



**NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL -** The Maries R-I Band, under the direction of Coleen Schwartz, traveled to Gatlinburg, TN to participate in the Smoky Mountain National Music Festival. The band received a II Excellent rating. The band would like to thank the community for supporting their fundraisers and making it possible for their five-year goal to come true. Mrs. Schwartz said she was very pleased with their performance and behavior on the four-day trip. "The kids were awesome and fun," she said.