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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 Dec. 5
 - 8:00 EOC English II
- THU Dec. 6
 - 8:00 EOC American History
- FRI Dec. 7
 - SPIRIT DAY: USA Day
 - 9:30 Pep Rally
 - 6:00 BB Hardin Co H
- TUE Dec. 11
 - SPIRIT DAY: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
 - 8:00 EOC Algebra I & II
 - 6:00 BB Lexington H
- WED Dec. 12
 - 8:00 EOC Geometry
- THU Dec. 13
 - 8:00 EOC Make-Up Exams
- FRI Dec. 14
 - SPIRIT DAY: Christmas Character Day
 - 6:00 BB Scotts Hill A
- SAT Dec. 15
 - 6:00 BB Biggersville A
- MON Dec. 17
 - 7:00 Choir Christmas Concert
- TUE Dec. 18
 - SPIRIT DAY: Blue & Gold Day
 - 8:00 1st Block Final Exam
 - 10:00 3rd Block Final Exam
 - 6:00 Chester Co H
- WED Dec. 19
 - 8:00 3rd Block Final Exam
 - 10:00 4th Block Final Exam
- THU Dec. 20
 - 8:00 MakeUp Final Exams
 - 9:30 School Dismissed for Christmas Break

Final Exam Schedule

REMINDER:
 ALL Students are required to take final exams UNLESS they have no more than one unexcused absence per class. Students should check with their teachers if they have questions.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
 8:00 am - 1st block
 9:45 am - 3rd block

Wednesday, Dec. 19
 8:00 am - 4th block
 9:45 am - 5th block

Senior Defies Danger to Reach Dreams



Senior Ian Mehr attended a two-day bullriding school to begin his senior project. He is shown here riding the bull "Big Brindle".

By Lisa Forsythe, Editor

You'd think a movie about a man dying would not be the type to inspire a senior project, but that is exactly the case for one senior this year. Ian Mehr chose to learn the art of bullriding for his senior project.

"You've seen the movie '8 Seconds'? I watched it, and I thought 'I'd like to do that, that looks fun!'", said Mehr. We [my parents and I] were trying to figure out something different.

"We talked about building a punt gun, but since guns are not allowed, that was out. I told myself, you need to come up with something stupid and crazy, something that no one's ever done before, so how about bullriding?" Mehr began searching for a local person who could mentor him in the sport, and didn't have to look far.

"My mentor is Shane Adams, he raises PBR (Professional Bull Rider) bulls in Bethel. There's a place, the Cowboys for Christ arena in Jackson, that needed bulls. Shane made a deal with them that he would provide them bulls for free if they would teach me how to ride a bull."

Mehr attended a two-

day bullriding school, learning the tricks of the trade on the Bucking Buddy, a plastic bull that simulates the ride on the real thing. They also used a barrell with a bull rope. Mehr learned how to sit and tips for staying on. A lot of rain happened over those two days, so the students were able to go back a few days later for more riding time.

The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) sponsors most of the competitions Mehr plans to enter, with the first one being in February. Their mission, according to their website, has several aims:

- Promote the sport of rodeo and the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship and expose its positive image to the general public
- Preserve the Western heritage
- Offer a privilege of family bonding
- Offer an opportunity of continuing education
- Maintain the highest regard for the livestock

Mehr explained how a bullriding competition works.

"There's two scores - the score for the bull and the score for the rider. If you get a good bull, as

long as you stay on you're gonna' get a high score."

The drawing for the bulls is random, so riders never know what they're going to get.

Mehr said he's figured out he has a high tolerance for pain.

"The second bull I got on, I fell off and it stomped me." That's one of the tricks he says you have to learn pretty early, how to jump off away from where it's going and get away from there as quick as you can.

Mehr has already considered how this will follow him after high school. He plans to join the NHSRA so he is eligible to enter the competitions, and then continue bullriding on a scholarship in college.

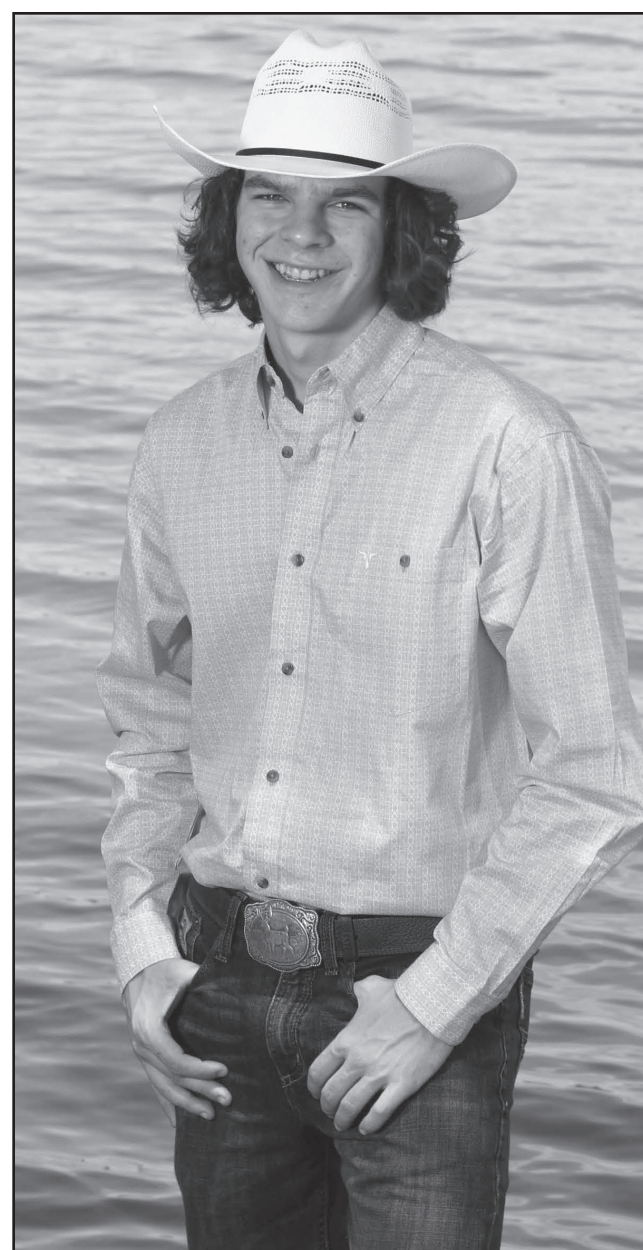
"Both Martin and Mississippi State have rodeo teams, so I can hopefully get a scholarship to one of those schools." That plan definitely aligns with the NHSRA mission, so he should be successful in reaching that goal.

Mehr's parents had to approve of him doing such a challenging and potentially dangerous project. He said his mother just asked who his mentor would be when he told her of his plans, and

she was okay with it.

As for what he's learned about himself, Mehr said "I'm pretty tough, pain

doesn't bother me and I'm not afraid of anything. I like that adrenaline rush."





Dec. 13
7:00 pm

Band Christmas Concert



Admission
\$3
(Children under 5 free)



Christmas CHOIR Concert



Dec. 17
7:00 pm


MCHS Little Theater



Sadie Hawkins Homecoming Dance

January 11
9:30 - 12:00 pm
Following MCHS vs Riverside game

Girls, bring your favorite fella and have some fun!



Tickets
\$3 each or
\$5 per couple

Open to MCHS students
grades 9-12
Casual dress

All proceeds to
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Project Graduation 2019

Tickets on sale at lunch January 9-11