the district title and get to the regional tournament," Fields said. "I also thought we could win 20 games."



The Lady Jackets experienced moments in the regular season that helped them succeed in the postseason.

"I think our schedule proved to be instrumental in getting us ready for district play," Fields said. "Our two wins against Goldthwaite and our district clinching win against Evant really showed we were mentally and physically tough."

The girls made it all the way to the regional quarterfinal game, but could only watch their season slip away in the last minutes after Irion County overcame an 11 point deficit to beat the Lady Jackets. "I was hoping we could just hold on," Fields said. "We played great third quarter and it was hard to be on the sidelines, helpless to get the bleeding to stop."

But Coach Fields doesn't blame the girls for the emotional loss. "I don't think you can blame anyone," Fields said. "They amped up the pressure and we didn't respond quickly enough to finish the job."

Field's idea of a successful season is more than just having a winning record or late playoff runs. "It's not leaving the season knowing we 'could have' or 'should have' done some things better," Fields said. "Also, knowing the girls leave knowing the value of hard work and how that will achieve the goals they set."

Like many athletic teams next year for MHS the Lady Jackets will be a young team, with only 2 seniors, and will be competing for a fourth straight playoff appearance. "I think we will surprise some people who think we will be rebuilding. I think we are reloading instead" Fields said. "Our success will hinge on the work the girls put in this summer and in the fall." The girls are scheduled to start basketball workouts in early June.

The lady Jacket head coach isn't planning on leaving anytime soon despite having fell short of the regional tournament. "I have really enjoyed my time here, my kids like their school and my wife enjoys her job," Fields said. "So, I am not actively looking to leave anytime soon."



Track News Story

By Billy Miller

This year's track team is expected to be a good one and head track coach Bubba Vanzandt has set high expectations. "We are going to take it one meet at a time with a District Championship being our #1 goal," Vanzandt said. "Then we will extend outward from there."

The track team has big shoes to fill after last year's team produced several successful state level competitors such as Torrence Allen and Dalton Strickland. "Success breeds success," Vanzandt said. "You hope the returners learned from the success they witnessed and experienced."

Coach Vanzandt will have a lot of young talent to work with this year but younger doesn't mean better when compared to last year's team. "The team is looking for its identity," Vanzandt said. "Youthfulness is replacing experience."

The Yellow Jacket track squad is no rookie when it comes to competing at the state level having gone two year's straight but it will take hard work to make it three.

"A dedication to the work ethic of the program will allow the athletes to compete at the state level for a third straight year," Vanzandt said. "Track is not fun until you can understand the great rewards it can bring individually and as a team."

Coach Vanzandt feels that there are a number of areas that the track team will experience success in.

"We have been a team built on speed the last couple of years, and we have junior Juan Galindo returning with some young sprinters to help," Vanzandt said. "I feel this could be a team built on strength of field events such as the shot put and discus."

The athletes can only do so much on their pathway to success. They need a coach to prepare and lead them in the right direction and the Meridian High School track team has that in Coach Vanzandt.

"I feel that I have a very good working relationship with the student athletes at M.H.S. I respect them and they respect me," Vanzandt said. "It is all about the coaches being there for the kids, and the kids taking care of business."

But Vanzandt, who deals mainly with sprinters and long distance runners, isn't the only coach that contributes to the success of the track team. There are other coaches who provide a good supporting cast.

"Coach Berg works with the throwers, Coach Doughty and Coach Lee with the different jumpers, Coach Hastings with Pole vault, and Coach Finstad with the hurdlers," Vanzandt said.

The Jackets will be preparing over the next month for the District meet in Meridian on April 8.



BAND NEWS

The Meridian High School Band went to Concert and Sight-Reading contest on March 4th, and got a "2" and a "3." They have been working hard all year and I am proud of them" said Mr. Elkins

