



Spyglass

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What's on your Christmas list this year?

By **ADDIE HATLEY**

Although Christmas isn't just about receiving gifts, that is a big part that we all enjoy.

Several different GHS students anonymously shared what they want for

Christmas. One GHS student said, "As I get older I don't really want much, but one thing I really want is for the families who normally don't receive much of anything, to have a blessed holiday."

While another student said, "On my Christmas list this year is a new baseball glove because my old one is starting to tear and fall apart. I also want a new radio for my car that has an aux cord plug."

Some of the top five things students wanted were new phones, shoes,

makeup, new car equipment, and new sports gear.

While all of those things are nice and things most of us want and enjoy, Christmas is truly a time to give so be generous and thoughtful this Christmas. To me, Christmas is a time that we all spend with family and friends and remember the reason for the season. It's a time to rejoice and be thankful for the things you have.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BRADLEY ASKUE



By **PEYTON SULLINS**

Bradley Askue was born on December 15, 1998 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Nick and Charlotte Askue. He is the sibling of Nathan Askue.

Bradley's hobbies include hunting, fishing, driving his truck, working, and spending time with his family and his girlfriend, Breanna Barron. He is a member of FFA. One word that best describes Bradley is country. "Being country is in my roots," he commented.

Bradley's advice to incoming freshmen is: "Don't get behind in school." His favorite thing about being a senior is ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade was a lot of work for him, but his senior year has been relaxing. He will miss seeing his friends and teachers every day when he graduates.

High school has taught Bradley that he shouldn't put something off for tomorrow when he could get it finished today.

After high school, he plans to be happily married. Three things on Bradley's bucket list include earning his welding certificate, going to work at Nucor Yamato Steel, and later becoming an Arkansas State Trooper.

He hopes to be remembered at Gosnell High School as a person who matured, graduated, and succeeded in his goals. He hopes to prove the ones who said he would not make it this far, wrong.

His most difficult challenge so far has been passing his difficult classes that was required of him to graduate. His greatest accomplishment has been passing the math classes that he was in.

His best friend throughout high school has been his girlfriend, Breanna Barron. "I can tell her anything and she is always there for me," he commented. "I spend every single day with her. She is my girlfriend and my best friend."

His favorite teacher throughout high school has been Mrs. Carnal-Jones. "She is literally the 'key' to success. She never gave up on me during school."

Mrs. Carnal-Jones commented, "Bradley has a lot of potential to become a successful young man. He always puts a smile on my face when he completes an assignment given to him. When he puts his mind to something, he can always be productive. I am proud of Bradley's accomplishments. Keep up the hard work."

His favorite classes has been agriculture metals and agriculture mechanics with Mrs. Moore. "I enjoy working with tools and welding," he said.

To his parents, he said: "I could not have made it this far without you. The years have flown by and now your 'baby' is graduating."

A quotation Bradley lives by is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He commented, "This verse reminds me that I can handle anything."

Family Christmas Traditions

By **MIA HENDERSON**

Christmas is the time to give back, rejoice, and spend quality time with family. Most every family has a tradition or two that they do on Christmas, whether they realize it or not. Different families and cultures do different things, but in my opinion, we all love Christmas the same.

Christmas isn't all about receiving, it's also about giving. Giving back is really important. That's a tradition my family and I do every year. Every year we give back to our com-

munity, by giving to the people in need. In reflecting on Christmas traditions, I didn't want to only share my personal family traditions so I reached out to my peers at GHS to get their input.

Here are the top ten traditions some of the students at GHS said they do during Christmas time:

1. Go to see the Lights of the Delta.
2. Put up the Christmas tree together.
3. Trade and open gifts.
4. Go out of town to visit family members.

5. Have a family dinner with relatives.

6. Open one gift on Christmas Eve.
7. Make homemade Christmas Ornaments.
8. Decorate cookies for Santa Claus.
9. Listen to Christmas music while playing board games.
10. Decorate Christmas stockings.

If you don't have any Christmas traditions, it's never too late to start one. You can use some of the traditions I listed above, or you can search the Internet for ideas.

IMPORTANT DATES

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.

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.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TABARI HERRON

By **ADDIE HATLEY**

Tabari Herron was born on December 25, 1998. He is the son of Sharita and Jabari Herron. He has three older siblings: Dayshun, Jadrien, and Amari Herron.

Some of his hobbies and interests are playing all kinds of sports and hanging out with his family and friends.

One word that best describes him is determined because "no matter what stands in my way, I am determined to overcome anything."

A quotation that he lives by is a quote by Kevin Hart, "Everybody wants to be famous, but nobody wants to put the work in." He lives by this quote because this quote is very true and said by the funniest man alive.

His advice to incoming freshmen is, "Just be yourself and whatever you encounter a setback, it is God's set up for a greater comeback."

His greatest accomplishment or most memorable moment is getting invited to Pittsburg Pirates spring training facility.

One of his most difficult challenges so far has been competing in the Pirate City World Senior.

His favorite thing about being a senior is having more freedom. Something he will miss most the most after graduating is all his friends and game nights.

After high school, he plans to attend Tulsa University and major in construction management and also play basketball there. One important lesson that high school has taught him is "be yourself; don't let anybody tell you that you can't do or be something but most of all, believe in yourself when times are tough because nobody else will."

As he leaves Gosnell High School he would like to be remembered as "the funny guy who always made people smile and laugh."

Three things on his bucket list are scuba diving, going to



the beach, and traveling to Africa.

Tramaine Anderson has been Tabari's best friend throughout high school because "he kept it real and true with me always."

Tramaine Anderson replied, "We most definitely kept it real with each other. He always had me laughing every day at school. He knows I got his back, and he has mine."

His favorite teacher throughout high school has been Ms. Baker because "she encourages all her students to do the very best they can."

Ms. Baker replied, "Tabari is a student who I taught last year, and this year in my AP English class. He is a fine young man and a hard worker. I will miss him, but I know he will achieve whatever his dreams are for the future."

His favorite class has been Pre-Calculus because "I had to stay focused in it, and I loved Mrs. Wright."

A special message to his parents that he would like to say is, "I know y'all want the very best for me, and I promise that your baby boy is going to be successful and put y'all in a mansion somewhere."

FFA Attends Singing Christmas Tree



By **PEYTON SULLINS**

FFA traveled to Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee on Saturday, December 10, 2016 to attend the Singing Christmas Tree. The Singing Christmas Tree is a musical event held annually at the church. Senior Kaylee McKenney commented, "It was a very fun time; it made me very sad to know this would be my last year attending the Singing Christmas Tree with FFA."