



Spyglass

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All Star Cheer



By MIA HENDERSON

Senior cheerleaders from competitive cheer teams all around the state are nominated for All Star Cheer. They have to answer different types of questions pertaining to their cheer abilities. Then, the selected coach picks her team. Seniors Callie Kennemore, Alexis Mitchell, and Shelby Crosskno were selected for All Star Cheer from Gosnell. These girls will go to UCA for All-Star week in June with other cheerleaders from the different states. There they will perform at the All-Star football and basketball games. Cheer coach Ms. Jenkins said, "I was so happy for all three of them. They have all been cheerleaders for Gosnell since 4th grade. A lot of schools only had one girl picked; some schools had none selected. The fact that Gosnell has three girls representing cheer program is huge. I couldn't think of anyone to represent us any better than they will."

Important Dates

February 8 – Progress Reports go out today!
February 9 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Osceola at 5:00 p.m.
February 10 – Pirate Basketball at Osceola at 5:00 p.m.
February 20 – President's Day! No School unless needed to make up a snow day
February 27 – Pirate Baseball at Paragould at 4:30 p.m.
March 2 – Pirate Baseball at Marion at 4:30 p.m.
March 3 – Pirate Baseball at Jonesboro at 4:30 p.m.
March 3 – Lady Pirate Softball at Hoxie at 4:30
March 4 – Lady Pirate Softball at Dyersburg – time TBA

March 7 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Senath-Hornersville at 4:30 p.m.
March 7 – Pirate Baseball vs. Brookland at 4:30 p.m.
March 9 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Bay at 4:00 p.m.
March 10 – 3rd Quarter Ends!
March 10 – Pirate Baseball vs. West Memphis at 4:30
March 10 – Pirate Baseball vs. West Memphis at 6:30
March 13 – Pirate Baseball at Walnut Ridge at 4:30
March 14 – Pirate Baseball at Harrisburg at 4:30
March 14 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.
March 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.

All Star Football



By ADDIE HATLEY

Ronnie McShan was chosen for All Star Football and his response to winning was, "It's an honor to be chosen to play with some of the best in the state and future college athletes." Coach Trey Outlaw said, "Ronnie had a very good senior year. He was a very good leader and he worked hard at practice. He also did a very good job at games."

Boyd Signs with Missouri Baptist



By PEYTON SULLINS

Senior Albert Boyd signs on February 8, 2017 with Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Missouri to continue his career in football on the college level.

GHS Students Attend Women's STEM

By ADDIE HATLEY

Several Gosnell High School females attended the Women's STEM Conference on February 3, 2017 at Arkansas State University.

The Women's STEM Conference is a one day leadership conference that is being held statewide for girls in grades

9-12 to encourage them to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) related occupations.

After attending, Sophomore Sarah Watson felt that "the conference was to prove women can be in those work forces. It was to show that not just men can do certain types of jobs."



Pictured are Megan Reynolds, Airel Bridges, Sarah Watson, Destiny Munn, Karli McKenney, Kaylee Brown, Dakota Reynolds, Natalie King, and Danaja Bird.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BLAKE MCDANIEL

By PEYTON SULLINS

Blake Allen McDaniel was born on August 18, 1999 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Bobby McDaniel, Jr. and Laura McDaniel and is the sibling of Hayden and Cade McDaniel.

Blake enjoys basketball, football, and playing the drums. He is a member of Beta Club, FBLA, Student Council, and Teen Summit. One word that best describes his is respectful. "I always try to give respect where it is due," he commented.

Blake's greatest accomplishment has been making the amazing friends that he has made during high school. "I couldn't make it without them," he added. His most difficult challenge so far has been not procrastinating. He commented, "I procrastinate way more than I should."

His advice to incoming freshmen is: "Stay focused and don't be afraid. High school isn't as bad as people make it out to be. Do your best, and it'll be great."

Blake's favorite thing about being a senior has been not having as much stress. After graduating, Blake will miss his friends and teachers the most. "I will definitely miss being around people who want to help me grow."

High school has taught Blake that you can't be afraid to be yourself. "We're all going to go our separate paths in life eventually and we will all succeed in wherever that path takes us. Be yourself and do what you love, because you only live once. Make sure you make it count," he added.

After high school, Blake plans to attend Arkansas Northeastern College for two years and transfer to Arkansas State University for a business administration degree. "I want to be a CEO for a company," he says. Three things on Blake's bucket list after graduation include being successful, having a family, and skydiving. He hopes to be remembered at Gosnell as "a great student and a dedicated young man."

Jaron Green has been Blake's best friend throughout high school. "We have been friends since I first moved to Gosnell and he has never let me down."

Jaron commented, "Blake is the funniest guy that I know and he has been my best friend since elementary school. Ever since he



moved here, we have been best friends, and it has never changed. He has been there for me and has helped me when I needed it. I'm going to miss talking about nothing but sports at the lunch table and annoying basically everyone with you. I'm also going to miss commenting every basketball game with you. It has been a good ride, and I know Blake will accomplish great things. I wish him the best."

Mrs. Pearce has been Blake's favorite teacher. "She's a godly lady and a wonderful person to be around. I always enjoy being in her class."

Mrs. Pearce commented, "First, let me say thank you to Blake for the kind, sweet words about me. The fact that you recognize me as a godly woman is such a compliment. I have enjoyed having Blake in my classes. He was eager to learn and never complained. He is a very polite, considerate, and most assuredly a godly young man. I know the future holds great things for him, and I cannot wait to see where God's path for him leads him. Remember to keep God first, and everything else will fall into place."

Blake's favorite class has been Computer Business Applications. "I took the class during my freshmen year, and I loved being in there every day. It was always relaxing and interesting."

To his parents, Blake says: "Thank you both for pushing me. I never realized until this year how all of my hard work has paid off and I give all of the credit to both of you. I couldn't ask for better parents. I love you both."

A quotation Blake lives by is: "I've learned that people forget what you said, people will forget what you do, but people will never forget how you made them feel." He added, "We might not remember small details about people, but we will always remember the impact they had on us."