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Apple Festival Fun in the Bird City

By: Kaylie Scoggins

Going against the norm, junior, Lani Daniels took home the Griggsville Apple Festival Queen title.

Daniels stated that "she was not expecting to win, I was so shocked!"

With the responsibility as queen, Daniels has to represent the community of Griggsville in the best way. She says that she plans "to go to as many festivals as possible because I only have one year."

After her year is up, Daniels would like to compete in more pageants but she is not

sure if she will.

Some advice Daniels has to give to other girls that do pageants is "write your speech early and just be yourself when you are in the interview."

Daniels was not the only winner that night. Sophomore Jennifer Bingham took home the first runner up and senior Ashlyn Crone placed the second runner up. Junior Mary Nash won best orator award for her speech as well as winning most photogenic. The Apple Princess award went to queen Daniels.

The pageant was not just

beauty as the girls had to conduct an interview, learn a dance, and prepare a speech.



New Year, New Breakfast

Why Did Breakfast Change and Is It Working?

By: Trinity Schaaf and Mary Nash

This new year means a new breakfast program. Complaints initially broke out about the new breakfast style, which includes students serving themselves from carts in the hallway and eating in class. A month into school, though, a majority now think it is a great idea.

GP got a new breakfast program in hopes that more kids would eat at the start of the day.

"The program was started by the Illinois School Board in Springfield," superintendent Janet Gladu wrote to the Tornado Times staff. "The goal of the program was to provide breakfast to more students. We are required to participate due to our poverty level."

GP's breakfast this year typically consists of one main food and fruit.

Junior Maddion Vinyard finds the breakfast program helpful to her daily routine.

"Honestly, [eating breakfast in class] helps a lot for people who don't want to wake up at six in the morning," Vinyard said.

Senior Dakota Shoemaker said the breakfast program has helped him academically.

"[The program] makes me think better in class when I can get my breakfast on," Shoemaker said while eating cinnamon roll.

Sophomore Kaden Bennet says he thinks eating breakfast in the classroom is "cool."

"I just wish we could get hot food everyday," Bennet said.

Some students, such as senior Madison Miller, find the breakfast lacking.

"I believe that we do not get fed enough at breakfast to last us till 1:00," Miller said.

This year's breakfast program is quite different for the students at Griggsville Perry, and is still improving.

"I think we're getting better then we were at the beginning of the year," principal Jillian Theis said. "Our biggest problem has been getting high school students to eat the breakfast, but I think now that we're sharing hot foods and stuff the kids are familiar with, they are eating more."

Battle of the Stands: Did Your Class Make Money?

By: Kaylie and Bailey Scoggins

Making "bank" for prom and senior trip is the number one goal for every class at the Griggsville Apple Festival. This year, some classes fell a little short.

The freshmen class made roughly \$900. The sophomore class made around \$900. The junior class made approximately \$1,700. The senior class made about \$1,200.

Sophomore Zane Phillips and senior Ashley McCarter were asked if all their hard work paid off in the end. Phillips and McCarter said they both felt that the effort by all class members was uneven.

"I felt that a select few worked really hard," Phillips said. "Everybody puts in a lot of ideas, and it eventually helps to the outcome, which is to go on a great senior trip."

Phillips said that the sophomores pulled in less than half of the cash they made last year, dropping from three grand last year, but only \$1,200 this year.

"It is a little depressing," Phillips said. "It is still a good step forward."

Phillips's advice to future classes who have a stand in the apple festival, is to "do something that the customers want, not want you want to do."

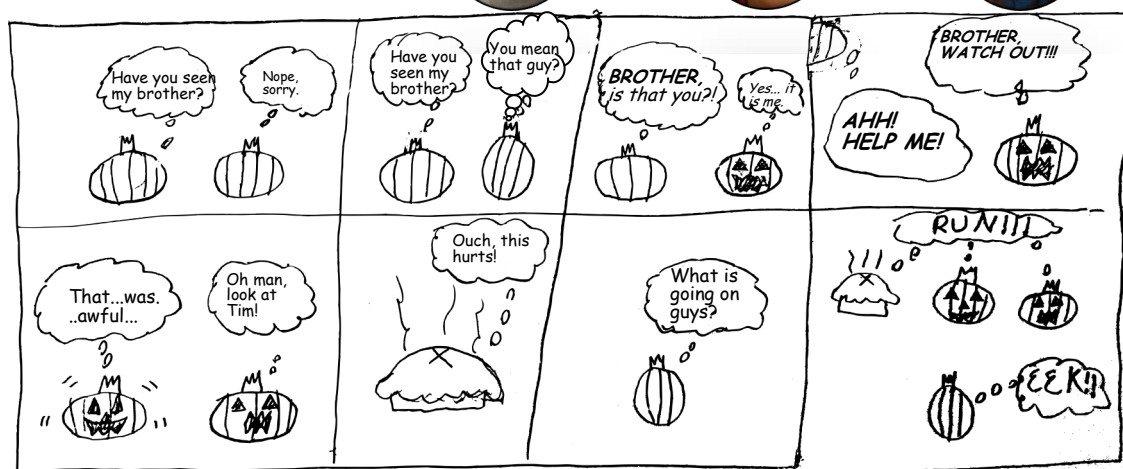
Ashley McCarter, senior, said, "All of that hard work paid off because our class made a lot of money." McCarter said she feels that her class pulled together to make money to go on senior trip."

This year there was a variety of stands. The freshmen class chose to have a dunk tank, where people paid to dunk G-P staff and class members, and a raffle. The sophomore class raffled items off, such as a cooler, shirts, and gift

certificates. The junior class sold walking tacos, along with a 50/50 raffle. The seniors sold grilled hot dogs, and hamburgers, offering a "meal deal", as well as a 50/50 raffle.



WHO DOESN'T LIKE FALL?



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KAYLIE'S QUESTIONS

KAYLIE SCOGGINS ASKS IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE

Q: What is on the other side of the rainbow?



"Leprechaun and gold, but I have never seen it."

"Unicorns and candy land." - Tyler

"Hope." - Makenya



Opinion Section

Kneeling for Equal Rights

By: Kaylie Scoggins

Recently, NFL players linked arms and took a knee during the playing of our national anthem.

It was a peaceful action that is trying awareness and support against police brutality.

The football players do have the constitutional right to protest and fight for what they believe in, but is kneeling for the Star Spangled Banner the right way to go about it?

In my opinion, kneeling is very disrespectful to our veterans, to the people serving, and to the people that will serve.

Our national anthem is a way to show American pride and

respect- to show what a strong nation we are and how hard we have fought to get here.

I get it though: they are trying to show how wrong the justice system is. The national anthem and police brutality are on two different levels.

If the football players want to raise awareness then they should use their football income to set up fundraisers or pay into already set-up fundraisers.

They should not have knelt for the playing of our national anthem as it stands for the history and how American people are a family. I believe it started more than it solved.



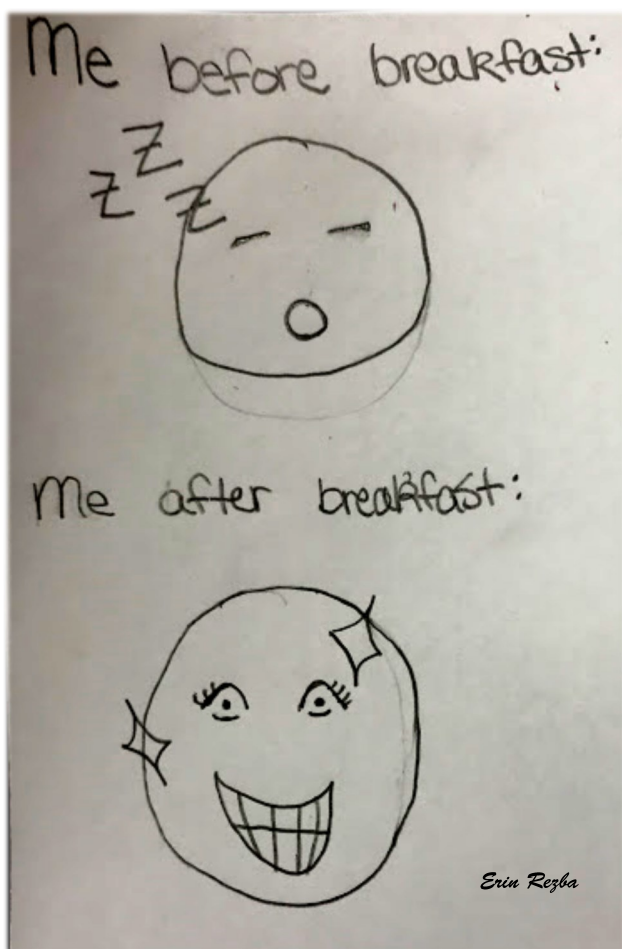
As students we should become more aware with what is going on in the world we live in.

We should understand that every action has a reaction and it's how we choose to handle the conflict that shapes us into a person, or in this case, a nation.

Opinion Cartoons by Abeni Broyles and Erin Rezba



"Why don't you think people want to eat us for breakfast?"



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Volleyball Season Has Begun

By: Brooklyn Crone

This volleyball team had some challenges coming into the season that were an adjustment for the girls. With the change that comes with a new coach and new players, the team has worked hard and are not giving up.

Three girls gave details about the many different challenges that they are currently facing as the season is at its midpoint. The girls will be preparing for sectionals.

"Many people on the team have been hard on themselves and are being harsh," freshman Renae Martin said.

Fiona Kelly, freshman, said that, "working together as a team" has become a big challenge.

There are many things about this volleyball season that the

girls are looking forward to.

Kaitlyn Leenerts, sophomore, says that her favorite part of this volleyball season has been "winning as a team."

Renae Martin says that her favorite part of this volleyball season has been "being around the team members, they help us out when we need it."

According to the players, the only thing that could help this volleyball team is practice.

Fiona Kelly says that her favorite part of practice has been "the many different drills that we do."

Renae also adds that "I like the drills we do it really helps us understand what we are supposed to be doing"

Get to Know Ashley McCarter

By: Courtney Syrcle

Ashley McCarter, a senior this year, has her options open to many colleges this year. McCarter has applied to four colleges: Quincy University, Culver-Stockton, Western Illinois University, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

"I really liked Quincy University," said McCarter. "It is my favorite!"

McCarter is a key player on the GP volleyball team because she is leading in assists. She is the setter for the team as well.

McCarter is unsure if she going to continue playing sports after high school.

"I'm up in the air due to being a nursing student," McCarter said.

McCarter is excited to continue her education.

"I won't miss the school," stated McCarter. "I will miss some of the teachers and staff."

McCarter has had a positive experience in her time



at GP, but also has some stories.

"It has been good," McCarter said. "But also very interesting."

McCarter has made several friends in her time at GP, including senior Abeni Broyles.

"We are friends because she is funny and makes me smile," Broyles said. "And she's my cousin!"

Broyles continued, "Ashley is interesting because of her bubbly personality. She's crazy... even when you're having a bad day she can brighten it up."

About Our "Get to Know..." Series

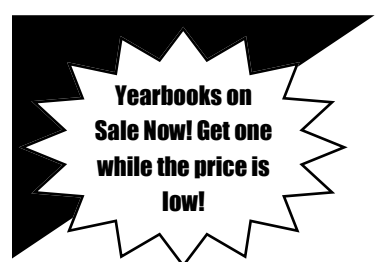
Over the course of their career at Griggsville-Perry High School, all students grow, change, and have a story.

This year, the Tornado Times wants to celebrate what makes each senior special. We want our seniors to have a chance to share what they know and where they're going before their time is up at the school.

With that in mind, we invite you to read and participate in our series this year. We hope you enjoy getting to know and reminisce about these seniors as much as we have.

Everyone has a story, and we're ready to hear it!

-Tornado Times Staff



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