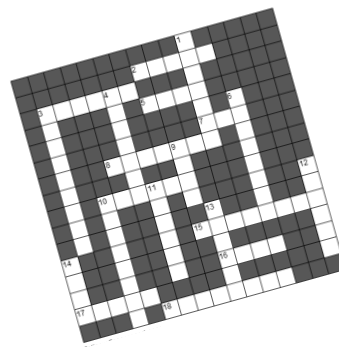




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Student Vehicle Accidents: Is GP Out of the Ordinary?

Tornado Times survey shows students confident in their driving abilities

By Kaylie Scoggins

Driving down highway 104 after a fresh blanket of ice and snow, sophomore Jakob Freeman had a ride home he will never forget.

Freeman was driving himself and his brother home from their grandmas when his Jeep hit an ice patch.

"My tires hit an ice patch and my back tires did not catch," said Freeman.

Because of this, his jeep rolled and ended up being totaled.

In the moments after the accident is typically when panic sets in. Freeman stated that when his car stopped moving he "sat there for a minute. My brother was actually out of the car before I was."

Highway 104 is a popular road, so there were people behind him. Lucky for him, they witnessed the accident and called 911 so all Freeman had to do was contact his parents. Freeman is one out of five GP sophomores who have been in a serious car accident this year.

Recently, forty-six students at Griggsville-Perry High School took a survey of their driving abilities for the Tornado Times. They were asked questions that relate to how they drive and why there have been a higher number of car related incidents.

The survey showed that 40% of Griggsville-Perry respondents have hit something with their vehicle at least once.

Drivers education teacher Seth Taylor said, "Maybe kids around here hit animals so much because they may have turned it into a game."

Our survey showed that 34.2% of the students who answered the survey have been in a wreck, and it was their fault. However, 65.8% said they have got into a wreck but it was not their fault. In 2016, there were 6,296,000 police reported motor vehicle traffic crashes, according to the Rocky Mountain Insurance Association.

Even though the majority of drivers at GP responded that they drive safer with friends, the insurance company Liberty Mutual says that the fatal crash risk increases for each teenage passenger in a teen driver's car.

Another factor in car accidents is multitasking while driving. Our statistics showed that 90.2% of students rock out in their car and are on music apps when driving. Another factor that raises the risk is texting.

Students responded that 78% of them text when they are driving. Social media sites such as Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram all help play a role in distracting young drivers.

According to dosomething.org, talking on a cell phone can double the likelihood of an accident as well as slow a young drivers reaction time down to that of a 70-year-old.

The survey showed 75.6% Griggsville-Perry students talk



Shaken Up/ Sophomore Jakob Freeman submitted this photo he snapped of his Jeep after his vehicle flipped in icy conditions this winter. Freeman said that even months later he still thinks about the accident.

on their phone when driving down the road. This is not only making the crash risk rise, it is also against the law in Illinois.

Typically speaking, not everyone goes the speed limit. Griggsville Perry students voted that 45.7% of them drive 5 miles per hour above the speed limit. According to dosome-

thing.org, crash risk for teens increases incrementally with each mile per hour over the speed limit.

It is stated that 16-year-olds have higher crash rates than drivers of any age. Taylor says, "[16-year-olds] have less experience behind the wheel."

Now, with a few

months separating him from the accident, Freeman still thinks about that day every day.

"I do not do anything different when driving," Freeman said, "because it was not my fault."

Sun Rays and Beach Days: Seniors to Take Trip

By: Courtney Syrcle

Less than a month away the senior class is going to be relaxing on the beach. Meanwhile here in Griggsville, Illinois, students may be watching it snow.

The 2017-2018 senior class decided on taking their senior trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama. "They think [Alabama] is going to be fun and different," said senior Paige Syrcle.

There are many places that the class could have chosen for their trip and they chose Gulf Shores, Alabama.

"For one of the days we are going to the beach, so hopefully it is warm," said senior class sponsor Allison Dokey. "One of the other days, we are going to a waterpark. And then the last day, we can either go to the zoo or more shopping."

The entire trip is going to cost the class twenty-two thousand dollars for twenty people.

"We have currently seventeen students going," said Dokey. "The cost per person is about \$900."

This is one of the last major

opportunities that the class will experience together.

"I am excited to go with this class because I have gotten close to them over the years and so I am sure it'll be a lot of fun," said Dokey "I am hoping that everybody makes the most of it since it is one of their last experiences together as a class."

There are two sponsors plus two additional chaperones going on the trip to Alabama: Seth Taylor and his wife, Alicia Evans, and Dokey.

Dokey said, "Hopefully I survive being seven months pregnant!"

Juniors Prepare For, Take SAT Exam

The exam can play a deciding factor in post-high school plans.

By Brookelyn Crone

As the end of the year approaches students are looking forward to a lot of things. But there is one test that all students dread. No it is not finals this test is the test that only the

achieve more

SAT

Juniors take, its the SAT. The SAT stands for Scholastic Aptitude Test but it was shortened to just the SAT..

Studying everything that he possibly could was Jeremy Brays way of preparing for the SAT.

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Senior Profiles: Getting to know students before they graduate

Lifelong Friends Still Making Trouble

Lauren Kennedy and Madison Miller open up on their long, strange friendship



By: Ashlee Jones

They are two seniors that brap, joke around, play pranks on each other and also love to yell up and down the hallways between classes. People who don't know Madison Miller and Lauren Kennedy may be missing out.

Miller and Kennedy have been friends since the beginning of time. They have been friends since Pre-K.

Kennedy loves to annoy Madison.

Kennedy said, "[Madison's biggest pet peeve is] chomping. When I am eating Doritos, she yells at me because I chomp. She always punches me."

Kennedy and Miller like to pick on each other.

Kennedy said, "she also hates when she is outside of my vehicle and I honk at her and it is really funny to see her have anger issues."

Even though Kennedy likes to always pick on Miller, Miller has done some nice stuff for Kennedy.

Kennedy said, "Madison buys me food when I'm hungry and she is always willing to beat people up that are mean to me."

Kennedy also likes to tell Miller scary stories to scare Miller.

Kennedy said, "I use to be obsessed with 'Michael Myers' the movie and I told Madison he was gonna kill all the Madisons in the world and save her for last, and for like three years she was terrified of

it and today she still brings it up." said Kennedy.

Last year was a hard year for Kennedy because they didn't see each other much.

Kennedy said, "It really sucked but no matter how long we are apart from each other the second were together its like we were never apart."

These two friends plan on living with each other next year.

"We're gonna make a contract of rules that both of us can't break and she basically already stays at my house," said Kennedy

Kennedy is making up the contract that they both have to follow.

"If you stain my carpet I shave your eyebrows off," said Kennedy, giving an example of the contract.

Kennedy has stories of Miller because she loves talking about her best friend.

"She doesn't believe that the real Avril Lavigne is dead so if you see her in the hallway remind her that the real Avril Lavigne is dead," Kennedy said.

People may wonder why these two are still friends.

Miller said, "I ask myself that every day, but we have a lot of fun together. I prank her just as much as she pranks me. Like last week, she tried to prank me by putting this mask on and leaning up the seat I slapped her so hard in the face it left a five star on her cheek and it was still bruise the next day so she has every reason not to be my friend but we love it."

Miller has many stories about Kennedy because she loves to also talk about her best friend too.

"Lauren has lived up the street from me when I was a little

girl and lived in Griggsville she lived like two houses away from me. One time me my brother Gavin were jumping on my trampoline and our trampoline has a safety net on it and Gavin went to go do something then smashed his head off the pole and fell on the ground and Lauren [had an accident] and watched from my front window watching her waddle all the way home because she couldn't walk right," said Miller.

Miller does not like the idea of the contract for next when they go to college.

"We fight over music a lot and that is one of the things we usually do. There is going to be a rule in there that we can only listen to her music two hours of the day," said Miller

Miller loves to play pranks on Kennedy.

"I found this baby mask at her house and I put that thing on a lot like without her knowing and it scares the heck out of her," said Miller

Even though Miller and Kennedy like to pull pranks on each other they are nice to each other sometimes.

"Her family has done a lot for me. Her doors are always open. If I need a place to stay I can stay there," said Miller

Here are some things you have to know about Kennedy because she is funny.

"She is really funny but you have to know when to joke with her and to be serious with her because she is a very sensitive person and she will get mad very quickly," said Miller

Additional editing by Courtney Syrcle

Dear Ashlyn: A letter to my sister

Sophomore Brookelyn Crone writes a letter to her big sister Ashlyn on her final days of her senior year.

Dear Ashlyn (aka the best older sister anyone could ask for),

Ashlyn thank you for everything that you do for me and everyone else. You put up with my attitude, and yet you still love me when I eat your food.

Good luck in college, I am going to miss you A LOT! You help me through everything, you even allow me to bother you in the hallway and don't yell at me for it.

Next year is going to be really weird without you. Yes, I know you are only going to be an hour and 30 minutes away from me, but the thought of you being that far away from me is really weird. I can't wait to go and watch you cheer at Culver Stockton.

Things I have always wanted to tell you:

1. Thank you for getting me out of my comfort zone
2. Thank you for buying me food even when you don't feel like it and giving me the rest of your food.
3. I am always thankful for our drives and our late night conversations
4. I don't say it enough but I LOVE YOU!
5. This last part of school can slow down because I love to annoy you.

6. Thank you for those amazing jamming sessions, they are great!

I will always be one phone call away even if I am asleep. You better believe that I will be going and seeing you when you don't come home.

Don't let anyone bring you down: you are beautiful, smart, and sassy. And if anyone picks on you tell them that they can call me and I will deal with it. NO ONE messes with you, (only I can!).

I am so thankful that you have met such an amazing guy like Gage.

There is so much more that I want to say but it is impossible to put into words how much I am thankful for you. Just remember that I will always love you and to do your homework

instead of just sleeping.

You are always there for me. I don't even have to say anything and you know what I am upset about. I am thankful to have you as an amazing sister like you.

You are always willing to drop anything you are doing to help me and make sure that I am okay.

You say that you are not going to miss me but let's be real here you will.

I am going to miss you a lot and I won't let you forget it. I love you long time Ashlyn!

Have fun in college! I wish you the best because you are going to need it.

Your little sister,
Brooke

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OpEd: More Than Looking Pretty

By: Kaylie Scoggins



Jewelry is more than something that looks pretty, each item has a story. I first started wearing bracelets around a year and half ago.

The first one I bought for myself because I thought it was neat. It is like a thread-

ed bracelet with a lot of different colors.

At first, I started wearing them because I thought they were cute. Then they started to represent me.

When my half brother passed away, my family had bracelets made in honor of him. I added that to my wrist. I started to wear "stacked bracelets," which if you don't know what that is, it is when you wear bracelets stacked on top of each other.

The second bracelet I got lasted for seven months and it was from my friend at the time. I replaced it with two more that I got from the color drive. I recently just got a bracelet from the town my sister is going to college in.

So, I will have a little part of that town and her with me. I am not the only student that dresses their wrists up with bracelets.

Jeremy Bray, a junior, also wears them. We both wear the same one to show support for my half brother Tad. Bracelets can show friendship, too.

One of my best friends brought me back a bracelet from Jamaica and its a little piece of love. Junior Savannah Irving can be seen flashing some cool bracelets, such as one that is blue with clear circles on it.

The profit from the bracelet went towards removing one pound of trash from the ocean and the coast line. She received



Fashionista// Here are a few bracelets mentioned

this bracelet from Mason Smith.

"My friends have bought me most of mine," said Irving.

If you do not like the feeling of rings, or the simplicity of a necklace, I would recommend wearing a bracelet because it is a piece of jewelry that can tell a story.

OpEd: Pain is temporary, piercings are forever

By: Mary Nash



Piercings are fun and beautiful! Jewelry is stylish and sometimes worn for sentimental value. All of my jewelry

and piercings have an explanation. I think I can speak for that!

Of course I have a decent list of jewels! I've had my ears pierced since I was little, a big want for some when they were younger. I've had my navel piercing that did not work out! Then my experimental self went ahead and got my nose and tragus done at the same time with my sister. At this point I feel like trying anything so I got my lip pierced! About 6 months later

I got my last piercing which is my cartilage.

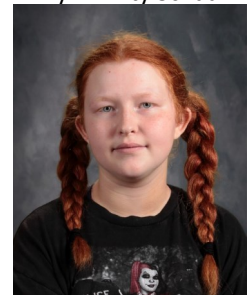
I wear my main 5 accessories... my favorite bling! My first ring I started wearing is my sister's class ring that I have been wearing since freshman year. Then Christmas 2016 my dad got me a crown ring. Finally, valentines day 2017 my other half got me a promise ring, I wear all of these rings every day! I've never been much of a necklace person until this year, I wear two of them mainly. When my grandmother passed my fa-

ther gave me her necklace that she passed in, he bought it for her that Christmas before. Then I also wear a necklace that kind of matches it, those I wear every other day.

You will see some people have negative comments on piercing but don't let that stop you from doing something that makes you happy. Whatever people say you shouldn't let that restrict how you express yourself! However you feel you need to don't hesitate.. Just do it!

Book Review Of Tokyo Ghoulish Manga Series

By: Trinity Schaaf



Manga is very different from graphic novels. Manga is books created from anime series or anime movies.

Manga is pronounced Monga, not Manga. Most manga is made by Japanese authors and for most manga series there are two authors that do the

designs differently.

Manga is not read from front to back like graphic novels it is read from back to front meaning the front page is the back page and you read it from there instead of the front page like traditional American graphic novels.

Manga and anime were first created in Japan that's why the main language is Japanese instead of English. The Tokyo Ghoulish manga is one of the most beautiful manga I have ever read. Most manga is in black and white but some are in color.

The Tokyo Ghoulish manga though is in black and white yet still very well made. It is all about Ken Kaneki who gets attacked by a ghoulish named Rize. Ghouls are

just like humans but eat humans. They can only eat human and drink coffee or water. Other foods are toxic to them it makes them very sick and weakens their ghoulish super strength.

They also have a tail like thing that comes out called Kagunes. They use their Kagunes to fight and hunt. Ghouls are incredibly strong and are hunted by the CCG. The CCG wants to kill all the ghouls so they are the villains in the whole anime and manga series.

When Rize attacks Kaneki some steel beams fell on her killing her. The doctors put her organs in him and he became a one-eyed ghoulish. A half-breed half human half ghoulish. One-eyed

ghouls are much stronger than normal two-eyed girls.

One-eyed ghouls have two eyes but only one eye changes to the red and black eye that all ghouls have. This manga and anime is my favorite anime series.

I do enjoy other anime and manga but this is my all-time favorite. I rate this manga a 1000/10.

I would recommend it to anyone who likes horror anime or manga. It is one of the best manga I have ever read.

Op Ed: Cosplay

By: Trinity Schaaf

What most people think cosplay is is dressing up when your young as fairies or pirates on Halloween or for fun but, what cosplay actually is, is you buying the exact outfit or outfits for a specific character from your favorite things not a cheap Walmart or Party City costume.

Thousands of people men and

women cosplay around the world. Cosplaying is when you dress up in the same outfit as your favorite game, anime, movie, TV series, or book character.

You don't just wear their outfit you wear their same hair as in wigs. Cosplaying though isn't cheap.

To get a good quality costume or costume accessory it costs anywhere from \$70 to \$500 dollars to buy them. And even making a handmade outfit that still costs quite a bit of money. I personally don't like to hand make my own costumes I prefer to buy them new from

places like Amazon or RoleCosplay.

The characters I typically cosplay are from anime or video games. I don't really cosplay movie, TV series, or book characters. And for me, I have to own the exact costume with the exact accessories that the character from the anime or video game has. If I don't have them it really bugs me.

Right now I am trying to collect cosplay props for my characters I cosplay or will be cosplaying. For example, I'm collecting tea cups, fancy plates and bowls, wine glasses, tea, and fancy accessories.

The character that I have the exact costume to is the character from the anime Black Butler aka Kuroshitsuji. The characters name is Alois Trancy he is a boy, not a girl many people think he's a girl but he's not.

I've been into cosplay since I was very young. When I was young all I ever wanted was to get the cosplay for the character named Link from a video game called Zelda. I still to this day have not gotten Link's cosplay even though I so badly want it.

Cosplay is by far one of my favorite hobbies, but it's one of my most expensive hobbies.

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