

1 STRUMMING YOUR SONG:

Strumming away with passion in her eyes, Aleksa Dyer (8th, Panda) plays her music. "I really like how expressive Orchestra can be, and how emotional it make a person feel," Dyer expressed. Her time in orchestra has been amazing.

2 THE SONGS OF MESA:

Ella Stancliffe (8th, Panda) enjoys band class while playing her french horn. When asked what she loves most about band class, Stancliffe replied "playing my horn". "I like all the songs we play," Stancliffe answered when and about why she likes like french horn .

3 MUSIC TO MY EARS:

Dane Patterson (8th, Sun) sits in orchestra class, smiling with his friend. "I was tuning my violin," Patterson stated as he laughed before class had started.

4 EXCITEMENT FOR CHOIR:

Josh Goldsmith (8th Grizzly) enjoys our school's choir deeply. "The choir was crazy good and their songs were really nice," Goldsmith exclaimed.

6 STARTING OFF:

During the beginning of class Barnes focuses hard on his instrument. "I was tuning my flute," Barnes tells us. Tuning is very important when playing an instrument.

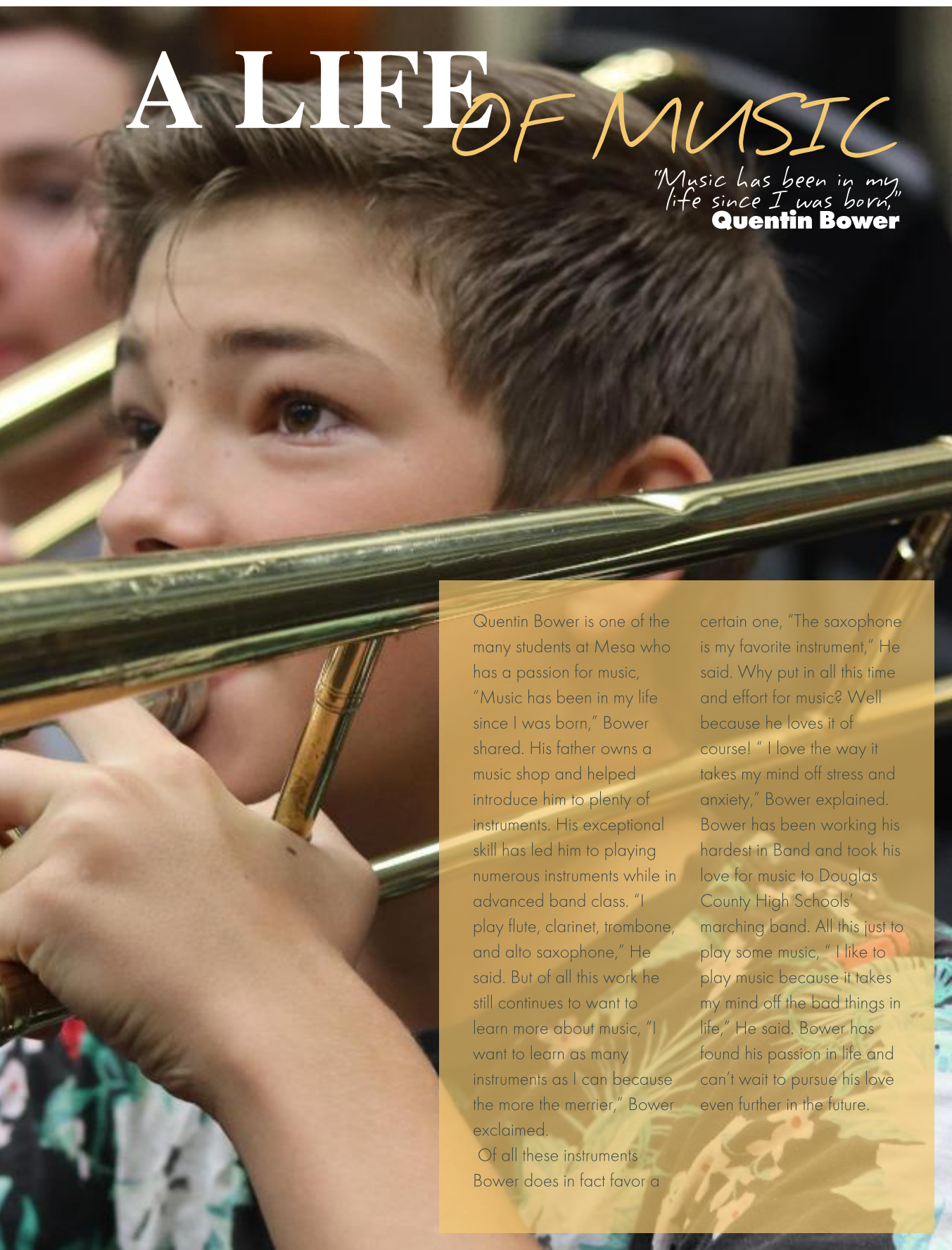
The Sound of *Music*

Choir is not just beautiful in sound but personality too! Lilyanna "Lil" Hildenbrand (8th Grizzly) , as seen in photo five, is a student at Mesa and may agree! Lilyanna sings in the school choir and is part of a trio with Makayla Dutcher and Taylee Thomason. Hildenbrand has been singing as long as she can remember, "Singing makes me happy and I'm glad I can use my voice for it!" Hildenbrand states. Hildenbrand does more than just participate in the school choir, she also sings in her church's choir, "I like singing in the church choir and I enjoy the school choir too!" Music brings people together and Hildenbrand is a fantastic display of that.

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A LIFE OF MUSIC

"Music has been in my life since I was born,"
Quentin Bower



Quentin Bower is one of the many students at Mesa who has a passion for music, "Music has been in my life since I was born," Bower shared. His father owns a music shop and helped introduce him to plenty of instruments. His exceptional skill has led him to playing numerous instruments while in advanced band class. "I play flute, clarinet, trombone, and alto saxophone," He said. But of all this work he still continues to want to learn more about music, "I want to learn as many instruments as I can because the more the merrier," Bower exclaimed.

Of all these instruments Bower does in fact favor a

certain one, "The saxophone is my favorite instrument," He said. Why put in all this time and effort for music? Well because he loves it of course! "I love the way it takes my mind off stress and anxiety," Bower explained. Bower has been working his hardest in Band and took his love for music to Douglas County High Schools' marching band. All this just to play some music, "I like to play music because it takes my mind off the bad things in life," He said. Bower has found his passion in life and can't wait to pursue his love even further in the future.

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