



# FOUNDATION NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

### 18th Annual Race to the Future

**Tuesday  
September 26, 2016  
5:30 pm  
Morrilton Primary School**

### Rick Calhoun's "Remnants of Rock"

**Band  
Rialto Theater  
June 2, 2018  
Benefitting the MHS Alumni Committee**

**Devil Dog Reunion  
June 2, 2018  
Special Guests  
MHS Class of 1968**

## 2017 RACE TO THE FUTURE TUE. SEPT 26

FORMAT AND LOCATION CHANGING THIS YEAR!

Race to the Future 2017 is being revamped in order to let our sponsors see the progress taking place across the South Conway County School District. On Tuesday evening, September 26th, at 5:30 pm, the 18th Annual Race to the Future Fund-raising Event will take place at Morrilton Primary School. This year's event will give sponsors and patrons the chance to experience firsthand the positive learning atmosphere at MPS. Those attending will enjoy delicious appetizers as students entertain. Students will also lead tours of the new facilities.

Funds raised at this year's Race To The Future will be used to fund video equipment for the Morrilton Primary School cafeteria (pictured on right). The equipment will be utilized to show instructional videos that demonstrate foundational skills in an entertaining way. The SCCPSF has set a goal of \$20,000 to

provide assistance to the School District to make this project possible.

Race to the Future has enjoyed a successful history of raising funds to leverage funds traditionally available to the School District. After seventeen successful years the decision to change the format of the event was not quickly made. Ultimately the board members felt sponsors and patrons would enjoy seeing the campus that will benefit from the funds raised.

We encourage you to send your support in early, using the sponsorship form inside this newsletter. If you prefer to give online that option is available on our web site at [www.sccpsf.org](http://www.sccpsf.org).

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the educational community in the South Conway County School District through your support for the 2017 Race to the Future.



## MHS STUDENT CLOSING IN ON PERFECT ACT SCORE



Hannah Russell, 2018 Senior at Morrilton High School, scored a composite score of 35 on the ACT administered in June. She has actually earned a super score of 36 having scored a perfect 36 in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning on previous test dates. Hannah

is the daughter of Jeff and Holly Russell and has three younger sisters. Haley is a student at Morrilton High School and Julie and Allison attend Morrilton Intermediate School.

Hannah is a member of the Band, Beta Club, and on the MHS Quiz Bowl Team.

Her future plans include achieving a perfect ACT score of 36 this coming year. After graduating from MHS Hannah plans to earn a degree in either microbiology or biochemistry before entering medical school.

## DISTRICT STUDENTS BRING HOME NATIONAL HONORS

The South Conway County School District has been making waves on the national stage. Over the summer, the Beta Clubs of Morrilton High School (MHS), Morrilton Junior High School (MJHS), and Morrilton Intermediate School (MIS) attended their respective National Beta Club Conventions in Orlando, Florida.

These yearly conventions

consist of many of the best and brightest students from across the country assembled together to celebrate scholastic achievement, promote leadership development, and to compete for National titles of achievement in a variety of disciplines from arts to the sciences. To participate at the National level, students either placed or won their competition at

the state level.

Each school that attended brought home awards. MHS and MJHS were named as schools of achievement. MJHS student Grace Hendrix was National Junior runner-up in the math competition. MJHS also placed 4th in t-shirt design and their robotics team had a top ten finish. MIS student Bryce VanPelt placed 5th

with an original painting

All of the students did an outstanding job of representing the SCCPSD. To all of the students throughout the district who consistently demonstrate excellence and great character - **The South Conway County Public School Foundation salutes you!**



Grace Hendrix and Cade Halbrook accept the award for top ten robotic team finish.



Bryce VanPelt, 5th place award for an original painting.



Morrilton Junior High School's 4th place t-shirt design.

## DEVIL DOG REUNION RECAP

For the 17th time, members of the MHS classes that have celebrated or were celebrating their 50th class reunions gathered on Saturday, June 3, for the Annual MHS Devil Dog Reunion Brunch.

The MHS Class of 1967 was the honored class this year and planned their reunion activities to coincide with the brunch event. Alumni from many different years attended.

Another all-alumni event of the Class of '67's weekend was the very special

performance of the "Remnants (of Rock)", showcasing the "best music from Rock's golden era 1959-1969", at the Rialto Theater on Saturday night.

This MHS Alumni musical group performed together during their time at MHS. Members of the band are Rick Calhoun, Class of '66, Mike Mitchell, '69, Johnny Bradley, '66, Mark Calhoun, '68, and sound director Danny Smith, '66, sound. Chuck Gordon, '66, an original member of the group, has sadly since passed away,

Shawn Halbrook, Class of 1990 and Superintendent of the South Conway County School District, welcomed the alumni and gave an update on the many construction projects of the school district. Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer also welcomed the alumni. Katherine Harwood Foust, '58, welcomed the group on behalf of the South Conway County Public School Foundation.

The Class of 1968 is in the midst of making plans for their 50th class reunion to be held on the first week-

end of June, 2018, coinciding with the 18th Annual Devil Dog Reunion Brunch. Leslie Cupp Parks (501-208-4506, lp977@yahoo.com) will be the contact person for this class, along with committee members Paula Cupp Darter, Ricky McCoy, Earl Scroggin and others.

For more information about the brunch, please contact Phyllis Scroggin McKuin, '62, at 354-5346, bmckuinc@hotmail.com, or Carolyn Stacks Massingill, '59, at 354-5806, caro@suddenlink.net.

## SIX DEVIL DOGS TO PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL

It isn't every year that the Morrilton Devil Dogs have so many former football players on college playing fields. All of Morrilton will be cheering for several of our former players. Gilberto Garcia will be a veteran lineman for the University of Central

Arkansas Bears. Warren Leapheart, Caleb Canady and Dallas Pruitt will play for the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Jordan Toland will play for the Harding University Bisons. Arkansas Tech University will be the home field for Alex

Chambers. The athletes are pictured below in the order mentioned in this article.



## MJHS DEVIL PUPS HAVE UNDEFEATED SEASON



The Morrilton Junior High Devil Pups football team had an exciting and memorable year. For the first time since 1994, the team finished with a 10-0 record. They also were the River Valley Conference champions. The final game was special with the defeat of the Little Rock Christian Warriors, the same team that ruined this same team's perfect year when they were 7th graders. The team was coached by Head Coach Tyler Briscoe and assisted by coaches Ryan Davis, Freddie Burton, and Joey Scroggins.

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**DISTRICT RESOURCE OFFICER WINS AWARD**

South Conway County School Resource Officer Phil Blaylock, pictured on the left, was awarded the School Resource Officer of the Year. The award states: "2017 National School Safety Award to SRO Phil Blaylock, Morrilton Police Department, Morrilton. For your outstanding dedication to keeping students, staff, and schools safe." Blaylock said, "I am so humbled and blessed to have the support of so many to name. But all I can say is thank you to the Morrilton Police Department, South Conway County School District, Arkansas

State School Association, Criminal Justice Institute, and all my personal family and my families in blue and red for your continued support and friendships."

Blaylock is a popular star in social media with his numerous Cop Car Karaoke videos with students. His efforts have been featured in local and national television news reports.



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**2017 Home  
Football Games**  
9/1 Dogs vs Russellville  
9/29 Dogs vs Greenbrier  
10/13 Dogs vs Maumelle  
(Homecoming)  
10/27 Dogs vs Farmington  
11/3 Dogs vs Clarksville

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