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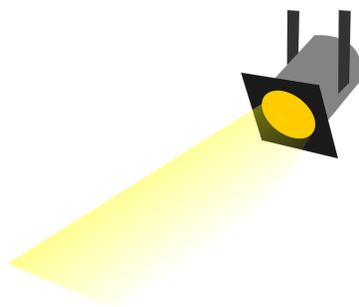
STUDENT

SPOTLIGHT:

ADYSIN MCCARLEY

BY CARLY REIF

Adysin McCarley, an 8th grader at GMS, has a very interesting hobby. She has a passion for cattle showing. McCarley, who has been showing since she was four, says that her biggest inspiration is her mom. She began showing because, "It had



seemed really fun as a kid and it was in the family so I just kind of carried on the tradition." She has been to several places such as Colorado and Texas. Her favorite thing about showing is becoming closer to her family and being able to have an activity outside of school. McCarley currently shows cattle with her parents and sister. At her first show she did showmanship and won grand overall and for her heifer received grand heifer. Her favorite place she has traveled was Colorado. Her proudest accomplishment has been being able to carry on a family tradition. If you are new at showing, McCarley advises, "To spend a lot of time with your animal. Make sure you're taking care of them daily like you would a pet."



SPELLING BEE

BY PEYTON BROOKS

The spelling bee was held on Monday January 27, and there were 25 students that competed. The winners include: 1st place-Hayley Schoeling; 2nd place- Seth Wilson; and 3rd place- Kinley Tucker. Mrs. Tucker, who has been doing the spelling bee for around 17 years, says, "I won my

school Spelling Bee when I was in 7th grade. I also got out in the first round of the County Spelling Bee when I misspelled 'separate'. I've never forgotten how to spell that word since that time!" Now she is leading her own students to



victory. Mrs. Tucker's advice to all of the students in the spelling bee is, "It is very important to study the

word list. Also, we encourage the students to take their time and not begin a word until they're absolutely ready. Sometimes words have multiple meanings with different spellings. They can ask for the word's definition, ask for it to be used in a sentence, and/or other information that will help them understand the word clearly." Ben Firman says the hardest word is, "Denouncement." If he gets that word, he might want to ask for the definition or a sentence where he can understand it better. Firman says, "He studies hard with his mom and teachers." There were many competitors. These three students will be moving on to the County spelling bee on February 10, 2020.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MS. ZIMMERMAN BY CLAIRE STEVENS

This semester the seventh and eighth grade students have a new student teacher for Social Studies. Her name is Ms. Lily Zimmerman. She has been attending Pitt State University for four years now. She majors in history because she has always thought that learning about our history can help explain what is happening in the present. She decided to teach because she likes watching people grow and mature into adults. She enjoys watching people learn about

themselves and who they are. Roger Lemming and Tracy Holman both inspired Ms. Zimmerman to become a teacher. Ms. Zimmerman's favorite part about teaching is seeing enthusiastic students. She enjoys seeing classes that are able to talk and communicate with the teachers. She hasn't decided whether she would like to teach middle school or high school, but I think a lot of us would like her to teach middle school. If she could teach another subject, she would teach science or math, but she says,

"she's not the best at math."

When Ms. Zimmerman isn't teaching, she is either riding her horses, reading, or working. She would love to work around the Girard area—in Girard if possible—or up north, where her family lives.



BOYS BASKETBALL BY BAILEY BRADSHAW

The 8th grade boys started their season off with a non-league game against St. Mary's Clogan. They may not have won but they played hard, as a team. They have had a total of six games this season. Coach Watt thinks his group of boys have started to understand it takes more than one guy on the floor playing well for them to win big games. Watt says, "This group has come a long way and is really starting to compete well with some good teams." He hopes that everything can start to click as they hit the midway point in the season. Coach Watt has some goals for this group of boys. He plans to continue to improve in practice and really work hard at getting better

daily, as a group. “ I see a lot of potential for this group as they progress into high school,” says Watt. He hopes that as the end of the year comes they can start to see it all come together. Some of the boys have some goals for themselves. Aiden Troike’s goals are to beat Frontenac, play to the best of his ability, and help the team in any way possible. Ethan Brooks has set goals for himself and his team.

His goals for himself are to get his vertical up so he can possibly be able to dunk next year and play JV, and he wants to get better at easing his lay-ups. The



goals Brooks has for the team this year is to beat Frontenac and to play as a team no matter what. Troike said that their biggest competition is Frontenac and Colgan. Brooks agreed that Colgan was one of their biggest competitions, but he also said that Riverton is a big threat. Troike and Brooks enjoy basketball because of the excitement and being with friends.

BOYS BASKETBALL CHEER

BY RYLEE BROOKS

Boys basketball is starting a new season along with the boys basketball cheerleaders. The Girard middle school cheerleaders consist of : Alaina MCGown, Jordyn Oplotnik, Ariana Ramirez, Kaitlyn Stansbury, Brianna Strong, Kali Powell, and Hayley Schoeling. Kali Powell is an 8th grade student and this is her first year of cheer. Powell says, “ I wanted to try something new, hang out with friends, and meet new

people.” Powell also said that she, “...most wants to improve on her kicks and get better at them.” Coach Childers has been a cheer coach for 22 years and her goals for this squad are to get louder and have confidence in themselves. says, “ They have been really quiet and shy but they are beginning to listen and work together as a team.” Childers loves all the cheers her squad does but one of her favorite cheers is the pump it up one because it gets the crowd loud and the cheerleaders like it. If you want to see the cheerleaders come support the boys basketball at their next game.

HOW BOUT THEM CHIEFS BY AINSLEY NORTON

The unthinkable has happened! The Chiefs have returned to the Super Bowl after 50 years. They pulled through against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday January 19th, 35-24 Chiefs. The 54th Super Bowl will be played by the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. In 1967, the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs took part in the first Super Bowl ever.



The enormous trophy and 150 Super Bowl rings were taken home by the Green Bay Packers that year. The Chiefs were given a second chance in the 4th Super Bowl against the Minnesota Vikings. The Chiefs won the 1970 Super Bowl and haven’t been back since. Here at Girard there’s not a 49ers fan in sight! 8th grader, Camden Leonard, thinks that the Chiefs’s biggest weapon is Patrick Mahomes because he can throw the ball anywhere he wants. He also says that receivers

like Travis Kelce, Tyreek Hill, and Sammy Watkins will make a big impact on the team. In addition, it's not only the students who are pumped about the upcoming game. Mrs. Norris's favorite Chiefs player is Travis Kelce. She says that his size and athleticism is amazing, and that he has a great sense of humor, "You gotta fight for your right to party," Travis Kelce once said. Ms. Drenick's mom—a super fan—was also interviewed. She said that she is very superstitious when it comes to the Chiefs, she wears her original Chiefs shirt every game day. Mrs. Drenick traditionally watches the games alone and on silent while listening to the Chiefs radio, which is five seconds ahead of the tv. Super Bowl 54 will be played at the Miami Dolphins' newly renovated stadium. You can tune into the game on Sunday February 2nd, at 5:30 PM—central time. GO CHIEFS!

CHEETOS "CHEESY" POPCORN

BY LILY GRONAU

Cheetos popcorn is one of the newest additions to the snack aisle of your local grocery and convenience store. I tried the cheddar flavored popcorn. After trying them, I think that the popcorn isn't as good as it could have been, and I'm a bit disappointed in Chester the Cheetah. I thought the popcorn tasted about the exact same as what you get during the holidays in the cliché tins. I gathered ten other people, to get multiple opinions, and when they tried them and agreed that the Cheetos were not as good as they thought they would be. Haley Phillips, an 8th grader, agreed, "They didn't have a lot of Cheeto flavor, and just popcorn flavor."



The Cheetos popcorn were released in the first week of 2020. They came in two of the most popular Cheeto flavors, Cheddar and Flamin' Hot. I don't recommend trying them, not only because of the fact that they aren't very good, and because the popcorn is also quite expensive for the quality.

REVIEW OF: JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL

BY MATTHEW CHILDERS

If you're looking for a fun, exciting, and humorous movie to watch, you're in luck. I was expecting, when I walked into the theater to be disappointed with a lackluster and shambled together movie, but I was surprised with jokes that landed quite well and many moving parts. The movie's story takes place a year after the original. The four friends plan to meet, but Spencer (Alex Wolff) feels as if he's not good enough for his friends so he goes back into the game to feel brave as he once did, but things go wrong. Two new old characters are introduced that give the movie a good chunk of its funny jokes. The game ends up being changed somehow and the rest of the gang plus Danny DeVito and Danny Glover join to save Alex.



Personally I enjoyed myself and suggest this movie to anyone interested in what happens next. I'm sure anyone will agree that just like the original it isn't the best with some things not working, but despite that I think it's an overall good film. I give it a score of 7/10.

COMICS
BY ERIN BASS



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CAPTION CONTEST

Students were asked to create a caption to this (approved) photo of a student. Here were the winning results.

YOUR FACE WHEN...

“THE REFEREE IS ALL IN YOUR BUSINESS.”
--HAYLEY SCHOELING

“SOMEONE SAYS YOUR ‘DA MOOSE’ SONG IS STUPID AND ANNOYING.”--LEAH KIRKPATRICK

“YOU HIT A HIT A KID IN THE FACE WITH A DODGEBALL.”--KOLTON DROESSLER

“THE REFEREE IS ALL IN YOUR BUSINESS.”
--HAYLEY SCHOELING

“WHEN YOU SEE A BOY WITH GUCCI ON AND HE’S CUTE.”--JAVEN MURPHY

“WHEN HE BE LOOKING FINE.”--HALEY PHILLIPS

“WHEN ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS ROASTS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS.” --HALEY SCHOELING



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