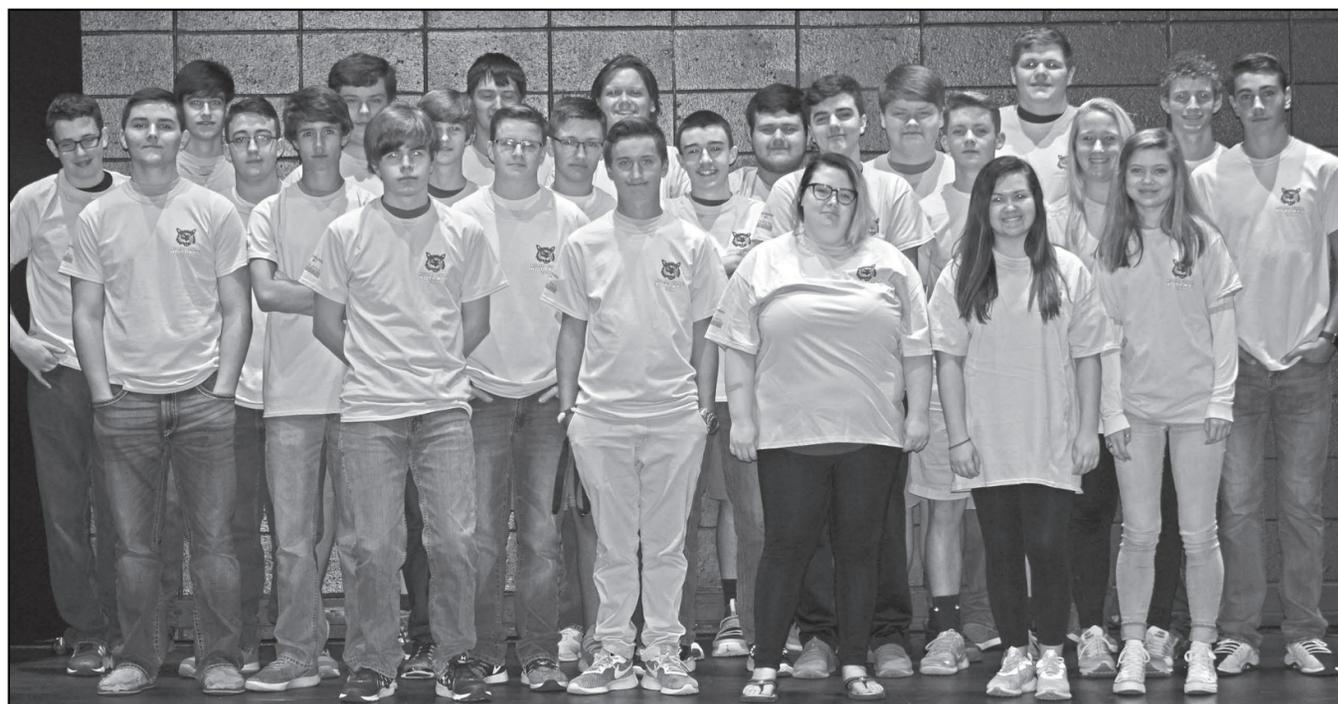




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Botcats Headed to Region



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PARENTS, NEED GRADEBOOK ACCESS?

Send an email to grades@mcnairy.org with your name, the student's name(s) and grade(s). You will receive a user-name and password within 3 school days.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- WED Oct. 24**
 - 11:30-1:30 Graduation Cap & Gown / Invitation Orders
- FRI Oct. 26**
 - SPIRIT DAY: Frat Day
 - 9:30 Pep Rally
 - 5:30 2000-2018 Night
 - 6:30 Senior Night
 - 7:00 FB Westview
- SAT Oct. 27**
 - Planetarium Grand Opening
- MON Oct. 29**
 - FAFSA Frenzy 9-2
 - 9:30 UTMartin Reps
- TUE Oct. 30**
 - 8:00 ACT Senior ReTake/ ASVAB All Juniors
 - 2:00 NTHS Induction
- THU Nov. 1**
 - TN Promise App deadline
- TUE Nov. 6**
 - 9:30 Bethel Univ. reps
- FRI Nov. 9**
 - 9:30 Womanless Beauty Review
- FRI Nov. 16**
 - 6:00 BB Dyer Co (Hall of Fame)
- Nov 19-23**
 - Thanksgiving Break
- TUE Nov. 20**
 - 6:00 BB Hardin Co A
- SAT Nov. 24**
 - 6:00 BB Gibson H (Girls Only)
- TUE Nov. 27**
 - 6:00 BB Dyer Co H
- THU Nov. 29**
 - 6:00 BB Alcorn Central H
- FRI Nov. 30**
 - 7:00 Mistletoe Ball

FAFSA FRENZY
October 29
9:00 - 2:00
 Get help filing for college financial aid

All seniors will take the ACT, and all juniors will take the ASVAB on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 8-12. School is dismissed for freshmen and sophomores.

Womanless Beauty Review
 Admission \$3
 Friday, November 9 @ 9:30 in the gym
 A Fundraiser for Project Graduation

The MCHS Robotics team didn't take Fall Break off like most students. This team of engineers, marketers and designers spent the week preparing for the Mississippi BEST Competition, held at MS State on October 20.

To compete, each team has to create a trade show exhibit, the marketing team undergoes an interview, they have to create a product notebook, and they must build a robot who can meet the challenge they are given. They are also judged on spirit and sportsmanship.

The Botcats placed 1st in Team Exhibit and Interview, and 4th in Robot Head-to-Head, giving

them a 5th place finish overall. Let's put that in perspective.

The competition began at kickoff six weeks ago, when the teams were given instructions about the challenge they needed to solve. This year's problem involved pollution and garbage in the oceans. Teams were required to develop a robot that could travel up and down a suspended balance beam, picking up floating "garbage" along the way, and depositing it into an artificial reef block. Of the teams that were present at kickoff, 11 teams didn't show up for the final competition. Another dozen or so couldn't get their robot to work, so they

packed up and left. That left around 15 teams who finished the competition.

The students advance to the Regional Competition at Auburn University in December.

There will be 54 teams at the Regional competition. Teams come from middle schools and high schools, and may be public, private or home-schooled teams.

The Botcats are selling poinsettias to raise money for their expenses. You can buy a 12-inch poinsettia for \$6 each, or 2 for \$10 Nov. 1-15. Contact Melissa Maness at 646-0436, or Robin York at 439-1414 to order.



Juniors Hunter Justice and John Droke show off their marketing exhibition, which placed 1st at the event.

What IS the Mississippi BEST Competition?

Mississippi BEST is designed to inspire and interest students in engineering, science, and technology through participation in an exciting sports-like technology contest. The BEST competition motivates students by challenging them to build a remote-controlled robot that accomplishes a defined

task within a competitive setting. A mentor and a school coach guide student teams through the engineering process.

Using only the materials provided, students have six weeks to design, develop, and test a robot that can outperform their competitors. During this time, the students experience the same problems,

challenges, and breakthroughs that an engineering team encounters when it takes a product to market. In both cases, there are team dynamics, time constraints, material constraints, and pressure from other teams who are trying to solve the same problem. Placed in a real situation, with real problems, the students

provide real (and surprisingly ingenious) solutions. The weeks of hard work culminate in a thrilling day long competition where one team achieves "BEST" performance. The inspiring even combines the excitement of a high school football game with the strategy of a chess match and the intellectual challenge of a science

fair. The heart of BEST is experience of solving a seemingly overwhelming task using simple engineering methods and old-fashioned teamwork. Thanks to this experience, students who participate in BEST are better prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

GRAND OPENING

McNairy Planetarium

Shows begin at 10 and continue every hour **October 27**

Meet Mitzi Adams, NASA Scientist

***VIP Showings**
****Fun Activities for the kids**

FREE Admission
 *Contact Jessica at 645-6360 to reserve your spot
 *Activities and concessions available for a small fee

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