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“Check” Me Outside...How ‘Bout Dat?

Griggsville-Perry Homeroom Chess Club Offers Students a Chance to Compete and Learn ‘the Game of Kings’

By Brooklyn Crone, Staff Reporter

Quite, concentrated, focused, competitive, Quinn Phillips moves a piece across the board and tapping down on her clicking clock to stop her timer.

Many new things have happened this year, but one of them is a new club that has joined G-P. The chess club is one club that the school has never had here at G-P before.

It all started one day when teacher Andrew Crivilare brought in a chessboard to play against other students during homeroom. The students enjoyed playing so much that he had brought one more board then and another one and another one. Kids came from all homerooms to play against each other.

“I’m sure that someone would have brought a chess board it just seems right up Mr.C’s alley” explained sophomore chess player Zane Phillips.

Everyone in the club has a favorite part of the club, everyone also has different

ideas of what they think the club will look like in the future.

“Having an opportunity to watch students pick up a hobby that they many not have had an interest in before is satisfying to watch,” said Crivilare.

Some of the players are self taught and others just need practice. Phillips is one that is self-taught. For others homeroom can be a great time to learn a new hobby or build up your skill, assuming you are a student who has their homework done.

The chess club has been successful in many different ways: you learn a new board game, you can compete against your friends or Mr.C. Students can all use a little fun in our lives.



“Hey mate! That a checkmate!”// Sophomore Tucker Kunzeman and junior Colton Ivey face off in the first round of the chess club’s Holiday Tournament. The game featured sophomore Kaden Bennet’s version of color-commentary, complete with Australian accent. Other students, such as sophomore Kaitlyn Leenerts, helped the players keep time on their clocks. Kunzeman went on to win the match with a checkmate.

GRIGGSVILLE-PERRY CHESS PLAYERS TO KNOW

	<p>Quinn Phillips, Sophomore</p> <p>Claim to Chess Fame: Phillips is currently the highest ranked player in the school, even surpassing Mr. Crivilare</p>		<p>Kaitlyn Leenerts, Sophomore</p> <p>Claim to Chess Fame: Leenerts went from a complete novice, losing her first six games, to becoming one of the highest ranked players and potential winner of the Holiday Tournament.</p>		<p>Lizzy Clayton-Mowen, Freshman</p> <p>Claim to Chess Fame: Clayton-Mowen was one of the earliest supporters of the chess club. Her dedication has even extended to helping keep the records, setting up chess puzzles, and teaching new players.</p>
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Review: Wonder...ful *New Film Explores Topics Close to Teens’ and Families’ Hearts*

By: Kaylie Scoggins, Opinions Editor

The film adaptation of the movie Wonder is nothing short of a remarkable one. The inspiring, heartwarming movie captures the vulnerability of a little boy named August Pullman, who has a face difference, entering the fifth grade.

The author of the book, R.J. Palacio, channels the inner kindness and generosity in a person, and the director of the movie, Stephen Chbosky executes that perfectly on the big screen.

Equally important, is the fact Stephen Chbosky wrote and directed the movie, The Perks of being a Wallflower. The two movies are connected thematically, with the “oddballs” trying to find their way in life. The movie The Perks of being a Wallflower relates with Wonder because it is about Charlie, a freshman entering high school with a mental

illness. He has to go out of his comfort zone and gets taken under the wing of two seniors.

The two characters, Charlie and August, can connect by both of their new beginnings and the challenges they have to face that shape them into the person they are.

Most book movie combos are not executed by play by play. That is not the case for this one. While watching the movie, I was able to relate each movie scene back to the book.

It was not half way book and halfway movie. The movie switches through each character’s perspective. You start out with August (Jacob Tremblay) and his first day of school, then move to his sister Via (Izabela Vidovic) who has adjusted to always being put second, then we see her old ex best friend Miranda (Danielle Rose Russell) who

really just needed a friend, and finally we see life through Jack Wills (Noah Jupe) eyes, Auggie’s first real friend.

All of these actors/actresses came together and pressed the story of how far being kind actually takes you.

The story behind the movie is really motivational. It is a real life scenario that could happen to anyone.

You have heard the phrase “never judge a book by its cover” that works for people, too. In this story, you see the hardships and challenges the whole family faces to sustain a normal life. It also captures how bullying works in the school system and what true friends are.

With Auggie’s wild imagination, it kept him from dwelling on the negatives of middle school and he kept going and furthering his love for science. He

knew he could not change the way he looked but he could change the lives of the people around him.

At the end of the movie, Chbosky concludes everything that August and his family and friends has gone through at the school assembly.

In conclusion, the movie Wonder is a perfect inspiring movie that stresses being kind makes a per-

son. When I was at the movie theatre it was not just teenagers there, little kids, old people, and parents all wanted to see the heartwarming story of August Pullman. The message that the movie is getting across is so looked over. I would recommend that you take the time out of your day and go watch it.



A Star is Born// Wonder stars Jacob Tremblay as Auggie, a boy with a unique condition that makes him an outsider in his new school.

Get-to-Know a Senior Our ongoing series exploring the lives of GP seniors once more before they graduate

A Friend When You Need One

Senior Nathan Walston Always Gives a Helping Hand

By: Bailey Scoggins. Editor in Chief



Walston's friends said he is always a good listener, and a good friend.

Senior Nathan Walston is always putting others before himself. He was described as a very outgoing, hardworking person.

Senior Kaylie Scoggins believes that Nathan is always a good friend to people.

"He's a very outgoing person once you get past his shyness," Scoggins said, he never turns a blind eye. He listens, and he listens well. Like people talk just to talk, but he actually absorbs what one is saying and is interested."

Senior Gage Crow loves that Nathan aspires to be his one person, and not a follower.

Crow said "Nathan's best quality is not being a follower. He does not want to copy what everyone else does."

Walston is most inspired by his sister and described her as always being brave.

"I always thrive to be as strong as she is. She always has a positive outcome in life." Walston said, "seeing my sister at senior year about to graduation provides me the greatest satisfaction in life."

Walston also has a job as a night manager at save-a-lot and plans to go to a tech school to be a mechanic after high school.

"I am most proud of my success with my job. Not many people can go from cashier to night manager in three months." said Walston.

He spends a lot of his free time outdoors. "I love to go hunting and fishing," Walston said "I find it a good way to connect with nature and myself." Walston also likes to spend time with friends, and has a hidden talent of beatboxing.

Scoggins said that, "In the eighth grade, Nathan beatboxed for our teacher Mrs. VG, and she acted upon it, and had him do it a lot because he was so good at it."

High school made Walston learn to never give up. "Just always remember that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Someone is always going through something that is different than what you are going through."

The Struggle is Real

G-P Students Open Up on Difficulties of Having a Job

By Brayden Sonneborne, staff writer

There are many students who have jobs, the question is does this job affect their school work. Having a job and going to school can be particularly difficult.

There are many struggles with finding time to do homework when you have to work all the time. The biggest struggle is finding the motivation to want to work on homework after a long day, which leads to the student only doing it halfway.

As sophomore, Tyler DeJaynes said "It is hard to find time for fun" without being able to have "fun" people will get stressed out from not being able to relax.

Having a good sleeping schedule is important if you wake up tired it makes the student less likely to work hard.

The hardest part about balancing school and work is "being able to have a good sleeping schedule" said Bryan White.

If you ask most of the students they will agree but there is a portion that say differently. Some students grades are severely affected by their work.

"Work doesn't affect my grades" White said.

Stress plays a big role in a student's grades. If a student is stressed they will be less likely to give it their all. Stress is what makes or breaks a student. It can determine whether a student can get past the stress they will come out better than they were before.



By: Courtney Syrcle, staff writer

October's Student of the Month is Bailey Scoggins, achieving this award takes hard work and dedication.

Scoggins has limited her options for college already! She has four colleges in mind.

"I have applied to a lot of colleges because I want to see where I get accepted to but, my main colleges are Eastern, Western, and QU," said Scoggins. "I think I am going to end up going to Eastern, but I might follow Kaylie to Northwest."

Scoggins has yet to figure out what she is going to college for.

"I really don't know [what I am going to college for]," said Scoggins. "I'm thinking maybe

Scoggins Scores Student of the Month

Senior Bailey Scoggins Wins Student of the Month for Being a Good Student

like a counselor to help people."

Like most seniors Scoggins is ready to leave for college.

"I'm ready to get out of this town," said Scoggins. "I'm definitely ready for college."

Scoggins favorite time of the year is homecoming.

"Definitely homecoming [is my favorite time of the year] because us seniors now always try hard and we always get the win taken from us even though every single year besides Freshman," says Scoggins. "Homecoming is always rigged so don't try hard but don't get your hopes up if you don't win because it's rigged."

Overall Scoggins experience at GP has been a good experience.

"I've learned a lot," says Scoggins. "I haven't really had any problems with this year except math. Don't take a math your senior year because it's the worst!"

OPINION: The Joys of Hunting

A Tornado Times Writer Explores the Benefits of Hunting

By: Brayden Sonneborn, staff writer

The crisp morning air of fall, the sound of leaves crunching, sticks breaking, and birds chirping. Its deer season, the time most hunters get excited for.

There are many pros to deer hunting. One pro is that hunting keeps the deer from overpopulating and eating all the plants then starving themselves from lack of food.

Another pro is that the revenue from selling deer tags helps to fund environmental programs to keep animals healthy.

Most hunters were taught from family members giving them valuable family time increasing their mental state.

The venison is lower in fat than cow beef, and has



more protein making it a good food to eat. The physical activity it takes to set up stands or blinds scouting the woods takes a lot of energy. So, they are not only having bonding time with their family members, they are burning calories, too.

OPINION: Taking a Stand

Tornado Times Writer Speaks Out Against the Cruelty of Hunting for Sport

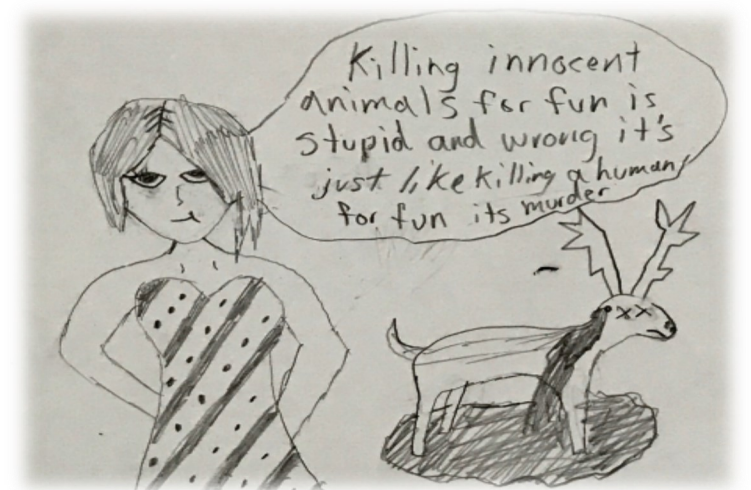
By Trinity Schaaf, staff writer

In my opinion, hunting for sport is foolish and idiotic.

Other people say hunting is good for keeping down the animal population. However, people aren't hunting to help they're hunting for fun.

According to animal rights attorney Doris Lin, "The first step is for state wildlife agencies to stop increasing the population of certain species, especially deer.." Agencies do this because they make more money when people buy the hunting licenses.

Many people over the years have been reported injured or dead from a hunting accident.



Drawing Conclusions// Staff writer Trinity Schaaf shares her take on hunting in the form of an editorial cartoon.

"There are about 1000 people each year in the US and Canada that are injured or killed in hunting accidents." says Lin.

I believe no child under the age of 13 should own a firearm or any sort of hunting equipment. I believe this because at a very young age kids might not know the gun safety rules or how to use them properly.

Granted most parents are there to help but there are still many cases where the kids have injured themselves and their parents. Therefore I personally think hunting for sport should be banned. It not only endangers certain species but it is also cruel and unfair.