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VOLLEY FOR HOPE A HUGE SUCCESS

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by Kaylie Scoggins

Kayt Risley, school nurse, has been hosting Volley for Hope for 3 years. "It is time consuming preparing for this meaningful event, but with a good group of high school students like we have in Team Impact, it makes the planning a lot easier."

Volley for Hope benefits the community and the students. "This year I had an elite group of dedicated students to build a memorable night in our community. The whole night was dedicated to cancer survivors and their loved ones in our community. I could not be more proud of my Team Impact students, as well as with Jenna Kelley for bringing the heart of the evening to its brink with her perfect vocals." said Risley.

Ashley Miller and Kalli Goewey, president and vice

president of Team Impact, took the leading roles in making sure that all of the details came together perfectly. Team Impact members collected 31 baskets to raffle off and sold Volley for Hope t-shirts, which flooded the gym with pink! Illini Hospital donated the tie-dye team jerseys.

The night was successful! Many happy tears were shed, love was felt, and a strong community bond was made. Overall, 100% of the profits will be split with the three recipients, Kristine Bingham, Christine Henthorn, and Darla Hobson.

Kristine Bingham, teacher at Griggsville-Perry High School, said "It (Volley for Hope) has shown me how a group of students can come together to help people in the community that are fighting a terrible disease by supporting them. It is very touching to be a recipient of their hard work."



Even though we lost the volleyball game, we won something more special. Thank you to everyone who

came out and showed their Tornado pride and support!

Ready, Set, Run! Track Returns to GP by Ashley Miller

Guess who's back, back again, track is back, tell a friend. That's right GP tracksters (we're looking at you Jakob Freeman) track is back in the GP high school! After a decision made just this week Griggsville-Perry will be coping with Meredosia for track in 2017. Scott Cowell, athletic director, had this to say "We hope this will help increase numbers for their team and give us more athletic opportunities."

Track and field has been absent from Griggsville-Perry for several years now so it's nice to get the sport back. Since track is very heavily participated in our middle school, it's only reasonable for the opportunity to be given to the high school students as well.

Jakob Freeman, a state qualified runner last year, said this "I'm glad that we get to do track even if Pittsfield didn't want us. Their loss." Freeman runs the 400m, 100m hurdles, and his

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New Teacher on the Block by Lauren Kennedy

With a new school year comes new faculty. This year GP has welcomed a new math teacher, Kevin Duffy. Duffy grew up and went to school in Naperville, IL, a southern suburb of Chicago. He attended a school of 3,000 students in Naperville and moved to Champaign to teach at Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School. Duffy believes Paxton was a good school to get his career started. "The faculty over there was great. It is good to have that continuity from PBL to GP. I have enjoyed working with my

fellow teachers..." Duffy said.

Outside of the classroom, Duffy enjoys listening to music, watching sports, and spending time with his family. Duffy enjoys the NFL while cheering on the Chicago Bears, New York Giants, and the Miami Dolphins. Also, the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees are his favorite MLB teams. Duffy has a diverse music taste which includes Elvis Presley and The Grateful Dead.

After taking a chance on the small community of Griggsville-Perry 4 hours away from his home, Duffy feels that his gamble paid off. "And it is a scary prospect to have to pick up my family and move, especially when I was on the verge of my



Above: Mr. Duffy

wedding. But upon interviewing at GP, I got the sense that this is where I wanted to be. A new school, a new community, and a new home I think is what I needed. And I'm glad it was this one." Duffy said. The students of Griggsville-Perry welcome Duffy to the community, noticing an improvement in every math class. Bailey Scoggins, a junior, said "He [Duffy] understands how

to teach his students and sit down with them and help them to focus." Ryan Kelley, a senior, said "Mr. Duffy is easy to get along with, and I can tell that he cares about his students."

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FFA Competes and Succeeds in Competition By Jordan Brite

FFA has been to three events so far this year. They first went to Horse Judging, then Forestry and Land Use. At the two most recent trips they placed 6th in Forestry and 7th in Land Use out of nine teams. They went to Pittsfield on September 29th for this event. During Forestry, the kids were split into two teams. The teams were divided as Greenhand and Chapter. At Forestry they had to judge trees, identify chainsaw parts and other tools.

Land Use was this past week on October 12th. They had to travel to (Continued on p.2)

Track City

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field event is long jump. During their May 7th meet in Carthage for Sectionals, Freeman ran his 400m in 56.84, very close to the current IESA record of 53.55, showing that he will be a great asset to the new team.

So lace up your spikes (or distance shoes) GP because track is back and there's no time like the present to get out there and run.



Check into Mr. Crivilare's classroom for a chance to buy a yearbook from 1993-2017! There are many copies from previous years to look through and buy!



Trick or Treat! Halloween is Right MEOW. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

FFA WINS

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White Hall/North Greene for this event where they had to climb down a 6 foot hole and judge the soil to see if it met its class. The classes are what determine if the soil is good enough to use as farming ground and what type of plants people can plant there. At this event, they were kept as one team.

National Convention will take place this week where members who have worked and earned enough points to go will travel to Indianapolis. They will be gone for three days for this and while they are there, members will do sessions of student improvement, workshops and a career fair.

FFA was also at color drive selling pork chops and ribeye sandwiches. They were setting up the area for color drive too. If you see any FFA member, thank them for their hard work. Also thank Miss Goin for giving these kids an opportunity to go to these events.



Green hand Team

- Tyler Syrcle
 - Brian Brown
 - Zack Mountain
 - Sage Martin
 - Caitlyn Downey
- Chapter Team
- Michael Harris
 - Kourtney Harris
 - Brock Thomas
 - Logan Thomas
 - Mason Smith

Land Use Team

- Robert Brown
- Logan Thomas
- Mason Smith
- Lane Spencer
- Kaden Bennett
- Zack Mountain
- Joey Butler
- Brian Brown
- Mary Nash
- Caitlyn Downey
- Kelsey Hull
- Allison Huntley
- Erica Sidwell
- Myesha Edwards

“Until We Leave It on the Field”: Football Looks to Improve

By Hope Scott



High school football is a big deal in small towns like Pittsfield and Griggsville. The Pittsfield-Griggsville-Perry football team is the heroic team that everyone looks forward to seeing those Friday Night lights glow. With eleven players on the field at a time, small teams like us, struggle when a player gets injured. Dakota Shoemaker, from Griggsville-Perry High School, statistically became a part of the 47% who report sports injuries from concussions each year.

“After I was diagnosed with my concussion, they ran through a series of tests and gave me a two week suspension. After that, I was released and cleared under watchful eyes of coach and medical staff with a five day progression

plan, this allowing me to increase activity.”

Since Shoemaker is stuck on the sidelines for now, he sees all angles that he did not see on the field. When asked how he thinks the team will do in these final games, he said “I think the team will continue to grow together and try their hardest. I believe we will continue to play our hardest and best ability.”

Shoemakers says their best achievement yet was when PGP played against Maroa Forsyth. “We held our own 6-0 until the last few minutes of the second quarter. Even though we lost, we held our own and showed a team that is way bigger than us and who looked past us as not even supposed to be there. Though we are small in

numbers and a smaller program, we held the most heart and pride and we would not be put down without a fight.”

Dakota has pride in his team, on or off the field. Shoemaker says that the team improves on a day-to-day bases. “We get better, we are united, we work as a team, and we put our hearts into this sport. We will continue to grow and improve on our skills and stamina. “All these characteristics that they have installed in us will get better and better,” Shoemaker said. “We will not stop until we leave it all out on the field.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Craft Show– High School- November 12, 9 am to 1 pm. The Junior class will also be having a bake sale to raise money for prom.
- Pancake/ Sausage Breakfast– High School- November 12, 8-10 am
- 5k Turkey Trek— November 12, 10am– Western IL fair-grounds
- Elementary Winter Choral Concert– December 14, 6:30 pm