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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ALBERT J. BOYD JR.

By MIA HENDERSON

Albert J. Boyd Jr. was born November 15, 1998 in Blytheville, Arkansas. He is the son of Farrah Boyd and Albert Boyd Sr. He has 5 siblings and 1 daughter: Tynisha Boyd, Tierany Boyd, X'zavier Boyd, Dorian Boyd, and Alyncia Boyd. His daughter's name is A'Myrah Boyd.

Albert enjoys playing bass guitar, football, basketball, and chilling with his boys after Friday's games. A special award or honor that he received was 3-4 All-conference player. One word to describe him would be humble. "I care for others a lot. I always try to keep the peace between people."

"I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me" Phillipians 4:13 is a quotation Albert lives by. "This lets me know that nothing is impossible to do."

Albert's most memorable moment was the day his daughter was born; he said it was the best day of his life.

His most difficult challenge so

far has been making it to class during tardy lockdown.

Three things that are on his bucket list are to graduate, to earn his bachelor's degree, and to live a successful life.

He said that his best friends in high school have been the whole class of 2017. His favorite teacher has been Mrs. Carnal-Jones, "She has always shown me love. She always talks about my dad, and how I look just like him. That's my girl!"

Mrs. Carnal-Jones replied, "Albert has always been very special to me. He has a beautiful personality. His smile lights up a room. You can always depend on him to be a strong student. He is going to be a great person in the in the community when he completes his education. I truly believe God has a special mission for Albert in his future. Albert, you will always have a special place in my heart."

His favorite class so far has been Mrs. Hendrix's chemistry class. "I loved doing the labs and talking to her. Plus, the class I had was small."

One important lesson that high school has taught him is that no matter what happens in life, you can be successful. When trials come, look for a group of people to help you push through. Anything is possible.

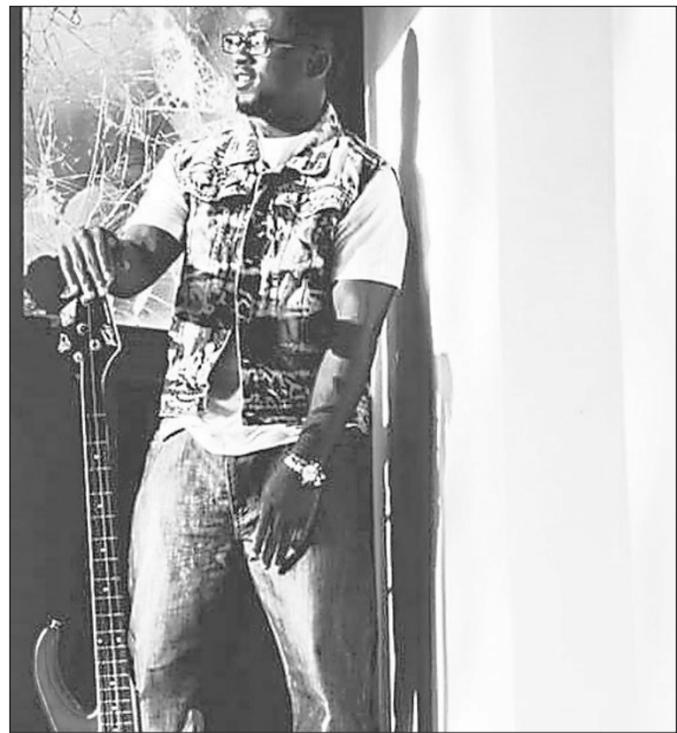
His favorite things about being a senior is that there's more freedom, you can easily win the spirit stick, and having the knowledge that you know you're about to graduate.

What he'll miss most about graduating is the Friday night atmosphere, the smoke from the run through tunnel, and the brotherhood of the Pirate football family.

As Albert leaves Gosnell High School he would like to be remembered as the one who had the heart of a Pirate and the boy who made high school fun.

After high school he plans to attend a college close to home and major in mathematics and physical education.

Albert advises incoming freshmen to: Get good grades, don't play around, and always stay on task.



To his parents, Albert says, "Thank you for all of the love you guys have shown me. Thanks for

being my backbone throughout my life. I love y'all, and I'm going to miss y'all when college hits."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TAYLOR JONES

By ADDIE HATLEY

Taylor Jones was born on June 26, 2000 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Anna Rapert and Chris Jones. She has two younger siblings, Alexis and Addison Jones.

Her hobbies include watching Netflix, playing softball, and hanging out with her boyfriend and friends.

One word that describes her is determined because "when I put my mind to something I stick to it."

A quotation that she lives by is "Life ain't always beautiful, but it's a beautiful ride. So many people focus on the bad things in life; so they think it's all bad. It's not all bad; your mistakes make you even more beautiful."

Some advice she gives to incoming freshmen is "Don't get behind. It's so hard and very stressful to catch back up, and do not worry about relationships too much! Focus on your friends, have fun and focus on school."

Her greatest accomplishment so far is graduating a year early. Her most difficult challenge so far has also been graduating early and keeping up good grades throughout high school.

Three things on her bucket list are to visit Australia, go skydiving and float in the Dead Sea. Her favorite thing about being a senior is being one year away from being done with high school.

Something she will miss the most after high school is "All of the memories and friendships I've made and Homecoming Week!"

Her plans after high school are to go to college and become a CRNA. As she leaves high school she would like to be remembered as a hardworking student.

One important lesson that high school has taught her is "People's opinions do not matter. After graduation, you'll rarely hear from any of those people. They aren't going to care about something you wore from 9th grade or something you did in class."

Her best friends in school have been Alexis Jones, Emily Fells, and Abby Hurley because "they had my back through everything, and I couldn't thank them enough."

Alexis replied, "Having my big sister is great because she helps me on everything. No matter if it's school, clothes, or boys. I can tell her anything, and can count on her for everything."



Emily Fells replied, "Even if we go weeks without talking, I know I can always turn to her. She's one of my best friends, and I am forever thankful for our lifelong friendship."

Abby Hurley replied, "Taylor understands me like no one else and helps me with everything. I am so thankful to be able to call her my best friend! I wish you the best in life TayTay! I know you'll go far, I love you!"

Her favorite teacher has been Coach Weeks because "I've had her every year in high school. She's one of the most easygoing teachers, and she makes softball fun."

Coach Weeks replied, "Taylor has been a part of our team every year in high school. She has always worked hard on the field and off. She's very dedicated to her grades. We will miss her since she's graduating early but have enjoyed having her."

Her favorite class in high school has been AP History although it's hard she enjoyed the discussions and friendships she formed in that class.

To her parents, she says, "Thank you for supporting me through everything I do."

Important Dates

January 2 – Second Semester Begins!

January 3 – Pirate Basketball vs. Westside at 5:00 p.m.

January 5 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Manila at 5:00 p.m.

January 6 – Pirate Basketball at Manila at 5:00 p.m.

January 9 – Lady Pirate Basketball at Osceola at 5:00 p.m.

January 10 – Pirate Basketball vs. Osceola at 5:00 p.m.

January 12 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.

January 12 – Pirate Basketball Trumann at 5:00 p.m.

January 13 – Pirate Basketball at Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CARRIE BROOKS



By PEYTON SULLINS

Carrie Brooks was born on December 9th, 1998 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Joseph Brooks and Lori Davis and is the sibling of Cassie Brooks and Kayliegh and Kenzie Tubbs.

Carrie enjoys hanging out with her friends and family, being outside, and participating in Spanish Club. One word that best describes her is real, because she is always honest.

To incoming freshmen, Carrie says: "At least act like you have some training and stay out of the upper-classmen's way."

Carrie's most memorable moments are any moments spent with those who she loves the most. Her greatest challenge so far has been not having her Papa Frankie. "Life has been very tough, but it has been making me stronger, which is what he would have wanted for me," she added.

Carrie's favorite things about being a senior include senior skip days, getting to be close to everyone in her class, and making friends and memories that will last a lifetime. She will miss the people from Gosnell when she graduates. "I will even miss the people that I didn't really talk to; I will just miss it all," she added. She hopes to be remembered at Gosnell as "the girl everyone could talk to and trust."

High school has taught her that you only have one time to live each moment so make the moment count. After Carrie graduates, she plans on attending a two year community college and later transferring to Arkansas State University to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Three things on Carrie's bucket list include going to Greece, taking a road trip with her best friends and becoming a nurse.

Her best friend throughout high school has been her older sister, Cassie Brooks. "She has and will always be there for me, with her arms spread wide open."

Her favorite teacher has been Ms. Baker. "She's sweet, funny, understandable, and she gives us candy!"

Ms. Baker commented, "Carrie is such a special young lady and I will really miss not having her in English class next year. I wish her all of the best in her future and I hope that all of her dreams will come true."

AP English has been Carrie's favorite class because everything they do in class is fun.

To her parents, Carrie says: "Thank you guys for everything that you've given me. I would be so lost without you both. You're both amazing parents, and I wouldn't want anyone else calling me their daughter. I love you both to pieces."

A quotation Carrie lives by is: "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming!" She added, "I love Finding Nemo, and the motto got my sister through high school, so why not?"

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KILEIGH AARON

By ADDIE HATLEY

Kileigh Nicole Aaron was born on May 12, 1998 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Shawn and Christina Aaron. She has one younger sibling, Jeremy Aaron.

One word to describe her is outgoing because she is up for anything when it comes to having fun.

A quote that she lives by is "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius, and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."

Her advice to incoming freshmen is "Have fun! High School is one of the greatest moments in life!"

Three things on her bucket list are to visit Bora Bora, swim with dolphins, and have her own makeup brand.

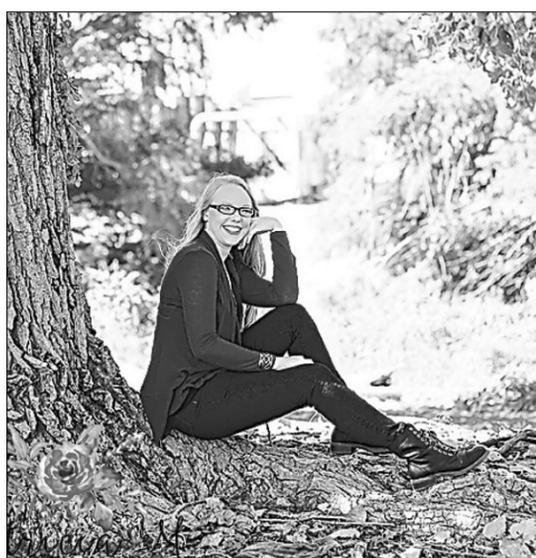
Her favorite thing about being a senior is finally being on top. Something she will miss after high school is how close her class was.

Her plans after high school are to attend cosmetology school. As she leaves Gosnell High School she would like to be remembered as a respectful person.

One important lesson that high school has taught her is "whether you find high school an all time high or an all time low, keep in mind everything you go through now is one big learning experience."

Her best friends throughout high school has been Cailyn Long and Claudia Ramirez because "we've stayed together through thick and thin."

Cailyn Long replied, "She is basically family. Kileigh



and I have been best friends since 5th grade, and we always have fun together. Kileigh, Claudia, and I will always stick together."

Claudia Ramirez replied, "She's always had my back, and she's a really good friend. We've been through fights, but we've gotten through them—thanks for laughing at my jokes Kileigh. Love you."

To her parents, Kileigh says, "Thank you both for helping me get to where I am today. I love you guys!"



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ABBY LEIGH O'NEAL

By ADDIE HATLEY

Abby O'Neal was born on March 15, 1999 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Shannon and Shawn O'Neal. She has two older brothers, Alan and Aaron O'Neal.

At GHS, Abby is involved in many organizations including Beta, Student Council, and she is a members of the Golf team. She also works at Day's Clothing. In May, Abby will graduate with honors.

One word that best describes her is independent because "I'm not easily influenced, and I always stand for what I believe in."

A quotation that she lives by is, "You can't please everyone, so you might as well do what makes you happy."

Her advice to incoming freshmen is "be envied, not envious." Her favorite thing about being a senior is not having to take the

standardized tests. Her most difficult challenge has been learning how to parallel park in Driver's Ed with her grandpa, Danny Williams.

Something she will miss after she graduates high school is "besides my very helpful and nice teachers, I'll miss Mrs. Brackin's pretzel rolo candy."

Her plans after high school are to attend ANC for two years, finish at ASU, and become a high school English teacher.

One important lesson that high school has taught her is that time management is everything.

Her best friends through high school have been Callie Kennemore, Samantha Reams, and Shelby Crosskno because "even through all the drama since fourth grade, they've always had my back and made me happy. I love you guys!"

Callie Kennemore replied, "Abby, you are a great friend, and you are always looking out for us and making us laugh! I love you Leo!"

Her favorite teacher throughout high school has been Mrs. Brackin and Mrs. Smith. "It asks for one teacher but these two come as a pair, on my most stressed days I can always go to the library and have some candy and have a good talk and leave happy."

Her favorite class has been DC 3/4 because Mrs. Pearce taught her that stuff she can actually apply to everyday situations.

A special message to her parents that she would like to say is "I am so happy to be y'all's favorite child. I am more than blessed to have two amazing parents who love each other. Thanks for everything the both of you have taught me, and for believing in me no matter what. Love you both so much!"



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RONNIE MCSHAN



By PEYTON SULLINS

Ronnie McShan Jr. was born on January 20th, 1999 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Ronnie and Patricia McShan and is the sibling of Shakumie McShan.

Ronnie enjoys playing video games, football, and baseball. One word that best describes him is funny.

Ronnie's advice to incoming freshmen is: "Focus on your grades, but don't stress too much and have fun."

Ronnie's greatest accomplishment during high school has been excelling at multiple sports. His greatest challenge has been staying positive during hard times.

Three things on Ronnie's bucket list include going skydiving, traveling the world, and deep-sea diving. His favorite thing about being a senior has been less homework and being so close to freedom.

High school has taught Ronnie to always stay positive because you never know what good could be around the corner. Ronnie will miss being able to see and talk to his classmates every day after he graduates. He hopes to be remembered at Gosnell High School as a "hard-working student and a great athlete."

After high school, Ronnie plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in sports medicine.

Tucker Thompson has been Ronnie's best friend throughout high school. "He has always been there when I've needed a study partner or just a good laugh."

Tucker commented, "Ronnie has been my best friend for as long as I can remember. I'll never forget the long nights of video games and long days of playing football. Ronnie is the best friend a guy could ask for, and I don't know where I'd be without him."

Ronnie's favorite class throughout high school has been P.E. He added, "I always enjoy being active and beating my friends in sports."

To his parents, he says: "Thank you for always pushing me to be my best in the classroom and on the field. You've given me the tools that I need to be successful, and I'm ready to use them."

One quotation that Ronnie lives by is: "Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come."

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