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College or career? Weighing student options after high school

By Bailey Scoggins, Editor in Chief

The smiles, the people saying 'we are so proud', the flowers, the caps, the gowns, the music. And all the while, the students are wondering "What's next?" Is college worth it? College brings a lot of stress and debt but it ends with a college degree. Some students struggle to find a job right after college,

however, other students get a job right away.

Going to college is stressful, expensive, and different than high school. Senior Maleah Richard said, "I am slightly worried that it will be a rough transition but I think the fact that it is such a small campus, I will be able to transition smoothly, and I know the professors will care about me enough to give me extra help

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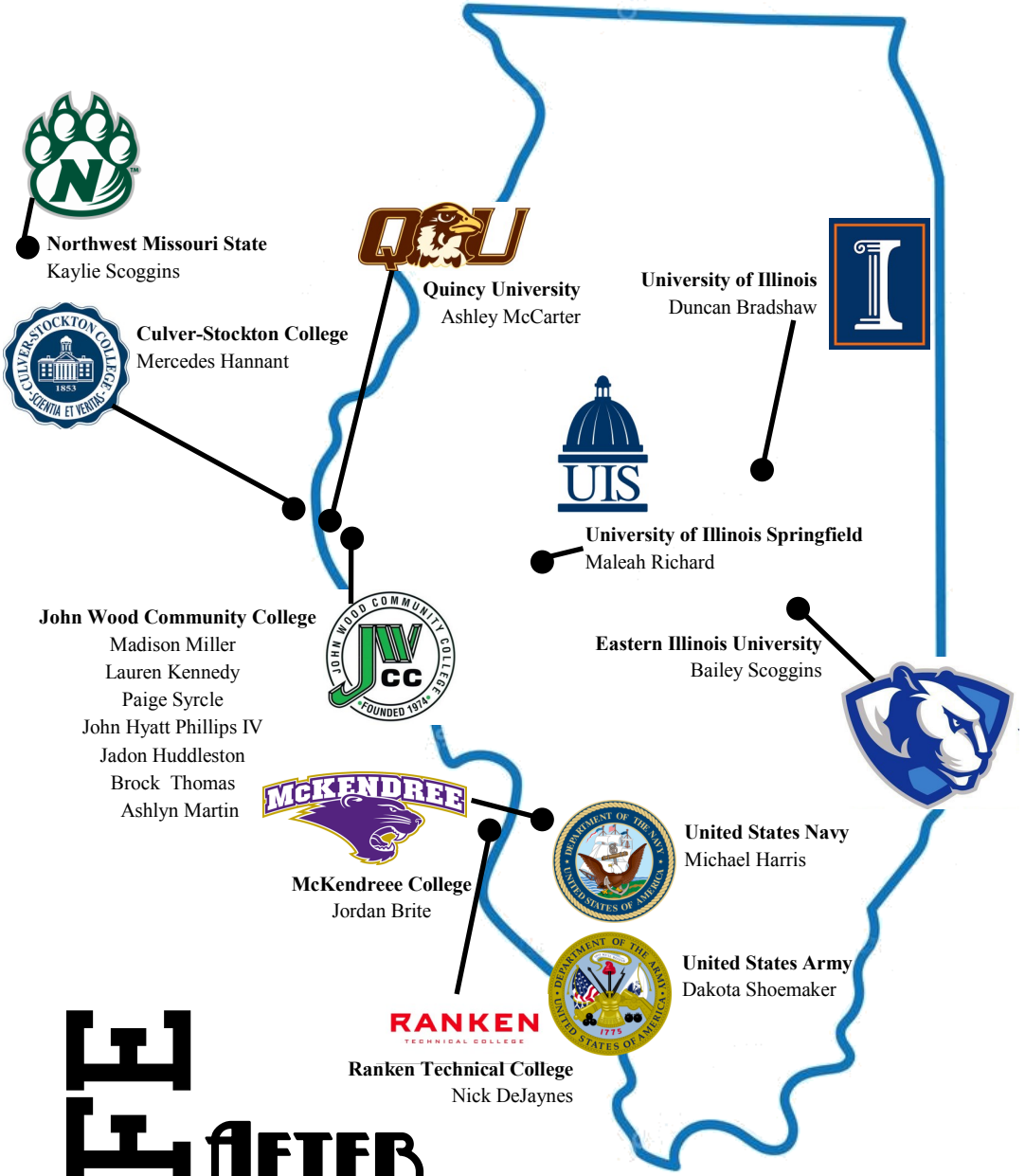
whenever I need it. I am not too worried. I am sure the food will be better." According to the United States Census Bureau, there is a "strong positive correlation between degree level earned and salary potential," meaning that the relationship between two variables where if one variable increases, the other one also increases. According to the Pew Research Center with some college and two-year degree, an adult will make around \$30,000. Having only a high school diploma an adult will make around \$28,000. Having a degree a person can make around \$45,000 or more. A degree also has more job opportunities. According to the Pew Research Center, the unemployment rate for people with a college degree is more

than double the rate for a college-educated silents [generation of people born from the mid-1920s to the early-to-mid 1940s.] in 1965 (3.8% vs 1.4%). However, the unemployment rate for Millennials with only a high school diploma is even higher: 12.2%, or more than 8% more than for college graduates and almost triple the unemployment rate of Silents with a high school diploma in 1965. When deciding where to go to college, there is a lot of different things to consider. Richard said, "I have applied to Champaign (U of I), so it was between the University of Champaign and University of Springfield. I think my decision [UIS] was pretty easily made when I realized that in the smaller school, I

will be able to have undivided attention and I would get to know my professors really well." Scholarships are a good way to help cover some of the cost of tuition. Richard said, "I have applied for most of the local scholarships, and I have gotten two so far. The Illini Community

Hospital and the Lions Club Scholarship, and the school is offering me some money for my GPA and grades. I am also applying for some Memorial hospital scholarships, one of them is like \$20,000 for two years, so it is a really substantial scholarship. Getting an early start to prepare

yourself for college is never a bad idea. Richard's advice to the next years junior's is, "I recommend doing your FAFSA as soon as possible. Also take your ACT more than once or twice, take it as many times as you can because the more comfortable you are with it the better you will be."



THE AFTER High School

As most of the class of 2018 graduates and steps out to the world, The Tornado Times takes a look at the college option and what it means for students.



Exchange student shares cultural differences in baseball

by Trinity Schaaf

Sophomore Hajun Wang is one of the newest and latest foreign exchange students to the Griggsville Perry School district for the year. He transferred to Pike County from China.

"[My hometown] is Beijing, the capital of China," said Wang. In Pike County there is a lot of open land to do many activities on. Wang says in Beijing everything is very close together and the amount of things to do is limited.

"You know it is a big city; you can't hit the ball without it hitting someone or something," said Wang.

Even though the game is the same, there are few minor differences that distinguish the differences in Chinese and American baseball.

"It's not that different but American team has three coaches and our team just has one, American baseball is more focused on having fun and in China you focus more on skill," said Wang.

For the GP Tornadoes, Wang plays second base. Wang was injured multiple times playing this position, but he does not let it get him down. Wang enjoys this sport with the help of a more relaxed environment.

"I have a big field to play [on] and

the coaches are very kind. In China, they are more strict and serious," said Wang. Griggsville Perry and schools in the surrounding area all participate in different conferences.

In China, however, there are few schools that have sports. "Yes some schools may have [baseball]," said Wang. Coming to America and joining the baseball team was not something new to Wang. "I used to do it [in Beijing]," said Wang.



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GP chess club celebrates end of first year

Students in the club have played over 650 games, taken a trip to St. Louis, and played in the national chess federation

By Brookelyn Crone, staff writer

Check, stalemate, draw: the combination of these names may not sound like words that you would use on daily basis but for chess players these are words that are normally used when they play against someone. This was the first year that G-P has had a chess club. And so far it has been a success with some struggles.

With only starting out with no kids and now having 39 students in total involved in the chess club the chess club has been a success. What would a student do for a box of cupcakes? Which student would be brave enough to take on Mr. Crivilare with a challenge?

“The first person to try for that challenge was Jasmine Butler Freshman, she didn't beat me at first, she had to practice so she practiced against other people” said Andrew Crivilare, the chess club advisor.

Butler wasn't the only one that tried to play Mr.C for a box of cupcakes. Lizzy Mowen a Freshman played Crivilare even though she didn't succeed at first.

“Trying to beat Crivilare for a box of brownies cause who ever beat him got a box of brownies.” “(She won) two times.” explained Mowen. For Freshman Jenna Kelley there wasn't one thing she knew.

“When ever I started I did not know a single thing about chess but I learned from Zane and Quinn Phillips and Mr.C.” explained Kelley

With every club or extracurricular activity there is



On the Attack// Sophomore Jennifer Bingham moves her king while playing chess at the prestigious St. Louis Chess Club, home to the U.S. Chess Championships. Bingham has played in the GPHS Chess Club throughout the year and even has a ranking in the United States Chess Federation.

always going to be issues with homework or something.

“There have been times where we have run into homework issues. We play during homeroom time. Which is ideally when students could be working on homework. Most of my students are eligible, and sometimes we have students play that are not. And I understand the conflict there” explained Crivilare

“A couple of times I had to study for test or write a note card but Crivilare is very good about if you have homework he lets you get it done instead of playing chess so that's been helpful.” explained Kelley.

Many activities have happened over the year that many people

may not know about.

“We received a grant in the form of memberships through the United States Chess Fund so those memberships in total have about a \$250 value” “We took a trip to St.Louis where the World Chess Hall of Fame is in February. We also got to go play at the St.Louis Chess Club. which is where the United States Chess Championship is being held right now. And has been held for the last 10 years.” explained Crivilare.

The future of the chess club is bright for the next years to come.

Many memories can be made in such a short amount of time when you are having fun and

learning new things.

“The St. Louis where we got to see the museum and play professionally.” said Mowen

“ Right now we are mostly based during homeroom. Ideally I'd like to start to be able to take students to tournaments outside of the school perhaps in Springfield they have tournaments twice a year. I'm in talks with the Griggsville Public Library right now to have some sort of chess program there over the summer. I really hope there is continued interest. Learn and grow.” explained Crivilare.

Teacher Michelle Tucker Leaving After Two Years

Tucker's students reflect on her time at GPHS

by Ashlee Jones
Mrs. Tucker a special ed teacher here at Griggsville Perry High has to say her goodbyes to the memories and all the laughs and relationships that she has built with her students.

Mrs. Tucker has a few favorite memories “Being able to help the students” said Mrs. Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker loves to teach and also loves her students.

“Science is my favorite class to teach” said Mrs Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker started working here two years ago.

“I was nervous because it was my first time working at a high school level” said Mrs. Tucker.

Mrs Tucker had no idea what it would be like working here at Griggsville Perry High School.

“It was a small school district and I wanted to be able to help the students and watch them succeed.” said Mrs Tucker.

After these past two year Mrs. Tucker is leaving.

“I am sad about leaving.”

Caitlyn Downey a junior here at Griggsville Perry High School. Downey is in Mrs. Tucker's math class, she has made many great memories and funny ones too.

“I fell off the ball” said Downey.

Mrs. Tucker is a caring person when it come to her students.

“Mrs. Tucker is very patient with students she cares for others when they are not even in her class” said Downey.

Opinions & Reviews

A Letter to the Junior Class

A (Hopefully) Graduating Senior Leaves the Next Class Some Wisdom



Dear the Junior Class,

I know the term "high school is the quickest four years of your life"

is so annoying at this point. I thought the same thing like these people have no idea how high school is now. But after being here and my final days ticking down, I realized they were right. My advice to you, to make the most out of your last year here, is

to do everything. Do not skip out on any games, whether you think it's a win or a lose, go to them. It will be your last time being a student in the student section cheering on your classmates. Do all of your homework, literally all of it. It being the last year, it is normal to want to ignore it and procrastinate, but if you do not do your homework then it builds up and you will feel very overwhelmed. Fill out every single scholarship Mrs. Dokey hands out. It is very important to do so, even if you don't think you will get it fill it out. When it

comes to homecoming week, participate!! That is one of the best weeks of the year, it is not lame to dress up and have fun. When I say do everything, I don't mean to do anything that will get you in trouble. I mean to do everything that impacts you and will make you enjoy every single minute it is that you are a senior. Go to the homecoming dance, go to prom, go on senior trip and most importantly, graduate.

Sincerely,
Kaylie Scoggins

Book Review: A Child It

Sophomore Trinity Schaaf Reviews the Contemporary Classic on Overcoming Neglect



The Child Called It in my opinion is the greatest based off a true story book ever not to

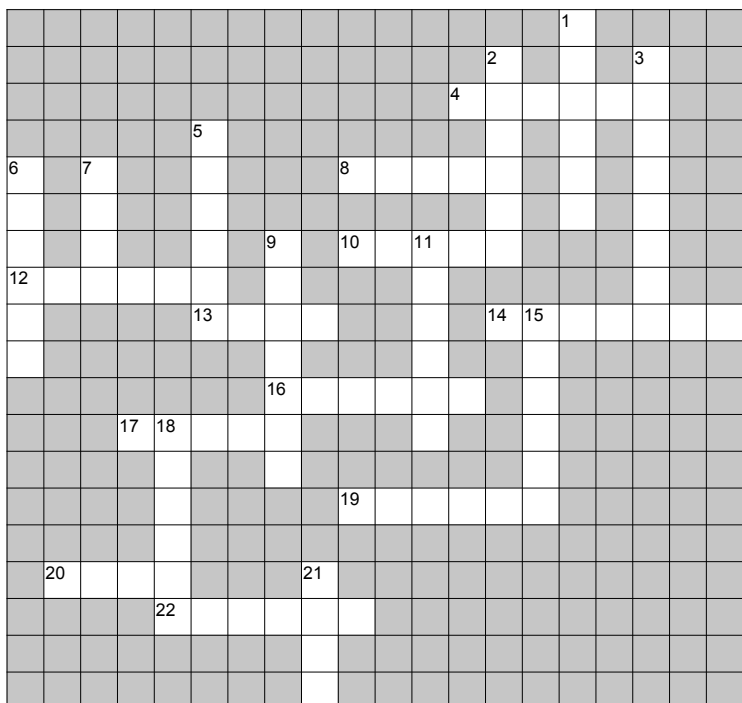
mention that it has a powerful meaning and lesson. I personally recommend this book to anyone who plans to go into the DCFS or CPA jobs where you focus on helping abused or neglected children. This book is based off the true life story of

David Pelzer. In the book Dave explains how his mother horribly beat him in ways no one could imagine to be done to a child. His mother made him drink a teaspoon full of ammonia a powerful cleaning agent which is also toxic. And she even made him sleep on the garage steps and floor without a blanket or pillow. Dave later grew up to tell his story. There are other books that go along with A Child Called It. They are called The Lost Boy, and A Man Named Dave. All three of his books describe his life. I personally feel very bad for

Dave no child deserves to go through that kind of pain and abuse. I have friends that are victims of different kinds of abuse and it makes me very upset. Luckily the abuse has stopped and they are doing much better than when I first met them. When I first read the book A Child Called It I cried because of how sad and intense the book was. Again I'd like to say I would highly recommend this book to my friends and people who plan to get a job that involves helping and saving children. I would rate this book 100 out of 10 stars.

The Tornado Times Crossword Puzzle

In order to celebrate graduation, senior trip, and all their accomplishments, here is a crossword dedicated to the seniors! All answers will be the first name of someone in the senior class.



Across

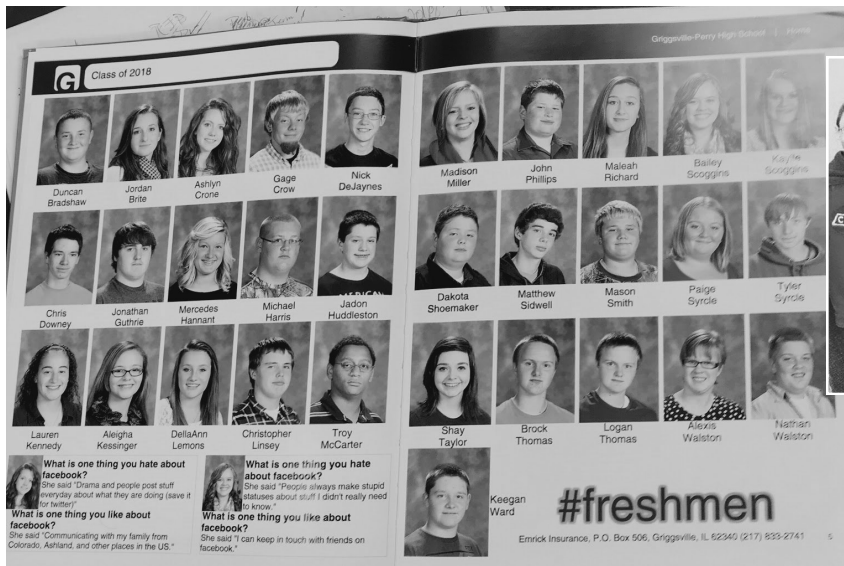
4. Tie Dye fanatic. Also 2018 Prom Queen.
8. Only here on B days. Enjoys John Deer.
10. Prom King of 2018.
12. Male class president. Also going to the Army.
13. Loves his big white truck.
14. Pineapple Tattoo
16. Mrs. Dokey's helper and has a guy twin
17. Manager of volleyball team.
19. Female class president.
20. Outgoing Senior. Ashley's cousin.
22. Has a big yellow truck and a gal twin.

Down

1. President of NHS. Going to University of Illinois in Springfield.
2. Going to John Wood on a basketball scholarship. Funniest girl Senior
3. Future Culver Stockton cheerleader.
5. Farm boy going to University of Illinois. Also 2018 Homecoming King.
6. 2018 Homecoming Queen.
7. Funniest guy Senior. Going to John Wood.
9. Going to the Navy.
11. Speaks his mind. He also loves his hair.
15. Future Quincy University student.
18. Junior Miss Perry 2013.
21. First to get a beard in his class.

This Is Our Time

The Tornado Times celebrates the graduating class of 2018 by looking back on their successes and failures alongside the moments in pop culture that defined the past four years.



Baked Potato Apple Fest

Cell phones banned

Mrs. Dokey takes over as sponsor

2016

RIP 3D Hershey Kiss

Lip sync Battles

First Homecoming epic fail

2015

Melted Caramel Apple Fest

White slips

First day of school

Freshman orientation

2014

Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare- Activision, multiple formats is released

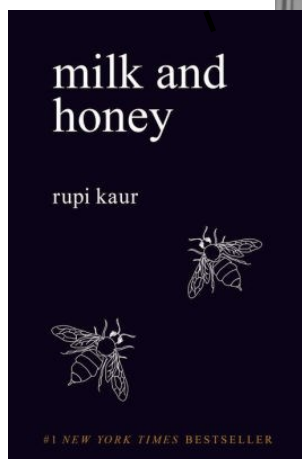
"Hotline Bling" by Drake is released

The Murder Mysteries: Making a Murderer"

The song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams hits the billboard Hot 100

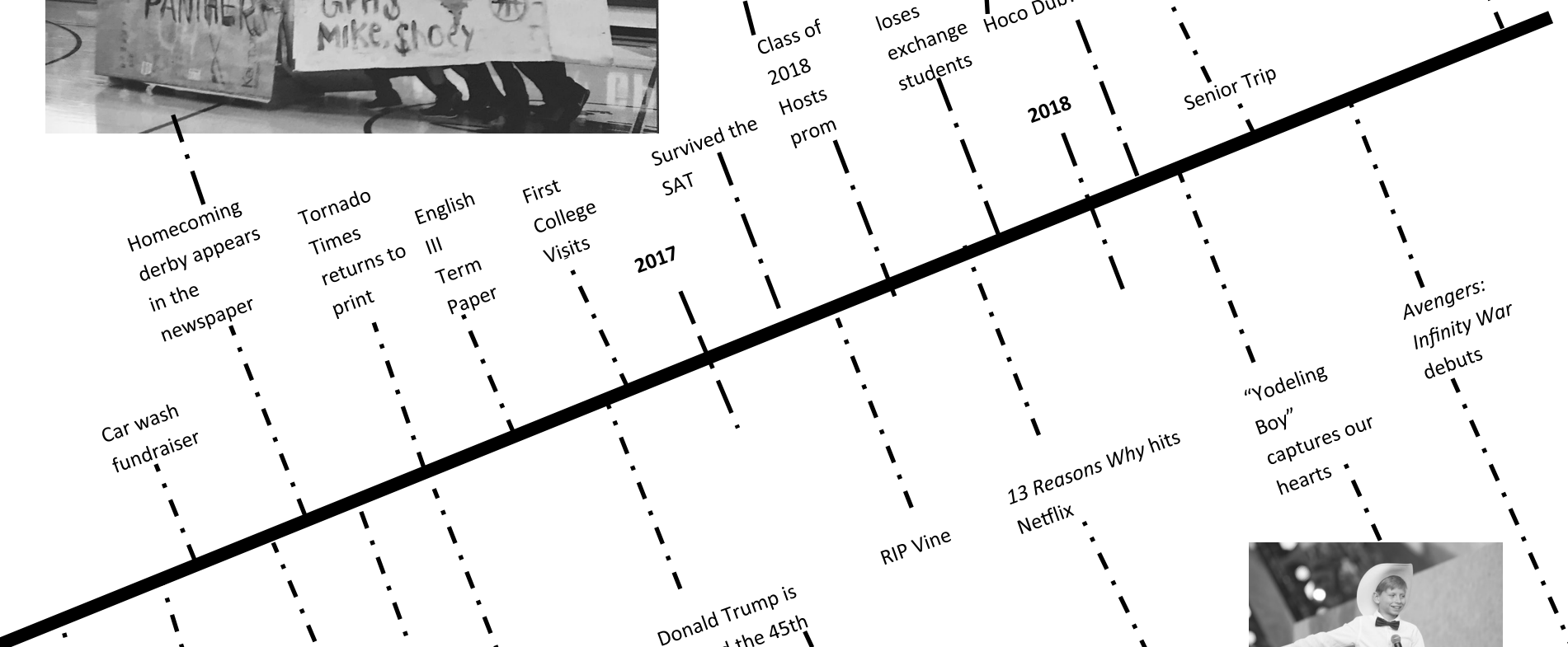
The book Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur is published

The Fault in Our Stars comes out





Graduation from GP on May 25, 2018



2017

2018

Homecoming derby appears in the newspaper

Tornado Times returns to print

English III Term Paper

First College Visits

Survived the SAT

Class of 2018 Hosts prom

GP gets, loses exchange students

Hoco Dub!!

Senior Trip

Car wash fundraiser

Stranger Things comes out

RIP Harambe

"The mannequin challenge" hit GP

Beyoncé drops Lemonade

Donald Trump is elected the 45th president

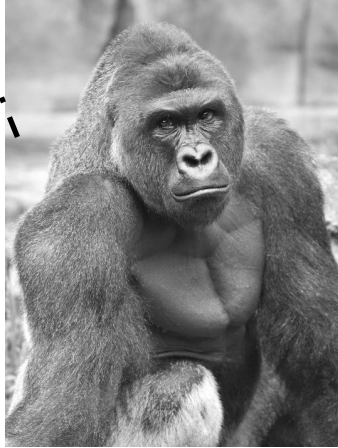
RIP Vine

13 Reasons Why hits Netflix

"Yodeling Boy" captures our hearts

Avengers: Infinity War debuts

Scary clowns allegedly lurking around forests



From strikes to scholarships: Jordan Brite's big adventure

By: Kaylie Scoggins

Jordan Brite makes pitching look easy but she calculates her every pitch.

Brite, a senior, has made a lifelong dedication to the game of softball starting at a young age.

"I started playing when I was 5 years old when my mom was the coach," said Brite. Softball was something she once hated doing but it turned into something she loved.

Brite has been active in high school softball and in the summer she participates in traveling softball teams. "They [the traveling ball teams] are very different because there are more girls that really want to play," Brite said, "and the talent difference is really big. You have girls that are really fast and you have girls that can throw from center field to the catcher at home plate."

Brite enjoys different things about each team that gets to play on.

"I like that [traveling ball] better, but I like school ball

more just because of the family aspect," said Brite.

At the center of Brite's Tornado family is second-year coach Joe Butler. "Joe is loud and obnoxious but when I need him he is there because he went through the same stuff I did," said Brite, "My other coaches they are nice, but they do not have that personal one on one contact." Joe and Jordan went through the same phases of having supports wanting the best out of them. "His parents and uncle pushed him really hard, and my parents push me really hard to the point it makes me want to cry, and Joe understands that," said Brite.

To continue her passion, Brite has signed with McKendree to play college softball. "College softball is a lot different than high school or traveling ball. It is rare for someone to hit the ball. Everything is faster," Brite said.

Since Brite and her mother have such a tight bond, college softball away at McKendree is a new adjustment for everyone.



Boom Goes the Dynamite! Senior Jordan Brite slams a triple in one of her final games in high school. Brite has plans to continue playing softball at McKendree College on scholarship this fall.

"My mom did not like it at first but the more I kept pushing it she started to like it. My dad wanted me to be closer to his work but he

realized I should be happy where I am at," said Brite. She has plans to pitch for the team as eighth of McKendree's current

softball seniors are graduating.