



Spyglass

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Health – PSA Project



By ADDIE HATLEY

Coach Weeks's health classes worked on a Public Service Announcement (PSA) last week. They had to pick a topic or issue to educate their classmates on. Each student picked their own topic and had to present their work to the class and teach them about their topic. The students then voted on winners from each class. The overall winner was Savannah Rzeznikiewicz. Pictured above from 8th period are Shymia Robinson and Chelsea Martin. Not pictured is Dawson Kelly.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PEYTON SULLINS



By MIA HENDERSON

Peyton Layne Sullins was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on November 8th, 1998. She is the daughter of Paul and Amy Sullins. She has two siblings: Sara and Lilly Sullins.

Peyton is involved in Beta Club, Spanish Club, FFA, GATE, FOR Club, and is editor of the Spyglass. She enjoys spending time with her family and her boyfriend, Taylor Riggs, watching Netflix, and reading. One word to describe Peyton would be driven. "I have always had big dreams and goals, and I always work hard to accomplish whatever I set my mind to."

Her greatest accomplishment so far is making a 28 on her ACT, ranking in the top ten of her class, getting accepted into the MASH program, and making a 3 on her AP English exam last year. Her most difficult challenge so far has been maintaining good grades during her junior year while also balancing a part-time job.

A quotation Peyton lives by is 2nd Corinthians 12:10 - "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." It reminds her that difficult situations make her stronger in the long-run.

Peyton best friends in school are Macie Cain, Holly David, and Taylor Riggs. "Macie and I have had our ups and downs, but she has always been someone I could count on and do crazy things with. Holly understands me better than anyone else and is just as spontaneous as I am. Taylor and I have been together for three years now, and he means a lot to me."

Her favorite teachers in high school have been Mrs. Bowdler, Ms. Baker, and Mrs. Hendrix. "I love Mrs. Bowdler's corny jokes and personality. Mrs. Hendrix is the funniest teacher I have ever had, and she always keeps class interesting. Ms. Baker is also a very fun and easy-going teacher, and I enjoy her class."

Mrs. Bowdler said, "I have enjoyed getting to know Peyton in Journalism. She has done well in her role as editor. She thrives on making sure things get done in a timely manner and are done correctly, and I greatly appreciate those qualities. Peyton is a superb writer; she has a natural talent that many wish they could have. I will definitely miss her next year, but I have no doubt that she will be extremely successful in all of her future endeavors. God bless you Peyton."

Mr. Baker replied, "Peyton is such a sweet young lady that I have taught in my AP English class. She is a hard worker and someone that I trust completely. I wish her all the best in the future and hope all her dreams come true."

Mrs. Hendrix replied, "Peyton is such a sweetheart. She always worked hard for me and has a precious personality I know that she is going to do great things, and I will miss her when she graduates."

Peyton's favorite class in high school has been Survey of Ag. "It was very out of my comfort zone, but I learned many new skills that I wouldn't have known otherwise, and I even realized that I enjoyed welding," explained Peyton.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is leaving school early, having more freedom, and senior skip days. What Peyton will miss after graduating is being around the people she grew up with. "I know some of us will stay friends and keep in touch for a while after high school, but it won't be the same during college," explained Peyton.

One important lesson that high school has taught Peyton is how to be independent. "Having friends during high school is great, but at the end of the day, you can only depend on yourself to reach your goals and get your work done."

After high school, she plans to major in pre-med at Lyon College or Arkansas State University, and then attend UAMS in Little Rock, Arkansas for med-school to become an orthopedic surgeon. Three things on her bucket list include completing medical school, traveling to Greece, and finding Ian Somerhalder and marrying him. Advice Peyton would give to incoming freshmen is: "Take your schoolwork and education seriously, don't be scared of doing something you enjoy just because it isn't considered cool. Be yourself, and you will make friends who accept you fully and you will generally enjoy high school more."

To her parents, Peyton says, "Mom—You amaze me with your willingness to be kind to everyone. Thank you for always doing everything in your power to provide for me. You are an example of what I strive to be, and I hope to be at least half the mother that you have been. Dad—Thank you for always being the "goofy" parent and for laughing at all of my jokes. I may look just like my mom, but I definitely inherited your personality. Thanks for teaching me to have a backbone and always telling me the truth when I didn't want to hear it. I love you both."

Important Dates

- September 30** - Homecoming Pep Assembly/Presentation of the Homecoming Court at 10:00 a.m.
- September 30** - Homecoming Parade at 4:00 p.m.
- September 30** - Presentation of the Homecoming Court on the football field at 6:30 p.m.; Pirate Football (Homecoming) vs. Cave City at 7:00 p.m.
- October 4** - Elementary School Picture Day!
- October 7** - Pirate Football vs. Trumann at 7:00 p.m.
- October 14** - Pirate Football at Highland at 7:00 p.m.
- October 21** - NO SCHOOL for Students! Professional Development day for teachers!
- October 21** - Pirate Football at Pocahontas at 7:00 p.m.
- October 28** - Pirate Football vs. Westside at 7:00 p.m.
- November 3** - Pirate Football at Harrisburg at 7:00 p.m.



The overall winner of the PSA was Savannah Rzeznikiewicz.



7th Period: Ronald Hill, Addison Hatley, and Savannah Rzeznikiewicz.



2nd Period: Chloe Byrd, Kevious Soward, and Ashton Caviness.



1st Period: Mollie Fikes, Lane Wilson, and Alexis Jones are pictured.

GHS Receives Coding Grant

By ADDIE HATLEY

During the summer Gosnell High School received a grant for Coding. The grant paid for new computers and webcams and two robots.

The grant application process included filling out a grant application, gathering data to support the

need for the course/program of study, and obtaining letters of recommendation from the community.

Business teacher Jamé Pearce says this will benefit the students by introducing them to coding, which will open up many fields for them after high school.

"Programming/coding is a job that's demand is increasing. As technology evolves, there will be a need for programmers."

Students enrolled in the programming class this year are enjoying it and are thankful for the new technology received from the grant. Sophomore Sarah Watson says, "It's different

from any other class, and it's interesting" and Senior MacKenzie Kelley agrees "It's very interesting; it's like learning another language."

Senior Kourtney Riggs says, "I've learned a lot so far. It's like looking into a different world I'd never thought I'd be able to work with."

PICK OF THE PIRATES: DWIGHT BOOTH

By MIA HENDERSON

"Will do is better than can do" is one of the quotes by which Dwight Booth lives. Mr. Booth is the new special education teacher at Gosnell High School.

Mr. Booth was born on July 15. He grew up in Caraway and graduated from Riverside High School. He has three children: Cody, Ashley, and Bradley. He received his Associates degree from ANC and a Bachelor of Science in Education from ASU.

What Mr. Booth enjoys most about his new job is the co-workers and the students. Advice Mr. Booth would give to students to succeed in school is to develop effective communication skills.

If given the opportunity to change careers, Mr. Booth said he would still pursue a career as a teacher because "it is satisfying to meet former students and finding out their lives are shaping up and knowing that I was part of the team that gave them the skills they needed to make it in the real world."

