

# TORNADO TIMES

## News

### Welcome, Dr. Gladu!

by Ashley Scranton

In the fall of 2014, the Griggsville-Perry school district hired a new superintendent, Dr. Janet Gladu. Dr. Gladu was hired in the place of Mrs. Andrea Allen, due to her retirement in the spring of last year.

Dr. Gladu has made many changes in her first year of employment at Griggsville-Perry. Students agree that Dr. Gladu has made a great impact on our school through the changes she has made throughout this year.

### Happy Retirement!

by Erica Sidwell

This year, Mrs. Gleckler is retiring from Griggsville-Perry High School. All of the students will miss her as a teacher, or miss seeing her walk the halls and always being happy.

Mrs. Gleckler has been teaching for 28 and a half years. Her favorite part about teaching was the students. The hardest part about teaching was all the special education paperwork she had to handle.

Mrs. Gleckler says she will miss the students as well as the staff. She is excited for retirement because she will spend more time with her grandkids, travel more, and have more time for her hobbies.

### A Note From the Staff

Thank you for taking the time to read the first edition of the Tornado Times! The Tornado Times is a quarterly publication created by the wonderful staff of the GPHS yearbook.

## Opinion

by Ally Broyles

Next year, Griggsville-Perry High school is changing the grade scale. Beginning next fall, an A will be 100 to 90, a B 89-80, a C 79-70, a D 69-60, and a 59 and below is an F. In my opinion, it will be a better step for GPHS's education. An A goes to 90 as its lowest instead of 94 now. Another good thing is that other schools in Pike County use the same grading scale, so if someone moves, he or she doesn't have to learn a new grading scale. The grading scale will be easier for the teachers to grade, as well since the new scale moves by 10s. One bad thing is that teachers may have to change their teaching styles.

by Tornado Times Staff Member

"I want to kill myself." One little sentence with one huge meaning. We've all heard someone say it as a joke. "This homework is so hard, I want to kill myself," or "This class makes me want to kill myself." But have you actually heard someone say, "I want to kill myself" and actually mean it? If you had, I don't think you would be saying it as a joke. If you had been up at 2:30 in the morning with your best friend, holding her on the kitchen floor while she's sobbing because she had failed to kill herself, you wouldn't be saying it as a joke. Suicide is scary, horrible, and permanent. It is serious and it is lethal. Did you know one person commits suicide every 16.2 minutes and it intimately affects at least six other people? Does that sound like a joke to you?

\*If you are seriously considering suicide, or just need someone to talk to, tell someone you trust or call this free, anonymous hotline: 1-800-273-TALK\*

## Activity: Science Club

Science club is a group of juniors and seniors that work together to clean up around the school. Shelby Hendricks, a member of science club, said she enjoyed the club very much. Her favorite part is "being outside with her friends and helping the environment." This fall, the whole science club cleaned up the old flower garden outside the school that was full of weeds and looked terrible. A

couple of the members brought in weed eaters and cleared the garden. Science club also visited the elementary for Earth Day to teach the younger students why the earth is important, how animals live on it, and why it is important to protect it. At the end of the year, Science club celebrated their year with a pizza party during homeroom.

## Sports: Boys Basketball

By Kaleb Bradshaw and Skyler Miller

The GP boy's basketball team came out to a rough start. At first, things were not looking good. The North Greene tournament is when the Tornados got hot. First, they defeated Brown County. The second round was against Western, for the second time this season. After the Tornados defeated them, they headed to the championship game. In the championship game, the Tornados escaped the Spartans in overtime for the victory. The streak continued, as the Tornados took 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in the Winchester Tournament.

After a heartbreaking 1-3

downfall in the Carrolton tournament, the boys came back strong to end the season. The Tornados went 10-0 in the WIVC, taking the conference championship.

The Tornados picked up a second wind in the post season. In the first round of regionals, against Brown County, GP pulled off a scary three-point victory. Coming in the second, the Tornados faced a young Unity team, which the boys defeated by 28. Coming into the championship, the Tornados knew they were the underdog against a very good Payson team.

The Tornados played one of their best games all

season and defeated the number two ranked Payson team for a Regional Championship.

Going into sectionals, the boys were matched up to the number one team in the state, Springfield Lutheran. Despite a terrible first half, the Tornados turned a 21 point deficit into an 8 point loss.

The Tornados put together one of the better teams to go in GP history with a record of 22-9.

## Sports: Lady Tornado Softball

by Hannah Dewitt

The 2014-2015

Griggsville-Perry softball season has been very successful. Everyone has put in a lot of time and effort to be the team we have become. The record leading into regionals was 24-7. The ladies started regionals on May 19<sup>th</sup> by playing Western (Barry). The ladies really hope we will win regionals again this year, and see how far we can make it.

## Sports: Baseball

By Carl Liehr

The year's baseball team was a team not to be messed with. The Tornados started off strong with a 3-0 record. However, they faced trouble at QND with a close game, losing 2-4. That loss carried over for the next three games, all of which resulted in close games, but the Tornados could not find what worked for them.

Every player had his own pre-game ritual, from Kaleb's eye black to Riley's long sleeves. What really started the comeback streak was Jordan's "flow." After the players started to slick back their hair, the Tornados went on a five win streak. Game after game, the Tornados continued to bring their ferocity to every game. Every player pulled his weight and helped his teammates. Almost every player has gotten a homerun this year, but the one and only Kaleb Bradshaw lead the team with his seven dingers.

The Tornados began regionals this week with a record of 18-6, giving them the number one seed.

**Sports: Eagles Boys Basketball**

by Kobie McCallister

Coming in, Coach Garret White and his 7<sup>th</sup> grade team had high hopes for their season. After finishing the best record he has had, 8 wins and 2 losses, Coach White knew he had something special with this group of boys.

At the beginning of the season, the team set a few goals. One of these goals included going to the state tournament. Despite completing one of their main goals, the team struggled during their regular season. The Eagles battled injuries and unhealthiness all of their regular season, but they got healthy at just the right time. Ending their regular season with a record of 14 wins and 11 losses, this team came together and “clicked” at the perfect time.

Throughout the season, Coach White had a couple players who surprised everybody else in Cash Kirk and Dalton McCallister. Coach White said, “I saw great potential in Dalton that others didn’t. Cash and Dalton both worked hard and got better every practice.” Just like his confidence in Dalton and Cash, Coach White was confident coming into the post season.

While others considered beating Our Saviors for the Regional Championship win and Carrollton-St. John for the Sectional Championship win an “upset,” the Eagles expected to win these games. Despite the Eagles losing to Our Saviors in the regular season by 15 points, they knew they had it in themselves to beat them with a healthy and complete team. Many people also favored Carrollton-St. John in the Sectional Championship game. The Hawks came into the game with only 2 losses and had blown out their common opponents. The Eagles didn’t look at these games as upsets because of the faith in themselves to win.

Before their State tournament game, Coach White told his team to “embrace the moment and don’t be afraid of it.” He said that his team “wasn’t going to back down.” Despite losing, the Eagles never did back down, they fought until the very last buzzer.

**Entertainment: American Sniper**

by Riley Bradshaw

The movie that shocked America – American Sniper stunned the nation when it was released. Clint Eastwood took on the tricky mission of directing the movie about the former Navy Seal Chris Kyle. An outstanding performance by Bradley Cooper helped carry out this mission.

A good ol’ Texas boy rodeo rider, Kyle signs up for military duty after a career-ending injury. On his first tour, he finds himself positioned on a rooftop in Fallujah, and he is forced to decide whether the trains in his sights are terrorists or innocent civilians. This will become a reoccurring situation for Kyle.

Kyle’s ability to pick off enemies earns the attention of the enemy, a rebel called “The Butcher.” Kyle isn’t even intimidated by the enormous bounty on his head. Even so that when he was not camped on rooftops, he would lead ground troops in door to door clearing.

He returns home on brief visits between his four tours. Kyle finds himself increasingly disconnected from his wife, children, and civilian life. He’s always ready to return to war, where he eventually earns the nickname “Legend” for being the deadliest sniper in U.S. Military history.

**Entertainment: Top 10**

by Frankee Craven

In the 2014-2015 school year, there have been many excellent songs that artists have come up with. While looking up the top 100 songs on the internet, the first ten in line were the following.

1. Love Me Like You Do – Ellie Goulding
2. Uptown Funk – Mark Ronson, ft. Bruno Mars
3. Sugar – Maroon 5
4. Thinking Out Loud – Ed Sheeran
5. GDFR – Flo Rida, ft. Sage Gemini and Lookas
6. Style – Taylor Swift
7. FourFiveSeconds – Rihanna, Kanye West, and Paul McCartney

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## Entertainment: Quote to Sum Up the Year

by Ashley Miller

1. "It's much easier to not know things sometimes. Things change and friends leave. And life doesn't stop for anybody." – Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Because more than one person has lost a friend this year, and even though it's always hard to grasp, we have to move on.

2. "When we're playing good, we're playing really good." – Kaleb Bradshaw (Mr. Mantastic)

Because sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you cannot live things down.

3. "Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday." – Wilma Rudolph

Because of the North Green Tournament Champions, WIVC Champions, and Brown County Regional Champions.  
#FinalRide

4. "He's more myself than I am. Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same." – Emily Bronte, *Wuthering Heights*

Because sometimes, maybe you find happiness amongst the craziness that holds you for 13 years of your life.

5. "The night is the hardest time to be alive and 4am knows all my secrets." – Poppy Z. Brite

Because when you're in high school, many nights turn into mornings and moments turn into memories.

6. "CONJUGATE THIS: I cut class, you cut class, he, she, it cuts class. We cut class, they cut class. We all cut class. I cannot say this in Spanish because I did not go to Spanish today. Gracias a dios. Hasta luego." – Laurie Halse Anderson, *Speak*

Because nothing against Spanish, but yo no me gusta.

7. "And the tree was happy" – Shel Silverstein, *The Giving Tree*

Because 1) high school students miss nap time, and 2) happiness

8. "Listen! Red light, yellow light, green-a-light-go! Crazy little woman in a one man show." – Def Leppard, *Pour Some Sugar on Me*

Because the seniors had one of the best Homecoming skits of all time.

9. "Getting you a date to prom is so hard that the hypothetical idea itself is actually used to cut diamonds," I added. Radar tapped a locker twice with his fist to show his approval, and then came back with another. "Ben, getting you a date to prom is so hard that the American government believes the problem cannot be solved with diplomacy, but will instead require force." – John Green, *Paper Towns*

Because prom...

10. "This isn't the time to make hard and fast decisions; it's time to make mistakes. Take the wrong train and get stuck somewhere chill. Fall in love – a lot. Major in philosophy 'cause there's no way to make a career out of that. Change your mind. Then change it again, because nothing is permanent. So make mistakes as you can. That way, someday, when they ask again what we want to be...we won't have to guess. We'll know." – Stephanie Meyer, *Eclipse*

Because we're young, and we are not obligated to know everything.

## Entertainment: Top 10, Continued

- 8. See You Again – Wiz Khalifa, ft. Charlie Puth
- 9. Earned It – The Weeknd
- 10. She Knows – Ne-Yo, ft. Juciy J

As far as movies go, popular movies in 2014-15 were:

*Avengers: Age of Ultron*  
*Guardians of the Galaxy*  
*Furious 7*  
*The Fault in Our Stars*  
*American Sniper*  
*The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*  
*Divergent*  
*Insurgent*  
*The Interview*  
*Mockingjay*  
*22 Jump Street*