



# Spyglass

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## All-State and All-Conference Football



By PEYTON SULLINS

The following students received All-Conference in football: Tramaine Anderson, Brandon Partee, Brett Barbaree, Cadarius Young, Tucker Thompson, Devin Burks, Marquel McKinney, Maurice Carthon, and Trajan Donnerson. The following students received All-Conference and All-State in football: Ronnie McShan, Albert Boyd, and Matthew Miller. Pictured are: Devin Burks, Tucker Thompson, Ronnie McShan, Matthew Miller, Marquel McKinney, Tramaine Anderson, Trajan Donnerson, Maurice Carthon, and Albert Boyd. Not Pictured: Brandon Partee, Brett Barbaree, and Cadarius Young.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KOURTNEY RIGGS



By PEYTON SULLINS

Kourtney Nicole Riggs was born on April 6, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Krissy and Kenny Riggs. She has two siblings, Alexis and Hunter Riggs.

Kourtney is a member of the Lady Pirate Basketball and Softball teams, and runs cross-country. One word that best describes her is honest because she always tells you how it is.

Kourtney's advice to incoming freshmen is: "Complete all of your hard classes first so you will have an easy senior year." Her most difficult challenge throughout high school has been Mrs. Wright's math classes.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is never having homework. High school has taught her that everyone has an opinion, but it doesn't matter what they think, just do you. "People are going to say whatever they want to, so don't let it get to you because it isn't worth your time or worrying. Just be happy!" she commented.

Kourtney will miss her friends and playing basketball with her team after she graduates. After high school, she plans to attend college and become a physical therapist or a coach.

Three things on her bucket list include visiting Greece, visiting all fifty states in America, and marrying the love of her life. She would like to be remembered at Gosnell as "the really athletic girl with the crazy curly hair."

Kourtney lives by the verse Romans 8:18: "The pain you have been feeling cannot compare to the joy that is coming." She commented, "No matter how hard things get, they will get better, and it will be okay."

Her best friends throughout high school has been Carrie Brooks and Zach Phillips. "Carrie is like my sister. I don't know what I would do without Zach."

Carrie commented, "Kourtney is the best kind of friend that you can have. She's a very hard worker, anything that she puts her mind to she can achieve. She is more than a best friend, she's a sister. I am so proud of how far she has come and how far she is going to go."

Zach commented, "Kourtney is fun to be around, and she is a very good basketball player. I hope she plays in college and beyond that."

Her favorite teacher has been Coach Weeks. "She is like my second mom. We literally talk about everything."

To her parents, she says: "I want to thank you for supporting me in everything that I do. Thank you for helping me succeed in basketball and in life. I love you both!"

## Important Dates

- December 8** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Brookland at 5:00 p.m.
- December 9** – Pirate Basketball at Brookland at 5:00 p.m.
- December 11** – Choir Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium
- December 12** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Rivercrest at 5:00 p.m.
- December 13** – Pirate Basketball at Riverside at 5:00 p.m.
- December 13** – Band Concert at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium
- December 15** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. South Pemiscot at 5:00 p.m.
- December 19** -1 – Christmas Holiday!
- 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.

## FFA Lighting Display

By PEYTON SULLINS

Members of FFA rode through the Lights of the Delta on Monday, November 21, 2016, where there is a new light display of the FFA emblem. Both Gosnell and Blytheville FFA attended.

FFA member Kaylee McKenney commented, "The light display was really cool because the Santa Shack is sponsored by FFA so now FFA is represented through the lights too."

FFA member Abby Ryan commented, "It was so neat to have the FFA emblem built here, and having it at the Lights of the Delta in such a small town is something that I never could have imagined would happen. It's very pretty, and I hope everyone gets a chance to see it."



Pictured are Raven Beal, Mandkassidy Saulters, Taylor Chandler, Abby Ryan, Kaylee McKenney, Hunter Curtis, Travon McKinney, and Eastern District Vice President Landon Scott.

## Ag Class Project



By ADDIE HATLEY

Mrs. Moore's fourth period class participated in a project to be more familiar with the Corel Draw software to make templates to send to the laser. Students had to start out by measuring a piece of wood 5.5 by 5.5 and start cutting and sanding to have a smooth surface so that the laser could engrave with ease. Students then used Corel Draw to create their own design on their template. Once the students completed those steps, they sent their piece of wood to the laser and aligned it in the machine. After fifteen minutes their drawings created with Corel Draw were on their piece of wood. Then they chose to paint or stain their wood. Pictured are: Blake McDaniel, Jonathan Barron, Joshua McElhone, Michael Robinson, Zach Phillips, Reece Thaxton, Hunter Wilkerson, Bo Chandler, Cameron Morris, Taylor Chandler, Bradley Askue, Kayla Burks, Kyle Randolph, and Caleb Godsey.

## SR SPOTLIGHT: RAEGAN HENDERSON

By MIA HENDERSON

Raegan Henderson was born September 12, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Randy and Alvque Henderson. She has three siblings: Raneyaa Henderson, Randy Henderson Jr., and Rannica Henderson.

Raegan is involved in cheerleading, FFA, and Key Club. A special award and honor she received is making 1st place all-state gymnastics her freshman year.

One word to describe her would be spiritual. "I am always happy. It takes a lot to make me mad. I love to laugh and make others happy."

A quotation she lives by is "Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life," by Omar Khayyam.

Her greatest accomplishment and most memorable moment has been making the cheerleading team and being very successful in it.

Raegan's favorite things about being a senior are having fewer classes and being able to have more fun.

Important lessons she said high school has taught her is to be mature, respectful, and a good kid.

Her best friend in high school has been Chevelle Harris. "He's very positive and helps me stay focus."

Chevelle replied, "OMG! I love her; she's my best friend and I promise our friendship will never end. Contrary to popular belief we are like the yin & yang; we balance each other out. Love you best friend!"



Her favorite teacher in high school has been Mrs. Hendrix because she's very goofy.

Mrs. Hendrix replied, "Raegan is a sweetheart—we had so much fun in chemistry together. I am so proud of all she has accomplished, and I will miss her when she graduates. God bless you in all that you do! Love, Mrs. Hendrix."

What she said she'd miss most after graduating is homecoming and cheering at games. After high school she plans to attend UCA.

Advice Raegan would give to incoming freshmen is to never regret a moment because it'll be gone in a blink of an eye.

To her parents, Raegan says, "Thanks for always being there for me and making my senior year successful. I couldn't ask for better parents. I love y'all."