



Biology student Zoe Moore participates in the biology lab by drawing the water molecule on a big piece of paper.

Water Molecule Lab

BY ADDIE HATLEY

Mrs. Davison's biology classes participated in a visual representation lab to show how cohesion, adhesion and capillary action work.

Students had to cut out a half shirt on a big piece of paper and draw the water molecule on it. Stu-

dents were given a string and each string had to touch another student's end and that represented the bonding of the water molecules sticking together.

Mrs. Davison had two students stand on the ladder while the rest of the students formed a line that curved and that represented the

meniscus, which is a concave surface of liquid.

Sophomore Mia Henderson says, "It helped me learn that water sticking to the glass is adhesion and the curve is what formed the meniscus. It was also an easier way to learn it; it was more hands on and visual."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MACIE CAIN

By PEYTON SULLINS

Macie Elizabeth Cain was born on April 29, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Penny Cook and Joseph Wood and Michael Cain and Regina Dewitt. She is the sibling of Ashton Peery, Marcus Wood, Riley Cain, and Harley Grimes.

Macie is a part of the Lady Pirates Softball team, the Trap team, FFA, FBLA, Beta Club, Key Club, and Spanish Club. She has been a part of All-A Honor Roll every year of school, has received multiple Presidential awards, multiple academic awards each year, and received fourth place at FBLA State in Agribusiness.

One word that best describes Macie is determined. "If I know what I want to accomplish, I will do whatever it takes to get it done."

Macie's greatest accomplishment has been scoring a 29 on the ACT and having above a 4.0 GPA. Her most difficult challenge has been losing people along her journey through school.

Three things that are on Macie's bucket list is stepping foot on each continent, skydiving, and discovering something new.

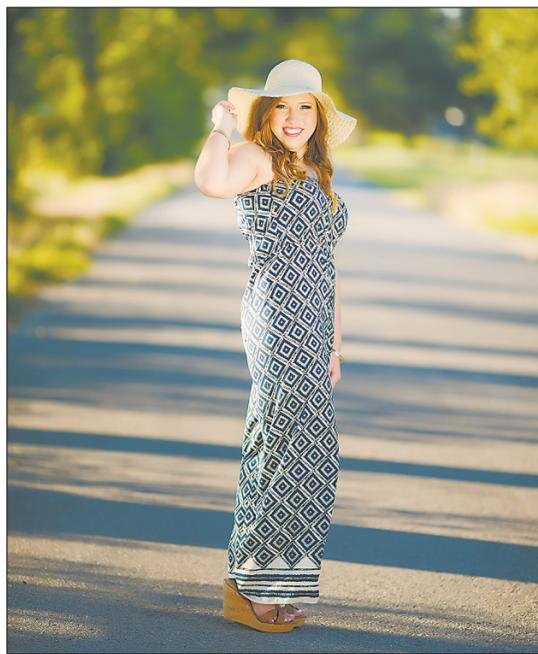
Her favorite teacher throughout high school has been Mrs. Moore and Mr. Robinson. "I have gotten to know Mrs. Moore pretty well, and we can always joke around and have fun. Mr. Robinson has been my friend throughout high school."

Mrs. Moore commented, "Macie, thank you for keeping me on my toes and for always being a great student. You have been a huge blessing to have in class and in FFA. I can't wait to see the amazing things that you accomplish in the next journey of your life. Never stop learning and challenging yourself!"

Mr. Robinson responded, "Compassion for her fellow man, intellect, athleticism and a huge zest for life are the qualities Macie displays that I admire! May her life journey be fruitful and fulfilling! Good luck, young lady!"

Her favorite class during high school was Pre-Calculus because she loves doughnut days, math, and Mrs. Wright.

An important lesson that high school has taught Macie is to never give up. "I have learned that no matter what, you should continue pushing towards your dreams. You can achieve whatever you desire," she commented. Her advice to incoming freshmen is: "Enjoy your time during high school and participate in any and every thing that



you can."

Macie's favorite things about being a senior has been the freedom and senior skip days. She will miss the atmosphere of Gosnell High School when she graduates. "No matter what, during tragedies and hard times, we come together as a family," she explained.

After high school, Macie plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas, major in biology, and attend medical school. She would like to be remembered at Gosnell as a Lady Pirate Softball player and the valedictorian of the class of 2017.

Macie lives by the expression "carpe diem," which means seize the day. "I believe you should live every day like there may not be a tomorrow. I try to live for the present and not focus directly on the future."

To her parents, she says: "Mom, I love you, and I want to thank you for making me into the person that I am today. I wouldn't be where I am without you. Dad, I love you as well, and I know that we've had some rough patches, but it only brings us closer. Thanks for everything."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TUCKER THOMPSON

BY ADDIE HATLEY

Tucker Thompson was born on March 5, 1999 in Blytheville Arkansas and is the son of Robin and Glenn Thompson. He has one sister, her name is Hannah Thompson.

One of his favorite hobbies is playing football. Some special awards or honors that he has received is being an honor graduate and an agriculture completer.

One word that best describes him is "Integrity because I am honest." A quotation that he lives by is, "Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger man." He advises incoming freshmen to "not take Spanish."

His greatest accomplishment or most memorable moment is "When Payton, Tyler and I built a catapult in shop class." The most difficult challenge for him so far has been Spanish class.

His favorite thing about being a senior is the easy classes. Something he will miss after high school is his friends. His plans after high school are to attend college and become an animator.

His favorite class has been ag metals because of the catapult that him and his two friends made.

Jordan Holifield and Ronnie McShan have been his best friends through high school because "I can't choose one over the other."

Jordan Holifield replied "Tucker is a goon, but he's always a good friend and is there when you need him. I couldn't have made it through high school without Tuck."

Ronnie McShan replied "He's had my back time and time again. He never fails to make me crack up laughing



whether it's telling a not so funny joke or dabbing uncontrollably. I've known him since we were five and been best friends ever since."

Three things on his bucket list are "Go to a Green Day concert, travel out of the country and compete in the Olympics."

To his parents, Tucker says, "Thanks for putting up with me."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: SHELBY CROSSKNO



By PEYTON SULLINS

Shelby Layne Crosskno was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on October 23, 1998. She is the daughter of Chris and Julie Crosskno and has one sibling, Quinn Crosskno.

Shelby is a member of the cross-country team, track team, golf team, and is captain of the Gosnell High School Cheerleading squad. She is President of FBLA Club, Student Council, and Key Club, and participates in Spanish Club and Beta Club. Shelby enjoys going to church, snap chatting, and watching makeup tutorials. Shelby attended Girl's State during her junior year, has won the Presidential award in grades ninth-twelfth, and has won multiple academic awards.

One word that best describes Shelby is determined. "Once I have a goal, I won't stop working until I achieve it," she commented.

Shelby's greatest accomplishment was raising her GPA to a 4.195. Her most difficult challenge has been realizing that people are always changing and that it's okay for them to change.

Shelby's best friends have been Callie Kennemore, Abby O'Neal, Samantha Reams, and Dani Roach. She added, "Callie always helps me keep my head on straight. Abby can always make me laugh at any time; she has a great taste in books, and she is the 'mom' of our group. Samantha loves makeup just as much as I do and she is the voice of reason. Dani gives great advice."

Callie commented, "Shelby is always up for an adventure and is always down to do whatever; that's what I love most about her."

Abby commented, "Shelby is one of the best friends that I have ever had, and she is going to worry me to death at college."

Samantha commented, "Shelby and I have been friends for the longest time. I'm glad that we have stayed close and have things in common. She's truly one of the nicest people I have ever met. I hope she is excited for what is to come, and I know she will accomplish so much!"

Dani commented, "Shelby is always so much fun to be around, and she is always there for me when I need her."

Shelby's favorite teachers have been Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Carnal-Jones. "Mrs. Pearce is willing to help me with whatever I need, and Mrs. Carnal-Jones always has a positive attitude."

Mrs. Pearce commented, "Shelby is an absolutely beautiful young lady inside and out. Shelby has been an active member of FBLA for the last two years and has qualified to attend the State Leadership Conference both years. As this year's FBLA President for GHS, I am sure she will qualify for State again and set her sight on Nationals this year in Anaheim, CA. It is a joy to have her in class as well as a member of FBLA. She never gives up. No matter how many times I tell her change or edit something, she always does it without grumbling. It is this determination that will allow Shelby to achieve all of her dreams. Dream big!"

Mrs. Carnal-Jones commented, "I have had Shelby in class in the ninth grade (Pre-AP Geometry), and eleventh grade (AP Stats.) She is a member and the President of Key Club. Shelby is always wanting to be the best that she can. That is such an admirable attribute. She goes above and beyond in everything she does. I am very proud of the beautiful, smart, and talented young lady she has become. Without a doubt, she will fulfill every one of her dreams. God bless you, Shelby!"

Her favorite class in high school has been AP English her junior year because she feels as if she learned a lot and always looked forward to it.

Shelby's favorite thing about being a senior has been only taking one high school class. "It has been a very easy year so far," she commented. She says that she will miss the familiarity of high school, because it will be hard for her to leave the place where she has grown up and start somewhere completely different.

Shelby's advice to incoming freshmen is: "Grades are important so take your coursework seriously. Applying to college isn't as far away as it may seem."

After high school, Shelby plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in biology or cosmetic science to become either an oral surgeon or a cosmetic chemist. She hopes to be remembered at Gosnell as a Christian.

After college, Shelby hopes to go on a mission trip outside of the country, visit all of the wonders of the world, and become successful and independent.

A quotation that Shelby lives by is: "Let go, and let God." She commented, "God always has my back, no matter what happens. I choose to trust in Him always."

To her parents, she says: "Mom and Dad, you have both done a great job as parents. I know that I can count on both of you in any situation. Thank you for providing for me and for dealing with me even when I am a brat. I love you both!"

Important Dates

October 18 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.

October 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 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 2 – School Picture Retakes for Elementary, Junior High, and High School!

November 3 – Pirate Football at Harrisburg at 7:00 p.m.