

GSD Band Entertains at Band Night



GSD Band filled the football field with over 600 band members from 6th through 12th grades at the recent Band Night.

By Steven Hugley
GSD Band Director

On Monday, October 21, the Grenada Band Program presented their annual Band Night extravaganza. Band Night featured over 600 band students from 6th – 12th grades, with Charger Stadium packed to capacity while each band played their featured selections.

To start the night, the Grenada High School Color Guard performed their pregame show to “Move If Ya Wanna” choreographed by Grenada Band alumnus Mandy Bell Eaton. The 8th grade performed 3 pieces under the direction of Mr. Bernard Hatch. The 7th grade, under the direction of Mr. Joe Presley, also performed a piece. The high school took the field to perform their 2013 marching production of “Happily Ever After? The Unfinished Tale.” Last but not least, the 6th grade beginner band performed their

band night piece that was written by now superintendent, Dr. David Daigneault.

After each grade played their own selections the entire mass group played “Anchors Aweigh.” The Grenada Band Directors are: Director of Bands, Barry Rogers; Marching Band Director, Chris Sumrall; and Assistant Directors, Bernard Hatch, Joe Presley, Kim Presley, Brandon Lang, and Steven Hugley.

The entire Band staff would like to thank all the local business that supported Band Night by donating items to be given away in raffles. This year the Band raffled off 37 different prize packages donated by area businesses. The Grenada Band program would also like to thank all administrators and boosters for their support of our bands this year. Their tireless efforts assisting the program ensure the high level of excellence we are able to achieve with our students.

Grenada Middle School Adopter Luncheon



The administration, faculty, and students of Grenada Middle School held a Thanksgiving luncheon recently to thank the GMS Partners in Education. Adopters and school personnel that enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast were: (front l to r) GMS Coordinator Tracy Aldridge, 4-H Extension Agent Jan Walton, and Renasant Bank Representatives Fran Harper and Kim Hawkins (back l to r) GMS Assistant Principal Marshall Whittemore, GMS Coordinator Cindy Long, GMS Principal Lyle Williams, GMS Assistant Principal Dr. Tina Herrington, Wade Incorporated Representative Robbie Roberts, and Sheldon Herrington.

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GCTC Annual Fruit Sale



Jon Thomas Evans and Edward Steele prepare to take orders for the Southern Heritage Fruit Sale.

By: Bonnie Brunt
GCTC Student Services Coordinator

The Grenada Career & Technical Center annual fruit sale will begin on November 15 and end on December 2. The fruit will arrive the week of December 16 – 20. Fresh citrus from Florida and delicious apples will be available, including navel oranges, red grapefruit, sunburst tangerines, red and golden delicious apples, and trio gift packs.

The proceeds from the fruit sale enable the instructors and students to take field trips and participate in various district

and state competitions. We appreciate the community’s support in this endeavor each year.

The Southern Heritage Company provides a \$500 scholarship for one of our students. The student must be a senior and is selected based on academics, character, and participation in the turkey/ham sale and fruit sale.

To purchase some of these items, you may contact any of the Grenada Career and Technical Center students participating in the sale or call the school office at 662-226-5969.

AmeriCorps Member of the Month



By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director

Brenda Dorris is the type of person who truly believes in helping uplift others for their own benefit, and not for the praise she will receive for her good deeds. This is one of the many reasons Dorris is so effective in her position as a full-time AmeriCorps member with the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program.

The GSDAP focuses on tutoring Grenada School District K-8 students in math and reading. Placed at the Grenada Elementary School, Dorris is committed to improving students’ academic achievement.

The Grenada School District has hosted AmeriCorps members for the last five years in the role of tutors. Each GSDAP member is principally responsible for tutoring 35 students during the school year. There are 1,015 students involved in the tutoring program.

Dorris was well positioned to succeed in this position. As a former teacher’s assistant and current salon owner and operator, she knows how to “Get Things Done”. She was a very active member in the Montgomery County community. She graduated from Holmes Community College with an Associate Degree in Business.

“I wanted to join AmeriCorps so I could make a difference in Grenada by educating area youth and serving my community,” Dorris stated. “My two years of service will give me the necessary skills, experience, and training needed to broaden my horizons.”

Dorris has 5 children: Jasmine, Tyler, Alex, Ethan, and Elyse. She is a team leader to newcomers in the program. She has also helped with the after school reading programs at the Elizabeth Jones library and provided service to visitors at the Grenada Lake Visitors Center and the annual Downtown Jubilee. She has also served her community by assisting in the food pantry.

“Since day one, Brenda has been committed to providing the best possible service to the students and the Grenada community. Her thoughtfulness and dedication is very valuable to those she serves,” said GSDAP Director, Gwen Woodson. “She has also shown exemplary leadership skills in her role as GSDAP Team Leader.”

For more information about the Grenada School District AmeriCorps program, contact Program Director Gwen Woodson at gwoodson@grenadak12.com. For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov.

