

Hopewell Hi-Lites

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Homecoming Court

BY: AVA JODIKINOS



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Homecoming is an annually held event with eight young women who are escorted by a senior football player of their choice, and a senior boy of their choice for the parade.

This year's court included eight beautiful and smart young women: Brittany Colangelo escorted by Patrick Speciale and Bryant Turk, Lauren Debiec escorted by James McCracken and Kyle Everette, Courtney Doyle escorted by Joey Bradley and Nick Veri, Abby Losco escorted by Tyler Ishman and Demetri Loncar, Richelle McLaughlin

escorted by Garion Dran and Dylan Claypole, Kimberly Nutter escorted by Dan Kopycinski and Cody Boring Kayleen Schwegler escorted by Trey Smith and Austin Meuser, and Alaina Stroud escorted by Sean McMasters and Jake Weiland.

This year's scepter bearer was Kimberly Nutter and Brittany was voted crown bearer. The homecoming queen this year is Abby Losco and the king is Tyler Ishman. Congratulations to the whole court and this year's king and queen.



Peter Kopar as Gumbi by Brie Miller

Popular Halloween Costumes

BY: ABBY HIGHBERGER

October 31st is Ole' Hallows Eve or more commonly known as Halloween. It is that one time of the year where it is socially acceptable to dress up as superheroes or a creature and to go around knocking on stranger's doors asking for candy. While trick or is considered to be a "kid" thing, it does not prevent teenagers and adults from dressing up and having the time of their lives on the spookiest day of the year.

With kids, teens, and adults every year the most popular costumes are those of the superhero variety. Spiderman, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Batman are guaranteed to be available for both boys and girls of all ages.

Even though most teens in high school migrate away from trick-or-treating, some still do. Most teens will dress up anyway and go out to a party or event. Popular costumes for teenage boys can include

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NFL Mid-Season Review

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

After eight months of waiting, the NFL is back in action and it is not disappointing. In the summer, we went through training camp battles, new coaches, and teams making huge changes to create a new and better team. Now the changes that were made in the offseason are put to the test on the field.

Aside from actual game day excitement, the NFL has gone through bad publicity in the past couple of weeks. Even with the legal troubles that players like Ray Rice, Jonathan Dwyer, Adrian Peterson, and Greg Hardy face, their respective teams have found ways to replace them and win games.

After week five the NFL lost all undefeated teams. The Arizona Cardinals and the Cincinnati Bengals held undefeated record of 3-0 before they lost to the Denver Broncos (Arizona) and the New England Patriots (Cincinnati). However, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Oakland Raiders, who are both trying out new quarterbacks, hold 1-6 records. Jacksonville is led by second-year coach Gus Bradley and is now being led on the field by rookie quarterback Blake Bortles. Bortles won the starting quarterback job after veteran quarterback, Chad Henne, failed to produce any wins. However, Bortles has not won a game yet, but showed his grit during the week five game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Oakland before week five gave a major switch to their organization

by firing second-year coach, Dennis Allen, and replacing him with interim head coach Tony Sparano. Their quarterback situation is the same as Jacksonville with the veteran Matt Schaub being replaced by rookie quarterback Derek Carr.

Other teams that are shocking the NFL with just 4-3 records are the normally dominant San Francisco 49ers, the up-and-coming Buffalo Bills, Houston Texas, and Pittsburgh Steelers. Teams that have significantly improved since last year are the San Diego Chargers and Chicago Bears. As for the Pittsburgh Steelers, they have a 4-3 record and are in third place in the AFC North. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has thrown for 10 touchdowns and three interceptions and holds a passer rating of 96. Roethlisberger, after week seven, has thrown for 1,858 yards. Second year running back Le'Veon Bell has rushed for 599 yards, averaging 5.1 yards a carry, and has one touchdown on the season. Last year's team MVP Antonio Brown has scored five touchdowns this year and has 50 receptions for 719 yards.

With all the shocks that the NFL provides for their beloved fans, this NFL season had proven to be a rollercoaster of surprises.



Buctober!

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA

Buctober is back! Buctober which is a combination of October and Bucs is back for the second year in a row. The Pirates clinched Buctober with a 3-2 win on September 23rd in Atlanta against the Braves.

Last season, the Pirates went to the playoffs for the first time since 1992. They played the Cincinnati Reds and won 6-2 in the Wild Card game and eventually lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League Divisional Series in five games.

This year the Pirates have returned with a vengeance. They started the season 18-26 after a loss on May 20th to the Baltimore Orioles they reached their low point. From May 21st until the end of the season on September 28th the Pirates compiled a 70-48 record, which was good for second in the league during that time frame.

Buctober began on October 1st when the Pirates took on the San Francisco Giants at PNC Park. Unfortunately Buctober ended as quickly as it began. The Pirates lost 8-0 to San Francisco. The Giants were led by starter Madison Bumgarner who pitched a complete game shutout, while striking out 10. Also shortstop Brandon Crawford had a grand-slam to give the Giants an early lead.

While this year's Buctober was brief the season in general was still a success. They had another winning season, for the second consecutive season. Fans hope that we can have another Buctober again next season.

It's Hockey Night In Pittsburgh!

BY: SANTINO CICCONE

After the Penguins finished second in the Eastern Conference and won the Metropolitan division, they enter the pre-season with a positive outlook. Although, the Penguins lost Deryk Engelland, Brian Gibbons, Tanner Glass, Jussi Jokinen, Matt Niskanen, and Brooks Orpik, they are starting to replace these players, signing Taylor Chorney, Blake Comeau, Steve Downie, and Christian Ehrhoff. Also, Pascal Dupius will be back

of the game and proven leadership ability. His coaching style is going to be a good for the players we have here with the Penguins – it's an up-tempo style, but it begins from deep in the defensive zone.”

As Fleury enters his last season under contract with the Penguins, this is his make-or-break season. In his first couple years in the NHL, he had been an elite goalie but is now on a decline, especially in the playoffs. He may have a high

amount of wins, but it's mainly because of his offensive support. Fleury averages 2.6 goals per game in the regular season and the post season. Many may think that this is a



Head Coach Mike Johnston, Photo Courtesy of Google Images solid average, but this year after he was out for about half of the season with a torn ACL. Then Penguins also signed Thomas Greiss, a goalie who had a solid season with Coyotes last year as he will be a good backup for Fleury.

After six years under the coaching of Dan Bylsma, he was released after the 2014 season. The new Pittsburgh Penguins head coach is Mike Johnston, which is also his first head coaching job in the NHL. He had formally been an assistant coach for the Vancouver Canucks from 1999-2006 and the Los Angeles Kings 2006-2008. For the past 6 seasons, he was the head coach of the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League. Johnson was also an assistant coach for Team Canada where he has won five metals (two gold, two silver, and one bronze.) Johnson received high praise from the Penguins' General Manager, Jim Rutherford. "Mike comes to Pittsburgh with great experience and at all levels of hockey. He has terrific knowledge

in comparison to Johnathan Quick, arguably the best goalie in the NHL who has a 2.1 goals per game average, it is pretty high.

Overall, the Penguins have a positive outlook on the season with a strong and aggressive offense and defense and depth with their goalies.



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Hopewell Playoffs

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA

With the first nine weeks of school almost over, it is time to focus on playoffs for two school teams. Both girls' soccer and girls' volleyball have made the WPIAL playoffs. Girls' volleyball made the playoffs after winning the section and having an undefeated season in AA section 1. The Vikings were led this season by senior captains Lauryn Driscoll a 5'11 middle hitter and Morgan Cannister a 5'10 outside hitter. Coach Terry Borkovic had been quoted as saying even though the team is not as tall as prior championship teams he believes the team can definitely contend for a WPIAL championship. Their opponent to begin the playoffs is still unknown.

Girls' soccer has already begun their playoffs after a 9-3 conference record and a 12-5 overall record. The Lady Vikings opened the playoffs with a 2-0 victory on October 18th at home against Ringold. Abby Losco led the way for the Vikings scoring both goals, Nickole Laurito had the shutout in goal. The girls soccer team fell to South Park on October 22nd, 2-1, sadly caping off a terrific season.

In addition to the teams currently participating in playoffs, the Boys' Cross Country team won their section championship this season. They clinched the title with a win against New Castle and Blackhawk on October 6th at Flaugherty Field in New Castle. The team was led by in order of best time by Greg Nero, Joel Kuzminski, and Nick Tocci. At the MAC Invitational the team placed third out of 23 teams. This was the team's first section title since 1989. When asked what led them to the title senior Brandon Phillippi said "I believe the hard work we have been putting in since June 23rd had led us to this point." The team will finish its season on October 23rd at the WPIAL Championships at Coopers Lake.

♥ Loves & HATES ♥

Boy Bands That are NOT Boy Bands

BY: ABBY HIGHBERGER



Boy band (Noun) - An all-male vocal pop group created to appeal to a young audience.

Band (Noun) - a group of instrumentalists playing music of a specialized type: “rock band; calypso band; mariachi band.”

There are many differences that separate bands versus boy bands, obvious ones at that. So my question is, why are so many bands out there that have the qualifications to be labeled a “rock band” but are being degraded to a “boy band”.

Being a fan of most of these bands, it does get upsetting when you are reading an article about most of these BANDS and the interviewer/author refers to them as a boy band, or even worse in my opinion, “the next One Direction”. For example, two of my personal favorite bands are 5 Seconds of Summer and The Vamps, They both have two guitarists, a drummer, a bassist, and 99 percent of

the time the only person who sings are the lead guitarists (Luke Hemmings and Bradley Simpson). What annoys me the most about this is the fact that both bands write their own music, play their own instruments, and formed themselves the way most “rock” bands do today. However they are still compared to One Direction, who barely writes any of their own music, hardly ever plays their own instruments, and were manufactured by a popular television show (The X Factor.)

Two most debatable bands on whether they are boy bands or not would be Hanson, and The Jonas Brothers, two super groups each consisting of three brothers. While both bands are now “broken up” many girls/guys around the world still listen to their music, the question however, “boy band, or band?” Because all three members of each group sing the argument most people would say is boy band. What most people forget is both bands play instruments, a

lot of instruments. Members from both Hanson and The Jonas Brothers play instruments that range from electric guitars all the way to baby grand pianos. Not to mention that every song on all of their albums were written by a member of the band or the band as a whole. My opinion would be that both of these bands do not deserve to be degraded to boy bands, however, a majority would say they are.

McFly and Busted: as to why these two bands are considered “boy bands” I will never know. Like I have said several times before, both play instruments, both write their own music, and both have the “pretty boy” image I guess you could call it. What makes me think these bands should be considered *bands* would be most of their music/lyrics are the equivalent of bands like Bowling for Soup, Simple Plan, and Wheatus. All in all I think how popular a certain band gets determines what type of a band they are to the public eye. It almost seems as if each member in the band is “attractive” and all their songs are not as “heavy” as most *punk/rock* bands that they are just considered a boy band. News flash people, there are many different genres of music, so my opinion is, maybe certain fans, reporters, or “music snobs” should look past the “pretty boy” exterior and listen to the music before they classify a band as a boy band. For all I stand for in music, these bands should NOT be considered boy bands.

#HashtagHate

BY: GARRET ROBERTS



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A hashtag is used to group content together, making a central hub for related information to allow people to see these post in a connected and interesting way. So, why do people think verbally saying it in every sentence is a good idea?

You can walk into a Starbucks and 90 percent of the time hear a conversation along the lines of, "Oh how I love my Starbucks

frappe mocha low-fat crème filled frozen coffee, #Coffee4Life." Typing this on Twitter or Instagram is fine; however, saying this to another human being is stupid. You are not "tweeting" a message to your followers, you are talking face to face. Adding a verbal hashtag at the end of your sentence is just a lame attempt at making your meaningless comment about nothing seem more

important than it actually is.

The media can take partial blame for this problem. While people are watching a TV show or commercial, advertisers and networks usually put a watermark of a quote from the show on the corner of the screen. Even McDonalds has its own hashtag quotes! If I tweet "Liking this milkshake, #McDonalds." it is on the internet and I am connecting it to people talking about McDonald's food and service. If I scream "Hashtag I'm lovin' it!" while eating a Chicken McNugget, I would actually sound like a total psycho that has spent way too much time on social networking sites and not enough time practicing actual social-interaction skills.

When you hear the word "hashtag" fifty times a day, it may just drive you to insanity. If you are one of the people saying "hashtag" multiple times a day, I highly encourage you to stop. It is irritating beyond belief. There should be a PSA about not saying hashtag. You sound stupid. #EndofRant

Bad Fashion Statements

BY: AVA JODIKINOS

2014 fashion was a big hit and miss with many types of clothing and accessories, bottoms with crop tops with high-waisted shorts and maxi skirts gaining popularity. High-waisted clothing became a hit this year because you can wear pretty much anything with them. Giant statement necklaces and a lot of jewelry were worn often this year with everything.

This year was full of dresses and bold loud print. Mullet dresses came out to be a major blow out. Some were matched up with boots or heels with socks to make them a warm but comfy style. Leggings with large bold print was a major hit all year from Aztec to cheetah to bright neon colors. A lot of shoe fashion was big this year with furkenstocks shoes that look like slippers, high heeled platform shoes and stylish boots. Coats as cloaks were a high rise, when instead of putting your arms through the arm holes you just throw over your back.

Hopewell's opinion on

what fashion should stay or go in 2015, has mostly been to get rid of the crop tops. "Crop tops should be worn tastefully, don't wear low shorts and an itty bitty top," said an anonymous girl. However many people liked them and the look of them. Another item that should



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be gone is crosses everywhere. It is okay to wear a cross necklace and maybe a ring or two but when you have pants, shirts, shoes and everything in between that has a cross on it that is over doing it. Hopefully much fashion will stay but, at the same time, much will go.



Accents: Love or Hate?

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA

Since the beginning of the United States there have been regionally dialects in many different regions of the country. Some of the dialects originate from previous countries that conquered the land, such as the French influence of Louisiana. The main accents in America today are the "Bostonian" and "New England" accent, the New Yorker accent, "Pittsburghese," the Canadian "eh", and the Southern "drawl." I, for one, love accents.

I believe accents give many regions their character. For example, our local Pittsburghese gives many people pride in coming from Pittsburgh. They take pride in their accents, especially when out of town and someone hears them speaking in "Pittsburghese". It gives them a sense of pride to be from Pittsburgh.

Other major accents rooted in past occupants include the Canadian "ah". It is derived

from past French conquerors that previously occupied Canada the land during the 1700s-1850's. French is still spoken in Quebec and is taught in all Canadian schools along with English. The words that give them the biggest sense of the accent are words with "oi" and "ay" sounds. These sounds come together to make a nasal sound.

Accents are sometimes what defines a country. For example, have you ever heard of an American party? An American party is celebrated around the world, in which you dress up and act American and the most common dialect they speak is the Southern "draw". The Southern accent is by far spoken by more people than any other accent in America. It includes elongating the ending to words, and the most popular, "y'all."

Accents are what defines a region and a county. The nation's accents are remnants of past occupants of the land. This gives them unique dialects. For these reasons accents are an important part of world culture.

Too Much Technology

BY: SANTINO CICCONE

In modern day, the world is overridden by technology. The entire society is basically ran by technology and the people living in it are practically just turning into robots themselves. Every time you turn your head, there is some sort of screen showing, whether it be a jumbo-tron, or a television, or a cell phone. As a technological society, people of all ages are becoming lazier and less social. Instead of people going outside and being active for entertainment, it's much easier for people to just sit inside and watch a movie. Instead of people living in the moment, I see too many people taking pictures to capture the moment. However, don't misunderstand because a picture here and there is reasonable but whenever I see somebody taking their phones out every 2 minutes to take a video, it drives me insane.

The greatest feeling in the world was when I didn't get to use my phone for seven days straight. When I traveled to Mexico for a vacation with my family and

another close family, I was not permitted to have any cell phone or internet access. It was the greatest seven days of my life, and not just because of me being on vacation, but because I didn't have to reply to my friends and family every 30 seconds. Sure, I missed talking to my friends but it was much better to get away from the technology and actually sit back and enjoy what was going on around me.

Next time you are out in public, leave your phone in your pocket and observe the massive amount of people who have a tiny bright screen 12 inches in front of their face. Today, most people can't withstand a conversation with another person because it is too easy to simply send a text.



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Irresponsible Parents

BY: KYLIE CHICHESTER

Everyone has seen or heard of an irresponsible parent. You've probably seen them at the mall chatting away while their kid knocks over a display, or not paying attention as their child has a temper tantrum in the middle of an otherwise quiet restaurant. Oftentimes, the issue isn't with the parent being incompetent, but with the safety and welfare of the child.



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Kids, especially small ones, need constant supervision. They often don't understand right from wrong, and they don't see danger in their surroundings. It is the job of their parents to keep their children from harm, and to teach them how to conduct themselves. Without parents to teach them, children often grow up to have blurred morals, or just plain annoying personalities. Too often I see kids running out in the street for a ball, playing too close to dangerous objects, or sticking things in their mouth that shouldn't be in anyone's mouth. In all of these instances, there are no parental guardians to be seen. It's also unnerving to see small children with broken limbs. Kids have extremely resilient bones, and they're built to withstand the falls and tumbles that come along with being a human that's only known how to walk for a short period of time. Little kids aren't supposed to get broken bones. This leaves the question: what happened to this child, and where were their parents?

Faithful Fans, Stay Where You Are

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

The Oakland Raiders are 0-3 this NFL season. Most sports fans that call dominant teams their own just shrug and say “Oh well. Happens every year.” However,



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Oakland fans are still faithful and feel that the season still has promise. The Oakland Coliseum continues to sell out, even though most fans know that their team might not even have a shot. Now that is dedication, and that is how it should be.

There is a nickname for the type of fan who does not stick with the team that they have rooted for

all their life when times get rough. Fair-weather fans pick and choose when to root for their teams. The Seattle Seahawks are a fantastic example of this. Before the days of Russell Wilson, Seattle barely got any attention. They were a 7-9 team for two straight years in 2010 and 2011 before finally picking up their record in 2012 (11-5) and even making it into the playoffs. Suddenly, all everyone heard about was the new wave of Seahawks fan's, who dubbed themselves “The 12s,” which is short for the “12th Man.”

So why not just stick with the team? Being the fan of a team, no matter what sport it is, is like a marriage. Till death do you part? Through the good and the bad? Where did the commitment go? Fair-weather fans should not make up most of the fan base for any sports teams. However, there are misconceptions to the whole idea of “fair weathering.” For example, I am a huge Steelers fan, but if the Chicago Bears and Green Bay

Packers are playing in a game, I'm going to root for Chicago in that game. That does not mean that I am a Bears fan, I am simply just rooting for the team to defeat another in a game. That is not being a fair weather fan, that is simply hoping a team wins a match/game.



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Just remember that even if your team is falling behind this year it does not mean things can change. Oakland, again, is a fantastic example. Although they are starting out 0-3, things can change for the Raiders. Same goes for every team. So if you have your favorite team, stick with them. Do not be another annoying fair weather fan.

Xterra-rific

BY: MADDY HOPKINS

Ronan, my 12-year-old Xterra, is maybe the ugliest car I've ever seen. Penny-copper paint. Sewn-together seats. Fabric drooping from the roof. An on-again, off-again air conditioning unit. And way too big for a tiny five foot girl.

I used to hate him. In fact, every time I thought about it, I told my dad he was the color of puke. I complained that one day I'd break down on the side of the road and get kidnapped. My dad, in all his fatherly concern, responded “It's held up so far.” I sometimes considered just never getting my license so I wouldn't be caught dead in Ronan.

In mid-April I got my permit, and for the next month I could live in denial by driving my mom's automatic RAV4. It was pretty straightforward with a simple gas and brake pedal. Then, driving home one day, my dad pulled into a parking lot to teach me to drive

Ronan. I glared as I scooped the seat all the way in and adjusted the mirrors. My foot just barely reached the clutch, and the steering wheel was practically above my head. There was no way I wouldn't kill myself in this monstrosity.

Doing as I was told, though, I painfully pressed in the clutch and



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brake pedals, straining forward to release the emergency brake. Then, I wrestled the stick into first, slowly letting out the clutch and easing onto the gas, feeling the engine give a satisfying rev. Ronan lurched forward. And stalled out.

I shrank back in my seat,

feeling a mix of defeat and hope that I wouldn't have to drive Man's Most Hideous. My dad wasn't so eager to give up, though. We spent a solid half hour jolting forward until I could coax Ronan into gracefully rolling over the gravel. Then, we did it again, shifting from first to second gear.

After five months peppered with horror stories of stalling out at green lights, I can finally and (almost) flawlessly navigate the 30 minute drive to my dad's house in Sewickley. And I *love* it. Not only do I have a newfound adoration for Ronan (it borders on an obsession), but I absolutely worship the stick shift. It feels like driving a race car as I shift between gears, eyes narrowed in on the road ahead. I become one with the car, sensing the exact moment to pop into the next gear. Not many teenagers even know how to drive a stick shift anymore, so the look I get when people find out that I, a five-foot girl, can is priceless.

Plus, I drove a gorgeous blue BMW. Beat that.

Students of the Month: September & October



September Students Alaina and Alana

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER & MADDY HOPKINS

Congratulations to the September and October students of the month! For September, Alaina Stroud and Alana Hough were named while Vanessa Genero and Anthony Falletta were honored for October.

Alana Hough is the underclassman student of the month for September. She is involved in the Hopewell Area Aqua Club and the North Pittsburgh Wildcats ice hockey team, and she works as a lifeguard. She is ranked top 10 in her class with a current GPA of 4.1571.

Alaina Stroud is the upperclassman student of the month for September. She is a



October Students Vanessa and Anthony

member of district and country chorus, Band, Jazz Band, musicals, dance classes, Irish step dancing and is the homeroom representative for Student Council. She is also the induction chairman for NHS. She is most passionate about musicals and Irish step dancing. Her current GPA is 4.1. In the future, she hopes to be accepted into Baldwin Wallace's Conservatory of Music to major in music therapy.

Senior Vanessa Gennaro has been a part of the V.I.P Club, Student Council, French Club, and Class Club. She has also played softball all four years at Hopewell and holds the position of right field. While maintaining a 3.4 GPA,

Vanessa also works part time at American Eagle as a stylist and Jean Expert. In school, Vanessa says her favorite subject is Drama because "it helps me learn about different arts, songs, and actors." She says her favorite teacher is Mrs. Korchnak because she is "a kind-hearted and strong teacher." Vanessa's motto to live by is "Carpe Diem," which means "Seize the day." Vanessa believes that before she ends her senior year, the highlight will be doing the LipDub. "I love that the whole school gets to get together and have fun." After high school, Vanessa plans to go to college, however, she has not decided on what her major will be.

Sophomore Anthony Falletta's highlight of this school year has already occurred; Fallattea credits starting as a guard and defensive end on the varsity football team his most proud moment this year. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and going to football practices and games. His favorite teacher is Mr. Witterman who teaches his favorite class academic history. Anthony carries a 3.82 GPA and plans to attend college and eventually earn a good job after high school. His motto to live by is "too live everyday like it's your last."

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY: JENNIFER CRANMER

During October the pink ribbon a staple of breast cancer, can be seen all over the nation representing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer as well as the second leading cause of death among women preceded only by cardiovascular disease. One in eight women, during their lifetime, will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Over 40,000 of these women will die. Since the numbers are so staggering, there are many organizations in place to help raise money and awareness for the illness.

Susan G. Komen is one of the prominent breast cancer organizations in the United States. Their mission is, "To save lives and end breast cancer forever by

empowering others, ensuring quality care for all and investing in science to find the cures." Last year this association alone helped provide over 50,000 families affected with breast cancer with emotional and financial support. The money they raise also goes to research for a cure and educating people everywhere.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is an American Cancer Society organization that also raises money for breast cancer. They sponsor many three to five mile breast cancer walks. These walks, in addition to raising money for treatment, honor survivors of breast cancer, and raise awareness to reduce the risk of getting the horrible disease.



Next time a pink ribbon is spotted make sure to take the time to recognize just how much it represents. Whether it is donating a few dollars or some change or just spreading the word, try to make a difference in people's lives who have been affected in some way by breast cancer.

The 11:11 Wish

BY: SOPHIA STOKES



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Veteran's Day, originally celebrated as "Armistice Day", is on November 11, 1919. The first anniversary of the end of World War I became a national holiday in 1938. This meaningful holiday is still celebrated today, honoring our living veterans who have served or are serving for our country. There are currently 9.2 million veterans over the age of 65, 1.9 million under the age of 35, and 1.8 million

veterans that are women.

People celebrate Veteran's Day in different ways. Towns and communities often have parades, like the Veteran's Day parade in New York, with over 25,000 marchers. On Veteran's Day, we honor the people who risk their lives almost every day. Many people celebrate Veteran's Day as an honor day, recognizing someone of their family in the military.

There are kids in school that know someone that in the military. Those individuals are providing service for our country, fighting for our rights every day. Many deployed soldiers may not get to come home even for Christmas. It is tough when parents, siblings, or relatives are deployed during these times. A lot of us are lucky since none of our relatives are in the military.

Kids might not know how lucky they are to be in school. A lot

of people complain about waking up and going to school for so long, but they don't realize that they are lucky to be here. They are lucky to be here because they have a U.S. citizen right to attend school and get an education for the future. They have the right to be full of knowledge, and to discover new things every day. The reason we are allowed to go to school is because of the U.S. military. If we didn't have an army protecting us and a government providing our rights, none of us would have the wonderful opportunity to be educated.

So if you attend a parade or other event on Veteran's Day, make sure to thank a Veteran for all they have done. They risked their life to save yours. To a lot of people, Veteran's Day is very important, celebrating the honor of someone in the U.S. military, and cannot wait for the day that their veterans come home.

ISIS Terror Continues

BY: DONALD MASON

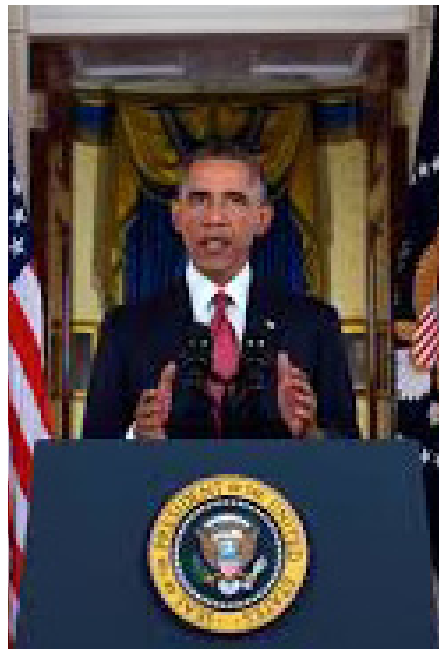
The Islamic States of Iraq and Syria, also known as ISIS, has been killing and taking over Muslim groups and killing foreigners that don't have the same beliefs as we do. Three journalists have been beheaded publically and on video but there has been little to no response to any of the killings until recently.

Two of the three journalists were American. Barack Obama said, "I will take action but not with our soldiers but with our jets and drones to reduce the amount of deaths." As of today, more than a month later, nothing has been done except some foot soldiers sent over, though Obama said he wouldn't deploy any.

ISIS has been attempting to cut off water supplies to the Muslim tribes to drive them out. The Sunni tribes have been hit worse than others because the ISIS militia has targeted the Haditha Dam which has their water supply and six power generators. The Iraq military has been able to help the tribes and support them when needed.

The United States of

America is currently launching airstrikes and delivering supplies to help the defenseless Muslim tribes and would like to stay out of the war. But with our involvement it is almost inevitable that we will end up in this international war.



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Most Frequent Fears and Phobias

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Over 6.3 million people have been diagnosed with a phobia in the United States alone. A phobia is defined as an extreme or irrational fear of something. Even if a person is not diagnosed with a phobia, everyone is afraid of something. Some are even afraid of everything (Panphobia). The most common fears include:

Acrophobia: fear of heights. Those who suffer from acrophobia can experience a panic attack while in a high place and may become too restless to safely get down. Around two to five percent of the general population suffers from fear of heights.

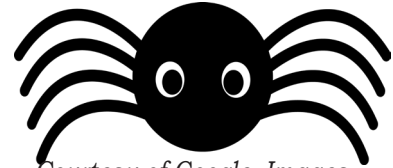
Fear of flying: The number of people suffering from the fear of flying has increased since 9/11. This fear can be associated with several others including claustrophobia and acrophobia. Because air travel can be hard to avoid, this fear can cripple potential career opportunities and prevent those who have it from visiting loved ones. Travis Barker (the drummer from Blink 182), Doris Day, and John Madden all suffer from the fear of flying.

Glossophobia: fear of public speaking. Over 15 million people suffer from social phobia. These cases can stem from the concern that they may be judged and

seen as inadequate, unattractive, and dumb.

Nyctophobia: (extreme) fear of the dark. Fear of the dark is usually not fear of the darkness itself, but the fear of possible or imagined dangers hidden in the darkness.

Arachnophobia: Fear of spiders. Those who suffer from arachnophobia tend to feel uneasy and may have panic attacks in any area that has visible signs of their presence, such as webs.



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Voting

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA

With the passage of the 26th Amendment in 1971, 18 year olds garnered the right to vote in elections. Previously you needed to be 21 in order to vote. The decision to pass the amendment came as a result of the Vietnam War. Many American soldiers felt that if you could be forced to fight in the war via the draft you should have the right to vote that decided on the war out of office.

Although many people in previous generations fought for the ability to vote at 18 only a small portion of 18-20 year olds actually vote. In the 2008 presidential election only 49 percent of 18 year olds were even registered to vote, which is 22 points lower than the national average.

One big reason many young adults do not vote is because they believe the issues do not effect them. This is especially true in odd voting years, when there are no congressional or presidential elections; it is mainly local and some state elections. Senior Bryant Turk said he would not be voting in odd years because "they are not as important".

Voting is a basic right in America. The only qualifications to vote are to be 18 and a non-felon. The ability for all to vote is unique to democracy. It is important to get all ages and ethnicities to vote in all elections. The goal in all elections is to get the best person for the job into office.

It's "Fun"d Rai\$ing Money

BY: SOPHIA STOKES

The most successful fundraisers have come from items that people are willing to buy. As we all know, fundraising is one of the most difficult things to do within our school. Whether it's a fundraiser for class club, a foundation, or prom, it is going to be difficult to sell things. The most important customers in the school are the students. All of the grades have tried fundraising multiple times before now with different ideas. Some ideas work, and some fail miserably. The main question we have to ask ourselves is: What are people going to pay for?

"No matter what kids sell, people always love food," Senior Rachael Kriger said. Most of the time when people sell food, it sells out quickly. Kids love buying a snack during the day, especially if they have the last lunch. Even selling a simple lollipop for one dollar each raises the quickest money. Around Christmas and Easter, people love to buy chocolate bars or candy as a present for their relatives.

Part of the problem with raising money is that people do not take the time or put in the effort to fundraise. There are not enough students who are selling things or coming up with ideas. They either have no time, forget, or are

just too lazy to try. "Fundraisers sometimes are just not fun. They pick the most boring fundraisers," Junior Darby Ryan said.

Teachers usually help many clubs fundraise for certain things. Mr. Witterman, in charge of class club of 2016, has experienced the difficulties of fundraising many times before. "So many different organizations want to raise money, and students are raising money for different activities and such. Also, many kids do not like to sell things and ask people to buy stuff,"

In conclusion, kids who are forced to fundraise feel afraid to sell to strangers. They are too shy and think that it is awkward. "I do not like fundraising because it requires you to talk to people," said Junior Bethany Schwartz. Depending on the location and the site, prom can cost anywhere from 20-30 thousand dollars. So if the juniors and seniors want a great prom, then we better fundraise.



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Scariest Stories

BY: LAUREN TRIMBER

With Halloween just around the corner, hair-raising scares are becoming harder to avoid. Some get their dose of chills with scary movies and haunted houses. Others have gotten goosebumps from disturbingly true stories.

Physics teacher Mrs. Story shared her spine-chilling experience. When she was younger, she loved to explore exciting places. For her birthday, she took some friends into a hotel that was rumored to be haunted. "It looked like an old German Catholic castle and had an abandoned mall next to it. We were goofing around and having a good time when in one of the rooms we heard heart-breaking

sobs, which was creepy. Anyway, we finally made it to the top floor where we found a hidden doorway. Behind that was a dirty staircase leading to another door. We climbed the stairs and opened that door, which led to a tiny closet room with Christmas decorations. We laughed at how goofy we'd been and started walking down the steps. Then we noticed that on the sloped ceiling were black, ashy handprints. As soon as we noticed them, the doorknob behind us started jiggling."

Mr. Slapikas, one of Hopewell's English teachers, talked about his terrifying seventh grade spring break adventure. "In a nature reserve, which was part of the community, the second half was through a tunnel that was about half a mile long. To get through the

tunnel, we had to walk on a ledge because the ground was water. The ceiling was so low that we had to double over when we walked. We went into the pitch-black tunnel with flashlights. We were crawling through it, and about half an hour in we heard something behind us. It sounded kind of like an animal, but we decided to keep going. About halfway through we heard a barking and growling behind us. My best friend started talking about how in this tunnel there were trap dogs. So I jumped off of the ledge and into the middle of the tunnel. I decided I was gonna try to outrun this thing. I ran as fast as I could. We all made it out of the tunnel and when we got out there, there was all kinds of barking and growling. We still don't know what was in there." Boo!

Archery Season Is Back

BY: DONALD MASON

Archery season is back and the arrows are whizzing through the air. The season started October 4th and people are starting to scout, setting plots, and hanging their tree stands. Your bows should be shooting dimes off a bag and ready for the hunt.

Preparation should have been done three months ago. You should have been scouting your trails and setting plots to get them coming to that spot. You should also get your clothes washed, put in a garbage bag and set them in the woods so they are scent free for when you are hunting.

Your tree stand is one of

the most important plans for archery. You need to have months of scouting in and know where the animals come up the trails and what time they do. You want your stand to be close to the game trail but not on top of it. You want to clear shooting lanes so that you have clear 20 yard shots to kill the deer cleanly and humanely.

Your bow should be tuned and shooting more accurately than ever. It should have a new string, replaced rest, new arrows, and new broad heads. You need to start pulling your bow back eight times a day, so you can draw cleanly and quietly in the woods.

Hopefully you've already bagged a buck. So be prepared to

make a memory. Be safe and happy hunting.



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Unsolved Mysteries

BY: MARY-JANE HOUSTON

Immortality, reincarnation and alien spotting are brushed off as make-believe stories, but after reading these unsolved mysteries, can it be certain that they are just made up?

The Immortal Count- Often known as the man who never died and who knows everything, has been recognized throughout many centuries and thought to be born around the 1690's, and last seen around the 1970's. Appearing to be about 45, he declares himself an Alchemist who can speak 12 languages, is a painter, and has great wealth but doesn't have a bank account. Even creepier, he is known by many famous figures such as Casanova, Catherine the Great, and George Washington to name a few. He has also been linked to several secret societies including the Rosicrucians, Freemasons, Society of Asiatic Brothers, the Knights of Light, the Illuminati and Order of the Templars.



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Whether true Immortality or not, only history will know.

Pollock Twins- Jacqueline and Joanna, sisters 6 and 11, died the same day by getting hit by a car. The Pollock parents were very devastated and prayed their daughters would come back. The parents decided to have another child, which turned out to be a set of twin girls. When the twin girls were born, the parents were astonished. One girl had the same scar Joanna did, and the other resembled Jacqueline down to the exact spot of her birthmarks. The young twins

wanted the same toys and named their dolls the same as Joanna and Jacqueline had. They requested to go places they have never been but where the parents took their deceased daughters in the past. Were the parent's prayers answered or was this just a coincidence?

The WOW Signal- To some people the WOW Signal or the signal from outer space proves the existence of aliens. The signal was received on August 15, 1977 and lasted 72 seconds. It was a series of rising and falling of the "loudness" from the radio satellite equipment, which was exactly what the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) programmer Jerry Ehman was looking for. Ehman wrote WOW on the printout of this signal, giving the signal its name. It is believed by many to be proof of alien life that came from an interstellar 'lighthouse' near the constellation Sagittarius.

Although there has been a rise of technology over the past few years, no logical explanation has been found for these creepy mysteries.

Horrible Drivers

BY: JENNIFER CRANMER

You know the people- the ones who cannot seem to bring themselves to flip on their turn signals, or do not know the meaning of the word yield, the people who do not turn on red when given the opportunity. These bad drivers test the patience of people every day.

With over 200 million licensed drivers in the United States and rising, there are bound to be some bad apples in the bunch. But how is it that most people do not know basic traffic laws when we all took the same test? The worst feeling is when you are running late for school or work and you get behind someone going 25 in a 35 mile per hour zone. Speeding is unnecessary but speed limits could at least be met.



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It is shocking how many people do not realize you can turn right on red if there is no sign saying it is not allowed. Every day I go to school I have

to turn right at a red light to get onto Brodhead Road. Several times a week I will be stuck behind someone also turning right into no traffic who does not realize they can look both ways

and go!

Going to the mall has also become an irritating event. Getting on or off the highway proves that people do not realize that yield means you stop or slow. The other car has the right of way and yet the person with the yield sign just zooms on by.

Another frustrating occurrence is when you are trying to turn out into traffic, and you would have been able to go if the person had just turned on their turn signal. Similarly, when you are behind someone and you have to slam the brakes because they flip their blinker seconds before they want to turn. Then your coffee spills because of the sudden stop, and your mood is spoiled for the rest of the day.

Everybody has bad days where they are running late or are just plain annoyed but that does not mean you have to take it out on every innocent person on the road!

Life Hacks & Psych Facts

BY: MADDY HOPKINS

Life Hacks:

1. If you ask someone out and you don't get an answer, you have your answer.
2. Women are more influenced by how a man smells than how he looks.
3. For extra money, sell your notes on Flashnotes.com
4. You can rewire your brain to be happy by recalling three things you're grateful for over 21 days.
5. Spiders hate peppermint oil. Put some in a squirt bottle with water and spray your garage and door frames, and they will run away.
6. Never step on spiders. It could be a female with eggs that will stick to your shoe and hatch everywhere.
7. If you have a song stuck in your head but don't know what it is, use midomi.com. It lets you sing or hum it.
8. Signs of lying: red cheeks, flared nostrils, rapid blinking, bunched up arms, tightly crossed legs, sitting on hands, not using *I*, *me*, or *mine* to distance themselves, lack of eye contact.
9. Licking a small cut is actually beneficial.
10. Cut a slit in a tennis ball. It can hold pretty much anything.
11. Put Chapstick on a paper cut to instantly heal it.
12. You can burn crayons for emergency lighting.
13. Chew peppermint or cinnamon gum while you drive. It decreases frustration, increases alertness, and makes the drive seem shorter.
14. Listening to music frequently reduces your risk of a brain tumor.
15. Three best Hangman words: *rhythm*, *zephyr*, and *sphinx*



Hangman Game courtesy of Google Images

Psych Facts:

1. Most serial killers are born in November.
2. 33 percent of high school graduates never read another book the rest of their lives.
3. The more a child reads, the likelier they are able to understand the emotions of others.
4. Tilting your head to the right and slightly up makes you look more attractive.
5. When you gaze into your soul-mate's eyes, your heartbeats synchronize.
6. Scientists suggest that untidy and unmade beds are healthier for us than neat and made beds.
7. Too much homework can cause stress, depression, and even lower grades.
8. Men tend to fall in love after three days while women don't until 14.
9. We live about 80 milliseconds in the past. This is the average time it takes to process information.
10. People make better decisions when they need to pee.



Kids who read understand emotions better.
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Costumes & Controversy



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles costumes
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like to wear. These costumes consist of certain Disney princesses, animals like cats, bumble bees, and other furry little creatures, and even superheroes. It does not sound too controversial does it? Wrong. The problem most people have with these costumes is how short, skimpy, and revealing they are. Girls like to feel "attractive" and "show off" certain aspects of themselves so much that they more than likely do not see how short or skimpy their costume are, nor how "socially unacceptable" it is to wear such revealing clothes in public. Most views on these costumes would be do not shame someone for wearing what they want to on Halloween, do not say it is wrong, because it is more than likely that most girls who wear these flashy costumes on Halloween do not dress up like that on a daily basis, and lastly all it is a costume, you wear it for one day a year, these kids are just trying to have fun, yes it may be "too provocative" or "too trashy" but it makes these girls happy just as a new superhero costume would make a little boy.



I'll Take Horror with Cheese

Horror Movies That are More Comical Than Scary

BY: GARRET ROBERTS

As Halloween gets closer, the desire to watch scary movies spirals out of control. People get in the Halloween mindset, and want to watch spooky, spine chilling, and terrifying movies. The staggering amount of horror movies released around Halloween is proof of that. Not everyone is a fan of the horror genre, though. Some people do not like to be scared. An alternative to being spooked solid by movies yet still being part of the Halloween spirit is cheesy horror movies. Instead of being scared by a Halloween movies, they can be entertained by a cheesy horror movie.

The most popular cheesy movies were produced from the early 80's era to the late 90's. One good example of this type of movie is "Child's Play." The story revolves around an ironically marketed Good Guy Doll named Chucky. The doll has been possessed by a serial killer who is out to kill his partner from his human life. The cheesiness starts from the beginning. A doll is not typically scary, especially the doll in question. A doll is created to be a friend to kids, not a serial killer. To top it off there are the 80's special effects. They are laughable by today's standards. A perfect example of a cheesy scene is when Chucky tries to stab a cop through a car seat. Chucky's head turns back and forth very stiffly, while the knife repeatedly goes through the seat. It looks so fake and thrown together last minute that you laugh instead of being scared.

The curse of the cheesy movie has not been eliminated yet. "Sharknado," a 2013 movie release, is an unfortunate victim. The general plot of "Sharknado" is that a tornado

starts near the ocean, picks up sharks, and begins to cross Los Angeles. The movie had potential, but fell short.

Sharks and tornados are common fears, unlike a doll. Combining a shark and tornado was good in theory, but not on the silver screen. Some scenes in the movie are so ridiculous that the movie is now a must-watch for comedy movie fans. Missing a scene of a shark being sliced in half with a chainsaw is just a disappointment.

Nothing is safe from the curse of the cheesy movie. Whether its bad concepts, bad editing, or ridiculous scenes, any movie can be affected. Even though they are bad, they often become "classics," and are watched over and over. Whether it be a tornado of sharks or a possessed serial killer doll, these movies will stick with you for a long time.



*The main character of **Sharknado** preparing to slice a shark in half, with an oversized chainsaw. Photo from Google Images.*

Halloween: Roots and Stats

BY: KYLIE CHICHESTER



America's favorite Halloween candy, the Reese's Cup. Image by Google.

Halloween is rooted in the Irish holiday Samhein; however, our spooky holiday is practiced much differently. Samhein was believed to be the one day of the year where the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead were thinnest.

Bonfires would be lit, and the Irish people would sacrifice animals and burn crops to win the favor of Celtic deities.

Halloween is no longer based on pagan rituals, and is instead about being scared and having fun. It is a candy-centric holiday, and is well known as one of America's favorites. Each year, the average American consumes twenty-four pounds of candy, 120 million Americans dress up in costumes, and forty-six percent of Americans carve pumpkins. According to a nation-wide poll conducted by the Huffington Post last year, the most loved Halloween candy of all time is the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. However, candy corn is still the top selling candy, with over 35 million pounds sold annually. That's nearly 9-billion pieces, enough to circle the moon a staggering 21 times if laid end to end.

5 Seconds of Summer Album Review

BY: ABBY HIGHBERGER



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This past summer, after three years it has finally happened. Australian band, 5 Seconds of Summer, released their debut self-titled album. With 12 plus tracks, depending if you buy the deluxe edition or not, you are guaranteed to, as the band says “rock out with your socks out”.

The most interesting thing about this album is the amount of different versions you could buy. For example, depending on what country you live in you may get a different color album. The United Kingdom and Australia had a red X on the front while America has a Blue X. The determining factor for the deluxe edition would be if the cover has doodles drawn on it by the boys themselves. Then, there is the “Target Exclusive Bonus Tracks Edition” which has a completely different picture on the front, comes with trading cards, and comes in blue, yellow, white, or red.

On May 14 the band released their “She Looks So Perfect” EP which included the first single off of the album. Then on June 16 they released a follow up EP called “Don’t Stop”, but was not available in US, Canada, and Mexico. But, the single was later released to these locations

along with a pre-order of their very first full length album on July 22.

Weeks prior to the release of the album the band released three promotional singles in the span of two months to give fans a taste of what to expect from their album. After “She Looks So Perfect” and “Don’t Stop”, the band released “Good Girls” followed by “Kiss Me Kiss Me” in which they wrote with Alex Gaskarth, lead singer of All Time Low, and John Feldmann, lead singer of Goldfinger. Finally, “Everything I Didn’t Say” was released as their last promo single about a week before the release of their album.

If you like bands like All Time Low, Boys Like Girls, or Fall Out Boy, you would love this album and band. The album consists of many different changes in sounds. For example the song “Social Casualty” on the deluxe version samples the guitar riff from Fall Out Boy’s hit single “Sugar We’re Goin’ Down”. If you like “Hey There Delilah” by The Plain White T’s, definitely listen to “Amnesia” because the beginning sound almost identical.

All in all if you like to rock out, and slam on your air guitar you should absolutely buy this album.



Halloween Past and Stats

BY: KYLIE CHICHESTER

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For retailers and consumers, Halloween isn’t about candy and fun; it’s about money. This year, the National Retail Federation expects Americans to spend 7.1 billion dollars before October 31st this year. Each American is expected to spend around \$77, most of which goes to costumes and not candy.

Pets will not be forgotten this year, with costumes for our furry friends expected to rake in \$350 million nationally.

Money aside, Halloween is still a fun holiday that everyone looks forward to. If you aren’t looking to spend \$77 on costumes and candy this year, try looking to Pinterest or other DIY websites for inspiration. Remember to stay safe this year, and have a very scary Halloween.



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