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Chemistry Students Change the Color of Pennies



By MIA HENDERSON

Mrs. Hendrix's Chemistry class did a lab involving pennies. They coated a copper penny with zinc and made the pennies turn to gold color. Mixing the two elements, copper and zinc, together made the pennies change colors. A few tools that were used in the lab were a Bunsen burner, copper pennies, sodium hydroxide, zinc powder, and water.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ALYSSA VANDORN



By ADDIE HATLEY

Alyssa Vandorn was born on December 19, 1998 in Memphis, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Belinda Brucks and has one sister, Ashley Vandorn.

At GHS, Alyssa is involved in FBLA. Alyssa describes herself as an outgoing and nice person. Her advice to incoming freshman is "Do your best, do your work, and don't mess around."

A quotation that she lives by is, "Live life to the fullest because you never know when your last day will be. Don't take anything for granted."

Her greatest accomplishment has been passing all her classes and making it to her senior year. One thing on her bucket list is to travel the world.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is having fun with her friends. Something she will miss after she graduates is going to classes and seeing her teachers.

Her plans after high school are to attend ANC and become a CNA or RN. One important lesson that high school has taught her throughout the years is to "not fool around and always do your work because you can fail."

As she leaves high school she would like to be remembered as someone who would help others if they needed it as a nice, caring person. Her best friend throughout high school has been Cassie Sullivan because "she has been there for me through everything."

Her favorite class has been Mrs. Carnal-Jones's geometry class because my friends were in there, and she taught the class to where I could understand it. Her favorite teacher has been Mrs. Carnal-Jones because "she is understanding and gives good advice."

Mrs. Carnal-Jones said, "Alyssa is a very special young lady to me. I have watched her develop into a lovely young adult. She always is willing to complete any assignment I give to her. I am excited to see what the future holds for her."

To her mom, Alyssa says, "Mom, I want to thank you for playing both parts in my life. I couldn't thank you enough. I love you so much and I'm glad you're in my life. I honestly don't know where I would be without you!"

The monomer and polymer modeling

By ADDIE HATLEY

Mrs. Davison's 10th grade classes worked in groups on a modeling activity to learn more about monomers and polymers. This activity was to show students how the bigger molecules, which are polymers, are built from smaller molecules, which are monomers.

The students built the parts of an amino acid and put them together to form the general structure. Then the students added the additional molecules that were used to make any one of the possible twenty amino acids that make proteins.

Students used small plastic pieces to form this modeling activity, and each piece was a different color to represent the different el-



Haylee Swafford and Sierra Stringer worked with pieces that represented the different elements in the monomer and polymer activity.

The white ones were oxygen, the blue ones were single bonds, the smaller white pieces were hydrogens, the red pieces were nitrogen, and the black pieces represented carbon. Each of these elements went together to show a visualization of monomers and polymers, and the protein being added to it.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CAITLYN SMITH

By MIA HENDERSON

Caitlyn Smith was born July 3, 1998 in Valdosta, Georgia. She is the daughter of Beth LaRue and Chris LaRue and Art Smith and Karri Smith. She has four siblings: Tucker LaRue, Dustin LaRue, Allie Edwards, and Sophie Lane.

Caitlyn enjoys hanging out with friends. She is a member of Gosnell's FFA. A special award that Caitlyn received is the best performance in English and FFA green hand and Chapter FFA award.

One word to describe her would be unstoppable. "No matter what challenges or things I face, I never let it stop me."

A quotation Caitlyn goes by is "Pay more attention to the Creator than the critics." She lives by this quote because in the end the only opinion that matters is God's.

Caitlyn's best friends in school are Carrie Brooks and Kaylee McKenney. "They always listen and put up with my mess and have always been there for me."

Carrie replied, "She's been one of my sidekicks from day one! We grew up together and have grown closer

every year. I know she'll do good things and she'll do whatever she sets her heart to. She's one person I know I won't lose after high school.

Kaylee replied, "Caitlyn is a great friend and she's always there to talk to no matter what. I'm so glad to have met her and I'm thankful to be her friend."

Caitlyn's favorite teacher in high school has been Mrs. Moore because "she makes you do new, fun, and challenging things that you would have never done."

Mrs. Moore replied, "She has been a great student that has always stepped up to the challenges I presented. Good luck in all your future endeavors- I know you will be successful."

Caitlyn's most difficult challenge so far has been preparing herself to leave from high school, and the people she's grown close to.

Her favorite things about being a senior are bonding and getting close to classmates again, Senior Skip Days, and finishing high school with the people she's grown close to.

One important lesson that high school has taught Caitlyn is not to focus on the drama or the small stuff,



because after you graduate it will no longer matter.

One thing Caitlyn will miss the most after graduating is seeing her classmates every day. After graduation she plans to go to college to become an X-ray Tech.

Advice she would give to incoming freshmen is to cherish the time you have and don't rush it because it will all be gone in the blink of an eye.

To her mom, Caitlyn says, "Mom, thanks for always being there and doing everything you can for me, and teaching me to work for what I want."

All Region Choir



By ADDIE HATLEY

After competing for the All Region Choir, Colin Crosskno made 24h chair and performed in Riceland Hall at the ASU Fowler Center. Colin said, "It would have been nice if other people from my school made it too, but at least one of us did. I'm honored that it was me, especially after the hours I practiced."

Important Dates

November 10 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Kipp Blytheville at 5:00 p.m.
November 14 – Lady Pirate Basketball at Palestine Wheatley at 5:00 p.m.
November 17 – Lady Pirate Basket-

ball vs. Jonesboro Westside at 5:00 p.m.

November 22 – Pirate Basketball vs. Piggott at 5:00 p.m.

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break!

November 28 – Lady Pirate Basket-

ball vs. Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.

November 29 – Pirate Basketball vs. Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.

December 1 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Trumann at 5:00 p.m.

December 5 – Lady Pirate Basketball at Riverside at 5:00 p.m.

December 6 – Pirate Basketball vs. Riverside at 5:00 p.m.

December 8 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Brookland at 5:00 p.m.

December 9 – Pirate Basketball at Brookland at 5:00 p.m.

December 12 – Lady Pirate Basket-

ball vs. Rivercrest at 5:00 p.m.

December 13 – Pirate Basketball vs. Riverside at 5:00 p.m.

December 15 – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. South Pemiscot at 5:00 p.m.

December 19-1 – Christmas Holiday!