

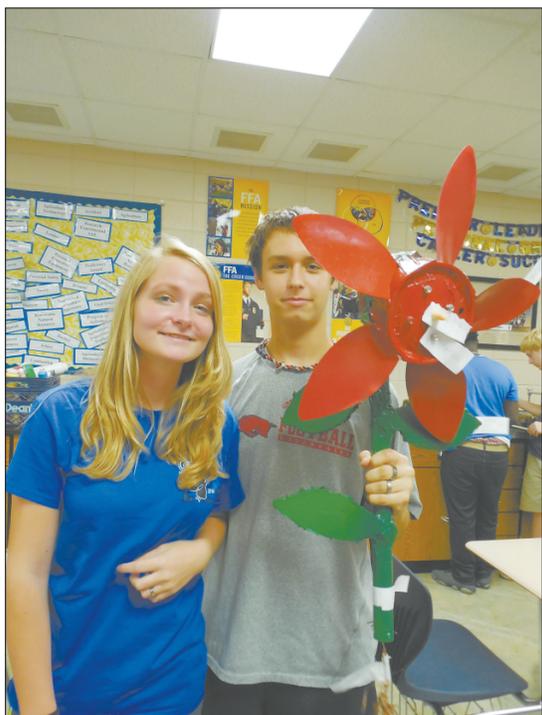


# Spyglass

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## Plant Science Project Winners Announced

By MIA HENDERSON

Mrs. Moore's 7th period class created 3-D plant models to emphasize what they learned in class about plant anatomy and physiology. The students

could use any materials they wanted except for actual plants. Many used craft materials designed to look like a plant. The winners were 1st place - Hunter Beasley and Katelyn Little, 2nd place - Mallory Burrow and Kaylee McKenney,

and 3rd place - Jordan Holifield and Blake Hoskins. The winners were chosen by the GHS faculty and received a coupon for an ice cream cone from Sonic. "It felt pretty good winning and

knowing that all of my hard work paid off," stated Hunter Beasley. Katelyn Little said, "I feel proud. I've always been very competitive in every aspect of my life which has helped me achieve whatever I want."

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: HANNAH HARDESTY

By ADDIE HATLEY

Hannah Hardesty was born on November 14, 1988 in Memphis, Tennessee and is the daughter of Jennifer and Keith Hardesty.

Hannah loves to draw and loves visiting art galleries and learning about new things. She also loves spending time with her family. One word that describes her is creative. "I love to create works of art and share them with others."

One quotation that she lives by is, "Sic Parvis magna," meaning "greatness from small beginnings" by Francis Drake. She lives by this quote because "no matter where you come from or what you have done, you are born to do something great in this world."

Her advice to incoming freshmen is "It's ok to ask questions, don't be shy, and remember, your grades are the most important thing in your high school career." Her greatest accomplishment is the smiles she receives after giving her drawings to someone who enjoys them.

The most difficult challenge for her so far is

trying to keep good grades and improve her GPA. Her favorite thing about being a senior is that she gets to help other students and she gets treated more like an adult with more privileges.

One thing she will miss the most after graduating Gosnell High School is being close to her friends and being able to see them every day. Her plans after high school are to attend college, major in information and technology and minor in graphic design.

One important lesson that high school has taught her is "Your friends will come and go throughout the years but if you choose your friends correctly, they will stay with you forever." As she leaves Gosnell High School she would like to be remembered as someone who cared and was honest with others and tried her best to give the best advice when needed.

Her best friends have been Natalie King and Starr Brasfield. "They have helped me in class and also in hard times. I am truly grateful for their friendship." Her favorite teacher has been Ms. Baker. "Ms. Baker has shown that she cares about each of her students' well being

and if her students are personally alright." Starr Brasfield says, "Hannah is one of the nicest people I have ever met. She has always been there for me."

Natalie King says, "For as long as I can remember Hannah has always been a friend. She's one of the truest friends I have."

Ms. Baker says, "Hannah is a nice young lady who is in my English class this year. I know she will accomplish all that is important to her in the future." The class she has liked the most is English because creating, illustrating, and sharing stories is something she personally enjoys. Some things on her bucket list are to visit Japan, work her dream job, and meet Hayao Miyazaki.

To her parents, Hannah says, "Thank you for pushing me when I gave up and having patience with me when I would get silly. Thank you for loving me and being the greatest family ever. We have gotten through these years together. I promise to make my future and career wonderful so all of our hard work as a family will pay off."

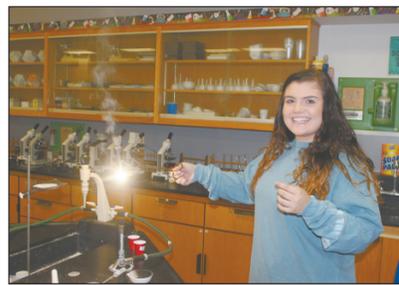


## Chemistry Classes Perform Lab

By PEYTON SULLINS

Chemistry classes at Gosnell High School participated in a lab on September 14, 2016 titled "Chemical and Physical Changes." The lab's purpose was for students to compare physical and chemical changes, and properties.

Students performed five different experiments in the lab, recorded their observations, and then were asked to determine whether the change was chemical or physical. The experiments students were asked to conduct included crushing a small piece of chalk and mixing the chalk with vinegar, burning sugar in a small foil square, lighting camphor on fire, combining drops of PbNO3 with KI in a



Junior Alexis Smith burning magnesium ribbon while participating in lab.

test tube, and burning magnesium ribbon. The students were also asked to explain why they determined that the changes were physical or chemical.

## Important Dates

- 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.



Students are praying by the flag pole during the "See You at the Pole" event.

## PICK OF THE PIRATES: JIMMY PORTER

By PEYTON SULLINS

Jimmy Porter was born on September 28th. He is married to Tiffany Porter and has one son, Trey Porter.

Porter grew up in Hot Springs, Arkansas and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lake Hamilton High School and later attended Arkansas State University while obtaining a degree in BSE Social Studies. Before teaching at Gosnell High School, Porter taught an internship class at Annie Camp Junior High. He now coaches the Pirate basketball team and teaches economics. One thing others may not know about him is that he is a gym rat. "I could live in the gym," he added.

Porter's goals for this school year are to encourage his students to work hard and lead the basketball team to a State championship. "Knowing that

my life has an immediate impact on my family, players, and students keeps me motivated. I approach every day with a positive attitude and a desire to improve," Porter commented.

Porter's favorite thing about his job is getting paid to help young people learn important life lessons. Porter even added that he has the best job in the world. "If I had to do it all over again, I would absolutely still choose to work at a school. There is no greater joy than helping others succeed at life," Porter said.

One thing Porter admires about his basketball team is that his players have heart. "They do not care about who you are. My boys are willing to run through walls for me. I love that about them," he commented. "I also can't wait to watch some of my basketball boys excel in football as well. Go Pirates!"



His father has influenced him the most during his life. "He taught me the importance of hard work, dedication, loyalty, and loving others for who they are. He always looks for the positive in others."

To his students, Porter added: "Push your boundaries, make connections, and get involved!"

## See You at the Pole

By PEYTON SULLINS

The annual "See You at the Pole" event took place at Gosnell High School on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. "See You at the Pole" is an event that takes place across the entire country, where students, teachers, etc. come together at the flag pole outside of their school building and join together in prayer. Participants pray for the well-being of others, for the school district, and for special needs that may be taking place in their community.

Junior Emma Weeks commented, "It's awesome to see so many people who love Jesus and aren't afraid to show it. To think there were millions of prayers going up all around the nation is an awesome thought."

Gosnell Baptist Church Youth Pastor, Stan Dutton, commented, "Seeing all of the students caring enough to get up at seven and come pray for their school and fellow classmates makes a huge impact on them and the community. I pray for all of them as they serve and live their life for Christ!"