Hometown boy James Tanner auditioned for and was selected as a contestant on “X Factor” this season. Tanner, a sophomore, beat out thousands of contestants and landed in the final 6 of the pre-teen category on this television smash hit. After being mentored by Britney Spears during the final rounds, which led to the live shows, Tanner, unfortunately, was one of two contestants not selected by Spears to go on to the live performances.

Tanner said that when he arrived in Providence, RI to audition for the show, he was amazed at the number of people in attendance. He said that he had a “great experience and was lucky to travel the United States and get a taste of what it’s like to be a star.”

In addition to Spears, Tanner was able to meet LA Reid, Will-I-Am, Demi Lovato and Simon Cowell. Tanner explained, “Brittney Spears was really down to earth, fun to talk to and made sure that I had a good experience. She encouraged me to express myself and to go for it since I was the only rapper in the pre-teen category.”
A Star Among Us cont’d from page 1

The hardest part about the experience said Tanner was “going home.” He said he is grateful for the exposure and the experience though. Tanner plans on continuing to create music. His newest mix tape will be released in December. He plans to tryout for “X Factor” again next season.

Homecoming Royalty cont’d from page 1

Kyaira Stewart, Cassidy Tigner, Alexis Baugus, Cherish Bailey and Fraley. Fraley said she was so excited when she found out she was nominated but then realized that she was up against “many of my closest friends,” which made her more nervous. She said the weeks leading up to the homecoming game were nerve-wracking. “I just wanted to know who won!” She said that when her name was announced over the loudspeaker, she started to tear up: “I was so happy. It was one of the best experiences of my life.”

Fraley said the homecoming queen experience “has inspired me to be more of a leader and look at life a little differently.” Her advice for underclassmen is to “spend much less time being in drama and more time on your classes and true friends.” This makes sense since her favorite quote from Marilyn Monroe is: “When it comes down to it, I let them think what they (other people) want; if they care enough to bother with what I do, then I’m already better than them.” -Marilyn Monroe

As for the rest of her senior year, she looks forward to prom. She can’t wait to see who goes and what they wear.

Mr. Thomas’ Time

The leaves have fallen and a chill has arrived, and you, the students, are well into your routine for the school year.

We recently instituted daily hall sweeps to make sure you are in your assigned areas. I am proud that nearly all of our students are getting to their classes on time. The classroom is the gateway to graduation. Without the successful completion of 21 credits, students cannot graduate. Without attending class, students cannot earn the credit. Therefore, we need to have all students in all of their classes.

Just to remind you of the consequences in case you find yourself late: first tardy = a warning; second tardy = a warning; third tardy = an after school detention; fourth tardy = an office referral and AC; fifth tardy = an office referral and AC; and sixth tardy = an office referral and out-of-school suspension.

We do not want to discipline students, but we must demand that you are attending your classes on time everyday. The system that we are using is to make sure tardiness is minimal. We will also be using the system to track dress code violations and electronic device violations. It will also be used to reward students with Cruiser Cash.
MISSION ENSIGN

On Saturday, November 10 GMHS Student Council will host the 2nd Annual Mission Ensign Walk. This year we will also have a 5k run on the cross country trail. Registration begins at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. we will kick off the 5k run; then at 9:30 a.m., we will start the 1 mile walk on the track. Registration for the walk is $15 and the 5k is $20. All proceeds benefit Mission Ensign.

There will be t-shirts, bracelets and temporary tattoos for sale. The concession stand will be open during the event.

Proceeds will benefit technology teacher Kristine Ensign in her fight against cancer. Student Council encourages the GMHS community as well as the community at large to please come out and support one of our own.

GET YOUR GAME ON
by Dylan Torok

In a need for a safe outlet to release their energy, a group of friends decided to organize the Gaming Club. Anyone who likes video games, board games, card games, or basically any sort of game is encouraged to attend a meeting in room 108 every Wednesday. The original group of students also wanted somewhere where they could just be themselves and not be judged. Organizers include: the Game Decider, Alex Close; Archivist, Malcolm Black; Technician, Britton Pool; the Treasurer, Te’Wana Smiley, and the Publicist, Wyndell Bracey-Morris. English teacher Scott Foor is club advisor.

The Club is “place where you can just geek out,” said Black. At the end of each month, the group has a tournament with a different game. Prizes are under consideration. “We just want to have fun, educate how video games are about modern culture, and have fun”, explained Pool. “The best part of this club is that it is a free club! Unlike most and all other clubs here at GMHS where members must pay.” Those interested are invited to join in.

STUDENTS OUTMATCHED BY TEACHER TEAM

The GMHS staff came out on top against the students on the volleyball court November 2 when the teachers took on Team One in the annual Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game. The game raised over $1,300 for the Stephanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research.

Team One was looking to become a dynasty as the winners of the tournament in 2011. Unfortunately, the teachers proved to be too much for Team One to handle. The teachers prevailed in two games. Team One members included Alec Knode, Cole Martin, Jen Reeve, Samantha Strayer, Madison Wilson and Austin Newman.

Future staff vs. students events will be coming up in February, March and April. Be sure to listen to the announcements and read the posters on the walls. Photos by Sawyer Atkins
Fall Production staged November 8-10

The Brother’s Grimm Spectaculathon Casting

Narrator 1: Maggie Hutson  
Narrator 2: Bobby Joe Dunn

Actor/Walt/Woodcutter/Stepmother/Stepsister 1&2: Isaiah Stepney

Girl/Mother/Gretel/Grandma: Colton Laney

Dirt Merchant/Rumplestiltskin/The Wolf: Caleb Marsee

Enchantress/Prince 3: Morgan Clark

Devil 1/Devil 2: Clay Engle

Prince 1/Prince 2/Off-Stage Voice 1/Frog Prince/Prince Charming: James Hundley

Rapunzel/Cinderella/Snow White/Princesa: Carly Larkin

Father/Hansel/King/Doctor: Connor Whiting

Witch 1/Witch 2: Te’Wana Smiley

Fishergirl/Crab Person 1/Dwarf 1: Amanda Lively

Talking Fish/Crab Person 2/Dwarf 2: Chris Swope

Plant: Dylan Torok

Off-Stage Voice 2/Giant/Off-Stage Voice 3/Cobbler Elf/God: 
Tom Lindic

Devil’s Grandmother/Little Red/Girl Without Hands: 
Lacey Gray

Lights and Sound: Robbie Lively and Alex Blosser

Stage Manager: 
Erika Szuk

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon opens on November 8 at 7 p.m. There are also shows on November 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cruiser Theater Company President

INSIDE THE MIND

OF BOBBY JO DUNN

By Sarah Landuyt

“This show is a combustion of the Grimm Brother strategy to combine a lot of these shows. There are the Grimm Brothers, who made a collection of 209 fairy tales, such as Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. It is really funny and interesting,” explained Bobby Jo Dunn, Cruiser Theatre company president, about the fall production of Spectacular premiering this week. (See related information.)

According to Dunn, the theater department will also do Through the Looking Glass, which is “a really creepy version of Alice in Wonderland.” It takes the Lewis Carroll story and adds music.

GMHS thespians will also do “It’s Not You, It’s Me”. Auditions for this play-in-a-day are held Thursday. Cast and crew then are under a “lock-in” situation from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 p.m. on Saturday. The one-night production will show at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. “You are given the script that night and you learn your lines, build the set, make costumes, and put the show on the next day!” exclaimed Dunn.

The drama club also sponsors Cruiser Comedy Hour and Coffee House. “CCH is like SNL. We have a small select group of people. The cast has already been selected. We act out skits; we may get the jazz band to play with us, and, yeah, it is very funny,” Dunn explained. “It is basically a mini-talent show. We end the show with open mic, so if you don’t like auditioning there’s always the opportunity near the end of Coffee House to perform.”
With the team selection process completed, the Lady Cruisers are now working toward their November 27 opener against Central Crossing.

The varsity squad consists of Brittany Morgan, Arkeysha Williams, Hayley McKinley, Dai’Jah Frasier, Zaria Brinkley, Dominy Hodge, Tisha Lane, Kisha Lane, Cassidy Brinkley, Carlisa Hayes, and Jordan Walton. The junior varsity includes Angelica Iser, Shajuan Turner, Asia Peak, Shianne Curry, Nisha Lane, Brooke Coyer, Lily Coyer, Kiarah McClellan, Ashley Davidson, Shakeyah Barnes, Christina Barnes and Madison Ziccardi.

The Lady Cruisers are led by second-year head coach Tirrell Sturdivant. Coach T shared that the team is very young but very talented. This year he and his staff have revamped the offense and retooled the defensive strategy. Coach T said, “This season will be a year of learning and growing as a program. I am excited about our team on and off the court. Our team is leading by example and earning the highest marks in the classroom. We may even qualify as an All-Academic team this season.”

Led by first-year head coach Ryan Grashel, the Cruisers open their season December 4 at Westerville Central.

The varsity team is comprised of Larry Adams, Mohamadou Ba, Dareyl Hamlet, Mark Reed, Zavon Rivers, CJ Crowder, Jake Seipel, DeShawn Sowell, Kylan Hicks, Markel Davis, Tyrone Cherry, Carmearl Thomas and Tyus Ferguson.

Junior varsity players are Raymond Rhone, Austin Hensley, Andre Williams, Chris Tabor, Tory Stephens-Davis, Devin Turner, Jerry Napier, Cedric Roberson, DaQwan Kurtz, Quyntin Stills and Tre’ Charles-Martin. The freshmen team is made up of Isaiah Ntukogu, Ty Mitchell, Dakota Bartok, Zach Simmons, Daquan Mayle, Conner Seipel, C.J. Towns, Cole Mathias, Derek Downard, Marshawn Davis, Zaccai Starks, Cole Glaub, Kevin Baez, and Josh Baisden.

Coach Grashel is excited for the season with his young, talented team. He is setting high expectations this season and is eager to compete in the toughest conference in Ohio. Coach Grashel said, “I would love to pack the stands at all of the home games this season.”
CRUISERS WRESTLING

Second-year coach Mark Niemann has high expectations for the Groveport Madison Wrestling Cruisers 2012-2013 season. The Cruisers start prepping for battle November 9 at their practice facility at Middle School North. The varsity program opens the season on December 1 at Mount Vernon. The following Thursday, the entire Cruiser program—the junior high team, the freshmen squad, the junior varsity and varsity squads—will square off against the Hilliard Darby Panthers. On December 8, the GM Wrestling Cruisers will host the Mac Sims Memorial Junior Varsity Tournament. Wrestling 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Coach Niemann said, "Well, I hope first and foremost they understand how to represent what it means to be A CRUISER." Coach Niemann continued, spelling out what each letter represents: Attitude - Character - Responsibility - Unity - Integrity - Standards - Enthusiasm - Respect. "Once they get that down, everything else is easy!" he added.

Leaving the way for the Cruisers will be returning district qualifier, sophomore Shakur Laney. Laney racked up 25 wins in his freshman campaign and spent part of the summer wrestling in Texas as a member of Team Ohio, competing in the Junior Olympics. But he was not the only one keeping busy throughout the summer. Open mats every Tuesday night drew team members like Max Mueller, Briar Sayre, Ryan Smith, Thomas Thornton, and Zander Wright. Twenty Five GM wrestlers attended the Fourth Annual "Be Better" Wrestling Camp.

Additionally, Coach Niemann is expecting his statisticians to play a vital role in this year's promotion of the team. "I need stats people who are willing to make the commitment to be up in the room two or three days a week to produce posters, signs, and banners for our room and school. I want pictures taken, and then uploaded onto our team website. I also want our twitter account to be utilized for individual and team updates."

The team website is: www.gmwrestlingcruisers.webs.com
The team twitter handle is: @Mighty Cruisers
The entire season schedule and the history of Groveport Madison Wrestling as well as photos can be found on the website.

SPIRIT CLUB by Te’Wana Smiley

Tailgating last month for the Senior Night football game was the brainchild of one of GMHS’s newest organizations, the Spirit Club. The group’s goal is to bring a lot of spirit to the school as well as sporting events. Since its inception, Spirit Club members have been seen doing random weird and crazy things around school like rocking pink face paint and throwing candy in classrooms during eighth period. They plan on making appearances at the winter sporting events and showing off their Cruiser Pride to get more people motivated in supporting the teams. "We want to help improve the school community and give students more of a reason to love Groveport," said senior Amy Castle. They are hoping that more students choose to join them as they spread school spirit one day at a time. Any student who wants to join Spirit Club, may talk to seniors Cassidy Tigner or Molly Fraley, Freshmen Class president Amber Nunez, Junior Class President Te’Wana Smiley, or Mrs. Cline in room 115. Remember "It's Great To Be A Cruiser!"
**Student of the Month**

**Senior:** Katie Fellure  
**Hobby:** Softball  
**Favorite Subject:** English  
**Quote:** “Don’t cry because it’s over, cry because it happened.” - Dr. Suess

**Junior:** Jennifer Reive  
**Hobby:** Volleyball  
**Favorite Subject:** Government  
**Quote:** “Give me strength while I’m standing and faith when I fall.” - Unknown

**Sophomore:** Dylan Hacker  
**Hobby:** School and Work  
**Favorite Subject:** American History  
**Quote:** “Try your best.” - Anonymous

**Freshman:** Steven Kelso  
**Hobby:** Football & hanging out  
**Favorite Subject:** Math  
**Quote:** “Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.” - Anonymous

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**DEBATE TEAM**

Informational meeting on November 15 at 2:15 in room 115!  
See Mrs. Cline for additional details!

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**September Teacher of the Month**

**Mr. Scott Foor**

Looking at learning—and life—as a big picture, English teacher Scott Foor approaches teaching with the broad stroke of the brush.

This concept is evident in the scope of teaching jobs he has had. For example, this OSU graduate’s teaching experience ranges from his present position teaching senior English and mythology to starting his career with preschoolers. “My favorite job along the way was the pre-school. I had just graduated with my English degree and realized I didn’t know what I was going to do with it. I feel lucky to have met Ms. Rashmi Porwal who gave me a chance. Working with 3-5 year olds is a nice way to spend a day. They thought I was the coolest guy they had ever met. So naïve.”

His willingness to take on an array of tasks is obvious in Foor agreeing to advise the new GMHS Gaming Club, considering he doesn’t play video games himself. When students Sean McDonald, Britton Pool and Malcolm Black approached him, he offered to support them because “I was impressed by the details of their plan, as well as their sincerity.”

Foor himself has some unconventional interests from Frisbee golf to an affinity for science fiction legend Ray Bradbury. “While Bradbury never shied away from the darker side of the main character, he always celebrated our boundless potential and expressed genuine optimism for our future.”

Growing up in small town Southington, OH has not kept Foor from experiencing a wide variety of what makes the world go round from selling lottery tickets to making plastic and rubber widgets. One of the most interesting jobs Foor had in the past was on a farm: “I have worked at dairy farms cleaning barns each spring after the...ahem...waste thawed out.”

His small town roots—attending a one building school—are important to him. “My parents and my sister’s family still live in Southington. I am happy to still have a connection to my hometown,” he said.
MOCK TRIAL TEAM SELECTED

Two GMHS Mock Trial Competition Teams will compete this season under the guidance of social studies teacher Kelli DelGuzzo. The teams are comprised of six members each. This year’s case is State of Ohio vs. Dakota Allen. The defendant, Dakota Allen, is a high school student charged with arson and murder. Mock Trial teams across Ohio will argue whether or not the defendant’s constitutional rights have been violated.

Team Affirmative Action: Tre Mayle, Dakota Merz, Cassandra Don, Drew Mantle, Amber Nunez and Kyaira Stewart.

Team De Novo: Shirley Tang, Michael Edwards, Jazzmond Jackson, Khalil Davis, Amanuel Alemu, Koku Asamoah.

A F(R)IEND IN ME

by Sawyer Atkins

Five GMHS guys have banded together not only to express themselves but also to entertain. In a Cruiser Gazette interview, members of A F(R)iend in Me share background information.

1.) Who is involved in the band and what instruments?
   Caleb Marsee - Vocalist
   Kobe May - Lead Guitarist
   Billy DeMatteo - Rhythm Guitarist
   Sean Divine - Bass Guitarist
   Bobby Joe Dunn - Drums

2.) Who are your idols and why? Our idols are bands like Miss May I, Motionless In White, and The Devil Wears Prada.

3.) What are your hopes for the future? One of our hopes for the future is to play at Warped Tour, even if we are just opening for another band.

4.) How did you guys meet? We all met through marching band.

5.) How did you come up with the band name? Caleb was brainstorming one day when he thought of it. Then when he pitched the name to all of us, we voted on it.

6.) What genre do you consider the band? We don’t really want to label ourselves, because that opens up the door for people to judge us based on assumption and not the quality of our music or our performance.

7.) One word to describe yourselves? Aspiring

8.) What are practices like? Our practices are pretty hectic, but we manage to get things done.

9.) What is something you want people to know about you guys? Something that we want people to know about us is that we may act goofy and odd at times, but we’re actually pretty chill when you get to know us. You eventually build up a tolerance to our oddness.

10.) Any planned shows/gigs? We are playing at Young Life on the 19 of November if there are no more date changes. It starts at 7:30 p.m., and it is located at the Town Hall in Groveport. Admission is free.
GMHS HOMECOMING 2012
Seniors bring election to life

Seniors became more politically savvy by bringing the presidential election process to life when they staged mock elections in Kristin Cline’s AP Government class.

“The goal was to show the election process through campaigning, impact interest, and finance law,” said Cline.

The two classes elected presidential and vice-presidential candidates. Campaign managers vied based on organizational skills. In the almost three-week process, the Democrats and Republicans debated as well as produced commercials and other propaganda like videos, signs, posters, and buttons. Social media also played a part with daily tweeting and Facebook interactions.

President Thomas Lindic and vice-president Logan Mavromatis were the Democratic candidates with the aid of manager Amy Castle. Republicans were represented by presidential candidate Sam Loving and vice-presidential candidate Thomas Workman with the back-up of manager Cassidy Tigner. The winner was the Democratic ticket.

“I had a blast during the mock election. I learned so much about politics. Before we started, I had no idea what the major issues in society were, and what each party stance was, said Lindic. His opponent Loving commented, “I would like to congratulate Tom on his victory, and also stay humble by thanking my followers.”
Vietnam War Era Comes to Life

As part of a unit on War and the Individual, AP Literature students met with Dean Kahler who was there during the 1970 Kent State anti-war riot.

Kahler, who traveled from his home in Northeastern Ohio and took time from his busy schedule campaigning for senator Sherrod Brown last month, talked to students about what it was like being shot during this volatile moment in American history. Kahler explained that as a KSU freshman he found himself in the line of fire when then Governor James A. Rhodes instructed the National Guard to shoot during an anti-war protest. Left paralyzed for life, Kahler did not let that stop him from graduating from KSU. Politics motivated Kahler to eventually run for office himself, becoming a county commissioner in Athens, OH and then later teaching high school social studies.

Because of his faith as a member of the Anabaptist Church of the Brethren faith, which follows the tenets of pacifism, Kahler is forgiving of his situation most days. GMHS special education teacher O’Linda Jansupka, a longtime friend of Kahler, helped arrange the visit. After his presentation, students were able to ask questions and get a more close-up look at the political activist. Senior Amy Castle said, “Before I didn’t really understand what the KSU shooting was like. I was able to learn what life was like for the young people of the sixties—the things that happened to Dean and the others who protested were horrible to imagine. Simply by protesting a right that every human should have they were shot. I am thankful Dean was able to come.”

Earlier in the unit, the AP students also had the opportunity to meet with GMHS special education aide Oscar Bickerdt, who served in the Marines during the Vietnam War. Although he said there were many challenges during and after the war, Bickerdt is glad he served his country. This educator has openly shared his personal experiences of his time in the service with many GMHS students over the years.

Students used both presentations as primary sources for a major essay assignment on the effects of war on those on the front—both away and at home.

ART TEACHERS HOST DOODLE CONTEST

Calling All Shutterbugs!
November Art Department Contest:
CELL PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY
THEME—What are you thankful about in your life?

Rules:
* One submission per artist
* E-mail digital images to Micaela.patterson@gocruisers.org

First Place Senior Alexis Baugus
Second Place Brooklyn Kinkead
Third Place Charity Bowman
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