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Hopewell's Alma Mater Writer

By Kate McCallan

Whether it's seen, heard, or proudly sung, students from this district come in contact with the Hopewell Alma Mater on a daily basis. For about 60 years, the Hopewell Area School District has been using this song to avow their pride and adoration for their high school. The origin of this alma mater, however, has been a mystery for quite some time. So where does it come from? And who created this tribute to our fair school? The Hopewell Hi-Lites obtained this story and after many years would like to give credit where credits due.

In 1946, Marjorie Neugebauer (now Marjorie Neugebauer Meehan) moved from Moon to Hopewell. It did not take long for her to be acclimated at Hopewell High School. She became a very active member of her class. She took part in the band and the chorus. She also participated in the school play,

acted as Vice President of the senior class, and was on the yearbook staff. When she was on the yearbook staff, she provided the majority of the artwork, which she drew. This aspect of creativity was vitally utilized when it came to helping her write the alma mater we know and love.

During her band years, she was under Mary Fisher and Vic Pasquarelli. When the band expanded, the current band director at the time, Pasquarelli, passed out sheet music to Finlandia by Jean Sibelius and asked his students to write an alma mater to correspond with this composition. That night Meehan went home and thought about her school. She went about writing the lyrics as if it were a class assignment. She knew she had to speak from the heart and incorporate school colors. With her self-motivation, thoughts translated into lyrics. After thoroughly reviewing

these compositions, Pasquarelli alone chose hers. This was the senior class gift. Meehan also received the Celebrate Hopewell award for this contribution to the school.

At that time, the accomplishment did not mean much to her; however, today she is very proud of her personal achievement especially when she hears people singing her lyrics. During her high school years, she learned that music is crucial and that band is an important aspect of every school. Just like sports team, "band involves teamwork." Today, Meehan is an active member of the community. This composition that she developed years ago is the very base of our Hopewell Viking pride and will be used for many more years to come.



Picture of Marjorie Neugebauer Meehan

*Dear Hopewell High
We'll cherish thee forever
Where'er we go
Although our paths may part
In all our thoughts
Thy name will be remembered,
Thy flag unfurled,
Wave golden and blue.
We sing thy praise
With voices raised on high.
Deep in our hearts
You'll never die!*

VIP Rally Gathers Big Numbers for St. Jude

By Alaina Altieri

The Saint Jude Rally was held in the Hopewell High School cafeteria on April 14. There were close to 54 students and staff members that showed up which marked the biggest rally Saint Jude has had yet. VIP (Vikings Influencing Peers) organized the rally with the help of sponsor Mrs. Korchnak. In addition to the rally, VIP club organized the coin wars, which saw homeroom versus homeroom in an attempt to raise money for the cause. Also, VIP designed and sold pink t-shirts.

The club has raised 900 dollars so far, and they expect to raise more with the letters that were sent out at the rally.

Those students at the rally who sent out 25 letters or more have a chance to win a Wii, and the winner will be announced during May Day. All the money that was raised will go straight to



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder

Saint Jude Research Hospital.

Some facts courtesy of Saint Judes website: Saint Jude's mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other devastating diseases. St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and from around the world. They treat up to 260 patients a day. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's

inability to pay.

In 2010, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was ranked the most trusted charity in the nation in a public survey conducted by Harris Interactive, a highly respected international polling and research firm. The daily operating cost for St. Jude is nearly 1.5 million dollars, which is primarily covered by public contributions. That is why it is so important to make sure that money is raised with the help of communities and schools everywhere.

Over 1,100 letters were mailed out. Our school's goal is \$2,000. VIP will present a check to Whitney Prothro on May day when the Wii winner will be chosen.

Mrs Korchnak and VIP would like to thank students and staff that made the first rally a success. This was the best rally St Jude had so far this year.

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News

College Preview:Pitt

By Sarah Bohy

Pittsburgh Academy was founded in 1787, and classes were held in a small log cabin near Pittsburgh's three rivers. Today, over 220 years later, Pittsburgh Academy has developed into a world renowned institution for learning, is one of the oldest higher education establishments in the United States, and is known as the University of Pittsburgh.

With over 100 degree programs in 17 different departments, the University of Pittsburgh is one of the most eminent comprehensive universities in the country. Students at Pitt have the opportunity to work in conjunction with faculty exceedingly well-trained in their fields. Some of the world's most fascinating breakthroughs in medicine, engineering, the liberal arts and more have come from Pitt students, faculty, and graduates.

Currently, William Wagner, Pitt's Professor of Surgery is developing and expanding upon technologies that support the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Susan Amara, Pitt's Professor of Neuroscience, has conducted research on the way neurotransmitter transporters control various brain functions. Jeremy Levy, Director of the Center for Quantum-Computation at Pitt, has done work to develop computers that can calculate problems at a speed unmatched by all of the world's computers combined.

These people are currently making spectacular breakthroughs in their fields. However, past Pitt graduates and faculty have made advancements of their own.

Reginald Fessenden, an engineering professor at Pitt, proved that human speech could be transmitted by radio waves in 1906. The chemical structure of Vitamin C was indentified by Pitt chemistry professor, Charles Glen King in 1932. Jonas Salk, along with a highly capable team of Pitt researchers, developed the first effective, safe vaccine for Polio in 1955. In 1984, Thomas Starzl and Henry Bahnson, two Pitt Surgeons, performed the world's first double-transplant surgery. In 1991, Pitt Astronomer David Tumshek identified the most distant galaxy known to man.

Pitt Graduate Michael Chabon won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for fiction with his novel "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay." These are just a few examples of University of Pittsburgh graduates who have made outstanding accomplishments in their fields.

Aside from their impressive academics, Pitt has an extraordinary athletics program. Their NCAA Division I Men's Basketball and Football teams are ranked among the best in the nation. While these two sports have the most following, Pitt also has other varsity sports to choose from, such as men's baseball, cross country, wrestling, and diving, and women's gymnastics, tennis, softball, and volleyball. For those not interested in a varsity sport, Pitt offers several intramural and club sports, some of which include recreational basketball, racquetball, and ultimate frisbee.

Located just a few miles from downtown Pittsburgh, the Pitt campus and surrounding areas are full of employment and leisure opportunities. Students can see basketball games, concerts and more at Pitt's own Petersen Events Center. Heinz Field, PNC Park, and the Console Energy Center are all within a close distance from campus. Additionally, The Waterfront in Pittsburgh, a popular shopping and dining destination, is only a ten minute drive from campus.

The University of Pittsburgh's main campus is located in Oakland. However, Pitt also has four regional campuses in Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville. These campuses offer many of the same academic opportunities as the main campus, but are ideal for students who are interested in a smaller, more intimate college setting.



A picture of the Cathedral of Learning. Courtesy Google Images.

Tragedy Strikes as Polish President and 95 Others Die in Plane Crash

By: Dan Gladis



Picture of Lublin Mourning. Courtesy Google Images

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the silence around Smolensk Military Airbase was broken like it had seventy years before with shrieks of horror. A Polish Tupolev Tu-154 jet, on its fourth circling of the airstrip, had made the fateful decision to choose to land in the dense fog. However, unbeknownst to the pilot of the plane or his high profile passengers, the landing strip was almost a mile away. Dipping into the fog, the pilot struck a homing beacon and crashed the airplane, killing himself and the ninety-five others aboard. What makes this plane crash different from the many others that have occurred in the past is the passenger list; most notably, the President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria.

In addition to the President and his wife, nine other senior government officials, ten of the highest military leaders of Poland, eighteen members of the Polish parliament, eight ecclesiastical leaders, twenty-six other prominent Poles, nine Polish bureau workers and seven crew members were killed. The death of the head of state of any sovereign nation while still in office is a shock to the world. However, the circumstances and abrupt end to the lives of the men and women aboard has been a shock felt the world over.

Former Polish President Aleksander Kwaniewski told Polish television that, "...the intellectual elite of the Third Polish Republic [have died] in this tragic plane crash ..."

The reasons for the plane crash are as of this date of writing still under scrutiny. What can be known, though, is the purpose for the trip. Seventy years before, in April 1940, 22,000 Polish military officials and officers were murdered by Soviet troops outside of Smolensk in the forests of Katyn. It was the mission of the President and his retinue to mark the anniversary of that horrible tragedy that saw one unfold anew. The Katyn massacre has claimed its last ninety-six victims, as far as many of the Polish people including President Kwaniewski are concerned.

From around the world, messages of condolence and hope pour in from the nations and organizations of sovereign consequence. As this paper is written, President Kaczynski is lying in state with his wife, and will soon be buried. As time goes on, memories may fade of the details of this horrid day in Polish and World history. However, what cannot be forgotten, is the tragedy of the desolate Katyn woods, and the terrifying place in Polish history it occupies.

Perspectives

Stainless Steele

By: Dan Gladis

The grand total of political figures that have served, are serving and will ever serve in the United States government or political parties thereof is quite astronomical. Of that number, a generous estimate of the total that would go through the shark-infested political waters that shall remain untainted may fall at a number slightly less than one. Michael Steele, chairperson of the Republican National Committee (RNC) is no different from this lot; he is no acme of morality, but a man who has been charged with the reclamation of a rudderless party against poor odds. Recently, catcalls have erupted forth from the Republicans who claim that it is the weak leadership of Steele and Steele alone that makes the RNC and the Republican Party vulnerable to loss this coming election in fall. Admittedly, there is some truth to these accusations. Recently, charges have come forth that several RNC staffers had spend \$2,000 dollars at the very adult club "Voyeurs" in Hollywood. While this is certainly an abomination not unlike the many that the very same people indicted for their misdeeds have charged others with the commission of, Michael Steele is not to blame. The actions of several staffers, while final responsibility



rests in Chairman Steele's hands, are not to be taken as a reflection of the moral fiber of Mr. Steele. Additional charges have included extravagant speaking fees, though it may be said that similar figures charge just as much or more, posh hotel accommodations, which is not dissimilar from others in his range of political power, and other 'extravagances' which would hardly be a surprise to the common cynic. However, the time is not right for the resignation of Mr. Steele. While it is true that the Republicans and the RNC face a harrowing time in their history, and also true that the official policy of saying "no" without offering a substantive alternative is not always working, to change tactics in the middle of this time would be a disaster according to their very own logic. "Stay the course" was a mantra spat out by conservatives for many years during the second Bush autocracy, so why not keep to the same standard now? Stick with Steele, Republicans, deep down you know it's the right thing to do for this nation.



A Detriment to his Party

By: Mr. McConnell

With the November election looming on the political horizon, both of the United States' major political parties are marshalling their forces for what is expected to be a contentious struggle for control of both houses of Congress as well as a referendum on the policies that the Obama administration and the Democratic Party have initiated over the past year and a half. When Republicans captured the governorships of Virginia and New Jersey in last fall's elections and the Massachusetts senate seat long held by Ted Kennedy in what is, arguably, the nation's most liberal state, it was interpreted by many as an indicator of the angst spreading across the nation in reaction to the "progressive" policies being promulgated by the party that controls both elected branches of our government. As this unfolded, the bitter debates

over healthcare reform, government spending, the exploding national debt and national security concerns have spawned an enormous groundswell of resistance, embodied most visibly by the Tea Party movement. And, given the fact that an incumbent president's party almost invariably loses seats in Congress in a midterm election, it would seem a propitious time for the Republican Party to reassert itself and regain a number of the seats in lost in 2008 and, possibly, reclaim a majority in the House of Representatives, the Senate or both. Currently, the Republican Party is embroiled in a controversy over the continued tenure of the Republican National Committee (RNC) chairman, Michael Steele. Even though Steele has a track record of supporting the ideology and policies of the Republican Party, his actions since assuming the chairmanship in early 2009 have called into question his judgment, his integrity and his suitability as the nominal party chieftain. Given the nature of the times, the unsettled state of the economy, concerns about government spending and the deficit, and what is seen by many as an erosion of the social and moral fiber of the country, it seems somewhat incongruous that the Republican Party's chief spokesman has compiled a record of extravagant

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Dr. Dan

Dear Dr. Dan,

I have a friend who is very close to me, and we have been for some time. However, my friend and I have recently been going through what I would call a rough patch. We don't see eye to eye anymore on several subjects, especially the ones most important to me. Also, my friend has been hanging out with some new people who I really don't know that well. Could this be the reason she is acting funny? Help me Dr. Dan; I don't want to lose this friend!
Sincerely,
Best friend forever?

Dear Best,

To state the obvious, your friend and you are growing apart, and you would like to come back together and be friends again. The most important thing you can do is talk. Talk talk talk. If you can talk to your friend and let them know how you feel, and most importantly, why, they may be able to come to some sort of amicable agreement over either their behavior or your response to it. Nobody likes to lose a friend, especially a

close one, so be careful not to approach this situation yelling and carrying on about how they have hurt your feelings or made you uncomfortable.

If you do that, you may as well wave good-bye because people do not enter conversations such as these assuming they are in the wrong for how they are acting. You must either convince them that they are or explain why you feel the way you do and try and come up with some sort of middle

ground to stand on. I should remind you here to keep in mind the advice of the indomitable Ward Cleaver from the TV show Leave it to Beaver, "Sometimes, things the second time around are just not as good as they were the first time." I hope all goes well for you. Keep in touch!
Sincerely,
Dr. Dan

Sports

Tennis Team Aces New Season

By: Matt Johnston

Starting off a new season is not always easy, especially when positioned in the same section as some of the toughest teams in the area. Although Hopewell's boys' tennis team competes with powerhouse teams such as Sewickley Academy, Quaker Valley, Mars and Knoch annually for the section crown, this opposition allows for the team members to strive for playing their best. "Our difficult season obviously presents us with a challenge," senior Chad Ungarean responded after losing a close section match to Mars, "But we plan on moving forward and winning out the rest of the season."

This year's abundance of seniors include: Josh Hribar, Chad Ungarean, Brain Foy, Ryan Costanza, Tyler Dowiak, Mike Buffalini, Ryan Carson, Nick Cortese and Mark Petrik. Josh Hribar represents Hopewell as the number one in the singles competitions, while Chad Ungarean stands as the number three man in the same category. In the doubles competitions, Ryan Costanza and Brian Foy compete as Hopewell's

number one doubles team, and Nick Cortese and Mark Petrik embark in competition as the number two group of the same sort.

Also, junior Brian Bucci has made a significant impact on the team's competitiveness this year; his team best 4-3 individual singles record has earned him the position of the team's number two man. Even though the team's overall record is merely 2-5 as of April 13th, head coach David Muir has his players continuing to play well against the tough opponents in their section as well as with each other during practices. When asked about how the season was progressing, senior Josh Hribar commented, "We're half way through the year, and we're not where we expected to be. However, we're going to do everything we possibly can to turn our season around and sneak into the playoffs." Optimism along with the influence of talent can carry a team a long way, and it certainly seems that way for the Hopewell boys' tennis team.

Track Meets Return Home

By Paul Rosenstern

Track meets are back at Hopewell High School thanks to the renovation of Tony Dorsett Field. Hopewell now has a track that meets WPIAL standards, and a throwing pit allowing Hopewell to host home track and field meets. So far in 2010, Hopewell has held two scrimmages on the new track and field, and three more regular season meets. The Regular season for the Hopewell boys' and girls' track and field teams began with an away meet at Moon. Here the girls came away with a win over the Tigers, but the boys dropped their first of the season. Hopewell then held the first home regular season track and field meet at the new Tony Dorsett Field. Both the boys' and girls' team came away with wins over West Allegheny. Hopewell then hosted Montour for their third regular season meet, and the boys' and girls' both came out with victories yet again. Ambridge then came to Hopewell on April 20, and both Hopewell's boys and

girls teams stayed undefeated at the new Tony Dorsett Field. As of April 21, the Hopewell girls' track team is undefeated with a 4-0 section record. The boys are not far behind with their 3-1 record. Hopewell will meet New Castle on April 22 and Blackhawk on April 26 for their final two regular season meets. In between those meets on April 24 is the Blackhawk 9th and 10th Invitational. MAC's will be held on April 28 followed by the Baldwin Invitational on May 7 and the Canon McMillan 9th and 10th Invitational on May 15. Senior track members include Paige Alviani, Jeff Anderson, Olivia Bonavita, Sarah Cassidy, Tim Cassidy, Cailyn Corsi, Lindsay Erath, Elise Farris, Brandon Fedorka, Sam Fisher, Marcello Graziani, Alec Gurchak, Nicole Hamilton, Brandyn McKnight, Matt Mowad, Jen Palmeri, Taylor Pauls, Shikira Quamina, Katelyn Scott, Joe Stefanini, Amanda Tocci, and Luke Vandergrift.

Hopewell Baseball Still Strong

By Dan Gladis

Slightly over halfway into the season, Hopewell Baseball is powering strong. With an undefeated record of 11-0 at the time of writing, the boys have proven to themselves that they not only live up to the hype, but excel beyond it. Continuing the success from last season, where the baseball team reached the WPIAL semi-finals, was not easy as second baseman Paul Rosenstern says, "But we have persevered."

Just of few of the stellar athletes on the team are seniors Scott Dierdorf, who has hit six home runs and Mike Brougher, whose pitching has helped keep the baseball team's record spotless. Kevin Welsh, a senior as well, is another home run hitter who solidifies the lineup in the

thirds batting position. Also, junior Matt Rubino has four home runs and leads the team in RBIs. With several tough games coming up in the near future, the baseball team will need these players and the rest of their team to pull through to keep Hopewell undefeated. "This year, our team is really working well together. And most important, we are having fun too," says Rosenstern. Soon, Hopewell will be tested against the powerhouses of Moon and Montour.

The outcomes of these games will more than likely be known by the time this paper makes it to print. However, what is important is that all of Hopewell needs to come out and cheer our baseball team in their fight to attain the WPIAL crown.

Softball Team Struggles Early in the Season

By: Kate McCallan

The Hopewell High School girls' Softball team has had a rocky start this year. As of April 22, 2010, the team had a conference (section 1 AAA) record of 0-7; however, overall they have a record of 1-8 beating Monaca 6-2. With the help of Coach Rubottom, Coach "Chip," and Coach Giles, the Hopewell girls received the guidance and support needed to stay positive and remain determined to strive for their best. With a few more years of experience and wisdom, Hopewell High School girls' softball's only senior Alyse Batvinskis, also tends to her 12 underclassmen teammates on the field.

The team has gone through

multiple changes in the past year. They lost five hard working and influential seniors, changed their coaching staff, and vastly reduced in numbers. The select few that have stayed back with the team have been rewarded.

Softball is a team sport in which each individual contributes a special attribute to the team. Although the Hopewell High School girls' softball team, currently did not win very many games they are more than likely to prove themselves later in the season. If they do not succeed in turning their season around, there is always next year when they will begin to use their brand new softball field at the high school.

Sports

Opening Day 2010

By Paul Rosenstern

All around the nation major league baseball stadiums have once again opened their gates to fans as the 2010 regular season has begun. On April 4, Opening night, the defending champion New York Yankees played their rivals the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox opened the 2010 season with a 9-7 comeback win over New York. Dustin Pedroia's two run homer in the seventh inning for the Sox proved to be the difference. Long time Yankee catcher Jorge Posada hit the first home run of 2010 with a solo shot in the second inning, and newly acquired Yankee Curtis Granderson followed him with a home run of his own to help New York to an early 5-1 lead. The Red Sox battled back and took the lead when Pedroia sent one down the left field line and into the seats of the Green Monster, this gave the Red Sox an 8-7 lead. Boston would then get another run in the eighth, and closer Jonathan Papelbon got the save in the ninth to end the first regular season game of 2010.

The day following opening night 26 major league teams took

the field to participate in opening day. Opening day featured stellar performances by many of the previous year's all-stars, MVPs, and Cy Young award winners. In Philadelphia Roy Halladay threw his first game in the National League, and he did not disappoint. The righty tossed seven innings of work while striking out nine and only allowing one run in an 11-1 Phillies win over the Washington Nationals. In Cincinnati Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals spoiled opening day at Great American Ballpark with an 11-6 win over the Reds. Pujols, last year's National League MVP, hit two home runs in the game, the first one coming in his first at bat of 2010. Last year's National League Cy Young award winner Tim Lincecum threw seven innings of shut out ball in San Francisco's 5-2 win over Houston. One of the most impressive performances on opening day came from White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle. Buehrle threw seven innings against the Indians allowing no runs on just three hits. Along with the former all-star's pitching performance, Buehrle made one of the most

outstanding plays ever seen by a pitcher. Opening night and opening day were just a preview of what's to come in 2010, and in the future of the MLB.

Along with the performances of the well seasoned veterans came some impressive debuts by many rookies throughout the League. One of those rookies, Jayson Heyward, made a huge first impression with his club the Atlanta Braves when he hit a three run homer in his first Major League at bat. Heyward had been ranked as the top prospect of 2010, and since then the 22 year old rookie has hit two more home runs for the Braves.

2010 is officially underway, and no team is out of it yet. The Yankees are sure to make



David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox greets his teammates as he is announced before the game. Image courtesy CBS website.

another run in the AL East, and the Cardinals are bound to perch atop the NL Central division, so it would seem. Yet anything can happen in baseball, and any team could pull it together and make a run at the playoffs upsetting the groove of the past couple years. 2010 is up for grabs, and even though the opening moments of the season brought tons of excitement, the stakes only get higher from here. The excitement level is sure to rise, 2010 is one year no baseball fan wants to miss.

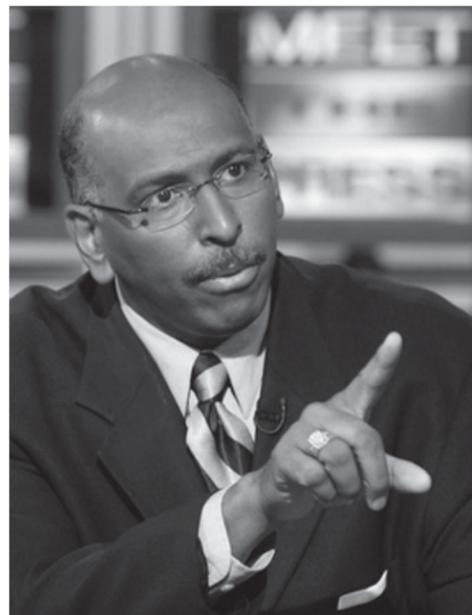
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spending on chartered private jets, limousines and posh hotel accommodations, as well as collecting substations speaking fees (up to \$20,000) for speaking engagements. Recently, it was also revealed that several RNC employees had run up a \$2,000 dollar tab at a night club. These behaviors hardly reflect the moral probity that the Republican Party claims to embody.

Less than half of the RNC members support Steele's continued presence as chairman and 71 per cent of the attendees at the recent Southern Republican Leadership Conference are urging him to resign. Additionally, financial contributions to the RNC have declined precipitously, with most

donors now making their contributions directly to the campaign coffers of individual congressman and senators, hardly a demonstration of faith in Steele's continued leadership.

If the Republican Party is concerned with restoring its image and making a serious bid to reclaim a share of power it has lost in the last two election cycles it should show Michael Steele its exit door. One could make the argument that Steele's continued presence as chairman of RNC can help only one party in this fall's election, the Democrats.



Picture of Republican National Committee (RNC) chairman, Michael Steele. Courtesy Google Images.

Features

Catley Awarded Youth Service Grant

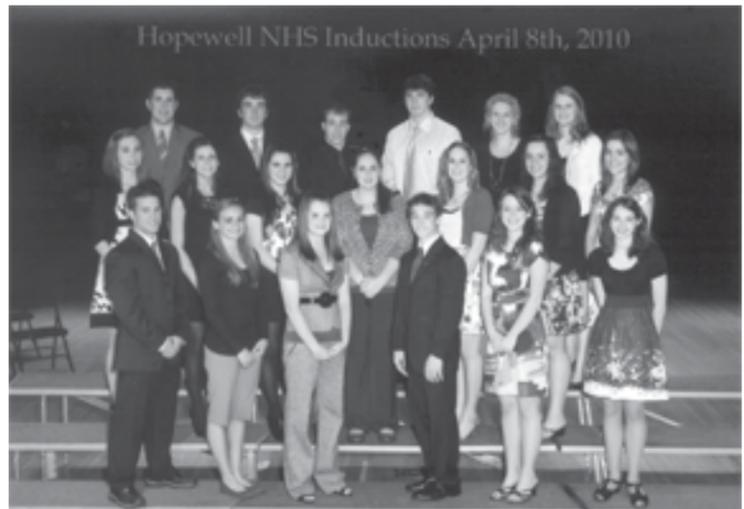
By Daniel Gladis

Congratulations to Bobby Catley for receiving a \$500 grant award from Youth Service America. The 'Get Ur Good On' grant is awarded to deserving students in the Youth Service America program. Catley's grant was awarded for the implementation of a project addressing intergenerational connection. On April 23, a youth service event, "Light Up a Life," was held at

Friendship Ridge as a celebration of Global Youth Service Day. Bobby also worked with Hopewell's Health Career Club, National Honors Society, and Service Learning on this project. Those working in this youth service event spent time with residents and also baked over 200 cookies and made over 200 crafts.



NHS 2010



This year's 2010 Hopewell National Honor Society Inductees include the following: First Row (left to right) Ryan Costanza, Cassandra August, Katie Cranmer, Tim Dusch, Megan Lewis, Megan Sirko. Second Row (left to right) Nichole Cropper, April Goss, Alyssa Miklos, Lacey Morrow, Chelsea Stewart, Megan Treeese, Nicole Wingard. Third Row (left to right) Nick Ciccone, Matt Johnston, Andrew Crisi, Anthony Kashiwsky, Julie Marki, Amy Kraus

Movie Review: *The Last Song*

By Kate McCallan

This spring, people from all over are talking about one of the newest movies to hit theaters, *The Last Song*. Nicolas Sparks first wrote the screen play and then published the novel. This is the second work by Sparks made into a movie this year. Just like any other Sparks novel and/or movie, the plot revolves around love. This PG production was directed by Julie Anne Robinson and was distributed by Touch Stone Pictures.

In this movie, a defiant 17 year-old girl, Veronica "Ronnie" Miller (Miley Cyrus), and her younger brother Jonah (Bobby Coleman) are sent to their father's house in Georgia for the summer. Due to an ugly divorce, this is the first time in three years that the pair has seen their father, Steve Miller (Greg Kinear.) When they arrived

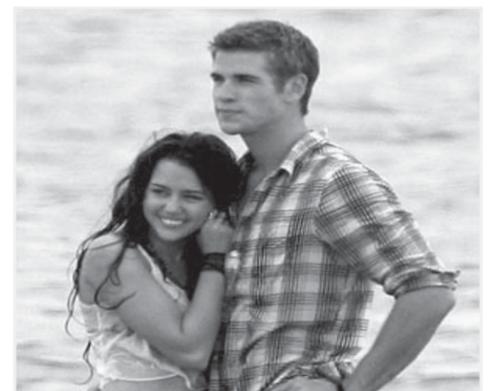
in Georgia, Ronnie puts up a wall: she's miserable and does not want to be there. Her father unsuccessfully tries to reach out to her through their mutual love of the piano, an instrument in which the prodigy refused to play after her father left. During Ronnie's brief hours of hostility towards her family, she meets Will Blakelee (Liam Hemsworth) a volleyball player and volunteer worker at the Georgia Aquarium. He helps her protect the Loggerhead Sea Turtles, a threatened species to the area. In the process, the two have a blossoming summer romance. When several past secrets are revealed, the family's love is tested along with Ronnie and Will's relationship. What is the outcome for the family? Will Ronnie and Will's relationship survive? And will Ronnie fulfill her father's

wishes and her own destiny by returning to the piano?

When filming for this production, the crew decided to change the original setting from North Carolina to Tybee Island, Georgia, because this state would refund more production costs. *The Last Song* is the first movie to ever be shot on location in Tybee Island. This movie was a great opportunity for Cyrus to expand her career. Sparks used some of Cyrus' ideas when he wrote this composition. For example, her character's name Ronnie was in honor of her grandfather Ron Cyrus who died recently.

Because Cyrus has a controversial fan base, some reviews for this movie have been

negative; however, people all across the U.S. have been rushing to see this movie. Yahoo stated that as of April 12, 2010, *The*



A scene from "The Last Song". Courtesy Google Images.

Last Song made over \$42 million and was ranked fifth overall at the box office. Viewers who generally love "chick flicks" will definitely love this new creation by Sparks.

Features

Hey Hopewell, How Do You Feel?

What is the best April Fools joke you have ever pulled?

By Megan Sirko



Adam Shamsi

My good friend Scooch was coming over my house in eighth grade and I told him I was having a party when I was out of town. He showed up at my house ready to party when no one was home.



Kristen Rupnik

For April Fool's Day one year, I put yellow food dye in my mother's non-aerosol hairspray. Finally in August she asked if her hair looked yellow. I completely forgot! It was chicken-yellow. Greatest time ever!



Ed Domitorvich

Once upon a time, my former Fatima Falcons and I pulled a prank during school. The names of my two partners in crime were Christian Farris and Pete Moonert. We snuck out into the hallway and slipped a fart machine in someone's book bag. The three of us snuck back into the classroom and awaited our chance. The first person that walked pass was a

teacher. We hit the controller and the fart machine blasted. She didn't realize and kept walking. A few minutes later she came walking back. The fart machine made a sound like you've never heard before. Everyone busted out laughing. You probably had to be there, but it was astonishingly funny. Ya'll have a good one now! Eddie "D"

Teacher's Pet

By Sarah Bohy



Mrs. Prigorac is the proud owner of a four-year-old Teacup Yorkshire Terrier named Princess Zoe. Princess Zoe, or just Zoe for short, was purchased from a breeder by Mrs. Prigorac's daughter. "She was my surprise birthday present", Mrs. Prigorac explained.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Prigorac's husband was not pleased with Zoe's arrival. "He wouldn't speak to me for days!" Mrs. Prigorac said. However, Mrs. Prigorac had to go out of town shortly after she got Zoe. Luckily, a few days alone spent between Zoe and Mr. Prigorac resulted in a friendship that is still going strong.

Mrs. Prigorac's favorite memory of Zoe is the day she graduated from obedience school. "She did everything that she was supposed to do", Mrs. Prigorac stated proudly. During her time at obedience school, Zoe happened to become good friends with

another teacher's pet – Gracie, Ms. Zaremba's Labrador. "Zoe made a lot of good friends at school," Mrs. Prigorac explained.

Zoe's favorite activities include chasing the vacuum cleaner and lawn mower, running errands with Mrs. Prigorac in her doggy purse, and being spoiled by Mr. Prigorac, who gives her too many dog treats and table scraps. "She's about a pound heavier than she should be," Mrs. Prigorac laughed. In addition, the Prigoracs can always count on Zoe to guard their home from the other neighborhood dogs.

Mrs. Prigorac has been teaching learning support and inclusion at Hopewell for 25 years. Though she is not currently in charge of any clubs or activities, she has sponsored three classes during her time at Hopewell. She received her undergraduate degree from Penn State University and her graduate degree from Duquesne.

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			2	8			6	
3								
	4	1	3		7			8
	3						7	
9			6		1	4	5	
								4
	8			5	2			
	5	9			8		3	

Fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- * Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- * Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- * Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

The Dragon Inside us Written By: Branden Drummer

Inside, a dragon rages,
Surrounded by a thousand
sages,

The sages all chant sacred
words,
Which to the dragon sound
so absurd,

They have him entwined in
their magic spell,
This to him is worse than
living hell,

Day after day the dragon
grows stronger,
Until the sages can hold him
no longer,

Then the dragon breaks
their will,
They run for their lives, he
wants to kill,

He lost his sanity from years
of seclusion,
Now every wall is only an
illusion,

He is invincible, a terror to
behold,
He is unstoppable, his legend
is old,

You see now, where he
dwells,
Is not heaven, nor even hell,

He resides, in each one of our
souls,
Wanting to get out, and
break all the rules,

But if you can tame him,
and be his friend,
He will be with you, until
the end,

use his power, to succeed in
life,
Instead of destruction, and
causing strife,

This dragon inside us is an
incredible tool,
But just be careful, keep
control.



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M W N E Y B N T G F I M B O E
X H T V D P N E B Q A V U N G
J M J S T E S W H H W Q R E D
B I W A M U R A O C C V R D E
L Y W E Q Y P L X P T Y E E L
F A L Q B V M H O L F U S C L
K C R S T Y S H S G K H C O I
D X O O O L L I M A R A J C M
T R R U C E C H U R C H V J M
C I N A N H E K U D F P F O X
D G M D Y N E N O T R O M N Q
E U O U N N D L C W T B B E M
K R W T O J O X W I E I Q S L
F X H Q Y D C R Y B R E Y P T
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