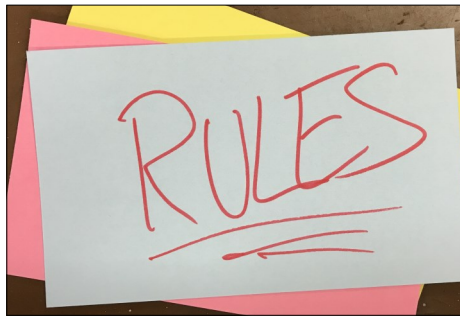


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School prepares for homecoming week

2018 HoCo will be new principal's first GP pep rally

By Brookelyn Crone

When students hear the word homecoming what do they think of? For some it may be the competition between

all of the classes, for others it's the basketball or football games, or maybe it's the whole school pep assembly on Friday. How much work is put into coming up with the theme? Or how about how the cheerleaders work hard to make sure the dress up days are fun and competitive and that the pep assembly is fun and involves everyone.

So many people are involved in putting together every aspect of

homecoming just to make sure it is a week to remember.

One of the problems the cheerleaders are facing this year is injuries. When a cheerleader gets injured that can put the girls in a difficult situation like rearranging the floor cheers, lineup, sidelines, and all of the different dances the cheerleaders do.

"I don't think it will affect the other cheerleaders, because we work well together and can come up with new

stunts." said coach Bingham.

Being a freshman cheerleader can be exciting and always not knowing what to expect. Out of the dress up days for Homecoming.

"I'm excited for it because I don't know what to expect but I think we have some unique dress up days that we could have some fun with" said Freshman Jenna Kelley.

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Senior Madison Miller tears it up on the court for the Lady Saukees as they defeat rival Triopia. Photo by Bailey Scoggins.

Lady Saukees win over fans, defeat rivals

By Courtney Syrcle

The Pittsfield-Griggsville-Perry Lady Saukees are sweeping away their competition.

This season two girls from Griggsville-Perry are playing for the P-GP team. Both are seniors, Lauren Kennedy and Madison Miller.

"[The Saukees] expect a lot and sometimes too much," said Kennedy. "But, they love to see a winning record no matter what the



Senior Lauren Kennedy breaks it down against the Trojans. Photo by Bailey Scoggins.

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Students, staff commit to a new year and resolutions

By Trinity Schaaf

New Year's resolutions have been around for many many years. And at least once in your lifetime, you will make one too. I have had a few myself over the years.

Most people chose to better their eating habits.

"To eat healthier," said Lexi Walston.

Many people stress about choosing a resolution.

"This year I just have one resolution and that is to worry less, I tend to stress out about the little things," said Allison Dokey.

Lots of people like to go for a walk to help them get more fit.

"Go for a walk usually," said Walston.

Other people try to find a coping mechanism for stress for the upcoming year.

"I think I'm going to just try and remain calm through any situation that comes my way," said Dokey.

Quincey Landreth has a very positive resolution.

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Goodbye Ms. Murphy// 2018 will be Abby Murphy's last year with students at Griggsville-Perry. Murphy said she applied for an elementary job in Arizona last year, but initially declined it. When they called her again this year, she accepted. "I will miss my students," Murphy said, "I think the students here have a really good initiative and that they will succeed."

Homecoming builds excitement *Continued from page 1*

"I am excited I think it will be neat to see once everybody has their decorations up." said Theis

This year's theme, biomes, was unexpected by the student body.

"We came up with the idea because some of the seniors talked to Mrs. Theis and she gave a few suggestions." Said Coach Bingham "The Biomes was her

idea and we all liked the idea. It is new and different." Explained Coach Bingham.

There are a lot of feelings about this years theme and the dress up days there is a biome day where you dress up as the biome that your class picked, America Monday, and a lot of other fun dress up days.

"I think we have some unique dress up days that we could have some fun with." said Kelley.

This is going to be a very unique year from the theme to the dress up days.

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Resolutions for new year *Continued from page 1*

"My New Year's resolutions I really only have one this year but its for me to kinda just be a better overall person you know mind body soul type of stuff," said Landreth.

He has plans to meet these resolutions

"Just really focusing on things ya know eating the right stuff getting a little exercise on and just bringing a positive attitude every day to work and hopefully

that can bounce off to other people," said Landreth.

He's had some silly past resolutions too.

"I've had some silly things like cut down on eating junk food and stuff like that it hasn't really worked out the greatest and I'm hoping this one will go a little farther," said Landreth.

He's had some really difficult resolutions too.

"Ok so I would probably say getting into an exercise routine other than at my job, going to the gym and things it gets to be kind of expensive and when you don't have time to do it goes to the wayside," said Landreth.

Girls cannot be stopped *Continued from page 1*

sport is, or what gender you are."

This co-op is a huge moment for the girls at Griggsville-Perry, it is a possibility for them to thrive.

"I think [the co-op] was a pretty good idea. [Pittsfield girls] push you to be better. And the girls are very welcoming," said Kennedy. "With five games left in my career I think I have adapted [to the co-op] pretty well for this being my first year playing."

This is the very first year that Griggsville-

Perry and Pittsfield have combined the girl's basketball teams.

"Griggsville doesn't ever have enough players. And with the co-op we have a bigger bench and we work together good," said Miller. "If it was still just Griggsville or just Pittsfield, I don't think either team would have a winning season. But, with us together we work well."

The Lady Saukees have a record of eighteen wins and eight losses.

"That's the best record I have ever had in

my life," said Kennedy.

The last game for the Lady Saukees was very close. The P-GP team pulled through and won 57-54 against Triopia.

"We all really wanted to win that game, and so when we did it brought us close," said Miller. "It brought us all together and we worked well as a team and we are going to continue that down the road."

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Boys basketball continue to battles losses



By Mary Nash

This year's Tornado basketball team has struggled with some losses but that has not stopped them. The team is still trying to make the most of season by playing with confidence and working together, despite the losses.

Senior Gage Crow said, "this year started off very slow but through a lot of tough games and hard work we've slowly started to get better with our scoring and passing."

Throughout this year, the Tornadoes

have improved, and will continue improving with more practice.

Junior Colton Ivey said, "we're more confident, we shoot the ball more and don't play as bad."

Confidence is key. The team is trying to stay positive and still give every game their all.

Ivey said, "To go in the game with confidence not saying we're going to lose because whenever we do that, we lose by even more."

Some of our basketball boys have some ways they like to get pumped up for

the game.

Crow said, "I personally like to listen music and talk to a couple friends and talk about the game plan."

Ivey also has a way he likes to get pumped up. Ivey said, "I just listen to music and don't talk to anybody."

Positive attitudes ready to go, Crow said, "I just try to have fun, it's my senior year and you only get one."

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HoCo rules change not for the better

This year, because of the last minute change in the rules, there is a risk of the fun being taken out of the class homecoming rivalry.

The Tornado Times Editorial Board understands that it is hard not to make changes in rules over the years, especially when classes have given reasons, such as students' attitudes towards one another, for the change.

However, we think the rule change is taking the fun out of homecoming week. They may have felt like the classes will cross the line between what is considered fun and what is considered irresponsible. In response, they put in place a new rule: "points will be deducted if a class cheers against another class."

We support this rule, partially. We know that students take cheering against one another a little too far sometimes, but we

form a bond with the classes because we compete with them for the spirit stick. How is this week considered a "rivalry" if there cannot be competition between the classes?

Some people may view it as classes are being to harsh or disrespectful; however, we have friends, as well as family, that we compete against. The competition is all in good fun. The classes chanting helps excite the students before we go into the pep rally. It shows enthusiasm and it also keeps the competition up and running.

The new rule, "They [the students] will be judged every morning in the gym," makes it hard for the classes who have students that show up throughout the day, or right at the bell. If the judging takes longer than planned, it might irritate the first hour

teachers and disrupt learning. However, in the opinions of the Tornado Times editorial board, homerooms would work better for judging because everyone should be in them.

In conclusion, we support the intent of the new rules and encourage students to follow them in the spirit of homecoming.

However, we do wish the staff would take in consideration homecoming week builds the bond between our classes and hypes the basketball team up for the game. May the best class win.

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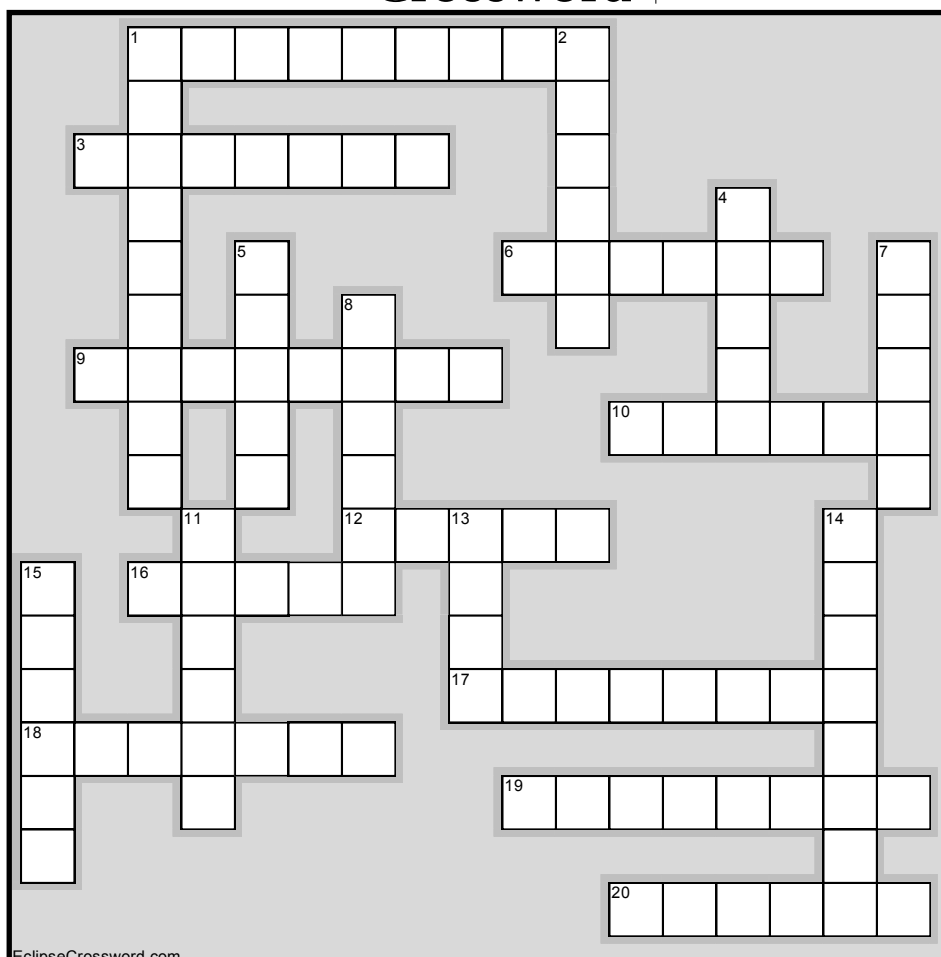
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Senior Profiles *Getting to know G-Ps students before they graduate*

Senior Syrcle gets goals

By Bailey Scoggins

A senior that is not letting anything stop her from reaching her goals. Paige Syrcle has her life after high school all planned out.

Syrcle plans to get a job and go to college right after high school. Syrcle has been accepted to Augustana College, and John Wood Community College. Syrcle wants to go to college for nursing or health care.

"Right now, I have been accepted to John Wood Community College for health care assistant," said Syrcle. "I will probably go to John Wood for the first two years, and then transfer to Augustana College."

Syrcle is involved in the high school choir, and plays volleyball. Syrcle hopes to continue to being involved in choir and after high school.

Syrcle said, "Yes, I do [plan to play volleyball, and participate in choir] but I do not know what my limits are because of my leg right now."

Syrcle is inspired by her friends and family. She is most proud of getting to her senior year of high school. Syrcle said, "this year has been memorable, and energetic." Her most memorable school event has been last year's homecoming. "We should have won. Juniors should have won," said Syrcle.

Her friends described her as a strong, caring person. Someone who does not let what bad things in life bring her down.

Senior Dustin Street said, "Paige was the only person I knew when I first moved to Griggsville." Street also said, "She is always a happy person."

Junior Jeremy Bray said, "She is always nice, and cares a lot about people." Bray said, "She is a very caring and loving person."

With these qualities that make Syrcle who she is, she destined to go far and reach her goals with her head held high.

Smith brapping through life

By Kaylie Scoggins

Making his mark on everyone around him, Mason Smith is one you cannot turn away from.

In Smith's spare time, he does a lot of hands on work. You can see him at Kaden Bennett's farm or with Logan Thomas working on his truck.

With this quality, his peers think it will be beneficial in the future.

"Mason will probably be working on a bulldozer or a backhoe after he graduates," said Scott Cowell.

Related to that is a future in agriculture, which Savannah Irving think he will thrive in.

"Mason might go to college to work with agriculture," said Irving.

His peers know him best.

"After high school I am going to go to Lakeland college to get an ag certificate and work at FS or another ag business," said Smith.

Smith is not going into this occupation blindfolded.

"I got my know by being raised up around it," said Smith.

Smith's personality has made an impression on his friends.

"He is a loving, caring, and good fellow," said Kaden Bennett.

Smith does the most to make people laugh and because of that his peers describe him as "goofy."

"He is really fun to be around. He is goofy, too," said Irving.

Smith looks for good qualities in a person to be their friend.

"They have to be trustworthy, like me in anyway, and they have to have the same hobbies as me," said Smith.

Smith is a senior in high school, and has had a lot of experiences and challenges throughout it.

"I face my challenges by putting them behind me," Smith said.

Over these four years Smith has made some memories, but the one that sticks with him is when he "had surgery and brapped through the halls."

Scoggins marks year with new beginnings

By Mary Nash

Senior Kaylie Scoggins has plans to go to John Wood Community College for 2 years, then transfer to WIU.

Kaylie plans to go for possibly a public relations major, then after college her occupation would be a speaker that talks with little kids.

Senior Kaylie said, [What made me want to become this would be] "probably helping with Mrs. Martin, I've only done

it for a couple days, but I like to see all the little kids and I like being useful and I like to talk so I was like why not?"

As we all know, homecoming is very important to the Scoggins sisters....

"I really want to get the homecoming dub but if we don't that's fine but I just really want my class to get along for one last time."

This year has been "different" for Kaylie.

A new beginning for Kaylie this year is "definitely leaving my family and Bailey having to figure out what life will be like

after we graduate." Kaylie said.

There is always the best time of year. "school year homecoming week, if its a season, I like fall." Kaylie said.

As most of you know Kaylie and Bailey have been friends all of their lives, I mean they are sisters. They hang out quite a lot.

Bailey said, "Me and Kaylie brap, she drives and I DJ, its perfect, there is not a better combination, we also live together obviously so we hangout a lot."

Being not only sisters, but twins, Kaylie

and Bailey know a lot about each other.

Bailey said, "she is very funny, creative, outgoing person and just being around her makes the day go better because she always makes me laugh, even when I try to be mad at her, it doesn't work."

Graduation is getting closer and closer for Kaylie and the class of 2018, and Kaylie says, "I'm ready, I'm very ready."

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