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Lady T's ready for a fresh season

By Mya Kattelmann

The Lady Tornado Softball team is swinging into the 2019 season. They have plans to make this year a good one.

Jordan Brite, the assistant coach who played last year on the team, says she is ready for the season.

“Last year, like every year, we had to build a stronger program. By the end of the season the team’s confidence grew tremendously,” Brite said.

Brite said the team does have a weakness.

“I feel our only weakness is right now...there isn’t a leader yet, but someone will step up as season continues,” Brite said.

As the season continues assistant coach Brite has an

overall goal.

“My overall goal is to help build the program and continue to encourage girls to play Griggsville Perry softball,” Brite explained.

Junior Emily “B” Brown, the pitcher, outfielder and the first baseman, plans for a great, but rough, season this year.

“I feel like the season will have a lot of ups and downs, mainly because these freshman are gonna kill us,” Brown said.

For the incoming freshman this year and next Brown has advice.

“Joe [the coach] has an attitude, a big one, and it’s not like junior high softball.”

Junior Kaitlyn Leenerts,

shortstop, explains what she thinks the season will look like this year.

“We are kind of a younger team this year. We only have two juniors and two seniors we have some pretty good fielders so we will have to see,” Leenerts said.

Leenerts has a solution to work through the ups-and-downs of the season.

“If you work together as a team then you can handle anything, but if you become individuals, the highs and lows will be and can be much worse.”

Leenerts favorite position to play on the field is shortstop, “I like shortstop because you are always on your feet and you don’t get a break and it’s just intense



and I love that.”

“Winning isn’t the key to being successful it’s working as a team and showing the crowd that we got what it takes.” Leenerts describes.

Upcoming Games

March 21 @ Mendon

March 23 @ Quincy High

March 25 @ Quincy-ND

March 26 @ Triopia

Acts of Random Kindness Club make a difference

By Brookelyn Crone

Most people can use a little positivity in their life, but not knowing what is going on in a person’s personal life behind closed doors can be hard. To make this challenge a little easier and help lift students, counselor Allison Dokey came up with the idea to start Acts of Random Kindness Club.

The Acts of Random Kindness Club made its debut this year. The club was brought up by Dokey who loves to make people happy.

“I’m a really big believer in kindness. I try and promote it and I just thought that some of our students might want to get involved and come together sometimes,” Dokey said. “High school can be a scary place and some kids might not receive kindness on a daily basis at home or any appreciation so I just wanted to do something nice for the student body.”

Acts of Random Kindness is exactly what it

seems: students take time to come up with projects and execute them to improve students’ days as they go back and continue on with their lives.

“Acts of Random Kindness is based off the National Acts of Random Kindness Club, and basically the goal for it is to make high school more pleasant by conducting campaigns, activities, projects,” Dokey said. “The goal of the club is to use little things in life to make a big difference.”

The club has earned local-fame and has gained recognition. Principal Jillian Theis has been very positive and a supporter of the club and what the club has accomplished

“It has been very positive in the community. We have had the Pike County newspaper reach out and they want to come do a story on it,” Theis said. “I have also had teachers in the elementary classrooms being really excited about getting those high schoolers

into their classrooms and doing things with their students.”

The club members are not the only ones that can make change. There are somethings that all students and staff can do that may not seem like a lot.

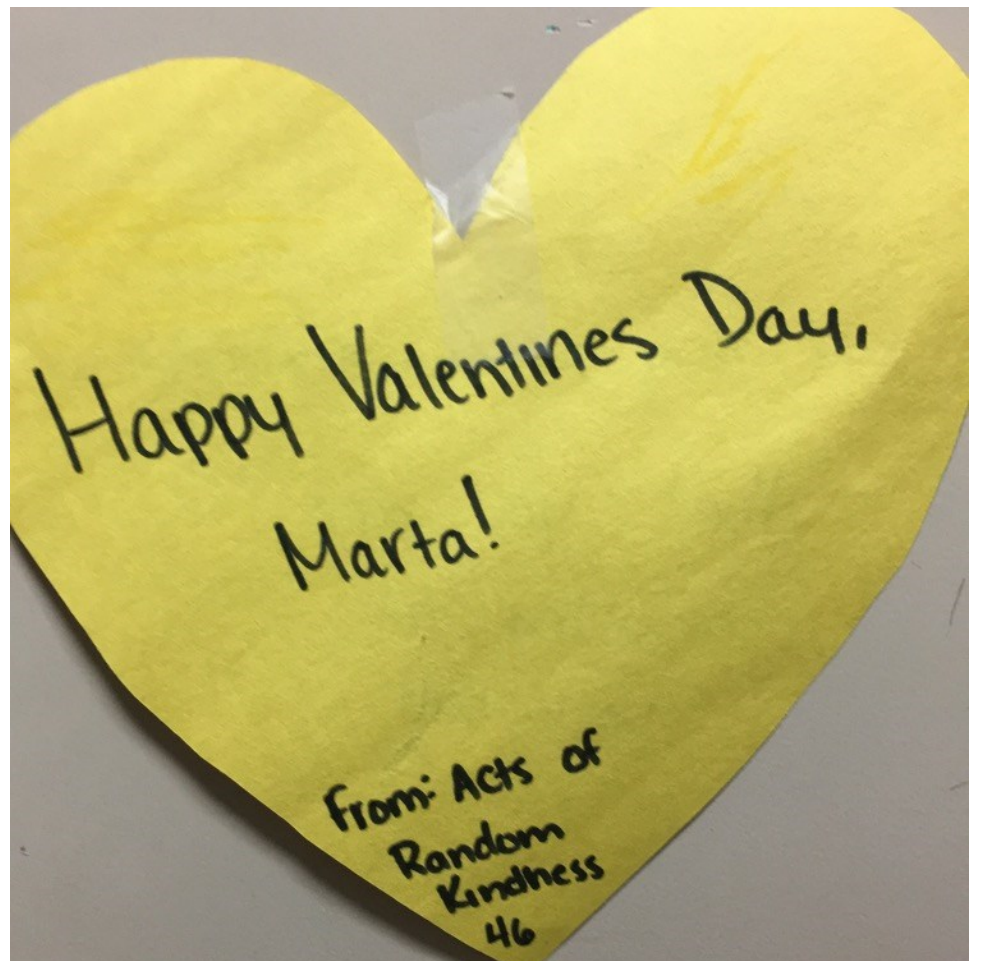
“I would just like more students involved in the club not even that even if

your not involved in the club just take what we do as a lesson on how to treat others,” Dokey said. “I think they’d be surprised how good it makes them feel afterwards and how you can put a smile on somebody’s face and make their day by saying one nice thing.”

Dokey’s goal for the club is a simple but impactful

mission.

“I want to teach them that it does not take grand gestures to be kind we do little things and hopefully that will be a ripple effect.”





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Kelly named student of the month



Fiona Kelly, the sophomore daughter of Dave and Sheila Kelly, has

been chosen as our February Student of the Month. It is safe to say

that Fiona is a great example for our student body, and her drive and

character help her excel in the classroom.

-Information from High School Announcements

Eagles Basketball win state



“Eagles going to state is a hard work, truly does pay off. Each day in practice the boys really worked their butts off. Coach White and I really challenged them everyday. This is truly something the team will never forget.” - Assistant Coach Matt Hanson.

School board hires new science teacher

By Jason Crane

On Wednesday, March 20 the school board hired John Lipcamon as the new high school science teacher.

According to Principal Jillian Theis, hiring this new teacher will allow the high school to go from online classes to

classroom teaching again.

Lipcamon is a Perry graduate and has been working at the Triopia School District for the last eleven years. He is expected to be teaching physical science, physics, chemistry, and some science electives.

Remembering the story of Lane Frost

By Ashlee Jones

Lane Frost: “who is he” you may ask. Some people say a cowboy, others say the worlds greatest bull rider. Lane was born October 12th, 1963. He was interested in bull riding events since he was five months old. Before he was bull riding he would compete in calves and steers, at the age of 15 he started riding bulls but got on a bull for the first time when he was nine years old.

During the summer Lane Frost was on his way to Cheyenne to continue to be the world champion. After Lane finished his final ride that day, a bull he

was riding, decide to finish Lane Frost. Lane was rushed to the hospital, after his tragic injury. His died July 30th, 1989. Lane was put in the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1990. After that he was placed in Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame in 1999. Garth Brooks ,a famous country singer, wrote a song in his honor called “The Dance”. A movie was also starred in honor also called “8 seconds” the movie was based on Lane’s life.

Opinion: Not texting. Not vaping. Just using the bathroom.

By Ivy McCarter

People are vaping a lot and the school staff does not like it. Some people might say vaping is not allowed because it is illegal for most high school students to even have e-cigarettes. An e-cigarette is a battery with a pod and coil that contains vape juice. They can be flavored, such as pizza, cotton candy, strawberry, strawberry shortcake, really any flavor you can think of. They also can contain nicotine. E-cigarettes are also called vapes or JUULs. A lot of high school students are vaping 20 percent of students are vaping according to The Wall Street Journal. Vaping is happening a lot in the bathroom and the classroom, but I noticed it



is happening more in the classroom than the bathroom

With vaping happening in the school, some teachers have started a new bathroom policy. The current bathroom policy for some teachers is 3 minutes to go and get back. Many at Griggsville-Perry dislike the bathroom policy. Kids are upset about the

new bathroom policy. According to some students i have spoken with ,They feel that 3 minutes is not enough time to use the restroom. Some students say that they would be okay with ten minutes in the bathroom. Not everything that happens in the bathroom can be done in 3 minutes.

I feel that 5 minutes would be good enough. 10 minutes would be too long and would take away from class time. One option could be teachers waiting in the bathroom, but that I feel like that is an invasion of privacy and is weird. Another option would be students having to empty

their pockets into little boxes that no one could see into before they go to the bathroom so teachers know that students are not taking vapes in the bathroom. Students should also be smarter about what they bring to school or where they choose to do these things.

Teachers think vaping is a problem at Griggsville-Perry High School. It is a problem because it is illegal, but teachers should not be going out of their way to look for it. There are bigger issues going on that need more

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