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GHS Sophomore Competes Across The Country

By Dori Barnett

GHS Sophomore Jake Wooten is more than a local skating sensation, he's a national skating champion.

At 5 years old, Wooten attended Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam – an extreme sports exhibition – which he attended because he wanted to watch the BMX bike demonstrations. But when Wooten saw the skilled skateboarders in the show, he became fascinated. From the beginning, Wooten's parents supported his fascination with skating and encouraged him to ask his uncle for help.

"He's a very inspiring individual and sick" on the skateboard, Wooten said of his uncle, Philip Brown.

Soon after the Boom Boom HuckJam show, Wooten started using his uncle's skateboard at home. Now he travels the country competing in skating competitions. At a recent competition in Tampa, Florida he placed 42nd out of 250 people. California, howev-

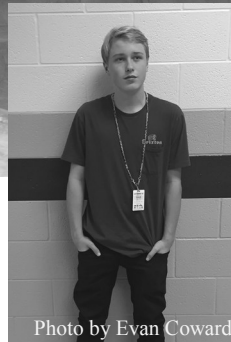


Photo by Evan Coward

er, is his favorite place to compete because it is a beautiful place full of professional skaters.

With no specific training routine, Wooten says he just goes out and skates.

"It's an outlet and you can be yourself," Wooten said.

Wooten is sponsored by Santa Cruz Skateboards, OJ Wheels, Brixton Clothing, the Socco78 clothing line, Independent Trucks, Hazard County Skate Park, and Franklin Skate Shop.

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Anchors Aweigh On New Bookstore

By Nyalat Lem

The GHS bookstore is up and running this semester, thanks to the Student Council and Renaissance program. Assistant Principal Anderson asked the groups to spearhead the project.

"I personally wanted to do one for years, so when they were talking about it I was immediately onboard!" said Mr. Adam Correll who is a member of the Renaissance committee.

He and fellow committee member Mr. David Pepper drew up some designs for shirts and signs. They also asked others for input.

The bookstore's future goals include more T-shirts, school supplies, and even "beanie" knit caps.

In fact, the plan is to continue "expanding as quickly as business goes," said Mr. Correll.

Proceeds are being divided between Student Council and the Renaissance program.



Helping Students Help Themselves To Health Careers Early

By Tierra Klacik and Dori Barnett

Since 1976 HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) has worked to provide opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development to health science educa-

tion students so they can help meet the needs of their community. The HOSA at GHS is led by 3 actual healthcare professionals who teach the members a wide variety of techniques to help them in the health

care fields – everything from wrapping an ankle to inserting a needle.

HOSA is opened to everyone interested in the medical field and is interested in getting experience in the field as soon as possible.

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Students can get hands on training and can count as college credit. "HOSA gives the students a leadership skills to succeed – can get a lab science credit in their field" said Health Science Teacher Amy Howell

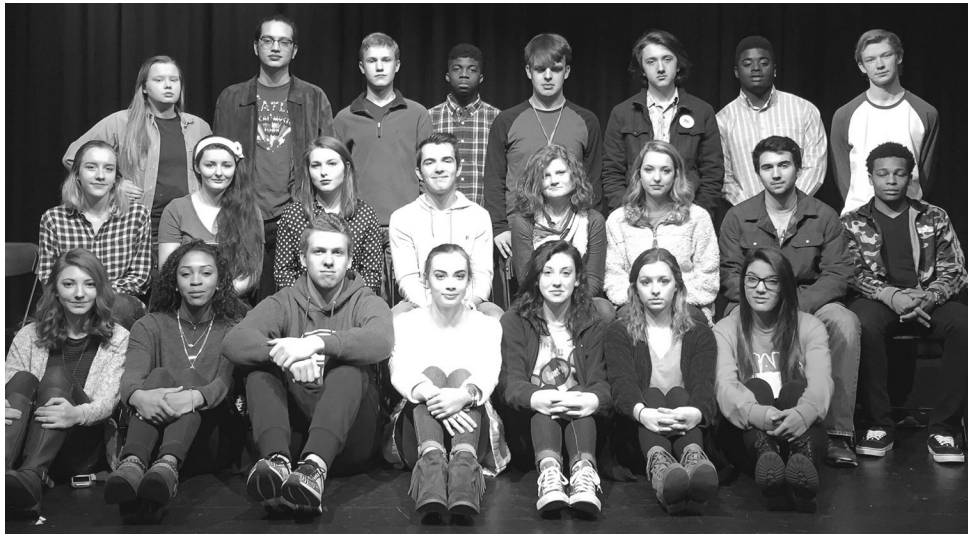
HOSA members attend competitions and compete in a variety of skill divisions. But before the students could go to regionals, they study and take online tests to qualify.

Once the members place, they go to Regionals where there is another test as well as a demonstration of their skills. If they place in the top-five they advance to the state competition. GHS HOSA has made it past regionals to several national competitions – with some students winning state competitions and placing nationally.

The results of the Upper Middle HOSA Regionals from January 29 were:

- Luci Fernandez - 2nd place Epidemiology
- Irion Peterson- 3rd place Vet Science
- T'asia Venable- 5th place Transcultural Health
- Michael Cagle- 3rd place Physical Therapy
- Jessi Smith and Autumn Todd 3rd place EMT
- Marli Howard 3rd place Nutrition

Some events were knowledge test only and others were knowledge plus a skill scenario. All of these students will move on to compete at State March 22-24 at Opryland Hotel.



The cast of "More Than Meets The Eye" by McKensie McKee.

Student Writes Heavy Drama for Performers

By Zach Joyner

Motive with a message is the basis for a home-grown drama coming to life at GHS this month. Senior McKensie McKee was inspired by her work with Students Taking A Right Stand (STARS) when she wrote "More Than Meets the Eye." The play has a dark edge, as it addresses teen suicide and its causes.

"I would say a big focus of it would be that just because someone talks a certain way – walks a certain way – doesn't define who they are. There's always more than meets the

eye with the people you meet," she explained. In STARS, "we do these presentations about suicide awareness, and I wanted to bring the matter into perspective."

STARS Counsellor Jordan Eastham believes the play will help bring awareness to suicidal thoughts as well as teen suicide. As an adult she sees the play as a proactive way to support the message that it is okay for individuals to reach out for help when they are struggling.

"This play has the opportunity to reach a lot of students who may be struggling with issues that occur

within the story line and provide those students with an outreach to go to," Eastham said. "I am so proud of Kensie McKee for having the courage to tackle a taboo topic and for Mr. Burse to choose this play as the melodrama for 2016."

The Theater Performers class will put on the play February 18-19.



GHS HOSA Clinical Internship class at Sumner Regional Medical Center. Left to right: Maizie Vincent (Junior), Irma Ramirez (Junior), Sarah Spivey (Senior), Abdul Abdullah (Senior), Chelsie Tapscott (Senior), and Isabella Purcell (Junior).

Not Pictured: Advisor Wendy Vincent RN, MSN, MED