



Spyglass

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Junior Tyisha Reed (left) and Janala Adams (right) watch Clothing Management teacher Jan Crosskno (middle) cut a piece of fabric.

Clothing Management sewing projects

By **ADDIE HATLEY**

In Mrs. Crosskno's clothing management class they have been learning different sewing techniques such as back stitching, ladder stitching, and basic stitching. The class recently took

a trip to Jonesboro to purchase different fabrics to use for their projects. They have also been putting their new skills to use.

So far this school year, they have made tie-dye shirts, scarves, pillows, and aprons. They have even

been learning how to make their own outfits from patterns.

The students have the rest of the semester to finish their sewing projects, and the students who are finished get to use Mrs. Crosskno's new embroidery

machine to test it out and have fun with it.

Sophomore Mia Henderson says, "Being in clothing management is so much fun! I've learned so many hand sewing techniques, and I've even made my own scarf and pillow!"

Callie Kennemore's cheer career

By **PEYTON SULLINS**

Gosnell High School Senior Callie Kennemore's high school cheering career may be over, but that has not stopped Callie from continuing to excel in cheer outside of high school.

Outside of school, Callie cheers for the Cheers Unlimited Apache Chiefs, which is a Senior Level 3 competition team based out of Jonesboro, Arkansas. "My competition squad practices two to three times a week, and we usually compete at least twice a month," Callie added.

Callie's Cheers Unlimited team has been very successful. While at the Deep South Big Bid competition, Callie's team received first place and grand champions with a full paid bid to the International Spirit Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition, while at Jam fest Nationals, her team received first place, grand champions, best choreography, and a bid to the US finals. While at NCA Nationals in Dallas, Texas, where three other countries also competed, Callie's team was in the "winner's circle" and received third place.

Callie also takes tumbling and stunting classes with one of her coaches at Cheers Unlimited to help her prepare for her college cheer. "I plan on cheering at University of Central Arkansas in college. I at-

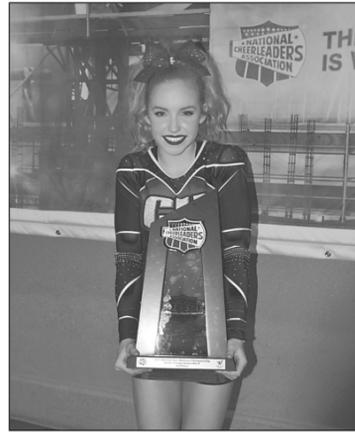


Senior Callie Kennemore, Gosnell High School cheerleader

tended a try-out prep clinic at UCA a couple of weekends ago, and I have attended a couple of open gyms in Conway and practiced with UCA's cheer team. I will be trying out for the team April 20-22," Callie says.

Callie has learned many valuable life lessons while cheering throughout the years. She says, "Cheering has taught me how to work with many different people. It has also taught me a lot of patience because sometimes it can be challenging when things are not going how you want them to or when not everyone on your team is giving their all. Cheering is definitely a team sport and requires a lot of teamwork."

Although Callie will be pursuing



Senior Callie Kennemore, Cheers Unlimited cheerleader

cheer at a college level, she will miss cheering at Gosnell High School. "This is where I grew up, and all of the people I cheered with and cheered for I saw every day, and I knew all of them so they were like family. In college, I will not know everyone on the sport's teams I am cheering for so it won't feel as personal. I do love cheering though, and I am excited to receive a new cheer family but I will definitely miss all of the friends I have made throughout the years here at Gosnell. After graduation, I will be working as an NCA Staffer and traveling all over Arkansas to teach Jr. High and high school squads' different material and skills they will need for the year."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MCKENZIE KELLEY



By **PEYTON SULLINS**

McKenzie McGwire Kelley was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on February 4, 1999 to Candice Yeley (Mom) and David and Phyllis Bryeans (grandparents). She is the sibling of Colton Kelley and Jaxon and Jace Yeley.

McKenzie is Drum Major for the Gosnell Pirate Marching Band, Flute Section Leader for the Gosnell High School Concert Band, Vice President of FBLA, Vice President of Student Council, and President of French club. She is also a member of National Honor Society, and she is the senior class reporter.

McKenzie has received the honors of "Most Outstanding Drum Major in the Region," All-Region First Band from 2013-2017, AMRO Music Honor Band, Dixie Band Camp Captain, and Frontlines Grand Champion from 2014-2016.

One word that best describes McKenzie is optimistic. "I try to see the good in every situation," she added.

To incoming freshmen, McKenzie says: "You will meet new people and make new friends. Stay true to yourself and just walk in the halls."

McKenzie's most memorable moment so far was attending Frontlines Auxiliary Camp in 2016. She commented, "I gained a family of drum majors from all over the state of Arkansas, along with the color guards from Cabot and Greene County Tech. I know that they are my safe place and that I will always have them. I definitely caught that Frontlines Spirit."

Her most difficult challenge so far has been keeping good grades and leading the band for three years throughout high school.

McKenzie's favorite thing about being a senior is having seniority and knowing people are looking up to her. She added, "Although our class may argue, I will miss the family feel of Gosnell High School after I graduate."

High school has taught her that you have to pick and choose the battles that you fight. "Always remember that you're strong enough to overcome anything," she says.

After high school, McKenzie plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in music education. "My goal is to be a band director at the collegiate level."

She would like to be remembered at Gosnell as "someone who made a difference, whether it's just in one person's life or the whole school."

Three things on McKenzie's bucket list include March drum corps with the Crossmen, going to Greece, and working at Frontlines camp.

McKenzie's best friends throughout high school have been Natalie King, Cassidy Newton, and Jillian Bratton. "Natalie has been my go-to person since before kindergarten. We have made the best memories together, and I hope we can continue to make more. Cassidy and Jillian might go to Cabot, but for the past years, we have been there for each other through a lot. I am forever grateful to have all three of them in my life."

Natalie responded, "McKenzie has been like a sister to me for as long as I can remember. I couldn't imagine life without her!"

McKenzie's favorite teachers have been Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Porter, and Mrs. Carnal-Jones. "Mrs. Pearce is honestly just an amazing person who genuinely cares about her students, their education, and their lives, not just the grades. Mrs. Porter knows how to joke around, and she always encourages her students. Mrs. Carnal-Jones has helped me not only with math, but with many other things as well. She is also always cracking jokes."

Mrs. Pearce responded, "I have enjoyed having McKenzie in many of my classes. She will be a double completer in my business classes, and she has made it through French I and French II. McKenzie has a positive demeanor and will usually do whatever I ask without grumbling. I just have to make sure she is not seated on the front row, or she will complain about it being too cold. McKenzie has been a great help to me as a student-teacher's aide this year. I do not know what I will do without her next year, but I know she will excel in college and wish her the best."

Mrs. Carnal-Jones responded, "McKenzie is a true blessing to know and teach. She has a gift in knowing how to make a person feel special. McKenzie's talents are extraordinary. McKenzie will be a great contributor to the community that she chooses to live. Go get em' McKenzie. I have the utmost faith in McKenzie becoming whatever she sets her mind to being."

French and Band have been McKenzie's favorite classes throughout school. "It's basically like learning two different languages, and even though it may challenge you, it's exciting."

To her parents/guardians, McKenzie says: "Mom, Pop, and Mamaw, you guys have always taken care of me and words cannot explain how thankful I am for that. You have loved me and have always put me first. I hope I make you proud. I love you so much."

McKenzie lives by a quotation from her Grandma: "B's don't mean anything; you have to have A's." She added, "It may seem silly, but my Grandma always said this to me because she always expects the best from me in everything that I do."

Students in Anatomy take blood pressure manually

By **PEYTON SULLINS**

Students in Anatomy and Physiology Class at Gosnell High School were taught how to take blood pressure manually.

Senior Alexis Mitchell commented, "I enjoyed learning how to take blood pressure manually. It is a skill I will probably need someday."



Seniors Alexis Mitchell and Abby Hurley learning to take blood pressure manually.

Important Dates

April 20 – Lady Pirate Softball at Westside at 4:30

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April 21 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Caruthersville at 4:30

April 22 – GHS Jr/Sr Prom 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. in HS gym; Sr. Walk – 10:30 p.m.; Parents and guests will not be allowed to enter the gym until 10:25 p.m. for Sr. Walk

April 25 – FFA Banquet 5:00-7:00 p.m. in HS Cafeteria

May 1-3 – 9th and 10th Graders will take the ACT Aspire Assessment

May 4 – GHS Academic Awards Assembly at 8:30 a.m. in the HS Auditorium

May 4 – Jr/Sr Banquet for Juniors and Seniors only at 7:00 p.m.

May 5 – GHS Scholarship Assembly at 12:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium