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Band celebrates holiday season

Christmas concert gives school spirit PAIGE VICTORY

News Editor

"Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way..."

In the spirit of the season,
the middle school, junior high
and high school bands per-
formed a Christmas concert
Dec. 3.

"I always love when Christ-
mas finally rolls around," senior
Brendan Wynne said. "We al-
ways have such a fun time play-
ing all of the different Christ-
mas songs."

Band director Karen Brun-
ker said that all of the bands did
very well, and she expects the
same in competition.

"We prepared for about
two weeks," Mrs. Brunker said.
"I am very proud of how all of
the bands have come along
throughout the school year."

The sixth grade and junior
high bands did very well at the
Christmas concert, assistant
band director Andrew Checki

said.
"For their first concert," Mr.
Checki said, "the sixth graders
did a good job. The J-Cat band's
performance was very well
done."

Mrs. Brunker said that the
high school band did a fantastic
job at the concert.

"I am very happy with their
performance," Mrs. Brunker
said, "we received a lot of com-
plements."

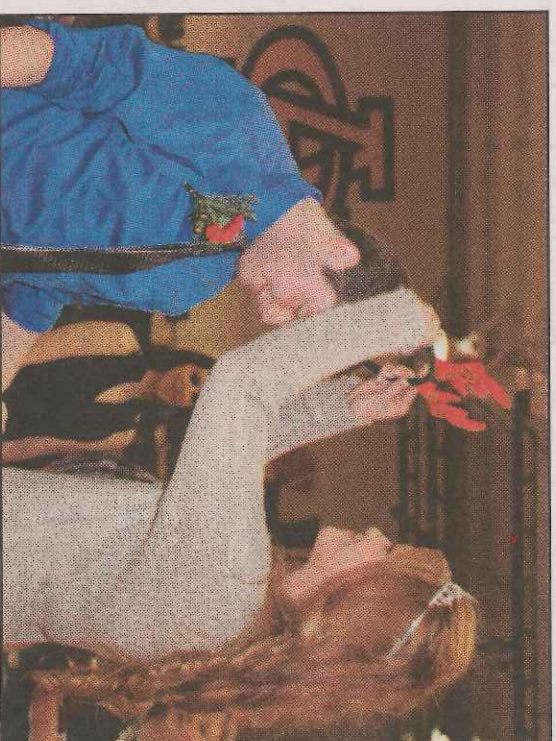
Three band members audi-
tioned for a part in the district
band competition to perform
in upcoming concerts with stu-
dents from other schools.

Senior Anna Richardson
earned second chair, sopho-
more Josie Emrick received
alternate, and freshman Riley
Patterson auditioned.

"I am happy that the girls
tried out," Mrs. Brunker said,
"Anna and Josie did a great job."

The high school band has
been adjusting from marching
season to concert season for
about a month now.

"I'm kind of sad about
marching season being over,"
freshman Harley Anderson



Band Sweetheart Bobbie Loran crowns Band Beau Brendan
Wynne with reindeer antlers at their Christmas concert. Ev-
ery year, the band votes for a senior girl and guy to be chosen
sweetheart and beau. Photo by Olivia Kellar

said. "I always thought that
marching season was kind of
fun."

Freshman Michael Kimbro,
however, said that he is happy
that marching season is done.

"I didn't like having to go
outside and get all sweaty," Kim-
bro said, "I also hate standing at
attention all of the time."

To practice, the band

Season for giving

NHS fundraiser helps supply needed protein to food bank

MALEY HERRING

Features Editor

Throughout the months of
November and December, Na-
tional Honor Society members
participated in the Harvesting
Hope program.

This fundraiser benefited
the Archer County Food Bank
through the donation of the
meat members sold to provide
food for people around the
community. Because the food
bank cannot accept meat un-
less from a United States De-
partment of Agriculture plant,
the less fortunate may lack in
daily protein.

"It is crucial that pregnant
women and growing children
receive the amount of protein
to remain healthy," Betsi Lujan,
Wichita Falls Area Food Bank
marketing and development
director, said.

One in four children go
home after school not knowing
when their next meal will be,
Mrs. Lujan said.

"Most people who benefit-
ed from this program live here
in the surrounding communi-
ties," Jerre Gibbons, president
of Harvesting Hope, said.

NHS sponsor Bethann Os-
wald said Harvesting Hope was
an easy way for people to give

back to their community.
"The school's participation
is primarily a sense of com-
munity service, something
students should pursue for the
rest of their lives," Ms. Oswald
said. "It helped those people
going through a hard time have
a good holiday."

Senior Morgan Knobloch
said Harvesting Hope was a
great way to give back.

"This project had a positive
effect on the community and
the school," she said.

The meat that was pur-
chased was delivered directly
from the USDA plant to the
Food Bank. From there, it went
to families in the community.

"One hundred percent of
these products were guaran-
teed fresh, and all of it was used
to give families a joyful holiday,"
Mr. Gibbons said.

The Wichita Falls Area
Food Bank is always looking for
people to give their time to help.
The hours to volunteer are from
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through
Friday at the Midwestern Park-
way location in Wichita Falls.

"Participating in the orga-
nization was fulfilling to those
who helped and was a great way
to get involved in the commu-
nity," Mrs. Lujan said.

Senior Sydney Wilhelm
said she felt like she made an
impact in the community
through Harvesting Hope.

"It was rewarding to know
that I helped families to have a
great holiday," she said.

FCA elects leaders, plans future events

Group to hold movie night for food, fun

Kody Jones

Entertainment Editor

For time with friends and
God, the Fellowship of Chris-
tian Athletes will host a movie
night tonight from 6 to 8:30 in
junior high teacher Haley Ow-
en's room with a devotional to
follow.

All students are welcome
to attend, and pizza and drinks
will be provided.

"I think the movie night
will be really good," Mrs. Owen
said. "It will give the young kids
an opportunity to hang out
with the high schoolers."

Coach Tyler Owen replaced



Coach Tyler Owen leads the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
in prayer before their meeting. This is Coach Owen's first
year to sponsor the group along with his wife, junior high
teacher Haley Owen. Photo by Maurisha Murphy

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