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GHS WaveLength

The GHS WaveLength is produced by Mrs. Desposito's Enrichment class.

A Hart Full of Barbie Love

By Brandy Benham & Zoe Morton

Some people collect baseball cards, some collect stamps, but our very own Ms. Glenda Hart, collects Barbie dolls.

Unlike most children, Ms. Hart turned her childhood hobby into a collection of what she estimates to be over 2,000 dolls. She even categorizes them.

Hart buys the dolls for cheap, goes through the long process of restoring them, and sells them. She doesn't sell them very often because she wants them all.

The delight she gets from her collection is reflected in her light-hearted laugh when she jokes that she wishes others would not collect Barbie dolls, "because I want them all."

She's been collecting since she was four.

Ms. Hart's love affair with Barbie dolls started in 1974 when she received four Malibu Barbie dolls for Christmas, and she's kept every doll since.



The obsession only grew from there. Ms. Hart is a collector, restorer, and eBay dealer. She gleefully cleans and repairs dolls that others find suitable for the trash heap.

But Ms. Hart cleans them, repairs them, dresses them in fresh attire, and even uses sponge ear plugs as Barbie-size foam hair rollers.

Ms. Hart has even been known to purchase authentic Barbie hair and skillfully replace a doll's cut hair.

Ms. Hart says it's "just fun" for

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Hunter Casteel Takes Gaming Club Win

By Chris Minch

Gallatin High school Gaming Club Super Smash Bros 4 tournament showed who was weak, who was strong, and brought a new champion into the spotlight.

Hunter Casteel won the GHS Gaming Club's Super Smash Bros. 4 tournament earlier this year, succeeding Henry Gramillion who won the title last spring.

Casteel took the title during the club's weekly meeting on August 28.

Hunter said that the victory gave him more than just a temporary club title. It gave him "credibility, and a sense of victory."

When asked what was the most important part of the competition, he said, "having fun."

The senior remains the Smash 4 champion and will until at least the next tournament, which is not yet scheduled but club sponsor Mr. Jim Van Dyke said it may be soon.

The Gaming Club meets weekly after school in room 135 on Wednesdays.

Tri-Hi-Y Makes Donates Cat Blankets

By Rebecca Thornton

As their first community service project for this year, members of Tri-Hi-Y made 15 tie-blankets for cats waiting for forever-homes at Sumner County Animal Control.

Club members gathered after school and during Enrichment to make the blankets in late August. They delivered the blankets on Sept 22 at the end of the school day, then stayed at the animal

shelter to help socialize the cats and dogs by playing with them.

Club members decided to make the blankets so the cats and kittens can have a warm, cozy place to lay during their time in the shelter, said the club's sponsor, Mrs. Morgan Desposito.

"The girls chose what they wanted to do," she said. "They

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Pictured Left: "Tater" found his forever home with Katie Haynes after they met and fell in love during the Tri-Hi-Y field trip to the Sumner County Animal Shelter.



GHS Gaming Club assembled for one of their regular after-school activities. The club meets most Wednesdays after school in Mr. Van Dyke's classroom (Room 135) in the school's newest wing.

Tri-Hi-Y Continued

knew that they wanted to do something to help animals in our community and decided that blankets like these would help the ones at the shelter."

Workers at the shelter told members of Tri-Hi-Y that tie-blankets are very useful because they can be easily cleaned and quickly put back in the cages.

FFA Judges Horses

By Keithaniel Robinson & Jealousee Kenyon

There were no long faces among GHS's FFA Horse Judging Team after earning Third Place in a recent competition.

Although FFA did not win, this brand new team did excellently well, coming in 3rd in district and 26th overall in the Tennessee State

FFA's competition. The team competed in the Horse Evaluation CDE (Career Development Event) category.

"They did awesome, especially since this is a brand new team," said Mrs. Lacy, FFA Advisor and Agriculture teacher. "Not one of them has ever done this before."

According to the National FFA, in this competition students "evaluate and rank horses based on breed characteristics, conformation and performance.

As a team, students cooperatively solve problems related to equine selection, management, nutrition and production."

There are four participants per team and each participant must explain why they chose a particular horse as the best.

At the state competition, each competitor ranks horses individually, and receives individual scores. Those scores are compiled for a team score.

The team was docked points due to confusion about a revamped state dress code for competitions that now requires teams to be in "official dress."

The team consisted of Alexis Vogan, Adam Phillips, Sarah Ellis, Hailey Foster, Alex Spore, and Bayleigh Kennedy.

"The horse judging competition



Gallatin's FFA Soil Judging team won First Place in the Middle Tennessee Soil Judging contest September 21. Team members took the district win and ranked 12th in the region. During the competition the team members used their knowledge of soil morphological features to evaluate samples and report on them. Tennessee FFA held the competition at the Tennessee State University Nursery Research Center in McMinnville, TN. Pictured are team members (L-R) Shayla Lile, Kyle Thompson, Jacob Conn, Kamron Thompson.

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her and she likes them because “they can’t talk.”

As a young girl, Hart says she had very low self-esteem. But the perfection that she saw in Barbie gave her a tangible ideal to which she could aspire.

Although many of her dolls are repaired castoffs found in old toy trunks and thrift store aisles, this is not always an inexpensive hobby. In 1996, she went to a Barbie convention that cost \$5,000.

Her favorite Barbie is the “Bob Mackie Empress Barbie.” She wanted one for years, but the cost was too much for even this Barbie enthusiast to accept. Finally, Ms. Hart found one that needed a few repairs that her skilled and loving hands easily delivered to the elaborate doll.

It is now one of the many on display in a room in her home which she has dedicated to her collection.



ABOVE: Mrs. Kathi Maness and Andrew Phillips play on one of the two new iPads bought by the Comprehensive Development Class with money raised last year from selling homemade cookies during Enrichment. The teachers and students have already used the iPads for playing hangman with words they would use on job applications.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Tri-Hi-Y at the Sumner County Animal Shelter on September 22 where they delivered hand-made blankets for cats, visited with the cats and dogs, and in one case, fell so much in love with a dog waiting for a Forever Home that T-H-Y member Katie Haynes adopted “Tater” and brought him home September 30.

FFA Judges Horses Continued

was a helpful experience for those who wanted to do something like that long term,” said Kennedy.

Vogan agreed that it was fun for those interested in large animal science.

“We learned a lot about the anatomy of many types of horses and their purposes,” said Kennedy.

After taking notes and ranking horses the students presented their reasoning to one of the judges.

“In all, the competition was difficult, but we had a great time and learned many new things,” she said. Students also enjoyed spending time together and making new friends among competitors from across the state.

Performers Start A Big Year

By Keithaniel Robinson & Jealousee Kenyon

“The most important part of chorus is growing as a choir and making new friends,” says Emily McDonald.

Performers Chorus is an audition chorus at Gallatin High School. They get to perform at certain events like music festivals.

“I have only been here a month, but it already feels like family and I could stay here forever,” says Katie Haynes.

One of the main events hosted is the Middle Tennessee Vocal Association Choral Festival (MTVA) at February 26-March 1. During this festival the Performers will per-



form in front of the judges and will go to nationals if they place at a high enough ranking.

The first event was the Fall Kick-Off Concert, held on October. This event and future events are held to raise money for the program, and are held annually because of the dedication Chorus Director T.J. McLaughlin has for his program.

“Mr. McLaughlin has been an inspiration to me and all my friends,” Sunnie Parker says. “He has made us a family in every way.”

Students in the Performers Chorus gain more in-depth experiences in music, teamwork, while exploring possible careers, says member Hannah Dooley.

“This is a life changing experience,” says Dooley. She believes that joining Performers provides students with better friendships, wonderful teachers, and exposes them to new types of music while relieving stress in everyday life.



