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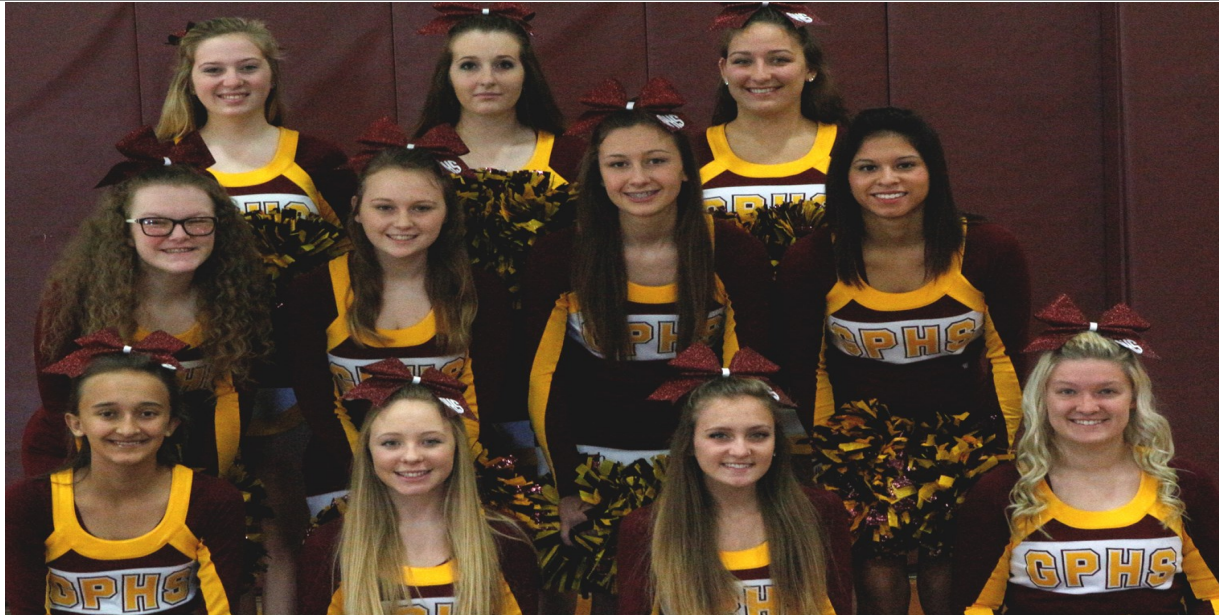


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Craft Show a Success

By: Kaylie Scoggins

Another Craft Show is in the books! On November 12, Team Impact hosted a Craft Show at the GP High School. They had 13 vendors this year. Among them were Scentsy, Pink Zebra, Tupperware, Crafts, Backroad Lace Boutique, Tastefully Simple, Home Decorations, Mary Kay, Younique, and the Junior Class Bake Sale.

Team Impact members worked hard to plan the event. Members of Team Impact were out on Saturday, getting up early to help vendors get ready for the day. Kayt Risley, school nurse, is the sponsor of Team Impact.

Team Impact is involved with the community through Volley for Hope, Adopt a Grandpa!, the Craft Show, and the Annual Bake Sale. The proceeds from these events is given back to the community through donation and through meeting the needs of the community.

Last year, money was given to donated during the holidays to the Griggsville Estates for their activity fund, the Kepley House for their individuals, to the Reach Out Center, and to the GP Christmas Toy Program. Team Impact will meet this month to discuss how their funds will be able to help the community.

Pictured above: Kalli Goewey, Ashley Miller, Alexa Shoemaker, Jordan Brite, Mercedes Hannant, Maleah Richard, Lani Daniels, Savannah Irving, Mary Nash, Courtney Syrcle, Jennifer Bingham, and Peyton Woodward.

Give Me a T! Tornadoes Ready for Cheer

By: Lauren Kennedy

Cheerleaders are a lot of things: dedicated, hardworking, and friendly. They have to be all of that and throw their best friends in the air.

Coach Kristine Bingham and the GPHS cheerleaders kicked off their season November 10 at the Soda Scrimmage.

This year, there are three seniors, three juniors, four sophomores, and two freshman on the squad.

When freshman Jennifer Bingham was asked how high school cheerlead-

ing was different than middle school cheerleading she said, "The high school cheerleaders are nicer. We have bigger crowds to cheer for and we can do more complex builds."

The structure of cheerleading also changes the sport. "During our tournaments we all get judged tougher and it makes us all better," Jennifer Bingham said. "Games are longer in high school so that is another plus."

Sophomore Mary Nash said there were three positive things about cheer-

leading. "Teamwork is important because you have to pump the crowd up and the basketball boys also," Nash said.

"Effort is given in practice and shown in games," Nash added. "Our squad shows positive attitudes and patience from seniors is given to the newer girls."

Jordan Brite, junior squad member, said it warms her heart when little kids look up to her. "It feels amazing because I set an example of how cheerleaders are supposed to be," Brite said. "When they want

to be high school cheerleaders, I can make their dreams come true."

"During the spirit camp," Brite said, "seeing their smiles brightens my day."

Black Friday, shopping season arrives

By: Paige Syrcle

Brace yourselves, fellow Americans, not for how much food you may eat on Thanksgiving, but for the crazy day after.

On Friday, November 25, 2016 it will be the busiest shopping day of the year. Black Friday is the perfect day for making memories with your family and friends.

According to Bailey and Kaylie Scoggins, juniors who go Black Friday shopping every year, one of their favorite memories was fighting in Old Navy while their aunt was looking at coats and didn't know it was going on.

Bailey also said, "Instead of looking for-

ward to eating turkey, my family looks forward to Black Friday shopping. We literally went to Shopko four times that night, all for wrapping paper, because my aunt said that it was a great deal."

"I also witnessed my mom fight hard for a Roku," Bailey added, "and many people go crazy for the tv specials."

So gear up for Black Friday as it is only a few days away. Best of luck!



KARSON'S QUESTIONS!
 KARSON DEWITT ASKS IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE
 Q: Why do giraffes have long necks?

"So they can eat the trees." - Ryan Kelley

"To smell the leaves." - Colton Ivey

"I don't know, but I sure would like to pet one." - Brandon Waugh

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Basketball Conditioning Comes to Close

By: Ashley Miller

The Griggsville-Perry boys basketball team has been hard at work in preparation for their upcoming season.

Between after school practices and a week of 6am conditioning, members of the 2016-17 team have been in the gym working towards their goal of a better season than the last.

Ryan Kelley, a senior this year, says being done with 6am conditioning feels “pretty dang good.”

After three years on the team, the first two years of his career being highly successful, Kelley hopes to have a winning season. “The team has talent. If we’d learn to uti-

lize skills correctly, we will be successful.”

Karson Dewitt, another senior player, has very high hopes for this year. “Probably going to win state,” Dewitt said and hoped for this season.

Although state may be a good goal, the Tornadoes finished their 2015-16 season 5-19.

Head Coach Quincy Landreth has been working the boys hard, showing what only a few practices can achieve when the Tornadoes showcased their skills at the annual sports drink scrimmage.

The players were divided into two teams and played in a

very close game.

Hopefully all the work the players and coaching staff have put in will pay off when the Tornadoes take on the Brown County Hornets November 29, which will kick off the start of their season.



Students Prepare for Worst, Hope for Best

By: Jordan Brite

On November 23rd, the Griggsville Perry School District will take part in an active shooter drill with the Pike County Police Department.

Students will learn what to do if a shooter is present. Officers will go over what kids should do and when to act for their safety.

Teachers have already gone over what they need to do in classrooms and where to go once outside of the school. During an active shooter situation, once outside, kids will run to the fire department.

The Pike County Police Department will come sometime throughout the day to start the drill. An officer will shoot a

starter pistol in the school acting as the “shooter.”

Students also must listen for an office staff worker over the intercom to tell where the shooter is.

If the shooter is in your wing: Barricade the door, be quiet and hide, and throw anything to hurt shooter.

If the shooter is in other wings: Sneak to any escape being quiet, and run to the fire house.

Safety is always key. Anyone with questions about the drill can check in with Cathy, Mr. Bourne, or their teachers for more advice.



Sports Drink Scrimmage

By: Ryan Kelley

The Griggsville-Perry boys and girls basketball teams held their annual Sports Drink Scrimmage Thursday, November 10.

The scrimmage is a way for the teams to showcase the talent they have for the upcoming year. This year, due to low numbers, the girls team played the JV boys in game of two, 12-minute halves. It was a great game, with both teams battling for supremacy throughout the entire match.

The girls came out on top with a score of 39-36.

The coaches split up the boys team evenly and they also played 2 12-minute halves. The boys game was also neck and neck until the end, but the white team would take the win by a score of 35-31.

The cheerleaders were excited to show the fans what cheers they would be seeing in the upcoming season.



Basketball at Brown Off to Rocky Start

By: Hope Scott

The Lady Tornadoes fell short at the Brown County Tournament.

With a 9 a.m. game to start off the tournament against Routt, the girls scored 16 points, but not enough to take the win.

Devin Battefeld, senior, said that they struggled with

“everything, really”. Although they lost, the ladies pushed in their second game.

The 3 p.m. game was against Brown County, where the Tornadoes scored 39 points; but it was still not enough to take the win.

Jordan Brite, junior, says that they “came to play and worked as a

team.”

It was an interesting game to watch as the battle continued throughout the game.

Brite said that “next time we will be able to beat them.”

Battefeld says that their biggest competition this year is Routt and that the Lady Tornadoes have “always wanted to beat Routt since I can remember.” Battefeld also states that “if we play how we are supposed to play, we’ll win at least 10 games.”

The girls play in Brown County Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. Come out and support your Lady Tornadoes!

Thanksgiving Delights

By: Lani Daniels

Thanksgiving is the time of year that you spend time and feast with your family. Mostly, people just enjoy eating all of the amazing food.

From my experiences, my favorite food at Thanksgiving would have to be noodles. My great-grandma makes homemade noodles every year.

Jordan Brite says her favorite food is “mashed ta-

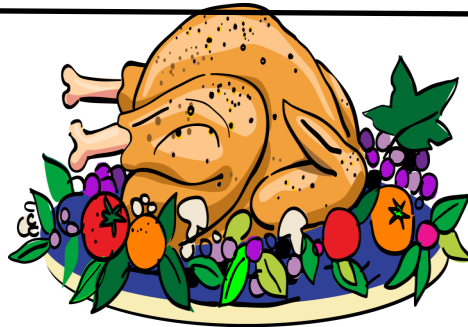
ters and gravy”. “I’m the only person that drinks hot chocolate on Thanksgiving. Sidenote: I like being fat for Thanksgiving.”

Kailynn Waugh says that she likes green bean casserole on Thanksgiving. “My favorite part about Thanksgiving is eating most of the food and spending time with family.”

While people usually talk about the food they en-

joy eating for Thanksgiving, some people enjoy watching the football game or the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

During Thanksgiving, everyone comes together to give thanks and spend time with their loved ones.



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