

Hopewell Hi-Lites

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Jacob Ujhazy-Goes to Nationals

BY INDIA SIMS

With ten fingers Jacob Ujhazy turns 88 keys into a symphony. Jacob received an award from PMEA District 5 Honors Chorus.

Musicians from all over the state were selected to audition and Jacob was one of the lucky ones to have a chance to audition. Out of 50 states only two pianists made it.

One of them was Jacob Ujhazy. Among musicians and choir members, only three students from the Pittsburgh area made it to all-nationals. "I was very surprised when I found out I won state. I didn't think the competition was too difficult, but when I won Nationals, I was like—this can't be real."

The All-National Honors Ensemble sent him to Disney World Orlando where he performed at the concert while his family and Mr. Keiper joined him. "Everybody

there was super talented, it was cool to see the amount of different people, where they are from, and their stories every single person was incredible," said Jacob.

Next Year he wants to try something different. Instead of regular concert band he wants to do a jazz audition "I don't know if it's going to be harder or easy it's just different because you have to makeup stuff on the spot and hope it goes well." College I plan on doing a major with music performance and some kind of medicine," said Jacob.

He also has a message to young people or any musicians, "For people in band or chorus definitely try it because I didn't think I would of have won".

It's cool to have somebody you see everyday in the halls compete in the nationally.

Mr. Singletary

BY INDIA SIMS

One of our new teachers was once a TV star. Mr. Singletary wasn't exactly a star, but he did appear on a reality TV show while he was in high school. Mr. Singletary, the new special education and math teacher, previously taught at Shaler High School.

Mr. Singletary grew up in Robinson where he attended Montour High School. Then he attended West Virginia University, and he also went to Drexel for his Master's Degree.

His wife works at Blackhawk High School, so moving to Hopewell brought them closer.

Mr. Singletary is enjoying his experience here so far, "All the students and staff are very nice to me and helpful."

He also really likes baseball. When he is not teaching math, he is coaching baseball or attending a Pirates' game.

He chose to work in special education because of the influence of his mom and sister. Mr. Singletary's mom and sister work with special needs children, so he developed a similar passion as he grew up. He has 5 years of experience so far.

His biggest accomplishment was having his daughter, who just turned two on Thanksgiving. He might not have been a big star on TV, but at home he is the man.

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Happenings

Students of the Month

BY HALEY GAULT



Hannah Barkman choreographed the Vikettes half-time show for the football games and is a very valuable member to the dance team. Along with dancing, Hannah is a talented artist involved in the Art Club. While she juggles her time as a dance team member and artist she is a leader for the junior high kids.



Hannah Gruber is an outstanding freshman, being her first year in the high school, she is already taking advanced classes. She has been described by her teachers as a prepared and hardworking student. Hannah is in band, class club, student council, French club, and mock trial.



Gina Morrison is an excellent student who ranked in the top ten of the class of 2018. Since Gina takes several AP and advanced courses she uses her study hall to help out other students. She is a member of NHS and the band as well. While being a killer contestant in chemistry Jeopardy, she is on the volleyball and track team.



Sophomore Jacob McGovern has been recognized for his outstanding football performance. During the season he was a two way starter and an invaluable contributor to the team. During his freshman year he was a starter not only in football but in basketball and baseball as well.

Current Events

BY ALEXA BURAK

Crisis in Myanmar

In the small country of Myanmar, the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous for the native Muslims, the Rohingya. They have lived in Myanmar for generations but were never recognized by the government as citizens but instead as illegal aliens. They have been denied health care, education and employment. Myanmar police have burn down over 200 Rohingya villages and forced 120,000 people out of the country. But recently for the Rohingya it's become more physical. Numerous cases of mass killings and raping have come to surface. One mother told of how they took all of the babies in the village and killed them in front of their mothers. TASSC, an organization dedicated to ending world violence, is starting action by calling out Myanmar and commanding them to stop the ethnic cleansing and asking all other countries in any contact with Myanmar to stop any military action or cooperation with them.

They are also asking Myanmar government to re-educate their people to accept the Rohingya minority as part of their country. They are commanding Myanmar to let help into the country and allow aid to the Rohingya. They also hope to give safe passage for them to Budapest until the relationship is better.

If you want to support the TASSC or want to more about the tragedy in Myanmar, go to <https://www.tassc.org/voices-against-torture/2017/10/5/tassc-denounces-atrocities-against-rohingya-as-crimes-against-humanity>.



Debate Over Net Neutrality

Ever since the Internet became public, it has always run under the rule of net neutrality. There was only one price for everything that came with Internet. It did not matter what way you used it for as long as you were paying for it.

Recently, there is debate over net neutrality: is access to the Internet more like electricity or Cable TV? With electricity, you pay one price for it and can use it in whatever manner you like. It could be used for a lightbulb or kitchen appliances and you would be using the same electricity. Of course, the amount you use varies the price but either way, it all goes to the same place.

Cable TV works differently. You can pay one price for general public TV but you can pay more for more things such as HD TV and etc. These questions about what the Internet is most like leads to the question that maybe the government should be charging more for Internet.

They plan to do this by creating categories for each website. Categories such as news, sports, and entertainment would all have different prices. One person who would only ever use news websites would only have Internet access to news websites. They would have to pay more for entertainment or sports.

The debate has been quite controversial. Many businesses and especially schools would take huge hits for having to pay extra for Internet services. College students have also started taking action by rioting at some campuses. Many college students would find the charge devastating because of the high prices.

The Federal Communications Commission approved ending net neutrality.

Wonder Woman Takes A Stand

Wonder Woman actress Gal Gadot has taken action against big-time Hollywood producers getting away with sexual harassment. She has refused to sign a new contract for the next Wonder Woman until RatPac-Dune Entertainment producer Brett Ratner is removed from a financial deal with Warner Brothers and stops profiting from the Wonder Woman movies.

Brett Ratner has had many sexual harassment allegations come to light against him in the past two years. Gadot said she cannot be in a movie series that empowers woman by having people like Ratner be part of it.

Gadot is most likely going to win this battle, of course. She has made a name for herself and has trademarked Wonder Woman as her role. Warner Brothers had yet to make any move but promises that the contract will be signed soon.



Smokers Are Jokers

BY LEAH KNAUFF

Ever since the 20's, doctors have known smoking has health risks, but it wasn't until the early 60's that anti-smoking ads became so popular. Campaigns included Hitler, sex, famous cartoon characters, money, and popular movies.

But with anti-smoking ads comes even more aggressive pro-smoking ads. The tobacco industry knew they were getting into trouble, so they started aiming towards a more gullible audience: children and teens.

Not only did smoking make you seem cool in the scene, but tobacco companies praised cigarettes for keeping women slim. Being a teenage girl, especially in the 50's and 60's, you're going to be intrigued by something that would make you cool and attractive in society's eyes.

Between 1940 and 1970, on average, more than 40 percent of American adults smoked. Starting in the late 70's though, rates started dropping drastically. From 1970 to 1990, the numbers fell from 40% to 26 percent of the adult population.

Just because adult numbers fell periodically without an outlier skyrocketing, the number of students smoking went from 30 percent to nearly 40 percent in the 90's. Campaign would include sayings

such as "After all, if smoking isn't a pleasure, why bother," "Blow in her face and she'll follow you anywhere," and "It's a woman thing."

Just like the adult data, student's numbers fell after their smoking peak, but for them it was in the late 90's. From then on, it continued to fall until 2003 when numbers rose about five percent within a little over a year. That was the last recorded peak in recorded student smoking.

The Healthy People goal for 2020 is 12 percent of the adult population smoking and 16 percent of the youth. As of 2014, 18.8 percent of adults smoked. As of 2013, 16.7 percent of students smoked.

Smoking didn't just become less popular among adults and teens because of its health risks. You used to be able to smoke inside of buildings or in designated smoking spots. Now, there's nearly no buildings you're allowed to light up in, and desig-

nated areas are getting smaller and smaller every year.

Obviously this data isn't entirely accurate, and it is a few years old. But this does show that we have progressed more than some might think.



Girls' Basketball

BY HALEY GAULT

As football season winds down, the winter sports have just begun. This season, the girls' basketball team is lucky to have Taylor Parrish and Lauren Kuminski as co-captains.

This year, Taylor says "the team is looking good and confident for the season." In the past Hopewell's team has struggled, but Taylor hopes that the team will make

a "run at playoffs." Parrish says she enjoys being part of the team except when the coaches make them run, "a lot."

When it comes to teamwork, the basketball team certainly isn't lacking it. The girls' team this year is very close knit according to co-captain Parrish. She says, "We are a very close team so there is really nothing I would change about the

team. Maybe just the fact we have a lot of injured girls." The team is looking good already, and it is just the beginning of the season.

Voices

Things Just Got Stranger (Spoilers)

BY PAITON MCSHANE

The one thing everyone has been waiting for since July of 2016 has finally come, and it has blown our minds. Stranger Things season two came out October 27, right before Halloween to help people get in the spooky mood and answer questions we have all been itching to know since last year. With that, let's do a small recap of season one, beware of spoilers.

Stranger Things takes place in Hawkins, Indiana. A small town where nothing ever goes wrong, but of course that isn't the case. Lucas, Mike, and Dustin have to find their friend Will who went missing due to strange things going on in Hawkins Lab. Eleven, a girl with telekinetic who escaped from Hawkins Lab, helps the boys find Will and come to find she is what opened the portal to the Upside down.

The biggest question at the beginning of season two is where is Eleven? We come to find that she is living with Hopper, a policeman from season one that helped find Will. We also find out that her name is Jane and the woman Joyce and Hopper visited in season one was indeed Eleven's mom and Eleven was taken from her, and she was brain washed to believe she had a miscarriage.

With this news we got an even bigger surprise, Eleven leaves the house in the woods against Hopper's rules and comes to find she has a sister. Sister meaning they were both in Hawkins Lab at the same time being experimented on. Her sister, whose name is Kali, is one of the most

pointless plots in season two, and she is only seen twice. All she does is help Eleven find her true anger and channel her powers more than she already has. Eleven ends up leaving because she knows she is needed back in Hawkins and she chickened out on killing someone realizing she wasn't cut out for it.

With that pointless plot something even more exciting is happening with Will. He is having "flashbacks" and is told by Dr. Owens, a doctor from Hawkins Lab, tells him he is suffering from PTSD. Why are they going to a doctor at Hawkins Lab? Beats me too don't worry. Will keeps seeing a big black figure that looks more like an alien from the movie Alien than a Demogorgan that keeps flipping him back and forth from the Upside Down. The black figure takes over Will and tries to get Will to kill everyone.

At this point Eleven is on her way back and no one knows it, but she knows she's needed. Eleven returns at the end of the second to last episode and knows she has to close the portal. Hopper takes her to Hawkins Lab and she closes the portal, with the help of everyone back at Will's house having an exorcism of Will's body. None of our questions are really answered as much as we hoped and the series leaves with a cliffhanger. But I guess that's what a season three is for because before we knew it Stranger Things was already renewed for its three and four season.



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Snacks for Super Bowl Sunday

BY ALEXA BURAK

The Super Bowl (even without the Steelers) call for a party. This year, wow your guests with a fresh guacamole recipe. To pair it all off, chomp down on hot and fresh tortilla chips!

Homemade Tortilla Chips

Ingredients

1 (12 ounce) package corn tortillas
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt

Directions

1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2 Cut each tortilla into 8 chip sized wedges and arrange the wedges in a single layer on a cookie sheet.
3 In a mister, combine the oil and lime juice. Mix well and spray each tortilla wedge until slightly moist.
4 Combine the cumin, chili powder and salt in a small bowl and sprinkle on the chips.
5 Bake for about 7 minutes. Rotate the pan and bake for another 8 minutes or until the chips are crisp, but not too brown. Serve with salsas, garnishes or guacamole.

The Best Guacamole Recipe

Ingredients

2 ripe avocados
1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
1 Tbsp of fresh lime juice or lemon juice
2 Tbsp to 1/4 cup of minced red onion or thinly sliced green onion
1-2 serrano chiles, stems and seeds removed, minced
2 tablespoons cilantro (leaves and tender stems), finely chopped
A dash of freshly grated black pepper
1/2 ripe tomato, seeds and pulp removed, chopped

Directions

1 Cut avocado, remove flesh. Place in a bowl.
2 Mash with a fork: Using a fork, roughly mash the avocado.
3 Add salt, lime juice, and the rest: Sprinkle with salt and lime (or lemon) juice. The acid in the lime juice will provide some balance to the richness of the avocado and will help delay the avocados from turning brown.
4 Add the chopped onion, cilantro, black pepper, and chiles. Chili peppers vary individually in their hotness. So, start with a half of one chili pepper and add to the guacamole to your desired degree of hotness.
5 Cover with plastic and chill to store: Place plastic wrap on the surface of the guacamole cover it and to prevent air reaching it. (The oxygen in the air causes oxidation which will turn the guacamole brown.) Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Caught in Hi-Lites

