



Spyglass

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Special Olympics' Polar Plunge

By PEYTON SULLINS

The annual "Polar Plunge" event was held on February 11, 2017, at Hampton Inn in Blytheville, Arkansas. The Polar Plunge is an annual fund raiser where individuals and teams take a plunge into various bodies of water, typically cold water, to help raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics' Organization.

During the Polar Plunge, Officer Jeremy Ward and a team of police officers collected donations of over \$2,000. Manila and Armorel school groups also participated and collected donations of over \$1,000. Senior Alexis Quick from Gosnell High School collected three-hundred dollars for the fundraiser, and Gosnell teachers Janet Mason (SO Area Director) and Lawanda Davison together gave a donation of over \$400.

Senior Alexis Quick said, "Being able to plunge at the Hampton Inn was such an honor. It was freezing cold, but knowing that it was for a good cause made it worth every chill bump! I always enjoy helping at Special Olympics when our school hosts it, so being able to contribute even more was awesome. I thank Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Carnal for giving me the opportunity to Polar Plunge!!"

The total amount of donations given was just over eight-thousand dollars.



: Gosnell Paraprofessional Kim Zecman, Gosnell teacher Malinda Gray, and Gosnell Senior Alexis Quick took the Polar Plunge as the "GHS team."



Gosnell teachers Janet Mason and Lawanda Davison plunged as the "GHS team."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MYKELANNE DICKEY



By PEYTON SULLINS

Mykelanne Dickey was born on August 16, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Donna and James Dickey and is the sibling of Cecilia and Annabeth Dickey.

Mykelanne's hobbies include taking naps, watching makeup tutorials, and eating. She is involved in FFA.

One word that best describes Mykelanne is strong-willed. She commented, "I don't let things get in my way."

To incoming freshmen, she says: "Ignore the drama. It's not worth it."

Mykelanne's most memorable moment during high school has been becoming an aunt. Her most difficult challenge so far has been learning to be the bigger person when people test her patience.

Mykelanne's favorite things about being a senior are knowing that she is almost done, easy classes, and not having as many rules.

After high school, she plans to attend Arkansas Northeastern College for the dental assisting program and eventually become a dental hygienist. After high school, three things on her bucket list include visiting another country, building a house, and becoming internet famous.

One important lesson that high school has taught Mykelanne is to stay focused on herself, and to not worry about people who aren't worried about her.

Mykelanne's best friend throughout high school has been Faith King. "She has always been there to go crazy with me."

Faith commented, "Mykelanne is my best friend, I love her, and I am so thankful for her."

Mrs. Moore has been Mykelanne's favorite teacher during high school. "She's an amazing person and role model."

Mrs. Moore commented, "Mykelanne has matured into a lovely, young lady, right before my eyes. I have had the pleasure of not only having her in class, but also as an FFA member. She has worked hard to come out of her shell and I feel she will continue to make an impression on the world. Congratulations, Mykee! I am very proud of you and pray that God will bless you tremendously!"

Art has been her favorite class during school because Mr. Robinson always made her laugh.

To her parents, she says: "Thank you for loving me unconditionally and for pushing me to be my best. I love you more."

Mykelanne lives by the verse Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." She commented, "I never let others get in my way."

Special Olympics events

By PEYTON SULLINS

The Special Olympics program has been in full-swing this year. Mrs. Lawanda Davison's Special Olympic team has participated in many events this season.

During February, the Special Olympic Winter Games were held in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with events including speed skating and floor hockey taking place. Several teammates from Mrs. Davison's team won medals. The Floor Hockey Traditional Team won gold medals, and the Floor Hockey Unified Team won Silver medals.

On February 18, 2017, members of the Special Olympics team took place in an event called "Basketball Skills" at Blytheville High School. Schools such as Blytheville, Gosnell, Armorel, Manila, Osceola, West Memphis, Rivercrest and Marion K-12 and adults participated.

During the month of March, the Special Olympics team pledged to "Spread the Word to End the Word." During this campaign, high school students pledged to not use the "R" word. Students signed a banner and received a lapel pin, sticker, or a bracelet. You can pledge at www.r-word.org.

Other upcoming events for the Special Olympics' include Boots and



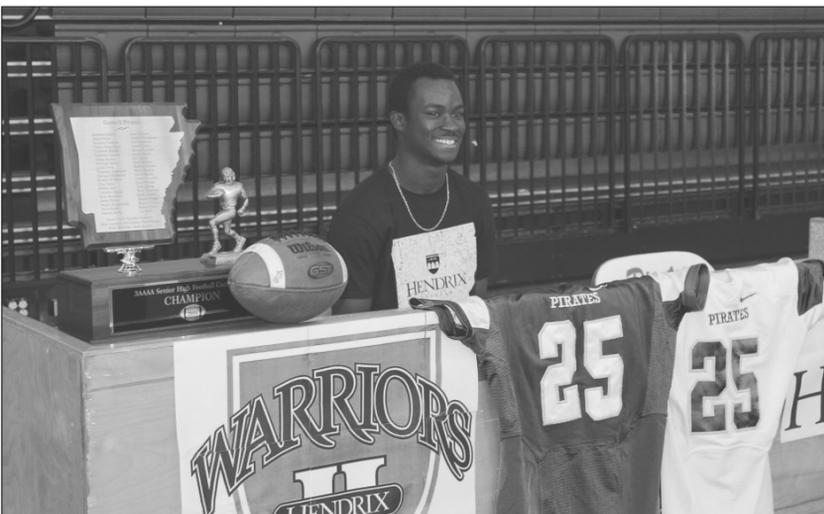
Gosnell's Special Olympics Traditional Team



Gosnell's Special Olympics Unified Team

Badges collecting donations at Walmart on April 1, Area Games (Track & Field) at Gosnell's Football Stadium on April 21, and State Summer Games at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas May 25-27.

Ronnie McShan signs with Hendrix



By PEYTON SULLINS

Gosnell High School Senior Ronnie McShan signed with Hendrix College to play football on March 15, 2017. Ronnie commented, "It is a huge accomplishment to be able to go to such an amazing school. I hope to not only be a great athlete but also a great student on my way to get my degree."

Spring Break poll

By ADDIE HATLEY

As we spring into Spring Break we've asked a variety of high school students what their plans are for spring break and who they're going to spend it with.

Freshmen Julie Martinez said, "My spring break plans are to go to Mexico with my family."

Freshmen Haleigh Toombs said, "My family and I plan to go to the beach over spring break!"

Freshmen Markese Mullins responded, "I plan on passing my driver's test."

Freshmen Sara Sullins responded, "I plan to spend it in Fayetteville with my family."

Sophomore Haylee Swafford said, "I plan to hang out with my best friends and go shopping. I also plan to go out and eat and watch movies and just have fun!"

Sophomore Kayla Holbrooks responded, "I plan to eat, sleep, and ride four wheelers with my best friend!"

Sophomore Mallory Williams said, "Watch Greys and see my nephew and family on the coast and go to New Orleans!"

Sophomore Catherine Annalora responded, "Go to the beach and hang out with people I'm close with."

Junior Austin Johnson said, "My spring break plans are to go do some fishing and do some scouting for deer."

Senior McKenzie Kelley responded, "I'm going to go to Cabot to spend time with my family all week."

Senior Megan Reynolds responded, "I plan to go to Hardy, Arkansas to see my best friend Aj!"

Senior Corina Martin said, "I plan to go back to Rhode Island."