



1. Marching along the 40 yard line junior Alicia Eiane and sophomore Heidi McClure perform at the Mt. Pleasant band competition. "My favorite part about band is going to competitions." Alicia said. "I always get anxious before going on the field." (MHowell)

2. Juniors Hannah Reed and Jesse Jenkins, and senior Caden Thompson practice on the football field for their next performance. "I played the drums before I joined the band, so when I joined band, naturally I chose to be part of drum line." Jesse said. (HRainer)

3. Senior Deja Brewster stands in position at a summer practice. "I always wear my sunglasses during outside practices because when we stand in block, we are facing the sun," Deja said. (THurst)

4. Sophomore Alyssa White practices marching with her saxophone on the football field for band competition. "Practicing for band competitions was fun, but Mr. Windham was a little stingy with water breaks sometimes". (HRainer)

5. During the halftime show junior Austin Black strikes his xylophone. "Playing in front of big crowds makes me nervous," he said. "Even though I get nervous, it's really fun to perform in front of people." (KMcCorkle)

6. Junior Jayden Cellers marches at a band competition in Mt. Pleasant. "Even though this is my third year to compete in band competitions, I still get an adrenaline rush after every performance," he said. (MHowell)



Ten minutes before the band was set to perform at the second halftime show, seniors Caden Thompson and Brandon Black gathered the five bass drummers behind the scoreboard. They had a plan to make the show a little different.

As the band walked out on the field, Senior Allison Haley looked up and out of the corner of her eye, she saw the drummers laying on top of their drums.

"I just thought it was going to be a normal halftime show," Allison said. "I looked over and saw feet in the air. I thought 'wow, my abs would really be sore,' and then 'that's really cool.'"

After watching planking videos during practice, the drum line

wanted to give it a try for their next half time show.

"Ever since I saw Drum Core Internationals planking, it has been something I really wanted to do," Caden said. "We wanted to make our last few shows as seniors more fun."

Creating their own choreography wasn't part of the plan for the show. The band directors didn't know the drum line was going to plank.

"After the show, Mr. Digby told us not to do it again," Brandon said. "We promised we could synchronize our planking. He told us if we could, it would be okay."

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"Being in band is like being in one big family. Everyone is always there for each other."
-Lauren Overmyer (9)

JUST A COUPLE OF TWISTS AND TURNS

Band goes over the top and puts a new spin on their performances



DID YOU MISS US?

Wrapped in Christmas lights and ready to perform, sophomores Allison Steed and Anna Yowell wait for the annual Texarkana Christmas parade to start. "It was a lot more enjoyable than last year because it wasn't freezing cold or raining," Allison said. (Submitted)